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November 16, 2004

Mr. Richard Rojas
R.J. Builders
10444 Pleasant View Drive
Leesburg, Florida 34788

Re: Gopher Tortoise Incidental Take
Permit LAK-78, Lake County

Dear Mr. Rojas:

Enclosed is permit LAK-78 for the incidental taking of gopher tortoises, their eggs and their burrows within the development boundaries specified. The application for this permit was complete as of November 16, 2004.

Please contact me, or Mr. Steve Lau at (772) 778-5094 if you have any questions regarding this permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Arnold".

David W. Arnold, Acting Director
Office of Policy and Stakeholder Coordination

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cc: Ms. Sara Moorehouse, LPG Environmental & Permitting Services, Inc.
Lake County Planning Department
Mr. Tim Breen, Northeast Region, FWC
Major Love, Northcast Region, FWC
Mr. Steve Lau, Vero Beach, FWC
Ms. Angela Williams, DHSC, FWC

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**PERMIT FOR TAKING OF GOPHER TORTOISES AND
THEIR BURROWS**

Chapter 68A-27.005(1)(a) F.A.C.

STATE OF FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Issuance Date: November 16, 2004

Permittee: R.J. Builders
Permittee Address: 10444 Pleasant View Drive
Leesburg, Florida 34788
Attention: Mr. Richard Rojas

Consultant: Ms. Sara Moorehouse
Consultant Address: LPG Environmental & Permitting Services, Inc.
1174 Camp Avenue
Mount Dora, Florida 32757

Permit Number: LAK-78

Location of Affected Site: Proposed 74.2-acre Meadow Ridge site, entirely comprised of gopher tortoise habitat, situated on the southwest corner of County Road 44 and Harbor Shores Road, within the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 19S, Range 26E, Lake County (see attachments 1 and 2).

Permitted Action: The permittee or its agents are authorized to take gopher tortoises, their eggs and their burrows within its development boundaries where such taking is incidental to development activities. The criteria of Rule 68A-27.005(1)(a) F.A.C. have been satisfied and the taking, as conditioned below, will not be detrimental to the survival potential of the species.

Provisions/Conditions:

1. The permittee shall contribute to the acquisition of 18.55 acres of tortoise habitat by paying \$124,600.00 (\$6,717.00 X 18.55 acres) to the **FWC-Land Acquisition Trust Fund, East Central Florida account**. Payment shall be sent to the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 6150, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6150**.
2. This permit will not go into effect until the permittee has obtained a receipt from the FWC for the mitigation funds specified under condition #1. As described in the permit Notice of Rights Statement, issuance of this permit may be appealed by a concerned party within 21 days of the permittee's receipt of this notice. If a Petition for Administrative Hearing is timely filed within this prescribed time period, the permittee will be notified by the FWC. Upon such notification, the permittee shall cease all work authorized by this permit until the petition is resolved.
3. Receipt of payment must occur in a timely manner so that regional habitat conservation areas can be purchased. This payment shall be made within 6 months from the date of this notice. If the payment is not received within the specified time period, this permit is subject to being voided.

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4. This permit does not relieve the permittee from any other "taking" requirements by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the FWC as to other listed species. Specifically, this permit does not authorize any destruction of scrub jays or scrub jay habitat. Consultation with the USFWS should be sought if this species is present.
5. To minimize taking of tortoises on this high density site, the permittee or its approved agents shall make a good faith effort to relocate tortoises away from development activities within the project boundaries. This permit does not authorize the permittee or its agents to possess or move tortoises off the contiguous ownership of the permittee nor to move tortoises into areas previously authorized as a relocation site by a FWC permit. A separate relocation permit from the FWC shall be required for those activities. However, the permittee and its agents shall cooperate with the University of Florida personnel and other authorized individuals to salvage potentially impacted tortoises from the permitted site.
6. This permit does not authorize any taking of gopher tortoises beyond that which is a direct result of development activities or the on-site movement of animals addressed in Condition #5. Any other form of taking or relocation will require a separate permit from the Executive Director.
7. Either this original permit or a complete copy, including all applicable receipts, must be clearly posted at the affected site at all times while engaged in the permitted activities.
8. This permit is transferable to subsequent owners of the property.

