TENTATIVE AGENDA

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, **5:00 P.M.**

CITY HALL

A. Roll call

B. Purpose of meeting: enter into executive session for discussion of real estate acquisition and/or disposal

C. Enter into executive session

D. Adjourn

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CITY HALL

If business has not concluded by 8:15 p.m., there will be a 15-minute break.

A. Roll call

B. Approve Minutes of meetings of Tuesday, October 3; Tuesday, October 17; and non-voting meeting of Tuesday, October 10; and Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

C. Written communications

D. Public input. If you wish to address the Mayor and Commission on any item listed below on the consent agenda, please go to the podium and state your name and address. RULES OF THE COMMISSION STATE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SPEAK ONCE DURING THE FOLLOWING PORTION OF THE AGENDA FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES WITH A 30 SECOND REMINDER AT TWO AND A HALF MINUTES.

E. Consent agenda. Items under this section have been discussed at prior public meetings and will be presented for consideration as a single item. Only one vote will be taken.

1. ADOPT: Ordinance reference Government Operations Committee report - Review of Parklet Program fee schedule

2. ADOPT: Ordinance reference Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program - Grant application

3. ADOPT: Resolution to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services

4. APPROVE: Office of Operational Analysis FY24 Audit Workplan

5. APPROVE: SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #5: supplemental funding for FY24 electric vehicle purchases

6. APPROVE: SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #6: Funding allocation to support electric vehicle infrastructure

7. APPROVE: SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements – Proposed project schematic design

8. APPROVE: TSPLOST 2018 Project 06, Firefly Trail Sub-Project #1 – Change order #1 to Structural Resources for Firefly Trailhead construction at the East Broad Street entrance to the Firefly Trail

9. APPROVE: TSPLOST 2023 Project 6, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor Improvements Project – SP #1 - Timothy Road preliminary plan approval

10. APPROVE: Government Operations Committee report – Extension of FY23 non-profit leases

F. Public hearing and deliberation on recommendations from the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission. All proposed recommendations will be disposed of, item by item, by the receipt of public input, the close of public input, and the consideration of each item by the Commission. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHMENT A FOR TIME LIMITS FOR PRESENTATIONS.

11. Request of Tiffany Hogan/D. R. Horton, owner Jane H. and William D. Young Foundation, for rezoning from E-I* (Employment-Industrial) with conditions) to RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) on 137.7 acres known as 1125 Newton Bridge Road. Proposed use is residential single-family. This will require an amendment to the Future Use Plan from Employment Center to Traditional Neighborhood. Type I District 9

Planning Commission recommendation:
Future Land Use: Approve (7-2)
Rezoning: Approve w/condition (7-2)

12. Request of Frank Pittman/Pittman & Greer Engineering, owner Jackson Eight LLC, for rezoning from C-O (Commercial-Office) to RM-2 (Mixed Density Residential) on 2.99 acres known as 1580 Barnett Shoals Road. Proposed use is residential multi-family. Type II District 8

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve w/condition (unanimous)

13. Request of Jay Paul Smith, owners Paul and Angela Smith, from RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) to RM-2 (Mixed-Density Residential) on 1.08 acres known as 243 Bray Street. Proposed use is residential single family. Type II District 2

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve (unanimous)

G. Public input. If you wish to address the Mayor and Commission on any other item (#14-23) listed below on this agenda, please go to the podium and state your name and address. Comments on items not listed on this agenda will be received upon the completion of all other business. RULES OF THE COMMISSION STATE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SPEAK ONCE DURING THE FOLLOWING PORTION OF THE AGENDA FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES WITH A 30 SECOND REMINDER AT TWO AND A HALF MINUTES.

H. Old business

14. SPLOST 2020 Project 06, Fire Station #5 candidate sites

15. Budget amendment to initiate a paint crew pilot program

16. Athens Justice & Memory project's affordable housing preservation

17. 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grant application

18. TSPLOST 2023 Project 6, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor Improvements Project – SP #2 - Mitchell Bridge Road preliminary plan approval

19. Department of Corrections offender health care services contract award

20. Short term rental moratorium

I. New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

21. Cisco Enterprise agreement

22. Resolution for authorized representative with respect to the series 2022 and the series 2023 Classic Center arena project bonds

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K. Receive report from Mayor

L. Receive report from Manager

23. Contract awards in excess of $10,000 for month of September 2023

24. Land acquisition notice of employee(s) with financial interest

25. Manager proposed operating transfer to State Court (omitted from August agenda)

M. Receive report from Auditor

N. Receive report from Attorney

O. Receive input from Commissioners

P. Adjourn

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ATTACHMENT A

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON ZONING RELATED PUBLIC HEARINGS.

All persons supporting and opposing a proposed rezoning may take either one of two different opportunities to address the Mayor and Commission at the final public hearing on the proposed rezoning, as follows:

1.a. Proponents shall first present their ten (10) minute argument in support of the proposed rezoning, and opponents shall then present their ten (10) minute argument in opposition to the proposed rezoning.

b. Neither side will be required to use all of its ten (10) minute argument period.

c. Either side may allocate its ten (10) minute argument period among any number of speakers, provided that the presentation by all speakers for each side shall not exceed ten (10) minutes per side.

d. All persons wishing to speak longer than three (3) minutes during one side's ten (10) minute argument period must register their intent to do so with the Clerk of Commission not later than the time that the meeting of the Mayor and Commission at which the final public hearing on the proposed rezoning is to be conducted is first called to order.

e. In the event that all persons wishing to speak longer than three (3) minutes as a part of one side's ten (10) minute argument are not able to agree how that side's ten (10) minute argument period shall be allocated, they shall inform the Mayor of their disagreement before either side begins its 10-minute argument, in which event the Mayor shall decide and announce the manner in which that side's ten (10) minute argument period shall be allocated. Any Commissioner dissatisfied with the Mayor's allocation of that side's ten (10) minute argument shall have the right to appeal the Mayor's allocation decision to the Commission before either side begins its ten (10) minute argument.

2. After the supporters and opponents of the proposed rezoning have concluded their ten (10) minute arguments, any person who has not yet spoken either for or against the proposed rezoning shall be allowed to address the Mayor and Commission concerning the proposed rezoning for no longer than three (3) minutes per person.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO THE **SCHEDULE OF FEES BE ADOPTED ANNUALLY**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-6-2 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia entitled "*Schedule of fees to be adopted annually*," the chart entitled "*Central Services*" thereof is hereby amended by deleting numbers 39 through 44 under "*Parklet Program*," and inserting the new the new numbers 39 through 44 in lieu thereof, so that said chart now reads as follows:

CENTRAL SERVICES		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Parklet Program	
39	Initial application fee	$100.00
40	Annual application renewal fee	$50.00
41	Quarterly fee for the first two parking spaces utilized	$500.00
42a	Quarterly fee for 3rd space	$500.00 (through June 30, 2024) $1,200.00 (starting July 1, 2024)
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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed.

Government Operations Committee
Commission Report

SUBJECT: Review of Parklet Program Fee Schedule

DATE: October 5, 2023

PURPOSE:
This report provides the Mayor and Commission with recommendations from the Government Operations Committee regarding proposed fees for the Parklet Program.

HISTORY:
1. On June 25, 2020, the Mayor and Commission approved a temporary closure of College Square for an outdoor dining pilot project. At this same meeting, Mayor Girtz appointed a Working Group to evaluate what other actions were needed to support outdoor dining in the downtown area. The original Working Group for the pilot program was composed of members from downtown bars/restaurants, the Athens Downtown Development Authority, the Commission, the Manager's Office, the Attorney's Office, the Central Service Department, the Police Department and Transportation and Public Works.

2. On July 22, 2020, a draft Parklet policy was shared with the Working Group members for feedback. Working Group feedback was incorporated to produce a final recommended Parklet Pilot Program policy.

3. On July 30, 2020, at a special called meeting, the M&C approved an ordinance for a sixth declaration of a local state of emergency related to COVID-19, which included the following:

   Any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance which prohibit any person from having in his or her possession any alcoholic beverages in any open container be temporarily suspended as it applies to patrons or employees of any restaurant possessing a Class D (retail liquor by the drink), D1 (retail liquor by the drink, low volume restaurant), E (retail beer by drink), or F (retail wine by the drink) license who are transporting, serving, or consuming alcoholic beverages in an outdoor seating area within 100 feet of the outer wall of licensed premises or who are transporting alcoholic beverages across public streets, sidewalks or rights-of-way for the purpose of serving or consuming said beverages as described herein.

4. On April 6, 2021, Mayor Girtz assigned to the GOC "Consideration of Extension of the Parklet Program." From September 2021 through June 2022, the GOC discussed the Parklet Program and reviewed the proposed Parklet Ordinance with staff. Discussion topics included eligibility, permit, application, issuance, fees, design, management, beer & wine, liability & insurance, revocation, suspension, fines and appeals.

5. On August 2, 2022, Mayor and Commission approved the GOC recommended Parklet Ordinance. The Parklet Ordinance was structured to address, among other considerations, eligibility, permit, application, issuance, fees, design, management, beer & wine, liability & insurance, revocation, suspension, fines and appeals.

6. On March 21, 2023, Mayor Kelly Girtz re-assigned parklets to committee asking the GOC to "Review Parklet Program to make sure it aligns with our Special Events needs." In addition during the Special Called Session M&C approved a Temporary Moratorium on the Downtown Parklet Program that expires on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

7. On June 12, 2023, the GOC reviewed the Parklet Program with staff and requested the following information be provided at the August meeting:
   - Density by block
   - Options for pricing
   - Availability based on outside dining and size
   - Whether or not to grandfather in current permit holders
   - Clarity on deck height.

8. On August 21, 2023, the GOC completed their review and voted unanimously to forward the proposed Parklet Ordinance revisions to the Mayor and Commission for approval. The GOC further voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to modify the Annual Fee Schedule to increase quarterly parklet fees starting in 2024.

9. On September 5, 2023, Mayor and Commission approved the proposed revised Parklet Program Ordinance and retained the current fee schedule through June 30, 2024 with the request that Mayor reassign review of current fee schedule to Government Operations Committee.

10. On September 18, 2023, the GOC discussed the fee schedule and approved the following proposed Parklet Pricing effective July 1, 2024.
    - 2 spaces at $2,000 annually;
    - 3 spaces at $6,800 annually; and
    - 4 spaces at $12,000 annually

RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Government Operations Committee recommends that the Mayor and Commission approve the proposed Fee Schedule revisions for parklets (**Attachment #1**), starting in ~~FY2024~~ FY2025.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

10/11/2023

Patrick Davenport, Chair
Government Operations Committee

Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1: Fee Schedule

Sec. 2-6-2. Schedule of fees to be adopted annually.

A Schedule of Fees and Charges shall be adopted for each fiscal year by the Mayor and Commission as part of the Annual Operating and Capital Budget and shall be made available to the public by the Office of the Clerk of Commission. The Schedule of Fees and Charges may be subsequently amended at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance or resolution of the Mayor and Commission. Upon adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges for fiscal year 2022, all fee amounts previously established and contained herein are hereby amended as set forth in the Schedule of Fees and Charges for fiscal year 2022 and as subsequently amended thereafter. All fees or charges adopted by ordinance or resolution or administrative action that are not included in the Schedule of Fees and Charges shall remain in full force and effect.

FY23 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

ANIMAL SERVICES		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
1	Reclaiming a neutered or spayed dog or cat	$25.00 first impound; $30.00 second impound; $35.00 subsequent impounds
2	Reclaiming an intact dog or cat	$25.00 fee if owner chooses to get animal altered through the free community Athens pets program. Animal Control must transport animal to surgery.
3	Boarding fee	$5.00/day + cost of inoculations and any vet services
4	Adoptions	$25.00 Special Event fee; $100.00 Adult large dogs; $150.00 dogs under six months and or 25 lbs; $50.00 dogs in shelter over 30 days; $25.00 adult cats; $50.00 kittens under six months
5	Adoption refund upon proof of neutering	$0.00—Reduction included in reclaiming an intact animal if animal is altered
6	Registering a Potentially Dangerous Dog, Dangerous Dog, or Vicious dog	$100.00/annually

BEN EPPS AIRPORT		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Ramp/Overnight Fees	
1	Twin Piston—Small	$25.00 per aircraft
2	Twin Piston—Medium	$45.00 per aircraft
3	Twin Piston—Large	$125.00 per aircraft
4	Turbo Prop—Small	$95.00 per operation
5	Turbo Prop—Medium	$115.00 per operation
6	Turbo Prop—Large	$140.00 per operation

7	Jet—Small	$175.00 per operation
8	Jet—Medium	$225.00 per operation
9	Jet—Large	$525.00 per operation
10	Jet—Extra Large	$650.00 per operation
11	Jet—Air Force One	FREE
12	Helicopter	$40.00 per operation
13	Airship Mooring Fee (Blimp)	$185.00 per night
	Minimum Fuel Purchase to waive Ramp Fees based on current market prices—adjusted by Airport Director	
14	Twin Piston—Small	30 gallons
15	Twin Piston—Medium	40 gallons
16	Twin Piston—Large	100 gallons
17	Turbo Prop—Small	90 gallons
18	Turbo Prop—Medium	125 gallons
19	Turbo Prop—Large	150 gallons
20	Jet—Small	150 gallons
21	Jet—Medium	200 gallons
22	Jet—Large	450 gallons
23	Jet—Extra Large	650 gallons
24	Airship Mooring Fee (Blimp)	60 gallons
	Landing Fees	
25	Commercial Operations - Based on Max Gross Landing Weight	$2.80 per 1,000 lbs.
	Baggage Handling Fees—Passenger Capacity	
26	20	$300.00 per aircraft
27	30	$450.00 per aircraft
	Baggage Handling Fees—Passenger Capacity (continued)	
28	50	$750.00 per aircraft
29	70	$1,050.00 per aircraft
30	90	$1,350.00 per aircraft
31	125	$1,875.00 per aircraft
32	150	$2,250.00 per aircraft
	Fuel Prices—Based on market prices—adjusted by Airport Director	
33	Jet A Fuel	Market Price
34	AvGas Fuel	Market Price
35	Based Tenants Discount (below posted price)	AvGas - $0.25/Jet - A $0.40
36	Shell Contract Fuel (Jet A)	Market Price
37	Volume Discount 501—999 gallons (below posted price)	AvGas and Jet A - $0.20
38	Volume discount 1,000+ gallons	AvGas and Jet A - $0.25

39	After Hours Call Out Fee	265 per call out
40	Commercial Terminal Meeting Room	$120.00 per hour/2 hour minimum
41	Table Rental	$5.00 per table per day
42	Chair Rental	$2.50 per chair per day
	Tie Down Fees—One night waived with multiple night stay with fuel purchase	
43	Nightly	$25.00 per night
44	Monthly	$75.00 per month
	Airport Hangar Rental Monthly Rates—Based on market prices—adjusted by the Airport Director	
45	Row C Hangars (20)	$324.87 per month
46	Row D Hangars (12)	$249.79 per month
47	Row F Hangars (12)	$259.60 per month
48	Row G Hangars (4)	$406.66 per month
49	Row E Hangars (2)	$684.76 per month
50	Row B Hangars (19)	$383.48 per month
51	Hangar C21	1,289.20 per month
52	Hangar B20	1,289.20 per month
53	Row A Hangars (4)	$1,489.86 per month
54	Colvin Hangar	$3,710.00 per month
55	Falcon Hangar	$6,890.00 per month
	Airport Hangar Rental Weekly Rates—Based on market prices—adjusted by the Airport Director	
56	Hangars G, B, C, D, E, F (with/without fuel purchase)	$365.00/$318.00 per night
57	Hangars A, C21, B20 (with/without fuel purchase)	$822.00/$928.00 per night
58	Colvin Hangar (with/without fuel purchase)	$822.00/$928.00 per night
59	Falcon Hangar	$1,590.00/$1,723.00 per night
	Airport Hangar Rental Overnight Rates—Based on market prices—adjusted by the Airport Director	
60	Hangars G, B, C, D, E, F (with/without fuel purchase)	$80.00/$106.00 per night
61	Hangars A, C21, B20 (with/without fuel purchase)	$186.00/$239.00 per night
62	Colvin Hangar (with/without fuel purchase)	$371.00/$424.00 per night
63	Falcon Hangar	$371.00/$424.00 per night
	Ground Power Unit (GPU) Fee	
64	Engine Start (waived with fuel purchase)	$35.00 per start
65	Per Hour (Waived with fuel purchase)	$55.00 per start

	Towing Fee	
66	Single Engine	$30.00 per tow
67	Twins	$35.00 per tow
68	Airplane Lavatory Cleaning Fee	$195.00 per service
69	Air Stair Fee	$375.00 per service
70	Unimproved Land Lease Rate (no utilities)	$0.38 per square foot
71	Improved Land Lease Rate (with utilities)	$0.42 per square foot

BUILDING INSPECTION		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Permits	
1	Building Permit	$80.00 plus $3.00 per $1,000.00 of valuation
2	Electrical Permit	$80.00 plus $2.00 per circuit
3	Plumbing Permit	$80.00 plus $2.00 per fixture
4	Mechanical Permit	$80.00 plus $2.00 per supply and return
5	Gas Permit	$80.00 plus $2.00 per fixture
6	Plan Submittal Fee	$375.00 for project values up to $10,000.00; Project values over $10,000.00 fee of $500.00 for up to 50 plan sheets plus $2.00 per sheet over 50 sheets
7	Plan Review Fee	One-half building permit fee ($80.00 minimum)
8	Demolition Permit	$80.00
9	Demolition Permit—Central Business District	$130.00
10	Swimming Pool Permit	$250.00 per pool flat fee
11	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	$100.00
12	Temporary Building Permit	$80.00
13	Class A Manufactured Home Permit	$80.00 plus $3.00 per $1,000.00 of valuation
14	Class B Manufactured Home Permit	$80.00
15	Manufactured Home Pre-Moving Inspection	$80.00 plus $0.45 per mile
16	Building Relocation Permit	$100.00
17	Fire Protection Systems (sprinkler) Permit	$80.00
18	Private water and sewer system Permit	$80.00 each
	Inspection Fees (applies to all inspection types)	
19	First Trip	$35.00
20	Second Trip	$50.00
21	Third and subsequent trips	$75.00
	Other Mechanical Permits	
22	Duct work Repair	$80.00
23	Exhaust over one HP	$80.00 each exhaust fan

24	Freestanding Unit	$80.00 plus $2.00 each unit
25	Floor Furnace	$80.00 plus $2.00 each unit
26	Wall Furnace	$80.00 plus $2.00 each unit
27	Steam System	$80.00 plus $2.00 each radiator
28	Refrigeration	$80.00 plus $2.00 per ton
29	Grease/Vent Hoods	$80.00 plus $80.00 per hood
30	Incinerator	$80.00 per unit
31	Fireplaces and Wood Stoves	$80.00 per unit
32	Construction Board of Appeals Hearing	$250
33	After hours inspection fee	$80.00 per hour (2 hour minimum)
34	Work without permit fee	Double normal permit fee
35	Secured Structure	$250.00
36	Temporary Secured Structure	$50.00
37	Signs	$80.00 plus $10.00 per $1,000.00 of valuation
38	Copies	$0.25 per page
39	Temporary Signs	$30.00
40	Construction Valuation Table	See Exhibit A

CENTRAL SERVICES		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Special Events	
1	Application Fee	$25.00
2	Emergency Review Fee (less than 60 days review)	$125.00
3	Beer and/or Wine Special Outdoor Café Area or Festival Zone	$150.00 (up to 150 people); $300.00 (up to 300 people); $600.00 (festival zone)
4	Home-brew Special Event	$50.00
	Special Sales	
5	Farmer's Market (assigned locations)	$100.00
6	Mobile Food Vendor Unit	$515.00
7	Street Merchant Assigned Location	$150 per trimester
8	Sidewalk Sale	$50.00
9	Individual Merchant Identification/Badge	$20.00
10	Replacement Merchant Identification/Badge	$15.00
	Sidewalk Cafes	
11	Annual Permit Fee	$100.00 + $1.50/S.F.
	Publication Racks	
12	Annual Permit Fee	$75.00/rack
	Public Use of Government Facilities	
13	Application Fee	$25.00

14	Security Fee	$25.00 (if after normal operating hours)
15	Utility Fee	$5.00/hr (if after normal operating hours)
16	Cleanup/Damage Deposit	$25.00 (1—25 people)/$50.00 (26—50 people)/$100.00 (51+ people) $50.00 (26—50 people) $100.00 (51+ people)
	On-Street Parking	
17	Parking Meters	
18	Downtown construction permit parking	$10.00/space /day; $75.00 for violation
19	Legal Parking Zone Violation—Expired Meter or Display Ticket	$20.00
20	Legal Parking Zone Violation—Overtime Parking	$25.00
21	Legal Parking Zone Violation—Loading Zones	$75.00
22	Illegal Parking—No Parking Zone	$75.00
23	Illegal Parking—In Disable Person Space	$300.00
24	Illegal parking—Parking on Sidewalk	$50.00
25	Illegal Parking—Parking Outside of Designated Space line	$75.00
26	Illegal Parking—Double Parking	$75.00
27	Illegal Parking—During CBD Restricted Times	$35.00
28	Illegal Parking—Fire Lane	$150.00
29	Illegal Parking—Violation of Posted Sign—ACCGov Property	$75.00
	Parking Decks & Surface Lots	
30	All Decks—Hourly Parking (subject to time limits)	$1.00/hour
31	All Decks—Monthly Keycard Pass	$85.00/month
32	All Decks—Monthly Keycard Pass (downtown employees)	$65.00/month
33	All Decks—UGA Football Game Days	$40.00
34	Courthouse Deck—Arrive after 5:00 p.m. and leave before 7:00 a.m.	$10.00
35	Courthouse Deck—Arrive after 5:00 p.m. and leave after 7:00 a.m.	$15.00
36	All Decks—Maximum Daily Fee	$15.00
37	Downtown Surface Lots 1—3	$45.00/month
38	Downtown Surface Lots 1—3 (downtown employees)	$35.00/month
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CORRECTIONS: Diversion Center/Transition Center		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Routine Fees	
1	Registration Fee (one-time per sentence)	$50.00
2	Room & Board (based on income) billed weekly	$90.00—$130.00
3	Parking Permit (one-year period)	$25.00
4	Staff Transportation to/from work (one-way)	$10.00
	Disciplinary Report Fees	
5	Administration Fee (per guilty finding)	$4.00
6	Possession of a cellular or wireless device, or a device associated with a wireless communication device (inside the guard lines) (Fee set by Dept. of Corrections)	$100.00
7	Positive drug screen, or possession of drugs or a drug-related item (Fee set by Dept. of Corrections)	$200.00
8	Positive alcohol screen, or possession of alcohol (Fee set by Dept. of Corrections)	$100.00
9	Escape Fee (Fee set by Dept. of Corrections)	$200.00
	Other Department Services	
10	Drug Test (Lab cost)	$15.00
11	Bus Ticket—Single ride (Transit System Fee)	$0.00
12	Medical Call/Prescription Refill (Fee set by Dept. of Corrections)	$5.00

FINANCE		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Alcohol License and Permit Fees	
1	Class A—Retail Liquor Package	$5,000.00
2	Class B—Retail Beer Package	$1,000.00
3	Class C—Retail Wine Package	$1,000.00

4	Class D—Retail Liquor by the Drink (1)	$1,500.00
	Class D1—Retail Liquor by the Drink, Low Volume Restaurant	$2,500.00
5	Class E—Retail Beer by the Drink (1)	$450.00
6	Class F—Retail Wine by the Drink (1)	$450.00
7	Class G—Wholesale Liquor	$5,000.00
8	Class H—Wholesale Beer	$1,140.00
9	Class I—Wholesale Wine	$1,140.00
10	Class J—Licensed Alcoholic Beverage Caterer	$600.00
11	Class K—Brewer, Manufacturer or Malt Beverages Only	$2,600.00
12	Class L—Brew Pub Operator	$600.00
13	Class M—Broker	$600.00
14	Class N—Importer	$600.00
15	Class O—Hotel In-Room Service Liquor, Beer, and Wine	$600.00
16	Class P—Manufacturer of Wine Only	$600.00
17	Class Q—Manufacturer of Distilled Spirits Only	$5,000.00
18	Sunday Sales Permit Fee	$0.00
19	Wine Tasting Permit Fee	$250.00
20	Growler Tasting Permit Fee	$250.00
21	After Hours Service Permit Application Fee	$60.00
22	Temporary Non-Profit Alcohol Permit Fee	$50.00
23	New Application Fee	$400.00
24	Change of Ownership/Management Application Fee	$100.00
	Alcohol License Late Renewal Payment Penalties	
25	November 1st to November 15th	$200.00
26	November 16th to November 30th	$300.00
27	After December 1st	20% of annual license fee but no less than $500, whichever is greater
	Occupation Tax Certificate (OTC) and Regulatory Fees	
	Number of Employees (annually)	
28	0—1	$50.00
29	2—3	$131.00
30	4—6	$327.00
31	7—10	$540.00
32	11—15	$780.00
33	16—20	$959.00
34	21—35	$1,229.00

35	36—50	$1,649.00
36	51—75	$2,038.00
37	76—100	$2,578.00
38	101—150	$3,058.00
39	151—250	$3,567.00
40	251 and over	$3,957.00
41	OTC Late Payment Penalty & Interest (State Regulated)	10% of amount due + 1.5% monthly interest
42	Administrative Fee	$50.00 annually
43	Professional Services OTC (State Regulated)	$400.00
44	Nude Performances	$200.00 new/$150.00 renewal
45	Massage Parlors	$200.00 new/$150.00 renewal/$20.00 annual individual permit
46	Pawnbrokers	$100.00 new/$75.00 renewal
47	Itinerant Merchant	$75.00
48	Insurance Company OTC (doing business in county) (State Regulated)	$150.00
49	Insurance Company owned branch location (State Regulated)	$35.00 per branch in excess of one location
50	Independent Insurance Agencies/Brokers (State Regulated)	$35.00 each branch
51	Loan Companies that sale, offer, solicit or take applications for insurance in connection with loans (State Regulated)	$10.00 or 35% of the company license fee, whichever is greater, per location per year
52	Trade and Merchandise Shows (Promoters or Operators)	$200.00 per event
53	OTC Telephone Tax	3% of recurring local service revenues (paid quarterly)
	Other Taxes	
54	Financial Institutions Tax (State Regulated)	Greater of 0.25% of gross receipts or $1,000.00
55	Insurance Premium Tax (State Regulated) (Collected and Remitted by State Insurance Commissioner)	1% Premium Tax for life, accident and sickness insurance policy gross direct premiums/2.5% Premium Tax for all other gross direct premiums
	Excise Taxes	
56	Mixed Drink Consumption on Premises (State Regulated)	3% gross sales of distilled spirits
57	Hotel Motel (State & Local Regulated)	7% of Taxable Sales
58	Motor Vehicle Rentals (State Regulated)	3% of Taxable Sales
	Wholesale Excise Tax (State Licensed Wholesalers)	
59	Malt Beverage (including Breweries) (State Regulated)	5 Cents per 12 oz. container/$6.00 per 15½ gallon barrel/$12.00 per 31 gallon barrel

60	Wine (State Regulated)	22 Cents per Liter
61	Liquor (State Regulated)	22 Cents per Liter
	Franchise Fees	
62	Cable & Video Services (State Regulated)	5% of gross revenue
63	Electric (EMC)	4% of gross sales in county/annual
64	Electric (GA Power)—Regulated by Public Service Commission	Paid Annually
65	Gas (Southern Company)—Regulated by Public Service Com.	quarterly
	Other Fees	
66	Returned Checks	$20.00

LEISURE SERVICES		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Rental Fees	
	Facility Rentals and Admissions	
1	Bank of 3 Tennis Courts	$24.00/Per Hour
2	Outdoor Basketball Courts	$16.00/Per Hour
3	Cleaning Deposit—Indoor Space No Kitchen	$50.00
4	Cleaning Deposit—Indoor or Outdoor Space with Kitchen	$70.00
5	BBQ Building/Picnic Shelter—Medium	$100.00
6	BBQ Building/Picnic Shelter—Medium	$90.00/8 Hour Block
7	Campfire Ring	$20.00/8 Hour Block
8	Concession Stand	$100.00/Per Day
9	Conference Room/Multi-Purpose Room/Classroom	$20.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
10	Dance Center Presentation Hall	$100.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
11	Dance Studios	$50.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
12	Dance Center Lobby	$25.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min.
13	Exhibit Hall—SCNC	$100.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min.
14	Full Classrooom—SCNC	$50.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min.
15	Sandy Creek Park Admission	$2.00 per person
16	Sandy Creek Park Horse Admission	$2.00 per horse
17	Sandy Creek Park Pass	$30.00 resident/$50.00 non-resident
18	Sandy Creek Park Dog Park Reservation	$1.00/Per Hour Per dog
19	Sandy Creek Park Dog Park Punch Card	$10.00 for 12 punches
20	Sandy Creek Park Disc Golf Play	$1.00 per person
21	Sandy Creek Park Disc Golf Punch Card	$10.00 for 12 punches
22	Gymnasium	$50.00/Per Hour—Athletic Use
23	Gymnasium	$75.00/Per Hour—Non-Athletic

24	Kitchen	$100.00/Per Day
25	Large Multi-Purpose Room	$50.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
26	Multi-Purpose Fields	$50.00/4 Hour Block
27	Multi-Purpose Fields	$100.00/8 Hour Block
28	Outdoor Classroom—Special Event—SCNC	$40.00/4 Hour Block
29	Outdoor Classroom—Special Event—SCNC	$60.00/8 Hour Block
30	Pavilion/Community Building	$225.00/8 Hour Block
31	Picnic Shelter—Small	$50.00/4 Hour Block
32	Picnic Shelter—Small	$75.00/8 Hour Block
33	Quinn Hall	$75.00/ Per Hour—2 hr. min
34	Quinn Hall-Damage Deposit	$250.00/Per Rental
35	Recreation Hall	$150.00—2 hr. min./$75.00 each add. Hr.
36	Softball/Soccer Fields	$100.00/4 Hour Block
37	Softball/Soccer Fields	$150.00/8 Hour Block
38	Tennis Courts	$8.00/Per Hour
39	Tennis Center Whole Complex	$200.00/Per Day
40	Walker Hall Complex	$50.00/Per Hour
41	Pool Pass—Family	$40.00/Season
42	Pool Pass—Single	$20.00/Season
43	Pool Pass Family of 4	$40.00
44	Lyndon House Open Studio Pass	$65.00/month
	Morton Theatre	
45	Conference Room	$30.00/Per Hour, Per Day with Event Rental
46	E. D. Harris Pharmacy	$90.00/Per Hour, One-Time with Event Rental
	Morton Theatre/Auditorium	
47	Full Day Rate: Mon-Wed	$575.00/9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.
48	Full Day Rate: Thu-Sun	$770.00/9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.
49	Half-Day Rate, Evening Hours: Mon—Wed	$550.00/4:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
50	Half-Day Rate, Evening Hours: Thu—Sun	$640.00/4:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
51	Half-Day Rate, Matinee Hours: Mon—Wed	$440.00/9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
52	Half-Day Rate, Matinee Hours: Thu—Sun	$500.00/9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
53	Hourly Rate—Early Hours: Mon—Wed	$80.00/Per Hour, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Non-Event Usage
54	Hourly Rate—Late Hours: Mon—Wed	$90.00/Per Hour, 4:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m., Non-Event Usage
55	Hourly Rate—Early Hours: Thu—Sun	$90.00/Per Hour, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Non-Event Usage
56	Hourly Rate—Late Hours: Thu—Sun	$100.00/Per Hour, 4:00 p.m.—11:00, non-event usage
57	Hourly Rate—Additional Hours	$150.00/Per Hour, 11:00 p.m.—9:00

	Lyndon House Arts Center	
58	Atrium	$280.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
		$70.00 each additional hr.
59	Lounge	$60.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
		$15.00 each additional hr.
60	Multi-Purpose Room	$90.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
		$20.00 each additional hr.
61	Terrace & Back Lawn	$120.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min
		$30.00 each additional hr.
62	Ware-Lyndon House Front Lawn & Garden	$120.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min.
		$30.00 each additional hr.
63	Kitchen	$100.00/Flat fee when added to any other room
64	Wedding Package	$600.00/Per Hour—2 hr. min $145.00 each add. hr.
	Birthday Party	
65	Party Packages	$80.00—$200.00
	Equipment Rentals	
66	10 Chairs	$25.00/Per Day + Delivery Fee
67	10' x 10' Tent	$60.00/Per Day + Delivery Fee
68	20' x 20' Tent	$110.00/Per Day + Delivery Fee
69	25 Barricades	$50.00/Per Day + Delivery Fee
70	4' x 8' x 16' Stage Platforms	$20.00/Per Unit
71	5 Tables	$25.00/Per Day + Delivery Fee
72	Bleached White Backdrop	$30.00/Per Event
73	Canoes/Kayaks	$15.00/Per Day
74	Canoes/Kayaks	$8.00/Per Hour/$2.00 each add hr.
75	Concert Baby Grand	$25.00/Per Day
76	Cymbals	$30.00/Per Day
77	Discovery Box	$5.00/2 Weeks
78	DLP Projector	$50.00/Per Day
79	Drum Kit	$90.00/Per Day
80	Follow spots	$30.00/Per Unit Per Day
81	Gobos	$15.00/Per Item
82	Handheld Wireless Microphone	$30.00/Per Unit Per Day
83	Marley Floor	$50.00/Per Event
84	Mirror (Disco) Ball	$30.00/Per Event
85	Mobile Sound System	$120.00/Per Event
86	Mobile Stage	$800.00/Per Day/with Set-Up
	Mobile Stage Damage Deposit	$200.00
87	Stage Extension - 4x16	$330.00/Per Day/with Set-Up
88	Tennis Ball Machine	$10.00/Per Hour
	Electric Piano	$100.00/Event

89	Upright Piano	$150.00/Per Day
90	Wireless Body Microphone	$30.00/Per Unit Per Day
	Special Events	
91	Alcohol Fee-Indoor Event	$50.00/50 Attendees or Less
92	Alcohol Fee-Indoor Event	$150.00/51 Attendees or More
93	Alcohol Fee-Outdoor Event	$150.00/< 2000 SF Serving Area
94	Alcohol Fee-Outdoor Event	$300.00/< 4000 SF Serving Area
95	Electricity	$5.00/Per Hour
96	Event Staffing—After Regular Hours	$35.00/Per Staff Per Hour
97	Event Staffing—During Regular Hours	$15.00/Per Staff Per Hour
98	Field Lights	$25.00/Per Hour Per Field or Bank
99	Field Prep	$25.00/Per Staff Per Hour
100	Special Event Application Fee	$25.00/Per Event
101	Special Event Impact Fees	$100.00—$1,000.00/Per Event/Size/Location
102	Technician Support	$18.00/Per Hour
103	Outdoor Movie Screen Package—ACCGov only	$1,000.00/5 hrs/$125.00 ea. Add. Hr.
	Program Fees	
	Note: Non-resident charges for programs are 150% of fee listed, rounded up to the nearest dollar.	
	Team Sports	
104	Adult Athletic Leagues	$100.00—$500.00/Season
	Adult	
105	Athletic Programs - Adults	$10.00—$60.00
106	Performing Arts Programs - Adults	$35.00—$115.00
107	Visual Arts Program - Adults	$45.00—$130.00
108	General Recreation & Nature Programs—Adults	$0.00—$40.00
	All Ages	
109	Family Programs	$2.00—$35.00
	Youth	
110	Athletic Leagues—Youth	$65.00/Season
111	Athletic Programs—Youth	$5.00—$65.00
112	Gymnastics Programs	$35.00—$140.00
113	Competitive Gymnastics	$60.00—$120.00/Month
114	General Recreation and Nature Programs—Youth	$0.00—$60.00
115	Performing Arts Programs—Youth	$5.00—$115.00
116	Visual Arts Programs—Youth	$15.00—$65.00
117	Holiday Programs	$0.00—$10.00
118	Outreach Programs—Nature Center and Bear Hollow	$0.00—$100.00

	Special Event Programs	
119	Department Special Events	$0.00—$10.00 Admission Fee
120	Leisure Services Community-Wide Events	$0.00—$10.00 Admission Fee
	Youth Summer Camps	
121	Mini Camps	$15.00—$90.00/week
122	Day Camps	$40.00—$175.00/week
	Merchandise for Sale	
123	Merchandise for Sale	$1.00—$50.00

PLANNING		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	General Business	
1	Community Garden Application	$50.00/$10.00 renewal
2	Home Occupation Application	$20.00
3	Neighborhood Notification Registration Form	$0.00
4	Prescribed Grazing Application	$20.00
5	Sign Review Application	$25.00
	Construction/Development	
6	Changes to Approved Permit Plans	$55.00
7	Concept Review	$55.00
8	Demolition/Relocation Review—Non-Exempt	$90.00
9	Demolition/Relocation Review—Exempt	$25.00
10	Environmental Areas Permit	$25.00
11	Planning Department Inspection	$50.00
12	Plans Review Application/Plans Review Handbook	See Plans Review Fee Calculator
13	Plans Review Revision Submittal Form	See Revision Fee Calculator
14	Revision Submittal Form	$25.00 (except plans review)
15	Timber Harvesting Notification	$0.00
16	Tree Management Plan Application	$65.00
17	Telecommunication Facility Registration	$35.00
18	Temporary Telecommunication Facility Permit	$105.00
19	Zoning Permit—new single family & additions over 50%	$80.00
20	Zoning Permit—all other work	$25.00
21	Billboard Application	$25.00
	Plats/Subdivisions	
22	Preliminary Plat	$100.00 plus $10.00 per lot
23	Final Plat—Four lots or less	$75.00 plus $10.00 per lot
24	Final Plat—More than four lots	$150.00 plus $10.00 per lot
25	Subdivision Site Review	See Plans Review Fee Calculator

	Boards & Commissions	
26	Appeals of Appointed Board Rulings	$150.00
	Hearings Board	
27	Variance—Community Tree Management	$225.00
28	Variance—Flood Protection	$225.00
29	Variance—Flood plain & Riparian Buffer Areas	$225.00
30	Variance—Signs	$225.00
31	Variance—Zoning & Development Standards	$225.00
32	Variance—Storm Water Management Standards	$225.00
33	Variance—Waiver - Forest Management Activity	$225.00
	Historic Preservation Commission	
34	Certificate of Appropriateness—Staff Review	$25.00
35	Certificate of Appropriateness—Minor Projects	$55.00
36	Certificate of Appropriateness—Major Projects	$505.00
37	Conceptual Preliminary Design Review	
38	Historic Preservation Tax Freeze Application	
	Certificate of Appropriateness—Moderate	$155.00
	Planning Commission	
39	Planned Development Application	$1,600.00
40	Rezone Application—Type I	$1,300.00
41	Rezone Application—Type II	$650.00
42	Special Use Application—Type I	$1,350.00
43	Special Use Application—Type II	$850.00
44	Variance Application	$225.00
45	Alternative Compliance Application—Type III	$150.00
46	Concept Review Application—Type III	$150.00
47	Administrative Action Application	$50.00
48	Pre-Application Conference	$0.00
	Prints/Copies/Maps	
	Copies	
49	8½ × 11 inch, black & white	$0.25
50	8½ × 14 inch, black & white	$0.50
51	11 × 17 inch, black & white	$0.50
	GIS Data Viewer Prints	
52	8½ × 11 inches	$0.25
53	8½ × 14 inches	$0.50
54	11 × 17 inches	$1.00
	Special Orders/Color Prints	
55	8½ × 11 inches	$8.00

56	11 × 17 inches	$10.00
57	24 × 36 inches	$25.00
58	36 × 48 inches	$35.00
	KIP Copies	
59	Labor	1st 15 minutes free/then $15.00 per hr.
60	In-house, no labor	$0.35 per square foot
61	Other items	$0.45 per square foot + labor
62	Topo's	$2.50 plus labor
	Ordinances/Studies/Maps	
63	Individual Chapters of Development Regulations	$5.00
64	Environmental Areas Ordinance	$5.00
65	Sign Ordinance	$10.00
66	Comprehensive Plan CD	$10.00
67	Infill Housing Study (2008)	$30.00
68	Zoning Map	$35.00
69	Future Development Map	$35.00
70	GIS Data Set	$50.00
71	ACC Orthophoto Data (seamless or tiles)	$50.00
	Staff Research	
72	GIS/graphics research assistance (no maps generated)	Free—1st 30 minutes/then $18.00 per hr.
73	GIS/graphics research assistance (maps generated)	Free—1st 15 minutes/then $18.00 per hr.
74	GIS data viewer research	Free—1st 15 minutes/then $18.00 per hr.
75	Zoning Verification Requests—Simple	$25.00
	Zoning Verification Requests—Simple	$55.00
	Open Records Request	
76	Research, administrative work	Free - 1st 15 minutes/then per hr. fee
77	CD/flash drive	$10.00
78	Copies 8½ × 11; 8½ × 14	$0.10
79	Copies 11 × 14	$0.75
80	Plans/Maps	See Prints/Copies/Maps
	Inclusionary Zoning	
81	Payment in Lieu for studio, one or two bedroom unit	$135,000.00
82	Payment in lieu for three or four bedroom unit	$165,000.00
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
1	DVD of Mayor & Commission Meeting	$10.00 +$2.00 shipping

PUBLIC UTILITIES		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Water (& Sewer) Service Establishment Fees	
1	Water Deposit	$50.00
2	Service Fee	$10.00
3	Same day service	$25.00
4	Re-establish water service	$15.00 plus additional expenses
5	Sewer Deposit	$0.00
6	Reinstatement of sewer service	$0.00
7	Set Up Trash Service (requires second step with Solid Waste)	$10.00
8	Late payment fee	10% of amount due
9	Meter tampering penalty	$100.00
	Monthly Water Rates: Single Family Residential	
10	Tier 1: Annual Average (AA)*	$6.25 per 1,000 gallons
11	Tier 2: Up to 50% over AA	$8.25 per 1,000 gallons
12	Tier 3: Between 51%—99% over AA	$9.37 per 1,000 gallons
13	Tier 4: More than 100% over AA	$15.61 per 1,000 gallons
	* The minimum Annual Average is 3,000 gallons per month	
	Monthly Water Rates: Multifamily & Non-Residential	
14	Tier 1 for all use	$6.25 per 1,000 gallons
	Water Monthly Customer Service	
15	Water Monthly Customer Service	4.80/month
	Sewer Monthly Customer Service Fee	
16	Residential sewer use is equal to 100% of water consumption	$7.91 per 1,000 gallons
	Sewer monthly customer service fee	$4.80/month
	Meter Replacement Fee (per month)	
17	⅝ or ¾-inch meter	$0.52
18	1-inch meter	$1.15
19	1.5-inch meter	$3.62
20	2-inch meter	$28.11
21	3-inch meter	$38.20
22	4-inch meter	$52.89
23	6-inch meter	$130.32
24	8-inch meter	$172.50
	Fire Sprinkler System Charges	
25	1.5 inch meter	$1.00/month
26	2 inch meter	$1.5/month
27	3 inch meter	$2.00/month

28	4 inch meter	$5.00/month
29	6 inch meter	$10.00/month
30	8 inch meter	$15.00/month
31	10 inch meter	$30.00/month
32	12 inch meter	$45.00/month
	Industrial/Commercial Wastewater Surcharge Rates	
33	>250 mg/L Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5)	$0.30 per pound
34	>250 Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	$0.30 per pound
35	101—150 Fats, Oil, Grease (FOG)	$0.16 per pound
	Industrial/Commercial Wastewater Surcharge Rates (cont.)	
36	Biological Oxygen Demand 5 > 1,000 mg/L	$0.32 per lb.
37	Total Suspended Solids > 1,000 mg/L	$0.32 per lb.
38	101—200 Fats, Oil, Grease (FOG)	$0.17 per lb.
39	>200 FOG Maximum Level	$0.53 per pound
40	Wastewater discharge permit violation	Up to $1,000.00 per violation/day
	Fire Hydrant Flow and Pressure Measurement Request	
41	24 hour chart of pressure measurement	$50.00 per chart
42	Fire Flow Static and Residual Flow and Pressure Measurement	$50.00 per measurement
43	PUD Plan Review Fee	$150.00 per plan set
	Water and Sewer System Extension Inspection Fee	
44	PUD Utility Extension Permit Fee	$100.00 per permit
45	Water Line	$1.15 per linear foot water main
46	Sewer Line	$2.65 per linear foot water main
47	Minimum Charge for Inspection Fee	$250.00 per contract
	Water and Sewer Evaluation for Connection	
48	Determination of Availability	$0.00
49	Evaluation of connection to water system	$50.00 per connection
50	Evaluation of connection to sewer system	$150.00 per connection
	PUD Fees for Water and Sewer Construction	
51	Material Cost	Cost determined by job
52	Labor Cost	$950.00 per day—minimum 1 day
53	Equipment Cost	$850.00 per day—minimum 1 day
	Water Meter Charge	
54	¾-inch meter	$335.47
55	1-inch meter	$508.12
56	1.5-inch meter	$743.05
57	2-inch meter	$1,518.89

58	3-inch meter	$3,339.37
59	4-inch meter	$8,403.07
60	6-inch meter	$13,036.23
61	8-inch meter	$14,672.05
	Water Meter Stub Charge	
62	¾-inch meter short side	$1,085.00
63	¾-inch meter long side	$2,090.00
64	1-inch meter short side	$1,289.42
65	1-inch meter long side	$2,300.19
66	1.5-inch meter short side	$1,770.22
67	1.5-inch meter long side	$2,824.70
68	2-inch meter short side	$2,240.09
69	2-inch meter long side	$3,387.45
70	3-inch meter	Cost determined by job
71	4-inch meter	Cost determined by job
72	6-inch meter	Cost determined by job
	Water Meter Connection Fee	
73	¾-inch meter	$2,000.00
74	1-inch meter	$5,000.00
75	1.5-inch meter	$10,000.00
76	2-inch meter	$16,000.00
77	3-inch meter	$32,000.00
78	4-inch meter	$50,000.00
79	6-inch meter	$100,000.00
	Sewer Connection Fee	
80	¾-inch meter	$3,100.00
81	1-inch meter	$7,750.00
82	1.5-inch meter	$15,500.00
83	2-inch meter	$24,800.00
84	3-inch meter	$49,600.00
85	4-inch meter	$77,500.00
86	6-inch meter	$155,000.00
87	8-inch meter	Calculated per Connection
88	Sewer Connection Fee for Multifamily Construction	¾ inch sewer connection fee multiplied by 0.6 multiplied by the number of units.
	Sewer Stub Fee	
89	4-inch stub	#REF!
90	6-inch stub	#REF!
91	Casing or manhole if required	Cost determined by job
	Other Fees	
92	Paving Cut	$600.00
93	Casing or additional amount for paving	
94	Bull Head Connection	

95	Fire Hydrant Meter Rental	$152.00 for water usage of 11,200 gallons. Water usage above 11,220 gallons will be charged per 1,000 gallons at the non-residential outdoor water use rate.
96	GDOT GUPS Permit Application Fee	$160.00
	Septage Disposal (Permitted Companies Only) per calendar year (in dollars per gallon)	
97	Portable toilets	Calendar Year 2022—$0.12
		Calendar Year 2023—$0.13
98	Holding tanks	Calendar Year 2022—$0.12
		Calendar Year 2023—$0.13
99	Septage from ACC	Calendar Year 2022—$0.12
		Calendar Year 2023—$0.13
100	Septage from JBOOM	Calendar Year 2022—$0.31
101	Septage from JBOOM by ACC haulers	Calendar Year 2022—$0.31
		Calendar Year 2023—$0.33
102	Industrial waste - ACC only	Calendar Year 2022—$0.12
		Calendar Year 2023—$0.13

SOLID WASTE		
	>Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Franchise Fees for Independent Haulers	
1	Initial Franchise Application Fee	$300.00
2	Annual Franchise Renewal Fee	$200.00
3	Franchise Decal Fee Per Truck	$2.00
	Residential Refuse Services	
	Roll Cart Service (totals per month)	
4	Vacant Rate with active water service	$15.00/N/A
5	20 gal	$17.20/$33.70
6	32 gal	$19.40/$35.90
7	64 gal	$23.80/$40.30
8	96 gal	$31.50/$48.00
9	Two 64 gallon carts	$41.40/$57.90
10	64 & 96 gallon carts	$55.70/$72.20
11	Two 96 gallon carts	$59.00/$75.50 (new code)
12	Downtown Residential Service (Lofts in CBD)	$32.60
	(includes 10 ACC Commercial Trash bags per month)	
13	Return Trip Fee	$10.00
14	Level Change Fee (1st one within a 12 month period is free)	$10.00
15	Pedestrian Trash or Recycling Container TIP (outside CBD)	$2.00 per TIP

	Commercial Refuse Services	
	Commercial Curbside (totals per month)	
16	Outside Downtown - Twice a week service/no food or bar service	$26.60
17	Outside Downtown - Three times a week service serving food	$32.60
18	Downtown Service/no food or bar service	$32.60
19	Downtown Service serving 1 meal a day	$82.60
20	Downtown Service serving 2 or more meals a day	$161.60
20	Downtown Service for large business; muliple carts	$322.00 (new code)
21	Outside Downtown Recycling Services Only - one fixed price for 1 to 5 (96 gallon) carts	$26.60
22	Commercial ACC Trash Bags - bundle of 20	$30.00
23	Commercial ACC Trash Bags - case of 100	$150.00
24	Commercial ACC Recycling Bags	$20.00
	*If a business orders a case or more of Commercial ACC Trash Bags, Solid Waste will deliver them for no additional charge on Thursdays.	
	Commercial Dumpster (totals per month)	
	Trash and recycling dumpster(s) included in price	
	# of Weekly Pickups	2 yd/ 4yd/ 6 yd/ 8 yd
25	1	78.76/ 95.26 / 116.16/ 137.06
26	2	138.16/ 173.36/ 208.56/ 245.96
27	3	199.76/ 249.26/ 303.16/ 355.96
28	4	260.26/ 326.26/ 396.66/ 464.86
29	5	320.76/ 403.26 / 611.60/ 687.06
30	Extra Tip—above current service level	18.20/ 22.00/ 26.80/ 31.60
	Recycling dumpster(s) only—dumpster(s) included in price	
	# of Weekly Pickups	2 yd/4yd/6 yd/8 yd
31	1	54.00/ 55.00/ 59.00/ 63.00
32	2	93.00/ 94.00/ 97.00/ 101.00
33	3	132.00/ 133.00/ 137.00/ 140.00
34	4	171.00/ 172.00/ 214.00/ 217.00
35	5	210.00/ 211.00/ 214.00/ 217.00
36	Tipped as trash	12.00/ 15.28/ 18.52/ 21.76
	Services with a split dumpster—8 yd dumpster half trash and half recycling	

	# of Weekly Pickups	
37	1	$95.26
38	2	$173.36
	Waste Minimization Fee	
39	Residential Fee	$0.60 per month
40	Small Business (Commercial)	$1.20 per month
41	Large Business (Commercial)	$1.20 per month
42	Institutional (Collegiate)	$0.70 per student
	Special Pickups	
43	Pickup for 1 or 2 trash/debris items	$35.00 per trip
44	Pickup for 3 or more trash/debris items	$75.00 plus the weight of disposal; disposal is $43.00 per ton
45	Pickup of Leaf & Limb materials	$75.00 plus the weight of disposal; disposal is $25.50 per ton
46	Cooking Grease	$3.00 per 5 gallon container
	Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM)	
	Residential Customers with loads of mixed material that contain Styrofoam, shredded paper, scrap metal, plastic bags/wrap, mixed recyclables, pallets, food scraps.	No charge, no facility fee
	Residential Customers with loads of mixed material that contain scrap metal, mixed recyclables and food scraps.	$3.00 per trip facility fee applies to materials not listed at left. (Custmers bringing Styrofoam, plastic bags/wrap and shredded paper would pay facility fee.)
47	Facility Fee for ACC businesses and residents	$3.00 per trip
48	Facility Fee for non-ACC businesses and residents	$8.00 per trip
49	Batteries	$0.50 per pound; no charge for lead-acid batteries
50	Cleaners/Chemicals/Fertilizers/Automobile Fluids	$5.00 per gallon
51	Dangerous chemicals requiring separate Lab Pack handling	$10.00 per container
52	Document Destruction	$2.00 per box
53	Light bulbs	$0.50 each
54	Tires	$3.00 per tire
55	Begin selling pallets	$1.00 per pallet
56	Sharps/syringes	$5.00 per container
57	Media (CDs, DVDs, audio/video tapes	$0.50 per pound
58	ACC Department Operations	Material Processing Fees Apply
59	Automotive/plate glass	No Charge
	Landfill	
60	Commercial Trash:	$45.00 per ton

61	Residential Trash:	$20.00 min starting with one bag of trash/$3.00 per bag for up to six bags
	Leaf & Limb (yard debris)	
62	Commercial Yard Debris:	$25.50 per ton
63	Residential Yard Debris:	$25.50 per ton/$5.00 minimum
	Composting Fees	
64	Event Composting Permit Fee (Managed by Recycling Educators)	$25.00 per event
65	Bio-solids	$75.00 per ton
66	Food scraps, organics from residential/small commercial sources	
67	Food Scraps Compost Contamination Fee (Glass/metal, etc.)	$20.00 per incident
	Commercial Composting (restaurants, hair salons, etc.)	
68	One Collection Per Week	$26.60
69	Two Collection Per Week	$39.90
70	Three Collection Per Week	$44.40
69	Four Collection Per Week	$50.00
70	Five Collection Per Week	$55.00
71	Number of 32 gallon roll carts; $5.00 each; first one is included in monthly rate	$5.00
72	Commercial Composting Cart Cleaning Fee (Upon Request)	$10.00 per cart
73	Commercial Composting Cart Replacement Fee	$25.00 per cart
	Other Disposal or Recycling Services	
74	Clothing & Shoes	No Charge—Must be clean & bagged securely & placed in the available bins
75	Cooking grease	No Charge—Used cooking grease/oil
76	Televisions	$5.00 per computer or TV Monitor
77	Metal	No Charge - Large and small appliances, vacuum cleaners, fans, etc.
78	Car batteries	No Charge
79	Paint	$2.00/can or $10.00/5 gallon bucket
80	Propane tanks	$5.00 per tank (all sizes)
81	Tires	$3.00 per standard passenger/light truck tire without rims
		$10.00 per commercial truck tire without rims
		$25.00 for tractor tires
		$220.00 per ton commercial rate

82	Mattress or Box springs	$10.00 per piece
	Roll-off Container Services	
83	Roll-off Container Fee (trash)	$75.00—$125.00 plus tip fee
84	Roll-off Container Fee (recyclables)	Market Driven
85	Weekly Rental Fee	$100.00 per week (first week no additional charge)

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
1	Level II Electric Vehicle Chargers—Park and Ride	$0.75/Hour
	Level II Electric Vehicle Chargers—Other Locations	
2	0—2 Hours	$0.75/Hour
3	2—4 Hours	$1.50/Hour
4	After 4 Hours	$3.00/Hour

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit (FY23)**
1	Road, Lane, and Sidewalk Closure Report [Traffic]	$76.00/permit
1a	Road Closure with Detour Traffic Control Plan Review [Traffic]	
2	Traffic Control Plan Review [Traffic]	
3	Traffic Impact Analysis [Traffic]	$344.00/Per Project
4	Construction Plan Review	$520.00/Per Project (2 reviews)
4a	Roadway Construction	$65.00
5	Re-review fee	No Change
6	Storm water Management Plan Review	$476.00/Per Project (2 Reviews)
6a	Single Family Residential - Stormwater Inspection	$181.00
6b	Single Family Residential - Minor Stormwater Review	$43.00
7	E&SC - NPDES Review	$45.00/Disturbed Acres
8	E&SC/Construction Violation and Re-inspection Fee	$200.00/Violation
9	Land Disturbance Activity Permit**	$410.00/Per Disturbed Acre (Six Month Permit)
	***Land Disturbance Permits must be renewed after 6 months if project is not complete.*	
	Remaining LD Fee will be charged based on site activity as follows:	
10	Active Grading	$35.00/per disturbed acre per month
11	Second Phase Stabilization (Second Phase E&S Plan active, base material install, underground infrastructure installed)	$35.00/per disturbed acre per month
12	Final Stabilization	$35.00/per disturbed acre per month
13	ROW Encroachment Permit	$115.00/Per Permit

14	Driveway Permit—New Construction	$85.00/Per Permit
14a	Driveway Permit—Repair	$79.00/Per Permit
15	Floodplain Construction Permit	$65.00/Per Project
16	Bid Packages	$50.00/Per Package
17	Residential Parking Permit (Two passes—two vehicles)	$10.00/Per Residence housing)
18	Temporary Residential Parking Permit	$5.00/Per Day
19	Small Cell—Application, ROW	$115.00/per application
19a	Small Cell—Collocation Application	$100.00/per location
19b	Small Cell—Collocation Annual Fee	$100.00/per location
19c	Small Cell—Replacement Pole - Application Fee	$250.00/per location
19d	Small Cell—Replacement Pole - Annual Fee	$100.00/per location
19e	Small Cell—New Pole Application Fee	$1,000.00/per location
19f	Small Cell—New Pole Annual Fee	$200.00/per location
19g	Small Cell—Collaction of Authority Pole	$40.00/per location
19h	Small Cell—Traffic Signal locate	$201.00/per location
19i	Small Cell—Utility Coordinator Review	$70.00/Per Review

TRANSIT		
	Subject	**Fee/Unit**
	Single Ride	
1	Adults	$0.00
2	Senior/Disabled (Peak-hours)	$0.00
4	Children/Youth (0—18 years old)	$0.00
5	Demand Response	$0.00
6	Transfer	$0.00
7	UGA Contract Rate	$0.00
8	Bulk Multiple Ride Single Passes Each	$0.00
	22-Ride Passes	
9	Adults	$0.00

EXHIBIT A
Athens-Clarke County Building Valuation Table
BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

	ICC Construction Type								
ICC Occupancy Classification	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	186.39	180.26	175.96	168.68	158.61	154.03	163.34	144.88	139.45
A-1 Assembly, theaters, without stage	170.54	164.42	160.12	152.84	142.96	138.38	147.50	129.23	123.80
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	145.07	140.99	137.64	132.03	124.66	121.21	127.45	112.83	109.08
A-2 Assembly, restaurants, bars, banquet halls	144.31	140.23	136.11	131.27	123.13	120.45	126.69	111.30	108.32
A-3 Assembly, churches	171.32	165.19	160.90	153.62	144.81	140.23	148.28	131.08	125.64
A-3 Assembly, general, community halls, libraries, museums	144.07	137.94	132.89	126.37	115.69	111.91	121.03	102.00	97.33
A-4 Assembly, arenas	169.78	163.65	158.60	152.07	141.44	137.62	146.74	127.71	123.04
A-4 Assembly, outdoor	169.78	163.65	158.60	152.07	141.44	137.62	146.74	127.71	123.04
B Business	149.50	144.07	139.59	132.79	121.41	116.87	127.69	106.67	102.02
E Educational	158.32	152.89	148.91	142.13	132.51	125.82	137.25	115.73	112.42
F-1 Factory and industrial, moderate hazard	88.00	83.95	79.28	76.20	68.48	65.30	73.04	56.32	53.10
F-2 Factory and industrial, low hazard	87.23	83.18	79.28	75.44	68.48	64.53	72.27	56.32	52.33
H-1 High Hazard, explosives	82.31	78.26	74.36	70.52	63.73	59.78	67.35	51.57	0.00
H234 High Hazard	82.31	78.26	74.36	70.52	63.73	59.78	67.35	51.57	47.58
H-5 HPM	149.50	144.07	139.59	132.79	121.41	116.87	127.69	106.67	102.02
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	148.81	143.76	139.60	133.71	123.18	119.83	133.79	110.35	106.91
I-2 Institutional, hospitals	250.10	244.67	240.20	233.39	221.24	0.00	228.30	206.50	0.00
I-2 Institutional, nursing homes	173.60	168.16	163.69	156.88	146.27	0.00	151.79	131.53	0.00
I-3 Institutional, restrained	169.94	164.51	160.04	153.23	142.81	137.51	148.14	128.07	121.90
I-4 Institutional, day care facilities	148.81	143.76	139.60	133.71	123.18	119.83	133.79	110.35	106.91

M Mercantile	108.03	103.94	99.83	94.98	87.19	84.51	90.40	75.36	72.38
R-1 Residential, hotels	150.21	145.16	141.00	135.12	124.38	121.03	135.19	111.55	108.11
R-2 Residential, multiple family	125.97	120.92	116.76	110.88	100.75	97.40	110.95	87.91	84.47
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family	117.56	114.37	111.42	108.62	104.64	101.89	106.80	97.91	92.16
R-4 Residential, care/assisted living facilities	148.81	143.76	139.60	133.71	123.18	119.83	133.79	110.35	106.91
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	81.55	77.50	72.83	69.76	62.20	59.02	66.59	50.04	46.82
S-2 Storage, low hazard	80.79	76.74	72.83	68.99	62.20	58.26	65.83	50.04	46.05
U Utility, miscellaneous	63.85	60.29	56.53	53.71	48.45	45.28	51.32	38.31	36.48

a. Private garages, carports, porches and storage buildings use Utility, miscelaneous

b. Unfinished basements (all use groups) = $25.00 per sq. ft.

c. For shell only buildings deduct 20 percent of calculated valuation

d. 0.00 valuation indicates not permitted

e. Decks (all use groups) = $18.00 per sq. ft.

(Ord. of 6-25-2020 , §§ 1, 2 (Exh. A); Ord. of 6-15-2021(1) , § 17(Exh. A); Ord. of 4-5-2022(1) ; Ord. of 6-7-2022(2) ; Ord. of 8-2-2022(1))

Attachment #2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY2024 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING, IF AWARDED, FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) PROGRAM TO ESTATBLISH A RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CLARKE COUNTY JAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the Grants Special Revenue Fund to provide grant funding, if awarded, from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program to establish a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program for residents of Clarke County Jail; and for other purposes.

Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

Grants Special Revenue Fund:

REVENUES:	
Increase:	
CJCC RSAT Grant	$160,953
Expenditures:	
Increase:	
Sheriff’s Office:	
Personal Services	$160,953

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program - Grant Application

DATE: October 5, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES: $160,953

EXPENSES:
ANNUAL:
CAPITAL:
OTHER: $160,953

FUNDING SOURCE: Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), State of Georgia

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a) Approve the application submitted by the Clarke County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for the CJCC Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program **(Attachment 1)**;
b) Accept the grant funds if awarded;
c) Adopt the budget amendment ordinance **(Attachment 2)**; and
d) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all documents associated with the grant award.

HISTORY:

1. Congress established the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. No. 103-322, § 1901).

2. On July 7, 2023 the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) requested applications under the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program, 2023 Request for Competitive Applications [CFDA # 16.593].

3. On August 31, 2023 a grant application was submitted by the Clarke County Sheriff's Office, consistent with the grant requirements.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Clarke County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is committed to being a nationally recognized public safety organization, focused on achieving excellence through education, training, and empowering employees to provide the highest professional services to their citizens.

2. The CCSO serves the community through intentional engagement, access, and transparency, in a fair and equitable manner, honoring the dignity of human beings while cultivating a more inclusive, diverse, and equitable interaction, where a person's identity is no longer a predictor of outcomes.

3. The Clarke County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) endeavors to actively enforce the laws of the State of Georgia and to safely operate their detention facilities through progressive, innovative, and humane practices designed to rehabilitate in-custody persons in a dignified and equitable manner.

4. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program (42 U.S.C. § 3796ff et seq.) assists states and local governments in the development and implementation of substance use disorder treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities. The funds are also available to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for individuals after they are released from incarceration.

5. The RSAT program encourages the inclusion of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) as part of any substance use treatment program, with the objective of increasing the number of prisons and jails offering MAT to incarcerated individuals with alcohol and opioid use disorders.

6. The goal of the RSAT program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

7. The RSAT program enhances the capabilities of states and units of local governments to provide residential substance use disorder treatment for incarcerated individuals; prepares individuals for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists individuals and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

8. The Clarke County Sheriff's Office met the eligibility requirements to apply for this grant opportunity.

9. The CCSO's RSAT Proposal aligns with the ACCGov FY23-25 Strategic Plan, Goal Area 1: Good Neighbors, Section A to "*Work to create and implement systems to identify, acknowledge, and address racism, trauma, harm, and violence in our community*", and Section C to "*Decrease crime and keep residents safe through "community-centric" services*".

10. The CCSO's RSAT Proposal will be implemented through partnerships and collaborations with community stakeholders such as the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court and the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) Treatment Accountability Courts (TAC), the local Community Service Board (CSB) provider Advantage Behavioral Health Systems, the ACC Justice Mental Health Collaboration, and the jail's healthcare sevices provider Mediko Correctional Healthcare.

11. Additional stakeholders such as the ACCGov Probation Department, non-profit organizations such as People Living in Recovery, and addiction recovery/treatment groups such as Alliance Recovery Center will be invited to participate in the CCSO RSAT program, if awarded.

12. Drug overdose casualties in Athens-Clarke County set a new record in 2022, with 60 of those resulting in death and 2023 appears to be picking up where 2022 left off. In the first three months, 14 individuals had died of drug overdoses according to the ACC Coroner Sonny Wilson. (1)

13. Athens-Clarke County is averaging 4.7 drug overdose deaths per month.

14. The FY22 Community Health Needs Assessment published by Piedmont Health reported that "*providers in Athens-Clarke prescribed 138.2 opioid prescriptions per every 100 people*" and that ACC has "*one of the highest prescription rates in the state*". (2)

15. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Athens-Clarke County ranked 32nd (152.3 per 100,000 people) of Georgia's 159 counties for the most non-fatal drug overdose emergency department visits in 2021. (3)

16. One report noted that 63% of individuals sentenced to jail demonstrated Substance Use Disorder (SUD) compared to only 5% who are not incarcerated. (4)

17. The CCSO RSAT program structure will be equitable and inclusive of all socio-economic, educational, ethnic, and racial demographics.

18. Operational staffing for the CCSO RSAT Program will consist of a contracted Program Director (full-time) and additional contracted Case Managers, Peer Counselors, and/or Group Leaders (part-time) as deemed necessary.

19. For the development and implementation of the CCSO RSAT and MAT Programs, an RSAT Collaborative will be formed consisting of representatives from the CCSO Command Staff, Programs Unit, Re-Entry Quality Support (REQS) Team, and Classifications Unit, and the RSAT Program Director. Additional members will include the MAT Nurse, Mental Health Professionals, Discharge Planner, and Health Services Administrator (HSA) from the jail's healthcare services provider, Mediko Correctional Healthcare, as well as the Case Manager from the Justice Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) or a designated representative.

20. An evidence-based Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment will be incorporated to determine effective and appropriate training, therapy, medication-assisted treatments (MAT), and re-entry services for the CCSO RSAT program participants.

21. Educational courses and psychological therapies designed to develop/increase cognitive, behavioral, social, and vocational skills, and emotional intelligence will be provided in the CCSO RSAT program.

22. During the first year of the CCSO RSAT program, it is anticipated that three (3) cohorts will be delivered. Each cohort will last approximately 3 months.

23. Each cohort will offer a capacity of up to 20 individuals housed within the Athens-Clarke County Jail, as a therapeutic community and in a separate unit from other jail residents. Both voluntary and court-mandated individuals will be eligible, from pre-trial arrestees to post-release supervision.

24. To meet established grant deadlines, an application was sent prior to preparing this agenda item. The grant will be accepted only if approved by the Mayor and Commission.

25. Funds awarded under this program may not cover more than 75 percent of the total costs of the project. Applicants must identify the source of the 25 percent non-federal portion of the total project costs and how they will use match funds. Match is restricted to the same uses of funds as allowed for the federal funds. Applicants may satisfy this match requirement with either cash or in-kind services.

26. Total projected costs for year 1 of the CCSO RSAT program are $214,604. If awarded, $160,953 will be eligible for grant funding and $53,651 will be the anticipated Match Amount or agency responsibility. It is proposed that the required Match Amount be applied as In-Kind, obligating payroll payments to the Deputies and/or Detention Officers when assigned to the RSAT program and supervising the program participants. The proposal allows for at least one (1) Deputy and/or Detention Officer to be assigned to supervision of in-custody residents as designated by the Jail Commander. Fulfillment of CCSO staffing requirements will be provided from existing personnel allocations, no new positions will be created for this program, as proposed.

27. The intent is this grant application is to procure the necessary funding to establish the CCSO RSAT Program. Program sustainability is critical to the continuum of care for substance addiction treatments and addiction recovery of in-custody residents of the Clarke County Jail. For that reason, every effort will be made to procure funding beyond the initial award cycle through continuation grants. Should additional grant funding not come to fruition, it is intended the program will generate demonstrated success measures and examples to present to the Mayor and Commissioners and hopefully harvest their enthusiasm and support in capital or new initiative funding.

(1) *Fentanyl epidemic 'off the charts': Drug overdose deaths in Athens reaches record highs*, Athens Banner-Herald, Wayne Ford, March 24, 2023
(2) FY22 Community Health Needs Assessment, Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital, 2022, https://www.piedmont.org/media/file/Community-Benefit-Needs-Assessment-PAR.pdf
(3) *Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department and Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge Data, Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology (DOSE) System*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Department of Health and Human Services, August 28, 2023. https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/nonfatal/dose/discharge/dashboard/index.html
(4) *Managing Substance Withdrawal in Jails: A Legal Brief*, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Grant No. 2019-AR-BX-K061, NCJ 304066, February 2022, www.rsat-tta.com/Files/BJABrief_ managing-substance-withdrawal-in-jails

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OPTIONS:

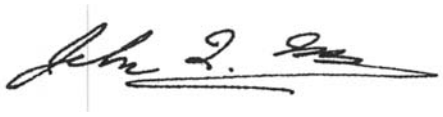
1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve the application submitted by the Clarke County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for the CJCC Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program **(Attachment 1)**;
    b. Accept the grant funds if awarded;
    c. Adopt the budget amendment ordinance **(Attachment 2)**; and
    d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all documents associated with the grant award.

2. Mayor and Commission deny the authorization to accept the grant award.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option # 1: a, b, c, and d.

DEPARTMENT:
Prepared by: Beth Morton



John Q. Williams, Sheriff

10/06/2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, c and d

October 10, 2023

Manager Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - 2023 RSAT Grant Application Packet
Attachment 2 - FY24 Budget Ordinance - Sheriff_ CJCC RSAT Grant

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) PROGRAM 2023

Request for Competitive Applications (RFA)

CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RSAT GRANT APPLICATION

Sheriff John Q. Williams and the Clarke County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) endeavor to actively enforce the laws of the State of Georgia and to safely operate their detention facilities through progressive, innovative, and humane practices designed to rehabilitate in-custody persons in a dignified and equitable manner. The incorporation of evidence-based and non-conventional programs fortifies jail residents with knowledge, skills, and confidence for a successful transition back into their community and a productive future. The CCSO is dedicated to this mission and to the people they serve, ensuring that Clarke County is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

In support of this mission, the Clarke County Sheriff's Office is seeking grant funding to establish a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program with an expanded Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program for residents of the Clarke County Jail. The CCSO will develop and implement the proposed RSAT and MAT Programs through partnerships and collaborations with community stakeholders such as the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court and the Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Treatment Accountability Courts (TAC), the local Community Service Board (CSB) provider Advantage Behavioral Health Systems, the ACC Justice Mental Health Collaboration, the ACC Probation Department, non-profit organizations such as People Living in Recovery, addiction recovery/treatment groups such as Alliance Recovery Center, and the Clarke County Jail healthcare provider Mediko Correctional Healthcare.

This coalition of program patrons will allow for a bridging of services throughout the judicial and reentry processes for persons experiencing substance abuse and addiction disorders.

Statement of the Problem

To fully understand the problems associated with substance use, abuse, and addiction in Clarke County, a general overview of the county is necessary. Clarke County encompasses the incorporated areas of Athens-Clarke County (ACC), the City of Winterville, and a portion of the City of Bogart. In 1991 the governments of Clarke County and the City of Athens were unified, creating ACC and the Athens-Clarke Unified Government (ACCGov). Clarke County is located about 70 miles northeast of Atlanta and is the smallest of Georgia's 159 counties (122 square miles). However, it is the state's 19th most populous county and ACC is the 6th most populous of Georgia's 537 cities and towns, (1) creating a population density of 1,079.2 people per square mile (statewide is 185.6 people per square mile). The U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 estimated population for Clarke County is 129,875. (2)

Although Clarke County's population is above the state average for high school graduates (9.2% to 8.9%) and for people with a bachelor's degree or higher (47% to 33%), and yet the county's income and poverty statistics are appalling. The average annual median household income for Clarke County residents is only $44,070. A distressing $20,960 or 32.2% less than the state average of $65,030. Even more alarming is that 21.5% of the county's population is below the poverty rate, almost double the state average of 14.%!(2)

The direct correlation between poverty and substance use is widely documented. One study confirming these findings printed "*After adjustment for age, race, marital status, and education, individuals in the lowest income group were more likely to report having problems related to their*

substance abuse compared to individuals in the highest income group". It went on to report that 25% of study participants in families with an income of less than $20,000 admitted to illicit drug use in the past year and 36% admitted to "*ever"* using illicit drugs. Even more startling, 82% were more likely to have substance abuse problems than those families earning above $75,000. (3)

Over 96,700 people in the United States die from drug overdoses yearly and almost 1 million have been killed by drugs since 1999. (6) In Georgia, there are 1,408 deaths resulting from drug overdoses annually. (6) The Athens Banner-Herald reported drug overdose casualties in Clarke County set a new record in 2022, with 60 of those resulting in death. (7) 2023 appears to be picking up where 2022 left off. In the first three months, 14 individuals had died of drug overdoses according to the ACC Coroner Sonny Wilson. (7) Clarke County is averaging 4.7 drug overdose deaths per month, on this trend the county can expect upwards of 56 deaths by year-end.

The FY22 Community Health Needs Assessment published by Piedmont Health reported that "*providers in Athens-Clarke prescribed <u>138.2 opioid prescriptions per every 100 people</u>*" and that ACC has "*one of the highest prescription rates in the state*".(4) Opioids alone kill more than 136 Americans every day, and opioids account for 72% of all overdoses. (6)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Clarke County ranked 32nd (152.3 per 100,000 people) of Georgia's 159 counties for the most non-fatal drug overdose emergency department visits in 2021. The average for the State of Georgia was 123.1 per 100,000 people. (5)

Alcohol abuse magnifies the substance abuse harm in Clarke County. "*Excessive alcohol use can lead to a myriad of health issues, including liver disease, depression, injuries, violence, and cancer. In Athens-Clarke County 20,839, or 16.37 percent of adults self-report <u>excessive</u>*

drinking in the last 30 days."[6] An example of the collateral damage resulting from alcohol abuse is cited in a report from Fostering Court Improvement.org which wrote that "*52 of the 90 (58%) children removed from foster care in Clarke County between April 2022 and March 2023 were due to drug or alcohol abuse by the caretaker, 10% higher than the state rate*". [8] The Athens Homeless Coalition conducted a Point In Time (PIT) census of homeless in the Athens area and found that of the adults surveyed, 23% suffered from Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD).[9]

Substance abuse is a detriment to every facet of a person's life. All too often it is the compounding cause of financial hardships, unemployment, mental illness, chronic health problems, homelessness, victimization, and alienation of family and friends. Substance abuse is a pervasive component and driving factor for many of the crimes committed in Clarke County due to the user's compulsion to support their use/addiction. The Crime Analysis Report from the Athens-Clarke County Police Department (ACCPD) demonstrates this in distressing detail.

Crime	July 31, 2022 to 2023 Percentage of Increase	Crime	July 31, 2022 to 2023 Percentage of Increase
Drug/Narcotic Violation	5.9%	Liquor Law Violations	280%
Drug/Narcotic Equipment	20.3%	Larceny: Shoplifting	61.8%
Driving Under the Influence	8.2%	Larceny: From Bldg.	56.3%
Drunkenness	131.4%	Larceny: All Other	8.3%

Overall, Felony Arrests increased by 46 incidents, and Misdemeanor Arrests increased by 272 incidents for the year to date, 2022 to 2023. Research by the ACCPD Crime Analysis found that the Top 10 Offenders for DUI, Drunkenness, Drug/Narcotic Equipment, and Drug/Narcotic

Violation were arrested 3 or more times since January 2022. The Top Offender has been arrested 8 times in that timeframe.

In detention settings, substance use, abuse, and addiction are further exacerbated. "*A disproportionate number of people in jails have substance use disorders (SUDs)*". [(10)] The Bureau of Justice Assistance sponsored a report in 2022 titled, *Managing Substance Withdrawal in Jails: A Legal Brief* and in it they noted that 63% of individuals sentenced to jail demonstrated Substance Use Disorder (SUD) compared to only 5% who are not incarcerated. [(11)]

A CCSO internal report calculated at least 423 persons were booked into the Clarke County Jail in the last year for DUI-Alcohol-related charges, and at least 543 were booked for drug-related charges. Recidivism rates between 2016 and 2021 were computed at 54%, in a data analysis conducted in-house. In that timeframe (5 years), there were 140 individuals arrested 10 or more times. Over 3,000 were arrested 2 or more times and over 2,000 were arrested 3 or more times. Only 2,641 of the 5,741 people in the study were not re-arrested.

Target Population

Men with substance use disorder (SUD) and/or chronic substance abusers will comprise the target population for the CCSO proposed RSAT and MAT Programs. The program structure will be equitable and inclusive of all socio-economic, educational, ethnic, and racial demographics. Each cohort will offer a capacity of up to 20 individuals housed within the Clarke County Jail, as a therapeutic community and in a separate unit from other jail residents. Both voluntary and court-mandated individuals will be eligible, from pre-trial arrestees to post-release supervision.

Program Goals

For the development and implementation of the CCSO RSAT and MAT Programs, the baseline goals are expected to be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). The three goals to be achieved within the first year of the program are:

1) Incorporate an evidence-based Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment to determine effective and appropriate training, therapy, medication-assisted treatments (MAT), and re-entry services. The assessment will be administered to 100% of in-custody persons housed in the jail for 30 days or more.

2) Provide educational courses and psychological therapies designed to develop/increase cognitive, behavioral, social, and vocational skills, and emotional intelligence; delivered to three (3) cohorts, up to 20 participants per cohort.

3) Effect an 80% graduation of each RSAT cohort, thereby reducing jail recidivism by at least 3% in the first year of the program.

Program Objectives

Goal 1

a) Form an RSAT Collaborative consisting of representatives from the RSAT Program Director, the CCSO Command Staff, Programs Unit, Re-Entry Quality Support (REQS) Team, and Classifications Unit. Additional members will include the MAT Nurse, Mental Health Professionals, Discharge Planner, and Health Services Administrator (HSA) from the jail's health-services provider, Mediko Correctional Healthcare, as well as the Case

Manager from the Justice Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) or designated representative. (30-60 days)

b) The RSAT Collaborative will research, analyze, and select an evidence-based Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment. (60-90 days)

c) The RSAT Collaborative will develop an implementation plan and facilitate the utilization of the Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment. (60-90 days)

Goal 2

a) Form a select group from the RSAT Collaborative to review, analyze, and select the curriculum from evidence-based programs such as Seeking Safety. (30-60 days)

b) The select group will facilitate a schedule for training delivery/instruction, group and individual therapies, work detail, and recreational activity. (60-90 days)

c) The select group will interview, select/appoint peer-counselors and group leaders as needed/appropriate in support of the program curriculum and schedule. (60-120 days)

Goal 3

a) The RSAT Program Director, therapist, peer counselors, instructors, Discharge Planner, and a CCSO-designated administrator will conduct participant performance evaluations at least monthly, and develop remedial training/counseling as appropriate to ensure comprehension of materials and adherence to program activities. (3-12 months)

b) The RSAT Program Director, therapist, peer counselors, instructors, Discharge Planner, and a CCSO-designated administrator will collaborate with each program participant on a detailed and individualized post-release action and treatment plan, prepared at least one week before the cohort graduation. (3-12 months)

c) The RSAT Collaborative will perform an in-depth after-action analysis of each cohort to

determine if adjustments or modifications are required to maintain performance and graduation success. (at the end of 6, 9, and 12 months)

Performance Measures

Client information will be collected and retained using Pokket from Acivilate. [15] It is a proven case-management software designed specifically for re-entry service provision and supervision. It is secure, and compliant with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) standards, the$Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2). Pokket is designed to connect justice agencies with post-release service and treatment providers. It allows returning citizens to access free resources in the community and stay connected with their case managers. The software also supports telehealth services for healthcare solutions. Using Pokket to stay connected with the program graduates, the Discharge Planner can routinely check in with individuals to find out if they are at risk for substance use and/or recidivating and arrange for preventative services.

Performance and outcome data will be collected and documented, as well as assessments, treatment plans, involvement with the judicial system, communication and contact information, and other case management-specific information.

Defined performance measures and evaluations will support the program goals, objectives, and timeline. They will include:

- Achievement of Goal 1, Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment of 100% of the jail residents housed 30 days or more. This will be evaluated quarterly based on reports generated by the Discharge Planner.

- Achievement of Goal 2, Provision of educational courses and psychological therapies to participants. This will be evaluated quarterly based on reports and activity logs provided by the Program Director.
- Achievement of Goal 3, program graduation by at least 80% of participants and reduction of jail recidivism by 3%. This will be evaluated by activity logs and course competition reports generated by the Program Director, and by an end-of-award funding recidivism report researched and generated by the RSAT Collaborative and the ACCGov IT Department.

Priority Consideration

The Clarke County Sheriff's Office is seeking priority consideration based on the inclusion of a project plan to expand Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in the RSAT Program proposal. The current MAT policy allows for the continuation of MAT treatment if the patient has a current prescription, prior to being placed into custody of the CCSO.

If awarded, a portion of grant funds will be used to purchase medications for jail residents with substance use disorders (SUDs) who participate in the RSAT Program, with or without a pre-existing prescription. The jail health services provider, Mediko Correctional Healthcare is contracted to provide a MAT Nurse to facilitate the treatments, and the Mediko Physician will prescribe the medications for RSAT participants with a diagnosis of SUD and are qualified for MAT treatments. There is a potential for making the expanded MAT available to all qualifying jail residents in FY25 or FY26, subject to budget funding.

In cases of an RSAT patient exiting the jail before completion of MAT, the Discharge Planner will assist with arrangements for acceptance into an approved treatment facility in the patient's community and at least two (2) weeks of medication will be provided to sustain the patient during the transition period.

Conclusion

"*Decades of science shows that providing comprehensive substance use treatment to criminal offenders while incarcerated works, reducing both drug use and crime after an inmate returns to the community*". [16] Sheriff Williams and other community leaders acknowledge their responsibility to reduce recidivism and serve the public interest. Athens-Clarke County actively participates in the Stepping Up Initiative and has documented the county's commitment to improving the health of the Clarke County community. In the ACCGov FY23-25 Strategic Plan, Goal Area 1: Good Neighbors, Section A affirms a desire to "*Work to create and implement systems to identify, acknowledge, and address racism, trauma, harm, and violence in our community*", and Section C declares the intent to "*Decrease crime and keep residents safe through "community-centric" services*". [17]

Essential resources like RSAT, MAT, and Therapeutic Community treatment programs for substance abuse are a must-have for in-custody residents of the Clarke County Jail. To that end, the Clarke County Sheriff's Office seeks this grant award.

CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CJCC Budget Detail Worksheet

Agency Name:	Clarke County Sheriff's Office
Subgrant Number:	
Project Name:	The CCSO RSAT and MAT Program
Select grant type:	RSAT

Purpose: This Budget Detail Worksheet is used to verify all Subgrant Expenditure Requests (SERs) and to determine whether costs are allowable, reasonable and justified. Please fill it out completely with the Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR) #1 in your award packet and for each subsequent SAR that requires a budget change. All required information must be present in the budget narrative, regardless of format.

NOTE - If you need extra lines in the spreadsheet under one of the categories: 1) Highlight an entire row or block of lines within the same category 2) Keeping your mouse over the highlighted row or block, right click and select the copy option by left clicking 3) Next, right click with your mouse again on the highlighted row or block and chose the option "insert copied cells" by left clicking If you selected only a block and not the entire row, a new tile will open up and select the option "Shift cells down" and click OK. Use of this technique will ensure that you don't change the formulas inserted in the spreadsheet.

A (1). Personnel-- List each position by title and name of employee, if available. In order to calculate the budget enter the annual salary and the percentage of time to be devoted to the program. Compensation of employees engaged in program activities must be consistent with that for similar work within the applicant agency.

Title	First and Last name	Salary Rate	% Time to Project	Select Pay Period Frequency	Cost	Match?
Lieutenant	Torin Jackson	$68,889.00	7%	Bimonthly	$4,822.00	Cash
Sergeant	(Day Shift Supervisor)	$61,684.00	1%	Bimonthly	$616.00	Cash
Sergeant	(Night Shift Supervisor)	$61,684.00	1%	Bimonthly	$616.00	Cash
Deputy	(A Shift, Days)	$48,630.00	25%	Bimonthly	$12,157.00	Cash
Deputy	(C Shift, Days)	$48,630.00	25%	Bimonthly	$12,157.00	Cash
Deputy	(B Shift, Nights)	$48,630.00	25%	Bimonthly	$12,157.00	Cash
Deputy	(D Shift, Nights)	$48,630.00	25%	Bimonthly	$12,157.00	Cash
					$0.00	

Title	First and Last name	Hourly wage	Hours per week on project	Weeks worked annually	Select Pay Period Frequency	Cost	Match?
Program Director	TBD	$35.00	40	50	Biweekly	$70,000.00	N/A
Program Counselor	TBD	$25.00	15	50	Biweekly	$18,750.00	N/A
Program Counselor	TBD	$25.00	15	50	Biweekly	$18,750.00	N/A
Peer Coach	TBD	$20.00	15	36	Biweekly	$10,800.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
				PERSONNEL TOTAL		**$172,982**	

A (2). Volunteers -- If applicable, simply enter the number of hours of service volunteers will perform. Volunteers must be valued at $15/hour unless approved by CJCC staff for a higher rate. Do not change the drop-down selection box from "In-kind" or your match will not calculate correctly.

	Hours	Rate	Total value	Match
Volunteers			$ -	In-Kind
	VOLUNTEERS TOTAL		**$0.00**	

A (3). Fringe-- Amounts should be based on actual costs or a formula for personnel listed above, utilizing the percentage of time devoted to the program. Fringe benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Worker's Compensation and State Unemployment Compensation. Costs included within this category are: FICA (employer's portion of Social Security and Medicare taxes), employer's portion of retirement, employer's portion of insurance (health, life, dental, etc.), employer's portion of Worker's Compensation and State Unemployment Compensation.

Title	First and Last name	Total annual salary or wages	Select fringe type	Enter rate of each fringe benefit as a pecentage of salary or wages	% Time to Project	Cost	Match?
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
						$0.00	
					FRINGE TOTAL	**$0.00**	

PERSONNEL GRAND TOTAL	**$172,982**

B. Travel-- Funds must be budgeted in compliance with State of Georgia Statewide Travel Regulations. Itemize travel expenses of program personnel by category (e.g. mileage, meals, lodging, incidentals, and airfare) and purpose (e.g. training, field interviews, and advisory group meetings) and identify the location, if known. For training programs, list travel and meals for participants separately. Show the budget calculation (e.g. six people attending three-day training at $X airfare, $X lodging, $X meals/ incidentals). **If selecting "airfare" enter 1 in the nights/days field and use the round-trip costs.** Please note that the maximum reimbursement rate is $0.565 per mile, but if your agency's reimbursement rate is lower you must

Trainings and Conferences ***All trainings and conferences must be pre-approved by submitting an agenda to your Specialist or Auditor*

Purpose of Travel	Staff member	Item	Cost	# Individuals	# Nights/Days	# Trips	Cost	Match?

							$0.00	
							$0.00	
							$0.00	
							$0.00	
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							$0.00	
							$0.00	
							$0.00	
							$0.00	

Mileage

Purpose of Travel	Staff member	Location or Coverage Area	Cost per mile	Miles per grant year	Total Cost	Match?
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
				TRAVEL TOTAL	**$0.00**	

C. Equipment-- List non-expendable items to be purchased. Applicants should analyze the benefit of purchased versus leased equipment, especially high cost and electronic or digital items. Explain how the equipment is necessary for the success of the program. Show the budget calculation. Attach a narrative describing the procurement method to be used. Please note that all items must be at least $5,000 per unit to be considered equipment. Otherwise please list items in "Supplies."

Equipment Item	Cost per Unit	# Items	Vendor	Cost	Match?
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
			EQUIPMENT TOTAL	**$0.00**	

D. Supplies-- List items by type (e.g. office supplies, postage, copier usage, training supplies, publications, audio/video (batteries, film, CD/DVD's, etc.), office furniture, computer software, educational/therapeutic supplies, uniforms, weapons (law enforcement and prosecution units only). Show budget calculation. For example, where an item is office supplies, enter $100 for cost per unit; "month" for define unit; 12 for # units, and Office Palooza for Vendor. Leave "define unit" blank if not applicable.

Item	Cost per unit	# Units	Vendor	Cost	Match?
Seeking Safety Curriculum	$80.00	60	Seeking Safety	$4,800.00	N/A
MRT Therapy Curriculum	$220.00	60	Seeking Safety	$13,200.00	N/A
Creating Change Curriculum	$80.00	60	Seeking Safety	$4,800.00	N/A
Finding Your Best Self Curriculum	$80.00	60	Seeking Safety	$4,800.00	N/A
Office supplies (per month)	$400.00	12	Office Depot	$4,800.00	N/A
Vibe Board (smart board, touchscreen)	$3,199.00	1	Vibe	$3,199.00	N/A
Sony 43" UHD TV	$399.99	2	Best Buy	$799.98	N/A
Washer and dryer set (Maytag)	$1,556.00	1	Lowes	$1,556.00	N/A
Blu-ray DVD (Sony)	$149.99	2	Walmart	$299.98	N/A
Dell Latitude laptop	$1,189.00	2	Dell	$2,378.00	N/A
Printer/scanner (HP)	$989.00	1	Office Depot	$989.00	N/A
			SUPPLY TOTAL	**$41,621.96**	

E. Printing-- List items by type (e.g. letterhead/envelopes, business cards, training materials). Show budget calculation. For example, where an item is business cards, enter $15 for cost per unit; "box" for define unit; 2 for # units, and Print Mania for Vendor. Leave "define unit" blank if it is not applicable.

Item	Cost per unit	# Units	Vendor	Cost	Match?
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
				$0.00	
			PRINTING TOTAL	**$0.00**	

F. (1) Other Costs-- List items by type (e.g. real property lease, repairs/maintenance, utilities, copier rental/lease, postage meter, insurance & bonding, dues & subscriptions, advertising, registration fees, film processing, notary services, public relations, communication services - indicate if DOAS is provider). Show budget calculation. For example, provide the office space square footage and the lease rate or provide the monthly lease amount and the number of months leased. For unit enter time period as applicable (i.e., "month" for utility costs) or leave blank for items such as registration that require a one-time fee.

Item	Cost per unit	# of Units	% Charged to Grant	Vendor	Cost	Match?
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	

					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
				F. (1) Subtotal	**$0.00**	

F. (2) Consultant Fee: Enter the name, if known, and service to be provided. Show the budget calculation; for example, the hourly or daily rate (8 hours) multiplied by the estimated number of units (eg., 1 hour of therapy).

Name of Consultant	Service Provided	Cost per unit	Define Unit of Service	# Units	Cost	Match?
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
				F. (2)Subtotal	**$0.00**	

F. (3) Contracts: Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and a cost estimate. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use a competitive procurement process in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source contracts in excess of $100,000.

Name of Consultant	Service Provided	Cost per unit	Define Unit of Service	# Units	Cost	Match?
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
					$0.00	
				F. (2)Subtotal	**$0.00**	

F. (4) Indirect Cost: If your agency has a negotiated rate, a copy of the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement must be submitted with your contract budget. Applicants may elect to use an amount up to the ten percent (10%) de Minimis rate of their Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) base. MTDC includes the cost of salaries, wages and fringe benefits of personnel that work directly on the project, and other operational costs such as supplies, printing, and travel that are directly related to the project. To use the de Minimus indirect cost rate complete the MTDC Calculator in the next tab. When you have completed this calculator, the total indirect cost will transfer to the space below.

Indirect Cost	**$0**

F. OTHER TOTAL	**$0**

G. Match Waiver: If your agency would like to request a match waiver, you should submit a letter, on your agency's letterhead, to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The letter should outline the reasons why your agency will have trouble meeting the full match requirement and should indicate the amount of match you are able to provide for

G. Match Waiver Amount	

Budget Summary--When you have completed this budget worksheet, the totals for each category will transfer to the spaces below. The total costs and total project costs will be computed via Excel formula. Indicate the amount of grant funds requested and the amount of non-grant funds that will support the project.

Budget Category		Amount	
A. Personnel and Fringe		$172,982	
B. Travel		$0	
C. Equipment		$0	
D. Supplies		$41,622	
E. Printing		$0	
F. Other		$0	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		$214,604	
Award		$160,953	
Match Amount		$53,651	
Match Breakdown	**Cash**	$53,651	100%
	In-Kind	$0	0%

Budget Narrative

Group Supplies are requested in support of group and individual activities. The supplies will be purchased from Walmart, Office Depot, Amazon, Lowes, Best Buy or similar. Supplies include office support and staff operations equipment, and equipment for course instructions. Staff positions will be independent contractors hired at hourly rates. CCSO Personnel are for participant supervison, payroll cost (no o/t) will meet the agency's match requirement.

NOTE: If a Non-Grant expense amount is entered, make sure those items for which they will be used must be incorporated into your overall budget. Indicate clearly throughout you budget narrative and detail worksheet for which items these funds will be used.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) PROGRAM 2023

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE APPLICATIONS (RFA)

CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RSAT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
Grant award announced	Jump for joy, and send out an announcement to CCSO Command Staff and stakeholders	CCSO Grant Manager	Early January, 2024
Grant award announced	Brief Sheriff and County Manager on Grant Award Package, special conditions, budget, etc.	CCSO Grant Manager	Early January, 2024
Program Staffing	Form RSAT Collaborative	CCSO Program Supervisor	Early January, 2024
Program Staffing	Release announcements for a Program Director (contract position)	CCSO Program Supervisor	Early January, 2024
Program Staffing	Release announcements for a Program Therapist(s) (contract position)	CCSO Program Supervisor	Early January, 2024
Program Staffing	Release announcements for Peer-Counselors (contract position)	CCSO Program Supervisor	Early January, 2024
Award Acceptance	Complete acceptance of grant award package (within 45 days)	CCSO Grant Manager	Mid January, 2024
Award Funds Management	Establish a unique project account for award funds and expenditures	CCSO Grant Manager	Late January, 2024

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
Program Staffing	Review applications/resumes, select program contractors (Director, Therapists, and Peer-Counselors), negotiate and sign contracts	RSAT Collaborative and CCSO Program Supervisor	Late January, 2024
Program Stakeholders	Contract program related Non-Profit Organizations and treatment centers/organizations to establish program partnerships/relationships. Create MOUs/contracts as needed.	RSAT Collaborative and CCSO Program Supervisor	Early February, 2024
Award Funds Management	Create purchase orders for contract payments	CCSO Grant Manager	Early February, 2024
Award Funds Management	Create purchase orders and procure program training and therapy materials	CCSO Grant Manager	Early February, 2024
Award Funds Management	Create purchase orders and procure program equipment and supplies	CCSO Grant Manager	Early February, 2024
Program Policy and Procedures	Develop program policies and procedures	RSAT Collaborative and CCSO Program Supervisor	Early February, 2024
Program Operating Plan	Develop program operating plan - curriculum, work details, therapy, and recreational activity	RSAT Collaborative and CCSO Program Supervisor	Early February, 2024
1st Cohort	Select participants for 1st Cohort	Program Staff and stakeholders	Late February, 2024
Risk Needs Assessment	Research and select a Criminogenic Risk and Needs Assessment. Schedule training for appropriate CCSO and Mediko staff members.	RSAT Collaborative and CCSO Program Supervisor	Early February, 2024
Program Data Collection	Perform research on RSAT Program quarterly performance/activities. Create a report of findings.	RSAT Collective & CCSO Grant Manager	Mid March, 2024

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
MAT Program	Expanded Medication-Assisted Treatment begins	Program Staff and Mediko Correctional Healthcare	April 1, 2024
Risk Needs Assessment	Utilization on the Criminogenic Risk Needs Assessment begins	Program Staff and Mediko Correctional Healthcare	April 1, 2024
1st Cohort	1st Cohort activities begin	Program Staff and Stakeholders	April 1, 2024
Performance Measures and Reporting (PMT)	Complete a quarterly statistical report of grant-funded activities	CCSO Grant Manager	April 10, 2024
Program Data Collection	Perform research on RSAT Program quarterly performance/activities, and participants' progress. Create a report of findings.	RSAT Collective & CCSO Grant Manager	Mid June, 2024
2nd Cohort	Select participants for 2nd Cohort	Program Staff and stakeholders	Late May, 2024
1st Cohort	1st Cohort completed	Program Staff and Stakeholders	June 30, 2024
2nd Cohort	2nd Cohort activities begin	Program Staff and Stakeholders	July 1, 2024
1st Cohort	Graduation ceremony for 1st cohort graduates, discharge planning and re-entry services provided as needed.	Program Staff, Collective, and stakeholders	Early July, 2024
RSAT Program Sustainability	Monitor CJCC website for the RSAT Request for Applications	CCSO Grant Manager	Early July, 2024
Performance Measures and Reporting (PMT)	Complete a quarterly statistical report of grant-funded activities	CCSO Grant Manager	July 10, 2024

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
RSAT Program Sustainability	Submit application for continued funding of RSAT Program	CCSO Grant Manager	Late August, 2024
3rd Cohort	Select participants for 3rd Cohort	Program Staff and Stakeholders	Late August, 2024
Program Data Collection	Perform research on RSAT Program quarterly performance/activities, and participants' progress. Create a report of findings.	RSAT Collective & CCSO Grant Manager	Mid September, 2024
2nd Cohort	2nd Cohort completed	Program Staff and Stakeholders	September 30, 2024
3rd Cohort	3rd Cohort activities begin	Program Staff and Stakeholders	October 1, 2024
2nd Cohort	Graduation ceremony for 2nd cohort graduates, discharge planning and re-entry services provided as needed.	Program Staff and Stakeholders	Early October, 2024
Performance Measures and Reporting (PMT)	Complete a quarterly statistical report of grant-funded activities	CCSO Grant Manager	October 10, 2024
Program Data Collection	Perform research on RSAT Program quarterly performance/activities, and participants' progress. Create a report of findings.	RSAT Collective & CCSO Grant Manager	Mid December, 2024
Program Data Collection	Perform recidivism research on all jail housed/booked and RSAT Program graduates. Create a report on findings	RSAT Collective & ACCGov IT Staff	Mid December, 2024
3rd Cohort	3rd Cohort completed	Program Staff and Stakeholders	December 31, 2024

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME
RSAT Program Sustainability	**If** RSAT Continuation Grant is **not** awarded, submit a mid-cycle Capital Project Request for funding	CCSO Grant Manager	Early January, 2025
Performance Measures and Reporting (PMT)	Complete a quarterly statistical report of grant-funded activities	CCSO Grant Manager	January 10, 2025
Grant award close-out	Complete the award close-out for the CJCC Grant Manager's approval	CCSO Grant Manager	January 30, 2025
3rd Cohort	Graduation ceremony for 2nd cohort graduates, discharge planning and re-entry services provided as needed.	Program Staff and Stakeholders	Early February, 2025

There is a potential for changes and/or modifications of the RSAT Program throughout the year. The RSAT Collaborative will conduct meetings at least quarterly to evaluate program successes and opportunities for improvement. The collaborative will also review and analyze participants' performance and adherence to program polices in timely intervals. Based on the findings, it may be decided to make adjustments to improve service delivery or efficiency.

Risk factors to be taken into consideration are possible hiring/contracting shortages due to the highly competitive job market. There is an imbalance in the large number of related positions available and a limited number of applicants. If the predicted pay scale inflates as a result of this imbalance, it may become necessary to request an award budget modification to a comparable rate. Inflationary pricing for materials such as course manuals, books, etc. may necessitate an award budget adjustment in order to acquire the materials. Of course, every effort will be made to generate cost savings.

The CCSO proposed RSAT Program will be modeled after evidence-based Amity In-Prison

Therapeutic Community Initiative. [12] The Amity In-Prison Therapeutic Community (TC) program is not designed specifically for jails but, it does have a number of components that have an Evidence Rating of Promising [12] and is not generally found in other TCs. The program is designed on a progressive three-phase treatment process that allows for the participant to assume increased roles of responsibility based on improvements in performance and involvement in the program. The program's rating is based on a randomized controlled trial conducted by Wexler, De Leon, and colleagues, evaluating incarcerated volunteers from the medium-security prison in San Diego, California. [13]

The CCSO RSAT Program will embrace the curriculum and training guidelines provided through Seeking Safety (www.seekingsafety.org), an evidence-based, present-focused counseling model formulated to pilot people from trauma and/or substance abuse to a restored mindset of safety. It offers up to 25 treatment topics that address cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, and case management, just to name a few. The courses can be presented in any order, consisting of any number of sessions and subjects and by peer counselors or therapists. Seeking Safety can be utilized in group session or as individual study projects and is applicable to all levels of care and forms of trauma and substance use disorders. The material and concepts are ideal for jail and correction settings as they are presented in clear, easily understood terms and don't require a high literacy level. Multiple studies have verified the program as promising and one study in particular indicated the program has a "very high level of treatment satisfaction" and efficacy of "70% at baseline and 91% at six-month follow-up". [14]

The RSAT Collaborative will be composed of a wide-array of community stakeholders and the program itself will expand and incorporate additional alliances as needed or as they become available. Initial collaborative partners will include the ACCGov

Treatment Accountability Courts (TAC), the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court, ACC Probation Department, People Living in Recovery (PLR), Action Inc., The University of Georgia (UGA) Criminal Justice Studies Department and School of Social Work, Alliance Recovery, ACC Justice Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC), and Mediko Correctional Healthcare. The CCSO has established relationships through the Programs Unit with many local churches and ministry groups, AA/NA, and Goodwill. The CCSO REQS Team will reach out to the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Cooperative Extension for supplementary classes in financial planning, housing management, diet, and nutrition.

The foundation of re-entry coordination and resource bonding will be the Discharge Planner from Mediko Correctional Healthcare, the contracted healthcare provider for the Clarke County Jail, and the CCSO ReEntry Quality Support (REQS) Team. Follow-up risk and need assessments will identify requirements for a triumphant transition back into the community and a productive future.

RSAT Program sustainability is critical to the continuum of care for SUD treatments and addiction recovery of in-custody residents of the Clarke County Jail. For that reason, every effort will be made to procure funding beyond the award cycle. Predictably, the top of that list will be seeking continuation grants, and foundation donations. Budgetary funding will be submitted for from the ACC General Fund. The intent is this initial award cycle is to establish the RSAT Program and generate demonstrated success measures and examples to present to the ACCGov Mayor and Commissioners and hopefully harvest their enthusiasm and support in capital or new initiative funding. Other potential sources of support will be the Athens Area Foundation, the Arthur Blank Foundation, Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests through the offices of Senator Jon Ossoff and Senator Raphael Warnock.

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Subject: Strong Support for Establishing a Residential Treatment Program within Clarke County Jail

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my resolute support for the establishment of a secured residential treatment program within the Clarke County Jail. As the Program Coordinator for the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court, I am acutely aware of the pressing need for comprehensive and effective substance abuse treatment initiatives within our criminal justice system.

The proposed residential treatment program signifies a paradigm shift in how we approach rehabilitation and recovery within the context of incarceration. It is my firm belief that this initiative, by providing active treatment opportunities to individuals during their time in jail, holds the potential to reshape lives, catalyze positive change, and break the cycle of addiction and recidivism.

One of the most significant challenges we face is the shortage of inpatient treatment options and stable housing arrangements for individuals struggling with substance abuse issues. Oftentimes, those awaiting housing or entry into a treatment program find themselves in a state of limbo, where the specter of incarceration looms large. The residential treatment program has the power to transform this period of uncertainty into one of active intervention and healing.

By offering a structured and supportive environment within the jail setting, the program provides individuals with an opportunity to engage in comprehensive treatment, counseling, and skill-building activities. This shift from mere incarceration to active treatment can be pivotal in redefining the trajectory of their lives. It addresses the root causes of their struggles, equipping them with the tools they need to overcome addiction, make meaningful changes, and transition successfully back into society.

Furthermore, I am proud to share that our commitment to the success of this program goes beyond endorsement. The Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court stands prepared to collaborate closely with this secured residential treatment program. We are dedicated to identifying suitable candidates within our purview and facilitating their participation. This collaboration ensures a seamless transition for individuals from active treatment within the jail to continued treatment, support, and accountability upon their release.

Additionally, the resonance of this initiative extends beyond our organization. Other accountability courts in the region are equally excited about the potential of the residential treatment program. This collective enthusiasm underscores the shared belief in the program's ability to create lasting change and provide a beacon of hope for individuals and communities grappling with the impact of substance abuse.

In conclusion, the residential treatment program within Clarke County Jail has the potential to become a transformative force, addressing the scarcity of treatment options and offering a chance for individuals to heal and thrive. I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and am inspired by its potential to reshape lives and enhance the fabric of our community.

I am deeply appreciative of your dedication to advancing our criminal justice system in a way that prioritizes compassion, rehabilitation, and positive change. If there is any way I can contribute further or offer assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your commitment to driving impactful change and creating a brighter future for those affected by the challenges within our justice system.

Sincerely,
Nicole Cavanagh
Program Coordinator
Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFORM AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE ~~CITIZENS~~ RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, being the constitutional level of government closest to their constituents, Georgia counties are on the front lines of responding to mental health issues within the community as well as the development of mental health reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACC) supports efforts designed to provide every ~~citizen~~ resident in need to have accessible, affordable, and adequate mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of ACC is grateful for the efforts of Georgia's executive, legislative, and judicial branches in working towards mental health reform in recent years, such as the passage of HB 1013 (2022) and introduction of HB 520 (2023), Chief Justice Boggs's work on jail diversion initiatives, and Governor Kemp's commitment to expanding mental health resources in schools for children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, despite these prior steps and successes, the ACC Mayor and Commission recognizes that there is still a tremendous amount of work for the ~~citizens~~ residents of Athens-Clarke County and other ~~citizens~~ residents across Georgia to receive adequate healthcare for mental health and substance abuse disorders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County reaffirms its commitment to reforming and improving mental health services for its ~~citizens~~ residents and all ~~citizens~~ residents of the state of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County specifically urges the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia ~~citizens'~~ residents' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Commission is hereby directed to provide an executed copy of this Resolution to each member of the Athens-Clarke County delegation to the Georgia Senate and Georgia House of Representatives and to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

BY: _____
Kelly Girtz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Spratlin, Clerk to the Commission

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Office of Operational Analysis FY24 Audit Workplan

DATE: ~~October 5, 2023~~ October 31, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES: N/A

EXPENSES: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the FY24 Audit Workplan as recommended by the Audit Committee **(Attachment A);** and,
b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.

HISTORY:

1. In May of 2019, ACCGov created a Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) Manual.

2. On December 12, 2022, the Mayor and Commission (M&C) adopted an amendment to the ordinance (Sec. 1-3-1) entitled "Internal Auditor; Office of Operational Analysis" modifying both the general and specific duties and responsibilities.

3. On August 1, 2023, the M&C again approved an amendment to the ordinance (Sec. 1-3-1) entitled "Internal Auditor; Office of Operational Analysis" by updating the general and specific duties and responsibilities with respect to the provision of service to the Public Safety Civilian Oversight Board (PSCOB) in the capacity of Auditor/Monitor, whereby acting as an official liaison.

4. On August 1, 2023, the Mayor announced his appointments to the Audit Committee, which included two current County Commissioners (Fisher; Myers), and three members of the community (Dr. Xernona Thomas; Beth Higgins; Carl Blount) whose terms all began September 7, 2023, and will expire at varying dates based upon an initial two, three, and four-year term assignment.

5. On September 7, 2023, the Audit Committee convened to discuss and initial draft of the FY24 Audit Workplan as proposed by the Internal Auditor. Originally, it included a list of 12 potential topics for consideration as based upon a scoring matrix and accompanying description of any objective(s) and scope.

6. On October 5, 2023, the Audit Committee met in regular session to finalize the FY24 Audit Workplan, as amended by the Internal Auditor to address any comments or concerns brought forth by members; therefore, narrowing the list of potential topics and adjusting associated objective(s) and scope to an agreed upon and achievable assignment. The vote to recommend approval of the FY24 Audit Workplan was unanimous by the Audit Committee.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. Per ordinance Sec. 1-3-1 (b) – Specific duties and responsibilities. The duties and responsibilities of the Internal Auditor shall be as follows:

    3. *Works in consultation with the Mayor and Commissioners, Audit Committee, and Manager to develop objective and plan assignments.*

2. Development of the FY24 Audit Workplan was initiated by the Operational Analysis Office staff, whom first sought potential topics for consideration through a combination of M&C outreach; discussions with ACCGov staff; existing knowledge of operational and service functions; and, a review of previous audits completed when compared to all departments/offices/courts within ACCGov.

3. Upon receiving suggestions, as well as incorporating other known topics, the Internal Auditor conducted a basic review of each to ensure appropriateness, applicability, and sufficient information. Those items that were too vague or outside the jurisdiction of the Internal Auditor's purview were either amended (if possible), or removed from further consideration.

4. In total, twelve topics were prepared for scoring using a modified risk assessment matrix which graded for the following factors:

    - Risk Occurrence (Possibility)
    - Risk Result (Severity)
    - Duplication
    - Public Perception
    - Community Impact
    - Strategic Plan Connection

    Furthermore, the preliminary results, as based upon the scale of scores, were then critiqued for both time and potential cost by the Internal Auditor, to complete the final list.

5. Upon review and discussion by the Audit Committee at both their September and October (2023) meetings, members voted to move forward with a major audit of the highest scoring

topic (Employee Recruitment, Hiring, and Orientation), acknowledging the preliminary workplan process put forth and methodology used.

6. A major, comprehensive performance audit constitutes an in-depth review of the stated objective and scope for each topic, usually occurring over a >6-month period of time. Specific details regarding the proposed analysis of Employee Recruitment, Hiring, and Orientation) are included in the FY24 Audit Workplan **(Attachment A).**

7. Additionally, the Audit Committee and Internal Auditor both agreed that it is important for all ACCGov departments/offices/courts to be reviewed on a more frequent basis, even if just to acknowledge regular, daily duties and responsibilities of the staff, resources, and services to be provided. Therefore, it was also recommended that three periodic audits (Housing & Community Development; Economic Development; Tax Assessor) be conducted, with a focus on standard issues applied more or less equally to each of the identified recipients.

8. A periodic departmental mission, operations, and internal control audit will likely entail a brief, focused review of predetermined factors surrounding the three main categories of auditing: financial, performance, and compliance. Utilizing a standard objective and prioritized scope, it will provide a basic update on a department's present position, usually occurring over a two month period of time. Specific details regarding the proposed analysis of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department; Economic Development Department; and Tax Assessor's Office are included in the FY24 Audit Workplan **(Attachment A)**.

9. The full objectives and scope of each selected audit are outlined in the FY24 Audit Workplan **(Attachment A)**, but subject to administrative modification as determined by the Audit Committee and/or Internal Auditor as circumstances may arise, provided the overall intent and contextual goals are maintained. The type of audit, topic, and primary department will remain as approved by the M&C.

10. The identification of both (1) major comprehensive performance audit; and, (3) periodic departmental mission, operations, and internal control audits within the FY24 Audit Workplan will also be accompanied by the potential for minor projects, limited-scope audits, and investigations. At the Internal Auditor's discretion, and as overseen by the Audit Committee, such activity may be conducted in an effort to address any further assignments achievable within the fiscal year, or, react to unforeseen events that warrant an immediate review by the Operational Analysis Office.

11. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov FY23-25 Strategic Plan Goals, Strategies, & Initiatives:
    - Goal Area #3, Strategies:
        A. Develop strategies to recruit, reward, and retain high performing employees, both internally and externally, including individuals coming out of the justice system.

1. *Meet current and future workforce needs.*
2. *Become an employer of choice within the community.*
3. *Encourage employee health and work life balance.*
4. *Prepare employees for their next job through succession planning, developing a clear path for growth/development.*

B. Create a culture of high performance: increase interdepartmental collaboration, events, better cross-departmental workforce strategy.
   2. *All ACCGov departments develop a departmental strategic plan with associated performance metrics.*

C. Improve programs, processes, policies and communication external and internal, assess how resources are allocated to meet existing and future needs for better service delivery and what we deliver.
   2. *Create a Technology Governance structure to prioritize systems and coordinate software improvements.*
   3. *Provide the tools staff need to improve their daily work and deliver better service to residents.*
   4. *Build capacity for continuous organizational improvement.*

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
   a. Approve the FY24 Audit Workplan as recommended by the Audit Committee **(Attachment A)**; and,
   b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.

2. Mayor and Commission do not approve the FY24 Audit Workplan.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Prepared By: Gavin Hassemer

Gavin J. Hassemer

October 5, 2023

Gavin J. Hassemer
Internal Auditor

Date:

Dexter Fisher
Audit Committee Chair

October 17, 2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b

Manager

October 12, 2023
Date:

Attachment(s):

A. FY24 Audit Workplan Recommended by the Audit Committee

Audit Committee Recommendation
FY24 Audit Workplan

The FY24 Audit Workplan consists of the following audits to be conducted by the Operational Analysis Office, or through a designated consultant, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Both major and periodic classified audits are subject to administrative changes in objective and scope as dictated by the Internal Auditor and overseen by the Audit Committee, provided the overall intent and contextual goals are maintained. The type of audit, topic, and primary department will remain as approved by the M&C.

Comprehensive Performance Audit (Major) = Constitutes an in-depth, comprehensive review of the stated objective and scope for each topic, usually occurring over a >6-month period of time.

Departmental Mission, Operations, & Internal Controls Audit (Periodic) = Constitutes a brief, focused review of predetermined factors surrounding the three main categories of auditing: financial, performance, & compliance; using a standard objective and prioritized scope that provide a basic update on a department's present position, usually occurring over a 2-month period of time.

Type	Audit Topic	Department(s)	Timeframe (Est.)
Comprehensive Performance Audit	Employee Recruitment, Hiring, & Orientation	Human Resources	6-7 months*

Objective:

- To evaluate practices related to employee recruitment, hiring, and orientation as compared to similar jurisdictions and industry standards, with consideration to the unique expectation of ACCGov. This audit will determine compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies; but, also effectiveness in achieving appropriate staffing levels. Focus will be on whether current approaches to employment are efficient, relevant, and impactful based upon present challenges to human resource functions.

Scope:

1. Map the process of recruitment, referral, interview, candidacy, and employment offer in comparison of average timeline.
2. Identify divisions/staff involved in employee recruitment, hiring, and orientation.
3. Review present approach to job marketing, advertisement, and outreach initiatives.
4. Evaluate the use of software (ex: NEOGOV) and application of any quality control measures.
5. Review policies, standard operating procedures, best practices, and regulations that govern the evaluation of applicants, including minimum qualifications, application screening, and referrals.
6. Determine potential impact(s) of benefits offered (ex: health insurance; pension) in relation to recruitment and prolonged retention of employees.
7. Review employee orientation practices, to include onboarding topics and materials, as well as probationary periods.

Type	Audit Topic	Department(s)	Timeframe (Est.)
Dept. Mission, Ops., & Internal Control Audit	Standard Review of Basic Performance, Financial, & Compliance Practices	Housing & Community Development	1-2 months*

Objective:

- The purpose of this audit is to conduct a basic review and analysis of the Housing & Community Development Department for established performance (operations) measures and sound financial management strategies to deliver exceptional service, while also ensuring compliance through internal controls.

Scope:

1. Financial Review & Analysis
    a. Review FY budget & YTD spending
    b. Determine budget oversight & confirm permissions
    c. Review purchase card (P-Card) authority; purchase order (PO) responsibility; journal entry (JE) accuracy; transfer of funds; cash handling & reimbursements
    d. Review adherence to fee collection methods and projected revenue
    e. Evaluate procurement, receipt of goods, & contract administration
    f. Timesheet accuracy & payroll processing
    g. Obtain a detailed accounting of all assets (real estate; equipment; material; resources) and review safeguards
2. Performance Review & Analysis
    a. Review service delivery based on mission statement and objectives
    b. Benchmark against self-stated performance measures
    c. Analyze organizational chart, divisions, staffing, & succession planning
    d. Identify levels of services and approach to customer service (ex: hours of operation)
    e. Review standard operating procedures (SOP) and systematic efficiency/effectiveness
    f. Highlight departmental accomplishments/awards
3. Compliance Review & Analysis
    a. Evaluate adherence to charter and ordinances
    b. Review professional accreditation or industry organization affiliation & status
    c. Review third-party internal/external audits, formal reviews, and/or accreditation reports
    d. Review inter/intra governmental/departmental agreements
    e. Review status of department strategic plan progress, as well as achievement toward M&C Strategic Goals, Commitments, & Initiatives
    f. Analyze & test adherence to existing policies/procedures/practices
    g. Review management of data, software, and degree of information technology usage
4. Apply aspects of the COSA or Green Book model of Internal Controls to the departmental functions being audited, generally, with respect to the tailored nature of this unique approach.
5. Provide other pertinent observations or points of interest made by the Internal Auditor that may warrant future examination (inefficiency, ineffectiveness; customer dissatisfaction; staff vacancies; missing records; misspending; fraud; abuse; negligence; etc.)

Type	Audit Topic	Department(s)	Timeframe (Est.)
Dept. Mission, Ops., & Internal Control Audit	Standard Review of Basic Performance, Financial, & Compliance Practices	Economic Development	1-2 months*

Objective:

- The purpose of this audit is to conduct a basic review and analysis of the Economic Development Department for established performance (operations) measures and sound financial management strategies to deliver exceptional service, while also ensuring compliance through internal controls.

Scope:

1. Financial Review & Analysis
    a. Review FY budget & YTD spending
    b. Determine budget oversight & confirm permissions
    c. Review purchase card (P-Card) authority; purchase order (PO) responsibility; journal entry (JE) accuracy; transfer of funds; cash handling & reimbursements
    d. Review adherence to fee collection methods and projected revenue
    e. Evaluate procurement, receipt of goods, & contract administration
    f. Timesheet accuracy & payroll processing
    g. Obtain a detailed accounting of all assets (real estate; equipment; material; resources) and review safeguards
2. Performance Review & Analysis
    a. Review service delivery based on mission statement and objectives
    b. Benchmark against self-stated performance measures
    c. Analyze organizational chart, divisions, staffing, & succession planning
    d. Identify levels of services and approach to customer service (ex: hours of operation)
    e. Review standard operating procedures (SOP) and systematic efficiency/effectiveness
    f. Highlight departmental accomplishments/awards
3. Compliance Review & Analysis
    a. Evaluate adherence to charter and ordinances
    b. Review professional accreditation or industry organization affiliation & status
    c. Review third-party internal/external audits, formal reviews, and/or accreditation reports
    d. Review inter/intra governmental/departmental agreements
    e. Review status of department strategic plan progress, as well as achievement toward M&C Strategic Goals, Commitments, & Initiatives
    f. Analyze & test adherence to existing policies/procedures/practices
    g. Review management of data, software, and degree of information technology usage
4. Apply aspects of the COSA or Green Book model of Internal Controls to the departmental functions being audited, generally, with respect to the tailored nature of this unique approach.
5. Provide other pertinent observations or points of interest made by the Internal Auditor that may warrant future examination (inefficiency, ineffectiveness; customer dissatisfaction; staff vacancies; missing records; misspending; fraud; abuse; negligence; etc.)

Type	Audit Topic	Department(s)	Timeframe (Est.)
Dept. Mission, Ops., & Internal Control Audit	Standard Review of Basic Performance, Financial, & Compliance Practices	Tax Assessor	1-2 months*

Objective:

- The purpose of this audit is to conduct a basic review and analysis of the Tax Assessor's Office ~~Economic Development Department~~ for established performance (operations) measures and sound financial management strategies to deliver exceptional service, while also ensuring compliance through internal controls.

Scope:

1. Financial Review & Analysis
    a. Review FY budget & YTD spending
    b. Determine budget oversight & confirm permissions
    c. Review purchase card (P-Card) authority; purchase order (PO) responsibility; journal entry (JE) accuracy; transfer of funds; cash handling & reimbursements
    d. Review adherence to fee collection methods and projected revenue
    e. Evaluate procurement, receipt of goods, & contract administration
    f. Timesheet accuracy & payroll processing
    g. Obtain a detailed accounting of all assets (real estate; equipment; material; resources) and review safeguards
2. Performance Review & Analysis
    a. Review service delivery based on mission statement and objectives
    b. Benchmark against self-stated performance measures
    c. Analyze organizational chart, divisions, staffing, & succession planning
    d. Identify levels of services and approach to customer service (ex: hours of operation)
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    f. Highlight departmental accomplishments/awards
3. Compliance Review & Analysis
    a. Evaluate adherence to charter and ordinances
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    c. Review third-party internal/external audits, formal reviews, and/or accreditation reports
    d. Review inter/intra governmental/departmental agreements
    e. Review status of department strategic plan progress, as well as achievement toward M&C Strategic Goals, Commitments, & Initiatives
    f. Analyze & test adherence to existing policies/procedures/practices
    g. Review management of data, software, and degree of information technology usage
4. Apply aspects of the COSA or Green Book model of Internal Controls to the departmental functions being audited, generally, with respect to the tailored nature of this unique approach.
5. Provide other pertinent observations or points of interest made by the Internal Auditor that may warrant future examination (inefficiency, ineffectiveness; customer dissatisfaction; staff vacancies; missing records; misspending; fraud; abuse; negligence; etc.)

Type	Audit Topic	Department(s)	Timeframe (Est.)
Minor Projects, Limited Scope Audits, & Investigations	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.

Objective:
To provide adequate flexibility for the Operational Analysis Office to initiate related projects that improve overall success; respond to unanticipated occurrences; and, allow continuous research into observed practices that may justify future analysis, per the Internal Auditor's discretion, as based on relevance, timeframe, and impact.

Scope:

1. Ongoing consideration of potential audit examination(s) in the future.
2. Development and implementation of associated initiatives to enhance the auditing function of the Operational Analysis Office and ACCGov. This may include, but not be limited to, policies, programs, and/or projects that strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of ACCGov's auditing capacity and capability.
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*Although it is the goal of the Operational Analysis Office to complete each audit listed within the estimated schedule (fiscal year), such deadlines maybe amended based on mitigating factors, as guided by the Audit Committee and Internal Auditor.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #5: Supplemental Funding for FY24 Electric Vehicle Purchases

DATE: ~~September 21, 2023~~ October 31, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:

$ 3,391,388	Program Revenues SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Tiers 1-4
$ 414,400	Fleet Replacement Fund – FY24 Contributions
$ 3,805,788	**Total Available Funding**

EXPENSES:

CAPITAL:

$ 250,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #1
$ 1,009,500	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #2
$ 90,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #3
$ 470,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #4
$ 28,502	Expensed – Project Management & Misc.
$ 151,499	Designated – Project Management & Misc., Tiers 1-4
$ 75,000	Designated – Public Art, Tiers 1-4
$ 1,182,287	Available for Other Projects
$ 549,000	**Available for Sub-Project #5**

OPERATIONAL:

$ (9,925)	Annual Fuel Savings
$ 3,850	Annual Electricity
$ (2,600)	Annual Maintenance Plan Savings
$ (8,675)	Net Annual Impact of Electric Vehicles

FUNDING SOURCE: SPLOST 2020 Project 11
Fleet Replacement Fund
Program Grants and Rebates (Amount TBD)

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the Proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #5, SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Renewable Energy Project, to allocate $134,500 to supplement electric vehicle purchases as described in **Attachment #1** and Facts and Issues #3;
b. Authorize staff to advance Sub-Project #5 directly to the bid and award phase;
c. Approve the designation of SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Sub-Project #5 as not appropriate for Public Art (**Attachment #2**);

d. Direct the Manager to have any related rebates and credits channel back to their original funding source; and,
e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On April 5, 2016, the Mayor & Commission (M&C) passed a resolution calling for the increased use of renewable energy to support operations of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov).

2. On July 3, 2018, the M&C adopted the 2018 Comprehensive Plan that was informed by the Envision Athens Action Agenda that included an environmental implementation strategy to "Increase energy efficiency, sources, and use of renewables."

3. On May 21, 2019, the M&C passed a resolution in support of transitioning to 100% renewable energy.

4. On November 5, 2019, Athens-Clarke County voters approved the SPLOST 2020 Program Referendum, which included Project #11 - Renewable Energy Project.

5. On May 12, 2021, the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) offered a recommendation in accordance with Athens-Clarke County Code Ordinance, Section 1, Title I, Chapter 1-25-6, Additional Funding for Public Art, to the M&C related to the use of public art for SPLOST 2020 Project 11 and related Sub-Projects. The ACAC recommended that the project is appropriate for public art.

6. On December 7, 2021, the M&C approved the Project Concept for Sub-Project #2 with an allocated budget of up to $1,009,500 from SPLOST 2020 Project 11 to fund an electric vehicle accelerator.

7. On August 2, 2022, the M&C voted unanimously to accept the Clean and Renewable Energy Plan, which details pathways ACCGov and the community will use to meet the renewable energy goals.

8. On September 1, 2023, the Manager's Office approved Central Services' recommendation on FY24 fleet replacement. This recommendation included the full deployment of the eleven remaining electric vehicles ordered through SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #2, plus recommendations for the purchase of eleven additional plug-in hybrid or electric vehicles.

9. On September 20, 2023, the Project Concept for Sub-Project #5 was presented to the SPLOST 2020 Project 11 User Group. The User Group unanimously voted to recommend this sub-project to the M&C.

10. On October 3, 2023, the M&C voted to approve ACCGov's participation in the Make Ready Infrastructure Program to support EV charging infrastructure at Tier I & Tier II locations.

11. On October 16, 2023, the SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee confirmed that the Proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #3 is consistent with the initial Project Statement of SPLOST 2020 Project 11.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Athens Clean and Renewable Energy Plan identifies ACCGov fleet electrification and the provision of public charging infrastructure as Tier 1 Energy Pathways that should be prioritized.

2. To date, the Fleet Division of Central Services has received seven of the electric vehicles funded by the SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #2 – EV Accelerator Project. The remaining vehicles ordered through this sub-project are projected to be deployed within this fiscal year.

