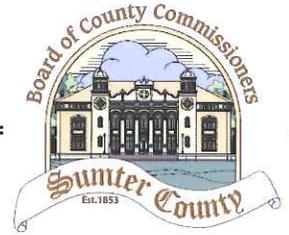




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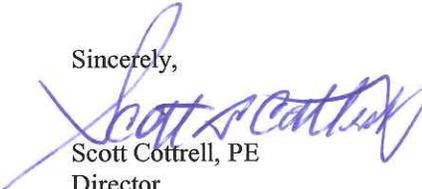
Ms. Tammy Anderson, Community Assistance Consultant  
Florida Small Cities CDBG Program  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100  
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Environmental Review Record (ENVRR)  
CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Category

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Scott Cottrell, PE  
Director  
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Request for Release of Funds



# Sumter County, Florida

Department of Community Affairs  
Environmental Assessment for HUD-funded Proposals  
Recommended format per 24 CFR 58.36, revised April 2008

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization Category

*Flood, Drainage and Repaving Improvements  
to Panacoochee Retreats*

Submitted to:

Florida Small Cities CDBG Program  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

DCA Contract # 11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10

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# Section I

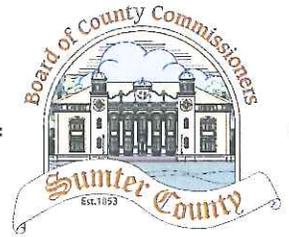
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# Section 2

# Request of Release

# of Funds

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# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087  
(exp. 3/31/2011)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	2. HUD/State Identification Number 11-DB-T3-05-70-01-N10	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity Sumter County Board of County Commissioners 910 North Main Street Bushnell, FL 33513	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Scott Cottrell 352-793-0240	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) Same	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Florida Small Cities CDBG Program 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Drainage and repaving improvements to an LMI residential neighborhood (Panacoochee Retreats Subdivision) in unincorporated Sumter County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Panacoochee Retreats subdivision in unincorporated Sumter County
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### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

The CDBG funded activities will include drainage and repaving improvements to the Panacoochee Retreats subdivision which is located in unincorporated Sumter County near Lake Panasoffkee. The primary grant activities (Met Needs) include the installation of 1,400 LF of underground 24"-36" concrete drainage piping with associated inlets, ditches, swales and driveway crossings in the right of way of CR 426E, CR 423 and CR 429. This system along with the reshaping of the ditch system in the other portions of the subdivision will provide relief to the drainage system that extends from CR 470 to the east to CR 423 to the west. The proposed system requires that CR 429, CR 426E and CR 423 be rebuilt as complimentary activities to achieve the needed elevations to allow for the gravity-driven flow of storm water from the area.

Other primary (Met Need) activities include repaving approximately 50% of the streets within the subdivision. If funds are available after the Met Needs are accomplished, CDBG funds will be used for Future Needs which includes repaving and ditch reshaping to the remaining streets within the subdivision. All streets in the subdivision are candidates for repaving and ditch improvements either as future need or met need.

Other project activities include Grant Administration and Engineering. The total project budget is \$750,000. The grant budget allocates \$499,376 for drainage activities, \$174,624 for repaving, \$33,000 for engineering and \$43,000 for grant administration. In addition, the County will contribute \$125,000 to the project to provide additional funding for repaving and drainage activities.

**Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)**

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal  did  did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
4. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
5. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
6. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

7. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
8. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Don Burgess</b>	Title of Certifying Officer <b>Chairman, Board of County Commissioners</b>
	Date signed
Address of Certifying Officer <b>Sumter County 910 North Main Street Bushnell, FL 33513</b>	

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Title of Authorized Officer <b>Not applicable</b>
	Date signed

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

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Section 3  
Concurrent Notice  
Flood Notice  
Early Flood Notice  
(proofs of publication)

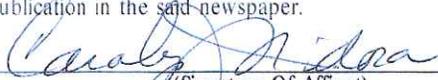
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(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3  
day of June, 2011.

  
(Name of Notary typed, printed or stamped)

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Attach Notice Here

**NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC  
REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL  
TO SUPPORT ACTIVITY IN  
THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN  
FLORIDA CDBG #  
11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10  
(Drainage and Repaving for  
Panacoochee Retreats)**

Date of Notice: **JUNE 3, 2011**  
Name of Responsible  
Entity: **Sumter County  
(Board of County Commis-  
sioners)**  
Address:  
**319 East Anderson Ave.  
City, State, Zip Code:  
Bushnell, Florida 33513  
Telephone Number:  
(352) 569-6700**

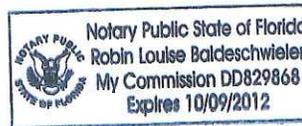
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This notice is required by Sec-  
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11988 for Floodplain Manage-  
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The County has determined that  
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Sumter County is interested in discussing alternatives to this project and securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project as well as potential minimization measures.

Additional agencies involved in this project include the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Florida State Clearinghouse (having reviewed the project with no negative comments) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (permits).

Comments on the proposed project will be accepted until **Monday, June 20, 2011**. Please send your comments to the **Sumter County Public Works Department (ATTN: Scott Cottrell, Public Works Director, 319 East Anderson Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513 or [scott.cottrell@sumtercountyfl.gov](mailto:scott.cottrell@sumtercountyfl.gov)**. A more detailed description

of the project and the flood maps are available for citizen review at the above address between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM.

**Don Burgess**, Chairman, Sumter County Board of County Commissioners and Certifying Officer  
#311703

June 3, 2011

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in the \_\_\_\_\_ court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of June 21, 2011

Affiant further says that the said Daily Sun is a newspaper published at Lady Lake in said Lake County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Lake County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Lady Lake, in said Lake County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisements; and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Carolyn J. Midora  
(Signature Of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of June, 2011.

Robin Louise Baldeschwieler  
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Notary Public State of Florida  
Robin Louise Baldeschwieler  
My Commission DD829868  
Expires 10/09/2012

Attach Notice Here

## Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland FLORIDA CDBG # 11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10 (Sumter County)

Date of Notice: **June 21, 2011**  
Name of Responsible Entity: **Sumter County, Florida**  
Address: **7375 Powell Road**  
City, State, Zip Code: **Wildwood, Florida 34785**  
Telephone Number: **(352)689-4400 (Sumter County Administration Office)**  
**(352) 569-6700 (Sumter County Public Works Department)**

### To: All interested Parties

This is to give notice that the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners has received a Community Development Block Grant (Neighborhood Revitalization) from the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds will be used to provide drainage and repaving improvements to the Panacoochee Retreats subdivision located near Lake Panasofkee in unincorporated Sumter County. The subdivision is a residential area bounded by CR 470 to the east and north, by CR 423 to the west and by CR 428 to the south. The CDBG project will include the installation of 1,400 LF of underground 24"-36" concrete piping with associated inlets, ditches and swales and driveway crossings in the right of way of CR 426E, CR 423 and CR 429. These improvements, along with the reshaping of the ditch system in other portions of the subdivision, will reduce the flooding potential within the subdivision. The proposed improvements include the rebuilding of

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## CONCURRENT NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE  
TO PUBLIC FOR REMOVAL  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDI-  
TIONS FLORIDA CDBG #  
11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10  
(Sumter County)**

Date of Notice: **June 21, 2011**  
Name of Responsible Entity:  
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Address: **7375 Powell Road**  
City, State, Zip Code:  
**Wildwood, Florida 34785**  
Telephone Number: **(352)**  
**689-4400 (Sumter County Ad-  
ministration Office) (352)**  
**569-6700 (Sumter County Pub-  
lic Works Department)**

These notices shall satisfy two  
separate but related procedural  
requirements for activities to be  
undertaken by Sumter County.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **July 7, 2011**, Sum-  
ter County plans to submit a re-  
quest to the Department of  
Community Affairs for the re-  
lease of Community Develop-  
ment Block Grant (CDBG) funds  
under Title I of the Housing and  
Community Development (HCD)  
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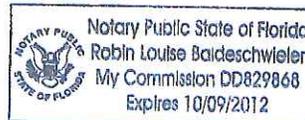
Sumter County has determined  
that the project will have no sig-  
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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency  
may submit written comments  
on the ENVRR to **Sumter  
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ment, Scott Cottrell, Public  
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derson Ave., Bushnell, FL  
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tercountyfl.gov or (352)  
569-6700**. All comments must  
be received by **Wednesday,  
July 6, 2011**. Comments will be  
considered prior to Sumter  
County requesting a release of  
funds.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

Sumter County certifies to the



Florida Department of Community Affairs and HUD that **Don Burgess**, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Sumter County to use the CDBG funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Sumter County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Sumter County; (b) Sumter County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, CDBG Program, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100. Potential objectors should contact **Sumter County Public Works Department** at 319 East Anderson Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513 (ATTN: **Scott Cottrill, Public Works Director, [scott.cottrill@sumtercountyfl.gov](mailto:scott.cottrill@sumtercountyfl.gov)** or (352) 569-6700.) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Don Burgess, Chairman and  
Certifying Officer  
#314565                      June 21, 2011

## FLOODPLAIN EIGHT-STEP DECISION MAKING PROCESS

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW / FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SUMTER COUNTY DRAINAGE AND REPAVING IMPROVEMENTS TO PANACOOCHEE RETREATS

EXECUTIVE ORDER #11988

**STEP 1** Determine if proposed project is in or affects a floodplain.

It was determined that proposed drainage/repaving improvements will impact the 100 year floodplain. See FEMA Flood Plain Maps.

