

FUTURE LAND USE ATLAS AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT AMENDMENT ROUND 23-A

BCC ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

A. Application Summary

I. General

Project Name: Hunters Crossing (LGA 2023-008)

Request: LR-1 to LR-2
Acres: 36.90 total acres

Location: South side of Lake Worth Road, approx. 0.20 miles east of State Road 7

Project Manager: Inna Stafeychuk, Planner II

Applicant: Andrew Maxey, Divosta Homes, LP. (Contract Purchaser)

Owner: Charles and Charlotte Hendrix

Agent: Tyler Woolsey, Urban Design Studio

Staff Staff recommends approval with modifications based upon the following

Recommendation: findings and conclusions found in this report.

II. Assessment & Recommendation

This amendment proposes to change 36.90 acres of Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2). This amendment results in an increase in residential development potential from 37 units to 74 units. In addition, the concurrent zoning application includes a requested 22 unit (30%) density bonus through the Workforce Housing Program (WHP) and the purchase of 21 Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) for a total of 117 units (3.17 units per acre). The applicant intends to develop the site with 11 single family, 97 zero lot line units, and 9 townhouses.

The site is located within the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan area. Low density residential neighborhoods are located to the east and south of the site. The proposed amendment with bonus density is requesting a higher density than the surrounding neighborhood, but is appropriate at this location. The proposed unit types are compatible with adjacent single family homes, and access to the site is limited to Lake Worth Road.

Through the zoning application, the applicant is proposing to provide 14 WHP units (12%) of which 9 will be constructed on site (as townhouses) and 5 will be constructed off-site. Consistent with past amendments, staff recommends conditions limiting development to 117 units and conditions of approval requiring that 16% of the units be built onsite (19 units) as workforce housing and full purchase of available TDR units (43 units).

III. Hearing History

Please note that a staff report was previously published for the September 9, 2022 Planning Commission hearing for a request of LR-2 on 24.5 acres and LR-3 on 12.4 acres in order to develop 113 units, with WHP density bonus. The applicant requested a postponement of the Planning Commission hearing to continue discussing the application with neighboring property owners. The Planning Commission voted to postpone the amendment at the September 9th hearing. Following the hearing, the applicant revised the amendment to LR-2 on the entire 36.90 acre site and increased the total number of units requested to 117, utilizing TDRs and WHP density bonus.

Local Planning Agency: *Approval with modifications,* motion by Glenn Gromann, seconded by David Serle, passed in an 11 to 0 vote at the November 4, 2022 public hearing. The motion included Conditions 2 and 3 to require 14 WHP units (9 onsite and 5 offsite) and the purchase of 21 TDRs as proposed by the applicant. An initial motion of approval with staff's conditions made by Rick Stopek, seconded by Edwin Ferguson was withdrawn. There was minimal board discussion. Two members of public, one representing Legend Lakes Estates HOA, spoke in support. In addition, a letter from the Lake Worth Road Coalition was submitted for the record.

Board of County Commissioners Transmittal Public Hearing: *Transmit with modifications*, motion by Commissioner Bernard, seconded by Commissioner Marino, passed in a 7 to 0 vote at the November 28, 2022 public hearing. The motion included modifications proposed by the applicant of Conditions 2 and 3 to require 12% of the total units as WHP units and to allow the purchase of 21 TDRs as shown in strikeout and underlined text in Exhibit 1. The Board expressed that this site is appropriate for the request and asked if the workforce housing units and the market rate units are constructed utilizing the same finishes and materials. Two members of public, one representing Legend Lakes Estates HOA, spoke in support citing the changes the applicant made to the site plan.

State Review Comments: The State Land Planning Agency reviewed this amendment under Round 21-05ESR and issued a letter dated January 11, 2023 stating that the Agency had no comment on the proposed amendment. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provided technical assistance comments related to potential habitats for federally and state listed species that may be located around the site. The comments also provided survey protocols and recommendations should evidence of these species be found onsite (see Exhibit 9).

Subsequent to Transmittal: Subsequent to transmittal, the condition in Exhibit 1 requiring concurrent approval of zoning and future land use applications was removed as it is moot with the scheduling of the hearings on the same date. The deletion is shown in double strikethrough. Staff and the applicant worked together to revise Condition #3 to clarify the intent of the language. The previous condition #3 was deleted as shown in double strikethrough and the replaced condition #3 is shown in <u>double underline</u>.

Board of County Commissioners Adoption Public Hearing:

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Petition Summary B.

I. **Site Data**

Current Future Land Use

Current FLU: Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1)

Existing Land Use: Residential

Current Zoning: Agricultural Residential (AR)

Current Dev.

Residential, up to 37 dwelling units (without TDR or WHP) **Potential Max:**

Proposed Future Land Use Change

Proposed FLU: Low Residential, 2 units per acre

Proposed Use: Residential

Proposed Zoning: Residential Single Family (RS)

Residential, up to 117 dwelling units (includes WHP and TDR density Dev. Potential

Max/Conditioned: bonus)

General Area Information for Site

Tier/Tier Change: Urban/Suburban Tier - No Change

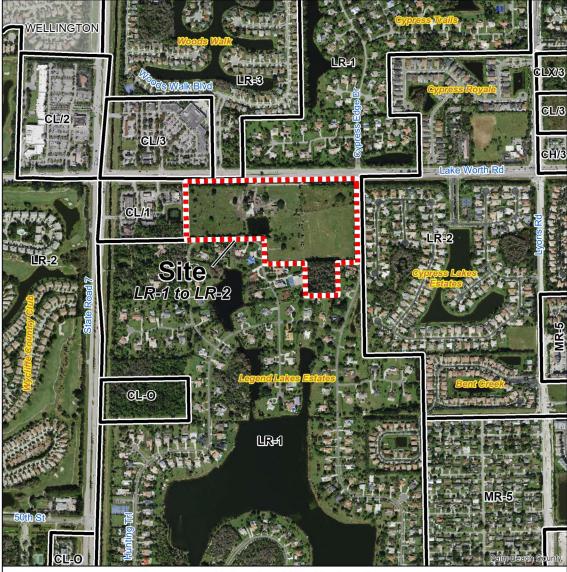
Utility Service: Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department Overlay/Study: West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan

Comm. District: Sara Baxter, District 6





Hunter's Crossing (LGA 2023-008)



Site Data

Existing Use: Residential & Agricultural
Proposed Use: Residential
Current FLU: LR-1
Proposed FLU: LR-2

Future Land Use Designations

Low Residential, 1 unit/acre Low Residential, 2 units/acre Low Residential, 3 units/acre Medium Residential, 5 units/acre Commercial Low, underlying LR-1 LR-1 LR-2 LR-3 MR-5 CL/1 CL/2 CL/3 CL-O CH/3 CLX/3

Commercial Low, underlying LR-2 Commercial Low, underlying LR-3 Commercial Low - Office Commercial High, underlying LR-3 Commercial Low crosshatching, underlying LR-3

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C. Introduction & Review

I. Intent of the Amendment

This is a privately proposed amendment on a 36.90 acre site. A 0.411 acre section of right of way is included in this acreage, but it is contingent on the approval of the applicant's request for abandonment of the right of way through a zoning application. The subject site is located within the Urban/Suburban Tier within the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan, specifically on the south side of Lake Worth Road, approximately 0.20 miles east of State Road 7.

Proposed Amendment: The intent of the amendment is to change the future land use designation to increase density through the future land use amendment process, with additional density to be obtained through the use of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Workforce Housing Program (WHP) density bonuses in the associated zoning application. The request is to change the LR-1 future land use designation to LR-2. The current LR-1 designation allows a future land use density of 37 dwelling units, or up to 111 units with maximum use of TDRs and WHP bonus density. The requested LR-2 designation allows a base of 74 dwelling units and up to 222 units maximizing the TDR and WHP bonus density. The concurrent zoning application requests a total of 117 dwelling units (3.17 units/acre).

Background. The subject site currently has a single family home and agricultural uses. The site was the subject of previous amendment applications, as described below:

- Lake Worth/SR-7 Commercial (LGA 2010-007). In 2010, the property owner submitted a future land use application request from LR-1 to Commercial Low with an underlying High Residential, 8 units per acre (CL/8). The request included 175 dwelling units and up to 163,350 square feet of commercial to be developed under the Lifestyle Commercial Center (LCC) regulations. Staff recommended denial and Planning Commission recommended denial. There was no associated zoning application submitted and the amendment application was withdrawn prior to the BCC Transmittal hearing.
- Amber Woods (LGA 2021-012). In early 2021, DR Horton (contract purchaser) submitted a request to change the future land use designation from LR-1 to LR-3 over the entire site. The associated zoning application included the use of the TDRs and WHP bonus density for a total of 199 units (5.45 units per acre). Staff recommended approval with conditions and the Planning Commission recommended approval. The application was denied by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at the May 5, 2021 Transmittal Hearing, in a 5 to 1 vote.
- Amber Woods II (LGA 2022-005). Following the denial, the same applicant as the previous amendment request, submitted a new application for LR-2 and LR-3 and reduced the requested units to 126 units. Due to a provision of the Comprehensive Plan that prohibits an application denied by the BCC from being reheard within two years following the denial, the applicant was required to obtain BCC approval to proceed with this application. Prior to the meeting when the Board was to reconsider the two year waiting period, the applicant withdrew the application.
- FLUA reconsideration by the BCC. In early 2022, the current contract purchaser, Divosta Homes, LP (AKA Pulte), submitted a formal request for the Board to reconsider the two year waiting period for processing of a FLUA amendment application to LR-2 and LR-3. The BCC authorized the FLUA submittal on March 24, 2022. The applicant submitted the current application in May of 2022.

Zoning Application. The concurrent associated zoning application, Z/CA-2022-00844, Hunters Crossing, control number 2013-00360, consists of a request for rezoning from Agriculture Residential (AR) zoning district to Single Family Residential (RS) zoning district and Class A conditional use to allow zero lot line (ZLL) dwelling units in RS zoning district. The total request for 117 units includes 21 TDRs and 22 (or 30%) WHP bonus density units. The project is proposed to consist of a mix of single family, zero lot line units and townhouses. The concurrent zoning application will include the abandonment of the 0.411 acre section of right of way.

II. Data and Analysis Summary

This section of the report provides a summary of the consistency of the amendment with the County's Comprehensive Plan. Exhibit 2 provides further detail regarding consistency of the amendment with Plan policies, including justification, compatibility, public facilities impacts, intergovernmental coordination, and consistency with specific overlays and plans.

Overview of the Area. The amendment is located within the boundaries of the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan, an area that has been the subject of multiple future land use amendments as summarized below.

- Neighborhood Plan. Beginning in 2008, various property owners in the area began submitting Future Land Use Atlas (FLUA) amendments to increase density and/or intensity. This activity prompted residents from eight of the surrounding communities to begin the formulation of the West Lake Worth Road (WLWR) Neighborhood Plan. The Lake Worth Road Coalition, Inc., is the primary stakeholder group established to monitor the implementation of the Neighborhood Plan recommendations. The Neighborhood Plan was completed and formally received and filed by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2009. The Neighborhood Plan depicted maximum densities, identifying that the westernmost portion of subject site should have a residential density no greater than 3 units per acre, whereas the rest of the site should have a density of 2 units per acre. The Neighborhood Plan encouraged that these be attained through a Plan amendment process that capped density at the desired FLU designation, so that no TDRs or WHP density bonus would be used to increase density beyond the density identified in the Neighborhood Plan. However, the NHP also recognized that the utilization of the TDR and WHP density bonus programs to increase density is available to these properties and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Neighborhood Plan has not been updated by the Coalition to reflect subsequent amendments in the area. See the discussion under Neighborhood Plans and Studies - FLUE Policy 4.1-c for a graphic of the Neighborhood Plan's Master Plan.
- Future Land Use Amendments. Since the inception of the Neighborhood Plan in 2008, the County has reviewed several privately proposed FLUA amendments within the Neighborhood Planning Area, primarily to increase density and non-residential intensity on the south side of Lake Worth Road and east of Lyons Road. Of the 24 amendments adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, 15 of the amendments were approved for density increases. Four of these 15 amendments (Lake Worth Royale, Polo Gardens, Fields of Gulfstream, Lake Worth Commercial) were approved for the densities exceeding the density recommended by the Neighborhood Plan. Although Neighborhood Plans are not mandatory, in 2011 the Board adopted an exemption to the mandatory Transfer of Development Rights Policy 2.4-b for projects proposing density consistent with the Neighborhood Plan's Master Plan.

Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

- Compatibility. The Comprehensive Plan requires that the proposed future land uses be determined to be compatible with the surrounding area, and that residential uses be protected from encroachment of incompatible future land uses. The subject site is adjacent to Legend Lakes Estates to the south, a single family community with a density of less than 1 unit per acre. Cypress Lakes Estates, a single-family neighborhood with a density of about 2 units per acre, is located to the east of the site. To the west, the site is adjacent to property designated Commercial Low with an underlying Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (CL/1). The applicant's request for LR-2 future land use allows a base density of 2 units per acre (74 units), and with the TDR and WHP density bonus is seeking 117 single family, zero lot line and townhouse units with a density of 3.17 units per acre. Although this figure is higher than the surrounding single family homes, there is no connectivity between the site and Legend Lakes, and buffers will separate the residential uses. The proposed single family and zero lot line units adjacent to single family housing represents compatible residential uses and is consistent with the character of the surrounding area and corridor. The townhouses are proposed to be located along Lake Worth Road.
- Appropriateness of the FLU: In its assessment of a proposed amendment, staff assesses the lowest FLU designation necessary to achieve the target density, in conjunction with available density bonuses. The lowest FLU required to achieve the applicant's target of 117 units, in combination with available density bonuses, is the requested LR-2 designation. However, under the applicant's proposal of LR-2 in combination with TDRs and WHP density bonuses, less than the maximum available TDRs will be used, which is inconsistent with the density provisions within the Comprehensive Plan.
- Mandatory Use of TDRs: At the current LR-1 designation, the maximum TDRs and WHP density bonus available to the proposed project yields 111 units, not sufficient to achieve the target 117 units. The applicant is proposing to attain the target 117 units for this site through a FLUA amendment to LR-2, supplemented with WHP and TDR density bonuses, but without the use of all available mandatory TDRs.

