



Planning and Development Services

PB-14-13 LUC

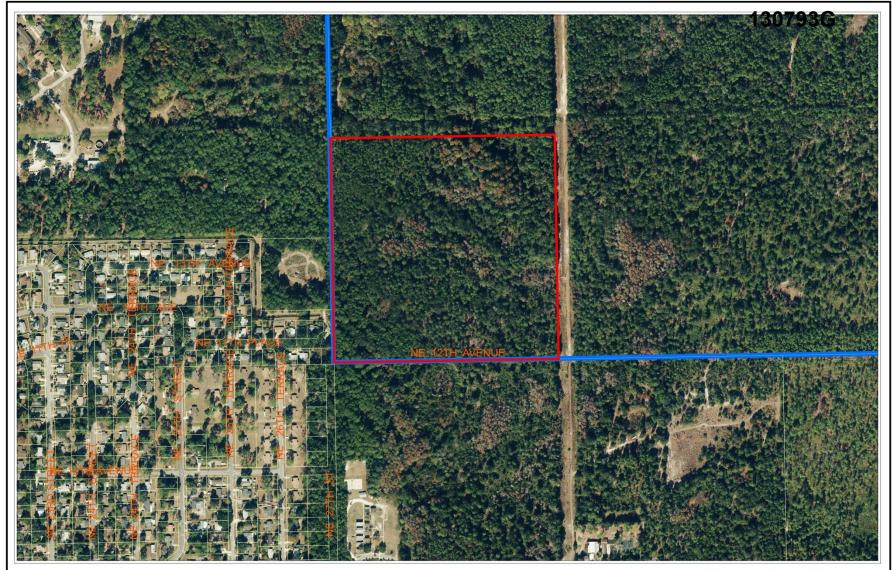
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Legistar No. 130793

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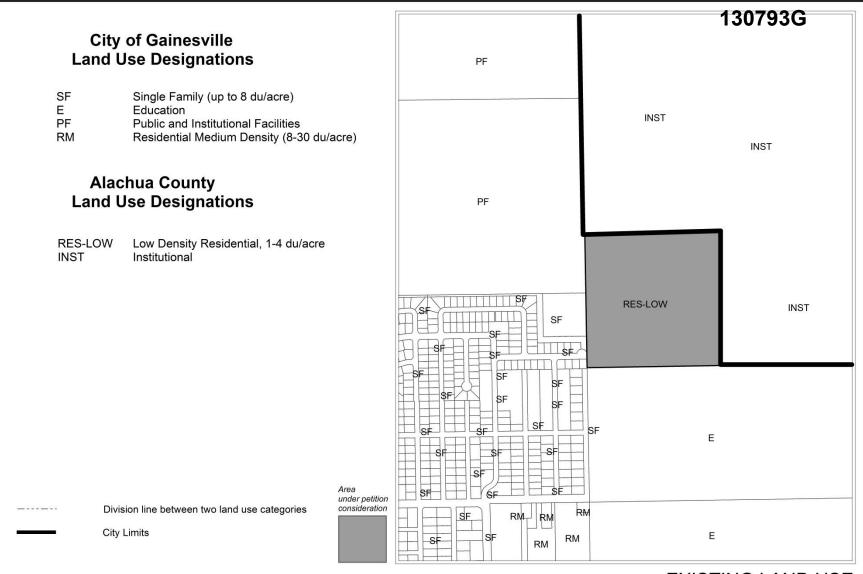


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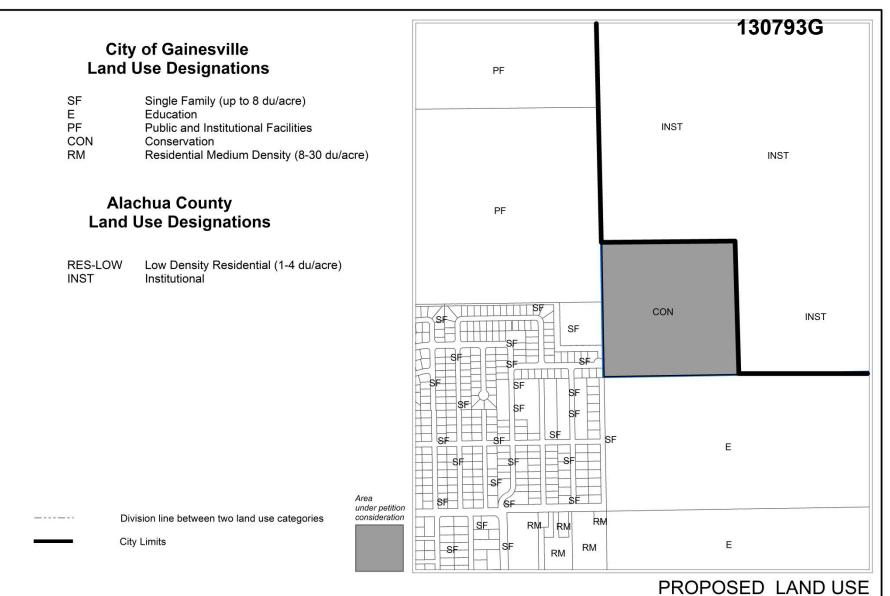
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SW corner, by Cedar Grove Neighborhood

