## **Agenda Report**

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940



## **Public Hearing**

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## Subject:

Robert J. Woodhouse requests a change of zoning classification from GU to AU(L). (22Z00059) (Tax Account 2441057) (District 1)

## **Fiscal Impact:**

None

## **Dept/Office:**

Planning & Development

## **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing to consider a change of zoning classification from GU (General Use) to AU (Agricultural Residential, Low-Intensity).

## **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning classification from GU to AU(L) to allow agricultural uses and to construct an accessory building that would be exempted from size limitations for accessory buildings. Section 62-2100.5(g) states that accessory buildings in the agricultural zoning classification are exempted from this size limitation. The applicant is applying for a rezoning rather than applying for a variance to allow for a larger accessory structure. The property is developed with a 2,186 square-foot single-family home and two accessory buildings. The site has the original 1958 zoning. A variance request to reduce the 2.5-acre minimum lot size in AU(L) to 1 acre was approved on October 19, 2022.

The proposed AU(L) zoning classification permits single-family residences and non-commercial agricultural uses on 2.5-acre lots, with a minimum lot width and depth of 150 feet, and a minimum house size of 750 square feet. The AU(L) zoning classification is a less intense classification than AU and does not allow for commercial agricultural uses such as the packing, processing and sales of commodities raised on the premises, plant nurseries, or private camps.

The developed character of the surrounding area is a mixture of single-family homes zoned GU, AU and AU(L). The majority of lots in the area are approximately 1 acre in size. While GU is the original zoning in the area and is still the prominent zoning on most of the lots, there is a history of parcels being rezoned to AU or AU(L). This rezoning could be considered consistent with the character of the area.

The Board may wish to consider whether the requested rezoning action is consistent and compatible with the surrounding area.

On January 9, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Board heard the request and unanimously recommended

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approval.

## **Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Once resolution is received, please execute and return to Planning & Development.

#### Resolution 22Z00059

On motion by Commissioner Tobia, seconded by Commissioner Zonka, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Robert J. Woodhouse, has requested a change of zoning classification from GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential, Low-Intensity), on property described as Lot 7, Block 33, Canaveral Groves Subdivision, as recorded in ORB 7747, Pages 2832 - 2833, of the Public Records of Brevard County, Florida. Section 02, Township 24, Range 35. (1 acre) Located on the south side of Detroit St., approx. 310 ft. east of Hartville Ave. (3735 Detroit St., Cocoa); and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing of the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board was advertised and held, as required by law, and after hearing all interested parties and considering the adjacent areas, the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board recommended that the application be approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, after considering said application and the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation, and hearing all interested parties, and after due and proper consideration having been given to the matter, find that the application should be approved as recommended; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, that the requested change of zoning classification from GU to AU(L) be approved. The Planning and Development Director, or designee, is hereby directed to make this change on the official zoning maps of Brevard County, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of February 2, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Brevard County, Florida

Rita Pritchett, Chair Brevard County Commission

As approved by the Board on February 2, 2023.

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK

(SEAL)

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Please note: A CUP (Conditional Use Permit) will generally expire on the three-year anniversary of its approval if the use is not established prior to that date. CUPs for Towers and Antennas shall expire if a site plan for the tower is not submitted within one year of approval or if construction does not commence within two years of approval. A Planned Unit Development Preliminary Development Plan expires if a final development plan is not filed within three years. The granting of this zoning does not guarantee physical development of the property. At the time of development, said development must be in accordance with the criteria of the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan and other applicable laws and ordinances.

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT

Administrative Policies in the Future Land Use Element establish the expertise of staff with regard to zoning land use issues and set forth criteria when considering a rezoning action or request for Conditional Use Permit, as follows:

## **Administrative Policy 1**

The Brevard County zoning official, planners and the Director of the Planning and Development, however designated, are recognized as expert witnesses for the purposes of Comprehensive Plan amendments as well as zoning, conditional use, special exception, and variance applications.

## **Administrative Policy 2**

Upon Board request, members of the Brevard County planning and zoning staff shall be required to present written analysis and a recommendation, which shall constitute an expert opinion, on all applications for zoning, conditional uses, comprehensive plan amendments, vested rights, or other applications for development approval that come before the Board of County Commissioners for quasi-judicial review and action. The Board may table an item if additional time is required to obtain the analysis requested or to hire an expert witness if the Board deems such action appropriate. Staff input may include the following:

#### Criteria:

- A. Staff shall analyze an application for consistency or compliance with comprehensive plan policies, zoning approval criteria and other applicable written standards.
- B. Staff shall conduct site visits of property which are the subject of analysis and recommendation. As part of the site visit, the staff shall take a videotape or photographs where helpful to the analysis and conduct an inventory of surrounding existing uses. Aerial photographs shall also be used where they would aid in an understanding of the issues of the case.
- C. In cases where staff analysis is required, both the applicant and the staff shall present proposed findings of fact for consideration by the Board.
- D. For development applications where a specific use has not been proposed, the worst case adverse impacts of potential uses available under the applicable land use classification shall be evaluated by the staff.

#### **Administrative Policy 3**

Compatibility with existing or proposed land uses shall be a factor in determining where a rezoning or any application involving a specific proposed use is being considered. Compatibility shall be evaluated by considering the following factors, at a minimum:

#### Criteria:

A. Whether the proposed use(s) would have hours of operation, lighting, odor, noise levels, traffic, or site activity that would significantly diminish the enjoyment of, safety or quality of life in existing neighborhoods within the area which could foreseeably be affected by the proposed use.

