

# PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETING AGENDA

September 4, 2018 – 1:30 310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conf. Room Clearwater, FL 33756

#### THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 2, 2018

# 3. REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR September 12, 2018

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Subthreshold Countywide Plan Map Amendments**

None

#### Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments

- A. CW 18-19 City of St. Petersburg
- B. CW 18-20 City of Clearwater
- C. CW 18-21 City of Clearwater

#### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- D. Map Adjustment City of Clearwater
- E. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments July and August 2018

#### 4. PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST

- A. PSTA Transit Riders Advisory Committee Superior Transit Access Recognition Program
- B. Federal Roadway Functional Classification and Level of Service Database
- C. Advantage Pinellas Update
- D. Self-Storage Facilities Subcommittee Update
- E. Alternate US 19 Cultural Corridor Update
- F. Follow Up on PAC Inquiries

#### 5. OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING AGENDA

- A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update (Information)
- B. Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update (Information)
- C. Planning & Place-Making Grant Program Update (Information)
- D. Deadline for Consistency with the New Countywide Plan (Reminder)
- E. Interlocal Agreements (Reminder)

#### 6. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept 6th	<u>Urban Agriculture Session and Tour</u>
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Foreign-Trade Zones and Trump Tariffs: Options for local economic developers
Sept 11-14 <sup>th</sup>	APA Florida Annual Conference (West Palm Beach)
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	Creating Healthy, Regenerative Communities USGBC Tampa Program
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Let's Talk About Privilege
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Missing Middle Housing Session (SPC Clearwater Campus)
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Ybor City Historic Walking Tour + Networking</u>
Nov 27-28 <sup>th</sup>	Florida Automated Vehicles Summit
Dec 12-13 <sup>th</sup>	Focus on Community (Orlando)
May 7-9 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Transplex (Jacksonville)

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

#### **NEXT PAC MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

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# Planners Advisory Committee - September 4, 2018

2. Approval of Minutes - July 2, 2018



#### **SUMMARY**

The Summary Agenda Action Sheet for the July 2, 2018 PAC meeting is attached for committee review and approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): PAC Summary Agenda Action Sheet for the July 2, 2018 meeting

ACTION: PAC to approve the Summary Agenda Action Sheet from the July 2, 2018 meeting

# PAC AGENDA – SUMMARY AGENDA ACTION SHEET DATE: JULY 2, 2018

	ITEM	ACTION TAKEN	VOTE
1.	CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS	The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.  * A quorum was never reached due to current vacancies in the membership.	
2.	MINUTES OF REGULAR PAC MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2018	Motion: Gina Clayton Second: Marie Dauphinais	8-0
3.	REVIEW OF FORWARD PINELLAS AGENDA FOR JULY 11, 2018 MEETING	Motion: Marshall Touchton Second: Marie Dauphinais	8-0
	PUBLIC HEARINGS Regular Countywide Plan Map Amendments A. CW 18-16 – City of Clearwater		
	B. CW 18-17 – City of Clearwater	Motion: Fred Metcalf Second: Marie Dauphinais	8-0
	C. CW 18-18 – City of Dunedin	A motion for approval was made by Marshall Touchton, but it did not receive a second. That motion failed. After call by the chair for a motion for denial, no motion was made. No recommendation was made by the PAC.	
	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS  D. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments May 2018	None required; informational item only	
4.	PLANNING TOPICS OF INTEREST  A. Self-Storage Facilities Subcommittee Update	Rodney Chatman offered a brief history on the topic leading up to the formation of the subcommittee. He advised the subcommittee had its first meeting for fact finding and information sharing. Discussion surrounded design, best practices, effects on local goals for land uses, codes, evolving industry trends, and industry metrics. Forward Pinellas staff are currently working on calculations for Pinellas County overall. Upcoming meetings of the subcommittee will address design, best practices and other local government approaches. A representative from a developer has reached out and the subcommittee will learn the developer's perspective from that representative.	
	B. Alternate US 19 Cultural Corridor Update	Rodney Chatman reviewed common themes that evolved out of the first two community workshops. The PAC will continue to receive updates pending the next two workshops and meetings with the local governments. The study will conclude in October with an open house at the offices of Creative Pinellas.	

5.	OTHER PAC BUSINESS/PAC DISCUSSION	Rodney Chatman noted there was nothing new	
	AND UPCOMING AGENDA	to report on the SPOTlight emphasis areas.	
	A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update		
	B. Interlocal Agreements	Rodney Chatman alerted the PAC members that each local government would be receiving updated Interlocal Agreements similar to those already in place. He noted that three local governments did not currently have agreements in place, but it is the goal of Forward Pinellas to have one with all of the local governments in order to be most responsive to requests for assistance.	
	C. Reminder: August 14, 2018 Deadline for Consistency with New Countywide Plan	Linda Fisher reminded the PAC members of the August 14 <sup>th</sup> deadline to ensure consistency with the new Countywide Plan. Specifically, each local government must adopt criteria for the CHHA, and a matrix showing how local land use categories correspond with the Countywide Plan Map categories.	
	<ul> <li>D. Reminder: July 30, 2018 PAC Meeting is Cancelled – Next Meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	The PAC members were reminded that the next PAC meeting would be held on September 4, 2018. It was also announced that the August meetings were cancelled for both the PAC and Forward Pinellas.	
6.	UPCOMING EVENTS	The PAC members received and shared information regarding upcoming events of interest.	
7.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.	
	Respectfully Submitted,		

Date

PAC Chairman

#### Planners Advisory Committee - September 4, 2018

### 3A. Case CW 18-19 – City of St. Petersburg



#### **SUMMARY**

From: Residential Medium
To: Multimodal Corridor
Area: 1.5 acres m.o.l.
Location: 5908 4th Street North

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend a site totaling approximately 1.5 acres from Residential Medium (used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for medium-density residential uses at a maximum density of 15 dwelling units per acre) to Multimodal Corridor (intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county and that are served by multiple modes of transport, including automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian). This category is intended to include those transportation corridors connecting Activity Centers, characterized by mixed-use development, and in particular, supported by and designed to facilitate transit.

The subject property includes an existing fitness club with surface parking. The applicant is proposing to replace the existing fitness club with a modernized fitness club and structured parking. Structured parking is not an allowable use on the portion of the subject property that is designated Residential Medium. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of St. Petersburg's Comprehensive Plan.

#### **FINDINGS**

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Multimodal Corridor category is appropriate for the proposed use of the subject property, and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

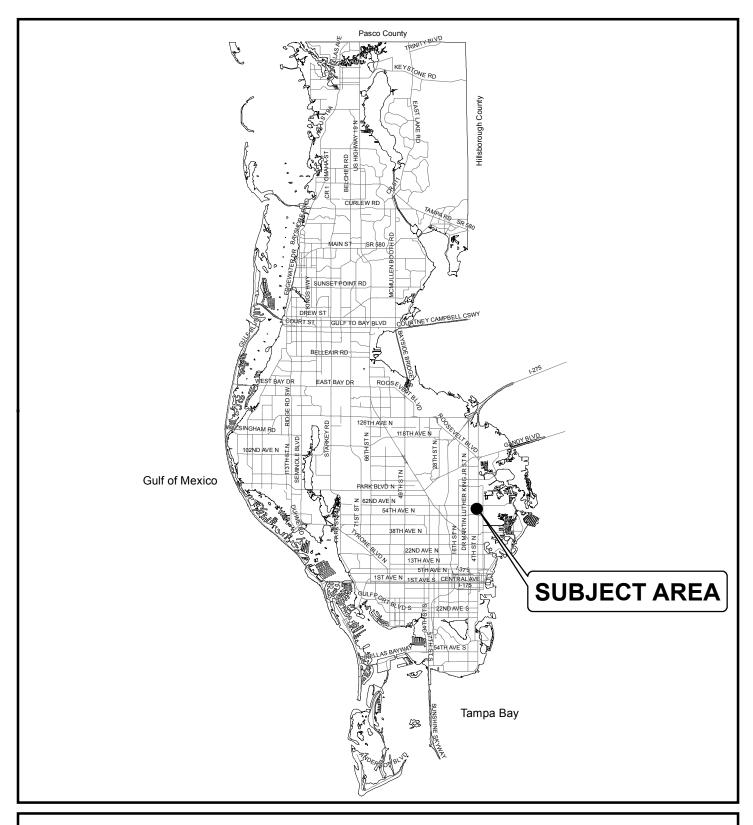
#### **LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:**

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Map 5	Proposed Countywide Plan Map
Map 6	Coastal High Hazard Area Map

Attachment 1 Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

#### **MEETING DATES:**

Planners Advisory Committee, September 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Forward Pinellas, September 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Countywide Planning Authority, October 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.



Map 1 - Location

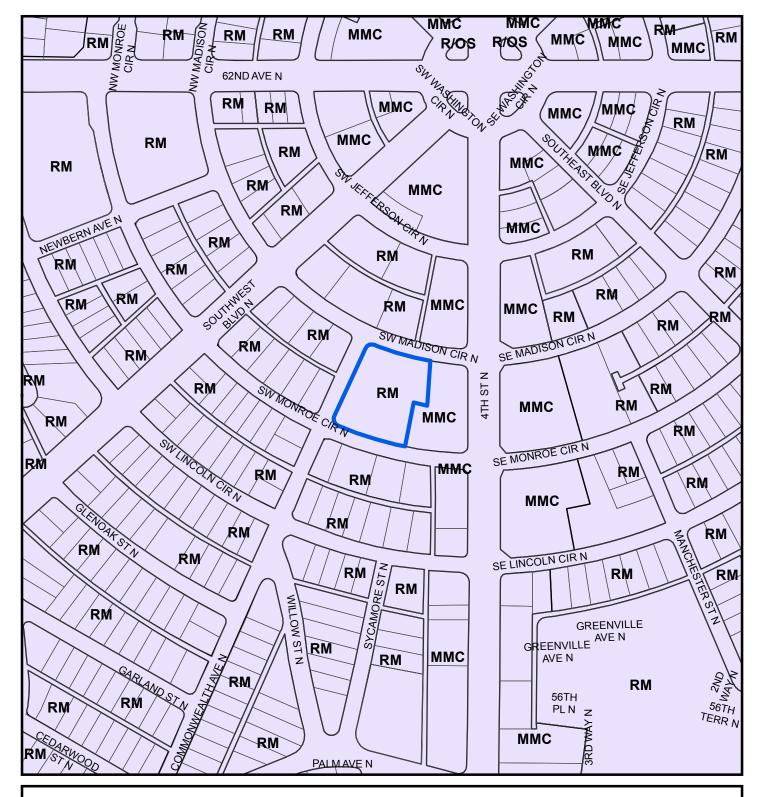
CASE #: CW18-19 FROM: Residential Medium AREA: 1.5 Acres

JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor









Map 2 - Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

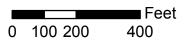
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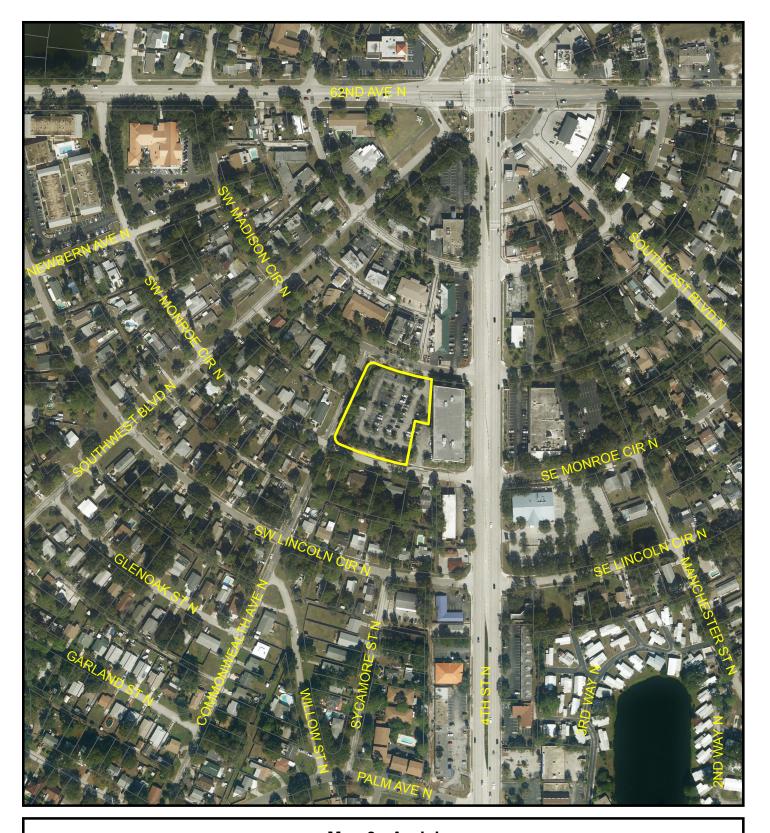
JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor LEGEND:

St Petersburg









Map 3 - Aerial

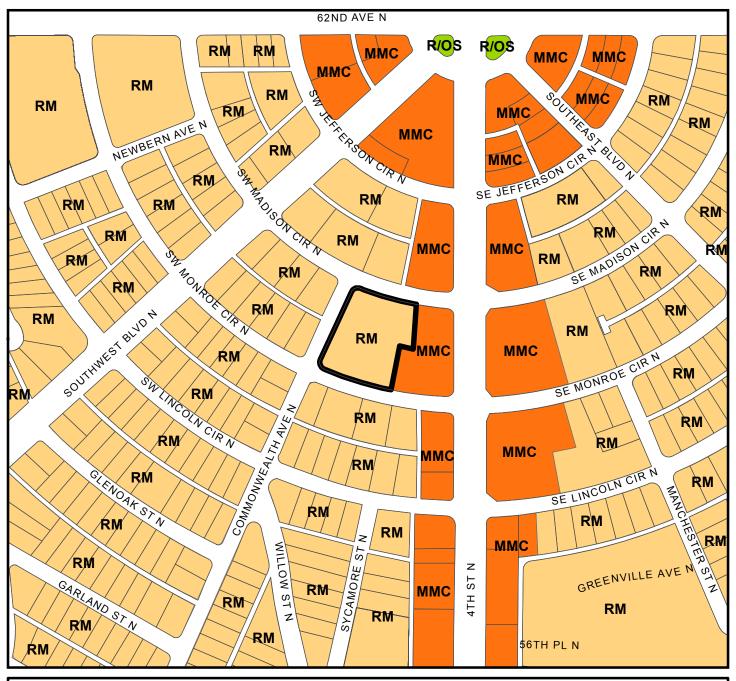
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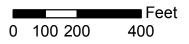
# Map 4 - Current Countywide Plan Map

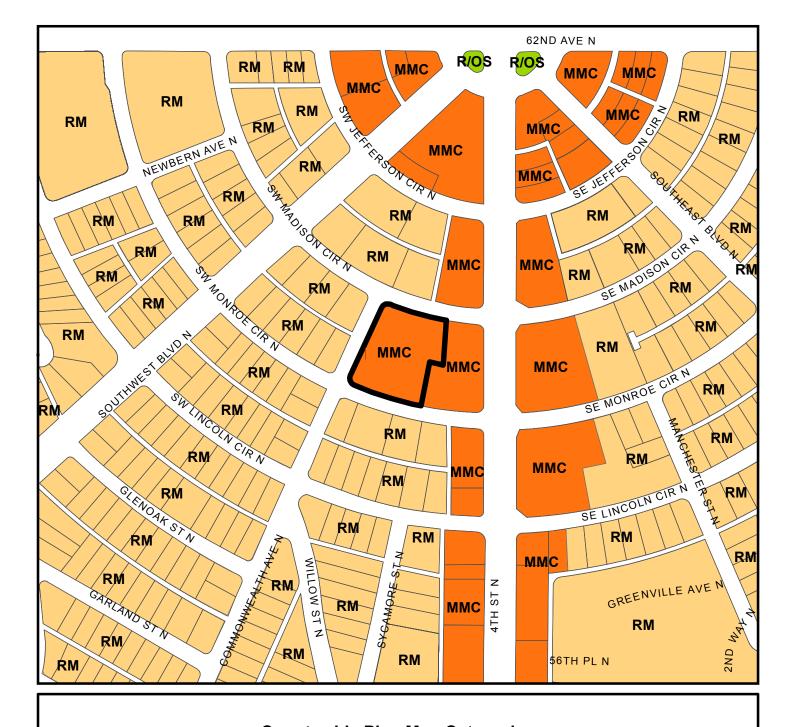
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JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor









# Countywide Plan Map Categories Residential Medium Recreation/Open Space Multimodal Corridor

## Map 5 - Proposed Countywide Plan Map

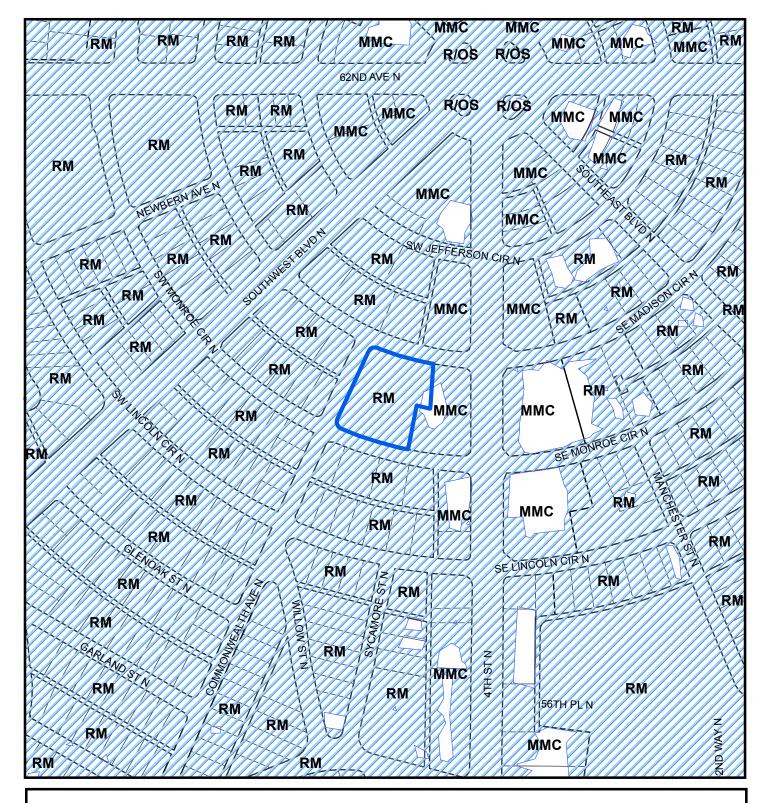
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JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor









Map 6 - Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA)

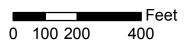
LEGEND:

CASE #: CW18-19 FROM: Residential Medium

JURISDICTION: St. Petersburg TO: Multimodal Corridor AREA: 1.5 Acres







**CHHA** 

# **CW 18-19 Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis**

### **Relevant Countywide Considerations:**

1) Consistency with the Countywide Rules – This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of St. Petersburg and seeks to amend a site totaling approximately 1.5 acres from Residential Medium (used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for medium-density residential uses at a maximum density of 15 dwelling units per acre) to Multimodal Corridor (intended to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county and that are served by multiple modes of transport, including automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian). This category is intended to include those transportation corridors connecting Activity Centers, characterized by mixed-use development, and in particular, supported by and designed to facilitate transit.

The subject property includes an existing fitness club with surface parking. The applicant is proposing to replace the existing fitness club with a modernized fitness club and structured parking. Structured parking is not an allowable use on the portion of the subject property that is designated Residential Medium, but this use would be permitted under the Multimodal Corridor category.

The Countywide Rules state that the Multimodal Corridor (MMC) category "...is appropriate for locations that are identified on the Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map, and correspond to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's Core Bus Network." The Countywide Rules also state that: "...the purpose of this plan category is to recognize those corridors of critical importance to the movement of people and goods throughout the county, and that are served by multiple modes of transport, including automobile, bus, bicycle, rail, and/or pedestrian. This category is intended to include those transportation corridors connecting Activity Centers, characterized by mixed-use development, and in particular, supported by and designed to facilitate transit."

This site is consistent with the purpose of the MMC category in that this segment of 4<sup>th</sup> Street is identified as a Primary and Special Corridor on the Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map and Route 4 operates along this roadway as part of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's (PSTA) Core Bus Network. This site is consistent with the locational characteristics of the MMC category given the subject property is adjacent to an arterial roadway which supports transit, has connected pedestrian facilities, and the site is in the vicinity of a variety of residential and non-residential uses that will complement the desired commercial use(s). Furthermore, PSTA's bus service along the corridor provides a key transit connection between the downtown St. Petersburg and Gateway area activity centers. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of St. Petersburg's Comprehensive Plan.

This amendment can be deemed consistent with this Relevant Countywide Consideration.

- 2) <u>Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard</u> The amendment area is not located on a roadway operating at an LOS of "F", therefore those standards are not applicable.
- 3) <u>Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)</u> The amendment area is not located on a SNCC, therefore those standards are not applicable.

- 4) Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA) A portion of the amendment area is located within the CHHA and is therefore subject to the Countywide Rules criteria regarding development in the CHHA. These criteria are used for reviewing proposed amendments that would increase density or intensity, or that would permit certain uses, within the CHHA. The Forward Pinellas Board and the Countywide Planning Authority may, at their discretion, consider approving such amendments based on a balancing of the ten criteria below.
  - a. Access to Emergency Shelter Space and Evacuation Routes The uses associated with the requested amendment will have access to adequate emergency shelter space as well as evacuation routes with adequate capacities and evacuation clearance times.

The use associated with the requested amendment does not involve any residential dwelling units.

b. Utilization of Existing and Planned Infrastructure – The requested amendment will result in the utilization of existing infrastructure, as opposed to requiring the expenditure of public funds for the construction of new, unplanned infrastructure with the potential to be damaged by coastal storms.

The amendment area includes a mix of uses all served by existing infrastructure and no significant upgrades are required to serve the subject property.

c. Utilization of Existing Disturbed Areas – The requested amendment will result in the utilization of existing disturbed areas as opposed to natural areas that buffer existing development from coastal storms.

The subject property that lies within the CHHA was developed previously. This proposal entails the redevelopment of an existing disturbed site.

d. Maintenance of Scenic Qualities and Improvement of Public Access to Water – The requested amendment will result in the maintenance of scenic qualities, and the improvement of public access, to the Gulf of Mexico, inland waterways (such as Boca Ciega Bay), and Tampa Bay.

The subject property is located along a highly urbanized section of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, is far removed from any public access to the water, and does not exhibit any scenic qualities.

e. Water Dependent Use - The requested amendment is for uses which are water dependent.

The proposed use is not water dependent.

f. Part of Community Redevelopment Plan – The requested amendment is included in a Community Redevelopment Plan, as defined by Florida Statutes for a downtown or other designated redevelopment areas.

