



# City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: July 17, 2025

RE: Explanation of Ordinance Numbers 25-16, 25-17 and 25-18 for Annexation of  
Parcels with Alternate Key Numbers 2704365, 1214041, and 3803090

Ordinance Number 25-16: Voluntary Annexation  
Ordinance Number 25-17: Comprehensive Plan Amendment  
Ordinance Number 25-18: Design District Assignment

## **FIRST READING**

Ordinance Number 25-16: Voluntary Annexation of Parcels with Alternate Key  
Numbers 2704365, 1214041, and 3803090

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## **Introduction:**

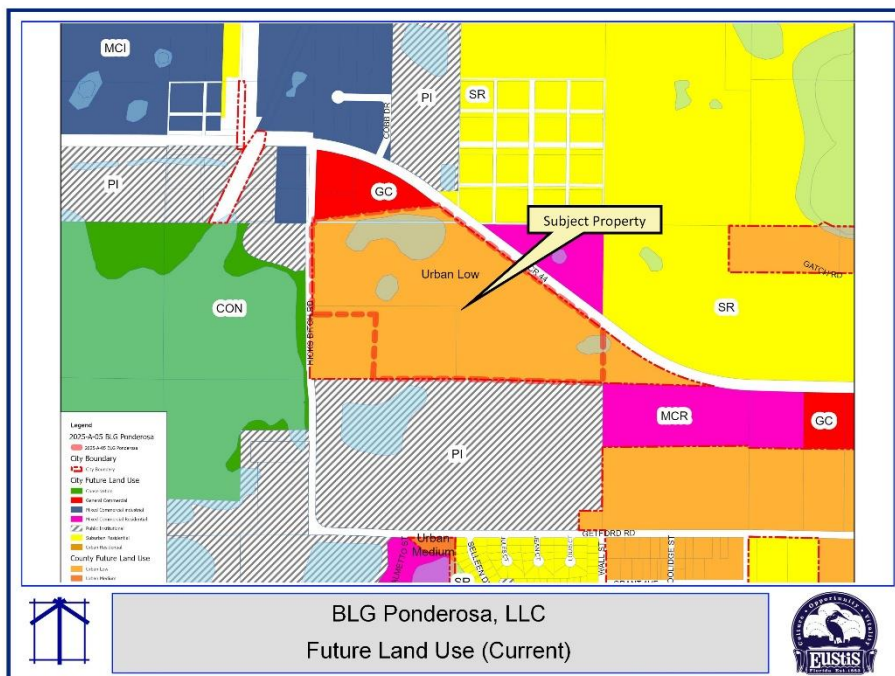
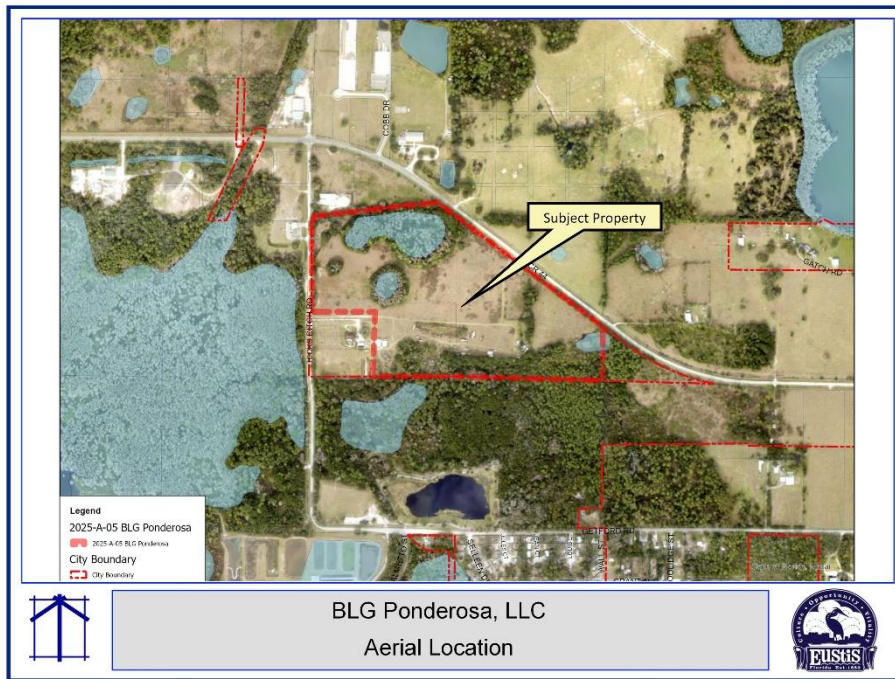
Ordinance Number 25-16 provides for the voluntary annexation of approximately 66.55 acres located south of CR-44 and east of Hicks Ditch Road (Alternate Key Numbers 2704365, 1214041, and 3803090). Provided the annexation of the subject property is approved, Ordinance Number 25-17 would change the Future Land Use designation from Urban Low in Lake County to Suburban Residential (SR) in the City of Eustis, and Ordinance Number 25-18 would assign the subject property a Design District designation of Suburban Neighborhood. If Ordinance Number 25-16 is denied, then there can be no consideration of Ordinance Numbers 25-17 and 25-18.