**STEP 2** Involve the public in the decision making.

By way of the publication of the "Early Public Notice", the public was invited to submit written comments on the proposed project. No comments were received. The "Early Public Notice" was published in the Daily Sun on June 3, 2011.

**STEP 3** Determine if there are any practical alternatives.

No practical alternatives are available to the County due to the location of the planned service area and the location of the available right of way. Any other routes for the drainage/repaving improvements would not be feasible due to cost.

**STEP 4** Identify the project's impacts.

The project impacts are beneficial to the public by improving the drainage conditions of the area. The proposed improvements will be located in developed road right-of-way and will consist of retrofitting/replacing existing drainage facilities and repaving existing paved roads. The proposed improvements will help reduce the potential for property damage and pollution that often occur as a result of flooding.

**STEP 5** Identify how the adverse affects will be minimized.

No adverse project impacts were identified. The planned construction activities within the floodplain will be within existing improved right of way and thus no new impacts to the flood plain are anticipated.

**STEP 6** Reevaluate alternatives identified.

No practical alternatives were identified. The project will not cause adverse conditions. It is recommended that the project continue.

**STEP 7** Announce and explain the decisions of the review to the public.

A Notice of Explanation and Concurrent Notice was published in the Daily Sun on June 21, 2011 and comment was again invited. No comments were received.

**STEP 8** Implement the project with the appropriate mitigation.

On or about July 8, 2011 the Local Government made a request to DCA to remove environmental conditions and release the grant funds so that the project can proceed. No mitigation was deemed necessary.

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Section 4

# Letters to Agencies

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**Mailing List {24 CFR 58.43}**

**The following agencies in your region should be notified of the results of your Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI).**

✓ Florida State Clearinghouse  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 47  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000  
(850) 245-2118

✓ Bureau of Historic Preservation  
Florida Department of State  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
(850) 245-6333

✓ Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region IV Floodplain Management  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
(770) 220-5432

✓ United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Environmental Accountability and Compliance  
Region 4  
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960  
(404) 562-6259

✓ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Jacksonville District  
Attention: CESAJ-RD  
P.O. Box 4970  
701 San Marco Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
(904) 232-2234

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Panama City Field Office  
1601 Balboa Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32405-3721  
(850) 769-0552

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Jacksonville Field Office  
6620 Southpoint Drive, Suite 310  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216-0912  
(904) 232-2580

(see new address below)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
South Florida Ecosystem Field Office  
1339 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960-3559  
(561) 562-3909

**Your Local Water Management District (WMD)**

St. John's River WMD  
Post Office Box 1429  
Palatka, FL 32178-1429  
386/329-4500

Suwannee River WMD  
9225 County Road 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
386/362-1001

South Florida WMD  
Post Office Box 24680  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680  
561/686-8800

Northwest Florida WMD  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333-4712  
850/539-5999

Southwest Florida WMD  
2379 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899  
352/796-7211

**Your Local Regional Planning Council (RPC)**

Apalachee RPC  
20776 Central Avenue East, Suite 1  
Blountstown, FL 32424  
(850) 674-4571

Central Florida RPC  
P.O. Box 2089  
Bartow, FL 33831-2089  
(863) 534-7130

East Central Florida RPC  
309 Cranes Roost Blvd., Suite 2000  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(407) 262-7772

North Central Florida RPC  
2009 North West 67th Place, Suite A  
Gainesville, FL 32653-1603  
(352) 955-2200

Northeast Florida RPC  
6850 Belfort Oaks Place  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
(904) 279-0880

South Florida RPC  
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140  
Hollywood, FL 33021  
(954) 985-4416

Southwest Florida RPC  
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Fort Myers, FL 33901  
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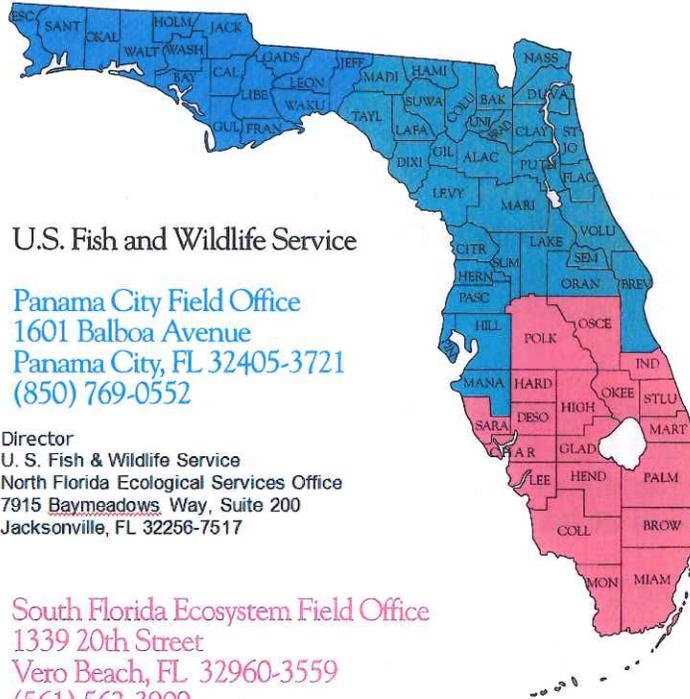
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Stuart, FL 34994  
(772) 221-4060

Tampa Bay RPC  
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782  
(727) 570-5151

West Florida RPC  
Post Office Box 11399  
Pensacola, FL 32524-1399  
(850) 332-7976

Withlacoochee RPC  
1241 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ocala, FL 34471-0323  
(352) 732-1315

# FLORIDA COUNTIES



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1601 Balboa Avenue  
Panama City, FL 32405-3721  
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| Baker     | Gadsden      | Leon       | Polk       |
| Bay       | Gilchrist    | Levy       | Putnam     |
| Bradford  | Glades       | Liberty    | Santa Rosa |
| Brevard   | Gulf         | Madison    | Sarasota   |
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| Charlotte | Hendry       | Martin     | St Lucie   |
| Citrus    | Hernando     | Miami-Dade | Sumter     |
| Clay      | Highlands    | Monroe     | Suwannee   |
| Collier   | Hillsborough | Nassau     | Taylor     |
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| Dixie     | Jackson      | Orange     | Wakulla    |
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June 14, 2011

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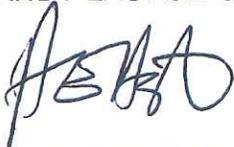
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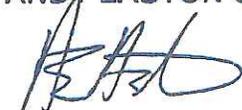
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Kurt S. Browning**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Andy Easton  
Grants Administrator  
203 Ridgeland Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

July 11, 2011

Re: SHPO Project #: 2011-2472/Recived by SHPO: June 22, 2011  
*HUD- Community Development Block Grant*  
Drainage and Repaving Improvements in Panacoochee Retreats  
11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10  
Lake Panasoffkee,, Sumter County

Dear Mr. Easton:

This office reviewed the referenced project for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties* and the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended.

While a review of the Florida Master Site File data indicated that no archaeological or historical resources are recorded within the project area it is the opinion of this office that, if this project is funded, the grant award agreement should include the following special condition regarding unexpected discoveries during any proposed ground disturbing activities:

- If prehistoric artifacts such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time, the project should cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries. The applicant, or other designee, should contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section at 850.245.6333, as well as the appropriate funding agency office. Project activities should not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources.
- In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work must stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statute.

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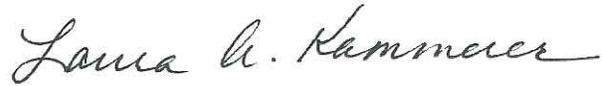
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Mr. Easton  
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If there are any questions concerning our comments or recommendations, please contact Gail Shropshire, Historic Site Specialist, by phone at 850.245.6333, or by electronic mail at [gshropshire@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:gshropshire@dos.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Kammerer".

Laura A. Kammerer  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
For Review and Compliance

Pc: Scott Cottrell, Public Works Director  
319 East Anderson Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513

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US Army Corp of Engineers - Jacksonville District  
Civil Works and Military Program Office  
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Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

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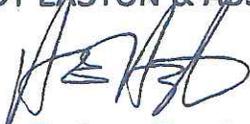
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Southwest Florida Water Management District  
2379 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

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**From:** Milligan, Lauren (Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 04, 2011 3:20 PM  
**To:** andyeaston2@msn.com  
**Cc:** Judy.Peacock@dca.state.fl.us; Tammy.Anderson@dca.state.fl.us  
**Subject:** Sumter County CDBG-NR Application - State Clearinghouse Clearance

Mr. Andy Easton, AICP  
Andy Easton & Associates  
203 Ridgeland Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

RE: Department of Housing and Urban Development - Community Development Block Grants/Neighborhood Revitalization - Sumter County, Panacoochee Retreats Stormwater Drainage Improvements and Street Repaving Project - Sumter County, Florida. SAI # FL201105045756C

Dear Andy:

Florida State Clearinghouse staff has received and reviewed the County's CDBG-NR funding proposal under the following authorities: Presidential Executive Order 12372; Section 403.061(42), *Florida Statutes*; the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended; and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, as amended.

