

# Safe Neighborhood Pine Castle Action Plan

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#### INTRODUCTION

## **Safe Neighborhoods:**

The Safe Neighborhoods Program provides assistance to Orange County's older and transitioning neighborhoods. It was designed to assist residents in reclaiming their communities from crime, deterioration, and blight. The program partners citizens with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Government, the private sector, community stakeholders, and others to collaboratively preserve and stabilize neighborhoods.

Community residents, business owners, and stakeholders will continue to work with Orange County leaders and staff to implement an update to the existing Pine Castle Safe Neighborhood Action Plan. The Action Plan provides a profile of the community, demographic information, land use and zoning data, and information about the community's infrastructure. The plan identifies the community's core issues and then recommends projects and programs to address them.

## **Funding Source:**

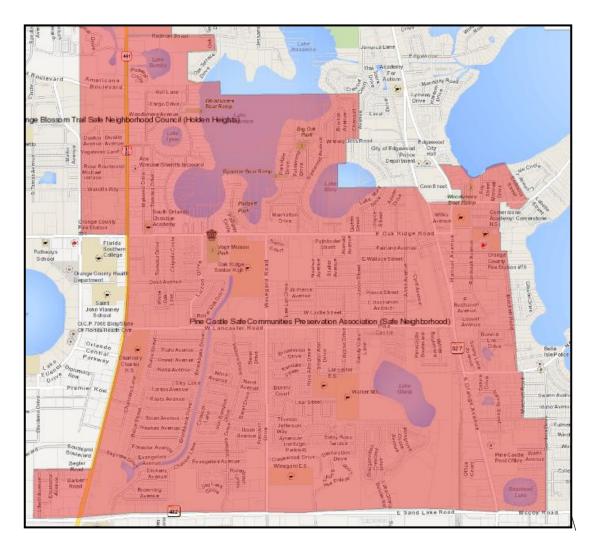
The money used by the Safe Neighborhoods Program is maintained in the Crime Prevention Fund. This fund is generated by fines assessed to criminals found guilty by the judicial system. Criminals found guilty of a misdemeanor are assessed \$25 and anyone convicted of a felony is assessed \$50. These fines are assessed at the discretion of the presiding judge.

#### **HISTORY**

The Pine Castle/Sky Lake area, located in south Orange County, traces its history back to the 1800s. In 1874, poet and writer Will Wallace Harney gave the Pine Castle area its name through his writings "My Castle of Pine" or "Pine Castle". These titles derive from the building of his home which contained castle-like towers built from pine boards. Today, Pine Castle/Sky Lake residents and businesses contribute to Orange County's thriving economy while remembering their proud history. Events such as the annual Pine Castle Pioneer Days honor the pioneering residents and their traditions. From the early settlers to the urban residents of the 21st Century, the people who live in the area are concerned about their community and want to see it thrive.

#### **LOCATION**

The Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association is located just north of State Road 528. They are bounded to the south by Sand Lake Road and to the north by the city limits of Edgewood. Their eastern boundary is defined by the city limits of Belle Isle, giving the area a jagged eastern boundary. The west is bounded by Orange Blossom Trail and the Orange Blossom Trail Safe Neighborhood Program (Holden Heights). Pine Castle is one the largest Safe Neighborhoods in Orange County, giving it both urban and rural characteristics.



# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

The Action Plan process began with a kick-off community meeting to build interest in the process. A survey was sent to homes to determine the perception of crime and assess the public safety needs of Pine Castle. Participation and input continued through a series of community meetings. Dialogue between citizens, church leaders, community organization representatives, and business owners worked to prioritize issues, identify projects, and develop action steps for implementation. Pine Castle has numerous individuals that are invested in the success of the area, and that became ever more evident through this process.

#### SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

All meetings were held at Pine Castle Woman's Center, 5901 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated.