Policy 2.4-b of the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element requires that density increases be accomplished through the use of TDRs, unless an applicant meets the criteria for an amendment, is using the workforce or affordable housing programs, or proposes density up to, but not exceeding, density proposed and supported by the neighborhood plan formally

received by the BCC.

In order to meet the criteria for an amendment without use of the mandatory TDRs, an applicant must both justify and demonstrate a need for a FLUA amendment and demonstrate that the current FLUA designation is inappropriate. The applicant has stated that the current designation of LR-1 is no longer appropriate given the current development pattern of the corridor, and that the higher density is justified given market demands for low density residential options. However, the current LR-1 designation provides low density residential option and is compatible with the surrounding developments and therefore is not inappropriate. In addition, the current LR-1 designation has the potential to achieve higher densities, up to a density of 3 units per acre, with full use of the TDR and WHP density bonus programs. Therefore, the applicant has not met this criterion for an amendment without the use of mandatory TDRs.

As noted above, Policy 2.4-b also exempts projects proposing density consistent with the Neighborhood Plan's Master Plan from the mandatory use of TDRs to increase density. The WLWR Neighborhood Plan calls for a maximum density of 2 units per acre on approximately two thirds of the subject site and 3 units per acre on the remaining portion of this site. The amendment proposes LR-2 on the subject site, consistent with densities identified in the WLWR Neighborhood Plan, but also proposes a further increase in density through TDR and WHP density bonus programs, such that the total density would be 3.17 units per acre. Therefore, this application is not exempt from the requirement to use TDRs. TDRs are available to this site at a rate of a maximum of 2 units per acre or up to 74 TDRs. Per the Unified Land Development Code, a portion of any TDRs used would need to be provided as WHP units. Through the zoning application, the applicant is proposing to use 21 TDRs. However, staff is recommending to maximize the TDRs (43 available TDRs) for compliance with FLUE Policy 2.4-b to achieve the target of 117 units.

Workforce Housing: When a future land use amendment is involved, staff recommends to
the Board the lowest FLU designation necessary to achieve the target number of units, and
the use of available TDRs. Based on prior Board direction, staff also recommends to the
Board that a percentage of the project units to be provided as WHP units on-site. The
recommended percentage is the greater of either 10% (for single family or zero lot line
projects), or the percentage required by the Unified Land Development Code resulting from
application of the WHP Full Incentive option, as applied to the project using the lowest FLU
and TDRs.

Staff applies the percentages associated with the Full Incentive Option of the WHP, as opposed to the Limited Incentive because the Full Incentive Option is applied to projects that are seeking to maximize density, and any project seeking a FLUA amendment is considered to be maximizing density. However, the applicant's Zoning application identifies a 14 WHP unit obligation which reflects the obligation if this parcel already had the requested FLU designations and were requesting the Limited Incentive Option of the WHP in the Zoning process, which substantially reduces the workforce obligation. Applying the requested LR-2 FLU, the available TDRs and the Full Incentive percentages, the amount of WHP required would be 19 units, or 16%.

Assessment and Recommendation. This amendment proposes to change 36.90 acres of Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2). This amendment results in an increase in residential development potential from 37 units to 74 units. In addition, the concurrent zoning application includes a requested 22 unit (30%) density bonus through the Workforce Housing Program (WHP) and the purchase of 21 Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) for a total of 117 units (3.17 units per acre). The applicant intends to develop the site with 11 single family, 97 zero lot line units and 9 townhouses.

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Staff recommends approval with modifications based upon the findings within this report.

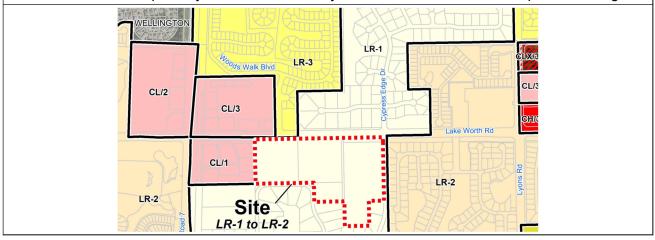
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Exhibit 1

Amendment No:	Hunter's Crossing (LGA 2023-008)
FLUA Page No:	76
Amendment:	From Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2)
Location:	South side of Lake Worth Road, approx. 0.20 mile east of State Road 7
Size:	36.90 acres
Property No:	00424327050270060; 00424327050270050; 00424327050270101; 00424327050270040

Conditions: Development of the site is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Residential dwelling units shall be limited to a maximum of 117 units with no further density increases through density bonus programs.
- 2. The zoning development order shall require a minimum of 46% 12% of the total dwelling units to be built as on-site workforce housing units. The workforce housing units are subject to the applicable requirements of the Workforce Housing Program (WHP) in Article 5.G.1 of the ULDC.
- 3. A total of 43 <u>21</u> Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) units shall <u>may</u> be purchased and constructed. A minimum of thirty four percent of the TDR units shall <u>may</u> be purchased at the WHP rate and shall apply to the minimum number of workforce housing units required by this ordinance; some or all of the remaining TDRs may be purchased at the WHP rate subject to ULDC requirements, but do not apply toward the 16% <u>minimum number of workforce housing units required by this ordinance.</u>
- 3. A minimum of 18% of the total units shall be purchased as Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) units. The 34% workforce housing obligation of the TDR units, pursuant to the ULDC, shall apply to the minimum number of workforce housing units required by this ordinance. TDRs may be purchased at the WHP rate for the WHP units provided onsite.
- 4. The proposed future land use amendment and the proposed zoning applications shall be considered for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners at the same public hearing.



Legal Description

PARCEL 1:

TRACTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 27, THE PALM BEACH FARMS CO. PLAT NO. 3. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 45 THROUGH 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; LESS PORTIONS TAKEN IN STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENTS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 6672, PAGE 610 AND OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 6680, PAGE 1310, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°56'59" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 5.63 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°31'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 660.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°56'59" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 0.08 FEET, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°03'01" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 6, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°56'59" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 6, BLOCK 27. A DISTANCE OF 0.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°31'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 9.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 6; THENCE NORTH 89°03'01" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 9.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2:

TRACT 4 (LESS THE EAST 60 FEET) AND TRACT 11 (LESS THE EAST 60 FEET) AND (LESS THE WEST 270 FEET OF THE EAST 330 FEET OF THE SOUTH 372.16 FEET) AND THE. NORTH 287.82 FEET OF THE EAST 426.70 FEET OF TRACT 10, ALL BEING IN BLOCK 27 OF THE PALM BEACH FARMS COMPANY PLAT NO. 3, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 45, PALM BEACH COUNTY RECORDS.

TOGETHER WITH:

THAT PORTION OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN TRACTS 4 AND 5 AND THE NORTH 287.82 FEET OF TRACTS 10 AND 11, LESS LAKE WORTH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

THE EAST HALF OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN TRACTS 10 AND 11, LESS THE NORTH 287.82 FEET THEREOF;

THE NORTH HALF OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING, BETWEEN TRACTS 11 AND 18, LESS THE EAST 330 FEET THEREOF;

ALL IN BLOCK 27, PALM BEACH FARMS CO. PLAT NO. 3 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 45 THROUGH 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SAID PARCEL BEING 1607446.656± SQUARE FEET OR 36.902± ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Exhibit 2

Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

This Exhibit examines the consistency of the amendment with the County's Comprehensive Plan, Tier Requirements, applicable Neighborhood or Special Area Plans, and the impacts on public facilities and services.

A. Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan - General

- 1. Justification: FLUE Policy 2.1-f: Before approval of a future land use amendment, the applicant shall provide an adequate justification for the proposed future land use and for residential density increases demonstrate that the current land use is inappropriate. In addition, and the County shall review and make a determination that the proposed future land use is compatible with existing and planned development in the immediate vicinity and shall evaluate its impacts on:
 - 1. The natural environment, including topography, soils and other natural resources; (see Public Facilities Section)
 - 2. The availability of facilities and services; (see Public Facilities Section)
 - 3. The adjacent and surrounding development; (see Compatibility Section)
 - 4. The future land use balance;
 - 5. The prevention of urban sprawl as defined by 163.3164(51), F.S.;
 - 6. Community Plans and/or Planning Area Special Studies recognized by the Board of County Commissioners; and (see Neighborhood Plans and Overlays Section)
 - 7. Municipalities in accordance with Intergovernmental Coordination Element Objective 1.1. (see Public and Municipal Review Section)

The applicant has prepared a Justification Statement (Exhibit 3) which is summarized as follows:

- The subject property is one of few under-developed parcels along the corridor of sufficient size to adequately develop a residential community with functional open space, recreation amenities, and necessary infrastructure.
- The request to increase density for a single family development is consistent with the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP) recommendations.
- The site is surrounded with residential communities of comparable densities.

Staff Analysis: This policy is the umbrella policy over the entire FLUA amendment analysis and many of the items are addressed elsewhere in this report as identified above.

The request is to change 36.90 acres of Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2). The current LR-1 designation allows a future land use density of 37 dwelling units or up to 111 units (3 units per acre) with maximizing a combination of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Workforce Housing Program (WHP) bonus density. The requested LR-2 designation allows a base of 74 dwelling units and up to 222 units maximizing the TDR and WHP bonus density. The concurrent zoning application is requesting 117 dwelling units with 11 single family, 97 zero lot line units and 9 townhouses (3.17 units per acre).

Since the adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Planning area has changed from a low density equestrian area to a suburban corridor with commercial and residential developments. This area has seen several amendments that changed low density residential to commercial or institutional future land use designations, and multiple amendments to increase residential density. The access to the site is limited to Lake Worth Road and the development would be buffered from the surrounding single family homes. Therefore, the proposed increase in density is appropriate at this location.

2. County Directions – FLUE Policy 2.1-g: The County shall use the County Directions in the Introduction of the Future Land Use Element to guide decisions to update the Future Land Use Atlas, provide for a distribution of future land uses in the unincorporated area that will accommodate the future population of Palm Beach County, and provide an adequate amount of conveniently located facilities and services while maintaining the diversity of lifestyles in the County.

Direction 1. Livable Communities. Promote the enhancement, creation, and maintenance of livable communities throughout Palm Beach County, recognizing the

unique and diverse characteristics of each community. Important elements for a livable community include a balance of land uses and organized open space, preservation of natural features, incorporation of distinct community design elements unique to a given region, personal security, provision of services and alternative transportation modes at levels appropriate to the character of the community, and opportunities for education, employment, health facilities, active and passive recreation, and cultural enrichment.

Direction 2. Growth Management. Provide for sustainable communities and lifestyle choices by: (a) directing the location, type, intensity, timing and phasing, and form of development that respects the characteristics of a particular geographical area; (b) requiring the transfer of development rights as the method for most density increases; (c) ensuring smart growth, by protecting natural resources, preventing urban sprawl, providing for the efficient use of land, balancing land uses; and, (d) providing for facilities and services in a cost efficient timely manner.

Direction 3. Infill, Redevelopment and Revitalization. Address the needs of developed urban areas that lack basic services, and encourage revitalization, redevelopment, and infill development in urban areas to increase efficient use of land and existing public facilities and services.

Direction 4. Land Use Compatibility. Ensure that the densities and intensities of land uses are not in conflict with those of surrounding areas, whether incorporated or unincorporated.

Staff Analysis: Increases in density within the Urban/Suburban Tier typically make efficient use of facilities and services that are already in place. The Growth Management direction calls for the transfer of development rights as the required method for density increases subject to exceptions. This direction is further implemented by Policy 2.4-b which is discussed in more detail in the Density Increases – Policy 2.4-b Section of this report. The amendment proposes to increase density on the site and the zoning applications include requests to utilize the TDR and WHP programs to increase the density further, while remaining compatible with surrounding land uses (see Compatibility Section). In order to be fully consistent with the intent of Direction 2, staff has included conditions of approval requiring the applicant to utilize all available TDRs. Direction 4, Land Use Compatibility is discussed later in Section C of this report.

3. Piecemeal Development - Policy 2.1-h: The County shall not approve site specific Future Land Use Atlas amendments that encourage piecemeal development or approve such amendments for properties under the same or related ownership that create residual parcels. The County shall also not approve rezoning petitions under the same or related ownership that result in the creation of residual parcels.

Staff Analysis: The definition of piecemeal development in the Comprehensive Plan describes "A situation where land, under single ownership or significant legal or equitable interest (by a person as defined in Section 380.0651[4] F.S., is developed on an incremental basis, or one piece at a time, with no coordination or overall planning for the site as a whole." The amendment is being processed for all of the land area in ownership by the applicants, and is not piecemeal development.

- **4. FLUE Policy 1.2-a:** Within the Urban/Suburban Tier, Palm Beach County shall protect the character of its urban and suburban communities by:
 - 1. Allowing services and facilities consistent with the needs of urban and suburban development;
 - 2. Providing for affordable housing and employment opportunities;
 - 3. Providing for open space and recreational opportunities;
 - 4. Protecting historic, and cultural resources;
 - 5. Preserving and enhancing natural resources and environmental systems; and,
 - 6. Ensuring development is compatible with the scale, mass, intensity of use, height, and character of urban or suburban communities.

Staff Analysis: The proposed amendment to LR-2 would foster a development that would be in character with the scale, mass, intensity, and height of other uses along the Lake Worth Road corridor and the Neighborhood Planning area. See the Compatibility Section for additional analysis.

