

Critical Change to the Lee County Rewrite of the Pine Island Plan

The Pine Island Land Use Planning Committee, at its meeting on December 9, 2015, voted 70 to 0 for the following change to the County Rewrite.

To restore the open space requirement, eliminate the words “or the development standards must limit maximum lot coverage of residential lots to 25%, including principal and accessory structures” from Sec 33-1054 (b) (4), and add the sentence “Open space must be located outside housing lots and whenever practicable be spaced on road–front between housing lots.”

This change will eliminate the developer’s option to avoid open space requirements, and will implement (whenever practicable) the concept of “envelope housing.”

This is the same change requested by the Committee at the County presentation of their rewrite on Pine Island on October 14, 2015, and remains the only change requested by the Committee. While a minor change, it is critical to preserving the rural character of Pine Island.

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