

Impact Assessment Statement

A. Land and Neighborhood Characteristics: to assess the compatibility of the requested land use district with the adjacent property and to evaluate the suitability of the site for development, the applicant shall:

1. Show how and why is the site suitable for the proposed uses;

The establishment of an L/R district on the Subject Property meets the criteria set out in the Polk County Comprehensive Plan for both RDAs and L/R districts. See Consistency Analysis. In addition, the Subject Property's proximity to Legoland and its established reputation within the wildlife industry makes it well-suited as a destination for visitors to Polk County.

2. Provide a site plan showing each type of existing and proposed land use;

See attached Future Land Use Map.

3. Describe any incompatibility and special efforts needed to minimize the differences in the proposed use with adjacent uses;

The landscaping and buffering required by the Polk County Land Development Code and parcel-specific text amendments adequately ensure that the proposed request is compatible with adjacent uses and entitlements in the area. The Owners will take all reasonable and necessary steps to minimize the impacts on the properties surrounding the requested land use map amendment.

4. Explain how the requested district may influence future development patterns if the proposed change is located in an area presently undeveloped;

The Subject Property is located in area that is either developed or going through development.

5. Describe each of the uses proposed in a Planned Development and identify the following:

- a. The density and types of residential dwelling units;
- b. The type of commercial and industrial uses;
- c. The approximate customer service area for commercial uses;
- d. The total area proposed for each type of use, including open space and recreation

The Property is not within a Planned Development. Any development of the Property would be consistent with the Polk County Land Development Code, the Polk County Comprehensive Plan, and proposed site specific development criteria.

B. Access to Roads and Highways: to assess the impact of the proposed development on the existing, planned and programmed road system, the applicant shall:

1. Calculate the number of vehicle trips to be generated daily and at PM peak hour based on the latest ITE or provide a detailed methodology and calculations;

The Subject Property is currently developed. Any future development or redevelopment will be reviewed through Level 2.

2. Indicate what modifications to the present transportation system will be required as a result of the proposed development;

The Subject Property has been previously developed. Any future development or redevelopment will be reviewed through Level 2.

3. List the total number of parking spaces and describe the type of parking facilities to be provided in the proposed development;

The requisite number of parking spaces required by the Polk County Land Development Code will be determined at Level 2 based on the actual square footage of any structures proposed to be constructed.

4. Indicate the proposed methods of access to the existing public roads (e.g., direct frontage, intersecting streets, frontage roads); and

Access will be provided via Conservation Way, a private road established through a private easement. It is anticipated that Conservation Way be further improved as property to the east and west is fully developed.

5. Indicate the modes of transportation, other than the automobile, that have been considered (e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, bus, train or air) and describe the modes.

Modes of transportation to the Subject Property are primarily focused on automobiles.

C. Sewage: to determine the impact caused by sewage generated from the proposed development, the applicant shall:

1. Calculate the amount of sewage in gallons per day (GPD) expected to be generated by the proposed development;

No impact on sewage generation is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

2. Describe the proposed method and level of treatment, and the method of effluent disposal for the proposed sewage treatment facilities if on-site treatment is proposed;

No impact on sewage generation is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

3. Indicate the relationship of the proposed sewage system to Polk County's plans and policies for sewage treatment systems;

Any proposed system will be designed in accordance with applicable and appropriate rules and regulations.

4. Identify the service provider; and

The Subject Property has been previously developed. No impact to sewer is anticipated.

5. Indicate the current provider's capacity and anticipated date of connection.

No impact is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

D. Water Supply: to determine the amount of water to be used, how it will be distributed, and the impact on the surrounding area, the applicant shall:

1. Indicate the proposed source of water supply and, the type of treatment;

No significant impact to water supply is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

2. Identify the service provider;

No significant impact to water supply is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

3. Calculate the estimated volume of consumption in gallons per day (GPD); and

No significant impact to water consumption is anticipated. The site has been previously developed.

4. Indicate the current provider's capacity and anticipated date of connection

Connection is not anticipated. The site has been previously developed.

