Rezoning Application: 26-0037 **Zoning Hearing Master Date:** 12-15-2025 **BOCC Land Use Meeting Date:**

02-10-2026



Development Services Department

1.0 APPLICATION SUMMARY

Applicant: Melva Rodriguez

FLU Category: LI

Service Area: Urban

0.68 acres Site Acreage:

Community Plan Area: **Town and Country**

Overlay: None

Request: Rezone to M



Introduction Summary:

The applicant is requesting to rezone this property from AI to M for the purpose of open storage of vehicles. However, all M zoning district uses are proposed to be permitted.

Zoning:	Existing	Proposed	
District(s)	Al	M	
Typical General Use(s)	Agricultural-Industrial	Industrial/Manufacturing	
Acreage	0.68 acres	0.68 acres	
Density/Intensity	1 DU/GA	0.75 FAR	
Mathematical Maximum*	0 DU	22,215.6 sq ft	

^{*}number represents a pre-development approximation

Development Standards:	Existing	Proposed	
District(s)	Al	M	
Lot Size / Lot Width	43.560 sq ft/ 150 ft wide	20,000 sq ft/ 100 ft wide	
Setbacks/Buffering and Screening	50 ft front, 15 ft side, and 50 ft rear	30 ft front, Buffering and Screening for side and rear yards (use dependent)	
Height	50 ft	110 ft	

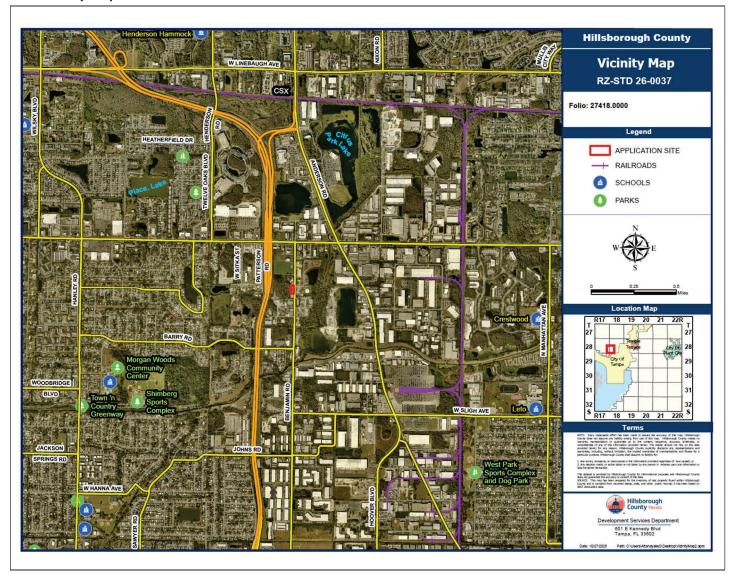
Additional Information:		
PD Variation(s)	None requested as part of this application	
Waiver(s) to the Land Development Code		

Planning Commission Recommendation:	Development Services Recommendation:
Consistent	Approvable