3. They FY24 Fleet Replacement Program identifies up to 11 additional vehicles that are candidates for electrification. Two of these may be candidates for full funding from the forthcoming TSPLOST 2023 Project #20: Electrify the Fleet Project. The remaining nine are proposed for supplementation from SPLOST 2020 Project 11 (**Attachment #1**).

4. Despite increased year-over-year contributions to the Fleet Replacement Fund, the program has a backlog of over $11 million in vehicle/equipment that is due for replacement but deferred due to lack of funding. This backlog is projected to grow for at least the next two fiscal years. It is for this reason that a supplement from SPLOST 2020 Project 11 is required. If the project is not approved and supplemental funding is not provided, Central Services will move forward with the procurement of internal combustion vehicles in order to preserve the fiscal position of the Fleet Replacement Fund.

5. An analysis completed by staff indicates that the nine additional electric vehicles proposed in Sub-Project #5 will result in a net savings of 181 tons of CO2 and nearly $130,000 over the operational life of the vehicles (**Attachment #3**).

6. Additional charging infrastructure is needed to support the electric vehicles proposed in Sub-Project #5. Funding to support these needs is proposed in SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #6.

7. Currently, there are additional rebates available through local utilities and ACCGov is eligible to receive “elective pay” compensation from the IRS as a part of the Inflation Reduction Act. As such, staff is requesting the M&C to preauthorize all relevant rebates and credits to be applied back to their original funding source. Such funding sources may include SPLOST 2020, TSPLOST 2023, Fleet Maintenance Fund, General Fund, and/or Transit Fund. For example, in 2023, ACCGov is eligible for the federal rebate of $7,500 for each Ford F150 Lightning and $3,750 for each Ford Mach-E placed in service. These amounts vary by year with increasing program requirements.

8. The nature of the SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #5, is all vehicle purchases. Therefore, in accordance with the Public Art Ordinance exclusion for Capital Equipment Projects, even though the ACAC recommends the overall Project is appropriate for public art (History #5), staff recommends that this Sub-Project #5 be declared as not appropriate for public art.

~~9. On October 16, 2023, the Project Concept for Sub-Project #5 will be presented to the SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee to determine whether it is consistent with the Initial Project Statement for SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Renewable Energy Project. This agenda report will be updated prior to the voting meeting to reflect the vote of the Oversight Committee.~~

10. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy D: *Promote the adoption of electric vehicle technology.*

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve the Proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #5, SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Renewable Energy Project, to allocate $134,500 to supplement electric vehicle purchases as described in **Attachment #1** and Facts and Issues #3;
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    c. Approve the designation of SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Sub-Project #5 as not appropriate for Public Art (**Attachment #2**);
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    e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission do not approve Sub-Project #5, SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Renewable Energy Project.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

DEPARTMENT: Central Services
Prepared by: Andrew Saunders & Mike Wharton

Andrew Saunders
Central Services Director

10/6/2023
Date

	10/6/2023
Mike Wharton	Date
Stephen Bailey	10/6/2023
Stephen Bailey Interim Capital Projects Administrator	Date

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

	October 12, 2023
Manager	Date

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 - Project Concept for Sub-Project #5
Attachment #2 - ACAC Public Art Suitability Letter for SPLOST 2020
Attachment #3 - Net Benefits Analysis

Attachment #1
Project Concept for Sub-Project #5

Vehicle ID	Department/Division	Anticipated EV & Cost	Anticipated Gas-Engine & Cost	Net Cost	Potential Rebate
4244	Fire/Prevention	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Extended Range - $73,500	Ford F150 XLT Super Crew - $53,000	$20,500	($7,500)
4245	Fire/Prevention	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Extended Range - $73,500	Ford F150 XLT Super Crew - $53,000	$20,500	($7,500)
4232	Fire/Suppression	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Extended Range - $73,500	Ford F150 XLT Super Crew - $53,000	$20,500	($7,500)
3245103	Building Inspections/Community Protection	Ford Mach-E - $45,000	Ford Maverick XLT - $32,000	$13,000	($3,750)
3350303	Central Services/Facilities Management	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Max Tow - $65,000	Ford F150 XLT Super Crew & Max Tow - $55,000	$10,000	($7,500)
3345306	Central Services/Landscape Management	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Max Tow - $65,000	Ford F150 XLT Super Crew & Max Tow - $55,000	$10,000	($7,500)
2931101	Public Utilities/Water Business Office	Toyota Prius Prime Plug-In Hybrid - $34,000	Toyota Prius - $28,000	$6,000	$0
1410103	State Court Solicitor	Ford Mach-E - $45,000	Toyota Prius - $28,000	$17,000	($3,750)
2833310	Transportation & Public Works/Stormwater	Ford F150 Lightning XLT Extended Range & Max Tow - $74,500	Ford F250 XLT Super Crew - $57,500	$17,000	($7,500)
	Total Cost	**$549,000**	**$414,500**	**$134,500**	**($52,000)**

ATHENS
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May 12, 2021

To SPLOST, Mayor & Commission,

At our May meeting (May 10, 2021), the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) met, discussed, and voted on the SPLOST 2020 project list, and the following are our determinations of which SPLOST 2020 projects should have a public art component.

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Project 5: Fire Department Equipment
Project 7: E911 Phone System Replacement
Project 8: Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment
Project 9: Mobile Medical Services Facility
Project 12: Greenspace Acquisition & Sustainability
Project 14: Athens West Park
Project 22: Broadband Connectivity Enhancement
Project 27: Facilities Equipment/Systems Replacement
Project 36: City of Winterville Projects
Project 37: Town of Bogart Projects

ACAC is in our 10th year, and it has taken a lot of intergovernmental collaboration to get where we have. We thank the SPLOST Office, Mayor & Commission, and various ACCGov employees for their continued advocacy, work, and imagination as we all work to build an Athens that "looks how it feels." ACAC pledges to continue its devotion to enhancing the aesthetic development of built environment throughout our county, through these SPLOST projects and beyond.

Sincerely,

Andrew Salinas
Athens Cultural Affairs Commission, Chairperson

Attachment #3
Net Benefits Analysis

Base Vehicle						Electric Vehicle						Net Savings	
Make/Model	Efficiency (MPG)	120,000 CO2 (Tons)	120,000 Fuel Cost	15 yr. Maintenance Cost	15 Year Operating Cost	Make/Model	Efficiency (miles/kWh)	120,000 CO2 (Tons)	120,000 Fuel Cost	15 yr. Maintenance Cost	15 Year Operating Cost	CO2 Savings (Tons)	Operating Savings
Ford F150 - Super Crew	23	52.2	$18,261	$15,135	$33,396	F150 Lightning	2	30.3	$7,200	$10,595	$17,795	21.9	$15,601
Ford F150 - Super Crew	23	52.2	$18,261	$15,135	$33,396	F150 Lightning	2	30.3	$7,200	$10,595	$17,795	21.9	$15,601
Ford F150 - Super Crew	23	52.2	$18,261	$15,135	$33,396	F150 Lightning	2	30.3	$7,200	$10,595	$17,795	21.9	$15,601
Ford Maverick XLT	40	30.0	$10,500	$15,135	$25,635	Ford Mach-E	2.9	20.9	$4,966	$10,595	$15,560	9.1	$10,075
Ford F150 - Super Crew	23	52.2	$18,261	$15,135	$33,396	F150 Lightning	2	30.3	$7,200	$10,595	$17,795	21.9	$15,601
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Toyota Prius	57	21.1	$7,368	$12,075	$19,443	Toyota Prius Prime	3.2	18.9	$4,500	$8,453	$12,953	2.1	$6,491
Toyota Prius	57	21.1	$7,368	$12,075	$19,443	Ford Mach-E	2.9	20.9	$4,966	$8,453	$13,418	0.2	$6,025
Ford F250 - Super Crew	13	92.3	$32,308	$15,135	$47,443	F150 Lightning	1.9	31.9	$7,579	$10,595	$18,173	60.4	$29,269
	Totals	**425**	**$148,849**	**$130,095**	**$278,944**		**Totals**	**244**	**$58,010**	**$91,067**	**$149,076**	**181**	**$129,867**

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #6: Funding Allocation to Support Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

DATE: ~~September 21, 2023~~ October 31, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES: **$ 3,391,388** **Program Revenues SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Tiers 1-4**

EXPENSES:

CAPITAL:

$ 250,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #1
$ 1,009,500	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #2
$ 90,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #3
$ 470,000	Designated/Encumbered/Expenses – Sub-Project #4
$ 134,500	Proposed SPLOST Allocation – Sub-Project #5
$ 28,502	Expensed – Project Management & Misc.
$ 151,499	Designated – Project Management & Misc., Tiers 1-4
$ 75,000	Designated – Public Art, Tiers 1-4
$ 752,287	Available for Other Projects
$ 430,000	**Available for Sub-Project #6**

OPERATIONAL:

FUNDING SOURCE: SPLOST 2020 Project 11
Georgia Power Make Ready Infrastructure Program
Program Grants and Rebates (Amount TBD)

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the Proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #6, SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Renewable Energy Project, to allocate $430,000 to support ACCGov's electric vehicle charging infrastructure needs, as described in Facts & Issues #10;
b. Authorize staff to advance Sub-Project #6 directly to the bid and award phase;
c. Approve the designation of SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Sub-Project #6 as not appropriate for Public Art (**Attachment #1**);
d. Direct the Manager to have any related rebates and credits channel back to their original funding source; and,
e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On April 5, 2016, the Mayor & Commission (M&C) passed a resolution calling for the increased use of renewable energy to support operations of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov).

2. In 2016, ACCGov received grant funding to install seven Level II electric vehicle (EV) chargers at the Library, Park and Ride, Bishop Park, and W. Washington Street Parking Deck.

3. On July 3, 2018, the M&C adopted the 2018 Comprehensive Plan that was informed by the Envision Athens Action Agenda that included an environmental implementation strategy to "Increase energy efficiency, sources, and use of renewables."

4. On May 21, 2019, the M&C passed a resolution in support of transitioning to 100% renewable energy.

5. On November 5, 2019, Athens-Clarke County voters approved the SPLOST 2020 Program Referendum. Which included Project #11 - Renewable Energy Project.

6. On May 12, 2021, the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) offered a recommendation in accordance with Athens-Clarke County Code Ordinance, Section 1, Title I, Chapter 1-25-6, Additional Funding for Public Art, to the M&C related to the use of public art for SPLOST 2020 Project 11 and related Sub-Projects. The ACAC recommended that the project is appropriate for public art.

7. On December 7, 2021, the M&C approved the Project Concept for Sub-Project #2 with an allocated budget of up to $1,009,500 from SPLOST 2020 Project 11 to fund an electric vehicle accelerator.

8. On May 24, 2022, Athens-Clarke County voters approved the TSPLOST 2023 Program Referendum, which included Project #20 – Electrify the Fleet.

9. On July 21, 2022, the Georgia Public Service Commission approved the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan for Georgia Power. Amongst many things, this plan details commitments from Georgia Power to expand the use of electric vehicles and decrease the use of fossil fuels.

10. On August 2, 2022, the M&C voted unanimously to accept the Clean and Renewable Energy Plan, which details pathways ACCGov and the community will use to meet the renewable energy goals.

11. On December 20, 2022, the Georgia Public Service Commission approved the 2022 Rate Case for Georgia Power. Amongst many things, the Rate Case approved investments in grid infrastructure, including an allocation of $53 million to support the Make Ready Infrastructure Program over the next three years.

12. On August 23, 2023, ACCGov submitted nonbinding applications for six Tier I sites to the Make

Ready Infrastructure Program for the following ACCGov-owned locations:

- Facilities/Landscape Mgmt. 2055 Lexington Road
- ACCPD East Precinct 3035 Lexington Road
- Streets & Drainage 605 Spring Valley Road
- ACCPD East Substation 385 Fairview Street
- Courthouse Parking Deck 325 E. Washington Street
- Fleet Management 225 Newton Bridge Road

13. On September 1, 2023, the Manager's Office approved Central Services' recommendation on FY24 fleet replacement. This recommendation included the full deployment of the eleven remaining electric vehicles ordered through SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #2, plus recommendations for the purchase of eleven additional plug-in hybrid or electric vehicles. Nine of these vehicles are proposed for supplemental funding from SPLOST 2020, Project 11, Sub-Project #5.

14. On September 20, 2023, the Project Concept for Sub-Project #6 was presented to the SPLOST 2020 Project 11 User Group. The User Group unanimously voted to recommend this sub-project to the M&C.

15. On October 3, 2023, the M&C voted to approve ACCGov's participation in the Make Ready Infrastructure Program to support EV charging infrastructure at Tier I & Tier II locations. This program may contribute as much as $1,200,000 to ACCGov's efforts to deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the county.

16. On October 16, 2023, the SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee confirmed that the Proposed Project Concept for Sub-Project #3 is consistent with the initial Project Statement of SPLOST 2020 Project 11.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Athens Clean and Renewable Energy Plan identifies ACCGov fleet electrification and the provision of public charging infrastructure as Tier 1 Energy Pathways that should be prioritized.

2. To date, the Fleet Division of Central Services has received seven of the electric vehicles funded by the SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #2 – EV Accelerator Project. The remaining vehicles ordered through this sub-project are projected to be deployed within this fiscal year.

3. The FY24 Fleet Replacement Program identifies up to 11 additional vehicles that are candidates for electrification. Two of these may be candidates for full funding from the forthcoming TSPLOST 2023 Project #20: Electrify the Fleet Project. The remaining nine a proposed for a supplement from SPLOST 2020 Project 11, Sub-Project #5.

4. Significant amounts of charging infrastructure are required as ACCGov scales the use of

electric vehicles. Every installation site differs, but costs can range anywhere from $10,000 to $250,000 depending on the number of chargers, the condition of the existing infrastructure, and the complexity of the installation.

5. The Make Ready Infrastructure Program is a partnership where Georgia Power owns, installs, and maintains core electric vehicle infrastructure, and the customer owns, installs, and maintains the actual electric vehicle chargers. Equipment supported by Georgia Power may include electrical panels, wiring, conduit, switches, and other similar electrical equipment.

6. Eligible sites for the Make Ready Infrastructure Program must be served by Georgia Power and immediately deploy a minimum of six Level II electric vehicle chargers or one DC Fast Charger. Because ACCGov is a governmental entity, the chargers may either be publicly accessible or available for fleet use only.

7. The investments made by Georgia Power are site-specific and are capped at $200,000 per site. ACCGov's investments vary by site, but may include upgrades for future EV charger deployment, non-networked Level II chargers (~$2,500 per unit), networked Level II chargers (~$6,000 per unit), and/or DC Fast Chargers ($50,000+ per unit).

8. ACCGov has submitted applications to the Make Ready Infrastructure program for six tier I sites and may submit applications for eight additional Tier II sites if the demand for charging infrastructure at these locations increases to the minimum program requirements.

9. Additional charging infrastructure will be needed at locations other than the Tier I and Tier II Make Ready Infrastructure Program sites. These will predominately be sites served by other utility providers and/or locations where fewer than six chargers are needed. Funding is needed to support electric vehicle charger deployment at these sites.

10. Sub-Project #2 for SPLOST 2020 Project 11 included approximately $61,500 to purchase EV chargers. This funding is sufficient to purchase the charging units for the vehicles purchased in Sub-Project #2, only if these installations are completed using in-house resources. While some of this work has already been completed in-house, the overall demand for additional EV chargers and the opportunity for supplemental funding from utility companies outstrips Central Services' current ability to implement these projects exclusively in-house. If approved, Sub-Project #6 allocates $430,000 to be used to support a broad array of equipment purchases, materials, and contracted services required to support ACCGov's evolving charging needs.

11. The TSPLOST 2023 Project #20, Electrify the Fleet project will fully-fund the cost of electric vehicles used to support of transportation, including approximately 50 light duty vehicles. As these vehicles are purchased and deployed, there will be a significant need to upgrade electrical infrastructure and charging equipment to support them. It is likely that once constituted, the User Group for TSPLOST 2023 Project #20 will be asked to consider an additional proposal to add funding to supplement ACCGov's EV charging needs at TSPLOST-

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12. Currently, there are additional rebates available through local utilities and ACCGov is eligible to receive "elective pay" compensation from the IRS as a part of the Inflation Reduction Act. As such, staff is requesting the M&C to preauthorize all relevant rebates and credits to be applied back to their original funding source. Such funding sources may include SPLOST 2020, TSPLOST 2023, Fleet Maintenance Fund, General Fund, and/or Transit Fund. For example, in 2023,

13. There is also significant grant funding available as a result of Build Back Better and the Inflation Reduction Acts. Such grants include the Charging and Fuelling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant, and the FTA grant for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. Staff will continue to monitor for grant opportunities and propose submittals for projects that can further leverage ACCGov investments in EV charging infrastructure.

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15. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy D: *Promote the adoption of electric vehicle technology.*

OPTIONS:

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2. Mayor and Commission do not approve Sub-Project #6, SPLOST 2020 Project 11 Renewable Energy Project.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

DEPARTMENT: Central Services
Prepared by: Andrew Saunders & Mike Wharton

Andrew Saunders Central Services Director	10/6/22 Date
Mike Wharton Sustainability Officer	10.5.2023 Date
Stephen Bailey Interim Capital Projects Administrator	10/6/22 Date

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

Manager	October 12, 2023 Date

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment #1 - ACAC Public Art Suitability Letter for SPLOST 2020

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Project 7: E911 Phone System Replacement
Project 8: Public Safety Vehicle & Equipment
Project 9: Mobile Medical Services Facility
Project 12: Greenspace Acquisition & Sustainability
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Project 27: Facilities Equipment/Systems Replacement
Project 36: City of Winterville Projects
Project 37: Town of Bogart Projects

ACAC is in our 10th year, and it has taken a lot of intergovernmental collaboration to get where we have. We thank the SPLOST Office, Mayor & Commission, and various ACCGov employees for their continued advocacy, work, and imagination as we all work to build an Athens that "looks how it feels." ACAC pledges to continue its devotion to enhancing the aesthetic development of built environment throughout our county, through these SPLOST projects and beyond.

Sincerely,

Andrew Salinas
Athens Cultural Affairs Commission, Chairperson

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements – Proposed Project Schematic Design

DATE: September 19, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$	5,794,740	SPLOST 2020 Funding (All Tiers)
EXPENSES:			
CAPITAL:	$	108,257	Expensed or Encumbered
	$	385,577	Designated Design Fees
	$	224,163	Designated Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment
	$	312,609	Designated Misc., Testing, PM Fees, & Permitting
	$	35,700	Designated Public Art
	$	1,158,948	Designated Design & Construction Contingency
	$	3,569,486	Available for Construction

FUNDING SOURCE: SPLOST 2020 Project 16

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the Proposed Project Schematic Design for SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements Project, as provided on **Attachment #1**;

b. Authorize staff to complete the Construction Documents and to advance the project to the Bid & Award Phase in accordance with the approved Schematic Design, based on funding availability; and,

c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. In 1945, 54 acres of land was purchased through donations from individuals that later formed the board of directors for Athens Memorial Park.

2. On May 19, 1946, the park was dedicated and opened to the public.

3. In 1949, further park improvements were made including planting of 400 dogwood trees, hard surfacing of the park road, and construction of picnic areas. At that time the park hosted

swimming programs, summer camps, holiday celebrations, and club activities.

4. On February 27, 1950, title of the property was signed and given to the Mayor and City Council of Athens for $200.

5. In the mid-1950s, donations resulted in the creation of the zoo, and almost all staffing was volunteer based. The animals from the zoo came from the private backyard collections of individuals.

6. In 1955, a ten-acre pen was built in the park to serve as a natural exhibit and base for raising deer for release into the area. This was known as the Deer Game Reserve Project.

7. In April 1958, $3,500 of the Recreation Department's Budget was matched by the Mayor and Council to fund renovations to the former hospital building resulted in the creation of the "Memorial Park Teen Canteen." The Junior League of Athens and local businesses also contributed to the project.

8. In 1972, a bond referendum funded renovations to the buildings and park property. In addition to the building renovations, the dirt road leading to the lake area was paved. Roadside curbing was added to prevent erosion and an arched bridge was erected by the student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Materials for the bridge were donated by the Athens Kiwanis Club. Two smaller bridges, split rail fences, and a playhouse/slide were constructed. The Birchmore Property was opened up for a trail that circled the ravine on the property.

9. In 1974, $54,000 was allotted to construct a maintenance centre at Memorial Park and purchase maintenance equipment.

10. In the 1980s the zoo became known as the Bear Hollow Wildlife Trail. The zoo was rebuilt with support from the public. $20,000 in funding was obtained from a Land and Water Conservation Grant. The grant funds were matched locally. The mission of the zoo also changed at this time. Emphasis was placed on wildlife education, and only non-releasable native species could be housed at Bear Hollow Zoo.

11. On April 22, 1999, the Fred Birchmore Nature Trail was dedicated. Dr. Walter Cook and volunteers constructed the new trail.

12. In 2001, the dog park was constructed on the hill above the lake opposite of the main park area.

13. In 2003, the Bear Hollow Animal Healthcare Facility was constructed with SPLOST 2000 funding.

14. In 2004, SPLOST 2000 funds renovated the former hospital building and added a black box

theatre to the structure in order to house Athens Creative Theatre.

15. In February 2014, SPLOST 2011 funds were used to dredge and reconstruct the forebay and spillway that feed the lake. The work was completed through a partnership between Leisure Services and Transportation and Public Works (TPW).

16. On June 13, 2017, Park Planning Staff conducted an internal department staff kick-off session for the Memorial Park Vision project.

17. In June 2017, visioning meetings were held for the public. There was an opportunity for online input. There were 41 meeting attendees and 294 comments collected.

18. In August 2017, on-call design professional WR Toole Engineers, Inc. compiled a hydrology summary, for Memorial Park, that outlined the inadequate size of the forebay and made recommendations for improving it.

19. In October 2017, Park Planning Staff conducted public input sessions on three draft vision concepts. Staff also conducted pop up input sessions in the park. An online input opportunity was provided from October 9-24, 2017. There were 44 meeting attendees, and 91 comments received both online and in person.

20. In January 2018, Park Planning staff conducted a final public review session of the full master plan document. An online input opportunity was provided from January 25 - February 15, 2018. There were 28 meeting attendees, and 20 surveys were completed.

21. On the weekend of March 17, 2018, the forebay dam failed. Transportation & Public Works staff made emergency repairs the following week.

22. On May 1, 2018, Mayor & Commission (M&C) approved the Memorial Park Master Plan. The approved Master Plan can be found at https://www.accgov.com/DocumentCenter/View/47726/Memorial-Park-Master-Plan

23. On November 16, 2018, staff submitted the Memorial Park Phase 1 Park Improvements (https://www.accgov.com/8920/16-Memorial-Park-Improvements-Project) for consideration by the SPLOST 2020 Advisory Committee. The initial submission requested $7,881,000 for critical repairs to the park's stormwater facilities, redevelopment of vehicular and pedestrian circulation, improvements to the dog park area, replacement of the playground, picnic shelter upgrades, replacement of plumbing fixtures, and renovation of restrooms.

24. On February 18, 2019, at the request of the SPLOST 2020 Advisory Committee, staff submitted an alternate project budget amount of $6,629,000 with a reduced project scope (https://www.accgov.com/8920/16-Memorial-Park-Improvements-Project) to include the primary focus of Memorial Park's Phase 1 Park Improvements to replace failed structures that

have come to hinder the Park's ability to function as well as improving stormwater infrastructure's ability to serve the surrounding 150 acre watershed.

25. On July 10, 2019, the M&C held a Special Called Work Session to review the proposed SPLOST 2020 Initial Project Statements and finalize project costs ahead of the vote on Final Projects for the referendum. The M&C did not vote, but consensus was reached through a Commission-generated spreadsheet, that many project budgets should be reduced to provide available funding to add additional projects to the list. Among those cut, the previously approved budget of $7,884,000 for the Memorial Park's Phase 1 Park Improvements was cut 25% to $5,913,000, with no specific reduction in scope.

26. On November 5, 2019, Athens-Clarke County (ACC) voters approved the SPLOST 2020 Program Referendum. This Referendum included the Memorial Park Improvements (SPLOST 2020 Project 16).

27. On May 12, 2021, the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) recommended that SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements be designated as appropriate for public art with a budget amount of 1% of the proposed construction budget.

28. On June 1, 2021, the M&C approved the Master Implementation Plan and Funding Schedule for the SPLOST 2020 Program. The SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements, included funding programmed for Tiers #2, #3, & #4.

29. On December 21, 2021, Manager Williams established a User Group for the project, consisting of Cary Ritzler, Dana Skelton, Kevin Barnes, John McKinney, Alex Bond, and Rani Katreeb.

30. On June 7, 2022, the User Group approved the potential projects list that was released for additional public input.

31. On June 13, 2022, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) hosted an online public input survey for prioritization of potential projects list.

32. Between June 13, 2022 and July 10, 2022, staff hosted three community engagement events to encourage participation in the public input survey. Flyers were also distributed to Summer Campers, and postcards were mailed to residents within 0.5 miles of Memorial Park.

33. On July 10, 2022, the online public input survey was closed. In total, 115 responses were received with 450 written comments; these responses were used by the User Group to develop the proposed project prioritization list.

34. On September 20, 2022, the User Group recommended to proceed with moving the Proposed Project Concept in priority order for consideration by the SPLOST 2020 Citizen Oversight Committee and M&C during the November/December voting cycle.

35. On October 19, 2022, the SPLOST 2020 Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) met and reviewed the Proposed Project Concept/Priority Project recommendations as compared with the Initial Project Statement for SPLOST 2020, Project 16 – Memorial Park Improvements Project. The COC, by unanimous vote, confirmed that the proposed concept/priority project recommendation is consistent with the Initial Project Statement for Project #16 of SPLOST 2020.

36. On November 10, 2022, staff presented the Proposed Project Concept to the M&C at the November work session. Some commissioners requested that staff and the User Group investigate feasibility of converting the existing Pondside Loop Drive into a two-way drive with a turn-around and eliminating a portion of the where erosion issues are occurring.

37. Between November 2022 through February 2023, the User Group and design professionals looked at several options to determine the feasibility of the option requested by M&C at the work session (History #36)

38. On February 28, 2023, the User Group recommended to proceed with moving the revised Proposed Project Concept in priority order and forward to M&C consideration during the March/April voting cycle.

39. On March 14, 2023, staff presented the Proposed Project Concept to the M&C at the March work session.

40. On April 4, 2023, M&C approved the Proposed Project Concept, authorize staff to advance the “Must Have” project items to the schematic design phase, based on funding availability, and approved the ACAC designation for public art with a budget amount of $35,700.

41. On August 2, 2023, ACCGov hosted online public input survey to receive feedback on Project Schematic Designs.

42. Between August 2, 2023 and September 3, 2023, staff hosted one in-person and one passive community engagement events to encourage participation in the public input survey. Postcards were mailed to residents within 0.5 miles of Memorial Park.

43. On September 3, 2023, the online public input survey was closed. In total, 209 responses were received with 136 written comments; these responses were used by the User Group to develop the Proposed Schematic Design.

44. On September 19, 2023, the User Group recommended to proceed with the one-way design configuration for the Pondside Drive.

45. On October 10, 2023, staff presented the Proposed Schematic Design to the M&C at the October work session.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Initial Project Statement of SPLOST 2020 Project 16 reads as follows:

   ***Memorial Park Improvements**, project will provide funding for the redevelopment/renovation of areas within Memorial Park. Depending upon costs and funding availability, these areas may include, but not be limited to, the dog park area, playground, picnic shelter(s), trails, renovation of restrooms to comply with ADA standards, other park elements as may be needed, and general infrastructure, such as improvements to stormwater facilities which may include design and construction of items such as dredging and enlarging the lake's forebay, increasing the capacity of the forebay's spillway, draining and dredging the lake, removing the island, restoration of the lake's edge habitat, dam repairs, reconstruction of the dam's emergency spillway, and replacement of ancillary stormwater infrastructure including, but not limited to, drainage swales, culverts, catch basins, retaining walls, curb and gutter, or any other required elements as specified by engineers. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.*

2. Memorial Park currently consists of 72 acres of undeveloped forested land and 18 acres of developed land. Park amenities include Memorial Pond, fishing in the pond, three picnic shelters, Bear Hollow Zoo, a swimming pool, a playground, a dog park, and the Fred Birchmore Trail. The recreation building includes administrative offices, a recreation hall, two outdoor basketball courts, and a black box theatre housing Athens Creative Theatre. There are currently 97 parking spaces available in Memorial Park.

3. Stormwater management is a significant issue for Memorial Park. A draft watershed management report generated by TPW found 14 deficiencies in the stormwater management system for Memorial Park. The major areas of concern are the forebay and pond, zoo, dog park, and the area near Lumpkin Street. In August 2017, WR Toole Engineers, Inc. compiled a hydrology summary that outlined the inadequate size of the forebay and made recommendations for improving it (History #18).

4. The forebay dam failed on the weekend of March 17, 2018. TPW made emergency repairs the following week (History #21). The life expectancy of the repair is unknown because of the inadequate size of the forebay (F&I #3) and the rapid pace of silt accumulation in the forebay. The pond and forebay both are in need of dredging, and all of the stormwater pipes that feed into the lake are clogged with sediment.

5. Vehicular infrastructure for Memorial Park is inadequate. The roads are deteriorating, and there is not enough parking to support the activities held at the park. Park patrons routinely park along the surrounding neighborhood streets in order to gain access to the park. In the past, school buses have gotten stuck on the roadway going down the hill toward the lake because of the erosion along the side of the roads. Both staff and patrons have identified additional parking as a need for the park.

6. Pedestrian infrastructure at the park is inadequate, poorly located, and improvements are needed to provide connectivity between the park's amenities.

7. The M&C approved Memorial Park Master Plan (History #22) (https://www.accgov.com/DocumentCenter/View/47726/Memorial-Park-Master-Plan) which ultimately guided the voter-approved referendum statement, was used to in the development of the Proposed Project Concept. Based on the approved Master Plan, the stormwater issues were the highest need.

8. From the Master Plan, staff and the User Group developed a list of 55 needed work elements and then categorized them into 17 potential projects. Based on similarity of work and for easier scoring, those 17 potential projects were sorted into 4 categories including:
   - Forebay and Pond Improvements
   - Pedestrian Circulation and Safety Improvements
   - Vehicular Circulation and Parking Improvements
   - Playground and Picnic Shelter Improvements.

9. All of these potential projects were released for public input (History #31, #32 & #33).

10. From the online Public Input Survey, the previous studies, and the practical order of work needed to preserve existing infrastructure with the funds available, the User Group developed the Proposed Project Concept by categorizing the potential projects into "Must Haves", "Highly Wanted and" Nice to Haves". Based on the concept cost estimates, the currently available budget, is likely to be insufficient for all the Must Haves. However, staff is recommending advancing all of the Must Haves of the Proposed Project Concept to the Schematic Design Phase with the knowledge that some of the projects may need to be included as alternates.

11. At the M&C work session (History #36), staff was asked to reduce the potential for pedestrian vehicular conflicts by eliminating the southern half of the loop drive in favor of a two-way road along the northern half of the loop with a cul-de-sac turn around. The Commission asked the Manager to work with staff to investigate the option of converting the one-way loop drive to a two-way cul-de-sac drive. It is feasible to make that conversion. However, this type of change has ripple impacts to stormwater, pedestrian access, ADA access, and future phases of the approved Master Plan improvements. Therefore, staff recommends that the change in drive patterns be further evaluated and presented to the public, along with other design alternatives, during the progression from Project Concept to Schematic Design. As a result of the additional evaluation and public input, the User Group would make recommendations on the drive configurations when the Schematic Design is presented.

12. The User Group held multiple meetings between April and July 2023 reviewing iterations of the Schematic Designs.

13. The Public Input Survey for Schematic Design included two different pondside drive configurations – One-way Loop Drive Design and Two-way Drive Design along with Pond and Forebay Improvements design, as shown in **Attachment #2**.

14. The summary of 209 responses received through public input survey indicates members of the community are in favor of the One-way Loop Drive Design. The complete list of public input comments is found in **Attachment #3**. (History #41, #42, #43)

15. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy 6A: *Develop well-planned new infrastructure according to future land use values and framework*.
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy 6C: *Provide adequate funding for maintenance of existing and newly constructed infrastructure*.
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy 6E: *Address ecosystem health, infrastructure sustainability, and resilience*.

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
   a. Approve the Proposed Project Schematic Design for SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements Project, as provided on **Attachment #1**;

   b. Authorize staff to complete the Construction Documents and to advance the project to the Bid & Award Phase in accordance with the approved Schematic Design, based on funding availability; and

   c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission deny the Proposed Project Schematic Design for SPLOST 2020 Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements Project, as provided on **Attachment #1**.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b & c

DEPARTMENT: Prepared by: Madhuri Angadi/Diana Jackson, SPLOST Project Administrator, for

Stephen Bailey, Interim Director of Capital Projects — 10/4/2023 Date

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b & c

Manager

October 10, 2023
Date:

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment #1 – Proposed Schematic Design
Attachment #2 –Schematic Designs for Public Input
Attachment #3 – Public Input Comments

Memorial Park Schematics

Pedestrian & Vehicular Improvements for One-Way Access Road

Existing Parking:
Upper Parking Area = 43 Spaces (Includes 2 ADA)
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Hillside Parking Area = 6 Spaces
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Proposed Parking:
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New drop-off area and bus parking
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Maintain trail connections
Lower Pond

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Project Characteristics:

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Project V2: Entrance Parking Lot Renovation
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Memorial Park Schematics

Pond Improvements

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1) Remove silt/sediment from forebay.
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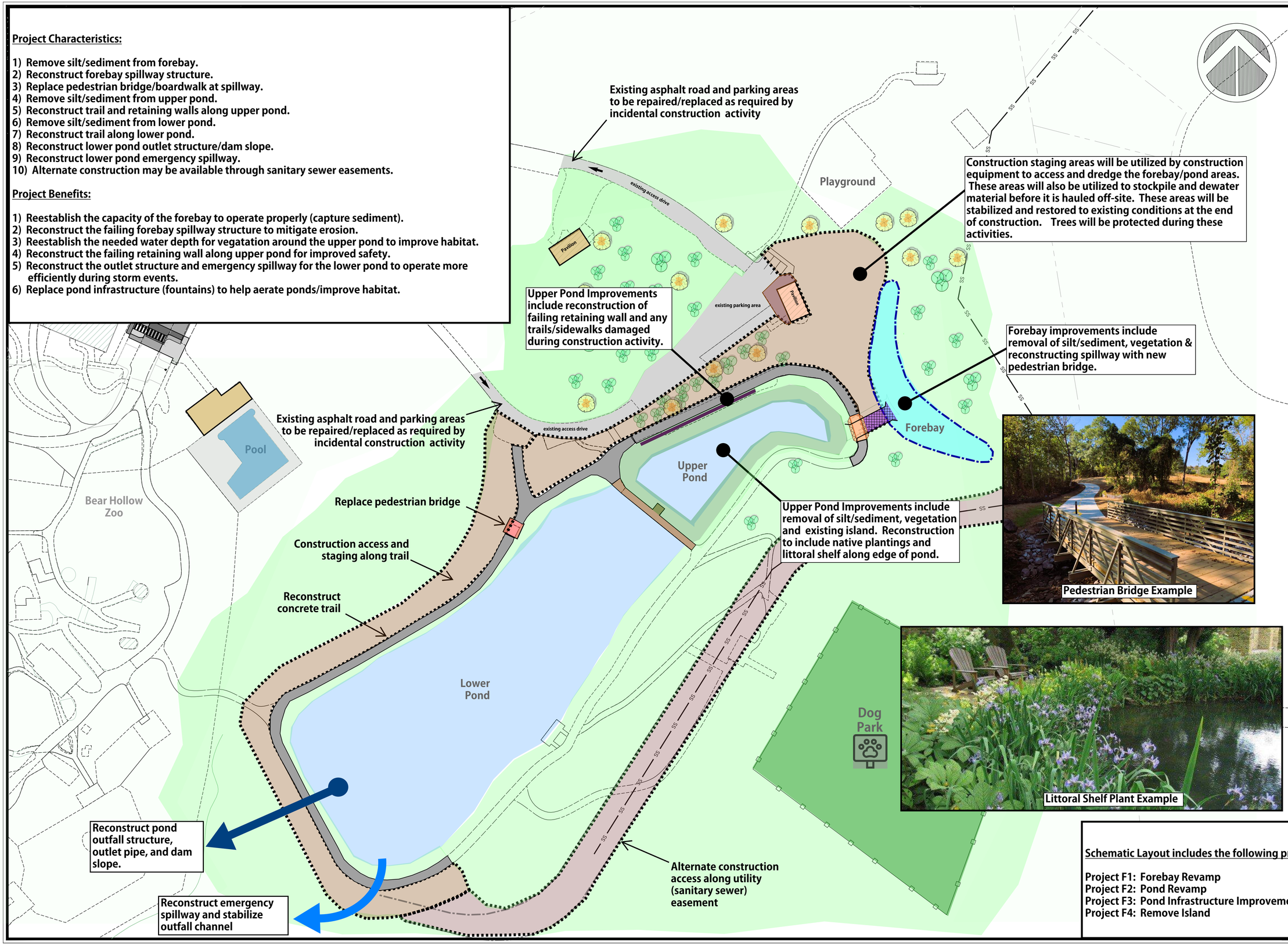

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Littoral Shelf Plant Example

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Memorial Park Schematics

Typical ACC Leisure Services Park Amenities and Aesthetics

Retaining Wall Materials

Granite Block

Concrete Block (Redi-rock)

Concrete Segmental Block

Cast-in-Place Concrete

Forebay Spillway Materials

Concrete/Rock

Gabion Wall/Mattress

Park Benches

Park Signs & Bicycle Racks

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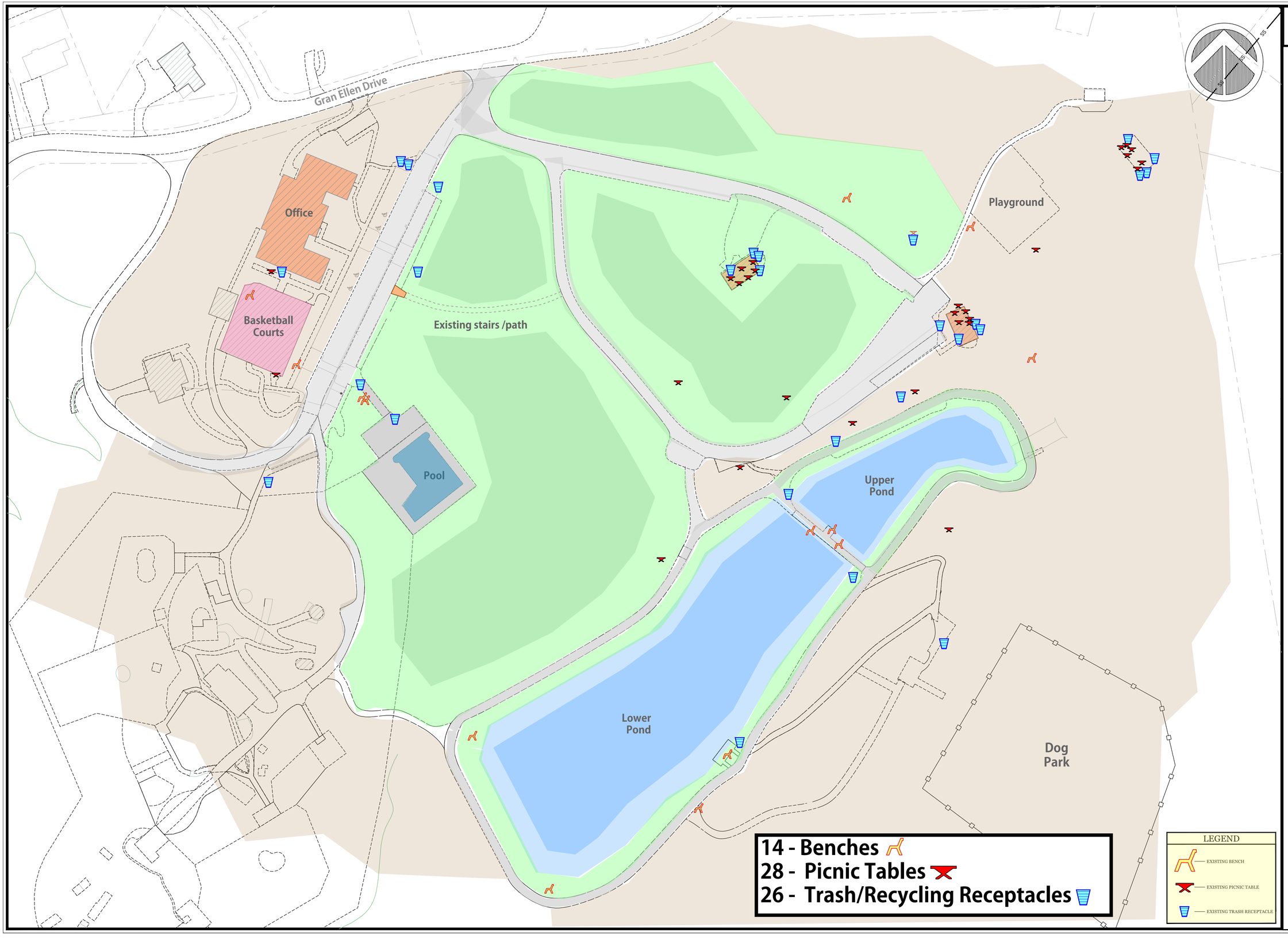
Memorial Park Schematics

Park Amenity Locations



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Pedestrian & Vehicular Improvements for Two-Way Access Road

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New retaining walls
New pedestrian plaza
Existing asphalt road to be improved with stormwater infrastructure and remain for pedestrian use only
New retaining walls
Pool
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Upper Pond
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Lower Pond

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3) Reconstruct lower parking area for two-way traffic.
4) Remove loop access road and reconstruct/widen two-way access road.
5) Construct new sidewalks and crosswalks.
6) Construct stormwater infrastructure including water quality elements.

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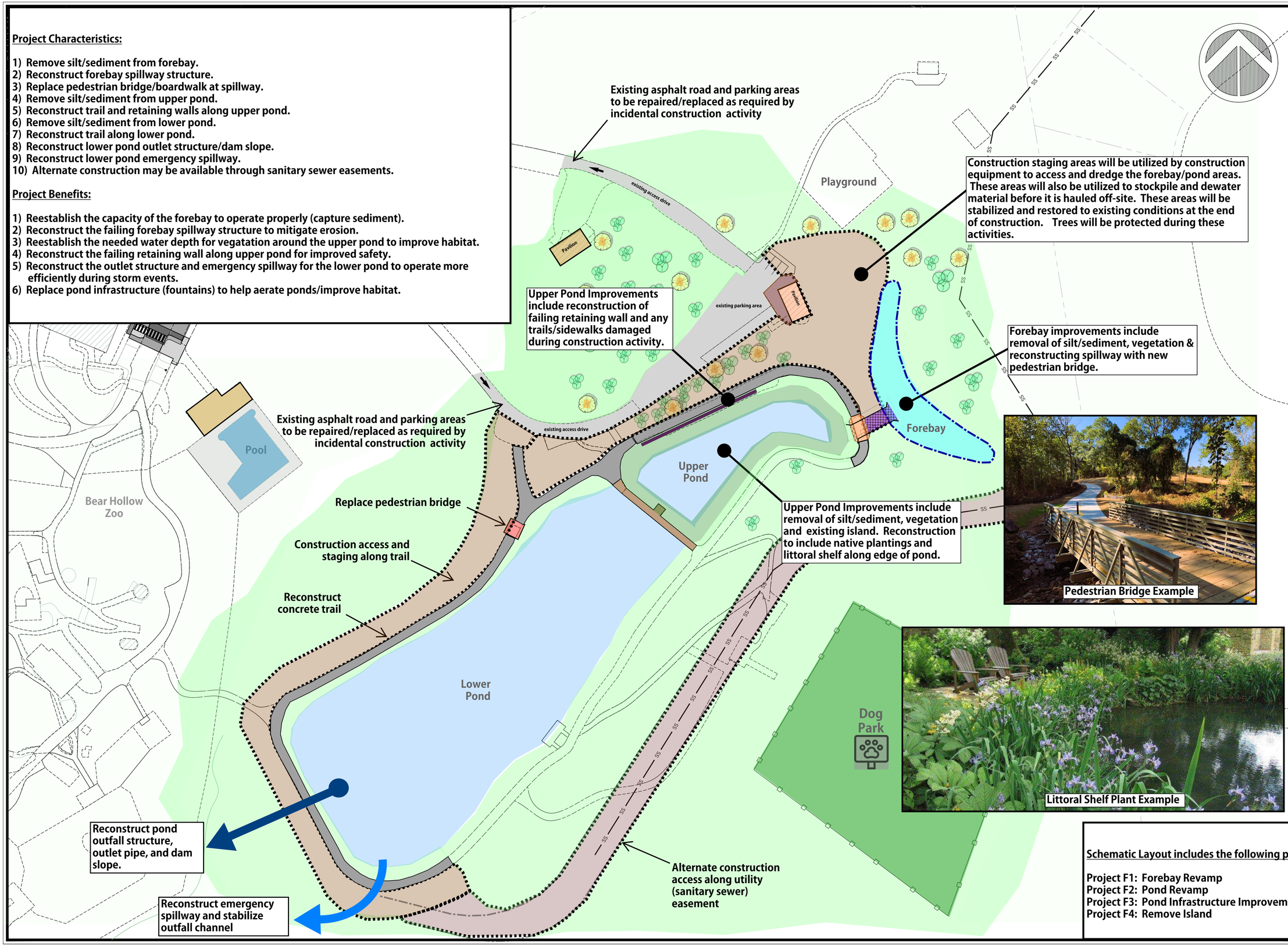

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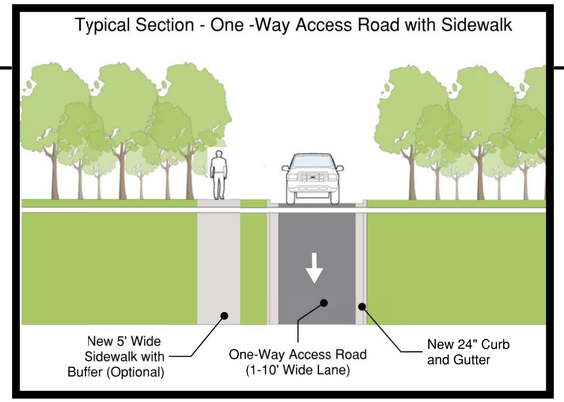
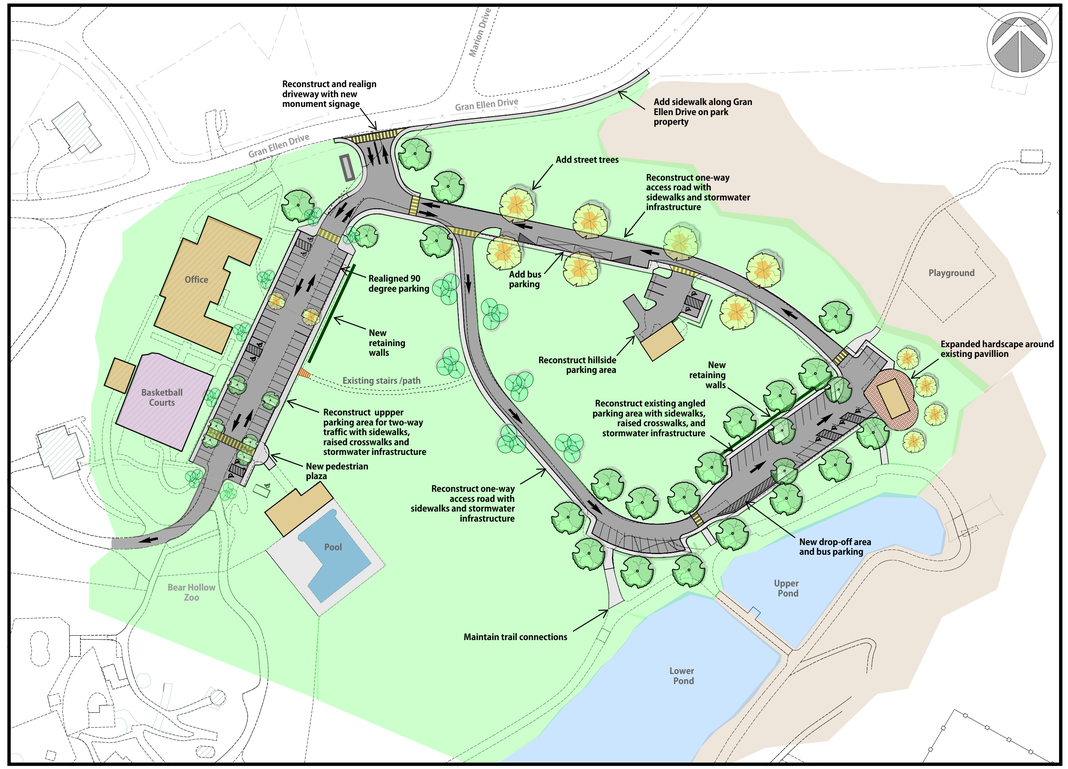
One-Way and Two-Way Road Comparison

One-Way Loop Pond Access Road

Pros:
1) Maintains familiar counter-clockwise vehicular movement.
2) Lower construction cost.
3) Easier access for buses and maintenance vehicles.
4) Creates a "drop-off" area adjacent to pond.
5) Easier for staff to maintain.
6) Consistent with Master Plan for new parking deck.
7) Fewer conflict points between pedestrians/vehicles.

Cons:
1) No ADA access from upper parking area to lower parking area. New sidewalks exceed 5% grade.

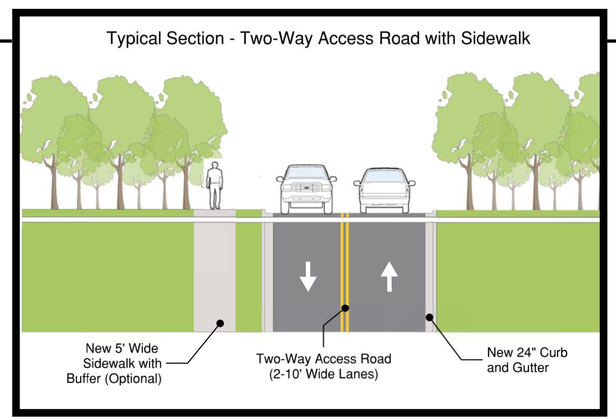


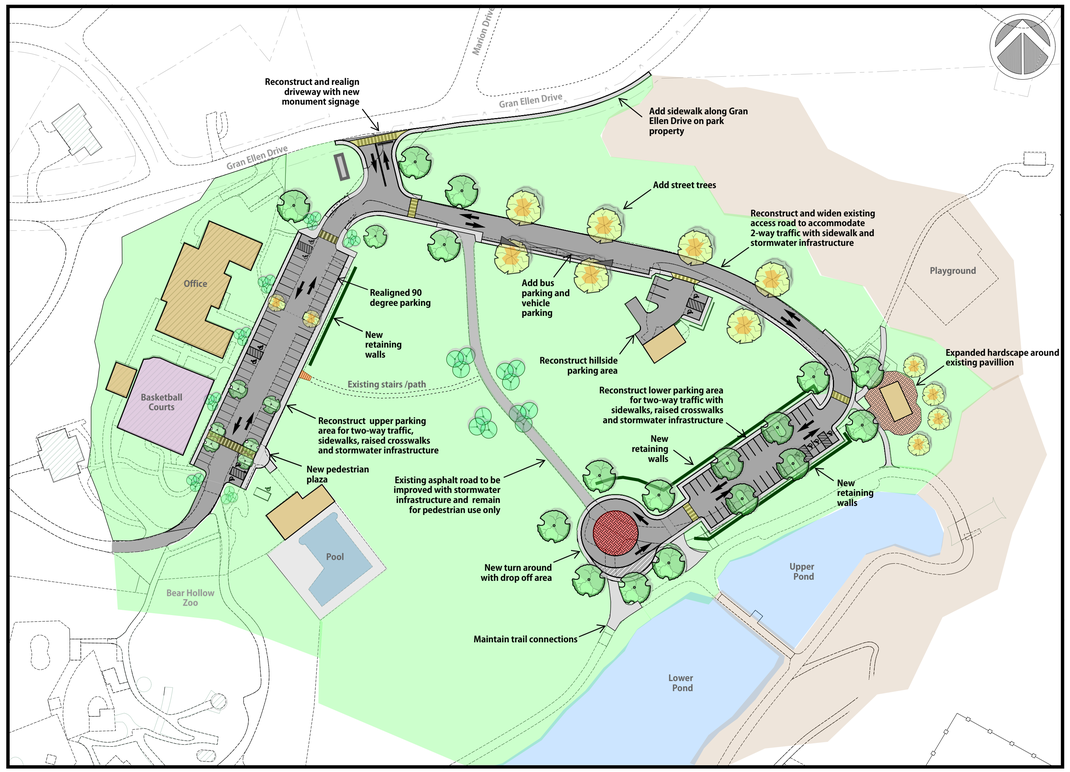


Two-Way Pond Access Road

Pros:
1) Allows portion of existing asphalt entrance road to be repurposed as a pedestrian path.
2) Creates new vehicle "turn-around" and "drop-off" area near pond.

Cons:
1) The repurposed pedestrian path is still very steep and is not accessible for all users.
2) Creates more impervious area and stormwater runoff.
3) Higher construction cost.
4) Difficult access for buses and maintenance vehicles.
5) Two-way traffic creates more conflict points between vehicles/pedestrians.
6) More difficult for staff to maintain.
7) Does not easily accommodate future Master Plan improvements for parking deck.
8) No ADA access from upper parking area to lower parking area. New sidewalks exceed 5% grade.





Attachment #3

SPLOST 2020 – Project 16, Memorial Park Improvements - Public Input Comments on Schematic Designs

Synopsis of comments related to the Pondside Drive Design Options:

- Designs address walkability/bike-ability safety issues and concerns: 13
- Designs reduce concern about grade from top end of lot to pond area/accessibility/ADA issues: 7 agree, 3 disagree
- Option 1 (1 way): 12 positive mentions, 1 negative
- Option 2 (2 way): 4 positive mentions, 11 negative
- Favor status quo/spend funds elsewhere: 6
- Limit impervious surface throughout park through design/engineering solutions: 3
- Designs show more parking: 2, designs show loss of parking: 3
- Less parking desired: 2
- When will dog park open?: 2
- Respondent favors easy or reduced maintenance: 4

Other:

- Get rid of basketball in favor of pickleball
- More basketball
- Removed paved hump
- Add swim dock to pond
- Survey design biased against Option 2

Synopsis of comments related to the Pond and Forebay Improvements design:

- Positive comments (design shows potential for improved habitat and pond health): 23
- Concern for wildlife (turtles, fish, ducks/geese, etc) during construction/pond drawdown: 11
- Concern about upstream effects/sediment/construction in neighborhoods: 7
- Desire for more trees (especially in vicinity of dog park): 5
- Expressed desire for native vegetation: 4
- Keep small island: 3
- Maintain status quo: 3
- Desire for dog park: 3
- Desire for more flow/aeration: 2
- Concern about trash: 2

Other:

- Hire respondent for dredging operation
- Pool water is currently infiltrating pond
- Needs more beautification/better landscaping/design overall (x2)
- Tax the runoff from 5 Pts. construction
- Get plants that take up pollutants
- Is construction in front of dog park-permanent?
- Mists for headless (sic) troups?
- More access to surrounding neighborhoods
- More seating next to pond

Comments related to the Pondside Drive Design:

- Two way design seems to be a bottle neck waiting to happen.
- The two-way drive will cause congestion driving down the hill to the parking lot and will be difficult for buses to navigate.
- I like the two way design, but wonder how it will work with people parking on the side of the road? Many people, especially those attending group events under the pavilions, park on the side of the road even if sites are available making driving out of the park difficult.
- As long as traffic can be controlled well, I like the idea of being able to walk or ride a bike down the former park entry road. It might be even better if that didn't flow right into the vehicle turnaround.
- I grew up in Athens (5 points) and have always enjoyed visiting the park. I used to be able to walk to the park from my home. Now, I have to drive. I always try to park in the upper lot and walk down to the pond, since I am able. That leaves the lower parking spaces for people who really need them (mothers with children, the elderly, handicapped, etc.). I wonder if there is signage or some sort of campaign you could do to encourage others to follow suit. That turning circle in the two way design seems like a mess and lots of headaches waiting to happen. You know people are going to try to park in there, which would block it off and leave everyone stuck. One question - have you considered paving that allows drainage - permeable or porous pavers? Or, are those options too expensive?
- The one loop place is consistent with the master plan.
- I think the one way design option works well with the proposed improvements. It enhances the current traffic flow, which doesn't seem to have too many issues. I think the one way road being narrow would help to slow traffic as people drive through.
- If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
- Couldn't access the 2 way drive design, but I expect it means more trees destroyed.
- Swimming dock could be a nice alternative to the pool.
- The main reason I prefer the two-way is because of the intersection on the one-way for the loop; since the loop will force drivers to be on the same road as those exiting the park. I'm concerned it will delay traffic flow w/ drivers who are unsure. If the road was somehow directly linked to the main intersection, I may prefer the one-way. Also, the idea of an increased pedestrian walkway fits more with my interests in the area. On top of that, less road means less maintenance costs for the city.
- Change Basketball court to Pickleball Courts
- The one way loop offers improvements without major changes
- Why change the one-way? Adding/finishing sidewalks will provide all the pedestrian access needed.
- I think the 2 way would get rather congested and be awkward to turn in. The only real problem with 1 way as is is many cars go down in the wrong direction. Either way, pedestrian access to lake not much fun.
- Sounds like neither option is ADA-friendly, which is a shame. The one-way loop drive design has fewer cons. And people have been treating the upper parking area as two-way anyway, so you might as well go with it.
- I do NOT want the drive to be realigned to connect to Marion. No one I know is asking for this. Marion takes a hard turn and turns into Carlton. Neither is a major thoroughfare or connector to anything. The current arrangement is not an issue for traffic.
- I would love to see more walking or biking paths down to the park to promote greener alternatives to transportation. Parking is important but pedestrians on foot especially need a safe way to enter and exit the park.
- Parking is a major problem. I've seen numerous times where the bottom driving area gets blocked by too many cars. Increasing the number of parking spots at the top area could greatly improve this issue.
- Two way drive should not be considered if it doesn't work for future plans

- I've experience Memorial Park as both a visitor, volunteer, and past employee of ACC Leisure Services. I live in one of the neighborhoods surrounding the park, so I usually access the park on foot. I vastly prefer the two-way option because it confines car traffic to a smaller portion of the park, freeing up space for people to walk, run, play with their kids and dogs, etc. without the stress of car traffic. And, having done maintenance and volunteer work in the park, I would not have minded the two-way option. Workers should always be driving carefully and slowly in public parks, so there should be an expectation that entering and exiting is slow.
- One way drives are safer for drivers and pedestrians.
- The one way traffic seems to slow most cars down. Two way traffic I would be concerned cars would drive too fast. Most important would be sidewalks for people to safely be able to walk up and down the hill to go to the lake. I walk with a 4 year old multiple times a week and it is dangerous without sidewalks and kids especially with strollers
- Sorry to be "that person," but I honestly think this survey needs to be redone. In its current form, there is a clear bias against the Two-Way Drive Design. Look at the Pros and Cons listed for each. There is undeniable bias in the language, quantity, tone/perspective, and so on. Who approved this?
- I think the need for a safe way for people to acess the lower park from the upper parking lot is the most important issue. While closing the western portion of the road loop may not crate a fully ADA accessible path to the lower section of the park, it would still create a much safer walk for anyone attempting to make that journey. Looking at the Master Plan, I am not convinced that this section of road in necessary for the successful creation of a parking garage since there will already be an exisiting exit. I think creating this walking path will be better for the future look and safety of the park. As the park continues to improve, this path could be made ADA accessible and connected by a walking path from the future proposed parking garage. The two-way design would create an immediately safer walk for a mojority of guests while we continue to try to improve the park elsewhere.
- One way will be safer for park visitors, better for families with children. Better for maintenance, lets take care of this wonderful resource.
- I have already filled out the survey, but forgot to mention one last thing. This park NEEDS bike parking! This is a park in a residential neighborhood and it has ZERO bike parking. This is insane. Bike racks are inexpensive, so please include them as part of your budget for improved amenities. Bike parkingcould also help to reduce the burden on the small car parking lots. In summary, INCLUDE BIKE PARKING!
- I really like that the one way loop design will be easier for the park staff to maintain.
- In my opinion, the One Way Loop Design is safer for pedestrians. This is because traffic is flowing only in one direction; walkers with young children, dogs, picnic baskets, etc. only need to look to their left to check for any oncoming cars. The two way design means always being on guard for cars in either direction, the parking area having cars entering and exiting in two directions, or blocking each other when not using the roundabout. More asphalt for the roundabout. Keep the design nice, easy to navigate and safer for pedestrians. Thank you.
- One way loop is safer.
- The main items that sway me for keeping a one-way loop system are the new sidewalks along the entrance road and the bus parking at the bottom near the pond.
- The park has so much traffic on busy days, and the 2 way design would seemingly create a chaotic traffic situation with danger to pedestrians.
- the one way idea is antiquated and hard to access from multiple entrances
- I've never had an issue with the one-way loop. It looks like the two-way loop would require more pavement. We need to limit the impervious surface as much as possible. I think the two-way would increase the hazard for children, pets, etc.

- I go to this park regularly and know that the two way drive design will add confusion and chaos to an already fairly tight area. Between more cars and more people the two way would make the area less safe for pedestrians, bikes, and car riders.
- The two way drive design seems safer for pedestrians coming down the hill
- Taking away the loop doesn't seem to provide any additional pedestrian benefits, so you may as well keep the safer loop in place.
- I suggest a better designed path trail from parking at the zoo to the pond area. I was there yesterday with the OLLI walking group (We walk there several times each year). The path was muddy and slippery and unusable by several members of this older group. The group walks around the zoo and then around the pond.
- The two-way design doesn't make sense if it's just a roundabout for turning around at the end. Plus the two-way design affects long term goals as mentioned in the previous page of this survey.
- My only hesitation with the one-way loop is the difficulty in walking down to the pond. I with the driveway had more space for pedestrians
- There is a huge bump as you turn on the driveway down to the pond. This is quite difficult to maneuver when you are in a car and the driveway often hits the bottom of the car.
- I like the 2nd option better but the cons seem like it's not a viable option.
- Road improvements and sidewalks are an excellent design choice. Along with additional parking.
- Afraid people will park in roundabout and you lose valuable parking
- I would prefer the two-way design so that the current entrance lane could be made into a more attractive pedestrian trail. But after talking with staff, I understand the issue of the turn around causing issues. If that could be overcome, I would prefer the two-way. Otherwise, the one way makes sense.
- Aside from entry way road condition, we are satisfied with the single direction drive.
- Please ensure that in keeping the one-way design you better mark the entrance so less people are confused about going down toward the lake. I've seen many people go the wrong way and I think some clearer road markings would make a world of difference.
- I don't know what's best. I don't love a road going through the park regardless, so whatever minimizes the danger of a road through the middle of the park is what I prefer. Currently it's quite a wide parking lot on the lower lot. Additionally, I think the road breaks the park up awkwardly and the hilly area encompassed by the road is not often used because of this. I think eliminating the road or having a very small road that gives access to a little parking lot (maybe similar to the two-way drive option, but much fewer parking spots) might make a larger portion of the park comfortable to use. But again, I don't know all of the factors.
- One way loop is safer for walkers.
- The pros out way the cons. I prefer less intrusion on pedestrians. Better to have a safer walkable park.
- 2 way design takes away parking because of small round a bout. The one way works well and changing it will cause confusion.
- Need better sidewalks to get from upper to lower lots
- The one-way loop design feels safer as a cyclist, which is how I usually enter the park. I don't think that the steep slope has much other use in the park anyway. However, the existing stairs/path from the upper parking lot to the one-way drive are in major need of improvement.
- There is no other response location to put this but my children and I would like to see improved basketball courts.
- The benefits of the design outlined in the storyboard make good sense and will improve the situation greatly.
- Visually, I prefer Option 2 (2 way) but Option 1 (1 way) is more practical.
- I don't like the Two-way at all. The roundabout is too close to the walking path and the pond.
- Incoming loop is extremely steep currently .