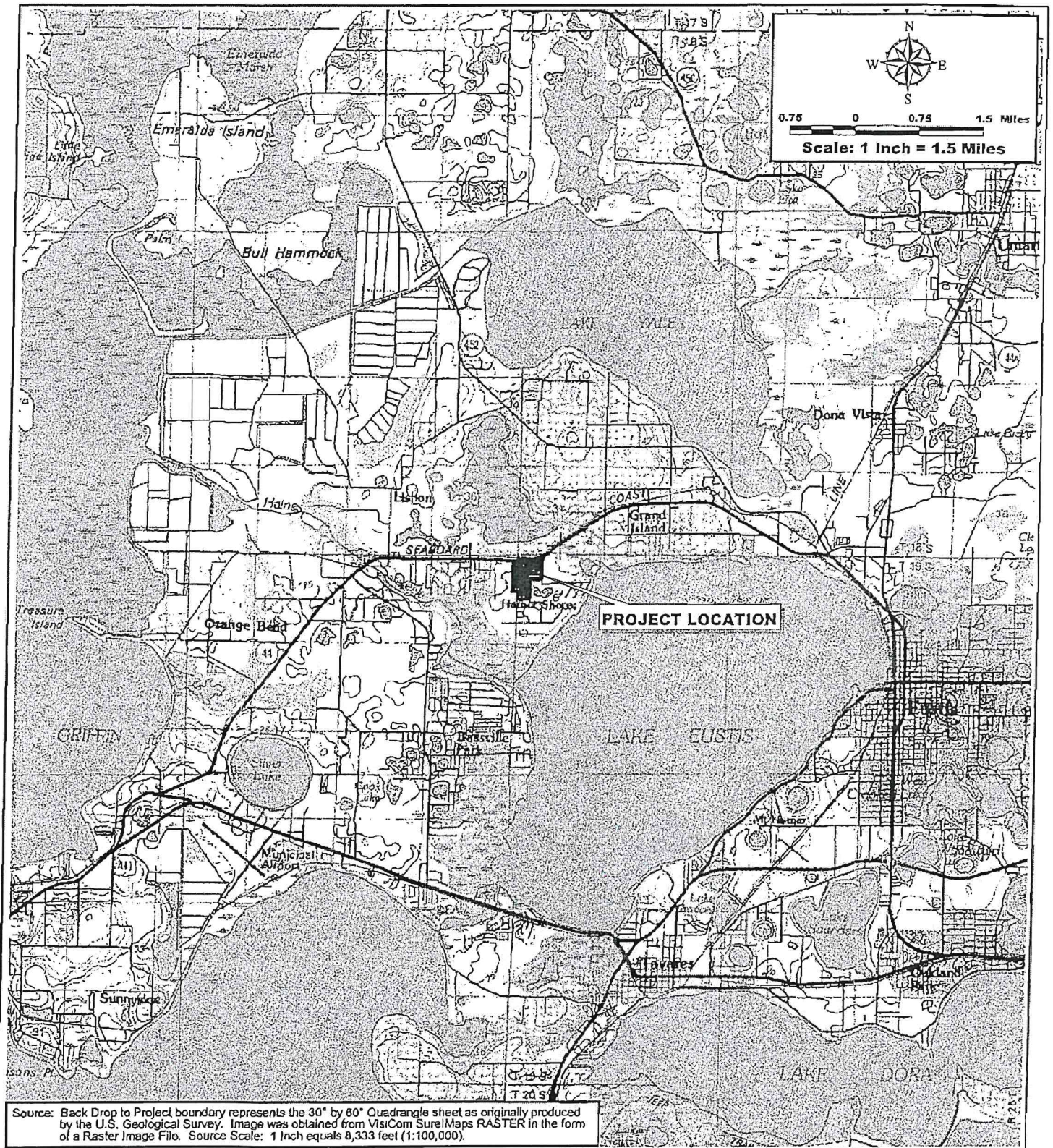
Notice of Rights Statement: In accordance with Rules 28-5.111 and 28-6.008, F.A.C., and Section 120.60, F.S., any party may request a hearing on this matter pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S., by filing a completed Elections of Rights form (copy attached) by certified mail, return receipt requested, with the undersigned within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this notice. If timely requested and a hearing is granted, the hearing will be conducted under the procedures established by Section 120.57, F.S. A party will be given the opportunity to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to take testimony, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to have subpoenas issued on your behalf.

