Federal Highway Administration Region Four

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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### PROGRAMMATIC 4(f) EVALUATION

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Florida Department of Transportation

WPI Segment Number: 257165-1
State Project No.: 02010-1543
Federal Aid Program Number: XL-332-1(14)
County: Citrus

This project studies the expansion of the existing two-lane undivided rural roadway to a five-lane urban roadway with a continuous centered, dual left-turn lane and a four-lane divided urban roadway with geometric improvements at major intersections between SR 44 and SR 200. The proposed project also includes the replacement of the bridge over the Withlacoochee State Trail to accommodate 4-lane improvements. The total length of the project is approximately 9.8 kilometers (6.1 miles).

SR 45 (US 41) from SR 44 to SR 200 Citrus County

Submitted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 303

Based upon considerations herein, it is determined that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land from Whispering Pines Park and Inverness Middle School and that the proposed action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to these Section 4(f) properties resulting from such use.

8 /4 /99 Date Jam Glutter Division Administrator

Federal Highway Administration

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### 1.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

### 1.1 PROJECT REEVALUATION DESCRIPTION

The proposed project, located within the city of Inverness and unincorporated areas of Citrus County, involves widening US 41 between SR 44 and the vicinity of CR 488. The total project length is approximately 25 km (15.6 mi). Exhibit 1 portrays the project location. This reevaluation studies proposed conceptual design changes from SR 44 to SR 200, a distance of approximately 10.3 km (6.4 mi).

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) proposes to widen the existing two-lane rural highway to a five-lane and a four-lane divided highway. The proposed improvement to US 41 is included in the Comprehensive Plans for the City of Inverness and Citrus County.

The purpose of this study is to reevaluate the FHWA-approved US 41 Type II Categorical Exclusion (CE) completed in February 1996. This study analyzes the proposed preliminary design approved in that study, between SR 44 to SR 200, to determine if it remains the most viable alternative. Impacts associated with the social, cultural, natural and physical environment that may have occurred since the approval of the environmental document are also identified

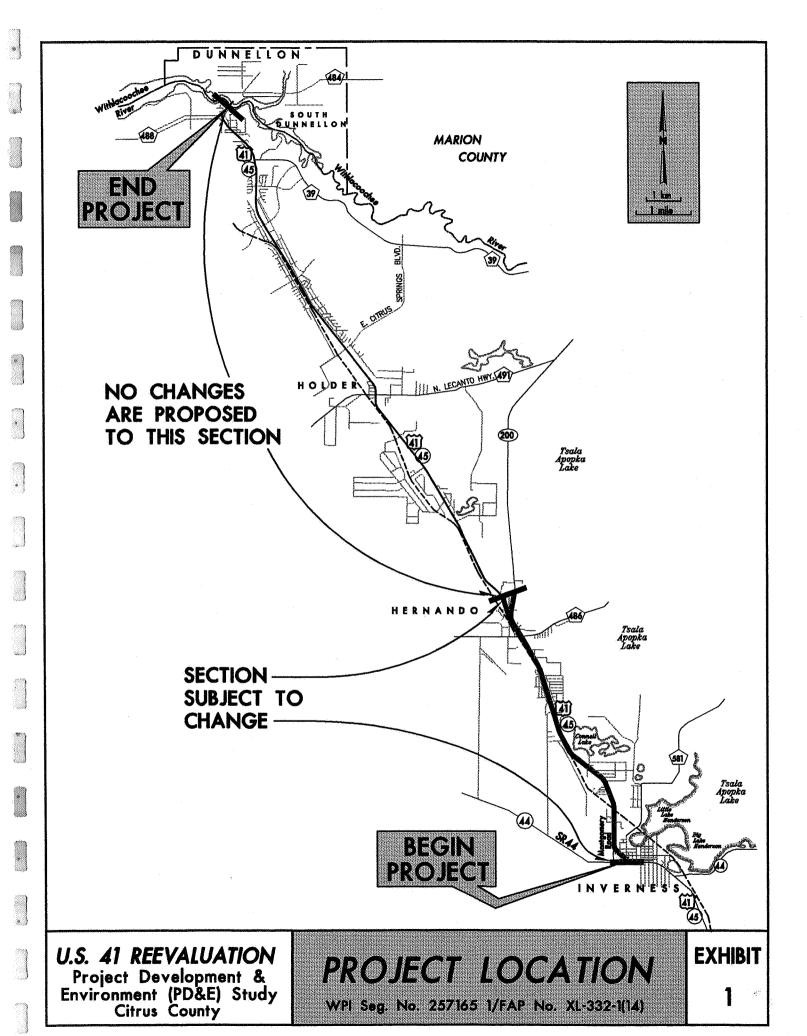
### 1.2 PURPOSE AND NEED

US 41 is an important link in the regional transportation system. It is the primary north-south access route through eastern Citrus County. Within the project limits, it connects the communities of Inverness, Hernando, Holder, and Dunnellon. It provides a connection between SR 44 and CR 486, CR 486 and SR 200, and SR 200 and CR 488.

### 1.2.1 Deficiencies

### 1.2.1.1 Capacity

Based on the *Design Traffic Technical Memorandum* (January 1999) for US 41, which was prepared as part of this study, the existing links and most of the existing (1997) intersections within the reevaluation study limits are operating at adequate Levels of Service (LOS) based on the Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT). The exception is the US 41/SR 200 intersection which operates at LOS E during the AM Peak Hour and LOS F during the PM Peak Hour. By the design year (2020), all of the links and all of the intersections are projected to operate at LOS F.



### 1.2.1.2 Functional Obsolescence

FDOT's design indexes have been updated and revised since the existing highway was constructed. The typical section and other roadway design features of the existing highway are serviceable, but are of obsolete design. The existing typical sections do not have adequate paved shoulder widths, border widths, or pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Assuming a 80 km/h (50 mph) design speed for the existing facility, there are seven curves that are less than the desired 240 m (787 ft). In addition, three of these are less than the absolute minimum of 120 m (394 ft).

### 1.2.2 Safety

The improvement of US 41 will incorporate all the current standards consistent with guidelines and policies developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the FDOT in order to provide a safe, efficient, controlled access facility. The most significant design features proposed for this project are the expansion to four lanes and the imposition of access controls. These features increase highway safety in the following ways:

- · reduction of traffic conflicts;
- · reduction of interference from cross streets; and,
- increase of arterial capacity.

A wide median similar to established specifications under FDOT and AASHTO access management guidelines provides safety measures, which include the following:

- separation of opposing traffic streams;
- · creation of an area for immobilized vehicles; and,
- · reduction of headlight glare.

The benefits from these measures are a reduction in head-on, sideswipe, and rear-end collisions.

## 1.2.3 Consistency with Transportation Plans

The City of Inverness Comprehensive Plan 1989-1999 identifies the improvements to the US 41 corridor as needed improvements by the year 1999, the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan 1989-2005 identifies the improvements to the US 41 corridor as needed improvements by the year 2010, and the improvements are consistent with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council's Policy Plan.

# 2.0 SECTION 4(f) PROPERTIES

### 2.1 WHISPERING PINES PARK

### 2.1.1 Location

The park is generally bordered by US 41 and South Montgomery Avenue on the east, by SR 44 on the south, and by Forest Drive on the west. The northern boundary is generally the northern quarter section line of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East (Exhibit 2).

### 2.1.2 Size

The Park, including all of its amenities, is approximately 131 hectares (323 acres) in size.

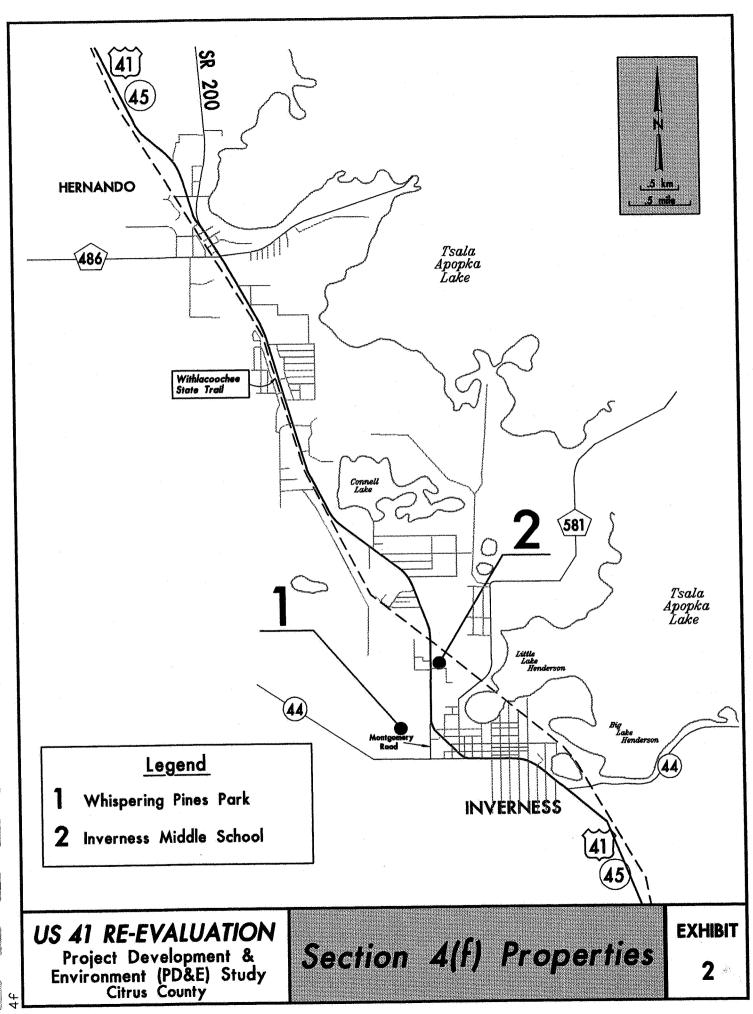
# 2.1.3 Ownership and Clauses Affecting Ownership

### Ownership

Whispering Pines Park is subleased by the City of Inverness from the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry ("the Division"), under a long term agreement. The original agreement consisted of a September 21, 1965 easement which expired December 31, 1990. It was renewed on January 15, 1991 for 25 years as a Sublease Agreement, Number 3316-04, effective January 1, 1991. The subleased land, ±116.1 hectares (286.9 acres) in extent, is part of the Withlacoochee State Forest, itself leased (Lease Agreement Number 3316, dated January 10, 1984, expires in 2034) by the Division of Forestry from the State of Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund ("the Trustees"). Copies of these leases are attached as Appendix 1. Seven hectares (17 acres) of the park are owned outright by the City of Inverness' Comprehensive Land Use Plan: 1989 - 1999.

The City of Inverness owns the abandoned Seaboard Coastline (SCL) Railroad right-of-way located in the northwest corner of the park, according to City officials. The abandoned SCL Railroad right-of-way in the northeast corner of the park consists of a section of the Withlacoochee State Trail, managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Division of Recreation and Parks. There is also a 320 meter (1,050 foot) long, 15 meter (50 foot) wide easement on the west side of South Montgomery Avenue.

The Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office has documentation of the lease of approximately 1.13 ha (2.75 ac) of land by the City of Inverness from the FDOT off the western edge of the US 41 right-of-way



in Section 7 (Citrus County OR Book 441/588). The Sublease from the Division of Forestry to the City of Inverness describes this area as an easement. This is the location of the former US 41 Wayside Park at Government Hill, as noted in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

A 50-year easement (Number 28134) involving 2.16 hectares (5.33 acres) of Whispering Pines Park was granted to FDOT from the Trustees on July 9, 1991 for the widening of SR 44, including construction of a water retention area.

### Clauses

The terms contained in <u>Lease Agreement Number 3316</u> between the Trustees and the State Division of Forestry (DOF) consist of mutual covenants running with the lands described within the lease. There is a reversion clause, with termination of the lease at the sole option of the lessor (the Trustees), if the premises cease to be used for state forestry purposes. The lessee (the Division) is responsible for preventing unauthorized use of the premises which are not in conformance with the terms of the lease. Subleases are prohibited (excepting utility easements serving the premises) unless previously authorized by the lessor. If the lessee vacates the property, all fixed improvements will be left to the lessor, which has the option of requiring the lessee to remove improvements at the lessee's expense.

<u>Sublease Agreement Number 3316-04</u> between the Division and the City of Inverness contains the following terms and conditions, running as covenants with the land, which may affect ownership of the Whispering Pines Park:

- The City must manage the subleased premises as a public recreation facility, and the use of the facility shall be considered a state forestry purpose.
- The City shall prevent the use of the subleased premises for purposes not authorized in the Sublease Number 3316-04 or in Lease Number 3316.
- The sublease shall not be assigned, or subleases allowed, in whole or in part without the written consent of the Trustees or the Division of Forestry. The same conditions apply for any easements not included in the approved Management Plan for the park.
- The Division has the right to terminate the sublease if the covenants, terms and conditions of the sublease are breached by the City, after a 60 day notice period.

• (Condition Number 26) Upon termination or expiration of this sublease, the [City] shall surrender the subleased premises to the [Division]. In the event no further use of the subleased premises or any part thereof is needed, [the City] shall give written notification to [the Division] and the Bureau of State Lands Management Services... at lease six (6) months prior to the release of any or all of the subleased premises. Notification shall include a legal description, this sublease number and an explanation of the release. The release shall only be valid if approved by the [Division] and the Trustees through execution of a release of sublease instrument with the same formality as this sublease. Upon release of all or any part of the sublease premises or upon termination or expiration of this sublease, all improvements, including both physical structures and modifications of the subleased premises, shall become the property of the Trustees and [the Division] unless [the Division] gives written notice to [the City] to remove any or all such improvements at the expense of [the City]. The decision to retain any improvements upon termination of this sublease shall be at the [Division's] sole discretion.

### 2.1.4 Type of Section 4(f) Property

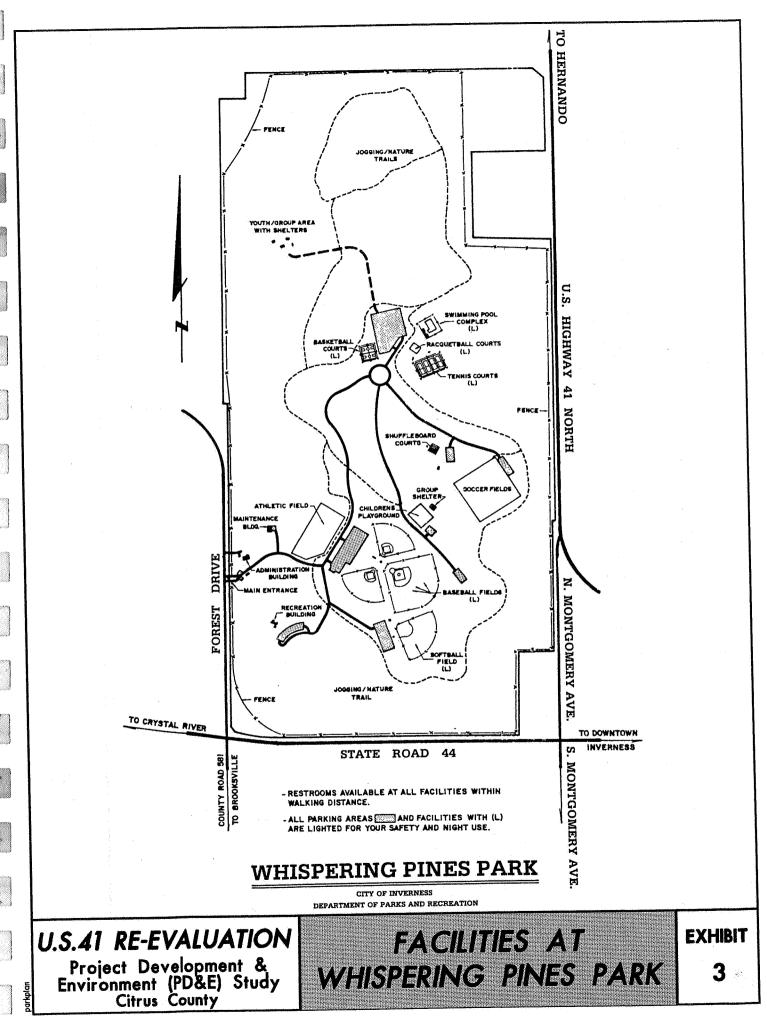
The Whispering Pines Park is a publicly-owned recreation facility. The State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry's Sublease Agreement 3316-04 (described, above) paragraph 4 states that

Sublessee shall manage the subleased premises only for the establishment and operation of a public recreation facility, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose as designated in the Management Plan required by ... this sublease.

The Sublease Agreement also states, in paragraph 7 that the Sublessee's use of the property shall be considered a state forestry purpose by Sublessor. According to the State Division of Forestry, the park's purpose is to serve the recreational demand on the Withlacoochee State Forest.

# 2.1.5 <u>Function of or Available Activities on the Property and Description and Location of all Existing and Planned Facilities</u>

The Whispering Pines Park serves both active and passive recreational demands for the region surrounding the City of Inverness. The park's current facilities are shown in Exhibit 3 and are listed below:



### **COURT FACILITIES**

- 5 lighted racquetball courts (3 wall)
- 4 lighted tennis courts
- 2 lighted basketball courts
- 6 shuffleboard courts

### SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

- Junior Olympic size pool
- Wading pool

### JOGGING AND NATURE TRAILS

- 3.9, 4.8, and 5.1 kilometer (2.4, 3.0 and 3.2 mile) trails
- 0.8 kilometer (0.5 mile) of the 2.4 km trail is devoted to an interpretive nature trail

### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Swings, slides, sandbox, see-saws, climbing equipment

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

- 3 lighted baseball fields
- 1 lighted softball field
- 2 multi-purpose fields

## RECREATION BUILDING with COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

### **GROUP PICNIC AREA**

• Fireplaces, tables, grills, running water, horseshoe pits and volleyball

### YOUTH CAMPING AREA

Three shelters, sinks, and restrooms (youth groups only)

### **CYCLING**

Bicycling on paved roads throughout the park (prohibited on jogging trails)

An administration building and a maintenance building are also located within the park.

According to park planners with the City of Inverness, future planned facilities include additional baseball and softball fields, to be located in the vicinity of the present fields. An Olympic-sized swimming pool (at the present pool complex) and additional parking (particularly near the ball fields) have been identified as future needs.

### 2.1.6 Access and Usage

The perimeter of Whispering Pines Park is fenced to control access. Vehicular access, and bicycle access, to the park is provided at the main park entrance off of Forest Drive. Pedestrian access is provided at the park entrance. Attendance at the park is estimated at 175,000 patrons per year.

### 2.1.7 Relationship to Similarly Used Lands in the Vicinity

Whispering Pines Park is classified as a regional recreational facility per the City of Inverness, Florida, Comprehensive Plan: 1989 - 1999. It has also been designated as a regional facility by Citrus County, which jointly operates the Whispering Pines Park per an agreement with the City, which has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance.

According to the City's Comprehensive Plan, there are nine parks within the City boundaries, plus a portion of the Withlacoochee State Forest. The Whispering Pines Park is the only regional park serving the population of Inverness, and is the only active recreation facility to be built on uplands. Its playing fields (athletic fields, baseball and softball fields) are available year-round. These fields are used to enhance the sports programs at several of the local schools. There are few active recreation opportunities within the City outside of Whispering Pines Park.

The park has been described within the City's Comprehensive Plan as one of three major natural areas within the City, an area of Longleaf Pine - Turkey Oak community which has been preserved from development. There are a number of natural areas, with opportunities for passive recreation and water-based active recreation, adjacent to and nearby the City of Inverness (e.g. the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes). The significance of the Whispering Pines Park is based on its upland characteristics, balancing active recreation opportunities with upland area conservation. The park is heavily used by the area residents. It is a valuable resource to the community.

### 2.1.8 Statement of Significance

Fifteen years ago, FDOT had proposed to use approximately 2 ha (5 ac) of Whispering Pines Park for a retention pond, triggering the need for a Statement of Significance from the City of Inverness. The City provided this Statement in a June 1, 1983 letter to FDOT, which is included in Appendix 2. This appendix also includes inter-departmental memoranda pertaining to the park's recreational significance (dated October 27, 1987 and June 12, 1991).

### 2.2 INVERNESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Inverness Middle School is located on the east side of US 41, north of the Inverness Regional Shopping Center and south of the WST (Exhibit 2). The school campus, including recreational areas, is 13.4 ha (33 ac) in size. The school and recreational fields are the sole property of the Citrus County School District. There are no recorded easements on the property. Recreational facilities at the school are shown in Exhibit 4 and include:

- · A soccer/football field
- · Two softball fields
- Four basketball/tennis courts

These recreational fields are available for public use when not in use for school activities. A statement of significance from the Citrus County School Board in provided in Appendix 3.