- B. Whether the proposed use(s) would cause a material reduction (five percent or more) in the value of existing abutting lands or approved development.
- C. Whether the proposed use(s) is/are consistent with an emerging or existing pattern of surrounding development as determined through analysis of:
  - 1. historical land use patterns;
  - 2. actual development over the immediately preceding three years; and
  - 3. development approved within the past three years but not yet constructed.
- D. Whether the proposed use(s) would result in a material violation of relevant policies in any elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **Administrative Policy 4**

Character of a neighborhood or area shall be a factor for consideration whenever a rezoning or any application involving a specific proposed use is reviewed. The character of the area must not be materially or adversely affected by the proposed rezoning or land use application. In evaluating the character of an area, the following factors shall be considered:

#### Criteria:

- A. The proposed use must not materially and adversely impact an established residential neighborhood by introducing types of intensity of traffic (including but not limited to volume, time of day of traffic activity, type of vehicles, et cetera), parking, trip generation, commercial activity or industrial activity that is not already present within the identified boundaries of the neighborhood.
- B. In determining whether an established residential neighborhood exists, the following factors must be present:
  - 1. The area must have clearly established boundaries, such as roads, open spaces, rivers, lakes, lagoons, or similar features.
  - Sporadic or occasional neighborhood commercial uses shall not preclude the existence of an existing residential neighborhood, particularly if the commercial use is non-conforming or pre-dates the surrounding residential use.
  - 3. An area shall be presumed not to be primarily residential but shall be deemed transitional where multiple commercial, industrial or other non-residential uses have been applied for and approved during the previous five (5) years.

## **Administrative Policy 5**

In addition to the factors specified in Administrative Policies 2, 3, and 4, in reviewing a rezoning, conditional use permit or other application for development approval, the impact of the proposed use or uses on transportation facilities either serving the site or impacted by the

use(s) shall be considered. In evaluating whether substantial and adverse transportation impacts are likely to result if an application is approved, the staff shall consider the following:

#### Criteria:

- A. Whether adopted levels of services will be compromised:
- B. Whether the physical quality of the existing road system that will serve the proposed use(s) is sufficient to support the use(s) without significant deterioration;
- C. Whether the surrounding existing road system is of sufficient width and construction quality to serve the proposed use(s) without the need for substantial public improvements;
- D. Whether the surrounding existing road system is of such width and construction quality that the proposed use(s) would realistically pose a potential for material danger to public safety in the surrounding area;
- E. Whether the proposed use(s) would be likely to result in such a material and adverse change in traffic capacity of a road or roads in the surrounding area such that either design capacities would be significantly exceeded or a de facto change in functional classification would result;
- F. Whether the proposed use(s) would cause such material and adverse changes in the types of traffic that would be generated on the surrounding road system, that physical deterioration of the surrounding road system would be likely;
- G. Whether projected traffic impacts of the proposed use(s) would materially and adversely impact the safety or welfare of residents in existing residential neighborhoods.

### **Administrative Policy 6**

The use(s) proposed under the rezoning, conditional use or other application for development approval must be consistent with, (a), all written land development policies set forth in these administrative policies; and (b), the future land use element, coastal management element, conservation element, potable water element, sanitary sewer element, solid waste management element, capital improvements element, recreation and open space element, surface water element, and transportation elements of the comprehensive plan.

#### **Administrative Policy 7**

Proposed use(s) shall not cause or substantially aggravate any, (a), substantial drainage problem on surrounding properties; or (b), significant, adverse and unmitigatable impact on significant natural wetlands, water bodies or habitat for listed species.

#### **Administrative Policy 8**

These policies, the staff analysis based upon these policies, and the applicant's written analysis, if any, shall be incorporated into the record of every quasi-judicial review application for development approval presented to the Board including rezoning, conditional use permits, and vested rights determinations.

Section 62-1151(c) of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County directs, "The planning and zoning board shall recommend to the board of county commissioners the denial or approval of each application for amendment to the official zoning maps based upon a consideration of the following factors:

- (1) The character of the land use of the property surrounding the property being considered.
- (2) The change in conditions of the land use of the property being considered and the surrounding property since the establishment of the current applicable zoning classification, special use or conditional use.
- (3) The impact of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use on available and projected traffic patterns, water and sewer systems, other public facilities and utilities and the established character of the surrounding property.
- (4) The compatibility of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use with existing land use plans for the affected area.
- (5) The appropriateness of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use based upon a consideration of the applicable provisions and conditions contained in this article and other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations relating to zoning and land use regulations and based upon a consideration of the public health, safety and welfare.

The minutes of the planning and zoning board shall specify the reasons for the recommendation of approval or denial of each application."

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS (CUPs)**

In addition to the specific requirements for each Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Section 62-1901 provides that the following approval procedure and general standards of review are to be applied to all CUP requests, as applicable.

(b) Approval procedure. An application for a specific conditional use within the applicable zoning classification shall be submitted and considered in the same manner and according to the same procedure as an amendment to the official zoning map as specified in Section 62-1151. The approval of a conditional use shall authorize an additional use for the affected parcel of real property in addition to those permitted in the applicable zoning classification. The initial burden is on the applicant to demonstrate that all applicable standards and criteria are met. Applications which do not satisfy this burden cannot be approved. If the applicant meets its initial burden, then the Board has the burden to show, by substantial and competent evidence, that the applicant has failed to meet such standards and the request is adverse to the public interest. As part of the approval of the conditional use permit, the Board may prescribe appropriate and reasonable conditions and safeguards to reduce the impact of the proposed use on adjacent and nearby properties or the neighborhood. A nearby property, for the purpose of this section, is defined as any property which, because of the character of the proposed use, lies within the area which may be substantially and adversely impacted by such use. In stating grounds in

support of an application for a conditional use permit, it is necessary to show how the request fulfills both the general and specific standards for review. The applicant must show the effect the granting of the conditional use permit will have on adjacent and nearby properties, including, but not limited to traffic and pedestrian flow and safety, curb-cuts, off-street loading and parking, off-street pickup of passengers, odors, glare and noise, particulates, smoke, fumes, and other emissions, refuse and service areas, drainage, screening and buffering for protection of adjacent and nearby properties, and open space and economic impact on nearby properties. The applicant, at his discretion, may choose to present expert testimony where necessary to show the effect of granting the conditional use permit.

