

MEMORANDUM

Date: 03-26-26

To: Honorable Board of County Commissioners

From: Jie Shao, AICP, MCP, Planner, Principal (see Exhibit 1 for professional qualifications)

Subject: CSZ-26-01, an application to certify Sending Zones (SZs) for properties located in the Rotonda Shores subdivision, generally located northeast of Placida Road (CR 775), and west of Cape Haze Drive, in the West County area, certifying five units of transferrable density

Purpose of this Application:

Petition CSZ-26-01 involves a request by Alligator Farms, LLC, Michael S. Jones, Manager, to certify Sending Zones (SZs) covering approximately 1.37 acres, including five substandard platted lots, in the Rotonda Shores subdivision, generally located northeast of Placida Road (CR 775), and west of Cape Haze Drive, in the West County area, and within Commission District III. If approved, the proposed SZs would certify five units of transferrable density, and zero units would be retained.



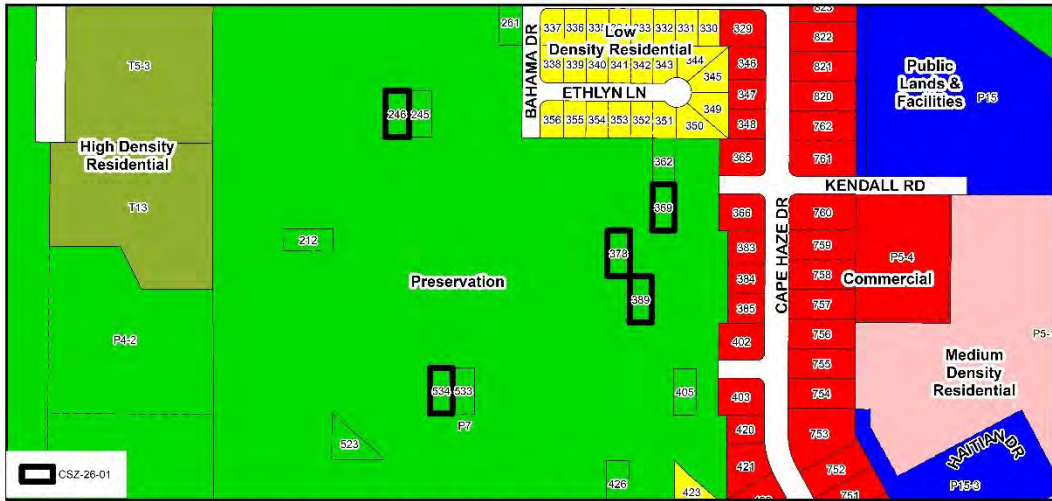
CSZ-26-01 Area Image



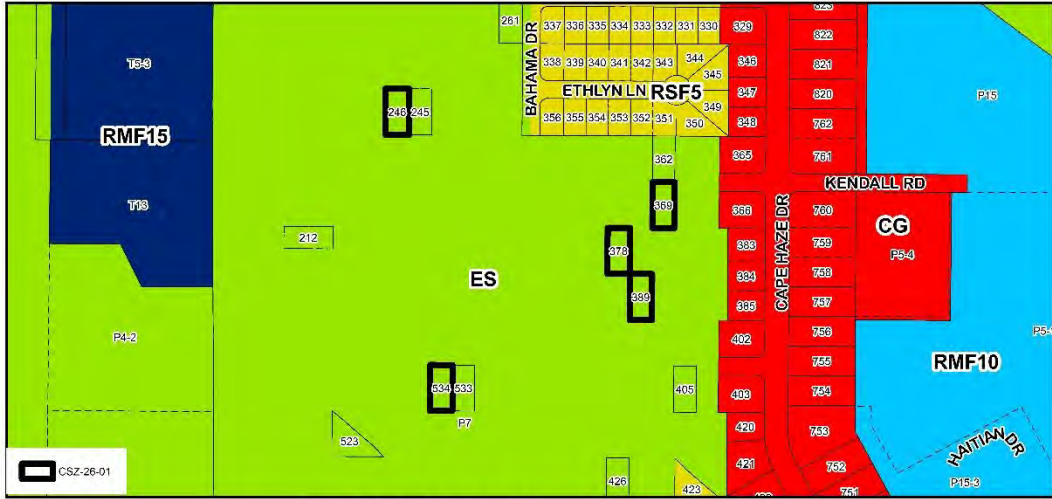
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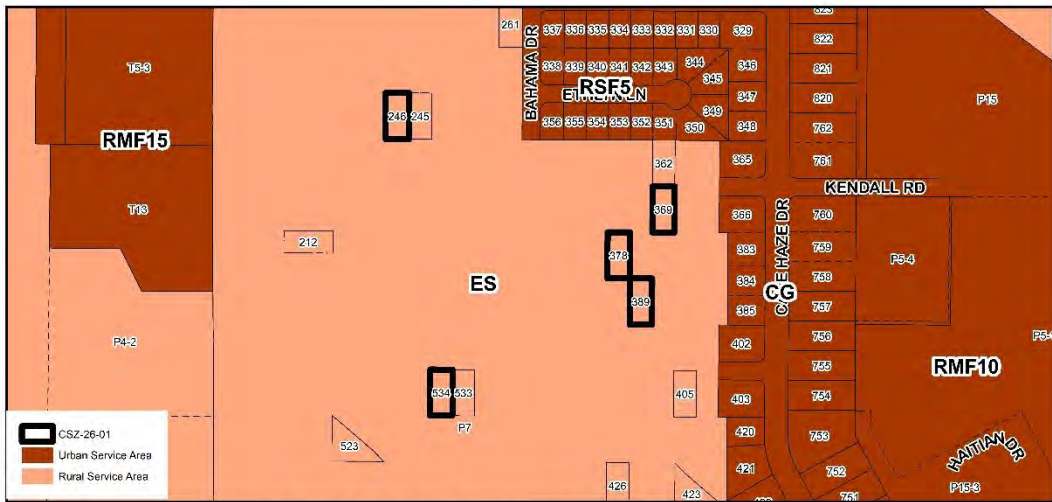
The subject property has a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation of Preservation (PR) and is zoned Environmentally Sensitive (ES). These five platted lots are located within the Rural Service Area, as depicted on **FLUM Series Map #3: Service Area Delineation**.



