



Blues Creek – Unit 5, Phase 2 Petition PB-15-115 PDA

May 19, 2016





Blues Creek PD Background

- Overall development is approximately 300-acres
- PUD originally approved by Alachua County in 1981
- County PUD amended by a revised Master Plan in November 1999
- Portions of Blues Creek were annexed by the City in 2001, 2002, and 2005
- Approximately 91% (273.6 acres+/-) lies within Gainesville city limits
- After annexation, City applied Planned Development (PD) zoning to the development
- Unit 5, Phase 2 is final phase of Blues Creek PUD Master Plan (final 44 lots of 538 unit development).



Legal Background

- 1987 SRWMD permit challenge resulted in a stipulated settlement and final order (6/88)
- City Commission denied design plat (5/08)
- Appeals to Circuit Court and 1st District Court of Appeal (opinion filed 1/13)
 - Court Rulings: Application not ripe for consideration (explore alternatives & revise to seek a suitable resolution)



District Court of Appeal Analysis

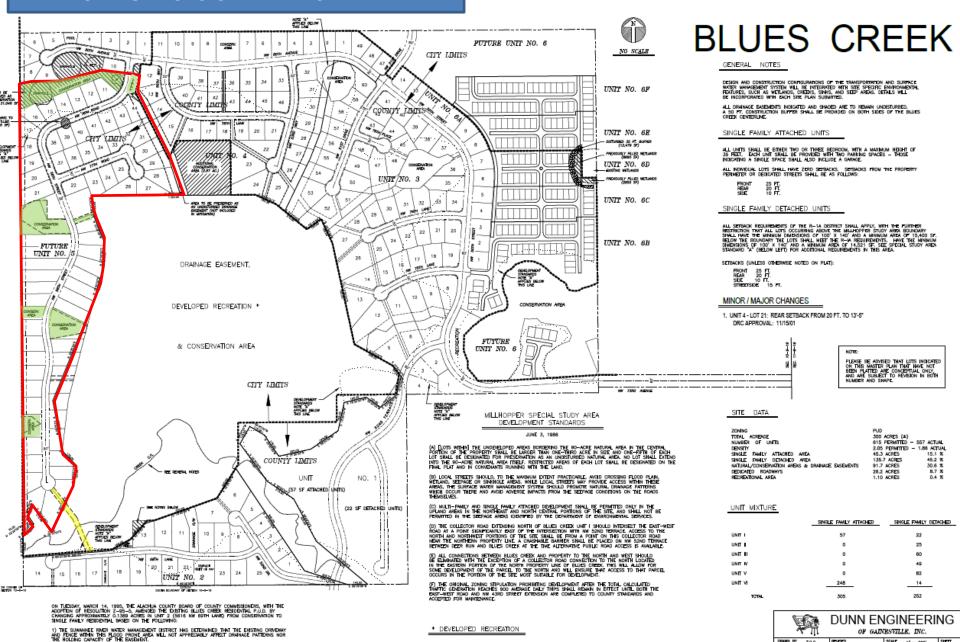
"The petition did not seek to challenge the validity of the zoning, to amend the terms of the zoning, or otherwise to seek relief from the zoning requirements."

 Proposed PD amendment is based on courts' comments & working with Planning staff to propose suitable alternatives



