

VARIANCE STAFF REPORT

OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

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Public Hearing Date: December 8, 2022

Case No. and Project Name: VAR-22-48-4, Ellerby Property

Applicant: Alex Ellerby

Owner: Alexander C. and Robin D. Ellerby

Requested Action: Variance to Lake County Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 6.01.04 (A) (1)

to allow for a proposed storage building to be built 27' from the jurisdictional wetland line

in lieu of 50'.

Case Manager: Jacob Geisler, Planner

Subject Property Information

Size: 2.1 +/- gross acres

Location: 39253 Wildflower Way, in the unincorporated Eustis area.

Alternate Key No.: 2729414

Future Land Use: Sending Area A-1-20

Current Zoning District: Rural Residential (R-1) - Ordinance # 1972-7

Flood Zones: "AE" and "X"

Joint Planning Area/ ISBA: N/A

Overlay Districts: Wekiva River Protection Area/ Wekiva Study Area

Adjacent Property Land Use Table

Direction	Future Land Use	Zoning	Existing Use	Comments
North	Sending Area A-1- 20	Rural Residential (R- 1)	Residential Common Elements Area	Body of Water
South	Sending Area A-1- 20	Rural Residential (R- 1)	Office and Wetlands	Royal Trails Unit 1
East	Sending Area A-1- 20	Rural Residential (R- 1)	Residential	Single Family Dwelling Unit
West	Conservation	Rural Residential (R- 1)	Vacant Government State	Vacant and Wetlands

Summary of Request

The subject property, identified by Alternate Key Number 2729414, contains 2.1 +/- gross acres, is zoned Rural Residential (R-1) in accordance with Ordinance #1972-7, and is designated with a Sending Area A-1-20 Future Land Use Category (FLUC) by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the subject property is located at 39253 Wildflower Way, in the unincorporated Eustis area of Lake County. The concept plan (Attachment "A") shows that the parcel is developed with a single-family dwelling unit.

The applicant has submitted a Variance request to Lake County Land Development Regulations (LDR)Section 6.01.04 (A) (1) to allow for a proposed storage building to be built 27' from the jurisdictional wetland line in lieu of the required 50' setback.

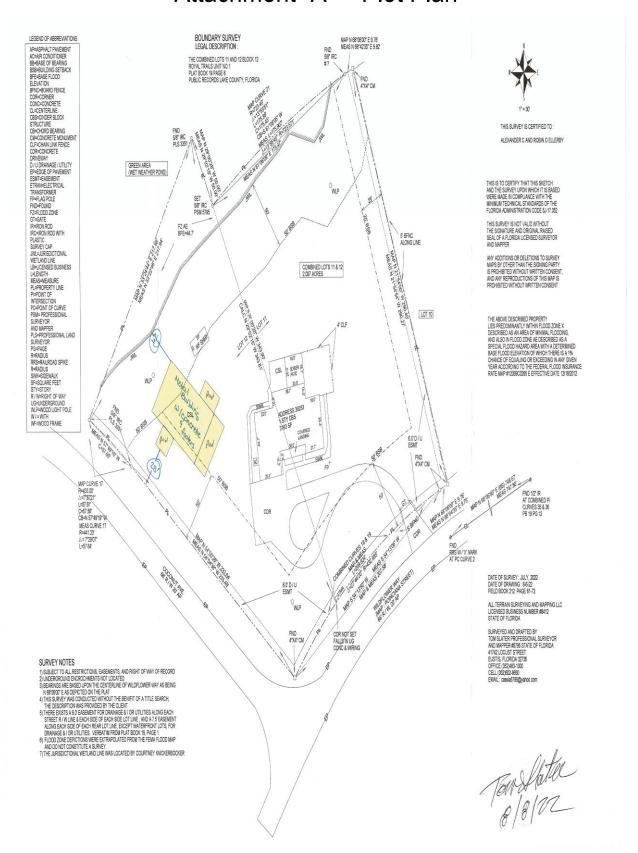
Staff Analysis.

LDR Section 14.15.02 states that variances will be granted when the person subject to a Land Development Regulation demonstrates that the purpose of the Land Development Regulation will be or has been achieved by other means, and when application of a Land Development Regulation would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness.

