

ITEM #71-C

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

PUBLIC HEARING

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SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

PLANNING COUNCIL

From: John Bell
To: Planning Council
Subject: Amendment pc 25-7
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 8:35:40 AM

My family and I strongly support voting no on this change. But from everything I have seen it appears that you and the city of Fort Lauderdale want to make this happen no matter what the community wants

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Subject: Expressed concern to Land Use Amendment PC 25-7

Good afternoon Council Members,

My name is Angela Clem, and I represent the residents of Broadview Park. We would like to express serious concern regarding the proposed land-use amendment PC 25-7, which would convert nearly 40 acres of protected natural land into residential development.

This land is not a blank space on a map. It is a designated Urban Wilderness Site, a Natural Forest Community, a Local Area of Particular Concern, and part of Broward County's own Protected Natural Lands Inventory. For over 40 years, the County has recognized this area as environmentally sensitive, ecologically valuable, and worthy of preservation.

If approved, this amendment would result in the permanent loss of one of the last natural forests in central Broward County. This forest provides wildlife habitat, cooling shade, air quality benefits, and stormwater absorption that Broadview Park relies on—especially during heavy rain and king tides. Replacing this with up to 75% impervious surface threatens to worsen flooding conditions for an already vulnerable neighborhood.

County staff have clearly stated that development could increase impervious areas by 55%. They also indicate the site is near contaminated areas and hazardous material facilities, meaning development will require complicated environmental controls with real risks to surrounding homes.

The County recommends preserving as much tree canopy and habitat as possible, but “as much as possible” under a residential designation often becomes much less than the community needs. Once this forest is cleared, it is gone forever.

Residents of Broadview Park do not oppose progress, but we do oppose the unnecessary destruction of one of the last protected natural lands we have left. We ask the Council to prioritize long-term environmental stability, community safety, and quality of life over short-term development pressure.

We urge you to deny this amendment and preserve Pine Ridge Nature Trail as the natural community asset it has been for decades.

Thank you.

Your Broadview Park Civic Association

~We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another.~
J.M.Nouven