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ATTACHMENT A – Qualifications for the Office of Supervisor Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Any residents of Hillsborough County interested in serving the Office of Supervisor, Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District should familiarize themselves with the following Florida Statutes Chapters and Sections, governing the qualifications and duties of Supervisors and the responsibilities of the Conservation District.

Chapter/Section:

106 Electors and Elections – qualifications that apply to candidates for all state and local elections

582.19 Qualifications and tenure of supervisors – candidates for the position of Supervisor must qualify under one or more of the following conditions:

- a. Actively engaged in Agriculture as defined under Chapter 570.02, F.S. or,
- b. Retired, after having been engaged in Agricultural Production, per 570.02, for 10 years (in aggregate), or
- c. Actively employed by an agricultural producer engaged per 570.02, or,
- d. Currently owning or leasing qualified “agricultural lands” as defined under Chapter 193.461, F.S., or working on agricultural lands for an agricultural producer, as defined under 597.0015, F.S.

193.461 Classification of agricultural lands owned or leased and used for a “bona fide agricultural purpose”, pursuant to 582.19. Please note that lands historically used for agricultural purposes, but which are no longer documented as being used primarily for agricultural purposes, do not qualify. The Hillsborough County Property Appraiser’s Office determines whether properties meet the statutory requirement during their Greenbelt designation process.

570.02 Definitions of “Agriculture” and “Agricultural business products”, pursuant to 582.19,

597.0015 Defines “aquaculture”, “aquaculture producers” and “aquaculture products” that meet the “agricultural purpose” of 193.461, F.S.

823.14 Florida Right to Farm Act’s (3) inclusion of algal culture, sod farming, and farm products, which meet the 570.02 specifications of an agricultural purpose.

582.20 Powers of districts and supervisors – Describes the scope of activities that conservation districts are responsible for organizing and delivering, with a focus on technical issues and assets related to the sustainable management of water and soils used for agricultural purposes.