## (c) General Standards of Review.

- (1) The planning and zoning board and the board of county commissioners shall base the denial or approval of each application for a conditional use based upon a consideration of the factors specified in Section 62-1151(c) plus a determination whether an application meets the intent of this section.
  - a. The proposed conditional use will not result in a substantial and adverse impact on adjacent and nearby properties due to: (1), the number of persons anticipated to be using, residing or working under the conditional use; (2), noise, odor, particulates, smoke, fumes and other emissions, or other nuisance activities generated by the conditional use; or (3), the increase of traffic within the vicinity caused by the proposed conditional use.
  - b. The proposed use will be compatible with the character of adjacent and nearby properties with regard to use, function, operation, hours of operation, type and amount of traffic generated, building size and setback, and parking availability.
  - c. The proposed use will not cause a substantial diminution in value of abutting residential property. A substantial diminution shall be irrebuttably presumed to have occurred if abutting property suffers a 15% reduction in value as a result of the proposed conditional use. A reduction of 10% of the value of abutting property shall create a rebuttable presumption that a substantial diminution has occurred. The Board of County Commissioners carries the burden to show, as evidenced by either testimony from or an appraisal conducted by an M A I certified appraiser, that a substantial diminution in value would occur. The applicant may rebut the findings with his own expert witnesses.
- (2) The following specific standards shall be considered, when applicable, in making a determination that the general standards specified in subsection (1) of this section are satisfied:

- a. Ingress and egress to the property and proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience. traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire and catastrophe, shall be: (1), adequate to serve the proposed use without burdening adjacent and nearby uses, and (2), built to applicable county standards, if any. Burdening adjacent and nearby uses means increasing existing traffic on the closest collector or arterial road by more than 20%, or 10% if the new traffic is primarily comprised of heavy vehicles, except where the affected road is at Level of Service A or B. New traffic generated by the proposed use shall not cause the adopted level of service for transportation on applicable roadways, as determined by applicable Brevard County standards, to be exceeded. Where the design of a public road to be used by the proposed use is physically inadequate to handle the numbers. types or weights of vehicles expected to be generated by the proposed use without damage to the road, the conditional use permit cannot be approved without a commitment to improve the road to a standard adequate to handle the proposed traffic, or to maintain the road through a maintenance bond or other means as required by the Board of County Commissioners.
- b. The noise, glare, odor, particulates, smoke, fumes or other emissions from the conditional use shall not substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of the adjacent and nearby property.
- c. Noise levels for a conditional use are governed by Section 62-2271.
- d. The proposed conditional use shall not cause the adopted level of service for solid waste disposal applicable to the property or area covered by such level of service, to be exceeded.
- e. The proposed conditional use shall not cause the adopted level of service for potable water or wastewater applicable to the property or the area covered by such level of service, to be exceeded by the proposed use.
- f. The proposed conditional use must have existing or proposed screening or buffering, with reference to type, dimensions and character to eliminate or reduce substantial, adverse nuisance, sight, or noise impacts on adjacent and nearby properties containing less intensive uses.
- g. Proposed signs and exterior lighting shall not cause unreasonable glare or hazard to traffic safety, or interference with the use or enjoyment of adjacent and nearby properties.
- h. Hours of operation of the proposed use shall be consistent with the use and enjoyment of the properties in the surrounding residential community, if any. For commercial and industrial uses adjacent to or near residential uses, the hours of operation shall not adversely affect the use and enjoyment of the residential character of the area.
- i. The height of the proposed use shall be compatible with the character of the area, and the maximum height of any habitable structure shall be not more than 35 feet higher than the highest residence within 1,000 feet of the property line.

j. Off-street parking and loading areas, where required, shall not be created or maintained in a manner which adversely impacts or impairs the use and enjoyment of adjacent and nearby properties. For existing structures, the applicant shall provide competent, substantial evidence to demonstrate that actual or anticipated parking shall not be greater than that which is approved as part of the site pan under applicable county standards.

#### **FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR A REZONING REQUEST**

Section 62-1151(c) sets forth factors to consider in connection with a rezoning request, as follows:

"The planning and zoning board shall recommend to the board of county commissioners the denial or approval of each application for amendment to the official zoning maps based upon a consideration of the following factors:

- (1) The character of the land use of the property surrounding the property being considered.
- (2) The change in conditions of the land use of the property being considered and the surrounding property since the establishment of the current applicable zoning classification, special use or conditional use.
- (3) The impact of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use on available and projected traffic patterns, water and sewer systems, other public facilities and utilities and the established character of the surrounding property.
- (4) The compatibility of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use with existing land use plans for the affected area.
- (5) The appropriateness of the proposed zoning classification or conditional use based upon a consideration of the applicable provisions and conditions contained in this article and other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations relating to zoning and land use regulations and based upon a consideration of the public health, safety and welfare."

These staff comments contain references to zoning classifications found in the Brevard County Zoning Regulations, Chapter 62, Article VI, Code of Ordinances of Brevard County. These references include brief summaries of some of the characteristics of that zoning classification. Reference to each zoning classification shall be deemed to incorporate the full text of the section or sections defining and regulating that classification into the Zoning file and Public Record for that item.

These staff comments contain references to sections of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County. Reference to each code section shall be deemed to incorporate this section into the Zoning file and Public Record for that item.

These staff comments contain references to Policies of the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan. Reference to each Policy shall be deemed to incorporate the entire Policy into the Zoning file and Public Record for that item.

These staff comments refer to previous zoning actions which are part of the Public Records of Brevard County, Florida. These records will be referred to by reference to the file number. Reference to zoning files are intended to make the entire contents of the cited file a part of the Zoning file and Public Record for that item.

## DEFINITIONS OF CONCURRENCY TERMS

Maximum Acceptable Volume (MAV): Maximum acceptable daily volume that a roadway can carry at the adopted Level of Service (LOS).

**Current Volume:** Building permit related trips added to the latest TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) traffic counts.

**Volume with Development (VOL W/DEV):** Equals Current Volume plus trip generation projected for the proposed development.

**Volume/Maximum Acceptable Volume (VOL/MAV):** Equals the ratio of current traffic volume to the maximum acceptable roadway volume.

Volume/Maximum Acceptable Volume with Development (VOL/MAV W/DEV): Ratio of volume with development to the Maximum Acceptable Volume.

**Acceptable Level of Service (CURRENT LOS):** The Level of Service at which a roadway is currently operating.

**Level of Service with Development (LOS W/DEV):** The Level of Service that a proposed development may generate on a roadway.



