

**** For use when Developer wants to include the conservation easement in the Declaration.

ARTICLE - CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Section 1 – Conservation Easement Areas.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 704.06, Florida Statutes, Developer hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to the St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”) a conservation easement in perpetuity over the Conservation Easement Areas (the “Conservation Easement”). Developer fully warrants title to said Conservation Easement Areas, and will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. Developer grants this Conservation Easement as a condition of permit number _____ issued by the District, solely to offset adverse impacts to natural resources, fish and wildlife, and wetland functions.

1.1. Purpose. The purpose of this Conservation Easement is to assure that the Conservation Easement Areas will be retained forever in their existing natural condition and to prevent any use of the Conservation Easement Areas that will impair or interfere with the environmental value of these areas.

1.2. Prohibited Uses. Any activity in or use of the Conservation Easement Areas inconsistent with the purpose of this Conservation Easement is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are expressly prohibited:

(a) Construction or placing buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities or other structures on or above the ground.

(b) Dumping or placing soil or other substance or material as landfill or dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials.

(c) Removing, destroying or trimming trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.

(d) Excavating, dredging or removing loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substances in such a manner as to affect the surface.

(e) Surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominantly in its natural condition.

(f) Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation.

(g) Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.

(h) Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of the structural integrity or physical appearance of sites or properties of historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural significance.

1.3 Responsibilities. The Developer, its successors and assigns, shall be responsible for the periodic removal of trash and other debris which may accumulate in the Conservation Easement Areas.

1.4. Reserved Rights. Developer reserves unto itself, and its successors and assigns, all rights accruing from its ownership of the Conservation Easement Areas, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Conservation Easement Areas, that are not expressly prohibited herein and are not inconsistent with the purpose of this Conservation Easement.

1.5. Rights of District. To accomplish the purposes stated herein, the Developer conveys the following rights to the District:

(a) To enter upon and inspect the Conservation Easement Areas in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to determine if Developer or its successors and assigns are complying with the covenants and prohibitions contained in this Conservation Easement.

(b) To proceed at law or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Conservation Easement and the covenants set forth herein, to prevent the occurrence of any of the prohibited activities set forth herein, and require the restoration of areas or features of the Conservation Easement Areas that may be damaged by any activity inconsistent with this Conservation Easement.

1.6. District's Discretion. District may enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement at its discretion, but if Developer breaches any term of this Conservation Easement and District does not exercise its rights under this Conservation Easement, District's forbearance shall not be construed to be a waiver by District of such term, or of any subsequent breach of the same, or any other term of this Conservation Easement, or of any of the District's rights under this Conservation Easement. No delay or omission by the District in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Developer shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. District shall not be obligated to Developer, or to any other person or entity, to enforce the provisions of this Conservation Easement.

1.7. District's Liability. Developer will assume all liability for any injury or damage to the person or property of third parties which may occur in the Conservation Easement Areas arising from Developer's ownership of the Conservation Easement Areas. Neither Developer, nor any person or entity claiming by or through Developer, shall hold District liable for any damage or injury to person or personal property which may occur in the Conservation Easement Areas.

1.8. Acts Beyond Developer's Control. Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to entitle District to bring any action against Developer for any injury to or change in the Conservation Easement Areas resulting from natural causes beyond Developer's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm and earth movement, or from any necessary action taken by Developer under emergency conditions to prevent, abate or mitigate significant injury to the Conservation Easement Areas or to persons resulting from such causes.

1.9 Amendment. The provisions of this Conservation Easement may not be amended without the prior written approval of the District.

1.10. Successors. The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Conservation Easement Areas.

*** Also please add the following to the Definitions section of the Declaration:

"Conservation Area" or "Conservation Easement Area" shall mean and refer to all such property so designated as Tract(s) _____ upon any recorded Subdivision Plat or Plats of the Properties. The Developer reserves the right to add lands to the Conservation Easement Area.

OR

"Conservation Area" or "Conservation Easement Area" shall mean and refer to all such property so described in the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit _____. The Developer reserves the right to add lands to the Conservation Easement Area.