Kenneth D. Haddad
Executive Director

By: _____

Attachments:

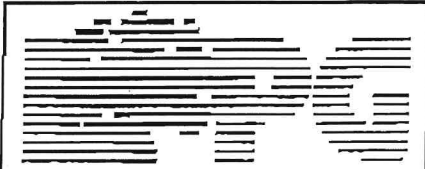
1. Location map
2. Project boundaries map
3. Elections of Rights form



**RJ BUILDERS SITE
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

FIGURE 1

LOCATION MAP



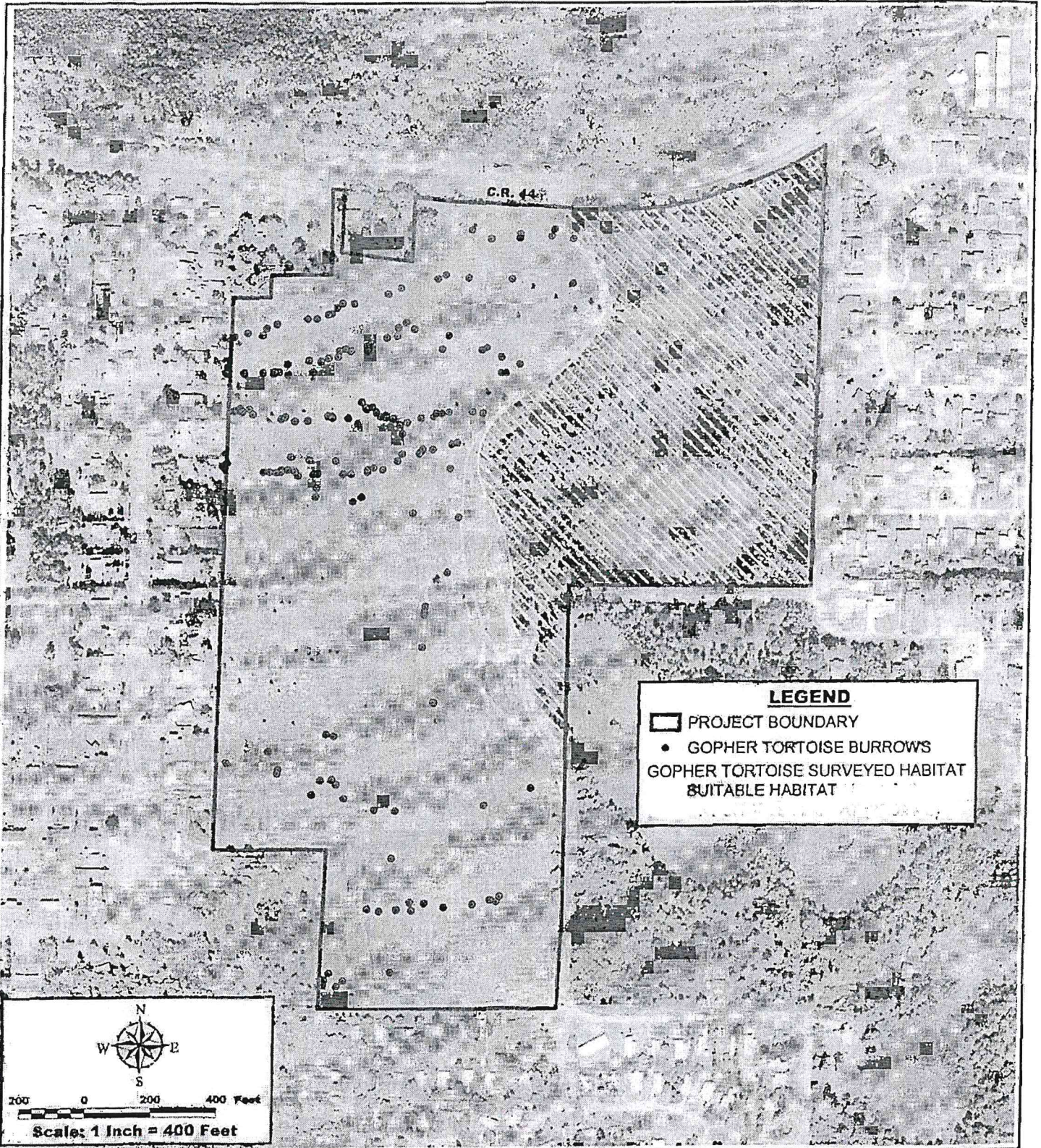
Environmental & Permitting Services, Inc.
 2001 OLD U.S. HIGHWAY 441, MT. DORA, FL 32757
 (352) 383-1444/FAX (352) 383-3877/info@epgsenvironmental.com

Project No.: 3275/1

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**RJ BUILDERS SITE
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

FIGURE 2

GOPHER TORTOISE BURROW LOCATION MAP (15% SURVEY)



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August 17, 2018

To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Attention: Mr. Rick McCann/FWC permitting biologist

I am requesting a PARTIAL amendment to our PERMIT FOR TAKING OF GOPHER TORTOISES AND THEIR BURROWS. Permit #LAK-078.

