

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR DESIGNATION OF REGULATORY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMITS FOR THE
VILLAGES IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SJRWMD) and the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SWFWMD).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, The Villages submitted a request for the SWFWMD to process all environmental resource permits for the future residential, commercial, and recreational areas and their associated infrastructure related to the expansion of The Villages immediately south of E C 470 at the county line between Sumter and Lake Counties, as shown on maps attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and “B” (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the SWFWMD has previously issued multiple environmental resource permits to The Villages within Sumter and Lake counties pursuant to Part IV, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and pursuant to the Interagency Agreement executed on January 25, 2005 between the SWFWMD and the SJRWMD for Designation of Regulatory Responsibility for The Villages District 9 and 10 Master Surface Water Management System in Lake County and the Interagency Agreement executed on January 28, 2014 between SWFWMD and SJRWMD for Designation of Regulatory Responsibility for Environmental Resource Permits for The Villages of Fruitland Park in Lake County, and the Interagency Agreement executed on August 1, 2019 for Designation of Regulatory Responsibility for Environmental Resource Permits for the Villages of West Lake in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the project crosses the jurisdictional boundaries of the SWFWMD and the SJRWMD in that it continues the expansion of The Villages immediately south of E C 470 on both sides of the boundary line between Sumter and Lake Counties; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 373.046(6), F.S., authorizes a water management district to designate, via an interagency agreement, regulatory responsibility to another water management district when the geographic area of the project or local government crosses the jurisdictional boundaries of another water management district; and

WHEREAS, the designation of SWFWMD as the water management district with Part IV, Chapter 373, F.S., regulatory responsibility for the Project would allow for more efficient processing of permit applications under that part as SWFWMD and The Villages have already established a process customized to meet the unique needs of The Villages; and

WHEREAS, the SJRWMD and the SWFWMD desire to designate the SWFWMD as the water management district with Part IV, Chapter 373, F.S., regulatory responsibility for the proposed Project area located within the jurisdictional boundaries of SJRWMD in Lake County,

pursuant to Part IV, Chapter 373, F.S., more specifically identified in Exhibits A and B, which are incorporated by reference herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the SJRWMD and the SWFWMD, under the authority of Subsection 373.046(6), F.S., hereby agree as follows:

1. The SWFWMD is designated as the water management district that will have regulatory responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., for those activities located in the red hatched area on Exhibit A where both: (1) the post-development peak rate of discharge does not exceed the pre-development peak rate of discharge for the 25-year 24-hour and 10-year 24-hour frequency storm events and (2) there is no pumped discharge towards or into the drainage basins outlined in blue in Exhibit B. Such regulatory responsibilities shall include receiving, processing, and taking final agency action on environmental resource permit applications or modifications thereof, and taking any compliance and enforcement action with regard to such permit(s).
2. This Agreement will commence upon execution by all parties and will remain in effect until either party terminates such Agreement for its convenience upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party, or its lawful representative, has executed this Agreement on the date set forth next to their signature below.

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Michael A. Register, P.E.
Executive Director

Attest: _____

Date: _____

(Seal)

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Kelly S. Rice, Chair

Attest: _____
Michelle Williamson, Secretary

Date: _____

(Seal)

SWFWMD Existing ERP
Area Requested for SWFWMD Permitting - ±5,846AC
Area to be permitted with SWFWMD in future

EXHIBIT
A

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Additional Properites To Be Permitted - B
January 2022
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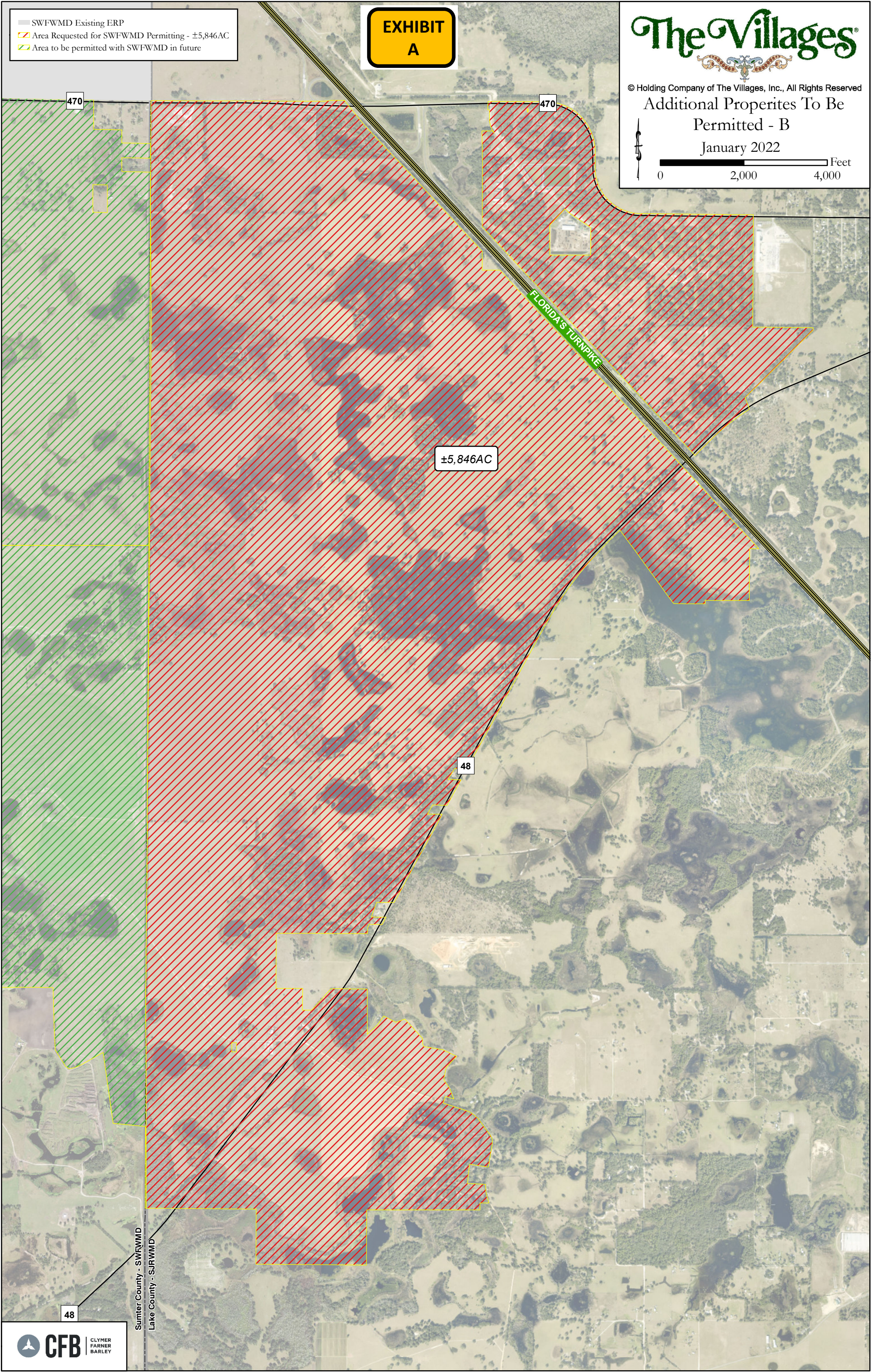


EXHIBIT
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