

Abbreviated Environmental Assessment

Instructions: An Abbreviated Environmental Assessment (A-EA) may be provided in association with the land clearing and incidental development of residential properties for the purpose of issuance of County building permits. The purpose of the A-EA is to identify wetlands, native uplands, and state and federally listed species with the potential to be found on such properties.

The following sections shall be included in this assessment:

I. Introduction

Provide property data such as acreage, physical address, PCN, location description, and a brief description of properties abutting the described property. Provide a location map as part of this assessment.

The County's parcel map may be utilized: <http://geoweb.martin.fl.us/general/>

II. Property Description with Natural Communities and Land Cover

Briefly describe existing conditions of the property that includes any natural communities (wetlands, native uplands, shoreline area), any developed areas, non-habitat areas, and other areas such as surface waters. The Florida Land Cover Classification System codes shall be used to describe all areas, as identified on a map, and overlaid on a recent aerial.

To assist in the permitting for residential construction and site development, it is helpful to identify any prohibited plant species that are required to be removed or perimeter native trees that may be retained for tree credits- these areas can then be shown on land clearing plans provided for permit approval.

III. State and Federally Listed Species Discussion

Provide a description of survey methodologies and agency databases (if searched) employed for listed species, as appropriate for the property. Provide information on listed species that have the potential to be found on site. The list for potential resident species shall be condensed and tailored, based upon the on-site conditions and habitats. A field reconnaissance wildlife survey shall be provided (ex. Gopher tortoise survey) for any resident species found on the property. Any valid wildlife permit issued by the state or federal wildlife agency shall be included as part of this assessment or stated in this section if a permit is required.

IV. Certification By Consultant

"I certify that the referenced property was surveyed for state and federally listed species with the potential to be found on site, in accordance with the appropriate survey methodologies by the listing wildlife agencies."

Agent's Name / Firm Name:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix

Figure 1 – Location map superimposed on a recent aerial

Figure 2 – Florida Land Cover Classification System map on a recent aerial

Figure 3 – Wildlife Survey/Listed Species found on site (if applicable)

EXHIBITS – Agency correspondence such as state wetland jurisdictional determination letter or gopher tortoise permit (if applicable)