

# Enchanted Forest!

The present & a bit of history

11/3/2023 version

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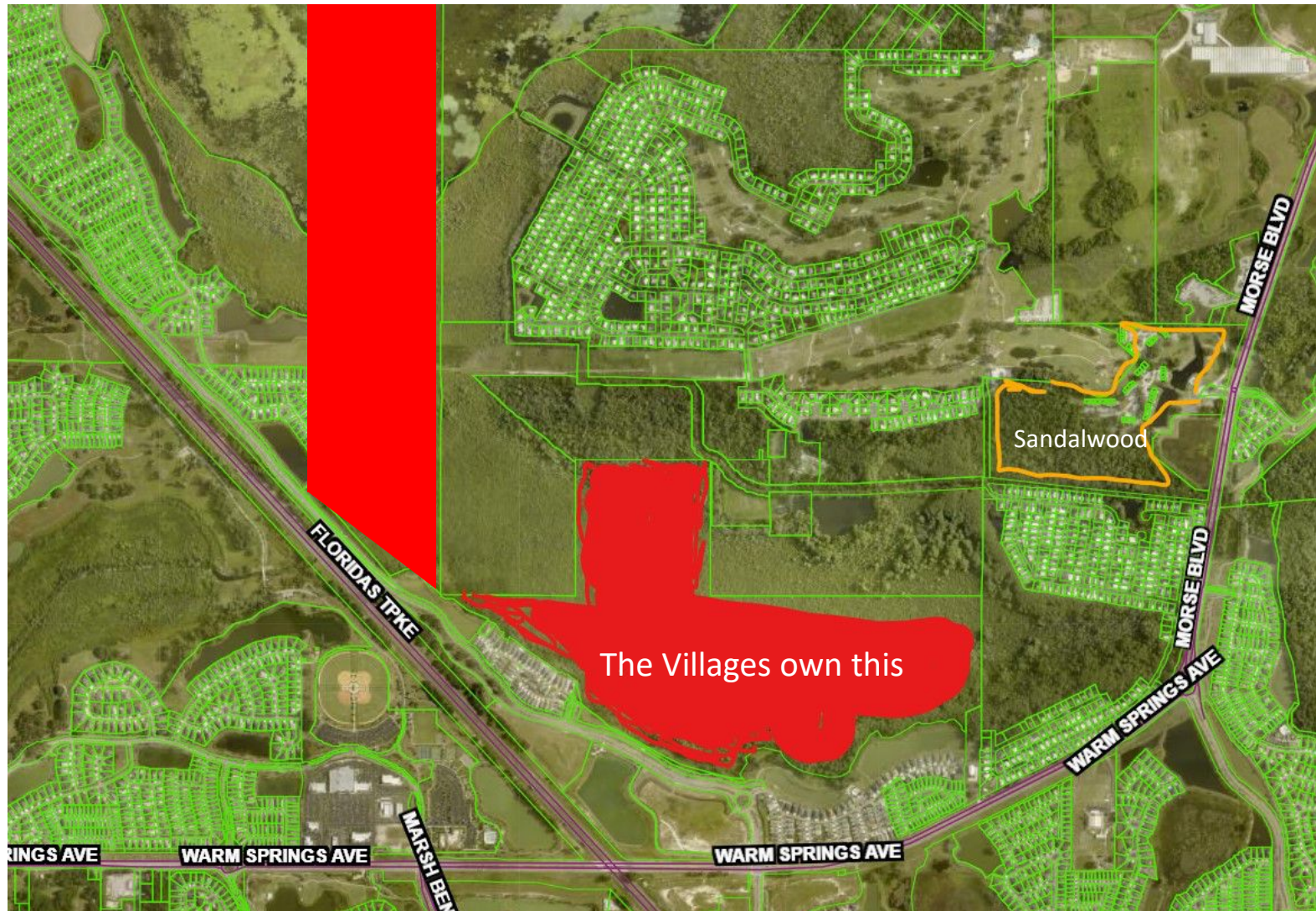
# Become aware of:

- Our nearest neighbors
- Our lesser known regions
  - The Forests
  - The years ago proposed extended Canal System
- Early housing development Plans for the Forest.
- Tour the Forests - look for potential

Looking for contributions to this story.

