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Manatee County Building and Development
Services Department
Attn: Margaret Tusing, Principal Planner
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 4th Floor
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RE: PDR-14-09(Z)(P); Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc.

Dear Margaret:

Specific approval is requested for an alternative to Section **702.6.7, Yards adjacent to Agricultural Operations**, and Section **603.7.4.5, Greenbelts**, of the Land Development Code.

The site plan illustrates a perimeter buffer of twenty five feet in width along the western boundary. The adjacent lands are dominated by a significant forested wetland system; however, there is currently agricultural activity on the intervening upland area. While it is unlikely these activities will continue once this project is developed given its characteristics, the applicant has provided a twenty five foot designated open space to be placed between the property boundary and the lots which will have a fifteen foot rear yard setback for a total forty foot separation.

While the required width of the greenbelt has been illustrated, the planting of evenly spaced canopy trees within the area between the planned home sites and the wetland system would not serve its intended purpose of project separation and identification.

The applicant requests that the Board find the public purpose of these regulations will be satisfied to an equivalent or greater degree.

Sincerely,



Darendra D. Marvin, AICP