

# City of Jacksonville, Florida

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January 9, 2025

The Honorable Randy White
The Honorable Kevin Carrico, LUZ Chair
And Members of the City Council
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Planning Commission Advisory Report / Ordinance No. 2024-906/Application No. L-5987-24C

Dear Honorable Council President White, Honorable Council Member and LUZ Chairman Carrico and Honorable Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 650.405 *Planning Commission Advisory Recommendation and Public Hearing*, the Planning Commission **APPROVED** Ordinance 2024-906 on January 9, 2025.

P&DD Recommendation APPROVE

PC Issues: One speaker was in opposition to the amendment siting concerns

regarding the density, flooding, traffic on Old Kings Road, particularly when the area is stopped by the nearby train. The applicant addressed these issues with the Planning Commission and there

was no continued discussion.

PC Vote: 6-0 APPROVE

Michael McGowan, Chair Aye
Lamonte Carter Aye
Amy Yimin Fu Aye
Charles Garrison Aye
Julius Harden Absent
Moné Holder Aye

Ali Marar Absent

Jack Meeks Absent

Tina Meskel Aye

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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# Report of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department

# <u>Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment – January 3, 2025</u>

Ordinance/Application No.: 2024-906 / L-5987-24C

**Property Location:** 7777 and 7845 Plummer Road

**Real Estate Number(s):** 002601 0550, 002594-0000

**Property Acreage:** 34.89 acres

**Planning District:** District 6, North

City Council District: District 8

**Applicant:** Zach Miller, Esq.

Current Land Use: Rural Residential (RR)

Proposed Land Use: Low Density Residential (LDR)

**Current Zoning:** Residential Rural - Acre (RR-Acre)

**Proposed Zoning:** Residential Low Density - 40 (RLD-40)

**Development Boundary:** Suburban Development Area

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

# APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

To allow for development of single-family homes which are consistent with the single family homes and townhomes allowed nearby the subject property pursuant to 2022-851 [Northwood Regional Activity Center – Multi-Use / Planned Unit Development], 2021-808 [Planned Unit Development, south of subject site] and 2009-530 [LDR and Planned Unit Development, north of subject site].

# **BACKGROUND**

The 34.89-acre subject site has frontage on Plummer Road and is located west of Old Kings Road, both of which are classified as collector roadways on the City's Functional Highway Classification Map. The applicant is proposing a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan to amend the land use designation of the subject site from Rural Residential (RR) to Low

Density Residential (LDR). The applicant is also proposing a companion rezoning from Residential Rural - Acre (RR-Acre) to Residential Low Density - 40 (RLD-40).

Property to the south, across Plummer Road, is designated as RR land use, as are the properties to the east and west of the subject site. Properties abutting the subject site to the north are designated as LDR, via Ordinance 2010-0394-E, with land fronting Old Kings Road designated as Neighborhood Commercial (NC) as part of the same 2010 ordinance. Approximately one mile to the northwest of the subject site is the Northwood Regional Activity Center (RAC) Multi-Use area, which is a 750-acre site that allows for a mix of commercial, office, light industrial, and residential uses.

The adjacent land use categories, zoning districts and property uses are as follows:

*North:* Land Use: LDR, NC, and Agriculture (AGR)

Zoning: Planned Unit Development (PUD) and AGR

Property Use: Single-family residential, rural estates, and agricultural

South: Land Use: LDR and RR

Zoning: RR-Acre and PUD

Property Use: Single-family residential and vacant land (timber)

*East:* Land Use: LDR and RR

Zoning: PUD and RR-Acre

Property Use: Single-family residential and church

*West:* Land Use: RR, AGR, and LDR

Zoning: AGR, RR-Acre and PUD

Property Use: Single-family residential

# **IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Potential impacts of a proposed land use map amendment have been analyzed by comparing the Development Impact Standards for the subject site's existing vs. proposed land use categories unless maximum density/intensity is noted on the Annotated FLUM or is in a site-specific policy. Development Impact Standards are detailed in FLUE Policy 1.2.16, *Development Standards for Impact Assessment*. These standards produce development potential as shown in this section.