An application to construct the proposed Panacoochee Retreats drainage improvements project has been submitted to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for the required Standard General Environmental Resource Permit (ERP). The County is advised to please continue coordination with SWFWMD staff in the Brooksville Regulation Department to provide the remaining information requested to complete ERP Application No. 637036 (Permit No. 44.35636.0).

Based on the information contained in the application for federal assistance and ongoing review of the projects by the SWFWMD, the state has no objections to allocation of federal funds for the subject project and, therefore, the funding award is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The state's continued concurrence will be based on the activity's compliance with FCMP authorities, including federal and state monitoring of the activity to ensure its continued conformance, and the adequate resolution of the issues identified during the current regulatory review. The state's final concurrence of the project's consistency with the FCMP will be determined upon completion of the environmental permitting process in accordance with Section 373.428, *Florida Statutes*.

If you have any questions regarding this message or the state intergovernmental review process, please don't hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-2170 or [Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Lauren.Milligan@dep.state.fl.us).

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely,  
Lauren P. Milligan

Lauren P. Milligan, Environmental Manager  
Florida State Clearinghouse  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, M.S. 47  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000  
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# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200  
Jacksonville, FL 32256-7517

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
FWS/R4/ES-JAFL

September 29, 2010

## **USFWS Clearance to Proceed with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Loan Project Requests**

### **Background**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead Federal Agency charged with the protection and conservation of Federal Trust Resources, such as threatened and endangered species and migratory birds, in accordance with section 7 of the [Endangered Species Act of 1973](#), as amended (ESA) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#), (16 U.S.C. 668-668d) (Eagle Act), and the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#) (40 Stat. 755; 16 U.S.C. 701 et seq.).

The passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of February 2009 (ARRA) by Congress created an economic stimulus package which provided federal tax cuts and funds to many federal agencies for education, health care, expansion of social welfare provisions, and increased infrastructure spending which includes the energy and transportation sector. Agencies such as the and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Energy (DOE), and Federal Highway Administration (FHA) have quickly activated projects that have resulted in an increased consumer demand to initiate projects through Federally backed loans and grants, all of which require those federal agencies to comply with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Consequently, the Jacksonville Ecological Services Field Office has experienced a significant increase in the number of requests for review of these government loan projects.

To fulfill our ESA statutory obligations in a timely and consistent manner, and to assist federal agencies, state and local governments, and consultants in addressing Section 7 and [National Environmental Policy Act](#) (NEPA) environmental impact review requirements, we provide the following guidance and clearance relative to the criteria stated below for HUD project requests in all cities and unincorporated areas throughout our 32-county geographic area (list available at <http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/Area1.htm>).

## Description of Projects Covered

- All HUD funded project requests for **existing** commercial, industrial, and residential structures, to include multi-family and single-family housing, and various utilities projects to include but not limited to, water and wastewater treatment facilities undergoing demolition, rehabilitation, renovations, and/or rebuilding that may be completed **without** requiring additional clearing of **undisturbed** habitat beyond the original footprint of the existing project in order to complete the action request.
- All HUD loan transfers where the original lending or mortgage institutions for existing projects are no longer holding the loans and the properties are being transferred via HUD back loans.
- All HUD funded project requests for **new** commercial, industrial, and residential structures, to include multi-family and single-family housing, and various utilities projects to include but not limited to, water and wastewater treatment facilities where the footprint of the project falls within a lot or parcel which is void of any vegetation other than grass or other low growing herbaceous ground cover.

We believe that these activities will have "no effect", and in few cases would "not likely to adversely affect" any Federally-listed species protected under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, based on the criteria referenced above. This conclusion is explicitly based on the existence of structures and activities already established in a location where previous regulatory reviews determined that either "no effects" were anticipated, or where impacts of any significance to Federally-listed species resulted in consultation where minimization measures and conditions have already been fulfilled.

## Bald Eagle Nest Issues

If any of the above-referenced activities (rehabilitation, demolition, or rebuilding) are proposed to occur **within 660 feet** of an active bald eagle's nest **during** the nesting season which occurs from October 1 through May 15; we recommend the applicant or their designated sub-contractor coordinate with Ulgonda Kirkpatrick, Bald Eagle Biologist, Division of Migratory Birds, FWS at 352.406.6780 or by e-mail at [Ulgonda\\_Kirkpatrick@fws.gov](mailto:Ulgonda_Kirkpatrick@fws.gov). Guidance will be provided regarding monitoring options or other suggestions regarding construction timing relative to the distance the project is located to the bald eagle's nest, and according to any vegetative buffers that may be present between the nest and the construction activities.

## Clearance to Proceed

For **ALL** projects that meet the criteria described above, **NO** further coordination with the Service is necessary.

## **Additional Information**

If you have any questions, please contact Candace Martino of my staff at 904.731.3142 or by email at [Candace Martino@fws.gov](mailto:Candace.Martino@fws.gov). Our agency appreciates your cooperation in the protection of Federally-listed species in Florida.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Hankla".

David L. Hankla  
Field Supervisor

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Section 5  
Environmental  
Review Record  
(includes maps)

**Department of Community Affairs  
Environmental Assessment for HUD-funded Proposals  
Recommended format per 24 CFR 58.36, revised April 2008**



**Project Identification:**

**11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10**

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**Contract Number**

**Preparer:**

**Andy Easton, Andy Easton & Associates with  
Corbett Alday, VP/COO, Guardian CRM, Inc.**

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**Typed Name and Title**

**Responsible Entity:**

**SUMTER COUNTY**

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**Name of Local Government**

**Month/Year:**

**June 2011**

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## Environmental Assessment

Responsible Entity: SUMTER COUNTY FLORIDA  
[24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)]

Certifying Officer: Don Burgess, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
[24 CFR 58.2(a)(2)]

Project Name: Drainage Improvements to Panacoochee Retreats

Project Location: Unincorporated Sumter County Florida

Estimated total project cost: \$750,000

Grant Recipient: Sumter County Florida CFR 58.2(a)(5)]

Recipient Address: 319 East Anderson Ave., Bushnell, FL 33513

Project Representative: Scott Cottrell, Public Works Director

Telephone Number: (352) 793-0240

Conditions for Approval:

None

(List all mitigation measures adopted by the responsible entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts and other relevant documents as requirements). [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

**FINDING: [58.40(g)]**

**X Finding of No Significant Impact**

(The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment).

**\_\_\_\_ Finding of Significant Impact**

(The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment)

**Preparer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name/Title/Agency: Andy Easton, Andy Easton & Associates with  
Corbett Alday, VP/Coo, Guardian CRM, Inc.**

**RE Approving Official Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Local Government Name and Location: Don Burgess, Chair, BOCC Sumter County**

**Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal: [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]**

Panacoochee Retreats is a residential subdivision located near Lake Panasofkee in unincorporated Sumter County. The subdivision is bounded by CR 470 to the east and north, by CR 423 to the west and CR 428 to the south. The only entrance and exit ways to the subdivision are from CR 470. The subdivision suffers from severe drainage problems. During periods of even moderate rainfall, ditches and drainage retention areas overflow and streets flood. During more severe storm events the roads become impassable and flooding occurs in residential lots. The subdivision is approximately 1/2 square mile in area and is rectangular in shape. There are various holding ponds, ditches, swales and piping systems in the subdivision. One of the main drainage structures is located in the center of the subdivision. It consists of ditches, swales and culverts that extend from the eastern edge of the subdivision at CR 470 along a 25 foot easement to the western edge at CR 423. This central drainage has deteriorated over time and has been rendered inadequate for serving the drainage needs of the subdivision. The drainage system needs to be improved to reduce the flooding potential within the subdivision.

**Description of the Proposal: Include all contemplated actions, which logically are either geographically or functionally a composite part of the project, regardless of the source of funding. [24 CFR 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25]**

The CDBG primary activities to be undertaken (Met Needs) include the installation of 1,400 LF of underground 24"-36" concrete piping with the associated inlets, ditches and swales and driveway crossings in the right of way of CR 426E, CR 423 and CR 429. This system along with the reshaping of the ditch system in the other portions of the subdivision will provide relief to the drainage system that extends from CR 470 to the east to CR 423 to the west. The proposed system requires that CR 429, CR 426E and CR 423 be rebuilt as complimentary activities to achieve the needed elevations to allow for the gravity-driven flow of storm water from the area. Met needs also include repaving approximately 50% of the streets within the project area.

If funds are available after the Met Needs are accomplished, the County will address Future Needs which include repaving and ditch improvements to the remaining streets in the subdivision.