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## STAFF COMMENTS 22Z00059 Robert J Woodhouse V

## GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential (Low Intensity)

Tax Account Number:

2441057

Parcel I.D.:

24-35-02-01-33-7

Location:

South side of Detroit Street, approximately 310 feet east of Hartville

Avenue (District 1)

Acreage:

1.00 acres

Planning and Zoning Board:

1/09/2023

Board of County Commissioners: 2/02/2023

#### **Consistency with Land Use Regulations**

- Current zoning can be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.
- The proposal can be considered under the Future Land Use Designation, Section 62-1255.
- The proposal would maintain acceptable Levels of Service (LOS) (XIII 1.6.C)

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Zoning	GU	AU(L)
Potential*	1 unit**	1 unit
Can be Considered under the	YES	YES
Future Land Use Map	RES 1:2.5	RES 1:2.5

<sup>\*</sup> Zoning potential for concurrency analysis purposes only, subject to applicable land development regulations.

### **Background and Purpose of Request**

The applicant is requesting to change the zoning classification from GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential - Low Intensity) to allow agricultural uses and to construct an accessory building that would be exempted from size limitations for accessory buildings. Section 62-2100.5(g) states that accessory buildings in the agricultural zoning classification are exempted from this size limitation. The applicant is applying for a rezoning rather than applying for a variance to allow for a larger accessory structure.

The property is developed with a 2,186 sq. ft. single-family home and two accessory buildings. This request is to permit the applicant to construct an additional accessory building.

The site has the original 1958 zoning. A variance request submitted under 22PZ00006 was approved

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lot is a nonconforming lot recorded in the Canaveral Groves Subdivision Book 2 Page 62.

by the Board of Adjustment on October 19, 2022. This request was to reduce the 2.5-acre minimum lot size required in the AU(L) zoning classification to 1.00 acres (a reduction of 1.5 acres).

The AU(L) zoning classification is a less intense classification than AU which does not allow for commercial agricultural uses such as the packing processing, and sales of commodities raised on the premises, plant nurseries, or private camps.

#### Land Use

The subject property is currently designated as Residential 1:2.5 (RES 1:2.5) FLU. Both the GU and AU(L) zoning classifications can be considered consistent with the Residential 1:2.5 FLU designation.

## **Applicable Land Use Policies**

**Policy 1.10** –The Residential 1:2.5 Future land use designation permits lower density residential development with a maximum density of up to one (1) dwelling unit per 2.5 acres, except as otherwise may be provided for within the Future Land Use Element.

The Board should evaluate the compatibility of this application within the context of Administrative Policies 3 - 5 of the Future Land Use Element.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #3 - Compatibility between this site and the existing or proposed land uses in the area.

Compatibility shall be evaluated by considering the following factors, at a minimum:

#### Criteria:

A. Whether the proposed use(s) would have hours of operation, lighting, odor, noise levels, traffic, or site activity that would significantly diminish the enjoyment of, safety or quality of life in existing neighborhoods within the area which could foreseeably be affected by the proposed use:

AU(L) zoning classification permits non-commercial agricultural uses that are already present in the area. Development would need to meet performance standards set forth in code sections 62-2251 through 62-2272 for hours of operation, lighting, odor, noise levels, traffic, or site activity.

B. Whether the proposed use(s) would cause a material reduction (five per cent or more) in the value of existing abutting lands or approved development.

Only a certified MAI appraisal can determine if material reduction has or will occur due to the proposed request.

- C. Whether the proposed use(s) is/are consistent with an emerging or existing pattern of surrounding development as determined through an analysis of:
- 1. historical land use patterns;

The historic land use pattern has been single-family homes built on lots of approximately one acre in size.

2. actual development over the immediately preceding three years; and

It appears no changes to the immediate area have occurred within the last three years.

3. development approved within the past three years but not yet constructed.

It appears there has been no development approved within the last three years.

D. Whether the proposed use(s) would result in a material violation of relevant policies in any elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed uses would not result in a material violation in any elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The property is within the area known as Canaveral Groves. All parcels within this area of Canaveral Groves retained a FLU designation of RES 1:2.5.

Analysis of Administrative Policy #4 - Character of a neighborhood or area.

The developed character of the surrounding area is a mixture single-family homes with zoning classifications of GU, AU and AU(L). A majority of lots in the area are approximately one-acre in size. While GU is the original zoning of the area and is still the prominent zoning on most of the lots in the neighborhood, there is a history of parcels being rezoned to AU or AU(L). This rezoning could be considered consistent with the character of the area. The closest AU(L) parcel to the subject property is approximately 162 feet northeast on the north side of Detroit Street. This is the only parcel with AU(L) zoning in a 500-ft. radius, and it does not have an agricultural exemption.

The 500-ft. notification radius includes 28 properties, of which 28 are homesteaded.

#### Surrounding Area

	Existing Use	Zoning	Future Land Use
North	Right-of-Way with Single-Family residences north of ROW	GU	RES 1:2.5
South	Single-Family residence	GU	RES 1:2.5
East	Single-Family residence	GU	RES 1:2.5
West	Single-Family Residence	GU	RES 1:2.5

The subject property is bounded by Detroit Street to the north. The parcels to the east, south and west of this site are currently zoned GU with a RES 1:2.5 FLU designation. These properties are developed with single-family homes. To the north across Detroit Street are more parcels zoned GU, AU and AU(L) all with a RES 1:2.5 FLU designation.

The existing GU classification is a holding category, allowing single-family residences on five acre lots with a minimum width and depth of 300 feet. The minimum house size in GU is 750 square feet. Section 62-1188(8) permits consideration of rezoning of non-conforming lots of record to classifications that are consistent with the density allowances of the Comprehensive Plan. Accessory building or structure in GU zoning when secondary to single family residential uses, is limited as follows: Each detached accessory building or structure shall not exceed 600 square feet or 50 percent of the living area of the principal building, whichever is greater. Accessory buildings in the agricultural zoning classification, and barns, where permitted, are exempt from accessory size standards. On GU parcels over 5.0 acres in area, agricultural pursuits are permitted with conditions found in Section 62-1904 of Brevard County Code. Properties less than 5.0 acres in area could request a conditional use permit and would still be zoned GU. The applicant has decided to rezone the parcel.

AU zoning classification permits single-family residences and agricultural uses on 2.5 acre lots, with a minimum lot of width and depth of 150 feet. The minimum house size in AU is 750 square feet. The AU zoning classification also permits all agricultural pursuits, including the raising/grazing of animals, plants nurseries, and the packing and processing of commodities raised on site.

