



Application for Upland Significant Wildlife Habitat Verification and/or Delineation & Upland Essential Wildlife Habitat Verification

The attached application is to be completed for the on-site evaluation of property regarding upland Significant¹ and Essential² Wildlife Habitat as defined in the County's Land Development Code. The application addresses three (3) evaluation activities consisting of the verification of Significant Wildlife Habitat. In order to differentiate between the three evaluation activities, the following description is provided:

1. Verification of upland Significant Wildlife Habitat consists of an on-site evaluation to confirm the presence of upland Significant Wildlife Habitat. Properties within Hillsborough County may or may not contain natural plant communities which qualify as Significant Wildlife Habitat. When conducting a verification evaluation County staff will make observations regarding the existence, type, size, quality and location of the Significant Wildlife Habitat. Based on these observations, a determination will be rendered to the applicant in writing.
2. Delineation of upland Significant Wildlife Habitat consists of an on-site evaluation to identify the boundaries of upland Significant Wildlife Habitat including both mesic (moderately moist) and xeric (dry) plant communities comprising the habitat area. Mesic communities include dry prairies, pine flatwoods, and mesic hammocks. Xeric communities are sandhills, sand pine scrub, xeric oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, and xeric hammocks. To identify the boundaries of the xeric and mesic habitats, a soils index map will be utilized in addition to a vegetative analysis.
3. Verification of upland Essential Wildlife Habitat consists of an on-site evaluation to confirm the presence of Essential Wildlife Habitat. Essential Wildlife Habitat will be presumed to occur on site whenever a (1) listed animal species has been previously documented on site, or (2) actual observation of listed plant and animal species or evidence of the listed species has been identified, or (3) the habitat itself or in combination with off-site lands meet the minimum habitat needs for a viable population of the listed species. Upon confirmation of the presence of Essential Wildlife, a written response to the applicant will be provided to identify the species noted and identify other pertinent information to satisfy Essential Wildlife Habitat provisions of the Land Development Code.

Please contact the Natural Resources Section of the Development Services Department at (813)627-1300 for further information.

¹Significant Wildlife Habitat is defined as contiguous stands of natural plant communities which have the potential to support healthy and diverse populations of wildlife and which have been identified on the Game and Freshwater Fish Commission's natural systems and land use cover inventory map.

²Essential Wildlife Habitat is defined as land or water bodies which, through the provision of habitat, are necessary to maintain populations of endangered or threatened species, or species of special concern.



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FEE: Verification \$25 – Paid Delineation \$25 – Paid

DATE SUBMITTED:

APPLICATION #:

The owner or authorized agent hereby applies for an on-site evaluation to conduct the following activity(ies):

- Upland Significant Wildlife Habitat Verification
- Upland Significant Wildlife Habitat Delineation
- Upland Essential Wildlife Habitat Verification

Proposed use of the property:

- Commercial/Industrial
- Residential Subdivision
- Agricultural
- Other

Address/Property Location:

Section/Township/Range: _____ / _____ / _____

Folio Number(s): _____

Size of Property: _____ Acres

The following information must be provided with the application:

- A current 1" to 200" scale aerial accurately outlining the property boundaries and labeling frontage roads (Aerials may be taken from the [Hillsborough County Property Appraiser website](#)).
- A copy of the property's legal description
- A copy of an approved Environmental Protection Commission Wetland Jurisdictional Line Survey, if available.

Owner's Name (Print) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Authorized Agent _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I hereby request as the Owner or Owner's Authorized Agent a habitat evaluation of the above property. Development Services Department personnel have permission to access the property for that purpose as attested by my signature below:

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date