EXISTING BLUES CREEK MASTER PLAN

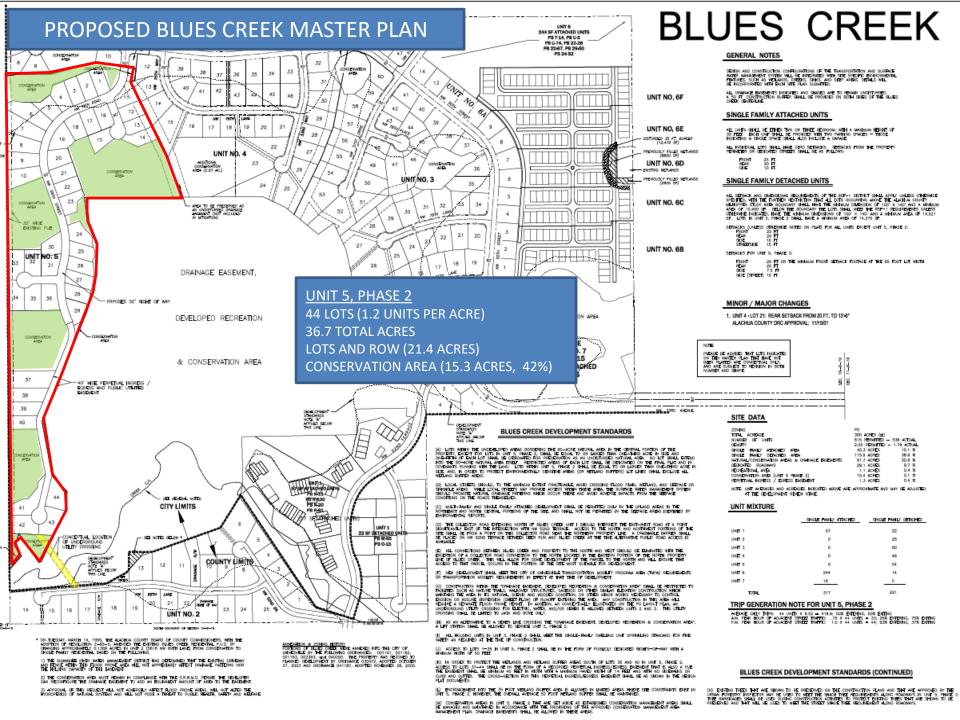
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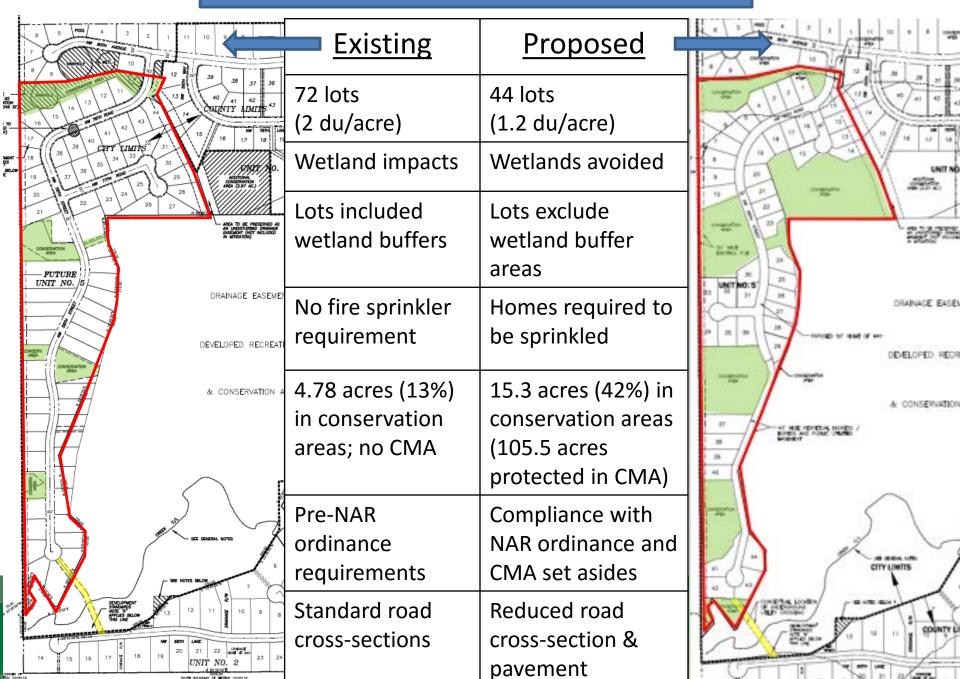
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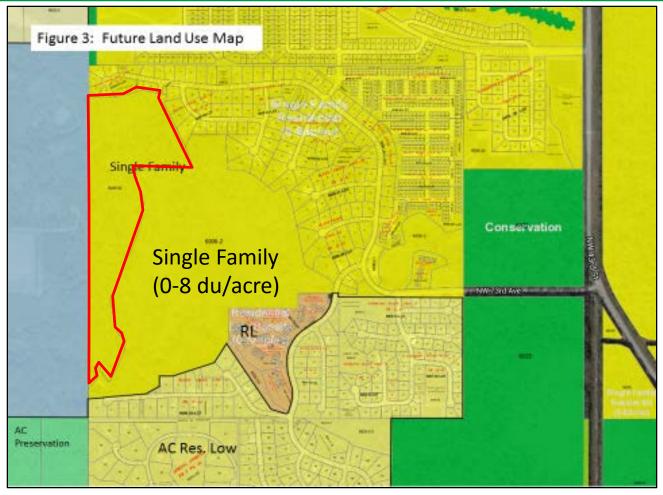
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Comparison of Existing vs. Proposed Master Plan



