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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parrish Plantation Community Development District Manager

**FROM:** John Vericker, District Counsel

**RE:** Stormwater Drainage System Information and Education Workshop

**DATE:** May 16, 2024

Residents of the Parrish Plantation Community Development District (the "**District**") are invited to attend a Stormwater Drainage System Information and Education Workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2024 at the community center of Harrison Ranch located at 5755 Harrison Ranch Boulevard, Parrish, Florida. The workshop is intended to educate and inform residents about the operations and maintenance of the District's stormwater drainage system that serves the community. The Board of Supervisors will not take any votes during the workshop. Following the workshop, the Board will hold their regular Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The stormwater drainage system is one of the most important functions performed by the District. The District owns and maintains the stormwater drainage system throughout the community. All of the rainwater that falls on the roads, common areas and homes within the District drains into the District's stormwater ponds, creeks and structures which are part of that stormwater drainage system. The primary purpose of the stormwater drainage system is for the storage and treatment of stormwater within the community. The stormwater drainage system allows pollutants from the yards and roads to settle so they do not contaminate natural water bodies within or adjacent to the community.

In addition to the stormwater treatment function, the stormwater drainage system also helps to prevent flooding within the community by storing stormwater within the community. The District is required to maintain the stormwater drainage system in compliance with the design, construction and operating permits issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and/or Manatee County, Florida. It is important for the District to continue to operate and maintain the stormwater drainage system in compliance with these permits to prevent flooding and pollution within or near the community.

While the primary purpose of the stormwater drainage system is for pollutant treatment and stormwater storage, the stormwater drainage areas also offer some incidental aesthetic benefits

to the community. The District may perform limited aesthetic improvements such as planting additional aquatic plants and trash removal; however, the water levels are completely dependent on rain water. During periods of drought, the water levels in the stormwater creeks and pond may be low or even lack water all together. There is nothing that the District can do about water levels in the stormwater creeks and ponds. The District is not permitted to pump supplemental water into the stormwater drainage system, block the flow of water, or alter the design of the system. With respect to trash from homes or construction sites that may blow into the stormwater ponds or creeks, the builders within the community have contracted with landscape contractors to remove trash to keep the stormwater drainage system free and clear of debris.

The District Engineer will be at the workshop to explain and answer questions for the Board and residents with respect to the District's stormwater hydrology and the technical details on the operation and maintenance requirements for the stormwater drainage system.

### Parrish Plantation CDD

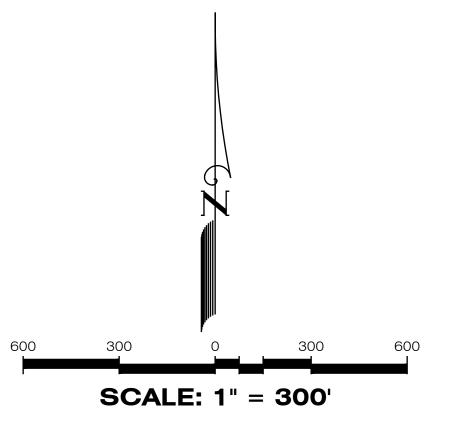
When Parrish Plantation was designed and permitted, the design engineer needed to accommodate the drainage flows of 135± acres from the west and 46± acres from the south that drained through the property before the site was developed. There was an existing ditch that ran from west to east that drained the surrounding properties through the site.

In order to not adversely impact the upstream neighbors, it was determined that the existing ditch would need to be widened to handle the existing flow through the site. The ditch system functions differently from the other stormwater ponds located on the site, as it does not treat or store water from the community. It simply passes the water through the site as it did prior to the construction of the development. The surrounding properties rely on this conveyance and modifying those elevations or hindering the ability of the water to flow through the ditch system would cause the neighbors to flood.

As mentioned above, the stormwater ponds function differently from the ditch. The stormwater ponds are designed to capture the runoff from the roads and homes and treat this runoff before it is released through a control structure offsite. This flow is restricted to ensure there is not an adverse impact of our neighbors. These stormwater ponds are normally larger bodies of water and are dug deeper (min. 8' below the controlled water level) to allow the nutrients and pollutants to settle to the bottom of the ponds prior to being discharged.

This is a section of the expanded ditch on the western side of the property. Digging the ditch deeper in this area would not guarantee there to be water in the ditch throughout the year as it would not be able to be dug much deeper. The existing bottom width is around 24'. The bottom of the ditch would need to be at least 6' wide leaving around 18'. Digging at the allowed 1:4 slope the ditch could be about 2' deeper than it is today.