**Existing Conditions and Trends: Describe the existing conditions of the project area and its surroundings and trends likely to continue in the absence of the project. [24 CFR 58.40(a)]**

The percentage of residents in Sumter County living at or below the poverty level increased from 13.4% in 2000 to 15.6% in 2009. With the general malaise of the economy, the County has seen a continuing decline in revenues, with no significant increase projected in the near future. Without the CDBG funds, the County would not be able to provide the needed drainage and repaving improvements to the Panacoochee Retreats subdivision and the potential for hazardous flood conditions would remain.

**STATUTORY WORKSHEET**  
**24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6**  
**STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS & REGULATIONS**

**PROJECT NAME and DESCRIPTION** - Include all contemplated actions that logically are either geographically or functionally part of the project:

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If funds are available after the Met Needs are accomplished, the County will address Future Needs which include repaving and ditch improvements to the remaining streets in the subdivision.

**DIRECTIONS** - Write "A" in the Status Column when the proposal, by its scope and nature, does not affect the resources under consideration; or write "B" if the project triggers formal compliance consultation procedures with the oversight agency, or requires mitigation (see Statutory Worksheet Instructions). Compliance documentation must contain verifiable source documents and relevant base data.

**Compliance Factors:**

**STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §58.5**

A/B

**COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b> 36 CFR PART 800	A	No significant impact. Clearinghouse comments include Historic Preservation Office. CDBG Work is limited to public R/W (Right of Way). No historic value.
<b>FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT</b> 24 CFR §55 & EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988	B	No significant impact. Project is in the 100-year flood plain. Early Notice Provided and Public input requested. Construction is limited to public R/W and easements. All construction will be properly permitted. FIRM Maps provided.
<b>WETLAND PROTECTION</b> EXECUTIVE ORDER 11990	A	No significant impact. See Wetlands map. Agency comments requested.

<b>COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT</b> SECTIONS 307(c) & (d)	A	No significant impact. See location maps. Project is not in a Coastal Zone.
<b>SOLE SOURCE AQUIFERS</b> 40 CFR 149	A	No significant impact. Clearinghouse and Planning Council Comments. Site does not lie within either of two (2) sole source aquifers in Florida. See location and aquifer maps.
<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT</b> 50 CFR 402	A	No significant impact. NWI maps provided. Agency was contacted by letter for comments.
<b>WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT</b> SECTIONS 7(b) & (c)	A	No significant impact. There are only two in Florida; neither in the vicinity. See Location Map.
<b>CLEAN AIR ACT</b> SECTIONS 176(c)(d) & 40 CFR 6, 51, 93	A	No significant impact. Documentation being sent to EPA. See location map.
<b>FARMLANDS PROTECTION POLICY ACT</b> 7 CFR 658	A	No significant impact. No farmland in vicinity. See maps, clearinghouse comments. All work will occur in the R/W or easement.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b> EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898	A	No significant impact. Construction will occur in right of way and no habitat will be impacted.
<b>NOISE ABATEMENT &amp; CONTROL</b> 24 CFR §51B	A	No significant impact. Construction will be limited to normal working hours. No cumulative increase after construction is complete. See location map.
<b>EXPLOSIVE &amp; FLAMMABLE OPERATIONS</b> 24 CFR 51C	A	No significant impact. No hazardous materials in area. See EPA map.
<b>HAZARDOUS, TOXIC OR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS &amp; SUBSTANCES</b> 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)	A	No significant impact. No hazardous materials in area. See EPA map.
<b>AIRPORT CLEAR ZONES &amp; ACCIDENT POTENTIAL ZONES</b> 24 CFR 51D	A	No significant impact. No airports in the vicinity (1.5 miles away). See location maps.

## NEPA Environmental Assessment Checklist

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR §58.40; Ref. 40 CFR §1508.8 & §1508.27]

Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a determination of impact. Impact Codes: (1) - No impact anticipated; (2) - Potentially beneficial; (3) - Potentially adverse; (4) - Requires mitigation; (5) - Requires project modification. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions or mitigation measures required.

Land Development	Code	Source or Documentation
Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning	1	<b>Clearinghouse and Planning Council comments. Improvements to existing public R/W and properly-zoned site.</b>
Compatibility and Urban Impact	1	<b>Documentation submitted to State Clearinghouse and Regional Planning Council for comments. CDBG drainage and repaving improvements are being made in public R/W in a properly-zoned and permitted site. See Location maps.</b>
Slope	1	<b>Documentation submitted to State Clearinghouse and Regional Planning Council for comments. Construction will be properly permitted and in the Right of Way. See Location maps.</b>
Erosion	1	<b>Documentation submitted to State Clearinghouse and Regional Planning Council for comments. Construction will be properly permitted and in the Right of Way. See Location maps.</b>
Soil Suitability	1	<b>See Soils maps and Soils Descriptions. Soils are poorly drained. Drainage improvements will help alleviate flooding problems caused by poor soil drainage.</b>
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety	2	<b>CDBG drainage and repaving improvements will alleviate severe flooding in the Panacoochee Retreats subdivision. Documentation submitted to State Clearinghouse and Regional Planning Council for comments. See Location maps.</b>
Energy Consumption	1	<b><u>Observation.</u> Construction will not result in a net increase in energy consumption.</b>
<b>Noise -</b> Contribution to Community Noise Levels	1	<b><u>Observation.</u> Noise levels from trucks and equipment during construction will be minimal and limited to daylight working hours. Upon completion the project will have no impact on ambient noise levels.</b>
<b>Air Quality -</b> Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels	1	<b><u>Observation.</u> No significant air emissions occur from this type of construction.</b>
<b>Environmental Design -</b> Visual Quality - Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale	1	<b><u>Observation.</u> No impacts to area quality. The project requires permitting and plan reviews.</b>

Socioeconomic	Code	Source or Documentation
Demographic Character Changes	1	<u>None.</u> No demographic changes will take place. Existing residential neighborhoods will benefit from improved drainage.
Displacement	1	<u>None.</u> No displacement will take place.
Employment and Income Patterns	1	<u>None.</u> Incidental employment will occur from construction, but patterns and trends largely unaffected for neighborhood revitalization project. Observation.

Community Facilities and Services	Code	Source or Documentation
Educational Facilities	1	None. Observation. Improvements in drainage will not affect local educational facilities.
Commercial Facilities	1	None. Observation. Improvements in drainage will not benefit apartment complexes.
Health Care	1	None. Observation. Improvements will not affect local healthcare facilities.
Social Services	1	None. Observation. Improvements in drainage will not affect social service facilities.
Solid Waste	1	None. Observation. None. Observation. Improvements in drainage will not affect solid waste capacity.
Waste Water	1	None. Observation. Improvements in drainage will not affect waste water treatment capacity.
Storm Water	2	This project will make significant improvements to stormwater drainage facilities as described in the CDBG grant application. The project will mitigate flooding that occurs during periods of inclement weather.
Water Supply	1	None. Observation. Improvements will protect water supply with water quality.

Community Facilities and Services	Code	Source or Documentation
Public Safety - Police	1	None. Observation. Calls for service will not be impacted during construction or by infrastructure improvements.
- Fire	1	None. Observation. No fire facilities or services involved.
- Emergency Medical	1	None. Observation. Calls for service will not be impacted during construction or by infrastructure improvements.
Open Space and Recreation - Open Space	1	None. Observation. Project areas are in the R/W. No negative Clearinghouse or Planning Council comments.
- Recreation	1	None. Observation. Project areas are in the R/W. No negative Clearinghouse or Planning Council comments.
- Cultural Facilities	1	None. Observation. Project areas are in the R/W. No negative Clearinghouse or Planning Council comments.
Transportation	2	The repaving to take place as a result of this project will result in a significant improvement to streets and roads in the project area.

<b>Natural Features</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Source or Documentation</b>
Water Resources	2	The drainage improvements will help prevent untreated storm water from contaminating ground water.
Surface Water	2	The drainage improvements will help prevent untreated storm water from contaminating surface waters.
Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands	1	None. Observation. Project areas are in the R/W. No negative Clearinghouse comments.
Vegetation and Wildlife	1	None. Observation. Project areas are in the R/W. No negative Clearinghouse comments.

## **Summary of Findings and Conclusions**

### **ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION**

**Alternatives and Project Modifications Considered [24 CFR §58.40(e), Ref. 40 CFR §1508.9] (Identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it.)**

Other design considerations such as elevating all streets within the subdivision and including curb and gutter to all streets would be too expensive to implement and therefore would not be feasible. Also, the level of flooding protection would not be significantly higher than what is proposed in the ÇDBG grant application.

#### **No Action Alternative [24 CFR §58.40(e)]**

**(Discuss the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of not implementing the preferred alternative).**

The no action alternative would allow the potential for flooding to remain and the area would continue to be susceptible to health and safety risks due to flooding.