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Our neighbors are closer than you might know



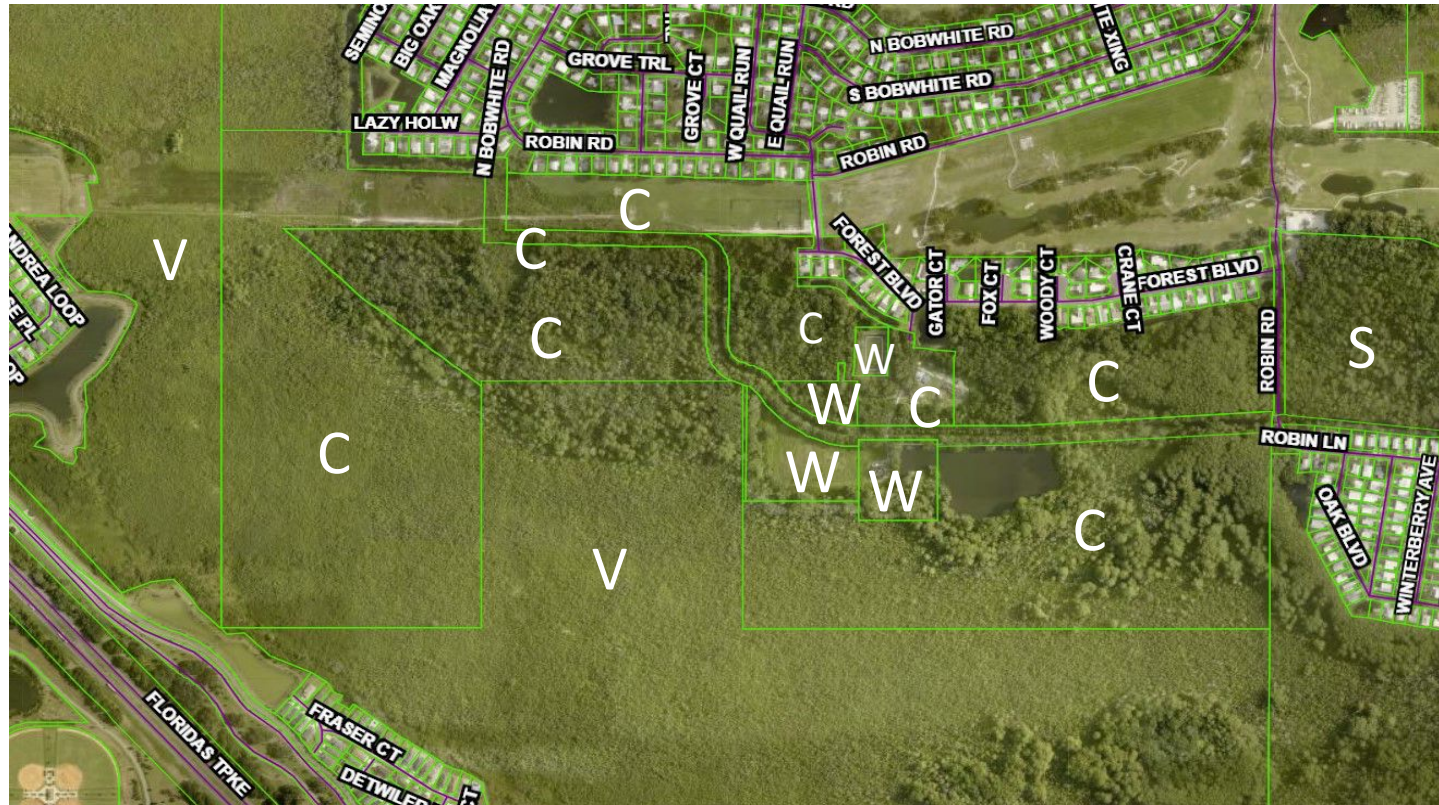
# Property Sections Ownership Chart

C- CCC

