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News You Can Use

SARASOTA COUNTY ASKS RESIDENTS TO 'KNOW YOUR ZONE' PRIOR TO HURRICANE SEASON

Residents and visitors are encouraged to "know your zone" by checking the updated 2017 evacuation zone map now available online in preparation for the 2017 hurricane season.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management recently provided Sarasota County with an updated Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model from the National Hurricane Center. Sarasota County Emergency Management, in coordination with its municipal partners, reviewed the new SLOSH model and created the new evacuation zones for the 2017 evacuation zone map.

Tropical storms and hurricanes produce strong winds that push seawater ashore, creating deadly storm surge. Storm surge inundation describes the height of water above ground level. In Sarasota County, storm surge inundation is communicated through ranges of heights known as hurricane evacuation zones.

Hurricane evacuation zones are classified using letters A through E, with areas not within a hurricane evacuation level being declared, "outside of the evacuation area," or N/A. Storm surge inundation heights range from ground level up to 32 feet. Evacuation Zone A is considered to be "lower" than Evacuation Zone E.

Residents and visitors can learn about storm surge and hurricane evacuation zones by visiting the "All Hazards" page on the county's website, www.scgov.net by looking under Emergency Services. Once there, click on the "Evacuation Zones" tab.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000.



CODE RED – CALL TEST SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7TH

What is CodeRED? CodeRED is a free and secure advanced emergency messaging system that allows you to receive calls, email alerts or text messages about events that could impact your neighborhood, family and property such as water sewer service interruptions, missing person alerts, major traffic detours. Register by visiting www.scgov.net, for more information call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about CodeRED.



PAW PARK UPDATE- SEE ATTACHED



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Did You Know?

PALMER RANCH GROUNDS – PLANTS

Have you ever wanted to know about the plants we have on the ranch? For more information, visit the Grounds section of our website: www.PalmerRanch.net. Here's a preview of what you'll read about:

Minima Jasmine	Mammy Croton
Parsoni Juniper	Loropetalum
Elaeagnus	Podocarpus
Cocoplum	Dwarf Confederate Jasmine
Variegated & Standard Arboricola	Society Garlic
Burford Holly	Coral Creeper
Foxtail Fern	Sweet Potato Vine
Knock Out Roses	Flax Lily
White African Lily	Crinum Lily
Gold Mound Duranta	

Artists of Palmer Ranch, Featured Artist – Jean Saccoccio



Jean Saccoccio has been a permanent resident of Sarasota since 1995. For years, she had designed and sewn or knitted all clothes for her family and herself. About 25 years into her marriage she decided to take some art lessons with a decorative artist. Jean studied with several national teachers and learned different techniques. Jean taught and produced her craft for 20 years. Upon retirement and our permanent move to Sarasota, she decided to take some classes in fine arts, thus her education continued at ACE (SCTI). Starting with acrylics and after 4 years, she has broadened her horizon by trying Watercolors. Jean joined the Florida Watercolor Society and had her first gallery presentation last year at Ringling College.





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Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week's photo is of a Pileated Woodpecker seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*.

A big, dashing bird with a flaming crest, the largest woodpecker in North America (except the Ivory-bill, which is almost certainly extinct). Excavating deep into rotten wood to get at the nests of carpenter ants, the Pileated leaves characteristic rectangular holes in dead trees. This species became rare in eastern North America with clearing of forests in centuries past, but has gradually increased in numbers again since about the beginning of the 20th century. Where unmolested, it even lives in parks and woodlots around the edges of large cities.

We would like to encourage you to send in your photos of birds seen on Palmer Ranch to feature in future newsletters. If you've pictures you'd like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at carrie@palmerranch.net. Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.



Photo credit: Fred Brisky

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From our Natural Assets Partners



NEW PASS CLEAN UP EVENT

Sarasota Bay Watch is partnering with the City of Sarasota and the Sarasota Police Department Dive Team.

Who: Certified divers, kayakers, and ‘topside’ volunteers on the piers.