The subject property is not located within a designated Community Redevelopment Area.

g. Overall Reduction of Density or Intensity – The requested amendment would result in an increase in density or intensity on a single parcel, in concert with corollary amendments which result in the overall reduction of development density or intensity in the surrounding CHHA.

The existing Residential Medium Countywide Plan Map category permits up to 15 units per acre. The proposed Multimodal Corridor Countywide Plan Map category permits up to 40 units per acre or 1.5 floor area ratio (FAR) or a proportionate share of each. However, the applicant is proposing to file a covenant on the land restricting future residential development to the maximum number permitted under existing standards (15 UPA). Therefore, there would be no increase in residential density for this site. Lastly, the applicant's proposal to redevelop the subject property with a modernized fitness club and structured parking lacks any residential units thereby supporting policies that restrict increases in residential density in the CHHA.

h. Clustering of Uses – The requested amendment within the CHHA provides for the clustering of uses on a portion of the site outside the CHHA.

This amendment will not result in a clustering of uses on a portion of the site outside of the CHHA.

i. Integral Part of Comprehensive Planning Process – The requested amendment has been initiated by the local government as an integral part of its comprehensive planning process, consistent with the local government comprehensive plan.

The requested amendment is consistent with the St. Petersburg Comprehensive Plan Coastal Management Objective CM10.B which states; "The City shall direct population concentrations away from known or predicted coastal high hazard areas consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Future Land Use Element". Furthermore, the applicant is proposing to file a covenant on the land restricting future residential development to the maximum number permitted under existing standards.

On balance, this amendment can be deemed consistent with this Relevant Countywide Consideration.

- **5)** <u>Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas</u> The amendment area is not located within a designated development/redevelopment area, so those policies are not applicable.
- **Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** The proposed amendment area is not adjacent to another jurisdiction or public educational facility, therefore those standards are not applicable.

#### Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

#### Planners Advisory Committee - September 4, 2018

#### 3B. Case CW 18-20 - City of Clearwater



#### **SUMMARY**

From: Activity Center
To: Activity Center
Area: 0.4 acre m.o.l.
Location: 1000 Court Street

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Clearwater and seeks to amend a site totaling approximately 0.4 acres from Activity Center to Activity Center (used to recognize those areas of the county that have been identified and planned for in a special and detailed manner, serve as identifiable centers of business, public, and residential activity that are the focal point of a community, and are served by enhanced transit commensurate with the type, scale, and intensity of use). The City of Clearwater proposes to amend the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan governing the Activity Center to change the local land use designation of a parcel from Commercial General to Central Business District, to be consistent with the remainder of the properties in the Prospect Lake Character District. The proposed amendment will allow a mix of uses at higher densities and intensities which will support infill development and the redevelopment of underutilized sites, provide opportunities for additional housing as well as commercial and mixed use development, and support a variety of transportation modes.

The subject property lies within the Prospect Lake Character District of the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan. This parcel is currently a veterinary office and was accidentally not advertised within Ordinance 9143-18 which amended all other properties on the local map in the district to Central Business District. This amendment will correct that oversight and is being acted upon by Forward Pinellas and the Countywide Planning Authority because of the resulting effects on density, intensity, and uses within the Activity Center. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of Clearwater's Comprehensive Plan.

#### **FINDINGS**

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Activity Center category is appropriate for the proposed use of the property, and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of this category.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

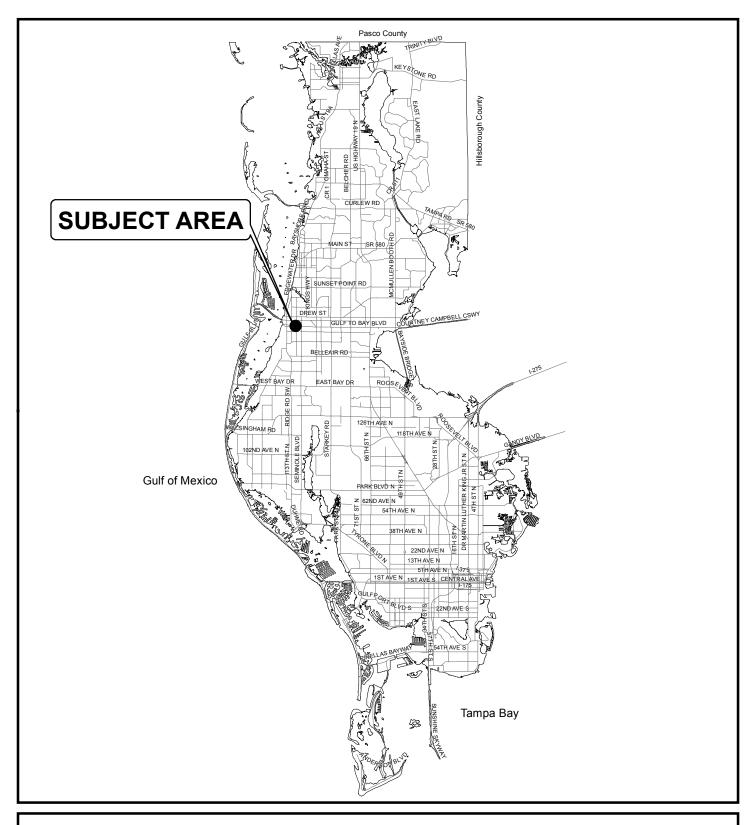
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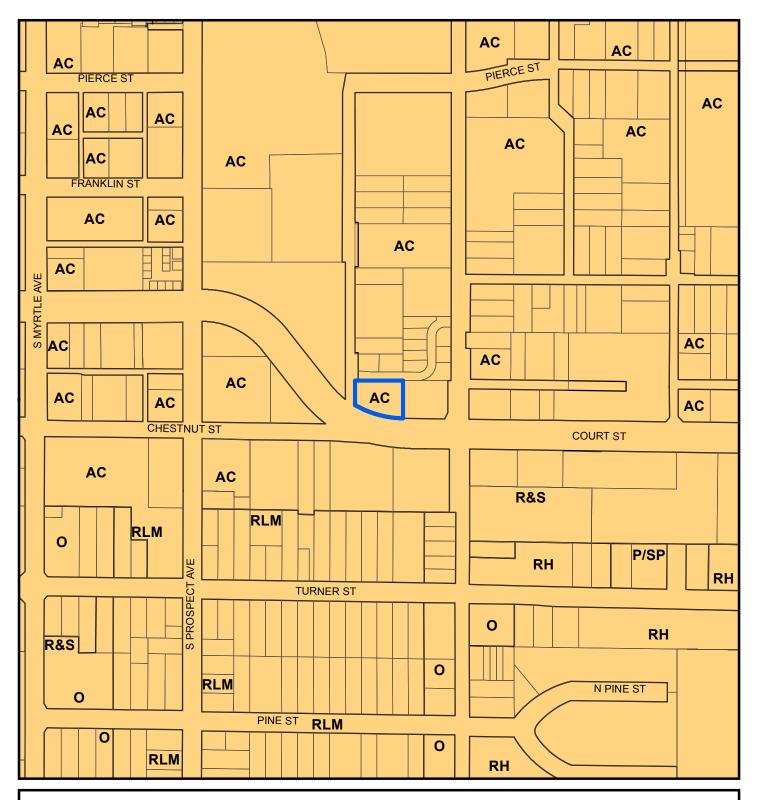
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JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Activity Center









Map 2 - Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

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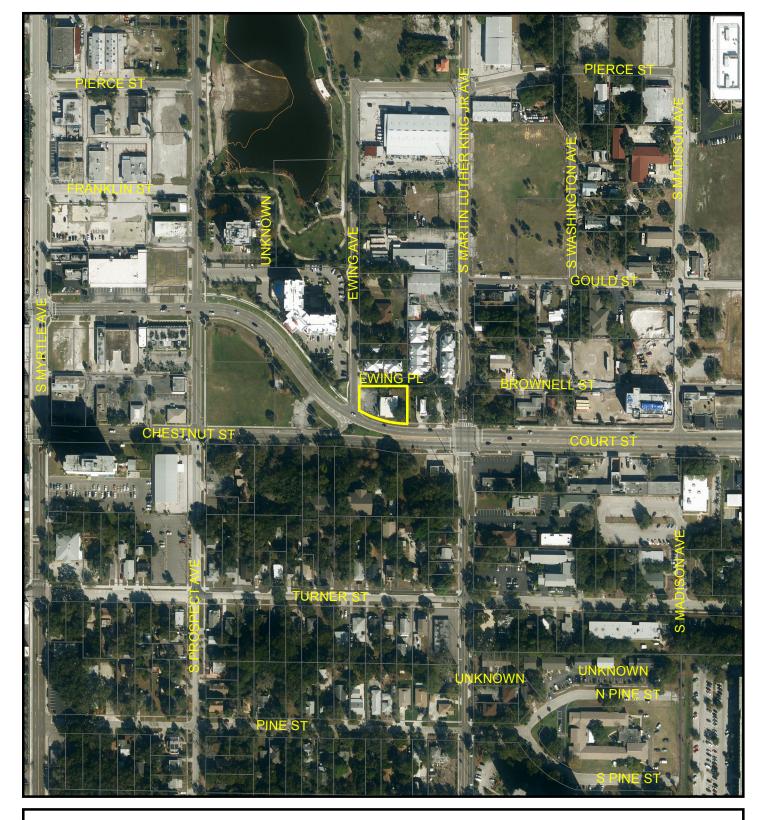
JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Activity Center LEGEND:

Clearwater









Map 3 - Aerial

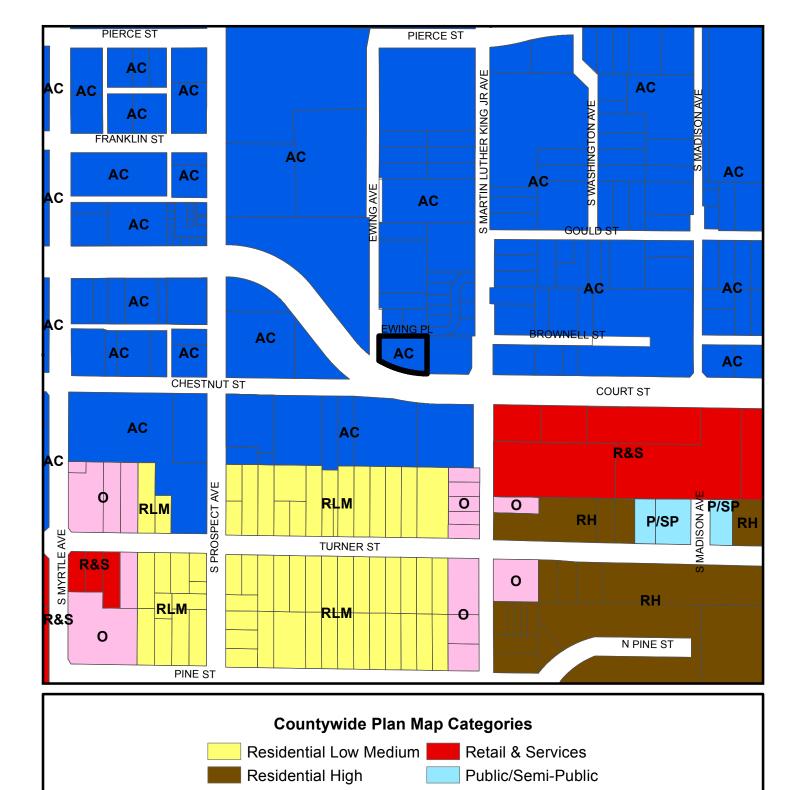
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JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Activity Center