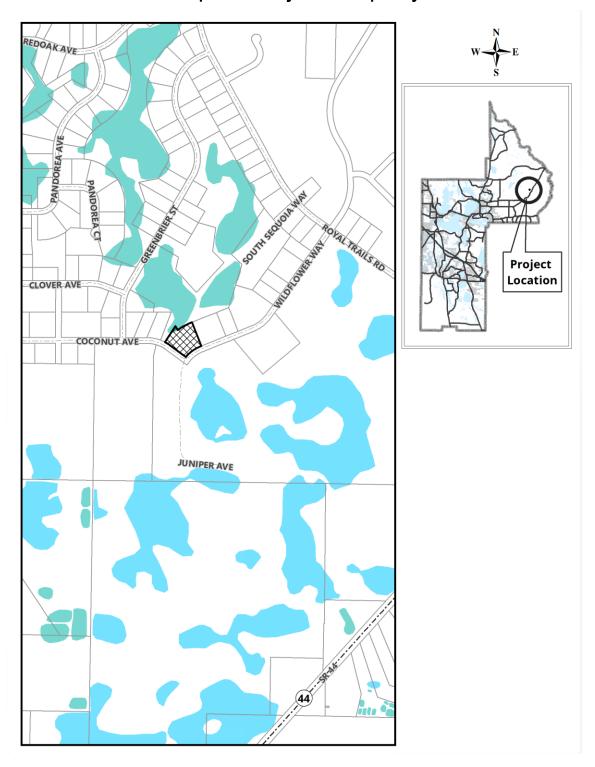
- 1. The purpose of the Land Development Regulation will be or has been achieved by other means.
 - The intent of the Code, LDR Section 6.01.04 is to conserve and protect wetlands, to ensure that natural structure and functional values are maintained, and to maintain no net loss of wetlands. The applicant provided the following statement as proof that the intent of the LDR will be or has been achieved by other means, "Build foundation up and install retaining wall."
- 2. The application of a Land Development Regulation would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this Section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance. For purposes of this Section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a Land Development Regulation affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the Land Development Regulation.

The applicant provided the two following statements, "To the left front side of house we have mature cypress trees with roots. To the right side of property we have an area that we need to build an in-law-suite. I wish not to take down cypress trees. In-law-suite will be next year."

Attachment "A" - Plot Plan



Map of Subject Property



Aerial Map



Final Development Order VAR-22-48-4 Ellerby Property

A VARIANCE OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY ZONING MAPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Alex Ellerby (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Alexander C. Ellerby and Robin D. Ellerby (the "Owner"), requested a Variance to Lake County Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 6.01.04 (A) (1) to allow for a proposed storage building to be built 27' from the jurisdictional wetland line in lieu of 50'; and

WHEREAS, the subject property consists of 2.1 +/- gross acres and is located at 39253 Wildflower Way, in the unincorporated Eustis area, in Section 26, Township 17, Range 28, having Alternate Key Number 2729414, and more particularly described as:

ROYAL TRAILS UNIT NO 1 SUB LOTS 11, 12 BLK 12 BEING IN SEC 18-18-29 PB 19 PGS 1-59 ORB 5113 PG 310

WHEREAS, after giving notice of the hearing on the petition for a Variance to the Lake County Land Development Regulations (LDR), including notice that the Variance would be presented to the Board of Adjustment of Lake County, Florida, on December 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment reviewed the petition, staff report and any comments, favorable or unfavorable, from the public and surrounding property owners at a public hearing duly advertised; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th of December 2022, the Lake County Board of Adjustment approved the Variance for the above property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Adjustment of Lake County, Florida, that:

- **Section 1. Terms:** The County Manager or designee shall amend the Official Zoning Map to reflect the approval of VAR-22-48-4, to allow for a proposed storage building to be built 27' from the jurisdictional wetland line in lieu of 50'.
- **Section 2. Severability:** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the holding will in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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Section 3.	Effective Date. This Ordinance will become effective as provided by law.			
	ENACTED this 8th day of December	er 2022.		
	EFFECTIVE December 8, 2022.			
		BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA		
		James Argento, Chairman		
State of Flori	da			
County of La	ke			
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