- Two Way Drive Design would take up too much land to accommodate buses in the loop.
- I don't see the point in the turning loop in the two-way design. The end of the parking row could be widened to allow turnarounds, and a mini loop could be added near the bus parking to allow them to turn around without impeding on the pedestrian path.
- I like the added car-free path, and the roundabout drop off provides a better sense of arrival than the one-way loop. It also provides an opportunity for a public art installation or asphalt art, which could contribute to the project overall. I also challenge the statement that the two-way option provides more car/pedestrian conflict points. By providing a non-car pathway that is a shorter distance to the pond than the car route, pedestrians and cyclists will not be using the car road as frequently which would decrease potential conflicts. I think the two way design encourages safer behavior for road users. My main concern is the grade of the ped path — how will ADA accessibility be addressed at this site? Without making design accommodations for disabled visitors, the idea falls short.
- The steep incline of the drive makes the conversion of a portion of the road into a walkway unsuitable for disabled visitors.
- Spring 2023 on the dog park… huh? That's funny, as far as I'm aware it's fall now and you guys are no closer to completing it. Perhaps you're too busy pushing agendas?
- How about that dog park…
- Optimize for the Master Plan
- Please don't put a roundabout in this park. Impossible for buses and maintenance. In my opinion, it looks highly unnecessary in the design anyway. Two way traffic is harder for pedestrian navigation.
- the two way design puts way too much traffic near the playground
- The list of cons for the two-way drive design pretty much cover my reasons for choosing the one-way design. The few pros of the 2-way design do not outweigh the negatives.
- Anything to reduce the impact of the steep grade would be helpful.
- The two way drive with create more crowding on a single road and this is already a busy park with not enough parking in the lower lots. Ideally, I'd like to see some way to have additional ADA accommodations but neither design seems to address that.

Comments related to Pond and Forebay Design:

- Perhaps more seating next to the pond
- I like being able to see the forebay. I would like the pond to return to it's original depth.
- Looks fine
- Need a constant water flow and a water aeration system
- I love walking around the pond. I think anything you can do to improve this feature for visitors and wildlife is wonderful. I hate that the pond would have to be drained because I know that will harm existing wildlife. I hope your plans include provisions for restocking the pond with fish and frogs and turtles. I expect the ducks and geese will find their way back on their own.
- Will the alternate construction access be paved? That's an unappealing visual between the hill and the pond. Please put more trees on the Dog Park side.
- Please refrain from continuing the superfluous "improvements" to the park. I've been a patron since the mid-70s and I much preferred the more rustic profile the Park back then.
- Like the idea of improving vegetation in the upper pond and the boardwalks. It would make for a very enjoyable place in Athens to walk. Be sure to include seating overlooking the pond
- The Upper Pond desperately needs help. I hope the island will remain, for the benefit of the turtles and other wildlife.

- I know this is necessary but i wonder what will happen to the animals in the pond? there are many fish and turtles, including a soft-shell snapper. will there be an effort to move any or will they all just be killed by the dredging equipment?
- More misty scenes for the headless troups that haunts Memorial Park. Headless troups have feelings too. The haunting...
- While I think this is all fine, I would love to see not just a repair/maintenance plan, but some sort of design improvements or creative enhancements. Still love the design though!
- A small island with water plants to help clean the pond and provide habitat.
- Fewer roads and more trees, please.
- I wish that there was a way to build/leave an island for the ducks and geese to nest
- Can I be hired on as a long reach operator for the dredging? haha jk! unless??
- What will happen to the animals when the ponds are drained?
- Seems very important to get done.
- There is good justification for these improvements. I wish increased neighborhood access were part of the redesign (e.g., Anne's Ct and Habersham Dr), because some of the easement work is already touching those neighborhoods.
- This sounds like a great plan. This pond has needed improvements for a long time!
- More larger and longer living tree species would make this area way better.
- The turtles, fish and ducks are so great to watch/enjoy at the park. Whatever makes it enjoyable for all ages to watch and enjoy ☺
- n/a. Looks good.
- I think the project provides a great opportunity to showcase native wetland plants. I would love to see a section along the water dedicated to native wildflowers and shrubs with signage discussing the role they play in the health of our environment and the importance of planting native species. If space is available, I think a native meadow habitat should be included near the pond as well. Meadow habitats are some of the most endangered habitats in the US and this would be a great education opportunity.
- I'm looking forward to the fore bay being rebuilt and the drainage being improved. I'm sure it will improve the habitat in the pond. I would like to know if the construction access that runs along the lower pond and in front of the dog park is permanent. I also would like to know if trees or shrubs will be planted to replace some of the trees that were removed next to the new dog park.
- Looks great. It just seems like there are no trees in the dog park anymore. The best part on Memorial park has been the mature trees in the dog park during the summer. Please put in some big trees. It's getting hot there!
- All welcome improvements. I hope construction access areas will be replanted with native vegetation when project is complete.
- This new pond and forebay improvement is overdue. It is an engineering solution to the issue. Thank you.
- Please put habitat preservation st the forefront of this plan.
- My wish is that all snakes, turtles, and other creatures are protected and taken care of during this process.
- If the development around the area of five points is causing more runoff into the pond then why is there not a supplemental tax on the developments to cover the cost instead of using taxpayer dollars to manage it?
- The pond improvements are a waste of money right now. ACC needs to focus on the overall storm water infrastructure for the county and not this park.
- Just make sure that the path stays close the pond.

- The upper pond has needed work for quite some time. As long as someone keeps trash out of the area regularly the new design looks good.
- Excited to see pond updates!
- This design looks great!
- I go here often with my kids (I walk the dog, they ride their scooters) and we all enjoy it. We even get off the track and walk in the creek that connects to the "Forebay" area. The creek water looks pretty clean, but We ALWAYS comment on how gross the pond water is and how the fountain seems to help so someone should put a fountain on the other side of the bridge.
- LONG OVERDUE to improve this pond. It is looking very unsafe to even be around. Please do all of these improvements!!
- Considering Whatever will be best for the wildlife there now
- We are big fans of the spillway and adjacent bridge. It is a common stopping point on our walk.
- Can't wait to see it in a better condition. Anything you can do to create a safer environment for wildlife for years to come would be wonderful. With this design will the issue of the pool water running down to the lake still occur?
- The forebay needs to catch most of the sediment after a heavy rain.
- is this necessary?
- Happy for you to make it a healthy pond.
- This has been needed for quite some time. It will bring a better environment for all. We owe it to the park's creatures.
- Think this looks good. The lake surely needs to be clean out and run off problems addressed, this is more of an issue than parking and access.
- I am surprised and disappointed that nowhere in these plans are you discussing landscaping - gardens, flowers, etc. We come to the park frequently and have never had difficulties or complaints with parking and driving in. But we've commented every time on how generally UGLY, sad and abandoned it looks! It immediately strikes me how it does not look like anyone is maintaining it! Comparable spaces in other cities include lovely flowers and plants and gardens everywhere to enjoy as part of the park experience. Pond improvements are obviously needed and I'm glad that's going to be addressed. But I really hope that some of the budget for improvements includes general gardening, planting, beautification and improved consistent maintenance of the park spaces, especially around the pond.
- I support this design. The pond is unsightly and gross as it is now
- The benefits of the design outlined in the storyboard make good sense and will improve the situation greatly.
- Yes, improve the plant and wildlife habitat for the pond. Protect the ducks, add native bank vegetation, and remove the invasive plants.
- This looks good. It's a high priority.
- There is a bench close to the wooded walk-out area on the east side of the pond that is in bad shape and covered in ivy. Consider repairing/replacing this during the project.
- Emphasis should be placed on remediation of the upper pond which will benefit the lower pond. Please do not drain the ponds completely. The turtles will have no where to go, they are land locked in Memorial Park. Or, contact UGA wildlife and make a plan to relocate the turtles temporarily.
- I really like the improvements listed here.
- I know feeding the fish / ducks / turtles is a big attraction for our family. Hopefully they are going to be relocated somewhere during the reconstruction? I am not sure how that works and I know it will be better for them in the long run to have everything redone but the thought of all those animals being displaced and possibly die is very disheartening.
- Make it like the botanical garden ponds
- Yes. Something needs to be done on the upper side.

- I would like to know if there is a plan to protect the wildlife, especially the turtles, while the ponds are drained and the construction takes place. While the planned improvements are desirable, they are not acceptable if the existing wild inhabitants of the area are killed or driven away.
- The pond naturally is the focus of Memorial Park. I recall how nice it was decades ago. Improvements to the Pond are LONG OVERDUE.
- Open the dog park
- Did you guys forget about the dog park, I'm so glad you're planning to redo the entire park now so that I'll have to wait another couple of years before ever getting to take my dog there
- What would happen to the pond dwelling animals while the pond is drained? Designs look great to my non-engineer eye. Park needs improvement. Glad to see attention being given to parks. Great parks build great community! The Georgia counties that focus on having great parks reap the benefits.
- No comments, but everytime I visit that pond is filled with trash. It is so sad for the wildlife there.
- Please consider what is happening slightly upstream of the forebay in your plans. In the past 10 years large areas of serious erosion have formed along that creek. The increase in volume and severity of storm runoff from our neighborhood is washing large banks of soil into the park pond. Large trees now are tilting over and collapsing as these area wash away and more banks collapse into the creek. The erosion damage is very quickly spreading toward private property on Habersham and Annes Court. It surely has dumped tons of silt into the pond. It also is creating dangerous areas for kids who might go exploring behind the playground area. There now are unstable banks with large dropoffs just behind the bathroom area. If any erosion mediation efforts could be made in this area, it would help protect the county sewer lines, the park, and the property of neighboring homeowners.
- It would be nice if the pond were clear, not just a repository for dog poop and car oil. So maybe you need to partner with UGA for plants that take up pollutants (which do exist, talk to Rich Meager in the genetics department). Murky, smelly water is a turnoff and having turtles and geese living in it is disgusting.
- I have loved this area of the park for many years, but it needs significant cleanup, both for the wildlife living in it and for visitors.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TSPLOST 2018 Project 06, Firefly Trail Sub-Project #1 – Change Order to Structural Resources, Inc. for Firefly Trailhead Construction at E. Broad Street

DATE: September 7, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:			
	$	16,166,455	TSPLOST 2018 Project 06 (All Tiers)
	$	51,395	Easement Funds from The Mark
	$	16,217,850	Total Revenue
EXPENSES:			
CAPITAL:	$	14,600,202	Expensed and Encumbered
	$	231,123	Designated Land Acquisition for Sub-Project #3
	$	113,250	Designated Public Art (All Sub-Projects)
	$	712,363	Designated for Sub-Project #3 Construction
	$	328,881	Designated Design/Testing/Misc/PM/FFE (All Sub-Projects)
	$	150,231	Designated Project Contingency
	$	81,800	Available for Change Order

FUNDING SOURCE: TSPLOST 2018 Program Revenues

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve a Change Order to Structural Resources, Inc., in the amount of $81,800, for the Revised Streetscape Improvements, as generally shown on **Attachment #1**, at the East Broad Street entrance to the Firefly Trail and Dudley Park as part of the Water Quality Control Project; and

b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On October 20, 2017, Firefly Trail (FFT) Sub-Project #1, from East Broad Street to Dudley Park, was dedicated and open for use.

2. On December 4, 2018, M&C approved a temporary construction easement with The Mark for FFT property at the East Broad Street FFT head. In lieu of cash payment for the easement, The Mark was to construct $51,395 trailhead improvements prior to the Certificate of Occupancy begin issued at completion for The Mark.

3. On May 13, 2019, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) executed a Temporary Construction Easement agreement with The Mark for the temporary use of FFT property at the East Broad Street FFT head. The agreement provided for The Mark to construct trail head improvements upon completion of their project with joint ACCGov and The Mark sharing cost. Temporary Easement expiration was August 31, 2022. The shared cost was noted with ACCGov's share value $48,604 and The Mark's share value $51,395. This agreement also required that the Mark finalize the trailhead improvements prior to the Certificate of Occupancy begin issued at completion.

4. On April 20, 2021, under suspension of rules, Mayor & Commission (M&C) approved a proposed revision to the Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2018 Project #9 Downtown Transportation Improvements Project (Clayton Street). The approved revision included the installation of the stormwater quality treatment units to be installed at the Firefly Trail East Broad Street Trailhead area. Upon final design and coordination with T&PW, ACCGov's on-call contractor has identified material lead-time and installation of the water quality units to begin September 2022.

5. In March 2022, ACCGov contacted The Mark to notify them that ACCGov was planning to install underground water quality units in the area of the previously approved Trailhead improvements that The Mark was responsible to install per the Temporary Construction Easement agreement. Also, ACCGov inquired with The Mark regarding their ability to install the water quality units as part of their efforts. The Mark responded that they did not have the ability to install due to the required increase in time to meet their financial obligations and their target opening at the end of June 2022.

6. On March 29, 2022, staff met with The Mark representatives to review opportunities to postpone the trailhead improvements to complete the water quality units without requiring demolition the trailhead improvements if The Mark maintained their current schedule. Due to third party investor's controlling interest in The Mark development, it was infeasible to delay the June 2022 deadline. Therefore, The Mark had to proceed with the trailhead improvements per the original agreement or modify the agreement and turn over the trailhead improvement responsibility to ACCGov. The Mark identified April 15, 2022 as the deadline for an executed agreement amendment.

7. On April 8, 2022, ACCGov received the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement Amendment for consideration.

8. On April 12, 2022, M&C approved a final temporary easement agreement for The Mark Development to utilize adjoining ACCGov property and budget amendment appropriation

$77,819 temporary easement fee to the TSPLOST 2018 Project 6 (included in TSPLOST revenue) for trailhead development.

9. On October 21, 2022, a Purchase Order was issued to ACCGov's on-call contractor, Structural Resources, Inc. for $122,238.25 to complete the landscape restoration at the Firefly Trailhead.

10. In November 2022, Georgia Power Company (GPC) began a reliability project to move their aboveground power lines and other pole mounted utilities along East Broad Street to underground power and associated utilities. As such, work at the Firefly Trailhead was postponed until Georgia Power completed this effort.

11. On June 1, 2023, ACCGov staff and GPC staff met onsite to discuss the final location of GPC's equipment. Based on the existing utilities in the area, the Georgia Power cubicle location shifted and required ACCGov staff to revise the previously approved design of the Firefly Trailhead entrance, as generally shown on **(Attachment #1)**.

12. On June 27, 2023, Georgia Power had completed their work and notified ACCGov that the work area was being turned back over to ACCGov for completion of the streetscape improvements.

13. On September 8, 2023, ACCGov staff received updated costs to install the proposed redesigned trailhead improvements entrance from ACCGov's on-call contractor.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The original trailhead and streetscape design was approved by the M&C as part of the temporary easement agreement approval with The Mark (History #2 & 3). The improvements were originally intended to be built by The Mark as part of their easement agreements with ACCGov. When the installation of the new stormwater improvements delayed The Mark from completing the improvements, ACCGov agreed (History #8) to receiving payment from The Mark and issuing the contract for the work.

2. ACCGov issued a Purchase Order to ACCGov's on-call contractor, Structural Resources, in late 2022 (History #8). However, ACCGov held-off on issuance of the Notice to Proceed when GPC communicated (History #10) their desire to move their aboveground power to belowground along East Broad Street.

3. Completion of the trailhead improvements prior to the water quality units or prior to the GPC's work would have required removal and replacement of a large portion of the proposed trailhead improvements. Such replacement or repair cost would have been the responsibility of ACCGov.

4. Due to the installation of the GPC's underground utilities and the aboveground changes to the location of the cubicle (i.e. big green box), the trailhead design had to be modified. The

new design still meets the original intent of providing a permanent and prominent trailhead. The proposed revised design to the trailhead improvements, as generally shown on **(Attachment #1),** include, but are not limited to the following:

- The granite walls are taller and longer than the originally planned curved walls;
- One granite column was added to balance the visual look of the trailhead;
- Granite cobblestones were added between the new sidewalk/GPC cubicle and the edge of the new walls;
- Five additional trees were included;
- Water connection for temporary irrigation and a permanent water fountain was added;
- One additional bench was included;
- Three new bike racks were included; and
- Resodding of the disturbed areas.

5. The cost of the original work has increased due to escalation and the added improvements have been contributing factors to the proposed change order to Structural Resources, Inc. Postponing installation of the planted material to later this fall/winter will provide better planting season for plant material survivability.

6. The anticipated Construction Substantial Completion of the trailhead work is December 2023.

7. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Good Neighbors Goal, Strategy D: *Drive community transformation with a focus on creating spaces that are respectful and welcoming.*
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy A: *Develop well-planned new infrastructure according to future land use values and framework*

OPTIONS:

1. To request that the Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve a Change Order to Structural Resources, Inc., in the amount of $81,800, for the Revised Streetscape Improvements, as generally shown on **Attachment #1**, at the East Broad Street entrance to the Firefly Trail and Dudley Park as part of the Water Quality Control Project; and

    b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission deny approval of the proposed Construction Change Order.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Department of the Manager – TSPLOST Program Management

Prepared by: Diana Jackson for,

Keith Sanders, SPLOST Program Administrator

October 2, 2023
Date:

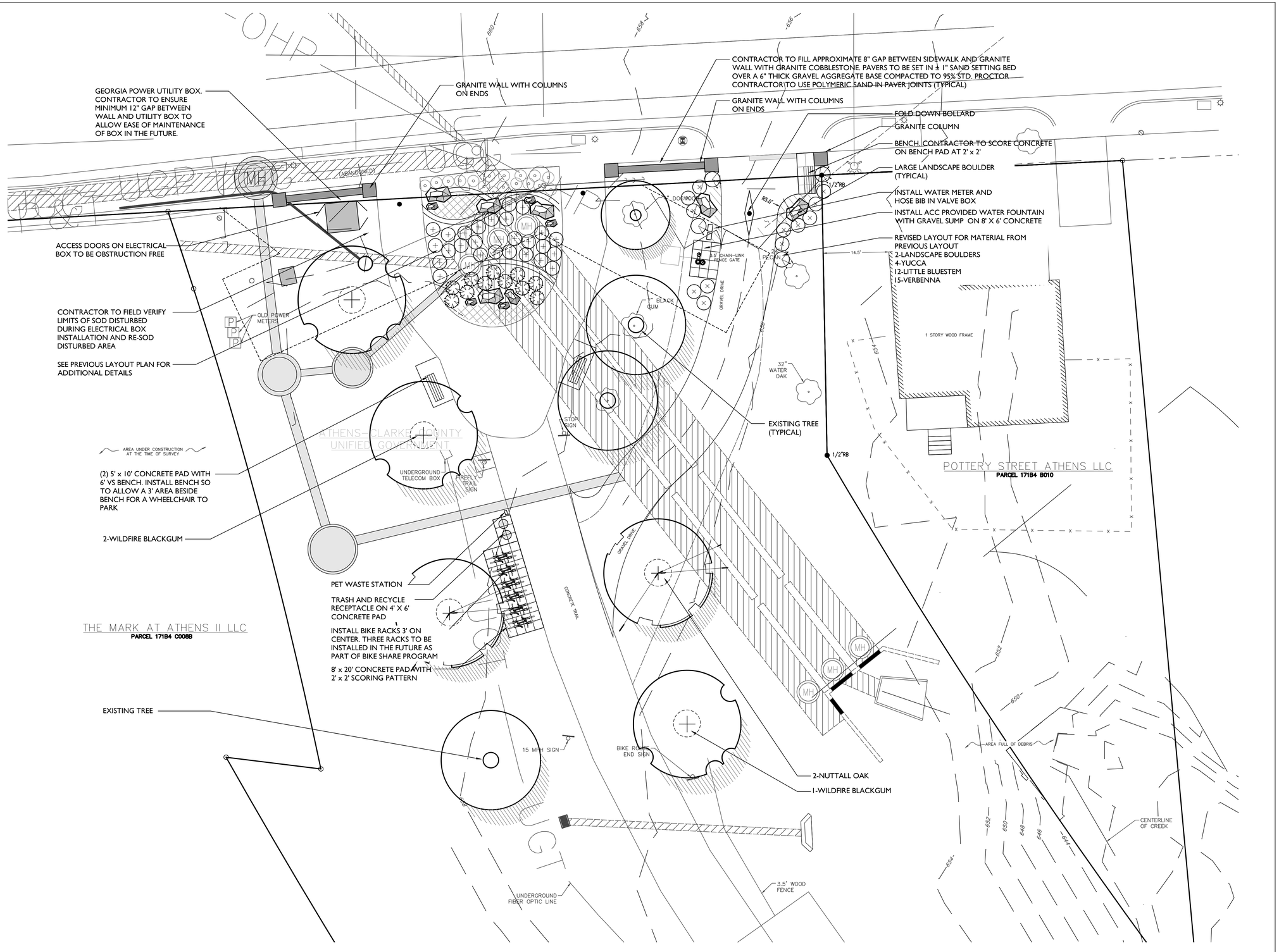
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b

Blaine Williams
Manager

October 12, 2023
Date:

Attachments:
Attachment #1 – Firefly Trailhead Re-Design



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- ☒ CONSTRUCTION

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PROJECT / ACCOUNT #

FUNDING YEAR: 2021

TSPLOST PROJECT #X SUB-PROJECT X.X

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APPROVED BY MAYOR & COMMISSION ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A

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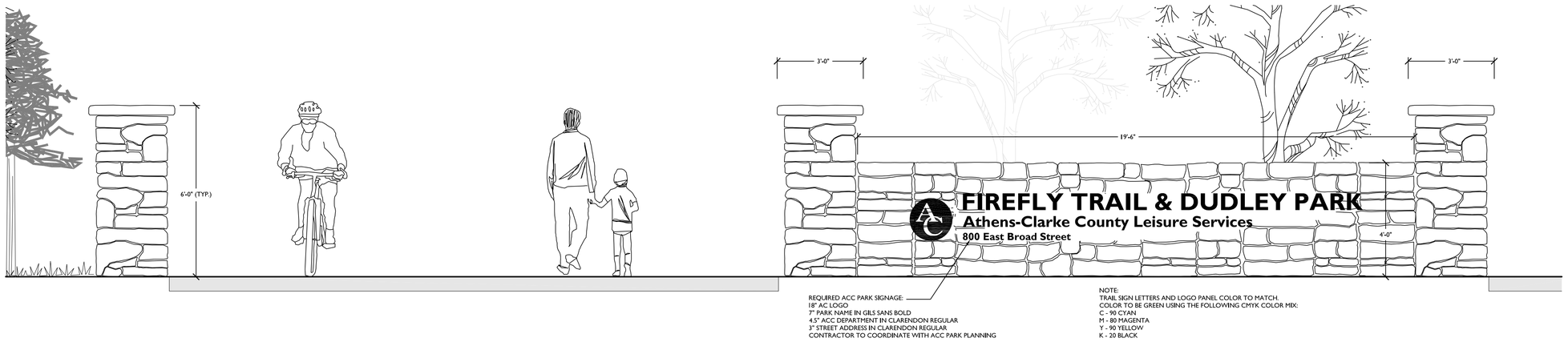

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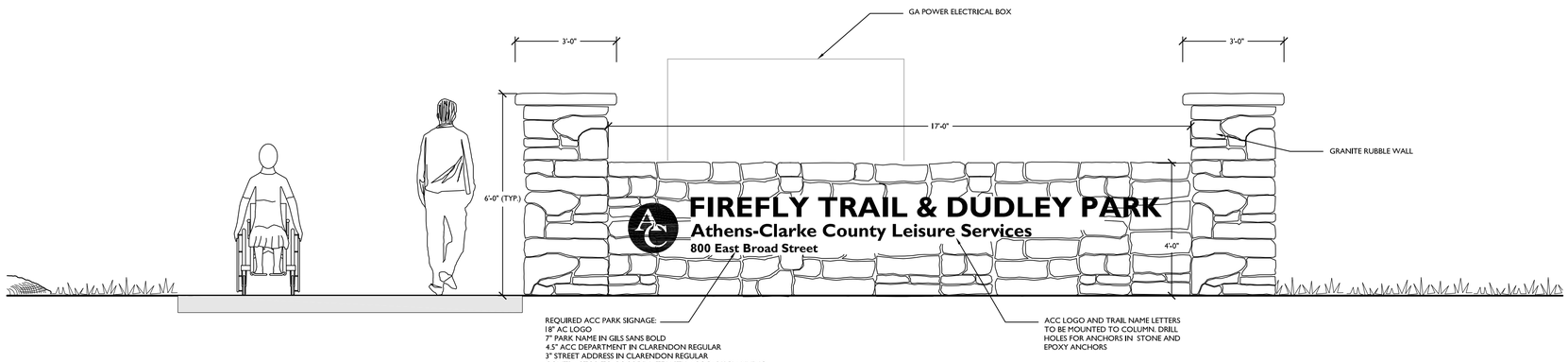

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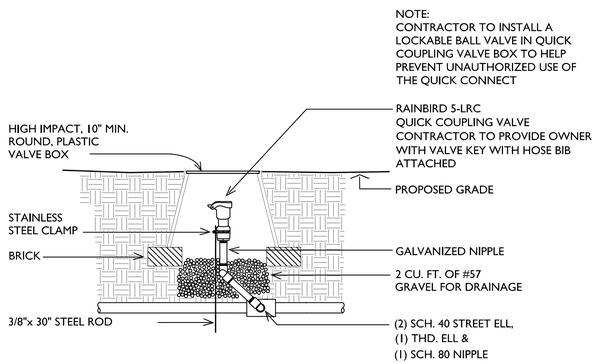

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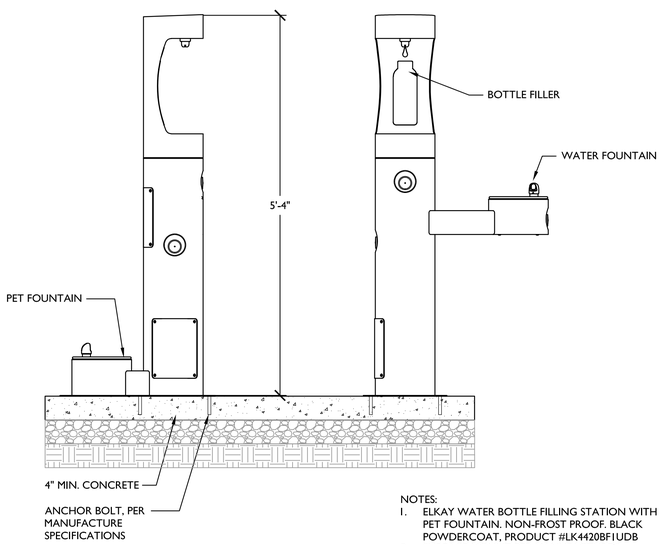

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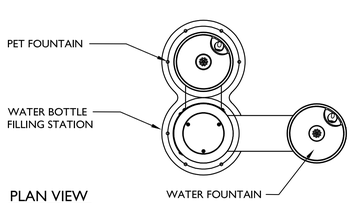

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Commission Defined Option Timothy Road sponsored by Culpepper, Fisher, and Hamby

1. Mayor and Commission:
a.Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Pro ject as generally shown on Attachment #1 and Attachment #2;
b. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire right-of-
ways, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Prelimin ary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on Attac hment #1 and Attachment #2;
c.Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road I mprovements Project, as generally shown on Attachment #1 and Attachment #2, to the Bid and Award P hase; and
d.Direct Manager to determine traffic calming measures and costs associated with such that could be incorporated into this project for Commission consideration.
e.Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TSPLOST 2023 Project 6, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor Improvements Project – SP #1 - Timothy Road Road Preliminary Plan Approval

DATE: September 24, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$ 6,762,000	TSPLOST 2023 Project 06 (All Tiers)

EXPENSES:

CAPITAL:

$ 665,000	Designated Land Acquisition
$ 242,000	Designated Design
$ 784,080	Designated Testing, Fees, PM & Misc.
$ 100,000	Designated for Final Design Mitchell Bridge Road
$ 40,000	Designated Public Art
$ 595,920	Designated Project Construction & Contingency
$ 4,335,000	Available for Timothy Road Corridor Improvements

FUNDING SOURCE: TSPLOST 2023Program Revenues

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project as generally shown on **Attachment #1** and **Attachment #2**;

b. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire right-of-ways, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1** and **Attachment #2**;

c. Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1** and **Attachment #2,** to the Bid and Award Phase; and

d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. In 2013, ACCGov partnered with the Urban Land Institute to complete a Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "Strategy to Redevelop and Revitalize the Atlanta Highway Corridor." Stated goals of the report included:

    - Assessing the health of the corridor's current assets
    - Defining ways to make the corridor more successful and visually pleasing
    - Evaluating the potential future development in this corridor
    - Improving transportation infrastructure
    - Exploring marketing and financial tools to attract customers and residents to stimulate growth in these areas

2. On November 7, 2017, the voters of Athens-Clarke County approved the TSPLOST 2018 Program Referendum, which included the Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements as Project #15.

3. In August 2018, the Athens in Motion (AiM) issued a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Final Report. The Final Report included the following Goals and Objectives:

    - Create a vision for a future of biking and walking through strategic goal setting
    - Continue to evolve into more bikeable and walkable community
    - Goals:

        Connectivity
        Equity
        More Users
        Education
        Implementation

4. On February 5, 2019, Mayor & Commission (M&C) approved ACCGov Transportation & Public Works Policy (TPW005) "Stormwater Standards for Liner Transportation Projects".

5. In August 2019, the Atlanta Highway-Atlanta Road Connect Athens Corridor Plans Final report was issued outlining the Plan Framework Pillars:

    - Leverage the work of earlier plans
    - Create holistic understanding of corridor dynamics
    - Offer realistic and measurable strategies for land use, design, and transportation
    - Communicate the process and action plan

6. In December 2019, per a Mayor and Commission M&C direction, ACCGov Manager Williams instructed the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) to develop a detailed cost estimate for Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Bike/Ped Corridor as part of the Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project (TSPLOST 2018 Project 15).

7. On May 22, 2020, ACCGov Manager Williams distributed to the M&C an interdepartmental

memo developed by TPW for the Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Bike/Ped Corridor, providing background regarding the M&C interest (History Item #5) in sidewalks/multi-use paths along the entire lengths of Timothy Road and Mitchell Bridge Road.

8. On May 26, 2020, M&C Work Session agenda item was discussed for the TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

9. Between March 28, 2020, and June 28, 2020, ACCGov hosted online public comment opportunities for the TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project. There were 76 responses submitted with the following summary of common responses and number associated with the response:
    - Support General Improvements for Pedestrian/Bicycles/Multi-use paths – 32
    - Specific Mention: Cleveland Rd – 6, Mitchell Bridge Rd – 9, Timothy Rd - 5
    - Support General Corridor Potential Project Improvements – 13
    - Support Atlanta Hwy/Mitchell Bridge Rd/Timothy Rd Intersection Improvement – 9
    - Support Public Transportation Improvements – 7
    - Support Aesthetic/Visibility Improvements – 7
    - Do Not interconnect Through Existing Neighborhoods - 4
    - Support Traffic Signal Modifications/Improvements – 3
    - Support Landscaping/Median Installation Improvements – 3
    - Support Implementation of Immediate Impact Projects – 2
    - Support New Road Expansion – 1
    - Do Nothing/limited expense efforts – 1

10. On July 7, 2020, M&C approved TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 - Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project - Proposed project list.

11. Between August and December 2020, the User Group, with ACCGov department participation, developed the next phase of public engagement strategy and project content.

12. On January 12, 2021, staff outlined the public engagement strategy and project material for the Atlanta Highway Corridor during a presentation to the M&C at a Work Session.

13. Between February and April 2021, public engagement opportunities were completed, and public input was recorded for User Group consideration.

14. In March 2021, public engagement began, which included Pop-up Booth and Public Information Open Houses for the Project 14 – Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements and, Project 15 - Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

15. Between May and July 2021, the Atlanta Highway User Group deliberated the project data to develop a Priority Project Recommendation list.

16. On July 21, 2021, the Atlanta Highway User Group confirmed, the following as the

recommended Project Priority list, Proposed Project Concepts, and recommended the M&C progress the two projects to the Preliminary Plan phase of the project development process:

- Timothy Road from Epps Bridge Pkwy to State Route 10 Loop/on-ramp (shared use path) – complete necessary design and construction of path allowing bicycle and pedestrian safe passageway along the corridor completing a segment of the corridor identified in History items #5 & #6.
- Mitchell Bridge from Middle Oconee River/Greenway to West Chester Drive (shared use path) – complete necessary design and construction of path allowing bicycle and pedestrian safe passageway along the corridor connecting Ben Burton Park and future Middle Oconee River Greenway completing a segment of the corridor identified in History items #5 & #6.

17. On August 12, 2021, at a Work Session, staff presented to the M&C the Atlanta Highway User Group's Recommended Priority Project List for TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project and the Proposed Project Concepts.

18. On August 23, 2021, the TSPLOST 2018 Oversight Committee (TSOC) met and reviewed the Proposed Project Concepts/Priority Project recommendations as compared with the Initial Project Statement for TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project. The TSOC, by unanimous vote, denied that that the proposed concept/priority project recommendation was consistent with the Initial Project Statement for Project #15 of TSPLOST 2018.

19. On September 7, 2021, M&C approved the following a Commission Defined Option (CDO) and authorized staff to expend up to $979,791 to develop, with public input, to develop conceptual plans with cost estimates for design and construction, for the following, bringing them to the M&C for consideration on which options to advance to the preliminary design phase:

    A. Authorize staff to develop, with public input, conceptual plans with cost estimates for design and construction on which options to advance to the preliminary plan phase:

        - a Multi-Use Path for all of Mitchell Bridge Road (from ATL Hwy to Tallassee Road) and Timothy Road (from ATL Hwy to the Berkley Hills Subdivision). This may include exploring use of different materials, as well as addressing topography challenges and safety considerations for any necessary street crossings.
        - a pedestrian sidewalk for all of Mitchell Bridge Road (from ATL Hwy to Tallassee Road) and Timothy Road (from ATL Hwy to the Berkley Hills Subdivision). This may include exploring use of different materials, as well as addressing topography challenges and safety considerations for any necessary street crossings.
        - Conceptual plans for each shall anticipate designs for safe pedestrian and bicycle access along Mitchell Bridge Road at each of the two bridges (over the Middle Oconee River and the Loop 10 Bypass).

B. Authorize the expenditure of up to $979,791 from TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 Project revenues for the above mentioned projects.

C. Request the Atlanta Highway Corridor User Group develop a recommendation for additional subprojects for use of approximately $1,500,000 of the TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 revenues that include alignment with:

- The 2019 Connect Athens Corridor Report for Atlanta Highway;
- The TSPLOST 2018 Project Description;
- The Athens in Motion Master Plan (as applicable for any bike-ped projects and considering AiM project tiering);
- Public input received during the TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 Atlanta Highway Corridor project efforts; and
- ACCGov stated goals of equity with regards to project prioritization county wide.

20. In October 2021, GDOT permitted the Atlanta Highway Landscaping immediate impact project to support beautification of gateways into the Athens-Clarke County, and it was completed. This effort was recommended and approved by M&C as part of the Approved Project list (History #10).

21. On May 24, 2022, the voters of Athens-Clarke County approved a referendum to for the TSPLOST 2023 Program, which included Project #6 - Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road

22. Between September 2021 and July 2022, staff and the Atlanta Highway User Group developed the proposed Bike/Pedestrian Project Concepts for Mitchell Bridge Road & Timothy Road.

23. On August 9, 2022, M&C received a Work Session presentation regarding proposed Bike/Pedestrian Project Concepts for Mitchell Bridge Road & Timothy Road. The presentation also included notice that future sub-projects regarding the referenced $1,500,000 (History Item #18) will be brought back for M&C consideration at a later date.

24. Between August 22, 2022 and September 18, 2022, public engagement opportunities allowed residents to provide feedback regarding the proposed project concepts for Mitchel Bridge Road and Timothy Road. Results are found Facts & Issues #9.

25. On October 19, 2022, the Atlanta Highway User Group approved the Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Project Concepts.

26. On December 6, 2022, M&C approved the following CDO for Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Corridor Project Concepts:

A. Proposed Project Concepts, as generally described in the CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List;

B. Authorized staff to advance the "Must Haves" Tier 1 projects (F&I #1) on the CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List to the Preliminary Plan Phase of the Project Develop Process;

C. Designated the Proposed Project Concepts as generally described herein as CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List as Sub-Projects of the TSPLOST 2023, Project, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor.

27. On July 19, 2023, the User Group recommended the Proposed Preliminary Plans for Mitchell Bridge Road for M&C approval.

28. On August 16, 2023, the User Group recommend Proposed Preliminary Plans for Timothy Road for M&C approval (**Attachment #1** and **Attachment #2**).

29. On September 20, 2023, the User Group recommended final plan development of Mitchell Bridge Road in conjunction of potential ACCGov/GDOT Bridge Grant programs.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The following "Must Haves" (Tier 1) were advanced, per M&C Approved CDO (History #26):
   A. Develop a 10' Shared-Use Path along the southern side of Timothy road between Skyline Parkway and Timothy Road/Loop 10 intersection with street crossings where appropriate).
   B. Develop a 10' Share-Use Path along the northern side of Mitchell Bridge Road between Westchester Drive to Ben Burton Park where no facilities exists and extend across the Middle Oconee River Bridge to the Private Road west of the Middle Oconee River).
   C. Develop a 10' Shared-Use Path along the southern side of Timothy road between Timothy Road/Loop 10 intersection and Rhodes Drive (Berkley Hills Subdivision) with street crossings where appropriate.

2. The Timothy Road Proposed Preliminary Plans generally includes, for Section 1 - Skyline Pkwy to Loop 10:
   - 1.6 mile bicycle/pedestrian multi-use trail
   - Typical width 10'
   - Both standard Concrete and Pervious Concrete Sections
   - Curb & gutter, storm drain, retaining walls
   - Appropriate safety features
   - Engineer's Estimate is for construction Section 1 is approximately $4,335,000

3. The Timothy Road Proposed Preliminary Plans generally includes, for Section 2 - Loop 10 to Rhodes Drive:
   - 0.45 mile bicycle/pedestrian multi-use trail
   - Typical width 10'
   - Both standard Concrete and Pervious Concrete Surfaces
   - Curb & gutter, storm drain, retaining walls

- Appropriate safety features Engineer's Estimate is for construction Section 2 is approximately $1,160,000

4. TPW's Policy #5 "Stormwater Standards for Linear Transportation Projects" is applicable for the Timothy Road multi-use trail segments, which the Stormwater Division of TPW has directed the use of pervious concrete as the best management practice (BMP) for this project where possible.

5. A tentative schedule for Sub-Project #1 is:
    - Affected Property Owner's meeting – November/December 2023
    - Final Design – April 2024
    - ROW Acquisition - December 2024
    - Bid & Award – January 2025

6. This recommendation supports the following Mayor and Commission Strategic Commitments:
    - Safely Move Around Athens Goal

        Improve, expand, and maintain sidewalks, share-use paths, and bike facilities to provide greater opportunities for residents to use active transportation safely

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OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:

    a. Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project as generally shown on **Attachment #1 and Attachment #2**;

    b. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire right-of-ways, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1 and Attachment #2**;

    c. Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, Timothy Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1 and Attachment #2,** to the Bid and Award Phase; and

    d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission deny approval of the proposed Preliminary Plans, as shown on **Attachment #1 and Attachment #2**.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b, c, & d

DEPARTMENT:
Prepared by: J. Derek Doster, Office of the Manager - SPLOST & TSPLOST Program Management

Keith D. Sanders, TSPLOST Program Administrator — Date:

Stephen Bailey, Director Transportation & Public Works — 10/04/2023 Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, c, & d

Manager — October 12, 2023 Date:

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment #1 – Timothy Road Section 1 Preliminary Plans
Attachment #2 – Timothy Road Section 2 Preliminary Plans

STATE	PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
GA		1	217

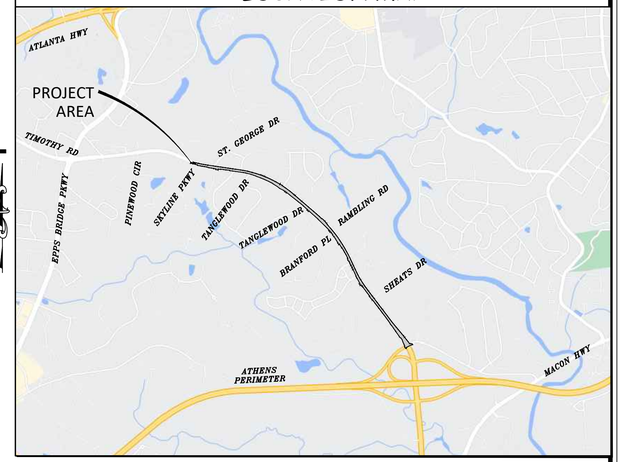
TIMOTHY ROAD
SHARED USE PATH
SECTION I

FOR
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECT DATA

LENGTH OF PROJECT	1.60 MILES	
	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
NET LENGTH OF MULTI-USE TRAIL	1.60	1.60
NET LENGTH OF BRIDGES	0.00	0.00
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	1.60	1.60
NET LENGTH OF EXCEPTION	0.00	0.00
GROSS LENGTH OF PROJECT	1.60	1.60
PERCENT LENGTH OF PROJECT COUNTY		100%
THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10		
THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY		

LOCATION MAP



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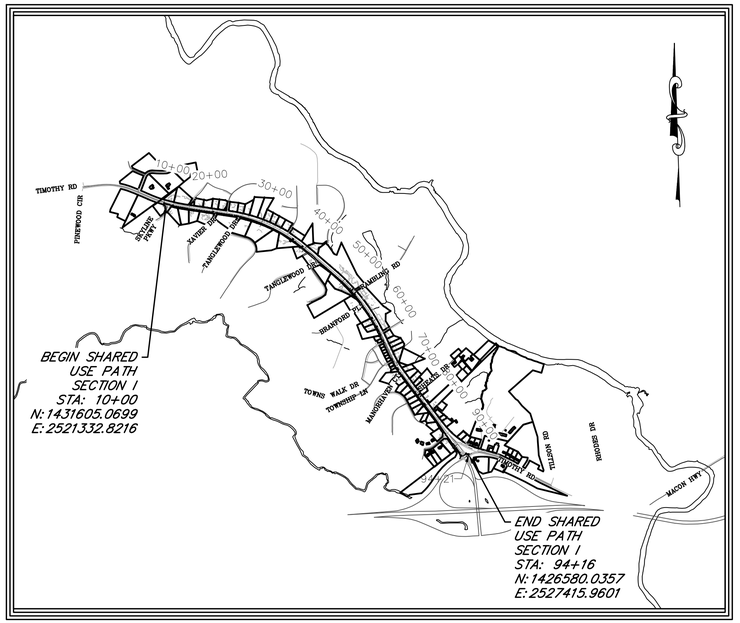

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Longitude	83.421823	W
End		
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Longitude	83.403456	W

DISTURBED AREA = 6.28 AC
A NOI IS REQUIRED

NOTE:
PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS PER GEORGIA DOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, 2013 EDITION AND 2016 STANDARD SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS, AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND AS MODIFIED BY CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

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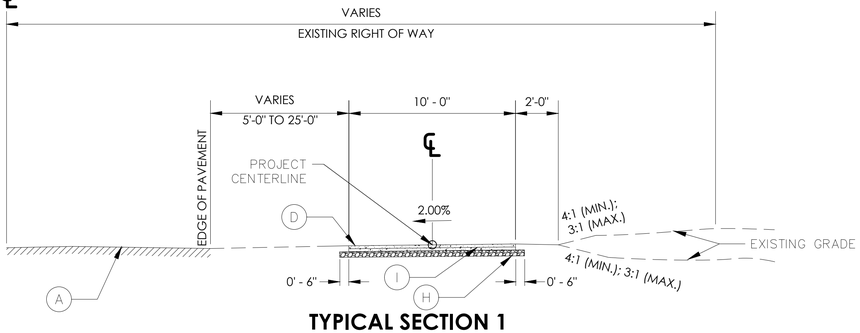

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TIMOTHY ROAD
STA 10+00 TO 10+45
STA 21+58 TO 28+54
STA 43+44 TO 44+44
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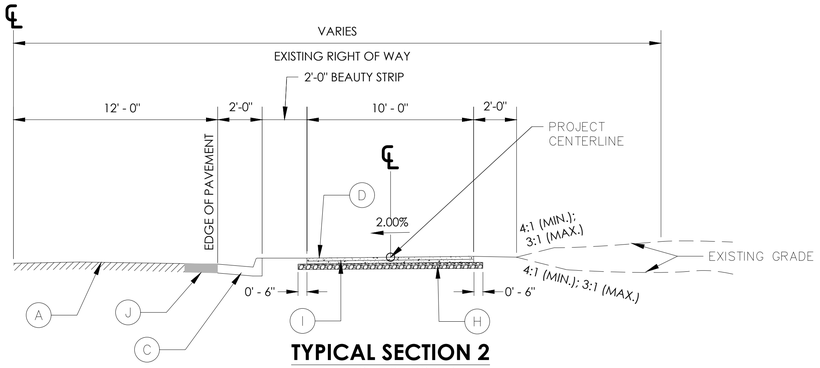
STA 59+95 TO 63+44
STA 68+66 TO 69+15



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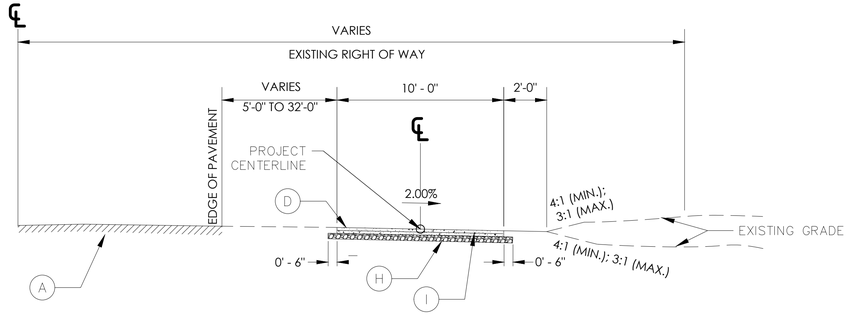

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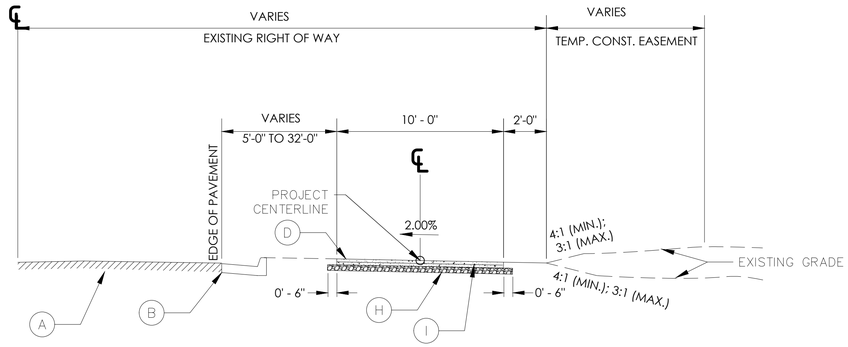
STA 76+45 TO 90+85



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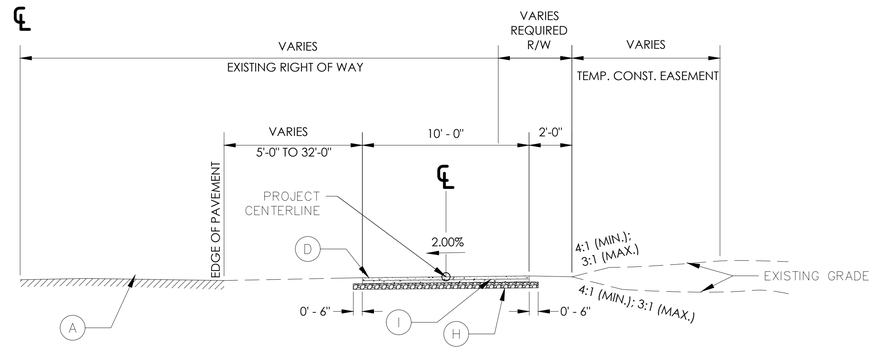

TYPICAL SECTION 5

TIMOTHY ROAD
STA 28+54 TO 43+34
STA 53+20 TO 55+47
STA 55+17 TO 55+90
STA 56+50 TO 59+95
STA 69+15 TO 71+89

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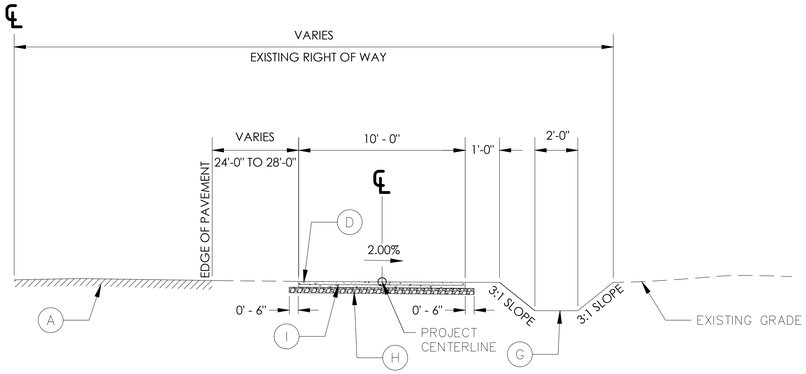

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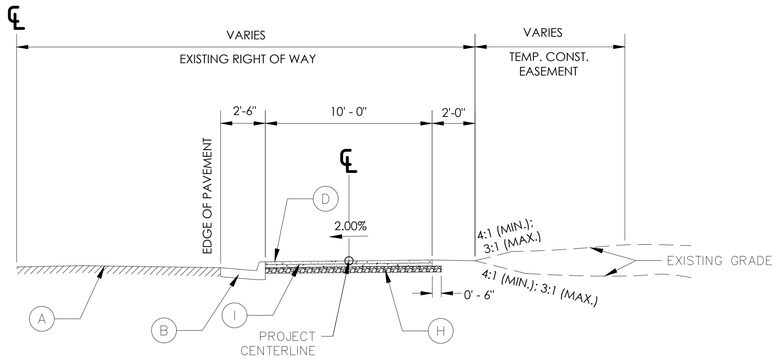

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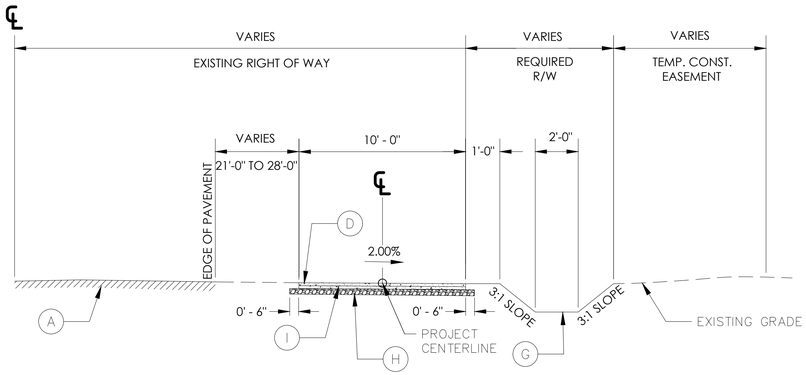

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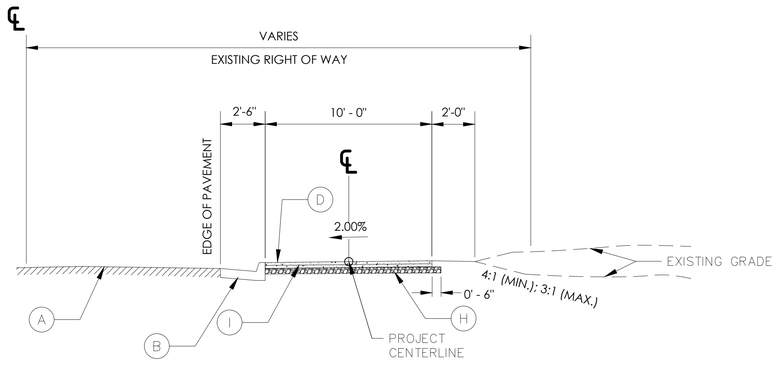

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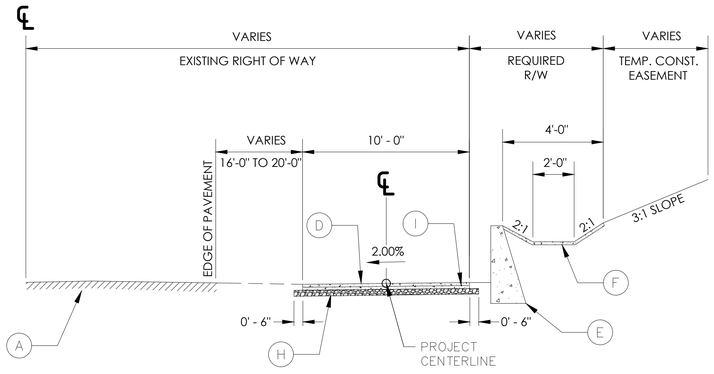

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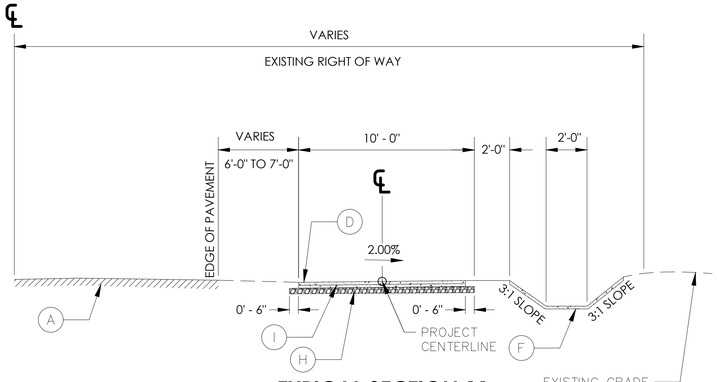

TYPICAL SECTION 11
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STA 90+85 TO 92+47

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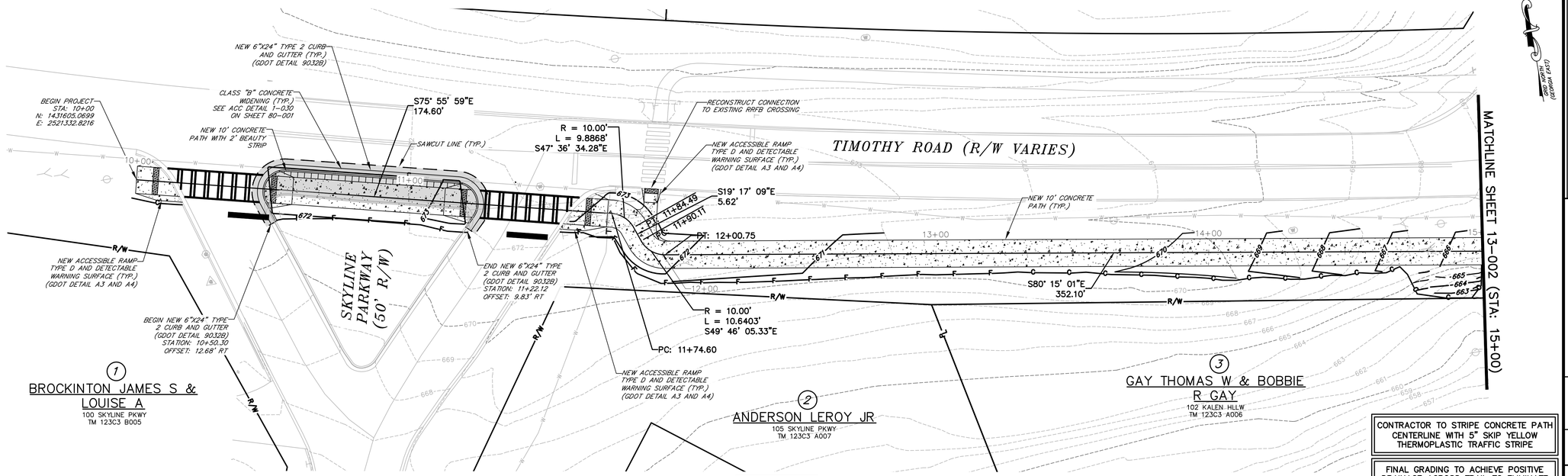

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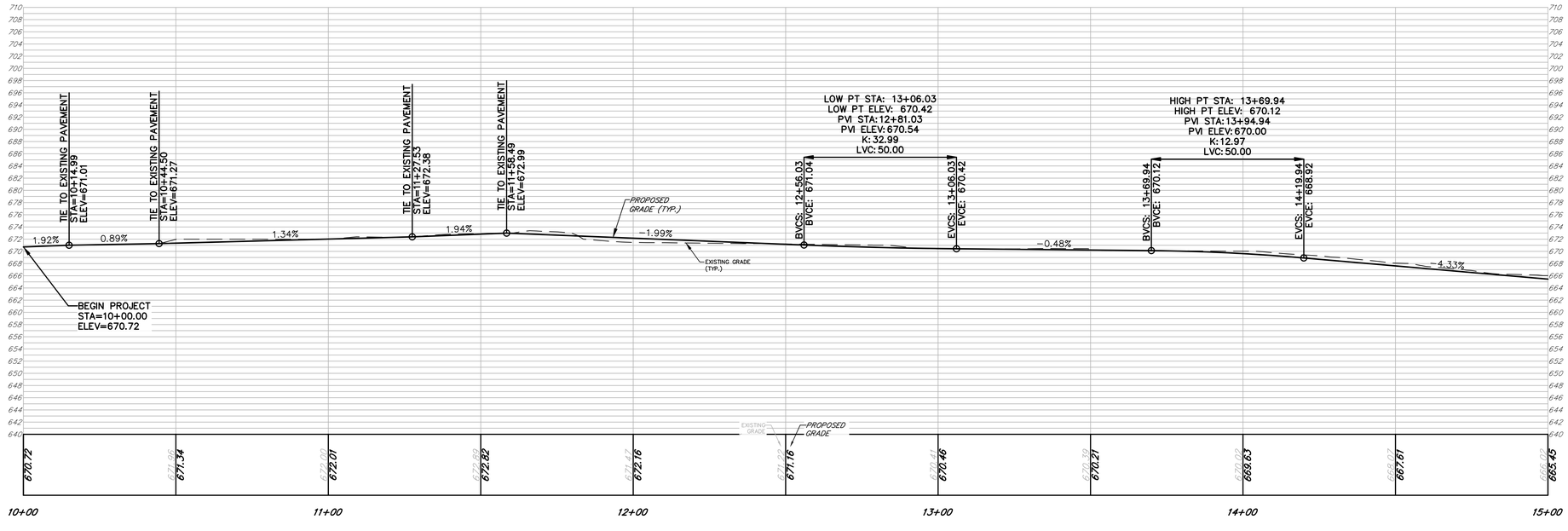

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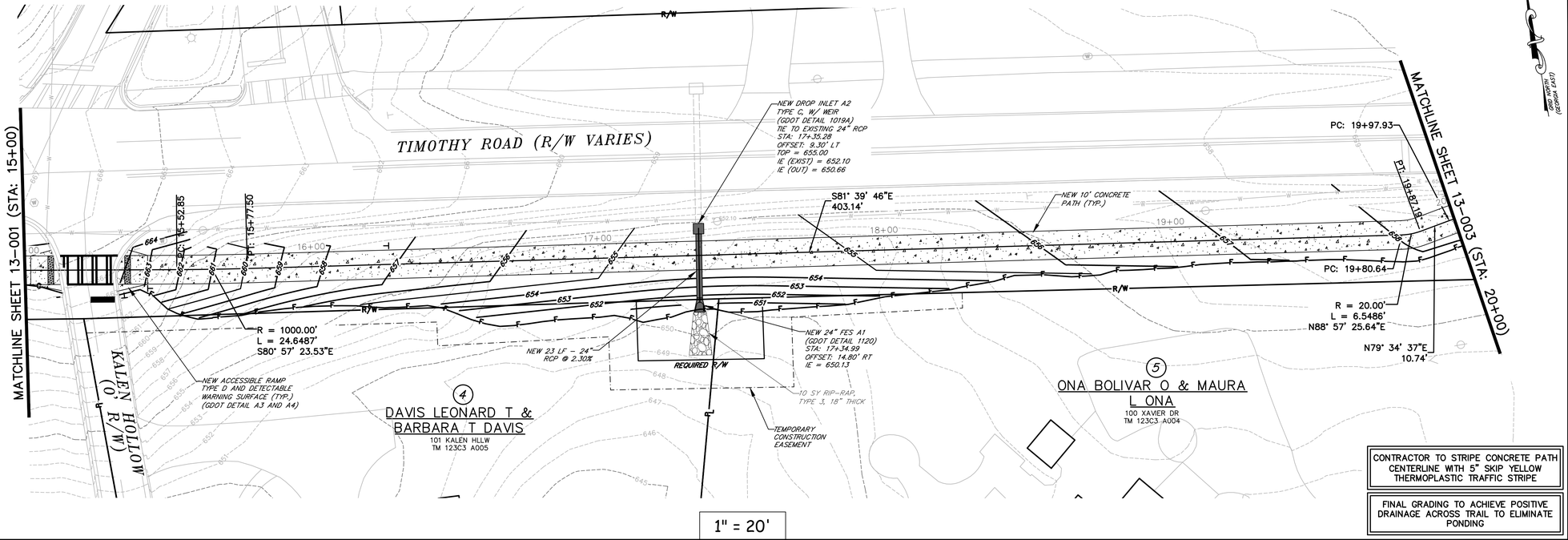