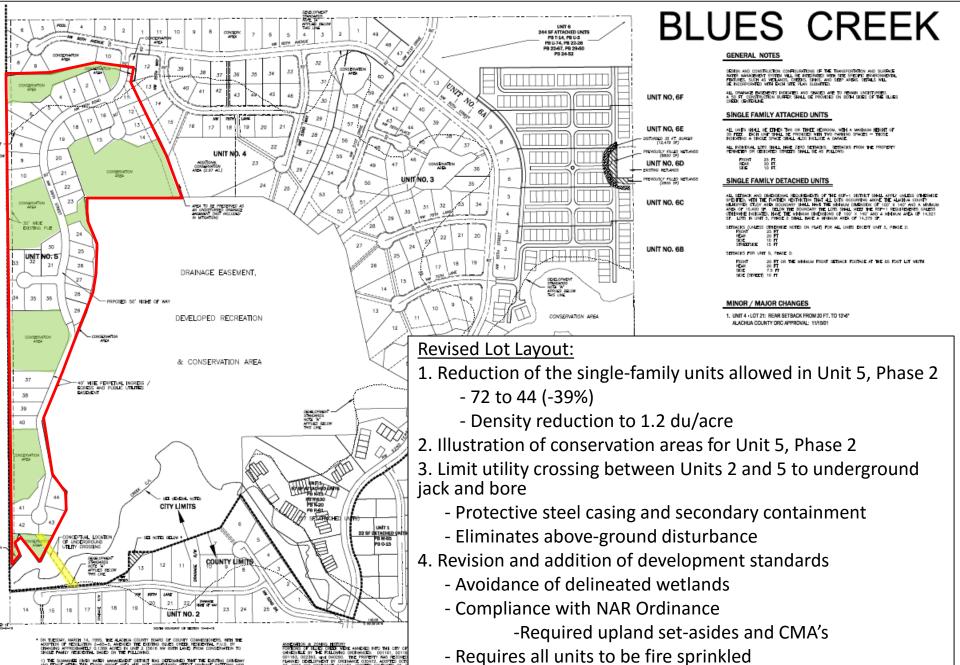
Existing Future Land Use Map





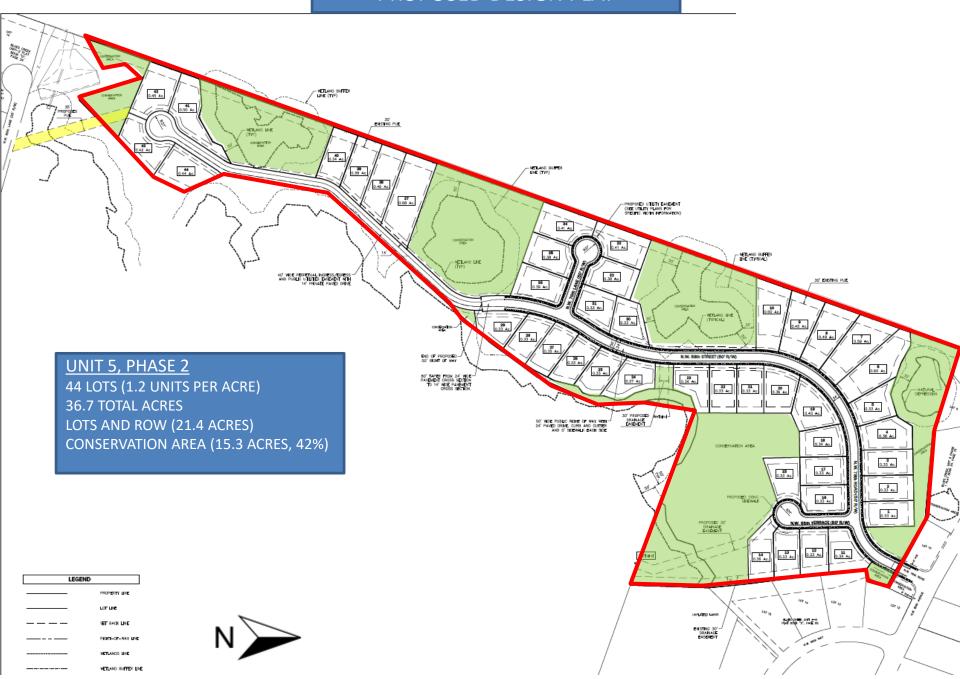
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PROPOSED DESIGN PLAT