B. Consistency with Density Provisions of the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan offers several methods to increase density, including the TDR program, and the WHP density bonus program. Per Policy 2.4-b, TDRs are the required method unless using the WHP density bonus to increase density, or an amendment has been justified. Density increases obtained through the TDR program and the WHP density bonus are subject to higher percentages of WHP than density increases through the amendment process, to further certain County objectives. This section addresses consistency with the Comprehensive Plan density policies.

- **1. Density Increases Policy 2.4-b:** The Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program is the required method for increasing density within the County, unless:
 - 1. an applicant can **both justify and demonstrate a need** for a Future Land Use Atlas (FLUA) Amendment and demonstrate that the current **FLUA designation is inappropriate**, as outlined in the Introduction and Administration Element of the Comprehensive Plan, or
 - 2. an applicant is using the Workforce Housing Program or the Affordable Housing Program as outlined in Housing Element Objectives 1.1 and 1.5 of the Comprehensive Plan and within the ULDC, or
 - 3. an applicant proposes a density increase up to, but not exceeding, the density proposed by and supported by a Neighborhood Plan prepared in accordance with FLUE Objective 4.1 and formally received by the BCC. To date, the following Neighborhood Plan qualifies for this provision:
 - a. West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan.

Staff Analysis. This policy requires that density increases be accomplished through the use of TDRs, unless an applicant meets the criteria for an amendment, is using the workforce or affordable housing programs, or proposes density up to, but not exceeding, density proposed and supported by the neighborhood plan formally received by the BCC. The applicant is not proposing to use the maximum available TDRs to increase density on this site, instead they are proposing to add additional density through the WHP density bonus programs.

In order to meet the criteria for an amendment without use of the mandatory TDRs, an applicant must both justify and demonstrate a need for a FLUA amendment and demonstrate that the current FLUA designation is inappropriate. The applicant has stated that the current designation of LR-1 is no longer appropriate or suitable to enable the development of this site with a functional single-family residential community. However, the current LR-1 designation is compatible with the surrounding developments and has the potential to achieve higher densities, up to a density of 3 du/ac, with full use of the TDR and WHP density bonus programs. Therefore, the applicant has not met the criteria for an amendment without the use of mandatory TDRs.

Policy 2.4-b exempts projects proposing density consistent with the Neighborhood Plan from the mandatory use of TDRs to increase density. The WLWR Neighborhood Plan calls for a maximum density of 2 units per acre on approximately two thirds of the subject site and 3 units per acre on one third of this site. The amendment proposes LR-2, as identified in the WLWR Neighborhood Plan, but also proposes a further increase in density through a WHP density bonus, such that the total density would be 3.17 du/ac. As this exceeds the 2 and 3 du/ac density identified in the Neighborhood Plan, the provision of Policy 2.4-b does not exempt this application from the requirement to use TDRs. TDRs are available to this site at a rate of a maximum of 2 units per acre.

If 47 available TDRs are used, the proposed 117 units can be achieved with a FLU designation of LR-2 rather than the combination of requested LR-2 supplemented by TDR and WHP density bonuses. The TDR program requires that a minimum of 34% of TDRs used must be provided as workforce housing units; these WHP units must be provided onsite. On October 27, 2022, the Board adopted revisions to the Unified land Development Code (ULDC) to delete the on-site requirement for WHP obligation resulting from the use of TDRs so that workforce housing units resulting from the use of TDRs are subject to the same regulations as workforce housing units that result from the Workforce Housing Program (WHP).

- 2. Housing Element, Policy 1.1-o: The County shall preserve affordability of affordable housing units developed through the Workforce Housing Program and the Affordable Housing Program as follows:
 - 1. The Workforce Housing Program will target households with incomes ranging from 60%-140% of area median income.
 - 2. The Affordable Housing Program will target households at or below 60% of area median income.

The Workforce Housing Program and Affordable Housing Program units shall be made available at a rate affordable to the specified income groups, and only to income-eligible households for a period of time to be set forth in the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). All Workforce Housing Program and Affordable Housing Program criteria shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff Analysis: The County has a mandatory workforce housing requirement for all housing developments in the Urban Suburban Tier with 10 units and greater (whether they are increasing density or not), and offers a density bonus in exchange for additional workforce housing units. The density bonus is based on how the WHP units to be provided further County objectives, with the highest density bonuses (up to 100%) available for projects that will provide the WHP as on-site, for sale, single family units in areas with low concentrations of workforce housing. The WHP is also supported by the TDR program: a minimum of 34% of TDRs used must be provided as workforce housing units, and these WHP units must be provided on-site.

The applicant is proposing to attain the target 117 units for this site through a FLUA amendment from LR-1 to LR-2, purchase of 21 TDRs and 30% (or 22 units) WHP density bonus. In its assessment of a proposed amendment, staff determines the lowest FLU designation that can be used to achieve the target density, in conjunction with available The applicant's target of 117 units is achievable with an LR-2 density bonuses. designation in combination with available TDRs. In addition, in assessing the potential workforce housing obligation, staff applies the percentages associated with the Full Incentive Option of the WHP, as opposed to the Limited Incentive proposed by the applicant. This is because the Full Incentive Option is applied to projects that are seeking to maximize density, and any project seeking a FLUA amendment is considered to be maximizing density. The applicant's zoning application reflects the obligation if this parcel already had the requested FLU designations and were requesting the Limited Incentive Option of the WHP in the Zoning process, which substantially reduces the workforce housing obligation. Under the applicant's proposal, the WHP obligation would be 14 WHP units (12%), proposed to be provided as 9 on-site for-sale units and 5 off-site for-sale units.

Table 1 provides a comparison of the density available on the subject site using a combination of the TDR and WHP bonus programs to increase density, at various future land use designations.

Density - du/ac Workforce FLU **TDR WHP** Total FLU **Bonus** Units **Bonus** Units **Gross** Units % **Current FLU** LR-1 3.00 25 23% 37 +37 111 (full incentive) (100%) Per Staff Recommendation (Target 117 du. 74 16% LR-2 +43 +0 117 3.17 19 full incentive, all available TDRs) As Proposed by Applicant +22 LR-2 74 +21 117 3.17 14 12% (Target 117 du, (30%)limited incentive)

Table 1. Current and Potential Density with TDR and WHP Bonus

As shown in Table 1, the 36.90 acre site could achieve up to 111 dwelling units using a combination of TDR and WHP programs with the current future land use designations. Since this figure is less than the applicant's proposed 117 dwelling units (3.17 units per acre), the applicant is seeking the future land use amendment.

As demonstrated under the Staff Analysis, the lowest future land use designation to achieve the requested 117 dwelling units is the LR-2 future land use designation. Using the LR-2 designation and available TDRs, the 117 units are achievable and would result in a WHP obligation of 19 units, or 16%. None of the optional WHP density bonus is required.

In recent years, staff sought direction from the Board of County Commissioners on the suitable minimum percentages of workforce housing to be required when density increases are being requested through the future land use amendment process. The Board directed staff to recommend a minimum of 10% for single family projects, 20% for townhouses, and 25% for multifamily developments. However, these minimums are exceeded in cases such as this one, where the percentages resulting from the Staff Analysis and application of Code provisions yield a higher percentage than would result from applying these minimums. Applying the staff recommended LR-2 FLU, the available TDRs and the Full Incentive percentages, the amount of WHP required would be 19 units, or 16%.

C. Compatibility

Compatibility is defined as a condition in which land uses can co-exist in relative proximity to each other in a stable fashion over time such that no use is negatively impacted directly or indirectly by the other use.

Surrounding Land Uses: Immediately abutting the site are the following:

North & Northeast: To the north, the site is separated from Lake Worth Road by the Lake Worth Drainage District L-12 lateral canal. Across Lake Worth Road to the north are the communities of Cypress Trails with Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1) and the Woods Walk community with Low Residential, 3 units per acre (LR-3) future land use designations. Cypress Trails is a 119 acre community with 116 units (0.97 units per acre). Woods Walk is a 89.27 acre PUD with 225 units (2.52 units per acre). To the northwest is the Woods Walk Plaza with Commercial Low with an underlying Low Residential, 3 units per acre. This site is a fully developed commercial plaza with a shopping center, gas station, fast food restaurant, and other small businesses.

East: To the east of the subject site is Cypress Lakes Estates. This is a 137 dwelling unit planned development with Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2) which consists of single family units (1.77 units per acre).

South: To the south of the subject site is Legend Lakes Estates (aka The Hunt), a 1974 approval, which has an LR-1 future land use designation and is developed with single family homes. The northern part of the development is developed at a lower density (0.37 units per acre) than the southern part. Overall Legend Lakes Estates is developed at a gross density of 0.6 units per acre and is currently built out.

West: The properties to the west of the site are a commercial center located at the corner of Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 with a Commercial Low with an underlying 1 unit per acre (CL/1) designation. This site was assigned with the CL FLU with the adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan. The commercial parcels consist of a gas station, bank, fast food restaurant, convenient store, and other commercial uses.

FLUE Policy 2.1-f states that "the County shall review and make a determination that the proposed future land use is compatible with existing and planned development in the immediate vicinity." And **FLUE Policy 2.2.1-b** states that "Areas designated for Residential use shall be protected from encroachment of incompatible future land uses and regulations shall be maintain to protect residential areas from adverse impacts of adjacent land uses. Non-residential future land uses shall be permitted only when compatible with residential areas, and when the use furthers the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Plan."

Applicant's Comments: The applicant states that "the proposed FLU designations and the resulting single-family residential community is a highly compatible use to the surrounding properties. Particularly, the proposed development is highly compatible with the adjacent residential communities to the north, east, and south and will be complimentary to the nearby commercial uses." Additionally, the applicant indicated that the proposed 117 unit residential development has received the support of the community.

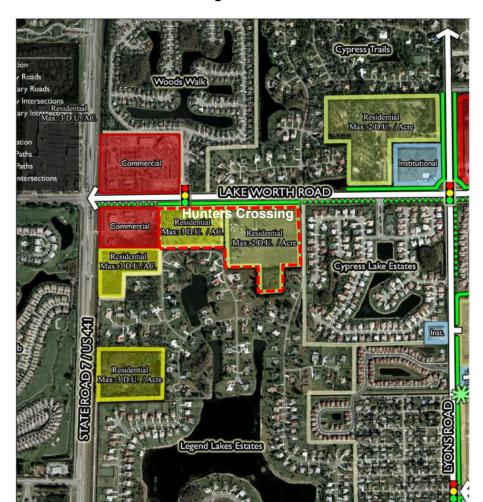
Staff Analysis: The subject site is adjacent to Legend Lakes Estates to the south, a single family community with a density of less than 1 unit per acre. Cypress Lakes Estates, a single-family neighborhood with a density of about 2 units per acre, is located to the east

of the site. To the west, the site is adjacent to property designated Commercial Low with an underlying Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (CL/1). The applicant's request for LR-2 future land use designation allows a base density of 2 units per acre (74 units), and with the TDRs and WHP density bonuses is seeking 117 single family, zero lot line units and townhouses with a density of 3.17 units per acre. Although this figure is higher than the surrounding single family homes, there is no connectivity between the site and Legend Lakes, and buffers will separate the residential uses. The proposed single family and zero lot line homes adjacent to single family housing represents compatible residential uses and is consistent with the character of the surrounding area. The townhouses are proposed to be located along Lake Worth Road.

- D. Consistency with County Overlays, Plans, and Studies
- 1. Overlays FLUE Policy 2.1-k states "Palm Beach County shall utilize a series of overlays to implement more focused policies that address specific issues within unique identified areas as depicted on the Special Planning Areas Map in the Map Series."
 - Staff Analysis: The proposed amendment is not located within an overlay.
- 2. Neighborhood Plans and Studies FLUE Policy 4.1-c states "The County shall consider the objectives and recommendations of all Community and Neighborhood Plans, including Planning Area Special Studies, recognized by the Board of County Commissioners, prior to the extension of utilities or services, approval of a land use amendment, or issuance of a development order for a rezoning, conditional use or Development Review Officer approval....."

Staff Analysis: Beginning in 2008, various property owners in the area began submitting Future Land Use Atlas (FLUA) amendments to increase density and/or intensity along the west Lake Worth Road corridor. This activity prompted residents from eight of the surrounding communities to begin formulation of the West Lake Worth Road (WLWR) Neighborhood Plan. The Lake Worth Road Coalition, Inc., is the primary stakeholder group established to monitor implementation of the Neighborhood Plan recommendations. The Neighborhood Plan was completed and formally received and filed by the Board of County Commissioners in November 2009. The Neighborhood Plan depicted maximum densities that were acceptable to the residents, identifying that the westernmost portion of the subject site should have a residential density no greater than 3 units per acre, whereas the rest of the site should have a density of 2 units per acre. The Neighborhood Plan encouraged that these be attained through a Plan amendment process that capped density at the desired FLU designation, so that no TDRs or WHP density bonus would be used to increase density up to or beyond the density identified in the Neighborhood Plan. However, the Neighborhood Plan also recognized that the utilization of the TDR and WHP density bonus programs to increase density are available to these properties and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed density of 3.17 units per acre exceeds the density envisioned by the Neighborhood Plan's Master Plan.

Since the inception of the Neighborhood Plan, the County has reviewed several privately proposed FLUA amendments within the Neighborhood Planning Area, primarily to increase density and non-residential intensity on the south side of Lake Worth Road and east of Lyons Road. Of the 24 amendments adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, 15 of the amendments were approved for density increases. The Neighborhood Plan has not been updated by the Coalition to reflect subsequent amendments in the area.



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E. Public Facilities and Services Impacts

The proposed amendment will change the future land use designation from Low Residential, 1 unit per acre to Low Residential, 2 units per acre. For the purposes of the public facilities impact analysis, the maximum intensity is based on Low Residential, 2 units per acre with up to 117 dwelling units. Public facilities impacts are detailed in the table in Exhibit 4.