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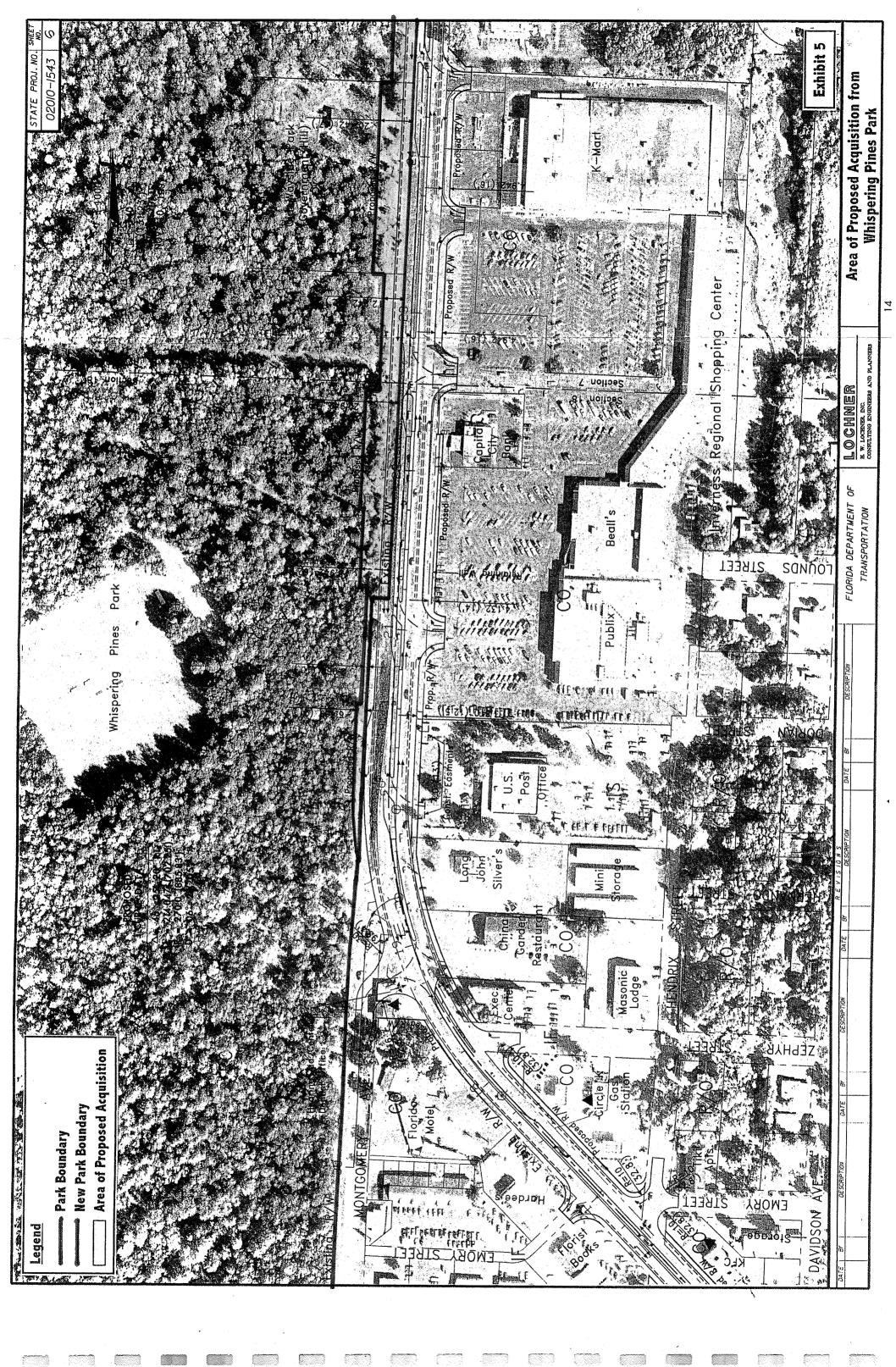
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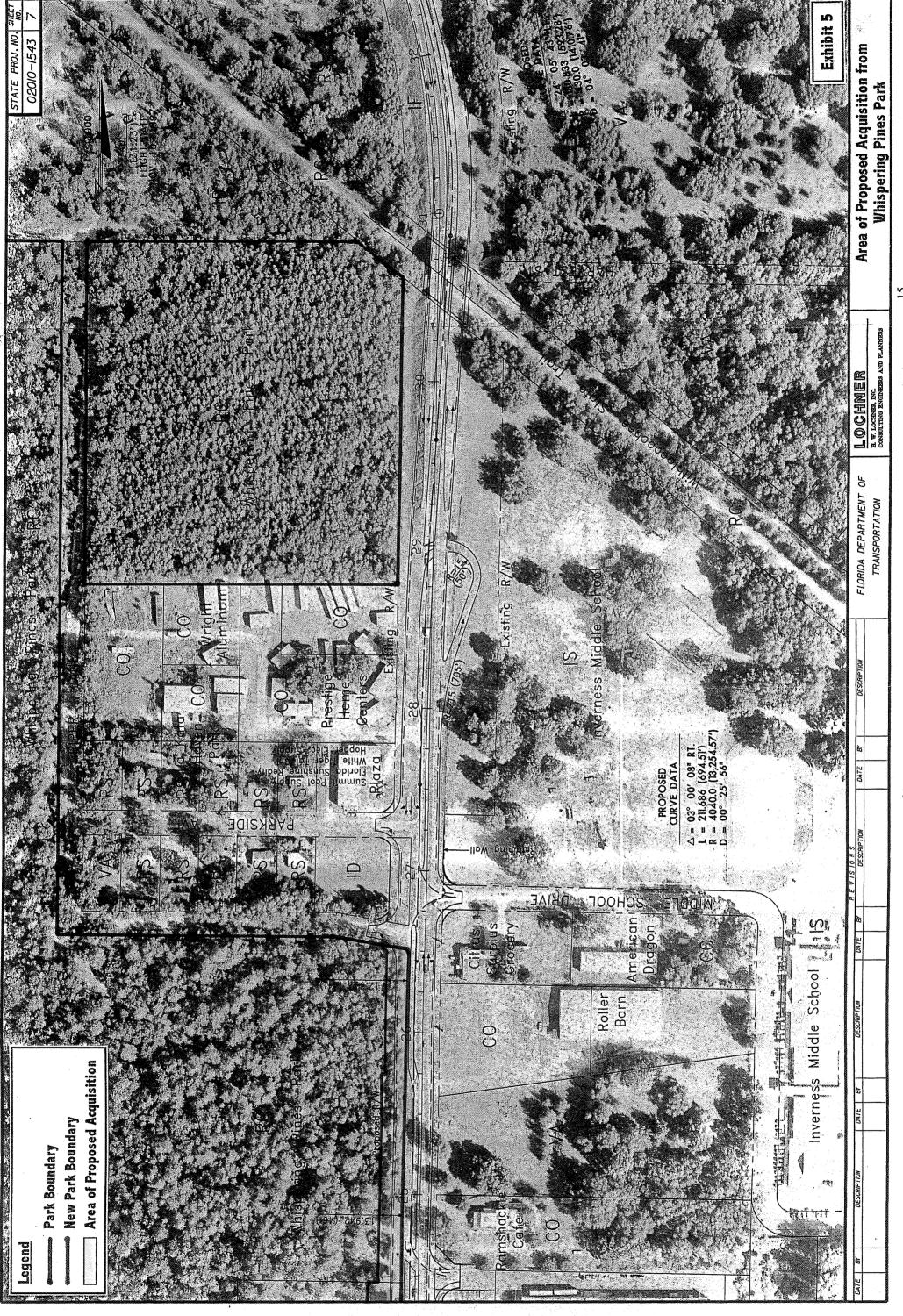
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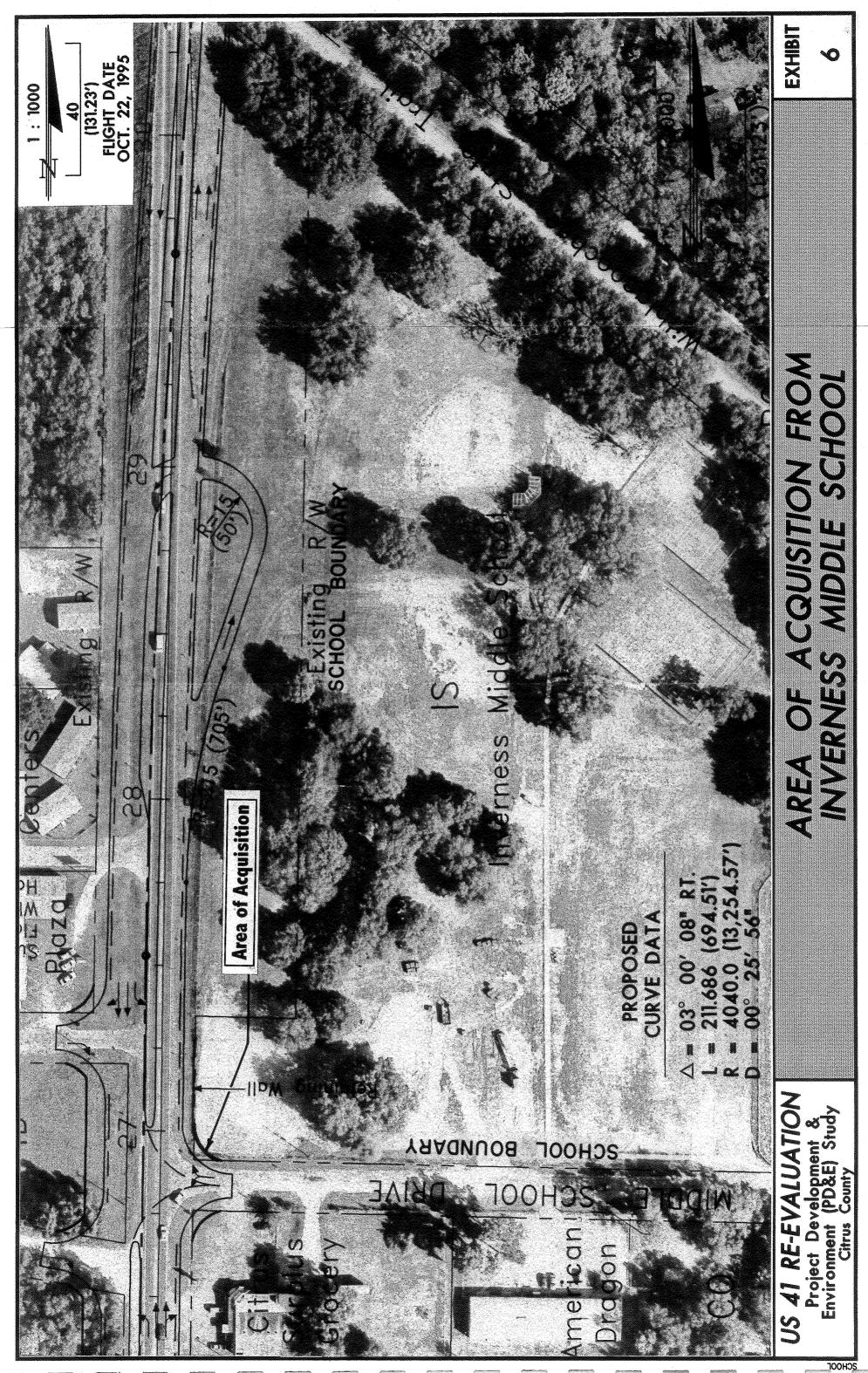
The proposed action would consist of widening US 41 predominantly to the west side in the vicinity of Whispering Pines Park. As a result of the widening, 0.96 ha (2.37 ac) would need to be acquired from the park (Exhibit 5). This area is 0.73 percent of the 131 ha (323 ac) comprising the park. The only facility that would be affected would be an unpaved, cleared trail that is used for maintenance as well as running and walking by park patrons. The trail is located along a fence which marks the boundary of the park property. The fence, as well as the natural vegetation in the park, consisting primarily of pine trees, would be disturbed. The area that would need to be acquired is approximately 701 m (2,300 ft) in length. It varies in width from 3 to 21 m (10 to 69 ft). Photographs of the area adjacent to US 41 are provided in Appendix 4.

### 3.2 INVERNESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

To provide for a turning radius that would accommodate school buses at Middle School Drive, a corner cut would be required at the northeast corner of its intersection with US 41 (Exhibit 6). There are no means available to avoid impacts to the northwest corner of US 41 and Middle School Drive. A corner clip would be needed to provide for this radius return. The total additional right-of-way that would be needed would be 21 m² (226 sq ft). This acquisition would not affect any facilities at the school. Photographs of the US 41/Middle School Drive intersection are provided in Appendix 5.







### 4.0 ALTERNATIVES

### 4.1 AVOIDANCE ALTERNATIVES

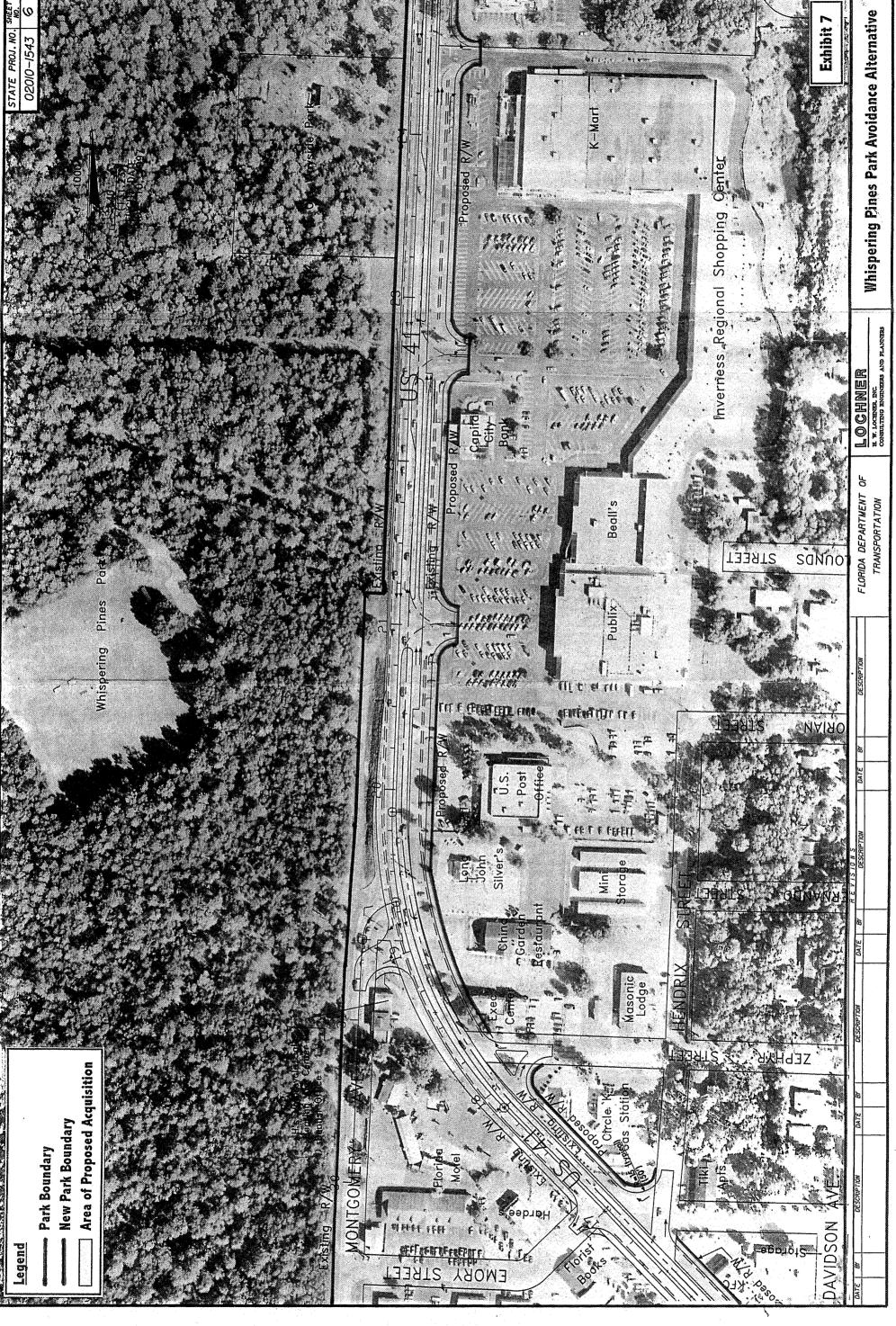
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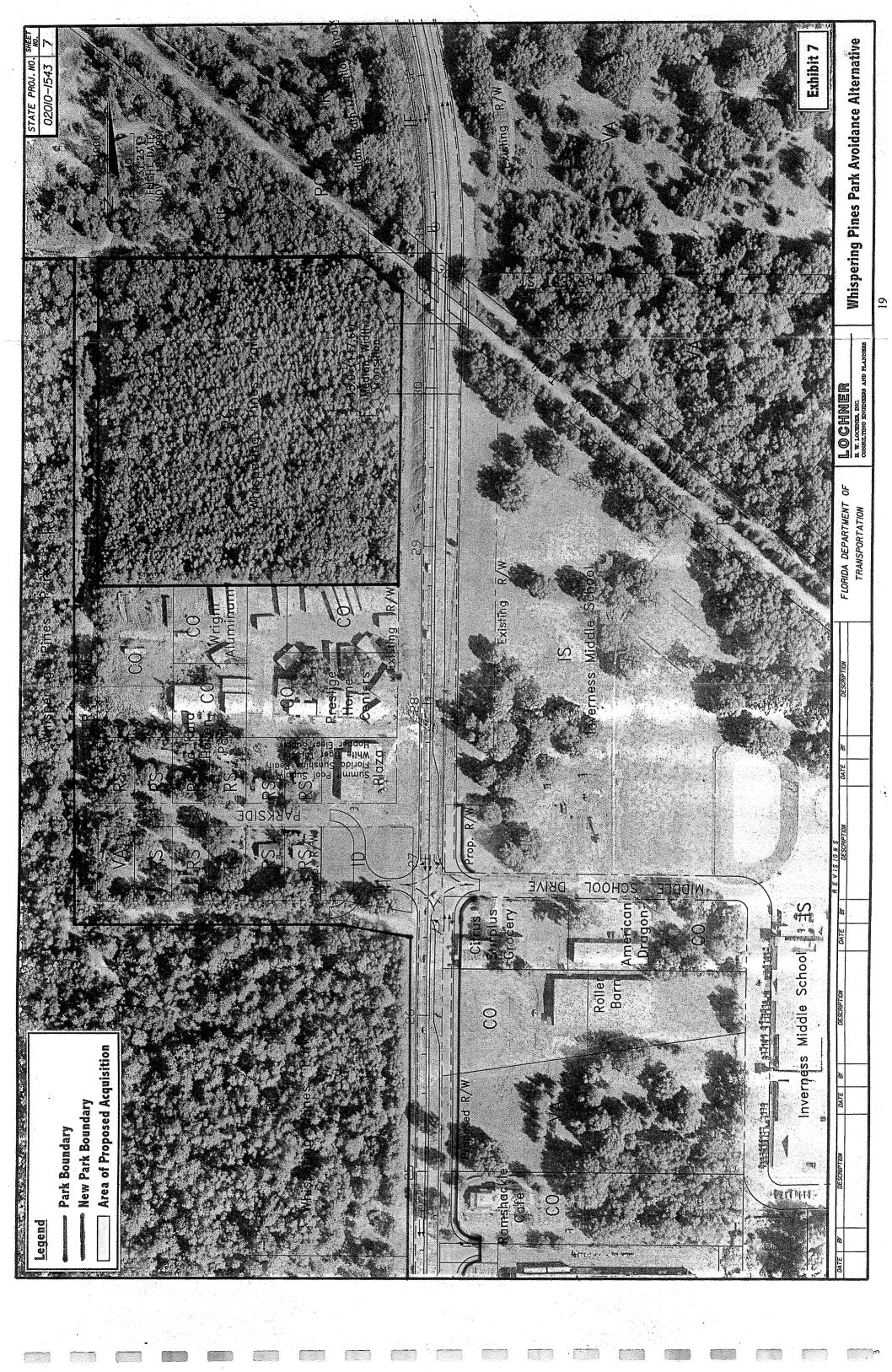
Under the Do Nothing Alternative, no action would be taken with respect to improving US 41. The Do Nothing Alternative is not feasible and prudent because it would not correct existing or projected capacity deficiencies and not providing such correction would constitute a cost or community impact of extraordinary magnitude when compared with the proposed use of the Section 4(f) lands.

### 4.1.2 Improvement Without Using Section 4(f) Property

It is not feasible nor prudent to avoid Section 4(f) lands by roadway design or transportation system management techniques since no alternative can be developed that would not require acquisition from Inverness Middle School. This is due to the need to provide a standard radius return of 15 m (50 ft) at the northeast corner of Middle School Drive and US 41 (Exhibit 6). This is based on FDOT's *Roadway and Traffic Design Standard Index*, January 1998, Index 515. The radius is required to provide for northbound bus traffic exiting the school. Avoiding the corner cut would require shifting the roadway to the west approximately 7 m (30 ft). This would shift the alignment further into Whispering Pines Park and increase the overall right-of-way acquisition from Section 4(f) properties.

An avoidance alternative was developed that would avoid Whispering Pines Park. This alternative is an east-shifted alignment that would hold the existing western right-of-way line in place (Exhibit 7). This alternative would result in property acquisition from, and business damages to, nine businesses. This would include the Inverness Regional Shopping Center, which has numerous tenants, including three main anchors, Publix, Bealls, and K-mart. At most of the business locations on the east side of US 41, opposite Whispering Pines Park, driveways have been constructed at steep grades. As a result of this alternative, these driveways would need to be lengthened to either maintain or improve the existing grade. This would result in an indirect loss of parking and corresponding business damages as driveways are lengthened across internal circulation routes within parking areas. In particular, traffic circulation at the US Post Office and Capital City Bank would be severely impacted. This would result in significant business damages at the bank and real estate damages at the Post Office. In addition, traffic circulation would be affected within the Inverness Regional Shopping Center. This alternative would require the acquisition of the first row of the shopping center's parking lot adjacent to US 41. This alternative would cost \$3.1





million more than widening to the west side and would also result in increased acquisition from Inverness Middle School, another Section 4(f) site. The acquisition area from Inverness Middle School would include a portion of a retention pond.

### 4.1.3 Alternatives on New Location Without Using Section 4(f) Property

US 41 is the only major north-south arterial in eastern Citrus County. US 41 within the design reevaluation limits is situated between the Tsala Apopka chain of lakes to the east and developed areas of the city of Inverness and its environs to the west. There are no suitable existing transportation facilities that could be widened to accommodate the traffic volumes projected for the US 41 corridor. Due to environmental constraints posed by the Tsala Apopka lakes and social constraints that exist due to existing development, it would not be possible to site a new transportation facility in the area that would accommodate the projected traffic without a substantial increase in impacts and costs.

### **4.2 BUILD ALTERNATIVES**

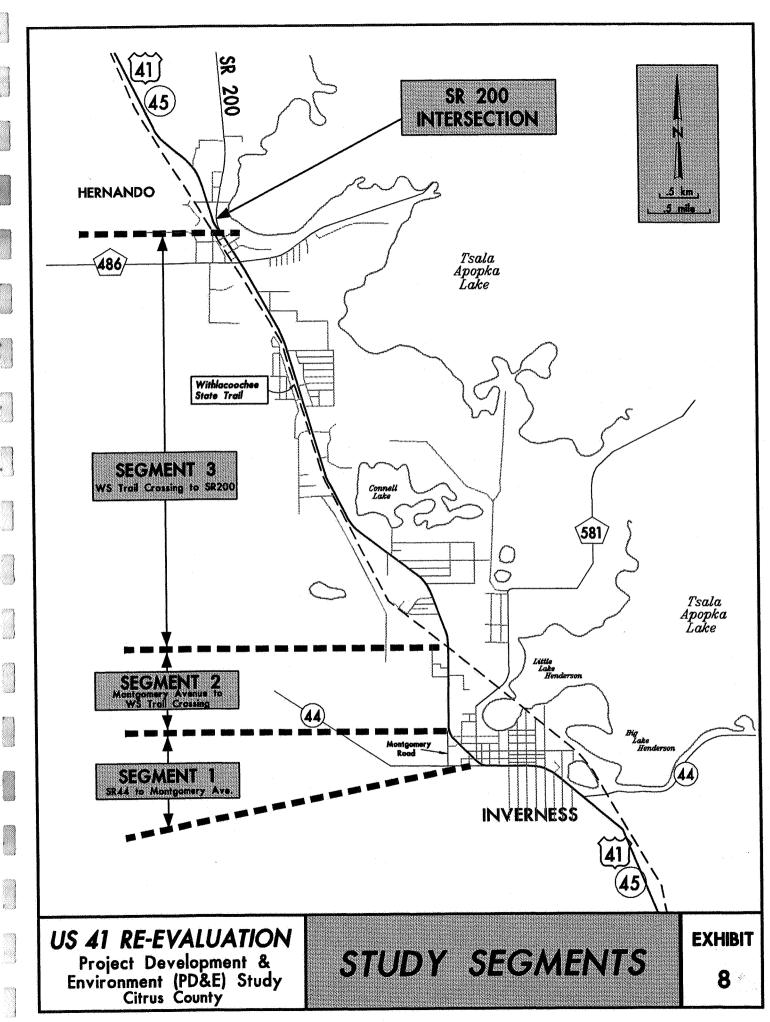
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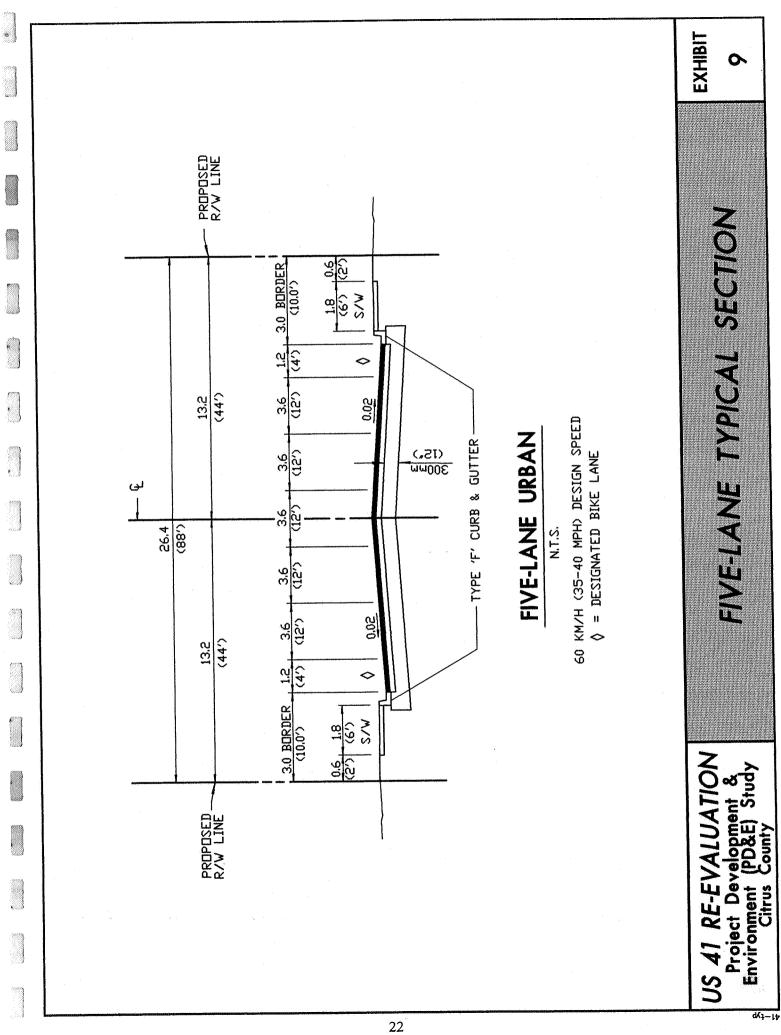
For the purposes of this Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation, the discussion of build alternatives analysis is limited to the segment containing Section 4(f) properties.