E. Surface Water Management and Drainage: to determine the impact of drainage on the groundwater and surface water quality and quantity caused by the proposed development, the applicant shall:

1. Discuss the impact the proposed development will have on surface water quality;

The stormwater management system for the project site will be designed to meet regulatory requirements that will ensure adequate BMPs are instituted. The property does not have any areas of concern and surface water quality will not be negatively impacted by the development.

2. Describe the alteration to the sites natural drainage features, including wetland, that would be necessary to develop the project;

There does not appear to be any state or federal jurisdictional wetlands or surface water features located within the project site.

3. Describe the impact of such alterations on the fish and wildlife resources of the site;

Based on the available GIS information, there are no state or federally jurisdictional wetland or surface water features or other bodies of open water identified within the project site. In addition, the Subject Property is already developed. As such, there is no anticipated impact on fish and wildlife resources.

4. Describe local aquifer recharge and groundwater conditions and discuss the changes to these water supplies which would result from development of the site.

No change is anticipated.

F. Population: to determine the impact of the proposed developments additional population, the applicant shall:

1. Calculate the projected resident (and transient) population of the proposed development and the generated population in the case of commercial or industrial uses;

Indeterminable at this time.

2. Describe, for commercial and industrial projects, the employment characteristics including the anticipated number of employees, type of skills or training required for the new jobs, the percentage of employees that will be found locally or are expected to be drawn from outside the county or state, and the number of shifts per day and employees per shift;

Indeterminable at this time.

3. Indicate the expected demographic composition of the additional population (age/socio-economic factors); and

Indeterminable at this time.

4. Describe the proposed service area and the current population thereof.

Indeterminable at this time. Market data will be submitted upon completion.

G. General Information: to determine if any special needs or problems will be created by the proposed development, the applicant shall:

1. List and discuss special features of the proposed development that promote desirability and contribute to neighborhood needs; and

The proposed future land use map amendment would allow for the proposed development to provide convenience Leisure/Recreation uses in area that is predominantly single-use residential. The Proposed Request would also provide visitors to Polk County with a nature-based attraction.

2. Discuss the demand on the provision for the following services:

a. Parks and Recreation;

None.

b. Educational Facilities (preschool/elementary/middle school/high school);

None.

c. Health Care (emergency/hospital);

No impact to health care is anticipated.

d. Fire Protection;

No impact on fire protection is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

e. Police Protection and Security; and

No impact on police protection and security is anticipated. The Subject Property has been previously developed.

f. Electrical Power Supply

Indeterminable at this time.

H. Maps: the following maps shall accompany all Impact Assessment Statements:

Map A: A location map showing the relationship of the development to cities, highways, and natural features;

See attached Parcel Map; see attached Roads Map.

Map B: A Topographical Map with contour intervals of no greater than five feet, the identification of the property boundaries, and a delineation of the areas of special flood hazard (100 year flood plain) as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Polk County;

See attached Topographical Map.

Map C: A Land Use and Land Use District Map showing the existing land use designations and districts on and abutting the proposed development, including lot sizes and density;

See attached Polk County Future Land Use Map; City of Winter Haven Future Land Use Map; City of Winter Haven Zoning Map.

Map D: A Soils Map with soils designated according to Natural Resources Conservation Service classifications. If available, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil surveys are preferable;

See attached Soils Map

Map E: A Traffic Circulation Map identifying any existing roads on or adjacent to the proposed development and indicating the name of the roads, maintenance jurisdiction, and pavement and right-of-way widths.

See attached Roads Map.

Map F: A Site Plan showing land uses, the layout of lots, the type and maximum density for each type of residential area; the typical minimum lot sizes and dimensions for each use and unit type, and the dimensions, locations, and types of buffers, easements, open space areas, parking and loading areas, setbacks, and vehicular circulation routes; and

A Site Plan is not available at this time.

Map G: A Drainage Map delineating existing and proposed drainage areas, water retention areas, drainage structures, drainage easements, canals, wetlands, watercourses, and other major drainage features.

A Drainage Map is not available at this time, as we do not have any engineered plans to evaluate the proposed location of stormwater ponds, buildings, impervious surface, etc.