Case Reviewer: Logan McKaig

2.0 LAND USE MAP SET AND SUMMARY DATA

2.1 Vicinity Map



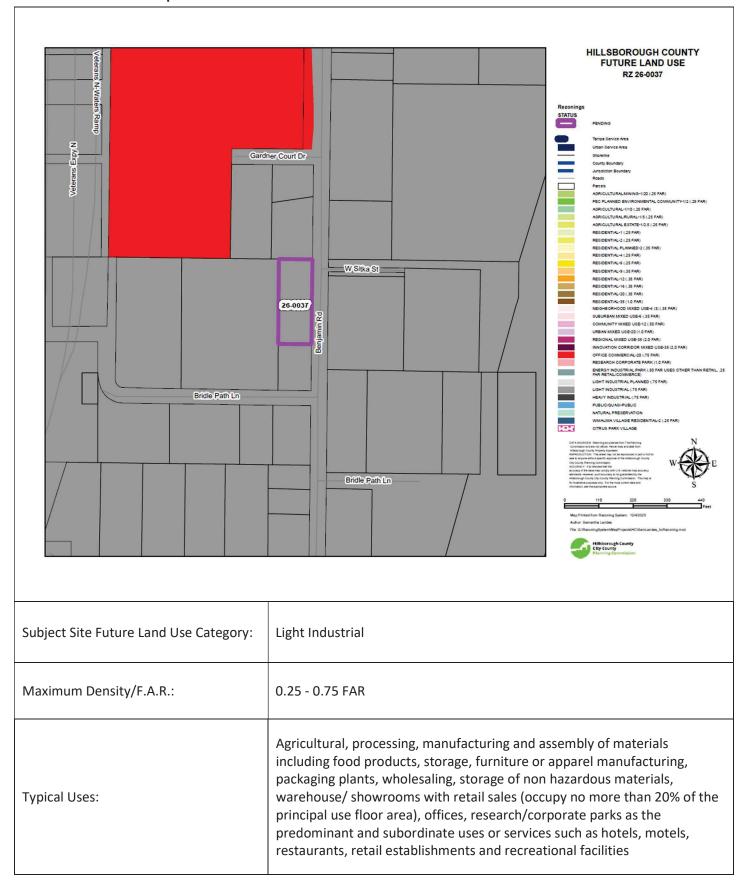
Context of Surrounding Area:

The property exists along the west side of Benjamin Rd. approximately half a mile southeast from the intersection of Waters Ave and the Veterans Expressway via right of way. The property is also just under 2 miles from the Tampa International Airport.

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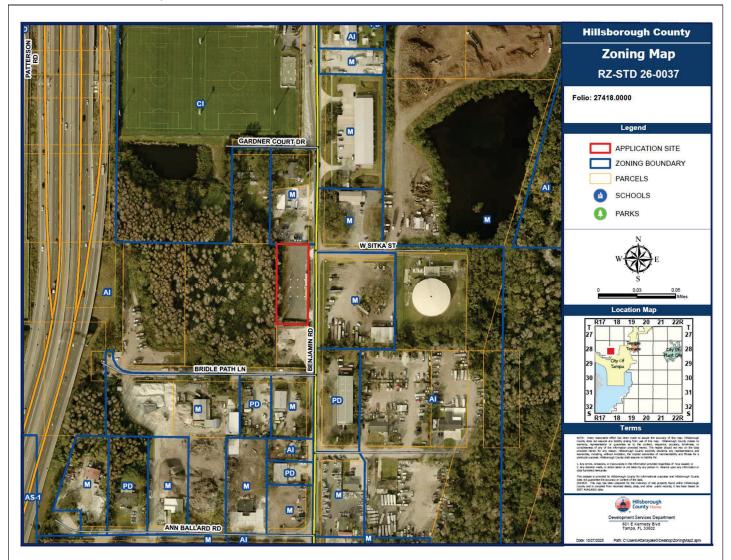
2.2 Future Land Use Map



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2.3 Immediate Area Map



Adjacent Zonings and Uses					
Location:	Zoning:	Maximum Density/F.A.R. Permitted by Zoning District:	Allowable Use:	Existing Use:	
North	М	0.75 FAR	Industrial/Manufacturing	Open storage	
East	М	0.75 FAR	Industrial/Manufacturing	Open storage	
South	AI	1 du / 1 ga	Agricultural Industrial	Vacant	
West	AI	1 du / 1 ga	Agricultural Industrial	Vacant	

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2.0 LAND USE MAP SET		
2.4 Proposed Site Plan	(partial provided below for size and orientation pur	rposes. See Section 8.0 for full site plan)

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3.0 TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY (FULL TRANSPORTATION REPORT IN SECTION 9.0 OF STAFF REPORT)

Transportation Comment Sheet

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Adjoining Roadways (check if applicable)				
Road Name	Classification	Current Conditions	Select Future Improvements	
Benjamin Rd	County Collector - Rural	2 Lanes ⊠Substandard Road □Sufficient ROW Width	 ☑ Corridor Preservation Plan ☐ Site Access Improvements ☐ Substandard Road Improvements ☐ Other 	

Project Trip Generation □Not applicable for this request				
	Average Annual Daily Trips	A.M. Peak Hour Trips	P.M. Peak Hour Trips	
Existing	212	36	42	
Proposed	3,226	239	228	
Difference (+/-)	+3,014	+203	+186	

Primary Access	Additional Connectivity/Access	Cross Access	Finding
	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
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-	Filling Access	Choose an item. Choose an item. Choose an item.	Choose an item.