1. Facilities and Services – FLUE Policy 2.1-a: The future land use designations, and corresponding density and intensity assignments, shall not exceed the natural or manmade constraints of an area, considering assessment of soil types, wetlands, flood plains, wellfield zones, aquifer recharge areas, committed residential development, the transportation network, and available facilities and services. Assignments shall not be made that underutilize the existing or planned capacities of urban services.

Staff Analysis: The proposed amendment was distributed to the County service departments for review. There are adequate public facilities and services available to support the amendment, and the amendment does not exceed natural or manmade constraints. No adverse comments were received from the following departments and agencies regarding impacts on public facilities:

Mass Transit (Palm Tran), Potable Water & Wastewater (Seacoast Utilities), Environmental (Environmental Resource Management), Historic Resources (PBC Archaeologist), Parks and Recreation, Office of Community Revitalization (OCR), ULDC (Zoning), Land Development (Engineering), Health (PBC Dept. of Health), Fire Rescue, Lake Worth Drainage District.

- **2. Long Range Traffic Policy 3.5-d:** The County shall not approve a change to the Future Land Use Atlas which:
 - 1) results in an increase in density or intensity of development generating additional traffic that significantly impacts any roadway segment projected to fail to operate at adopted level of service standard "D" based upon cumulative traffic comprised of the following parts a), b), c) and d):.......

Staff Analysis: The County Traffic Division reviewed this amendment at the maximum development potential proposed by the amendment. According to the Traffic Division (see letter dated October 5, 2022 in Exhibit 5):

The Traffic letter concludes "Based on the review, the Traffic Division has determined that the traffic impacts of the proposed amendment meet Policy 3.5-d of the Future Land Use Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan at the proposed potential density shown above. Therefore, this amendment requires a condition of approval, based on Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and density bonus programs, to cap the project at the proposed development potential or equivalent trips. Please note the proposed change will have no significant impact for both long range and Test 2 analyses."

The Traffic Study was prepared by JFO Group Inc., 6671 W Indiantown Rd, Suite 50-324, Jupiter, FL 33458. Traffic studies and other additional supplementary materials for site-specific amendments are available to the public on the PBC Planning web page at: http://discover.pbcgov.org/pzb/planning/Pages/Active-Amendments.aspx

3. **Fire Rescue Comments:** Palm Beach County Fire Rescue indicated in a letter dated July 14, 2022 that the estimated response time to the subject property is 8 minutes compared to the 7 minutes, 11 seconds average response time for this station's zone for fiscal year 2021. Additionally, the letter indicated that "changing the land use of this property will have some impact on Fire Rescue".

II. Public and Municipal Review

The Comprehensive Plan Intergovernmental Coordination Element **Policy 1.1-c** states that "Palm Beach County will continue to ensure coordination between the County's Comprehensive Plan and plan amendments and land use decisions with the existing plans of adjacent governments and governmental entities....."

- **A.** Intergovernmental Coordination: Notification of this amendment was sent to the Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC) for review on August 22, 2022. To date, no objections through the IPARC process to this amendment have been received.
- **B. Other Notice:** Public notice by letter was mailed to the owners of properties within 500' of the perimeter of the site on August 19, 2022. In addition, on the same date, the Lake Worth Road Coalition, Inc. and the following Home Owners Associations within the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan area were notified by mail: Summer Chase, Silver Glen, Cypress Royale, Cypress Trails, Bent Creek, Legend Lake Estates, Cypress Woods, Lake Worth Road Villas, Woods Walk, Cypress Lake Estates, and Cedar Creek Ranch. Following the postponement of this amendment at the Planning Commission public hearing on September 9th, updated public notices were mailed on October 14, 2022. Letters received will be included in Exhibit 9.

Exhibit 3

Applicant's Justification

CONSISTENCY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & FLORIDA STATUTES

A. REQUEST

On behalf of the property owners, Charles W. and Charlotte Y. Hendrix, and the applicant, DiVosta Homes, L.P., Urban Design Studio (UDS), as agent, has prepared and hereby respectfully submits this application for a Future Land Use Atlas (FLUA) Amendment for the <u>+</u>36.9-acre property generally located on the south side of Lake Worth Road approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with State Road 7 (US-441), hereinafter referred to as the Subject Property. The Subject Property is comprised of four parcels with the following parcel control numbers (PCNs):

- 00-42-43-27-05-027-0040
- 00-42-43-27-05-027-0050
- 00-42-43-27-05-027-0060
- 00-42-43-27-05-027-0101

The Subject Property is located in unincorporated Palm Beach County (PBC), situated in the Urban/Suburban Tier with a Future Land Use Atlas designation of Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (LR-1) and with the Agricultural Residential (AR) Zoning District. The Subject Property is included within the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP). The proposed change to the Future Land Use Atlas designation of the Subject Property does not require text amendments to the County's Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) and is consistent with density anticipated by the neighborhood plan.

The applicant is requesting approval of the following from the PBC Board of County Commissioners (BCC):

1. To amend the Future Land Use Atlas (FLUA) designation of the Subject Property from Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 dwelling units per acre (LR-2).

On March 24, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a formal request for consideration to allow the submittal and processing of this FLUA Amendment application.

On May 11, 2022, an application for a FLUA Amendment application was submitted proposing a change from the current LR-1 FLU designation to a split of LR-2 and LR-3 FLU designations consistent with the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP). This application included a request for a 33% density bonus through the Workforce Housing Program to allow a total of 113 dwelling units. Based on coordination with County Planning Division staff, the applicant has elected to modify their request to better accommodate requirements for workforce housing. As a result, this modified application has been submitted to propose an LR-2 FLU designation for the entire property that will be accompanied by a WHP density bonus request of 30% (22 units) and the purchase of 21 units through the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program for a total of 117 dwelling units.

B. BACKGROUND

There have been no previous FLUA Amendment, Rezoning, or Development Order applications approved for the Subject Property. Several applications by other applicants have been filed and later withdrawn or denied by the Board of County Commissioners in previous years. A brief summary of these previous applications is included below.

A FLUA amendment application was submitted in 2010 and later withdrawn (Application Number LGA-2010-0007). That amendment application requested to change the future land use designation from Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1), to Commercial Low with an underlying High Residential, eight (8) units per acre (CL/8). The application was withdrawn by the applicant prior to public hearing.

A Large-Scale Future Land Use amendment under the name Amber Woods (Application Number LGA-2021-012) was submitted to Palm Beach County Planning Division on November 10, 2020 requesting to change the Future Land Use (FLU) designation from Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1), to Medium Residential, 5 units per acre (MR-5). That applicant later modified the request to propose a FLU designation of Low Residential, 3 units per acre (LR-3) for the entirety

of the property. On May 3, 2021, the BCC denied transmittal of this amendment application from LR-1 to LR-3.

On May 12, 2021, the applicant for the Amber Woods project submitted another Large-Scale FLUA amendment application (Application Number LGA-2022-005) to change the FLU designation from Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1), to a split of Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2) and Low Residential, 3 units per acre (LR-3). Based on the request to seek the LR-3 designation on a portion of the amendment site, the PBC Planning Division determined that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) needed to authorize the processing of this request pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan. The request to consider the application was scheduled to be heard before the BCC; however, the applicant formally requested to withdrawal this revised amendment application on September 27, 2021 prior to the BCC hearing.

On January 4, 2021, an official Zoning Map Amendment and a Class A Conditional Use application was submitted for the project known as Amber Woods PUD (Control Number 2013-00360 / Application Number Z/CA-2021-00117). This application requested to rezone the Subject Property from the Agricultural Residential (AR) Zoning District to the Single Family Residential (RS) Zoning District and to allow a Class A Conditional Use for townhouses in the RS Zoning District. The request also proposed to utilize the County's Workforce Housing Program (WHP) with a request for a density bonus of 48% or 41 dwelling units for a residential development that would accommodate 126 dwelling units (with a workforce housing (WFH) obligation of 10 units). The development was proposed to consist of 85 single-family dwelling units and 41 zero lot line dwelling units. The prior applicant formally requested to withdraw this Rezoning and Class A Conditional application on September 27, 2021 simultaneous with the request to withdraw the concurrent FLUA Amendment application. There are currently no zoning approvals for the Subject Property.

C. SURROUNDING USES

Below is a description of the uses on the adjacent properties (or those on the other side of abutting R-O-W's) to the north, south, east and west of the overall property. Please see the Built Inventory Features Map in Attachment F for the following information overlaid on an aerial.

- North: To the north of the Subject Property, across Lake Worth Road, properties are developed with the Cypress Trails residential community at roughly one dwelling unit per acre and the Woods Walk Plaza, a Publix-anchored shopping center, at the northeast corner of Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 (US 441). A small portion of the frontage along the north side of Lake Worth Road, across from the Subject Property, belongs to the Woods Walk residential community, a single-family subdivision developed at roughly 2.5 dwelling units per acre tucked behind and between the Woods Walk Plaza shopping center and Cypress Trails community.
- **South:** To the south of the Subject Property, single-family homes and an access drive abut the southern property line. These homes are part of the larger Legend Lake Estates community which consists of single-family homes on lots of one-half to one acre.
- **East:** To the east of the Subject Property, across Hunting Trail, is a residential subdivision of single-family homes developed at approximately 1.77 dwelling units per acre known as the Regency Lake Estates PUD with lots ranging from one-quarter up to one-half an acre.
- West: To the west of the Subject Property, a commercial shopping plaza with standalone retail and personal services including a pharmacy, gas station, fast food restaurant, automotive service, and bank occupies the southeast corner of Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 (US 441).

Please see below for a table summarizing the approved and existing use, FLU, and zoning district for surrounding properties.

Table 1. Surrounding Property Conditions

Adjacent Lands	Use	Future Land Use	Zoning
North	Cypress Trails (1 DU/AC) Control No. 1980-60	Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1)	Residential Estate (RE)
North	Woods Walk PUD (2.5 DU/AC) Control No. 1985-71	Low Residential, 3 units per acre (LR-3)	Residential Transitional (RTS)
North	Woods Walk Plaza (134,608 SF) Control No. 1985-69	Commercial Low with underlying Low Residential, 3 units per acre (CL/3)	General Commercial (GC)
South	Legend Lake Estates (fka The Hunt PUD) (0.36 DU/AC) Control No. 1974-37	Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1)	Residential Estate (RE)
East	Regency Lake Estates (fka Kent Property PUD) (1.77 DU/AC) Control No. 1994-04	Low Residential, 2 units per acre (LR-2)	Planned Unit Development (PUD)
West	Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 MUPD (33,462 SF) Control No. 1999-04	Commercial Low with underlying Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (CL/1)	Multiple Use Planned Development (MUPD)

D. **CONSISTENCY**

G.1 - Justification

Per Policy 2.1-f of the FLUE of the County Comprehensive Plan, before approval of a FLUA amendment, the applicant shall provide an adequate justification for the proposed FLU. The applicant is requesting to amend the current FLU designation from Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 dwelling units per acre (LR-2). The proposed LR-2 FLU would allow 74 units on the Subject Property. The applicant intends to request a Workforce Housing Program Limited Incentive density bonus of 30% or 22 additional units. Further, the applicant is proposing to purchase 21 additional dwelling units through the TDR program. Ultimately, the requested LR-2 FLU and concurrent density bonuses will allow for the development of a community with 117 homes. The Subject Property is included within the boundaries of the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP) which contemplates a split of LR-2 and LR-3 FLU designations for the Subject Property; however, the surrounding communities have provided their support for the proposed development plan. The proposed FLUA amendment meets the required standards as follows:

1) The proposed use is suitable and appropriate for the subject site;

Applicant's Response: The proposed LR-2 FLU designation, and the resulting residential development of 117 homes, is suitable and appropriate for the Subject Property. The surrounding area is developed with residential communities of comparable densities. The Subject Property is one of few under-developed parcels along this corridor of sufficient size to adequately develop a residential community with functional open space, recreation amenities, and necessary infrastructure while providing appropriate landscape buffering, setbacks, and other design features to ensure a high-quality community that is compatible with surrounding uses.

The LR-2 FLU designation is consistent with the approved West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP) created and maintained with the guidance of the surrounding community. The WLWRNP contemplated a split of LR-2 and LR-3 FLU designations for the Subject Property so the request for LR-2 FLU across the entire site does not exceed the contemplated FLU supported by the community. Surrounding properties are compatible with a residential community on the Subject Property. In fact, properties to the immediate south and east as well as properties to the north across Lake Worth Road are all developed with single-family residential units as proposed for the Subject Property. In addition, properties at the northeast (Wood Walk Plaza), northwest (Marketplace at Wycliffe), and southeast corners of the intersection of State Road 7 and Lake Worth Road are developed with commercial plazas hosting a range of community serving commercial uses including grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, retail outlets, personal services, and financial services. The proposed residential FLU designation is suitable and appropriate for the Subject Property based on the existing character of the surrounding development pattern.

