

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Polk County Board of County Commissioners
to Consider a Petition to Establish
The Gardner Trails Community Development District

DATE: January 20, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter

LOCATION: County Administration Building, Commission Boardroom
330 West Church Street
Bartow, Florida 33830

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, a public hearing will be held on January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the Commission Boardroom in the County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida 33830, before the Polk County Board of County Commissioners to consider an ordinance granting a petition to establish The Gardner Trails Community Development District (the "District"). The title of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE GARDNER TRAILS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES (2025); PROVIDING A TITLE; PROVIDING FINDINGS; CREATING AND NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIGNATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The District is comprised of approximately 160.278 acres, more or less, generally located north of Mullet Road, south of Lake Marion Creek, west of Marigold Avenue, and east of Lake Marion Creek Drive, as identified in the map depicted in this notice. The Petitioner has proposed to establish the District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities, which may be authorized by such special districts under Florida law including but not limited to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

The information presented at this hearing will be used to afford the Petitioner, landowners, any affected units of local government, and the general public, a fair and adequate opportunity to appear and present oral and written comments regarding the establishment of the District. If adopted, the ordinance will establish The Gardner Trails Community Development District and designate the land to be serviced by the District.

Copies of the petition, proposed ordinance, and department reports are open to public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, located in the County Administration Building, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, Florida 33830.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose local government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. THEIR OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 330 WEST CHURCH STREET IN BARTOW. TELEPHONE (863) 534-6090 OR TTY (863) 534-7777. IF HEARING IMPAIRED DIAL 7-1-1 FOR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICES OR CALL (800) 955-8771 (TTY); DIAL (800) 955-1339 IF YOU ARE USING A COMPUTER.

PUBLISH: December 23, December 30, January 6, and January 13.

**LOCATION OF THE GARDNER TRAILS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

*The Gardner Trails
Community Development District*