Environmental Considerations

- Environmental Assessment
 - Methodology Agreement with City
 - Planning parcel studied (total of 126.99 acres)
 - Unit 5, Phase 2: 36.7 acres
 - Drainage easement, developed recreation & conservation area: 90.29 acres
 - Regulated resources on site:
 - Wetlands
 - Strategic ecosystem
 - Significant natural community (mesic hammock forest)
 - Listed species



Environmental Assessment

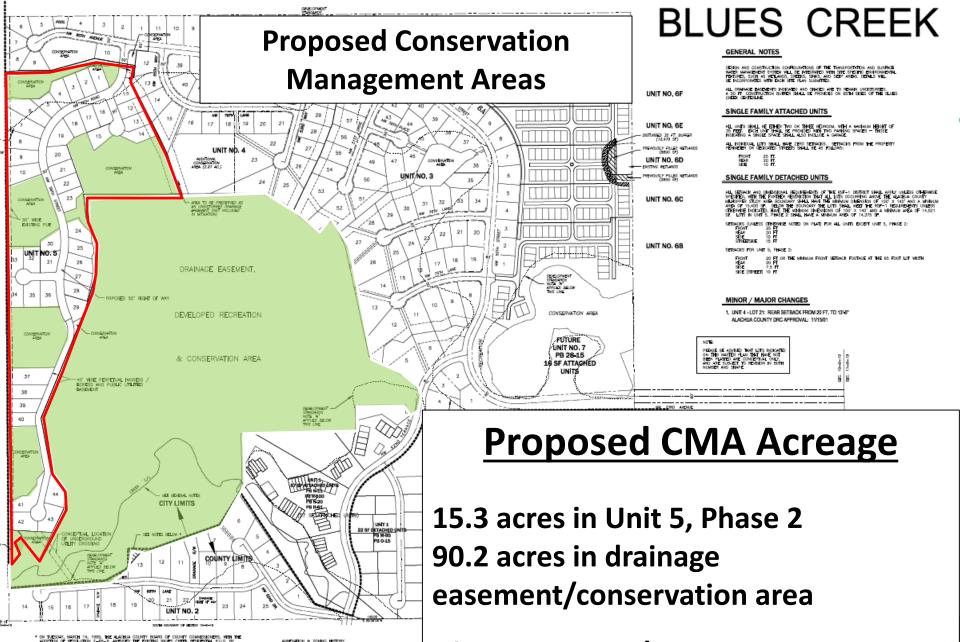
- Boundaries of regulated surface waters and wetlands prepared by environmental consultant and verified by City staff
- Master Plan and related design plat avoid wetlands
- Wetland buffers meet the overall average 50foot minimum width



Environmental Set Asides

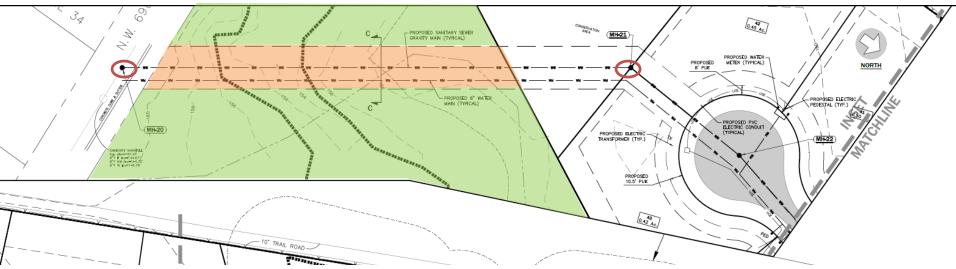
- Set asides for Natural Resources are required by Code (Sec. 30-310)
- Proposed upland set aside areas:
 - 35% in Unit 5, Phase 2
 - 62% in the overall Planning Parcel
 - Exceeds the 50% maximum Code requirement
- Proposed set aside areas to be dedicated as Conservation Management Areas (CMA)
 - CMA areas will also include entire 90 acre parcel





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Conceptual Underground Utility Crossing



-Proposed utility crossing to south will utilize a jack and bore underground installation technique, which will result in no disturbance to the existing conditions along the surface.