In an attempt to minimize right-of-way acquisition due to the proposed project, options for aligning the typical sections were analyzed within distinct segments along the project corridor (Exhibit 8). These options included an analysis of west, right, and best fit alignments of two proposed typical sections along the existing US 41 alignment: a five-lane divided typical section with a center dual left-turn lane and a four lane divided typical section.

The five lane typical section (Exhibit 9) would consist of:

- Two, 3.6m (12 ft) travel lanes in each direction
- 3.6 m (12 ft) center turn lane
- 1.2 m (4 ft) outside bike lane in each direction
- 1.8 m (6 ft) sidewalks on both sides, provided to the outside of curbs and gutters
- 3.0 m (10 ft) border width on both sides
- 60 km/h (35-40 mph) design speed
- 26.4 m (88 ft) required right-of-way





The four lane divided typical section (Exhibit 10) would consist of:

- Two, 3.6m (12 ft) travel lanes in each direction with a 6.6 m (22 ft) raised median
- 1.2 m (4 ft) outside bike lane in each direction
- 1.5 m (5 ft) sidewalks on both sides
- 3.54 m (11.6 ft) border width on both sides
- 70 km/h (45 mph) design speed
- 30.48 m (100 ft) required right-of-way

West and east alignments were located along existing right-of-way where it was possible to align the typical sections predominantly on the west side of the existing right-of-way or on the east side of the existing right-of-way, thus impacting mainly the west or the east side, respectively. The "best fit" concept refers to a combination of west and east alignments, where the alignment is shifted between the west and east sides in response to specific land use constraints or other considerations, plus other constraints imposed by the natural environment.

# 4.2.2 Segment 2 - Montgomery Avenue to the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST)

The two four lane alternatives that were studied in this segment were:

- •Four lane divided widened to the west
- •Four lane divided widened to the east

A five lane typical section was not considered for this segment. A five lane typical section with a bi-directional center left-turn lane is not justified due to the small number of driveways and cross streets that exist along the west side of the roadway in this segment.

An evaluation matrix for the two four lane alternatives is provided as Table 1. In this segment, the east side alignment would cost \$3.1 million more than the west side alignment. This is due to the impacts to businesses located on the east side of the roadway. This includes impacts to the Inverness Regional Shopping Center.

The west side alignment would require right-of-way from Whispering Pines Park. As a result of the widening to the west, 0.96 ha (2.37 ac) would need to be acquired from the park. This area is 0.73 percent of the 131 ha (323 ac) comprising the park. Since the area of the park that would

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# FOUR-LAINE DIVIDED TYPICAL SECTION

**EXHIBIT** 

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US 41 RE-EVALUATION

Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study Citrus County

Table 1
Segment 2 Evaluation Matix
Montgomery Avenue to the WST

ALTERNATIVE	UNITS	4-LANE WE	ST	4-LANE EA	ST
I. ENGINEERING FACTORS		4.040	(0.750)	4 400	(0:740)
LENGTH	KM (MI)	1.210	(0.752)	1.196	(0.743)
TOTAL R/W	HA (AC)	4.985	(12.318)	5.261	(13.000)
ADDITIONAL R/W REQUIRED	HA (AC)	1.302	(3.217)	1.226	(3.029)
BRIDGE STRUCTURES	#	2		<del></del>	
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN COST (15%)	\$	\$162,000		\$160,000	
ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$	\$1,079,000		\$1,067,000	:
CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL	\$	\$1,079,000		\$1,067,000	
R/W COSTS	\$	\$2,463,000		\$5,625,000	
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION COSTS (15%)	\$	\$162,000		\$160,000	
CONTINGENCY COSTS (10%)	\$	\$108,000	:	\$107,000	
TOTAL COSTS	\$	\$3,974,000		\$7,119,000	
II. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS					
WETLANDS	HA (AC)	0	(0.000)	0	(0.000)
100-YEAR FLOODPLAINS	HA (AC)	0	(0.000)	0	(0.000)
AIR QUALITY IMPACTS	YES/NO	NO		NO	
CONTAMINATION SITES	#	6	j	3	
CONTAININATION GIVES	,,			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
III. CURRENT LAND USE					
COMMERCIAL	HA (AC)	0.227	(0.561)	0.885	(2.187)
INDUSTRIAL	HA (AC)	0.116	(0.287)	0.005	(0.012)
INFRASTRUCTURE - EXIST R/W	HA (AC)	4.078	(10.077)	4.035	(9.971)
INSTITUTIONAL	HA (AC)	0.033	(0.082)	0.144	(0.356)
RECREATION	HA (AC)	0.531	(1.312)	0.127	(0.314)
RESIDENTIAL	HA (AC)	0.000	(0.000)	0.000	
VACANT	HA (AC)	0.000	(0.000)	0.065	(0.161
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IV. COMMUNITY VALUES	<b>!</b>	_			
RESIDENTIAL RELOCATIONS (Estimated)	#	0		0	
BUSINESS RELOCATIONS (Estimated)	#	0		0	
INSTITUTIONAL RELOCATIONS (Estimated)	#	0		0	
PARCELS IMPACTED	#	18		. 16	
COMMUNITY COHESION IMPACTS	DESC.	Low		Low	
CHURCHES/SCHOOLS IMPACTED	#/#	0/1		0/1	
SECTION 4(f) SITES IMPACTED	#	2		1	
SIGNIF. ARCH. / HISTORIC SITES IMPACTED	#/#	0		(	)

need to be acquired is less than 10 percent of the total area of the park, the Section 4(f) involvement can be processed as a Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation. The only facility that would be affected would be an unpaved, cleared trail that is used for maintenance as well as running and walking by park patrons. The trail is located along a fence which marks the boundary of the park property. The fence, as well as the natural vegetation in the park, consisting primarily of pine trees, would be disturbed.

Widening to the east would result in property acquisition from, and business damages to, nine businesses. This would include the Inverness Regional Shopping Center, which has numerous tenants, including three main anchors, Publix, Bealls, and K-mart. At most of the business locations on the east side of US 41, opposite Whispering Pines Park, driveways have been constructed at steep grades. As a result of this alternative, these driveways would need to be lengthened to either maintain or improve the existing grade. This would result in an indirect loss of parking and corresponding business damages as driveways are lengthened across internal circulation routes within parking areas. In particular, traffic circulation at the US Post Office and Capital City Bank would be severely impacted. This would result in significant business damages at the bank and real estate damages at the Post Office. In addition, traffic circulation would be affected within the Inverness Regional Shopping Center. This alternative would require the acquisition of the first row of the shopping center's parking lot adjacent to US 41. This alternative would cost \$3.1 million more than widening to the west side and would also result in increased acquisition from Inverness Middle School, another Section 4(f) site. The acquisition area from Inverness Middle School would include a portion of a retention pond. Therefore, the four-lane divided typical section, shifted to the west, is the preferred alternative for this segment.

### 4.2.3 Proposed Build Alternative

From SR 44 to north of the post office, the existing two-lane road would be widened to a five-lane facility with a two-way center left-turn lane. From north of the post office to the end of the project, the existing roadway will be widened to a four lane divided facility.

### 5.0 MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM

The FDOT is proposing to mitigate the acquisition of right-of-way from Whispering Pines Park by:

- 1. Replacing/relocating the boundary fence along the new western right-of-way line of US 41 where it is adjacent to the park,
- 2. Relocating the jogging/maintenance trail alongside the new boundary fence,
- 3. Replacing disturbed vegetation and planting native trees adapted to a sandhill site to mitigate those lost from the road widening, and.
- 4. The Department proposes to transfer to the DOF, in total or in part, a 5-acre parcel located at 14416 SR 52. The area of the parcel will not be less than 2.37 acres. The Department may still require a portion of the 5-acre parcel for improvements to SR 52, including a potential pond site. However, the area required for these improvements is not anticipated to exceed 2.63 acres.

The FDOT is proposing to mitigate the acquisition of right-of-way from Inverness Middle School by purchasing the property that would be required at the northeast corner of Middle School Drive and US 41.

## 6.0 COORDINATION

Coordination with representatives from the city of Inverness, the Division of Forestry, and the Citrus County School Board regarding the proposed acquisition of right-of-way from Section 4(f) properties are addressed in this report. A chronology of these meetings follows.

## **COORDINATION MEETINGS**

# City of Inverness

On Wednesday, July 1, 1998, a coordination meeting was held with representatives from the City of Inverness to discuss Section 4(f) issues with regards to Whispering Pines Park in the City of Inverness.

The two alternatives, avoiding the park and widening to the east, or avoiding the Inverness Regional Shopping and widening into the park were presented. Proposed mitigation for widening into the park was also discussed. The proposed mitigation would be for the FDOT to relocate and reconstruct the maintenance/jogging trail along the new right-of-way line and plant trees to replace those lost from the widening. In addition, the FDOT would compensate the DOF for acreage acquired.

After discussing the various issues, Mr. DiGiovanni, the City Manger for the city of Inverness, provided verbal agreement with the proposal to widen to the west and acquire property from the park based on the proposed mitigation plan.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998, representatives from the FDOT made a presentation to the Inverness City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting. The presentation focused on involvement with, and proposed mitigation for Whispering Pines Park. The presentation was for informational purposes only and the City Council took no action of the issue.

# **Inverness Middle School/Citrus County School Board**

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998, a coordination meeting was held with representatives from Inverness Middle School and the Citrus County School Board to discuss Section 4(f) issues with regards to school property. During the meeting, representatives from Inverness Middle School and the Citrus County School Board voiced understanding of the need to acquire right-of-way from the school. No objections to the acquisition were stated.

### **Division of Forestry**

A field visit to Whispering Pines Park was conducted with representatives from the DOF on September 30, 1998. The purpose of the visit was for the DOF to determine the area of acquisition from the park and the lumber value of trees which would be displaced by the proposed acquisition. The DOF expressed agreement with the preferred alternative and understood that this would require the existing roadway alignment to shift to the west and right-of-way be acquired from the park. They stated that they would require that the boundary fence and jogging trail be relocated and trees lost due to the acquisition be replaced. They would coordinate with the FDOT to determine mitigation for acreage lost. This coordination is ongoing.

Minutes from these meeting are provided in Appendix 6.

# CIRCULATION OF SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION AND WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

### Whispering Pine Park

Coordination was conducted with the City of Inverness and the Division of Forestry concerning Whispering Pines Park through circulation of the Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation and written correspondence. The DOF, in written correspondence, concurs with the widening of US 41 to the west (requiring acquisition from Whispering Pines Park) and that it appears to the best course of action. They will work with the Department on the issuance of an easement as long as the Department agrees to their recommendations. The mitigation items listed under Section 5.0 Measures to Minimize Harm, reflect coordination between the DOF and FDOT. Copies of correspondence are provided in Appendix 7.

### **Inverness Middle School**

Coordination was conducted with Inverness Middle School through circulation of the Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation and written correspondence. In written correspondence, Ms. Cynthia H. Staten, Principal of Inverness Middle School, has expressed agreement with the findings of the US 41 Reevaluation and Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation that would involve Inverness Middle School. Copies of correspondence are provided in Appendix 7.

# 7.0 CONCLUSION

Upon final alternative selection, the provisions of Section 4(f) will be fully satisfied.

# **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Leases for Whispering Pines Park

Appendix 2 - Statement of Significance for Whispering Pines Park

Appendix 3 - Statement of Significance for Inverness Middle School

Appendix 4 - Photographs of Whispering Pines Park

Appendix 5 - Photographs of Inverness Middle School

Appendix 6 - Coordination Meeting Minutes

Appendix 7 - Writte Correspondence

Appendix 1 Leases for Whispering Pines Park

# LEASE AGREEMENT

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No. 3316

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida holds title to certain lands and property being utilized by the State of Florida for public purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida is authorized in Section 253.03, Florida Statutes, to enter into leases for the use, benefit and possession of public lands by State agencies which may properly use and possess them for the benefit of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, this agreement made between the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND of the State of Florida, as LESSOR, and the DIVISION OF FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, as LESSEE,

#### WITNESSETH:

The parties, for and in consideration of mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The lessor does hereby lease to the lessee the Citrus, Hernando, following described premises in the County of Pasco & Sumter, State of Florida, together with the improvements thereon (if applicable), viz:

## (Exhibit A - attached).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described land for a period of Fifty (50) years for management as a state forest (Withlacoochee State Forest).

- 2. The lessee shall have the right to enter upon said land for all purposes necessary to the full enjoyment by said lessee of the rights herein conveyed to it.
- 3. The lessee shall through its agents and employees prevent the unauthorized use of said land or any use thereof not in conformity with this lease.

4. This lease shall terminate at the sole option of the lessor, and the lessee shall surrender up the premises to the lessor, when and if said premises, including lands and improvements, shall cease to be used for state forestry purposes (Withlacoochee State Forest).

Any costs arising out of the enforcement of the terms of this lease agreement shall be the exclusive obligation of the lessee, payable upon demand of the lessor.

- 5. The lessee hereby covenants and agrees to investigate all claims of every nature at its own expense and to indemnify, protect, defend, hold and save harmless the lessor from any and all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands of any kind or nature arising out of this agreement to the extent allowable by law.
- 6. The lessor does not warrant or guarantee title, right or interest in the hereinabove described property.
- 7. The lessor or its duly authorized agents shall have the right at any time to inspect the said land and the works and operations thereon of the lessee in any matter pertaining to this agreement.
- 8. The lessee agrees to assume all responsibility for liabilities that accrue to the subject property or to the improvements thereon, including any and all drainage or special assessments or taxes of every kind and description which are now or may be hereafter lawfully assessed and levied against the subject property during the effective period of this lease.
- 9. The lessee is hereby authorized to grant utility easements which will be necessary to service authorized facilities located within the leased premises. Copies of any such easements granted shall be filed timely with the lessor.
- 10. This agreement is for the purposes specified herein, and subleases of any nature, excepting utility easements incident to authorized facilities, (Provision 9), are prohibited, unless previously authorized by the lessor.

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- 11. Upon cessation of occupation of said property, the lessee agrees to leave all fixed improvements for the use of the lessor and to put no claim upon said fixed improvements; or, at the option of the lessor, the lessee agrees to remove any or all improvements on the property at the lessee's expense.
- 12. Execution of this agreement in no way affects the lessee's obligations pursuant to Chapter 267, Florida Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the lawfully designated agent of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the official seal of said Board to be hereunto affixed, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on the 10th day of 1 A.D. 19 14.

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By:

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AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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JOHN STATEMENT ATTOKNEY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES Division of Forestry

By: Joyk Commissioner of Agriculture,

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All those certain tracts or parcels of land embraced within the Withlacoochee Land Utilization Project, FL-LU-3, lying and being in the countries. Hernando, Pasco and Sumter, State of Florida, Tallahassee Meridian, to wit:

# CITRUS COUNTY

T. 19 S., R. 18 E.,

Sec. 1, Sh;

Sec. 2, Sisi, that part of NEISEI described in final judgment of 7/25/38, Civil Action No. 64, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida:

Sec. 3, SEASEA, SWASEA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 7/25/38, Civil Action No. 44, USDC, Southern District of

Sec. 10, E3;

Secs. 11 to 14, inclusive;

Sec. 15, E2;

Sec. 21, SEANEA, NEASEA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 7/28/37, Book 73, page 193, Citrus County; Sec. 22, Et., SiNWt, SWt; Secs. 23 to 27, inclusive;

Sec. 36, WASWA, SEASWA, SEA, NA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 3/19/37, Book 72, page 465, Citrus County.

T. 19 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 6, S1, that part of S1NE1 described in deed dated 2/18/38, Book 74, page 91, Citrus County, that part of SaNWA described in deed dated 12/17/37, Book 74, page 280, Citrus County;

Sec. 7;

Sec. 9, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in the deed dated 10/29/68 from the Director, Division of Lunds, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to Robert M. Howard, Sr., et ux;

Sec. 10, WANNA, SEANNA, SWA, WASEA, that part of SEANEA, of NWANEA and of NE NW described in deed dated 4/15/38, Book 74, page 140, Citrus County, that part of SWINE described in deed dated 8/16/38, Book 74, 

74, page 140, Citrus County; Sec. 13, SWISEL, SELSEL LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed

dated 3/17/37, Book 73, page 10, Citrus County;

Sec. 14, 5W1;

Sec. 15, Wantel, Wa, SEl; Secs. 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22;

Sec. 23, NEINWI, SINWI, SWI, SEI LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deeds dated 12/15/36 and 6/22/37, filed in Book 73, page 143 and Book 73, page 140, respectively, Citrus County, NEW LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 2/17/38, Book 74, page 33, Citrus County;

Sec. 24, SWI, NISEI, SWISEI, NISEISEI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 2/10/41, Book 76, page 451, Citrus County, N<sub>2</sub> LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 11/13/37, book 73, page 477, Citrus County;

Sec. 25, NVI, NISWI, SWISWI, WISEI;

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Sec. 26, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 2/10/41, Book 76, page 449, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dated 3/7/38, Book 74, page 90, Citrus County; Secs. 27 and 28;

Sec. 30, SINEINEI, WINEI, SEINEI, NINWI, SWINWI, SI:

Sec. 31, fractional;

Secs. 33 and 34;

Sec. 35, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 2/1/39, Civil Action No. 74, USDC, Southern District of Florida and a right-of-way described in deed dated 3/7/38, Book 74, page 88, Citrus County;

Sec. 36.

T. 19 S., R. 20 E.

Sec. 7, SWI LESS AND EXCEPT the SEINEISWI and two tracts of land and two rights-of-way, all described in deed dated 4/7/38, Book 74, page 129, Citrus County

Sec. 18, NW: LESS AND EXCEPT THE EASE SEANW: and a tract of land and a right-of-way, all described in deed dated 4/7/38, Book 74, page 129, Citrus County.

T. 20 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 1;

Sec. 2, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 12/29/37, Book 73, page 597, Citrus County;

Sec. 3, entire HESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 12/29/37, Book 73, page 597, Citrus County;

Sees. 4 and 5;

Sec. 6, fractional;

Sec. 7, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 1/19/38, Civil Action No. 45, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sees. 8 and 9;

Sec. 10, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in judgment of 6/9/42, Civil Action No. 50, USDC, Southern District of Florida and a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/13/37, Book 73, page 313, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dated 7/31/37, Book 73, page 227, Citrus County;

Sec. 11, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated

7/31/37, Book 73, page 227, Citrus County;

Sec. 12;

Sec. 14, W. LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 4/15/38, Book 74, page 140, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/13/37, Book 73, page 99, Citrus County;

Secs. 15 to 17, inclusive;

Sec. 18, Ni, ElSWi, SEi;

Sec. 19, E1, N1NW1, S1SW1NW1, SE1NW1, SW1; Secs. 20 to 22, inclusive;

Sec. 23, NEINWI, WIWI, NWINEI LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/13/37, Book 73, page 313, Citrus County;

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Sec. 26, NANWA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/17/37, Book 73, page 234, Citrus County;

Secs. 27 to 30, inclusive; Sec. 31, Nanwa, SEANWA, NANEASWA, WASWA, SEASWA, NWANWASEA, SASEA, NEA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 3/11/37, Book 72, page 467, Citrus County;

Sec. 32, NiNE1, EisElNE1, Wi, SE1; Sec. 33, entire LESS AND EXCEPT two tracts of land described in final judgment of 7/25/38, Civil Action No. 52, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 34, Ni, Niswi, Swiswi, Ninisei, Seineisei, Eiseisei;

Sec. 35, SEINWI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 7/24/39, Civil Action No. 84, USDC, Southern District of Florida.

T. 21 S., R. 19 E.

Sec. 3, NW1, WASWI, NEISWI;

Sec. 4;

Sec. 9, Na, NWISE1;

Sec. 10, NEINEI, SWINEI, EISWI, SWISWI, WISEI, NWI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 9/13/37, Book 73, page 313, Citrus

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T. 21 S., R. 19 E., Sec. 5, E4, NV1, N4SW1, SE4SW1;

Sec. 6, NEI, NANWI;

Sec. 8, NEL.

T. 21 S., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 17, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 402, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 18, EiSEl, NWISEL; Sec. 19, EiNEL, SWINEL, SEL IFSS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 12/16/36, Book 72, page 77, Hernando County;

Sec. 20, NWA, that part of WASWA described in deed dated 7/9/38, Book 74, page 208, Hernando County;
\*Sec. 25, NANEANEA, WANEA, WANEASEA, NWASEA, SASEA;

Sec. 33, EASE4;

Secs. 34 to 36, inclusive.

T. 22 S., R. 20 E.,

Secs. 1 to 3, inclusive;

Sec. 4, El, ElNVI, NISWI, SWISWI, NINISEISWI, SISEISWI;

Sec. 9, NEINER, Wally Wanty Name, Name, Name, Sec. 10, Ea, Easway, NWASWA, NW LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 390, USDC, Southern

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District of Florida and a tract of land described in deed dated 9/28/36, Book 68, page 580, Hernando County and a right-of-way described collectively in two deeds dated 3/31/38, Book 74, page 76, and Book 74, page 77, Hernando County and deed dated 8/31/37, Book 72, page 391, Hernando County;

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Sec. 12, Ed, EdNEJNW, MVJNW, SUNV, SW;

Secs. 13 and 14;

Sec. 15, E3, E3NW1, NANW1NW1, N3SANW1NW1; Sec. 23, E3, N3NW1, SE3NW1, E3SW1;

Sec. 24, NAMEL, SWINEA, WASEANEL, WA, SEL;

Sec. 25;

Sec. 26, Ed.