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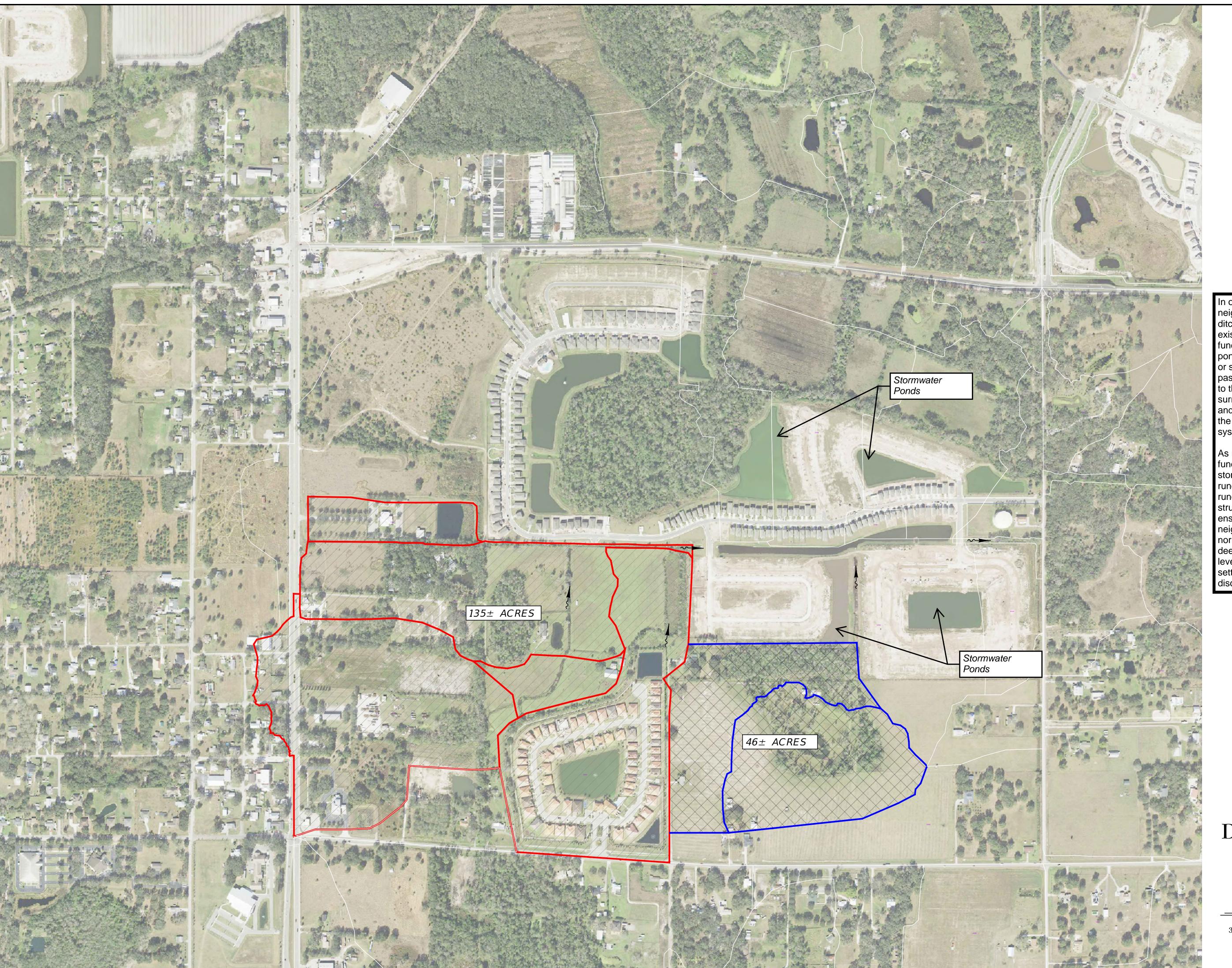
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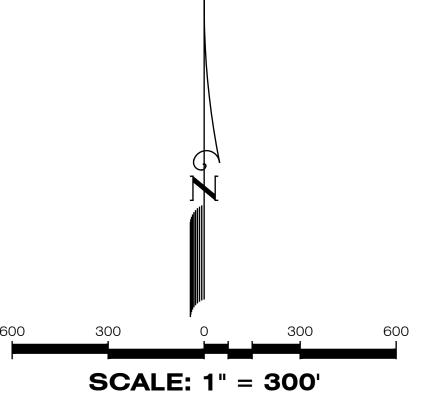
# PARRISH PLANTATION HISTORICAL DRAINAGE AREA MAP



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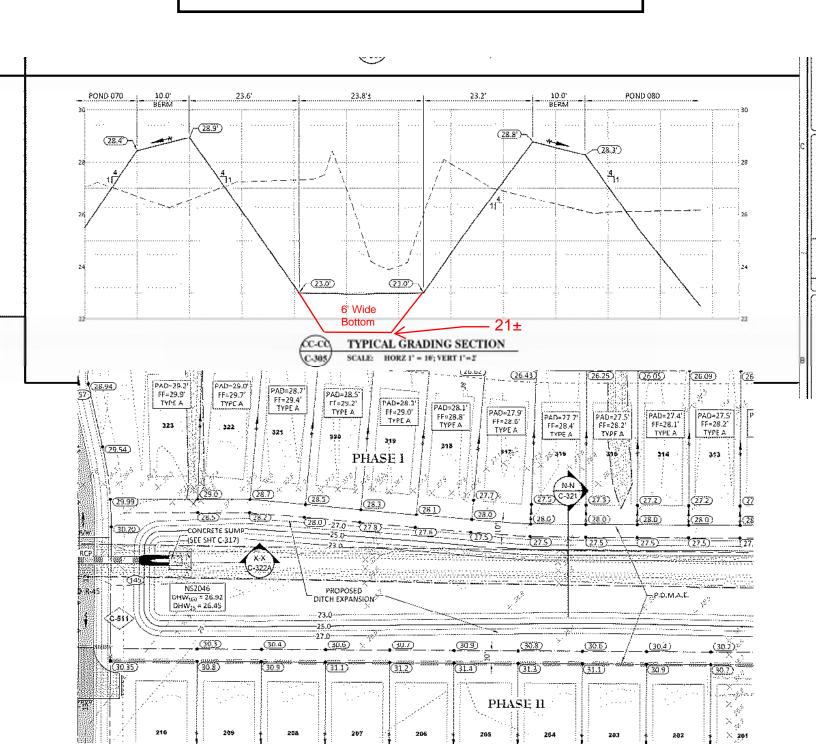
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## Copies of the Approved Plans for reference