The proposed AU(L) zoning classification permits single-family residences and non-commercial agricultural uses on 2.5 acre lots, with a minimum lot width and depth of 150 feet. The minimum house size in AU(L) is 750 square feet.

There have been two zoning actions within a half-mile radius of the subject property within the last three years.

19PZ00014, approved by the Board on May 02, 2019, was a request to rezone from GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential—Low Intensity) on 1.01 acres located approximately 1,642 feet northeast of the subject property on the south side of Bryce Street.

22Z00019, approved by the Board on August 04, 2022, was a request to rezone from AU (Agricultural Residential) to RR-1 (Rural Residential) on 2.5 acres located approximately 1,348 feet northeast of the subject property on south side of Canton Street.

## **Preliminary Concurrency**

The closest concurrency management segment to the subject property is Canaveral Groves Boulevard between Lee Street and Grissom Parkway, which has a Maximum Acceptable Volume (MAV) of 15,600 trips per day, a Level of Service (LOS) of E, and currently operates at 48.27% of capacity daily. The maximum development potential from the proposed rezoning does not increase the percentage of MAV utilization. The corridor is anticipated to operate at 48.27% of capacity daily. The proposal is not anticipated to create a deficiency in LOS.

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No school concurrency information has been provided as the development potential of this site falls below the minimum number of new residential lots that would require a formal review.

The parcel is connected to City of Cocoa water. The parcel is not connected to sanitary sewer and utilizes septic.

#### **Environmental Constraints**

- Floodplain
- Wetlands/Hydric Soils
- Aquifer Recharge Soils
- Protected Species Scrub Jays
- Protected and Specimen Trees

### **For Board Consideration**

The Board may wish to consider whether the requested rezoning action is consistent and compatible with the surrounding area.

## NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (NRM) DEPARTMENT Zoning Review & Summary Item #22Z00059

Applicant: Robert Woodhouse V

Zoning Request: GU to AU(L) for Ag use and to have accessory structure greater than GU allows.

Zoning Hearing Date: 01/09/23; BCC Hearing Date: 02/02/2023

Tax ID Nos: 2441057

➤ This is a preliminary review based on best available data maps reviewed by the Natural Resources Management Department (NRM) and does not include a site inspection to verify the accuracy of the mapped information.

- ➤ In that the rezoning process is not the appropriate venue for site plan review, specific site designs submitted with the rezoning request will be deemed conceptual. Board comments relative to specific site design do not provide vested rights or waivers from Federal, State or County regulations.
- ➤ This review does not guarantee whether or not the proposed use, specific site design, or development of the property can be permitted under current Federal, State, or County Regulations.

## Summary of Mapped Resources and Noteworthy Land Use Issues:

- Floodplain
- Wetlands/Hydric Soils
- Aquifer Recharge Soils
- Protected Species Scrub Jays
- Protected and Specimen Trees

A portion of the project area is mapped within the isolated floodplain as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and as shown on the FEMA Flood Map. The property may be subject to the development criteria in Conservation Element Objective 4, its subsequent policies, and the Floodplain Ordinance. Per Section 62-3724(3)(d), compensatory storage shall be required for fill in excess of that which will provide an upland buildable area within the isolated floodplain greater than one third (1/3) acre in size. Chapter 62, Article X, Division 6 states, "No site alteration shall adversely affect the existing surface water flow pattern." Chapter 62, Article X, Division 5, Section 62-3723 (2) states, "Development within floodplain areas shall not have adverse impacts upon adjoining properties."

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## Wetlands/Hydric Soils

The southwest corner of subject property contains a small area mapped as shrub swamp (FLUCCS 6153). The subject property also contains mapped hydric soils (Basinger sand and Valkaria sand), an indicator that wetlands may be present on the property. A wetland determination will be required prior to any land clearing activities, site plan design, or building permit submittal.

Per Section 62 3694(c)(1), residential land uses within wetlands shall be limited to not more than one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) acres unless strict application of this policy renders a legally established parcel as of September 9, 1988, which is less than five (5) acres, as unbuildable. For multi-family parcels greater than five acres in area, the preceding limitation of one dwelling unit per five (5) acres within wetlands may be applied as a maximum percentage limiting wetland impacts to not more than 1.8% of the total non-commercial and non-industrial acreage on a cumulative basis as set forth in Section 65 3694(c)(6). Any permitted wetland impacts must meet the requirements of Section 62 3694(e) including avoidance of impacts, and will require mitigation in accordance with Section 62-3696.

Section 62-3694 states that non-bona fide agricultural and forestry operations utilizing best management practices are permitted in wetlands provided they do not result in permanent degradation or destruction of wetlands, or adversely affect the functions of the wetlands. Pursuant to the Florida Agricultural Lands and Practices Act (Chapter 163.3162(4), Florida Statutes), any activity of a Bona Fide Agricultural Use on land classified as agricultural land pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida Statute is exempt. The Brevard County Property Appraiser's Office establishes Bona Fide Agricultural land classification.

The applicant is encouraged to contact NRM at 321-633-2016 prior to any site plan design or permit submittal.

#### **Aquifer Recharge Soils**

Basinger and Valkaria sands may also function as aquifer recharge soils. The applicant is hereby notified of the development and impervious restrictions within Conservation Element Policy 10.2 and the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

#### **Protected Species**

Information available to NRM indicates that federally and/or state protected species may be present on the property. The entire property is mapped within a Florida Scrub Jay occupancy area, and there is potential for existence of Gopher Tortoises on site. Prior to any plan, permit submittal, or development activity, including land clearing, the applicant should obtain any necessary permits or

clearance letters from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as applicable.