#### **Impact Assessment Baseline Review**

Development Analysis 34.89 acres				
Development Boundary	Suburban			
Roadway Frontage Classification / State Road	Collector (Plummer Road)			
Plans and/or Studies	North Vision Plan			
Site Utilization	Current: Proposed:			

Development Analysis 34.89 ac	cres				
, ,	Single Family Homes	Single Family Homes			
Land Use / Zoning	Current: RR/RR-Acre	Proposed: LDR/RLD-40			
Development Standards for Impact Assessment	Current:	Proposed:			
	2 DU/Acre	5 DU/Acre			
Development Potential	Current:	Proposed:			
•	69 DU	174 DU			
Net Increase or Decrease in Maximum Density	Net increase of 105 DU	·			
Net Increase or Decrease in Potential Floor Area	N/A				
Population Potential	Current: 183 people	Proposed: 462 people			
Special Designation Areas					
Aquatic Preserve	No				
Septic Tank Failure Area	No				
Evacuation Zone	Zone C				
Airport Environment Zone	500' ht. zone for JIA				
Industrial Preservation Area	No				
Cultural Resources	No				
Archaeological Sensitivity	High and low				
Historic District	No				
Coastal High Hazard	No				
Adaptation Action Area	Yes				
Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area	Discharge				
Wellhead Protection Zone	No				
Boat Facility Siting Zone	No				
Brownfield	No				
Public Facilities					
Potential Roadway Impact	Increase of 990 net new	daily trips			
Potential Public School Impact	41 new students	•			
Water Provider	JEA				
Potential Water Impact	27,930 gallons per day				
Sewer Provider	JEA				
Potential Sewer Impact	20,947.5 gallons per day	У			
Potential Solid Waste Impact	273 tons per year				
Drainage Basin/Sub-basin	Trout River/ Little Trout	River			
Recreation and Parks	Dinsmore Playground				
Mass Transit Access	None				
Natural Features					
Elevations	9'-24'				
Land Cover	6170: Mixed Wetland Hardwoods; 1100: Residential Low				
	Density- less than two dwelling units per acre; 4340:				
	Upland mixed coniferous/hardwood; 8320: Electrical				
	Power Transmission Lines; 5300: Reservoirs- pits,				
	retention ponds, dams; 6170: Mixed wetland hardwood 6430: wet prairies				
Soils	66: Surrency loamy fine	sand; 78: Yonges fine sandy Sand; 63: Sapelo Fine Sand			
Flood Zones		chance annual flood hazard zone			
Wetlands	Yes, Category III				

Development Analysis 34.89 ac	res
Wildlife (applicable to sites greater than 50 acres)	N/A

#### **Utility Capacity**

The calculations to determine the water and sewer flows contained in this report and/or this spreadsheet have been established by the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department and have been adopted by JEA solely for the purpose of preparing this report and/or this spreadsheet. The method of calculating water and sewer flows in order to properly size infrastructure shall continue to be based on JEA's Water, Sewer and Reuse for New Development Projects document (latest edition).

According to the application, the applicant intends to use JEA central services and has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated September 18, 2024. According to the letter, there are water and sewer connection points available for the site. A 16-inch water main and a 12-inch force main are located along Plummer Road at the Darbywood Trail intersection.

#### **Future Land Use Element**

Policy 1.2.8

Require new development and redevelopment in the Central Business District (CBD), Urban Priority Area (UPA), Urban Area (UA), and Suburban Area (SA) to be served by centralized wastewater collection and potable water distribution systems when centralized service is available to the site.

Development on sites located within the UPA, UA and SA are permitted where connections to centralized potable water and/or wastewater are not available subject to compliance the following provisions:

- Single family/non-residential (estimated flows of 600 gpd or less) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not available through gravity service via a facility within a right-of-way or easement which abuts the property.
- 2. Non-residential (above 600 gpd) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not within 50 feet of the property.
- 3. Subdivision (non-residential and residential) where:
  - a. The collection system of a regional utility company is greater than 1/4 mile from the proposed subdivision.
  - b. Each lot is a minimum of ½ acre unsubmerged property.

c. Installation of dryline sewer systems shall be installed when programmed improvements are identified in the Capital Improvements Element which will make connections to the JEA Collection Systems available within a five (5) year period.

#### **Archaeological Sensitivity**

According to the Duval County Archaeological Predictive Model, the subject property is located within an area of high and low sensitivity for the presence of archaeological resources. Projects that move forward through the Site Review process may be required to perform a Professional Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey. If archaeological resources are found during future development/redevelopment of the site, Section 654.122 of the Code of Subdivision Regulations should be followed.

# **Historic Preservation Element**

Policy 1.2.2	The City shall continue to review new developments for the potential
	of archeologically significant sites. The City shall utilize the most
	current version of the Archeological Sensitivity Predictive Model to
	identify areas of high probability for artifact concentrations.

Policy 1.2.5 The Planning and Development Department shall maintain and update for planning and permitting purposes, a series of GIS data layers and maps depicting recorded archaeological sites, historic districts and local landmarks.