CSZ-26-01 FLUM Designations

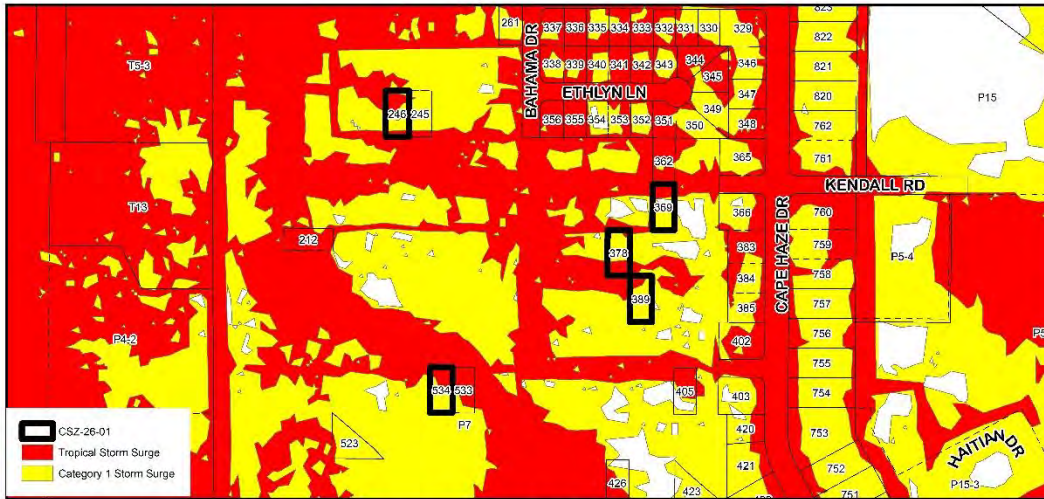


CSZ-26-01 Zoning Designations

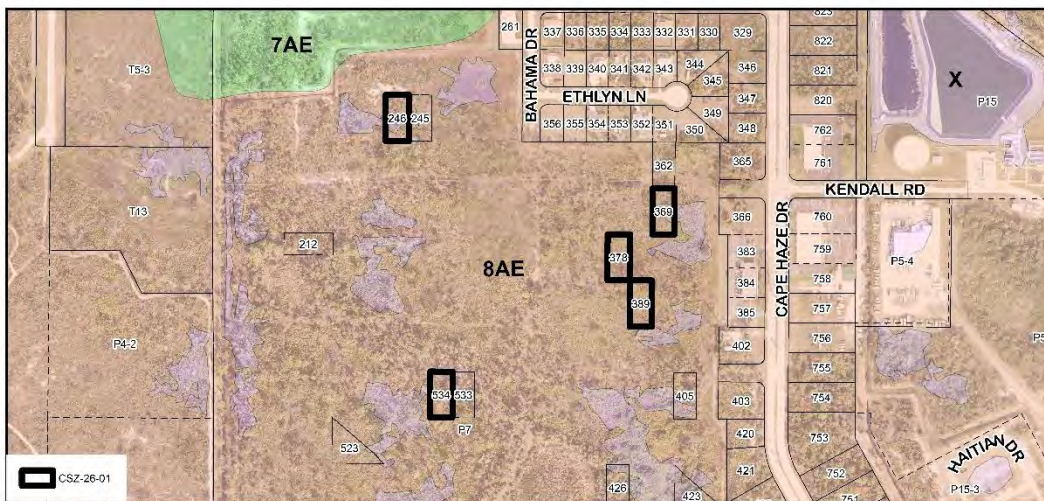


CSZ-26-01 Service Area Delineation

The majority of the subject property is located within the Category 1 storm surge area of the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), with the remaining portion located within the Tropical Storm surge area of the CHHA. In addition, most of the subject site is within FEMA Flood Zone AE, and only a small portion of Lot 369 is located within FEMA Flood Zone X.



CSZ-26-01 Coastal High Hazard Area



CSZ-26-01 Flood Zones (Subject Property - 8AE & X Flood Zones)

Consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan and Section 3-9-150: Transfer of Density Units (TDU) of the Charlotte County Code of Laws and Ordinances:

There are two documents that govern the Transfer of Density Units program. The first is the County's Comprehensive Plan, and the other is the Charlotte County Code of Laws and Ordinances, Section 3-9-150: Transfer of Density Units (TDU).

The criteria for SZs within the TDU program are established in ***Future Land Use (FLU) Policy 1.2.9: TDU Sending Zones***. Three of 11 criteria are:

- "2. Lands within the Rural Service Area (FLUM Series Map #3) retaining a bona fide agricultural use or consisting of substandard platted lots.*
- 3. Lands within the Resource Conservation and Preservation FLUM categories.*
- 4. Land within the Coastal High Hazard Area (FLUM Series Map #14)."*

The subject property contains a total of five platted lots. This CSZ application is consistent with this policy and meets three specific criteria.

