

Policy 2.1.28: World Equestrian Center (WEC)

This land use is intended to provide for the development of the Golden Ocala World Equestrian Center, a regional attraction consisting of equestrian-related improvements (including indoor and outdoor arenas, barns, show rings, etc.), sports facilities and other improvements to support the horse community and community in general. This designation also allows for commercial uses (including retail, hotel, office, community uses and business opportunities), recreational uses, residential uses, recreational vehicle parks (“RVP”) and mixed uses. Any commercial uses on World Equestrian Center (“WEC”) designated lands in the Rural Area (i.e., outside the UGB) shall be limited to equestrian-related uses associated with the World Equestrian Center. Any hotels or other commercial uses that are not permitted in the Rural Lands Future Land Use designation shall be prohibited on WEC designated lands in the Rural Area (i.e., outside the UGB); provided, however, Recreational Vehicle Parks and clubhouse spaces may be allowed if expressly permitted by a FLUE Policy applicable to a parcel of real property assigned the WEC designation. As used herein, the term “equestrian-related use” shall mean a land use that is principally rural and equestrian in character and associated with and supportive of equestrian sports. Examples of equestrian-related uses include polo fields, equestrian arenas, equestrian instruction facilities, veterinary clinics, farriers (non-mobile), stables and barns, and feed stores and tack shops. Any and all accessory uses to equestrian-related uses shall be directly ancillary and incidental to such equestrian related use and shall be located on the same lot or parcel as the principal equestrian-related use. Examples of sports facilities include softball fields, soccer fields, indoor and outdoor arenas, and other recreational uses. The maximum density for residential uses (i) within the Urban Area shall be four (4) dwelling units per one (1) gross acre; and (ii) within the Rural Area shall be one (1) dwelling unit per ten (10) gross acres. The maximum intensity for non-residential uses (i) within the Urban Area (inside the UGB) shall be a Floor Area Ratio of 0.5, as further defined by the LDC; and (ii) within the Rural Area (outside the UGB) shall be a Floor Area Ratio of 0.35, as further defined by the LDC. This land use designation is allowed in the Urban and Rural Area and is limited to the lands: (1) described in Exhibit “C” to Ordinance No. 20-36 dated December 16, 2020 (as may be subsequently amended); all such lands shall be developed under a single-unified Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district classification on and over such land, consistent with Marion County’s Land Development Code (LDC); and (2) described in Exhibits “A1” and “A2” to Ordinance No 22-26 dated June 21, 2022; all such lands shall be developed under a single-unified Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district classification on and over such land, consistent with Marion County’s Land Development Code (LDC).

Future Land Use Element Table 2-1: Summary of Future Land Use Designations*

FLU	DENSITY	FAR	USES
RURAL AREAS (Outside UGB)			
AGRICULTURAL USES			
Rural Land (RL)	0 – 1 du/10 ac	N/A	Agriculture, residences associated with agriculture, or Conservation.
NON-RESIDENTIAL / MIXED USES			
Rural Activity Center (RAC)	0 - 2 du/ac	0 – 0.35	Office, Commercial, Public, Recreation, Residential
URBAN AREAS (Inside and Outside UGB)			
RESIDENTIAL USES			
Low Residential (LR)	0 - 1 du/ac	N/A	Residential, Public, Recreation, Conservation
Medium Residential (MR)	1 – 4 du/ac	N/A	Residential, Public, Recreation, Conservation
High Residential (HR)	4 - 8 du/ac	N/A	Residential, Public, Recreation, Conservation
Urban Residential (UR)	8 - 16 du/ac	N/A	Residential, Public, Recreation, Conservation, Commercial (accessory)
NON-RESIDENTIAL / MIXED USES			

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Commercial (COM)	0 – 8 du/ac	0 – 1.0	Office, Commercial, Public, Recreation, Residential, Campgrounds, Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP)
Employment Center (EC)	0 - 16 du/ac	0 – 2.0	Office, Commercial, Industrial, Public, Recreation, Residential, Campgrounds, RVP
Commerce District (CD)	N/A	0 – 2.0	Office, Commercial, Industrial, Public
ALLOWED IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS (Inside or Outside UGB)			
NON-RESIDENTIAL / MIXED USES			
Public (P)	N/A	0 – 1.0	Public, Office, Commercial, Recreation, Golf Course
Preservation (PR)	N/A	N/A	Preservation, Conservation
Municipality (M)	N/A	N/A	Municipality
World Equestrian Center (WEC)**	<i>Rural Area (Outside UGB)</i>		
	0-1 du/10 ac (Rural Area)	0 – 0.35 for Rural Areas (outside the UGB)	Residential, World Equestrian Center with equestrian-related uses per FLUE Policy 10.5.1 for property depicted on FLUMS Map 15h (for Golden Ocala) Residential, World Equestrian Center with equestrian related use (RVP) and clubhouse per FLUE Policy 10.6.1 (for Jockey Club)
	<i>Urban Area (Inside UGB)</i>		
	0-4 du/ac (Urban Area)	0 - 0.50 for Urban Areas (inside the UGB)	World Equestrian Center, Sports Facilities, Office, Commercial, Public, Recreation, Residential, Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP)

NOTE:

* Existing Future Land Use designations that do not comply with the table above are either properties that were recognized by the prior Comprehensive Plan or may be the creation of a new Urban or Rural Area, as further defined in this and other elements of this Plan.

** Lower densities may be allowed as applicable to a specific parcel and included in Policy 10.5.1 or as further defined in other elements of this plan.

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