- 2) There is a basis for the proposed amendment for the particular site based upon one or more of the following;
 - a. Changes in FLU designations on adjacent properties or properties in the immediate area and associated impacts on the subject site;

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is located within an area of the Urban/Suburban Tier in unincorporated Palm Beach County that is developed with a range of low to medium residential densities and community-serving commercial uses. The existing LR-1 FLU designation of the Subject Property was assigned with the introduction of the original 1989 Comprehensive Plan. At that time, Lake Worth Road terminated at State Road 7 (US 441) and properties along this portion of the Lake Worth Road corridor west of the Florida Turnpike were primarily undeveloped or developed with very low-density residential estates or agricultural operations. Since that time, Lake Worth Road has been extended miles past State Road 7 (US 441) to serve as a major roadway connecting from the Village of Wellington to Lake Worth Beach. Further, the portion of the Lake Worth Road corridor from the Florida Turnpike to State Road 7 (US 441) has been substantially developed with a suburban development pattern including a range of commercial, institutional and residential developments of varying density. The Subject Property remains as one of only a few undeveloped properties along this portion of the Lake Worth Road corridor. The changes in FLU designations of properties in this area of the County and the resulting suburban development leave the current use of the Subject Property out of context with the surrounding developments. The proposed FLU designation of LR-2 will allow for the development of the Subject Property with a residential community of comparable density to surrounding properties.

b. Changes in the access or characteristics of the general area and associated impacts on the subject site;

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is located along the Lake Worth Road corridor between the Florida Turnpike and State Road 7 (US 441). The development of properties along this corridor since the adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan have resulted in dramatic changes to the characteristics of the general area. This includes the widening and extension of surrounding roadways as well as the introduction of mass transit services in this area of the County. The location of the Subject Property near the intersection of Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 (US 441), proximity to the Florida Turnpike, and mass transit services are significant changes in the accessibility and mobility options poised to support residential development of the site. The location of the site adjacent to Lake Worth Road will ensure adequate access for residents and provide for efficient trip distribution among the surrounding road network. The nearby variety of commercial uses further supports residential development of the site by providing services and employment opportunities within walking distance of the site. All of these factors considered, the changes in the development pattern of the overall area and the improvement of adjacent roadways and transportation services lend towards the appropriateness of the requested LR-2 FLU designation and resulting residential community on the Subject Property.

c. New information or change in circumstances which affect the subject site;

Applicant's Response: There have been significant changes in the development pattern of the Lake Worth Road corridor as well as changes in market demands and the needs of the County which affect the consideration for the most appropriate FLU designation for the Subject Property. There has been substantial growth within the County as a whole with suburban residential development pushing west past State Road 7 (US 441) and, ultimately, resulting in a scarcity of properties suitable for the development of residential communities yet the demand for low density residential communities has continued to grow. The Lake Worth Road corridor has evolved from rural residential estates and agricultural lands to higher density residential communities and a range of commercial and institutional uses. The need for additional low density housing options in this area of the County and the suburban development pattern that has occurred along the Lake Worth Road corridor support the requested FLU designation and resulting residential community.

d. Inappropriateness of the adopted FLU designation;

Applicant's Response: The adopted FLU designation is no longer the most appropriate designation for the Subject Property in the context of changes to the character of the community, development patterns of this area, and the needs of the County. The current FLU designation of LR-1 limits the density on the site to one dwelling unit per acre. As discussed above, the current LR-1 FLU designation was assigned with the original adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan. Over the last several decades, significant changes have occurred in this area of the County and particularly along this portion of the Lake Worth Road corridor. The LR-1 FLU is no longer appropriate or suitable to enable the development of this site with a functional single-family residential community.

Further, the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP), adopted by the BCC in 2009, serves as a guiding document created with the input of the surrounding community. The WLWRNP includes a Master Plan for the Lake Worth Road corridor, an excerpt of which is included as Figure 1 below.



Figure 1. West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan - Lake Worth Road Corridor Master Plan

The WLWRNP Master Plan contemplates a split FLU designation of LR-2 on approximately two thirds of the Subject Property and LR-3 on the remaining one-third of the site. The LR-2 FLU designation requested by this application is consistent with the contemplated density increase reflected on the WLWRNP Master Plan for the Lake Worth Road corridor as supported by the community. Further, the applicant has taken considerable efforts to coordinate with current representatives of the surrounding communities to ensure the proposed development is compatible with adjacent communities. As such, the adopted FLU designation is no longer the most appropriate to facilitate the highest and best use of the Subject Property.

e. Whether the adopted FLU designation was assigned in error.

Applicant's Response: The current FLU designation of the Subject Property was not assigned in error and was consistent with the development pattern and needs of the County at the time the original Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1989. As described above, circumstances in the surrounding area and the County as a whole are substantially different today than at that time and the proposed FLU designation is believed to be a more appropriate FLU in the context of the current development pattern and needs of the County.

G.2 Residential Density Increases

Per Policy 2.4-b of the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan, the proposed FLUA amendment meets the required factors to justify this request as the appropriate method for increasing density on the Subject Property as described below.

1. Justify and demonstrate a need for a FLUA Amendment;

Applicant's Response: Within the Urban/Suburban Tier, few properties of sufficient size remain available for development to support the continued population growth occurring in the County. Certain sites, such as the Subject Property, represent prime redevelopment opportunities for residential development in order to maintain a housing supply with a variety of housing options that accommodates the growing demand. The proposed LR-2 FLU designation is justified for the

Subject Property due to its location within the Urban/Suburban Tier, the assigned FLU designation of surrounding properties, the actual built density of nearby residential communities, proximity to community serving commercial uses, and outdoor recreation options. The growing demand for low density residential option, the scarcity of available lands for the development of residential communities, and its location along an active development corridor makes this site a prime location for the proposed LR-2 FLU designation. Further, the approved WLWRNP prepared at the direction of the surrounding community contemplates a comparable increase in the residential density permitted on the Subject Property. The proposed FLU designation is consistent with the FLU designations identified for the Subject Property by the community within the WLWRNP Master Plan as adopted by the BCC.

2. Demonstrate that the current FLUA designation is inappropriate;

Applicant's Response: The adopted FLU designation is no longer the most appropriate designation for the Subject Property in the context of changes to the character of the community, development patterns of this area, and the needs of the County. The current FLU designation of LR-1 limits the density on the site to one dwelling unit per acre. As discussed above, the current LR-1 FLU designation was assigned with the original adoption of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan. Over the last several decades, significant changes have occurred in the County and particularly in areas along transportation corridors such as the Lake Worth Road corridor. In the context of the existing development pattern for the Lake Worth Road corridor and the housing needs of the County, the proposed FLU designations are more appropriate than the current LR-1 designation as they will allow for the development of a single-family residential community with functional open space, recreation amenities, and necessary infrastructure while providing appropriate landscape buffering, setbacks, and other design features to ensure a high-quality community.

3. Explain why the Transfer of Development Rights, Workforce Housing, and/or Affordable Housing Programs cannot be utilized to increase density.

Applicant's Response: The current FLU designation of LR-1 was assigned with the adoption of the original 1989 Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to Policy 2.4-b.3 of the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) of the Comprehensive Plan, an application may request an increase in density that is consistent with and supported by a neighborhood plan approved by the BCC without utilizing Transfer of Development Rights, Workforce Housing, or Affordable Housing programs. The WLWRNP is the only qualified neighborhood plan currently approved by the BCC. The proposed LR-2 FLU is consistent with the FLU designations represented by the WLWRNP Master Plan for the Lake Worth Road corridor. The WLWRNP Master Plan contemplates a split of LR-2 and LR-3 FLU designations. The applicant has maintained close coordination with the immediately adjacent communities in preparation of this application and has received the support of the community for a residential development of 117 units.

G.3 - Compatibility

Compatibility is defined in the County's Unified Land Development code as: "Land uses that are congruous, similar and in harmony with one another because they do not create or foster undesirable health, safety or aesthetic effects arising from direct association of dissimilar, contradictory, incongruous, or discordant activities, including the impacts of intensity of use, traffic, hours of operation, aesthetics, noise, vibration, smoke, hazardous odors, radiation, function and other land use conditions."

Applicant's Response: In light of the above definition, the proposed FLU designations and the resulting single-family residential community is a highly compatible use to the surrounding properties. Particularly, the proposed development is highly compatible with the adjacent residential communities to the north, east, and south and will be complimentary to the nearby commercial uses. No aspect of the requested FLUA amendment or the resulting development will produce any degree of incompatibility with surrounding properties. Requirements for buffering, screening, landscaping, setbacks, and building height work to enhance the compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and to prevent undesirable health, safety, or aesthetic impacts on the surrounding area, making the proposed FLU designations compatible with the surrounding area.

G.4 -Comprehensive Plan

The proposed amendment furthers several Goals of the Comprehensive Plan and is consistent with several Objectives and Policies. The following analysis is provided to demonstrate consistency with specific objectives and policies in the Plan.

• C. County Directions

Applicant's Response: The County Directions in the Future Land Use Element provide the basis for the Goals, Objectives and Policies in the Plan. The County Directions recognize the need for infill redevelopment to occur and that it should be informed by growth management principles to encourage livable communities, neighborhood integrity, housing opportunities, and a strong sense of integrity while maintaining land use compatibility and level of service standards. Allowing for the proposed FLUA amendment will result in a more efficient use of land and existing public facilities and services currently available to the Subject Property within the County's Urban/Suburban Tier. The residential use, guided by development regulations, will result in a compatible redevelopment of the Subject Property that facilitates a livable community with neighborhood integrity to meet the high and growing demand for additional housing opportunities in the County. Several of these Directions support the proposed amendment. specifically Livable Communities: Growth Management: Redevelopment and Revitalization; Land Use Compatibility; Neighborhood Integrity; Housing Opportunity; and a Strong Sense of Community.

• D. Characteristics of a Livable Community

Applicant's Response: The Comprehensive Plan describes the concept of a Livable Community which contributes to sustainability and a high quality of life for the residents. The proposed LR-2 FLU designation will allow for the creation of such a community exhibiting the representative characteristics of a central neighborhood focal point in the form of a shared recreation center, access to major roadways and transit services, proximity to a variety of potential employment opportunities, and convenient location relative to civic uses such as schools, places of worship, libraries, parks, and government services. In support of the County's Directions for livable communities in the Urban/Suburban Tier, the proposed FLUA amendment seeks to achieve a low-density residential community under the LR-2 FLU designation in close proximity to existing commercial and employment centers with convenient access to major transportation facilities. The proposed development will also serve to increase the supply of workforce housing units in the County. The community proposed in connection to this application will be compatible with the surrounding residential communities and within the context of the Lake Worth Road corridor.

• FLUE Goal 1 Strategic Planning Objective 1.1 Managed Growth Tier System:

- 1. Ensure sufficient land, facilities and services are available to maintain a variety of housing and lifestyle choices, including urban, suburban, exurban, and rural living;
- 2. Accommodate future growth but prohibit further urban sprawl by requiring the use of compact forms of sustainable development;
- 3. Facilitate and support infill development and revitalization and redevelopment activity through coordinated service delivery and infrastructure upgrades;

Applicant's Response: The proposed LR-2 FLU designations is appropriate for a property located within the Urban/Suburban Tier and within the Urban Service Area. Locating residential development within this tier serves to prevent the further encroachment of residential uses on agriculturally productive lands further west and within the Agricultural Reserve Tier. The housing demand continues to grow in the County with a focus on providing families with a variety of housing options available at various income levels. Allowing for the infill redevelopment of the Subject Property in a manner consistent with the regulations for the Urban/Suburban Tier works to prevent urban sprawl and facilitates the provision of much needed additional housing options at a location already provided with County services and surrounded by a comparable level of residential development along with supporting commercial and institutional uses.

• FLUE Goal 2 Land Planning:

It is the GOAL of Palm Beach County to create and maintain livable communities, promote the quality of life, provide for a distribution of land uses of various types, and at a range of densities

and intensities, and to balance the physical, social, cultural, environmental and economic needs of the current and projected residents and visitor populations. This shall be accomplished in a manner that protects and improves the quality of the natural and manmade environment, respects and maintains a diversity of lifestyle choices, and provides for the timely, cost-effective provision of public facilities and services.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is located within the Urban Service Area where public facilities and services are available to serve the proposed development. The location of the Subject Property along a major transportation corridor and near a major intersection where public facilities already exist will ensure the timely and cost-effective provision of services the proposed development. Further, the proposed LR-2 FLU designation will allow for a development which increases the number of residential units, including workforce housing units, available within the Urban/Suburban Tier without the need to extend services or develop lands within the Rural or Agricultural Reserve Tiers. The development of the site with a low-density residential community under the LR-2 FLU designation will better position the County to meet the growing housing demands for current and future residents in this area of the County.

• **FLUE Policy 2.1-a:** Future land use designations, and corresponding density and intensity assignments, shall not exceed the natural or manmade constraints of an area and shall also not underutilize the existing or planned capacities of urban services.

Applicant's Response: As confirmed by the detailed analysis presented in application Attachments H through O, the Subject Property is adjacent to and able to connect to all necessary urban services including, but not limited to, the roadway network, water/wastewater, drainage facilities, and emergency services, at the density requested under the LR-2 FLU designation. Therefore, the requested FLU designation would not exceed the natural or manmade constraints of the site and will allow for efficient utilization of existing service capacities.

- **FLUE Policy 2.1-f:** The following will detail the impact of the proposed FLUA on the items listed:
 - 1. The natural environment, including topography, soils and other natural resources;

Applicant's Response: Please see Application Attachment L for the Environmental Assessment Report and supporting Natural Features Maps which detail and depict the environmental considerations for the site. The report summarizes a few environmental considerations of significance and concludes that, although this site does not support any existing native habitats or natural communities, certain mitigation and preservation actions will be employed to ensure the preservation of natural resources in the course of development.

The majority of the site was previously partially cleared and has been in use as a single-family residence with pasturelands prior to 1968. The Subject Property is relatively flat and includes both native and non-native vegetation of which certain native trees will be relocated or may require mitigation with the County. The majority of the site features Boca Fine sand while portions of the Cypress wetland feature Chobee Fine Sandy Loam as well as Riviera Fine Sand in the southeastern corner of the site. A Cypress wetland of approximately 3 acres is located in the southeast portion of the Subject Property and is proposed to be preserved on the site. All necessary permitting processes will be undertaken with the relevant agencies to ensure the proper protection of the natural environment and mitigation of any impacts. Based on the existing conditions and proposed improvements, the requested FLUA Amendment and resulting development will have no significant environmental impacts.

