

## Berg, Carley

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**From:** Arnold, Bradley  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** Berg, Carley  
**Subject:** RE: J08-081

Carley,

Provided the property owner provided consent, proceed with making the corrections as our test project for addressing the balance of the known split zoning/split FLUM designations.

Bradley

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**Subject:** J08-081

Mr. Arnold:

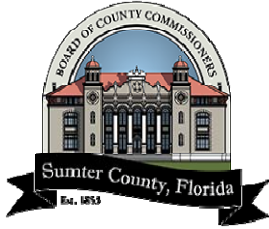
I am recommending that the County initiate for Parcel J08-081, a future land use amendment and zoning change due to split zoning and the need to support the current Agribusiness.

74 acres MOL will change future land use from Rural Residential to Agriculture.

200 acres MOL will be rezoned from RR5C and R2C to A10C.

Please provide your direction for the planning action described above.

Thank you,  
Carley



## Carley Berg

Planner

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**From:** Russell, Kristy  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:49 PM  
**To:** 'Kris Govindadas'  
**Cc:** Berg, Carley; Arnold, Bradley; Laura Miller  
**Subject:** RE: J08-081 Land Use update : Splenda Stevia Farms

Thanks Kris. We will proceed with the application process. I will reach out if anything else is required.

Kristy

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**Subject:** RE: J08-081 Land Use update : Splenda Stevia Farms

Kristy,

I discussed your recommendation to convert the zoning to single use agricultural zoning. Given this aligns with the county administration plan to convert multiple use to single use, we agree that going forward this would be in the best interest of our continued farming operations. We are very conscious of maintaining community relationships as well as with local and state may administrations. Please advise us if this conversion to single use creates any issues.

We greatly appreciate the support of the county administration and council in enabling Splenda Farms to bring this amazing facility to life. As discussed, as our Lake Pan farm becomes operational, we are already planning to expand our farming operations, educate farmers and make Stevia the next big crop for Florida.

Feel free to call anything as required.

Best Regards,

Kris

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**Subject:** J08-081 Land Use update

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Kris,

Thank you for reaching out. The Code Enforcement case has been closed. As we discussed Heartland’s parcel currently has a split zoning. The current zonings are:

RR5C	Low Density Rural Residential with Conventional Housing
R2C	Low Density Residential with Conventional Housing

with split future land use Ag and Rural Residential (Please see attached).

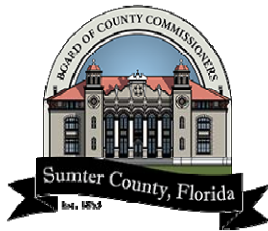
The determination of Right to Farm could be challenged from issues within the yellow area, as the FLU is Residential. We can submit a rezoning application to change current land use and FLU to Ag with your consent. This can be in email form. Please note that surrounding property owners will be notified of the intent to change land use. The change will solidify the parcels complete Ag zoning for the operational uses.

Let me know if you have questions and if you wish to proceed.

I would love to visit the property. Let me know if it is more convenient to come out next week when you are there or May 2<sup>nd</sup> during Congressman Webster’s visit.

Regards,

Kristy



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