T. 21 S., R. 21 E.

\*Sec. 30, Nanwaswa, Saswa, Swassa;

\*Sec. 31, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County.

T. 22 S., R. 21 E.,

\*Sec. 5:

Secs. 6 and 7;

\*Sec. 8, Nanel, Elsel, We LESS AND EXCEPT two rights-of-way and a tract of land described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 347, USDC, Southern District of Florida and two tracts of land described in deed dated 9/23/49, Book 111, page 281, Hernando County, SWASEA IFSS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 7/2/37, Book 72, page 317, Hernando County, that part of NW\se\frac{1}{4} described in deed dated 12/31/48, Book 107, page 192, Hernando County, SE\se\frac{1}{4} LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 2/1/39, Civil Action No. 62, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

\*Sec. 9, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment

of 1/19/38, Civil Action No. 38, USDC, Southern District of Florida; Sec. 14, that part of SASWA described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County;

\*Sec. 15, E2, NWINE1, NASWANE1, W2, SEA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 3/14/73, Book 311, page 772, Hernando County;

\*Sec. 16, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in the deed dated 6/4/64, from the Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to II. W. Lindsay;

Sec. 17;

18, Ea, NW1, E1SW1, NW1SW1, that part of SW1SW1 described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County;

Sec. 20, SWINEI, NINWI, that part of SEINEI described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County, NaNE; LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County, and a tract of land described in deed dated 5/4/37, 100k 72, page 246, Hernando County;

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Sec. 21, NEINEI, SWINEI, NINWI, EIWISWINWI, WIEISWINWI;
   Sec. 22, NaNa, SEA;
   Sec. 26, NW1SW1;
   Sec. 28, NEINEI, NWINWI;
Sec. 29, NININWISWI;
   Sec. 30, Einel, Wielnwinel, Winwinel, Swinel, NWI, Si;
   Sec. 31, E-3/4 N-3/4.
T. 22 S., R. 22 E.
   Sec. 19, SISEISEI;
  *Sec. 20, S1SW1;
  *Secs. 28 and 29;
   Sec. 30, Einel, Swinel, Elswinwi, SEinwi, Si;
   Sec. 31, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated
         8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County;
   Sec. 32:
   *Secs. 33 and 34.
T. 23 S., R. 22 E.,
    Sec. 1;
    Sec. 2, entire IESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
   2/27/37, Book 72, page 166, Hernando County;
Sec. 3, NWANEA, NANWA, SWANWA, WASWA, SEASWA, NWASEA, WASWASEA, SEASEA,
EANEA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37,
          Book 72, page 369, Hernando County, SWINEL LESS AND EXCEPT a tract
          of land and two rights-of-way described in final judgment of
          3/14/39, Civil Action No. 376, USDC, Southern District of Florida,
          SEINWI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
          7/31/37, Book 72, page 350, Hernando County, that part of NEASWA described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 373, USDC
          Southern District of Florida and in final judgment of 3/14/39, Civil
          Action No. 396, USDC, Southern District of Florida, NE SE LESS AND EXCEPT two tracts of land described in deed dated 10/10/36, Book 72,
          page 7, Hernando County, that part of ElSWiSEl described in final judgment of 3/14/39, Civil Action No. 359, USDC, Southern District
          of Florida;
    Sec. 4, El, SW1;
    Sec. 5;
    Sec. 6, E1, E1W1;
    Sec. 7, entire IESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
          8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County;
    Sec. 8:
    Sec. 9, EasE4, NanwasE4, EasWasE4, Na LESS AND EXCEPT two tracts of land
          and a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369
          Hernando County, SW: LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed
          dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County;
     Secs. 10 to 12, inclusive;
     Sec. 13, Ei, NVI, NiSWi;
     Sec. 14, Na, SWA, Nasel, SWASEL;
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Secs. 15 to 17, inclusive;

Sec. 18, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County.

## PASCO COUNTY

T. 23 S., R. 22 E.,

Sec. 19, NEISWI, SWISWI, SEI, NI LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/22/36, Book 99, page 343, Pasco County;

Secs. 20 to 22, inclusive; Sec. 23, Sineinei, NWINEI, Sinei, Wi, NWISEI, SWISEI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 9/28/36, Book 99, page 340, Pasco County:

Sec. 24, E1, NEISW1, S1SW1, that part of NWINW1 described in deed dated 3/7/39, Book 106, page 16, Pasco County;

Sec. 26, Sanel, Nanwi, Swinwi, Si; Secs. 27 to 29, inclusive;

Sec. 30, Ed, NEJNWI, SiSWI;

Sec. 31, NW, NW.

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T. 21 S., R. 20 E., \*Sec. 25, Name and Wanes, Way Wanessel, MWases, Sases.

T. 21 S., R. 21 E.,

\*Sec. 30, NANWASWA, SASWA, SWASEA; \*Sec. 31, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County;

Sec. 33, entire IESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 7/6/60, Book 21, page 429, Sunter County.

T. 22 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 4, Winel, NVI, Si LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/30/41, Book 112, page 497, Sunter County;

\*Sec. 8, NAME, EASE, WE LESS AND EXCEPT two rights-of-way and a tract of land described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 347, USIC, Southern District of Florida and two tracts of land described in deed dated 9/23/49, Book 111, page 281, Hernando County,  $SW_4SE_4$  LESS AND EXCLPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 7/2/37, Book 72, page 317, Hernando County, that part of NW\sel described in deed dated 12/31/48, Dook 107, page 192, Hernando County, SE\sel NE\sel LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 2/1/39, Civil Action No. 62, USIX, Southern District of Florida;

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\*Sec. 9, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 1/19/38, Civil Action No. 38, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 10, N\(\frac{1}{2}\)SW\(\frac{1}{2}\), E\(\frac{1}{2}\)SE\(\frac{1}{2}\)SW\(\frac{1}{2}\), E\(\frac{1}{2}\)SE\(\frac{1}{2}\)SE\(\frac{1}{2}\), SE\(\frac{1}{2}\)SE\(\frac{1 of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to II. W. Lindsay.

T. 22 S., R. 22 E., \*Sec. 20, S\(\frac{1}{2}\)SW\(\frac{1}{2}\); Sec. 27, W\(\frac{1}{2}\); \*Secs. 28, 29, 33 and 34.

T. 23 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

T. 24 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 1 to 6, inclusive.

Containing 113,431 acres, more or less.

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION OF FORESTRY

BUBLEASE AGREEMENT

(7) 3316-B

SUBLEASE NUMBER: 3316-04

#### WITNESSETH

In consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein SUBLESSOR subleases the below described premises to SUBLESSEE on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The parties acknowledge that title to the subleased premises is held by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TRUSTEES) and is currently managed by SUBLESSOR as the Withlacoochee State Forest. All parties acknowledge that under a previous easement executed September 21, 1965, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Easement"), the SUBLESSEE has established and developed the subleased premises, including structures and facilities, consistent with the purpose outlined in that document and with this sublease. The Easement provides that the rights and privileges granted thereunder shall remain in force and effect until December 31, 1990, and grants SUBLESSEE the right to request a renewal of such rights and privileges for an additional twenty-five (25) years. The SUBLESSEE has requested the right to continue its usage of the subleased premises for said renewal term, and the TRUSTEES, the SUBLESSOR, and the SUBLESSEE are agreeable to allowing such continued use of the subleased premises by the SUBLESSEE, pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
  - 2. DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES: The property subject to this

Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 1 of 32 sublease agreement is situated in the County of Citrus, State of Florida and is more particularly described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and hereinafter referred to as the "subleased premises".

- 3. SUBLEASE TERM: The term of this sublease shall be for a period of twenty-five (25) years commencing on January 1, 1991 and ending on December 31, 2015, called the primary term, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of this sublease. No later than six (6), nor earlier than twelve (12) months prior to the termination of the primary term the SUBLESSEE has the option to request fifteen (15) year renewal of this sublease. Provided that SUBLESSEE is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this sublease, SUBLESSOR agrees to execute the instrument necessary to document the requested renewal.

  SUBLESSOR shall be under no obligation to grant the requested renewal if SUBLESSEE has defaulted or breached any of the terms or conditions of this sublease. In the event that the aforesaid renewal option is granted, the termination date of this sublease will be December 31, 2030.
  - 4. <u>PURPOSE</u>: SUBLESSEE shall manage the subleased premises only for the establishment and operation of a public recreation facility, along with other related uses necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose as designated in the Management Plan required by paragraph 9 of this sublease.
  - costs, charges and expenses, including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees, in connection with any dispute arising out of this sublease, including without limitation, any costs and fees incurred or paid by SUBLESSOR because of the failure on the part of SUBLESSEE to comply with and abide by each and every one of the stipulations, agreements, covenants and conditions of this sublease, or incurred by SUBLESSOR in seeking any remedy available to SUBLESSOR as a result of such failure by SUBLESSEE.
  - 6. OPERATIVE DOCUMENT: The parties agree that, as of the date of commencement of the term of this sublease (January 1, Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 2 of 32

1991), this sublease shall be the operative document, defining and controlling the rights and obligations of the parties, and that as of such date of commencement, the Easement shall be void and of no further force and effect.

- 7. CONFORMITY: This sublease shall be subject to, and shall conform with all terms and conditions of Lease Agreement Number 3316 between the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR dated January 10, 1984, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C", and SUBLESSEE shall through its agents and employees prevent the unauthorized use of the sublease premises or any use thereof not in conformance with this sublease. The purpose stated in paragraph 4 of this sublease and limited herein is a use consistent with Exhibit "C" and SUBLESSEE's use of the property shall be considered a state forestry purpose by SUBLESSOR.
- 8. RIGHT OF USE: SUBLESSEE shall have the right of ingress and egress to, from and upon the subleased premises for all purposes necessary to exercise the rights conveyed herein.
- 9. MANAGEMENT PLAN: SUBLESSEE shall prepare and submit a Management Plan for the subleased premises in accordance with Chapter 18-2 and 18-4, Florida Administrative Code, within 12 months of the effective date of this sublease. The Management Plan shall be submitted to the TRUSTEES for approval through SUBLESSOR and the Division of State Lands. The subleased premises has developed recreational facilities and structures constructed on it. Any additional developments or physical alterations other than what is necessary for security and maintenance, or are in the process of being completed, may not take place without the prior written approval of the SUBLESSOR until the Management Plan is approved. SUBLESSEE shall provide SUBLESSOR with an opportunity to participate in all phases of preparing the Management Plan for the sublease premises. The Management shall be submitted to SUBLESSOR in draft form for review and comments within ten (10) months of the effective date of this sublease. SUBLESSEE shall give SUBLESSOR reasonable notice of the application for and receipt of any state, federal Sublease No. 3316-04

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or local permits as well as any public hearings or meetings relating to the development or use of the subleased premises. Any financial commitments made by SUBLESSEE which are not in compliance with the terms of this sublease shall be done at SUBLESSEE's own risk. The approved Management Plan shall provide the basic guidance for all management activities and shall be reviewed jointly by SUBLESSEE and SUBLESSOR at least every five (5) years. SUBLESSEE shall not use or alter the subleased premises except as provided for in the approved Management Plan without the advance written approval of the SUBLESSOR. The Management Plan prepared under this sublease shall identify management strategies for exotic species, if present. The introduction of exotic species is prohibited, except when specifically authorized by the approved Management Plan.

- 10. ASSIGNMENT: This sublease shall not be assigned in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR. Any assignment made either in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR shall be void and without legal effect.
- 11. RIGHT OF INSPECTION: The TRUSTEES and BUBLESSOR or their duly authorized agents. representatives or employees shall have the right at any and all times to inspect the subleased premises and the works and operations thereon of SUBLESSEE in any matter pertaining to this sublease.
- 12. PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS:
  All buildings, structures, improvements and signs shall be
  constructed at the expense of SUBLESSEE in accordance with plans
  prepared by professional designers and shall require the prior
  written approval of SUBLESSOR as to purpose, location and design
  if not already included in the approved Management Plan.
  Further, no trees, other than non-native species, shall be
  removed or major land alterations done without the prior written
  approval of SUBLESSOR. Removable equipment and removable
  improvements placed on the subleased premises by SUBLESSEE which
  do not become a permanent part of the subleased premises will
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remain the property of SUBLESSEE and may be removed by SUBLESSEE upon termination of this sublease.

13. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: During the term of this sublease SUBLESSEE shall procure and maintain policies of fire, extended risk, and liability insurance coverage. The extended risk and fire insurance coverage shall be in an amount equal to the full insurable replacement value of any improvements or fixtures located on the subleased premises. The liability insurance coverage shall be in amounts not less than (\$100,000.00) per occurrence and (\$200,000.00) per accident for personal injury, death, and property damage on the sublease premises. Such policies of insurance shall name SUBLESSEE, the TRUSTEES, SUBLESSOR and the State of Florida as co-insureds. SUBLESSEE shall submit written evidence of having procured all insurance policies required herein prior to the effective date of this sublease and shall submit annually thereafter, written evidence of maintaining such insurance policies to SUBLESSOR and the Bureau of State Lands Management Services, Division of State Lands, Department of Natural Resources, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. SUBLESSEE shall purchase all policies of insurance from a financially-responsible insurer duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Any certificate of self-insurance shall be issued or approved by the Insurance Commissioner, State of Florida. The certificate of self-insurance shall provide for casualty and liability coverage. SUBLESSEE further agrees to immediately notify SUBLESSOR, the TRUSTEES and the insurer of any erection or removal of any structure or other fixed improvement on the subleased premises and any changes affecting the value of any improvements and to request said insurer to make adequate changes in the coverage to reflect the changes in value. SUBLESSEE shall be financially responsible for any loss due to failure to obtain adequate insurance coverage, and the failure to maintain such policies or certificate in the amounts set forth shall constitute a breach of this sublease.

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- 14. INDEMNITY: SUBLESSEE hereby covenants and agrees to investigate all claim of every nature at its own expense, and to indemnify, protect, defend, hold and save harmless the State of Florida and the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR from any and all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands of any kind or nature arising out of this sublease to the extent provided by law. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity afforded to the parties herein, including the Trustees as against claims of non-parties to this agreement.
- assume full responsibility for and shall pay all liabilities that accrue to the subleased premises or to the improvements thereon, including any and all drainage and special assessments or taxes of every kind and all mechanic's or materialman's liens which may be hereafter lawfully assessed and levied against the subleased premises.
- 16. NO WAIVER OF BREACH: The failure of SUBLESSOR to insist in any one or more of the covenants, terms and conditions of this sublease shall not be construed as a waiver of such covenants, terms and conditions, but the same shall continue in full force and effect, and no waiver of SUBLESSOR of any of the provisions hereof shall in any event be deemed to have been made unless the waiver is set forth in writing, signed by SUBLESSOR.
- 17. <u>TIME</u>: Time is expressly declared to be of the essence of this sublease.
- 18. NON-DISCRIMINATION: As a condition of obtaining this sublease, SUBLESSEE hereby agrees not to discriminate against any individual because of that individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status with respect to any activity occurring within the subleased premises or upon lands adjacent to and used as an adjunct of the subleased premises.
- 19. <u>UTILITY FEES</u>: SUBLESSEE shall be responsible for the payment of all charges for the furnishing of gas, electricity, water and other public utilities to the subleased premises and Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 6 of 32

for having all utilities turned off when the subleased premises are surrendered.

- 20. MINERAL RIGHTS: This sublease does not cover petroleum or petroleum products or minerals and does not give the right to SUBLESSEE to drill for or develop the same. However, SUBLESSEE shall be fully compensated for any and all damages that might result to the subleasehold interest of SUBLESSEE by reason of such exploration and recovery operations.
- 21. RIGHT OF AUDIT: SUBLESSEE shall make available to the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR all financial and other records relating to this sublease, and SUBLESSOR and/or the TRUSTEES shall have the right to audit such records at any reasonable time. This right shall be continuous until this sublease expires or is terminated. This sublease may be terminated by SUBLESSOR should SUBLESSEE fail to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other materials made or received in conjunction with this sublease, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
- 22. CONDITION OF PROPERTY: SUBLESSOR assumes no liability or obligation to SUBLESSEE with reference to the condition of the subleased premises or the suitability of the subleased premises for any improvements. The subleased premises herein are subleased by SUBLESSOR to SUBLESSEE in an "as is" condition, with SUBLESSOR assuming no responsibility for bidding, contracting, permitting, construction, and the care, repair, maintenance or improvement of the subleased premises for the benefit of SUBLESSEE.
- 23. NOTICES: All notices given under this sublease shall be in writing and shall be served by certified mail including, but not limited to, notice of any violation served pursuant to section 253.04, Florida Statutes, to the last address of the party to whom notice is to be given, as designated by such party in writing. SUBLESSOR and SUBLESSEE hereby designate their address as follows:

SUBLESSOR: Di

Division of Forestry 3125 Conner Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1650

Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 7 of 32 SUBLESSEE: City of Inverness
212 West Main Street
Inverness, Florida 32650

- 24. BREACH OF COVENANTS, TERMS, OR CONDITIONS: Should SUBLESSEE breach any of the covenants, terms, or conditions of this sublease, SUBLESSOR shall give written notice to SUBLESSEE to remedy such breach within sixty (60) days of such notice. In the event SUBLESSEE fails to remedy the breach to the satisfaction of SUBLESSOR within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice, SUBLESSOR may either terminate this sublease and recover from SUBLESSEE all damages SUBLESSOR may incur by reason of the breach including, but not limited to, the cost of recovering the subleased premises and attorneys' fees or maintain this sublease in full force and effect and exercise all rights and remedies herein conferred upon SUBLESSOR.
- 25. DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES: SUBLESSEE agrees that it will not do, or suffer to be done, in, on or upon the subleased premises or as affecting said subleased premises, any act which may result in damage or depreciation of value to the subleased premises, or any part thereof. SUBLESSEE shall not dispose of any contaminants including, but not limited to, hazardous or toxic substances, chemicals or other agents used or produced in SUBLESSEE's operations, on the subleased premises or on any adjacent state land or in any manner not permitted by law.
- of this sublease, SUBLESSEE shall surrender the subleased premises to SUBLESSOR. In the event no further use of the subleased premises or any part thereof is needed, SUBLESSEE shall give written notification to SUBLESSOR and the Bureau of State Lands Management Services, Division of State Lands, Department of Natural Resources, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 at least six (6) months prior to the release of any or all of the subleased premises. Notification shall include a legal description, this sublease number and an explanation of the release. The release shall only be valid if approved by

SUBLESSOR and the TRUSTEES through execution of a release of sublease instrument with the same formality as this sublease. Upon release of all or any part of the subleased premises or upon termination or expiration of this sublease, all improvements, including both physical structures and modifications of the subleased premises, shall become the property of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR, unless SUBLESSOR gives written notice to SUBLESSEE to remove any or all such improvements at the expense of SUBLESSEE. The decision to retain any improvements upon termination of this sublease shall be at SUBLESSOR's sole discretion. Prior to surrender of all or any part of the subleased premises a representative of SUBLESSOR shall perform an on-site inspection and the keys to any building on the subleased premises shall be turned over to SUBLESSOR. If the subleased premises do not meet all conditions as set forth in this sublease, SUBLESSEE shall, at its expense, pay all costs necessary to meet the prescribed conditions.

- applicable Best Management Practices: SUBLESSEE shall implement applicable Best Management Practices for all activities conducted under this sublease in compliance with paragraph 18-2.004(1)(d), Florida Administrative Code, which have been selected, developed, or approved by SUBLESSOR, the TRUSTEES or other land managing agencies for the protection and enhancement of the subleased premises.
- 28. <u>DUPLICATE ORIGINALS</u>: This sublease is executed in duplicate originals each of which shall be considered an original for all purposes.
- 29. <u>SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS</u>: This sublease does not authorize any use of lands located waterward of the mean or ordinary high water line of any lake, river, stream, creek, bay, estuary, or other water body or the waters or the air space thereabove.
- 30. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST LIENS OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES: Fee title to the subleased premises is held by the TRUSTEES.

  SUBLESSEE shall not do or permit anything to be done which Sublease No. 3316-04
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purports to create a lien or encumbrance of any nature against the real property contained in the subleased premises including, but not limited to, mortgages or construction liens against the subleased premises or against any interest of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR therein.

- 31. CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS: All of the provisions of this sublease shall be deemed covenants running with the land included in the subleased premises, and construed to the "conditions" as well as "covenants" as though the words specifically expressing or imparting covenants and conditions were used in each separate provision.
- 32. PARTIAL INVALIDITY: If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this sublease shall be ruled by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.
- 33. ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING: This sublease sets forth the entire understanding between the parties and shall only be amended with the prior written approval of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR.
- 34. EASEMENTS: All easements not included in the approved Management Plan are expressly prohibited without the prior written approval of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR. Any easement not approved in writing by the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR shall be void and without legal effect.
- specified herein and any subsubleases of any nature are prohibited, without the prior written approval of the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR. Any subsublease not approved in writing by the TRUSTEES and SUBLESSOR shall be void and without legal effect.
- 36. MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS: SUBLESSEE shall maintain the real property contained within the subleased premises and any improvements located thereon, in a state of good condition, working order and repair including, but not limited to, maintaining the planned improvements as set forth in the approved Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 10 of 32

Management Plan, keeping the subleased premises free of trash or litter, meeting all building and safety codes in the location situated and maintaining any and all existing roads, canals, ditches, culverts, risers and the like in as good condition as the same may be on the effective date of this sublease.

- 37. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: SUBLESSEE agrees that this sublease is contingent upon and subject to SUBLESSEE obtaining all applicable permits and complying with all applicable permits, regulations, ordinances, rules, and laws of the State of Florida or the United States or of any political subdivision or agency of either.
- 38. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES: Execution of this sublease in no way affects any of the parties' obligations pursuant to Chapter 267, Florida Statutes. The collection of artifacts or the disturbance of archaeological and historic sites on state-owned lands is prohibited unless prior authorization has been obtained from the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. The Management Plan prepared pursuant to Chapter 18-2 and 18-4, Florida Administrative Code, shall be reviewed by the Division of Historical Resources to insure that adequate measures have been planned to locate, identify, protect, and preserve the archaeological and historic sites and properties on the subleased premises.
- 39. GOVERNING LAW: This sublease shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Florida.
- 40. <u>SECTION CAPTIONS</u>: Articles, subsections and other captions contained in this sublease are for reference purposes only and are in no way intended to describe, interpret, define or limit the scope, extent or intent of this sublease or any provisions thereof.
- 41. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The following special condition shall apply to this sublease.
- a. The SUBLESSOR will manage the timber resources on the area, including timber harvesting, salvage cutting, sanitation cutting, and such other management measures as may be Sublease No. 3316-04 Page 11 of 32

necessary, in such a manner as to maintain the area in as attractive and natural condition as possible for public enjoyment and safety. The SUBLESSOR shall retain all revenue produced by any of these operations.