KICK OFF INFORMATION MEETING: Monday, October 5, 2015

ACTION PLAN INTRODUCTION MEETING: Monday, November 2, 2015

COMMUNITY MEETING REMINDER FOR SURVEY: Monday, December, 13, 2015

PRESENTATION AND SURVEY RESULTS: Monday, January 4, 2016

VISION AND GOAL MEETING: Monday, March 7, 2016

COMMUNITY MEETING FOLLOW UP: Monday, April 4, 2016

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Data from the US Census Bureau is used to provide demographic information about Pine Castle, a Census Designated Place. The information collected is from the 2010 Census and is compared to similar data for Orange County. Categories reviewed in this section include:

- Population
- Housing
- Household Income
- Educational Attainment
- Employment

**Total Population** – **Table A** shows total population, total family households, and households divided by gender for Pine Castle. The 2010 census estimates shows that there was a 23% increase in population from 2000 to 2010. Additionally, the total number of families also increased but at a rate of 15% from 2000 to 2010. As for the gender population, both genders saw an increase in 2000 to 2010 timeframe.

2010 TOTAL POPULATION

	2000 Pine Castle	2010 Pine Castle	% Change	2010 Orange County
Total Population	8,803	10,805	23%	1,145,956
Total Families	2,227	2,564	15%	273,454
Total Households	3,130	3,619	16%	421,847
Men	4,482	5,438	21%	569,326
% of Population	51%	50%	-	49%
Women	4,321	5,367	24%	581,630
% of Population	49%	50%	-	51%

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

**Population Characteristics - Table B** shows that the racial makeup of Pine Castle consists of 62% white, 17% black, 5% Asian, and 4% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race is 49% of the population. The table further shows that of the Pine Castle community is losing a significant portion of its white population. Although there is an increase in the white population, proportionately it makes up less of the population than it did before.

2010 POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Pine Castle	2010 Pine Castle	% Change	2010 Orange County
Total White	6,055	6,673	10%	728,795
% of Population	69%	62%	-	64%
Total Black	1,127	1,831	63%	238,241
% of Population	13%	17%	-	21%
Total Asian or Pacific Islander	245	539	120%	57,847
% of Population	3%	5%	-	5%
Total Hispanic	3,134	5,252	68%	308,244
% of Population	36%	49%	-	27%
Total American Indian or Alaska Native	76	83	9%	4,532
% of Population	10%	9%	-	0.4%
Total Two or More Races	399	422	6%	39,325
% of Population	5%	4%	-	3%
Total Other	901	1,257	40%	77,216
% of Population	11%	12%	-	7%

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

**Population By Age - Table C** shows that the largest percentages of Pine Castle's residents are between 25 and 34 years of age, representing 16% of the population. However, between the ages of 0 to 24, the percentages are roughly similar only varying by one or two percentage points.

2010 POPULATION BY AGE

	2000 Pine Castle	2010 Pine Castle	2010 Orange County
Under 5 Years	8%	9%	7%
5 to 9 Years	8%	8%	6%
10 to 14 Years	7%	7%	6%
15 to 19 Years	7%	7%	8%
20 to 24 Years	8%	8%	9%
25 to 34 Years	16%	16%	15%
35 to 44 Years	17%	14%	14%
45 to 54 Years	13%	14%	14%
55 to 59 Years	4%	5%	6%
60 to 64 Years	4%	4%	5%
65 to 74 Years	6%	5%	5%
75 to 84 Years	3%	3%	1%
85 Years and Over	0.4%	1%	1%

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

**Household Income** – **Table D** shows that the median household income within Pine Castle is \$34,990, which is significantly less than the County median of \$50,138. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 23% of individuals in the Pine Castle community, for whom poverty could be determined, have incomes below the poverty level, while only 13.4% of the total County population has income below the poverty line. The lack of income and employment opportunities are seen as an area in which there is room to grow by many of the local residents.

2010 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Pine Castle	Orange County
Median Household Income	\$34,990	\$50,138
Median Family Income	\$38,964	\$57,473
Median Earnings (age 16+)		
Male Income	\$23,868	\$30,830
Female Income	\$17,080	\$23,235
Income per Capita	\$15,370	\$25,490

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

**Educational Attainment – Table E** identifies the level of educational attainment for Pine Castle residents 25 years and older. The table shows that approximately 12% of the community does not have a high school diploma. About 38% does have a high school diploma, but only around 16% of residents have attempted college and did not finish with a degree. Educational attainment can be a determinant for employment and higher income; it also can account for the number of individuals with incomes below poverty level.

