



**Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners**

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**Re: NOTICE OF CLAIM PURSUANT TO BERT J. HARRIS, JR. PRIVATE  
PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT, F.S. §70.001**

Dear Affected Property Owner:

In compliance with Section 70.001(4)(b), Florida Statutes, this letter is to inform you that AZ Ocala Ranch, LLC and Marion Mitigation, LLC, the owners of "Ocala Ranch," have served a Claim Pursuant to the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act ("Harris Act") against the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. **No action is required on your part in response to this notice.**

The Harris Act is a statute enacted by the Florida Legislature that provides a way for property owners to file a claim against a local government as a result of certain actions taken by the government. In this case, the Ocala Ranch owners have filed a claim as a result of the County's denial of their applications for an amendment to the County's Future Land Use Map and an amendment to the county's current zoning of their property.

We are hereby providing to you a copy of the property owner's Harris Act Claim, pursuant to subsection 70.001, Florida Statutes, minus the voluminous property appraisal report attachment, which can be viewed online at the Marion County Growth Services Department AZ Ocala Ranch webpage at the following link: <http://www.marioncountyfl.org/departments-agencies/departments-a-n/growth-services/planning/az-ocala-ranch>

Please note, the Marion County Attorney's Office is legal counsel to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. Our office cannot provide legal advice to private citizens.

Sincerely,

Matthew G. Minter  
County Attorney

Enclosure: Harris Act Claim

cc: Mounir Bouyounes, County Administrator  
Samuel Martsof, Growth Services Director  
Nick Zoeller, Public Relations Director