#### **Mitigation Measures Recommended [24 CFR §58.40(d), 40 CFR §1508.20]**

**(Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or its external factors should be modified in order to minimize adverse environmental impacts and restore or enhance environmental quality.)**

None. Comments on potential impacts to floodplain have been requested. Construction will be in public right of way. All construction will be properly permitted.

**Additional Studies Performed**

(Attach studies or summaries)

NONE

**Sources**

<b>Maps:</b>	<b>Agencies:</b>	
Wild and Scenic Rivers Map	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	US EPA
Flood Hazard maps	FEMA	FDEP
Sole Source Aquifer map	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	Bureau of Historic Preservation
FEMA Floodplain Map	SFWMD	WRPC
US EPA Enviromapper	U.S. Department of Agriculture	SWFWMD
Fish and Wildlife Wetlands map	Florida DCA	Wildwood Local Government Comprehensive Plan

## Compliance Documentation Checklist Other Requirements at 24 CFR 58.6

Grant Recipient: Sumter County Florida

Project Name: Drainage Improvements to Panacoochee Retreats Subdivision

Project Description (Include all actions which are either geographically or functionally related):

CDBG activities to be undertaken include the installation of 1,400 LF of underground 24"-36" concrete piping with the associated inlets, ditches and swales and driveway crossings in the right of way of CR 426E, CR 423 and CR 429 (\$499,376). This system along with the reshaping of the ditch system in the other portions of the subdivision will provide relief to the drainage system that extends from CR 470 to the east to CR 423 to the west. The proposed system requires that CR 429 (one of the roads subject to flooding), CR 426E and CR 423 be rebuilt as complimentary activities to achieve the needed elevations to allow for the gravity-driven flow of storm water from the area.

All streets in the subdivision are candidates for repaving and ditch improvements either as future need or met need. The budget allows for a total of 21,828 square yards of asphalt to be used for repaving (\$174,624).

Grant Administration (\$43,000) and Engineering (\$33,000). Should there be remaining funds after addressing the met needs, future needs to include additional repaving will be provided to the streets within the subdivision.

STATUTES and REGULATIONS listed at 24 CFR 58.6

### ***FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT – [Flood Insurance - §58.6(a)]***

1. Does the project involve acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of structures located in a FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard?

No; Source Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes; Source Documentation: FIRM Flood map Included \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)?

Yes (Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file).

No (Federal assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Hazards Area).

**COASTAL BARRIERS RESOURCES ACT - [Coastal Barrier Improvement Act - §58.6(c)]**

1. Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area?

No; Source Documentation: Clearinghouse Letter, Maps.  
(This element is completed).

Yes - Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.

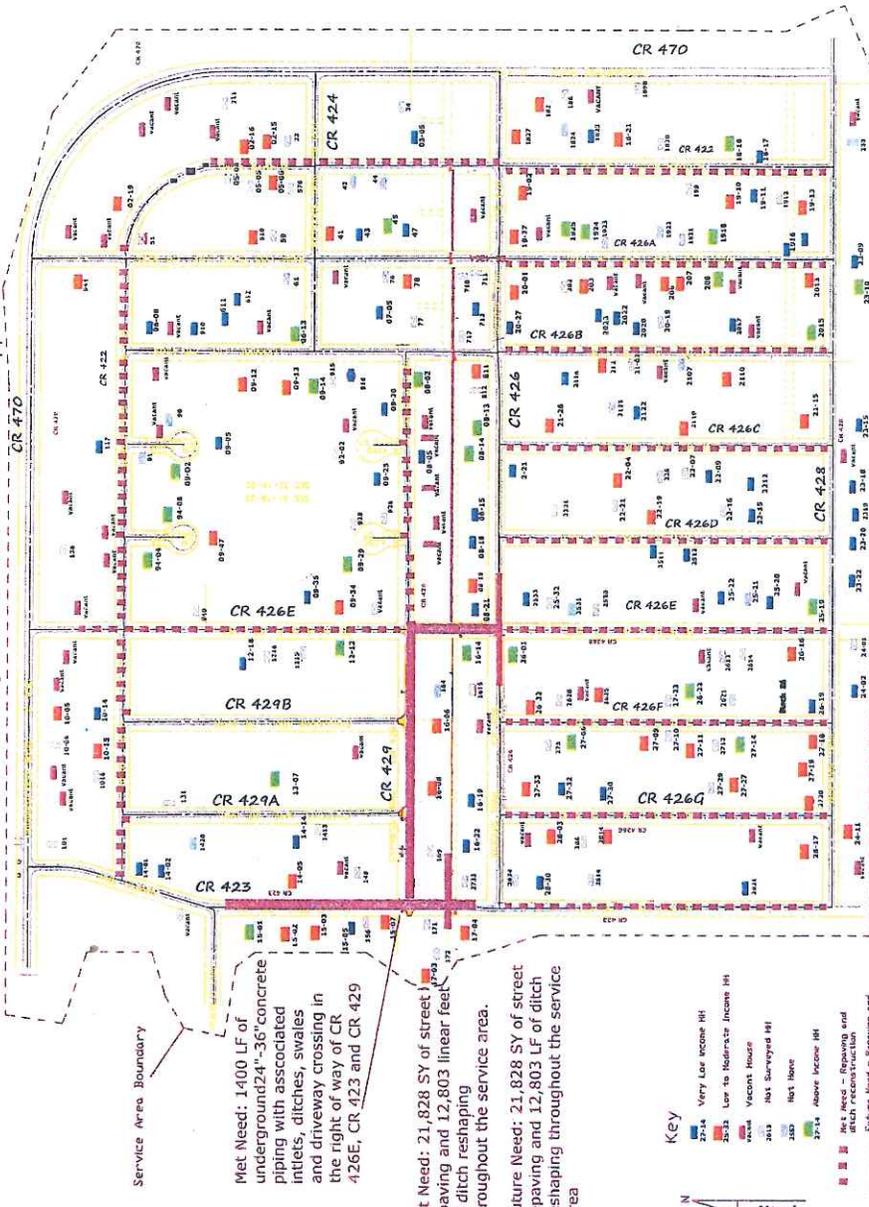
**AIRPORT RUNWAY CLEAR ZONES AND CLEAR ZONES DISCLOSURES - [§58.6(d)]**

1. Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of existing property within a Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone or a Military Installation's Clear Zone?

No; Source Documentation: Clearinghouse Letter, Maps.  
Project complies with 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3).

Yes; Disclosure statement must be provided to the buyer and a copy of the signed disclosure must be maintained in this Environmental Review Record.

Sumter County CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application



Service Area Boundary

Met Need: 1400 LF of underground 24"-36" concrete piping with associated inlets, ditches, swales and driveway crossing in the right of way of CR 426E, CR 423 and CR 429

Met Need: 21,828 SY of street repaving and 12,803 linear feet of ditch reshaping throughout the service area.

Future Need: 21,828 SY of street repaving and 12,803 LF of ditch reshaping throughout the service area

Key

- 220-54 Very Low Income HI
- 220-53 Low to Moderate Income HI
- 220-52 Vacant House
- 220-51 Not Surveyed HI
- 220-50 Not Home
- 220-49 Above Income HI
- 220-48 Not Need - Repaving and ditch reconstruction
- 220-47 Future Need - Repaving and ditch reconstruction







# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory

Jun 8, 2011



## Wetlands

- Freshwater Emergent
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub
- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Riverine
- Other

