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Re: 24-43-23-0000011.0030
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For estate purposes, I need the land use and number of units/per acre allowed on the above two ten acre tracts as of Dec. 21, 2001.

Please call me at 437-0353, if you have any questions.

Thanks for your assistance.

Michael L. Meade
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Re: Ten acre tracts: STRAP 24-43-23-00-00011.0030 and 24-43-23-00-00011.0040.

Donald D. Stilwell
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Dear Mr. Meade:

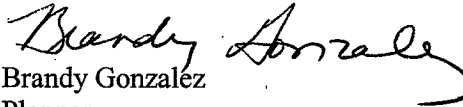
James G. Yaeger
County Attorney

This correspondence is in regards to your request for the future land use designation and allowable density for the properties noted above as of December 21, 2001. In December of 2001 the subject properties were within the Open Lands future land use category. Per Policy 1.4.4 of the Lee Plan, the Opens Lands future land use descriptor policy, the maximum density of one dwelling unit per ten acres (1 du/10 acres) is permitted in this land use category, with the exception that a maximum density of one dwelling unit per five acres (1 du/5 acres) is permitted if the planned development process is used to prevent adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive lands. This was the designation of the property on December 21, 2001.

Diana M. Parker
County Hearing Examiner

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,
DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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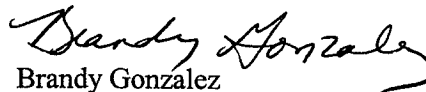
Diana M. Parker
County Hearing
Examiner

This correspondence is in regards to your request for the future land use designation and allowable density for the properties noted above as of December 21, 2001. In December of 2001 the subject properties were within the Open Lands future land use category. Per Policy 1.4.4 of the Lee Plan, the Opens Lands future land use descriptor policy, the maximum density of one dwelling unit per ten acres (1 du/10 acres) is permitted in this land use category, with the exception that a maximum density of one dwelling unit per five acres (1 du/5 acres) is permitted if the planned development process is used to prevent adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive lands. This was the designation of the property on December 21, 2001.

Additionally, for your information, during December of 2001 a larger land area of approximately 413 acres, which included the subject property, was in the process of being amended to change the future land use designation of the area from Opens Lands to the Rural future land use category. On January 10, 2002 the Lee County Board of County Commissioners adopted the change. This change is reflected in the Lee Plan as Footnote 11 of Table 1(a), the Summary of Residential Densities Table, stating that in the Rural category located in Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 23 East and south of Gator Slough the maximum density is one dwelling unit per 2.25 acres (1 du/2.25 acres). This is the current designation of the subject property today. Further documentation regarding this amendment can be obtained from the Division of Planning.

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DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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Brandy Gonzalez
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**CPA2000-06
BoCC SPONSORED
AMENDMENT
TO THE**

LEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE LEE PLAN

BoCC Adoption Document

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January 10, 2002

**LEE COUNTY
DIVISION OF PLANNING
STAFF REPORT FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
CPA2000-06**

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Text Amendment

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Map Amendment

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STAFF REPORT PREPARATION DATE: June 18, 2001

PART I - BACKGROUND AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION

A. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT:

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REPRESENTED BY LEE COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING

2. REQUEST:

Review, and amend if necessary, Map 1 of the Future Land Use Map series for land near Eagle Road, Section 24, Township 43S, Range 23E, from Open Lands to Rural.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

1. REVISED RECOMMENDATION: Planning staff recommends that Map 1, the Future Land Use Map, be amended to change the future land use designation of this area from the "Open Lands" future land use category to the "Rural" future land use category. In addition, staff recommends adding a Footnote to Table 1 (a) clarifying the exceptions of the Rural category for the area. Planning staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit the proposed amendment as provided under Part IV.D., the Transmittal Hearing portion of this report.

2. ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION: Planning staff recommends that Map 1, the Future Land Use Map, be amended to change the future land use designation of this area from the "Open Lands" future land use category to the "Rural" future land use category.

3. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT: See the various conclusions contained in the Staff Analysis. These include the following:

- The proposed amendment is consistent with Policy 1.4.1, the Rural future land use descriptor policy of the Lee Plan.
- The area is surrounded by lands designated Outlying Suburban to the south, east, and west.
- Staff believes that the Rural category is a more suitable designation for the site than the Open Lands category given the existing density of residential uses and the character of the area.
- The standards for commercial and industrial uses permitted are the same in both the Open Lands and Rural categories. The area will remain designated as a non-urban area without increases in the allowable commercial and industrial intensities.
- This amendment, could result in an increase in the population accommodation capacity of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) by 716 persons (343 du's X 2.09 persons per unit). Staff concludes, using this worst case analysis, that this increase in the population accommodation capacity of the FLUM is insignificant when viewed in the context of the county wide accommodation capacity.
- The proposed land use change will not cause future road network plan changes. The requested land use change will have a minimal impact on public safety service providers.

C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. EXISTING CONDITIONS

SIZE OF PROPERTY: 413.86 ACRES

PROPERTY LOCATION: The subject area is bordered on the west by Juanita Boulevard, the east by Andalusia Boulevard, the south by Jacaranda Parkway, and the north by Gator Slough.

EXISTING USE OF LAND: The existing uses in the area are single family dwelling units and the majority of the remainder is currently vacant.

CURRENT ZONING: AG-2

CURRENT FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS: Open Lands and Wetlands

2. INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

WATER & SEWER: The area is not located within Lee County Utilities Future Water or Sewer Service areas for potable water service and sanitary sewer service. Currently there are no facilities in the area and there are no plans to install infrastructure. The area's utility needs are currently served through wells and septic systems.

FIRE: The property is located in the Burnt Store Fire Control District.

TRANSPORTATION: The subject area abuts Juanita Boulevard to the west and Andalusia Boulevard to the east. Jacaranda Parkway East runs along the southern portion of the area. All surrounding roadways are collector roads maintained by the City of Cape Coral.

SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE: Service will be provided by Florida Recycling, Inc.

PART II - STAFF ANALYSIS

A. STAFF DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

The proposed amendment would change the land use designation on the Future Land Use Map from "Open Lands" to "Rural" for an approximate 413.86 acre area of land located in the southern portion of Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 23 East which is divided by the Gator Slough canal. The site is surrounded by the City of Cape Coral limits on the south, east, and west. Gator Slough canal, within unincorporated Lee County bounds the area to the north. The current Future Land Use classifications of the area are Open Lands and Wetlands. Approximately 73.68 acres of the area are designated as Wetlands and would remain unchanged. If the amendment is approved the allowable density would change from an Open Lands density of 1du/10 acres or 1 du/5 acres in conjunction with a Planned Development, to a Rural density of 1 du/acre.

The proposed amendment stems from an appeal of an administrative interpretation of the single family residence provisions of the Lee Plan. The subject parcel, which is located within the boundaries of the proposed amendment, comprises approximately 3.27 acres of land within the Open Lands future land use category. The parcel remains zoned AG-2 as it did at the time of its administrative interpretation. The maximum density allowed in the Open lands category is 1du/10 acres for conventionally zoned land. Under the findings of fact in the interpretation dated April 27, 2000 it is noted that the property was created as a separate parcel in 1991. Therefore the parcel was created after the density reduction provisions in the settlement agreement between Lee County and the Department of Community Affairs in September 1990.

The Lee Plan requires that parcels created after December 21, 1984 be lawfully created and comply with the Lee Plan as it existed at that time. The administrative interpretation concluded that the applicant failed to demonstrate that the single family residence provisions of the Lee Plan applied to the subject property. At this time the applicant appealed the interpretation to the Board of County Commissioners where the Board conducted a review and reversed the determination. It was at this public hearing held on August 1, 2000 that the Board suggested staff review the area of the subject neighborhood and determine the feasibility of a map amendment to the subject area. The Board officially initiated the proposed amendment on September 19, 2000.