Location of Affected Site: "Proposed 74.2-acre Meadow Ridge site, entirely comprised of gopher tortoise habitat, situated on the southwest corner of County Road 44 and Harbor Shores Road, within the NW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 19S, Range 26E, in Lake County.

NOTE: Acreage requested is the same as the partial transfer.

We are asking that the amendment allow consultants with the Saving Florida's Gopher Tortoises to go onto our site and remove as many tortoises as possible and relocate them to Eglin Air Force Base, located southeast of 5 Forks Road, in Okaloosa County, Fl. Contact at Eglin AFB is: Justin Johnson.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James K. Moyle', is written over a large, stylized, looping graphic element that resembles a signature flourish or a large letter 'J'.

James K. Moyle
LGI HOMES

Land Development Manager

May 9, 2018

To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Attention: Mr. Rick McCann

Project: Meadow Ridge, Lake County, Florida
Re: Permit #LAK-078 Partial Transfer Request

Dear Mr. McCann:

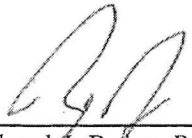
Through a purchase of lots/parcels within the property known as Meadow Ridge of Grand Island, **Garner, McCormic**, Rojas Development Group, LLC owns Lake County parcel numbers 01-19-25-000100001600, 01-19-25-000100001700, 06-19-26-000200000200 and 06-19-26-000200000600, and now owns and maintains the rights to these properties, and therefore the permit. R.J. Builders requests a partial transfer and relinquishes the rights and ownership of the permit for the property purchased and now owned by **Garner, McCormic**, Rojas Development Group, LLC.

ACREAGE INCLUDED IN TRANSFER is approximately 37.81 acres

Thank you,

R J Builders, Inc.

By:



Richard J. Rojas, President
207 W. North Blvd.
Leesburg, FL 34748
352-267-8811

May 9, 2018

To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Attention: Mr. Rick McCann

Project: Meadow Ridge, Lake County, Florida
Re: Permit #LAK-078 Partial Transfer Request

Dear Mr. McCann:

Through a purchase of lots/parcels within the property known as Meadow Ridge of Grand Island, LGI HOMES-FLORIDA, LLC purchased lots 1 – 3, 6 – 14, 71 – 77, 80 – 83, 86 – 91, 93-98, 100 – 104, 107, and 109-113, the property according to the plat recorded in Plat Book 59, page(s) 72 through 75, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, and now owns and maintains the rights to these properties, and therefore the permit. R.J. Builders requests a partial transfer and relinquishes the rights and ownership of the permit for the property purchased and now owned by LGI HOMES-FLORIDA, LLC. A warranty deed and copies of the recorded assignments showing the gopher tortoise permit is specifically assigned to LGI Homes-Florida, LLC are included as proof of sale and transfer.

ACREAGE INCLUDED IN TRANSFER is approximately 12.64 acres

Thank you,

R J Builders, Inc.

By: 

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August 21, 2018

To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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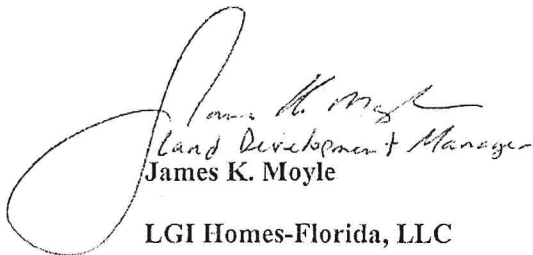
Project: Meadow Ridge, Lake County, Florida

Re: Permit #LAK-078 Partial Transfer Request

Dear Mr. McCann:

Through a purchase of lots/parcels, **LGI HOMES** has acquired and/or manage parcels within the property, Meadow Ridge. **LGI HOMES** purchased the property according to the plat recorded in the **Plat Book 59, page(s) 72-75**, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida and now own and maintain the rights to these properties and therefore the permit. Included is the purchase agreement that states all permits and rights to the property convey with the sale to LGI Homes. A warranty deed has been included as proof of sale and transfer.

ACREAGE INCLUDED IN TRANSFER: 38,371


Land Development Manager
James K. Moyle

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