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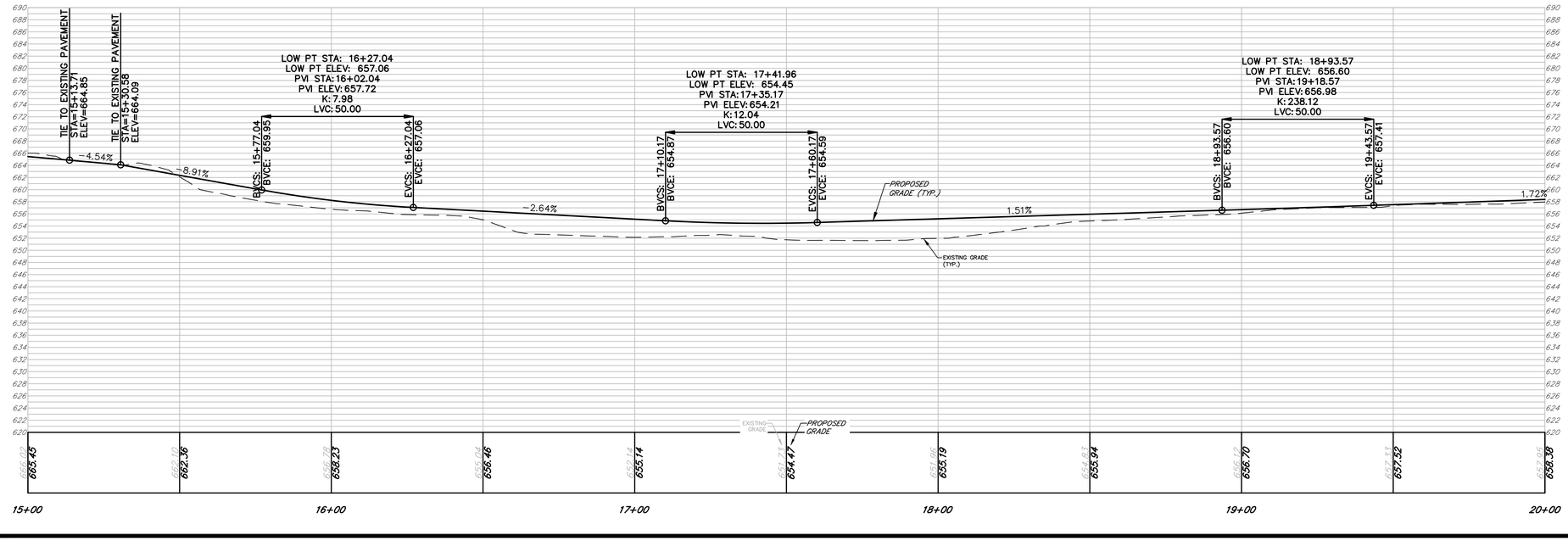

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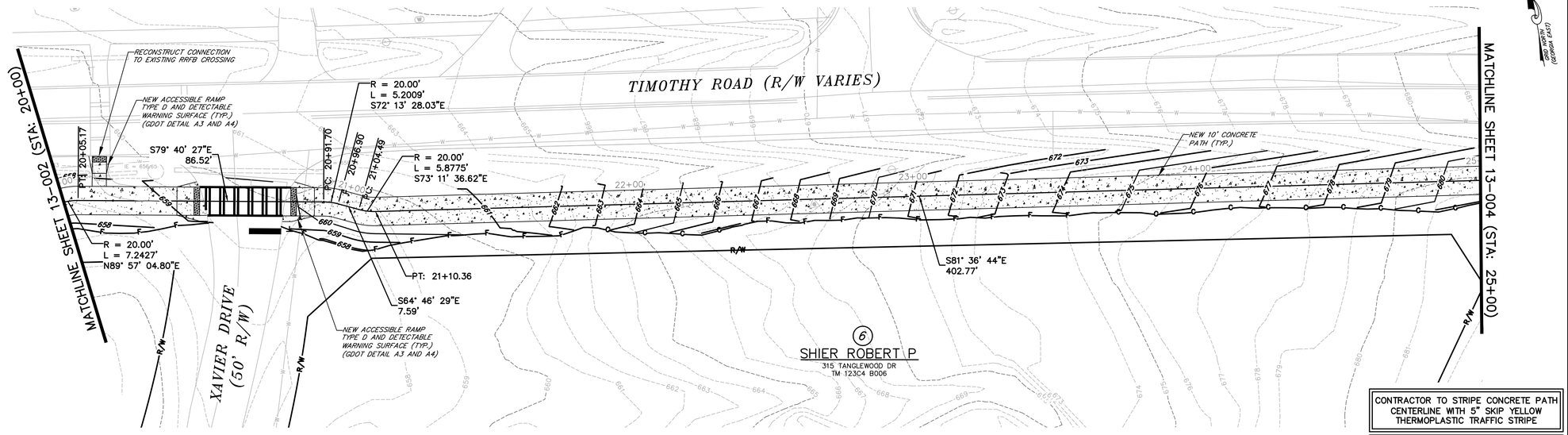

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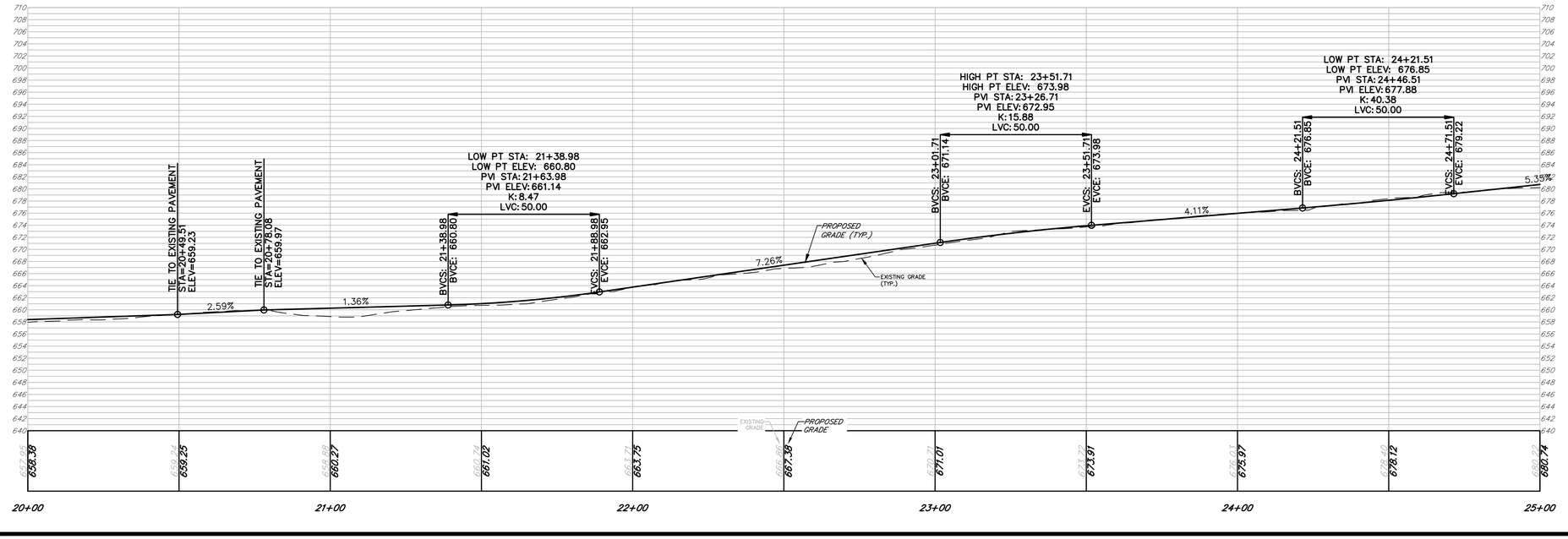

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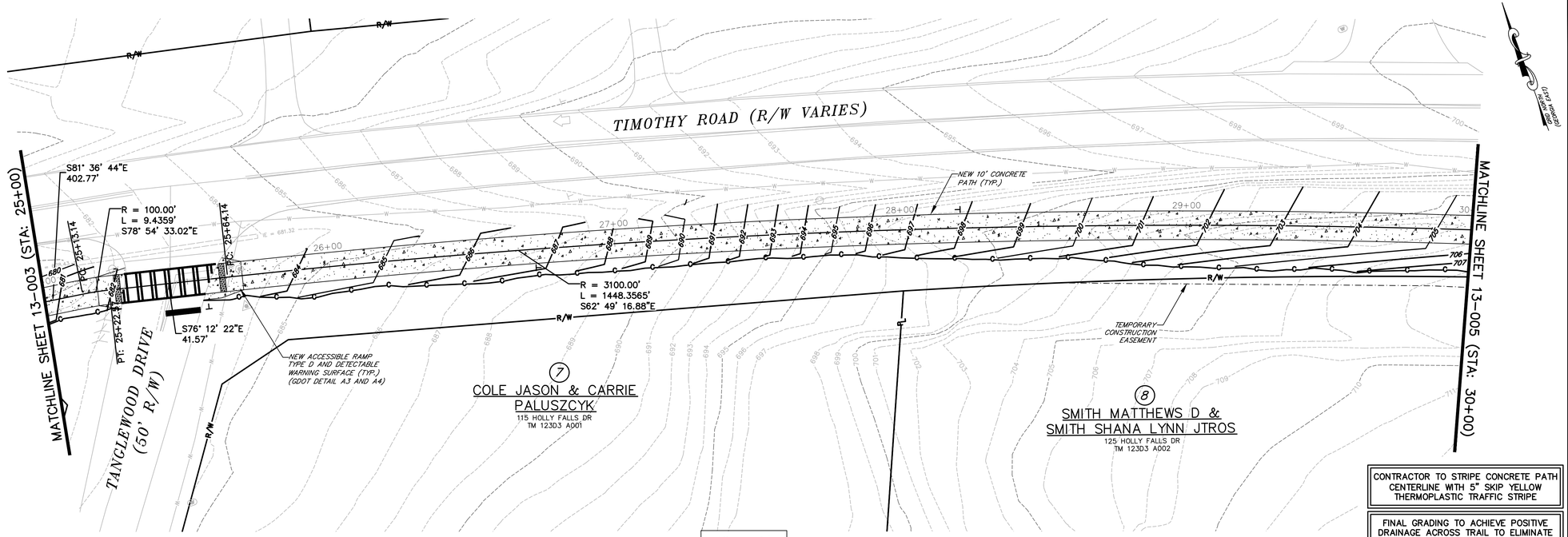

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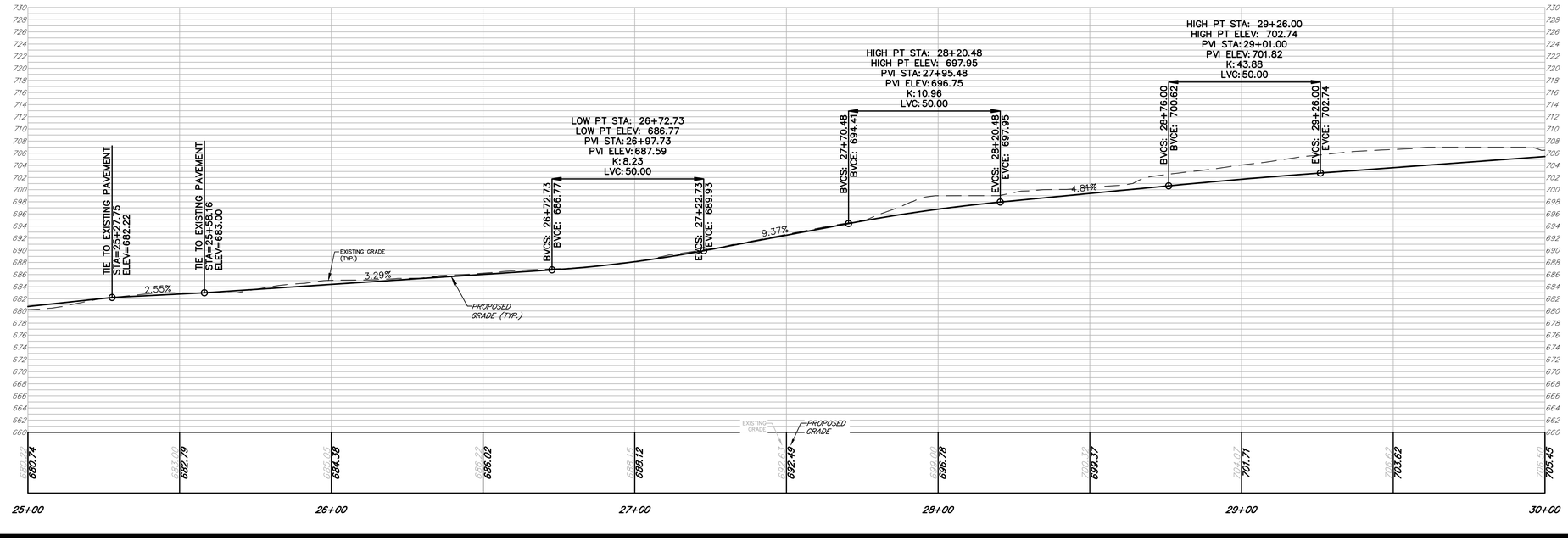

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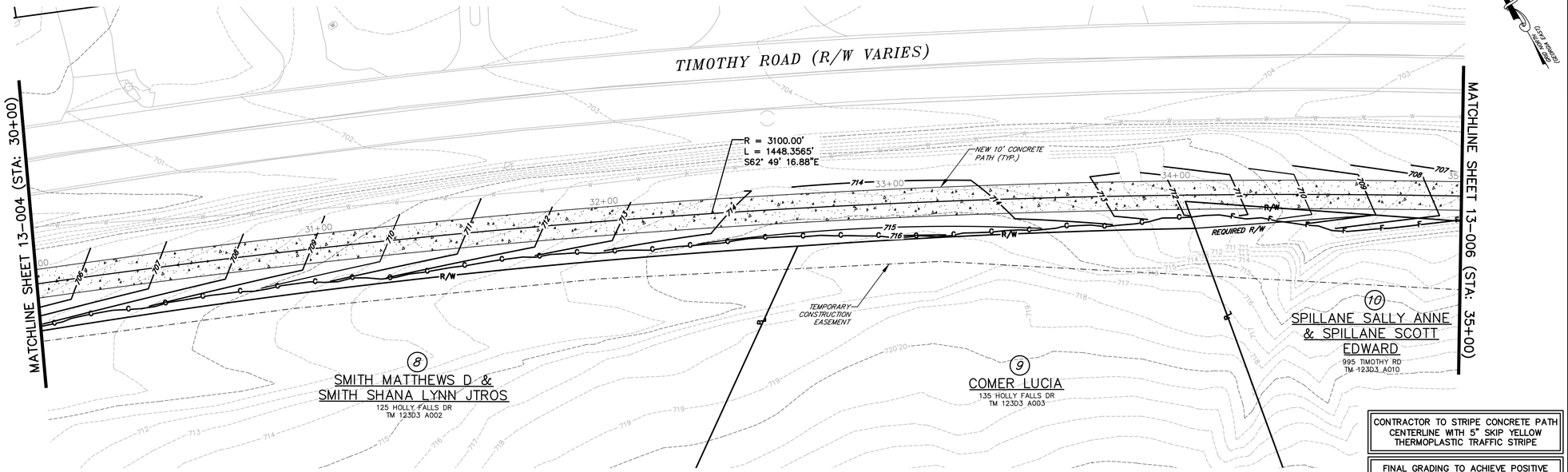

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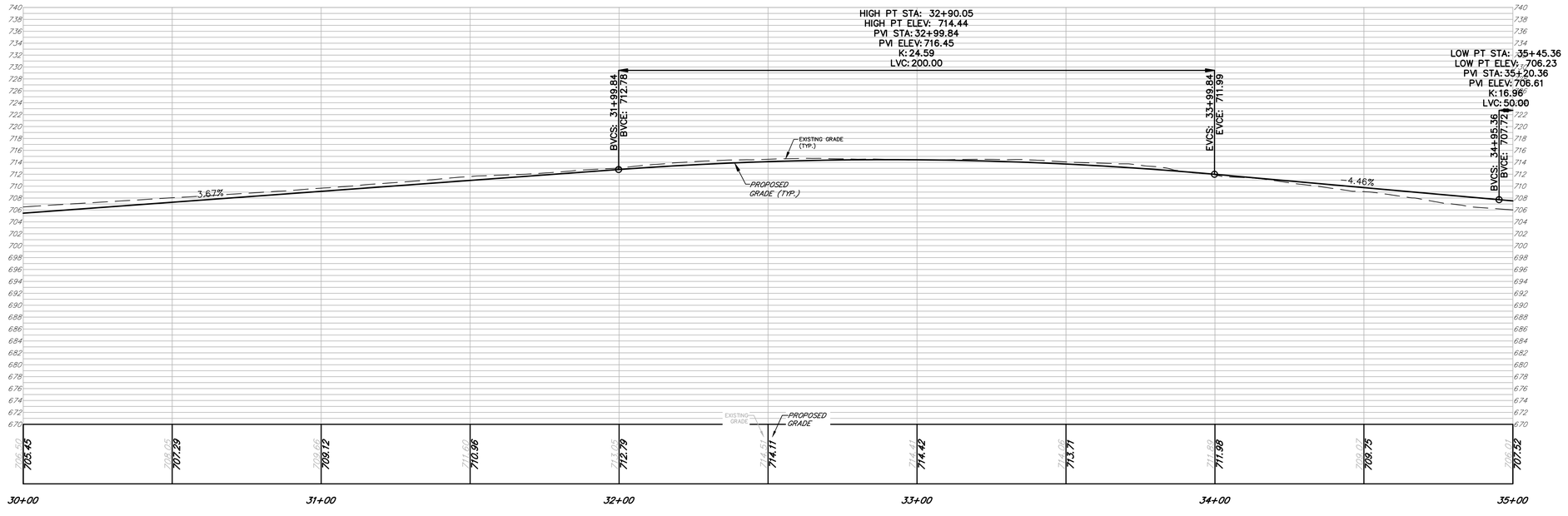

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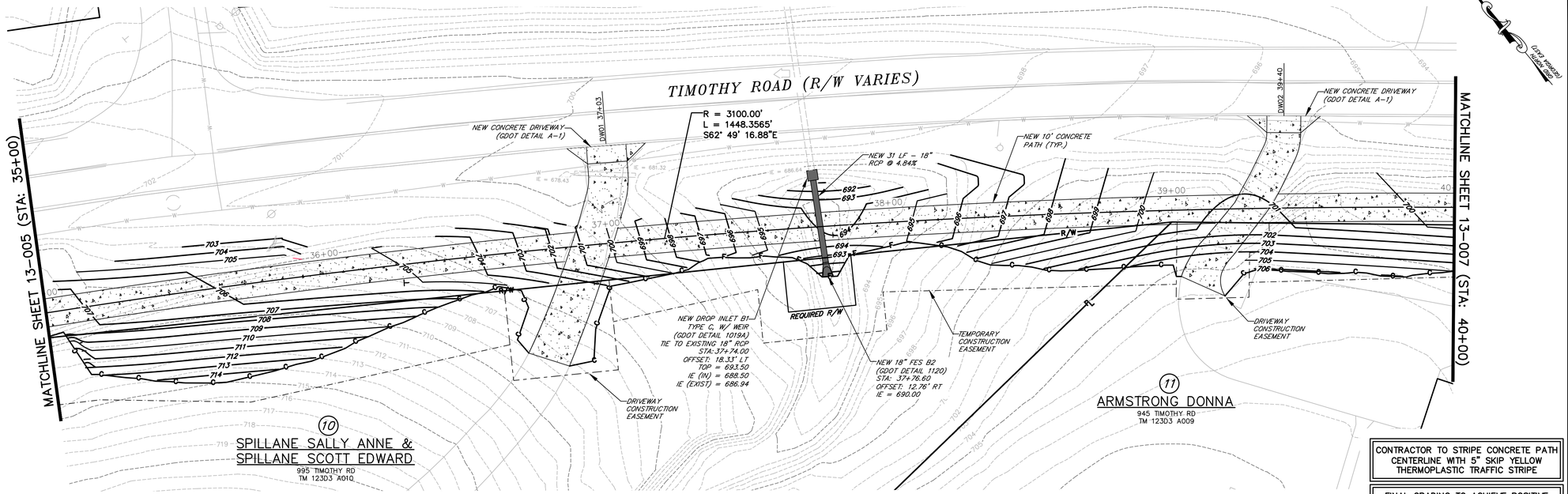

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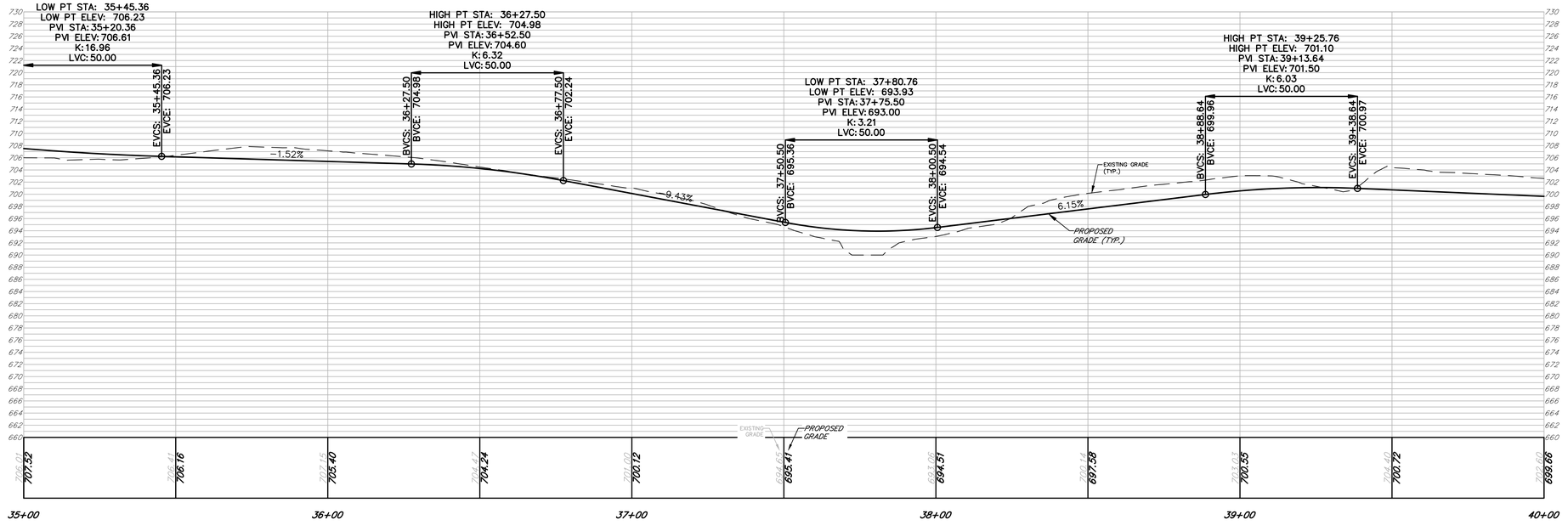

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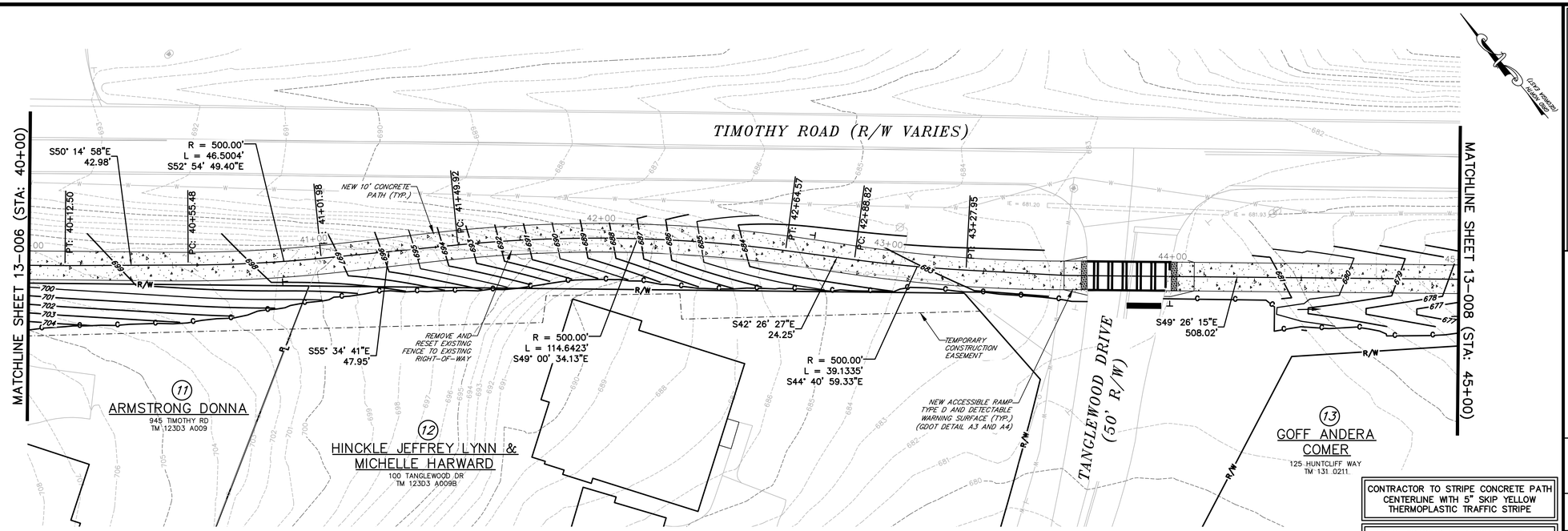

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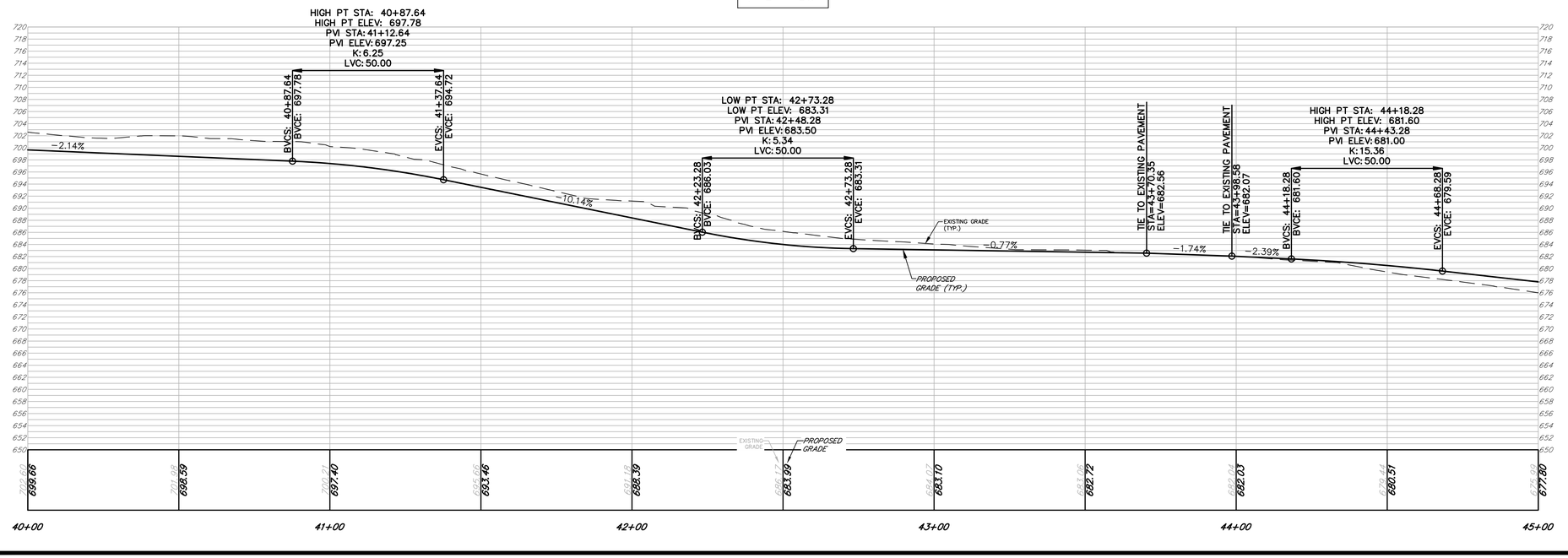

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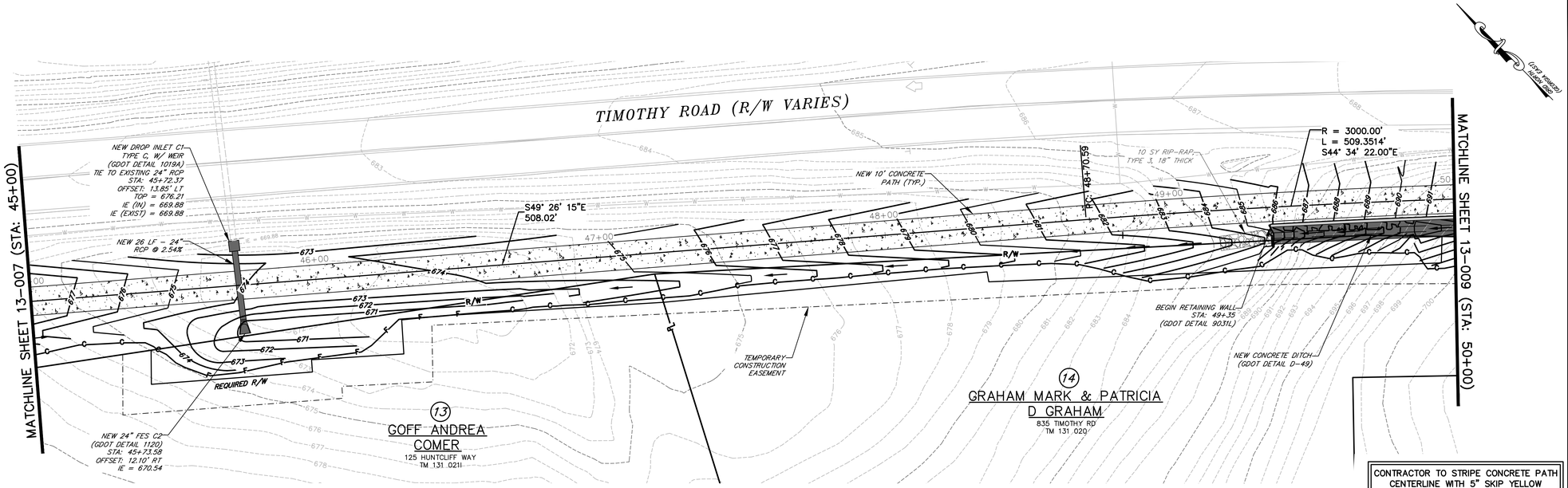

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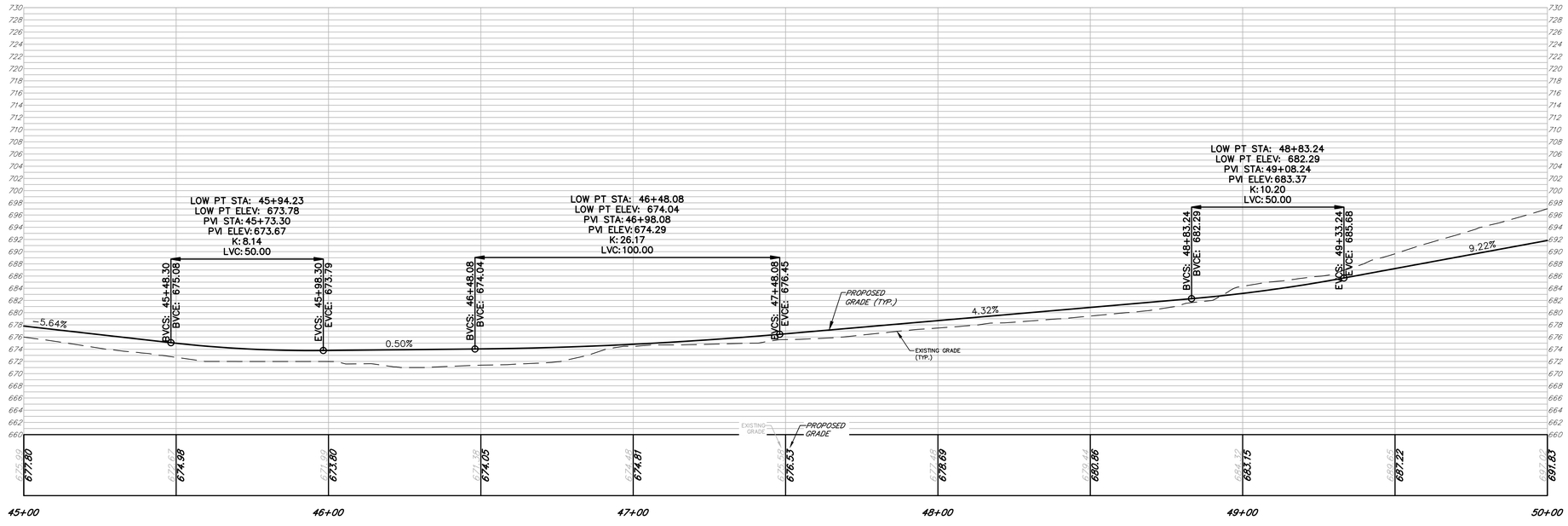

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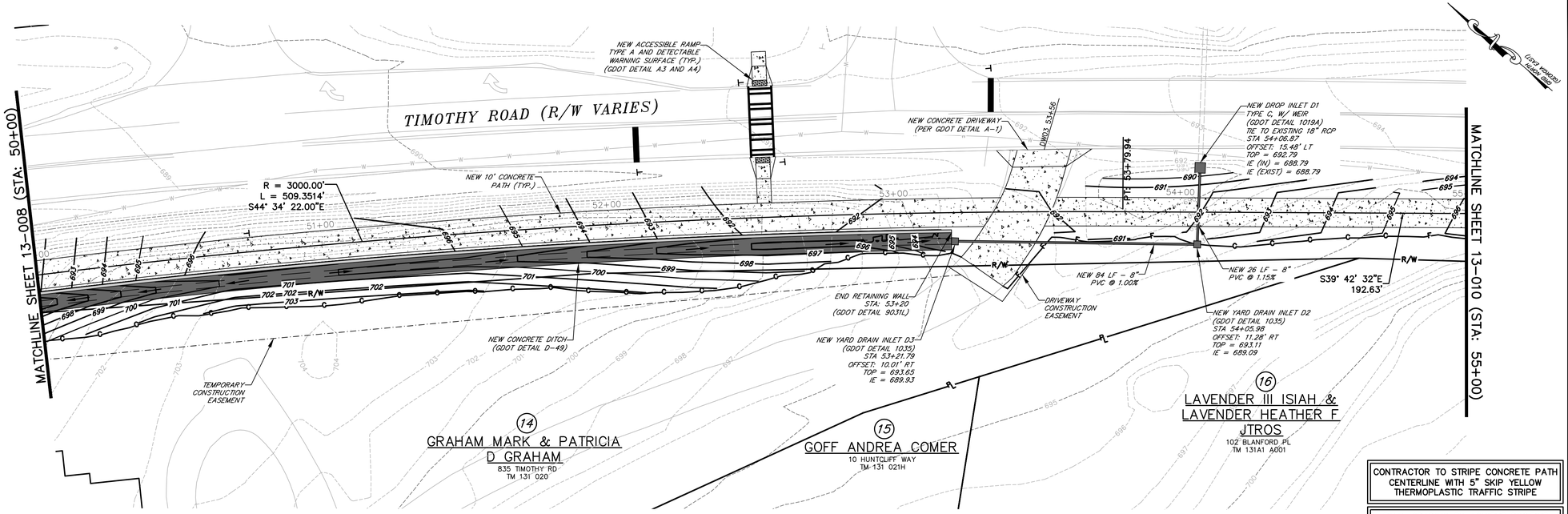

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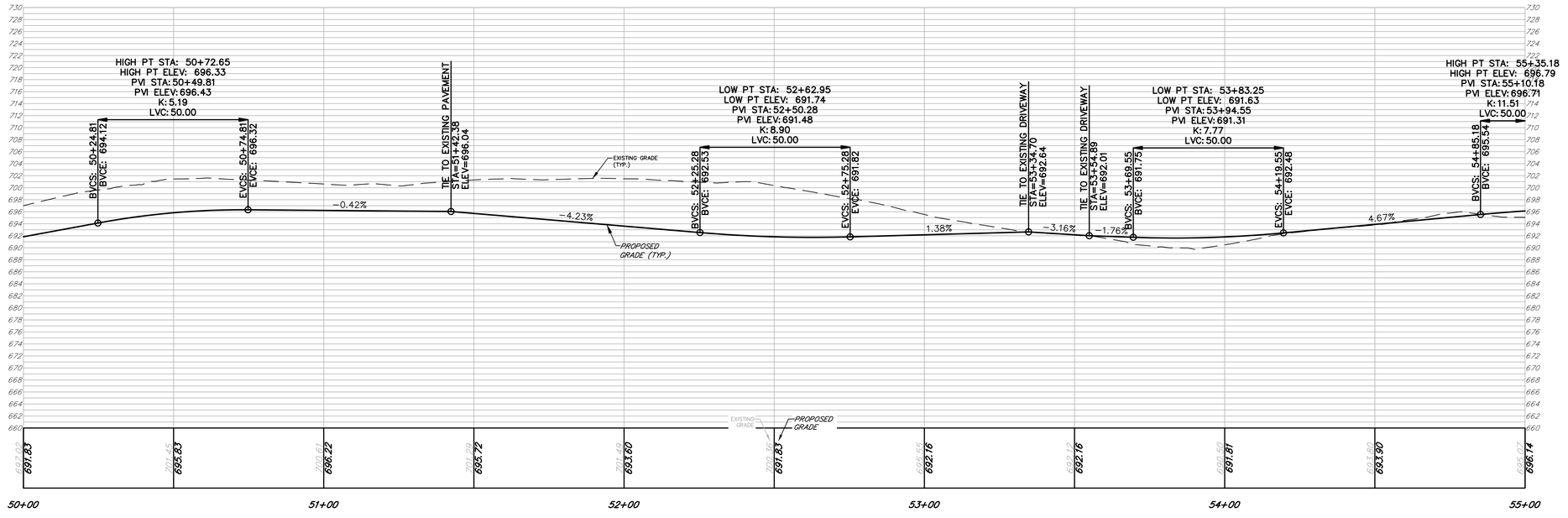

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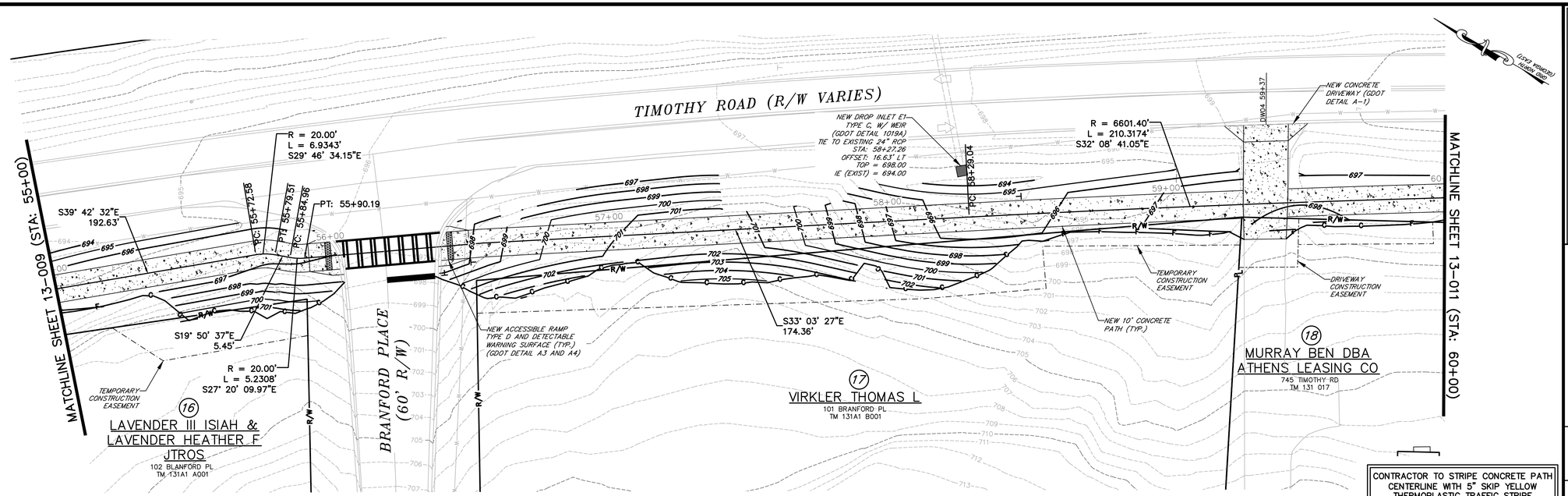

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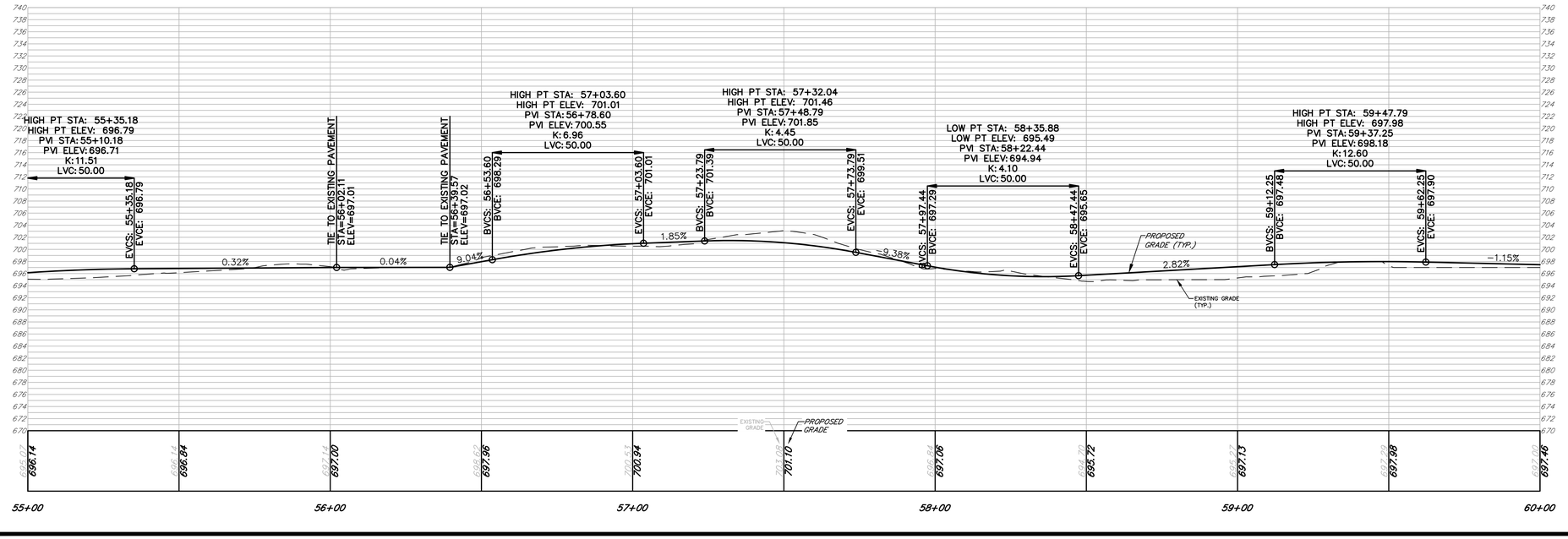

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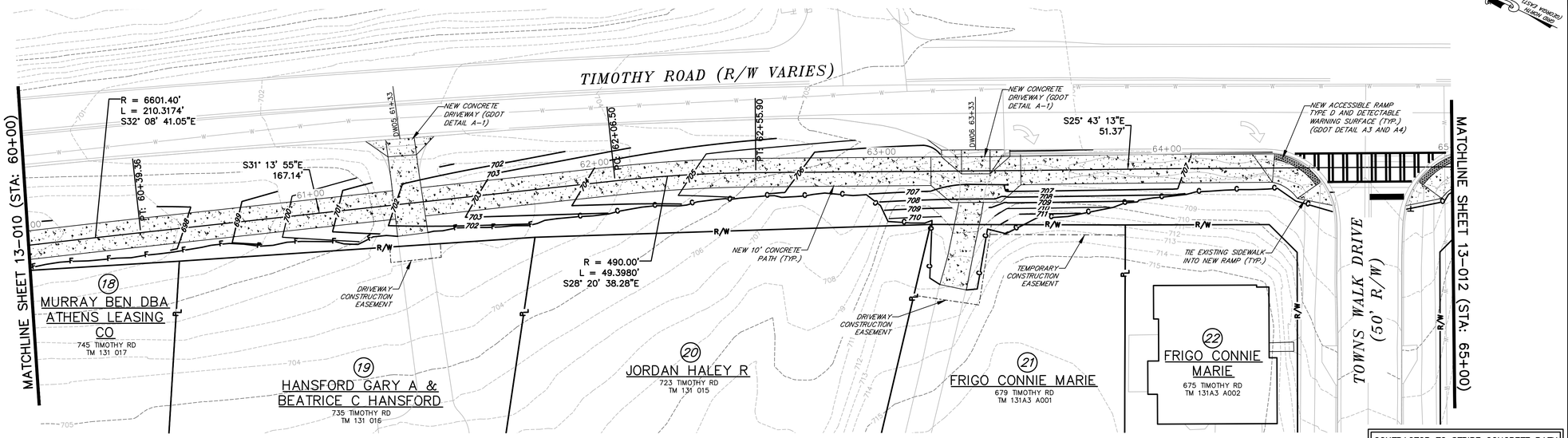

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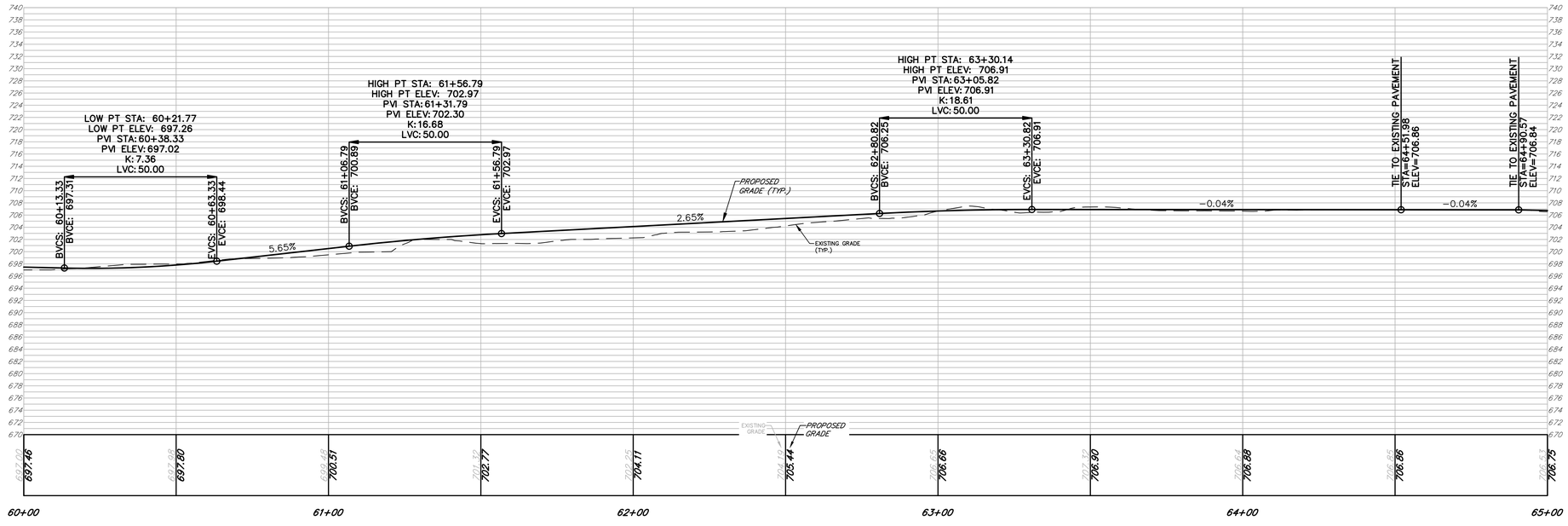

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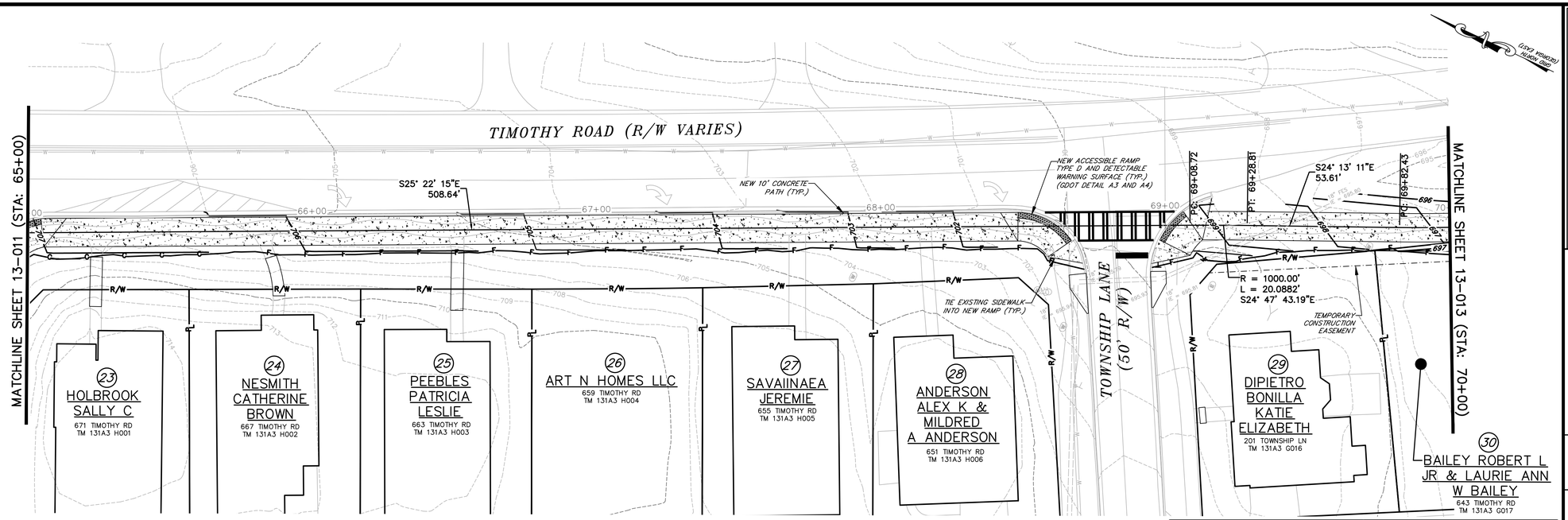

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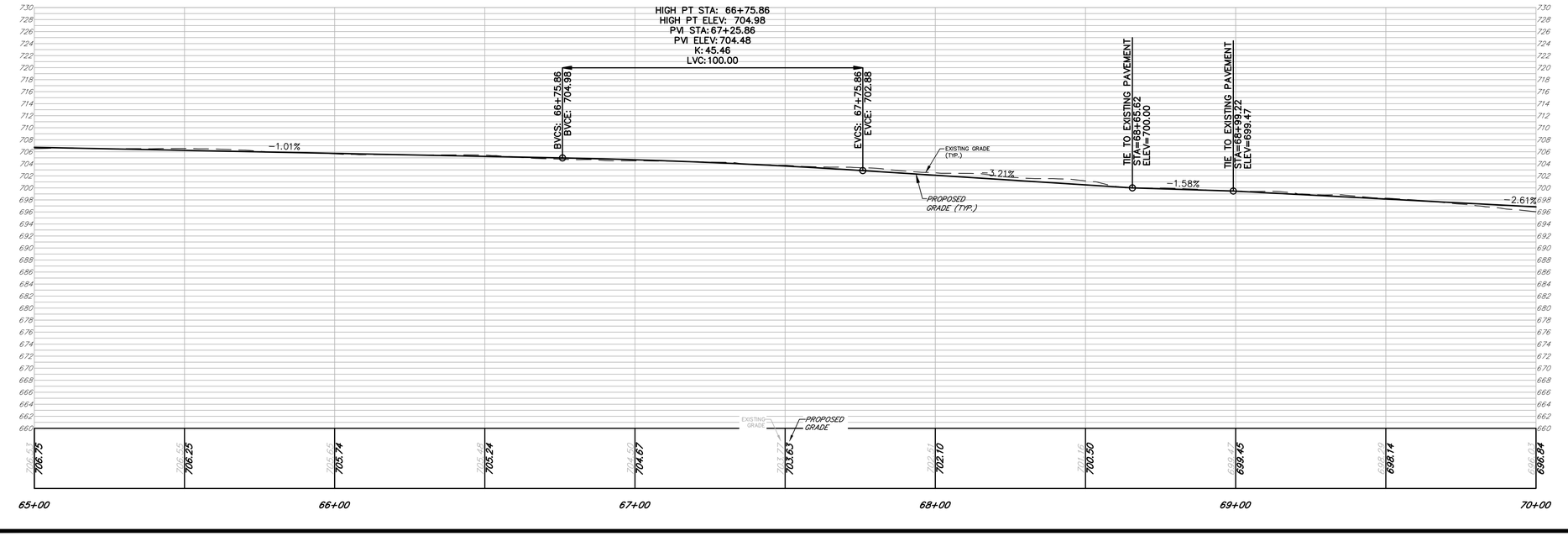

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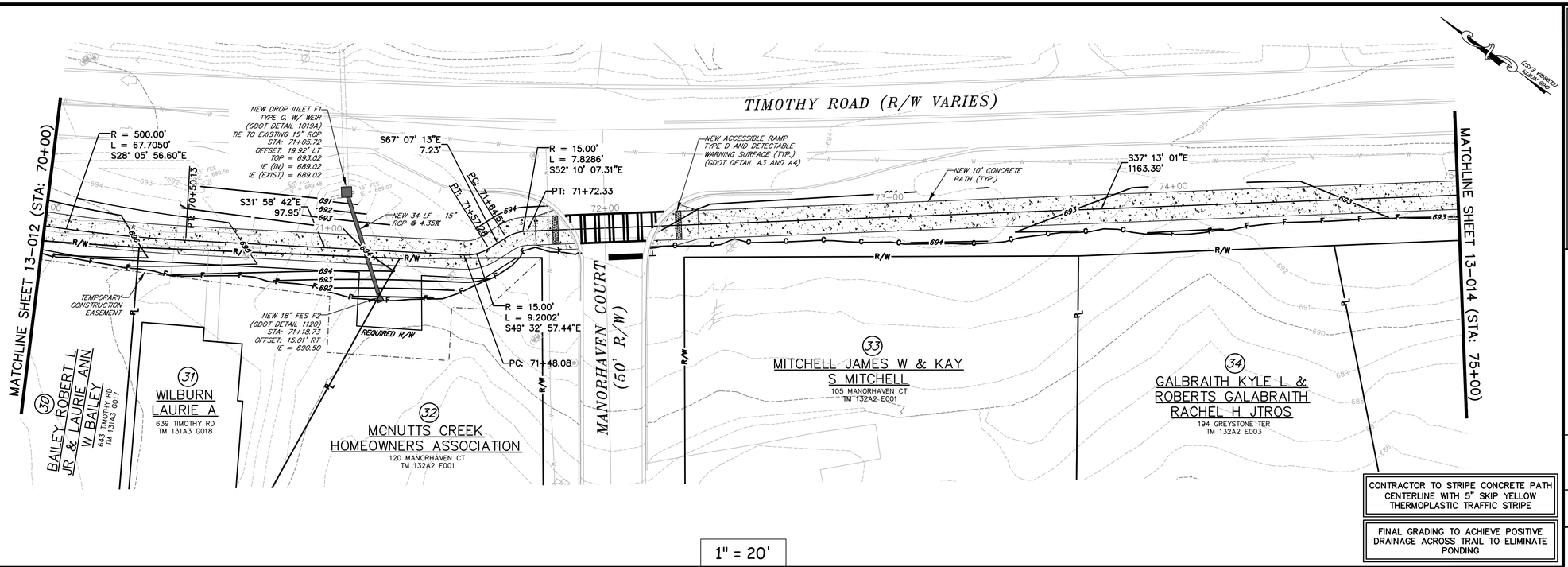

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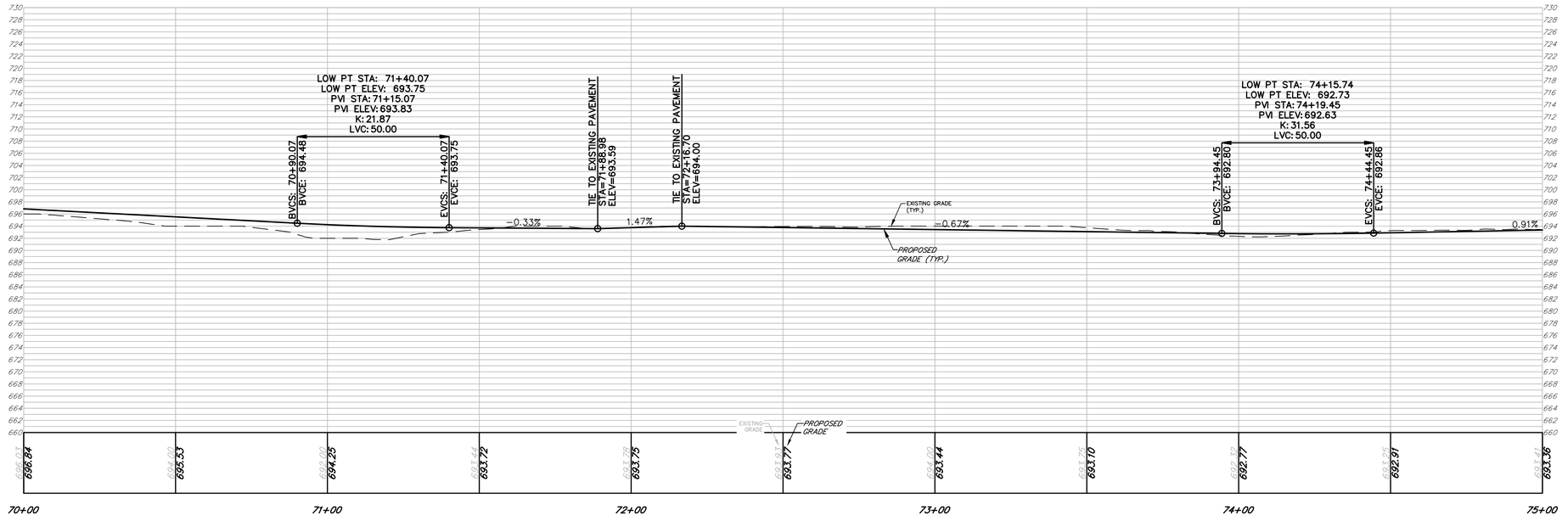

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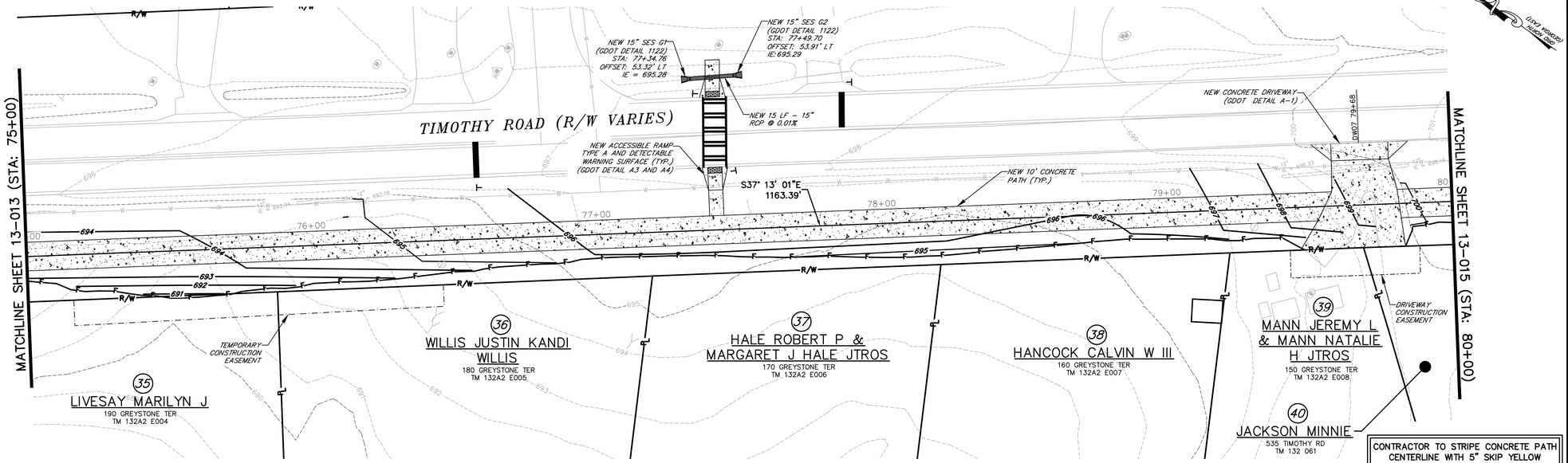

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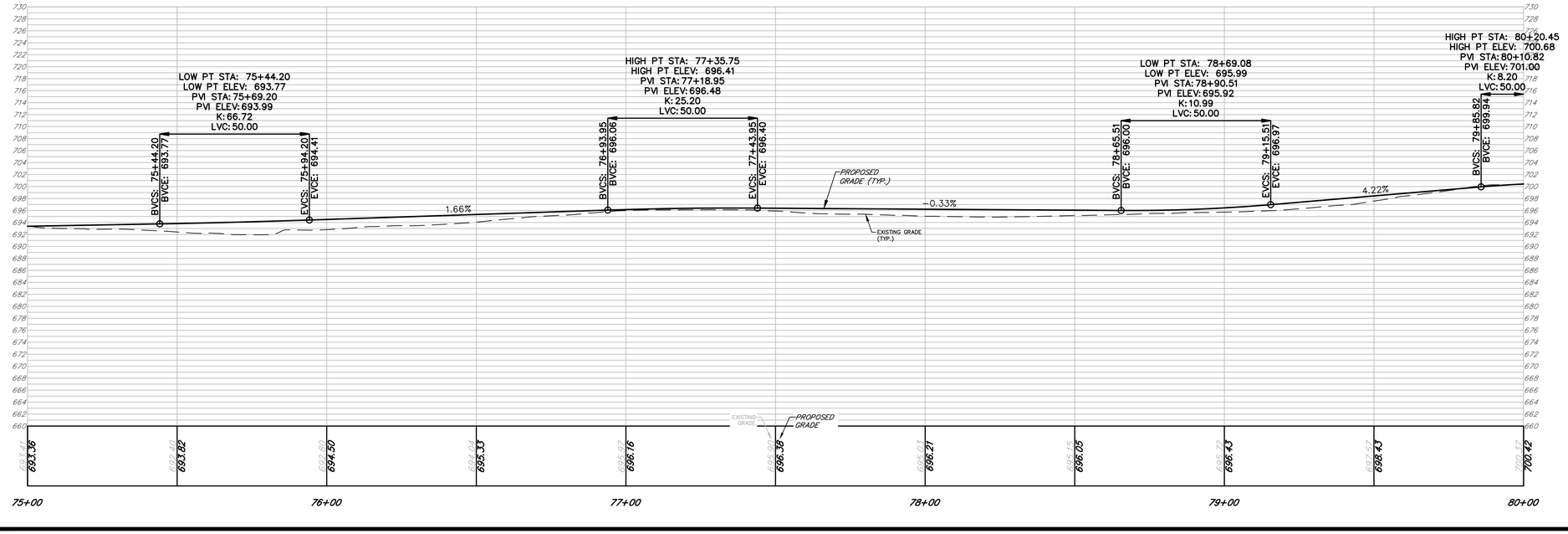

