







Planning and Development Services

PB-14-14 ZON

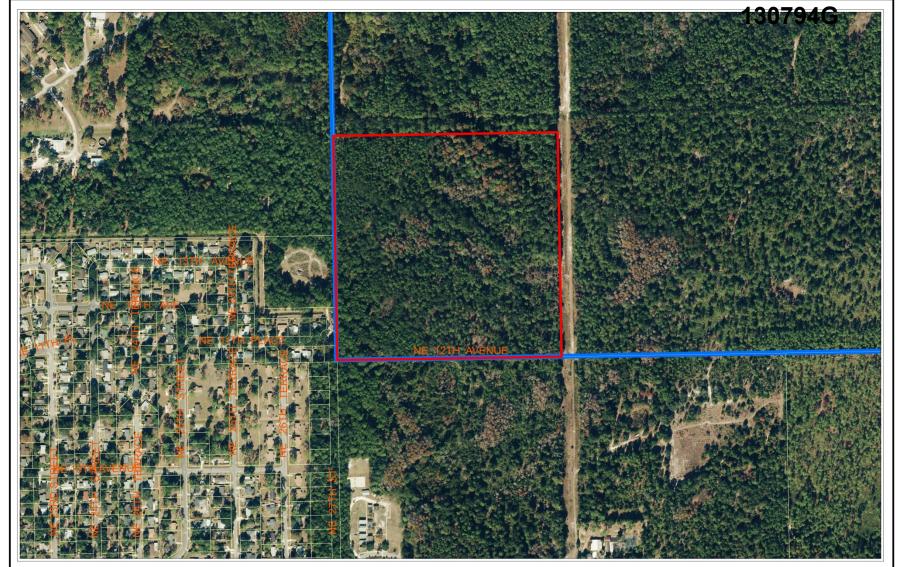
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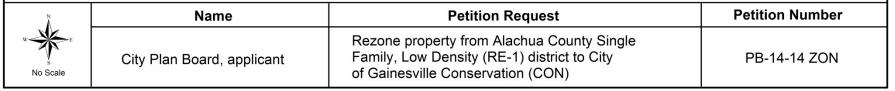
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	Existing	Proposed
Zoning (40.2 ac)	RE-1 (Single family, low density - Alachua Co.)	CON (Conservation)



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH





City of Gainesville Zoning Districts

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ED Educational Services

Alachua County Zoning Districts

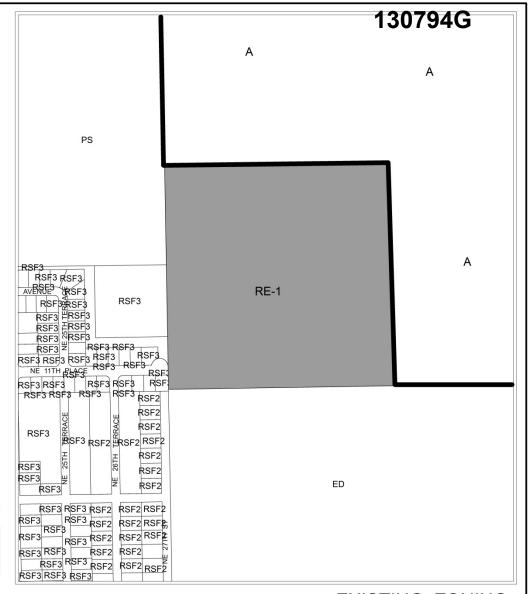
RE-1 Single Family, Low Density Residential:

1 du per 2 acres to 2 du per acre

A Agricultural

Area under petition consideration

Division line between two zoning districts City Limits



EXISTING ZONING



 Name
 Petition Request
 Petition Number

 City Plan Board, applicant
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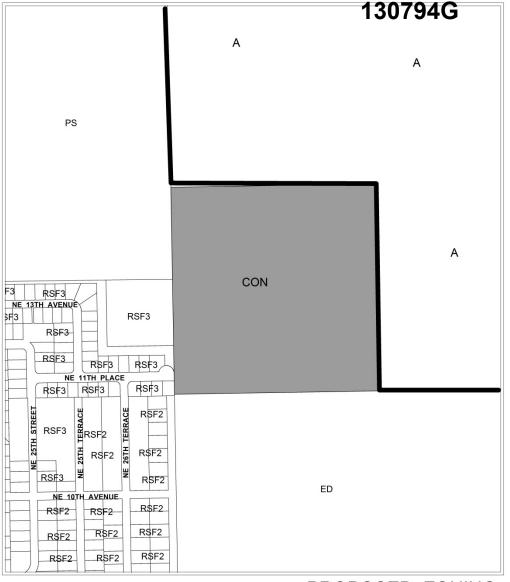
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PROPOSED ZONING

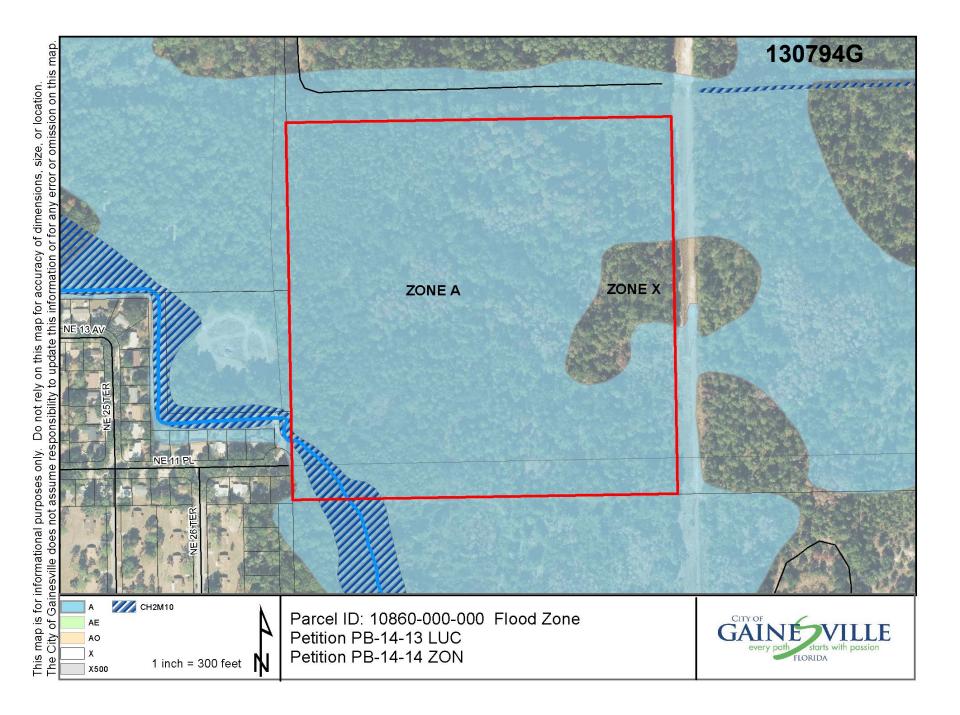
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Petition / Background

- Dec. 2013 Voluntary Annexation
- April 2012 Wild Spaces Public Places City land acquisition
- Acquired as addition to nature park system, to expand & protect Morningside Nature
 Center
- Potential for trails through dry areas and/or boardwalks over wet areas to provide public access & recreation



Petitions / 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



Petition / Background

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



Petition / Background

- 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)



Highlights

- City zoning required for annexed properties
- Proposed CON zoning compatible w/adjacent properties and surrounding area, consistent with Comprehensive Plan
- Located in Plan East Gainesville area
- Wild Spaces Public Places land acquisition will expand conservation and passive recreation area of City's Morningside Nature Center



Recommendation

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

Staff to City Commission Approve Petition and Ordinance