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## **Speeding on Hamlin Groves Trail**

**How Speeding Directly Impacts  
The Cove and Overlook Communities**

# **Hamlin/Horizon West, Winter Garden, Florida**

When a Cove or Overlook resident attempts to pull out of their respective neighborhood onto Hamlin Groves Trail, regardless of whether they are making a right or left turn, they immediately encounter one or a combination of several factors:

- ❑ Exiting drivers are **forced** to pull out onto the **crosswalk** at each egress to adequately view oncoming northbound traffic.
  - ❑ While doing so, pedestrians, runners and cyclists routinely attempt to use the crosswalk by walking in front of the vehicle.
  - ❑ When the driver finally has an opening in traffic to pull out, they are then confronted with a pedestrian or cyclist in front of their vehicle.
- ❑ Speeding vehicles make it extremely difficult to gauge how much time you have to safely pull out onto Hamlin Groves Trail, particularly during inclement weather.
- ❑ Boyd landscaping along Hamlin Groves Trail continues to block visibility at numerous intersections.



Slow down and watch for pedestrians.

Cove and Overlook residents should be able to **safely** and **easily** exit their neighborhoods without being forced to deal with the excessive, unenforced speeding or the pedestrians and cyclists walking in front of their vehicle as they simply attempt to exit their neighborhood.

We request Orange County seriously consider having some kind of traffic/pedestrian/cyclist control device be placed at:

- Hamlin Groves Trail and Porter AND
- Hamlin Groves Trail and Gwinnett

## **Regardless of current traffic count!**

Roundabouts have been proven to:

- Reduce speeds;
- Eradicate street racing, and
- Provide safe pedestrian/cyclist crossings.



We also request that the useless fading stenciling Orange County staff placed on the north and south sides of the sidewalk at each Cove and Overlook egress be replaced with more aggressive signage that warns pedestrians and cyclists that they need to **stop** and be seen before proceeding onto the crosswalk.

These intersections have become increasingly dangerous due to the increasing number of Horizon West residents who use the sidewalks along the east side of Hamlin Groves Trail and must use the crosswalks at each of these egresses.





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In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

— Theodore Roosevelt —

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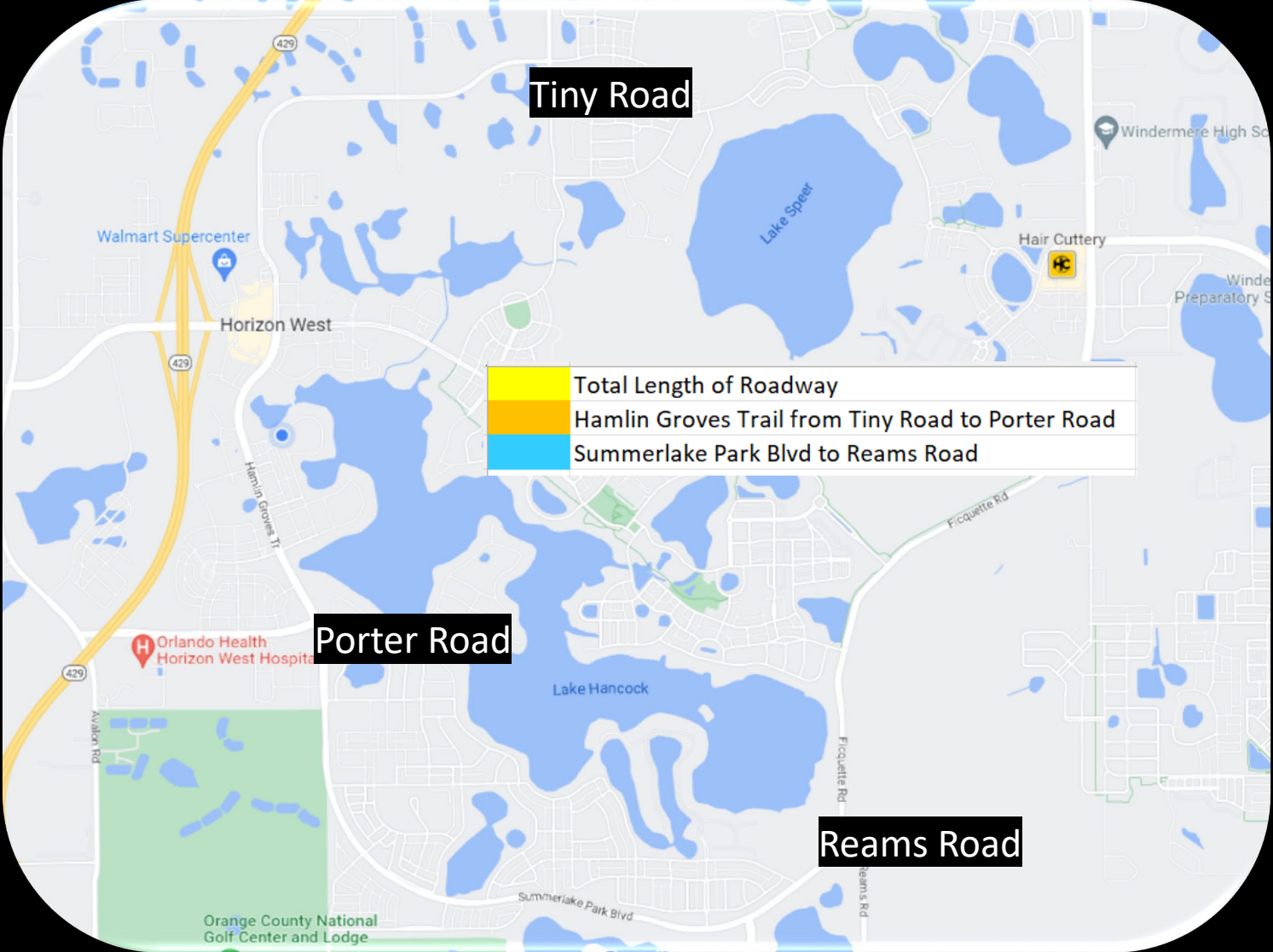
## What exactly is Hamlin Groves Trail?

Hamlin Groves Trail is approximately 5.5 miles from Tiny Road to Reams Road.

From Tiny Road to Reams Road, Hamlin Groves Trail changes names twice; Porter Road and Summerlake Park Blvd. before it connects with Reams Road.

4 lanes from Tiny to Porter; 2  
lanes from Porter to Reams  
Road.

Posted speed limit is  
**35 mph**  
the entire roadway from  
Tiny to Reams Road



## The Cove and Overlook Communities

- Built by Taylor Morrison
- Overlook in 2010
- The Cove in 2015
- Although share HOA, are separate communities

Cove is part of the Town Center and contains approximately 250 homes and 165 cottages.

Quick math: 415 residences

Assuming 2+ vehicles per residence

Approximately **830+** resident vehicles exit the Cove via three egresses..

- Gwinnett Drive
- Newtonia Street
- Shonan Gold Drive

Note: This number does not include non-resident vehicles, UPS, FedEx, Amazon, etc.

All 3 egresses exit onto Hamlin Groves Trail.





**Overlook** is part of Bridgewater Village and contains 383 homes.

Quick math: 383 residences

Assuming 2+ vehicles per residence

Approximately 766+ vehicles potentially exit Overlook via two egresses:

- John Hancock Blvd
- Black Quill Drive

Both exit onto Hamlin Groves Trail.

Note: This does not count non-resident vehicles, UPS, FedEx, Amazon, etc.