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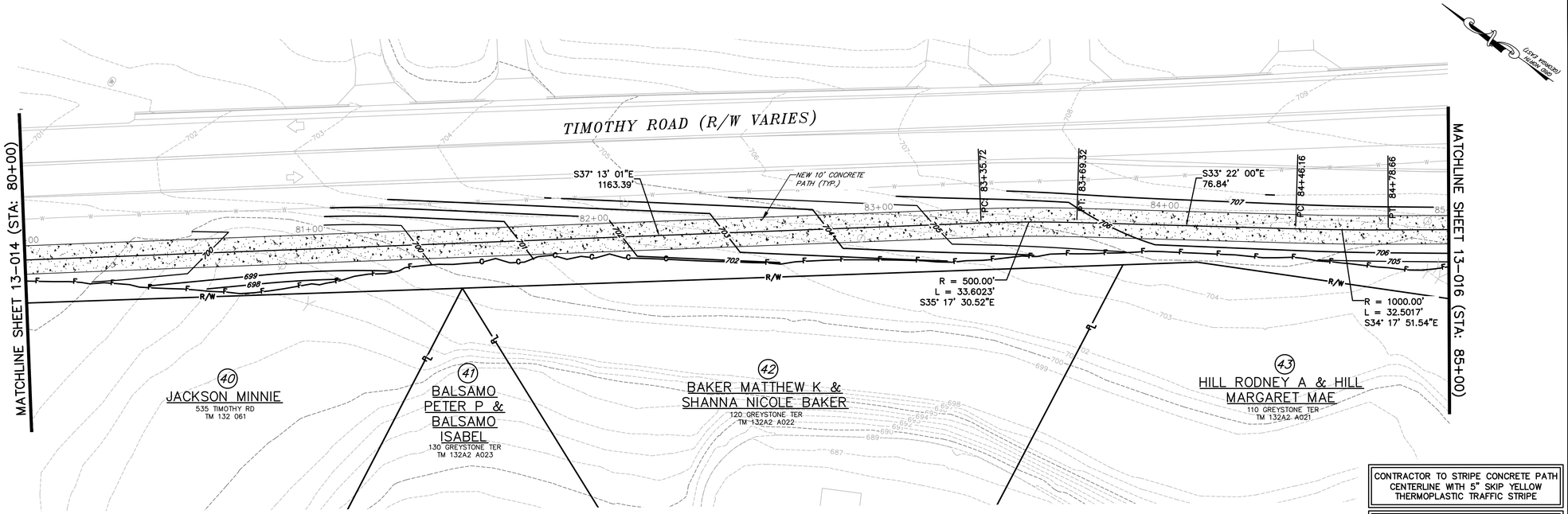

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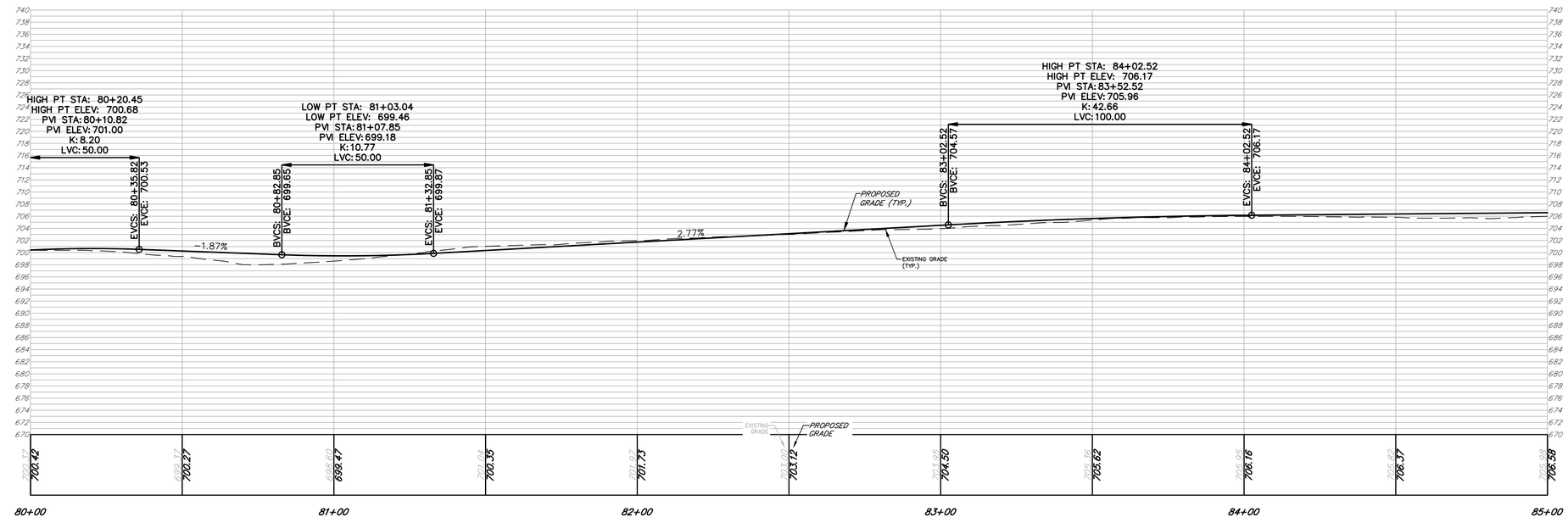

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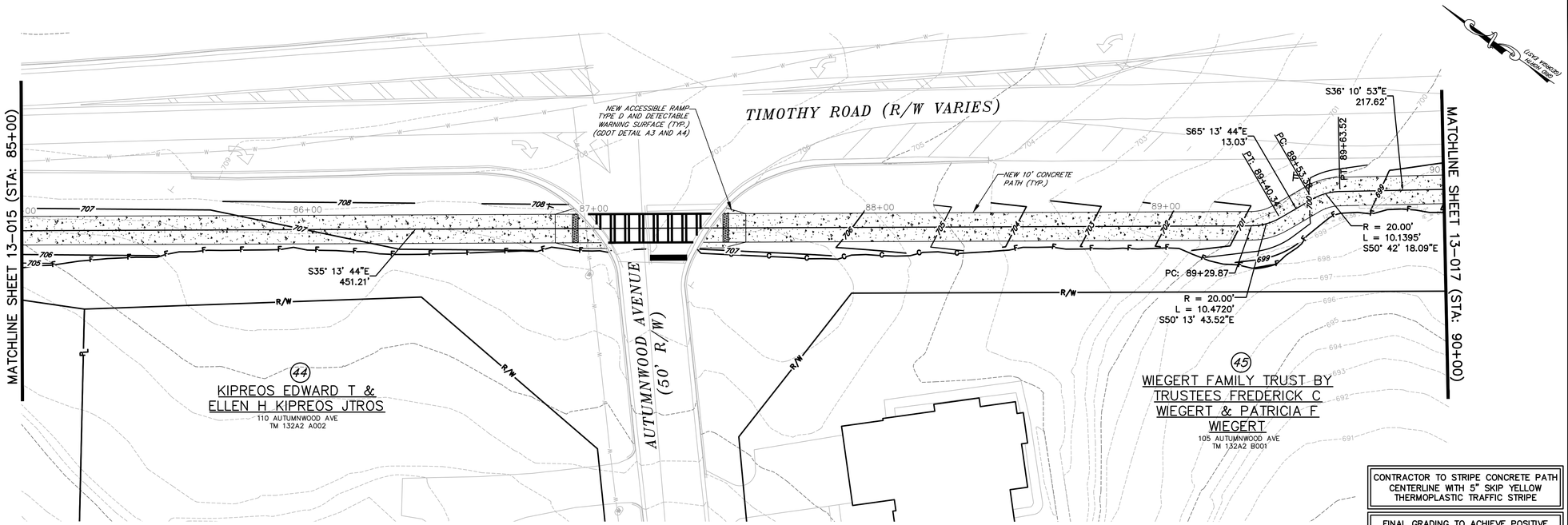

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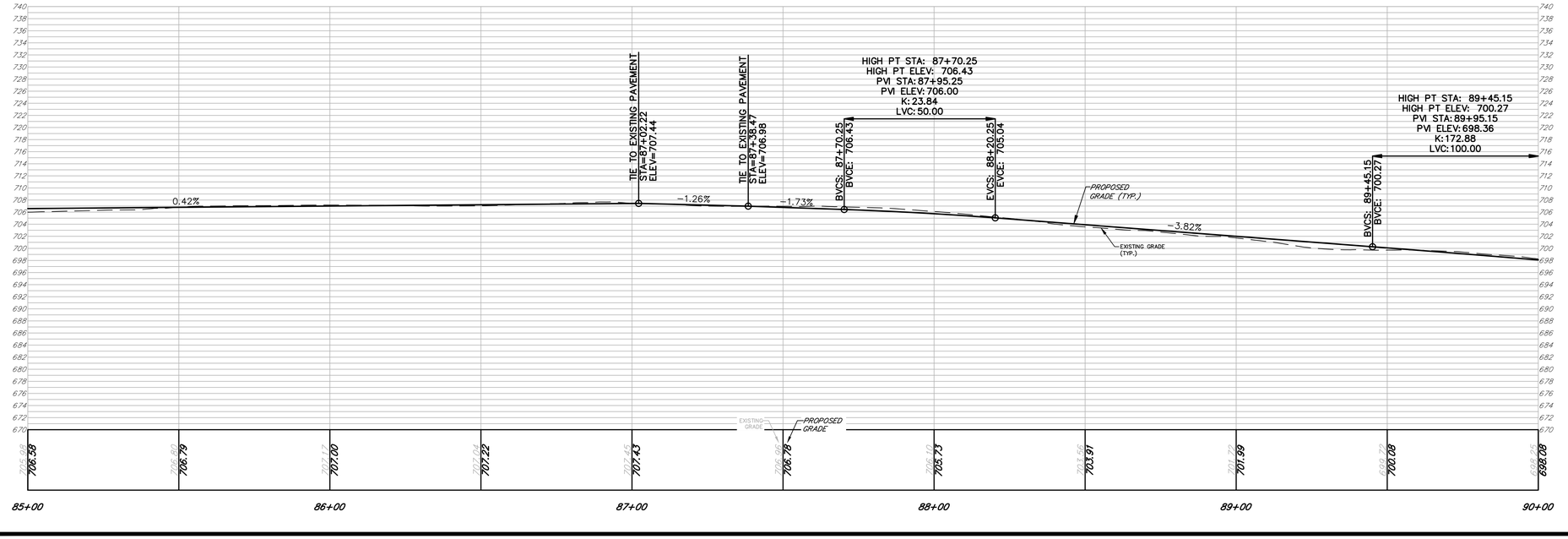

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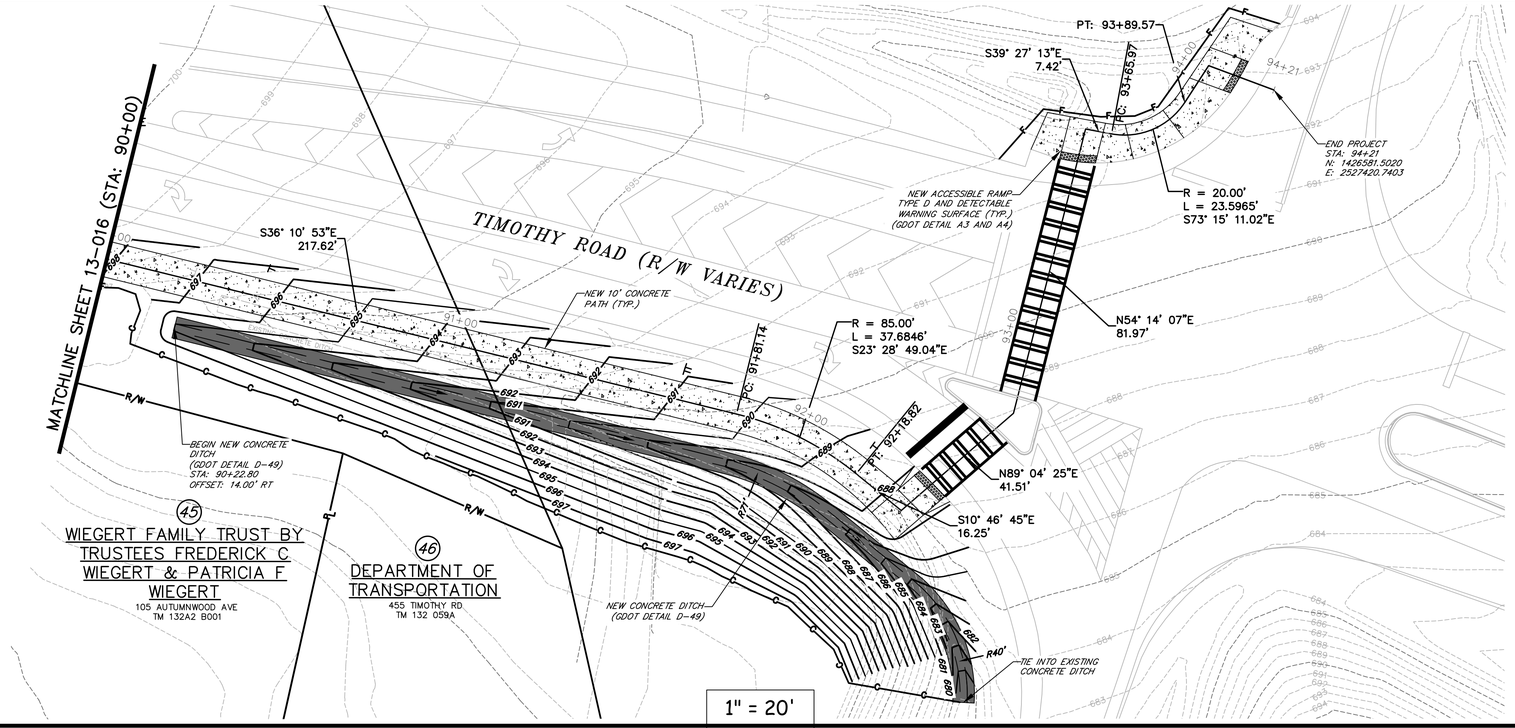

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TIMOTHY ROAD SHARED USE PATH - SECTION II

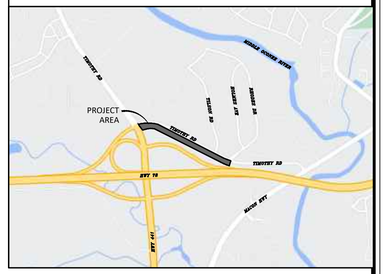
FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES

STATE	PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
GA		1	95

PROJECT DATA

LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.45 MILES	
	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
NET LENGTH OF MULTI-USE TRAIL	0.45	0.45
NET LENGTH OF BRIDGES	0.00	0.00
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.45	0.45
NET LENGTH OF EXCEPTION	0.00	0.00
GROSS LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.45	0.45
PERCENT LENGTH OF PROJECT COUNTY		100%
THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10		
THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY		

LOCATION MAP



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Begin	
Latitude	33.918136 N
Longitude	83.403393 W
End	
Latitude	33.916990 N
Longitude	83.392726 W

DISTURBED AREA = 1.78 AC
A NOI IS REQUIRED

NOTE:
PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS PER GEORGIA DOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, 2021 EDITION AND 2016 STANDARD SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS, AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND AS MODIFIED BY CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

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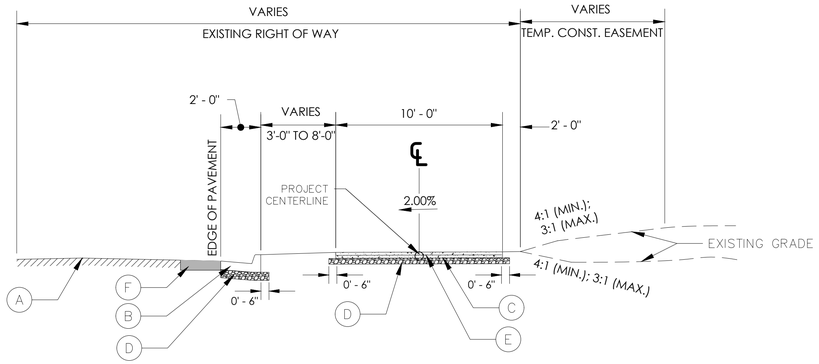

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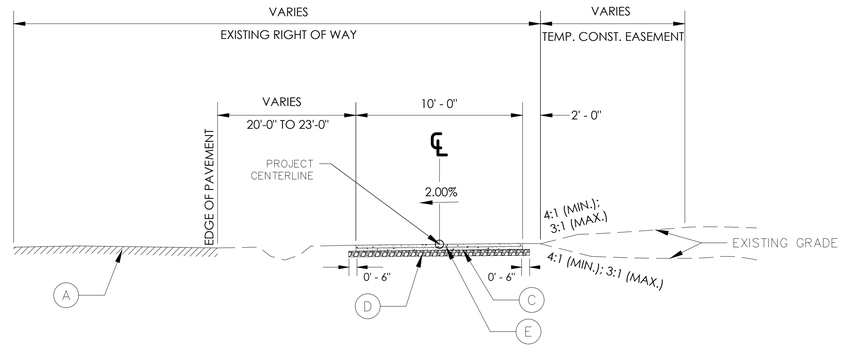
TIMOTHY ROAD
STA 100+30 TO 104+42



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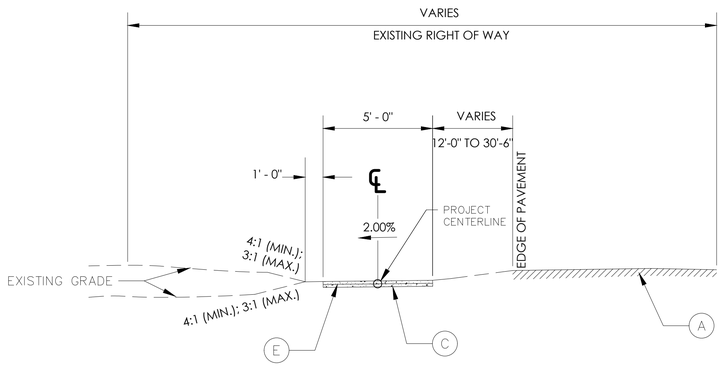

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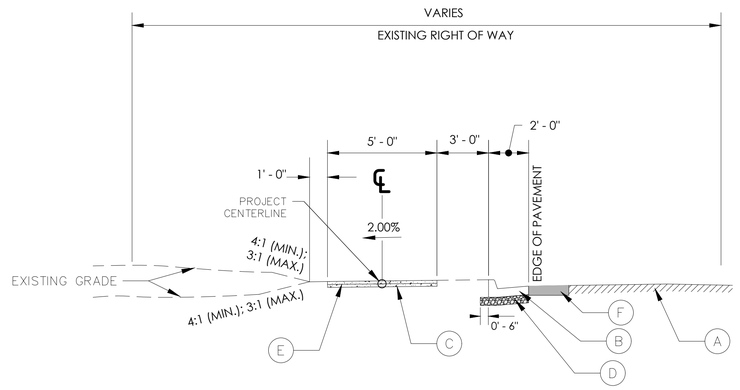

TYPICAL SECTION 4
TIMOTHY ROAD
STA 122+13 TO 123+50

REQUIRED PAVEMENT LEGEND

- (A) EXISTING ASPHALT ROADWAY
- (B) NEW CONC. CURB AND GUTTER, 6 IN X 24 IN, TYPE 2, GDOT DETAIL 9032B
- (C) NEW CONCRETE PATH, 4 IN THICK
- (D) GRADED AGGREGATE BASE, 6 IN THICK
- (E) WOVEN WIRE MESH, 6 IN X 6 IN X 10 GAUGE
- (F) CLASS B CONCRETE WIDENING PER ACC DETAIL 1-030

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CONSTRUCTION ITEMS		
ITEMS	UNIT	QTY
EXCAVATION - ROCK	CY	20
BORROW EXCAVATION, INCL MATL	CY	50
FOUNDATION BACKFILL MATL, TP II	CY	300
GR AGGR BASE CRS, INCL MATL	TN	860
AGGR SURF CRS	TN	15
RECYLCED ASPH CONC 9.5 MM SUPERPAVE, TYPE II BLEND 1, INCL BITUM MATL AND H LIME	TN	30
BITUM TACK COAT	GL	15
DRIVEWAY CONCRETE, 6 IN TK	SY	200
CONC SIDEWALK, 4 IN (WITH WELDED WIRE MESH)	SY	2250
CONC SIDEWALK, 8 IN (FOR ADA RAMP)	SY	120
CONC SIDEWALK, 8 IN (FOR BUS STOP PAD)	SY	10
CONC VALLEY GUTTER, 6 IN	SY	60
CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER, 6 IN X 24 IN, TP 2	LF	530
CLASS B CONC, BASE OR PVMT WIDENING	CY	25
WATER MAIN, 8 IN	LF	30
GATE VALVE, 8 IN	EA	2
WASTE RECEPTACLE UNIT	EA	1
DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE	SF	100
BENCH	EA	1
BUS SHELTER	EA	1
SCHEDULE HOLDER	EA	1
SOLAR LIGHT	EA	1

STANDARD SIGN QUANTITIES				
STATION	OFFSET	RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLY - DOUBLE SIDED	REMOVE SIGN	RESET SIGN
		EA	EA	EA
101+80.36	5.98' LT		1	1
103+55.55	6.91' LT		1	1
117+72.27	11.63' LT		1	1
120+60.99	8.61' LT	1		
120+87.04	10.50' RT	1		
122+68.20	9.01' LT		1	1
TOTAL		2	4	4

SIGNING AND MARKING ITEMS		
ITEMS	UNIT	QTY
REMOVE SIGN	EA	4
RESET SIGN	EA	4
SKIP, TRAFFIC STRIPE, 5 IN, YELLOW	GLF	2080
THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 24 IN, WHITE	LF	60
THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 8 IN, WHITE	LF	1250
RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLY	EA	2

STORM DRAIN QUANTITIES									
STRUCTURE NUMBER			PROFILE SHEET NUMBER	STORM DRAIN PIPES	STORM DRAIN STRUCTURES				
	STATION	OFFSET		18 IN RCP, CLASS III	18" SAFETY END SECTION, GDOT DETAIL 1122	DROP INLET, GROUP 1, GDOT DETAIL 1019A	CATCH BASIN, GROUP 1, GDOT DETAIL 1033D	CATCH BASIN, GROUP 1, ADDITIONAL DEPTH	
				LF	EA	EA	EA	LF	
A1	100++48.00	21.75' RT	22-001	49	1				
A2	101+00.72	7.63' LT	22-001	86			1	1.23	
A3	101+85.35	8.61' LT	22-001	104			1	2.44	
A4	102+87.49	6.69' LT	22-001	90			1	4.14	
A5	103+76.39	6.86' LT	22-001	96			1	2.57	
A6	104+70.07	14.25' LT	22-001			1			
			TOTAL	425	1	1	4	10.38	

TEMPORARY GRASSING AND EROSION QUANTITIES												
TEMPORARY GRASSING	MULCH	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TP A	MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TP A	CONCTRUCT AND REMOVE RIP RAP CHECK DAMS	MAINTENANCE OF CHECK DAMS	CONSTRUCT AND REMOVE INLET SEDIMENT TRAPS, SD2-P	MAINTENANCE OF INLET SEDIMENT TRAPS, SD2-P	CONSTRUCTION EXIT	MAINTENANCE OF CONSTRUCTION EXIT	BARRIER FENCE (ORANGE), 4 FT - TREE PROTECTION	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND SAMPLING	WATER QUALITY INSPECTIONS
AC	TN	LF	LF	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	LF	EA	MO
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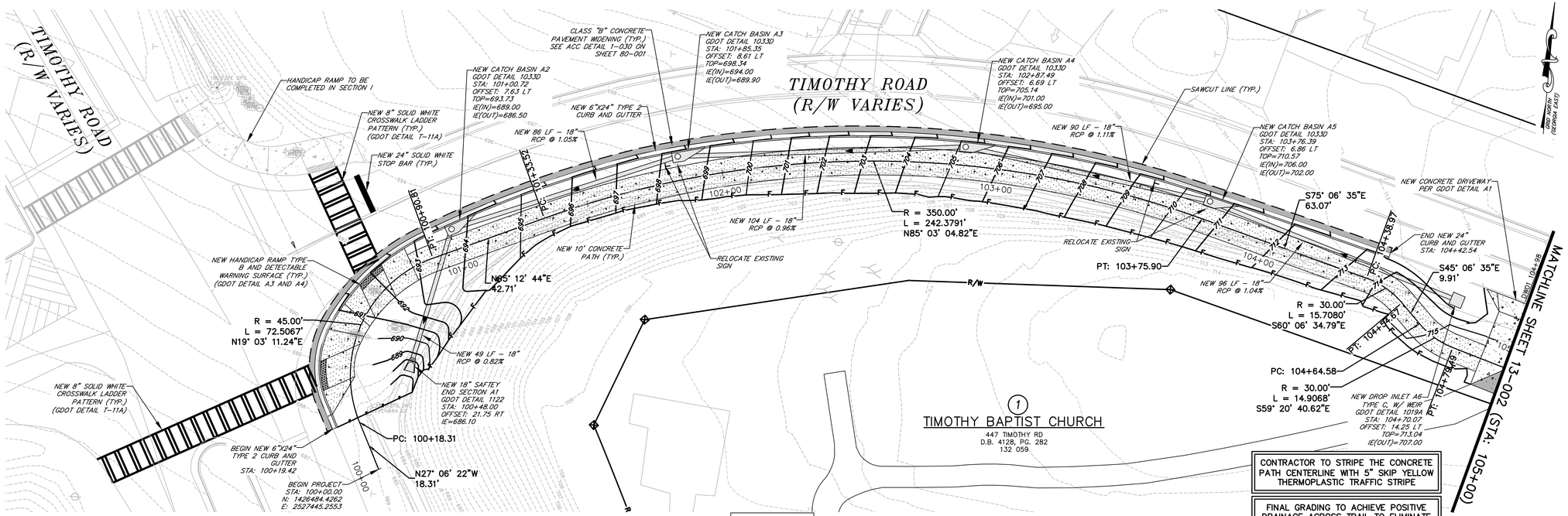

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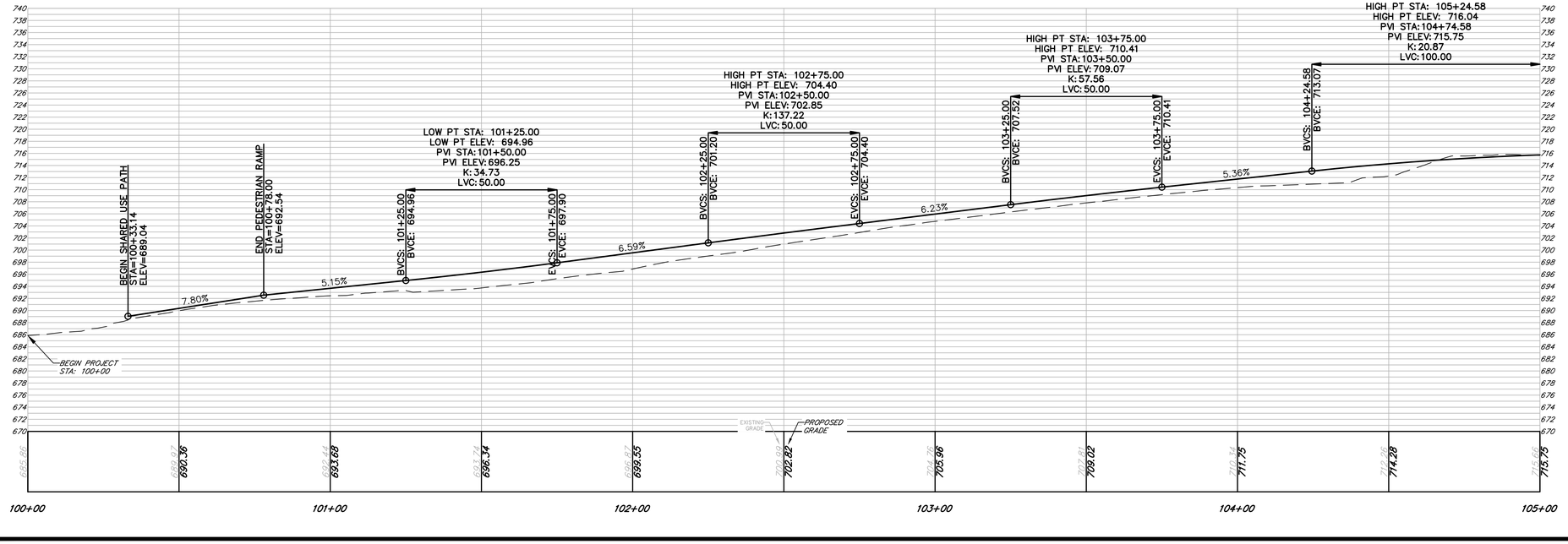

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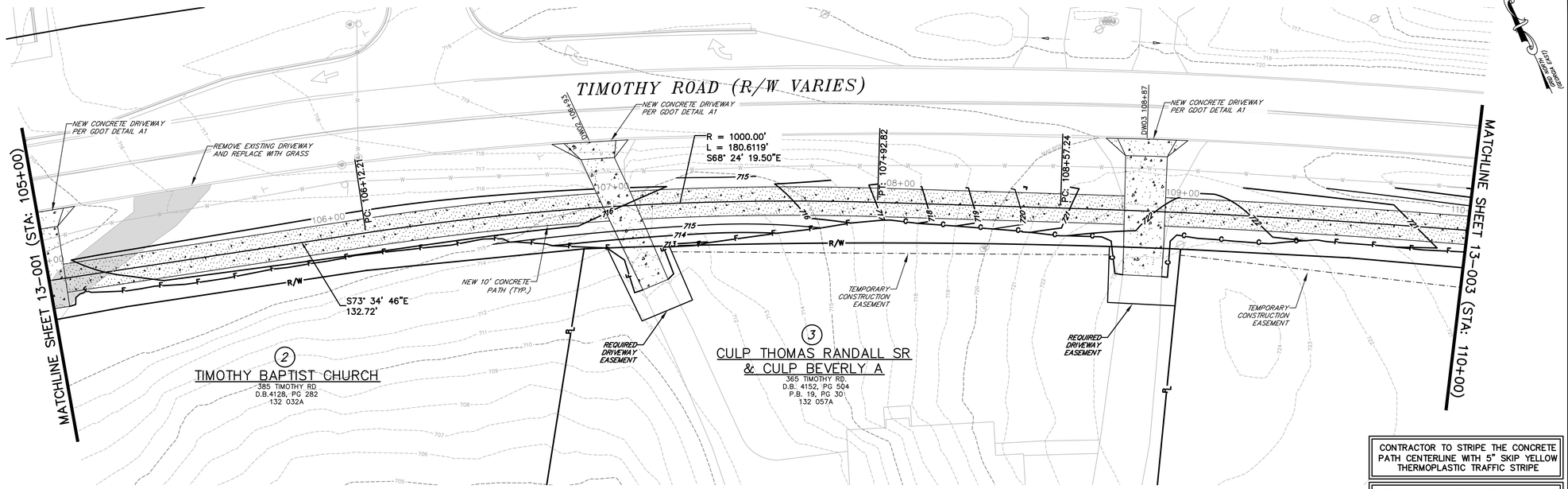

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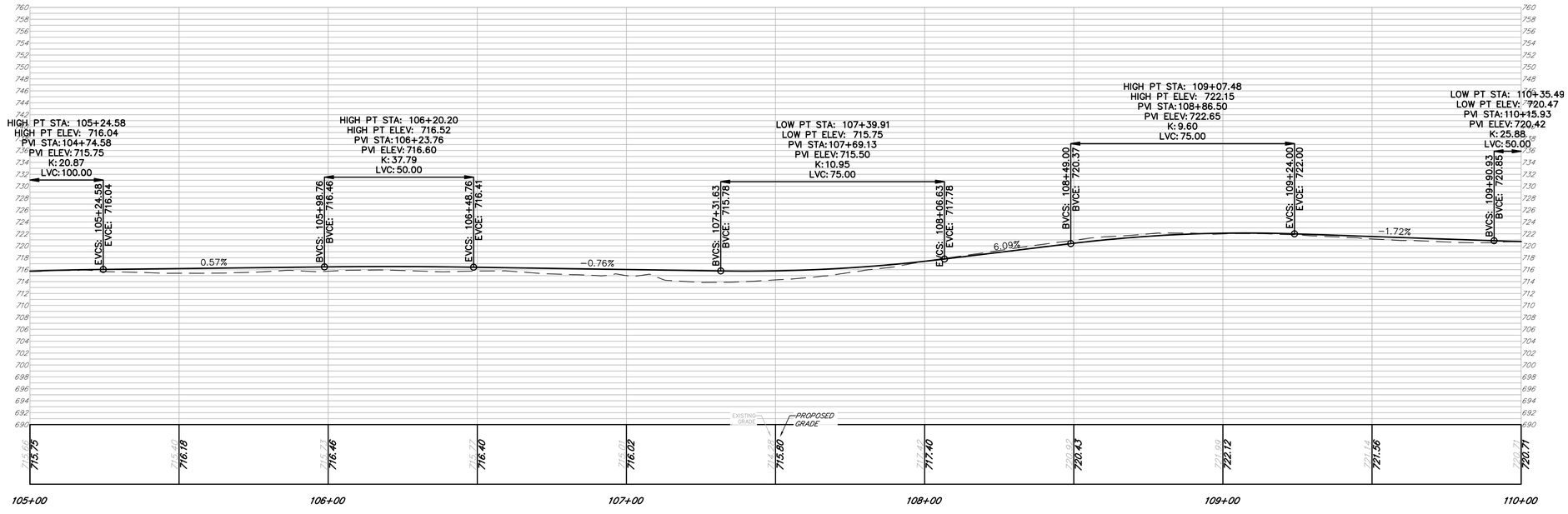

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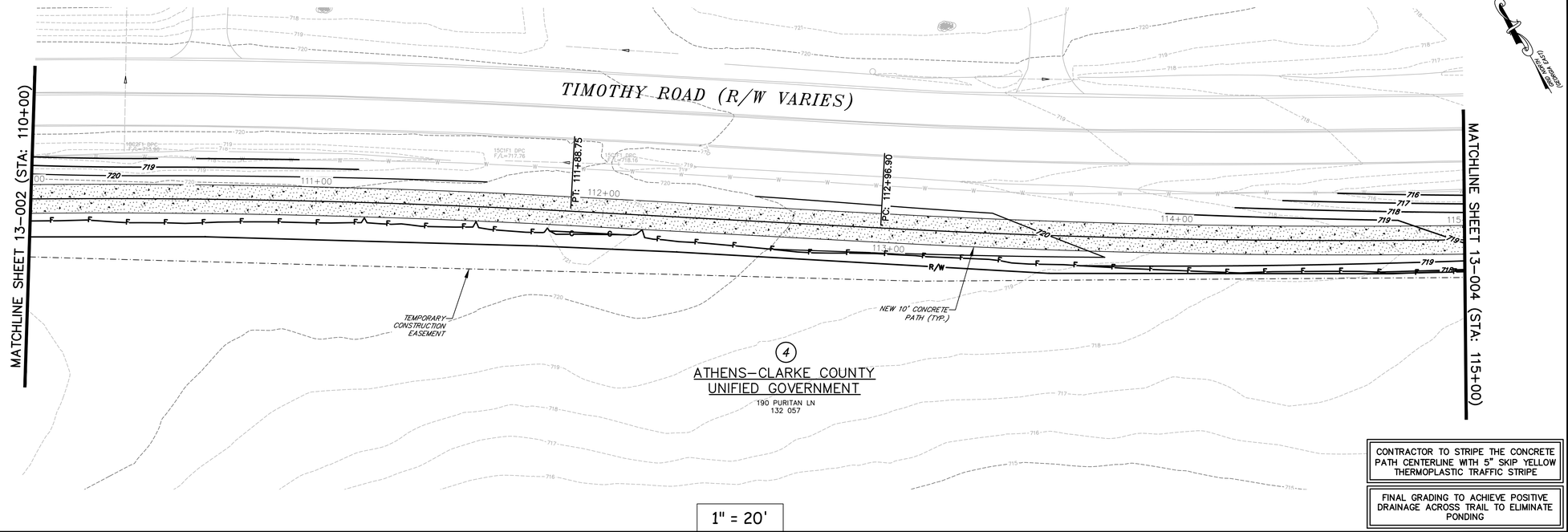

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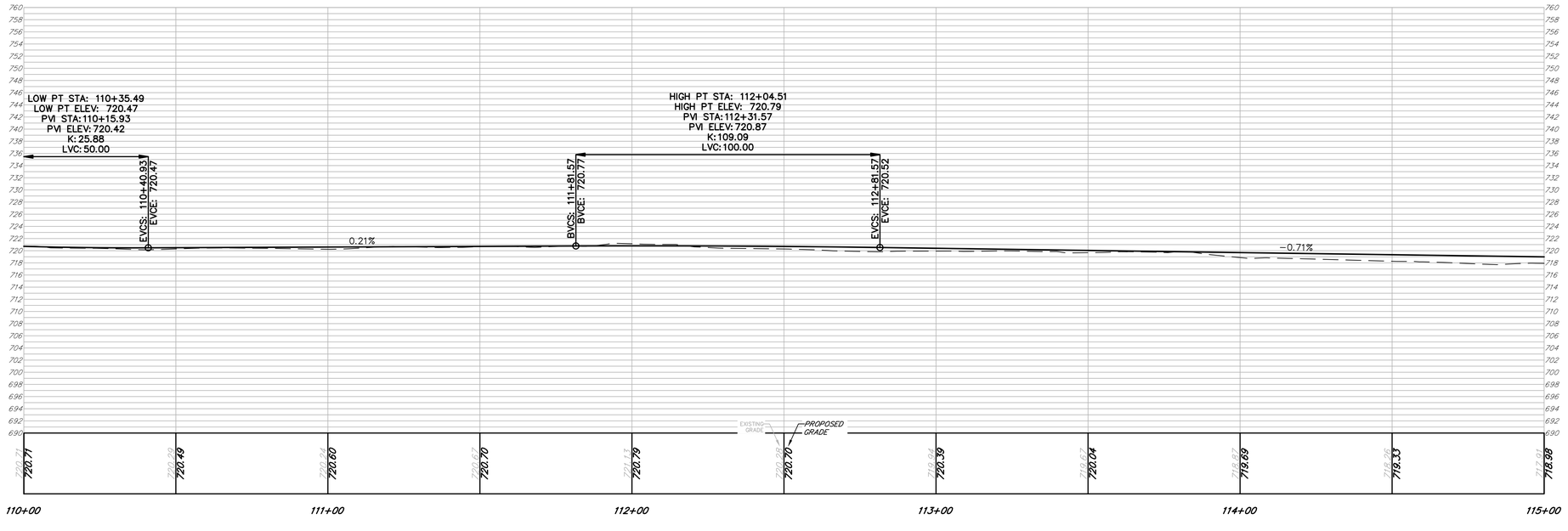

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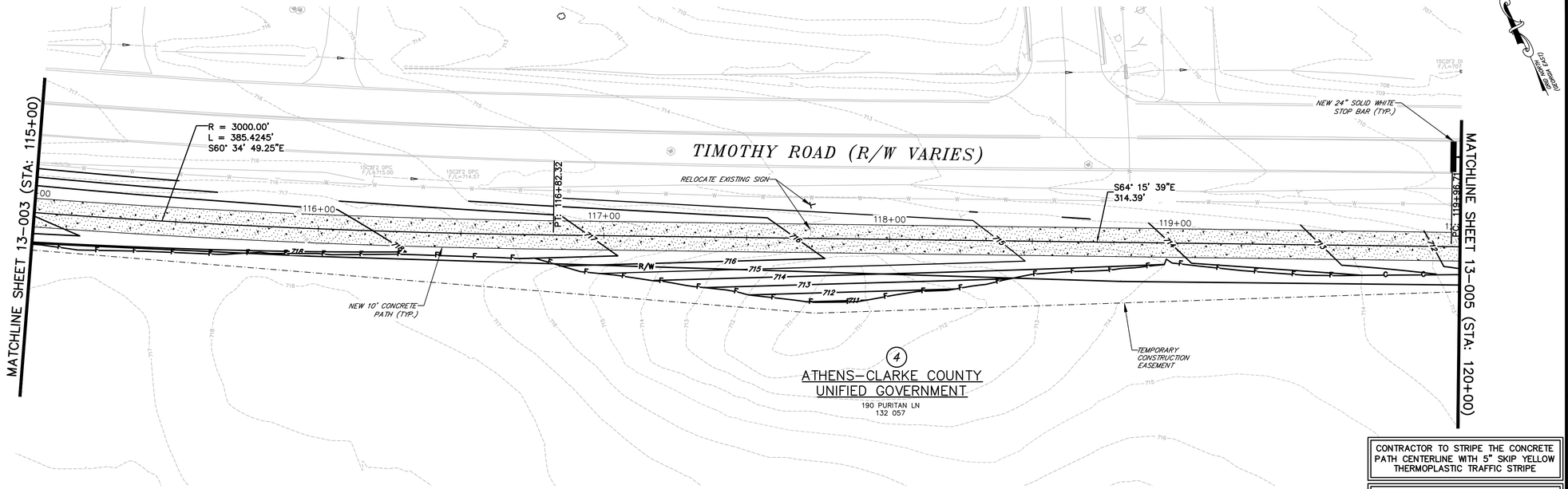

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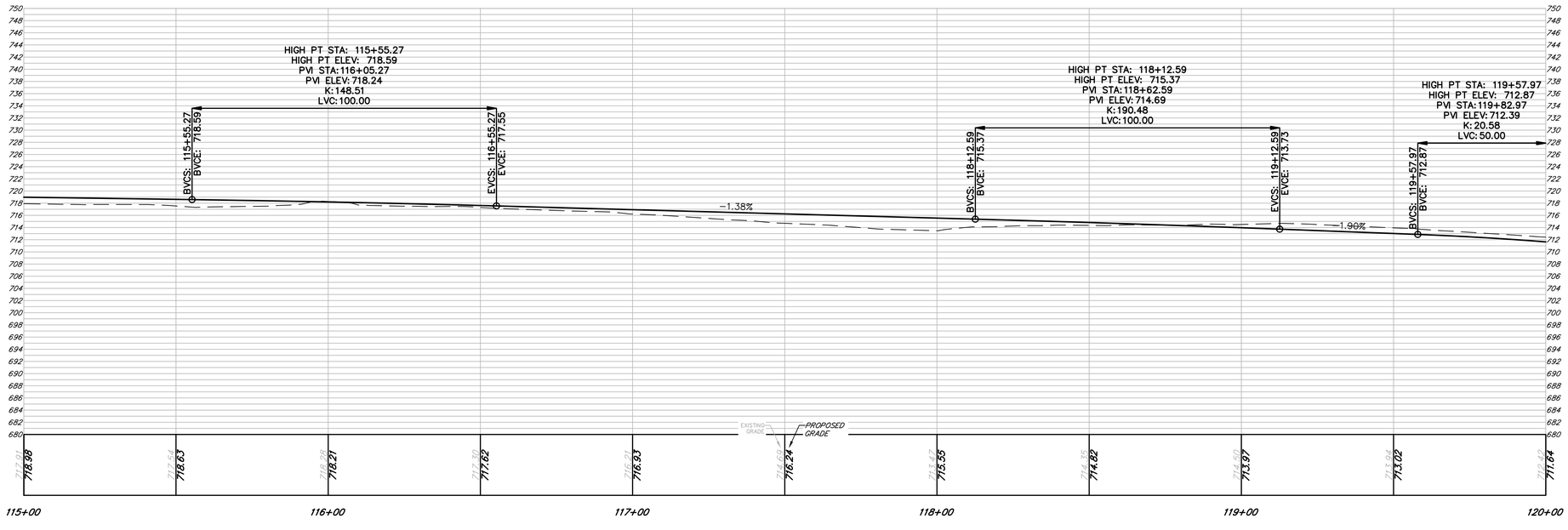

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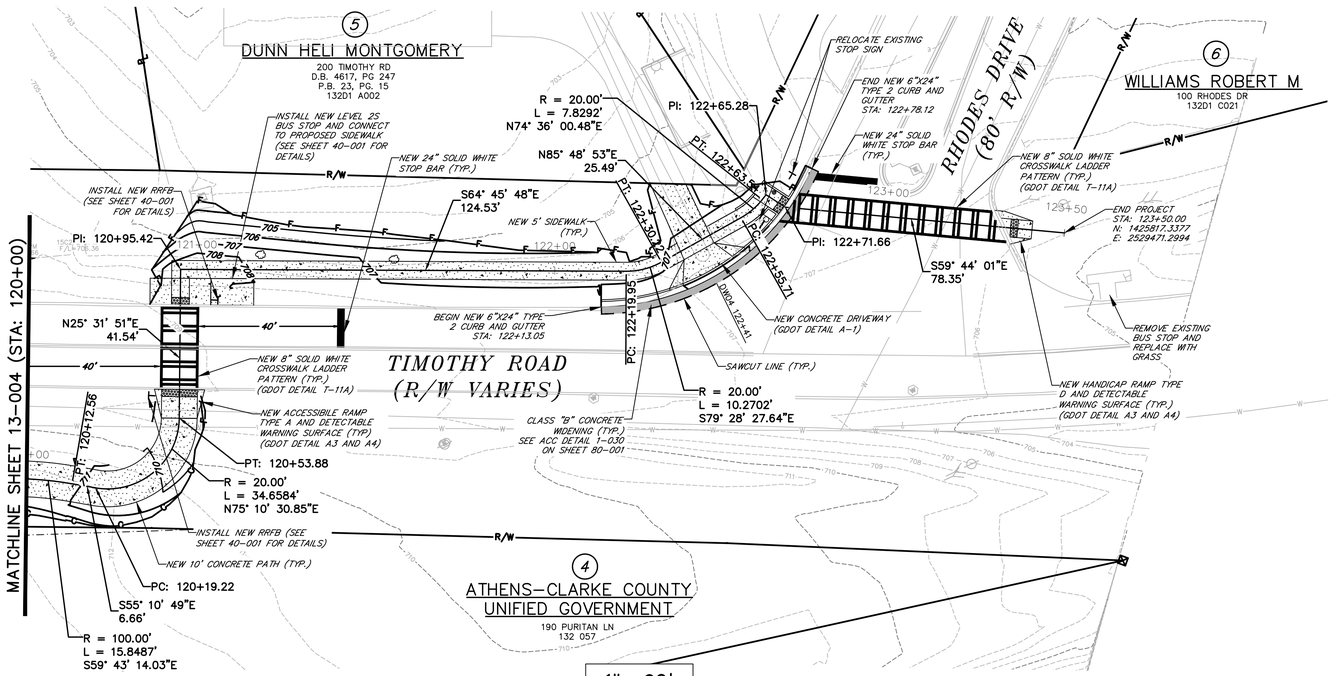

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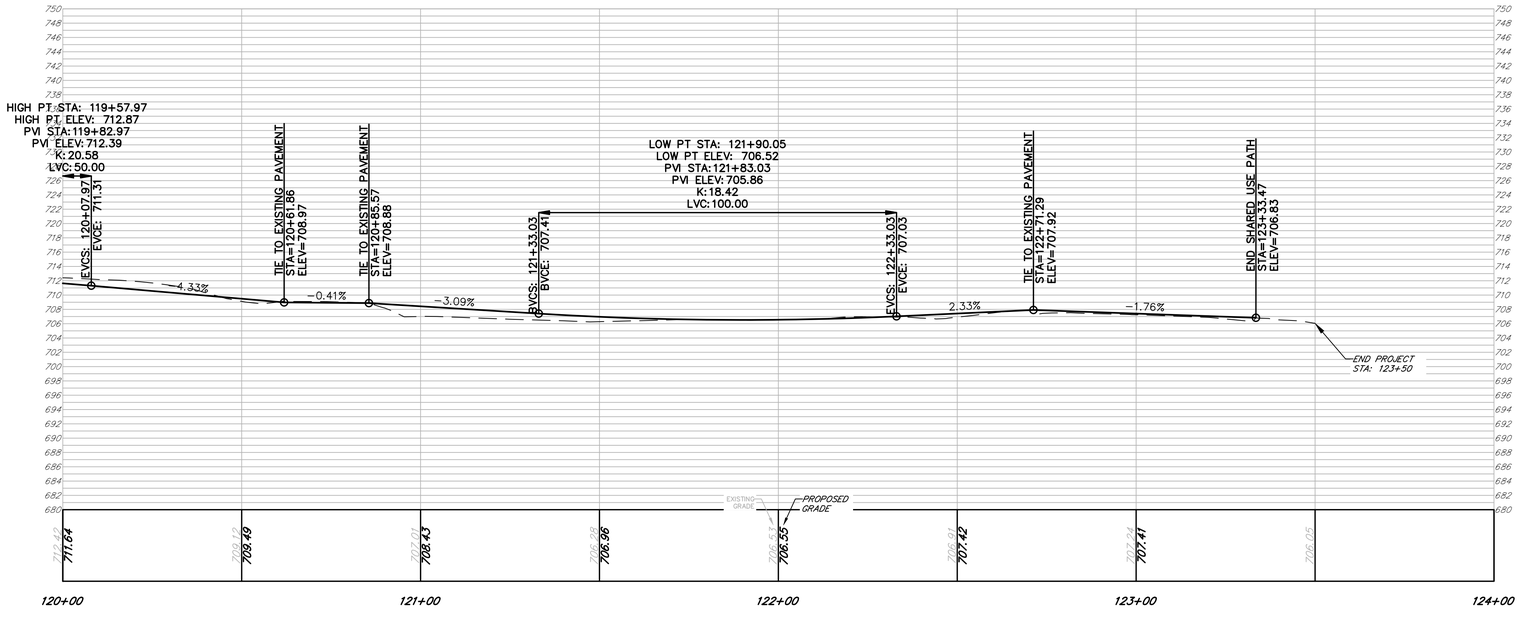

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Government Operations Committee
Commission Report

SUBJECT: Extension of FY24 Non-Profit Leases

DATE: October 4, 2023

PURPOSE:
This report provides the Mayor and Commission with recommendations from the Government Operations Committee (GOC) related to the Extension of FY24 Non-Profit Leases.

HISTORY:
1. On February 7, 2023, Mayor Kelly Girtz assigned to the GOC "Update Community Benefits Agreement portion of Leasing Policy."

2. On April 4, 2023, the Commission approved an extension of the FY23 non-profit leases of $1/year for an additional six months from expiration, or until December 31, 2023 for the following lessees:

    - Town & Gown Players - 115 Grady Avenue
    - East Athens Neighborhood Health Center – 402 McKinley Drive
    - Hancock Community Development Corporation – 300 Henderson Extension
    - Miriam Moore Facility Athens Tutorial – 410 McKinley Drive
    - Miriam Moore Facility Clarke County Health Department – 410 McKinley Drive
    - Miriam Moore Facility East Athens Development Corporation – 410 McKinley Drive
    - Old Fire House #2 Athens Clarke Heritage Foundation – 489 Prince Avenue
    - Welcome Center Athens Clarke Heritage Foundation – 280 E. Dougherty Street

3. On May 15, 2023, August 21, 2023 and September 18, 2023, the GOC reviewed and discussed information provided by Central Services Department staff and Attorney's Office staff.

4. On September 18, 2023, the GOC voted unanimously to recommend an amendment to the leases extending existing terms through the remainder of this fiscal year while the Committee collects more information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Government Operations Committee recommends that the Mayor and Commission:
   a. Approve an extension of the FY24 non-profit leases for an additional six months from expiration, or until June 30, 2024; and
   b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all necessary documents.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

10/11/2023

Patrick Davenport, Chair
Government Operations Committee

Date:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO **AMENDING THE OFFICIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BY CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD FROM EMPLOYMENT CENTER TO TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD** AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Future Development Map referred to in the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, as specifically identified in Section 9-3-3(A)(2) thereof, is hereby amended by changing the future development map designation of a parcel of land at 1125 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, Georgia, from Employment Center to Traditional Neighborhood as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The subject parcel is also known as parcel number 104 002 on the Athens-Clarke County tax maps, which are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

The date of this amendment to the Official Future Development Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Exhibit A shall be duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting. The Official Future Development Map and Exhibit A hereto are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk of Commission, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Legend

- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- Parcel Boundary
- Building Footprint
- School
- A-CC Owned Parks and Open Space
- Other Parks and Open Space
- Transportation,Communication and Utilities
- Airport Hazard Zone
- Railroad
- Rails to Trails
- Proposed Road Widening
- Proposed New Road
- Intersection Realignment

AC The Official Future Land Use Map

of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

Descriptions

- General Business
- Downtown
- Main Street Business
- Employment Center
- Government
- Mixed- Density Residential
- Traditional Neighborhood
- Single Family Residential
- Rural

EXHIBIT A **MAP 553A**	**ZONE-2023-06-1139** **REZONE** **1125 NEWTON BRIDGE** ***Tiffany Hogan / D.R. Horton*** ***Jane H. and William D. Young Foundation***	N 0 400 Feet
FROM: **Employment Center**	TO: **Traditional Neighborhood**	
TAX PARCEL # *104 002*	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE *October 5, 2023*	ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATE *November 7, 2023*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITH RESPECT TO **REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 137.7 ACRES LOCATED AT 1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD FROM E-I* (EMPLOYMENT-INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS) TO RS-25 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

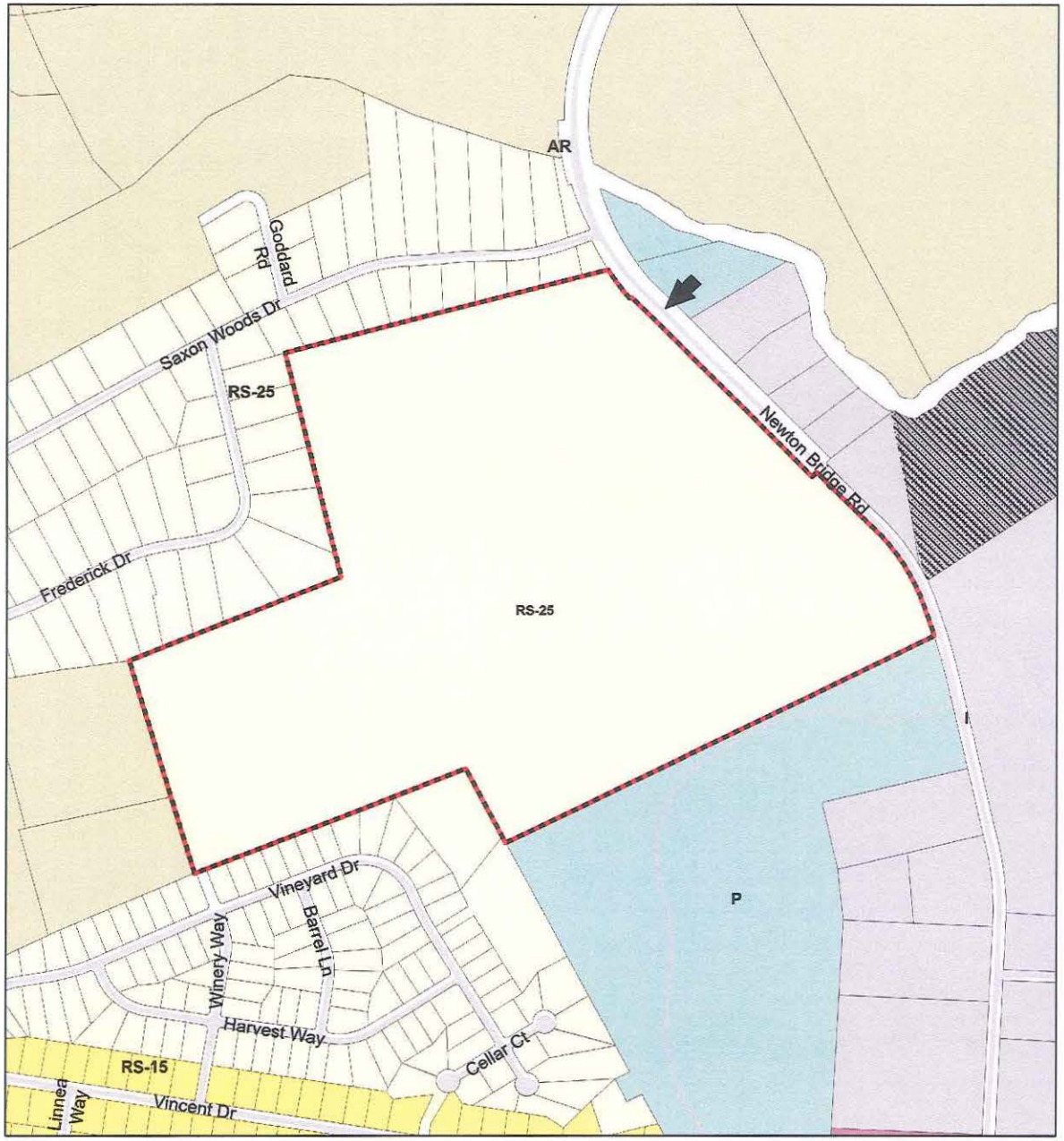
The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The map constituting the component part of the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, by virtue of and in compliance with Sections 9-3-3 and 9-3-6 thereof, is hereby amended by changing the zoning of a parcel of land, comprising approximately 137.7 acres, located at 1125 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, Georgia, from E-I* (Employment-Industrial with Conditions) to RS-25 (Single-Family Residential).

Said parcel is more particularly described according to that certain document entitled "Site Master Plan for Newton Bridge Crossing," dated June 30, 2023, issued by Alliance Engineering & Planning, Inc., labeled in the lower right-hand corner as "Master Plan 8.7.23," and being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. Said parcel is also known as parcel number 104 002 on the Athens-Clarke County tax maps being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. The date of this amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Attachment A shall be noted on said Official Zoning Map in the office of the Clerk of Commission, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, and duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

SECTION 2. As a condition of zoning associated with this ordinance, no land disturbance activities are permitted in the areas shown as "Existing Vegetation to Remain" and "150' Transcontinental Gas Co. Pipeline Easement," on that certain non-binding document entitled "Task: Tree Management Plan," marked in the lower right-hand corner as "TMP1," dated June 30, 2022, and created by Thomas V. Moore, certified arborist. However, land disturbance activities may expand into said areas by no more than 5% of the total area allowed for land disturbance activities solely because of legitimate and necessary technical or engineering changes. Any development or construction within the land disturbance area must comply with all applicable land use and development standards in the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia; therefore, to prevent any confusion, the development shown within the land disturbance area on the non-binding document entitled "Task: Tree Management Plan" is not approved as part of this Ordinance and is not binding upon the applicant nor the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



The Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County

Legend

- P, Parks
- IN, Institutional
- C-G, Commercial-General
- C-D, Commercial-Downtown
- C-N, Commercial-Neighborhood
- C-O, Commercial-Office
- C-R, Commercial-Rural
- E-I, Employment-Industrial
- E-O, Employment-Office
- G, Government
- I, Industrial
- AR, Agricultural Residential (1 unit per 10 acre density)
- RM-1, Mixed Density Residential (16 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-2, Mixed Density Residential (24 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-3, Mixed Density Residential (50 multi-family units per acre)
- RS-5, Single-Family Residential (5,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-8, Single-Family Residential (8,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-15, Single-Family Residential (15,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-25, Single-Family Residential (25,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-40, Single-Family Residential (40,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)

Parcel boundaries of the city are determined by legal description. The parcels shown on this map are to be used only as a guide.

- Downtown Design Areas
  - (DHD), Downtown Historic District
  - (WD), West Downtown
  - (ED), East Downtown
  - (DS), Dougherty Street
  - (RIV), River
  - (WE), West End
  - (ND), North Downtown
- Airport Overlay
  - AZ1, Precision Approach Zone
  - AZ2, Larger than Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - AZ3, Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - TZ, Transitional Zone
  - RPZ, Runway Protection Zone
  - PSZ, Primary Surface Zone
- 78/316 Special District Overlay
- PD, Planned Development
- *, Zoning with Conditions
- Historic District
- RM-LTD, Mixed Density Residential Limited Overlay
- Conditional Use
- GSRC, Gaines School Road Corridor Special District Overlay
- MAC, Milledge Avenue Corridor Special District Overlay
- WBS, West Broad Street Special District Overlay
- Winterville Boundary
- Bogart Boundary
- ACC Boundary
- Railroads
- Special Use
- Historic Landmark

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ATTACHMENT A	ZONE-2023-06-1139 REZONE 1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD Tiffany Hogan / D.R. Horton Jane H. and William D. Young Foundation	
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FROM: E-I*	TO: RS-25	
TAX PARCEL #	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE	ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATE
104 002	October 5, 2023	November 7, 2023

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION

DATE: October 5, 2023	**FILE NO:** ZONE-2023-06-1139

LOCATION: 1125 Newton Bridge Road
APPLICANT: Tiffany Hogan / D.R. Horton
OWNER: Jane H. and William D. Young Foundation
REQUEST: From *Employment Center* to *Traditional Neighborhood*
COMMISSION DISTRICT: 9

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION AND RECOMMENDATION:

NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Chair: Matthew Hall Present				Kristen Morales Present	X		
Vice-Chair: Alice Kinman Present	X			Taylor Pass Present	X		
Catherine Goodrum Present		X		Alexander Sams Present	X		
Sara Beresford Present	X			Monique Sanders Present	X		
Sarah Gehring Present		X		Joey Tucker Present	X		
NOTE: Chair does not vote except in case of tie.				TOTAL VOTES:	7	2	0

For: Tiffany Hogan, Andy Lovejoy (applicants)
Against: None

Discussion: Commissioners generally agreed that changing the land use and zoning to a residential use is reasonable, although two commissioners suggested waiting to reclassify the property as part of the County's 2024 Future Land Use update. However, there was extensive discussion of the impact of the proposed infrastructure. The applicant stated and staff confirmed that the wastewater pump station would cost approximately $800,000-$900,000 plus annual operations and maintenance with a pump replacement after approximately 20 years. Staff stated that Athens-Clarke County is fortunate to have a wastewater system that is almost totally gravity-based, which significantly lessens upkeep costs. Current wastewater fees will not cover the addition of a new pump station to the system. The discussion of the fiscal impact of land use choices caused one commissioner to request an update to the County's cost-of-service study which was then echoed by the commission.

Another commissioner asked about the proposed traffic intersection amendments, and expressed concern that speed and limited visibility at the Kathwood intersection with Newton Bridge creates dangerous conditions that would not necessarily be fixed by the addition of a turn lane at the intersection. A comprehensive review of the safety conditions of the Kathwood intersection was requested.

Commissioners also discussed the need for housing in light of escalating housing prices in Athens, although it was noted the design calls for two-car front-loaded garages that are not conducive to walkability.

Motion: Ms. Morales made a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Kinman seconded the motion, which passed 7-2.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION

DATE: October 5, 2023	**FILE NO:** ZONE-2023-06-1139

LOCATION: 1125 Newton Bridge Road
APPLICANT: Tiffany Hogan / D.R. Horton
OWNER: Jane H. and William D. Young Foundation
REQUEST: From E-I* to RS-25 (Employment-Industrial with Conditions to Single-Family Residential-25)
COMMISSION DISTRICT: 9

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION AND RECOMMENDATION:

NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Chair: Matthew Hall Present				Kristen Morales Present	X		
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Sara Beresford Present	X			Monique Sanders Present	X		
Sarah Gehring Present		X		Joey Tucker Present	X		
NOTE: Chair does not vote except in case of tie.				TOTAL VOTES:	7	2	0

For: Tiffany Hogan, Andy Lovejoy (applicants)
Against: None

Discussion: See Future Land Use Discussion Sheet.

Motion: Ms. Morales made a motion to recommend approval with condition. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion, which passed 7-2.