2010 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGED 25 YEARS AND OLDER

	Pine Castle	Orange County
Less Than 9th Grade	11%	5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	12%	8%
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	38%	27%
Some College, No Degree	16%	19%
Associate's Degree	10%	10%
Bachelor's Degree	11%	21%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3%	10%

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

**Employment Status – Table F** identifies employment status for Pine Castle residents who are 16 years or older. Pine Castle's labor force only accounts for 67% of the total population. Of that percentage 60% are employed and almost 7% are unemployed; compared to Orange County's 6% of unemployment residents. It is important to note that when compared to Orange County, Pine Castle has a lower employment percentage and a higher unemployed percentage.

2010 EMPLOYMENT STATUS AGED 16 YEARS AND OLDER

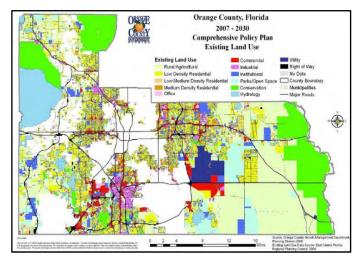
	Pine Castle	Orange County
Population 16 Years and Older	8,138	879,802
In Labor Force	67%	70%
Armed Forces	0%	0%
Employed	60%	64%
Unemployed	7%	6%
Not in Labor Force	33%	30%

Source: 2010 U.S Census Bureau

#### LAND USE

In order to gain a better understanding of the Pine Castle community, it's essential to understand what can be built and where. A brief description of the area's land use and zoning has been conducted to provide that understanding. Although portions of Pine Castle fall within the jurisdiction of Belle Isle, only Orange County's future land use and zoning are reported. The Future Land Use and Zoning maps are in Appendix A and B of the Action Plan.

**Future Land Use (FLU):** The Pine Castle Safe Neighborhood consists of mostly residential land uses. The area's FLU is Low Density Residential (LDR -Yellow), which allows up to 4 dwelling units per acre, some Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR - Light Orange), allowing up to 10 dwelling units per acre, and some Medium Density Residential (MDR - Dark Orange), allowing up to 20 dwelling units per acre. Along the major roadways such as Orange Blossom Trail. Sand Lake Road, and S. Orange Avenue there are more



Commercial (C - Red) and Office (O - Pink) uses. Parallel to S. Orange Avenue runs rail road tracks, and along these tracks are where there are more Industrial (IND - Purple) uses. Pine Castle has a few schools in the area represented in blue with an institutional designation.

**Zoning:** The current zoning throughout the majority of Pine Castle is Residential-1, Residential-1A, Residential-2, and Residential-3. These zoning types are defined as a single-family dwelling districts or residential district. Lot sizes will vary from 4,500 sq. ft. to 7,500 sq. ft. The characteristics of such areas are single-family homes built on lots larger than the structure itself. However, Residential-2 and Residential-3 are a little bit bigger in size where more than one family can live on a lot, such as townhomes, apartments, and condos.

Another common zoning use is commercial, represented on the map as Commercial-1, Commercial-2, and Commercial-3. Commercial uses are typically found along major thoroughfares and are traditionally used by shops, restaurants, offices, etc. There is a small pocket located within Pine Castle recognized as P-D, or Planned Development. P-D areas provide a unique approach for developing large parcels of land with a minimum site area of 2 acres

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

**Roads:** Major roadways include:

- Orange Blossom Trail from Redman Street to Sand Lake Road
- Winegard Road from Oak Ridge Road to Sand Lake Road
- S. Orange Avenue from Hoffner Avenue to Sand Lake Road
- o E. Oak Ridge Road from S. Orange Avenue to S. Rio Grande Avenue
- o Lancaster Road from S. Orange Avenue to S. Orange Blossom Trail
- Sand Lake Road from Central Avenue to Lilwill Avenue

#### **Transit:** LYNX's bus routes include:

- Route 7: S. Orange
   Avenue/Florida Mall
- Route 11: S. Orange
   Avenue/Orlando International
   Airport
- o Route 18: S. Orange Avenue/Kissimmee



- o Route 42: International Drive/Orlando International Airport
- Route 107: Florida Mall/Downtown Orlando
- o Rote 111: Orlando International Airport/Sea World
- o Route 208: Downtown Kissimmee Express
- Route 418: FastLink Kissimmee/Lake Nona/VA Hospital/Orlando International Airport
- o Route 441: FastLink Kissimmee/Orlando

**Bicycle Lanes:** The Pine Castle area has designated bicycle lanes on Orange Avenue from Hoffner Avenue to Lancaster Road. Beyond this there is room on the side of Orange Avenue for cyclists however no bike lane designation is present.