What: A cleanup of the fishing piers of Ken Thompson Park and New Pass, above and below the water

When: June 3, 2017. Registration at 8:00am

Where: Ken Thompson Park Fishing Piers

Why: This is the first ‘cleaning’ of the public piers. Removing marine debris and lost fishing gear will reduce bird and marine animal entanglement and ghost fishing while maintaining a healthy habitat and fishing environment for everyone. Sarasota Bay Watch collects data from recovered fishing gear and shares this information with NOAA and Ocean Conservancy to determine marine debris hot spots, fishing impact, and entanglement dangers.

How: Registration is required for divers, kayakers, and all helpers.

- Experienced divers must be certified and supply their own equipment. Sarasota Police Department boats will secure perimeter.
- Experienced kayakers will help communicate with divers and assist in debris transfer from divers to collection site.
- Topside helpers will retrieve trash from the pier and surrounding area, hoist debris from divers, and transfer the refuse while assisting with data collection.
- Scuba Quest will offer a free tank fill or rental for divers participating in the event

For more information, visit: <http://sarasotabaywatch.org/event/new-pass-cleanup/>

Palmer Ranch Paw Park – Status Update

Several Palmer Ranch residents, as well as representatives of the Palmer Ranch Master Association, have pursued the goal of establishing a paw park on or in the vicinity of Palmer Ranch, since 2014. As indicated in our last update, several locations on Palmer Ranch were evaluated by county staff. All sites were found to be incompatible for a paw park, for one reason or another.

We have not ceased our efforts. A park for our furry friends has been long-desired by Palmer Ranch residents and their four-legged friends.

After what seems like an exhaustive search, Sarasota County Park Planners have done a preliminary concept plan for a dog park at Bay Street Park. Though this is not on Palmer Ranch, it is considerably closer than the existing paw parks. Here is a link to Bay Street Park, as shown on the county's website:

<https://www.scgov.net/parks/Pages/BayStreetPark.aspx>.

County staff anticipates the cost of the construction to be somewhere around \$450,000. The county is now in their budget planning process and have created a draft project. These requests go through the budget process which eventually go to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration. The projects are prioritized and compared with other potential projects and budgetary needs as well as the operating impacts for ongoing maintenance. Their plan is to submit this project for Fiscal Year 2018 (which begins Oct. 1).

Everything is contingent upon the project and funding being approved. From that point, engineered drawings and permitting would be the next steps before construction.

Upon hearing the news of Bay Street Park as a potential location, longtime Palmer Ranch park volunteers visited the area, finding that the park appears to have ample space for both small dog and large dog areas. Importantly, there are bathroom facilities already present as well as available electricity. There is a pavilion along with a play area for children, and ample room for expansion for parking.

The location is very good for residents of middle-county including Palmer Ranch, Osprey, Nokomis, and Gulf Gate.

The latest update is that county staff are still involved in the budget process. The final Board approval, if the project makes it through all approvals, would be at the end of September, which is when the final Public Hearing takes place.

We'll continue to keep you informed as information becomes available.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING A PROPOSED REZONE PETITION**

The Sarasota County Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on **May 23, 2017**, at the **Sarasota County Administration Center, Commission Chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida**, at **1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider **Rezone Petition No. 17-02** and take action on the following proposed County Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS, AS PART OF SARASOTA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-052 AS AMENDED AND CODIFIED IN APPENDIX A OF THE SARASOTA COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ZONING WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SARASOTA COUNTY; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ATLAS; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS, STIPULATIONS AND SAFEGUARDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

In response to the Rezone Petition, the Board may adopt the proposed Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas portion of Sarasota County Ordinance No. 2003-052, as amended and codified in Appendix A of the Sarasota County Code, by changing the zoning district classification from **OUE-1 (Open Use, Estate, 1 unit/5 acres)** to **RSF-4 (Residential, Single-Family, 5.5 units/acre)** zone district or the Board may deny the petition or approve such other district as the Board may find consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, together with such restrictions, stipulations and safeguards as the Board may require for the following described property located in Sarasota County, Florida.