#### **Transportation**

The subject site is 34.89 acres and is located at 7845 and 7777 Plummer Road, a collector roadway. The proposed land use amendment is located within the Suburban Development Area and Mobility Zone 5. The applicant proposes to change the existing land use from Rural Residential (RR) to Low Density Residential (LDR).

#### **Comprehensive Plan Consistency:**

The Trip Generation Analysis is consistent with the most recent version of the Transportation Element (TE) of the City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan (TE Objective 2.4 and Policies 1.2.1 and 2.4.2).

#### <u>Transportation Element</u>

Policy 1.2.1	The City shall use the Institute of Transportation Engineers <i>Trip</i>
	Generation Manual, latest edition, to determine the number of trips
	to be produced or attracted to a particular land use when assessing
	a traffic impact.

Policy 2.4.2 The City shall amend the adopted Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the data and analysis generated by a periodic regional transportation model and study and facilitate the implementation of the study recommendations.

#### **Trip Generation Estimation:**

Table A provides the daily trip generation comparison between the current and proposed comprehensive plan land uses and the potential transportation impacts on the roadway network. The current RR land use would result in 651 daily trips. If the land use is amended to allow for this proposed LDR development, this will result in 1,641 daily trips.

# Transportation Planning Division <u>RECOMMENDS</u> the following:

The difference in daily trips for the proposed land use amendment has 990 net new daily trips when compared to the existing land use. The Transportation Planning Division recommends ongoing coordinating efforts with the City of Jacksonville Traffic Engineer to determine if a traffic operational analysis is needed.

Table A
Trip Generation Estimation Scenarios

Current Land Use-Scenario	ITE Land Use	Potential Number of Units	Estimation Method	Gross Trips	Less Pass- By Trips	Daily Trips
Ose Scenario	Code	or omes	Method	11163	<i>by</i> 111,p3	
RR	210	69 DUs	T= 9.43 (X)	651	0	651
				Total Tri	ps for Existing	651
				Land	Use- Scenario	
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Proposed Land	ITE Land	Potential Number	Estimation	Gross	Less Pass-	Daily Trips
<b>Use-Scenario</b>	Use	of Units	Method	Trips	By Trips	
	Code					
LDR	210	174 DUs	T = 9.43 (X)	1641	0	1641
				Total Trips for Proposed Land Use-		1641
					Scenario 1	
			Scenario	1 Difference	in Daily Trips	990

Source: Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition, Institute of Engineers

#### **School Capacity**

Based on the impact assessment standards detailed in FLUE Policy 1.2.16, the 34.89 acre proposed land use map amendment has a development potential of 174 dwelling units. The proposed development was analyzed in accordance with the adopted level of service standards (LOS) for school capacity as established in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and the Public Schools and Facilities Element. The ILA was entered into in coordination with the Duval County Public School System (DCPS) and the other municipalities within Duval County.

School concurrency LOS is the methodology used to analyze and to determine whether there is adequate school capacity for each school type (elementary, middle, and high school) to accommodate a proposed development. The LOS (105% of permanent capacity) is based on Concurrency Service Areas (CSAs), not the closest school in the

area for elementary, middle and high schools, as well as on other standards set forth in the City of Jacksonville School Concurrency Ordinance.

In evaluating the proposed residential development for school concurrency, the following results were documented:

Application Review Request:

COJ PDD: School Impact Analysis

Proposed Name: L-5987-24C Plummer Rd Requested By: Susan Kelly
Reviewed By: Levonne Griggs

Due: 11/25/2024

Analysis based on maximum dwelling units: 174

School Type	CSA <sup>1</sup>	2024-25 Enrollment/CSA	Current Utilization (%)	New Student/ Development <sup>3</sup>	5-Year Utilization (%)	Available Seats - CSA <sup>2</sup>	Available Seats - Adjacent CSA 2, 7& 8
Elementary	1	10,763	53%	21	55%	8,991	851
Middle	1	6,288	70%	8	81%	1,839	208
High	1	6,762	71%	12	64%	1,806	773
	Total New Students			41			_

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The Student Distribution Rate is calculated for each school type by dividing the total number of public school students enrolled in that school type in Duval County (102,110) by the number of total permitted housing units (411,541) for the same year, generating a yield of 0.248.

The available seats in the CSA and adjacent CSAs include concurrency reservations.

The analysis of the proposed residential development does not reveal any deficiency for school capacity within the CSA.

#### **Public School Facilities Element**

**Policy 2.3.2** 

The City will coordinate with DCPS to establish plan review procedures to manage the timing of Future Land Use Map amendments and other land use decisions so that these decisions coordinate with adequate school capacity.