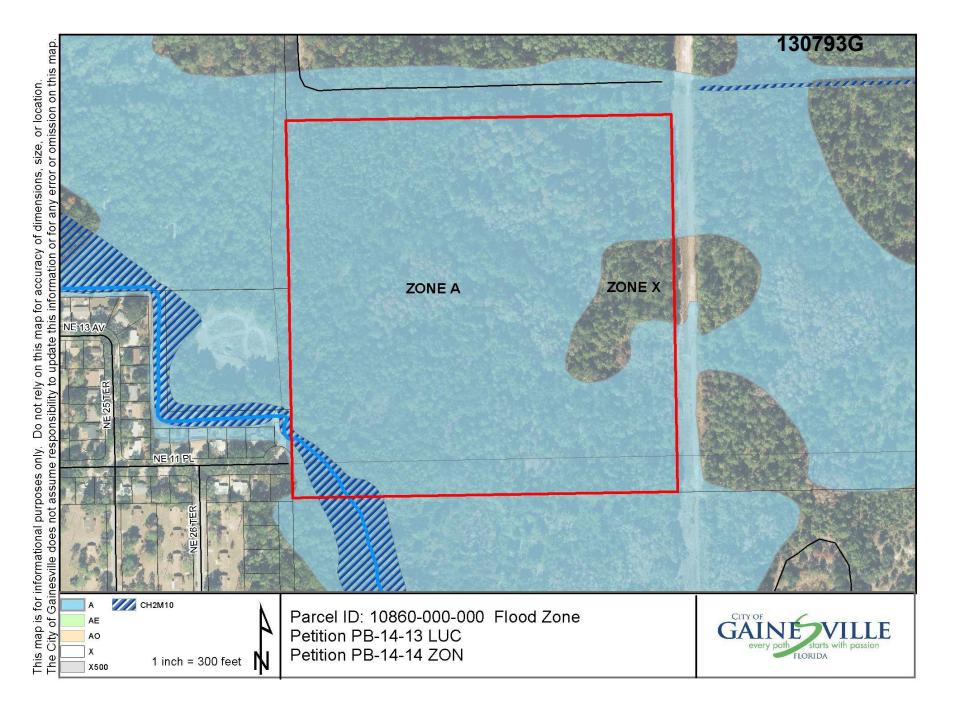
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• Dec. 2013 Voluntary Annexation

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- April 2012 Wild Spaces Public Places City land acquisition
- Acquired as addition to nature park system, and to expand & protect Morningside Nature Center
- Potential for trails through dry areas and/or boardwalks over wet areas to provide public access & recreation



Petition / Background

- Naturally wooded tract supports mix of pine dominated uplands & mixed hardwood wetlands w/in headwaters of Lake Forest Creek watershed
- Quality of natural communities in this flatwoods ecosystem ranges from good to excellent. One-half to two-thirds covered by forested wetlands dominated by cypress, natural pine, hardwoods



- Abuts East Side Greenway (Morningside Greenway) Strategic Ecosystem to east, where it joins 98-acre natural forested parcel that City recently acquired, which joins Morningside Nature Center to south and other new State Forest lands to north & east
- CON land use optimal for groundwater & surface water quality, flood storage capacity, protection of natural resources & public parkland in East Gainesville



 Positive impact on recreation, adds Local Nature/Conservation park land, LOS standard for which is 6.00 ac./1,000 people; Current LOS 15.71 acres



- No transportation issues. TMPA Zone A. RTS Route 7 nearby service @ 60 minutes weekdays Downtown and Eastwood Meadows (SE 43rd ST, north of Eastside High School)
- Most of property in FEMA Flood Zone A (subject to 1-percent annual chance flood event)



City land use required for annexed properties

Highlights

- Proposed CON land use compatible w/adjacent properties & surrounding area, consistent with Comp. Plan
- Located in Plan East Gainesville area
- Wild Spaces Public Places land acquisition will expand conservation & passive recreation area of City's Morningside Nature Center



Recommendation

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City Plan Board to City Commission Approve Petition PB-14-13 LUC (Plan Board voted 4-0)

Staff to City Commission Approve Petition and Ordinance