## Riparian

- Herbaceous
- Forested/Shrub

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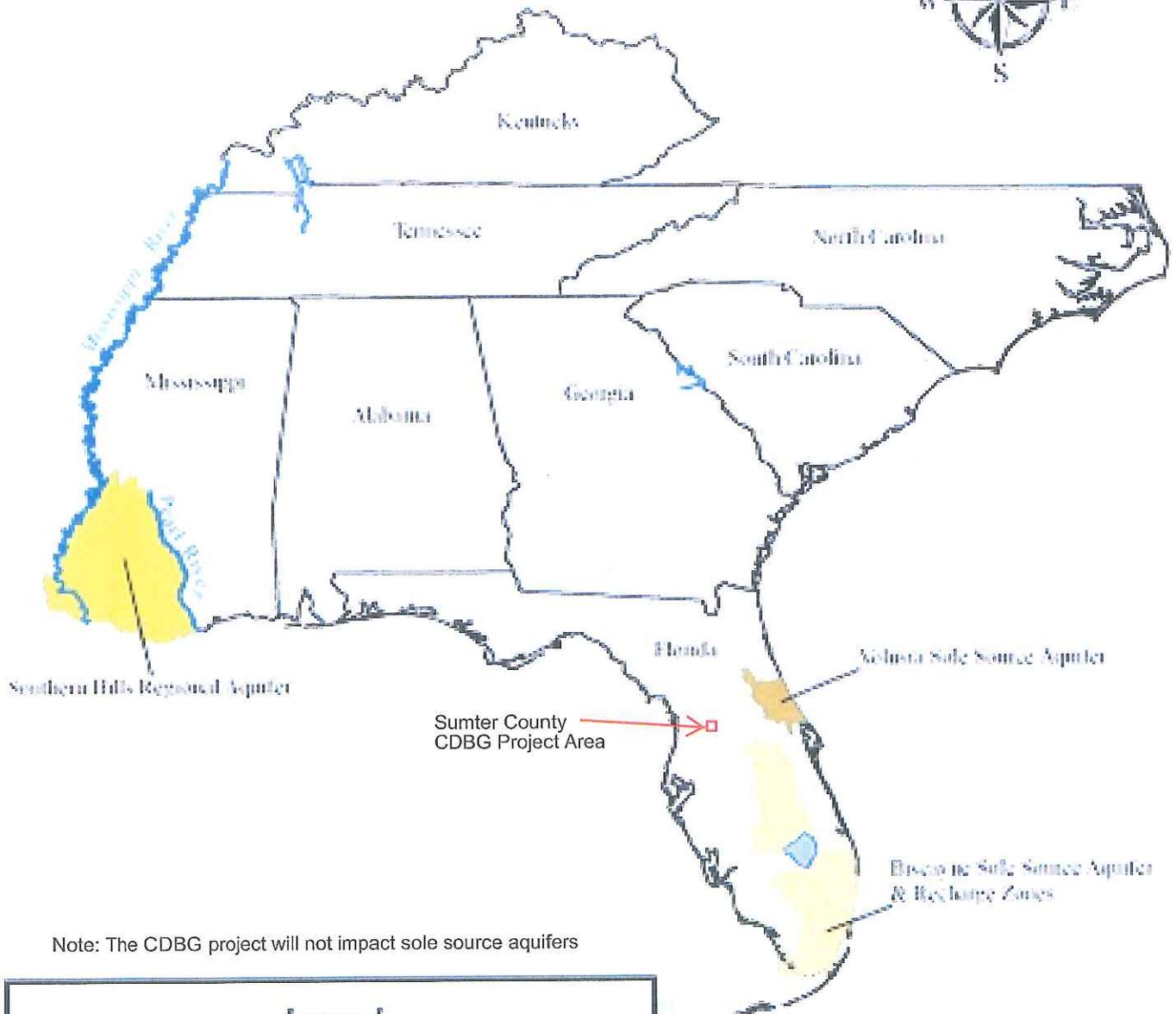
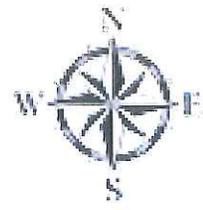
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CDBG Service Area Boundary

### User Remarks:

Note: the proposed drainage and repaving improvements will be located in established ROW that is already being used for street and drainage activities. The CDBG project will not have an adverse impact on wetlands.



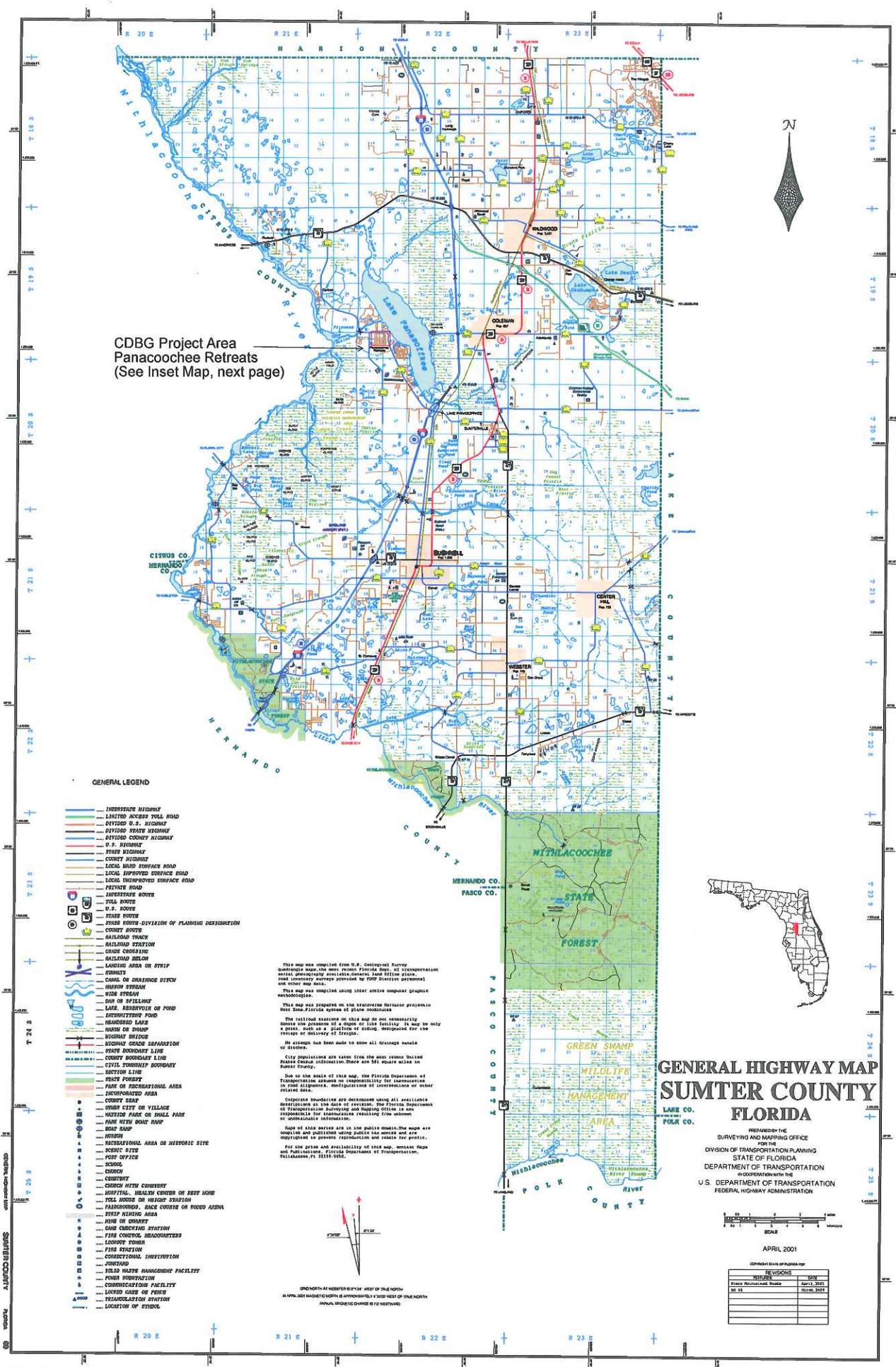
Note: The CDBG project will not impact sole source aquifers

**Legend**

-  Biscayne Sole Source Aquifer & Recharge Zones
-  Southern Hills Regional Aquifer System
-  Volusia Sole Source Aquifer
-  Rivers
-  Lake Okeechobee
-  Counties
-  State Boundary



*\*Sole Source Aquifers and Recharge Zones are approximate*



CDBG Project Area  
Panacoochee Retreats  
(See Inset Map, next page)

- GENERAL LEGEND**
- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
  - LIMITED ACCESS TOLL ROAD
  - DIVIDED U.S. HIGHWAY
  - DIVIDED STATE HIGHWAY
  - DIVIDED COUNTY HIGHWAY
  - U.S. HIGHWAY
  - STATE HIGHWAY
  - COUNTY HIGHWAY
  - LOCAL ROAD SURFACE ROAD
  - LOCAL IMPROVED SURFACE ROAD
  - FEATHER ROAD
  - INTERSTATE BRIDGE
  - TOLL BRIDGE
  - STATE ROUTE
  - STATE ROUTE-DIVISION OF FLORIDA DESIGNATION
  - RAILROAD TRACK
  - RAILROAD STATION
  - CRACK CROSSING
  - RAILROAD BELOW
  - LANDING AREA OR STRIP
  - RESULTS
  - CANAL OR DRAINAGE DITCH
  - RIVER STRAIN
  - RIDGE STRAIN
  - DAM OR SPILLWAY
  - LAKE, RESERVOIR OR POND
  - INTERMITTENT POND
  - WATERWAY
  - WASH OR SWAMP
  - HIGHWAY BRIDGE
  - SIGNIFY CROSS SEPARATION
  - STATE BOUNDARY LINE
  - COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE
  - SECTION LINE
  - TRACT PROPERTY
  - PAVE OR DESIGNATED AREA
  - UNINCORPORATED AREA
  - COUNTY SEAT
  - OTHER CITY OR VILLAGE
  - HOTSPOT PARK OR SHALL PARK
  - PAVE NEW ROAD RAMP
  - ROAD RAMP
  - ROADWAY
  - RECREATIONAL AREA OR HISTORIC SITE
  - SCENIC SITE
  - POST OFFICE
  - SCHOOL
  - CHURCH
  - COURTNEY
  - CHURCH WITH CONGREGATION
  - HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER OR REST HOME
  - TOLL HOUSE OR REST STOP
  - PARADISE, RACE COURSE OR RODEO AREA
  - TRUCK TRAILING AREA
  - RAVE OR DRIVEWAY
  - CAMP CHECKING STATION
  - FIRE CONTROL HEADQUARTERS
  - LOOKOUT TOWER
  - FIRE STATION
  - CONVENTIONAL EMERGENCY
  - VIEWTARD
  - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY
  - POWER SUBSTATION
  - COMMUNICATION FACILITY
  - LOCKED GATE OR FENCE
  - RECREATION STATION
  - LOCATION OF STREAM

