

EXHIBIT 3
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
SUPPORT DOCUMENT

HOUSING ELEMENT

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Green Certification Programs - Applies criteria and standards to the design and construction of buildings that conserve and protect the environment, increase profitability through energy efficiency and create healthier places to live, work, and play.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions - The Earth's surface absorbs the Sun's energy and radiates this energy as heat. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere absorb this radiated heat and in turn emit in all directions, warming the atmosphere and causing global warming. One major greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide. Combustion of all fuels containing carbon (gasoline, natural gas, coal, diesel, wood, and propane) yield carbon dioxide which in turn absorbs and emits heat in the atmosphere causing global warming.

Mixed-Use Development – The practice of allowing more than one type of use in a development area. In land use and zoning terms, this can mean some combination of residential, commercial, industrial, office, institutional, or other uses.

NatureScape Broward - A strategy of landscaping that encourages the use of native plants to create Florida friendly green spaces that conserve water, protect water quality, and create wildlife habitat. Native species are uniquely adapted to south Florida and require little watering and are naturally resistant.

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Sense of Place – The term sense of place is defined in different ways by different people. Generally, it is a feeling or perception of the characteristics of a place that make it special or unique, feeling that foster a sense of authentic human attachment and belonging.

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Smart Growth – Planning principles and issues that address the quality of life will be maintained for this and future generations of Broward county inhabitants.

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United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – Rating system for green building design requiring a minimum of twenty-six points for a minimum LEED certification. Points are received for meeting different design criteria and standards. Categories considered are: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process.