

October 16, 2006

Local Planning Agency
Lake County
P.O. Box 7800
Tavares, Florida 32778-7800

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for allowing me to speak during the public comments at your September 11 meeting. I would like to have this letter incorporated in the official proceedings since at my appearance I did not adequately note the location of the parcels under discussion.

The parcels in question belong to my sister Jodi H. Underhill and me and the Alternate Key Numbers are 1386713 and 1387523. The property is approximately 100 acres in size. It is located at the intersection of Goose Prairie Road and CR 452 and under the current Comprehensive Plan has a designation of Rural Village. In June I learned that our property was being reclassified as RTD. This would degrade the density allowable on our property from 2DU/acre to 1D/acre (or less) and would eliminate the limited commercial and professional uses allowed under Rural Village. Interestingly the surrounding properties which were referred to as the Eichelberger, Whitaker and Bartlett parcels, were being allowed an increase in density from 1DU/5-10 acres to 1DU/acre under the proposed comprehensive plan. I would request copies of the formal analysis and process leading to the disparate treatment of our parcels as compared to the adjacent properties. In Wedgewood and several nearby manufactured home subdivisions the density is considerably higher than the draft comprehensive plan would allow for us or the adjacent owners.

In June I had a meeting with Alfredo Massa and subsequently began email correspondence with Amye King. At the recent LPA meeting I had the opportunity of meeting Ms King and posed some questions. I was under the impression that an alternative land use was being planned to replace the Rural Village designation but learned at that meeting that this had not occurred. She referred me to Brian Sheahan and I have forwarded all my prior emails to him. I have requested a

list of parcels with Rural Village designation and have asked that he notify me of the staff's final recommendation regarding our parcels.

It was heartening to hear the comment by one of the members that the agency must not only be careful to avoid increasing densities but must also attempt to preserve existing planned usages.

The proposed change will have a major impact on the value of our property and I believe amounts to an administrative taking. I would ask that the Local Planning Agency consider some relief for us as well as the owners of approximately 3500 acres that currently have the Rural Village designation. If staff could provide an analysis of the change in taxable value of the affected properties it would be helpful to us as well as other Rural Village property owners.

Should you require any additional information I shall be happy to provide it. Thank you for your help and consideration

Sincerely,

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