- The SUBLESSOR reserves the right to use any portion of the subleased premises for administrative purposes, when mutually determined by the SUBLESSOR and SUBLESSEE that this use is not in conflict with the approved Management Plan.
- TITLE DECLAIMER: SUBLESSOR does not warrant or guarantee any title, right or interest in or to the subleased premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have cause this sublease to be executed on the day and year first above written.

Mike Gresham, Director Division of Administration

STATE OF FLOBIDA, DEPARTMENT OF

"SUBLESSOR"

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6th day of March , 19 cas Director, Division of Administration \_\_\_, 19 gg , by Mike Gresham

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(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

Plotary Public, State of Florida My Commission Expires Nov. 11, 1991 Bonded Thru Troy Fain - Insurance In-

CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA

By: 1) alt al Comen

"SUBLESSEE"

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF CITALS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

15 day of Junuary 1991, by Watth W. Cannon,
as President & City Council, City & Frances, #

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: 3/19/91

Consented to by the TRUSTEES on

Director, Division of State Lands, Department of Natural Resources

Approved as to Form and Legality

By: William C.
DNR Attorney

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#### A SUGGESTED LEGAL DESCRIPTION

#### EXHIBIT A

BEING MADE A PART OF THE BOUNDARY SURVEY OF WHISPERING PINES PARK FOR THE CITY OF INVERENSS DATED 8-18-1989, MAP NO. A-1186 A AND A-1186 B

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence N. 01° 30° 14" E. along the West line of Section 7 a distance of 2248.42 feet to the Southwest corner of lands as described in Official Records Book 490 at Page 733 of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida; thence S. 88' 16' 55" E. along the South line of said lands a distance of 105 feet to the Southeast corner of said lands; thence N. 01' 30' 14" E. a distance of 211.28 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 1, Block 20, Inverness Acres Unit 2 according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 52-58 inclusive of the aforementioned Public Records of Citrus County, thence S. 88° 16' 55" E. along said South line a distance of 103.72 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, also being the plat boundary; thence N. 01° 30' 14" E. along said plat boundary a distance of 208.72 feet to a point on the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence S. 88° 15' 46" E. along said North line a distance of 1728.34 feet; thence leaving said North line S. 01° 34' 24" W. a distance of 1379.39 feet; thence S. 88° 24° 22" E. a distance of 678.80 feet to a point that is 33.0 feet from, measured at right angles to, the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of aforementioned Section 7; thence S. 01° 35' 48" W. parallel to said East line a distance of 1277.71 feet to a point that is 33 feet from, measured at right 1277.71 feet to a point that is 33 feet from, measured at right angles to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence S. 01° 54° 29" W., parallel to the East line of said Northwest 1/4 a distance of 881.46 feet to a point of curvature concave to the Northeast having a radius of 852.0 feet, a delta of 5° 25′ 53" and a chord bearing and distance of S. 00° 48° 28" E. 80.74 feet, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 80.77 feet to a point on the North terminus of Montgomery Street as recorded in Official Records Book 441 at Page 159, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida; thence N. 88° 35′ 47" W. along the North right-of-way of said Street a distance of 23.05 feet to the North right-of-way of said Street a distance of 23.05 feet to the West right-of-way of said Street; thence S. 02° 02' 22" W. along said West right-of-way a distance of 1046.97 feet to the North line of lands as described in Official Records Book 332 at Page 621 of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida; thence N. 88' 35' 05" W. along said North line a distance of 279.13 feet to the Northwest corner of said lands; thence S. 01° 59° 51" W. along the West line of said lands a distance of 664.15 feet

the North right-of-way of State Road No. 44; thence N. 88° 38' 32" W. along said North line a distance of 1900.72 feet to the Point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 1223.57 feet, a delta of 15° 42' 50" and a chord bearing and distance of N. 80° 46' 40" W. 334.52 feet, thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 335.57 feet; thence N. 34° 27' 28" W. a distance of 60.06 feet to a point on the Southerly projection of the East right-of-way line of Forest Drive, also known as, Inverness Crystal Boulevard as shown on the map or plat of Fletcher Heights Recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 41, Pubic Records of Citrus County, Florida; thence N. 01° 42' 16" E. along said projection of, and along said East right-of-way line a distance of 2582.52 feet (said projection of and said East right-of-way being 33 feet from, measured at right angles to the West line of aforementioned Section 18); thence N. 88° 32' 58" W. a distance of 33 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence N. 01° 30' 14" E. along the West line of Section 7 a distance of 2248.42 feet to the Southwest corner of lands as described in Official Records Book 490 at Page 733 of the. Public Records of Citrus County, Florida; thence S. 88° 16' 55" E. along the south line of said lands a distance of 105 feet to the Southeast corner of said lands; thence N. 01° 30' 14" E. a distance of 211.28 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 1, Block 20, Inverness Acres Unit 2 according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 52-58 inclusive of the aforementioned Public Records of Citrus County, thence S. 88° 16' 55" E. along said South line a distance of 103.72 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, also being the plat boundary; thence S. 48° 57' 51" E. a distance of 111.26 feet; thence N. 01° 30' 14" E. along said plat boundary a distance of 208.72 feet to a point on the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence S. 88° 15' 46" E. along said North line a distance of 1778.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue S. 88° 15' 46" E. along said North line a distance of 511.14 feet; thence S. 48° 57' 51" E. a distance of 111.26 feet; thence of 593.44 feet; thence N. 88° 20' 02" W. a distance of 591.98 feet; thence N. 01° 34' 24" E. a distance of 664.63 feet.

LESS AND EXCEPT the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company's 100 foot right-of-way being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence N. 01° 30° 14" E. along the West line of Section 7 a distance of 1884.94 feet to the existing Easterly right-of-way of aforementioned Seaboard Coastline Railroad and the Point of Beginning; thence continue N. 01° 30° 14" E. along said West line a distance of 175.92 feet to the existing Westerly right-of-way of said Seaboard Coastline Railroad; thence N. 36°

07' 28" E. along said Westerly right-of-way a distance of 85.05 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Westerly having a radius of 1866.03 feet, a central angle of 18° 04' 03" and a chord bearing and distance of N. 25° 13' 28" E. 585.99 feet, thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 588.43 feet to a point on the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence S. 88° 15' 46" E. along said North line a distance of 103.09 feet to the aforementioned East right-of-way line of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad said point being on a curve concave Westerly having a radius of 1966.03 feet, a central angle of 18' 49' 02" and a chord bearing and distance of S. 24' 50' 58" W. 642.80 feet, thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 645.69 feet to the point of tangent of said curve; thence S. 36' 07' 28" W. a distance of 233.07 feet to the point of beginning, being the same lands as described in Official Records Book 74, Page 129, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

#### AND LESS

the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company 100 foot right-of-way, being 50 feet on each side of the following described center line:

Begin at a point on the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, 471 feet measured along said North line from the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence following a 3 degree curve to the right through an angle of 15° 45° for a distance of 525 feet; thence S. 09° 10° E. for a distance of 1720.00 feet to the beginning of a 6 degree curve to the left; thence following said 6 degree curve through an angle of 63° 01° for a distance of 1050 feet; thence S. 72° 11° E. for a distance of 725 feet to a point on the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, said point being 389 feet South of the Northeast corner thereof, containing 9.2 acres, more or less; being the same lands as described in Official Records Book 74, Page 129 Public Records of Citrus County, Florida, being the same lands as described in Official Records Book 74, Page 129, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida, Page 129, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

## AND LESS

A 66 foot road right-of-way for Inverness Crystal Boulevard, also known as, Old State Road No. 44, also known as, Forest Drive, as shown on the plat of Fletcher Heights recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 41 of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East; thence S. 88° 32' 58" E.

along the North line of said Northwest 1/4 a distance of 33.0 feet; thence S. 01° 42° 16" W. parallel to and 33.0 feet from the West line of said Northwest 1/4 a distance of 2152.04 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of the aforementioned Inverness Crystal Boulevard and Point of Beginning, being the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 536.71 feet, a delta of 76° 46° 04" and a chord bearing and distance of S. 36° 40° 46" E. 666.52 feet; thence Southeast-erly along the arc of said curve a distance of 719.11 feet to a point on the North right-of-way line of State Road No. 44; thence N. 88° 38° 32" W. along said North right-of-way line a distance of 46.76 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 1223.57 feet, a delta of 06° 43° 05" and a chord bearing and distance of N. 85° 16' 32" W. 143.39 feet; thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 143.87 feet to a point on the West right-of-way of the aforementioned Inverness Crystal Boulevard, said point being on a curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 602.71 feet, a delta of 31° 40° 12" and a chord bearing and distance of N. 41° 11' 49" W. 328.92 feet; thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 333.15 feet to a point that is 33.0 feet from, measured at right angle to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of the aforementioned Section 18; thence N. 01° 42' 16" E. parallel to and 33.0 feet from said West line a distance of 274.25 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement described as follows:

Commence on the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7 at a point 710.05 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Southwest 1/4 and run Westerly, and at right angles to said quarter line 33.0 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING: thence Southerly and parallel to said quarter line 300.0 feet; thence Westerly and at right angles to said quarter line 300.0 feet; thence Northerly line and parallel to said quarter line 400.0 feet; thence Easterly and at right angles to said quarter line 300.0 feet; thence Southerly and parallel to said quarter line 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Total area containing 286.9 acres, more or less.

NOTE: This is final metes and bounds legal description of the subleased premises and is the most accurate.

#### **EASPIEKT**

The PLORIDA BOARD OF PORESTRY, an agency of the State of Florida, bereinafter called the Board, in consideration of the benefits to be received by the Board from the use of the lands for the purposes stated below, does hereby grant and convey an easement to the CITY OF INVENTES, PLORIDA, hereinafter called the City, for the use of certain lands located in the Withlacoochee State Porest, as described in Exhibit A attached and made a part of this easement, for public recreation purposes and recreation developments subject to the following express conditions, viz:

- 1. The City will submit a detailed and comprehensive plan for recreational use and/or recreation improvements and developments to the Board for approval prior to commencing any work.
- 2. The Board will consult with and assist the City in drawing up a comprehensive recreational development plan for the area, calling in such assistance as may be available to it from either State and/or public agencies engaged in the field of recreation.
- 3. The City assumes full obligation for any end all liabilities for demage to life end/or property arising from the operations on and the occupancy and use of the lands under this easement and shall save and hold the Board and the United States harmless from any and all claims for damages by third parties resulting from such operation, occupancy and use except damages arising from timber operations by the Board or any agency other than the City.
- 4. The City agrees to jointly with the hoard draw up a plan setting forth the conditions and responsibilities for fire prevention, pre-suppression and control.
- 5. The Board will manage the timber recourses, on the area, including timber harvesting, salvage cutting, canitation cutting and such other tangent

area in an attractive and natural condition as possible for public enjoy-

- 6. The City shell maintain the improvements and premises up to standards of repair, orderliness, menthers, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the State Board of Health and the Board.
- 7. The Board reserves the right to use that area not embraced in the detailed comprehensive plan for forestry purposes or public use not inconsistent with the purposes and objectives of this escenent.
- 6. The Board, through its State Forest organization and/or other of its personnel, will assist the City in fire provention, pre-suppression and countrol as needed,
- 9. The City shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent soil erosion.
- 10. All rights and privileges granted hereunder shall remain in force and effect until December 31, 1990, with the City having the option to request a renewal for an additional 25 years.
- . 11. Should said lands at any time not be used for the purposes for which this easement is granted, then the rights and privileges hereby granted shall automatically cease and terminate and all rights of the City under this easement shall thereby be forfeited.
- 12. Should the City breach any of the covenants, terms, or conditions of this easement, the Board may, at its election, terminate and cancel all privileges granted herein by giving the City written notice thereof; provided the Board gives the City thirty days notice of such specific breaches of this escenant in writing and if the City has not corrected or removed said broaches within thirty (30) days after receiving such written notice.
  - 13. This desement is subject to all valid claims on record.
  - 14. The City agrees to ellow the lawful public use of this area for

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recreational purposes without discrimination as to race, color, or creed.

15. Any changes, modifications and/or amendments to this easement, including changes in the comprehensive plan set forth in item number 1, must be concurred in by both the Board and the City.

16. The rights and privileges granted herounder are not transferable, and cannot be sold, assigned, conveyed, or sub-lessed.

IN WITNESS WEFFEOF said Board has hereunto caused its name to be signed by its President and its seal to be affixed by its Secretary this YI day of Secretary 1965.

FLORIDA BOARD OF TCRESTRY

ATTEST:

Secretary

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## LYHIBIT A (cont)

# TOWNSHIP KINETEEN SOUTH, RANGE TVENTY EAST.

Section 7:) Southwest quarter; 18:) Northwest quarter;

Northwest querter; Northeast quarter of Scutimest quarter, less the following: Southeast quarter of Northcast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 7; Beginning at the northvest corner of Southwest querter of Section 7: thence East 35 yards; South 140 ydr; Nest 35 yes; North 140 yes to point of beginning; East half of Southeast querter of Southeast querter of Northwest querter of Section 18; Also commending of the northeest corper of the Northeast quarter of Harthwest quarter of Sec. 18. and run thence West 13 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of State Road #5 according to the right of way map thereof on record in the office of the Clark of the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, thence in a southerly direction along said right-of-way line to a point on the 'Last boundary of said Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter 970 feet, more or leat, South of the portheast corner of said Northesst quorter of Northwest quarter; run thence North 970 ft. more or less to the point of beginning, all of said lands lying and being in the Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 18, T 19 S, R 20 E, containing .3 acre, more or less; .. Also the following described prexises, to-vit: A strip of land 33 ft. in width off the East side of the Southeast querter of Southwest querter of Section 7, containing 1.01 acres, more or less; Also beginning at a point on the Most boundary of Section 7, 620 feet South from the West quarter corner of anid Section 7; thence North 32 degrees 53 minutes Last for a distance of 165.9 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the laft; thence following said I degree curve to the left through as angle of 19 degrees 7 minutes for a . distance of 635,6 feet to a point on the East quarter Section line of raid Section 7, containing 1.84 cores, more or less.

NOTE: This is the legal description of original 9/21/65 easement.

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LEASED PREMISES

Sky of Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East;

Also the KWW of Section 18, Toxoship 19 South, Range 20 East;

Also the REP of SWs of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, LESS THE FOLLOWING:

SEX of NEW of SWx of Sec. 7, Twp. 19 S., Rg. 20 East;

Beginning at the RW corner of SW; of Sec. 7, Twp. 19 S., Roe. 20 East, thence East 35 yds; South 140 yds; West 35 yds; Horth 140 yds to point of beginning;

Ex of SEx of SEx of NKx of Section 18, Township 19 S., Rge. 20 East;

Also commencing at the KE corner of KEK of KKK of Section 18, Twp. 19 S., Roe. 20 E., and run thence Kest 33 ft. to a point on the X. right-of-way line of State Road 15 according to the right-of-way map thereof on record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, thence in a southerly direction along said right-of-way line to a point on the E. boundary of said NEK of NYX 970 ft. Fore or less, south of the NE corner of said NEK of NXX, run thence N. 970 ft. Fore or less to the point of beginning, excepting the right-of-way of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, all of said lands lying and being in the NEK of NXX of Section 18, Twp. 19 S., Roge. 20 E. containing .3 acres, Fore. or less;

Also the following described premises, to-wit:

A strip of land 33 ft. in width off the E. side of the SEk of Sk of Sec. 7, Twp. 19 S. Roe. 20 E. containing 1.01 acres, more or less;

LESS right-of-way of Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, said right-of-way being a strip of land 100 ft. wide, 50 ft. on each side of center line and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the E and K quarter Section line of said Section 7, 471 ft. W. from the KE corner of NKK of Skk of said Section 7, thence following a 3 degree curve to the right through an angle of 15 degrees 45 minutes for a distance of 515 feet, thence S. 9 degrees 10 minutes E. for a distance of 1720 ft. to the beginning of a 6 degree curve to the left, thence following said 6 degree curve to the left through an angle of 63 degrees, 1 minute, for a distance of 1050 ft. thence South 72 degrees 11 minutes E. for a distance of 725 ft. to a point on the E. boundary of Kik of NKK of Section 18, Tkp. 19 S., Roe. 20 E. 389 ft. S. of the KE corner thereof, said right-of-way containing 9.2 acres, more or less;

Also beginning at a point on the X. boundary of Section 7, Twp. 19 S., Rge. 20 E. 620 ft. S from the X quarter corner of said Section 7, thence X. 32 degrees 63 minutes E. for a distance of 165.9 ft. to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the left, thence following said 3 degree curve to the left through an angle of 19 degrees 7 minutes for a distance of 635.6 ft. to a point on the East quarter Section line of said Section 7, containing 1.84 acres, more or less.

Total area containing 297.3 acres, more or less.

NOTE: This is the legal description of the survey completed for the Sublease Agreement and is not as accurate as the metes and bounds legal description on pages 14-17.

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All those certain tracts or parcels of land embraced within the Withlacochee land Utilization Project, FL-LU-3, lving and being in the counties of Citrus. Hernando, Pasco and Sumter, State of Florida, Tallahassee Meridian, to wit:

#### CITRUS COUNTY

T. 19 S., R. 18 E.,

Civil Action No. 64, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. J. SEASEA. SWASEA LIESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 7/25/38, Civil Action No. 44, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 10, E4;

Sees. 11 to 14, inclusive;

Sec. 15, E½;
Sec. 21, SENNE, NEASEA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in decal dated 7/28/37, Book 73, page 193, Citrus County;
Sec. 22, E½, SANWA, SWA;

Sec. 36, WASWA, SEASWA, SEA, NA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in dead dated 3/19/37, Book 72, page 465, Citrus County.

T. 19 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 6, Si, that part of SiNE described in deed dated 2/18/38, Book 74, page 91, Citrus County, that part of ShAWA described in deed dated 12/17/37, Book 74, page 280, Citrus County;

Sec. 7;

Sec. 9, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in the deed dated. 10/29/68 from the Director, Division of Lunds, Porest Service, Department of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of

America, to Makert M. Howard, Sr., et un; Sec. 10, WANNA, SHANNA, SWA, WASEA, that part of SEAMEA, of NWANEA and of NEANY) described in deed dated 4/15/38, Exok 74, page 140, Citrus County, that part of SWANE; described in deed dated 8/16/38, Book 7: page 360, Citrus County;

Sec. 11, SWASEA, that part of SANNA described in deed dated 4/15/38, Bank

74, page 140, Citrus County; Soc. 13, SWISER, SERSER LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 3/17/37, Book 73, page 10, Citrus County;

Sec. 14, 50%;
Sec. 15, WANNEY, WE, SEL;
Secs. 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22;
Secs. 23, NEAWAY, SANYA, SWA, SEL LESS AND ENCEPT a right-of-way described in deads dated 12/15/36 and 6/22/37, filed in Book 73, page 143 and Book 73, page 140, respectively, Citrus County, NEW LESS AND ENGINEER right-of-way described in deed dated 2/17/38, Book 74, page 33, Citrus County;

Sec. 24, SWI, NUSER, SWISER, NESERSER LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 2/10/41, Book 76, page 451, Citrus County, No. LESS AND EDGEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 11/10/17, book 73, page 477, Citrus County;

Sec. 25, NWA, NASWA, SWASWA, WASEA;

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Sec. 26, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 2/10/41, Book 76, page 449, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dated 3/7/38, Book 74, page 90, Citrus County;

Secs. 27 and 28:

Sec. 30, SANEANEA, WANEA, SEANEA, NAMYA, SWAMYA, SE;

Sec. 31, fractional;

Secs. 33 and 34; Soc. 35, entire LESS AND DICEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 2/1/39, Civil Action No. 74, USDC, Southern District of Florida and u right-of-way described in deed dated 3/7/38, Book 74, page 88. Citrus County;

Sec. 36.

T. 19 S., R. 20 E., Sec. 7, SW. 1155 AND EXCEPT the SEINERSWI and two tracts of land and two rights-of-way, all described in deed dated 4/7/38, Book 74, page 129, Citrus County;

Sec. 18, MM LESS AND EXCEPT THE EASEASEAMM and a tract of land and a right-of-way, all described in deed dated 4/7/38, Book 74, page 129, Citrus County.

T. 20 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 1;

Sec. 2, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 12/29/37, Book 73, page 597, Citrus County;

Sec. 3, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 12/29/37, Book 73, page 597, Citrus County;

Sees, 4 and 5:

Sec. 6, fractional;

Sec. 7, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 1/19/38, Civil Action No. 45, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sees, 8 and 9;

Sec. 10, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in judgment of 6/9/42, Civil Action No. 50, USDC, Southern District of Florida and a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/13/37, Expk 73, page 313, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dated 7/31/37, 1200k 73, page 227, Citrus County;

Sec. 11, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated

7/31/37, Book 73, page 227, Citrus County;

Sec. 12;

Sec. 10, Wil LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 4/15/38. lkook 74, page 140, Citrus County and a right-of-way described in deed dared 5/13/37, Pook 73, page 99, Citrus County;

Sees. 15 to 17, inclusive;

Sec. 18, Nj. EjSnj. SE;; Sec. 19, Ej. Nj. Nvj. Sj. Snj. Nvj. Spj. Nvj. Skj. Sccs. 20 to 22, inclusive;

. Sec. 23, NEANNA, WAWA, NWANEA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/13/37, Book 73, page 313, Citrus County;

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Sec. 26, NANWA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated

8/17/37, Book 73, page 234, Citrus County;
Secs. 27 to 30, inclusive;
Sec. 31, Ninvi, Shinvi, Nineiswi, Wiswi, Shiswi, Nivinwisei, Sisei, Nei
11:SS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 3/11/37, Book 72, page 467, Citrus County

Sec. 32, NAMEA, EASEANEA, WA, SEA;

Sec. 33, entire LESS AND EXCEPT two tracts of land described in final judgment of 7/25/38, Civil Action No. 52, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 04, NJ, NJSWI, SWISWI, NINGSEI, SEINEISEI, EJSMISEI; Sec. 35, SEINVI LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 7/24/39, Civil Action No. 84, USDC, Southern District of Florida.

T. 21 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 3, MY1, WESNI, MESSWI:

Sec. 4;

Sico. 9, NJ, MISSES:

Sec. 10, NEANEA, SWAMES, EASWAY, SWASWAY, WASKA, MYA LESS AND EXCEPT A tract of land described in deed dated 9/13/37, Book 73, page 313, Citrus County.

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T. 21 S., R. 10 E., Sec. 5, E), MW, NESWA, SEASWA; Sec. 6, NEA, NAMA;

Sec. 8, NE.

T. 21 S., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 17, entire USS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 12/6/39, Civil Action No. 402, USDC, Southern District of Florida;

Sec. 18, Eisel, NVISE;
Sec. 19, Einel, SWINE, SE; LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in dead dated 12/16/33, Book 72, page 77, Hernando County;
Sec. 20, NVI, that part of WisWir described in dead dated 7/9/38, Book 74, page 208, Hernando County;

\*Sec. 25, NAMEANEA, WANEA, WA, WANEASEA, NWASEA, SASEA; Sec. 33, EASEA;

Sees. 31 to 36, inclusive.