**Sidewalks**: The majority of roads and neighborhoods in Pine Castle have sidewalks on at least one side of the street. There are some neighborhoods however where that is not the case. There are currently no sidewalks in the south west corner of Pine Castle in the neighborhoods connected to Sand Lake Road and Orange Blossom Trail. Sidewalks are also not present in small pockets in the southeast corner of Pine Castle in the neighborhoods off McCoy Road behind Bear Head Lake.

On the west side of Orange Avenue runs a continuous, well-maintained sidewalk; however the east side of the road has a broken, disconnected sidewalk. It is important to keep the east side of the road connected and well-maintained because that is where all the commercial businesses are. These commercial businesses are made up of restaurants, shops, and local businesses traditionally used by pedestrians. The west side of Orange Avenue has more industrial uses, not typically utilized by pedestrians.

**SunRail:** Pine Castle is unique, in that, it is the only Safe Neighborhood that has a SunRail station. This connectivity provides easy and reliable transportation to other parts of Central Florida. The station is located at the corner of Sand Lake Road and S. Orange Avenue. This station provides connections with the Florida Mall and the Orlando International Airport.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION



Parks: Pine Castle currently has three parks, the largest of which being Vogt-Meloon Park. This park is home to 2.7 acres of basketball courts, a fitness trail, picnic tables, and rental pavilions. Padgett Park is a scenic park accommodating spacious outdoor activities. Big Oak Park is similar to Padgett Park in that it provides a great place to enjoy the outdoors but no true amenities. Pine Castle is situated among numerous lakes, most of which are accessible by boat ramps, allowing residents to take full advantage of Orange County's outdoor recreational activities.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Police:** The Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will play an integral role in reshaping the image of Pine Castle. The community falls in Sector 4 of OCSO. More specifically, it can be broken down into Zone Areas. The Zone Areas in which Pine Castle is classified under are Zone areas 40C, 41C, 43A, 43B, and 44A. The Sector Captain and Crime Prevention Officer will play a vital role to the area, serving as the liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the community.

**Fire:** The Orange County Fire Rescue Station # 70 is located at 1027 E Wallace Street and is a member of Fire Battalion 1. This station is equipped for rescue missions for both land and marine environments.

**Post Office:** Pine Castle has one post office within the Safe Neighborhood boundaries. This post office is located on Orange Avenue just north of Sand Lake Road.

**Churches:** Pine Castle is home to many churches of different faiths, adding to the cultural vibrancy of the area:

- o First Baptist Church of Pine Castle
- Pine Castle United Methodist Church
- Greater Trinity Baptist
- o Iglesia Pentecostal De Cristo Misionera
- o Marvelous Church Orlando (south)
- o Iglesia Visionera Misionera Pentecostal
- St. Mary of the Angels
- Gospel Assembly
- o Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal MI Oak Ridge
- Florida Shores Baptist Church
- o Iglesia Bautista Jerusalem
- o Galatian Baptist Church
- o Church of Christ Pine Castle
- o Congregacion MITA Inc.
- o Iglesia Way to Calgary
- o Sky Lake Baptist Church
- o Bethany Haitan Assembly God
- Life Transforming Ministries
- o Galilean Family Worship
- o La Luz Del Mundo Iglesia
- Iglesia Vida Abundante
- Love Covenant Word Church
- Body of One Ministries
- First Community Christ Pentecostal Church of God
- o First Community Christ Pentecostal
- South Orlando Seventh-day Adventist
- Christ Church Unity
- Trinity Foursquare Gospel Church
- CrossPointe Four Square Church
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
- Salvation Church of God
- o Iglesia de Dios Catedral de la Esperanza
- Korean Choong Hyun Church of Orlando

**Social Programs:** There are only a handful of organizations and non-profits that offer services to the citizens in Pine Castle. Current services available are:

*Help Net Charity Inc.* – Help Net Charity is a nonprofit organization that provides transportation services to low-income elderly residents, those who are HIV positive and disabled adults. These transportation services are used for both social and recreational activities.

**BCTGM International Union** – The bakery, confectionary, tobacco workers, and grain millers (BCTGM) International Union is tasked with bringing economic justice in the workplace to all these different professions.

**South Orlando YMCA** – The YMCA works to improve the lives of Central Floridians in numerous ways. The YMCA partners with local schools to provide after school academic and sport opportunities, as well as providing athletic and physical health opportunities for any resident of the community.