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SUMTER COUNTY  
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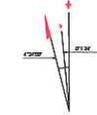
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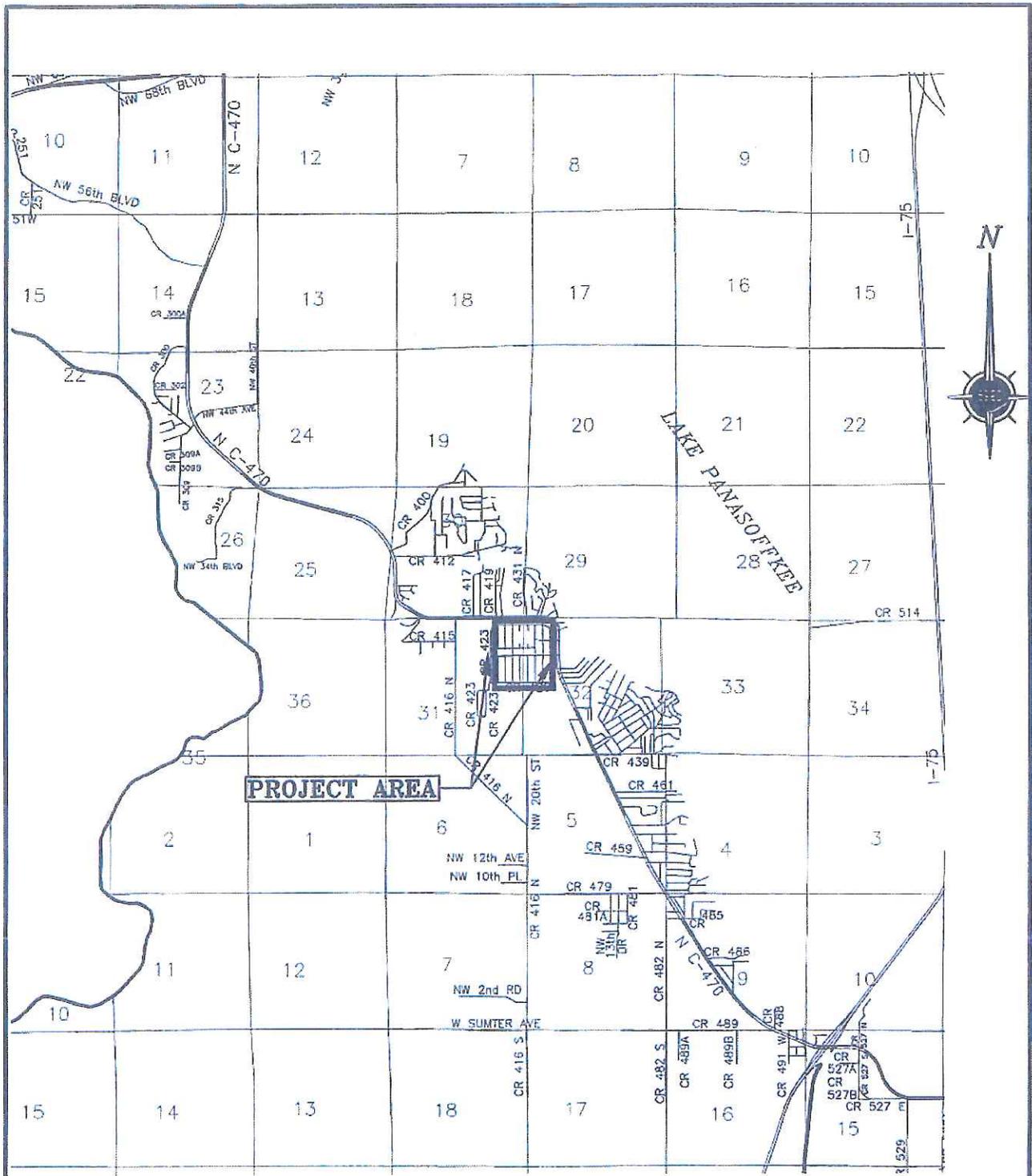
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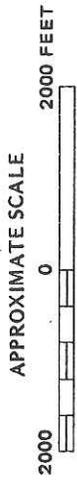
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Inset Map  
 CDBG Project Area  
 Panacoochee Retreats


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 Surveyors  
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**S.C.B.C.C.**  
**PANACOOCHEE RETREATS**  
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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM**  
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

SUMTER COUNTY,  
FLORIDA  
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

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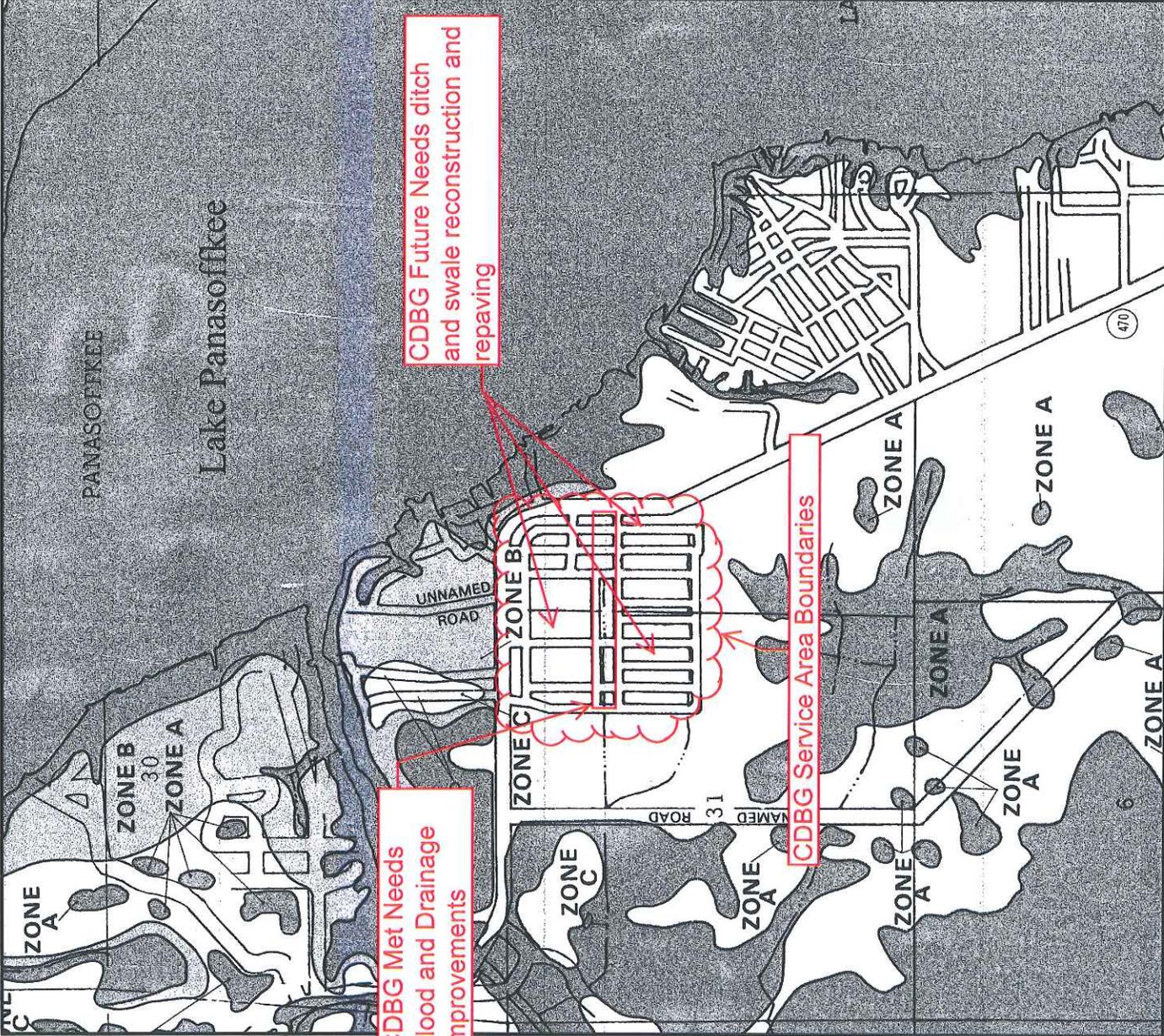
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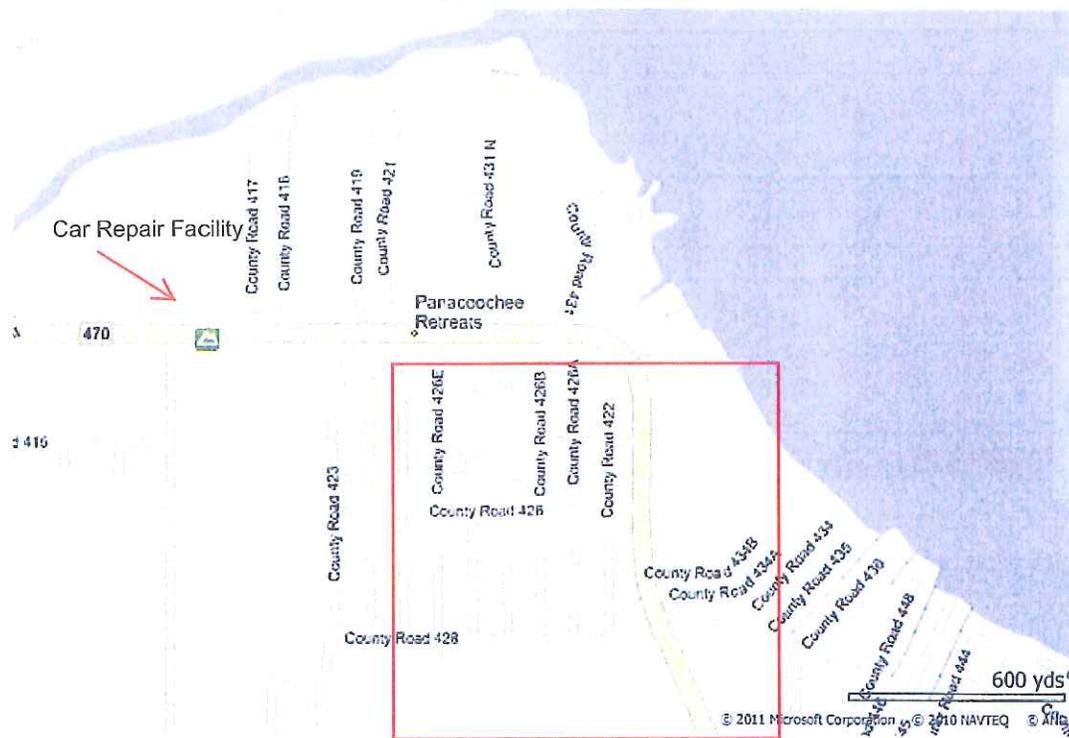