SUMMARY

The subject 413.86 acre property is a combination of single family dwelling units and vacant parcels. There is a total of 113 parcels in the area and 33 are currently vacant. A map depicting these vacant lots can be seen as Attachment 1. The parcels within the subject area range in size from approximately 1 to 20 acres with an average parcel area calculation of 3.66 acres. As shown in Table 1 below, there are

currently nineteen parcels 5 acres or more in size, seven of which range from 10 to 20 acres with the possibility of dividing under the existing density standards. Attachment 2 is a map depicting the information shown in Table 1. Currently only four acres are actively agricultural.

Table 1

Acreage Range	Number of Lots
0 - 4.99	94
5 - 9.99	12
10 - 14.99	5
15 - 19.99	2

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BACKGROUND

In 1984, Lee County adopted its first official Future Land Use Map (FLUM) as an integral part of its comprehensive plan. At that time the subject area had a future land use designation of Rural. In 1989 this maximum density was challenged by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) under the findings that the density encouraged urban sprawl. A settlement agreement later in the year provided that Lee County would amend the Future Land Use Map lowering the maximum density to 1 du/10 acres with a new "Water Resources" category. In 1990 Lee County complied with the agreement and created the new category, the Density Reduction/Groundwater Resource (DRGR) areas. The placement of the new category throughout the county was based on several ongoing investigative studies at the time. Staff's review of the studies noted that areas important for recharge and potential future water withdrawals included the non-urbanized areas north of the Caloosahatchee River near the Charlotte County line. Lee County included the subject area within the new future land use category designation. In response to the new designation many landowners throughout the county filed requests to redesignate their properties.

During the 1993 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) the county hired Henigar & Ray, Inc. to conduct a study determining the maximum densities that could be permitted in the DRGR without jeopardizing water supplies. Based on the findings of the study and other planning factors, staff made recommendations allowing higher densities for specific areas of the existing DRGR. As a result staff recommended that the area between Burnt Store Road and U.S. 41 north of Cape Coral, the Yucca Pen area, be placed in a new "Open Lands" future land use category with a maximum density of 1 du/5 acres if done as a Planned Development. This future land use designation remains the current category for the subject area today.

ADJACENT ZONING AND USES

The subject area is currently zoned AG-2 as well as the properties to the north located on the northern side of Gator Slough. As noted above, the area is surrounded on three sides by the City of Cape Coral with the city's R1B zoning to the east and west. To the south properties are zoned RDW and R1B. All of which are residential zoning districts. Land to the north of the Gator Slough canal is currently vacant. The surrounding approximate quarter acre lots within the city are primarily vacant also.

POPULATION ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY DISCUSSION

Lee County has had a long standing issue with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in regards to the Population Accommodation Capacity of the Lee County Future Land Use Map (FLUM). DCA has opined in the past that the accommodation capacity of the FLUM exceeds the population projections of the planning horizon. Currently the area is composed of 113 lots of which there are 80 occupied by single family dwelling units. Due to these existing homes staff would anticipate that the maximum density under the proposed amendment would most likely never be achieved on those occupied lots. Staff has conducted a population accommodation analysis. Currently, the Open Lands standard density permits up to 1 du/5 acres and the Wetlands standard density permits 1 du/20 acres. This means that 71 dwelling units could be constructed in the area under the current designations. This could result in an increase in the population accommodation capacity of the map by 148 persons (71 du's X 2.09 persons per unit). The Rural category standard density permits up to 1 du/acre. This means that 343 dwelling units could be constructed in the area under the Rural and Wetlands designation. This could result in an increase in the population accommodation capacity of the map by 716 persons (343 du's X 2.09 persons per unit). Staff notes that this scenario is unlikely due to the fact that there are already 80 dwelling units existing today. Staff concludes, using this worst case analysis, that this increase in the population accommodation capacity of the FLUM is insignificant when viewed in the context of the county wide accommodation capacity.