**Teamsters Local 769** – A nonprofit union representing approximately 7,500 people in the Central and North Florida area. Their mission is to revitalize the labor movement and to educate others to understand the benefits of uniting and maintaining benefits from their employer.

**Schools**: The following are the five schools in Pine Castle (three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school):

Lancaster Elementary School is a public coed school located at 6700 Sheryl Ann Drive, Orlando, Florida 32809. The school serves 886 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. According to state standards, the grade is a C, 40% of students at this school are considered proficient in math and/or reading, and the highest student population is Hispanic. Some on campus programs that are offered are Parent/Student Service Learning and an \*\*AVID Elementary School.

Pine Castle Elementary School is a public coed school located at 905 Waltham Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809. It has 329 students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. According to state standards, the grade is a B, 60% of students at this school are considered proficient in math and/or reading and the highest student populations are Hispanic and African-American. Some on campus programs that are offered are \*\*AVID Elementary School, PTA, FCAT Night, Math Night, and Science Night.

Winegard Elementary School is a public coed school located at 7055 Winegard Road, Orlando, FL 32809. It has 704 students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. According to state

standards, the grade is a B, 50% of students at this school are considered proficient in math and/or reading, and the highest student population is Hispanic. An active on campus program is their PTA.

Judson B. Walker Middle School is a public coed school located at 150 Amidon Lane, Orlando, FL 32809. It has 987 students in grades sixth through eighth. According to state standards, the grade is a C, 40% of students at this school are considered proficient in math and/or reading, and the highest student population is Hispanic. Some on campus programs that are offered are City Year, after school programs at YMCA, English classes for native Spanish speakers.

Oak Ridge High School is a public, magnet, coed school located at 700 West Oak Ridge Rd Orlando, FL 32809. It has 2,360 students in grades ninth through twelfth. According to state standards, the school grade is a B, 42% of students at this school are considered proficient in math and/or reading, and the highest student populations are African-American and Hispanic. Some on campus programs that are offered are Aviation Management, Hospitality Management, Digital Design, Junior Achievement, AVID High School, Professional Opportunity Program for Students, and PTSA.

\*\* The AVID Elementary School Program is a program in the AVID College Readiness System. Schools in this program support AVID's mission of closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and success in a global society.

#### SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM SURVEY

Using information gathered during the initial meeting, a survey was developed and sent to every residential address within the Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association. The survey results show that the residents of Pine Castle are mostly homeowners and have lived in their home 15+ years. Residents feel safe in their neighborhood but still crime is not improving in their community. The survey also showed concerns about the traffic/speeding, rundown/vacant homes, and code enforcement. The survey results were very similar to the comments received during the initial meeting.

#### IDENTIFYING NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

The initial Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association community meeting to update their action plan was held on November 2, 2015 at the Pine Castle Women's Club. During the initial meeting Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division (NPRD) staff provided an introduction about the Action Plan and explained the benefits of having the Safe Neighborhoods program in the neighborhood. The second meeting was held on January 4, 2016. In attendance were several residents and NPRD staff. NPRD gave a presentation on the community's survey results and census data. An issues identification exercise was also conducted at the meeting, which gave residents a chance to voice their ongoing issues and concerns in their neighborhood. Each issue was divided up by 4 categories: Traffic/Speeding,

Code Enforcement, Beautification, and Crime Prevention. Listed below are the issues identified in the initial meeting:

#### **Traffic/Speeding:**

- o Speeding concerns have been identified in the following areas:
  - Skyview Drive
  - Winegard Road
  - Jordan Avenue
  - Boice Street
  - Voltaire Drive
  - Matchett Road
  - Nela Avenue
  - Perkins Road
- Add speed bumps and improve the speed bumps that are existing; some cannot be seen motorists.
- o Improve traffic efficiency by assessing the length of red lights at intersections
- o Pot holes have become a nuisance in the following areas:
  - Southland Boulevard
  - Zeigler Road

#### **Code Enforcement:**

- Unwanted cars and taxis are being used as homes, and in some instances still picking up clients
- o Orange County owned walls are not being maintained in the following areas:
  - Makoma Avenue
  - Luzon Drive
- o Assorted code violations in Sky Lake
- Eliminate and remove temporary business signs that are in medians and on the right-of-way
- o Trash and waste are being dumped on Zeigler Road

#### **Crime Prevention:**

- o Increase street lighting to prevent break-ins that have occurred a long
- o Auto, home and business break-ins have occurred throughout Sky Lake
- o Drug related crimes have been problems throughout the following areas:
  - Jordan Avenue

- Orange Blossom Trail
- Numerous transients have located to Sky Lake

#### **ISSUES, GOALS & ACTION STEPS**

The Pine Castle Safe Communities Preservation Association envisions Pine Castle as a safe community with strong neighborhoods and even stronger residents. What makes Pine Castle unique is that it is home to generations of families who have seen the area through its ups and downs.

