

Loving Hands Explanatory Letter

I. History

Loving Hands Ministries was chartered by the state of Florida in 1984. The first Regeneration Center opened in Bradenton, Florida that same year. Loving Hands established its second location in Dade City, Florida (Pasco County) in 1992. Then in 1993 Loving Hands Ministries vision extended into INDIA, where the ministry oversees Churches, a Bible College, a Training Center, a Christian School, and an Orphanage Loving Hands Ministries. A Christ centered eighteen month minimum Christ centered discipleship program designed to rehabilitate men who have life controlling problems. One of the very few help programs that still requires no money or fees.

II. New Building

Loving Hands Ministries is hoping to build an additional one story multi purpose building of 1,280 s.f. with a slab elevation of 103.5 ft, located in the north-east corner of their property. Their property is at **18840 US Highway 301, Dade City, FL**. They have been operating in this location **since 1992 under petition # CU91-12**. Parcel ID **03-24-21-0000-00400-0010**. The new building will provide much needed office area, restrooms and a meeting room. Building will have a minimum distance of 15 feet from any existing structure.

III. Existing Structures and parking spaces

On site there is a total of 5 existing buildings. **Building 1 (1,344 s.f.)** is used as office. **Building 2 (1,152 s.f.)**, **building 3 (1,128 s.f.)**, and **building 4 (1,128 s.f.)** are used as dorms. **Building 5 (1000 s.f.)** is used as storage. They have **10 existing parking spaces** and need to **provide 3 more for a total of 13** with 2 for handicap already provided in parking area #2. Parking area #2 needs to be clearly identified for handicap as shown in plans. New parking area is annex to the existing area near the entrance with a similar surface of compacted gravel. Parking table description is on page 1 of the plans.

IV. Site development and facilities.

Site development is of minor impact. During construction a silt fence will limit the work area (new building). A provisional wash tire basing will be incorporated and CES control for the dust. Existing catch basing will be protected as shown in plans. No noticeable surface water runoff is expected so no retention pond is needed. Attached (Addendum 1) is letter from SWFWMD control letter #722366 stating no ERP is required due to the size of the new building.

Portable water is from the city and new building will tap into the 1" existing line in the property. Owner is responsible of applying for a permit to the Health Department for the sanitary sewerage disposal water design. Septic tank and drainage field will be specified by Pasco Health Department. Owner is responsible of application and construction of system.

Electrical service will be provided and coordinated with WREC. Existing overhead electrical line will need to be relocated as noticed in plans.

Geotechnical Report is provided and location appears to be in good condition for new construction. Building Engineer and Contractor must follow recommendation on report.

V. Landscaping and R.O.W.

On the north side of the property we are providing some native live oak trees from 10' to 15' spread. On east side of the property some native live oak from 10' to 15' spread with some pittosporum 36" spread. On the south side of the property some native live oak 10' to 15' spread with some pittosporum 36" spread and on the west site some native live oak 10' to 15' spread with some native viburnum, displaced at 50 feet from the existing property limit, so it will not interfere with the future 301 corridor preservation of 117 feet. Existing trees will remain.

VI. Fire protection

There is an existing fire hydrant 170 feet north of the property. Building will comply with the NFPA . Owner is responsible of submitting an application for inspection of fire extinguisher. Standard fire protection notes in plans.


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