# Map 4 - Current Countywide Plan Map

**Activity Center** 

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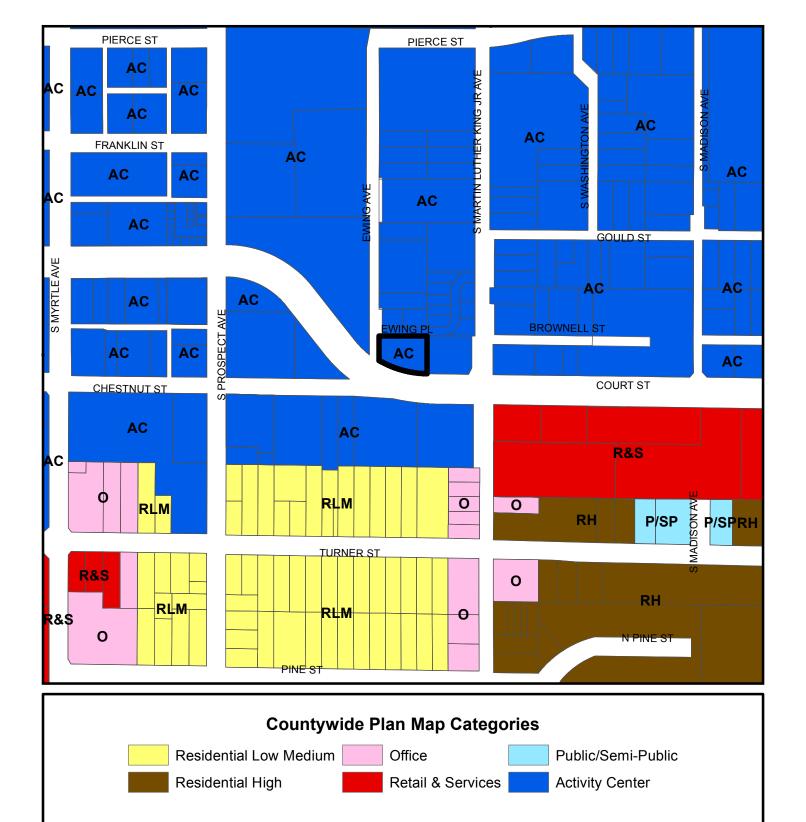
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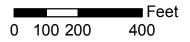
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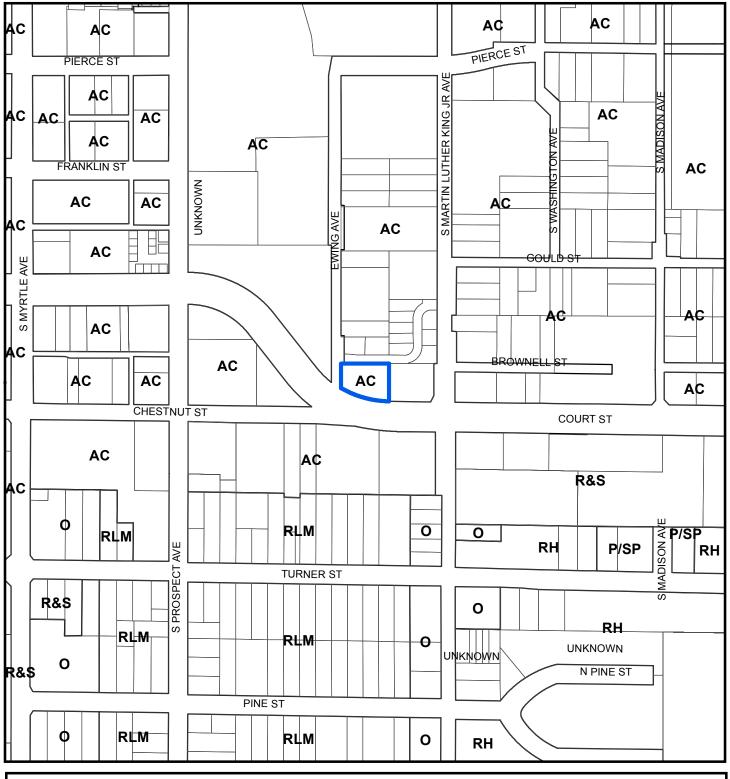
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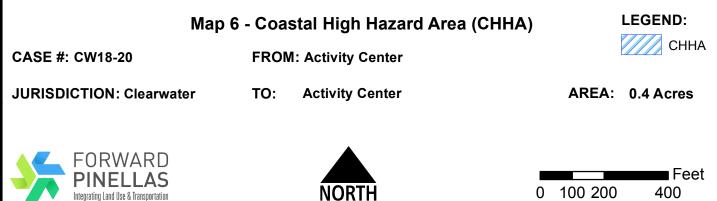
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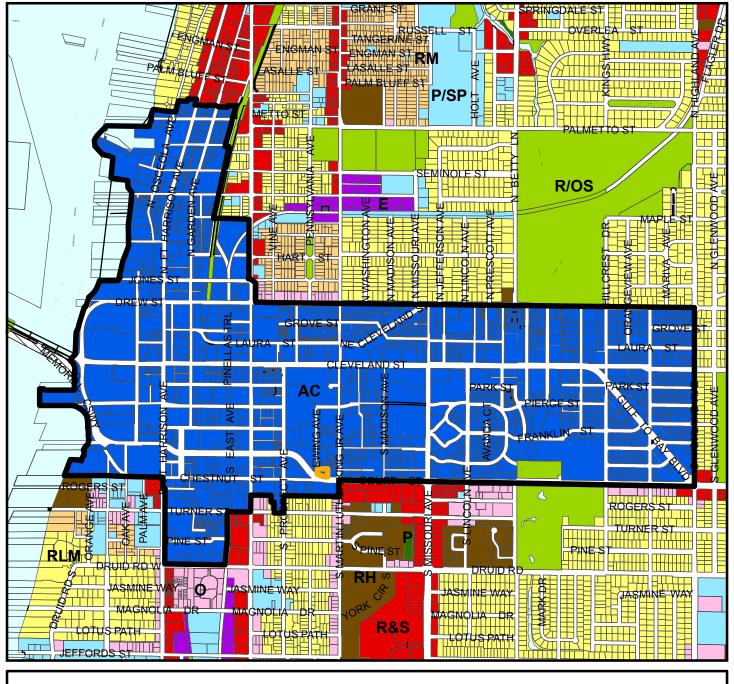














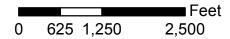
# Map 7 - Activity Center

CASE #: CW18-20 FROM: Activity Center AREA: 0.4 Acres

JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Activity Center







# **CW 18-20** Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

### **Relevant Countywide Considerations:**

1) Consistency with the Countywide Rules – This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Clearwater and proposes to amend a 0.4-acre property within the Prospect Lake Character District of the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan. The parcel, owned by Court Street Animal Hospital, Inc., is currently a veterinary office. The request is to change the local Future Land Use Map designation of the parcel from Commercial General (CG) to Central Business District (CBD), consistent with the remainder of the properties in the Prospect Lake Character District. This parcel was inadvertently not advertised within Ordinance 9143-18 which amended the remainder of the Prospect Lake Character District to Central Business District (CDB); therefore, this application is being processed separately.

The proposed amendment will allow a mix of uses at higher densities and intensities which will support infill development, the redevelopment of underutilized sites, provide opportunities for additional housing as well as commercial and mixed use development, support a variety of transportation modes, and integrate this area with the rest of the properties in the downtown planning area. The uses allowed under the current future land use designation include office. retail sales & service, and overnight accommodations (temporary lodging). The density and intensity ranges associated with the current future land use designation is 24 dwelling units per acre, up to 40 temporary lodging units per acre, 0.55 floor area ratio (FAR), and 0.90 impervious surface ratio (ISR). The primary uses allowed under the proposed amendment include moderate to high density residential, office, retail sales & service, and public/semipublic uses. The maximum density allowed under the proposed amendment is 50 dwelling units per acre. The maximum development intensity allowed under this amendment is 1.5 FAR. The requested uses, density, and intensity ranges are consistent with the guidance for the Special Center sub-category. The purpose and locational characteristics are not relevant in this case as the amendment will result in changes to the local Future Land Use Map and not the Countywide Plan Map.

Staff concludes that the proposed amendment is consistent with the density, intensity, and use standards contained in the Countywide Rules.

- 2) Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard The amendment area is not located on a roadway operating at an LOS of "F", therefore those standards are not applicable.
- 3) <u>Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC)</u> The amendment area is not located on a SNCC, therefore those standards are not applicable.
- **4)** Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA) The amendment area is not located within CHHA, therefore those standards are not applicable.
- 5) <u>Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas</u> The amendment area is located within the Prospect Lake Character District of the Clearwater Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

**Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility** – The proposed amendment area is not adjacent to another jurisdiction or public educational facility, therefore those standards are not applicable.

#### Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

#### Planners Advisory Committee - September 4, 2018

#### 3C. Case CW 18-21 - City of Clearwater



#### **SUMMARY**

From: Public/Semi-Public and Preservation

To: Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public

Area: 9.2 acres m.o.l.

Location: 3474 Aspen Trail, 3490 and 3492 Lake Shore Lane

This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Clearwater and seeks to amend a site totaling approximately 9.2 acres of a 24.46-acre parcel from Public/Semi-Public and Preservation to Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public. The current Preservation category is intended to recognize natural resource features worthy of preservation and those areas of the county that are now used, or are appropriate to be used, for the conservation, production, and management of the regional potable water supply and the supporting infrastructure, consistent with the natural resources of the area. The proposed Residential Low Medium category is used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for suburban, low density or moderately dense residential uses at a maximum density of 10 dwelling units per acre. The current and proposed Public/Semi-Public category is intended to recognize institutional and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, and which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features.

Currently, the subject property is occupied by two single-family homes and surrounds a 4.8-acre pond providing stormwater storage and treatment for the neighborhood to the south through drainage easements. The applicant has submitted a petition to annex into the City of Clearwater as required in order to connect to city utility service when the site redevelops in the future. As part of the annexation submittal, the applicant provided a Habitat Assessment Memo prepared by Earth Resources Consulting Scientists which concluded that there are no natural wetlands on the property and some areas are incorrectly designated as Preservation.

If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of Clearwater's Comprehensive Plan.

#### **FINDINGS**

Staff submits the following findings in support of the recommendation for approval:

- A. The Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public categories are appropriate for the proposed use of the subject property, and is consistent with the criteria for utilization of these categories.
- B. The proposed amendment either does not involve, or will not significantly impact, the remaining relevant countywide considerations.

Please see accompanying attachments and documents in explanation and support of these findings.

