

June 22, 2020
Suwannee River
Water Management District
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

(a) Petition for variance from Ch 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code

Subject: Greist Residence WOD-041-209782-2, Gilchrist County

(b) Petitioner: Mary and John Greist

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(d) The applicable portion of the rule in which the variance is requested is 40B-4.3030(7).

(e) The citation to the statute the rule is implementing:

40B-4.3030(7) States, "No fill material shall be placed above the natural grade of the ground except for minor amounts of fill which are less than or equal to 100 square feet of the cross-sectional area of the floodway....."

(f) Type of variance requested:

The type of action requested is a permanent variance from rule 40B-4.3030(7). This will allow the existing fill to remain in place.

(g) Facts that demonstrate hardship:

This fill was added to create a level walking surface around the residence to facilitate access for Mary Greist. She has a medical condition that is aggravated by walking on uneven surfaces, even on what the average healthy person would consider a flat slope. For instance, when walking on the road adjacent to the residence, she must walk along the centerline because the cross-slope within the travel lane is steep enough to