

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MARION COUNTY, a political  
Subdivision of the State of Florida,  
Petitioner,

CASE NO. 

vs.

MICHAEL P. VECCHIO,  
and GEORGE ALBRIGHT,  
as MARION COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR;  
and JIMMIE COWAN, as MARION COUNTY  
PROPERTY APPRAISER; and all unknown spouses  
of the above, if any; their heirs, devisees, assigns,  
grantees, creditors, lessees, executors, administrators,  
mortgagees, judgment creditors, trustees, lien holders,  
persons in possession, successors in interest, or any  
and all other persons having or claiming to have  
any right, title, or interest by, through, under or  
against the above-named Defendants, or otherwise  
claiming any right, title, or interest in the  
real property interests described in this  
action,

PARCEL NOS.: 1, 2

Defendants.

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**MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

As a result of a Mediation Conference held on June 20, 2025, the parties reached the following Settlement Agreement subject to the approval of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners:

1. Petitioner will pay to Respondent, Michael Vecchio, the sum of \$1,550,000.00 in full settlement of all claims for compensation from Petitioner whatsoever, including severance damages, business damages, but excluding attorney's fees, experts' fees, and costs.
2. In addition to the settlement amount referenced in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, Petitioner will pay \$272,631.00 in total attorney's fees and attorney litigation costs in this case, including fees related to monetary and non-monetary benefits and supplemental proceedings, if any.
3. In addition to the settlement amount referenced in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement, Petitioner will pay \$62,150.00 in total experts' fees and costs in this case.

4. Counsel for Petitioner and Respondent will jointly submit to the Court for signature a mutually approved Stipulated Order of Taking and Final Judgment in this matter as soon as practical hereafter, but not prior to the satisfaction of all conditions contained herein.

5. Petitioner will pay Respondent the balance due of \$1,884,781.00 within twenty (20) days of the actual date of receipt by the Petitioner's counsel of a conformed copy of the aforesaid Stipulated Final Judgment from the Court.

6. The property acquired by Petitioner for the DRA and the 30 foot strip along the southern boundary is in Fee Simple granting unto the Respondent the right of access along the 30 foot strip. Respondent may place a gate along the entrance at 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue but shall provide either keys or code to permit the Marion County access to the pond or to maintain the drainage pipe. The parties shall draft language in the Stipulated Order of Taking and Final Judgement providing for these rights of access and fencing.

7. Attached hereto is an addendum to this Agreement.

Yes  No

8. This Agreement, dated June 2025, contains all of the agreements of the parties.

Petitioner, Marion County

Respondent, Michael Vecchio

Atty for Pet., Matthew Guy Minter

Atty for Resp., Joseph Hanratty

Mediator, Lawrence S. Grueter