

November 29, 2018

Mr. Ray Eubanks  
Plans Processing Administrator  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)  
Bureau of Comprehensive Planning  
State Land Planning Agency  
107 East Madison – MSC 160  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120

RE: Transmittal of the Adopted Village of Virginia Gardens EAR-Based Amendments and Capital Improvements Element Update (Village of Virginia Gardens 17-2ER)

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

Enclosed please find one printed copy and two electronic copies of the adopted Village of Virginia Gardens EAR-Based Amendments and the Capital Improvement Element Updates. The amendments including the adopting Ordinance 361 were previously sent to the Department on June 18, 2018; However, this transmittal letter was not provided in that package. Please accept this letter to complete the transmittal package so that the adopted amendments can be processed.

Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, requires that a governing body amend its comprehensive plan based on amendments to growth management legislation that has been adopted since 2009, the date the last EAR-Based Amendments were adopted. The Village evaluated its comprehensive plan and submitted a Letter of Determination to the DEO on August 1, 2016. Based on the evaluation, the Village determined that amendments to the comprehensive plan were required.

The Virginia Gardens EAR-Based Amendments consist largely of text amendments that were stated in the Letter of Determination. Additionally, the amendments include updates to the Future Land Use Map to adopt a new long-term planning horizon date for the Village. All amendments proposed have been adopted.

The Village of Virginia Gardens is not located in an area of critical state concern such as: Orange, Lake or Seminole Counties; and, the Wekiva River Protection Area. These amendments are not proposed to be adopted under a joint planning agreement. Complete copies of this application package have been forwarded to all required review agencies as listed below on the same day this letter was mailed.

The Village Council held a public hearing on June 15, 2017, and recommended transmittal of the proposed amendment to the DEO for preliminary review. The DEO issued the Objection, Recommendations, and Comments (ORC) Report on September 15, 2017. The amendment package was revised in accordance to the recommendations from the ORC Report and adopted by the Village Council at a public hearing on September 21, 2017.

Please contact the Village's consultant if you have any questions or need additional information:

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Plan Review, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Shereen Yee Fong, Florida Department of Transportation, District Six

Attachments