



Staff Report

File #: 19-429A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Release of public road right-of-way, as recorded in Official Record Book 18037, Page 1170, by General Release, and reservation of a drainage, utility, and sidewalk easement over the property. (Legislative Hearing)

Recommended Action:

Consider granting the petition to vacate, and if granted, adopt the attached resolution pursuant to Florida State Statutes 336. Authorize the Clerk of the Court to attest and record the resolution in the Public Records of Pinellas County

- The right of way was acquired and a portion is requested to be released to allow for an affordable housing project to be built on the property by Habitat for Humanity.
- The County is retaining a drainage, utility and sidewalk easement over the released property.
- Staff supports this petition to vacate request.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Service to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

5.4 Strive to exceed customer expectations

Summary:

This action will release a previously reserved and recorded portion of right of way in the Baskin Heights Subdivision, Lot 15. A drainage, utility, and sidewalk easement will be reserved, described as approximately the east fifteen feet more or less (mol) of Lot 15, for the Gooden Crossing sidewalk and drainage improvement project. The portion of Lot 15 being released will make the parcel buildable and allow for affordable housing construction.

Background/Explanation:

Resolution 13-53 dedicated certain portions of County owned property as public road right of way for Gooden Crossing from 119th Street to the Pinellas Trail in June 2013. Habitat for Humanity acquired Lot 15 and requested that a portion of the previously dedicated right of way be released to make Lot 15 a buildable lot. By releasing the area and keeping it in an easement, lot 15 becomes buildable and the County retains the ability to use it. Alternatively, lot 15 would become a remnant lot with no development potential.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Delegated Authority:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Renea Vincent, Director, Planning

Andrew W. Pupke, Director, Real Estate Management

Partners:

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County

Attachments:

Resolution

Sketch and Legal - Exhibit "A"

Easement Sketch - Exhibit "B"

Resolution 13-53

Location Map