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File No.: 9-430696-001-NPR, Citrus County

File Name: Suncoast Parkway

Dear Ms. Hammond:

On January 20, 2023, we received your request for verification that a State 404 Program permit will not be required for the activity described below.

The proposed activity is to construct approximately 5.5 miles of a new four lane roadway between County Road (CR) 486 and CR 495 in Citrus County. The construction activities are phase 3 of the construction of the Suncoast Parkway and will connect four lanes of new roadway between County Road (CR) 486 and CR 495 to the existing Suncoast Parkway in Homasassa Springs, Florida 34428. The project activities will result in 18.52 acres of direct impacts to non-WOTUS wetlands and 0.26 acres of direct impacts to non-WOTUS surface waters, at Sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 19, 24, and 30, Township 18 South, Range 17 and 18 East, Citrus County, project starts at Latitude 28°53'19.34"N, Longitude 82°31'35.74"W and continues north to the end of the project Latitude 28°56'27.08"N, Longitude -82°35'3.27"W.

Based on a review of the information submitted and site inspection conducted by staff, the Department has verified that the activity, as proposed does not involve discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States and therefore, does not require a permit or other form of authorization under the State 404 Program, as described in Chapter 62-331, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

This verification reflects current regulations and is only valid for a period of no longer than five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants a revision of this verification before the expiration date.

Please retain this letter. The activities described above may be inspected by authorized state personnel in the future to ensure compliance with appropriate statutes and administrative codes.

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If the activities are not in compliance, you may be subject to enforcement action and possible penalties.

This letter does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining other federal, state (including ERP), or local authorizations that maybe required for this activity.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or permitting requirements, please contact Jennipher Walton by telephone at 407-897-2906 or by e-mail at Jennipher.walton@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

Timothy Rach

Program Administrator

Submerged Lands & Environmental Resources Coordination

Division of Water Resource Management

Enclosures:

Project drawings, 3 pages WOTUS Information Form (with supporting information) 49 pages 62-340, F.A.C., Data form(s), 25 pages

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