Condition:

1. No land disturbance activities are permitted in the areas shown as "Existing Vegetation to Remain" and "150' Transcontinental Gas Co. Pipeline Easement," on that certain document entitled "Task: Tree Management Plan," marked in the lower right-hand corner as "TMP1," dated June 30, 2022, and created by Thomas V. Moore, certified arborist. However, land disturbance activities may expand into said areas by no more than 5% of the total area allowed for land disturbance activities solely because of legitimate and necessary technical or engineering changes.

MASTER STAFF REPORT
REZONE
1125 NEWTON BRIGE ROAD
ZONE-2023-06-1139
OCTOBER 5, 2023

APPLICANT: .....Tiffany Hogan / D.R. Horton
OWNER: .....Jane H. & William D. Young Foundation
FUTURE LAND USE REQUEST: .....From *Employment Center* to *Traditional Neighborhood*
ZONING REQUEST: .....From E-I* to RS-25
TYPE OF REQUEST: .....Type I
LOCATION: .....1125 Newton Bridge Road
TAX MAP NUMBERS: 104 002
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 9
SIZE OF REZONING AREA: .....137.7 Acres
PRESENT USE: .....Undeveloped
PROPOSED USE: .....Residential Single-Family
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED: .....June 21, 2023
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: .....***DENIAL***
PLANNING COMM. RECOMMENDATION: .....***APPROVAL WITH CONDITION***
MAYOR & COMMISSION AGENDA SETTING: ...October 17, 2023 (tentative)
MAYOR & COMMISSION VOTING SESSION: .....November 7, 2023 (tentative)

I. Summary Recommendation

The applicant is requesting to rezone one parcel at 1125 Newton Bridges Road from Employment-Industrial with Conditions (E-I*) to Single-Family Residential-25 (RS-25) to allow for the construction of a 216-unit single-family residential subdivision, plus an amenity area and path to Holland Youth Sports Complex. The request requires a corresponding change to the Future Land Use Map from *Employment Center* to *Traditional Neighborhood.*

The subject parcel is undeveloped, wooded, and located on the west side of Newton Bridge Road between Saxon Woods Drive and Vincent Drive. Adjacent properties are zoned RS-25, P, I, and AR, and include several industrial uses, residential subdivisions, and a park.

In Staff's opinion, the project is mostly incompatible with the Comprehensive Plan, particularly regarding the cost of public services, the lack of variety in housing types, and the missed opportunity to design a neighborhood that could serve as a walkable node next to the park. The request for a *Traditional Neighborhood* Future Land Use is compatible with the Future Land Use Map, however the design character of this proposal does not meet most of those standards, which include traditional development qualities like a variety of housing types, alleys, front porches, and small lots in places with access to transit. The proposed development focuses solely on single-family dwellings. Approval of the rezone would be compatible with the Zoning Map because there are other RS-25-zoned properties adjacent to the site in an area that has multiple residential subdivisions. Approval of the rezone would flip the list of allowable uses from commercial and industrial to almost exclusively

single-family residential.

Since the applicant is voluntarily offering to bind the site plan, Staff has reviewed the plan and noted multiple code compliance issues that need resolution prior to the approval of a binding plan. Of note, several departments have advised against a binding plan due to technical concerns, as detailed below.

Staff is particularly concerned that the infrastructure, including intersection expansion and a new wastewater pump station would pose a long-term burden on the County's maintenance resources. Even if the applicant pays for infrastructure installation and contributes money to fund the first years of maintenance on the pump station, this infrastructure will eventually be wholly maintained by the County. Staff is concerned that the tax base created by this development proposal would not be enough to sustain the infrastructure that this neighborhood would depend on.

The applicant has also added on the site plan, but not addressed in the application report, a variance request for driveway separation. This is not allowed during a rezone request and an additional reason why the plans cannot be voluntarily binding. Given the lack of compatibility with adopted ACCGov plans and the potential negative fiscal impact on the County, **Staff is recommending denial** of both the Future Land Use and Zoning request.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Commissioners generally agreed that changing the land use and zoning to a residential use is reasonable. However, there was extensive discussion about the potential negative fiscal impact to the County of the proposed wastewater pump station and street intersection expansions. Current wastewater fees will not cover the long-term maintenance expenses of the pump station, but Commissioners ultimately decided that the need for more housing outweighed the potential negative fiscal impact and recommended **approval with condition**. Commissioners did request an update to the County's cost-of-service estimates and a review of the safety conditions at the Kathwood Dr. and Newton Bridge Rd. intersection.

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II. Purpose of Applicant Request

A. Proposal

The applicant is requesting to rezone one parcel at 1125 Newton Bridges Road from Employment-Industrial with Conditions (E-I*) to Single-Family Residential-25 (RS-25) to allow for the construction of a 216-unit single-family residential subdivision. The request requires a corresponding change to the Future Land Use Map from *Employment Center* to *Traditional Neighborhood*. The proposal also includes an amenity area and a connection to Holland Youth Sports Complex across the creek. The applicant voluntarily offered a binding site plan as part of their request.

B. Existing Conditions

The subject parcel is undeveloped, wooded, and located on the west side of Newton Bridge Road between Saxon Woods Drive and Vincent Drive. The parcel is bordered by Newton Bridge Road to the west with adjacent properties zoned Industrial (I) consisting of various light industrial and

commercial uses. Parcels to the north are zoned RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) and consist of a subdivision known as Saxon Woods. Parcels to the west are zoned AR (Agricultural-Residential) and RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) and consists of undeveloped land and a subdivision known as The Vineyard, respectively. The parcel to the south is zoned Park (P) and consists of Holland Youth Sports Complex.

The subject parcel is not within a locally designated or National Register Historic District, nor contains a locally designated historic landmark. Staff notes that the subject parcel is part of the Newton Bridge Redevelopment Plan, one of 6 recently established Tax Allocation Districts within Athens-Clarke County.

In 1997, this parcel was rezoned from Agricultural-Residential (AR) to Single-Family Residential-20 (RS-20) on the 18 acres between the Saxon Woods neighborhood and the gas pipeline easement shown on the site plan. The remaining 120 acres were rezoned from AR to RP (Research/Office/Light Industrial) in anticipation of a new business park. As part of this rezoning, the following condition was placed: 1) "A minimum 50' natural undisturbed buffer shall be maintained along the northern, southern, and western boundaries of the site, except where abutting the pipeline easement. However, where the site abuts the pipeline easement, a 25' landscaped buffer shall be established and maintained." This condition was carried over when the entire property was rezoned to Employment-Industrial in accordance with the new zoning code adopted in 2000. Largely due to the lack of sewer, a research/business park never materialized, and the site remains undeveloped to this day.

III. Policy Analysis

A. Compatibility with Comprehensive Plan

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan calls for the following policies:

Housing

- *Increase the supply and variety of quality housing units, at multiple price points, in multiple locations, to suit the needs of a variety of households*

  While this project would increase the supply of housing, it does not deliver on the variety of types and price points that a site of this size should be able to create.

Land Use

- *Infill and redevelopment should be prioritized over greenfield expansion.*
- *Create nodal development tied to transportation, healthcare, schools, jobs, workforce, and housing.*

  The subject parcel is undeveloped and is not located near nodes of services and jobs.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- *Promote intra- and inter-connectivity within and between neighborhoods while discouraging cul-de-sac development.*
- *Ensure that necessary infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, utilities, etc.) is provided for all neighborhoods.*
- *Decrease automobile trips by providing and incentivizing alternative transportation modes.*

  The plan does call for bike and pedestrian connection to the adjacent park, which boosts

connectivity. Ensuring that the project has the requisite infrastructure requires a wastewater pump station. This is a costly piece of infrastructure that, in combination with all of the other required infrastructure, may result in maintenance costs that exceed tax revenue over time. The site is also located in a part of the County that is difficult to serve with multiple transportation.

Environment and Recreation

- *Incentivize and incorporate the arts and greenspace into all new developments.*
- *Increase access to greenspace and clean air to improve people's health*
- *Ensure compatible development along greenways and trails.*
- *Encourage parks, schools, and community facilities to be located as focal points in neighborhoods.*

Through the concentration of housing onto smaller lots, the applicant is able to preserve more of the woodlands onsite, and the provision of a path to the park would increase access to recreation opportunities. Per the 2020 Greenway Network Plan, a greenway is proposed through this site along the creek, so development here should be done in a way that complements a future greenway. Appropriate development near parks boosts the value and accessibility of those assets. However, some of the environmental benefits will be offset by the need for residents to travel by car. The relative low density of the project and lack of additional neighborhood destinations will also reduce the potential benefit of development near the park.

Design

- *Identify areas that could potentially be developed for unique neighborhoods with smaller houses and a cohesive theme.*
- *Encourage the creation of publicly accessible gathering spaces within neighborhoods and development projects.*

The plan does include an amenity area, although there are no details about its design or programming. Given the large scale of the site and project, there is a strong opportunity to develop a unique, well-designed neighborhood. The site appears to be suited for alley-loaded homes (i.e. houses with garages that are accessed via an alley instead of the street). Using alleys for vehicular parking, trash, and utilities can dramatically increase the walk appeal of the neighborhood, particularly when combined with design elements like large front porches. Such design principles are often used effectively in other communities. Section 9-26-3(M) encourages the use of alleys, especially for lots under 8,000 sq. ft. like the ones in this site plan. There is even an opportunity, with the right zoning and design, to create small-scale commercial uses that could serve a part of town that currently lacks these commercial services. Based on the current site plan and typical lot layout, the applicant has chosen to pass on this opportunity in favor of a conventional front-loaded garage layout. This choice will necessitate frequent interruption of the sidewalk with driveways and create more conflicts between drivers and people walking or playing.

While the project does meet some of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, it misses on many more objectives. In Staff's opinion, the project is mostly incompatible with the Comprehensive Plan, particularly regarding the cost of public services, the lack of variety in housing types, and the missed opportunity to design a neighborhood that could serve as a walkable node next to the park.

B. Compatibility with Future Land Use Map

The 2023 Future Land Use Map designates the subject parcel as *Employment Center*, which is described as follows:

Employment Center

These are areas of industry, office, research parks, and flex-space mixed uses. Large-scale employment areas, which include large industrial areas, manufacturing, office parks, and research centers, is incompatible with housing. Smaller-scale employment areas are appropriate to be in close proximity to a neighborhood area. Design standards regulating building placement, landscaping, and buffering should apply. Small amounts of retail may be compatible in some areas.

Since RS-25 is not compatible with the existing Future Land Use (see Compatibility Matrix in Section 9-4-18 of the Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances), the applicant has requested a change to the Future Land Use Map from *Employment Center* to *Traditional Neighborhood*. The requested *Traditional Neighborhood* Future Land Use category is described as follows:

Traditional Neighborhood

These are neighborhoods that have developed in a traditional style or new developments with traditional qualities: well-connected street system, narrower streets, sidewalks, street trees, and a variety of housing types. Homes with front porches should be built closer to the street with alley access to garages and garages set back farther than the homes and porches. Average density should not exceed 6 units per acre with homes on lots as small as 4,000 square feet. Duplexes that resemble large homes, and townhouses would be allowed along with accessory units, within the density limitations. Rental apartments and condominiums are not compatible. Strict design standards would ensure a high-quality character of the neighborhood. The areas include residential areas of traditional Athens suitable for infill development and areas of relatively vacant land in greater Athens, close to corridors and centers with access to transit.

The adjacent parcels are designated as *Traditional Neighborhood* or *Rural*. The *Traditional Neighborhood* Future Land Use designation would accommodate RS-25 zoning and match the designation of the surrounding area. However, as defined above a *Traditional Neighborhood* should be characterized by traditional development qualities, such as a variety of housing types, alleys, front porches, small lots in places with access to transit. The proposed development focuses solely on single-family dwellings. Therefore, the request is compatible with the Future Land Use Map, but not the character of the *Traditional Neighborhood* Future Land Use.

C. Compatibility with the Zoning Map

The applicant has requested a rezone from E-I* to RS-25. The following information has been provided to compare the difference in development intensity between the existing E-I* (Employment-Industrial with Conditions) zoning and the requested RS-25 (Single-Family Residential-25) zone. Broadly, a comparison of scale, use, and design is offered here to help decision makers evaluate the changes that would be allowed if the request is approved. In terms of building scale, the following chart illustrates the differences in size and scale of buildings that could be constructed:

	CURRENT	REQUESTED
Standard	**E-I Zoning**	**RS-25 Zoning**
Minimum Lot Size	2,500 sq. ft.	None*
Density	N/A	1.4 units / acre**
Max Lot Coverage	85%	35%
Max Building Height	65 ft.	30 ft.
Setbacks	0-10 ft.	10-20 ft.
Conserved Canopy	5%	60% (site) / 50% (lot)
Total Canopy	40%	40% (site) / 30% (lot)
Parking	1 space / 700 sq. ft.	2 spaces / unit

* For projects exceeding two acres or five lots

** Density can be increased up to 25% with preservation of open space

The Athens-Clarke County Zoning Ordinance includes a list of defined uses and designates where they can or cannot be established. For this request, the most noticeable difference between the current E-I* zoning and the proposed RS-25 zoning is that RS-25 zoning allows almost no other type of use besides a single-family home. A handful of uses such as commercial outdoor recreation, churches, and schools are allowed in the RS-25 zone by special use. No industrial uses are allowed. On the other hand, E-I zoning allows a variety of commercial and industrial uses while banning residential uses. Approval of the rezone would be compatible with the Zoning Map because there are other RS-25-zoned properties adjacent to the site in an area that has multiple residential subdivisions.

D. Consistency with Other Adopted ACCGov Plans, Studies, or Programs

As stated above, the adopted 2020 Greenway Network Plan calls for a greenway through this site. Development on this site should be done in a way that does not block or degrade a future greenway path. Based on Staff review, it appears that the proposed site plan could accommodate a greenway in the future.

IV. Technical Assessment

A. Environment

The Athens-Clarke County Environmental Areas map shows wetlands, floodplain, and a creek with its associated riparian buffer on the property along the southern property line. No construction, except for a bike/pedestrian path to the Holland Youth Sports Complex, is proposed in these areas.

The Arborist has reviewed and approved the tree management plan without comment.

B. Grading and Drainage

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following grading and drainage-related comments:

- *All stormwater management regulations in effect when the project undergoes site plan review will have to be met. At present these include Runoff Reduction, Channel Protection, Overbank Flood Control, and Extreme Flood Control. A stormwater management concept meeting with the Transportation & Public Works Department is required prior to any site plan submittal.*

- *All lots will have to be graded to drain to the street or to a conveyance in the rear when the infrastructure is installed.*
- *No more than 25 acres may be disturbed in any given phase of construction and platting.*

C. Water and Sewer Availability

The Public Utilities Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comments:

- *ACC water service is available. ACC sewer service is NOT available.*
- *This project requires approval of public pump station and force main by the Mayor and Commission.* (Staff Note: The applicant has submitted an application for a pump station to be installed at the applicant's expense and publicly maintained by the Utilities Department if approved by the Mayor & Commission)
- *Proposed pump station must be located a minimum of 200' from the nearest occupied structure. A 20' wide paved access road suitable for 35-ton truck is required for PUD vehicles to access pump station. Pump station site must be on a dedicated parcel deeded to Athens-Clarke County PUD.*
- *Lot lines on plans extend all the way to the sidewalks. Note that water meters must be set behind the sidewalks. Minimum 10' wide water meter easements will be required. Ensure that no trees are located within these easements.*
- *PUD recommends approval for the rezone, but does not recommend approval for a binding site plan.*

D. Transportation

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following transportation-related comments:

- *Street horizontal and vertical geometry must be in accordance with TPW's Technical Standards and policies.*
- *Lot widths must be adequate to accommodate the minimum required driveway separation for RS-25. This is 50 feet, edge-to-edge, as well as 50' from the end-of-radius of street intersections.*
- *If it does not exist when development occurs, additional right-of-way for Newton Bridge Rd will need to be conveyed consistent with an 80' right-of-way or to contain any public sidewalk that may be required, whichever is greater.*

Additionally, TPW Staff have provided the following comments for further consideration:

- *The proposed MUP path in the riparian corridor is shown on the Adopted 2020 Greenway Network Plan and will likely be a 10-12' wide trail, as per the new standards being developed by LES.*
- *The Holland Youth Sports Complex is a SPLOST 2020 project that will expand that park into a community park and the connection shown in this plan would preferably be a 10-12' MUP with boardwalk.* (Staff Note: If allowed by Leisure Services—see comments in Section VIIII)
- *The adjacent section of Newton Bridge Road (AiM Project 40) is listed as a Tier 1 Pedestrian and Tier 2 Bike project in the Athens in Motion Plan, and is planned as a Separated Facility, which could be a 12' MUP or a separated cycle track. This will need to be accounted for when determining the edge of the ROW that ACCGov will receive from the property owner.*

Staff notes that the applicant has submitted proposed intersection improvements, and encourages the applicant to continue to work with TPW to address all of these comments prior to submission of the master plan.

E. Fire Protection

The Fire Marshal has reviewed and approved the proposal without comment.

F. Economic Development

The Economic Development Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comments:

- *Due to the location of this site, adjacent to residential and government (Holland Park) uses on the west side of Newton Bridge Road, and lack of sewer infrastructure to support industrial development at this time, we do not have any objections to this request. However, since the parcel contains a significant amount of employment-zoned acreage, it is important to our tax base and workforce that we consider designating additional employment-zoned acreage areas in the future land use map to replace sites like this if they are rezoned to residential, to preserve the balance of land uses.*

  The Applicant's report states that the proposed pump station would be designed and built to provide additional capacity for future, neighboring developments. If this is accurate and depending on the amount of additional capacity to be provided, this sewer access could help spur the development of other parcels in the surrounding area, including Industrial parcels.

G. Leisure Services

The Leisure Services Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comments:

- *ACC Leisure Services would need a gate with a lock to control access into the park via the proposed connection whenever it is implemented. The developer can work with ACC Leisure Services on the specification for this.*
- *Ideally, we would like to see a connection that is 8' wide and paved with concrete for any multi-use trail connection.*
- *The developer would need to work with us on the final location of the proposed multi-use trail connection. Currently we don't have a trail in the area they are showing the connection so we would need to work with them to ensure the point where they connect can easily tie to the park's internal circulation system on our side*
- *The Greenway Network Plan shows a proposed trail connection about where they are showing and running northwest along the small stream. The design seems to allow for this if we decide to ever pursue the implementation of this trail. Currently this trail segment is a low priority and probably would be built in the very distant future. As shown, there are no known conflicts with the Greenway Network Plan.*

H. Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards

The applicant has voluntarily offered to bind the site plan as a condition of approval. Therefore, all exemptions to the zoning and development standards must be identified in the application prior to approval of a binding proposal, since the development will otherwise be expected to adhere to the ordinance standards. In this case, the applicant is only requesting to bind the site plan. Staff has reviewed the site plan for compliance and identified the following code compliance issues. Code

compliance issues must be resolved prior to approval of a binding plan. The applicant will need to show compliance with other applicable standards, including the architectural design standards of Section 9-25-8(B), at the time of permitting.

Code Compliance Issues:

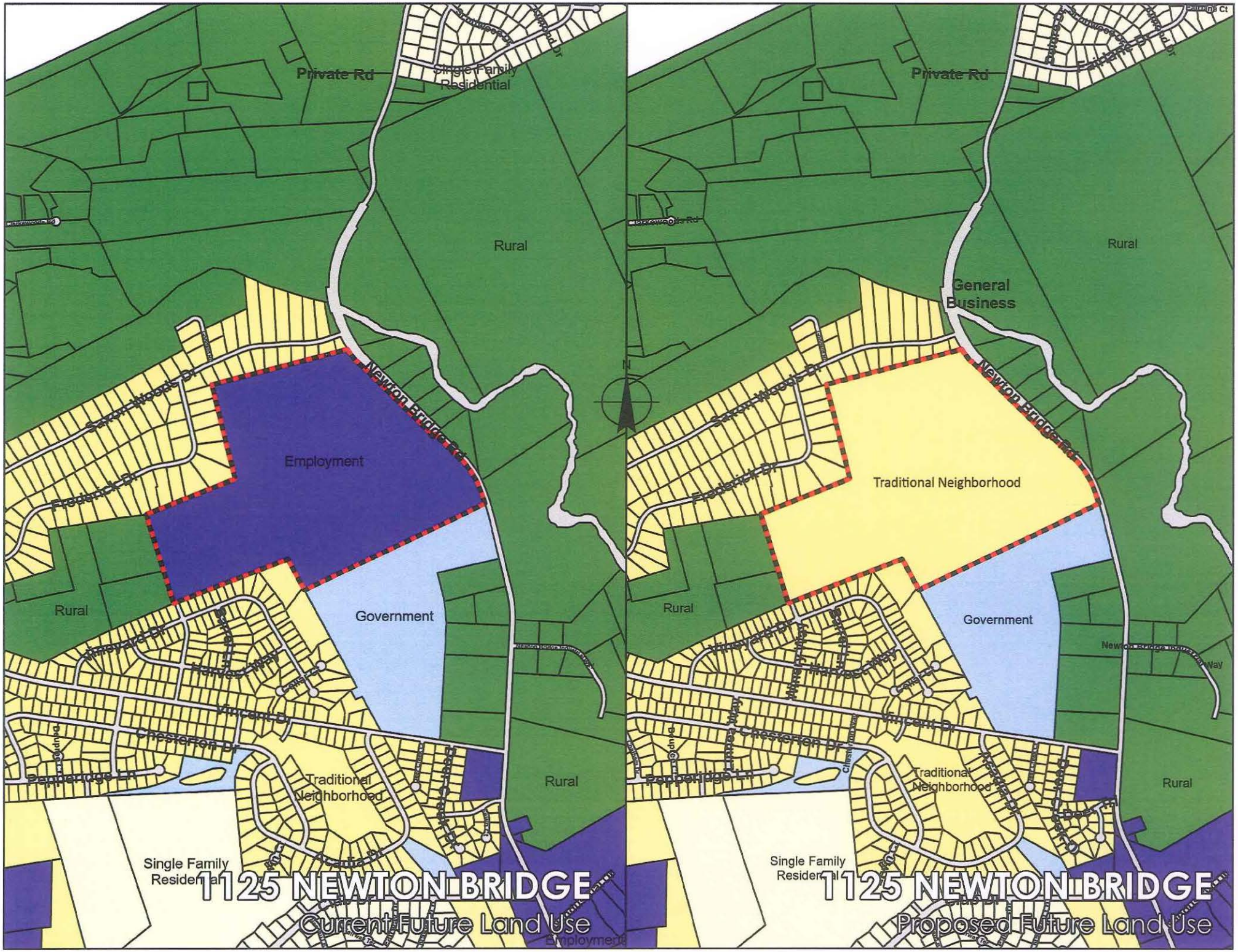
1. *The site plan shows multiple lots that are intersected by an existing power easement. Since no building is allowed within the easement, it appears that these lots may not be able to build a structure that meets the minimum square footage for a house required in Section 9-15-15.*
2. *The site plan does not show a direct connection from the public street and sidewalk to the primary entry of the residence as required by Section 9-25-8(B)5.*
3. *The perimeter blocks exceed the block size and length allowances of Section 9-26-3(O)2.*
4. *The plan only shows 30 of the 108 on-street parking spaces required by Section 9-26-4(B).*
5. *The plan needs to have a sidewalk along Newton Bridge Road.*
6. *The site plan contains a variance request which is not permitted as part of the rezone process and also not addressed in the application report.*

End of Staff Report.

Reviewed — Zoning Criteria Considered by Staff

The following factors have been considered as set forth in Guhl v. Holcomb Bridge Road Corp., 238 Ga. 322, 232 S.E.2d 830 (1977).

- ☒ The proposed zoning action conforms to the Future Land Use map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County, and any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Commission.
- ☒ The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements.
- ☒ The proposal will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County.
- ☒ The cost of the Unified Government and other governmental entities in providing, improving, increasing or maintaining public utilities, schools, streets and other public safety measures.
- ☒ The existing land use pattern surrounding the property in issue.
- ☒ The possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.
- ☒ The aesthetic effect of existing and future use of the property as it relates to the surrounding area.
- ☒ Whether the proposed zoning action will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.
- ☒ Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning; provided, however, evidence that the economic value of the property, as currently zoned, is less than its economic value if zoned as requested will not alone constitute a significant detriment.
- ☒ Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- ☒ Public services, which include physical facilities and staff capacity, exist sufficient to service the proposal.
- ☒ The population density pattern and possible increase or over-taxing of the load on public facilities including, but not limited to, schools, utilities, and streets.
- ☒ The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quantity.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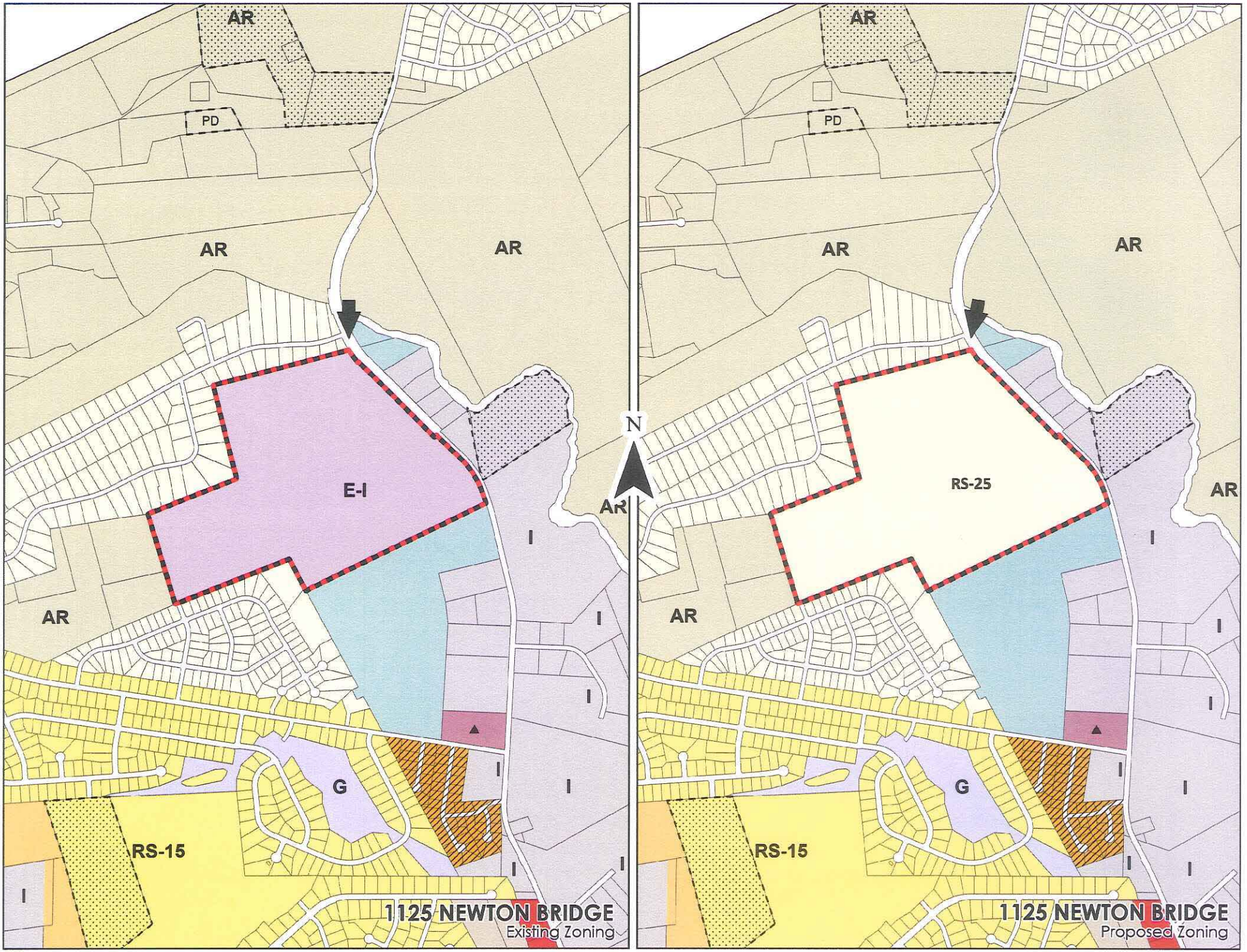
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SITE DATA

OVERALL DATA:

COMMUNITY NAME	NEWTON BRIDGE CROSSING
EXISTING ZONING	R-I
PROPOSED ZONING	RS-25
FUTURE LAND USE	TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD
GROSS LAND AREA	+/- 137.73 ACRES
ADJUSTED DEVELOPMENT AREA	+/- 123.8 ACRES
PROPOSED LOTS	212 UNITS
MAX DENSITY	1.4 UNITS PER ACRE
PROPOSED DENSITY WITH BONUS	*1.71 UNITS PER ACRE

* MAX ALLOWED WITH 25% BONUS DENSITY FROM OPEN SPACE

OPEN SPACE CALCULATIONS:

OPEN SPACE REQUIRED:	5%
BONUS DENSITY OPEN SPACE:	25%
OPEN SPACE PROVIDED:	30%

***OPEN SPACE DENSITY BONUS:**

DENSITY BONUS AT 25%:	*0.31 DWELLINGS PER ACRE

SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED:

PROPOSED LOTS	
40' X 125' TYPICAL:	212 LOTS
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH:	60' AT FRONT SETBACK
MINIMUM LOT AREA :	NONE PER SECTION 9-7-3
MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE:	35%
MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT:	30'

SETBACKS:

FRONT:	20'
CORNER:	10'
REAR:	20'
SIDE:	10'
LANDSCAPE STRIP:	50' ALONG NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD

TYPICAL STREETS/PARKING:

STREET TYPE:	PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHOWN
STREET WIDTH :	24' B.C. - B.C. ; 20' DRIVE AISLE
SIDEWALKS:	5' SIDEWALK BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET
GRASS STRIP:	7' GRASS STRIP BETWEEN B.O.C. AND SIDEWALK
RIGHT OF WAY WIDTH :	50' TYPICAL RIGHT OF WAY

VARIANCES:

1.) DRIVEWAY SPACING TO BE LESS THAN 50' AS SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING ADJUSTMENTS

PARKING CALCS

TYPE	GARAGE	DRIVEWAY	TOTAL PER HOUSE	TOTAL LOT	TOTAL SPACES
SFD	2	2	4	216	864
SFD REQUIRED PARKING					432
ON-STREET AMENITY AREA PARKING					30
TOTAL PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTIAL					894

SITE LEGEND

- (SW) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
- (75') 75' COUNTY STREAM BUFFER (AS MEASURED FROM TOP OF BANK)
- (FP) FLOOD HAZARD AREA
- (WW) WETLANDS
- (OS) COMMON OPENSPACE

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1125 NEWTON BRIDGE RD
ATHENS, GA 30607

PROPERTY OWNER:
PID 104 002
JANE H & WILLIAM D YOUNG FOUNDATION
ATTN: STEVE YOUNG
615 STONEHULL DR SW
ATLANTA, GA 30336

STORMWATER NOTE:
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ON SITE.

WATER NOTE:
WATER PROVIDED BY ATHENS AND IS AVAILABLE IN THE NEWTON BRIDGE RIGHT-OF-WAY

SEWER NOTE:
A PUMP STATION IS PROPOSED FOR THE PROJECT ADJACENT TO THE NEWTON BRIDGE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

FLOOD HAZARD NOTE
BY GRAPHICAL PLOTTING ONLY, A PORTION OF THE SURVEYED AREA LIES WITHIN A 100 YEAR FLOOD HAZARD AREA PER FIRM PANEL 13059C0005D & 13059C0006D, DATED APRIL 2, 2007.
THIS OPINION IS NOT A CERTIFICATION OF FLOOD HAZARD STATUS, BUT IS AN INTERPRETATION OF THE REFERENCED MAP AND PUBLIC DATA. GIS TOPOGRAPHY IS UTILIZED FOR THIS CONCEPT. IF THE EXACT LOCATION OF ELEVATION(S) OF FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARIES ARE NECESSARY, A MORE DETAILED STUDY MAY BE NEEDED. THIS FIRM ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED MAP OR PUBLIC DATA.

PLAN NOTE:
THIS PLAN IS CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO PERMIT ISSUANCE.

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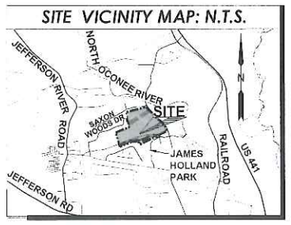

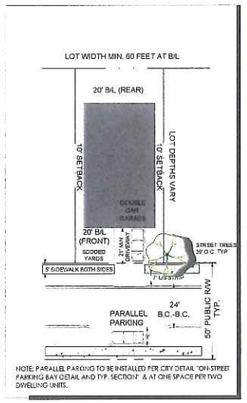

TYPICAL 60' LOT / RIGHT OF WAY DETAIL (WITH ON STREET PARKING)
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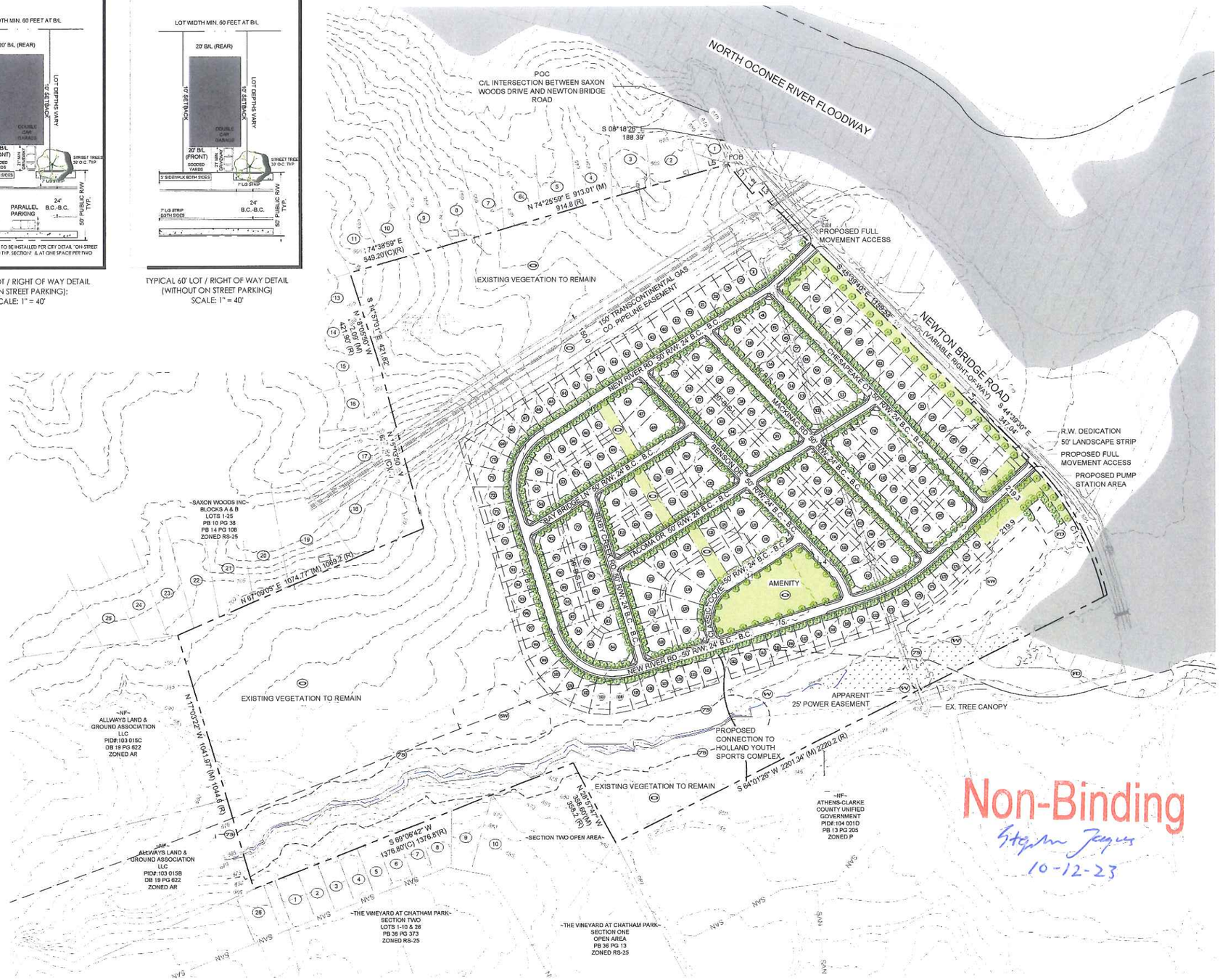

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	
L1	S 39°42'40" E	152.40'	
L2	N 46°42'20" E	25.00'	
L3	S 44°28'40" E	50.00'	
L4	N 45°20'30" E	15.00'	
L5	N 74°44'41" E	119.49' (M)	117.7 (R)

CURVE	RADIUS	ARC LENGTH	CHORD LENGTH	CHORD BEARING	DELTA ANGLE
C1	1110.90'	599.44'	592.19'	S 29°12'00" E	30°55'00"

Non-Binding
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Site Master Plan for NEWTON BRIDGE CROSSING

1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD
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PARCEL # 104 002

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MASTER PLAN

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Total Site Area	=	136.70 ac.
Existing Canopy Cover	=	129.27 ac. (95%)
Required Total Canopy Coverage in RS-25	=	82.02 ac. (60%)
Required Conserved Canopy Coverage in RS-25	=	54.68 ac. (40%)

Summary Table of Tree Canopy Coverage

Total Conserved Canopy Coverage	59.38 ac.
Reforestation Areas	0.00 ac.
Canopy from Planted Trees	24.32 ac.
Total Canopy Coverage Provided	83.70 ac. (61%)

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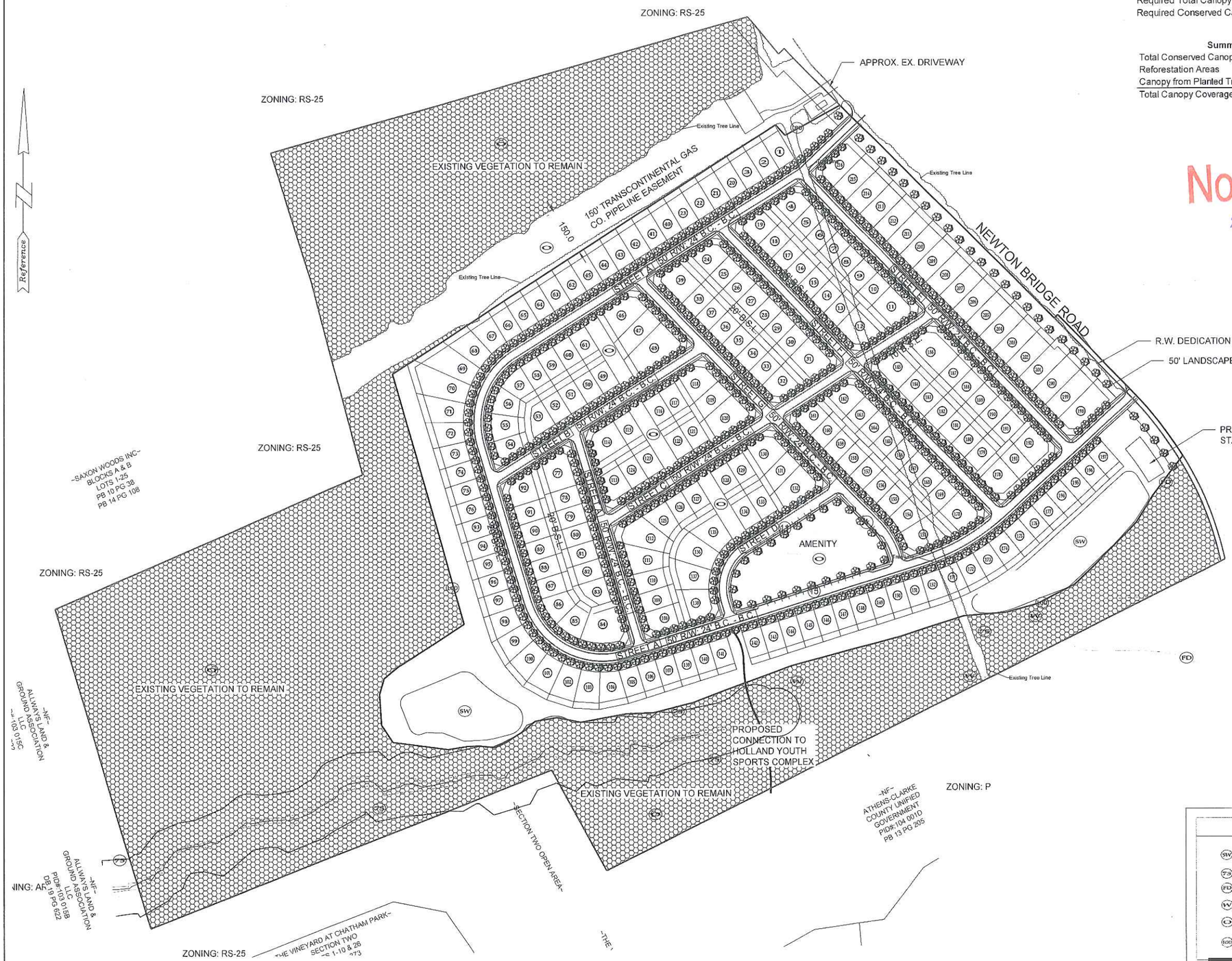

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75	75' COUNTY STREAM BUFFER
FD	FLOOD HAZARD AREA
WV	WETLANDS
OS	COMMON OPENSPACE
105	PRELIMINARY LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE

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PROJECT NAME:

1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD TRACT

TASK:

TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN

CERTIFIED ARBORIST SO-1171 THOMAS V MOORE

PROJECT INFORMATION:

1125 Newton Bridge Rd Tract
Project Name

1125 Newton Bridge Rd
Project Number

Project Address

Land Lot No.(s)

ATHENS-CLARKE, GA
District

City, State, County

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1125 Newton Bridge Road

Rezoning and Future Land Use Map Amendment

Application Report

Prepared by Applicant D.R. Horton, Inc.

August 8, 2023

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Stephen Jaynes
10-12-23

REZONING

1. How the proposed rezoning will conform to the Future Land Use Map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County, and any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Commission.

The proposed rezoning does not conform to the Future Land Use Map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County nor the master plan or portion there of adopted by the Mayor and Commission. The current Future Land Use Map designates the area as Employment and it is applicant's understanding that the general plans for physical development of the area had anticipated industrial development on the site. While applicant understands industrial development had been the plan for the subject site for many years, industry has yet to show interest in the subject site for development. In consideration of the current housing shortage and the numerous employers that are seeking to base business in Athens-Clarke County the subject site would be an ideal location for quality, affordable housing. Applicant seeks to amend the Future Land Use Map to Traditional Neighborhood for the subject site. Additionally, applicant has discussed with planning staff and the appropriate utilities departments within the county and has made plans to provide necessary infrastructure to the area, including a pump station, if zoning and other required permits are approved that would be required for any development, whether residential or industrial.

2. The proposed rezoning will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County.

The proposed rezoning will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County. The proposed rezoning will allow much needed housing options be added to the economy. With the County park so close to the subject property, a residential site in such close proximity will be a great addition to the balance of land uses in the area and provide additional tax payers to utilize an amenity created by residents' investment. The proposed rezoning will potentially add value to adjacent and neighboring properties. If the pump station is simultaneously approved, engineers estimate additional capacity available to provide approximately 2,000,000 square feet of industrial space with sewer.

3. Public facility elements of the Comprehensive Plan and how the proposed change will affect the provision of the services anticipated in the plan.

Applicant has participated in a development team meeting with members of the Athens-Clarke County Staff. As a result of that meeting, applicant has had additional communication with water and sewer services. Based on those discussions, applicant has agreed to design and build a pump station that will provide enough capacity for the subject site as well as additional capacity that could potentially be utilized by future, neighboring developments. The proposed rezoning will potentially add value to

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adjacent and neighboring properties. If the pump station is simultaneously approved, engineers estimate additional capacity available to provide approximately 2,000,000 square feet of industrial space with sewer. Applicant will continue to work closely with all public facility staff members in order to design and provide a development that is not burdensome to Athens-Clark County services.

Additionally, applicant has agreed with the Athens Clark County Department of Transportation to provide improvements along the frontage of the subject property and to additionally improve 2 off-site intersections located at Kathwood and Newton Bridge and Vincent and Newton Bridge respectively. Please see Traffic Mitigation Memo and the Traffic Improvement Exhibits that were submitted with this Master Plan/PUD application.

4. The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements.

The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for traditional neighborhood uses in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements. Applicant will comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances. In the instance that the proposed use does not meet all criteria, applicant will follow all proper and required procedures to seek necessary variances.

5. The existing land use pattern surrounding the property in issue.

Although the subject site had been planned as an industrial development, there are neighboring residential properties that surround the site and would set precedent for a residential development at the subject site. Additionally, an Athens-Clarke County park facility is located directly across the street from the subject site. Applicant has planned for a connection to the park in order to allow future residents of the development to easily access the tax payer resource. The location of the park and proximity to the site are further indication that the development of single family residences on the site will not disrupt the existing land use pattern but in fact offers the opportunity to enhance the land use pattern. With the addition of the sewer infrastructure, if approved, and the off-site intersection improvements, the rezoning of this property for the residential development will create potential for development in the Newton Bridge Road area that has previously been nearly impossible due to lack of infrastructure.

6. The possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.

The proposed development will not create an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts. As previously discussed, there are other RS-25 communities surrounding the subject site. While applicant initially discussed development of an RS-15 community with staff, after further consideration and in order to maintain the look of adjacent and nearby properties applicant redesigned the site as RS-25.

7. The population density pattern and possible increase or over-taxing of the load on public facilities including, but not limited to, schools, utilities, and streets.

Applicant does not believe the increase from the development will over-tax the load on public facilities. As previously discussed, prior to making this application, applicant voluntarily held a development team meeting which included representatives from Athens-Clark County utilities, department of

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transportation, and fire and emergency services. The only department that indicated a potential issue was water and sewer due to the lack of infrastructure in the area. Applicant has planned for and fully intends to design and build a pump station that will not only service the subject site but will also allow for additional capacity to service nearby sites if needed. Applicant has also already completed a Traffic Impact Study and provided that report to staff as a part of this application. Additionally, the additional new residents that will become homeowners in this community will add to the tax base thereby increasing the budget for infrastructure maintenance.

8. The cost of the Unified Government and other governmental entities in providing, improving, increasing or maintaining public utilities, schools, streets and other public safety measures.

Although staff has not provided exact cost in providing services to the area, as indicated in the response above to question #7 and previous questions, applicant has addressed areas of concern with Athens-Clarke County staff. While applicant does not believe the single family residential development will be any more burdensome to the community than an industrial site, Applicant will continue to work closely with staff and elected officials during the development process in order to ensure the development is a valued asset to the community and not a liability.

At no cost to Athens-Clark County, applicant has agreed to make off-site improvements to two existing intersections near the subject property. Additionally, if the sewer pump station is approved, applicant has agreed to a financial contribution for maintenance of the system.

9. The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quantity.

Applicant will plan for and develop the site in a way that complies with all local, state, federal, and EPA laws, ordinances, and requirements.

10. Whether the proposed zoning amendment will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

The proposed zoning amendment will be an improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations. The site has not been developed, although zoned and planned for nearly 20 years ago. The addition of quality single-family residences to the area will improve the value of nearby properties as well as provide an increase to the tax base for the district. Additionally, as previously mentioned in this report, applicant plans to install valuable infrastructure on the site that will be an asset to future nearby developments.

11. Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning; provided, however, evidence that the economic value of the property, as currently zoned, is less than its economic value if rezoned as requested will not alone constitute a significant detriment;

Applicant is not aware of any substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning. However, what applicant does know is that although the site was zoned nearly 20 years ago and there was a plan for an industrial development, that development has not occurred. The site lacks valuable infrastructure that is necessary for development which may be cause for the lack of

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interest. Applicant is prepared to invest in the site and the Athens-Clarke County community in order to provide the necessary infrastructure.

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The current site is not developed. The homes planned by applicant will be a great addition to the aesthetics of the area. Applicant plans to build homes utilizing a mixture of materials. The site also has beautiful amenity areas and open space/park areas placed throughout the site.

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August 9, 2023

Athens-Clarke County Planning Department
120 West Dougherty Street
Athens, GA 30601

RE: Letter of Intent-Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council,

D.R. Horton, Inc. is seeking to rezone property located at 1125 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, GA, Parcel ID 104 002. The property is approximately 137.73 acres. D.R. Horton, Inc seeks to rezone the property from E-I to RS-25 and to amend the future land use from Employment to Traditional Neighborhood.

Applicant does not seek any variances to or waivers from the Athens Clarke County zoning ordinance or other development codes. Therefore applicant seeks a rezone to RS-25 with the proffered condition that the site plan attached to this zoning application become binding upon adoption.

Attached for further detail of the proposed project and as a part of this rezoning submittal are all required documents necessary for consideration of a binding plan, including:

- The Zoning Site Plan dated 3.2.23
- Owner Authorization and Application
- Tree Management Plan
- ALTA Survey
- Survey Legal Description
- Sewer Capacity Evaluation
- Traffic Impact Study Report
- Traffic Impact Study Mitigation Letter
- Traffic Impact Study Mitigation Exhibits
- Application Report

In further support of this application, applicant has met on multiple occasions and had numerous conversations with Matt Adamson, Public Utilities Department Engineer, in order to discuss the approval of necessary infrastructure to include a pump station on this site. Applicant has removed 4 lots from the original conceptual plan in order to address planning commission concerns regarding shielding of view of the pump station. Additionally, engineers estimated based on a higher lot count for the development that the pump station as designed will potentially offer additional capacity able to service approximately 2,000,000 square feet of industrial space. Additionally capacity for sewer in this area provided by the residential development at Newton

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Bridge Road will allow additional growth and development in the Newton Bridge corridor, an area that is currently limited by lack of infrastructure.

D.R. Horton seeks to develop a unique community of 212 single family detached homes. The community will preserve natural areas and offer connectivity to Holland Youth Sports Complex. The community will also include an amenity area maintained by a mandatory Homeowners Association, multiple open space areas, and walking trail.

The community will also include pedestrian connectivity throughout with sidewalks on both sides of the streets internal. Developer will also install sidewalks on the frontage of the property. In order to provide easy accessibility to an Athens Clarke County amenity, developer will provide a trail that allows for pedestrian and non-motorized bicycle access from the community to Holland Youth Sports Complex.

The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The adjacent and nearby properties are owned by multiple, individual residents that are either utilizing the property as a single family home or still as undeveloped land.

Athens Clarke County continues to grow and attract new employers that are bringing more professional talent to the area. There is a demand for quality, affordable housing in the area as evidenced by the development pattern of the area. This Newton Bridge Road Development will not only provide additional single family detached homes for residents, but will also create a community atmosphere that ties into the community with elements such as connection to existing an existing park.

D.R. Horton, Inc. respectfully requests approval of the rezoning from E-I to RS-25 with the proffered condition that the site plan become binding upon adoption.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

Tiffany D. Hogan
Forward Planning Manager
tdhogan@drhorton.com
678-780-8526

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SOUTHBOUND (SINGLE LANE)
EX. EOP
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NORTHBOUND LANE (SINGLE LANE)
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NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD
(VARIABLE RIGHT-OF-WAY)

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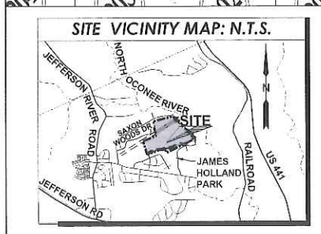

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Site Zoning Plan for
NEWTON BRIDGE RD TRACT
1125 NEWTON BRIDGE ROAD
1374TH GMD, ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
PARCEL # 104 002

Orig. Issue	04.03.2023
Designed by	LR
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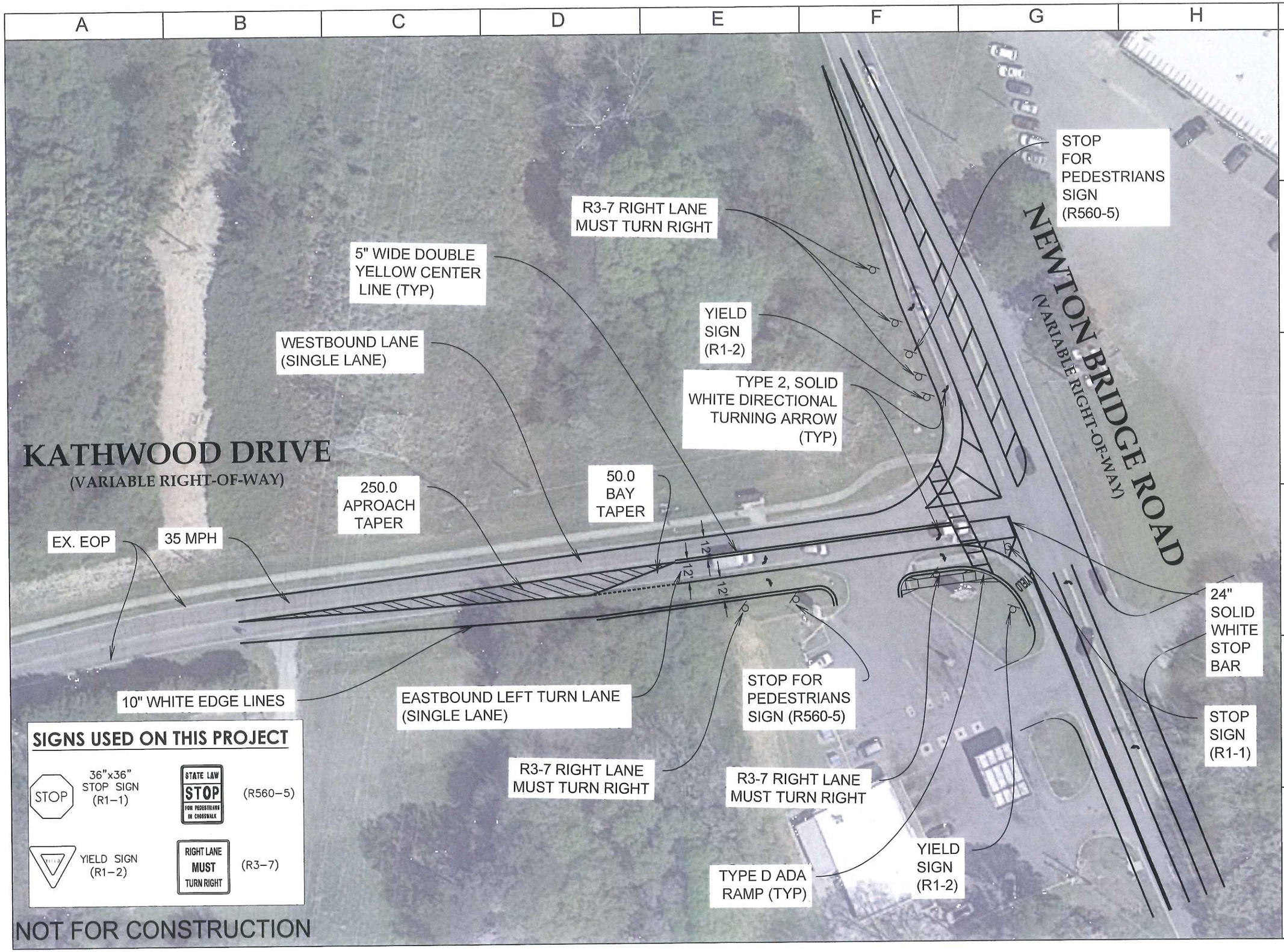
SITE ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS



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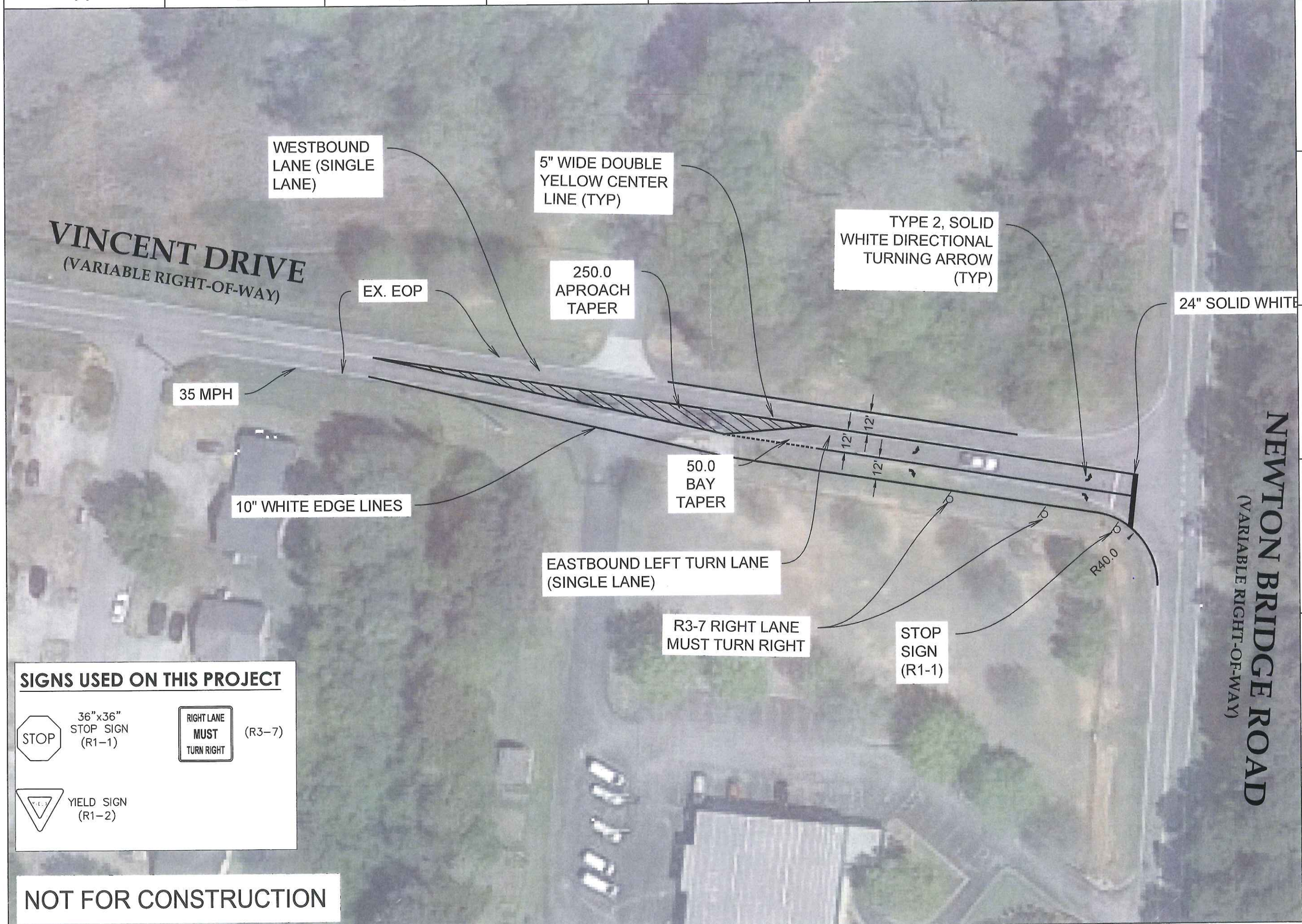

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PROJECT NAME: 1125 Newton Bridge Rd.

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SCALE: 1"= 50'

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITH RESPECT TO **REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 2.99 ACRES LOCATED AT 1580 BARNETT SHOALS ROAD FROM C-O (COMMERCIAL-OFFICE) TO RM-2 (MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

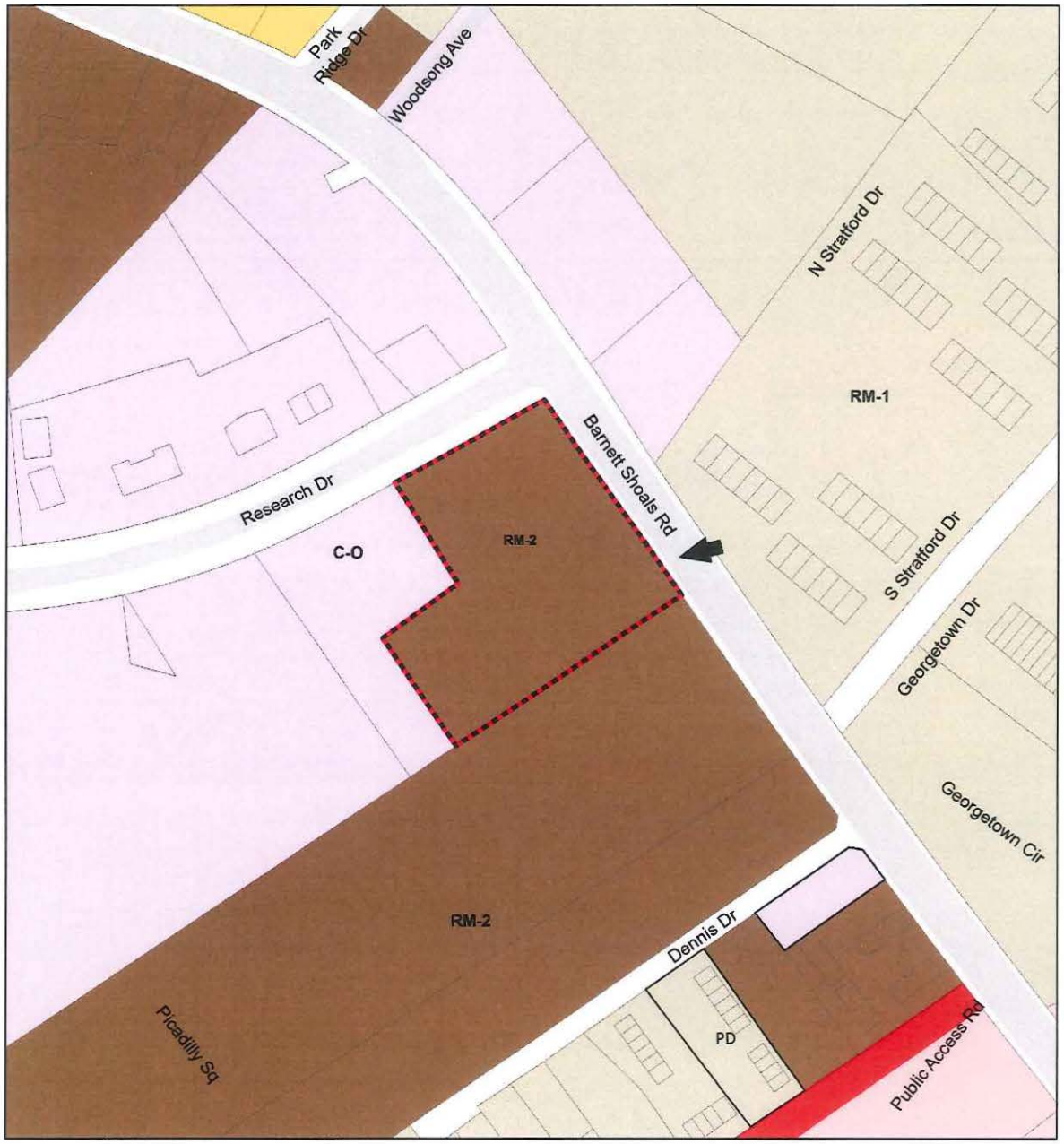
The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The map constituting the component part of the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, by virtue of and in compliance with Sections 9-3-3 and 9-3-6 thereof, is hereby amended by changing the zoning of a parcel of land, comprising approximately 2.99 acres, located at 1580 Barnett Shoals Road, Athens, Georgia, from C-O (Commercial-Office) to RM-2 (Mixed Density Residential).

