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OPINION

Limit density in Ag Reserve

Re Kill the deal that could kill the Agricultural Reserve, Editorial, May 4

At the May 5 meeting of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations suggested a holistic approach to future development in the Agricultural Reserve. The commissioners listened, and will hold a workshop soon. The density of future residential housing and intensity and location of commercial and industrial land uses within the tier should be the items addressed.

Privately proposed amendments that were addressed at the May 5 meeting would result in increased density.

The Reserve at Atlantic application proposes a smaller planned development size and use of a workforce housing requirement to increase density to up to eight units per acre. This industry-driven application might be a template for the study of changes to be considered for the Atlantic Avenue corridor.

The Alliance supports the county's programs for attainable housing. However, the alliance is most concerned about maintaining the integrity of the Agricultural Reserve.

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