Once again staff notes that there are approximately 80 units existing on individual parcels and there are 33 vacant parcels which could foreseeably be divided into 1 acre tracts if the proposed amendment is approved. Even further, today there are 23 vacant parcels of 2 acres or more that would meet the 1 du/acre standard density requirements of the Rural future land use category.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE "RURAL" LAND USE CATEGORY

The amendment proposes that the property's future land use designation be amended from Open Lands to Rural. The Open Lands areas are described by Policy 1.4.4 and the Rural areas are described by Policy 1.4.1. Both of the policies are reproduced below:

POLICY 1.4.4: *Open Lands* are upland areas that are located north of Rural and/or sparsely developed areas in Township 43 South. These areas are extremely remote from public services and are characterized by agricultural and low-density residential uses. Commercial and industrial uses are permitted in this category in accordance with the standards in the Rural category. The maximum density in this category is one dwelling unit per ten acres (1 du/10 acres); except that a maximum density of one dwelling unit per five acres (1 du/5 acres) is permitted if the planned development process is used to prevent adverse impacts on environmentally sensitive lands (as defined in Policy 77.1.1.4)

POLICY 1.4.1: The *Rural* areas are to remain predominantly rural--that is, low density residential, agricultural uses, and minimal non-residential land uses that are needed to serve the rural community. These areas are not to be programmed to receive urban-type capital improvements, and they can anticipate a continued level of public services below that of the urban areas. Maximum density in the Rural area is one dwelling unit per acre (1 du/acre). (Amended by Ordinance No. 98-09)

The proposed amendment is consistent with the Rural designation for the following reasons: the area was denser than its current underlying future land use category through unrecorded lot splits prior to the 1989 settlement agreement; the area did not meet the characteristics of the DR/GR and Open Lands categories at the time it was placed under such designations; it is located adjacent to the Cape Coral city limits with an underlying future land use category of Outlying Suburban where the current platted lots average 4 du's/acre; the area is located between a designated future urban area and a future non-urban area; the area

will remain designated as a non-urban area without increases in the allowable commercial and industrial intensities; and, as noted below, the proposed amendment is consistent with Lee Plan Standards 11.1 and 11.2, Water and Sewer, which states any new residential development density above 2.5 dwelling units per acre is required to connect to adequate infrastructure. The existing density of the area today as well as the density associated with the proposed amendment are under the threshold of this requirement. Standards 11.1 and 11.2 are reproduced below:

STANDARD 11.1: WATER

1. *Any new residential development that exceeds 2.5 dwelling units per gross acre, and any new single commercial or industrial development in excess of 30,000 square feet of gross leasable (floor) area per parcel, must connect to a public water system (or a "community" water system as that is defined by Chapter 17-22, F.A.C.).*

STANDARD 11.2: SEWER

1. *Any new residential development that exceeds 2.5 dwelling units per gross acre, and any new single commercial or industrial development that generates more than 5,000 gallons of sewage per day, must connect to a sanitary sewer system.*

MAP 16 - PLANNING COMMUNITIES AND TABLE 1(b)

The proposal is currently inconsistent with the provisions of Lee Plan Table 1(b). This table and the "Planning Communities" map (Map 16) replaced the functions of the Year 2010 Overlay.

The area is located within the Burnt Store Planning Community and in this community there are 431 acres allocated for residential uses in the Rural land use category. The support documentation indicates that 247 acres of Rural land within this community are currently developed with residential uses, leaving a surplus of 184 acres that could be developed with residential uses in the Rural portions of this community before the year 2020.

The proposed plan amendment would place 340 acres within the Rural future land use category creating an increase of 156 acres above the current acreage allocations that could be developed with residential uses. Planning staff has concluded that this proposed amendment does require an amendment to Table 1(b) as the proposal is not, as the current data indicates, consistent with the table. Planning staff proposes that the additional 156 acres be removed from the Open Lands allocations in the Burnt Store Community and be placed in the Rural allocations of the Burnt Store Community. Such a replacement can be justified by the fact that these residential acreages are existing as of today and have already been accounted for in the Open Lands allocations.

