

WHAT IS THE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE?

The Agricultural Reserve (Ag Reserve) is the area bounded by the Turnpike on the east, Clint Moore Road on the south, the Arthur Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge on the west and a zigzag line between Hypoluxo Road and Boynton Beach Blvd. on the north. The Ag Reserve area is 21,981 acres. The Ag Reserve was created to preserve agriculture, wetlands, and open space.

WHAT IS THE 60%/40% DEVELOPMENT RULE?

Residential Developers are restricted from building communities unless at least 60% of the development is set aside for preserve (i.e. no homes can be built in preserve areas) or another property in the Ag Reserve is used to meet the preserve requirement for the proposed development.

HOW DOES THE GL PROPOSAL UNDERMINE THE AG RESERVE RULES?

GL Homes is trying to meet the 60% preserve requirement by “preserving” a property in northwest Palm Beach County to allow 100% development on their property in the Ag Reserve. For example, if the property under the Ag Reserve Rules is allowed 400 homes (utilizing the 40% development rule), GL is trying to build 1,000 homes on the property by “preserving” the equivalent of 60% of the property on a property located outside of the Ag Reserve.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Go to the link below to complete a simple form. Then click the “submit” button to automatically send a letter to the County Commissioners (customized with your information). www.cobwra.org/ag-reserve-letter.

For those who prefer to write a personal letter or call the Commissioners, their contact information is listed below:

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WHY IS THE GL PROPOSAL A BAD IDEA?

- GL Homes is trying to meet the 60% preserve requirement by “preserving” a property in northwest Palm Beach County to allow 100% development on their property in the Ag Reserve. Therefore, the GL Proposal **shifts increased density from northwest Palm Beach County into West Boynton Beach.**
- The increased number of homes will put **an unbearable strain on a neighborhood that is already deficient in many fundamental services** required for a community of its size (parks, libraries, schools, and fire & police stations).
- This will open the floodgates for future developers to utilize this tactic to further increase residential and commercial development on our area. And would result in the destruction of **THE JEWEL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY – THE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE.**
- The increased development will disturb the integrity of the Everglades and conservation of area wetlands as well as further strain our water resources.
- Adding the volume of the concrete that comes with building up to 4000 homes on previously undeveloped land would seriously impact drainage in **our precious neighborhood** and potentially cause flooding.
- The County Commissioners made a promise to the residents of Palm Beach County when they enacted the Agricultural Reserve Master Plan. **The County Commission is morally and ethically obliged to keep that promise.**
- Commissioners are obliged to **listen to the residents** and **not be influenced by powerful developers** whose principal concern is the bottom line.

THE AG RESERVE Palm Beach County's Irreplaceable Jewel

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