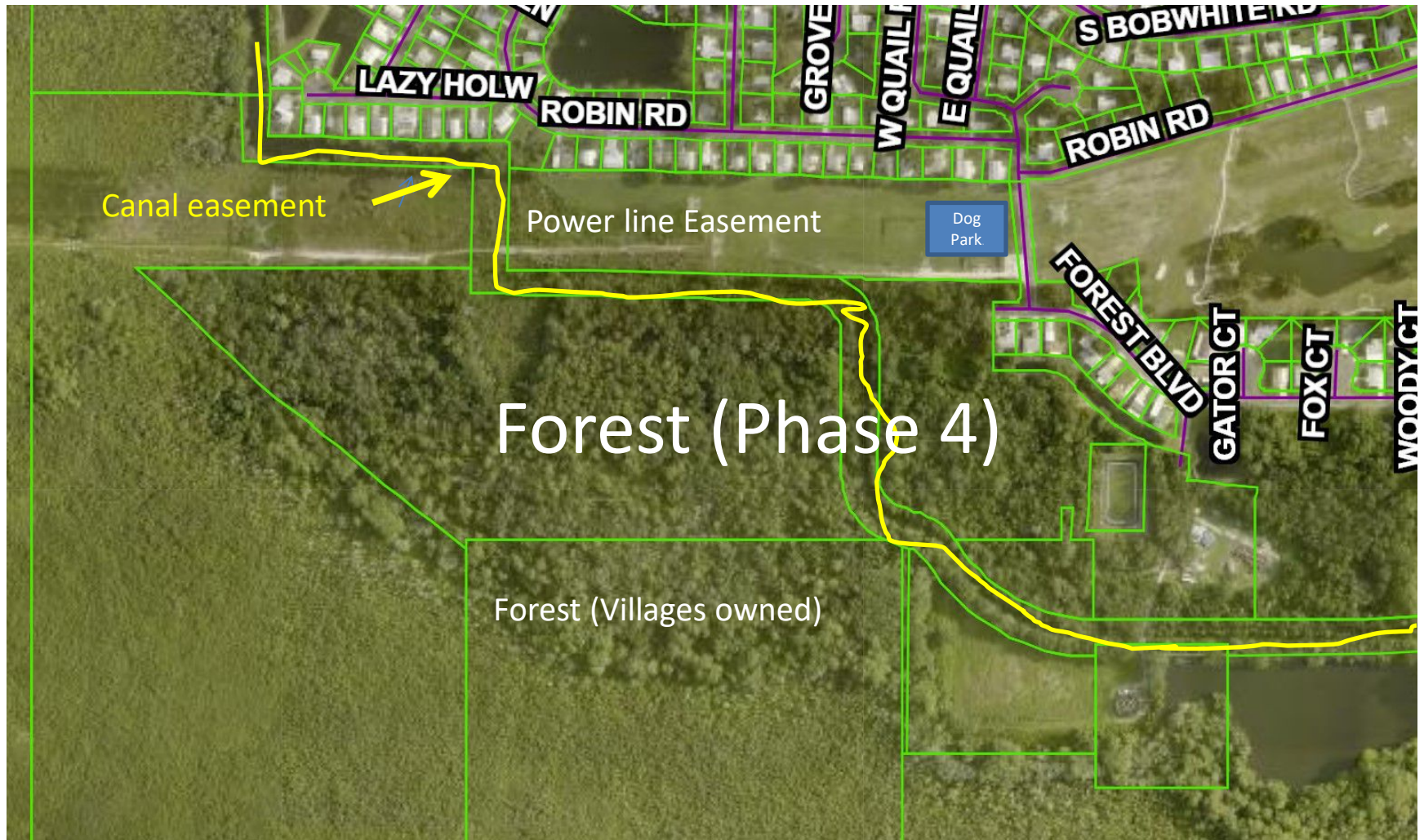
W- City of Wildwood (temporary)

S-Sandalwood

V- The Villages



# Certain details about the CCC forest area



A Bridge in the power line easement spans the 'canal'

