

- Unpaved airstrips; ~~and~~
- Public order and safety; ~~and~~
- Ports and Marinas.

Policy I-1.4.5 Rural Transition Future Land Use Category

The Rural Transition Future Land Use Category is intended to address “edge” conditions where Rural Future Land Use Categories abut Urban Future Land Use Categories. These “edges” represent areas where lower rural densities may be increased for Rural Conservation Subdivisions that utilize clustering techniques.

This Future Land Use Category provides for residential development at densities equal to or less than one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) net buildable acres, agricultural operations, civic uses compatible with a rural community, and Rural Support functions where appropriate.

Alternatively, residential development not to exceed a maximum density of one (1) dwelling unit per three (3) net buildable acres may be permitted provided that any subdivision shall be developed as a clustered Rural Conservation Subdivision utilizing a PUD, and provided that at least 35% of the net buildable area of the entire PUD site shall be dedicated in perpetuity for preservation as common open space through the use of a conservation easement or similar recorded and legally binding instrument, as allowed by law. A proposed Rural Conservation Subdivision shall consist of at least fifteen (15) net buildable acres in order to be considered for this alternate density.

As a third alternative, residential development not to exceed a maximum density of one (1) dwelling unit per one (1) net buildable acre may be permitted provided that any subdivision shall be developed as a clustered Rural Conservation Subdivision utilizing a PUD, and provided that at least 50% of the net buildable area of the entire PUD site shall be dedicated in perpetuity for preservation as common open space through the use of a conservation easement or similar recorded and legally binding instrument, as allowed by law.

A proposed Rural Conservation Subdivision shall consist of at least fifteen (15) net buildable acres in order to be considered for this alternate density.

The maximum Impervious Surface Ratio within this category shall be 0.30, except for agricultural, ~~civic~~institutional and recreational uses which shall be 0.50.

TYPICAL USES INCLUDE:

- Agriculture and forestry;
- Residential;
- Passive parks;
- Equestrian related uses;
- K-12 schools;
- Religious organizations; and
- Rural Support uses as provided for in this Comprehensive Plan.

TYPICAL USES REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

- Mining and Resource Extraction;
- Active parks and recreation facilities;
- Nursing and personal care facilities;
- Daycare services;
- Outdoor Sports and recreation clubs;

- Civic uses;
- Animal specialty services;
- Unpaved airstrips;
- Public order and safety; ~~and~~
- Utilities; and
- Ports and Marinas

Policy I-1.4.6 Open Space within Rural Conservation Subdivisions

Open space within Rural Conservation Subdivisions shall be applied and protected as follows:

1. Open space shall be designated to remain undeveloped and protected in perpetuity through the use of conservation easements, plat restrictions, or similar legally recorded and binding instruments that run with the land and establish the conditions and restrictions on the use of the open space area, as allowed by law. Open space conservation easements shall be dedicated to one or a combination of the following, which shall be designated prior to development:

- Conservation agency such as Florida Department of Environmental Protection or St. Johns River Water Management District;
- Non-profit conservation organization or land trust; or
- Lake County, subject to County approval.

2. Open space shall be shown on all plats as a common area, which shall be deeded to the homeowners association, the County, a conservation agency, or non-profit conservation organization for ownership and maintenance. Any deeded open space shall be credited to the dedicating subdivision in calculating open space requirements. The cost and responsibility of maintaining open space shall be borne by the owner of the open space. An open space management plan shall be required to accompany the development, subject to County approval. The management plan shall establish conservation objectives, outline procedures, and define the roles and responsibilities for managing open space, including establishment of a Qualified Management Entity as appropriate. The management plan will also address wildfire mitigation requirements to include vegetation management practices to prevent hazardous fuel buildup and possible wildfire threat within the community. If not properly maintained, the County may enforce maintenance. Designated open space shall be clearly delineated on project site plans, including recorded plats, and marked in the field.

3. Clustering shall mean that the built area of the development site is well defined and compact, thereby enabling the creation of contiguous expanses of open space and the protection of environmentally sensitive areas. At least 50% of required open space shall be configured in a single contiguous tract. Open space shall be contiguous with protected open space on adjacent parcels and public conservation lands to the maximum extent feasible and configured to ensure compatibility with adjacent rural properties.

Policy I-1.4.7 Rural Support

Rural Support uses are intended to address the need for narrowly defined commercial and office uses that support the resident population of areas within the Rural Future Land Use Series. Rural Support land uses include professional offices, personal services, convenience retail, agricultural-related retail sales of goods and services, or similar uses as defined in the Land Development Regulations. Such uses shall be limited in scale and scope to serve the basic and special needs of rural areas and ensure compatibility with the character of rural areas.

Elements of compatibility shall be addressed in the Land Development Regulations, including but not limited to signage, hours of operation, lighting, building orientation, height, facade, architectural design, parking, landscaping and buffering. New Rural Support uses shall not be located adjacent to public conservation land.