#### **LIST OF MAPS & ATTACHMENTS:**

Map 1 Location Map

Map 2 Current Countywide Plan Map & Jurisdictional Map

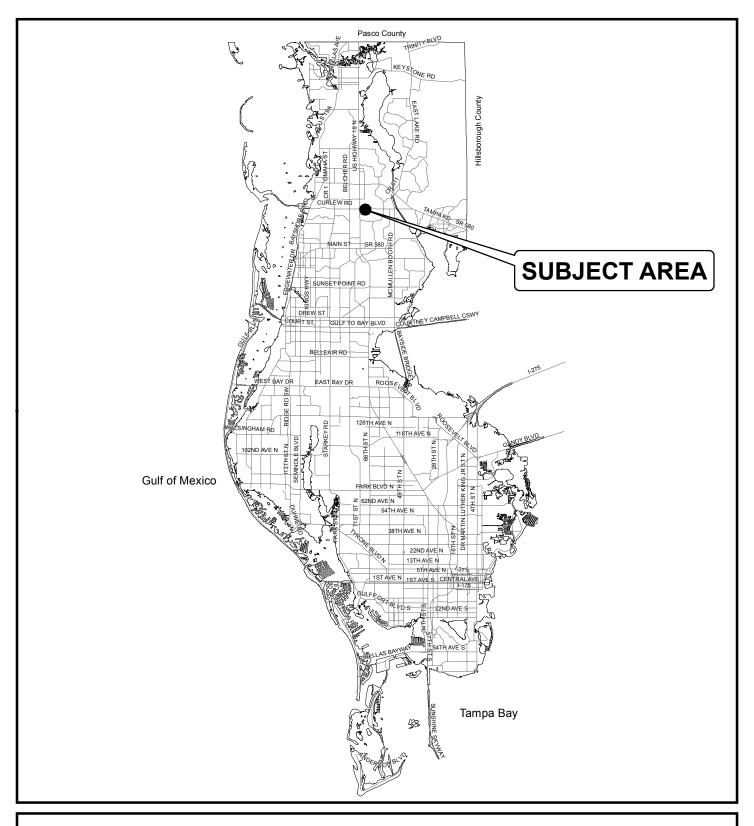
Map 3 Aerial Map

Map 4 Current Countywide Plan Map Map 5 Proposed Countywide Plan Map

Attachment 1 Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

#### **MEETING DATES:**

Planners Advisory Committee, September 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Forward Pinellas, September 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Countywide Planning Authority, October 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.



Map 1 - Location

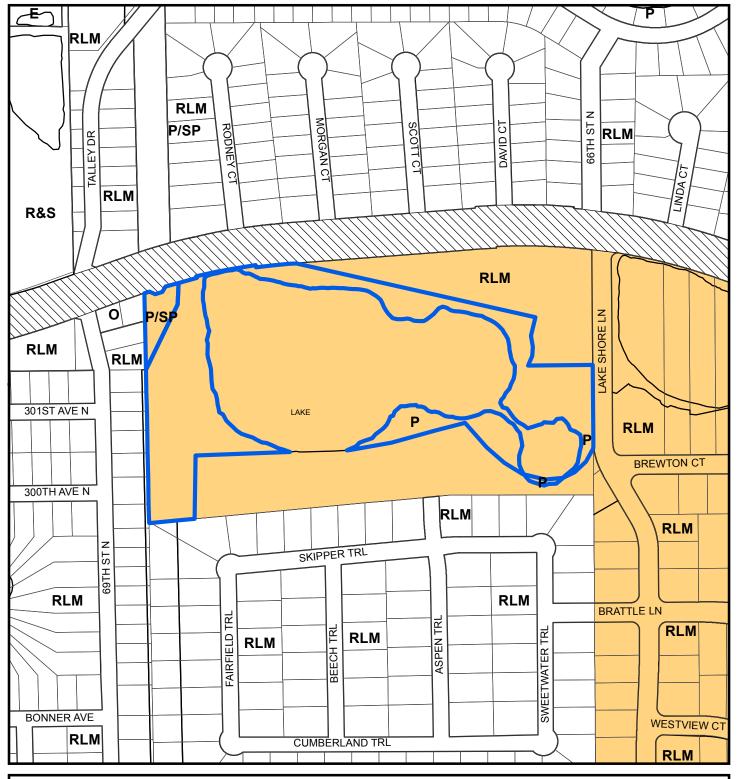
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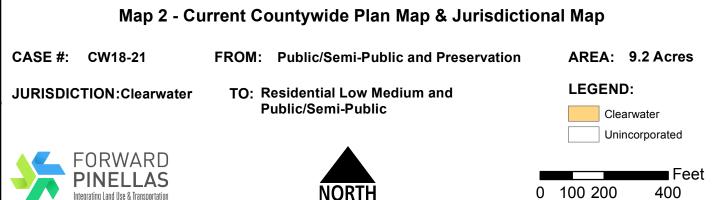
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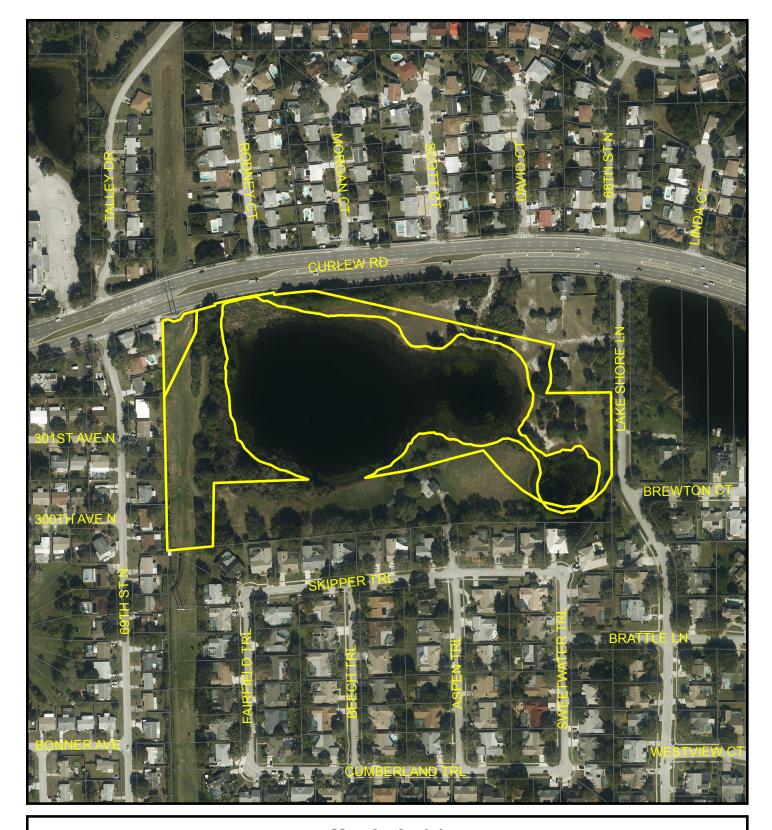












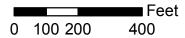
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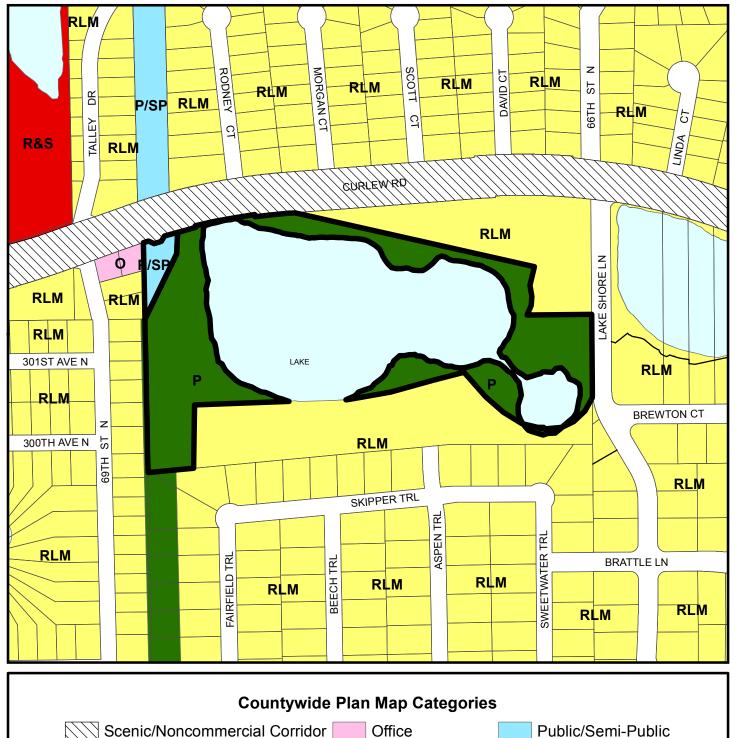
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JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public











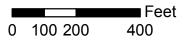
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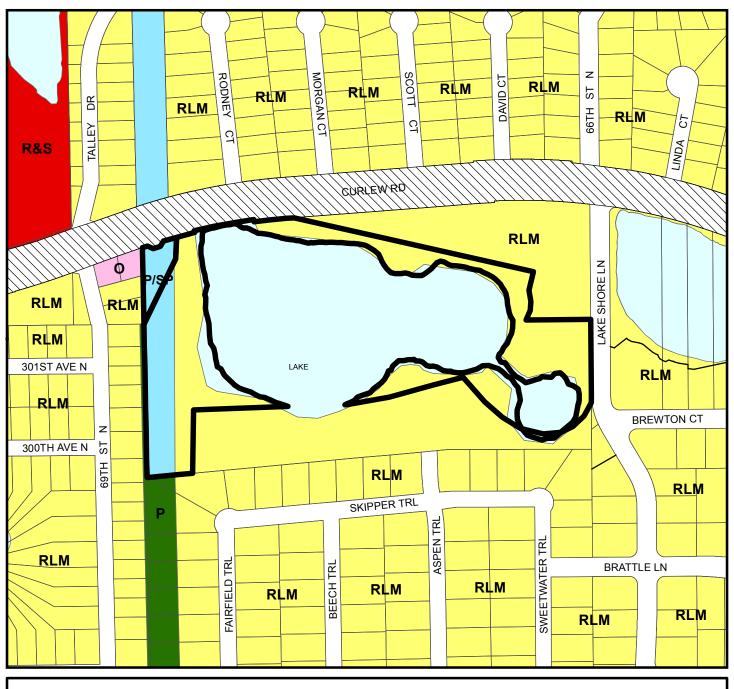
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JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public











# **Map 5 - Proposed Countywide Plan Map**

CASE #: CW18-21 FROM: Public/Semi-Public and Preservation AREA: 9.2 Acres

JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Residential Low Medium and

Public/Semi-Public







# **CW 18-21 Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis**

### **Relevant Countywide Considerations:**

1) Consistency with the Countywide Rules – This proposed amendment is submitted by the City of Clearwater and seeks to amend a site totaling approximately 9.2 acres of a 24.46-acre parcel from Public/Semi-Public and Preservation to Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public. The current Preservation category is intended to recognize natural resource features worthy of preservation and those areas of the county that are now used, or are appropriate to be used, for the conservation, production, and management of the regional potable water supply and the supporting infrastructure, consistent with the natural resources of the area. The proposed Residential Low Medium category is used to depict areas that are primarily well-suited for suburban, low density or moderately dense residential uses at a maximum density of 10 dwelling units per acre. The current and proposed Public/Semi-Public category is intended to recognize institutional and transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, and which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features.

The subject property is occupied by two single-family homes and surrounds a 4.8-acre pond providing stormwater storage and treatment for the neighborhood to the south of the subject site through drainage easements. There is no proposed development at this time, however the applicant has filed a petition to annex the property into the City of Clearwater as required for future utility service. The annexation submittal included a Habitat Assessment Memo prepared by Earth Resources Consulting Scientists which concluded that there are no natural wetlands on the property and some areas are incorrectly designated as Preservation. This amendment is requested to correct these discrepancies.

The Countywide Rules state that the Residential Low Medium (RLM) category "...is appropriate for locations ranging from rural areas distant from urban activity centers, to suburban areas near or in proximity to urban activity centers; in close, walkable, or bikeable proximity to low-intensity neighborhood servicing uses and low to mid-intensity and density mixed-use areas; in areas where development characteristics are residential in nature; and in areas serving as a transition between rural or suburban to more urban residential areas. These areas are generally served by and accessed from minor and collector roadways which connect to the arterial and highway network." The Countywide Rules also state that: "...the purpose of this plan category is to depict areas that are now developed, or appropriate to be developed, in a suburban, low density or moderately dense residential manner; and to recognize such areas as primarily well-suited for residential uses that are consistent with the suburban qualities, transportation facilities, including transit, and natural resources of such areas."