Policy 2.3.3

The City will take into consideration the DCPS comments and findings on the availability of adequate school capacity in the evaluation of comprehensive plan amendments, and other land use decisions as provided in Section 163.3177(6)(a), F.S. and development of regional impacts as provided in 1380.06, F.S.

Proposed Development's Concurrenty Service Area (CSA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available CSA seats include current reservation

Student Distribution Rate

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# Objective 3.1 Adopted Level of Service (LOS) Standards

Through the implementation of its concurrency management systems and in coordination with the DCPS, the City shall ensure that the capacity of schools is sufficient to support new residential developments at the adopted level of service (LOS) standards within the period covered in the five-year schedule of capital improvements and the long range planning period. These standards shall be consistent with the Interlocal Agreement agreed upon by the DCPS, the City and the other municipalities. Minor deviations to the LOS standards may occur, so long as they are limited, temporary and with scheduled capacity improvements, school capacity is maximized to the greatest extent feasible.

#### **Policy 3.1.1**

The LOS standards set forth herein shall be applied consistently for the purpose of implementing school concurrency, including determining whether sufficient school capacity exists to accommodate a particular development application, and determining the financial feasibility of DCPS Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan and the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

# Supplemental School Information:

The following additional information regarding the capacity of the assigned neighborhood schools was provided by the Duval County School Board. This is not based on criteria utilized by the City of Jacksonville School Concurrency Ordinance. Note that the percentage occupied may not appear correct due to EE space requirements.

Application Review Request: COJ PDD: Baseline Checklist Review
Proposed Name: L-5987-24C Plummer Rd

Requested By: Susan Kelly
Reviewed By: Levonne Griggs
Due: 11/25/2024

Analysis based on maximum dwelling units: 174

SCHOOL <sup>1</sup>	CSA	STUDENTS GENERATED (Rounded) <sup>3</sup>	SCHOOL CAPACITY <sup>2</sup> (Permanent/Portables)	CURRENT ENROLLMENT 20 Day Count (2024/25)	% OCCUPIED	4 YEAR PROJECTION
Dinsmore ES#45	1	21	683	566	83%	82%
Highlands MS#244	1	8	1148	664	58%	45%
Jean Ribault HS#96	1	12	1680	1246	74%	77%
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#### NOTES:

<sup>3</sup> Student Distribution Rate

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0.248

The Student Distribution Rate is calculated for each school type by dividing the total number of public school students enrolled in that school type in Duval County (102,110) by the number of total permitted housing units (411,541) for the same year, generating a yield of 0.248.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Attendance school may not be in proposed development's Concurrency Service Area (CSA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Does not include ESE & room exclusions

#### Flood Zone

Approximately 1.17 acres at the northern property line of the subject site is located within the 0.2 Percent Annual Chance Flood Hazard Flood Zone and approximately 0.06 of an acre, also at the northern property line, is within the AE Flood Zone. Flood zone designations are assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA defines the various flooding characteristics of different lands based on a 100-year storm. The 100-year storm or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) refers to a flood occurring from a storm event that happens an average of every 100 years. This does not mean that a storm of this type will happen every 100 years. There is a 1-percent chance that a storm of this magnitude will occur in any given year. Any development within the floodplain will be required to comply with Chapter 652, the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

AE Flood Zones are areas within the 100-year floodplain or SFHA where flood insurance is mandatory. This flood zone is associated with the upper reach of Little Trout River.

The 0.2 PCT Annual Chance Flood Hazard flood zone is defined as areas within the 500-year floodplain and outside of the SFHA. Flood Insurance is not mandatory within these flood zones. The areas are deemed to be subject to moderate flood hazards.

#### Conservation / Coastal Management Element (CCME)

Policy 2.6.1

The City shall continue to define the surface hydrology of the area to determine flood plain vulnerability and sensitivity, and will determine appropriate protection measures.

Policy 2.6.3

The City shall protect appropriate floodplain areas for the public benefit and restore degraded floodplain areas by:

- A. Land acquisition or conservation easement acquisition;
- B. Regulation, including setbacks, buffer zones, designated wildlife corridors, low density zoning, performance standards and open space requirements; and
- C. Incentives, including tax benefits and transfer of development rights.

Policy 13.7.10

The City has adopted and shall maintain a floodplain management ordinance that establishes engineering requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare and minimizes public and private losses due to flooding through regulation and development of flood hazard areas. The ordinance shall include development and redevelopment regulations that:

A. Minimize unnecessary disruption of commerce, access and public service during times of flooding;

- B. Require the use of construction practices that will prevent or minimize future flood damage;
- C. Manage filling, grading, dredging, mining, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential;
- D. Manage the alteration of flood hazard areas, watercourses, and shorelines to minimize the impact of development on the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain;
- E. Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities;
- F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood hazard areas;
- G. Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events; and
- H. Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation as set forth in the Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 59.22.

