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Mr. Ray Eubanks, Plans Processing Administrator
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RE: Amendment No. 19-01ESR

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

On behalf of the Town of Cutler Bay, please accept the enclosed copy of the adopted ordinance approving the above-referenced amendment of the Town’s Growth Management Plan (GMP) Future Land Use Map.

The first reading of the amendment ordinance took place on November 20, 2019. Thereafter, as you are aware, the Town submitted the proposed ordinance and the corresponding amendment application package to the reviewing agencies. The backup documentation has not changed since that time and is therefore not being resubmitted. There are not additional changes or findings that have not been reviewed by DEO.

Following the submittal for review of the proposed amendment package on November 25th, 2019, the Town received two comments and recommendations from the South Florida Water Management District (which owns most of the land in question). The Town addressed the District’s comments as follows:

1. “Revise Future Land Use Element Table FLU-1 and the conservation protection policies in the Future Land Use and Conservation Elements to include the types of activities and development that are allowed in the Conservation Land Use Category to assist in maintaining and protecting the designated Conservation areas”: The recommended text amendments will be incorporated into the Town’s imminent comprehensive update of its Growth Management Plan.

2. “Coordinate all changes in land use designation for properties owned by the District with the District’s Real Estate Section. Please contact Ray Palmer, Real Estate Leasing and Support Section at (561) 682-2246 or rpalmer@sfwmd.gov”: On January 6th, 2020, our consultant Silvia E. Vargas, AICP personally called Mr. Palmer, informed him of the proposed amendment, and immediately after emailed to him a copy of the amendment application package.
If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (305) 234-4262 or rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov.

Sincerely,

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