

Charles Morris

From: Rocky Thompson <rthompso@sjrwmd.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:46 AM
To: Charles Morris
Subject: RE: Request for waiver

Mr. Morris,

If the HOA is ok with this process, then the District will review and issue a permit modification when submitted.

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From: Charles Morris <charlie@charlesmorris.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 6, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Rocky Thompson <rthompso@sjrwmd.com>
Subject: RE: Request for waiver

Rocky

I am planning to first talk to the NH HOA as you suggest. Can you please confirm that in the event they are in agreement with a swap with offsetting land that your agency has no objection to our making that move. I am sure that question will come up.

Thanks again for your help and advice.

Charlie Morris

From: Rocky Thompson <rthompso@sjrwmd.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7:16 AM
To: Charles Morris <charlie@charlesmorris.us>
Cc: Tracy Schilling <TSchilling@sjrwmd.com>
Subject: RE: Request for waiver

Charles,

As the buffer in this area is not under a Conservation Easement but protected by the Covenants and Restrictions, the process would be 1. Getting the ok from the HOA to apply for a permit modification, 2. Contacting an environmental consultant who can move it through the permitting process. There will need to be offsetting buffer encumbered onsite. The Environmental consultant will be able to aid you on how that would occur.

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From: Charles Morris <charlie@charlesmorris.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Rocky Thompson <rthompso@sjrwmd.com>
Subject: Request for waiver

Rocky

Tracy Schilling gave me your name as the person to contact to request a waiver in the buffer zone on property I own in North Hampton subdivision in Nassau County. We are building a new home on property I own (Lot 491, 862525 North Hampton Club Way, Fernandina Beach, FL) and plan to install a small pool and screen enclosure at the back of the house. The home borders on the Lofton Creek marsh area and there is a buffer (vegetative) area at the back of my property. The North Hampton rules set a minimum home size of 3000 sq ft on these lots which consumes most of the lot with the setbacks. In trying to design a pool area, we are running slightly into the vegetative area. I am requesting a waiver to allow me to install my screened enclosure area over about 41 sq. ft. of the vegetative area so I can have a straight line on the back of the enclosure area and not have to install an unattractive weird bend in the screen.

The area that I want to use is barren. Only pine straw is on the ground, so we will not be damaging any existing vegetation. The ground in the back of the home slopes away from the marsh and toward the home, so we would not be increasing the danger of silting or runoff into the marsh.

If it would help, I would substitute and move the 41 sq. ft triangle area to the upper left (South) side of the property and declare that area as buffer zone.

I have attached a site survey, several depictions of the pool plan, and some photos of the area to help you understand the area we hope to include in our screened area.

I am a third generation Floridian and very sensitive to the environmental stewardship needed in our state. Making this small change will not increase the risk of damage to the marsh or the buffer zone.

The area I want to use is a right triangle with one leg the extension of a straight line parallel to the back of the house, extending about 18 feet across in the vegetative zone, and the other leg about 4.5 feet extending vertically away from the house. The area of this space is about 41sq ft.

I am making this request with the following rationale:

Bending the screen is esthetically unattractive and reduces the value of the home.

Bending the back screen increases the cost of the screen enclosure as the roof design becomes far more complex.

If I am forced to bend the screen, I will have to minimize the area between the pool and the screen, making it less safe for kids on that side of the pool, also risking splashing the salt water from the pool out of the pool area.

The area I want to use will only have the screen enclosure on it and will be planted as a small garden area.

The area I am requesting to use now has no vegetation and none will be destroyed.

The area between the home and the marsh slopes toward the home, not toward the marsh. This reduces the risk of erosion and damage to the marsh.

I plan to use ClearView screen (contains no crossmembers) across the back of the screen enclosure – the vertical required beam to make the bend will be very displeasing to the eye

Making this change will not increase the danger or risk of damage to the marsh area we are trying to protect.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

I would be most happy to discuss this request with you personally, and if you would like, I can meet you at the site and show you the area and what we are trying to accomplish.

Very truly yours

Charlie Morris

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