#### **Evacuation Zone**

The subject site is within Evacuation Zone C. As such, the land use application was routed to the City's Emergency Preparedness Division (EPD) for review and comment. EPD was provided with the land use application and the development potential of the proposed land use amendment change. EPD determined that the impact of the subject small scale land use amendment on countywide evacuation timing would be negligible. Their complete analysis is provided below.

#### **EPD Response:**

The proposed property in land use amendment L-5987-24C will be near New Kings Road, a secondary evacuation route, indicating sufficient access to I-295 (3.5 road miles), a primary evacuation route.

In consideration of the surrounding evacuation zones (Zone A, Zone B, Zone C, Zone D, and Zone E), nearest evacuation routes, and the estimate of 990 new daily trips, the changes proposed through land use amendment application L-5987-24C would have a minimal impact on countywide evacuation clearance time within Duval County. Site design techniques that minimize disruption to existing traffic flow are encouraged. Any

development should incorporate appropriate mitigation techniques to reduce flood vulnerability and minimize impacts to the floodplain.

# Conservation / Coastal Management Element (CCME)

Policy 7.1.6

The City shall not amend the Future Land Use Element or the Future Land Use Map series unless; the requested change can be determined to not exceed the established hurricane evacuation times; the requested change is for a lower density; or the requested change for increased density provides adequate remedies to reduce impacts on hurricane evacuation times which exceed the acceptable standard.

### Adaption Action Area (AAA)

Approximately 10.8 acres located in the northern area of the amendment site is within the AAA. The AAA boundary is a designation in the City's 2045 Comprehensive Plan which identifies areas that experience coastal flooding due to extreme high tides and storm surge, and that is vulnerable to the related impacts of rising sea levels for the purpose of prioritizing funding for infrastructure needs and adaptation planning. The AAA is defined as those areas within the projected limit of the Category 3 storm surge zone, those connected areas of the 100-year and 500-year Flood Zone, and additional areas determined through detailed flood analysis.

The applicant is encouraged to consider site design measures, such as clustering development away from the AAA, to protect development from the impacts of flooding.

#### Conservation/Coastal Management Element

Policy 13.1.2

The City shall recognize existing regulations, programs and policies that overlap with the AAA and that are currently in place to limit public investment and address appropriate development and redevelopment practices related to flooding. These regulations, programs and policies include but are not limited to the floodplain management ordinance, CHHA policies, the Local Mitigation Strategy and the Post Disaster Redevelopment Plan and shall only be applied in cases where such regulation would otherwise apply to a development or redevelopment project.

Policy 13.3.1

The City shall consider the implications of the AAA when reviewing changes to the use, intensity and density of land lying within the AAA.

Policy 13.3.6

In order to guide development away from the Adaptation Action Area (AAA) towards areas that are already high, dry, and connected, the Planning and Development Department shall explore the feasibility of offering density bonuses, transfers of development rights, clustering development entitlements, or other strategies to limit new

development within the AAA or environmentally sensitive or special flood hazard areas, or as an incentive for a development's use of low impact development stormwater solutions.

#### Wetlands

Review of City data indicates the potential existence of wetlands on the subject site and as such, a wetlands survey has been provided by the City's GIS analysis that indicates the location, size, quality and functional value of all wetlands located within the boundaries of the application site. Based on the information noted below, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Conservation/Coastal Management Element (CCME) wetlands policies.

#### Wetlands Characteristics:

Approximate Size: 10.11 acres

General Location(s): A large 9.81-acre isolated wetland is located in the northern portion

of the application site and is a portion of a larger system located to the east and a small, isolated wetland pocket 0.3 of an acre in size is located in the southern portion of the application site along the eastern property boundary. Both wetland areas total 10.11 acres.

Quality/Functional Value:

The smaller wetland pocket has a low functional value for water filtration attenuation and flood water storage capacity due to the pocket's isolation and size. The larger wetland system has a medium functional value for water filtration attenuation and flood water capacity due to its isolation and size. In addition, the wetland have been impacted by land clearing and drainage for agricultural purposes in the past and have no clear or significant impact on the City's waterways.

Soil Types/ Characteristics:

- (51) Pelham Fine Sand. The Pelham series are nearly level poorly drained soils formed in thick deposits of sandy and loamy marine sediments. They are located on flats. The soils are moderately permeable and moderately slowly permeable. The water table is generally located at a depth of 12 inches.
- (66) Surrency loamy fine sand, depressional The Surrency series consists of nearly level, very poorly drained soils that occur in depressions. These soils formed in thick sandy and loamy marine sediments. The soils are moderately permeable moderately slowly permeable. Generally, the high water table is at or above the surface.

