

Application No. 6

Countywide

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Applicant/Representative: Miami-Dade County/Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor/Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
111 NW 1st Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128-1972

Location: Countywide

Requested Text Changes: The following are the proposed text changes for the Conservation, Aquifer Recharge and Drainage Element of the CDMP.

1. Correct the code reference in Policy CON-8I

Amendment Type: Standard Text Amendment

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff: **TRANSMIT AND ADOPT** (February 25, 2014)

Community Councils: **NOT APPLICABLE**

Planning Advisory Board (PAB)
acting as the Local Planning Agency: **TRANSMIT AND ADOPT** (April 14, 2014)

Board of County Commissioners: **TO BE DETERMINED** (May 21, 2014)

Final Action of Board of County Commissioners: **TO BE DETERMINED** (October 1, 2014)

Staff recommends: **TRANSMIT AND ADOPT** the application to amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) Conservation, Aquifer Recharge and Drainage Element text based on the following reasons:

Principal Reasons for Recommendation:

1. Policy CON-8I relates to exotic pest plants and nuisance species. The policy was amended as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)-based amendments in the October 2012 CDMP Cycle with the intent of deleting the list of exotic pest plants and nuisance species from the policy and adding a reference to the same list which is currently provided in Chapter 24-49.9 of the County's Code. In the final adopted version of the EAR-based amendment, the reference to the code section was shown in error. The proposed change will correct this error to ensure that the intent of Policy CON-8I is accurately reflected.

REQUESTED TEXT AMENDMENT¹

1. Amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) Conservation, Aquifer Recharge and Drainage Element text as follows:

CON-8I. The exotic pest plants and nuisance species listed in Chapter >>24-49.9<< ~~[[24-49.4]]~~ of the County Code, shall not be sold, propagated, or planted within Miami-Dade County. If existing on a development site, they shall be removed prior to development or redevelopment and developed parcels shall be maintained to prevent the growth or accumulation of prohibited species. The County shall update the list from time to time as new scientific information becomes available and the updates shall include category 1 and category 2 species listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council if the species have been documented to invade natural areas in south Florida. In addition, any category 1 or category 2 species that are added to the prohibited list shall also be made exempt from requirements to obtain a tree removal permit provided that the removal of such trees in upland areas within the UDB shall require the same amount of canopy mitigation as is currently required. Therefore the exemption shall be conditioned on meeting this requirement including through a donation to the tree trust fund if applicable.

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Consistency Review with CDMP Goals, Objectives, Policies, Concepts and Guidelines

Approval of the proposed Application No. 6 would further the implementation of the following CDMP objectives and policies:

- LU-8D. The maintenance of internal consistency among all Elements of the CDMP shall be a prime consideration in evaluating all requests for amendment to any Element of the Plan. Among other considerations, the LUP map shall not be amended to provide for additional urban expansion unless traffic circulation, mass transit, water, sewer, solid waste, drainage and park and recreation facilities necessary to serve the area are included in the plan and the associated funding programs are demonstrated to be viable.

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APPLICATION NO. 6

APPLICATION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

1. APPLICANT

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2. APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

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By:  February 2014

3. DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED CHANGES¹

Amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) Conservation, Aquifer Recharge and Drainage Element Policy CON-8I as follows:

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4. REASONS FOR CHANGE

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5. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS SUBMITTED

None