2. The availability of facilities and services;

Applicant's Response: Below is more detailed information on each of those facilities and services:

- Traffic: Please see Application Attachment H for the FLUA Amendment Transportation Analysis prepared by JFO Group, Inc. and corresponding Traffic Approval from PBC Traffic Division.
- Mass Transit: The portion of Lake Worth Road corridor is currently served by Palm Tran route 62 WLN LKW which runs adjacent to the Subject Property along Lake Worth Road. The nearest Palm Tran stop (#5930) is located along the southern side of Lake Worth Road adjacent to the commercial plaza to the west. The site is located approximately 8 miles west of the Lake Worth Beach Tri-Rail Station located on the south side of Lake Worth Road and on the east side of I-95.

- Potable Water and Wastewater: Please see Application Attachment I for the PBC Water Utilities Department letter wherein it is stated that capacity does exist for the proposed development via an existing 10" watermain and 8" force main within Lake Worth Road adjacent to the property.
- Drainage: Please see Application Attachment J for Drainage Statement prepared by Schnars Engineering Corporation. Legal positive outfall has already been established to LWDD L-12 Canal running along the north property line on the south side of Lake Worth Road.
- Fire Rescue: Please see Application Attachment K for the Fire Rescue letter which confirms that the nearest PBC Fire Rescue station is Station #30 located at 9610 Stribling Way. Station #30 is located approximately 2.75 miles from the Subject Property and the estimated response time to the Subject Property is approximately 8 minutes.
- School: Please see Application Attachment O for the School Capacity Availability Determination (SCAD) letter provided by the School District of Palm Beach County.
- Parks and Recreation: The addition of units does not negatively impact the Palm Beach
 County level of service for parks and recreation as adequate parks land area and recreation
 amenities will be provided on the site to serve the proposed units.
 - 3. The adjacent and surrounding development;

Applicant's Response: The proposed LR-2 FLU designation and the resulting low-density residential development is compatible with surrounding properties and consistent with existing land use designations along this portion of the Lake Worth Road corridor within this area of the County. Please refer to Section G.3 - Compatibility and Surrounding Uses above.

4. The future land use balance;

Applicant's Response: The proposed addition of residential density at the Subject Property will not impact the area's future land use balance as this is the only property in the surrounding area that is poised for redevelopment and the requested FLU designations remain consistent with the adopted neighborhood plan. Surrounding properties are developed in accordance with a suburban development pattern and include a balanced mix of residential and commercial uses. A variety of commercial retail and personal service uses exist in close proximity to service the needs of the future residents. The balance of land uses would be improved by the introduction of additional residential units in this area considering the extensive commercial options along the Lake Worth Road corridor and particularly at the intersection of Lake Worth Road and State Road 7 (US 441).

5. The prevention of urban sprawl as defined by 163.3164(51), F.S.;

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLUA amendment will prevent urban sprawl as it will allow for the redevelopment of an underutilized property located in the Urban/Suburban Tier. The Subject Property has long been developed with a single-family home and associated small-scale agricultural uses that has since been discontinued at the site. Allowing for the redevelopment of a suitably sized parcel in the Urban/Suburban Tier will contribute to the preservation of lands within the Rural and Agricultural Reserve Tiers. The development of a low-density residential community at this location will place residents in close proximity to various services, recreation areas, and employment opportunities to result in a better relationship between land use and transportation patterns, thereby working to combat urban sprawl and the housing crisis occurring in the region.

6. Community Plans and/or Planning Area Special Studies recognized by the Board of County Commissioners; and

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is included within the boundaries of the West Lake Worth Road Neighborhood Plan (WLWRNP) area. The WLWRNP was approved by the BCC in 2009 and remains the only such neighborhood plan fully approved by the BCC and referenced within the Comprehensive Plan. The WLWRNP Master Plan depicts a FLU designation of LR-2 and LR-3 for the Subject Property. The community and the BCC by their approval of the WLWRNP have recognized the appropriateness of increased density on the Subject Property. The manner in which this application proposes to increase residential density has been determined to be the most

effective to achieve a feasible residential development while providing for workforce housing units.

7. Municipalities in accordance with Intergovernmental Coordination Element Objective 1.1.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is not located adjacent to any municipality; however, the applicant and their consultants have coordinated with the County's Fire Department, Water Utilities District, and Historical Resources Section. Further, the applicant recognizes the application will be reviewed by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) as well as the Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee (IPARC).

• FLUE Policy 2.1-g: The County shall use the County Directions in the Introduction of the Future Land Use Element to guide decisions to update the Future Land Use Atlas, provide for a distribution of future land uses in the unincorporated area that will accommodate the future population of Palm Beach County, and provide an adequate amount of conveniently located facilities and services while maintaining the diversity of lifestyles in the County.

Applicant's Response: As described above, the request for the LR-2 FLU designation is justified and supported by a variety of County Directions and Comprehensive Plan policies. The resulting development will accommodate the growing population of the County by providing additional housing options available to families at a variety of income levels, including workforce housing units.

• **FLUE Policy 2.1-h:** The County shall not approve site specific Future Land Use Atlas amendments that encourage piecemeal development or approve such amendments for properties under the same or related ownership that create residual parcels. The County shall also not approve rezoning petitions under the same or related ownership that result in the creation of residual parcels.

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLU designation and resulting development will not encourage piecemeal development. On the contrary, the development of the Subject Property can be considered infill redevelopment which serves to achieve full utilization of available services in an area of the County developed with an existing suburban character. Adjacent properties are currently in use for residential or commercial uses. As such, the approval of the proposed FLUA amendment will not encourage piecemeal development or result in residual parcels.

• **FLUE Table 2.2.1-g.1:** Designates the Low Residential, 2 dwelling units per acre (LR-2) FLU designation as allowing up to 2 units per acre based on gross land area

Applicant's Response: The proposed LR-2 FLU will be used to determine the residential density for the Subject Property. The proposed LR-2 FLU would allow 74 units on the Subject Property. The applicant intends to request a Workforce Housing Program Limited Incentive density bonus of 30% or 22 additional units. Further, the applicant is requesting an additional 21 dwelling units through the TDR program. The proposed FLU change and density bonuses will allow for the development of 117 dwelling units. The proposed development is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and ULDC with respect to the proposed residential density.

G.5. - Florida Statues

Please consider the following responses demonstrating consistency with Chapter 163.3177, F.S.

- F.S., Section 163.3177.6(a)8: Future land use map amendments shall be based upon the following analysis:
 - a. An analysis of the availability of facilities and services.

Applicant's Response: Application Attachments H (Traffic Study), I (Water and Wastewater Service Letter), J (Drainage Statement), and K (Fire Rescue Letter) present supporting data and analysis demonstrating the availability of facilities and services to accommodate the proposed development of the Subject Property.

b. An analysis of the suitability of the plan amendment for its proposed use considering the character of the undeveloped land, soils, topography, natural resources, and historic resources on site.

Applicant's Response: Application Attachments F (Built Features Inventory & Map), J (Drainage Statement), L (Natural Features Inventory & Map), M (Wellfield Zone Statement & Map), and N (Historic Resource Evaluation Letter) provide supporting data and analysis demonstrating the requested FLU designations and the proposed use is suitable for the Subject Property.

c. An analysis of the minimum amount of land needed to achieve the goals and requirements of this section.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is a contiguous site of approximately 36.9 acres. There will be a concurrent zoning application which will serve to support the premise that this acreage is the minimum amount of land needed to ensure the Subject Property may be efficiently developed with an enjoyable single-family residential community.

- **F.S.**, **Section 163.3177.6.(a).9:** The future land use element and any amendment to the future land use element shall discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl.
 - a. The primary indicators that a plan or plan amendment does not discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl are listed below. The evaluation of the presence of these indicators shall consist of an analysis of the plan or plan amendment within the context of features and characteristics unique to each locality in order to determine whether the plan or plan amendment:
 - (I) Promotes, allows, or designates for development substantial areas of the jurisdiction to develop as low-intensity, low-density, or single-use development or uses.

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLUA amendment from LR-1 to the LR-2 FLU designation will facilitate the development of a residential community on a parcel surrounded by existing development on all sides. The proposed change would allow for the efficient development of a single-use, low-density residential neighborhood in an already developed area of the County which would further the goal of locating urban/suburban levels of density outside of the Rural and Agricultural Reserve Tiers in support of the goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

(II) Promotes, allows, or designates significant amounts of urban development to occur in rural areas at substantial distances from existing urban areas while not using undeveloped lands that are available and suitable for development.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is located within the Urban Service Area and the Urban/Suburban Tier. The surrounding area is not considered rural in nature and urban services and facilities are established to service this area. County services are provided along Lake Worth Road and further west of State Road 7 (US 441) in this area of the County. Allowing the proposed FLU designations for the Subject Property serves to locate suburban density of residential development outside of rural and agricultural focused areas of the County.

(III) Promotes, allows, or designates urban development in radial, strip, isolated, or ribbon patterns generally emanating from existing urban developments.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is not isolated and this amendment will not alter the development pattern of the surrounding area. On the contrary, the Subject Property remains an under-developed site surrounded by suburban development. The development of the Subject Property with a low-density residential community as made possible by this request will allow for the continued implementation of a suburban development pattern along the Lake Worth Road corridor.

(IV) Fails to adequately protect and conserve natural resources, such as wetlands, floodplains, native vegetation, environmentally sensitive areas, natural groundwater aquifer recharge areas, lakes, rivers, shorelines, beaches, bays, estuarine systems, and other significant natural systems.

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLUA amendment does not fail to adequately protect and conserve natural resources. The Subject Property includes a small Cypress wetland at the southeast corner of the site which is proposed to be preserved in the course of development. There are no native habitats on the site and, as such, it is improbable that any listed animal species occur on the site. The development of a residential community which preserves and protects the existing wetland on the site will adequately protect natural resources and will have no negative impacts on environmentally sensitive areas or other significant natural systems.

(V) Fails to adequately protect adjacent agricultural areas and activities, including silviculture, active agricultural and silvicultural activities, passive agricultural activities,

and dormant, unique, and prime farmlands and soils.

Applicant's Response: While the Subject Property was previously utilized as pasturelands, the site is not designated as a preserve parcel or restricted by a conservation easement. There are no preserve parcels or lands in use for agricultural activities adjacent to the Subject Property. The proposed FLUA change will have no impact on the continuation of agricultural activities in other areas of the County.

(VI) Fails to maximize use of existing public facilities and services.

Applicant's Response: Various letters of determination are provided as attachments to this FLUA amendment application to verify the availability and capacity of existing public facilities and services.

(VII) Allows for land use patterns or timing which disproportionately increase the cost in time, money, and energy of providing and maintaining facilities and services, including roads, potable water, sanitary sewer, stormwater management, law enforcement, education, health care, fire and emergency response, and general government.

Applicant's Response: Public facilities and services are currently available to the Subject Property and surrounding area and the proposed FLUA amendment would not increase the cost in time, money, or energy for providing and maintaining these facilities and services.

(VIII) Fails to provide a clear separation between rural and urban uses.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property and all surrounding properties are located within the Urban/Suburban Tier. The proposed FLUA amendment discourages urban sprawl by proposing infill development on a property surrounded by properties with a suburban development pattern. This request helps to improve the transition between urban and rural uses by placing low-density residential development east of State Road 7 (US 441) to buffer less dense residential and other rural uses located in other areas of the County.

(IX) Discourages or inhibits infill development or the redevelopment of existing neighborhoods and communities.

Applicant's Response: The residential development of the Subject Property resulting from the approval of the proposed FLUA change could be considered infill redevelopment as developments currently exist further west of the Subject Property and to the north, south, and east. The location is ideal for the development of a residential community providing additional housing options in the County within an area with existing residential communities and neighborhood serving commercial uses.

(X) Fails to encourage a functional mix of uses.

Applicant's Response: The approval of the requested land use change would further the goal of providing a mix of housing types within the County and, more specifically, a range of housing options including workforce housing in this area of the County.

(XI) Results in poor accessibility among linked or related land uses.

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLUA change and resulting development will not diminish the accessibility of surrounding properties.

(XII) Results in the loss of significant amounts of functional open space.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is not currently utilized as functional open space and so no loss will occur with the approval of the proposed FLUA change. In fact, with the open space provided within the residential community, the proposal discourages sprawl by creating functional open space where none currently exists.

- F.S., Section 163.3177.6.(a).9: The future land use element and any amendment to the future land use element shall discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl.
 - b. The future land use element or plan amendment shall be determined to discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl if it incorporates a development pattern or urban form that achieves four or more of the following:
 - (I) Directs or locates economic growth and associated land development to geographic areas of the community in a manner that does not have an adverse impact on and protects natural resources and ecosystems.

Applicant's Response: The proposed amendment seeks to redevelop a property that has primarily been cleared of natural resources. The proposed development will preserve existing wetlands on the Subject Property and does not include the use of any hazardous chemicals which would impact the wellfield protection zone assigned to a portion of the Subject Property. As such, development of the Subject Property would not have an adverse impact on natural resources or ecosystems and the applicant will abide by County ULDC provisions with respect to addressing existing plant materials through the zoning approval process.

(II) Promotes the efficient and cost-effective provision or extension of public infrastructure and services.

Applicant's Response: The proposed LR-2 FLU designation will allow for efficient use of existing public facilities and services available to the site along the Lake Worth Road corridor. The Subject Property is located along an area of existing development and would not require the extension of public facilities or services into a rural area of the County.

(III) Promotes walkable and connected communities and provides for compact development and a mix of uses at densities and intensities that will support a range of housing choices and a multimodal transportation system, including pedestrian, bicycle, and transit, if available.

Applicant's Response: The development resulting from the proposed land use change will result in a community design that creates a walkable and connected neighborhood through internal sidewalks and usable open spaces. The location of this residential development and its proximity to adjacent commercial uses lends towards the creation of walkability between developments.