(78) Yonges fine sandy loam - The Yonges series consists of nearly level poorly drained soils. The soils are slowly permeable and occur on low-lying areas of coastal plain and formed in loamy marine sediments. The high water table is at a depth of 10 inches for 2 to 6 months during most years.

Wetland Category: Category III

Consistency of

Permitted Uses: Category III Wetlands: Uses permitted subject to the limitations of

CCME Policy 4.1.6 shown below – conservation uses permitted.

#### **Environmental Resource**

Permit (ERP): According to the St. Johns River Water Management District website,

no application for permit has been submitted. A wetlands boundary determination will be required from the Water Management District

prior to design and development.

Wetlands Impact: None proposed at this time.

Associated Impacts: The northern wetlands of the site are associated with the Adaptation

Action Area and a smaller amount of the wetlands are associated

with the AE and 0.2 Percent Chance Flood Zones.

# Conservation / Coastal Management Element (CCME)

Policy 4.1.3 The following performance standards shall apply to all development, except public utilities and roadways, permitted within Category I, II, and III wetlands:

#### A. Encroachment:

Encroachment in Category I, II, or III wetlands is the least damaging and no practicable on-site alternative exists; and

#### B. No net loss:

Development is designed and located in such a manner that there is no net loss to the wetland functions including but not limited to:

- i the habitat of fish, wildlife and threatened or endangered species,
- ii the abundance and diversity of fish, wildlife and threatened or endangered species.
- iii the food sources of fish and wildlife including those which are threatened or endangered,
- iv the water quality of the wetland, and

v the flood storage and flood conveyance capabilities of the wetland; and

#### C. Floodplain protection:

Buildings are built at an elevation of sufficient height to meet the designated flood zone standards as set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The design must be in conformance with Chapter 652 (Floodplain Regulations) of the Ordinance Code; and

#### D. Stormwater quality:

In the design and review of developments which will discharge stormwater into the Category I, II, or III wetlands the following performance standards shall be used to protect water quality:

- i Issuance of a Management and Storage of Surface Waters permit pursuant to Chapter 40C-4 or 40C-40, F.A.C. or a stormwater permit issued pursuant to Chapter 40C-42, F.A.C., provides assurances necessary for compliance with subsections (i) (iv) above provided the stormwater management system is constructed in accordance with the permit; and
- ii Regular monitoring and maintenance program on an annual basis for the performance of stormwater treatment systems

#### E. Septic tanks:

Septic tanks, drainfields and/or greywater systems are located outside the Category I, II, or III wetland area and not within 75 feet of the mean high water line of tidal bodies or within 75 feet of any wetland unless the Duval County Health Department grants a variance for a hardship case pursuant to the provisions of Section 381.0065, F.S. Where public utilities are available, development is required to connect to these facilities; and

# F. Hydrology:

The design of the fill shall include measures to maintain the wetlands hydrology of the site.

- Policy 4.1.6 The permitted uses within Category III wetlands shall be limited to the following land uses and associated standards, provided such use is consistent with the Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs)
  - 1. Any use not otherwise listed below, provided all of the basic

requirements outlined in Policy 4.1.3 above are met:

(a) Silvicultural uses, provided the following standards are met:

Best Management Practices: Silviculture

Such activities are conducted in compliance with the provisions of the "Silvicultural Best Management Practices Manual", as may be amended, published by the Florida Division of Forestry, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(b) Agricultural uses, provided the following standards are met

Best Management Practices: Agriculture

Such activities are to be in compliance with Chapter 40C-44, F.A.C.

2. Any use that can be shown to be clearly in the public interest, subject to the requirements of (a), (b), (d) and (f) as noted in the performance standards outlined in Policy 4.1.3 above.

### Airport Environment Zone

The site is located within the 500-foot Height and Hazard Zone for the Jacksonville International Airport (JIA). Zoning will limit development to a maximum height of 500 feet, unless approved by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority or the Federal Aviation Administration. Uses located within the Height and Hazard Zone must not create or increase the potential for such hazards as electronic interference, light glare, bird strike hazards or other potential hazards to safe navigation of aircraft as required by Section 656.1005.1(d).

#### <u>Future Land Use Element</u>

Objective 2.6

Support and strengthen the role of Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) and the United States Military in the local community, and recognize the unique requirements of the City's other airports (civilian and military) by requiring that all adjacent development be compatible with aviation-related activities in accordance with the requirements of Section 163.3177, F.S.