Public potable water or sanitary sewer service is not available for these substandard platted lots, and the applicant has submitted a restrictive covenant to declare that no residential development rights will be retained on the subject property. Therefore, this CSZ application is consistent with **FLU Policy 1.2.10: Restrictions on Sending Zones** for item 2: *“Lands within the Rural Service Area (FLUM Series Map #3) retaining a bona fide agricultural use or consisting of substandard platted lots,”* item 4: *“Land within the Coastal High Hazard Area (FLUM Series Map #14)”* under FLU Policy 1.2.9, which specifically states that: *“If consisting of substandard platted lots, such Sending Zone sites shall be placed under a restrictive covenant and all density severed except that owners shall retain one unit of density per platted lot if public potable water or sanitary sewer service is available.”*

Section 3-9-150(d)(1) of the Charlotte County Code of Laws and Ordinances further establishes criteria for qualifying as an SZ and states that *“to qualify as an SZ, the proposed SZ must contain at least one (1) density unit and it must comply with one (1) of the following”* criteria, including that: *“It is located within the rural service area, as depicted on FLUM Series Map #3: Service Area Delineation, and contains a bona fide agricultural use or consists of substandard platted lots;”* or *“it has a resource conservation or preservation FLUM designation,”* or *“it is located within the coastal high hazard area (CHHA).”* This CSZ request meets this TDU Code requirement.

Staff Summary:

Based upon the analysis and conclusions set forth herein, in staff’s professional opinion, this CSZ application is consistent with the intent and requirements of the County’s TDU Program as established in the County’s Comprehensive Plan and the County’s Code of Laws and Ordinances, and other applicable guidelines.



