INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

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DATE: November 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Final 2024 Urban Service Boundary (USB) Study

It is requested that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of December 03, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Indian River County selected Inspire Placemaking Collective, Inc. ("Inspire") to study the County's current Urban Service Boundary (USB). The USB study commenced with considerable dialogue between Inspire and staff either in writing or via virtual meetings. Also, County staff, in partnership with Inspire, hosted public engagement opportunities, including multiple in-person workshops as well as an online survey and a project-specific website.

After thorough evaluation, including insight and recommendations from staff and the public engagement opportunities, reviewing historical trends and fresh data which included an in-depth population project Inspire provided a draft USB report to staff.

On October 30, 2024, Inspire and staff presented the draft 2024 USB study and associated recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at a special call workshop. After discussion and input from the BCC, Inspire provided the final 2024 USB study and recommendations to staff for final acceptance by the BCC. It should be noted that the final USB recommendations were reduced from five total recommendations to four total recommendations (with the recommendation #3 being tabled for future discussion), based on direction provided by the BCC at the October 30, 2024, special call workshop.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners accept the final 2024 Urban Service Boundary (USB) study and the associated recommendations.

ATTACHMENT

1. Final 2024 Urban Service Boundary (USB) Study (This document is available online. A printed version is available for review at the Board of County Commission Office).