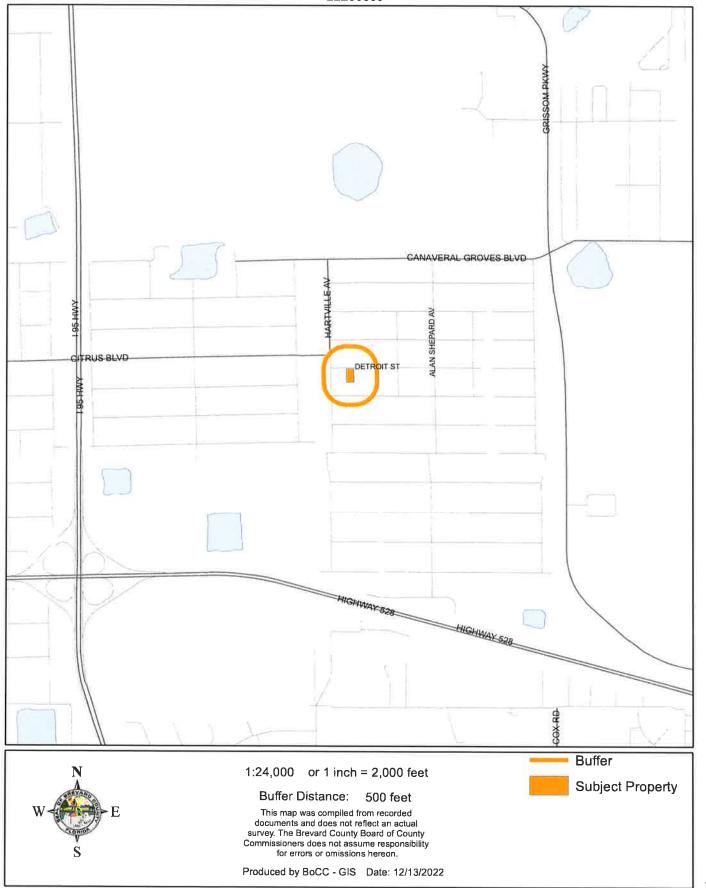
## **Protected and Specimen Trees**

Protected and Specimen Trees may exist on the parcel. Per Brevard County Landscaping, Land Clearing and Tree Protection ordinance, Section 62-4331(3), encourages the protection of Specimen Trees. The applicant is advised to refer to Article XIII, Division 2, entitled Land Clearing, Landscaping, and Tree Protection, for specific requirements for preservation and canopy coverage requirements. Applicant should contact NRM at 321-633-2016 prior to performing any land clearing activities.

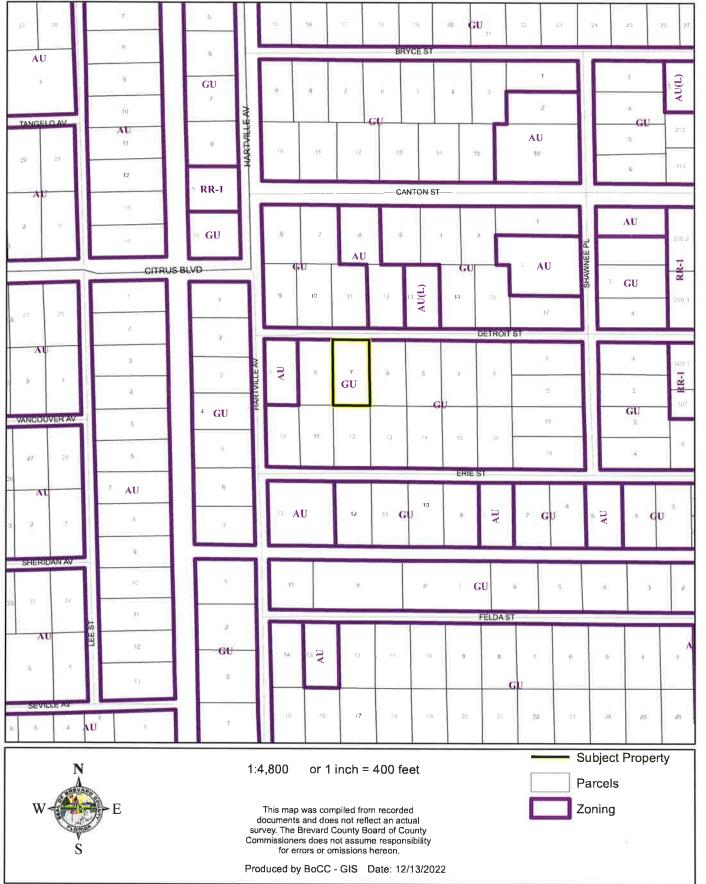
#### Other

Information available to NRM indicates that unpermitted land clearing and land alteration activities may have occurred in 2017 or 2018. A private lake was created, which does not appear to meet the setback criteria in Chapter 62, Article 13, Division 5, entitled Private Lakes. The discovery of unpermitted land alteration activities may result in code enforcement action.