The Countywide Rules state that the Public/Semi-Public (P/SP) category "...is appropriate for locations where institutional uses (such as educational, health, public safety, civic, religious and like uses) and transportation/utility uses (such as air and sea transport terminals, utility installations, major transmission lines, refuse disposal, and public works facilities) are required to serve the community; and to recognize the special needs of these uses relative to their relationship with surrounding uses and transportation access." The Countywide Rules also state that: "...the purpose of this plan category is to recognize institutional and

transportation/utility uses that serve the community or region, especially larger facilities having acreage exceeding the thresholds established in other plan categories, and which are consistent with the need, character, and scale of such uses relative to the surrounding uses, transportation facilities, and natural resource features."

The requested amendment is consistent with the purpose and locational characteristics of the RLM and P/SP categories in that the surrounding area includes low density single family residential uses and the western edge of the property contains Duke Energy power transmission lines. If approved, this amendment will be consistent with the City of Clearwater's Comprehensive Plan.

This amendment can be deemed consistent with this Relevant Countywide Consideration.

- 2) <u>Adopted Roadway Level of Service (LOS) Standard</u> The amendment area is not located on a roadway operating at an LOS of "F", therefore those standards are not applicable.
- 3) Location on a Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor (SNCC) The amendment area is located on a roadway considered to be a residential SNCC sub-classification. The Residential Low Medium and Public/Semi-Public categories are consistent with the residential sub-classification of SNCC, as described in the Scenic/Noncommercial Corridor Plan Element of the Countywide Plan.

This amendment can be deemed consistent with this Relevant Countywide Consideration.

- **4)** Coastal High Hazard Areas (CHHA) The amendment area is not located within CHHA, therefore those standards are not applicable.
- **5)** <u>Designated Development/Redevelopment Areas</u> The amendment area is not located within a designated development/redevelopment area, so those policies are not applicable.
- 6) Adjacent to or Impacting an Adjoining Jurisdiction or Public Educational Facility The proposed amendment area is not adjacent to a public educational facility, however, the area is adjacent to unincorporated Pinellas County on the south, west and north sides. The applicant submitted a Petition for Annexation (ANX2017-12026). Pinellas County will have an opportunity to review and provide comment prior to the PAC meeting.

#### Conclusion:

On balance, it can be concluded that the proposed amendment is deemed consistent with the Relevant Countywide Considerations found in the Countywide Rules.

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#### 3D. Map Adjustment - City of Clearwater



#### **SUMMARY**

The Countywide Rules include a procedure allowing local governments within Pinellas County to submit for Countywide Plan Map boundary adjustments that are minor in nature and include only the following categories: Preservation and Recreation/Open Space.

These categories are often generalized on the Countywide Plan Map and, after site plan review at the local level or other action such as completion of a wetland jurisdictional determination, a more specific area can be delineated. To qualify for this process, the Countywide Rules require submission of one of the following: a letter of determination with accompanying legal description, a wetland jurisdictional survey, or final site plan.

More specifically, as per subsection 7.3.8.5 of the Countywide Rules, adjustments can be:

- Related to and consistent with a jurisdictional boundary determination under state agency rules which is consistent with such rules; or
- Related to and consistent with the purpose and characteristics of the particular plan category being adjusted and, absent a determination by the Executive Director to the contrary, based upon a finding by the local government with jurisdiction or its designee that such adjustment is diminimus in extent and effect.

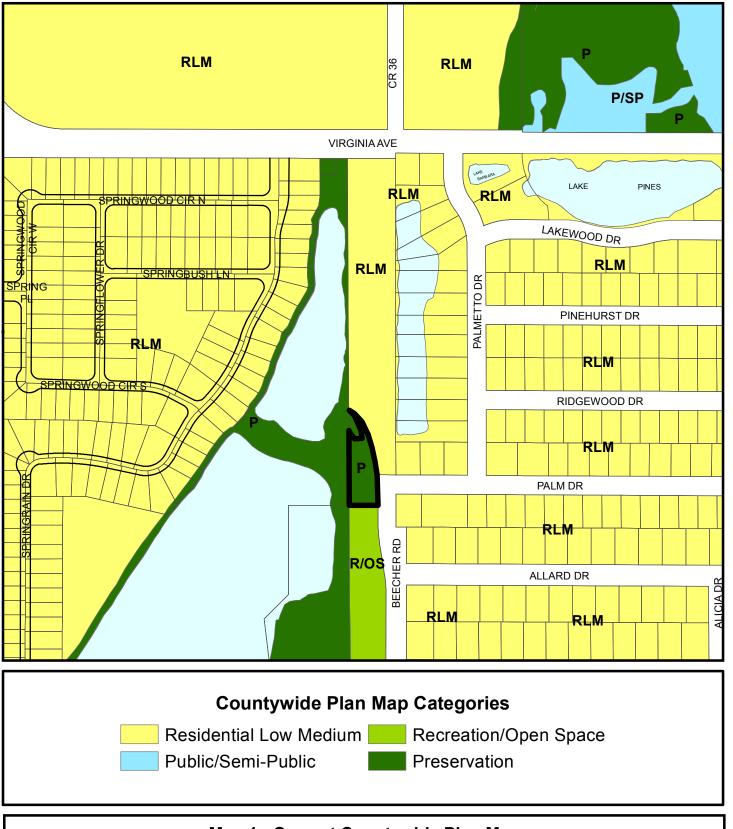
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This area involves approximately 0.405 acres of property located at 1895 Virginia Avenue. It involves the adjustment of the boundary lines between the Preservation and Residential Low Medium categories per a boundary and topographic survey.

#### **LIST OF MAPS & ATTCHMENTS:**

Map 1 Current Future Land Use Map 2 Proposed Future Land Use

Attachment 1 Boundary and Topographic Survey



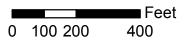
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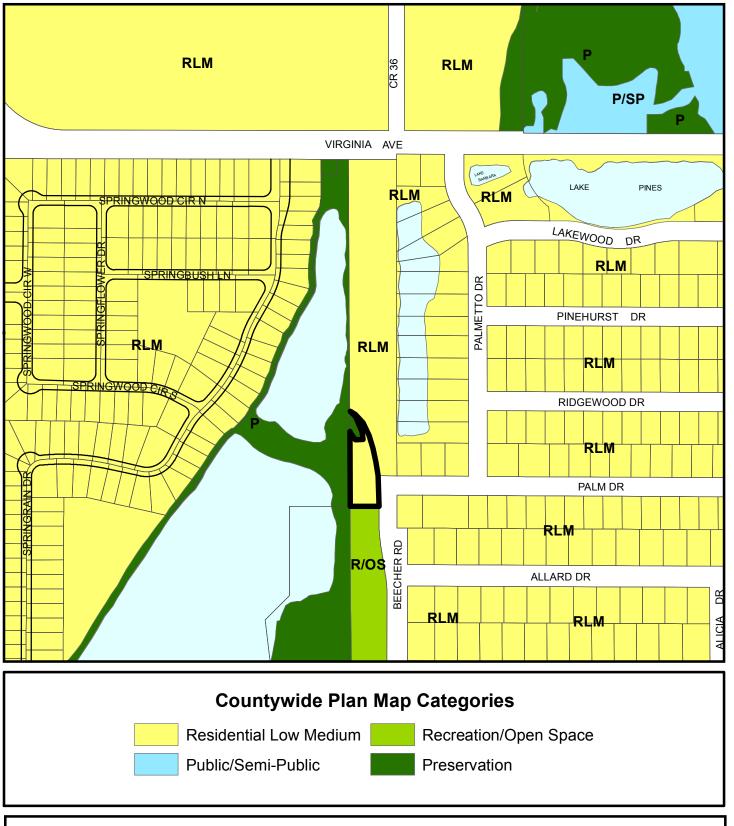
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JURISDICTION: Clearwater TO: Residential Low Medium









### **Map 2 - Proposed Countywide Plan Map**

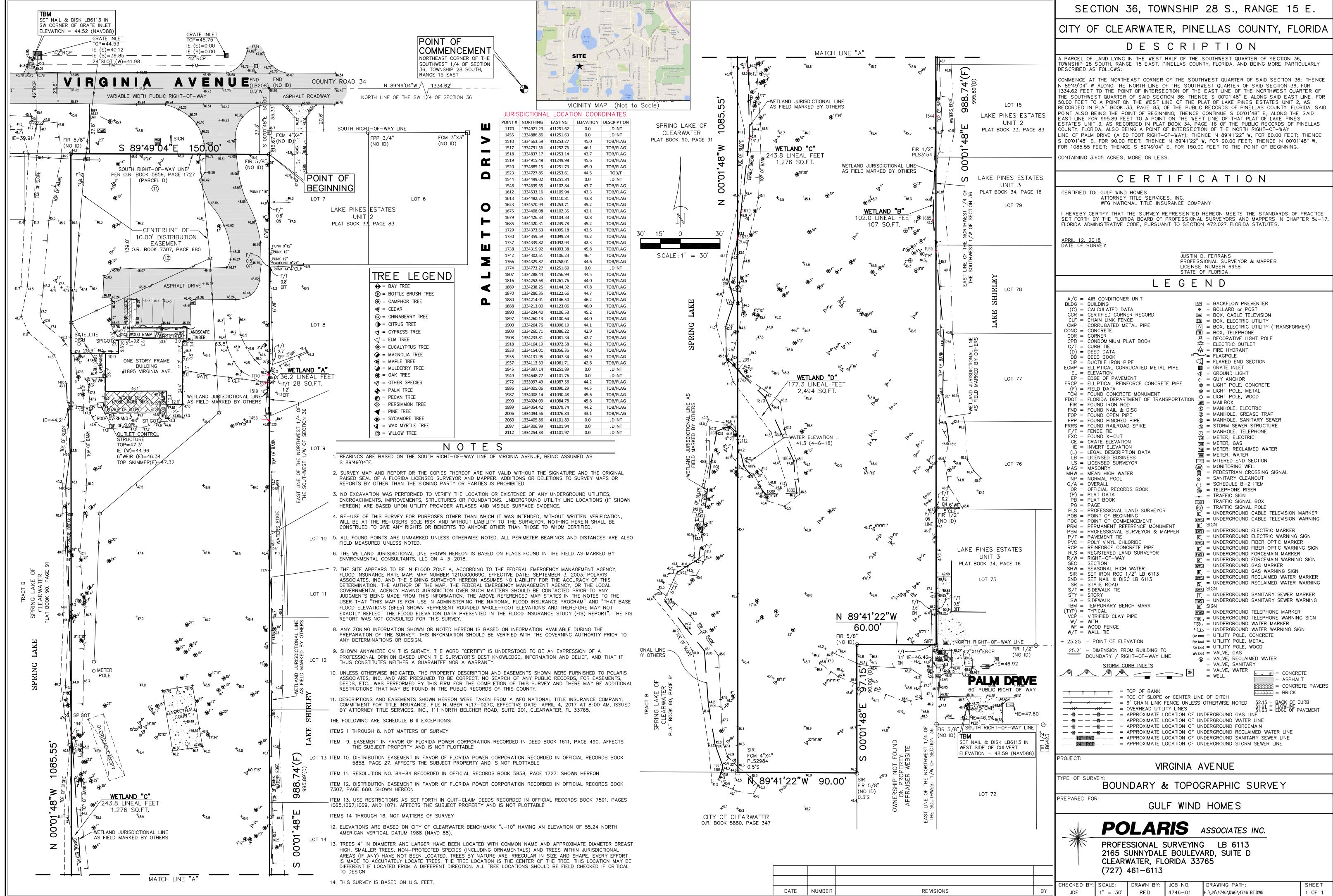
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# 3E. CPA Actions and Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments



### **SUMMARY**

This information is presented in order to better, and more systematically, apprise the Forward Pinellas Board of final action(s) by the Board of County Commissioners, in their role as the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA) on matters that have been previously considered. This summary also includes the Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments that have been administratively reviewed by Forward Pinellas staff.