During the current 2000/2001 plan amendment cycle, plan amendment PAT 99-20 conducts a review of the Planning Community Year 2020 Allocations and the proposed future land use map change will be considered in that evaluation.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

The property is located between Juanita Boulevard and Andalusia Boulevard, north of Jacaranda Parkway East. The Gator Slough Canal intersects the entire section of land to the north of the subject area.

The Lee County Department of Transportation has reviewed the request and has provided Planning staff written comments dated May 25, 2001 (see Attachment 3). The Department of Transportation has concluded that a 272-unit increase on this property will not alter the future road network plans." DOT staff re-ran the long range transportation model with the worst case scenario that could result from the new land use category on the subject area to arrive at this conclusion.

Planning staff notes that a traffic analysis is required by the County's local development approval process. This analysis determines the need for any site-related improvements such as turn lanes on the adjacent roadways and roadway improvements within the residential area itself.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Emergency Management - Hurricane Evacuation/Shelter Impacts

Lee County Emergency Management (EM) staff have reviewed the proposal and provided written comments dated May 24, 2001 (see Attachment 4). EM staff provides that "it is unlikely that the change will have a measurable impact on hurricane evacuation routes or hurricane shelters because the area is located in category 4/5 storm surge zone." The memo provides that dwelling units in this area are not subject to the hurricane impact mitigation requirements set forth in the Lee County Land development Code.

SCHOOL IMPACTS

Staff of the School District of Lee County has reviewed the proposal and provided written comments dated May 25, 2001 (see Attachment 5). District staff state that "the proposed unit increase would generate approximately 107 students, creating an impact of approximately five new classrooms along with additional staff and core facilities." District staff provided the following:

"This letter is in response to your request for a determination of adequacy from the Lee County School District on a future land use plan map amendment you have initiated. According to your request, the proposed changes in land use could create up to 343 new residential dwelling units using the worst case scenario. Based on an estimated student generation rate of .31 per dwelling unit, the proposed unit increase would generate approximately 107 students, creating an impact of approximately five (5) new classrooms along with additional staff and core facilities."

"According to the FY 00-01 District budget, operating expenditures per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student are \$5,907, so the proposed plan amendment could create a financial impact of up to \$2,026,101 to the District. In addition, the five classrooms would cost an estimated \$605,800 in capital costs, for a total of \$2,631, 901."

SOILS

The 1984 U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Survey of Lee County classified the following soil types present on the property - 6 Hallandale fine sand; 13 Boca fine sand; 39 Isles fine sand, depressional; 42 Wabasso sand, limestone substratum; 74 Boca fine sand, slough; and 77 Pineda fine sand, limestone substratum.

UTILITIES

Staff from the Utilities Division have indicated, regarding sanitary sewer and potable water service, that the property is not located within either of the Lee County Utilities Franchise areas, or future service areas

as defined in the Lee Plan. Therefore, Lee County Utilities currently has no facilities or plans to construct infrastructure within the area.

COASTAL ISSUES

The 1991 "Hurricane Storm Tide Atlas for Lee County," prepared by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), shows that the property is located within the Category 4/5 storm surge zone. Additionally, the property is located in the SWFRPC Category 4/5 evacuation zone.

B. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed amendment is consistent with Policy 1.4.1, the Rural future land use descriptor policy. Staff finds that the Rural category is a suitable designation for the site. All of the land area surrounding the subject area to the west, south, and east is designated as a future urban area within the city of Cape Coral with the Outlying Suburban designation. Staff also finds that the Rural category is an appropriate designation for the area given the existing adjacent future urban area designation and the existing character of the neighborhood. The area will remain designated as a non-urban area without increases in the allowable commercial and industrial intensities. Additionally the area will be within the infrastructure requirements of Standards 11.1 and 11.2 of the Lee Plan discussed earlier in staff's analysis. The request will have a minimal impact on public service providers.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that Map 1, the Future Land Use Map, be amended to re-designate the subject property from "Open Lands" to "Rural." This recommendation is based upon the previously discussed issues and conclusions of this analysis. In addition, staff recommends adding a Footnote to Table 1 (a) clarifying the exceptions of the Rural category for the area as provided under Part IV.D., the Transmittal Hearing portion of this report.

