

**SUNCOAST LAKES  
COMMERCIAL SITE**

**PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**±171.10 ACRE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LISTED SPECIES AND WILDLIFE REPORT**

**Prepared for:**

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FDC Job No. 549-001**

PERMIT FOR TAKING OF GOPHER TORTOISES AND  
THEIR BURROWS

Chapter 68A-27.005(1)(a) F.A.C.

STATE OF FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Issuance Date: February 4, 2003

Permittee: FC Suncoast LLC

Permittee Address: 5307 Fox Hunt  
Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543  
Attn: Mr. Frank Stringer

Consultant: Mr. James Hunting

Consultant Address: Florida Design Consultants, Inc.  
6321 Grand Boulevard  
New Port Richey, Florida 34652

Permit Number: PAS-68

**Location of Affected Site:** The 494-acre Suncoast Lakes site, including 294.37 acres of gopher tortoise habitat, situated west of the Suncoast Parkway and south of State Road 52 in Sections 12, 13, and 14, Township 25S, Range 17E, Pasco County (see attachments 1 and 2).

**Permitted Action:** The permittee or its agents are authorized to take gopher tortoises, their eggs and their burrows within its development boundaries where such taking is incidental to development activities. The criteria of Rule 68A-27.005(1)(a) F.A.C. have been satisfied and the taking, as conditioned below, will not be detrimental to the survival potential of the species.

**Provisions/Conditions:**

1. The permittee shall contribute to the acquisition of 12.25 acres of tortoise habitat by paying \$74,639.00 (\$6,093.00 X 12.25 acres) to the FWC-Land Acquisition Trust Fund, Tampa Bay account. Payment shall be sent to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 6150, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6150.
2. This permit will not go into effect until the permittee has obtained a receipt from the FWC for the mitigation funds specified under condition #1. As described in the permit Notice of Rights Statement, issuance of this permit may be appealed by a concerned party within 21 days of the permittee's receipt of this notice. If a Petition for Administrative Hearing is timely filed within this prescribed time period, the permittee will be notified by the FWC. Upon such notification, the permittee shall cease all work authorized by this permit until the petition is resolved.

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3. Receipt of payment must occur in a timely manner so that regional habitat conservation areas can be purchased. This payment shall be made within 6 months from the date of this notice. If the payment is not received within the specified time period, this permit is subject to being voided.
4. This permit does not relieve the permittee from any other "taking" requirements by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the FWC as to other listed species. Specifically, this permit does not authorize any destruction of scrub jays or scrub jay habitat. Consultation with the USFWS should be sought if this species is present.
5. The permittee or its approved agents are authorized to move tortoises, at their discretion, within the property boundaries to minimize taking. This permit does not authorize the permittee or its agents to possess or move tortoises off the contiguous ownership of the permittee nor to move tortoises into areas previously authorized as a relocation site by a FWC permit. A separate relocation permit from the FWC shall be required for those activities.
6. This permit does not authorize any taking of gopher tortoises beyond that which is a direct result of development activities or the on-site movement of animals addressed in Condition #5. Any other form of taking or relocation will require a separate permit from the Executive Director.
7. This permit must be available for inspection at all times while engaged in the permitted activities.
8. This permit is transferable to subsequent owners of the property.

Notice of Rights Statement: In accordance with Rules 28-5.111 and 28-6.008, F.A.C., and Section 120.60, F.S., any party may request a hearing on this matter pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S., by filing a completed Elections of Rights form (copy attached) by certified mail, return receipt requested, with the undersigned within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this notice. If timely requested and a hearing is granted, the hearing will be conducted under the procedures established by Section 120.57, F.S. A party will be given the opportunity to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to take testimony, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to have subpoenas issued on your behalf.