Design Exception/Administrative Variance ☑Not applicable for this request				
Road Name/Nature of Request Type Finding				
	Choose an item.	Choose an item.		
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Notes:	Î			

4.0 Additional Site Information & Agency Comments Summary				
Transportation Objections Conditions Additional Requested Information/Comment				
 □ Design Exception/Adm. Variance Requested □ Off-Site Improvements Provided 	☐ Yes ☐ N/A ⊠ No	☐ Yes ☑ No		

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4.0 ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION & AGENCY COMMENTS SUMMARY

INFORMATION/REVIEWING AGENCY				
Environmental:	Comments	Objections	Conditions	Additional
	Received ⊠ Yes	□ Yes	Requested ☐ Yes	Information/Comments
Environmental Protection Commission	□ No	⊠ No	□ No	n/a
Natural Resources	□ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	n/a
Conservation & Environ, Lands Mgmt.	⊠ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ⊠ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	n/a
Check if Applicable:	☐ Potable W	ater Wellfield Pro	tection Area	
✓ Wetlands/Other Surface Waters	☐ Significant	: Wildlife Habitat		
☐ Use of Environmentally Sensitive Land	☐ Coastal High Hazard Area			
	☐ Urban/Suburban/Rural Scenic Corridor			
☐ Wellhead Protection Area	☐ Adjacent to ELAPP property			
LI Sullace Water Nesource Frotection Area	☑ OtherAirport Height Zone, Landfill Notification Area and Noncompatible School Use Area			
Public Facilities:	Comments Received	Objections	Conditions Requested	Additional Information/Comments
Transportation				
☐ Design Exc./Adm. Variance Requested	⊠ Yes	□ Yes ⊠ No	□Yes	n/a
☐ Off-site Improvements Provided	□ No	MO	□ No	
Service Area/ Water & Wastewater				
⊠Urban ⊔ City of Tampa	⊠ Yes □ No	☐ Yes ☑ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	n/a
□Rural □ City of Temple Terrace				
Hillsborough County School Board				
Adequate	□ Yes	□ Yes	☐ Yes	n/a
Inadequate ☐ K-5 ☐6-8 ☐9-12 ☐N/A	⊠ No	□ No	□ No	,
Impact/Mobility Fees				
Comprehensive Plan:	Comments	Findings	Conditions	Additional
Planning Commission	Received		Requested	Information/Comments
	⊠ Yes □ No	☐ Inconsistent☒ Consistent	□ Yes □ No	
☐ Minimum Density Met ☐ N/A	⊔ INO	_ CONSISTEN		

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5.0 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Compatibility

The property is located is an area developed with/zoned for other high intensity uses; as such, rezoning this property to M brings it more in line with the surrounding zoning districts.

5.2 Recommendation

Staff finds the proposed rezoning Approvable.

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6.0 PROPOSED CONDITIONS

N/A

Zoning Administrator Sign Off:

SITE, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN & BUILDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

J. Brian Grady

Approval of this re-zoning petition by Hillsborough County does not constitute a guarantee that the project will receive approvals/permits necessary for site development as proposed will be issued, nor does it imply that other required permits needed for site development or building construction are being waived or otherwise approved. The project will be required to comply with the Site Development Plan Review approval process in addition to obtain all necessary building permits for on-site structures.

