



# Annexation Staff Report

Case No. ANX24-45776

Planning & Zoning Commission: September 9, 2024

City Council (1<sup>st</sup> Reading): September 3, 2024

City Council (Adoption): September 17, 2024

**Petitioner:** Marion County Board of County Commissioners  
**Property Owner:** Marion County Board of County Commissioners  
**Project Planner:** Emily W. Johnson, AICP  
**Applicant Request:** Annexation of a County well site, comprised of approximately 0.05 acres, from unincorporated Marion County.  
**Existing Future Land Use:** Commercial (County)  
**Existing Zoning District:** PUD, Planned Unit Development (County)  
**Associated Applications:** LUC24-45777, ZON24-45778

## Parcel Information

Acres: ±0.05 acres  
 Parcel(s)#: 21509-001-00  
 Location: 2951 NW 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Existing use: Potable water well serving the Quail Meadow subdivision  
 Overlay(s): N/A

## Adjacent Property Information

<u>Direction</u>	<u>Future Land Use</u>	<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>Current Use</u>
<b>North</b>	Low Intensity	R-3, Multi-Family Residential	Vacant/Undeveloped parcel (ANX24-45693, LUC24-45694, ZON24-45695)
<b>East</b>	Low Intensity	R-3, Multi-Family Residential	Vacant/Undeveloped parcel (ANX24-45693, LUC24-45694, ZON24-45695)
<b>South</b>	Low Intensity	R-3, Multi-Family Residential	Vacant/Undeveloped parcel (ANX24-45693, LUC24-45694, ZON24-45695)
<b>West</b>	Low Intensity	R-3, Multi-Family Residential	Vacant/Undeveloped parcel (ANX24-45693, LUC24-45694, ZON24-45695)

## Applicant Request

The petitioner is requesting annexation of an existing County-owned well site, to avoid creation of an enclave upon annexation of the abutting parcel.

The petitioner has submitted concurrent applications to change the land use classification from Commercial (County) to Public (City) (LUC24-45777); and to rezone from PUD, Planned Unit Development (County) to G-U, Governmental Use (City) (ZON24-45778).

**Associated Project**

The abutting parcel, identified by Parcel Identification Number 21509-001-01, surrounds the subject property on all four sides. The abutting parcel is being presented concurrently for annexation (ANX24-45693), land use change (LUC24-45694), and rezoning (ZON24-45695). The subject property is excluded from the legal description of the abutting parcel.

**Background**

The subject property, identified by Parcel Identification Number 21509-001-00, contains approximately 0.05 acres. The subject property is currently developed with an existing County-owned potable water well. The well provides water service to the Quail Meadow subdivision located to the north.

The well is accessed via a 20-foot-wide ingress and egress easement, shown on the plat of Foxwood III (PB 14, Pg 197). Additionally, the plat depicts a 20-foot-wide ingress, egress and utilities easement surrounding the well site, and a 20-foot-wide waterline and facilities easement between the subject property and Quail Meadow subdivision. It is noted that the annexation will not change any underlying established easements.

**Staff Analysis**

***Factual Support***

1. The requested annexation is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the City of Ocala Comprehensive Plan:

- a. Future Land Use Element Objective 12: The Future Land Use Element shall require efficient use of existing services, facilities, and infrastructure to discourage urban sprawl and promote a clustered urban development pattern.

*The subject property is surrounded on all sides by a parcel which is also being considered for annexation. Annexation of the subject property avoids the creation of an enclave. The subject property is developed with a County-owned and maintained well site, which is not anticipated to require additional facilities or infrastructure.*

- i. Policy 12.1: The City shall require that all development have adequate services and facilities including water, roads, sewage collection and treatment, stormwater drainage, recreation, and solid waste disposal, to the extent required by state law, other provisions of this Comprehensive Plan, or the City’s Land Development Code.

*The subject property is developed with a County-owned and maintained well site, which is not anticipated to require additional facilities or infrastructure. Platted easements exist for maintenance access to the subject property and are not changed as a result of annexation.*

2. The requested annexation is consistent with the following Sections of the City of Ocala Code of Ordinances:

- a. Section 122-246 – Annexed territory:

(a) All territory which may be annexed to the city after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived (May 8, 1992) shall be considered to be zoned in the zoning classification given it by the county zoning code; provided that if no such

classification exists in the zoning ordinance of the city then the property shall be zoned within the city under that classification most closely corresponding to the existing county classification.

*The associated rezoning application (ZON24-45778) proposes to rezone the property to G-U, Governmental Use (City). The City's G-U zoning district is appropriate and compatible with the existing use of the subject property.*

- (b) All annexed territory shall, at the earliest available date, be subject to the land use change process to bring the land use into compliance with the comprehensive plan. This process may result in a different land use designation and zoning classification.

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### ***Level of Service Analysis***

**Transportation:** The subject property is accessed via a 20-foot-wide ingress and egress easement. Access to the subject property is primarily intended for maintenance of the well site and is not anticipated to negatively impact transportation levels of service.

**Potable Water:** The existing well site is not anticipated to require potable water service. The well site provides potable water to the Quail Meadow subdivision, located to the north.

**Sanitary Sewer:** The existing well site is not anticipated to require sanitary sewer service.

**Solid Waste:** The existing well site is not anticipated to require solid waste service.

**Stormwater:** The subject property is not located within a FEMA Flood Zone. For any future redevelopment, runoff must be retained on-site to match pre-development conditions. Facilities must be designed to provide flood protection for a 100 year, 24-hour storm event.

**Electric:** The subject property is currently serviced by Ocala Electric Utility. A connection to the subject property runs within a platted 20-foot-wide waterline and facilities easement located between the subject property and Quail Meadow subdivision.

**Fiber:** The existing well site is not anticipated to require fiber service.

**Fire Service:** Ocala Fire Rescue Station #1 is located approximately 3.5 miles from the subject property, at 3001 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Schools:** This annexation is not anticipated to affect schools.

### **Staff Findings and Recommendation**

- The requested annexation avoids creation of an enclave.
- The subject property is serviced by city electric utility.
- Approval of this request will not adversely affect the health, safety, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare of the community.

<b>Staff Recommendation:</b> <i>Approval</i>
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