



Rural Lifestyle Text Amendment Update

STUART, Fla (March 28, 2023) – In September 2022, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners adopted a text amendment creating a new future land use designation within the Comprehensive Plan, referred to as Rural Lifestyle.

The Rural Lifestyle designation in the Martin County Comprehensive Plan is intended to provide guidelines for developing self-contained rural communities with an emphasis on maintaining and enhancing open space and protecting land and water.

The text amendment was challenged, and an administrative hearing was held. The judge issued a Recommended Order based on evidence provided at the hearing and found that the petitioner failed to prove the challenged items with one small exception – a proposed community store.

Martin County has reviewed the Recommended Order and is pleased the judge ruled in the County's favor on all issues with one minor exception. The County is evaluating options in the pending challenge to bring the Rural Lifestyle vision forward – a vision to be stewards of land and water, a vision to protect what makes Martin County special.

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