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7.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR GRAPHICS

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8.0 PROPOSED SITE PLAN (FULL) N/A	

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9.0 FULL TRANSPORTATION REPORT (see following pages)



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Unincorporated Hillsborough County Rezoning Consistency Review		
Hearing Date: December 15, 2025	Case Number: RZ 26-0037	
Report Prepared: December 4, 2025	Folio(s): 27418.0000	
	General Location : North of Bridle Path Lane, south of Waters Avenue and west of Benjamin Road	
Comprehensive Plan Finding	CONSISTENT	
Adopted Future Land Use	Light Industrial (0 du/ga; 0.75 FAR)	
Service Area	Urban	
Community Plan(s)	Town and Country	
Rezoning Request	Agricultural Industrial (AI) to Manufacturing (M)	
Parcel Size	+/- 0.68 acres	
Street Functional Classification	Bridle Path Lane – Local Road Waters Avenue – County Arterial Benjamin Road – County Collector	
Commercial Locational Criteria	Not applicable	
Evacuation Area	С	

Table 1: COMPARISON OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES			
Vicinity	Future Land Use Designation	Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Property	Light Industrial	Al	Vacant
North	Light Industrial, Office Commercial-20, Research Corporate Park + Urban Mixed Use-20	AI, M, CI + PD	Heavy Industrial, Single Family, Public/Quasi- Public/Institutions + Light Commercial
South	Light Industrial	AI, M + PD	Single Family, Light Commercial, Light Industrial + Heavy Industrial
East	Light Industrial	AI, M + PD	Single Family + Vacant
West	Light Industrial, Office Commerical-20, Community Mixed Use-12	AI, AS-1 + PD	Vacant, Light Commercial, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial + Public/Quasi- Public/Institutions

Staff Analysis of Goals, Objectives, and Policies:

The 0.68 ± acre subject site is located north of Bridle Path Lane, south of Waters Avenue and west of Benjamin Road. The site is in the Urban Service Area (USA) and is located within the limits of the Town and Country Community Plan. The applicant is requesting to rezone the site from Agricultural Industrial (AI) to Manufacturing (M).

The subject site is in the Urban Service Area where, according to Objective 1.1 of the Future Land Use Section (FLUS), 80 percent of the county's growth is to be directed. The subject site is largely surrounded by the Light Industrial Future Land Use category and the Agricultural and Manufacturing zoning districts. The area is currently developed with higher intensity commercial and industrial uses within minimal residential uses. The commercial uses include a gas station, tire shop, car rental and repair, and open storage of commercial vehicles. The majority of residential uses are located west across the Veterans Expressway. The site is within and surrounded by the Light Industrial Future Land Use category, with Office Commercial-20. Research Corporate Park, and Urban Mixed Use-20 to the north of the site, and Office Commercial-20 and Community Mixed Use-12 to the west of the site.

FLUS Policy 3.1.3 requires all new developments to be compatible with the surrounding area, noting that "Compatibility does not mean 'the same as.' Rather, it refers to the sensitivity of development proposals

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in maintaining the character of existing development." Additionally, the Neighborhood Protection policies in the Future Land Use Section (FLUS) under Objective 4.4 and Policy 4.4.1 that requires new development to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Given the current development pattern that consists mainly of higher intensity commercial and industrial uses, the proposed rezoning is compatible within the surrounding area and neighborhood character. Therefore, the rezoning request is consistent with all FLUS Objectives and Policies related to compatibility and neighborhood protection.

FLUS Goal 2 and FLUS Objective 2.1, and each of their respective policies, establish the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) as well as the allowable range of uses for each Future Land Use category. The character of each land use category is defined by building type, residential density, functional use, and the physical composition of the land. The integration of these factors sets the general atmosphere and character of each land use category. Each category has a range of potentially permissible uses, which are not exhaustive, but are intended to be illustrative of the character of uses permitted within the land use designation. The Light Industrial Future Land Use category allows for the consideration of agricultural, processing, manufacturing and assembly of materials including food products, storage, furniture or apparel manufacturing, packaging plants, wholesaling, storage of non hazardous materials, warehouse/ showrooms with retail sales, offices, research/corporate parks as the predominant and subordinate uses or services such as hotels, motels, restaurants, retail establishments and recreational facilities. The Light Industrial Future Land Use category allows for a maximum of 0.75 FAR. With 0.68 acres, the subject site can be considered for up to 22,215 square feet (0.68 acres x 43,560 square feet = 29,620 square feet X 0.75 FAR = 22,215 square feet). The proposed rezoning is consistent with the uses allowed under the existing Future Land Use category and is consistent with FLUS Goal 2 and Objective 2.1.