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Community Development

Qualifications of Jie Shao

Position: Principal Planner

Years with Charlotte County: 22

Position Summary & Experience: I have worked as a Planner for Charlotte County Community Development Department since January 2004. My main duties include reviewing and making recommendations on plan amendments, zoning map changes and text amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan, and amendments to the County's Land Development Regulations. I prepare and present staff reports and recommend actions to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners.

I evaluate Site Plan Review applications specifically related to development within Development of Regional Impacts for consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Orders. I review all development within the Planned Development zoning district. I review applications for establishment of Community Development Districts, applications under the Transfer Density Units (TDU) program and track all TDUs.

In addition, I created the US 41 Zoning District Overlay Code in 2004. I worked with the planning Advisory Committee to successfully create the Little Gasparilla Island Community Plan in 2007 and also created the Little Gasparilla Island Zoning District Overlay Code and the Bridgeless Barrier Island Zoning District in 2013. As a project manager, I successfully completed the US 17 Corridor Planning Study in 2009-2010. I served as a liaison for the South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee and the Little Gasparilla Island Advisory Committee in 2006-2009. I hosted roundtable meetings to solicit public's input. As a team member, I revised and rewrote the County's Land Development Regulations in 2013-2014. Further, I worked on the County's Comprehensive Plan rewrite in 2009-2010, and EAR-based amendments for the County's Comprehensive Plan in 2007, 2014, and 2022.

Education:

- September 1997 to December 2001
University of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, Ohio; Obtained a M.S. degree in Community Planning
- September 1986 to July 1990
Chongqing University China; Obtained a B.S. degree in Architecture

Professional Associations and Certifications:

- AICP, American Association of Certified Planners since 2017
- American Planning Association (APA), Member since 2004

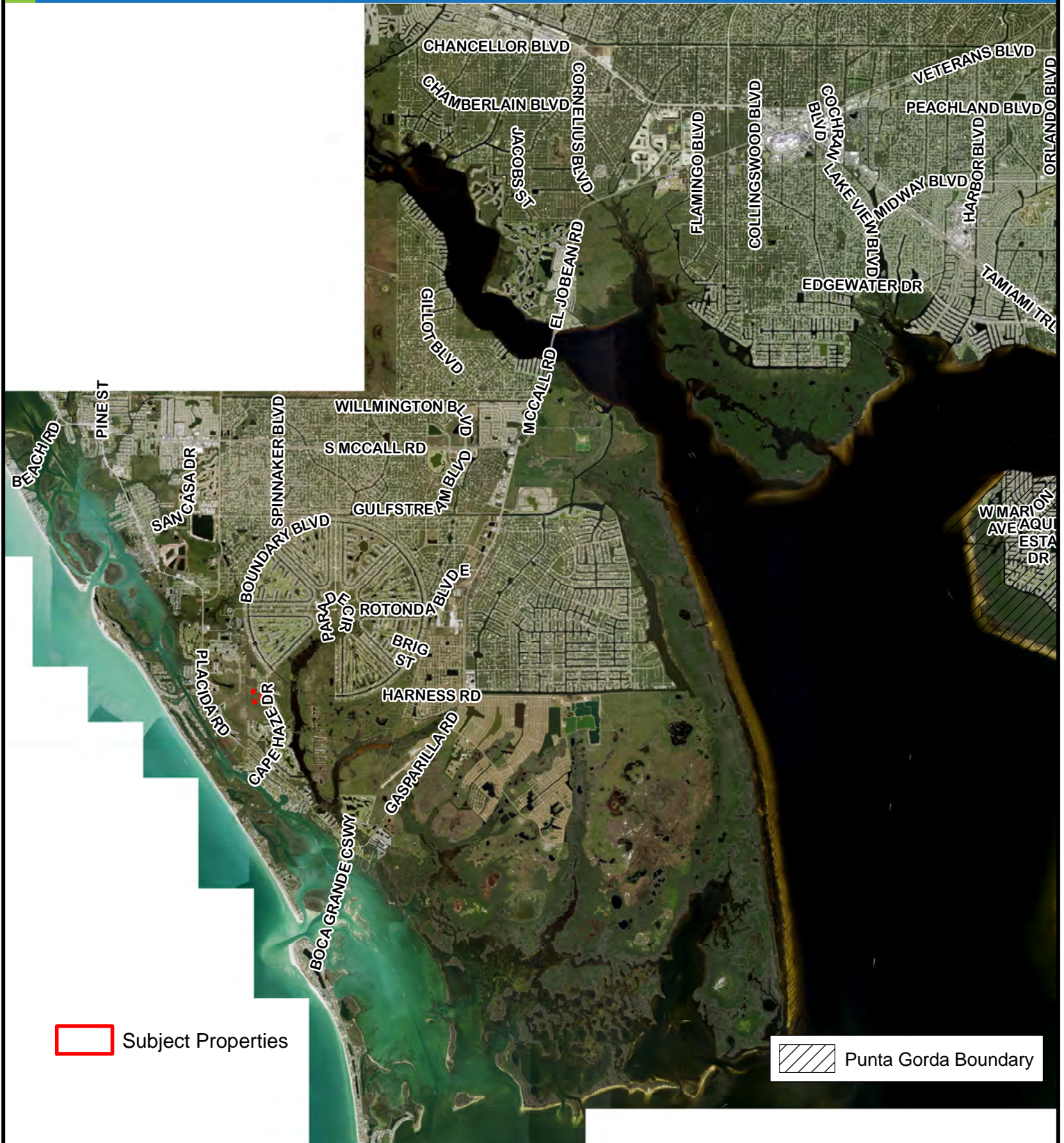
Related Past Experience:

- Planner, Architectural Graphics Designer, University Instructor in Architecture, Suzhou Planning Bureau/Institute of Urban Construction & Environmental Protection (1990-1994)

Exhibit 1

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Location Map for CSZ-26-01



 Subject Properties

 Punta Gorda Boundary

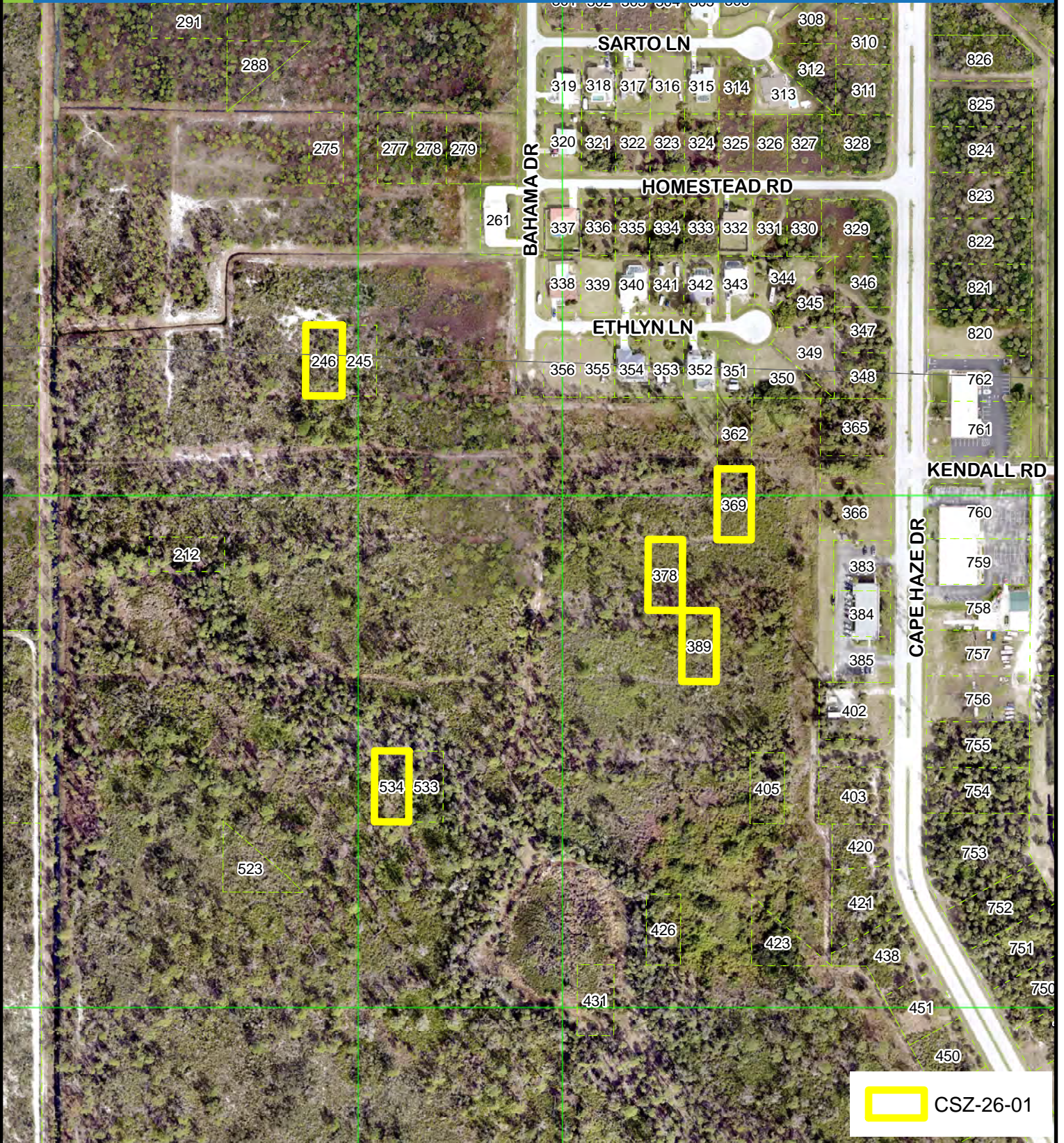
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Area Image for CSZ-26-01