T. 22 S., R. 20 E.,
Secs. 1 to 3, inclusive;
Sec. 4, 12, ElMil, Naswi, SWISWI, Nanaselswa, Saselswa;

"Sec. 9, NEANER, WEENWANER, WANWANER, NAMER: Sec. 10, Eg. ELSWA, NWASWA, MY LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 390, USDC, Southern

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District of Florida and a tract of land described in deed dated 9/28/36, Book 68, page 580, Hernando County and a right-of-way described collectively in two deeds dated 3/31/38, Book 74, page 76, and Book 74, page 77, Hernando County and deed dated 8/31/37, Book 72. page 391, Hernando County;

Sec. 12, Fd, Ednedowd, Midnig, Sania, Swa:

Secs. 13 and 14;

Sec. 15, El, Elnii, Klindinii, Klindinii; Sec. 23, El, Klindi, Selnii, Elsii;

Sec. 24. NAMEA, SWAMEA, WASHANEA, WA, SHA;

Sec. 25: Sec. 26, E4.

T. 21 S., R. 21 E., \*Sec. 30, NANWASWA, SASWA, SWASEA;

\*Sec. 3), entire IESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County.

T. 22 S., R. 21 E.,

\*Sec. 5;

Secs. 6 and 7:

\*Sec. 8, NAME, EMSEA, We LESS AND EXCEPT two rights-of-way and a tract of land described in final sudgment of 12/6/36, Civil Action No. 247, USIX; Southern District of Florida and two tracts of land described in deed dated 9/23/49, Book 111, page 281, Hernando County, SW:SEE LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 7/2/37, Book 72, page 317, Hernando County, that part of NW1SE1 described in deed threed 12/31/48, Book 107, page 192, Hernando County, SEINE: 1135 AND Dichar a right-of-way described in final judgment of 2/1/39, Civil

Action No. 62, USDC, Southern District of Florida; \*Sext. 9, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in final judgment of 1/19/38, Civil Action No. 38, USDC, Southern District of Florida; Sec. 14, that part of SASW; described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page

252, Hernando County;

\*Sec. 15, Ed. INTANES, NASWANES, Way, SES LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 3/14/73, Book 311, page 772, Hernando County; \*Sec. 16, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in the deed

dated 6/1/64, from the Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to II. W. Lindsny;

Sec. 17;

Sec. 18, Eg, NWG, EgSWG, NWGSWG, that part of SWGSWG described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County;

Sec. 20, SWANNA, NAMMA, that part of SEANNA described in deed dated 5/4/07. Book 72, page 252, Hernando County, NANES LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 5/4/37, Exok 72, page 252, Hernando County, and a tract of land described in deed dated 5/4/37, Dook 72. page 246, Hermando County;

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Sec. 21, NEINEL, SWINEL, NIMME, ELWASKIMMA, WIELSWAMME:
     Sec. 22, N;N; SE;;
Sec. 26, NW;SW;;
     Sec. 28, NEŽNEŽ, MYŽMYŽ;
Sec. 29, NŽNŽMYŽSYŽ;
Sec. 30, EŽNEŽ, VŽEŽMYŽNEŽ, WŽMYŽNEŽ, SWĮNEŽ, MYŽ, SŽ;
     Sec. 31, E-3/4 N-3/4.
T. 22 S., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 19, SISEASEN;
   *Sec. 20, SISW!;
   *Secs. 28 and 29;
    Sec. 30, ELNE), SWINES, ELSWINNS, SESMINS, SES
    Sec. 31, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated
            8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County;
    Sec. 32;
   *Secs. 33 and 34.
T. 23 S., R. 22 E.,
    Sec. 1;
Sec. 2, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
    2/27/37, Book 72, page 166, Hernando County;
Sec. 3, NWANEA, NANWA, SWANWA, WASWA, SEASWA, NWASEA, WASWASEA, SEASWA, LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37,
           Book 72, page 369, Hernando County, SWINE; LESS AND EXCEPT a truct of land and two rights-of-way described in final judgment of
           3/14/39, Civil Action No. 376, USDC, Southern District of Florida,
           SEMAN LESS, AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
           7/31/37, Book 72, page 350, Hernando County, that part of NE SWiddlescribed in final judgment of 12/6/38, Civil Action No. 373, USDC
           Southern District of Florida and in final judgment of 3/14/39, Civil Action No. 196, USDC, Southern District of Florida, NE 5E LESS AND ENCEPT two tracts of land described in deed dated 10/10/36, Bok 72,
           page 7, Hernando County, that part of ElSWASE2 described in final judgment of 3/14/39, Civil Action No. 359, USDC, Southern District
           of Florida;
   Sec. 4, Ed., SWA;
   Sec. 5;
   Sec. 6, El, Elyi;
   Sec. 7, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated
           8/4/37, Pook 72, page 369, Hernando County;
   Sec. 8;
   Sec. 9, EiSEi, NiMinsEi, EiSMinsEi, Ni LESS AND EXCEPT two tracts of land and a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369,
           Hernando County, SW: LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County;
   Secs. 10 to 12, inclusive;
Sec. 13, Eg. NW: 1055W:
   Sec. 14, No. 5Wd, Nosed, SWASEd;
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Secs. 15 to 17, inclusive;

Sec. 18, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 8/4/37, Book 72, page 369, Hernando County.

#### PASCO COUNTY

T. 23 S., R. 22 E.,

Sec. 19, NEISWI, SWISWI, SEI, NI LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 9/22/36, Book 90, page 343, Pasco County;

Secs. 20 to 22, inclusive; Sec. 23, SANEANEA, MYANEA, SANEA, WA, MYASEA, SWASEA LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in deed dated 9/28/36, Book 99, page 340, Pasco County;

Sec. 24, E4, NEASWA, SASWA, that part of NWANWA described in deed dated 3/7/39, Book 106, page 16, Pasco County;

Sec. 25;

Sec. 26, SANEA, NAMA, SWANWA, SA;

Secs. 27 to 29, inclusive;

Sec. 30, Fig. NEIMYI, SISNI;

Sec. 31, MYAMYA.

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7. 21 S., R. 20 E. \*Suc. 25, Nimeinel, Winel, W. Winelsel, Mylsel, Sisel.

T. 21 S., R. 21 E.,

\*Sca. 30, NANNISMA, SASWA, SWASEA; \*Sca. 31, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in deed dated 5/4/37, Book 72, page 252, Hernando County;

Sec. 32; Sec. 33, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land describtd in deed dated 7/6/60, Book 21, page 429, Sunter County.

T. 22 S., R. 21 E. Sou. 4, WANEL, INC., SA LESS AND EXCEPT a right-of-way described in decal dated 5/30/41, Dook 112, page 497, Scatter County;

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of 1/19/3S, Civil Action No. 3E, USDC, Southern District of Florida;
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Sec. 15, E\$, MW\$NE\$, N\$SW\$NE\$, W\$, SE\$ LISS AND EXCEPT a tract of lund described in deed dated 3/14/73, Book 311, page 772, Hernando County;

- \*Sec. 16, entire LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described in the deed dated 6/4/61 from the Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to H. W. Lindsay.
- T. 22 S., R. 22 E., -Sec. 20, SISWA; Sec. 27, W1; \*Secs. 28, 29, 33 and 34.
- T. 23 S., R. 23 F., Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.
- T. 24 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 1 to 6, inclusive.

Containing 113,431 acres, more or less

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

#### LEASE AGREEMENT

No. 3316

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida holds title to certain lands and property being utilized by the State of Florida-for public purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida is authorized in Section 253.03, Florida Statutes, to enter into leases for the use, benefit and possession of public lands by State agencies which may properly use and possess them for the benefit of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, this agreement made between the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND of the State of Florida, as LESSOR, and the DIVISION OF FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, as LESSEE,

#### WITNESSETH:

The parties, for and in consideration of mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The lessor does hereby lease to the lessee the Citrus, Hernando, following described premises in the County of Pasco & Sumter , State of Florida, together with the improvements thereon (if applicable), viz:

(Exhibit A - attached):

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described land for a period of Fifty (50) years for management as a state forest (Withlacoochee State Forest).

- 2. The lessee shall have the right to enter upon said land for all purposes necessary to the full enjoyment by said lessee of the rights herein conveyed to it.
- 3. The lessee shall through its agents and employees prevent the unauthorized use of said land or any use thereof not in conformity with this lease.

4. This lease shall terminate at the sole option of the lessor, and the lessee shall surrender up the premises to the lessor, when and if said premises, including lands and improvements, shall cease to be used for state forestry purposes (Withlacoochoe State Forest).

Any costs arising out of the enforcement of the terms of this lease agreement shall be the exclusive obligation of the lessee, payable upon demand of the lessor.

- 5. The lessee hereby covenants and agrees to investigate all claims of every nature at its own expense and to indemnify, protect, defend, hold and save harmless the lessor from any and all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands of any kind or nature arising out of this agreement to the extent allowable by law.
- 6. The lessor does not warrant or guarantee title, right or interest in the hereinabove described property.
- .7. The lessor or its duly authorized agents shall have the right at any time to inspect the said land and the works and operations thereon of the lessee in any matter pertaining to this agreement.
- 8. The lessee agrees to assume all responsibility for liabilities that accrue to the subject property or to the improvements thereon, including any and all drainage or special assessments or taxes of every kind and description which are now or may be hereafter lawfully assessed and levied against the subject property during the effective period of this lease.
- g. The lessee is hereby authorized to grant utility easements which will be necessary to service authorized facilities located within the leased premises. Copies of any such easements granted shall be filed timely with the lessor.
- 10. This agreement is for the purposes specified herein, and subleases of any nature, excepting utility easements incident to authorized facilities, (Provision 9), are prohibited, unless previously authorized by the lessor.

No. 3316

- Upon cessation of occupation of said property, the lessee agrees to leave all fixed improvements for the use of the lessor and to put no claim upon said fixed improvements; or, at the option of the lessor, the lessee agrees to remove any or all improvements on the property at the lessee's expense.
- 12. Execution of this agreement in no way affects the lessee's obligations pursuant to Chapter 267, Florida Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the lawfully designated agent of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the official seal of said Board to be hereunto affixed, in the City of Tallahasses. Florida, on the 10 day of haman, A.D. 1984.

(SEAL) THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

> APPROVED AS 10. FORM G L PORTMENT ATTORNS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES Division of Forestry

Commissioner of Agriculture

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Appendix 2
Statement of Significance for Whispering Pines Park



### City of Inverness

Administration Office 108 North Seminole Avenue Inverness, Florida 34450-4149

· (352)-726-2611-

— FAX (352) 726-0607 —

March 3, 1997

Ms. Judy Landen c/o H. W. Lochner 13577 Feather Sound Drive Suite 600 Clearwater, FL 34622

Dear Ms. Landen:

Per our conversation, enclosed please find a previously submitting letter to FDOT dated June 1, 1983, and inter-City correspondence dated June 12, 1991, that states the significance of the Whispering Pines Park. Additionally worth noting are referenced elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan, that effectively relates to the use, protection, and management of park-recreation and open space-property.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Easement Agreement between the State of Florida and City of Inverness, concerning the ownership and management of the property.

We hope this information is beneficial. If additional assistance is required, please call.

Sincerely,

Frank DiGiovanni

City Manager

xc: Office of the City Clerk Patricia Smith Daniel Sawyer William Thacher William Wiley

THE DISCOURSE,

Enclosures



#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

	Date October 27.	19.87
FROM: Frank DiGiovanni		
TO: Bruce Banning		3,
SUBJECT:	lighway 44 Widening Project	
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Please be advised I was contacted by Mr. Ed Tafelski, from McKean & Associates regarding the widening project for State Road 44.

Part of the approved project calls for a five (5) acre tract of land in Whispering Pines Park to be used as a drainage retention area (DRI). The tract is near or on the corner section of Forest Drive and State Road 44. The construction of the DRI will involve removal of trees and other vegetation. The final step will also include soil removal to develop a greater basin to hold and percolate water.

Mr. Tafelski spoke to an official from D.O.T. on this matter, but could not pin down the actual amount of trees to be removed, or the size of the area to be excavated.

We have known of the possibility of this occurring for years (see attached correspondence dated 6/1/83), and hoped the project's engineering would determine the scope of the DRI to only divert water into the park, allowing it to percolate and leave the trees and other vegetation of majority thereof, in tact. A diversion of road water onto park property is exactly what is occurring presently.

The intent of this correspondence is not to interfere a much needed road project, but rather to communicate future occurrences to the council. With the City's passage of a tree protection ordinance, and with the designation of park grounds as a "Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary", the planned DRI may have an effect on the intent of both protective statements. The impact of the DRI will get everyone's attention once the trees start coming down.

From an informational standpoint, you may want to route this memorandum to Council members, for discussion or further exploration.

Department Director



212 W. MAIN STREET INVERNESS, FLORIDA 32660 PHONE: (904) 726-2611

PARKS and RECREATION Frank Diglevenni, Director (904) 726-3913 COUNCIL MEE 1st & 3rd TUESD: EACH MON' 7:30 P.

June 1, 1983

Mr. Frank Jewel
State of Florida
Department of Transportation
719 S. Blvd.
P.O. Box 47
Deland, Florida 32720

Mr. Jewel:

Pursuant to your request this letter will summarize the meeting in Whispering Pines Park attended by myself, Councilman Pete Kelly, Jeff Lewis and Chuck Schneider from the Withlacoochee State Forest, Tony Byron and yourself from the Department of Transportation, regarding the involvement in Whispering Pines Park and it's relation to the project of widening State Road 44. Also, to answer questions as indicated on the Department of Transportation sample Request for Significance Determination form.

Questions will be answered in the same numerical order as listed on the Request for Significance Determination form:

1. Whispering Pines Park is the most extensively developed full-phased recreation facility in all of Citrus County. The park is well received by all that enter due to the high level of maintenance performed on facilities, and because of the aesthetic surroundings the park has to offer. Presently, this park is one of the most extensively utilized facilities in the State of Floridg. Park facilities are used to a large extent by youth groups, as well as adults. Made available are many programs designed to facilitate the needs of the handicapped, the jogger and senior citizens. Aside from sport-oriented activities, Whispering Pines affords families the opportunity to utilize the well-developed picnic area and nature trails during the day. During Fiscal Year 82/83 Whispering Pines Park will accommodate approximately a quarter of a million (250,000) admissions through its gates.

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- 2. Maps indicating the lay-out of facilities, terrain and projected development of Whispering Pines Park are already in the posession of the Department of Transportation. Park size totals 320 acres.
- 3. Legal description of park property is contained on the attached sheet.
- 4. Whispering Pines Park is a multi-faceted recreation and park complex. Facilities housed within Whispering Pines are geared to utilize ones leisure time.
- 5. Facilities as constructed and developed within Whispering Pines Park for public use include the following:
  - a. 6 Shuffleboard Courts

b. 5 3-Wall Racquetball Courts

c. 4 Tennis Courts

- d. Swimming Pool Complex: Junior Olympic Size Pool (156,000 gallons); Concrete Deck; Showers; Change of Dress Rooms; First-Aid Room

  e. Jogging Trail (2.5 mile measured course)

  f. Nature Trail (5.0 miles)

- g. Senior Citizen Exercise Trail h. Children's Play Area: Swings, Spring Animals, Slides, See-Saws, 4-Way Climbers, etc.
- 1. Group Picnic Area: Picnic Shelter Building, Picnic Tables, Grills, Trash Receptacles, etc.
- j. Athletic Fields: 2 Baseball Fields (lighted); 1 Softball Field (lighted); 1 Baseball Field (unlighted); 2 Soccer Fields.
- k. Cultural Building: Open meeting room available to civic groups, senior citizen activities and youth
- 1. Youth Camping Area: Cleared campground area with three (3) shelters; sinks and bathroom facilities.
- m. Cycling: Paved roads throughout the park is used for bicycling.

Other buildings constructed in the park include: 7 restroom facilities; administration building; maintenance building and two (2) storage buildings.

- 6. The map of the park which is already in the posession of the Department of Transportation has all existing and proposed facilities platted on it.
- 7. Use of the park is extensive and utilization of facilites includes all youth groups, adult organizations, senior citizen and civic organizations, churches and related institutions and through a cooperative agreement, the park is extensively used by all students enrolled in

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the Citrus County School System. The following is a breakdown of facility/patron usage:

Ballfields:	55,000
Pool Complex:	50,000
Tennis Courts:	4,800
Racquetball Courts:	5,700
Jogging Trail:	26,400
Picnic Pavilion:	50,000
Children's Play Area:	52,000
Cultural Building:	9,000

- 8. The only land developed for recreation-sport use surrounding Whispering Pines Park are those areas developed
  by the school system. School facilities are primarily
  developed for school activities. Whispering Pines, being
  located within close proximity to three county schools,
  has enhanced the sport programs of those schools and
  exists as the only park facility geared for public usage.
- 9. Access to Whispering Pines Park presently may only accommodate vehicular traffic. The park is located on the west side of the City of Inverness and across the highway from a populated subdivision. A danger exists to those patrons attempting to enter the park on foot or by using a bicycle. The traffic congestion on State Road 44 has made it increasingly difficult for traffic to flow properly at the intersection of State Road 581 South and Highway 44 (opposite the park entrance).
- 10. The land easement between the Florida Board of Forestry and the City of Inverness governing the development and use of Whispering Pines Park is contained on attached sheets.
- 11. The land characteristics of park terrain have provided developed recreation facilities with excellent perculation of rain water. The sandy soil has been an asset with our implementation of park programs allowing us to conduct activities shortly after heavy thunder showers.

In summary, the meeting held at the park on Thursday, May 26, 1983 proved to/be beneficial to all parties concerned. Discussion began with Department of Transportation officials explaining the objectives which need to be achieved regarding use of park grounds for the handling of road drainage, Two sites were discussed as areas which should be utilized to best achieve the desired results. Upon conclusion of the discussions, all persons in attendance walked

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

#### TOWNSHIP 19 South, RANGE 20 East,

Section 7:) Southwest quarter;

18:) Northwest quarter; Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter, less the followin Southeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of section 7; Beginning at the northwest corner of Southwest quarter of Section 7: thence East 35 yards; South 140 yards; West 35 yards; North 140 yards to point of beginning; East half of Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 18; Also commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 18; and run thence West 33 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of State Road #5 according to the right-of-way map thereof on record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, thence in a southerly directic along said right-of-way line to a point on the East boundary of said Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter 970 feet, more or less, South of the northeast corner of said Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter; run thenc North 970 feet more or less to the point of beginning, all of said lands lying and being in the Northeast quarte of Northwest quarter of Section 18, T 19S, R 20E, containing 3 acre, more or less; Also the following describe premises, to-wit: A strip of land 33 feet in width off the East side of the Southeast quarter of Southwest quart of Section 7, containing 1,01 acres, more or less; Also beginning at a point on the West boundary of Section 7, 620 feet South from the West quarter corner of said Section 7; thance North 32 degrees 53 minutes East for a distance of 165.9 feet to the beginning of a 3 degree curve to the left; thence following said 3 degree curve to the left through an angle of 19 degrees 7 minutes for a distance of 635.6 feet to a point on the East quarter Section line of said Section 7, containing 1.84 acres,

# Easement Between the Florida Board of Forestry and the City of Inverness for Whispering Pines Park

The FLORIDA BOARD OF FORESTRY, an agency of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the Board, in consideration of the benefits to be received by the Board from the use of the lands for the purposes stated below, does hereby grant and convey an easement to the CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, hereinafter called the City, for the use of certain lands located in the Withlacoochee State Forest, as described in Exhibit A attached and made a part of this easement, for public recreation purposes and recreation developments subject to the following express conditions, viz:

- 1. The City will submit a detailed and comprehensive plan for recreational use and/or recreation improvements and developments to the Board for approval prior to commencing any work.
- 2. The Board will consult with and assist the City in drawing up a comprehensive recreational development plan for the area, calling in such assistance as may be available to it from either State and/or public agenciengaged in the field of recreation.
- 3. The City assumes full obligation for any and all liabilities for damage to life and/or property arising from the operations on and the occupancy and use of the lands under this easement and shall save and hold the Board and the United States harmless from any and all claims for damages by third parties resulting from such operation, occupancy and use except damages arising from timber operations by the Board or any agency other than the City,
- 4. The City agrees to jointly with the Board draw up a plan setting forth the conditions and responsibilities for fire prevention, pre-suppression and control.
- 5. The Board will manage the timber resources on the area, including timber harvesting, salvage cutting, sanitation cutting and such other management measures as may be necessary, in such a manner as to maintain the area in as attractive and natural condition as possible for public

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and visually surveyed both proposed sites. It was quickly determined that the area located near Kash n Karry would impose a negative effect on the aesthetic quality of the park, as well as curtail use of existing facilities. The second site proved to be conducive with its ability to percolate water run-off and at the same time have a negligible effect on existing and proposed park facilities. Discussed at this time was the option the park would have in developing this area into a future athletic field site, or if we chose, with the aid of the State we could replant the excavated area with plantlife suitable to this terrain. These options will be beneficial in maintaining the integrity of the park.

If additional information is required, please feel free to contact me at the park office, (904) 726-3913.

Sincerely,

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Frank DiGiovanni, Director Whispering Pines Park

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Richard Gilbert, Manager City of Inverness

cc: Jeff Lewis Pete Kelly injoyment and safety.

- 6. The City shall maintain the improvements and premises up to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the State Board of Health and the Board.
- 7. The Board reserves the right to use that area not embraced in the detailed comprehensive plan for forestry purposes or public use not inconsistent with the purposes and objectives of this easement.
- 8. The Board, through its State Forest organization and/or other of its personnel, will assist the City in fire prevention, pre-suppression and control as needed.
- 9. The City shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent soil erosion.
- 10. All rights and privilages granted hereunder shall remain in force and effect until December 31, 1990, with the City having the option to request a renewal for an additional 25 years.
- 11. Should said lands at any time not be used for the purpose for which this easement is granted, than the rights and privileges hereby granted shall automaticially cease and terminate and all rights of the City under this easement shall thereby be forfeited.
- 12. Should the City breach any of the convenants, terms, or conditions of this easement, the Board may, at its election, terminate and cancel all privileges granted herein by giving the City written notice thereof; provid the Board gives the City thirty days notice of such specific breaches of the easement in writing and if the City has not corrected or removed said breaches within thirty (30) days after receiving such written notice.
  - 13. This easement is subject to all valid claims on record.
- 14. The City agrees to allow the lawful public use of this area for recreational purposes without discrimination as to race, color, or creed.

- 15. Any changes, modifications and/or amendments to this easement, including changes in the comprehensive plan set forth in item number 1, must be concurred in by both the Board and the City.
- 16. The rights and privileges granted hereunder are not transferable, and cannot be sold, assigned, conveyed, or sub-leased.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said Board has hereunto caused its name to be signed by its President and its seal to be affixed by its Secretary this <a href="mailto:21st">21st</a> day of <a href="mailto:September">September</a>, 1965.

FLORIDA BOARD OF FORESTRY

ATTEST:

Secretary



#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

19.91...

	DateJune 12,
FROM: Frank DiGiovanni	•
TO: Bruce Banning	•
SUBJECT:.	Park Land Usage
·	DRA (vs) Comprehensive Plan

Pursuant to your inquiry, this correspondence addresses the use of approximately five (5) acres of Whispering Pines Park property as a drainage retention area (DRA), and its relationship to the Comprehensive Plan governing land use/development in the City of Inverness.

The Comprehensive Plan is divided into inter-related sections that form a unified approach to land use. The management of park/recreational or open space property is discussed in several sections of the plan; Recreation & Open Space, Conservation and Goals and Objectives.