Policy 2.6.16

Airport Height and Hazard zones (HH) exist around all military and civilian airports within the city limits of Jacksonville. The horizontal

limits of the zones and limitations on heights of obstructions within these zones are defined for each military airport in Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) P-80.3 01/82, on file with the Planning and Development Department, and for each civilian airport in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 77 guidelines, on file with the Planning and Development Department. In order to assure that Title 14, CFR, Part 77 guidelines and NAVFAC P-80.3 01/82 guidelines are not exceeded and that no structure or obstruction is permitted that would raise a minimal obstruction clearance altitude, a minimum vectoring descent altitude or a decision height, all cell towers and any structure or obstruction that would extend into an Airport (HH) requires, in writing, comment from the U.S. Navy. Although written documentation from the U.S. Navy for military HH and from the FAA or JAA for civilian HH is not required for proposed structure heights below the listed height, United States Code (USC) Title 14, CFR Part 77 still applies.

## PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

Upon site inspection by the Planning and Development Department on December 4, 2024, the required notices of public hearing signs were posted. Twenty-seven (27) notices were mailed out to adjoining property owners informing them of the proposed land use change and pertinent public hearing and meeting dates.

The Citizen Information Meeting was held on December 2, 2024. Aside from the applicant, no members of the public attended for this item.

# **CONSISTENCY EVALUATION**

Consistency with 2045 Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies

### Future Land Use Element (FLUE)

Development Area

Suburban Area (SA): The SA is the third tier Development Area and generally corresponds with the urbanizing portions of the City in areas that have usually been developed after consolidation. Development should generally continue at low densities with medium density development at major corridor intersections and transit stations. Development at these locations should promote a compact and interconnected land development form and is therefore encouraged to employ urban development characteristics as defined in this Plan.

Goal 1 To ensure that the character and location of land uses optimize the combined potentials for economic benefit, enjoyment, wellness and

protection of natural resources, while minimizing the threat to health, safety and welfare posed by hazards, nuisances, incompatible land uses and environmental degradation.

#### Objective 1.1

Ensure that the type, rate, and distribution of growth in the City results in compact and compatible land use patterns, an increasingly efficient urban service delivery system and discourages proliferation of urban sprawl through implementation of regulatory programs, intergovernmental coordination mechanisms, and public/private coordination.

#### Policy 1.1.21

Rezonings and amendments to the Future Land Use Map series (FLUMs) shall include consideration of their potential to further the goal of meeting or exceeding the amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth and the projected population and to allow for the operation of real estate markets to provide adequate choices for permanent and seasonal residents and business with the intent that this balance of uses shall:

- A. Foster vibrant, viable communities and economic development opportunities;
- B. Address outdated development patterns; and/or
- C. Provide sufficient land for future uses that allow for the operation of real estate markets to provide adequate choices for permanent and seasonal residents and businesses and is not limited solely by the projected population.

The projected growth needs and population projections must be based on relevant and appropriate data which is collected pursuant to a professionally acceptable methodology. In considering the growth needs and the allocation of land, the City shall also evaluate land use need based on the characteristics and land development pattern of localized areas. Land use need identifiers include but may not be limited to, proximity to compatible uses, development scale, site limitations, and the likelihood of furthering growth management and mobility goals.

#### Policy 1.1.22

Future development orders, development permits and plan amendments shall maintain compact and compatible land use patterns, maintain an increasingly efficient urban service delivery system and discourage urban sprawl as described in the Development Areas and the Plan Category Descriptions of the Operative Provisions.

#### Policy 1.2.8

Require new development and redevelopment in the Central Business District (CBD), Urban Priority Area (UPA), Urban Area (UA), and Suburban Area (SA) to be served by centralized wastewater collection and potable water distribution systems when centralized service is available to the site.

Development on sites located within the UPA, UA and SA are permitted where connections to centralized potable water and/or wastewater are not available subject to compliance the following provisions:

- 1. Single family/non-residential (estimated flows of 600 gpd or less) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not available through gravity service via a facility within a right-of-way or easement which abuts the property.
- 2. Non-residential (above 600 gpd) where the collection system of a regional utility company is not within 50 feet of the property.
- 3. Subdivision (non-residential and residential) where:
  - a. The collection system of a regional utility company is greater than 1/4 mile from the proposed subdivision.
  - b. Each lot is a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre unsubmerged property.
  - c. Installation of dryline sewer systems shall be installed when programmed improvements are identified in the Capital Improvements Element which will make connections the JEA Collection Systems available within a five (5) year period.

Goal 3

To achieve a well-balanced and organized combination of residential, non-residential, recreational and public uses served by a convenient and efficient transportation network, while protecting and preserving the fabric and character of the City's neighborhoods and enhancing the viability of non-residential areas.