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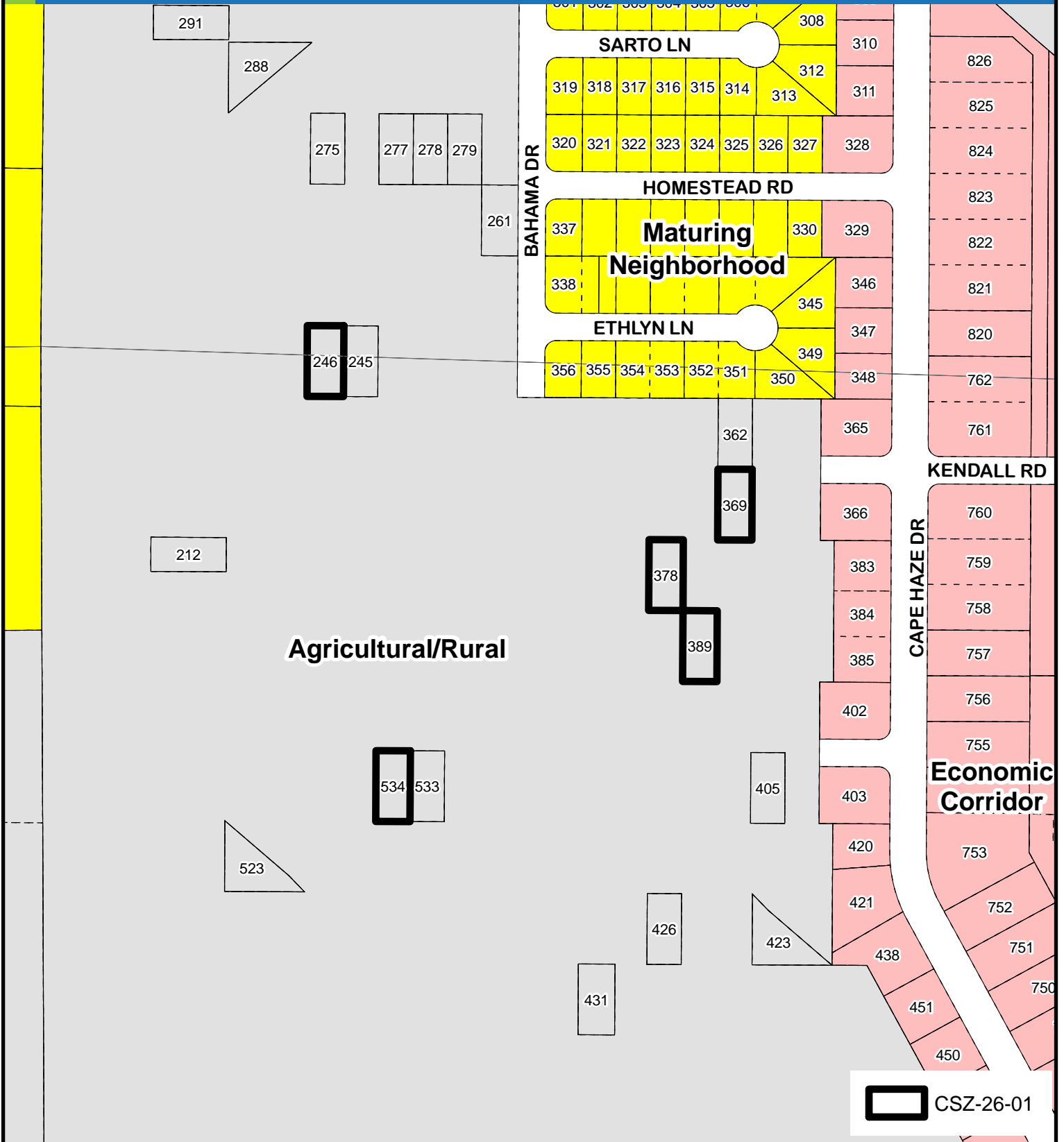
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Framework for CSZ-26-01