The Comprehensive Plan requires that all development meet or exceed the land development regulations in Hillsborough County (FLUS Policy 4.1.1, 4.1.2, and 4.1.6). However, at the time of uploading this report, Hillsborough County Development Services Department and Transportation Division comments were not yet available in Optix and thus were not taken into consideration for analysis of this request.

FLUS Objective 3.2 and Policy 3.2.4 require community plans throughout the county to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The site is within the limits of the Town and Country Community Plan. The vision statement of the Community Plan states, "We encourage redevelopment of our older commercial centers and desire a strong business sector that contributes to the community and provides meaningful employment opportunities". The rezoning to allow for additional business within in compatible area will provide for additional opportunities to grow the industrial business sector and provide job opportunities within the community. The proposed rezoning aligns with the vision of the Town and Country Community Plan.

FLUS Goal 7 seeks to promote land use and development patterns which will promote employment and economic growth. With the current Future Land Use category and existing commercial and industrial development in the area paired with several vacant parcels of land, this proposed rezoning achieves the intent of Goal 7 by providing opportunity for economic growth in a target industry in an appropriate area of the County for the proposed uses.

Overall, staff finds that the proposed rezoning is compatible with the existing development pattern found within the surrounding area and supports the vision of the Town and Country Community Plan. The proposed rezoning would allow for development that is consistent with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the *Unincorporated Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan*.

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Recommendation

Based upon the above considerations and the following Goals, Objectives and Policies, Planning Commission staff finds the proposed rezoning **CONSISTENT** with the *Unincorporated Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan*.

Staff Identified Goals, Objectives and Policies of the *Unincorporated Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan* Related to the Request:

FUTURE LAND USE SECTION

Urban Service Area

Objective 1.1: Direct at least 80% of new population growth into the USA and adopted Urban expansion areas through 2045. Building permit activity and other similar measures will be used to evaluate this objective.

Land Use Categories

Goal 2: Ensure that the character, compatibility and location of land uses optimize the combined potential for economic benefit, fiscal sustainability, protection of natural resources and maintaining viable agriculture. Ensure density and intensities are maintained through the Future Land Use Map.

Objective 2.1: The Future Land Use Map is a regulatory tool governing the pattern of development in unincorporated Hillsborough County through the year 2045.

Policy 2.1.1: The Future Land Use Map shall identify Future Land Use categories, summarized in Table 2.2 and further described in Appendix A, that establish permitted land uses and maximum densities and intensities.

Objective 2.2: The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Shall identify Land Use Categories, summarized in table 2.2 of the Future Land Use Element.

Policy 2.2.1: The character of each land use category is defined by building type, residential density, functional use, and the physical composition of the land. The integration of these factors sets the general atmosphere and character of each land use category. Each category has a range of potentially permissible uses which are not exhaustive, but are intended to be illustrative of the character of uses permitted within the land use designation. Not all of those potential uses are routinely acceptable anywhere within that land use category.

Community Context and Compatibility

Policy 3.1.3: Compatibility is defined as the characteristics of different uses or activities or design which allow them to be located near or adjacent to each other in harmony. Some elements affecting compatibility include the following: height, scale, mass and bulk of structures, pedestrian or vehicular traffic, circulation, access and parking impacts, landscaping, lighting, noise, odor and architecture. Compatibility does not mean "the same as." Rather, it refers to the sensitivity of development proposals in maintaining the character of existing development.

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Objective 3.2: Hillsborough County is comprised of many diverse communities and neighborhoods. The comprehensive plan is effective in providing an overall growth management strategy for development within the entire County. Strategies shall be developed that ensure the long-range viability of its communities through a community and special area studies planning effort.

Relationship to Land Development Regulations

Policy 3.2.4: The County shall assist the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission in developing community plans for each planning area that are consistent with and further the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan. The community plans will be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan in the Livable Communities Element. These community specific policies will apply in guiding the development of the community. Additional policies regarding community planning and the adopted community plans can be found in the Livable Communities Element

Development

Objective 4.1: All existing and future land development regulations shall be made consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and all development approvals shall be consistent with those development regulations as per the timeframe provided for within Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. Whenever feasible and consistent with Comprehensive Plan policies, land development regulations shall be designed to provide flexible, alternative solutions to problems.