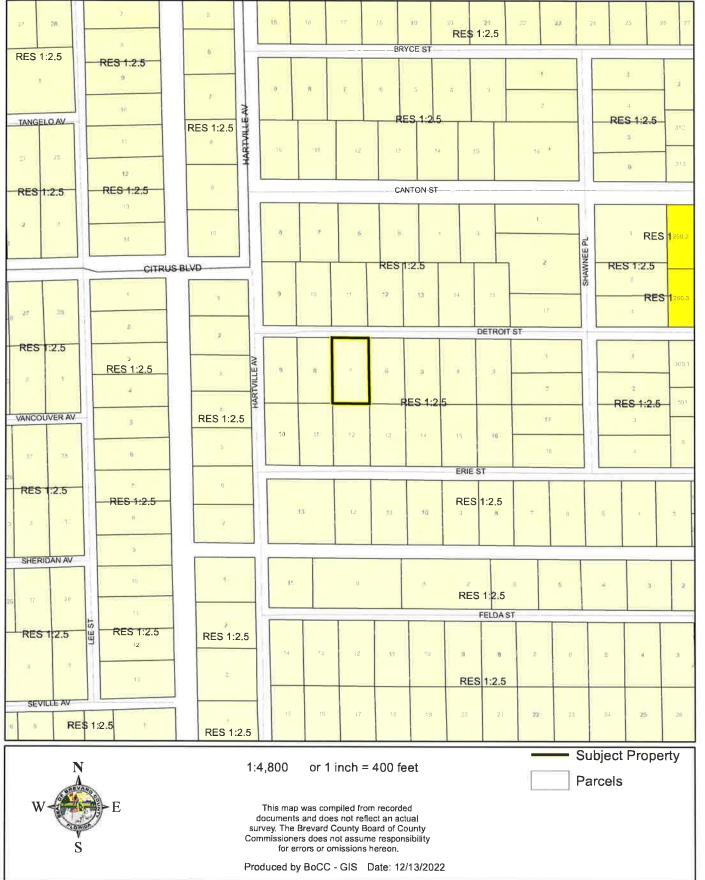
## LOCATION MAP



## ZONING MAP

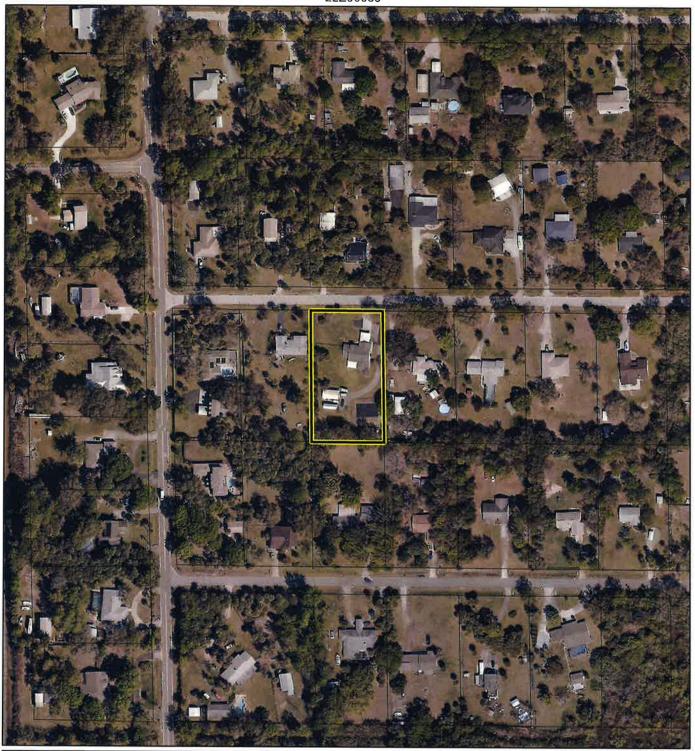


## FUTURE LAND USE MAP



## AERIAL MAP

WOODHOUSE V, ROBERT J 22Z00059





1:2,400 or 1 inch = 200 feet

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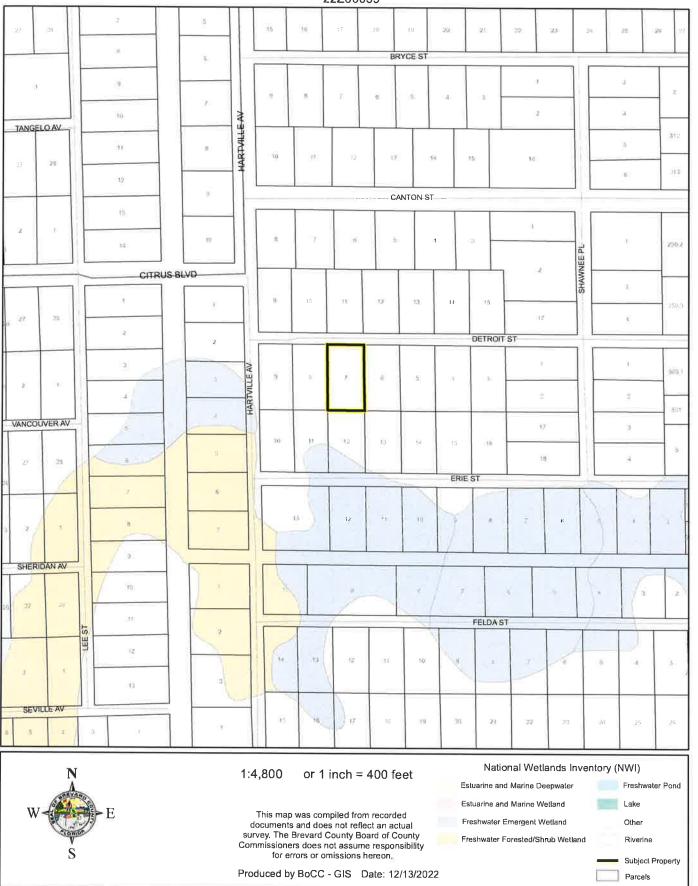
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Subject Property

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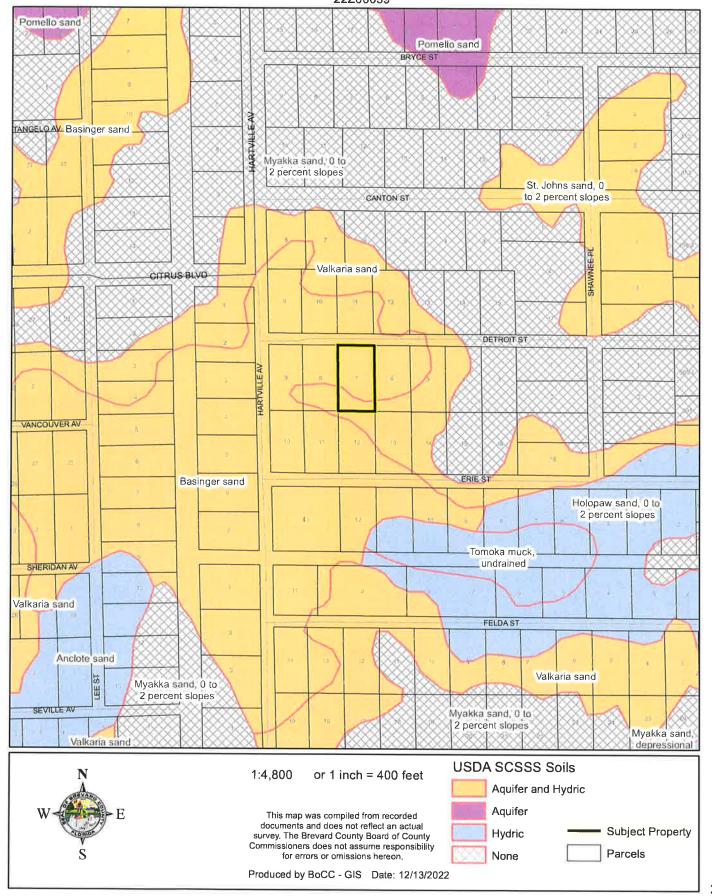
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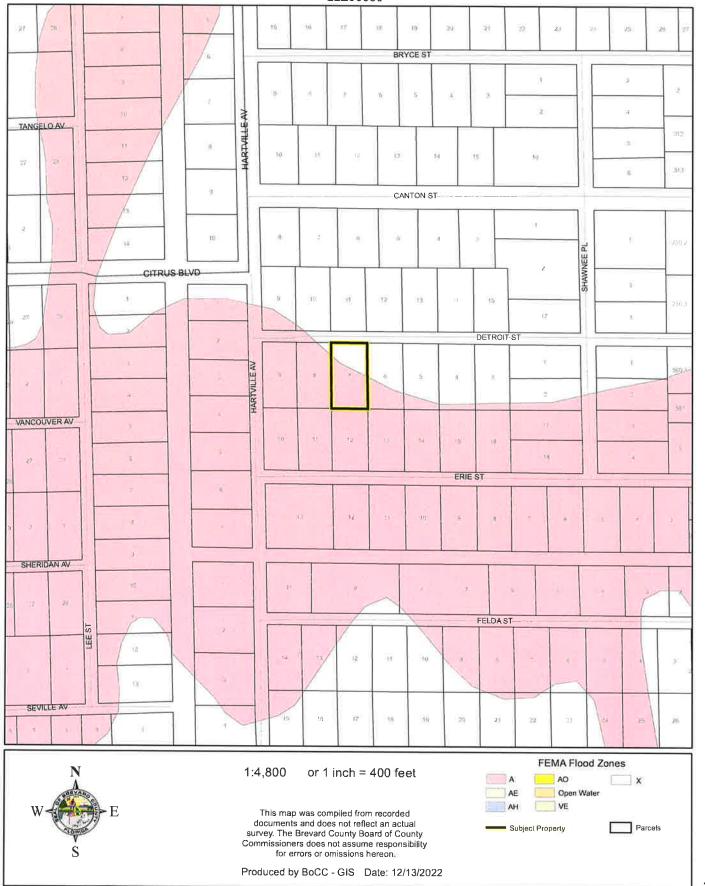
## SJRWMD FLUCCS WETLANDS - 6000 Series MAP