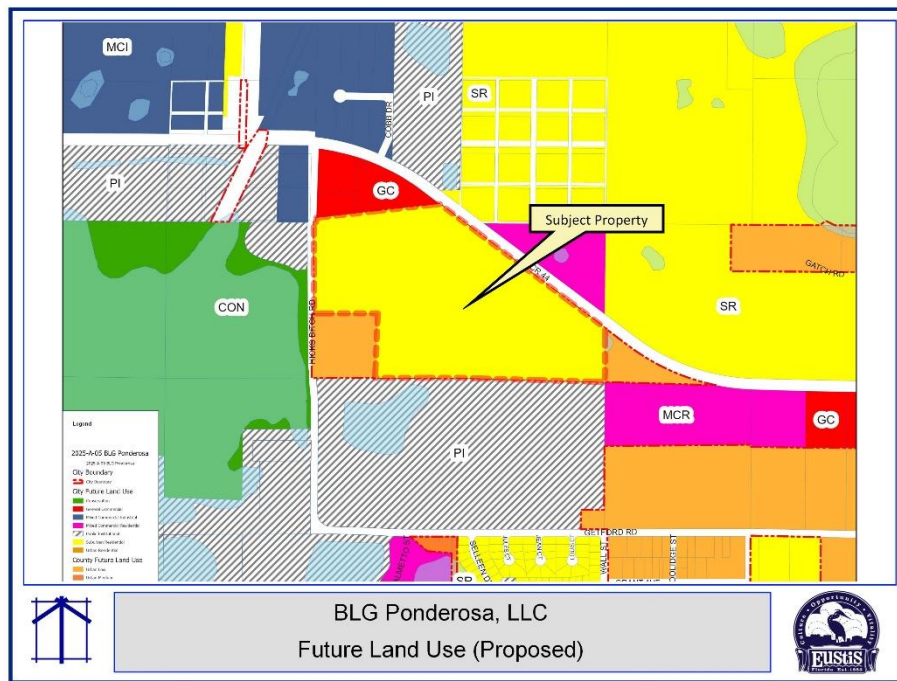
## **Background:**

1. The site contains approximately 66.55 acres and is located within the Eustis Joint Planning Area. The site is currently vacant, wetland and pasture. *Source: Lake County Property Appraiser's Office Property Record Card Data.*
2. The entire site is 66.55 acres, including approximately 13.1 acres of wetland, which equals approximately 53.45 acres of developable land. *Source: Lake County Property Appraiser's Office Property Record Card Data.*
3. The subject property is contiguous to the current City of Eustis boundary on the south property line.
4. The site has a Lake County Future Land Use Designation of Urban Low, but approval of Ordinance Number 25-17 would change the land use designation to Suburban Residential (SR) in the City of Eustis.

Location	Existing Use	Future Land Use	Design District
Site	Vacant, Wetland, and Pasture	Urban Low (Lake County)	N/A







## Applicant's Request

The applicant and property owner wish to annex the property, change the future land use to Suburban Residential (SR), and assign a design district of Suburban Neighborhood.

The current Lake County land use designation for the subject property is Urban Low. The Lake County land use designation allows for residential uses of up to four (4) dwelling units per one (1) net buildable acre and civic, institutional, commercial, and office uses at an appropriate scale and intensity to serve this category. Limited light industrial uses may only be allowed as a conditional use.