(IV) Promotes conservation of water and energy.

Applicant's Response: The development plan for the Subject Property will promote the conservation of water through stormwater management.

(V) Preserves agricultural areas and activities, including silviculture, and dormant, unique, and prime farmlands and soils.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property has previously been in use for grazing lands but is not in agricultural production. This amendment does not fail to protect adjacent agricultural areas, as the Subject Property is surrounded by development consistent with the Urban/Suburban Tier. Residential development of the Subject Property would lend towards increasing the housing supply within the County without impacting agricultural lands within the Agricultural Reserve Tier. Therefore, the proposal works to preserve agricultural areas and activities consistent with the established goals, objectives, and policies of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

(VI) Preserves open space and natural lands and provides for public open space and recreation needs.

Applicant's Response: The Subject Property is not utilized as functional open space. A small wetland exists and is proposed to be preserved in the southeastern portion of the Subject Property. The development of a residential community with the required recreation areas will provide adequate public open space within the community, thereby providing functional open space where none exists today. Further, these residences would be located in close proximity to County-owned Park facilities and a variety of commercial recreation uses.

(VII) Creates a balance of land uses based upon demands of the residential population for the nonresidential needs of an area.

Applicant's Response: The proposed amendment will introduce a low-density residential community consistent with the surrounding residential development pattern that would be adequately served by the existing commercial shopping centers at the intersection of State Road 7 (US 441) and Lake Worth Road. These plazas include a number of personal service and community retail options including grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, retail outlets, financial services, and more. The proposed LR-2 FLU designation would allow for a low-density residential community which lends toward the creation of a balance of land uses along the Lake Worth Road corridor.

(VIII) Provides uses, densities, and intensities of use and urban form that would remediate an existing or planned development pattern in the vicinity that constitutes sprawl or if it provides for an innovative development pattern such as transit-oriented

developments or new towns as defined in s. 163.3164.

Applicant's Response: The proposed FLUA change will allow residential development of a property within the Urban/Suburban Tier at a density appropriate for the Urban/Suburban Tier and consistent with the surrounding communities. The change will designate a suitable property with the residential density necessary to provide additional housing options in the southern portion of the County. Proposed homes will be of comparable type, size, and value to existing homes in adjacent communities.

In conclusion, the property owners, applicant, and agent believe the justification contained herein demonstrates the requested FLUA Amendment from Low Residential, 1 dwelling unit per acre (LR-1) to Low Residential, 2 dwelling units per acre is justified, consistent with the Plan and state statutes, and is compatible with the surrounding uses. On behalf of the property owners and applicant, UDS, respectfully requests approval of this request to amend the FLU designation on the Subject Property. The Project Managers at UDS are Ken Tuma, KTuma@udsflorida.com, and Tyler Woolsey, TWoolsey@udsflorida.com.

Exhibit 4

Applicant's Public Facility Impacts Table

Part 5. Public Facilities Information

A. Traffic Informat			
Please refer to Applica	ation Attachment H for the Traffic State	ment prepared for this application.	
	Current	Proposed	
Max Trip Generator	Single-Family Detached (ITE 210): 10 trips/DU (Daily)	Single-Family Detached (ITE 210): 10 trips/DU (Daily) Multifamily Low-Rise Housing up to 3 story (Apartment/Condo/TH) (ITE 220): 6.74 trips/DU (Daily)	
Maximum Trip Generation	Daily: 370	Maximum Intensity Daily: 740 Site Plan (Max+WHP+TDR) Daily: 1,141	
Net Daily Trips:	370 (maximum minus current) 771 (proposed minus current)	Daily. 1,141	
Net PH Trips:	26 (7 In/19 Out) AM, 35 (22 In/13 Out) PM (maximum) 54 (14 In/40 Out) AM, 72 (45 In/27 Out) PM (proposed)		
Significantly impacted roadway segments that fail Long Range	None	None	
Significantly impacted roadway segments for Test 2	None	None	
Traffic Consultant	JFO Group, Inc Juan Ortega, PE		
B. Mass Transit In	formation		
Nearest Palm Tran Route (s)	Route 62 WLN – LKW via Lake Worth runs adjacent to the Subject Property.		
Nearest Palm Tran Stop	The nearest Palm Tran stop is located along the southern side of Lake Worth Road adjacent to the commercial plaza to the west. Stop 5930 Lake Worth Road and Woods Walk Plaza		
Nearest Tri Rail Connection	Lake Worth Beach Tri-Rail Station located on the south side of Lake Worth Road on the east side of I-95 approximately 8 miles east of the Subject Property.		
C. Potable Water 8	& Wastewater Information		
Please refer to Applica	ation Attachment I for the PBC WUD Se	rvice Availability Letter.	
Potable Water & Wastewater Providers	The subject property is located within the Palm Beach County Utility Department (PBCWUD) utility service area. PBCWUD has confirmed capacity exists to serve the proposed LR-2/LR-3 FLU and the development of 113 dwelling units.		
Nearest Water & Wastewater Facility, type/size	The nearest potable water is a 10" watermain located in Lake Worth Road and a 10" watermain located within Hunting Trail adjacent to the Subject Property. The nearest sanitary sewer connection is an 8" force main located north of the Subject Property in Lake Worth Road.		
D. Drainage Inform	nation		
		tement prepared for this application.	

This surface water management responsibility for the property lies within the governmental jurisdictional agencies of South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) C-16 Drainage Basin, the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD), Palm Beach County, and the Florida Department of Transportation. Based on our field visit and review of the recent survey, the subject property is undeveloped except for several small residential building structures, 1.85 acres of other surface waters scattered throughout the site, and two 12" concrete pipes discharging to the LWDD L-12 canal. Permit file research confirmed there were no existing permits for this site. The LWDD L-12 canal located along the north side of the site will serve as the receiving body for the site. The entire site is anticipated to be demolished and filled to accommodate the new community.

The subject site will discharge into the adjacent LWDD L-12 canal through a proposed control structure limiting flow to 62.6 CSM at the 25 year-3-day storm event. Adequate storm water retention shall be provided in the proposed on-site lakes to protect the finished floor elevations above the calculated 100 year - 3 day, zero discharge storm event, 18 inches above the crown of the adjacent road or FEMA elevation plus 1', whichever is higher. The calculated 25 year - 3 day routed storm event below the perimeter berm elevation. The crown of the onsite roads will be designed above the 5 year - 1 day routed storm event elevation. Lake Maintenance Easements will be located above the 3 year – 1 day routed storm event.

E. Fire Rescue

Nearest Station PBC Fire Rescue Station 30 – 9610 Stribling Way	
Distance to Site 2.75 miles	
Response Time	8 minutes
Effect on Resp. Time	For fiscal year 2020, the average response time for this Station 30's zone is 7:11. Per the PBC Fire Rescue Service Provider Letter, changing the land use will have some impact on Fire Rescue.

F. Environmental

Significant habitats or species	The site consists of primarily open pastureland, one man-made reservoir, and two cypress wetland areas totaling 3.16 acres with both native and non-native vegetation throughout the property. No significant habitat occurs on the parcel and no state or federal listed plant or animal species were located in the area. There are a few environmental issues of significance on the subject property. The lack of habitat makes it improbable for any listed animal species to occur on the site.	
Flood Zone*	According to Palm Beach County's Information Systems Services, the subject property is located within flood zone X. Flood zone X represents areas outside of the 500-year flood plain with less than 0.2% probability of annual flooding.	
Wellfield Zone*	The Subject Property is within zones of influence 3 and 4 of public well #01-26-E.	
	Please refer to Application Attachment M for the Floodplain and Wellfield Zone Statement and Maps prepared for this application.	

G. Historic Resources

Please see Application Attachment N for the PBC Historical and Archaeological Resource letter.

Staff review has identified no known archaeological resources located on or within 500 feet of the subject property.

H. Parks and Recreation - Residential Only (Including CLF)

Park Type	Name & Location	Level of Svc. (ac. per person)	Population Change	Change in Demand
Regional	Okeeheelee Park – 7715 Forest Hill Blvd.	0.00339	+280 people	0.95 AC
Beach	R.G. Kreusler Park – 2882 S. Ocean Blvd.	0.00035	+280 people	0.098 AC
District	West Boynton Park & Recreation Center – 6000 Northtree Blvd.	0.00138	+280 people	0.39 AC

I. Libraries - Residential Only (Including CLF)

Library Name	Greenacres Branch
Address	3750 Jog Road
City, State, Zip	Greenacres, FL 33467
Distance	3.5 miles

Component	Level of Service	Population Change	Change in Demand
Collection	2 holdings per person	+280 people	560 holdings
All staff	0.6 FTE per 1,000 persons	+280 people	0.17 FTE
Library facilities	0.6 square feet per person	+280 people	168 SF

J. Public Schools - Residential Only (Not Including CLF)

Please see Application Attachment O for the SCAD Letter provided by the School District of PBC.

	Elementary	Middle	High
Name	Discovery Key	Woodlands	Palm Beach Central
Address	3550 Lyons Road	5200 Lyons Road	8499 W. Forest Hill Blvd.
City, State, Zip	Lake Worth, FL 33467	Lake Worth, FL 33467	Wellington, FL 33411
Distance	1.1 miles	1.9 miles	4.6 miles

Exhibit 5

Palm Beach County Traffic Division Letter



Department of Engineering and Public Works

P.O. Box 21229 West Palm Beach, FL 33416-1229 (561) 684-4000 FAX: (561) 684-4050 www.pbcgov.com



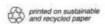
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October 5, 2022

Dr. Juan F. Ortega, P.E. JFO Group Inc. 6671 W Indiantown Road Suite 50-324 Jupiter, FL 33458

RE: Hunter's Crossing FKA Hendrix Properties FKA Amber Woods FLUA Amendment Policy 3.5-d Review Round 2022-23-A

Dear Dr. Ortega:

Palm Beach County Traffic Division has reviewed the Land Use Plan Amendment Application Traffic Impact Analysis for the proposed Future Land Use Amendment for the above-referenced project, revised on September 30, 2022, pursuant to Policy 3.5-d of the Land Use Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The project is summarized as follows:

Approximately 0.20 mile east of State Road 7, south side of Lake Worth Road		
00-42-43-27-05-027-0040 (others of	n file)	
36.9 acres		
Current FLU	Proposed FLU	
Low Residential, 1 unit per acre (LR-1)	Low Residential, two units per acre (LR-2)	
Agricultural Residential (AR)	Residential Single Family (RS)	
1 du/acre	2 du/acre	
Single Family Detached = 37 DUs	Single Family Detached = 74 DUs	
None	Single Family Detached = 108 DUs Townhomes = 9 DUs (Using WFH Density Bonus)	
370 (maximum – current) 771 (proposed – current)		
52 (14/38) AM, 70 (44/26) PM (maximum) 80 (21/59) AM, 107 (67/40) PM (proposed)		
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Dr. Juan F. Ortega, P.E. October 5, 2022 Page 2

the specific uses and intensities/densities anticipated in the zoning application.

Based on the review, the Traffic Division has determined that the traffic impacts of the proposed amendment <u>meet</u> Policy 3.5-d of the Future Land Use Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan at the **proposed potential** density shown above. Therefore, this amendment requires a condition of approval, based on Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and density bonus programs, to cap the project at the **proposed** development potential or equivalent trips.

Please note the proposed change will have an insignificant impact on both Long-Range and Test 2 analyses.

Please contact me at 561-684-4030 or email me at DSimeus@pbcgov.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dominique Simeus, P.E. Professional Engineer Traffic Division

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Quazi Bari, P.E., PTOE – Manager – Growth Management, Traffic Division Lisa Amara – Director, Zoning Division Bryan Davis – Principal Planner, Planning Division - Stephanic Gregory – Principal Planner, Planning Division - Khurshid Mohyuddin – Principal Planner, Planning Division - Kathleen Chang – Senior Planner, Planning Division David Wiloch – Senior Planner, Planning Division - Alberto Lopez Tagle - Technical Assistant III, Traffic Division

File: General - TPS - Unincorporated - Traffic Study Review
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Exhibit 6

Water & Wastewater Provider LOS Letter



Water Utilities Department Engineering

8100 Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33413 (561) 493-6000 Fax: (561) 493-6085 www.pbcwater.com



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May 3, 2022

Urban Design Kilday Studios 610 Clematis Street Suite CU02 West Palm Beach, Fl. 33401

RE: Hendrix Property
PCN 00-42-43-27-05-027-0040, 00-42-43-27-05-027-050, 00-42-43-27-05-027-0060 and 00-42-43-27-05-027-0101
Service Availability Letter

Dear Mr. Woolsey,

This is to confirm that the referenced property is located within Palm Beach County Utility Department (PBCWUD) utility service area. Based on a review of current PBCWUD infrastructure and existing customers within the general vicinity of the referenced property, PBCWUD currently has the capacity to provide the level of service required for the land use amendment from LR-1 to a mix of LR-2 and LR-3 to allow for the development of 113 dwelling units in single family and ZLL homes.

The nearest point of connection is a 10" potable water main and an 8" sanitary sewer forcemain adjacent to the subject property within Lake Worth Road. Offsite improvements and a lift station will be required.

Please note that this letter does not constitute a final commitment for service until the final design has been approved by PBCWUD. In addition, the addition of new developments/customers prior to service initiation to the property may affect the available capacity. PBCWUD does not make any representations as to the availability of capacity as of the future service initiation date.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (561)493-6116.