### **CPA Actions July and August 2018:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Subthreshold Plan Map Amendments:

• <u>Case CW 18-15</u>, a City of Clearwater case located at 300 South Duncan Avenue. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Office to Retail & Services (vote 4-2).

### Regular Plan Map Amendments:

- <u>Case CW 18-16</u>, a City of Clearwater case generally located south of Drew Street, east of Prospect Avenue, north of Court Street, and west of Highland Avenue. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Activity Center and Recreation/Open Space to Activity Center along with amendments to two of the Character Districts within the Activity Center (vote 6-0).
- <u>Case CW 18-17</u>, a City of Clearwater case generally located north of Nicholson Street, west of the Pinellas Trail, east of Clearwater Harbor, and within 285 feet north of Cedar Street. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment which included changes to the Old Bay Character District within the Activity Center (vote 6-0).
- <u>Case CW 18-18</u>, a City of Dunedin case located at 1722 Curlew Road. The Board of County Commissioners, in its role as the Countywide Planning Authority, **approved** the amendment from Residential Low Medium to Residential Medium (vote 6-0).

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **Tier I Countywide Plan Map Amendments July and August 2018:**

There were no Tier I Amendments to report.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

### 4A. PSTA - Transit Riders Advisory Committee Superior Transit Access Recognition Program



### **SUMMARY**

The Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) is an advisory committee to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) comprised of volunteers who ride the bus at least two times per week. The committee provides insight and recommendations to the PSTA Board of Directors and its committees as needed on operational and transit service issues. Members developed the Superior Transit Access Recognition (STAR) Award designation to recognize the efforts of public and private organizations that have made a significant effort to provide safer and better-planned access for public transit riders in Pinellas County.

Developers, municipalities and others who make a specific effort that improves the safety of transit riders as they access destinations to and from bus stops, and/or transit centers will be considered to receive the STAR Award.

Bob Lasher of PSTA will make a presentation to the PAC regarding this program.

ATTACHMENT(S): None



# 4B. Federal Roadway Functional Classification and Level of Service Database

### **SUMMARY**

Federal functional classification is assigned to roadways following the decennial census as a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Forward Pinellas and local governments in Pinellas County to describe how roadways function as a part of the transportation network. Federal functional classification is used to help determine federal aid reimbursements and other federal level regulations, along with state and local decisions regarding permit approvals and various roadway standards. This classification by FHWA is ultimately approved by Forward Pinellas, as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Pinellas County, reflecting input and requested revisions, if any, by our Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). Local governments amend any changes in functional classification into their comprehensive plans and use functional classification designations for various regulatory purposes. Local governments may deviate from the federal functional classification for non-state highways, where warranted, through adoption of the local government comprehensive plan and supporting codes or ordinances.

In one of its roles as the MPO for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas maintains a database of roadways that uses a variety of factors to determine the level of service on many of the roadways throughout the county. Those factors include functional classification, traffic volume and the number of lanes, signal spacing, and other conditions. The current level of service database utilizes Generalized Service Volume Tables as this is the most cost effective way to run the level of service calculations for all monitored roadways in the county. Because Forward Pinellas does this batch processing countywide, the facility classifications assigned to the roadways are intentionally broad so that roadways do not appear to be operating at a LOS that it may not be upon closer evaluation.

The roadway level of service database is a planning tool for all 25 local governments to evaluate traffic conditions on an annual basis and develop appropriate strategies to manage transportation and guide land development decisions in Pinellas County. It is not intended to be a regulatory tool because it uses a general analysis method of roadway performance measures to simplify the analysis and reporting. A more detailed analysis method is often needed for specific projects.

The methodology used to classify roadways in the level of service database was established in the 1990s when the State of Florida mandated concurrency requirements on local governments to maintain adopted level of service conditions on roadways in their jurisdiction, as established in the comprehensive plan. In that era, roads that fell below a level of service standard would be labeled as "failing," which would result in a proposed development project being subject to increased scrutiny and, as a result, trigger denial of the development plans or require potential costly transportation mitigation. Given Pinellas County's near built-out status, the TCC approved changing many high volume four-lane roadways from collector to arterial road classification in the level of service database, essentially providing a higher threshold for acceptable traffic congestion. The methodology provided additional flexibility to local governments in making decisions about how their communities should develop, redevelop and grow. The classifications assigned to the roadways were intentionally not linked to the federal functional classification in an effort to provide this flexibility.

The Countywide Rules, maintained by Forward Pinellas in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, does include language that references the federal functional classification of roadways in relation to land use categories. This relationship may have an impact on land use amendments but is separate from level of service calculations. Level of service of roadways adjacent to parcels being considered for land use amendments is one factor considered in the review of amendments, but it is just one factor of several and while it is considered, it is not necessarily the determining factor.

There are several roadways in Pinellas County with different functional classifications in the MPO's level of service database than what is adopted in local comprehensive plans and on the federal functional classification. Forward Pinellas will begin working with the local governments in Pinellas County to identify and resolve those discrepancies in the coming months to ensure greater consistency among adopted plans and transportation planning tools. Lastly, Forward Pinellas is working to develop a new database and the opportunity exists to revisit the classification types assigned to each roadway and make any adjustments deemed desirable.

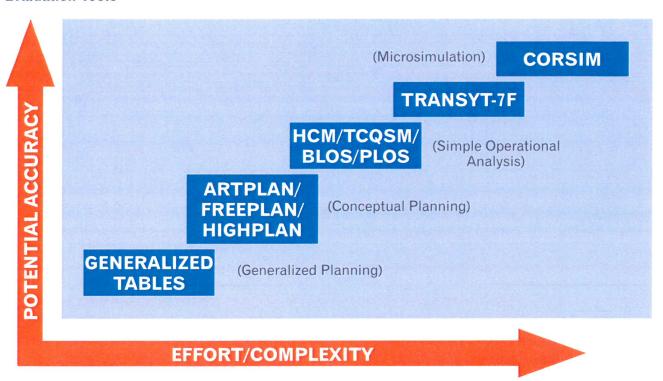
Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief overview of this topic for PAC discussion.

ATTACHMENT(S): Levels of Analysis Graphic

# 2.1. Levels of Analysis

There are many methods for computing capacity and LOS, which form a hierarchy ranging from Generalized Service Volume Tables (the simplest to use but potentially least accurate) to complex operational analysis tools (very precise, but time-intensive and costly). Figure 2-1 provides an overview of analysis levels and evaluation tools for each level. In selecting the appropriate tools, tradeoffs among study purposes (e.g., generalized planning application, signal timing application), accuracy and precision of results (e.g., variability in data for current year analyses, variability in future year analyses), and data preparation effort (e.g., use of existing statewide traffic data, use of direct field measurements) should be considered. No one tool is appropriate for all applications.

Figure 2-1
Evaluation Tools



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### 4C. Advantage Pinellas Update

### **SUMMARY**

As the MPO for Pinellas County, Forward Pinellas is required to develop a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to identify future transportation needs and to prioritize those needs for funding. A new plan is developed every five years to account for changes in transportation needs, land uses within the county, shifting regional travel patterns and any demographic changes that may have occurred.

As part of the public engagement process for the LRTP, Forward Pinellas is teaming up with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) on a co-branding effort for the joint development of the LRTP and Community Bus Plan. The combined plan will be known as 'Advantage Pinellas'. In addition to presenting a visually coordinated identity and external public presence, the two agencies are working together internally on data development, analysis of alternatives and development of recommendations for the two plans to create an integrated countywide transportation plan and set of strategies that aligns the two planning efforts for both the near- and long-term perspective. This effort also entails close coordination with each of the 25 local governments. The brand identity will be used in presentations, external communications and reports for the LRTP and Community Bus Plan.

Forward Pinellas staff will present the initial results of this co-branding effort, and provide an overview of other activities underway in the development of the 2045 Advantage Pinellas Plan.

ATTACHMENT(S): None





### **SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the activities of the subcommittee that was convened to study the increase in self-storage development proposals.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

### 4E. Alternate US 19 Cultural Corridor Update



#### SUMMARY

Arts and culture impact all members of a community. Research repeatedly indicates the benefits of art on a variety of levels: improved health outcomes, boosting economies, better academic performance, and general improved well-being on both individual and societal levels. The importance of artistic expression and opportunities to experience authentic culture throughout the course of our lives can never be underestimated.

Given those wide-reaching benefits, it makes sense to enhance and draw attention to the artistic and cultural assets that already exist in our own community. Since early June, Forward Pinellas in partnership with Creative Pinellas (the designated Local Arts Agency for Pinellas County) has held a series of workshops along the Alternate US 19 corridor from Tarpon Springs to Largo to engage the public to identify opportunities and strategies to elevate Alternate US 19 and the surrounding areas as a destination for arts and culture.

The feedback from the workshop participants focused on efforts that reinforce community identity, history, and commerce in northern Pinellas County, an area that includes connections to and overlaps with the Pinellas Trail, one of the county's premier assets. They desire a cultural corridor plan that identifies opportunities to incorporate the arts and culture into transportation infrastructure, shared public spaces, and the built environment, stronger multi-jurisdictional coordination of event programming, and guidance on regulatory tools that would facilitate more "maker-space" and places where artists can live, work, and display their creations. Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas feel strongly that recommendations from this endeavor will support the eclectic, authentic, diverse, and unique nature of the area by developing strategies that seek to enhance the existing character, not transform it.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the planning process and timeline.

### ATTACHMENT(S):

- Creative Loafing Article
- Patch Article
- 83 Degrees Media Article

# Pinellas needs a "cultural corridor" from Tarpon Springs to Largo along Alt. 19

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ONES FOR THE ROAD: The cultural corridor, Forward Pinellas says, is to connect existing artwork — like this piece — and cultural attractions along Alt. 19.

Alternate U.S. 19 has many names as it rambles through Pinellas County — Seminole Boulevard, Missouri Avenue, Myrtle Avenue, North Fort Harrison Avenue, Edgewater Drive, Broadway, Bayshore Boulevard, Palm Harbor Boulevard, Pinellas Avenue. But whatever you call it, county planners want your input to create the Pinellas County Cultural Corridor along the 38-mile roadway.

"Designating Alt. 19 a 'cultural corridor' offers an opportunity to spur artistic redevelopment and encourage business in many areas," said Whit Blanton, executive director of Forward Pinellas, the agency that oversees transportation and land use for county planning.

"Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas are joining efforts, seeking to redevelop the corridor," said Blanton. "Allowing increased access through better transportation and creating interesting destination opportunities encourages both business and tourism, and Creative Pinellas (the county's arts council) was a natural choice to access the artistic community."

Through their joint effort they hope to engage artists, cultural experts, and residents in a conversation promoting Alt. U.S. 19 as a public art and cultural asset corridor.

So, what's a cultural corridor?