The proposed Suburban Residential (SR) land use designation within the City of Eustis provides for residential uses up to five (5) dwelling units per acre. This future land use district will most closely match the land use and residential development patterns that have been established in the area

### A. Analysis of Annexation Request (**Ordinance Number 25-16**)

#### 1. Resolution Number 87-34 – Joint Planning Area Agreement with Lake County:

“The City and the County agree that the unincorporated areas adjacent to the City might be appropriately served by urban services provided by the City, and might therefore be annexed into the City in accordance with State law.....The City agrees to annex property in accordance with State law and provide adequate urban services and facilities to serve those areas within the Joint Planning Area.”

***The subject property is located within the Joint Planning Area. Urban services of adequate capacity are available to serve future development, consistent with the requested Suburban Residential (SR) future land use designation.***

2. Florida Statutes Voluntary Annexation - Chapter 171.044(1):

"The owner or owners of real property in an unincorporated area of a county which is contiguous to a municipality and reasonably compact may petition the governing body of said municipality that said property be annexed to the municipality."

***The Joint Planning Area boundaries define the reasonably compact area where the City could provide services effectively and efficiently. The subject property lies within that planning area. It is contiguous to the City limits on the southern boundary, the western boundary across Hicks Ditch Road, and the North and West Boundaries across CR 44, and the owner petitioned for annexation.***

3. Florida Statutes Voluntary Annexation - Chapter 171.044(2):

"...Said ordinance shall be passed after notice of the annexation has been published at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper in such city or town..."

***The department published notice of this annexation in the Daily Commercial in accordance with the requirements on June 30, 2025, and again on July 7, 2025, and will notice again before adoption of the Ordinance.***

4. Florida Statutes Voluntary Annexation - Chapter 171.044(5):

"Land shall not be annexed through voluntary annexation when such annexation results in the creation of enclaves."

***Annexation of the subject property does not create an enclave.***

5. Florida Statutes Voluntary Annexation - Chapter 171.044(6):

"Not fewer than 10 days prior to publishing or posting the ordinance notice required under subsection (2), the governing body of the municipality must provide a copy of the notice, via certified mail, to the board of the county commissioners of the county wherein the municipality is located..."

***The department notified the Lake County Board of County Commissioners on June 20, 2025.***

**B. Analysis of Comprehensive Plan/Future Land Use Request (Ordinance Number 25-17)**

In Accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 163.3177.9, to discourage urban sprawl, the Florida Statutes outlines the Primary Indicators of Sprawl. Staff has reviewed these indicators and finds that the proposed annexation and assignment of Future Land Use does not contradict the intent of the primary indicators of sprawl as outlined. The outline and summary of these indicators is included in supplement to this report.

**C. Per the City of Eustis Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element Appendix**

Staff has assessed the proposed amendment to the City of Eustis Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map relating to the development patterns described and supported within the Plan, including conditions and impacts to utility infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, natural features, and the environment. **Staff review finds that the proposed assignment of the Suburban Residential (SR) future land use will not result in impacts that will cause detriment beyond current patterns. The outline and summary of this analysis are included as a supplement to this report.**

**D. Analysis of Design District Request (Ordinance Number 25-18):**

The City's Land Development Regulations are a form-based code. Design districts are unique to form-based codes. Lake County still uses traditional Euclidean zoning, so there are no



design districts for parcels in unincorporated Lake County. When a parcel annexes into the City of Eustis, the City must assign a consistent design district that follows the urban, suburban, or rural transect consistent with the surrounding area.

The City's Land Development Regulations set forth standards for review when changing or in the case of annexation, assigning a Design District. Staff has reviewed these standards and finds the proposed Suburban Corridor Design District consistent with those standards. The outline and summary of this analysis are included as a supplement to this report.

**Recommended Action:**

Development Services finds the proposed annexation, Future Land Use, and Design District designations consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations, and surrounding and adjacent land uses. Therefore, it recommends approval of Ordinance Numbers 25-16, 25-17, and 25-18.

**Policy Implications:**

None

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve Ordinance Numbers 25-16 (Annexation), 25-17 (Comp. Plan Amendment), and/or 25-18 (Design District Designation).
2. Deny Ordinance Numbers 25-16, 25-17, and 25-18.

**Budget/Staff Impact:**

There would be no direct costs to the City beyond the normal City services. There would be no additional staff time beyond the normal review process.

**Business Impact Estimate:**

Exempt from this Requirement per F.S. 164.041(4)(c)7.b. (*Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality*)

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