In order to realize this vision, residents agreed to work together along with Orange County staff. The majority of issues the residents raised fell under four categories: Crime, Traffic, Beautification, and Code Enforcement. Based on these categories, the residents formed committees to begin identifying solutions. The following is a summary of the goals developed by the committees:

#### **Traffic Speeding**

<u>Goal:</u> Improve the safety and quality of neighborhood streets by installing and improving traffic calming devices

#### Action Step:

- Identify what locations have the highest amounts of speeding
- Contact Orange County Traffic Engineering Division and guide residents in the petition process for traffic calming devices
- Increase OCSO patrols to reduce cut-through traffic and to enforce speed limits

#### **Traffic Lights**

Goal: Improve the efficiency of traffic lights throughout Pine Castle

#### Action Step:

- Contact Orange County Traffic Engineering Division to conduct traffic studies
- Orange County Safe Neighborhoods (OCSN) can work as a liaison between necessary Orange County Government departments

#### **Pot Holes**

Goal: Fill in pot holes to improve the roadways of Pine Castle

#### Action Steps:

- Educate residents on how to use 3-1-1 to report pot holes in their area
- Educate residents on how to properly monitor the pot holes that have been reported
- Partner with OCSN to utilize the Safe Neighborhood Program funding to fill in the reported pot holes

#### **Temporary Business Signs**

Goal: Remove unsightly temporary business signs from medians and the right-of-way

#### **Action Steps:**

- Educate residents on how to use the 3-1-1 number to report signs that are in medians and in the right-of-way
- Request that Orange County Code Enforcement do more routine checks on this issue
- Contact the OCSO non-emergency number if you see anyone installing these signs

# **Drugs**

Goal: Improve and protect our community by removing drugs and drug dealers

#### Action Steps:

- Call the emergency hotline
- Get to know your neighbors
- Educate the community on how to identify drug houses

#### Lighting

<u>Goal</u>: Add street lights to the area to prevent unnecessary crime.

#### **Action Steps:**

- Report broken street lights to the respective utility company
- Report tree covered street lights to 3-1-1
- Work with Comptroller's Office and guide residents through MSBU process to add street lights
- Contact the OCSO non-emergency number to report any suspicious activity

#### **Code Enforcement**

<u>Goal:</u> Improving and protecting our community from code violations

#### Action Steps:

- Work as a community to help residents with violations or to report violations
- Educate residents on how to use 3-1-1 to report issues in the right of way
- Install no littering signs
- Work with NPRD to establish a Community Code Enforcement program

#### Homelessness

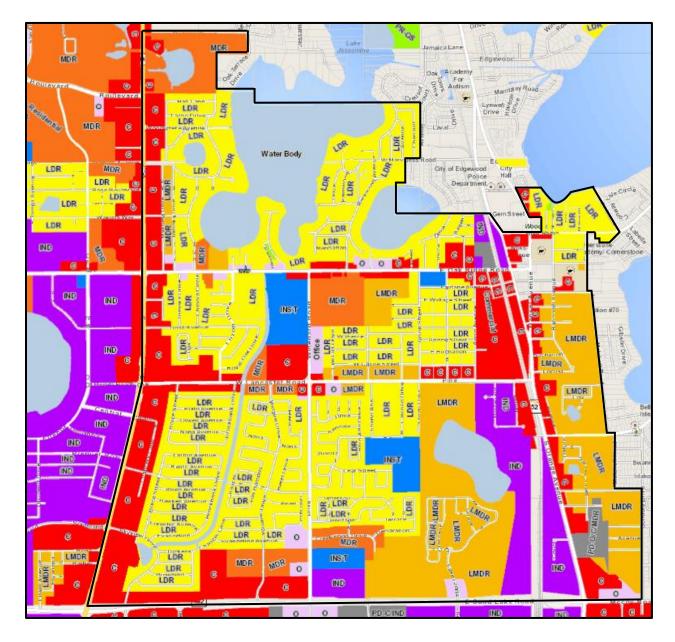
<u>Goal</u>: Protect our community from potential problems caused by transients using privately owned property or sleeping out of vehicles

