

June 12, 2025

Ms. Michelle Stone
Marion County Commissioner District 5
Mr. Mounir Bouyounes, PE
County Administrator
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Re: Return of the Bond posted for Spires 27 Landscape Mitigation Trees Planted

Ms. Stone & Mr. Bouyounes:

This is to formally request the return of the Bond posted for Tree Mitigation related to Spires 27. As per County requirements for underwriting the mitigation trees that were agreed to be planted to meet, and in this case surpass, the amount of trees required for tree mitigation. Those trees have been planted and are now in place fulfilling requirements.

Please see also attached the letter from Grandview Farms Landscaping certifying the size and planting of the trees. Grandview planted 1511.00 inches surpassing the deficit of 1,345.75 inches thus providing 165.25 inches more than the required deficit. The letter is signed by Grandview's Mark Sapp and certified by Suzanne Shuffitt certified Arborist.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and leadership in working through this solution. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Spires 27 LLC



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Kevin,

Please see the information below based on the number of additional trees planted.

Total Required Mitigation Preserved Trees	3,090.75" 48"
Previously Provided Mitigation Future US-27 Buffer	1,637.50" 59.5"
Deficit	1,345.75
Certified Deficit Provided Additional Inches over required	1,511.00"
Deficit	165.25"
Total number of additional trees planted	222

Grandview has planted additional caliper inches over the required deficit amounts on site inside the landscaped areas including the interior of the site and DRA slopes.

Best regards,

Mark Sapp

Vice President Grandview Landscaping Services, Inc.

ISA Certified Arborist Suzanne Shuffitt #FL-9167A 🔀