CDBG Met Needs  
Flood and Drainage  
Improvements

CDBG Future Needs ditch  
and swale reconstruction and  
repaving

CDBG Service Area Boundaries

**Panacoochee Retreats**



**Media: Land**  
 Single facility  
 Facility cluster

CDBG Project Area. A car repair facility is located near the project area, but it will have no impact on the CDBG funded repaving and drainage improvements,

Facility Name/Address: **CERTIFIED AUTO REPAIR**  
 3018 N C 470  
 LAKE PANASOFFKEE, FL 33538

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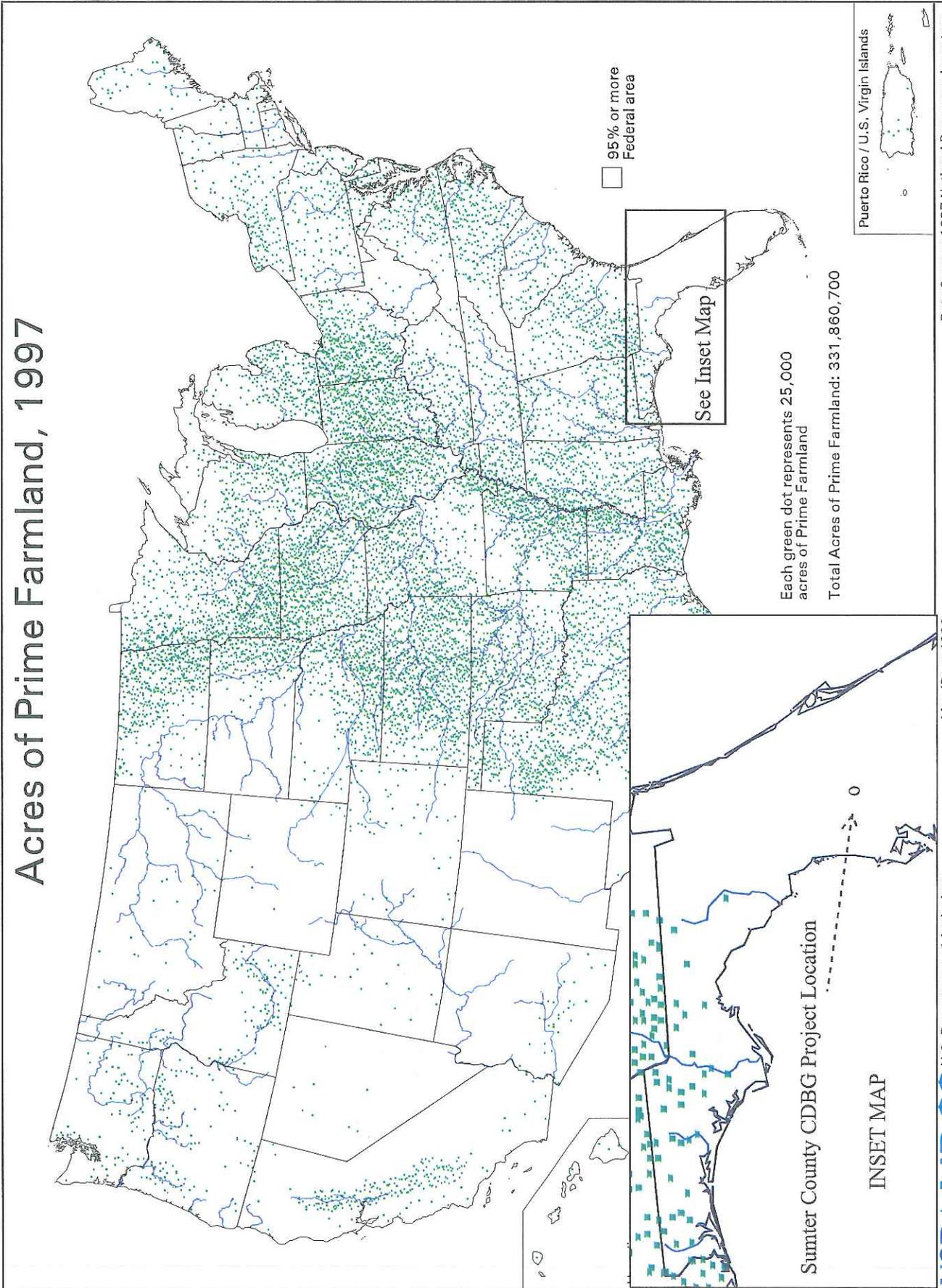
**Location of Airports and Runways near the CDBG Project Area  
Panacoochee Retreats, Sumter County, Florida**

Note: The following excerpt from the FDOT County Map (Sumter County) shows that a small private airport is in the near vicinity of the CDBG project area. However, due to the small size of the airport, there will be no impacts as a result of this CDBG project.



Note: Due to its location, the Sumter County CDBG project will have no impact on Prime Farmland.

# Acres of Prime Farmland, 1997



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 Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 Resource Assessment Division  
 Washington DC January 2001

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# Section 6

# Certification of

# Exemption

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**Certification of Exemption for HUD funded projects**  
 Determination of activities listed at 24 CFR 58.34(a)  
 May be subject to provisions of Sec 58.6, as applicable

Grant Recipient: **Sumter County** Contract Number **11DB-T3-05-70-01-N10** Activity/Project Description  
 (Include all actions which are either geographically or functionally related):

**Grant Administration**

Location: **Sumter County Florida**  
 Funding Source: **CDBG X** CDBG/Disaster Recovery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funding Amount: **\$750,000 (\$43,000 admin) (\$33,000 Engineering)** Activity Number(s):  
**Administration 3, Engineering, 8.**

**I hereby certify that the abovementioned project has been reviewed and determined an Exempt activity per 24 CFR 58.34(a) as follows:**

	1. Environmental & other studies, resource identification & the development of plans & strategies;
	2. Information and financial services;
<b>X</b>	3. Administrative and management activities;
	4. Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
	5. Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
	6. Purchase of insurance;
	7. Purchase of tools;
<b>X</b>	8. Engineering or design costs;
	9. Technical assistance and training;
	10. Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration; <i>{Documentation of Compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.6 required}</i>
	11. Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD;
	12. Any of the categorical exclusions listed in Sec. 58.35(a) provided that there are no circumstances that require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in Section 58.5. <i>{Documentation of Compliance with 24 CFR Part 58.6 required}</i>

If your project falls into any of the above categories, a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (HUD form 7015.15) is not required. This Certification must be acknowledged by DCA before funds can be expended. The responsible entity must maintain a copy of all documents related to the environmental review undertaken under this part for each activity or project. If compliance with 24 CFR 58.6 is required, appropriate documentation must be submitted with this Certification of Exemption. By signing below the Responsible Entity certifies in writing that each activity or project is exempt and meets the conditions specified for such exemption under section 24 CFR 58.34(a). Please keep a copy of this determination in your project files.

**Don Burgess**  
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 Responsible Entity Certifying Official Name  
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**Chairman, BOCC**  
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