

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2009

Date Submitted: May 29, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Lynn Artz, County Commissioner, District 5

Subject: Request Board Approval of Enclosure for TRIM Notice Mailing to Over-Platted Subdivisions

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to enclose the attached information as part of TRIM notice mailings in August to the property owners of record within five over-platted subdivisions.

Background/Description:

Wakulla County has five over-platted subdivisions: Wakulla Gardens, Magnolia Gardens, Greiner's Addition, Lake Ellen Estates, and Panacea Park. At a workshop on April 20, Commissioner Artz described alternatives to the proposed development (as platted) of excessively platted subdivisions. One recommended strategy was land consolidation through land donations, lot mergers, and such. Land donations could help the county acquire parcels to trade later for parcels needed for stormwater facilities and parks. Lot mergers would help to a) reduce impervious surface and stormwater runoff, and b) reduce density, reduce traffic congestion, and improve quality of life for residents.

Commissioner Artz proposed enclosing information about how to donate and consolidate property with TRIM Notice mailings to property owners within the county's over-platted subdivisions. The Board indicated its willingness to consider such a mailing but wanted to see it first.

In August, the Property Appraiser is willing to include an enclosure with TRIM notices to property owners in over-platted subdivisions. The Director of Planning and Zoning suggested having a county webpage with information specific to pre-platted subdivisions that could include relevant updates (e.g., stormwater studies, sewer plans) as well as more detailed information related to the mailing.

Analysis:

Mailing the proposed enclosure with TRIM notices is feasible and may yield substantial benefits.

Options:

1. Approve the proposed enclosure for TRIM Notice mailing to over-platted subdivisions.
2. Do not approve the proposed enclosure for TRIM Notice mailing to over-platted subdivisions.
3. Board direction

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment(s):

1. Draft enclosure