

October 5, 2020  
Suwannee River  
Water Management District  
9225 CR 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060

**(a) Petition for variance from Ch 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)**

Subject: Works of the District (WOD) Application # WOD-029-237339-1 - Cothron Residence, Dixie County

**(b) Petitioner: Forrest Cothron**

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**(d)** The applicable portion of the rule in which the variance is requested is 40B-4.3030(13).

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

40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., States, "No construction, additions or reconstruction shall occur in the front 75 feet of an area immediately adjacent to and including the normally recognized bank of a water, except for one deck per parcel located at the top of the bank no larger than 200 square feet and a boardwalk no wider than five feet to provide reasonable pedestrian access to water dependent structures such as docks."

**(f)** Type of variance requested:

The type of action requested is a permanent variance from rule 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C. This will allow the existing residence with all additions and a portion of the seawall concrete tieback anchor at the top of bank to remain in place.

**(g)** Facts that demonstrate hardship:

In 2006 the residence and its additions were constructed. The owner hired the mobile home company to obtain permits for the structure prior to construction. At the time, 14 years ago, the owners Claude and Joyce Cothron, received an approved building permit with notations on it verifying exemption from District permitting (Exhibit 2). The residence is still currently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cothron. Their ages are 91 and 89,