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Ms. Lisa Walsh, AICP, Senior Planner
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City of Ocala, 201 SE 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: City of Ocala 12-3ESR Proposed; Expedited Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review

Dear Ms. Walsh:

The Office of Intergovernmental Programs of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the above-referenced amendment proposal under the procedures of Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*. The Department conducted a detailed review that focused on potential adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities, specifically: air and water pollution; wetlands and other surface waters of the state; federal and state-owned lands and interest in lands, including state parks, greenways and trails, conservation easements; solid waste; water and wastewater treatment; and, where applicable, the Everglades ecosystem.

Based on our review of the proposed amendment, the Department has found no provision that requires comment under laws that form the basis of the Department's jurisdiction. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment package. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please call me at (850) 245-2182.

Sincerely,

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