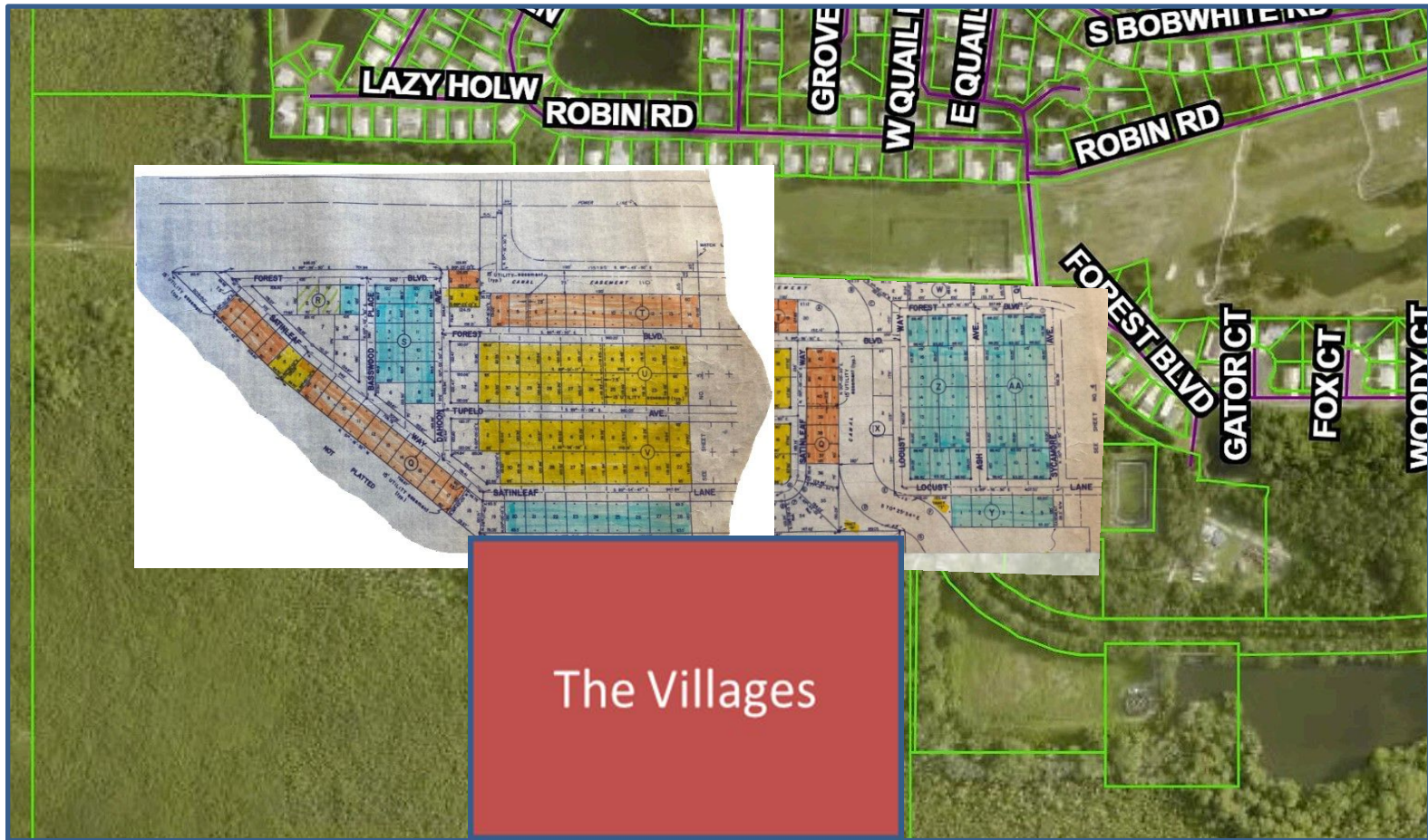


The Canal was plugged; denying a dream of lovely navigation

-Perhaps when the plant is condemned, the dream will continue

“The canal that Wayson envisioned to be a source of boating pleasure had a setback on Conley's watch. He and Kyle met with DER officials who ordered the canals refilled with soil. The county disagreed with this ruling, but the DER prevailed and **a 10 foot high plug was placed across the canal at Chitta Chatta Creek**, much to the consternation of boaters and fishermen. Hidden Lake was dredged at the same time as the canal. but later was pumped dry and deepened. The dirt was used as fill. When John Conley came, Kyle told him he was going to have trouble with the retention pond. since the canal walls wouldn't permit the necessary percolation, which meant heavy rains would wash sludge over the canal walls. An eight-inch sewer pipe was put through the retention wall below the water surface so the pond could drain into the swamp. A resident reported this to DER, which agreed to allow the company to monitor the discharge to make sure it met environmental standards. The plant package consisted of three large tanks coupled together so waste would be treated in one tank. flow into the second and then a third tank for further treatment. At one time, the tanks became full of sludge so Kyle had them completely pumped out. That night a tremendous thunderstorm dropped so much water that two of the now light tanks began to float. At least one of the couplings broke. There was no alternative. Kyle had to get workers and equipment to dig out under the tanks so they could be resealed. Under Redman. the package plant was replaced with a permanent sewer plant.”

Had this Phase 4 plan been done, some would have the Villages property in their backyards



FOREST BLVD.