**PART III - LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: June 25, 2001

A. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEW

Staff gave a brief presentation on the proposed amendment. The LPA provided no discussion concerning the proposed amendment.

**B. LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS OF FACT
SUMMARY**

1. **RECOMMENDATION:** The LPA recommends that the Board of County Commissioners transmit this amendment.
2. **BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The LPA accepted the findings of fact as advanced by the staff.

C. VOTE:

NOEL ANDRESS	<u>AYE</u>
SUSAN BROOKMAN	<u>AYE</u>
BARRY ERNST	<u>AYE</u>
RONALD INGE	<u>ABSENT</u>
GORDON REIGELMAN	<u>AYE</u>
VIRGINIA SPLITT	<u>ABSENT</u>
GREG STUART	<u>AYE</u>

**PART IV - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF TRANSMITTAL HEARING: August 29, 2001

A. BOARD REVIEW: Staff presented the proposed amendment before the Board on August 29, 2001. Several residents of the area were also present and placed their objections to the proposed Rural density of 1 dwelling unit per acre. In addition staff received two letters, shown as Attachments 6 and 7, from residents of the area objecting to the proposed density. The residents of the area have expressed concerns, through the letters and participation at the public hearing, that the proposal of 1 dwelling unit per acre is too dense and not compatible with their equestrian community. The residents have expressed that a maximum density of 2.5 dwelling units per acre is more appropriate for the neighborhood, given the existing character of the area.

One member of the Board had concerns with regulating density in the area, due to the many lot splits that have occurred after the imposition of the Density Reduction Groundwater Resources and Open Lands density restrictions in this area. Staff explained that many of the lots in the area were already below density with the previous adoption of the DR/GR category for the area. Staff also noted that the acreage of many of the smaller existing lots are slightly below the 2.5 acre threshold and recommended that a 10% adjustment above or below the threshold should be considered.

After discussion the Board made the final recommendation to transmit the proposed amendment as proposed under the Rural future land use category with an exception to the subject area within this category where the maximum density/minimum lot size is 1 dwelling unit per 2.5 acres. In addition the board recommended this density would allow a flexible density range from 2.25 to 2.75 acres. Staff has added a footnote to Table 1(a) excepting this area from the standard range. See the proposed language below.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

1. **BOARD ACTION:** The Board of County Commissioners voted to transmit the proposed plan amendment with the additional changes noted above.
2. **BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Board accepted the findings of fact advanced by staff and the LPA.

C. VOTE:

JOHN ALBION	AYE
ANDREW COY	AYE
BOB JANES	AYE
RAY JUDAH	AYE
DOUG ST. CERNY	AYE

D. BoCC TRANSMITTED LANGUAGE:

¹¹ In the Rural category located in Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 23 East and south of Gator Slough, the maximum density is 1 du/2.25 acres.

**PART V - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OBJECTIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMMENTS (ORC) REPORT**

DATE OF ORC REPORT: November 21, 2001

A. DCA OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS

The DCA had no objections, recommendations, or comments concerning this amendment.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the amendment as transmitted.

**PART VI - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

DATE OF ADOPTION HEARING: January 10, 2002

A. BOARD REVIEW: The Board provided no discussion on this amendment. This item was approved on the consent agenda.

B. BOARD ACTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT SUMMARY:

- 1. BOARD ACTION:** The Board voted to adopt the amendment.
- 2. BASIS AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT:** The Board accepted the findings of fact as advanced by staff.

C. VOTE:

JOHN ALBION

AYE

ANDREW COY

ABSENT

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