"A cultural corridor is a geographic area that features and connects multiple arts and cultural attractions, creating a magnet for entertainment, tourism and urban revitalization," according to the Forward Pinellas website. It's an idea gaining popularity, and many areas are developing corridors as innovative ways to incorporate a variety of cultural and artistic endeavors that exist within local commodities.

Alt. 19 really fits the geographic description of a "Cultural Corridor," as its 38-mile path spans the county from its beginnings as Tyrone Boulevard in St. Petersburg northward to Holiday in Pasco County.

"The county wants to create a vision to define the corridor as an arts destination for not just Pinellas County, but also the state of Florida, and beyond," said Blanton.

The highway, in its present form, is also historic. It was renamed in 1951 when U.S. 19 was rerouted through the east side of Pinellas County, allowing it to connect to the rest of the peninsula and south to the Sunshine Skyway, which opened in September, 1954. Before the new bridge, traveling to Sarasota from Pinellas County required taking the Bee Line Ferry or driving around the eastern edge of Tampa Bay.

Called Alternate 19, it served the western communities and the beaches, stringing together smaller roads. In those days, much of north Pinellas County was rural, acres and acres of orange groves, so thick the citrus aroma was unmistakable during spring's abundant blossoms. Citrus packing and processing plants were plentiful, and the railroads were busy shipping bushels of citrus around the nation. Some growers had beehives, and a trip up Alt. 19 usually meant buying some delicious natural orange blossom honey.

But like the rest of Florida, the advent of air conditioning made the area livable for many former snowbirds, now ready to buy a house. A few years of bad freezes and citrus woes left many grove owners with empty pockets and ready to sell.

Over the years, groves transformed into residential suburbs, and Alt. 19 became a hodgepodge of strip malls and subdivisions. But it still connects the western county

communities of Largo, Seminole, Clearwater, Palm Harbor, Crystal Beach, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs.

Blanton also sees great opportunities for cohesive area redevelopment and even the future possibility of arts housing. Forward Pinellas is a public independent agency, he explained, working with planners from the different cities and communities to define their own needs and budgets.

"We're interested in public art as a component," Blanton said. "We recently reached out to Robert Stackhouse and Carol Mickett (two St. Petersburg sculptors renowned for their public creations nationwide), and they're interested in getting involved."

Hilary Lehman, communications manager at Forward Pinellas, said there were four meetings for public comment, so now it's time to digest and tweak the proposals and reconvene in October or November.

"There are already a number of cultural destinations in place," Blanton said "The Leepa-Rattner Museum, Creative Pinellas and Heritage Village, the St. Petersburg College Clearwater campus and the Largo Library, as well as many parks, theaters and galleries'

"We'd like to see it become a North County version of Central Avenue," said Blanton. "There's a lot of stuff already in St. Pete, but North County needs a little love."



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# **Workshops To Discuss Turning Alternate 19 Into Cultural Corridor**

Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas are exploring ways to transform Alternate 19 into a cultural corridor.

By D'Ann Lawrence White | Jul 16, 2018 3:27 pm ET



TARPON SPRINGS, FL – Spanning nearly 38 miles, Alternate U.S. 19 is the longest roadway in Pinellas County.

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It connects the cities of Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Clearwater, Largo, Seminole, St. Petersburg and unincorporated Palm Harbor.

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But two county agencies are hoping to turn the road into more than simply a way to get from one end of Pinellas County to the other.

Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas are exploring ways to transform Alternate 19 into a cultural corridor that will spark urban revitalization and promote tourism, said Forward Pinellas planning division manager Rodney Chatman.

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"Research repeatedly indicates the benefits of art on a vast variety of levels: improved health outcomes, boosting economies, better academic performance and general improved well-being on both individual and societal levels," said Chatman.

Given those benefits, he said it makes sense to enhance and draw attention to the artistic and cultural assets that already exist in the community by creating a cultural corridor.

Examples of potential recommendations from this project include:

- · The development of branding themes
- · Identification of desirable locations for public art installations and interactive spaces
- · Creation of an arts and culture atlas
- · Highlight creative businesses, studios and art galleries
- · Ideas for artistic/decorative sidewalk, crosswalk and intersection treatments
- · Wayfinding themes
- · Locations for murals
- · Artistic treatments for bridges and pedestrian overpasses
- · Lighting treatments
- · The pursuit of grant funds for capital projects

The agencies began meeting in June with members of the arts community and other interested residents and business people to begin discussions on creating a cultural corridor.

Other workshops are scheduled for Monday, July 16 at from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Dunedin</u> Fine Arts Center and Monday, July 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Central Park Performing</u> Arts Center in Largo.

For more information, visit the websites for Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas.

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# Pinellas County agencies plan to curate Alt. U.S. 19 Cultural Corridor

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### TARPON SPRINGS, CLEARWATER, LARGO, DUNEDIN

Two county agencies -- Forward Pinellas and Creative Pinellas -- are joining forces to create an Alt. U.S. 19 Cultural Corridor.

It's "a unique partnership," says Rodney Chatman, planning division manager for Forward Pinellas, the county's land use and transportation agency. "Our partnerships are usually with local governments or agencies involved in transportation."

The duo plans to connect and highlight the arts and culture destinations along Alt. U.S. 19, which runs through northern Pinellas County cities including Largo, Clearwater, Dunedin, Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs.

"The area has a very strong arts and culture basis," Chatman says. "So, we want to think about how to brand the Alt. 19 corridor as a cultural destination. But we needed to find an agency to help us with that. We don't really talk to artists in the course of our work."

This is where Creative Pinellas, the county's designated arts agency, comes in, he adds. Together, the agencies will lay a foundation to "strengthen Alt. 19 as a place for arts and culture," he says. They began meeting in discuss the concept and the approach to the cultural corridor.

Last month, for the first time, they invited the public to provide input on the plan at two workshops, one at the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum, the other at St. Petersburg College's Clearwater campus. Two upcoming workshops will be held Monday, July 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Dunedin Fine Arts Center</u> and Monday, July 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the <u>Central Park</u> Performing Arts Center in Largo.

Chatman says they've been working to identify artistic and cultural "hubs and enclaves" along the thoroughfare. "There's a lot of history that's there, and also, I think there's a tie to economic development, tourism and commerce if we're able to pull this off."

The agencies will create a categorized database of these artistic hotspots with geographic and descriptive information about them available as an online resource. "There isn't currently a good inventory of public art installations, museums and galleries," he says.

They'll also discuss possible future locations of public art and cultural programming, he adds. This could range from utilizing vacant commercial spaces as pop-up galleries and canvasses for large-scale murals to incorporating designs by local artists at crosswalks and intersections.

"The nature of what we do really doesn't interface with art or culture, and it's sort of an interesting partnership because the land usage and transportation networks do traverse through these areas," he adds. "And we're starting to see more of an acknowledgment that we can plan and build roads differently and have more of a placemaker approach."

For more information, visit the websites for <u>Forward Pinellas</u> and <u>Creative Pinellas</u>.

### 4F. Follow-up on PAC Inquiries



### **SUMMARY**

We recently received several inquiries from PAC members on various planning topics, which we forwarded to the membership for input on their communities' experiences. A summary of the responses is provided below. We invite further input and discussion on these topics at the September meeting as deemed appropriate.

### **Question #1 – Business Type Restriction**

City of Tarpon Springs staff reported that an owner of a pizza restaurant recently expressed concerns when another pizza restaurant moved in a few doors down, stating that other local communities do not allow restaurants with the same product to open on the same block. They asked whether other local governments have restrictions on the number of similar businesses opening in a given area.

Nine PAC members responded:

- No community had any such restrictions.
- City of Seminole staff pointed out that many large property owners have such restrictions as a function of tenant lease negotiations. The business owner may have mistaken these private restrictions for municipal regulations.

### Question #2 - Perimeter Fence/Wall Heights

Pinellas County staff asked the PAC membership for the maximum allowable height for a perimeter residential subdivision fence/wall (without a variance) in their communities.

Seven PAC members responded:

- Maximum heights ranged from six to eight feet.
- Largo staff stated that while the maximum fence height is six feet, decorative gates and gate support posts may extend up to eight feet.
- Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach staff indicated that fencing within waterfront setback areas is limited to four feet.
- Seminole staff added that in floodplain redevelopment, grades are sometimes increased through fill, which creates grade height disparities between existing development height and proposed development height.

### **Question #3 – Temporary Signage Following Disasters**

Pinellas County Economic Development has been working with local chambers of commerce to help them better prepare for hurricane season. They asked whether communities have provisions for temporary signage when signs are damaged, either through natural disaster or other cause.

Nine PAC members responded:

• No community had provisions for temporary signs specifically due to damage.

- A few respondents mentioned that their communities have provisions for temporary signs generally, and/or require that any substantially damaged sign be brought into compliance within a certain time period.
- Treasure Island staff pointed out that in the event of an emergency, a governing body could opt
  to pass a resolution waiving enforcement of certain regulations, including those for damaged
  signs, for a specified amount of time.

### Question #4 - GL Pros

City of Tarpon Springs staff inquired whether other communities have been contacted by GL Pros on behalf of Game RPM Center, a computer gaming business.

### Four members responded:

- Clearwater staff reported that they had been contacted. They added that any communities
  contacted should scrutinize the proposal carefully, since the gaming aspect of the proposal may
  be downplayed in the business pitch.
- No other respondents had been contacted.

### Question #5 - Craft breweries

Oldsmar staff asked how communities permit craft breweries, and how they are classified in terms of food sales percentage, floor area percentage, distance requirements from other uses, etc.

### Four PAC members responded:

- St. Pete Beach staff stated that a craft brewery would need to meet one of a list of provided definitions for bars/lounges or various types of restaurants.
- Clearwater staff provided definitions for brewpubs, microbreweries and breweries, which are
  distinguished by production capacity and whether the product is primarily sold for on-premise
  consumption, and the zoning districts where each is permitted.
- Seminole staff stated that these uses are allowed in commercial or industrial zoning districts, with distinction for off-premise and on-premise consumption. On-premise consumption has distance separation requirements from residential uses, schools and churches.
- Largo staff stated that microbreweries, microdistilleries and regional breweries are allowed in certain land use categories together with a taproom or tasting room, with limitations on floor area that can be devoted to production, and distance requirements from churches, public schools and child care uses.
- Oldsmar staff was also referred to our Knowledge Exchange Series page on microbreweries for more examples.

### Question #6 - Food Trucks

Oldsmar staff followed up with a question about how other communities regulate food trucks, which are appearing in conjunction with microbreweries in their community.

### Three PAC members responded:

- Gulfport does not allow food trucks or other mobile vending.
- Seminole allows them as part of special events.
- St. Pete Beach allows them as conditional uses in certain zoning districts, and provided a copy
  of their ordinance.

### **Questions #7 - Golf Courses**

Pinellas County staff inquired whether other communities have current or proposed policies related to golf course redevelopment, and/or have examples of successful golf course redevelopment projects.

Five PAC members responded:

- No community reported having regulations specific to golf courses.
- Gulfport staff identified one golf course development that was done as a planned unit development in the 1980s, which is no longer part of the development but still privately owned.
- Clearwater staff responded that the Executive Golf Course at Countryside and Belcher was a par 3 golf course that now is an apartment complex.

ATTACHMENT(S): None





### **SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas staff will provide a brief update on the status of the activities related to the three SPOTlight Emphasis Areas.

ATTACHMENT(S): None





### **SUMMARY**

The Forward Pinellas legislative committee will resume meeting on September 12, 2018 at 11 am. Similar to last year, staff will be reaching out to local governments, chambers of commerce and other partners regarding potential areas of legislative concern or focus related to land use, economic development and transportation.

ATTACHMENT(S): None