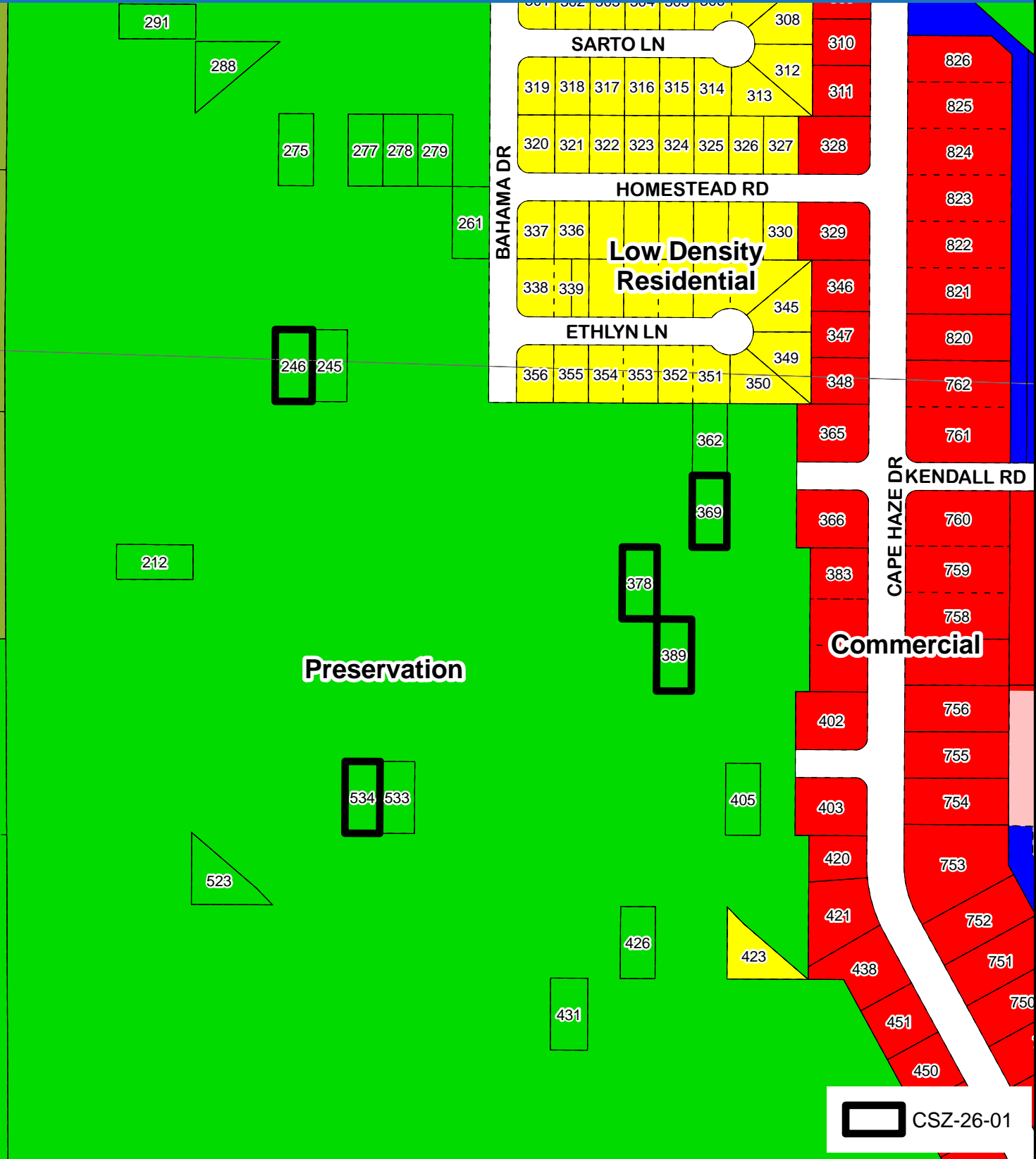
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FLUM Designations for CSZ-26-01