-Jack and bore is more costly to install and is commonly utilized in areas in which no disturbance is desired along the surface.



Why use jack and bore method for utility connection?

- Jack and bore will not have measurable surface impacts
 - No trenching or open cuts at the surface
 - Portals for jack and bore located outside of "drainage easement, developed recreation, & conservation area"
 - No underground "connection" between surface soil and deep limestone formation according to geotechnical report
 - No threat of surface collapse or sinkholes according to geotechnical report
- Provide for the most feasible connection of sewer to the subdivision due to topography & allow for looping of potable water



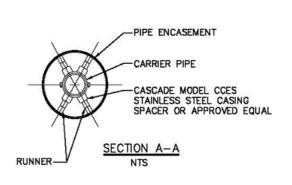
How secure is the jack & bore connection?

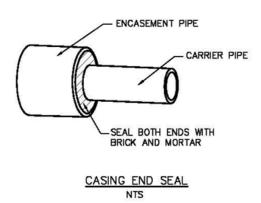
- Sewer & water pipes encased in ¼ inch thick steel to contain leaks (secondary containment)
- All maintenance of the lines or pipe replacement would be from within the casing at the manhole ends with no surface disturbance
- Connection allows for looping of water and possibly electric for system safety & integrity

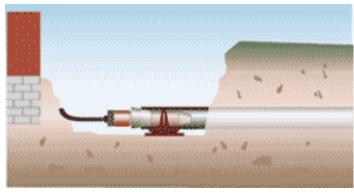


Encasement & Jack & Bore Details

GRU W/WW Design Standards:



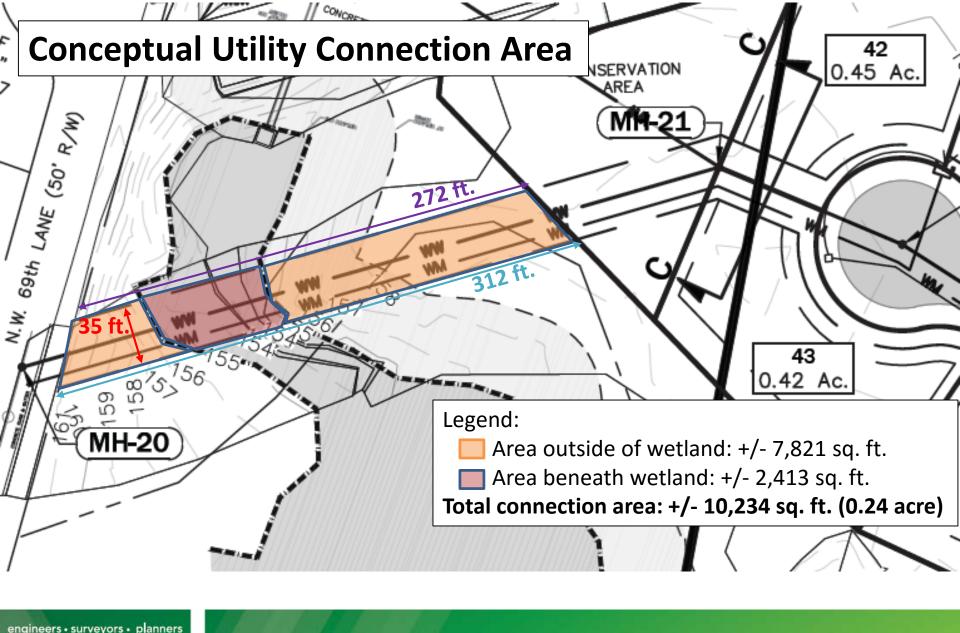




18" diameter steel casing, ¼" thick for sewer; 16" diameter steel casing, ¼" thick for water pipe