This petition relates to the property located east of McIntosh Road, north of Palmer Ranch Parkway, and generally shown on the map below:



All interested parties are invited to appear, be heard, and submit relevant evidence. A complete draft of the proposed ordinance is available during normal business hours in the Planning and Development Services Department at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida. Supporting documents will be available the Thursday prior to the public hearing at www.scgov.net, Meetings and Agendas (Meetings on Demand) to view or download. Written comments will be considered and may be sent to the Planning and Development Services Department prior to the public hearing at the above address or by e-mail to planner@scgov.net. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as announced by the Board. For more information, telephone 941-861-5000.

The Sarasota County Charter requires persons or entities applying for rezoning to disclose the true ownership interests in the property subject to the rezoning. The ownership disclosure form for this application is available for public inspection at the Planning and Development Services Department, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at this meeting upon which any appeal is to be based.

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Publish Date: May 9, 2017

Please furnish three (3) copies of proof of publication to:
Planning and Development Services Department
1660 Ringling Blvd., 1st Floor
Sarasota, FL 34236 **RZ 17-02**



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NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road,
Sarasota, Florida
Contact: James Paulmann, FAICP (941-907-6900)

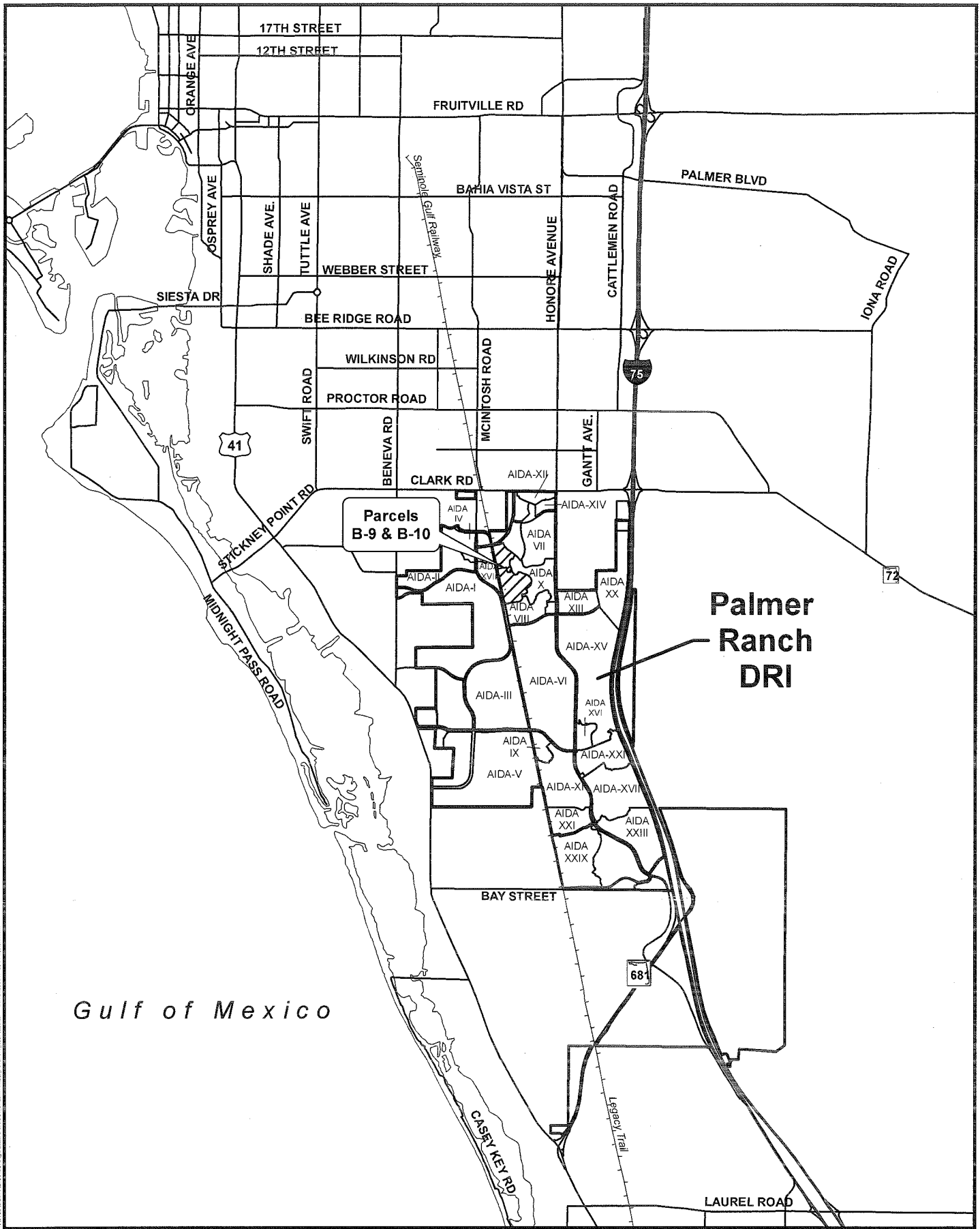
D. R. Horton is proposing to develop 149 multi-family residential units on Palmer Ranch Parcel B9. Parcel B9 contains 39± acres and is located at the southeast corner of Sawyer Loop Road and Seminole Gulf Railroad. The parcel is currently zoned RE-1 (Residential Estate, 1 unit per 2 acres). Parcel B10 is currently developed as a County park. No further development is planned for Parcel B10 at this time. The Agent, Mr. James Paulmann, FAICP will be holding a workshop to discuss the proposed development of Parcel B9 and the following associated applications:

- Application for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA) for Increment XXVII to the Palmer Ranch Master Development Order for the 121.2± acre Palmer Ranch Parcels B9 & B10; and
- Rezone Application to change the zoning on the 39± acre Parcel B9 from RE-1 (Residential Estate, 1 unit per 2 acres) to RMF-1/PUD (Residential Multi-family/Planned Unit Development, 6 dwelling units/acre).

RMF Districts are generally used to implement the Comprehensive Plan within areas designated Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential, Office/Multi-family Residential, Commercial Corridors, and Town and Village Centers on the Future Land Use Map, and within Developments of Regional Impact. These districts permit multi-family residential densities in areas having convenient access to both collector and arterial streets, nearby civic and commercial uses, and employment opportunities.

This is not a public hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to inform neighboring residents of the nature of the proposal, to discuss the concept plan and to seek comments. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, please contact Mr. James Paulmann, FAICP or Crystal Allred, at 941-907-6900. For more information, please also feel free to visit <http://www.scgov.net/PlanningServices/Pages/Workshops.aspx>.

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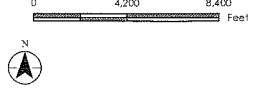
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B-9 & B-10**

Palmer Ranch - Increment XXVII (Parcels B-9 & B-10)

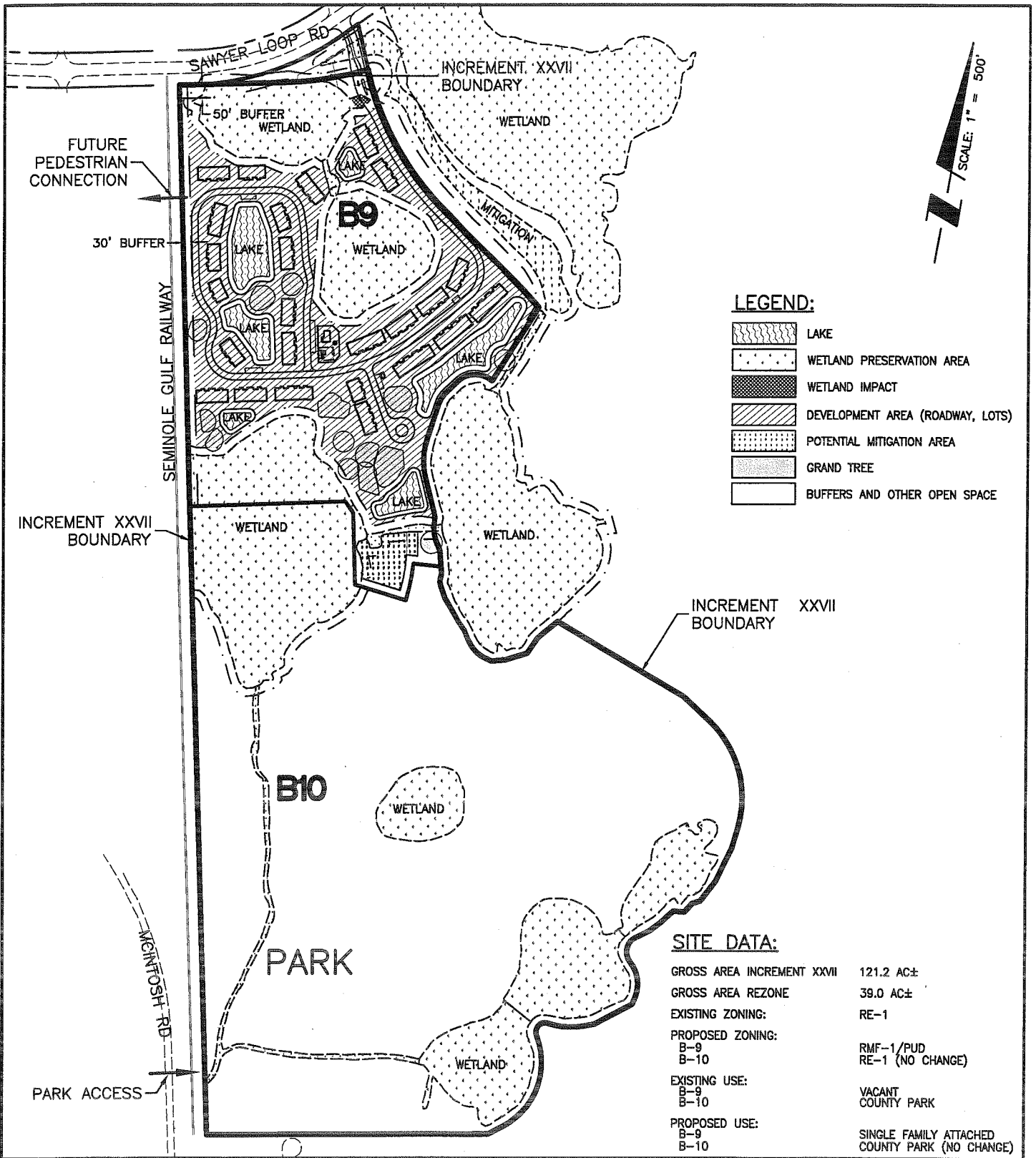
D.R. Horton
Site Location Map

March 2017

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LEGEND:

- LAKE
- WETLAND PRESERVATION AREA
- WETLAND IMPACT
- DEVELOPMENT AREA (ROADWAY, LOTS)
- POTENTIAL MITIGATION AREA
- GRAND TREE
- BUFFERS AND OTHER OPEN SPACE

SITE DATA:

GROSS AREA INCREMENT XXVII	121.2 AC±
GROSS AREA REZONE	39.0 AC±
EXISTING ZONING:	RE-1
PROPOSED ZONING:	
B-9	RMF-1/PUD
B-10	RE-1 (NO CHANGE)
EXISTING USE:	
B-9	VACANT
B-10	COUNTY PARK
PROPOSED USE:	
B-9	SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED
B-10	COUNTY PARK (NO CHANGE)

PROJECT: PALMER RANCH PARCEL B9

CLIENT: D.R. HORTON INC.



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DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

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