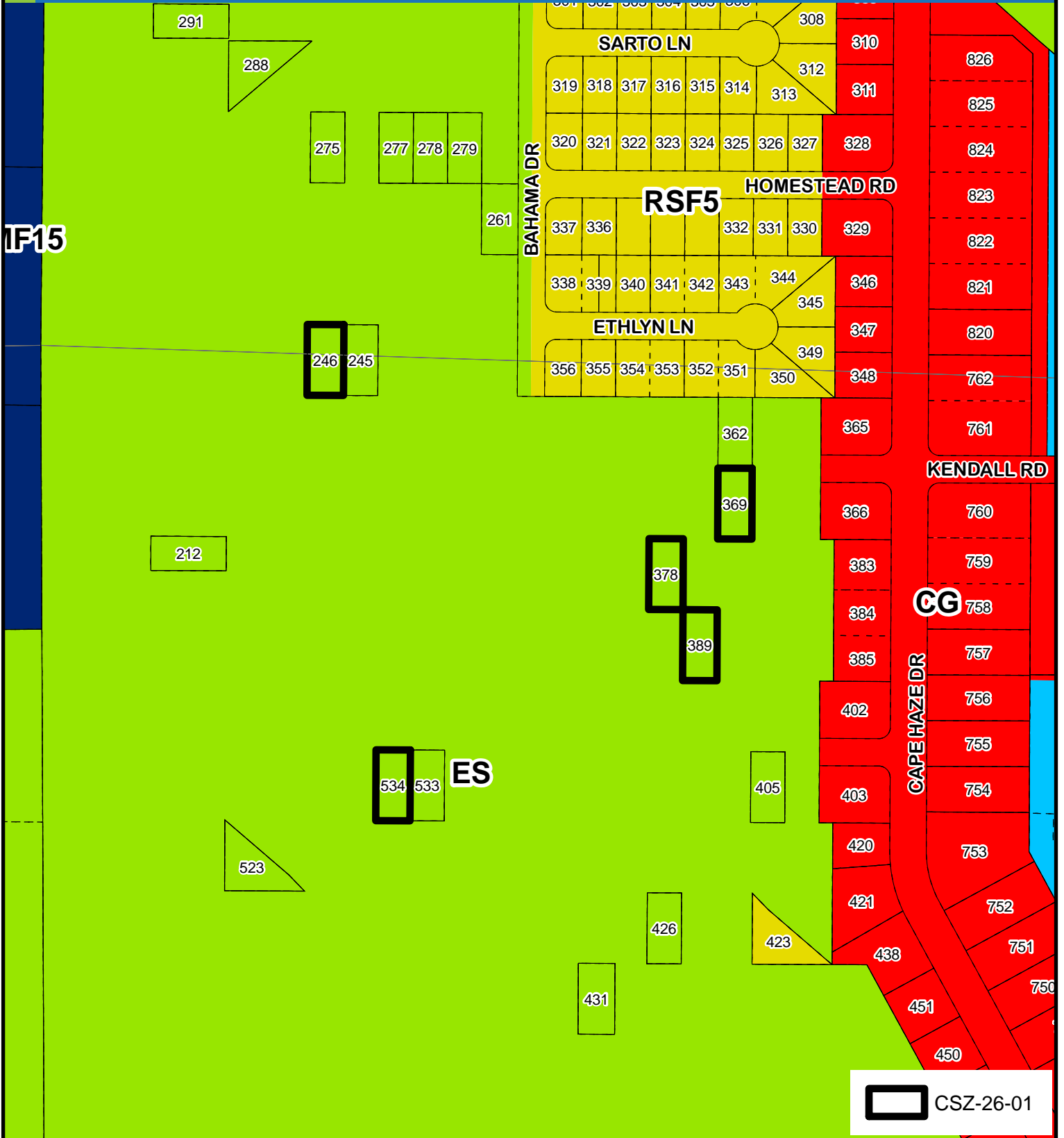
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Zoning Designations for CSZ-26-01



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