Under the section titled Introduction, the Recreation and Open Space Element states part of its goal to - "protect valuable open space resources," and further indicates that "recreational opportunities and a wide spectrum of activities are centered around in the Whispering Pines park." In the Element, Section C Recreation and Open Space Standards, SS-2 The Provision of Open Space states "The Whispering Pines Park is a source of pride for this community and is viewed by many neighboring communities as a model park. The single most distinguishing characteristic of this park is its natural beauty and satisfying the needs of recreational users. This park demonstrates that open space and active recreational needs can coexist."

"As population increases, so will the pressures to utilize many of these seemingly unused lands for uses other than recreation. It is important that the City of Inverness stand firm in the protection of these areas so as to insure the recreational needs for years to come."

The Conservation Section of the Comprehensive Plan speaks to the land management of Whispering Pines without mentioning recreational aspects of the park. Under Section G - Conservation & Recreation Use of Natural Resources, Whispering Pines is listed as one of three major natural areas in the City. Sub-section 1 of G states - "Whispering Pines Park contains 323 acres of gently rolling land in the Brooksville Ridge area West of the Central business district."

Department Director

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"The vegetation consists primarily of the Longleaf Pine - Turkey Oak Hills Community, however; some upland hardwoods can be found. Some of the wildlife occuring here are fox squirrels, gray squirrels, pocket gopher, bobwhite quail, bluejay, cardinal, indigo snake and fence lizard." To further evaluate the Wildlife habitat of the Pines, the section titled Flora & Fauna analytically states "The City is growing rapidly and much of the primary ecological community Longleaf Pine - Turkey Oak Hills, is vulnerable to development. The scattered Oak Hammock communities are vulnerable as well." The section concludes by stating - "Further development of the City will continue to break up the wildlife areas into smaller isolated pockets. Therefore, to minimize further loss, a comprehensive inventory of ecological communities is needed to ensure that the communities are not accidentally or needlessly destroyed. This inventory would form the basis of management policies and land development regulations for the conservation and preservation of ecological communities and endangered and threatened species." (Reference Table III - Enclosed).

Section H Development Pressure and Pollution states that... "No development, except for recreational purposes, will be permitted in the State owned Forest," and further mentions that "Whispering Pines Park has been saved from development by being included in the State Forestry system."

The Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Conservation section list policy and objective statements as follows:

Policy 1-3: The City shall reduce the pollution potential from automobile emissions by: a) landscaping public areas, and right of ways; b) enforcing the City Tree Ordinance; c) improving traffic flow with proper time signals; d) providing a sidewalk system in the City to facilitate proper pedestrian movement with the least amount of deteriorating effect on the environment.

Objective 6: Upon plan adoption, the City shall take appropriate actions to minimize impacts on existing relic hardwood communities and the habitat of endangered and threatened species.

Material that is not part of the Comprehensive Plan, but relates to this issue is the <u>City Tree Ordinance</u> which is designed to protect live trees and/or property from deforestation, and City Ordinance 14.5, Section 14.5 General Regulations, sub-section (h) Protection of Plant and Animal Life - which is constructed to maintain the wildlife habitat of Whispering Pines Park in its natural state and protected from alteration.

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Additional reference material on this subject is correspondence dated June 1, 1983 to State Department officials and an internal memorandum dated October 27, 1987. (Copies are attached). Also included is a photo copy that roughly identifies the parcel of land in question.

#### Summation

The aforementioned has been provided to identify policy statements, ordinances and background (Comprehensive Plan) material to aid with the determination of how the use of a five acre section of Whispering Pines Park would relate to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

After reviewing the referenced material I believe it is reasonable to conclude that use of wooded open space recreational property as a Drainage Retention Area would indeed be non-compatible with several sections of the Comp Plan, in both the intent and the land usage statements as written. This conclusion does not take into account the negative impact, a segment of park users would have with a reduction of park property, not to mention the removal of a significant section of plant and animal habitat; coupled with the visual effect of a "hole", (section void of trees), in the park which will not be camouflaged by attempting to leave a thin line of trees facing the highway.

It is my understanding that City government has the responsibility to not only support the intent of the plan, but to also protect the integrity of the document as well. If you feel that the DRA appears to be in conflict with the Comp Plan may I suggest the following:

- It may be worthwhile to secure an opinion from the City Attorney.
- Since for the most part the criteria of the Plan met with the approval of State planners, and since this is a State project, maybe they (State Planners) could be solicited to render an opinion on this matter.

The widening of State Road 44 is imperative for the future well-being of the City of Inverness, and in no way is anything herein intended to halt or interfere with that project. This information has been prepared to compare sections of the Comp Plan with use of park property as a drainage retention area. The Comp Plan has been adopted to serve as a land management tool for the City of Inverness. I have approached this assignment to simply interpret what has been written to govern recreation/park land use and development, and in doing so have not in any way attempted to dilute the intent of the plan or alter the interpretation thereof.

## TABLE 111 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES CITY OF INVERNESS 1987

	Designated Status		Ecological Community FDA Found In		
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS	FGFWFC	USFWS	FDA ·	round in	
American Alligator	SSC	T(S/A)		17,25	
Eastern Indigo Snake	T	T		4,15	
Short - Tailed Snake	T	UR		4,15	
BIRDS					
Wood Stork	E	E		17,25	
Bald Eagle	T	E		4,15,17,25	
Southeastern Kestrel	T	UR		4,15,17	
Ivory Billed Woodpecker	E	E		17	
Red Cockaded Woodpecker	T	E		4 15	
Bachman's Warbler	E E	E		not listed	
Kirtland's Warbler Florida Sandhill Crane	a T	· E		25	
Florida Scrub Jay	Ť	T		4	
MANMALS					
Florida Panther	E	E		4,15,17,25	
Florida Mouse	SSC	UR		4	
Florida Black Bear	T	UR		4,17	
PLANTS		•			
Venus - Hair Fern				not listed	
Southern Lip Fern		<del></del>	T	not listed	
Pygmy Fringetree		E	E	4	
False Coco		UR	T	4	
Craighead's Nodding Caps	1	je orina	<b>C</b>	not lintad	
or Craighead's Pogonia		UR	T C	not listed 4	
Florida Coontie			<u> </u>	<b></b>	

Designated Status: E = Endangered, T = Threatened, UR = Under Review, SSC = Species of Special Concern, C = Protected From Commercial Exploitation, T (S/A) = Threatened By Similarity of Appearance.

Ecological Community: No. 4 - Longleaf Pine - Turkey Oak Hills

No. 15 - Oak Hammock No. 17 - Cypress Swamp

No. 25 - Freshwater Marsh and Ponds



#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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July 15, 1991

Mr. Frank D. Giovanni City of Inverness 212 West Main Street Inverness, Florida 32650

Dear Mr. Giovanni:

RE: Easement No. 28134

Whispering Pines Park/SR 44

Citrus County

Attached for your records is a copy of Easement No. 28134 granting DOT the authority to use a portion of Whispering Pines Park for a water retention area.

Please call me at (904) 488-2291 or Suncom 278-2291 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracy Peters, Planner Bureau of Land Management Services Division of State Lands

TP/ss Attachment

Administration

Resource Management

State Lands

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA EASEMENT

THIS INDENTURE, Made and entered into this 9th day of A.D., 199, between the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND of the State of Florida, acting pursuant to its authority set forth in Section 253.03, Florida Statutes, hereinafter referred to as GRANTOR, and the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE.

WHEREAS, GRANTOR is the owner of the hereinafter described property.

WHEREAS, GRANTEE desires an easement across the hereinafter described real property for the improvement of State Road 44 in the City of Inverness, Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, GRANTOR, for good and valuable consideration, has granted, and by these presents does grant a non-exclusive easement unto the GRANTEE over and across the following described real property in Citrus County, Florida to-wit: (See Exhibit A attached)

Subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. <u>DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY</u>: GRANTOR'S responsibilities and obligations herein shall be exercised by the Division of State Lands, Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Chapter 18-2, Florida Administrative Code and applicable delegations of authority.
- 3. <u>USE</u>: This easement shall be limited to the improvement of State Road 44 in the City of Inverness, Florida, upon and

across the described property during the term of this easement.

- 4. ASSIGNMENT: This easement shall not be assigned in whole or in part without the prior written approval of GRANTOR. Any assignment granted either in whole or in part without the prior written approval of GRANTOR shall be void and without legal effect.
- 5. RIGHT OF INSPECTION: GRANTOR or its duly authorized agents, representatives or employees shall have the right at any and all times to inspect this easement and the works of GRANTEE in any matter pertaining to this easement, including inspection by prospective bidders following written request by the Division of State Lands, Department of Natural Resources as agents for GRANTOR and for the purpose of doing other lawful acts that may be necessary to protect GRANTOR'S interest herein.
- 6. OTHER USES OF PROPERTY: This easement shall be non-exclusive. GRANTOR retains the right to engage in any activities on, over, across or below the easement area which do not unreasonably interfere with GRANTEE'S exercise of the easement and further retains the right to grant compatible uses to third parties during the term of this easement.
- 7. EXPIRATION: The GRANTEE agrees that upon termination of this easement all authorization granted herein shall cease and terminate.
- 8. <u>CLEARING AND DISPOSAL OF BRUSH</u>: GRANTEE agrees to dispose of, to the satisfaction of the GRANTOR all brush and refuse resulting from the clearing of the land for the use authorized hereunder. Any timber to be removed in connection with clearing the right-of-way will remain the property of GRANTOR and will be removed by same.
- 9. <u>SITE RESTORATION</u>: Upon termination of this easement GRANTEE agrees to restore the lands over which this easement is granted to substantially the same condition as existed on the date of execution of this easement.
- 10. MAINTENANCE: GRANTEE shall take all reasonable precautions to control soil erosion and to prevent any other

degradation of the real property described in Exhibit A during the term of this easement.

- 11. <u>USE OF WATER</u>: GRANTEE agrees that water shall not be removed from any source on this easement, including, but not limited, to a water course, reservoir, spring, or well, without the prior written approval of GRANTOR.
- 12. REMOVAL OF DEBRIS: GRANTEE agrees to clear, remove and pick up all debris including, but not limited to, containers, papers, discarded tools and trash foreign to the work locations and dispose of the same in satisfactory manner as to leave the work locations clean and free of any such debris.
- 13. <u>DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATING FLUIDS</u>: GRANTEE agrees that it shall not dispose of any contaminating fluids including, but not limited to, chemicals or other agents produced or used in its operations on the easement or on any adjacent state land or in any manner not permitted by law.
- 14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: GRANTEE agrees that this easement is contingent upon and subject to GRANTEE obtaining all applicable permits and complying with all applicable permits, regulations, ordinances, rules, and laws of the State of Florida, the United States or of any political subdivision or agency thereof, which may be required for the uses granted herein.
- 15. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES: Execution of this easement in no way affects any of the parties' obligations pursuant to Chapter 267, Florida Statutes. The collection of artifacts or the disturbance of archaeological and historic sites on state-owned lands is prohibited unless prior authorization has been obtained from the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State.
- 16. PROHIBITIONS AGAINST LIENS OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES:
  GRANTEE hereby covenants and agrees that fee title to the lands underlying this easement is owned by GRANTOR and that GRANTEE shall not do or permit anything to be done which purports to create a lien or encumbrance of any nature against the real property of GRANTOR including, but not limited to, mortgages or

construction liens against the real property described in Exhibit  $\lambda$  or against any interest of GRANTEE therein.

- 17. PARTIAL INVALIDITY: If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this easement shall be ruled by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.
- 18. SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS: This easement does not authorize the use of any lands located waterward of the mean or ordinary high water line of any lake, river, stream, creek, bay, estuary, or other water body or the waters above such lands or the air space thereabove.
- 19. <u>DUPLICATE ORIGINALS</u>: This easement is executed in duplicate originals each of which for all purposes shall be considered an original.
- 20. ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING: This easement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties. It shall not be changed or terminated orally. The provisions of this easement are not severable. This easement shall not be amended without the prior written approval of GRANTOR, and any amendment not approved in writing by GRANTOR and executed with the same formality as this easement shall be void and without legal effect.
- 21. <u>TIME</u>: Time is expressly declared to be the essence of this easement.
- 22. <u>LIABILITY</u>: GRANTEE agrees to assist in the investigation of injury or damage claims either for or against GRANTOR or the State of Florida pertaining to GRANTEE'S respective areas of responsibility under this easement; or arising out of GRANTEE'S respective management programs or activities and to contact GRANTOR regarding the legal action deemed appropriate to remedy such damage or claims.
- 23. RIGHT OF AUDIT: GRANTEE shall make available to GRANTOR all financial records relating to this easement and GRANTOR shall have the right to audit such records at any

reasonable time. This right shall be continuous until such audit is completed and exercised without unreasonably interfering with GRANTEE'S operations on the easement. This easement may be terminated by GRANTOR should GRANTEE fail to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other materials made or received in conjunction with this easement, pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

- 24. PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS: GRANTEE agrees to assume all responsibility for liabilities that accrue to this easement area or to the improvements thereon including any and all drainage and special assessments or taxes of every kind and all mechanic's or materialman's liens which may be hereafter lawfully assessed and levied against this easement during the effective period of this easement.
- 25. <u>AUTOMATIC REVERSION</u>: This easement is subject to an automatic termination and reversion to GRANTOR when, in the opinion of GRANTOR, this easement is not used for the purposes outlined herein, and any costs or expenses arising out of the implementation of this clause shall be borne completely, wholly and entirely by GRANTEE.
- 26. ASSENT TO EASEMENT AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
  GRANTEE joins in this easement for the purpose of indicating its assent to all terms and conditions hereof, and agrees to be bound hereby.
- 27. GOVERNING LAW: This easement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Florida.
- 28. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: GRANTEE agrees to convey a parcel of land to GRANTOR for the use of the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry within twenty-four (24) months from the date of execution of this easement. Said parcel shall be greater in size than the lands subject to this easement, and shall be acquired pursuant to requirements of the State of Florida Department of Natural Resources for acquisition of state lands. The parcel shall be subject to approval by the Division of Forestry and will be included as a part of the Withlacoochee State Forest. Failure to

convey said lands to GRANTOR within the required time frame shall result in termination of the easement. In the event of termination, GRANTEE shall be responsible for restoring and replanting the easement property to the satisfaction of the Division of Forestry within twelve (12) months from receipt of notification of termination from GRANTOR. Any cost or expenses arising out of GRANTEE's failure to restore the site shall be borne completely, wholly and entirely by GRANTEE.

Division of Forestry Within t	welve (12) months from receipt of
notification of termination f	rom GRANTOR. Any cost or expenses
arising out of GRANTEE's fail	ure to restore the site shall be
borne completely, wholly and	entirely by GRANTEE.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the agreement to be executed the	parties have caused this easement day and year first above written.
witness Witness STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.  By: (SEAL)  DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF STATE LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  "GRANTOR"
$\underline{-7}$ day of $\underline{-111111}$	was acknowledged before me this
	My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires July 25,  Bonded the Troy Fala - Insurance Inc.  Approved as to Form and Legality  By: William C. Rollmannf.  DNR Attorney
Witness T. Landy Witness T. Landy	STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  By: The France (SEAL)  Its: GRANTEE"
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON	
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Easement No. 28134

DISTRICT COUNSEL

#### EXHIBIT A

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EASEMENT

PART (1)

Description of lands for right of way for State Road 44 in Citrus County described as follows;

That part of:

"The NW% of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County, Florida."

described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, thence South 0°06'32" West along the West line of said section 2662.58 feet to the Centerline of Survey of State Road 44, Section 02050-2517, said centerline being on a curve concave Northeasterly, having a radius of 1273.24 feet and a chord bearing of South 72°40'54" East; thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve 34.73 feet through a central angle of 1°33'46"; thence North 0°06'19" East along a non-radial line 52.22 feet to the intersection of the Northerly existing right of way line of State Road 44 with the Easterly right of way line of Forest Drive for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 0°06'19" East along said Easterly right of way line 38 feet; thence South 36°11'33" East 60 feet to the Northerly existing right of way line of State Road 44, said point being on a curve concave Northeasterly, having a radius of 1223.24 feet and a chord bearing of North 73°38'15" West; thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve 37 feet through a central angle of 1°43'59" to the Point of Beginning.

CONTAINING 678 square feet, more or less.

PART (2)

Description of lands for Water Retention Area for State Road 44 in Citrus County described as follows:

Water Retention Area

Left (North)

Station 874+49.97

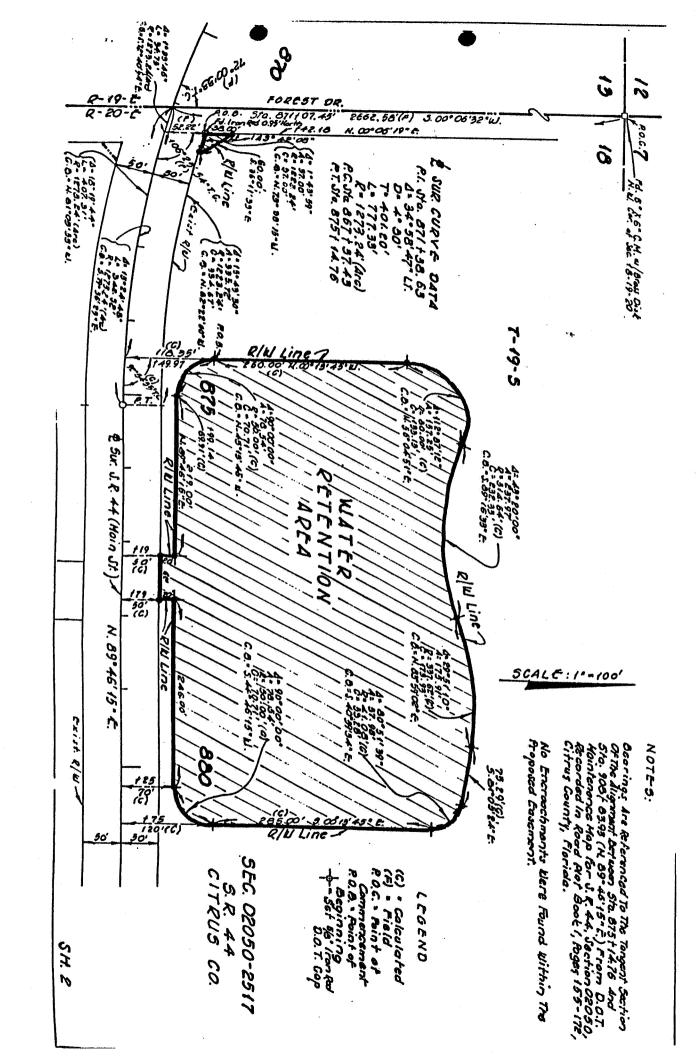
That part of:

"The NW1 of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County, Florida."

Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Township 19
South, Range 20 East, thence South 0°06'32" West along the West
line of said Section 2662.58 feet to the Centerline of Survey of
State Road 44, Section 02050-2517, said centerline being on a
curve concave Northeasterly; having a radius of 1273.24 feet and
a chord bearing of South 79°36'25" East; thence Southeasterly
along the arc of said curve 342.52 feet through a central angle
of 15°24'48"; thence North 00°13'45" West 118.35 feet for the
POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 00°13'45" West 250 feet
to the beginning of a curve concave Southeasterly, having a
radius of 80 feet and a chord bearing of North 56°04'51" East;
thence Northeasterly along the arc of said curve 157.25 feet
through a central angle of 112°37'12" to the beginning of a
reverse curve concave Northerly, having a radius of 314.64 feet
and a chord bearing of South 89°16'33" East; thence Easterly
along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 43°20'00"
a distance of 237.97 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve
concave Southerly, having a radius of 337.62 feet and a chord
bearing of North 83°59'02" East; thence Easterly along the arc of
said curve 175.91 feet through a central angle of 29°51'10" to

the end of said curve; thence South 81°05'24" East 75.29 feet to the beginning of a curve concave Southwesterly, having a radius of 41.08 feet and a chord bearing of South 40°39'34" East; thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve 57.98 feet through a central angle of 80°51'39" to the end of said curve; thence South 00°13'45" East 285.00 feet to the beginning of a curve concave Northwesterly, having a radius of 50 feet and a chord bearing of South 44°46'15" West; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve 78.54 feet through a central angle of 90°00'00" to the end of said curve; thence South 89°46'15" West 246 feet; thence South 00°13'45" East 20 feet to the existing Northerly right of way line of said State Road 44; thence South 89°46'15" West along said Northerly right of way line 60 feet; thence North 00°13'45" West 20 feet; thence South 89°46'15" West 219 feet to the beginning of a curve concave Northeasterly, having a radius of 50 feet and a chord bearing of North 45°13'45" West; thence Northwesterly along the arc of said curve 78.54 feet through a central angle of 90°00'00" to the Point of Beginning.

The lands herein described contain 5.317 acres, more or less.



Appendix 3
Statement of Significance for Inverness Middle School



#### CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

1007 WEST MAIN STREET - INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450-4698 TEL: (352) 726-1931 FAX: (352) 726-0404 SUN COM: 647-1011

JULIAN "PETE" KELLY II - SUPERINTENDENT

CARL T. HANSEN CRYSTAL RIVER

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MARK H. STONE

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SHEILA WHITELAW FLORAL CITY

September 11, 1997

Jennifer Coe H. W. Lockner, Inc. 13577 Feather Sound Drive, Suite 600 Clearwater, FL 34622

RE: U.S. 41 Re-evaluation, Citrus County

Dear Ms. Coe:

Mr. Romero has requested some additional information in a letter dated September 2, 1997. The following is an attempt to provide the information requested.

- 1. The size of the parcel that includes the entire Inverness Middle School campus and ballfields is 33 acres (MOL).
- 2. The playing fields and all of the property within the boundary lines (shown on the attached site plan) are owned by the Citrus County School District. There are no easements recorded. The roadway along the south property lines is owned by the School District.
- 3. The ballfields are the sole property of the School District. During certain times of the year when the fields are not being used by the school's athletic department, they may be used by the communities youth little league programs. All parking required for these activities is provided within the school property.
- 4. The value of the property has just been increased by approximately 7.8 million dollars due to a major renovation and additions that are currently under construction.

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5. The district feels that in a small community like Inverness, the ballfields, tennis courts, and soccer fields are a vital part of the community; and, therefore, tries to make them available whenever possible.

If you have any additional questions regarding this site, please do not hesitate to contact me at 352/726-1931.

Sincerely

Dick Dolbow

Uniform Building Code Inspector

DD:jn

Attachment

Appendix 4
Photographs of Whispering Pines Park



US 41 Looking North, Whispering Pines Park is on the left



Whispering Pines Park (view from Government Hill looking south)



Jogging/Maintenance Trail (looking south)



Park Patrons Using Trail (view to the northwest)

Appendix 5
Photographs of Inverness Middle School



Northeast Corner of US 41 and Middle School Drive (looking to the northwest)



Northeast Corner of US 41 and Middle School Drive (looking to the northwest)

Appendix 6
Coordination Meeting Minutes

#### US 41 CITRUS COUNTY PD&E REEVALUATION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

## Section 4(f) Coordination Meeting City of Inverness July 1,1998

On Wednesday, July 1, 1998 a coordination meeting was held with representatives from the City of Inverness to discuss Section 4(f) issues with regards to Whispering Pines Park in the City of Inverness. The following individuals participated in this meeting:

Mr. Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager

Mr. Bill Wiley, Director of Development Services

Ms. Patricia Smith, Department Director, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Jai Ramkissoon, FDOT

Mr. John Romero, H. W. Lochner, Inc.