#### Action Steps:

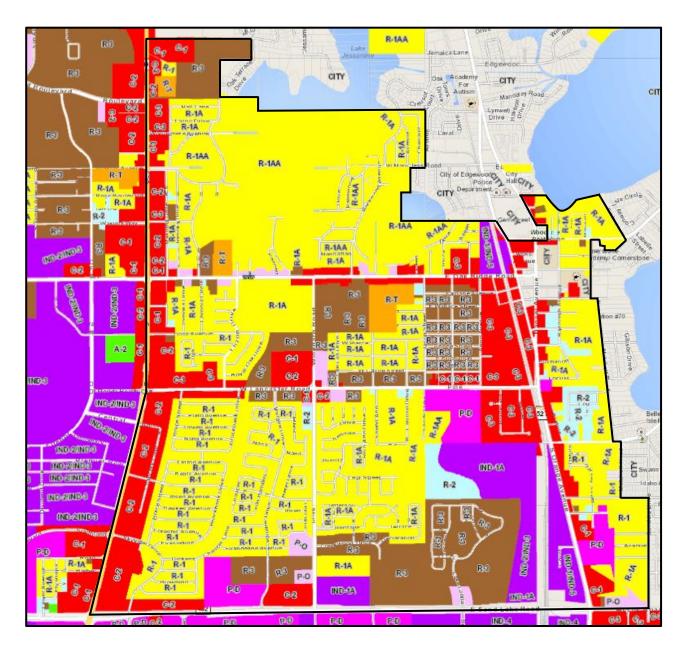
- Report transients on private property or in vehicles
- Teach residents about the issue of homelessness to help reduce stigmas attached with homelessness
- Connect transients with proper resources
- Contact OCSO using the non-emergency number

This is a living document, designed to change and adapt to the needs of the community. The residents will make sure to update the vision to reflect the current desires of the entire community. As goals are accomplished, new ones will take their place.

Appendix A – Future Land Use Map



# Appendix B – Zoning Map



Appendix C – Action Plan Survey



# ORANGE COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM PINE CASTLE ACTION PLAN SURVEY

Para obtener una copia de esta encuesta en español, e-mail: cristina.pichardo-cruz@ocfl.net

1.	How are you responding to this survey? (check all that apply)  ☐ Homeowner ☐ Renter ☐ Landlord ☐ Business Owner ☐ Other
2.	How long have you lived, or owned property, in Pine Castle?  ☐ 0 - 5 Years ☐ 5 - 10 Years ☐ 10 - 15 Years ☐ 15+ Years
3.	Do you feel safe in your community?  ☐Yes ☐No
4.	Which statement best describes how you feel about the crime in your community over the past 3 years?  It's gotten much worse. It's gotten a little worse. It's about the same.  It's gotten a little better. It's gotten much better.
5.	Which statement best describes the amount of graffiti and vandalism in your community? ☐ It's everywhere. ☐ There are some trouble spots. ☐ There is very little.
6.	Are you concerned about traffic/speeding on your street?  ☐Yes ☐No
7.	Have you noticed an increase in the amount of vacant/abandoned homes on your street?
8.	Please select the top 3 issues that you think are decreasing the quality of life in your neighborhood.  Rundown/Vacant Businesses Rundown/Vacant homes Code enforcement violations Vandalism/Graffiti Speeding/Traffic Homelessness Gangs Property Crimes Lack of public facilities (street lights, sewer, sidewalks, playgrounds etc.)  Lack of services (educational, recreational, health, legal, financial, etc)  Other
9.	Have you ever witnessed criminal or suspicious activity in Pine Castle?  ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, did you report it? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10.	Have you attended a public hearing, community meeting, or neighborhood meeting in the past 2 years?  ☐Yes ☐No
11.	Have you heard of Pine Castle Safe Neighborhood?  ☐Yes ☐No
12.	Are you a member of Neighborhood Watch, or any other Pine Castle neighborhood organization?  ☐ Yes ☐ No





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