Sincerely,

Jackie Michels, P.E, Project Manager

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Exhibit 7 School District Letter



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

KRISTIN K. GARRISON Director JOSEPH M. SANCHES, MBA Chief Operating Officer

PLANNING AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS 3661 INTERSTATE PARK RD. N., STE 200 RIVIERA BEACH, FL. 33404

PHONE: 561-434-8020 / FAX: 561-357-1193 WWW.PALMBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG/PLANNING

SCHOOL CAPACITY AVAILABILITY DETERMINATION (SCAD)

	Submittal Date 10/06/2022			
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School District Representative Signature

Date

Joyce C. Cai, Senior Planner

Print Name & Title

CC: Kevin Fischer, Interim Planning Director, Palm Beach County
Vismary Dorta, Site Plan Technician, Palm Beach County
Joyell Shaw, PIR Manager, School District of Palm Beach County

The School District of Palm Beach County, Florida A Top High-Performing A Rated School District An Equal Education Opportunity Provider and Employer

Exhibit 8

Disclosure of Ownership Interests

PALM BEACH COUNTY - ZONING DIVISION

FORM#9

DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS - PROPERTY

[TO BE COMPLETED AND EXECUTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER(S) FOR EACH APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT OR DEVELOPMENT ORDER]	IR
TO: PALM BEACH COUNTY PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR HIS OR HER OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE	Έ
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appear Charles W. Hendrix , hereinafter referred to as "Affiant," who being by me first duly sworn, under oath, deposes and states as follows:	
1. Affiant is the [X] individual or []	ne in
2. Affiant's address is: 9584 Lake Worth Road Lake Worth Beach, FL 33467	
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a complete listing of the names and addresses every person or entity having a five percent or greater interest in the Propert Disclosure does not apply to an individual's or entity's interest in any entity registers with the Federal Securities Exchange Commission or registered pursuant Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, whose interest is for sale to the general public.	y. ed
4. Affiant acknowledges that this Affidavit is given to comply with Palm Beach Country policy, and will be relied upon by Palm Beach Country in its review of application of Comprehensive Plan amendment or Development Order approval affecting the Property. Affiant further acknowledges that he or she is authorized to execute the Disclosure of Ownership Interests on behalf of any and all individuals or entities holding a five percent or greater interest in the Property.	or ie is
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Under penalty of perjury, Affiant declares that Affiant has examined this Affidavit and to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Charles W. Hendrix , Affiant (Print Affiant Name)

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EXHIBIT "A"

PROPERTY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1:

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Charles W. Hendrix	9584 Lake Worth Road,
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Charlotte Hendrix Affiant

(Print Affiant Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC INFORMATION:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

(Name - type, stamp or print clearly)

My Commission Expires on: 4/1/23

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DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS - APPLICANT

[TO BE COMPLETED AND EXECUTED ONLY WHEN THE APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY]

TO: PALM BEACH COUNTY PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR HIS OR HER OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Andrew Maxey , hereinafter referred to as "Affiant," who being by me first duly sworn, under oath, deposes and states as follows:

- Affiant is the [] individual or [X] _Vice President of Land Acquisition __[position—e.g., president, partner, trustee] of __DiVosta Homes_L.P. __[name and type of entity e.g., ABC Corporation, XYZ Limited Partnership], (hereinafter, "Applicant"). Applicant seeks Comprehensive Plan amendment or Development Order approval for real property legally described on the attached Exhibit "A" (the "Property").
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 Suite 150,
 Atlanta, GA 30326
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PALM BEACH COUNTY - ZONING DIVISION FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

FORM#8

Andrew Maxey , Affiant (Print Affiant Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC INFORMATION:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of 1 physical presence or 1 online notarization, this day of June 2022 by Andrew Mayey Plant Friame of person acknowledging). He/she is personally known to me or has produced (type of identification) as identification and did/did not take an oath (circle correct response).

My Commission Expires on: 10 - 15 - 25

Mary E. Warren (Name - type, stamp or print clearly)

NOTARY'S SEAL OR STAMP

Mary E. Warren
Comm.:HH 180353
Expires: Oct. 15, 2025
Notary Public - State of Florida

EXHIBIT "A"

PROPERTY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1:

TRACTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 27, THE PALM BEACH FARMS CO. PLAT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 45 THROUGH 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA; LESS PORTIONS TAKEN IN STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENTS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 6672, PAGE 610 AND OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 6680, PAGE 1310, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°56′59" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 5.63 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°31′54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 660.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°56′59" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 0.08 FEET, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 03°01" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 5, BLOCK 27, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

AND

BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT 6, BLOCK 27; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°56'59" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 6, BLOCK 27. A DISTANCE OF 0.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°31'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 9.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 6; THENCE NORTH 89°03'01" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 9.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 2:

TRACT 4 (LESS THE EAST 60 FEET) AND TRACT 11 (LESS THE EAST 60 FEET) AND (LESS THE WEST 270 FEET OF THE EAST 330 FEET OF THE SOUTH 372.16 FEET) AND THE. NORTH 287.82 FEET OF THE EAST 426.70 FEET OF TRACT 10, ALL BEING IN BLOCK 27 OF THE PALM BEACH FARMS COMPANY PLAT NO. 3, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 45, PALM BEACH COUNTY RECORDS.

TOGETHER WITH

THAT PORTION OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN TRACTS 4 AND 5 AND THE NORTH 287.82 FEET OF TRACTS 10 AND 11, LESS LAKE WORTH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY;

THE EAST HALF OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN TRACTS 10 AND 11, LESS THE NORTH 287.82 FEET THEREOF:

THE NORTH HALF OF THE 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING, BETWEEN TRACTS 11 AND 18, LESS THE EAST 330 FEET THEREOF:

ALL IN BLOCK 27, PALM BEACH FARMS CO. PLAT NO. 3 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 45 THROUGH 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SAID PARCEL BEING 1607446.656± SQUARE FEET OR 36,902± ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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EXHIBIT "B"

DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN APPLICANT

Affiant must identify all entities and individuals owning five percent or more ownership interest in Applicant's corporation, partnership or other principal, if any. Affiant must identify individual owners. For example, if Affiant is the officer of a corporation or partnership that is wholly or partially owned by another entity, such as a corporation, Affiant must identify the other entity, its address, and the individual owners of the other entity. Disclosure does not apply to an individual's or entity's interest in any entity registered with the Federal Securities Exchange Commission or registered pursuant to Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, whose interest is for sale to the general public.

Name	Address	
DiVosta Homes	s, L.P. is an entity of PulteGroup, Inc. wh	ich is a publicly
traded compan	ny registered with the SEC	

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Exhibit 9

Correspondence

Correspondence Provided at the 11/28/22 BCC Hearing

Item: 4.C.1

LAKE WORTH ROAD COALITION, INC. 8335 Lake Cypress Road

Lake Worth, Florida 33467

Reference: Hunters Crossing (LGA 2023-008)

Good Morning Planning Board Members,

Thirteen years ago, eight communities along Lake Worth Road, west of the turnpike formed a coalition to stop a "big box" store from being built on undeveloped land on the south side of Lake Worth Road.

We were successful, and the County Commissioners asked that we establish an overlay or master plan to indicate the future land use we would recommend for the undeveloped land in our corridor.

We developed a neighborhood plan with a master plan and design guidelines. Our plan was read and accepted by the BCC in September 2009. For Validation here is a link to our documents on The Palm Beach Government Website

Our eight communities are North and South of Lake Worth Road and West of the Turnpike.

Reference the above declared application - Hunters Crossing (LGA 2023-008) the applicant **Urban Design Studio**, their staff, and the builder, Pulte/Divosta, have been very generous with their time their keeping us involved with their plans every step of the way and ceding to our input.

For those reasons, we, the Lake Worth Road Coalition, are strongly in favor of the proposal in front of you today and ask that you approve it as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Wilson

Director

Lake Worth Road Coalition

For authentication, please see the link below. Lake Worth Road Coalition



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January 10, 2023

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Palm Beach County Planning Division
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Re: Palm Beach County 22-08ESR (Round 23-A), Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Fischer,

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff reviewed the above-referenced comprehensive plan amendment package and provides the following comments and recommendations for consideration in accordance with Chapter 163.3184, Florida Statutes. While there are no objections to the amendment, the following technical assistance information is provided to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity, the County, and any applicants during the amendment review and future project planning.

Project Description

The Palm Beach County Amendment Round 23-A includes three text amendments and six Future Land Use (FLU) amendments. The following comments and recommendations are associated with the amendments referred to as Trotting Center (LGA 2023-012), Hunters Crossing (LGA 2023-008), and EJKJ Industrial (LGA 2023-004). For the site referred to as Trotting Center, Lynx at Lake Worth, LLC (LGA 2023-0012) proposes to change the FLU designation on approximately 105.9 acres from Rural Residential to Low Residential (LR). This site is located on the west side of State Road 7, approximately 0.4 miles south of Hypoluxo Road. Hunters Crossing proposes to change the FLU designation from LR-1 to LR-2 on approximately 36.9 acres. This site is located on the south side of Lake Worth Road, approximately 0.2 miles east of State Road 7. EJKJ Development, LLC proposes to change the FLU designation from Agricultural Reserve to Commerce with an underlying Agricultural Reserve on a 7.9-acre site referred to as EJKJ Industrial. This site is located on the west side of State Road 7, approximately 0.1 miles south of Atlantic Avenue.

Potentially Affected Resources

The amendment package did not provide wildlife survey information or an environmental assessment. FWC staff conducted a geographic information system (GIS) analysis of the project areas. The analysis found that the amendment sites are located near, within, or adjacent to:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Consultation Area for the following federally listed species:
 - Everglade snail kite (Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus, Federally Endangered [FE])
 - o Florida scrub-jay (Aphelocoma coerulescens, Federally Threatened [FT])
 - o Audubon's crested caracara (Polyborus plancus audubonii, FT)
- One or more wood stork (Mycteria americana, FT) nesting colony core foraging areas (CFA), consisting of an 18.6-mile radius around the nesting colony

- Potential habitat for the following federally and state-listed species:
 - Eastern indigo snake (Drymarchon corais couperi, FT)
 - o Florida sandhill crane (Antigone canadensis pratensis, State Threatened [ST])
 - o Little blue heron (Egretta caerulea, ST)
 - o Tricolored heron (Egretta tricolor, ST)
 - o Gopher tortoise (Gopherus polyphemus, ST)

Comments and Recommendations

Wildlife Surveys

To better identify potential project impacts to listed species of fish and wildlife, FWC staff recommends that species-specific surveys be conducted prior to any clearing or construction. Species-specific surveys are time sensitive and are best conducted by wildlife biologists with recent documented experience for that species. Species-specific survey protocols approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the FWC are provided in the Florida Wildlife Conservation Guide at https://myfwc.com/conservation/value/fwcg/ or in the FWC Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines available at https://myfwc.com/wildlife/species-guidelines/.

Florida Sandhill Crane

The Trotting Center and EJKE Industrial sites may provide foraging habitat for Florida sandhill crane, and the freshwater marshes and reservoir onsite may provide potential nesting habitat for this species. FWC staff recommends that surveys for nesting Florida sandhill cranes be conducted prior to construction activities and during the December through August breeding season. If construction occurs over several years, it may be necessary to conduct surveys each year as Florida sandhill cranes do not nest in the same location every year. If active nests are identified onsite, the Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines for the Florida Sandhill Crane recommend that the nest site be buffered by 400 feet to avoid disturbance by human activities. If nesting is discovered after construction has begun or if maintaining the recommended buffer is not possible, the applicant can contact FWC staff identified below to discuss potential permitting needs. Additional information and guidance for conducting Florida sandhill crane surveys can be found in the Guidelines (https://myfwc.com/media/11565/final-florida-sandhill-crane-species-guidelines-2016.pdf).

Wading Birds

The potential exists for wading bird nesting activity in the cypress and freshwater marshes within the Hunters Crossing and EJKJ Industrial sites. FWC staff recommends that specific surveys be conducted for wading birds in the cypress and freshwater marshes prior to the commencement of any clearing, grading, or filling activities. Surveys should be conducted during their breeding season, which extends from March through August. Additional information and guidance for conducting surveys can be found in the Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines for Little Blue Heron, Reddish Egret, Roseate Spoonbill, Tricolored Heron (https://myfwc.com/media/18634/threatenedwadingbirds-guidelines.pdf). If there is evidence of nesting during this period, FWC staff recommends that any wading bird nest sites be buffered by 100 meters (330 feet) to avoid disturbance by human activities. If nesting is discovered after site activities have begun, if the removal or trimming of trees with active nests is unavoidable, or if maintaining the recommended buffer is not possible, the applicant may contact the FWC staff identified below to discuss potential permitting alternatives.

Gopher Tortoise

The Hunters Crossing site may have potential habitat for the gopher tortoise. The applicant should refer to the FWC's *Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines* (Revised July 2020) (http://www.myfwc.com/license/wildlife/gopher-tortoise-permits/) for survey methodology and permitting guidance prior to any development activity. Survey methodologies require a burrow survey covering a minimum of 15 percent of potential gopher tortoise habitat to be impacted by development activities including staging areas (refer to Appendix 4 in the Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines for additional information). Specifically, the permitting guidelines include methods for avoiding impacts (such as preservation of occupied habitat) as well as options and state requirements for minimizing, mitigating, and permitting potential impacts of the proposed activities. Any commensal species observed during burrow excavation should be handled in accordance with Appendix 9 of the Guidelines. For questions regarding gopher tortoise permitting, please contact John Snow by phone at (561) 882-5714 or at John.Snow@MyFWC.com.

Federal Species

This site may also contain habitat suitable for the federally listed species identified above. FWC staff recommends coordination with USFWS South Florida Ecological Services Office (ESO) as necessary for information regarding potential impacts to these species. The USFWS South Florida ESO can be contacted at (772) 562-3909.

FWC staff appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this project. For specific technical questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact Sydney Wilson at (561) 882-5711 or by email at Sydney.Wilson@MyFWC.com. All other inquiries may be sent to ConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com.

Sincerely,

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Jason Hight, Director

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Office of Conservation Planning Services

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cc: Stephanie Gregory, sgregor1@pbcgov.org