Mr. Doug Reed, H. W. Lochner, Inc.

The meeting started at approximately 10:00 Key points of discussion are summarized below.

Mr. Ramkissoon started the meeting by providing an overview of the project including a description of the project and project history. He discussed the need for the project which is based on capacity deficiencies. He stated that a public workshop is tentatively schedule for September. The current work program includes design for fiscal year 1999-2000. Right-of-way acquisition and construction are not currently funded. The issue of concern for the meeting was the discussion of impacts to and proposed mitigation for Whispering Pines Park.

Mr. DiGiovanni asked how stormwater runoff would be accommodated in the vicinity of the park. Mr. Romero responded that although the park would be the best place for a retention area from an engineering standpoint, runoff would be conveyed down Montgomery Avenue to a proposed retention area situated in the center of a triangle formed by Montgomery Avenue, US 41, and SR 44. Mr. Romero stated that this design was part of the effort to minimize impacts to the park.

Mr. Romero discussed the typical section that is proposed for the project. A four-lane divided typical section would be used that would provide two, 12-foot travel lanes for each direction of travel. They would be separated by a 22-foot raised median. The right-of-way with for this typical section would be 100 feet. In the area of Whispering Pines Park, the existing right-of-way varies in width from 66 feet to 88 feet. Varying widths of additional right-of-way would have to be acquired in this area.

Alternatives were studied that would either impact the park on the west side of US 41 or impact businesses on the east side of US 41. The avoidance alternative, widening to the east side of US 41

would cost \$3.1 million more than widening to the west. It would affect driveways at several businesses, including the Inverness Regional Shopping Center which would result in a direct loss of parking and an indirect loss of parking due to traffic circulation problems within parking areas. This alternative would also result in increased impacts to Inverness Middle School, another Section 4(f) site.

Two alternatives were presented for widening to the west, into the park. The first utilized 2:1 slopes and would require the acquisition of 1.74 acres. The second alternative, the minimization alternative would use retaining walls and would require 1.47 acres. The widening into the park would impact the fence along the park property and a maintenance/jogging trail which runs along the fence, regardless of the alternative. Mr. DiGiovanni and Ms. Smith stated that they did not like the wall alternative due to aesthetic reasons.

The proposed mitigation is for the FDOT to relocate and reconstruct the maintenance/jogging trail along the new right-of-way line and plant trees to replace those lost from the widening. In addition, the FDOT would provide acreage to the park equivalent to the acreage impacted by the widening. The FDOT owns a parcel 2.75 acres in size within the park known as Government Hill. This parcel is leased to the City of Inverness. The lease can be revoked if the FDOT needs the property for right-of-way purposes.

After discussing the various issues, Mr. DiGiovanni and Ms. Smith provided verbal agreement with the proposal to widen to the west and impact the park based on the proposed mitigation plan. They stated that he would take the issue before the City Council at their July 21, 1998 meeting and then provide a letter of agreement. They would inform Mr. Ramkissoon if a presentation would be required from the FDOT. Ms. Smith requested a schedule for the project based on the five-year work program.

### US 41 CITRUS COUNTY PD&E REEVALUATION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

# Section 4(f) Coordination Meeting Inverness Middle School July 21,1998

On Tuesday, July 21, 1998 a coordination meeting was held with representatives from Inverness Middle School and the Citrus County School Board to discuss Section 4(f) issues with regards to school property. The following individuals participated in this meeting:

Ms. Cindy Staten, Principal

Mr. Jack Brady, Assistant Principal

Ms. Alan Burcaw, Director, General Services, Citrus County School Board

Mr. Jai Ramkissoon, FDOT

Mr. John Romero, H. W. Lochner, Inc.

The meeting started at approximately 3:30 Key points of discussion are summarized below.

Mr. Ramkissoon started the meeting by providing an overview of the project including a description of the project and project history. He discussed the need for the project which is based on capacity deficiencies. The issue of concern for the meeting was the discussion of impacts to property at Inverness Middle School.

Mr. Romero stated that there was no means available to avoid impacts to the northeast corner of US 41 and Middle School Drive. This was due to the need for providing the proper radius return at the intersection. A corner clip would be needed to provide for the radius return. The total additional right-of-way that would be needed would be 21 m³ (226 sq ft). This acquisition would not affect any facilities at the school.

Those is attendance express their understanding of the need to acquire the property and that it would not affect any facilities at the school. Their concerns centered on the desire for FDOT to provide a traffic signal at the intersection of US 41 and Middle School Drive. Mr. Ramkissoon informed them that studies could be done in the future to determine if the intersection warranted a signal.

They were also concerned about how the drainage would be designed. Currently, the pond in the northeast corner of the intersection accepts flow from offsite properties. Mr. Ramkissoon informed them that this issue would be examined during final design.

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in regular session with the following members present:

President Stauffer
Vice President Herringshaw
Councilwoman Hepfer
Councilman Kaufman
Councilman Sullivan
Mayor Rogers

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Haag, Tony Steele from the City Attorney's Office, Acting Finance Director Chiodo, Director of Recreation Smith, and City Clerk Jordan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council and Invocation given by Mayor Rogers.

President Stauffer opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, advising that the two zoning cases were quasi-judicial in nature, asking that anyone who intends to testify in Case 98-CPA-02 or 98-Z-02 — Ordinance draft # 132 & 133, come forward to be sworn in by the Clerk. No one came forward to be sworn in. Councilman Sullivan moved to read the Ordinance (Draft #132) by title only for the second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer, the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO 98-569

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, ORDINANCE NO. 97-568 THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, FUTURE LAND USE MAP, PROVIDING FOR CHANGE IN LAND USE FOR VARIOUS PARCELS OF LAND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Public Hearing was opened and no one appeared for nor against the Ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed. Councilman Herringshaw noted his concern with setting a precedent where commercial zoning abuts residential zoning, also reminding Council that the re-zoning changes the zoning map approved last year, coming close to spot zoning. Councilman Kaufman stated he understood the request came as a result of an obvious error in the map. City Manager DiGiovanni noted that the property in question was developed as commercial, that the rear portion which is a DRA for the commercial property had always been a part of the commercial development. It was also brought out that Director of Development Services Wiley had assured Council at the previous public hearing that owners of the commercial property would not be permitted to use the gate at the rear of the property to exit into the residential area. City Attorney advised that she and Director Wiley are reviewing ordinances and will probably come forward with an amendment in the near future to make sure access can't be through residential property from commercial for the protection and integrity of residential areas. Based on the fact that there had been an obvious error in the zoning map, and action is taken as a corrective measure, Councilman Herringshaw moved to adopt the Ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer, roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Hepfer, yes, Councilman Herringshaw, yes, Councilman Kaufman, yes, Councilman Sullivan, yes; President Stauffer, yes - the Ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Hepfer moved to read Ordinance (Draft #133) by title only for the second reading. 1 6 Seconded by Councilman Sullivan, the motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE NO 98-570

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF VARIOUS PARCELS OF LAND ON THE REVISED CURRENT LAND USE/ZONING CLASSIFICTION MAP OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA. OF ORDINNCE NO. 97-568 INVERNESS CODE: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Public Hearing was opened and no one appeared for nor against the Ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed. Based on the fact that there had been an obvious error in the zoning map, and action is taken as a corrective measure. Councilman Herringshaw moved to adopt the Ordinance on Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer, roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Hepfer, ves; Councilman Herringshaw, ves; Councilman Kaufman, ves; Councilman Sullivan, ves; President Stauffer, yes - the Ordinance was adopted.

City Manager DiGiovanni advised Council that after further review of the Alarm System Ordinance, scheduled for public hearing, it was recommended that the ordinance be re-drafted and presented to Council at a later time. There was no action taken on the Ordinance.

Jai Ramkissoon and John Romero, representing Florida Department of Transportation, appeared before Council regarding their plan to 4-lane 41N from 44W to SR 200. They requested Council's approval to use approximately 100'l x 60'w of park property, noting that to use the other side of the road which would involve purchasing shopping center property. Utilizing park property would cost the state some \$3.1 million dollars less. They noted they would remove trees, re-fence, and redevelop the trail on the 1.75 acres affected. Additionally they proposed giving, acre-for-acre, a portion of what is historically known as "Government Hill", a 2.75 acre parcel belonging to FDOT. Council questioned if they would consider giving the entire 2.75 acres, and it was noted this could be taken up in future negotiations. It was brought out that the City does not own the park, that it is owned by Department of Environmental Protection/Forestry Service, and that negotiations would be held with all entities. Mr. Ramkissoon noted there are no proposed DRAs included in this project area. Maintenance of existing FDOT DRAs within the City was discussed, with Mr. Ramkissoon advising he would question why maintenance is not done on a more regular basis. It was not known what affect this project would have on the 8" water line which runs along Montgomery to the Councilman Sullivan noted the City's concern with medians, Regional Shopping Center. recommending "no medians" whenever possible. Mayor Rogers advocated trees in the medians she Mr. Ramkissoon noted paperwork will be understood were proposed for the 44E project. forthcoming in the next 4-6 weeks, prior to the Public Hearing to be held on the project.

Councilman Sullivan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer, the motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A. Bills to be approved as listed\* Recommendation - Approval.

Air Touch Paging	132.36	Ace Hardware	25.94
Aramark Uniform	159.25	Brown CDP	263.49
C-Clean Floor Mtc.	110.00	Commercial Energy Specialist	1530.00
Citrus County Chronicle	784.40	Classic Electric	262.00
Central Materials	14.75	Communications Service	281.78
Walt Connors Inc.	14,50	Dept, Environ. Prot.	300.00

Dilbert's Diesel	F0 00		
	58.00	US Filter/Davis	109.20
Eveready Fire/Sec.	147.45	Engineering Surveying	875.00
EP Associates	313.16	Citrus Memorial Hospital	156.30
Fl. Dept. of State	80.00	Golden X Plumbing	99.92
Haag, Gaffney & Wilcox PA	2328.11	Hannie Printing	219.00
Berryman & Henigar	2430,00	Hopper Electric	170.41
Home Depot	166.20	Harrison Uniform	362.70
ICMA	82.45	Inverness FS Carwasy	65.00
Image Graphics	209.00	Inverness Shell	<b>253</b> ,19
Kustom Signals	6667.00	Law Enforcement Supply	328.91
Lesco Inc.	100.00	Metrocall	106.82
McKean & Associates	298.68	MDM Services	60.00
NAPA Auto Parts	58.67	National Ticket Co.	150.00
Office Depot	1025.77	Pennzoil	34.99
Photo Depot	28.20	Price Enterprises	392.00
Joe Romano3rd Coast Mtc.	70,95	S & S Worldwide	100,49
Spit & Polish Janitorial	694.00	SPT Electric	95.00
Stanley Steemer	85,65	Terminix Intl.	
Tric Electri8c	64.11	Tri-Tech Lab	98.00
Total Rental Centers	148.52	Unisource	166.00
Vak Pak Inc.	29.35	M & S Wheeler's Lock	100.40
Waste Management	132.00	Xerox	66,00
Crystal Clear Spring Water	4.30	•	689.00
BM	1668.45	Classic Monogramming	33.00
Duncan & Son Plumbing		Lordco Enterprises	7.91
Pave-Rite	40.00	Allen, Norton & Blue	470.90
	5028.13	Calciquest	619.30
TOTAL	31,666.06		

- B. Monthly Financial Report for June Recommendation Approval
- C. Check reconciliation report for June\*
  Recommendation Approval.
- D. Minutes to be approved 7/7/98\*
  Recommendation Approval.
- E. Memo re ICRA member vacancy\*

  <u>Recommendation</u> Approve appointment of Sandy Dixon.
- F. Memo re CDBG Waiver Gloria Fuxa\*

  <u>Recommendation</u> Approval.

City Manager DiGiovanni reviewed a memo regarding a proposal by ICRA to expand the Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He noted that there are limits to arbitrarily expanding TIF without justifiable cause – that TIF is designed to deal with a situation of blight, or areas that are in obvious need of rehab which is not the case here. He recommended keeping the current the TIF boundaries, with Council agreeing with the recommendation. He suggested that ICRA might look to alternative methods for additional funding – grants, donations, etc.

City Manager DiGiovanni reviewed a proposed scope of services developed by Berryman & Henigar for the development of downtown. Gary Ellis of GARI (Gulf Archaeological Research Institute) was

present and reminded Council of their interest in working with the City. Councilman Kaufman questioned where we were heading with the scope of services, feeling that we need more information to include some cost projections. Councilman agreed, suggesting a workshop be set up to set some priorities, working with the government plaza concept – what do we want to accomplish – then developing the scope of services from that prospective. Councilman Herringshaw questioned whether or not we own old Main Street and City Manager DiGiovanni stated he would present information received some time ago which concludes that the City has control of the portion of Main Street abandoned by FDOT. City Manager DiGiovanni noted the scope of services was totally inclusive, that it would be easier to mark through items we are not interested in than to try to develop a list. Council President Stauffer called for a workshop on the subject August 5, 5:00 PM, Mr. Ellis advised that GARI is interested in an agreement with the City, advocating the Main Street Program and noting that timing is important in applying for grants.

City Manager DiGiovanni presented information to guide Council in setting the tentative millage rate for the TRIM notices. He advised the budget has been developed at the roll back rate of 6.4531, but historically the Council has set the tentative millage from ½ to 1 mill above the current levy. Councilman Sullivan moved to set the tentative millage at 6.6659. Seconded by Councilman Herringshaw, the motion carried. Councilman Herringshaw moved to set the Public Hearing dates for 9/3 and 9/17, 5:01 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer, the motion carried.

City Manager DiGiovanni explained that the recent changes to the Florida Retirement System DROP program have been reviewed. He advised that the DROP program reduces the cost of retirement for those who are eligible to enter the program – one must either have 30 years with FRS, or at least 10 years and be age 62. One recent modification allows the local entity to decide whether or not they will allow an employee entering DROP to be paid for up to 500 hours of accrued vacation time. City Manager DiGiovanni suggested that this provision be approved for Charter Officers at this time, advising that he would come back with a recommendation as other employees once the impact to the City has been evaluated. Councilman Kaufman moved to authorize Charter Officers entering the DROP program to be paid for accrued vacation, and that the City Manager come back with a study and recommendation for other employees as to the effect it will have. Seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Discussion followed as to possibly limiting the number of hours an employee could be paid for. Councilman Kaufman felt the vacation hours belong to the employee to be used as they see fit, also adding this process will help reduce the funding liability. The question was called and the motion carried.

Mayor Rogers reminded Council of the 9:00 AM presentation at Walmart to a well-deserving student who will be receiving a \$20,000 scholarship from Walmart. She also encouraged participation and support of the Key Training Center "Run for the Money" fund raiser this weekend.

Councilwoman Hepfer advised she had attended the Suncoast League luncheon on Saturday in Brooksville, encouraging others to attend the worthwhile meetings.

Councilman Kaufman questioned the need for Mr. Ellis of GARI to attend the workshop set to discuss downtown development since it is quite early in the process. It was noted that they are a local non-profit business which has shown interest in the project, especially the historic and tourism aspect, and even though we are not obligated at this point, they may be able to advise of grant funding which might be available.

Councilman Kaufman asked City Attorney the status of the Attorney General inquiry re County Seats and her opinion as to a possible conflict of interest on his part regarding the government plaza. City Attorney Haag advised that she is working on both, and they will likely be on the next agenda.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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President of City Council

Appendix 7
Written Correspondence



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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR. SECRETARY

JEB BUSH GOVERNOR

April 23, 1999

Ms. Cynthia Staten, Principal Inverness Middle School 1950 U.S. Highway 41 North Inverness, FL 34450

RE: WPI Seg. No. 257165 1 / FAP No. XL-332-1(14)

U.S. 41 Reevaluation / Citrus County

Dear Ms. Staten:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) prepare a Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for the above referenced project. In accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 771.135, the Evaluation addresses the effects to Inverness Middle School, alternatives considered and measures to minimize harm if U.S. 41 were to be widened.

The Department would appreciate your review of the attached Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation by May 21, 1999.

Should there be any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (800) 226-7220 or (813) 975-6922.

Sincerely,

Jai Ramkissoon, P.E.

Project Manager

JR/GR Enclosure

cc: J. Comellas, R. Adair, J. Romero



### INVERNESS MIDDLE SCHOOL

1950 U.S. 41 NORTH INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450 Phone: (352) 726-1471

Cynthia H. Staten, Principal Jack Brady, Assistant Principal Mark D. Klauder, Assistant Principal Joseph Susi, Assistant Principal

May 18, 1999

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Mr. Jai Ramkissoon, P. E. Florida Department of Transportation 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, FL 33612-6456

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Dear Mr. Ramkissoon:

Inverness Middle School agrees with the findings taken for the U. S. 41 Reevaluation WPI Seg. No. 257165/FAP No. XL-332-1(14), that would affect our property.

Sincerely,

Cynthia H. Staten Principal



PD&E DEPARTMENT \* MS 7-500

JEB BUSH GOVERNOR THOMAS F. BARRY, JR. SECRETARY

April 23, 1999

Mr. Frank DiGiovanni City Manager City of Inverness 108 N. Seminole Avenue Inverness, FL 34450

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U.S. 41 Reevaluation / Citrus County

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JEB BUSH GOVERNOR THOMAS F. BARRY, JR. SECRETARY

May 17, 1999

Ms. Patricia E. Smith, Director Department of Parks and Recreation 212 W. Main Street Inverness, FL 34453-4801

RE:

WPI Seg. No. 257165 1/ FAP No. XL-332-1(14)

U.S. 41 Reevaluation/ Citrus County

Dear Ms. Smith:

With reference to your letter dated May 11, 1999, and our phone conversation May 14, 1999, the Department offers the following comments to your concerns:

- Preliminary findings had suggested that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) owned Government Hill, hence the acquisition of 1.74 acres. Further research has concluded that the Department of Forestry is the owner of Government Hill, hence the need to add the additional right of way from Government Hill (2.37 acres).
- There is no need to deed the Government Hill property.
- Discussions between representatives from the FDOT and the Department of Forestry, on a previous field trip, included that of relocating the jogging trail 15 to 20 feet away from the relocated fence. This would offer a natural buffer to the trail and park.
- The Department will continue to coordinate with the City and the Department of Forestry with respect to replacement of disturbed vegetation.

If additional information is required, please contact me at (813) 975-6922

Sincerely,

Jai Ramkissoon, P.E.

PD&E Project Manager

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cc: K. Bogen, R. Adair, F. DiGiovanni, W. Schreiber



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May 28, 1999

Mr. Jai Ramkissoon, P.E. Florida Department of Transportation 11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, Florida 33612-6456

RE: WPI Seg. No. 257165 1/FAP No. XL-332-1 (14)

U.S. 41 Reevaluation/Citrus County

Dear Mr. Ramkissoon:

The City of Inverness is proceeding concerning your May 17<sup>th</sup> correspondence. Accordingly, we consulted with representatives of the Division of Forestry and will continue to do so after their Brooksville office receives the Programmatic 4(f) Evaluation Draft, as requested.

In addition, the concerns stipulated in our 5/11/99 correspondence with respect to maintaining a natural vegetative buffer to protect a tranquil and natural environment for park users remains a concern. Our experience and daily familiarity with this facility mandates that a replacement program for displaced vegetation from a taking of park property by FDOT, must occur. Any thought of simply relocating a jogging path avoids the problem created by said taking.

We look forward to the improvements an expanded roadway will offer this community and intend to maintain a responsive posture with requests by your office.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Smith, Director

cc: Frank DiGiovanni, City Manager

Winnie Schreiber, Division of Forestry



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THOMAS F. BARRY, JR. SECRETARY

April 23, 1999

Mr. L. Earl Peterson, Director Florida Division of Forestry Forest Management Bureau 3125 Conner Blvd., C-25 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

RE: WPI Seg. No. 257165 1 / FAP No. XL-332-1(14)

U.S. 41 Reevaluation / Citrus County

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has requested that the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) prepare a Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for the above referenced project. In accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 771.135, the Evaluation addresses the effects to Whispering Pines Park, alternatives considered and measures to minimize harm if U.S. 41 were to be widened.

The Department would appreciate your review of the attached Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation by May 21, 1999.

The City of Inverness will receive a copy of the Evaluation for its review also. It has been a pleasure coordinating the U.S. 41 project with Ms. Winnie Schreiber and we look forward to a timely response to our request.

Should there be any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (800) 226-7220 or (813) 975-6922.

Sincerely,

Jai Ramkissoon, P.E.

Project Manager

JR/GR Enclosure

cc: J. Comellas, R. Adair, W. Schreiber, F. DiGiovanni



## Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services BOB CRAWFORD, Commissioner

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RE: WPI Seg. No. 257165 1/FAP No. XL-332-1(14) U.S. 41 Reevaluation/Citrus County

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Dear Mr. Ramkissoon:

Reference is made to your letter of April 23, 1999, concerning the Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation which addresses the effects to Whispering Pines Park if U.S. 41 were to be widened. We have the following comments after reviewing the Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation.

On pages 13 and 23 it is noted that 2.37 acres of Whispering Pines Park would need to be acquired if the preferred alternative of shifting to the west is followed. In earlier communications from you (reference your letter to John O'Meara of this office dated July 13, 1998), you stated the widening would require 1.74 acres of Whispering Pines Park. Which figure is correct?

Regarding the mitigation measures listed on page 27 and item number 3 which states: "Replacing disturbed vegetation", this item should be expanded upon to state that FDOT will plant native trees adapted to a sandhill site to replace those lost from the road widening. It should also be stated that the plans for all three mitigation measures listed on page 27 will be reviewed and approved by the City of Inverness and Division of Forestry prior to their implementation.

In the first paragraph on page 28, you do not mention the Division of Forestry even though our agency is responsible for the surface management of Whispering Pines Park through



J. Ramkissoon, FDOT May 28, 1999 Page 2

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Lease Agreement 3316 with the Board of Trustees. In the third paragraph on page 28, it is stated that FDOT would compensate the DOF for acreage acquired. Similar statements about coordinating mitigation for acreage lost are in the Division of Forestry paragraph on page 29. These statements should be expanded upon and be included as a mitigation measure on page 27.

The statewide "Policy on the Use of Natural Resource Lands by Linear Facilities" requires an easement applicant to provide to the land managing agency that measure of additional money, land or services necessary to offset the actual adverse impacts reasonably expected to be caused by the expansion of a linear facility. In my letter to you of October 30, 1998, we recommended that FDOT provide the service of assisting the DOF with the Tillis Hill Road construction project, which is located on the same tract of Withlacoochee State Forest as the Whispering Pines Tract. We did not receive a written response to this proposal, but we did want to confirm that some other similar service from FDOT (or possibly replacement acreage) would be preferred by the DOF.

In closing, we still concur that widening U.S. 41 to the west appears to be the best course of action, and we will work with you on issuance of an easement, as long as our recommendations in this letter and my letter to you of October 30<sup>th</sup> are agreed to by FDOT.

Please let us know when you plan to request the easement.

Sincerely,

BOB CRAWFORD COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

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