Kenneth D. Haddad  
Executive Director

By: Brian Barnett

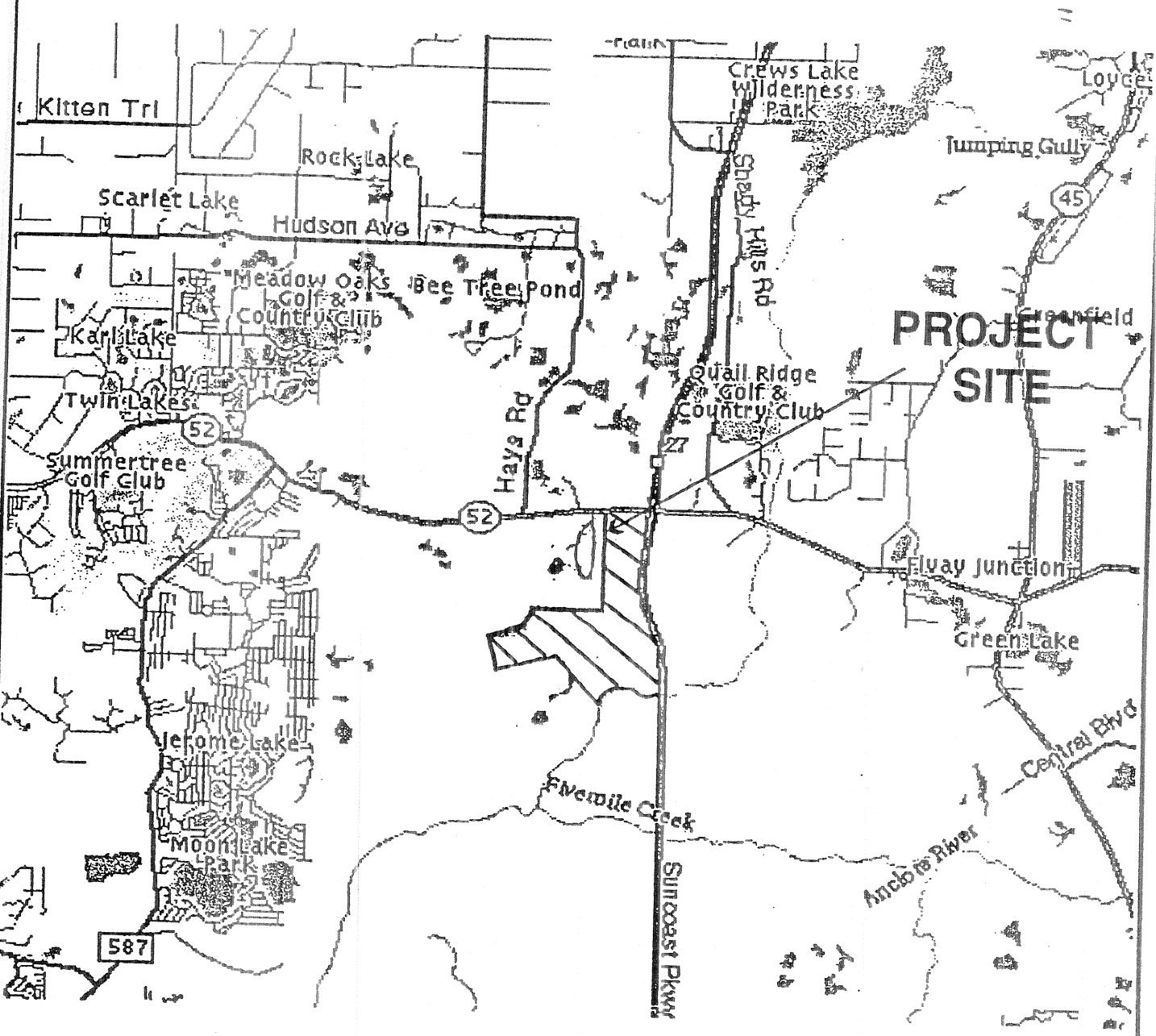
Attachments:

1. Location map
2. Project boundaries map
3. Elections of Rights form

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DESCRIPTION		LOCATION MAP - SUNCOAST LAKES		PROJECT No. 543-01
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