Policy 4.1.1: Each land use plan category shall have a set of zoning districts that may be permitted within that land use plan category, and development shall not be approved for zoning that is inconsistent with the plan.

Policy 4.1.2: Developments must meet or exceed the requirements of all land development regulations as established and adopted by Hillsborough County, the state of Florida and the federal government unless such requirements have been previously waived by those governmental bodies.

Policy 4.1.6: Existing and future land development regulations shall be made consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and all development approvals shall be consistent with those development regulations per the timeframe provided for within Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. Whenever feasible and consistent with Comprehensive Plan policies, land development regulations shall be designed to provide flexible, alternative solutions to problems.

Neighborhood and Community Development

Objective 4.4: Neighborhood Protection – Enhance and preserve existing neighborhoods and communities. Design neighborhoods which are related to the predominant character of their surroundings.

Policy 4.4.1: Any density or intensity increases shall be compatible with existing, proposed or planned surrounding development. Development and redevelopment shall beintegrated with the adjacent land uses through:

- a) the creation of like uses; and
- b) creation of complementary uses; and
- c) mitigation of adverse impacts; and
- d) transportation/pedestrian connections; and

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e) Gradual transitions of intensity

Goal 7: Seek land use and development patterns which will promote employment and economic growth.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ELEMENT: TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMUNITY PLAN

Vision: We the People of Town 'N Country cherish our location next to Tampa Bay, and advocate the creation of town centers that serve as a community gathering places. We support the expansion of protected lands, seek better connectivity in our trail networks, and endorse the creation of recreational opportunities for young and old alike.

We encourage redevelopment of our older commercial centers and desire a strong business sector that contributes to the community and provides meaningful employment opportunities. We support non-residential construction in a pedestrian friendly, new urban design that contributes to the community's sense of place. We would like to see a reduction in traffic congestion, an increase in transit service and will take steps to improve the appearance and safety of our primary roadways.

We want the property values of our homes and businesses to increase. We desire proactive enforcement of housing and commercial codes. We are committed to strengthening our community and business associations to work together on furthering our common goals.

We will continue to be an urban community with citizens who have a strong sense of civic pride and are committed to improving our way of life.

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE

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ENERGY INDUSTRIAL PARK (.50 FAR USES OTHER THAN RETAIL, .25 FAR RETAIL/COMMERCE) PEC PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY-1/2 (.25 FAR) INNOVATION CORRIDOR MIXED USE-35 (2.0 FAR) WIMAUMA VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL-2 (.25 FAR) NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE-4 (3) (.35 FAR) RESEARCH CORPORATE PARK (1.0 FAR) AGRICULTURAL ESTATE-1/2.5 (.25 FAR) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PLANNED (.75 FAR) AGRICULTURAL/MINING-1/20 (.25 FAR) COMMUNITY MIXED USE-12 (.50 FAR) AGRICULTURAL/RURAL-1/5 (.25 FAR) RESIDENTIAL PLANNED-2 (.35 FAR) SUBURBAN MIXED USE-6 (.35 FAR) REGIONAL MIXED USE-35 (2.0 FAR) OFFICE COMMERCIAL-20 (.75 FAR) URBAN MIXED USE-20 (1.0 FAR) AGRICULTURAL-1/10 (.25 FAR) HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (.75 FAR) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (.75 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-12 (.35 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-16 (.35 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-20 (.35 FAR) NATURAL PRESERVATION RESIDENTIAL-35 (1.0 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-1 (.25 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-2 (.25 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-4 (.25 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-6 (.25 FAR) RESIDENTIAL-9 (.35 FAR) PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC CITRUS PARK VILLAGE Juris diction Boundary Tampa Service Area Urban Service Area County Boundary PENDING Shoreline Rezonings STATUS

DATA SOURCES. Rezoning boundaries from The Planning Commission and are not official. Paned lines and data from Hills brough Goungh Poperty Appared.

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