

# 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. 2024-524/Application No. L-5937-24C

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 2024-524 on January 9, 2025.

P&DD Recommendation APPROVE

PC Issues: None

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

## Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment - August 16, 2024

Ordinance/Application No.: 2024-524 / L-5937-24C

Property Location: 1404 Blair Road, between McGirts Creek Drive and

Logging Lane

Real Estate Number(s): 008913 0000

Property Acreage: 4.80 acres

Planning District: District 5

City Council District: District 12

**Applicant:** Curtis Hart

Current Land Use: Low Density Residential (LDR)

Proposed Land Use: Medium Density Residential (MDR)

**Current Zoning:** Agriculture (AGR)

Proposed Zoning: Planned Unit Development (PUD)

**Development Boundary:** Suburban Development Area

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

## <u>APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT</u>

The property is a former plant nursery. The property is adjacent to LDR and to the southeast there is MDR. The proposed land use change from LDR to MDR is compatible with the area.

## **BACKGROUND**

The 4.80-acre subject site is located along the west side of Blair Road, a collector road, between McGirts Creek Drive and Logging Lane, both unclassified roads. The applicant is proposing a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) to allow for multi-family residential uses on the site. The applicant is also proposing a companion rezoning from Agriculture (AGR) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), which is pending concurrently with this application, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-525.

The subject site was previously used as a plant nursery. The site abuts single-family homes on all sides. There are a multi-family uses to the southeast of the subject site and more MDR uses further east.

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

North: Land Use: Low Density Residential (LDR)

Zoning: Planned Unit Development (PUD) & Rural Residential-Acre (RR-

Acre)

Property Use: Single-family residential, Vacant land

South: Land Use: LDR & Medium Density Residential (MDR)

Zoning: RR-Acre, Residential Medium Density-B (RMD-B), and PUD Property Use: Single-family residential, Multi-family residential, Vacant

East: Land Use: LDR Zoning: PUD

Property Use: Single-family residential, Vacant land

West: Land Use: LDR

Zoning:RR-Acre & 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 potentials as shown in this section.

## Land Use Amendment Impact Assessment - Application Number L-5937-24C

Development Analysis				
Development Boundary	Suburban Development Area			
Roadway Frontage Classification / State Road	Blair Road/ Collector Roadway Classification			
Plans and/or Studies	Northwest Vision Plan			
Site Utilization	Current: Vacant Nursery	Proposed: Medium Density Residential use		
Land Use / Zoning	Current: LDR/AGR	Proposed: MDR/PUD		

Development Analysis Development Standards for Impact	Current:	Proposed:		
Assessment	5 DUs/Acre	15 DUs/Acre		
Development Potential	Current:	Proposed:		
Development i otential	24 DUs	72 DUs		
Net Increase or Decrease in Maximum Density	Increase of 48 DI			
Net Increase or Decrease in Potential	No change			
Floor Area	Current	Dropoodi		
Population Potential	Current: 63 People	Proposed: 169 People		
Special Designation Areas				
Aquatic Preserve	No			
Evacuation Zone	No			
Airport Environment Zone	150' Height Restriction Zone for Herlong Recreational Airport and 300' Height Restriction Zone for OLF Whitehouse			
Industrial Preservation Area	No			
Cultural Resources	No			
Archaeological Sensitivity	Low Sensitivity			
Historic District	No			
Coastal High Hazard	No			
Adaptation Action Area	Yes			
Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Area	0 to 4 inches			
Wellhead Protection Zone	No	No		
Boat Facility Siting Zone	No			
Brownfield	No			
Public Facilities				
Potential Roadway Impact	259 net new daily	/ trips		
Potential Public School Impact	17 new students			
Water Provider	JEA			
Potential Water Impact	Increase of 10,53	36 gpd		
Sewer Provider	JEA			
Potential Sewer Impact	Increase of 7,902 gpd			
Potential Solid Waste Impact	Increase of 124 t	ру		
Drainage Basin/Sub-basin	Unnamed Drain			
Recreation and Parks	No			
Mass Transit Access	No			
Natural Features				
Elevations	58 to 64 feet above mean sea level			
Land Cover	2430: Ornamentals			
Soils	14: Boulogne Fine Sand			
	22: Evergreen-Wesconnett (			
	32: Leon Fine Sa			
Flood Zones	No			

Development Analysis			
Wetlands	No		
Wildlife (applicable to sites greater than	N/A		
50 acres)			

#### **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).

The applicant has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated February 26, 2024, as part of the companion rezoning application. According to the letter, there is an existing 12-inch water and a 8-inch gravity sewer force main along Blair Road. There is also an existing 8-inch gravity sewer main on Meadow Pointe Drive.

Both the land use amendment application and the companion rezoning application indicate that the site will be served by JEA water and sewer. The MDR land use category requires connection to centralized JEA and water and sewer to develop multi-family dwellings.

#### 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:

- 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 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.

#### **Transportation:**

The subject site is 4.80 acres and is located at 1404 Blair Road. This segment of Blair Road between Crystal Springs Road and Normandy Boulevard (US 228) is a collector facility operating at 25% capacity. The proposed land use amendment is located within the Suburban Development Area and Mobility Zone 6. The applicant proposes to change the existing land use from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR).