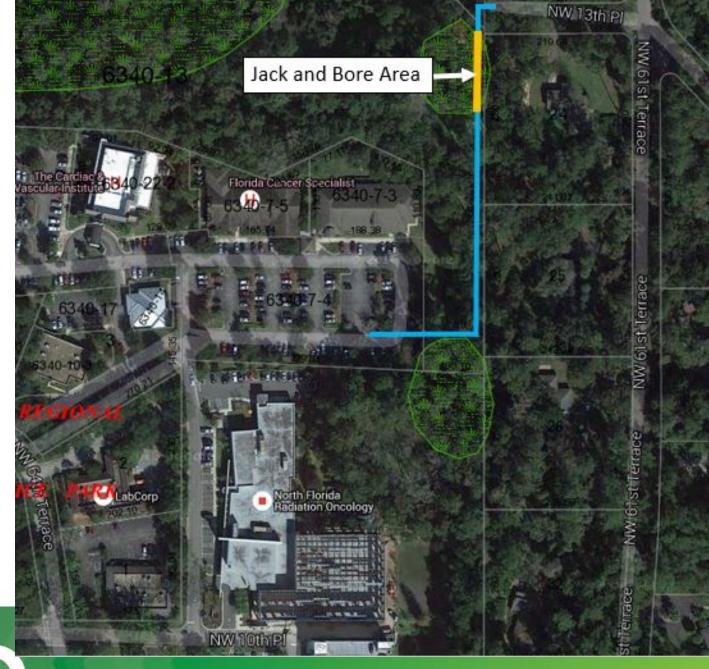
Sewer/Water Line Encasement

- 18" diameter steel casing surrounding 8" PVC sewer pipe; 16" casing surrounding 8" water pipe
- Steel casing is ¼" thick (secondary containment)
- Potential spills would be contained at the manhole ends of the jack and bore and have no impact on environmentally sensitive areas
- All maintenance of the line would be from within the casing at the manhole ends with no disturbance of sensitive areas



Jack & Bore Example in Gainesville

Potable water line under a wetland at the North Florida Regional Medical Center campus





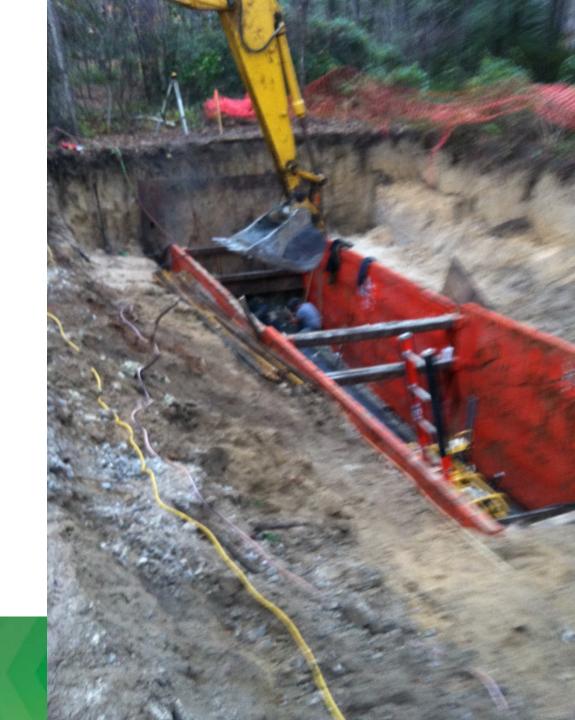
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Jack and bore pit for potable water pipe to run under the wetland. The pit & all equipment were completely outside of the wetland area at NFRMC.



Jack and bore potable water pipe being run underground under the wetland area at the North Florida **Regional Medical** Center campus.

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Project Summary

- Improved Subdivision Design
- Reduction in density (72 lots reduced to 44)
- Increased Safety required sprinkling of all units
- Protection of environmental features
 - Protection of wetland areas
 - Creation of CMA for conservation in Unit 5, Ph. 2 and entire 90acre parcel (permanent protection and restrictions - 105 acres)
 - Reduced road cross-section/pavement to limit development impacts
 - Use of jack and bore technique & steel encasement to avoid measurable surface impacts from utility crossing



Project Summary

- Multiple plan revisions to improve final Master Plan design
- Application has addressed all City review comments and Code criteria
- Staff Recommendation: Approval
- Plan Board Recommendation: Approval, with removal of lift station provision

