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October 20, 2000

Mr. George Anderson  
c/o Mr. Bill Sammons  
SCR Properties, Inc.  
505 Bartow Rd.  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Wetland Jurisdictional Determination  
W. Daughtery Rd. Parcels  
Lakeland, Florida


Dear Mr. Anderson:

Attached are correspondence received from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding wetland jurisdiction at the Daughtery Road parcel. We initially identified a potential wetland area in the east-central portion of the site. This is a forested and shrubby area of the parcel dominated by laurel oak (Quercus laurifolia), water oak (Quercus nigra), and wax myrtle (Myrica cerifera). SWFWMD was unable to reach a conclusive determination of jurisdiction based on their initial field inspection. They subsequently requested an evaluation by Mr. Richard Ford, soil scientist for the NRCS, to verify the presence or absence of hydric soils in the area of question. Upon inspection it was determined that the soils were non-hydric. Seasonal high water indicators were also found to be well below 12 inches depth. Based on the lack of hydric soil indicators and a lack of wetland hydrology indicators, SWFWMD concluded that the site does not contain wetlands.

The SWFWMD letter serves as verification of no wetland jurisdiction as defined by the water management district. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has not inspected the site, but the lack of hydric soils as determined by the NRCS and a lack of wetland hydrology indicators provides reasonable assurance that the COE also would likely not assert wetland jurisdiction.

These agency correspondence and aerial photograph should be kept on file and the letters submitted as attachments to the Environmental Resource Permit application for site development. We have appreciated the opportunity to assist you with this project. Please call if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Chandler Clarkson  
Ecologist

Attachments:



NRCS

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
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September 26, 2000

Southwest Florida Water  
Management District  
170 Century Blvd  
Bartow, Florida 33830

*Jeff*

ATT: Mr. Jeffrey B. Whealton

RE: SCR Properties, Inc. (Daughtery Road)

Dear Sir:

An on-site soil investigation was conducted on September 14, 2000 to determine hydric soils. The area investigated is located in sec. 23, T. 27 S., R. 23 E.; Polk County, Florida. It contains 18 acres more or less.

Five soil borings were made on-site to a depth of eighty inches. The soil type was identified based on information found in the soil Survey of Polk County, Florida. Also, field indicators of hydric soils were identified if present. These indicators were used to determine hydric soils on-site.

SB#1 and SB#2 are located in an oak hammock. SB#3, SB#4, and SB#5 are located in a typical flatwoods landscape. The dominant soil identified was Zolfo fine sand. No field indicators of hydric soils were found within the Zolfo fine sand soil type. Zolfo fine sand is a somewhat poorly drained non-hydric inclusion within a moderately well drained Pomello fine sand mapping unit.

Please call if you have any questions. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

*Richard D. Ford*

Richard D. Ford  
Resource Soil Scientist

xc: Ed Sheehan, Bartow F.O.

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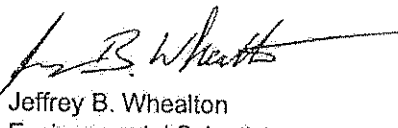
Subject: **Wetland and Surface Water Determination**  
Project Name: SCR Properties, Inc. (Daughtery Rd.)  
Inquiry No.: 77075  
County: Polk  
S/T/R: 23/27S/23E

Dear Mr. Clarkson:

Thank you for meeting with me at the site referenced above on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2000, for an informal review of the possible wetlands contained therein. As you may recall, also present at that meeting was Soil Scientist Richard Ford from the NRCS. Based on the site's lack of evidence of wetland hydrology and Mr. Ford's determination that hydric soils are not present at this site, it was determined that the property referenced above does not contain wetlands as defined by Chapter 62-340, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

If you have questions regarding this matter or if we may be of further assistance, please contact me in our Bartow office at (863) 534-1448 or 1-800-492-7862. Please refer to the project name and inquiry number in future communications regarding this property.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey B. Whealon  
Environmental Scientist  
Bartow Regulation Department

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cc: Richard Ford, NRCS, 1700 US Hwy 17 South, Suite 2, Bartow, FL 33830  
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