#### **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 *Trip 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.
- Objective 2.4 The City shall coordinate the mobility circulation system with the future land uses shown on the Future Land Use Map series in order to ensure that roads, road improvements and other mobility alternative improvements are provided as necessary to support development in an economically efficient and environmentally sound manner.
- 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 LDR land use would result in 226 trips. If the land use is amended to allow for this proposed MDR development, this will result in 485 daily trips.

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

The difference in daily trips for the proposed land use amendment has 259 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	Potential Number of	Estimation Method	Gross	Less Pass-By	Daily Trips
ose-scenario	Use Code	Units		Trips	Trips	
LDR	210	24 SFDUs	T= 9.43 (X)	226	0	226
				Total Trips for Existing Land Use- Scenario		226
Proposed Land	ITE Land	Potential Number of	Estimation Method	Gross	Less Pass-By	Daily Trips
Use-Scenario	Use Code	Units		Trips	Trips	
MDR	220	72 MFDUs	T = 6.74 (X)	485	0	485
				Total Trips for Proposed Land Use- Scenario 1		485
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	Scenario 1 Difference in Daily Trips				259	

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

#### **School Impacts**

The 4.80 acre proposed land use map amendment has a development potential of 72 dwelling units and 17 new students. 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:

Analysis based on maximum dwelling units: 72 Application Review Request:
Proposed Name:
Requested By:
Reviewed By:
Due: Elementary Middle High L-5937-24C Marcus Salley Levonne Griggs 7/15/2024 COJ PDD: School Impact Analysis CSA1 œ œ 2023-24 Enrollment/CSA 2,697 5,666 1,428 Total New Students 89% 71% 78% New Student/ 17 S 9 5-Year Utilization 64% 83% 68% (%) Available Seats CSA<sup>2</sup> 970 729 406 Available Seats -Adjacent CSA 1&2 1,001 2,352 938

The Student Distribution Rate is calculated for each school type by dividing the total number public school students enrolled in that school type in Duval County (104,757) by the number o total permitted housing units (418,708) for the same year, generating a yield of 0.250.	0.250	HS-074	MS-051	ES-,125	<sup>3</sup> Student Distribution Rate
unty (104,757) by the number of					

<sup>2</sup> Available CSA seats include current reservations

1 Proposed Development's Concurrenty Service Area (CSA)

NOTES:

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

Objective 3.2

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 ESE space requirements.

Analysis based on maximum dwelling units: Chaffee Trail ES #142 Westside HS #241 Application Review Request: Westview K-8 SCHOOL 1 Proposed Name: Requested By: Reviewed By: Due: 72 Marcus Salley 7/15/2024 Levonne Griggs L-5937-24C COJ PDD: Baseline Checklist Review CS/A œ 7 œ STUDENTS GENERATED (Rounded)<sup>3</sup> 17 5 w 9 SCHOOL CAPACITY<sup>2</sup>
(Permanent/Portables) 1793 1515 808 ENROLLMENT 1596 1241 724 % OCCUPIED 89% 90% PROJECTION 4 YEAR 75% 84% 92%

<sup>3</sup> Student Distribution Rate

ES-.125

MS-.051 HS-.074 0.250

total permitted housing units (418,708) for the same year, generating a yield of 0.250. The Student Distribution Rate is calculated for each school type by dividing the total number public school students enrolled in that school type in Duval County (104,757) by the number of

NOTES:

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

#### **Archaeological Sensitivity**

According to the Duval County Archaeological Predictive Model, the subject property is located within an area of low sensitivity for the presence of archaeological resources. 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 development 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.

#### **Airport Environment Zone**

The application site is located within the 150-foot Height and Hazard Zone for Herlong Recreational Airport and 300-foot Height and Hazard Zone for OLF Whitehouse. Zoning will limit development to a maximum height of 150 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).

#### Future Land Use Element

- 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.

#### **Aquifer Recharge**

The site is located within an area identified as being in the 0 to 4 inch per year aquifer recharge area. This range is below the threshold of 12 inches or more per year which would constitute a prime recharge area as defined in the Infrastructure Element – Aquifer Recharge Sub-Element (IE-AR). Prime aquifer recharge areas are the primary focus of groundwater resource protection. However, development resulting from the proposed land use amendment will be reviewed during the site plan review and permitting process for compliance with the land development regulations that have been established to protect groundwater resources. Such regulations address issues such as drainage systems, septic systems, and landscape/irrigation regulations.

#### <u>Infrastructure Element – Aquifer Recharge Sub-Element (IE-AR)</u>

- Policy 1.2.3 The City shall continue to coordinate with the SJRWMD and utilize the best available resources and information including the latest update of the Floridian Aquifer Recharge GIS grid coverage to protect the functions of the natural groundwater aquifer recharge areas and to discourage urban sprawl.
- Policy 1.2.7 Within two years of establishment by the SJRWMD and the Water Resources Management Plan of prime recharge areas for the Floridan Aquifer, the Planning and Development Department shall prepare maps of such designated areas showing the special zoning and land use consideration the City has established for such areas as designated by the latest update of the Floridan Aquifer Recharge GIS grid coverage.

## PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

Upon site inspection by the Planning and Development Department on July 26, 2024, the required notices of public hearing signs were posted. Forty-four (44) 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 July 29, 2024. Two members of the public was in attendance and were seeking more information about the project and the number of units proposed. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding traffic and flooding/drainage along Blair Road.

## **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 and enjoyment 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 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.

#### 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.

#### Policy 3.1.5

The City shall provide opportunities for development of a wide variety of housing types by area, consistent with the housing needs characteristics and socioeconomic profiles of the City's households as described in the Housing Element.

#### Policy 3.1.12

The City shall, through Land Development Regulations, require higher density residential development and supporting commercial facilities to locate on major arterial or collector roads used for mass transit routes,

and in proximity to major employment areas in order to ensure the efficient use of land, public facilities, and services, and transportation corridors.

#### Property Rights Element (PRE)

- 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 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. Mixed use developments utilizing the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) concept, which is predominantly residential but includes a broad mixture of secondary recreational, commercial, public facilities and services may also be permitted. New residential subdivisions in LDR should be designed in such a way as to reduce the number of Vehicles Miles Traveled, and cul-de-sacs should be avoided.

Medium Density Residential (MDR) is a category intended to provide compact medium to high density residential development and transitional uses between low density residential uses and higher density residential uses, commercial uses and public and semi-public use areas. Multi-family housing such as apartments, condominiums, townhomes and rowhouses should be the predominant development typologies in this category. MDR in the Suburban Development Area permits residential densities at a minimum of 7 units per acre and up to 20 units per acre.

The proposed amendment from LDR to MDR is a logical addition to the MDR land use to the south and will result in infill development in an area that is served by full urban services. Amendment of the site would add diversity to the existing single-family housing stock of the

area with compatible land uses and allowing for multi-family development. The site is also located along a collector roadway producing a preferred location for the increase of density to the site. Therefore, the amendment is consistent with the FLUE Goals 1 and 3, Objective 1.1, and Policies, 1.1.21, 1.1.22, 3.1.5, and 3.1.12.

The applicant has provided a JEA Availability Letter, dated February 26, 2024, as part of the companion rezoning application. According to the letter, there is an existing 12-inch water and a 8-inch gravity sewer force main along Blair Road. There is also an existing 8-inch gravity sewer main on Meadow Pointe Drive. Therefore, FLUE Policy 1.2.8 is satisfied.

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.

#### **Vision Plan**

The subject property is located within the boundaries of the Northwest Jacksonville Vision Plan. While the plan does not provide specific recommendations for the subject site, redevelopment of the site supports Theme 1 of strengthening existing neighborhoods and creating new ones. Therefore, the proposed application is consistent with the goals outlined in the Northwest Jacksonville Vision Plan.

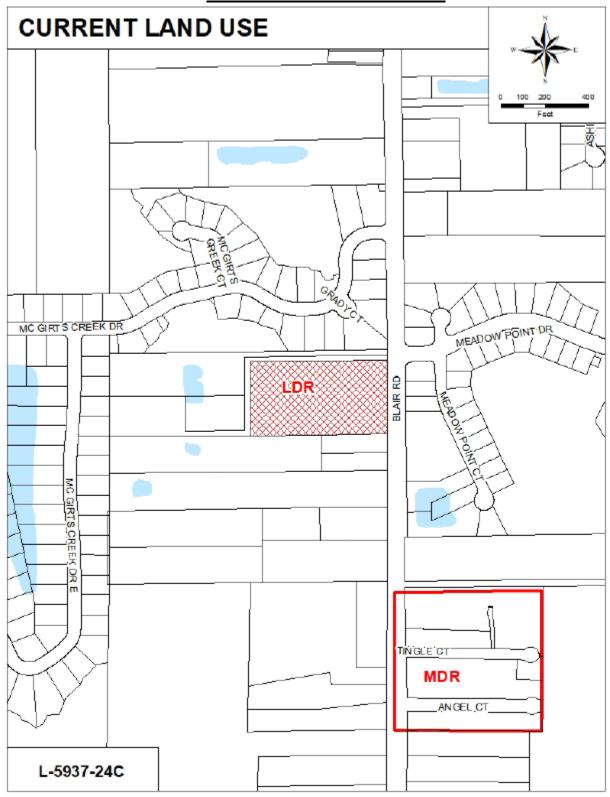
#### **Strategic Regional Policy Plan**

The proposed amendment is consistent with the following Goal of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan:

Goal: A safe, sanitary, efficient and resilient housing supply that provides lifestyle choice (agricultural, rural, suburban, and urban) and affordable options for all income, age and ability groups, equitably placed in vibrant, viable and accessible communities throughout the region.

The proposed land use amendment would increase opportunities for residential development, providing a wider range of housing in the northeast Florida region and create a location for the development of new housing stock for the area. Therefore, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

## **CURRENT LAND USE MAP**



## LAND UTILIZATION MAP