## USDA SCSSS SOILS MAP



## FEMA FLOOD ZONES MAP



## COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA MAP



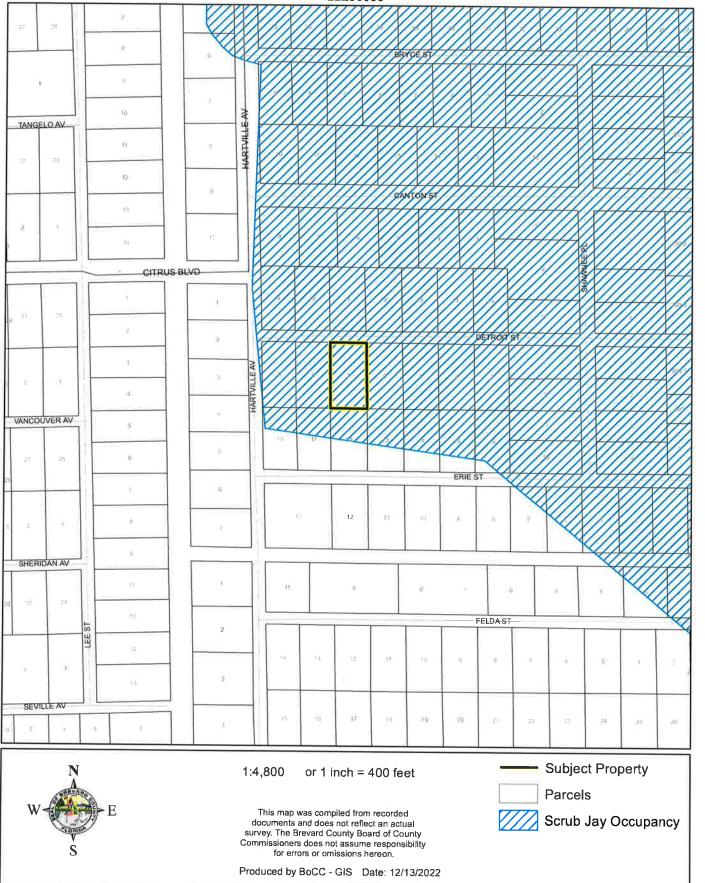
## INDIAN RIVER LAGOON SEPTIC OVERLAY MAP



## EAGLE NESTS MAP



## SCRUB JAY OCCUPANCY MAP



## SJRWMD FLUCCS UPLAND FORESTS - 4000 Series MAP



## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MINUTES

The Brevard County Planning & Zoning Board met in regular session on **Monday, January 9, 2023,** at **3:00 p.m.**, in the Florida Room, Building C, Brevard County Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Board members present were: Henry Minneboo (D1); Ron Bartcher (D1); Brian Hodgers (D2); Robert Sullivan (D2); Lorraine Koss (Alt. D2); Ben Glover, Vice Chair (D3); Mark Wadsworth, Chair (D4); Peter Filiberto (D5); and John Hopengarten (BPS).

Staff members present were: Jeffrey Ball, Planning and Zoning Manager; Jane Hart, Planner III; Alex Esseesse, Deputy County Attorney; Billy Prasad, Special Projects Coordinator IV; and Jennifer Jones, Special Projects Coordinator.

## **Excerpt of Complete Agenda**

### Robert J. Woodhouse

A change of zoning classification from GU (General Use) to AU(L) (Agricultural Residential, Low-Intensity). The property is 1 acre, located on the south side of Detroit St., approx. 310 ft. east of Hartville Ave. (3735 Detroit St., Cocoa) (22Z00059) (Tax Account 2441057) (District 1)

Robert Woodhouse, Jr., 3735 Detroit St., Cocoa, stated his father, Robert J. Woodhouse, Sr., would like to build a 1,500 square-foot building because he owns a 60-acre piece of property in South Carolina that he goes back and forth from, and he needs a place to store equipment and vehicles.

No public comment.

Peter Filiberto asked if Mr. Woodhouse plans to do any agritourism or any commercial activity on the property. Mr. Woodhouse replied no, the AU(L) zoning does not allow for commercial activity.

Motion by Ron Bartcher, seconded by Peter Filiberto, to recommend approval of the change of classification from GU to AU(L). The motion passed unanimously.