Objective 3.1

Continue to maintain adequate land designated for residential uses which can accommodate the projected population and provide safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing opportunities for residents. Protect single-family residential neighborhoods by requiring that any other land uses within single-family areas meet all applicable requirements described in the Development Areas and the Plan

Category Descriptions of the Operative Provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations.

#### **Property Rights Element**

#### Goal 1

The City will recognize and respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights in accordance with the Community Planning Act established in Chapter 163, Florida Statues.

- Objective 1.1
- Local decision making shall be implemented and applied with sensitivity for private property rights and shall not be unduly restrictive.
- Policy 1.1.1 The City will ensure that private property rights are considered in local decision making.
- Policy 1.1.2

The following rights shall be considered in local decision making:

- 1. The right of a property owner to physically possess and control his or her interests in the property, including easements, leases, or mineral rights.
- 2. The right of a property owner to use, maintain, develop, and improve his or her property for personal use or for the use of any other person, subject to state law and local ordinances.
- 3. The right of the property owner to privacy and to exclude others from the property to protect the owner's possessions and property.
- 4. The right of a property owner to dispose of his or her property through sale or gift.

According to the Category Description within the Future Land Use Element (FLUE), Rural Residential (RR) in the Suburban Development Area is intended to provide rural estate residential opportunities in the suburban and rural areas of the city. The principal use in RR in Rural Development Areas is single-family dwellings. The maximum gross density is two (2) units/acre when both centralized potable water and wastewater are available to the site; the maximum gross density is one (1) unit per acre when served with on-site potable water and wastewater. There is no minimum density.

According to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE), Low Density Residential (LDR) is a category intended to provide for low density residential development. Generally, single-family detached housing should be the predominant development typology in this category. The maximum gross density in the Suburban Area shall be 7 units/acre when centralized potable water and wastewater services are available to the site and there shall be no minimum density; except as provided in the LDR category description.

According to the application, the applicant intends to use JEA central services and has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated September 18, 2024. According to the letter, there are water and sewer connection points available for the site. A 16-inch water main and a 12-inch force main are located along Plummer Road at the Darbywood Trail intersection. As such, the proposed land use amendment is consistent with FLUE Policy 1.2.8.

The proposed land use amendment to LDR results in a compatible land use development pattern given its location along a collector roadway, Plummer Road, and its access to full urban services (refer to JEA availability letter dated September 18, 2024). Additionally, the proposed LDR land use category would maintain the residential development pattern and character of the area from north of the subject site, extending south to Plummer Road. Therefore, the proposed amendment is consistent with FLUE Goals 1 and 3, Objective 1.1 and Policy 1.1.22.

The proposed amendment to LDR would also allow for the development of an underutilized property for additional housing opportunities in the North Planning District. The proposal adds to the total amount of LDR designated land for residential development needed to accommodate future growth through the planning timeframe of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. As such, the amendment is consistent with FLUE Objective 3.1 and Policy 1.1.21.

The proposed amendment does not hinder the private property rights of the owner of record; has no impact on the right of the property owner to possess or control his or her interest in the property; maintains the owner's ability to use, maintain, develop and improve the property; protects the owner's right to privacy and security; and maintains the ability of the property owner to dispose of the property at their discretion. Therefore, the amendment is consistent with PRE Goal 1, Objective 1.1 and Policies 1.1.1 and 1.1.2.

#### North Jacksonville Shared Vision and Master Plan

The application site lies within the North Jacksonville Shared Vision and Master Plan area. The plan does not identify specific recommendations in the vicinity of the subject site. However, the proposed land use amendment offers infill development with residential uses that will cater to increasing quality housing options in this region. The North Jacksonville Vision Plan emphasizes the importance of diversifying housing opportunities and redirect growth from more favored regions in Jacksonville. Therefore, the proposed land use amendment encourages and fulfills the goals of this Vision Plan.

#### Strategic Regional Policy Plan

The proposed amendment is consistent with the following Objective and Policy of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, Regional Health Subject Area:

Objective: Housing Options That Provide Choices to All of Our Residents and

Promote Demographic and Economic Diversity as One Way to Ensure

that Our Communities are Viable and Interesting Places for the Long Term.

Policy 21:

The Region supports diverse and sufficient housing stock to provide choices for all households, from single persons to extended families with children.

The proposed land use amendment to LDR is consistent with Policy 21 of the Regional Health Subject Area as it encourages providing more housing options in the North Planning District.

# LAND USE AMENDMENT FIELD / LOCATION / CURRENT LAND USE MAP