SATINLEAF

LOCUST

ASH

SYCAMORE

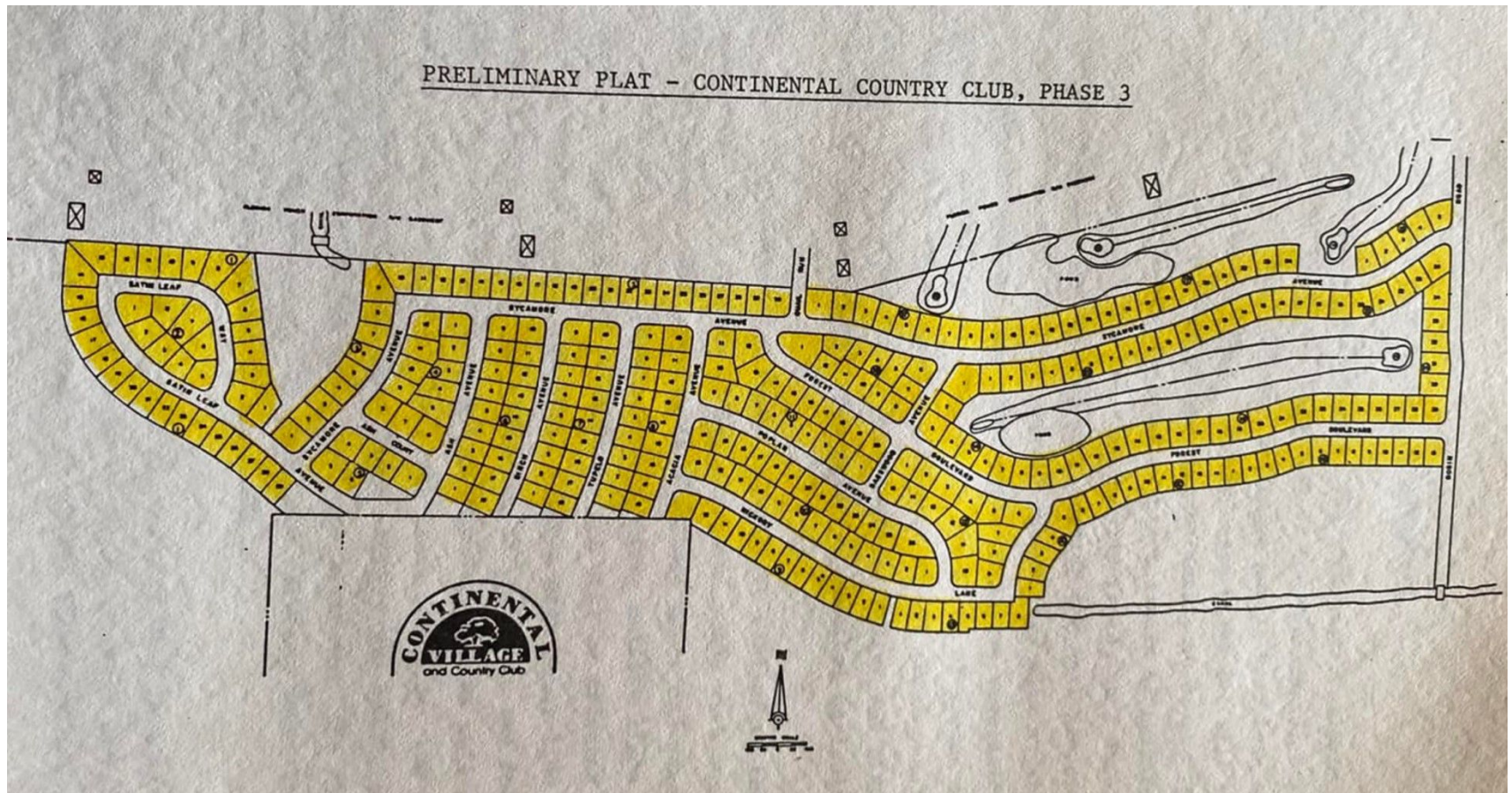
LANE

MATCH LINE

SEE SHEET NO. 1

SEE SHEET NO. 4

## Another development plan



## Media from the Enchanted Forests



Images by Richard Burr Oct 2023

<https://vimeo.com/875324713>

# So, should we do something, What?

- Promote the health of the forests
- Carefully clear paths for our enjoyment?
- Dredge the old canal and create a navigable wonderland?
- Other?

# Sumter County Forester visits CCC

Ref: Richard Burr post CCC Discussion Group post Oct 20 2023

“We finally met our Sumter county forester Arthur. He can not do much to save the marsh trees unless the water levels recede. He did have advice to repopulate with cypress seedlings and how to do that. He does have a lot to say about the old growth forest which he estimates as old as 120 years. Advice includes some controlled burning and selective invasive plant life removal. He would like to organize an educational and interpretive nature walk to inform residents about the amazing flora and fauna contained in our ancient forest. He fully expects to be working with us for many years to come to help manage our resources. We are indeed very lucky to have Arthur’s attention and should take the time and make the effort to preserve this special area for the residents and the wildlife. We can expect a report in 5-6 weeks.”



Exciting forest news. We are starting to map the trails in the wilderness. After all of these years we will finally have an accurate survey of the roads and trails to coordinate plans and note landmarks or features of interest. There are many more paths to mark. Thank you Mary Lanning for starting the survey.

Ref: Richard Burr post in Discussion Group 10/31/2023