Said parcel is more particularly described according to that certain document entitled "Administrative Recombination Survey," originally dated April 20, 2023, revised effective June 30, 2023, made by Matthew D. Ulmer, Georgia registered land surveyor, and being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. Said parcel is also known as parcel number 182B 035 on the Athens-Clarke County tax maps being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. The date of this amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Attachment A shall be noted on said Official Zoning Map in the office of the Clerk of Commission, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, and duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

SECTION 2. As a condition of zoning associated with this ordinance, any stormwater system or stormwater infrastructure on the affected parcel must use Barnett Shoals Road for its outlet.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



The Official Zoning Map
of Athens-Clarke County

Legend

- P, Parks
- IN, Institutional
- C-G, Commercial-General
- C-D, Commercial-Downtown
- C-N, Commercial-Neighborhood
- C-O, Commercial-Office
- C-R, Commercial-Rural
- E-I, Employment-Industrial
- E-O, Employment-Office
- G, Government
- I, Industrial
- AR, Agricultural Residential (1 unit per 10 acre density)
- RM-1, Mixed Density Residential (16 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-2, Mixed Density Residential (24 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-3, Mixed Density Residential (50 multi-family units per acre)
- RS-5, Single-Family Residential (5,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-8, Single-Family Residential (8,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-15, Single-Family Residential (15,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-25, Single-Family Residential (25,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-40, Single-Family Residential (40,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)

Parcel boundaries of the city are determined by legal description. The parcels shown on this map are to be used only as a guide.

- Downtown Design Areas
  - (DHD), Downtown Historic District
  - (WD), West Downtown
  - (ED), East Downtown
  - (DS), Dougherty Street
  - (RIV), River
  - (WE), West End
  - (ND), North Downtown
- Airport Overlay
  - AZ1, Precision Approach Zone
  - AZ2, Larger than Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - AZ3, Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - TZ, Transitional Zone
  - RPZ, Runway Protection Zone
  - PSZ, Primary Surface Zone
- 78/316 Special District Overlay
- PD, Planned Development
- *, Zoning with Conditions
- Historic District
- RM-LTD, Mixed Density Residential Limited Overlay
- Conditional Use
- GSRC, Gaines School Road Corridor Special District Overlay
- MAC, Milledge Avenue Corridor Special District Overlay
- WBS, West Broad Street Special District Overlay
- Winterville Boundary
- Bogart Boundary
- ACC Boundary
- Railroads
- Special Use
- Historic Landmark

160 80 0 160 320 480 Feet

ATTACHMENT A	ZONE-2023-09-1765 REZONE 1580 BARNETT SHOALS RD Frank Pittman / Pittman & Greer Engineering Jackson Eight LLC
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FROM: C-O	TO: RM-2

TAX PARCEL #	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE	ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATE
182B 035	October 5, 2023	November 7, 2023

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION

DATE: October 5, 2023	**FILE NO:** ZONE-2023-09-1765

LOCATION: 1580 Barnett Shoals Road
APPLICANT: Frank Pittman / Pittman & Greer Engineering
OWNER: Jackson Eight LLC
REQUEST: From C-O to RM-2 (Commercial-Office to Mixed-Density Residential-2)
COMMISSION DISTRICT: 8

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION AND RECOMMENDATION:

NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Chair: Matthew Hall Present				Kristen Morales Present	X		
Vice-Chair: Alice Kinman Present	X			Taylor Pass Present	X		
Catherine Goodrum Present	X			Alexander Sams Present	X		
Sara Beresford Present	X			Monique Sanders Present	X		
Sarah Gehring Present	X			Joey Tucker Present	X		
NOTE: Chair does not vote except in case of tie.				TOTAL VOTES:	9	0	0

For: Frank Pittman, Charley Hill (applicants)
Against: None

Discussion: The applicants stated that the location is in line with comprehensive plan policies of locating people near services, transportation options and amenities. They add that their proposed 1-bedroom units are an in-demand housing product. The applicant presented architecture from other developments throughout the county that they would like to emulate. Commissioners concluded that the site is located in a favorable location for multi-family uses given the presence of neighborhood services like grocery stores and schools, although at least one commissioner noted that Barnett Shoals Road needs to be improved to be safe and comfortable for non-motorists. It was suggested that the applicant consider less parking and more amenity space onsite.

Motion: Mr. Tucker made a motion to recommend approval with condition. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.

Condition:

1. The stormwater system must use Barnett Shoals Road for its outlet per TPW's comment (in the Staff Report).

STAFF REPORT
REZONE
1580 BARNETT SHOALS RD
ZONE-2023-09-1765
OCTOBER 5, 2023

APPLICANT: .....Frank Pittman
OWNER: .....Carl Nichols / Jackson Eight LLC
ZONING REQUEST: .....C-O to RM-2
TYPE OF REQUEST: .....Type II
LOCATION: .....1580 Barnett Shoals Rd
TAX MAP NUMBERS: 182B 035
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 8
PROJECT SIZE: .....2.99 Acres
PRESENT USE: .....Undeveloped
PROPOSED USE: .....Residential Multi-Family
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED: .....September 20, 2023
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: .....***APPROVAL WITH CONDITION***
PLANNING COMM. RECOMMENDATION: .....***APPROVAL WITH CONDITION***
MAYOR & COMMISSION AGENDA SETTING: ...October 17, 2023 (tentative)
MAYOR & COMMISSION VOTING SESSION: .....November 7, 2023 (tentative)

I. Summary Recommendation

The applicant is requesting to rezone 1580 Barnett Shoals Road from Commercial Office (C-O) to Mixed Density Residential (RM-2) and have submitted a non-binding site plan that shows a 66-unit multi-family complex of 1-bedroom apartments. The applicant has submitted a non-binding site plan, therefore the full range of allowable uses in the RM-2 zone would be available for future development.

Currently the site has a large wooded portion on the southern half of the property with the northern portion being a ballfield used by the adjacent property (YWCO). The property lies at the corner of Research Drive and Barnett Shoals Road. Adjacent properties are zoned C-O, RM-1, and RM-2, and include several apartment complexes and a nonprofit.

The request is compatible with the existing Future Land Use Map and Staff thinks that the requested RM-2 zone is compatible given the adjacent RM-2 zoning, multiple apartment complexes in the area, access to neighborhood services, and proximity to multiple bus routes.

The current concept plan registered concerns from multiple departments. Staff is particularly concerned about the stormwater system. While this concern doesn't change the potential compatibility of the request, it may speak to larger issues on the site that make it less feasible to currently be developed as RM-2. Staff believes that it must be included as a condition in order to be clear to the current developer or any potential future developer.

Staff questions the trip generation numbers that were provided as the applicant notes that the average trips per resident is less than two trips a day. For a proposal geared towards young professionals and students, these numbers do not align with development we see across the community. This is the

equivalent of each unit generating less than 4 trips per day which means only leaving the residence once and also little to no occurrence of deliveries or visitors. The importance of this comes from the requirement of a second entrance if the trip generation per day exceeds 250 vehicles. When combined with the stormwater adjustments required by TPW below, the concept plan could face significant alteration. **Staff is recommending approval with condition** primarily because the requested RM-2 zone is deemed to be compatible with Athens-Clarke County's various land use plans.

Condition:

1. The stormwater system must use Barnett Shoals Road for its outlet per TPW's comment.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Commissioners agreed with the applicant and Staff that the location is suitable for residential multi-family based on close proximity to services, transportation options, and amenities. **Commissioners recommended approval with condition.**

Condition:

1. The stormwater system must use Barnett Shoals Road for its outlet per TPW's comment. (in the Staff Report)

II. Purpose of Applicant Request

A. Proposal

The applicant is requesting to rezone a 2.99-acre parcel located at 1580 Barnett Shoals Rd from Commercial Office (C-O) to Mixed Density Residential (RM-2). The applicant has also provided a non-binding concept plan showing a multi-family apartment complex. This proposal would have 66 bedrooms across 18 buildings. According to the applicant's report, these units will only be 1-bedroom units and geared towards graduate students, vet students, and young professionals. These buildings would be considered either quad- or duplexes, although no elevations were included in the application. The concept also has no amenities on the site.

B. Existing Conditions

Currently the site is partially developed and has a large wooded portion on the southern half of the property. The northern portion is a ballfield that was formerly used by the adjacent property (YWCO). The property is located at the corner of Research Drive and Barnett Shoals Road. In 2015, a house was demolished in the wooded area of the property and a small covered pavilion is at the edge of the field. The properties to the north are zoned C-O, the property to the east, known as Stratford Condominiums, is zoned Mixed Density Residential (RM-1), the property to the south, known as Cambridge Apartments, is zoned Mixed Density Residential (RM-2), and the properties to the west are zoned C-O. The subject parcel is not within a locally designated or National Register Historic District, nor contains a locally designated historic landmark.

III. Policy Analysis

A. Compatibility with Comprehensive Plan

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan calls for the following policies:

Housing

- *Increase the supply and variety of quality housing units, at multiple price points, in multiple*

locations, to suit the needs of a variety of households

This project does increase the supply of housing. While the building types in this project would be considered "Missing Middle", ownership of the site would remain with a single owner and missing middle housing should be integrated into a neighborhood fabric, not a standalone project.

Land Use

- *Infill and redevelopment should be prioritized over greenfield expansion.*
- *Create nodal development tied to transportation, healthcare, schools, jobs, workforce, and housing.*

The parcel is located near multiple commercial outlets as well as public transportation stops. This property is also within walking distance of several schools and jobs from commercial to office. The project does include approximately 1.5 parking spaces per unit under the assumption that many residents will likely not work within walking/biking distance.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- *Decrease automobile trips by providing and incentivizing alternative transportation nodes.*

The parcel does already have the necessary infrastructure like sidewalks and is able to connect up to utilities and stormwater. The parcel is also along a corridor with multiple bus stops. There are limited options for driveway access to the site, but there are pedestrian access points due to having buildings that front the street (i.e. placing their front door close to and directly connected to the adjacent street).

Design

- *Identify areas that could potentially be developed for unique neighborhoods with smaller houses and a cohesive theme.*

This location is an excellent location to create a pocket neighborhood, a bungalow court or a more ambitious Missing Middle design attempt. The relatively little acreage gives the opportunity to integrate better into the space with various housing types and sizes. The concept proposed does do that to an extent, however the parking limits those design possibilities. The porches should be designed with enough depth to provide cooling and space to socialize.

Overall, the proposal is partially compatible with the Comprehensive Plan. Improving the conceptual design, as discussed above, would bring the proposal into greater alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Compatibility with the Future Land Use Map

The 2023 Future Land Use Map designates the subject parcel as *Mixed Density Residential*, which is described as follows:

MIXED-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

These are residential areas where higher density residential development is allowed and intended. Limited nonresidential uses designed at a neighborhood scale may be incorporated into these areas (e.g. churches, schools, daycare facilities, small businesses and offices). Buildings should be oriented towards the street and include streetscape enhancements. Their design should include connections

between uses, good pedestrian connections, and compatibility with public transit. Auto-oriented uses, such as vehicle repair and maintenance, drive-through restaurants, and vehicle sales, are not included in this designation.

No change to the Future Land Use Map is required since the proposed zoning action is already consistent with the Map. The proposal is consistent with the Future Land Use description for this use.

C. Compatibility with the Zoning Map

The applicant has requested a rezone from C-O to RM-2. The following information has been provided to compare the difference in development intensity between the existing C-O (Commercial-Office) zoning and the requested RM-2 (Mixed-Density Residential-2) zone. Broadly, a comparison of scale, use, and design is offered here to help decision makers evaluate the changes that would be allowed if the request is approved. In terms of building scale, the following chart illustrates the differences in size and scale of buildings that could be constructed:

	CURRENT	REQUESTED
Standard	**C-O Zoning**	**RM-2 Zoning**
Minimum Lot Size	5,000 sf	5,000 sf
Density	16 bedrooms per gross acre	24 bedrooms per gross acre
Max Lot Coverage	65%	65%
Max Building Height	40 ft	35 ft
Setbacks*	10' front, 6' side	10' front, 6' side, 10' rear
Conserved Canopy	25%	25%
Total Canopy	50%	50%
Parking	Varies	1.5 – 2 spaces per unit

*Setbacks may change due to height of buildings

The Athens-Clarke County Zoning Ordinance includes a list of defined uses and designates where they can or cannot be established. The most noticeable difference between the current C-O zoning and the proposed RM-2 zoning is that Mixed-Density Residential is intended primarily for residential uses, especially multi-family while Commercial-Office has a limited set of allowable commercial uses like administrative research and restricts residential uses to the second story and above (unless granted a special use permit). Given the presence of an RM-2 zone next door and additional multi-family zones up and down this portion of Barnett Shoals Road, Staff considers the request to be compatible with the Zoning Map.

D. Consistency with Other Adopted ACCGov Plans, Studies, or Programs

Staff did not identify other plans, studies, or programs that would apply to this proposal.

IV. Technical Assessment

A. Environment

The Arborist has reviewed the tree management plan and recommends approval with the following comment:

- *During the plan review process, Staff will assess a fully detailed tree management plan with all required elements per Chapter 8-7 of the ACC code.*

B. Grading and Drainage

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following grading and drainage-related comments:

- *TPW could only support this application if the underground stormwater system would outlet to a system in Barnett Shoals Road. The immediate downstream system that crosses Research Drive drains under the road into a private system. That system is in very poor condition and has already experienced a failure resulting in a sinkhole very close to the office building foundation at 575 Research Dr. If drainage cannot be directed to a system in Barnett Shoals the downstream private system at 575 Research would need to be repaired.*
- *A Stormwater Management Concept Meeting with TPW is needed.*
- *The proposed access to Barnett Shoals Rd as shown does not meet the ACC code requirement of 100 feet.*

C. Water and Sewer Availability

The Public Utilities Department has reviewed has reviewed the proposal and recommends denial based on the following comments:

- *ACC water and sewer are available. A water and sanitary sewer capacity evaluation is required.*

D. Transportation

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal without comment.

E. Fire Protection

The Fire Marshal has reviewed the proposal and offered following comment:

- *This is a rezone only with no binding site plan. The plan does not show any fire hydrant locations or driveway widths. This site must meet the International Fire Code, including Appendix D.*

F. Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards

Since a binding plan is not required or proposed with this request, Staff have reviewed the plan for general compliance with the code. If approved the proposal will be reviewed for code compliance at the time of permitting review. The applicant has not made any waiver requests, so they will be expected to comply with all of the applicable standards. Signage and lighting are not reviewed at this stage, but the applicant is expected to adhere to those standards as well.

Code Compliance Issues:

1. *Stairways from buildings down to Research Dr. cross into the right-of-way and none of the stairways include a handicap accessible option to access the sidewalk unless the individual goes to the entrance of the lot. Buildings 900 and 1000 do not have a ramp and are only accessible via stairs. The applicant needs to clarify with Transportation and Public Works whether the encroachment of the stairs into the right-of-way would be permitted.*
2. *No height given on proposed retaining walls*
3. *Trip generation numbers given seem to be too low, as determined by ACC Traffic engineering. If trip generation numbers are higher than provided, a second entrance would be needed for this property per Sec. 9-25-10(A)(4).*
4. *Putting the mail kiosk next to the dumpster is not advisable.*

End of Staff Report.

Reviewed — Zoning Criteria Considered by Staff

The following factors have been considered as set forth in Guhl v. Holcomb Bridge Road Corp., 238 Ga. 322, 232 S.E.2d 830 (1977).

☒ The proposed zoning action conforms to the Future Land Use map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County, and any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Commission.

☒ The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements.

☒ The proposal will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County.

☒ The cost of the Unified Government and other governmental entities in providing, improving, increasing or maintaining public utilities, schools, streets and other public safety measures.

☒ The existing land use pattern surrounding the property in issue.

☒ The possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.

☒ The aesthetic effect of existing and future use of the property as it relates to the surrounding area.

☒ Whether the proposed zoning action will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

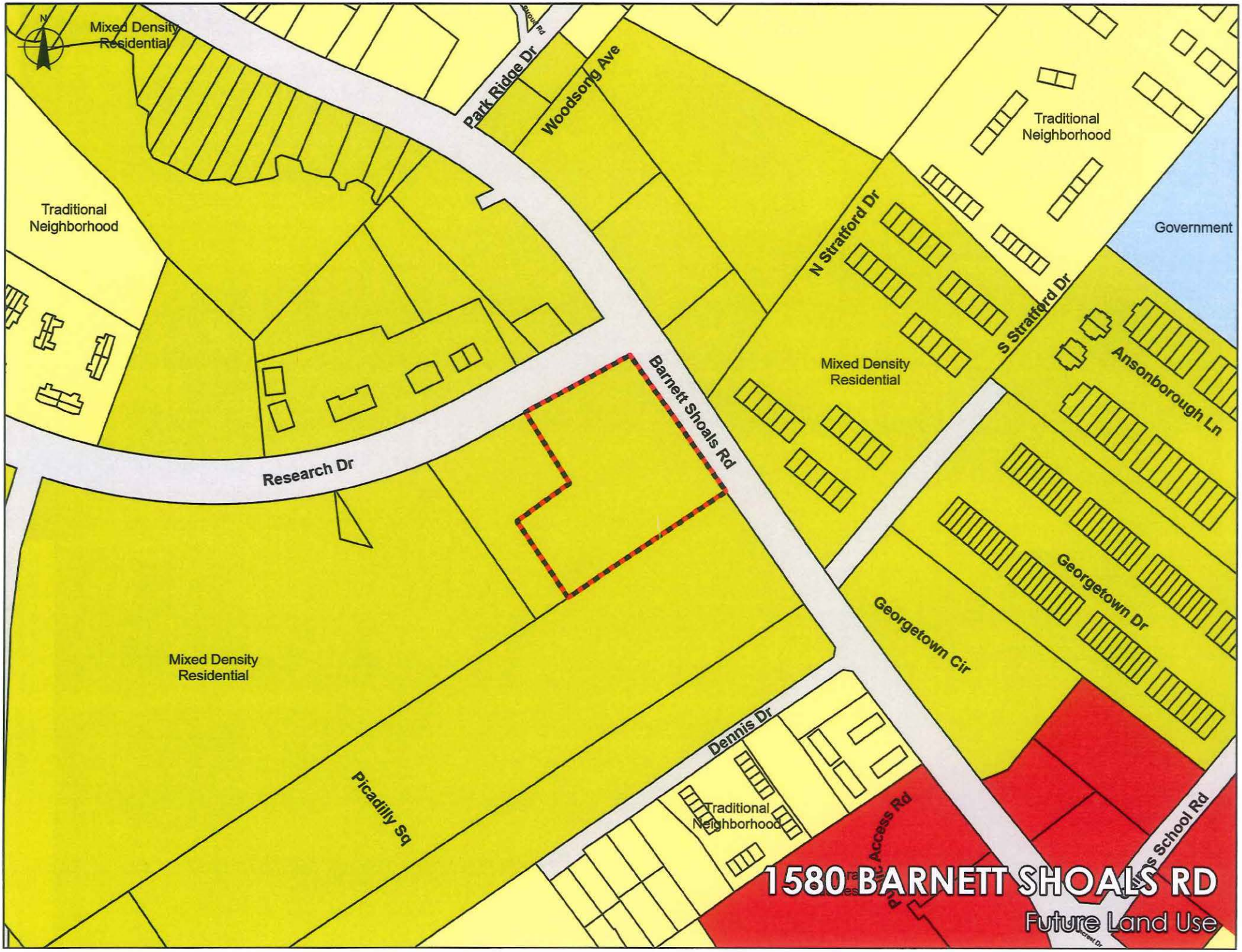
☒ Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning; provided, however, evidence that the economic value of the property, as currently zoned, is less than its economic value if zoned as requested will not alone constitute a significant detriment.

☒ Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

☒ Public services, which include physical facilities and staff capacity, exist sufficient to service the proposal.

☒ The population density pattern and possible increase or over-taxing of the load on public facilities including, but not limited to, schools, utilities, and streets.

☒ The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quantity.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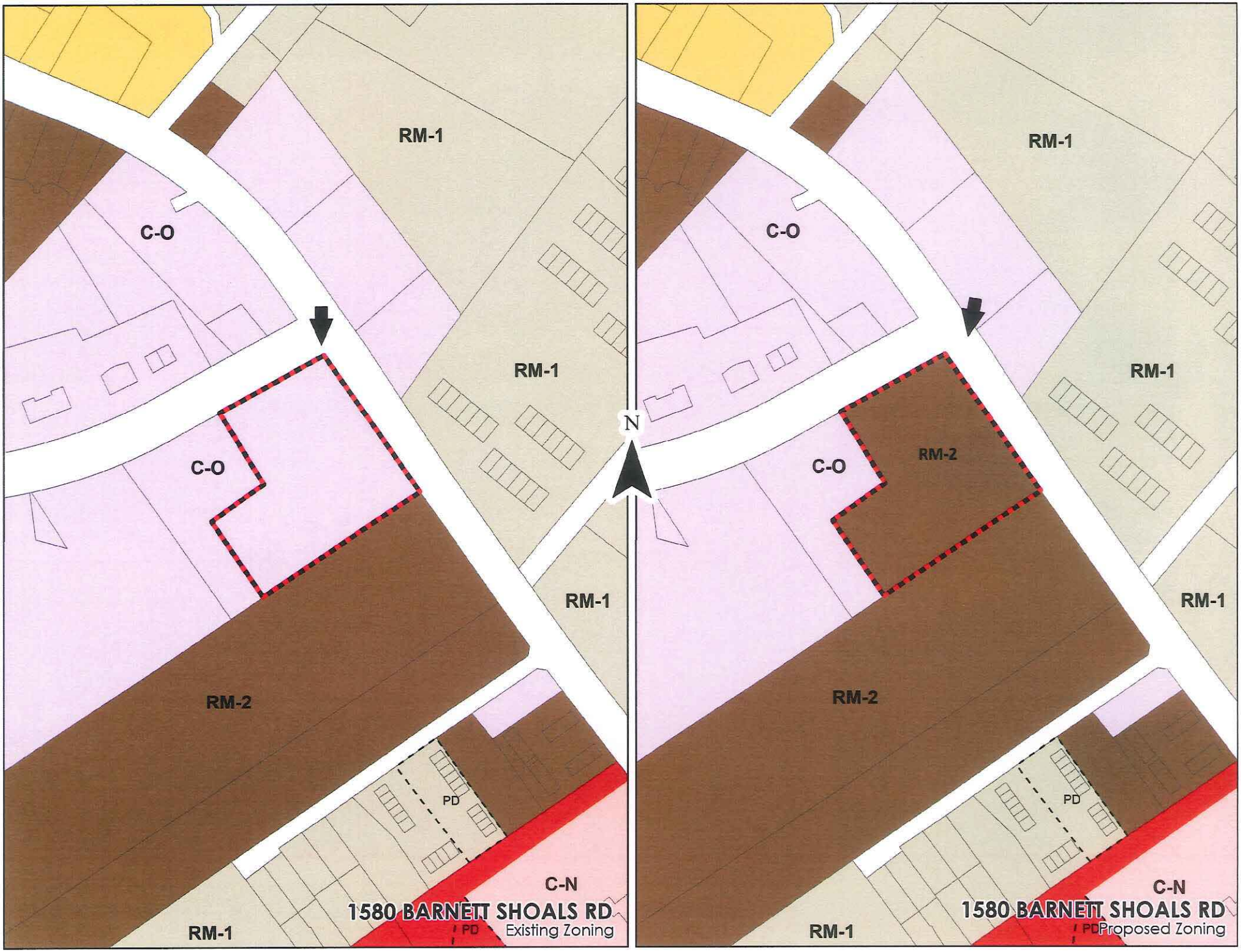
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THIS PLAT IS NOT VALID OR RECORDABLE UNLESS SAID SURVEYOR'S SIGNATURE APPEARS IN ORIGINAL BLUE INK OVER THE STAMP.

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Non-Binding
Stephen Jaques
10-12-23

FIELD SURVEY CLOSURE STATEMENT

ALL OF THE FIELD DATA UPON WHICH THIS PLAT IS BASED WAS PERFORMED USING A DUAL FREQUENCY EGPS 20TL GNSS RECEIVER. ALL DATA WAS COLLECTED USING A REAL TIME KINEMATIC APPLICATION AND HAS A RELATIVE POSITIONAL ACCURACY OF 0.083 FEET AT A 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL AND WAS NOT ADJUSTED.

THE FIELD WORK WAS COMPLETED ON APRIL 20, 2023.

PLAT CLOSURE STATEMENT

THIS PLAT HAS BEEN CALCULATED FOR CLOSURE AND IS FOUND TO BE ACCURATE WITHIN ONE FOOT IN 134,362 FEET.

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PLAT FOR:

THE JACKSON EIGHT, LLC

1899th GEORGIA MILITIA DISTRICT

CLARKE COUNTY

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

1580 BARNETT SHOALS & 570 RESEARCH DRIVE ATHENS, GA. 30605

PROJECT DATA

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1. TOTAL PROJECT ACREAGE: 4.48 ACRES

2. TAX PARCELS #: 182B 035 & 036A

3. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO LOCATE UTILITIES OR IMPROVEMENTS ON OR ADJACENT TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY EXCEPT AS SHOWN HEREON.

4. THIS SURVEY WAS DONE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH.

5. ZONED C-O

6. ZONING REQUIREMENTS & SETBACKS

MINIMUM LOT AREA	5,000 SQ. FT.
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH	50'
MINIMUM LOT DEPTH	50'
MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK	10'
MINIMUM SIDE SETBACK	0'
MINIMUM SIDE SETBACK, ADJACENT TO STREET	6'
MINIMUM SIDE SETBACK, ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL ZONING	10' plus one foot for each foot of building height above 30'
MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE	65%
MAXIMUM OVERALL BUILDING HEIGHT	40'

7. NO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY TREES EXIST WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY.

8. ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY WATER IS AVAILABLE.

9. ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY SANITARY SEWER IS AVAILABLE.

10. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, BUFFERS, RIGHT OF WAYS, DEED RESTRICTIONS, OR COVENANTS OF RECORD, SHOWN OR NOT SHOWN HEREON.

11. COVERAGES

	TRACT 1	TRACT 2
BUILDING	805 SQ.FT.	11,866 SQ.FT.
DRIVE & WALKS	0 SQ.FT.	17,779 SQ.FT.
TOTAL COVERAGE	805 SQ.FT. >1%	28,845 SQ.FT. 44%

12. CONTOURS ARE FROM NOAA LIDAR, NAVD 88 DATUM. CONTOUR INTERVAL IS 1 FOOT.

13. UTILITY LOCATIONS ARE FROM FIELD LOCATIONS AND REPORT DATED MARCH 28TH, 2023 BY UTILISURVEY, LLC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

REVISIONS	DATE
TO ADRESS COUNTY COMMENTS	6-30-23

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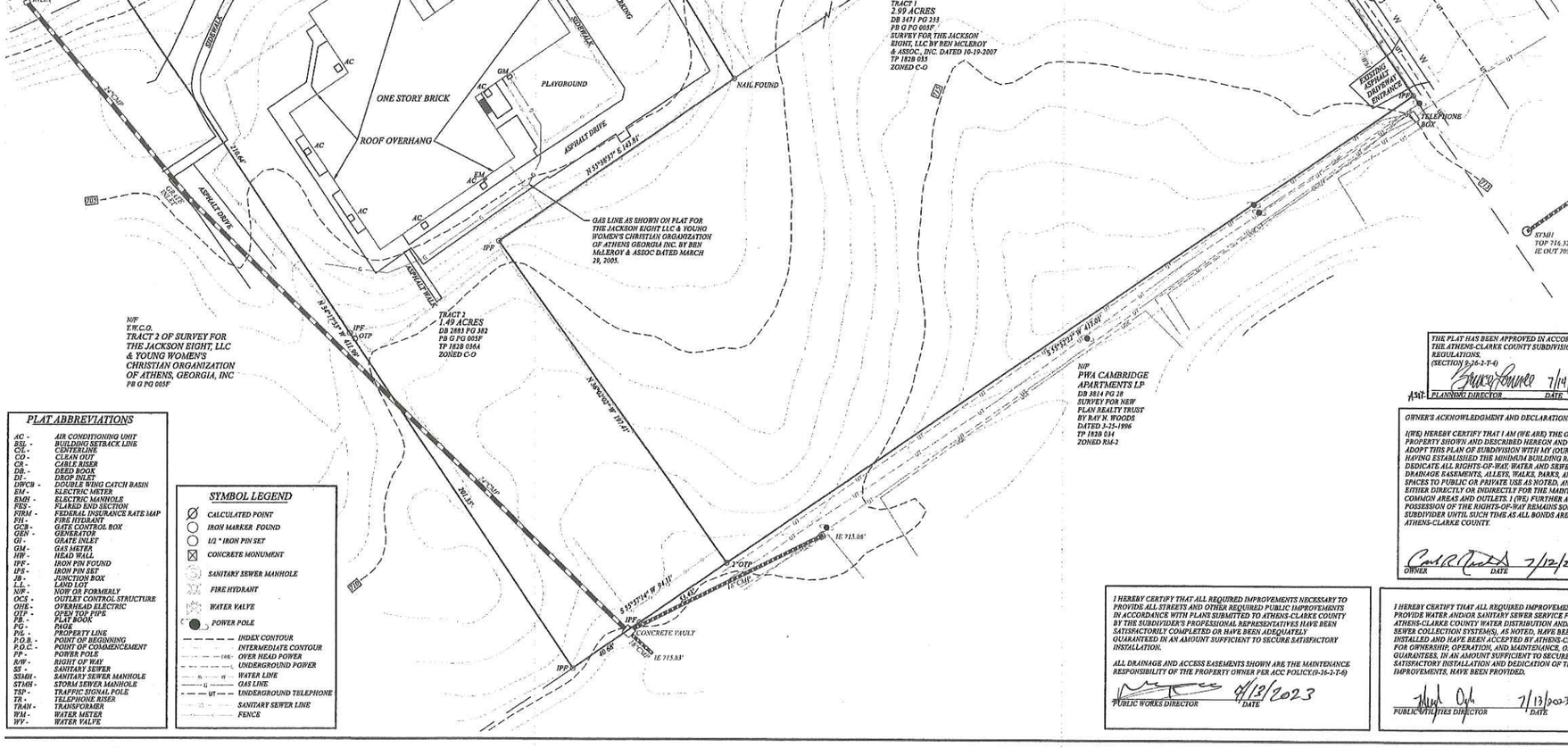

PLAT ABBREVIATIONS

AC -	AIR CONDITIONING UNIT
BSL -	BUILDING SETBACK LINE
CL -	CENTERLINE
CO -	CLEAN OUT
CR -	CABLE RISER
DB -	DEED BOOK
DI -	DROP INLET
DWCB -	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
EM -	ELECTRIC METER
EMH -	ELECTRIC MANHOLE
FES -	FLARED END SECTION
FIRM -	FEDERAL INSURANCE RATE MAP
FH -	FIRE HYDRANT
GCB -	GATE CONTROL BOX
GEN -	GENERATOR
GI -	GRATE INLET
GM -	GAS METER
HW -	HEAD WALL
IPF -	IRON PIN FOUND
IPS -	IRON PIN SET
JB -	JUNCTION BOX
L/L -	LAND LOT
N/F -	NOW OR FORMERLY
OCS -	OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE
OHE -	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
OTP -	OPEN TOP PIPE
PB -	PLAT BOOK
PG -	PAGE
PL -	PROPERTY LINE
P.O.B. -	POINT OF BEGINNING
P.O.C. -	POINT OF COMMENCEMENT
PP -	POWER POLE
R/W -	RIGHT OF WAY
SS -	SANITARY SEWER
SSMH -	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
STMH -	STORM SEWER MANHOLE
TSP -	TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE
TR -	TELEPHONE RISER
TRAN -	TRANSFORMER
WM -	WATER METER
WV -	WATER VALVE

SYMBOL LEGEND

- CALCULATED POINT
- IRON MARKER FOUND
- 1/2 " IRON PIN SET
- CONCRETE MONUMENT
- SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- FIRE HYDRANT
- WATER VALVE
- POWER POLE
- INDEX CONTOUR
- INTERMEDIATE CONTOUR
- OVER HEAD POWER
- UNDERGROUND POWER
- WATER LINE
- GAS LINE
- UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE
- SANITARY SEWER LINE
- FENCE

THE PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS. (SECTION 9-36-2-T-4)

Bruce Fonvielle 7/14/23
PLANNING DIRECTOR DATE

OWNER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DECLARATION:

I (WE) HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM (WE ARE) THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED HEREON AND THAT I (WE) HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION WITH MY (OUR) FREE CONSENT, HAVING ESTABLISHED THE MINIMUM BUILDING RESTRICTION LINES, DEDICATE ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WATER AND SEWER EASEMENTS, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS, ALLEYS, WALKS, PARKS, AND OTHER OPEN SPACES TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE USE AS NOTED, AND AGREE TO PROVIDE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL COMMON AREAS AND OUTLETS. I (WE) FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT POSSESSION OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY REMAINS SOLELY WITH THE SUBDIVIDER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL BONDS ARE RELEASED BY ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY.

OWNER DATE 7/12/23

GRID NORTH

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 GEORGIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (WESTERN ZONE)

GRAPHIC SCALE

0' 15' 30' 60' 90'

1 INCH = 30 FEET

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ALL STREETS AND OTHER REQUIRED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS SUBMITTED TO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY BY THE SUBDIVIDER'S PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED OR HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY GUARANTEED IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO SECURE SATISFACTORY INSTALLATION.

ALL DRAINAGE AND ACCESS EASEMENTS SHOWN ARE THE MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER PER ACC POLICY(9-36-3-T-6)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DATE 7/13/2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE WATER AND/OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FROM THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY WATER DISTRIBUTION AND/OR SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM(S), AS NOTED, HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY INSTALLED AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY FOR OWNERSHIP, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE, OR IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO SECURE THE SATISFACTORY INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR DATE 7/13/2023

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATIONS

AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (D) OF O.C.G.A. SECTION 15-6-67, THIS PLAT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A LAND SURVEYOR AND APPROVED BY ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR RECORDING AS EVIDENCED BY APPROVAL CERTIFICATIONS, SIGNATURES, STAMPS, OR STATEMENTS HEREON. SUCH APPROVALS OR AFFIRMATIONS SHOULD BE CONFORMED WITH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES BY ANY PURCHASER OR USER OF THIS PLAT AS TO INTENDED USE OF ANY PARCEL. FURTHERMORE, THE UNDERSIGNED LAND SURVEYOR CERTIFIES THAT THIS PLAT COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY SURVEYS IN GEORGIA AS SET FORTH IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS AND AS SET FORTH IN O.C.G.A. SECTION 15-6-67.

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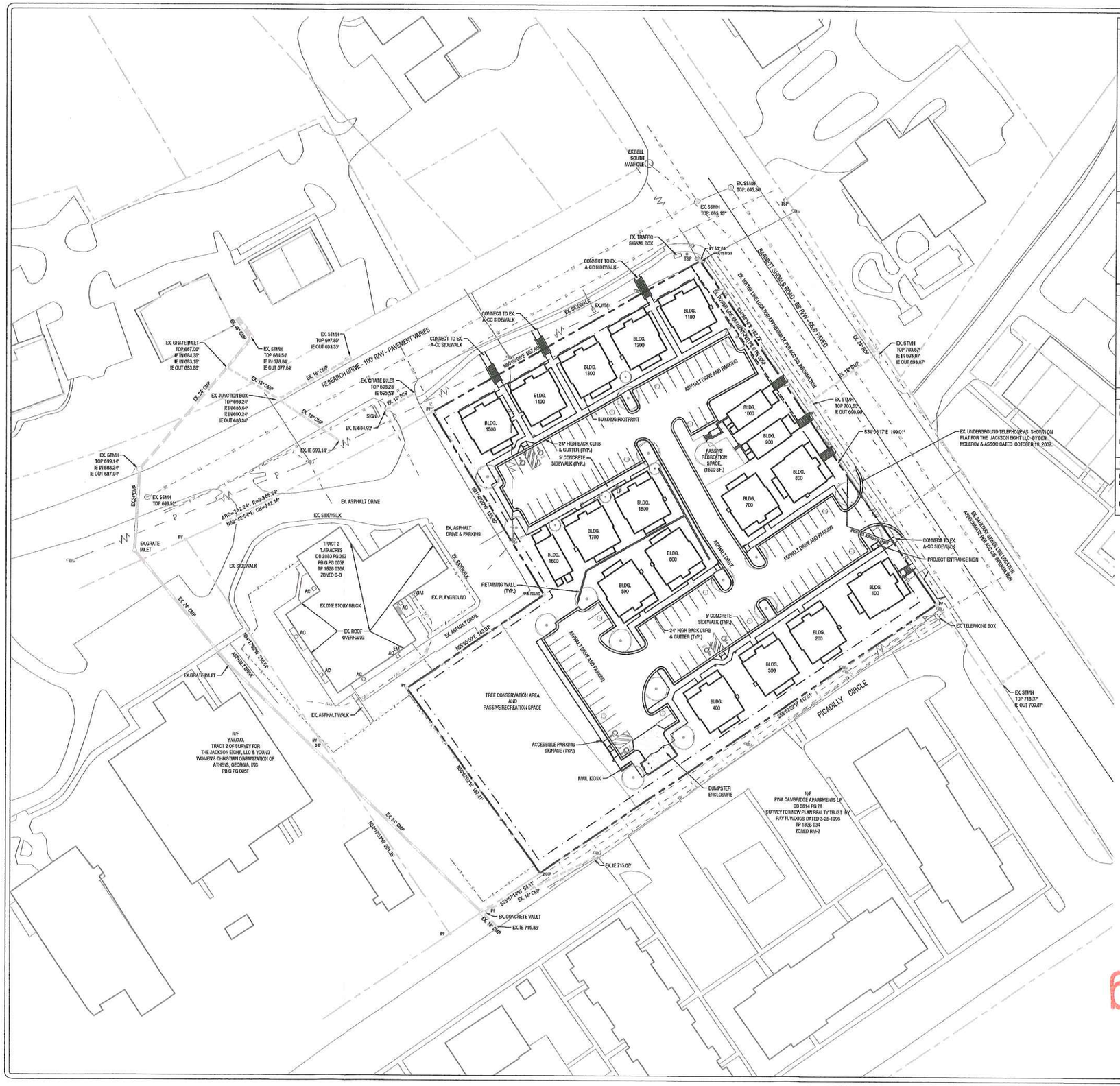
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EX. BARNETT SHOALS LINE LOCATION APPROXIMATE PER FIELD INFORMATION
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1580 BARNETT SHOALS ROAD

TYPE II REZONING REPORT (submitted 09/01/2023)

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address: 1580 Barnett Shoals Road

Parcel ID: 182B 035

Owner: Jackson Eight LLC

Existing Zoning: C-O

Proposed Zoning: RM-2

Non-Binding
Stephen Jayes
10-12-23

Adjacent Zonings: North: C-O (across Research Drive)

South: RM-2

East: RM-1 and C-O

West: C-O

Existing Use: undeveloped

Proposed Use: RM-2 for multi-family cottages

Property Area: 2.99 acres

INTRODUCTION AND PROPOSAL

1580 Barnett Shoals Road is an undeveloped tract at the southwest intersection of Barnett Shoals Road and Research Drive in eastern Athens-Clarke County. A portion of the parcel was used as a soccer field for years with the rest being an old residential homesite. Very few commercial developers have looked at this property over the years as it is difficult to develop for a commercial use due to topographic challenges, property shape, and being just a bit too small for most commercial users. It is situated along a mostly multi-family corridor with easy pedestrian access to nearby shopping and the ACC bus line. Due to these factors and the ability to work around the terrain more in a residential cottage style development, the property is better suited for residential use than commercial use. The request for this rezone is to rezone the existing C-O zoned tract to an RM-2 zoning to allow for cottage style housing. The plan would be for all of the units to be 1-bedroom units which would be very desirable to graduate students, vet school students, and young professionals. After the covid pandemic, 1-bedroom housing units have become very desirable with a very low existing inventory. The project does not propose having amenities that would make it appropriate for undergraduate style residential development. The proposed development would have 1 access point on Barnett Shoals Road with interior parking surrounded by external cottages, mostly fronting Barnett Shoals and Research Drive.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

After development of the parcel for multi-family use there would be a substantial positive economic impact to Athens-Clarke County created by the project. The current tract is 2.99 acres that has been sitting undeveloped for decades. The proposed development would consist of up to 66 units (max allowed by RM-2 zoning would be 71 units) that would increase property tax revenue for ACC.

Non-Binding

ZONING REQUEST

This zoning request is to change the existing C-O zoning to a straight RM-2 zoning. The proposed rezoning meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and fits the surrounding properties, matching the adjacent RM-2 zoning and other RM zoned properties along the Barnett Shoals corridor. The rezone request does conform to the future land use map and therefore the request is considered a Type II rezone.

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

The future land use map for Athens-Clarke County designates this property as Mixed Density Residential. The proposed rezoning does conform to the Future Development Map and therefore no change is proposed to the Future Land Use map.

ADJACENT USES

Adjacent uses include RM-2 residential and C-O commercial.

LANDSCAPING AND BUFFERING

Landscaping will be such that it meets the ACC ordinance on tree management. This includes conserved and proposed tree canopy throughout the development to meet ACC Tree Management requirements.

PROPOSED USE

The proposed use consists of up to 66 multi-family 1-bedroom units.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Projected traffic is based on the trip generation rate published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Trip Generation, 11th Edition. Traffic projections are based on the ITE code (220) Multi-Family Low-rise Housing. The traffic generated is not enough to trigger a Traffic Impact Analysis.

The average rate is 1.86 trips per resident.

66 residents x 1.86 trips per house = 123 ADT

AM Peak Hour = 17 trips

PM Peak Hour = 18 trips

The proposed rezoning provides a substantial reduction in the potential traffic that would be generated from the site if it was developed under the existing C-O zoning.

UTILITY SERVICE

Water, fire protection and sanitary sewer will be provided by Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities. Demands for water and sewer usage is anticipated to be:

66 bedrooms *75 gpd per bedroom = 4950 gpd

A sanitary sewer main and water main exists in the right-of-way of Barnett Shoals Road.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Non-Binding

Garbage collection will be handled by private contractor. There will be a double dumpster corral onsite to provide trash and recycling.

PUBLIC SERVICES

It is not anticipated that the request will cause a strain on public services. Public services, which include physical facilities and staff capacity, exist sufficient to service the proposed rezoning.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

As the project is developed, Stormwater Management will be provided for Runoff Reduction and Quantity per the ACC Stormwater Code and the GA State Stormwater Manual. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans will be submitted and adhered to, to ensure no adverse environmental impacts on the property or adjacent properties. No adverse effects are anticipated in regard to noise or air pollution from the project. The proposed stormwater management facility will be an underground facility.

TYPE II REZONE APPROVAL CRITERIA

HOW THE PROPOSED REZONING WILL CONFORM TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, THE GENERAL PLANS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, AND ANY MASTER PLAN OR PORTION THEREOF ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

The proposed RM-2 zoning is in conformance with the Future Land Use Map designation of Mixed Density Residential. The RM-2 zoning would match the adjacent property and other properties along the Barnett Shoals Corridor and continue similar development in the area.

THE PROPOSED USE MEETS ALL OBJECTIVE CRITERIA SET FORTH FOR THAT USE PROVIDED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND CONFORMS TO THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE COMP PLAN AND ALL ITS ELEMENTS

The project meets essential objectives for the RM-2 zones by providing multi-family residences near pedestrian corridors and shopping nodes. It also provides much needed 1-bedroom units that are highly desirable for grad students, vet students, and young professionals and provides a tax boost to Athens-Clarke County.

AFFECT ON BALANCE OF LAND USES IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

The proposed RM-2 zoning class will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County. The corridor is highly residential and will help fill the needs of a shortage of housing in ACC.

PUBLIC SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDE PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND STAFF CAPACITY, EXIST SUFFICIENT TO SERVICE THE PROPOSAL

Public water and sewer are available to the site and access to the site is from a major mostly-residential thoroughfare (Barnett Shoals Road).

THE EXISTING LAND USE PATTERN SURROUNDING THE PROPERTY IN ISSUE

Non-Binding

The adjacent property is zoned RM-2. The proposed use would be in keeping with these surrounding properties and land use patterns.

THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN ISOLATED DISTRICT UNRELATED TO ADJACENT AND NEARBY DISTRICTS

This property is adjacent to RM-2 property with many other RM zoned properties in the vicinity.

THE POPULATION DENSITY PATTERN AND POSSIBLE INCREASE OR OVER-TAXING OF THE LOAD ON PUBLIC FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SCHOOLES, UTILITIES, STREETS

As shown in the proposed traffic trip generation, there will be little effect on the roadway network surrounding the property which is a major thoroughfare. Water and sewer usage will not be substantial and there is capacity at the site for the development. Schools will benefit from the increase is tax revenue generated by the project.

THE COST OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN PROVIDING, IMPROVING, INCREASING OR MAINTAINING PUBLIC UTILITIES, SCHOOLS, STREETS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES

There are no required improvements to be made by ACC and any costs associated with utility maintenance, providing, and treatment to the Unified Government would be outweighed by the increase in tax base created by this development.

THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DRAINAGE, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION, FLOODING, AIR QUALITY AND WATER QUALITY

All required erosion control and stormwater management measures will be implemented on the development to meet ACC and State of Georgia standards and ensure no adverse impacts on the environment.

WHETHER THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT WILL BE A DETERRENT TO THE VALUE OR IMPROVEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF ADJACENT PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING REGULATIONS

We do not believe the proposed development would decrease adjacent property values. The property is adjacent to other RM-2 zoned property.

WHETHER THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL REASONS WHY THE PROPERTY CANNOT BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING ZONING; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, EVIDENCE THAT THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, AS CURRENTLY ZONED, IS LESS THAN IS ECONOMIC VALUE IF REZONED AS REQUESTED WILL NOT ALONE CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENT

The property is currently zoned C-O. This corridor of Barnett Shoals Road is a mostly multi-family residential. New commercial development is not in demand along this corridor. This site also has topographic, shape, and size challenges that make it difficult to develop as a commercial use.

THE AESTHETIC EFFECT OF EXISTING AND FUTURE USE OF THE PROPERTY AS IT RELATES TO THE SURROUNDING AREA

The property will be developed similar to nearby cottage style multi-family developments.

Non-Binding

WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER EXISTING OR CHANGING CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY WHICH GIVE SUPPORTING GROUNDS FOR EITHER APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE ZONING PROPOSAL

There is currently no desire by commercial developers to develop this property for commercial use. There is also a large shortage of grad student and young adult housing in the area, especially near the vet school.

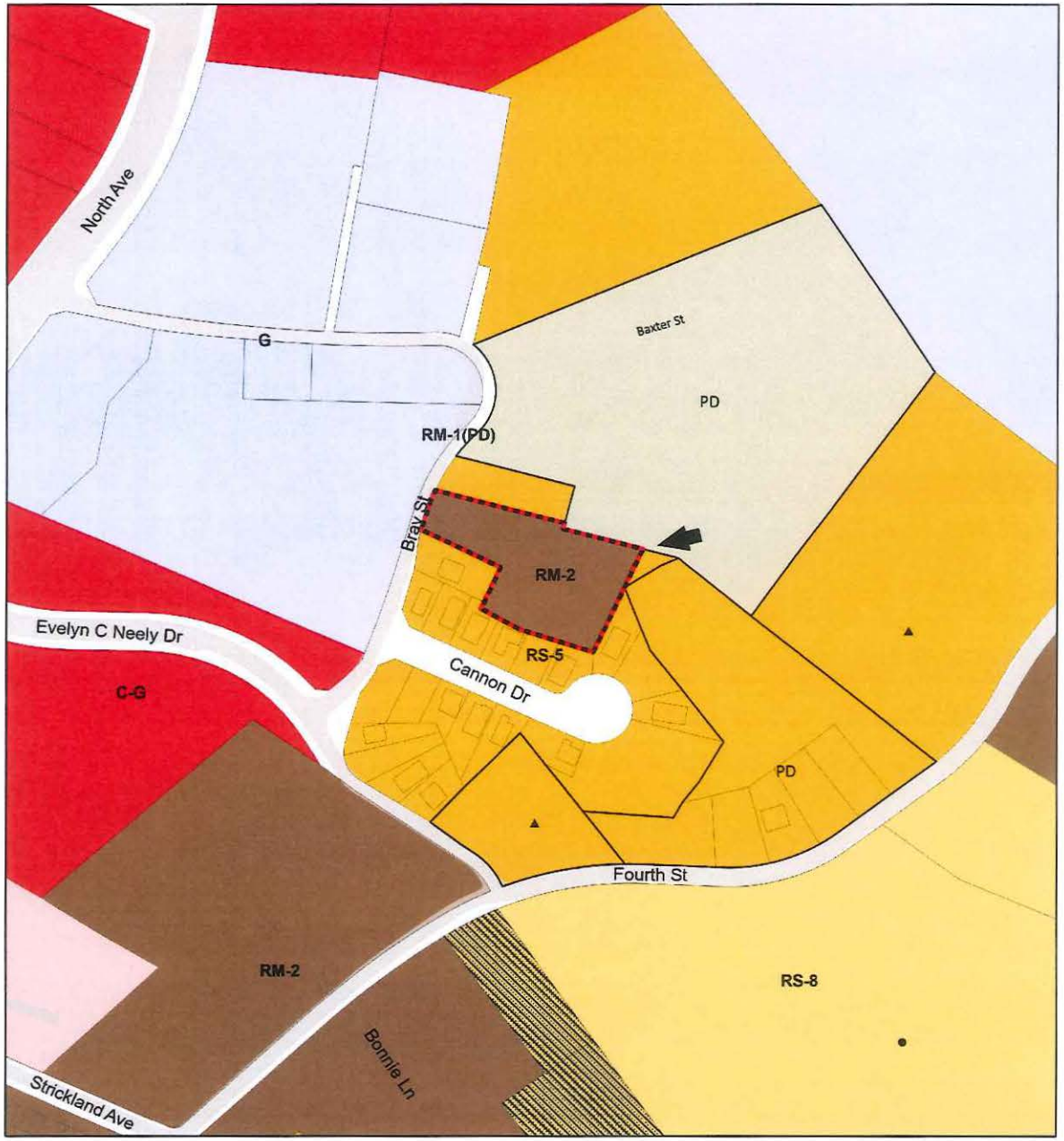
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITH RESPECT TO **REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISING APPROXIMATELY 1.08 ACRES LOCATED AT 243 BRAY STREET FROM RS-5 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO RM-2 (MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The map constituting the component part of the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, by virtue of and in compliance with Sections 9-3-3 and 9-3-6 thereof, is hereby amended by changing the zoning of a parcel of land, comprising approximately 1.08 acres, located at 243 Bray Street, Athens, Georgia, from RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) to RM-2 (Mixed Density Residential).

Said parcel is more particularly described according to that certain document entitled "Retracement Boundary Survey," dated January 18, 2023, made by Matthew D. Ulmer, Georgia registered land surveyor, and being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. Said parcel is also known as parcel number 164A3 A011C on the Athens-Clarke County tax maps being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 West Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. The date of this amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Attachment A shall be noted on said Official Zoning Map in the office of the Clerk of Commission, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, and duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



The Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County

Legend

- P, Parks
- IN, Institutional
- C-G, Commercial-General
- C-D, Commercial-Downtown
- C-N, Commercial-Neighborhood
- C-O, Commercial-Office
- C-R, Commercial-Rural
- E-I, Employment-Industrial
- E-O, Employment-Office
- G, Government
- I, Industrial
- AR, Agricultural Residential (1 unit per 10 acre density)
- RM-1, Mixed Density Residential (16 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-2, Mixed Density Residential (24 multi-family units per acre)
- RM-3, Mixed Density Residential (30 multi-family units per acre)
- RS-5, Single-Family Residential (5,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-8, Single-Family Residential (8,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-15, Single-Family Residential (15,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-25, Single-Family Residential (25,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)
- RS-40, Single-Family Residential (40,000 sq. ft. min. lot area)

Parcel boundaries of the site are determined by legal description. The parcel dimensions are not to be used only as a guide.

- Downtown Design Areas
  - (DHD), Downtown Historic District
  - (WD), West Downtown
  - (ED), East Downtown
  - (DS), Daugherty Street
  - (RIV), River
  - (WE), West End
  - (ND), North Downtown
- Airport Overlay
  - AZ1, Precision Approach Zone
  - AZ2, Larger than Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - AZ3, Utility Runway Nonprecision Approach Zone
  - TZ, Transitional Zone
  - RPZ, Runway Protection Zone
  - PSZ, Primary Surface Zone
- 78/316 Special District Overlay
- PD, Planned Development
- *, Zoning with Conditions
- Historic District
- RM-LTD, Mixed Density Residential Limited Overlay
- Conditional Use
- GSRC, Gaines School Road Corridor Special District Overlay
- MAC, Milledge Avenue Corridor Special District Overlay
- WBS, West Broad Street Special District Overlay
- Winterville Boundary
- Bogart Boundary
- ACC Boundary
- Railroads
- ▲ Special Use
- ● Historic Landmark

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ATTACHMENT A	~~ZONE-2023-09-1774~~ REZONE 243 BRAY STREET Jay Paul Smith Paul & Angela Smith		
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FROM: RS-5	TO: RM-3		
TAX PARCEL # 164A3 A011C	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE October 5, 2023	ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATE November 7, 2023	

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION

DATE: October 5, 2023	**FILE NO:** ZONE-2023-09-1774

LOCATION: 243 Bray Street
APPLICANT: Jay Paul Smith
OWNER: Paul & Angela Smith
REQUEST: From RS-5 to RM-2 (Single-Family Residential-5 to Mixed-Density Residential-2)
COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2

PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION AND RECOMMENDATION:

NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Chair: Matthew Hall Present				Kristen Morales Present	X		
Vice-Chair: Alice Kinman Present	X			Taylor Pass Present	X		
Catherine Goodrum Present	X			Alexander Sams Present	X		
Sara Beresford Present	X			Monique Sanders Present	X		
Sarah Gehring Present	X			Joey Tucker Present	X		
NOTE: Chair does not vote except in case of tie.				TOTAL VOTES:	9	0	0

For: Jay Paul Smith (applicant)
Against: None

Discussion: The applicant stated that they are trying to fill a gap between large apartments complexes and single-family houses, and stated that the request for RM-2 is being made to match prevailing density and heights within the neighborhood. Commissioners commended the applicant for requesting a more compatible zone than the previous request for RM-3 zoning. A couple of commissioners asked about the feasibility of the concept plan and the proposed pickleball court was noted as a potential source of noise complaints. The Fire Marshal was asked to explain the challenges of fire access with the current plan and Staff noted that the plan would need alterations to meet ACCGov's development standards.

Motion: Ms. Kinman made a motion to recommend approval. Ms. Gehring seconded the motion, which passed 9-0.

STAFF REPORT
REZONE
243 BRAY STREET
ZONE-2023-09-1774
OCTOBER 5, 2023

APPLICANT: .....Jay Paul Smith
OWNER: .....Paul & Angela Smith
ZONING REQUEST: .....From RS-5 to RM-2
TYPE OF REQUEST: .....Type II
LOCATION: .....243 Bray Street
TAX MAP NUMBERS: 164A3 A011C
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 2
SIZE OF REZONING AREA: .....1.08 Acres
PRESENT USE: .....Residential Single-Family
PROPOSED USE: .....Residential Multi-Family
PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED: .....September 20, 2023
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: .....***APPROVAL***
PLANNING COMM. RECOMMENDATION: .....***APPROVAL***
MAYOR & COMMISSION AGENDA SETTING: ...October 17, 2023 (tentative)
MAYOR & COMMISSION VOTING SESSION: .....November 7, 2023 (tentative)

I. Summary Recommendation

The applicant is requesting a rezone at 243 Bray Street from RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) to RM-2 (Mixed-Density Residential) with a non-binding plan of four duplexes and five townhouse-style residential multi-family buildings.

Since a concept plan is not required or proposed with this request, Staff attempted to review the plan for general compliance with the Code. Multiple departments raised technical challenges and Staff was unable to review the plan for compliance with the zoning code due to the applicant's incorrect scale. Therefore, this report is based largely on the question of whether RM-2 zoning is an appropriate land use for this site. In Staff's opinion, the proposal is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan because it adds an incremental increase of housing on an infill location, is compatible with the Future Land Use map and is compatible with the Zoning Map, based on the context of the neighborhood which includes a mix of residential and commercial zoning in the area. Therefore, **Staff is recommending approval** of the request. However, Staff would like to note that the plan will need significant alterations to meet the development standards of Athens-Clarke County.

Planning Commission Recommendation: Commissioners agreed that RM-2 zoning is a compatible zone for the property, unlike the previously requested RM-3 rezone. It was noted that the concept site plan will need alterations to meet ACCGov's development standards, but **Commissioners voted to recommend approval**, based on the compatibility with the area's land use.

II. Purpose of Applicant Request

A. Proposal

The applicant is requesting a rezoning at 243 Bray Street from RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) to RM-2 (Mixed-Density Residential). The is proposing to build four duplexes and five townhouse-style multi-family buildings, along with associated parking, stormwater, and recreation spaces.

B. Existing Conditions

243 Bray Street contains a single-family home with an unpaved driveway, concrete parking pad and limited amount of tree canopy. There is an unopened right-of-way on the north side of the property dating back to 1918 (Per P.B. 1 Page 3). The tracts contain some topographical change falling from the west to east (rear of the property). The parcel is located in TAD District 5 (North Ave). The properties to the south are all owned by the Athens Land Trust and to the north is a single-family home and the Athens Homeless Shelter ARCH Village.

III. Policy Analysis

A. Compatibility with Comprehensive Plan

The 2023 Comprehensive Plan calls for the following policies:

Housing

- Increase the supply and variety of quality housing units, at multiple price points, in multiple locations, to suit the needs of a variety of households.

  RM-2 allows duplexes and townhouses, it is Staff's hope that these types are utilized over an apartment complex in order to better fit with the surrounding properties.

Land Use

- Infill and redevelopment should be prioritized over greenfield expansion.

  Currently this parcel is occupied by a single-family home, with a large yard. This proposal would redevelop the property at a higher intensity in a more central area of the County, close to Downtown.

Based on the aforementioned policies, Staff thinks that the proposal is generally compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Compatibility with Future Land Use Map

The 2023 Future Land Use Map designates the subject parcel as *Mixed-Density Residential*, which is described as follows:

Mixed-Density Residential
These are residential areas where higher density residential development is allowed and intended. Limited nonresidential uses designed at a neighborhood scale may be incorporated into these areas (e.g. churches, schools, daycare facilities, small businesses and offices). Buildings should be oriented towards the street and include streetscape enhancements. Their design should include connections between uses, good pedestrian connections, and compatibility with public transit. Auto-oriented uses,

such as vehicle repair and maintenance, drive-through restaurants, and vehicle sales, are not included in this designation.

No change to the Future Land Use Map is required since the proposed zoning action is already consistent with the Map. The proposal is consistent with the Future Land Use description for this use.

C. Compatibility with the Zoning Map

The applicant has requested a rezone from RS-5 to RM-2. The following information has been provided to compare the difference in development intensity between the existing RS-5 zoning and the requested RM-2 zone. Broadly, a comparison of scale, use, and design is offered here to help decision makers evaluate the changes that would be allowed if the request is approved. In terms of building scale, the following chart illustrates the differences in size and scale of buildings that could be constructed:

	CURRENT	REQUESTED
Standard	RS-5	RM-2
Minimum Lot Size	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.
Max Lot Coverage	50%	65%
Max Building Height	30 feet	35 feet
Setbacks	6-15 feet*	6-10 feet**
Conserved Canopy	15% (site)	25%
Total Canopy	35%	50%
Parking	2 spaces / Dwelling Unit	1-2 spaces/unit***

* Setbacks increase depending on building height exceeding 20 feet

** Setbacks increase if adjacent to residential and building height exceeds 30 feet

***Depending on bedroom count per unit

The requested change would allow residential multi-family uses and more density compared to the existing RS-5 zone. Categories such as building height, bedroom density, lot coverage and parking requirements are higher when compared to ACCGov's single-family development standards.

There is an RM-1 (PD) district on the northern property line (ARCH Village shelter) as well as an RM-2 district roughly 400 feet to the south (Athens Highlands apartments). There is an additional RM-2 zoned lot on nearby Fourth Street (Bonnie Lane apartments). The applicant has not provided a bedroom count, but would be allowed up to 26 total bedrooms on the lot. Given the presence of multi-family zoning in the neighborhood, Staff deems the request to be compatible with the Zoning Map, based on the context of the neighborhood.

D. Consistency with Other Adopted ACCGov Plans, Studies, or Programs

This proposal is within Tax Allocation District (TAD) 5 (North Ave), but the applicant has not requested TAD funding at this time. ACCGov has plans to improve North Ave. for active transportation users, which would benefit future residents on the subject parcel. However, the parcel itself would not be impacted by the North Ave. project.

IV. Technical Assessment

A. Environment

According the survey, Environmental Areas do not exist on this property.

The Arborist has reviewed the proposal and recommended denial based on the following comment:

- *A change from RS-5 to RM-2 will increase the minimum requirements for canopy area on a parcel that is already pressed for space. The site has very few trees to meet the conserved canopy standard, and the trees that do exist are located near or on the proposed locations for stormwater management and buildings.*

B. Grading and Drainage

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comments:

- *Current plan does not reserve enough area to provide adequate stormwater controls for a development of this size and type. Parking and drive aisle areas could be converted to a porous system which would increase the area for stormwater controls.*
- *A Stormwater Management Concept Meeting with Public Works is required prior to initial site plan submittal.*

C. Water and Sewer Availability

The Public Utilities Department has reviewed the proposal and recommended approval with the following comments:

- *ACC water and sewer is available. Please note that each building requires its own independent metered connection to ACC water/sewer mains. A water and sewer main extension will therefore be required. No services may cross over a neighboring parcel. If connection to ACC mains through a neighboring parcel is desired, the main(s) must be extended to 243 Bray St inside of a 20' wide easement for a water/sewer main alone, or a 30' easement for water and sewer combined*

D. Transportation

The Transportation and Public Works Department has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comment:

- *The applicant should consider adding a sidewalk connection between the residences and Bray St.*

E. Fire Protection

The Fire Marshal has reviewed the proposal and offered the following comments:

- *The plan does not show any fire hydrant locations. Buildings 2, 3, and 4 do not have any fire department access, and the plan does not provide enough information to determine whether aerial access will be needed. The plan needs to show the height of the buildings from fire department access to the top of the roof. This site will need to meet the International Fire Code, including Appendix D.*

F. Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards

Since a binding plan is not required or proposed with this request, Staff attempted to review the plan for general compliance with the code. However, the applicant's plan did not have the correct scale on it, so Staff was unable to review it for zoning compliance. Therefore, this report is based solely on the rezone request, not the concept plan. If approved the proposal will be reviewed for code compliance at the time of permitting review. The applicant has not made any waiver requests, so they will be expected to comply with all of the applicable standards.

End of Staff Report.

Reviewed — Zoning Criteria Considered by Staff

The following factors have been considered as set forth in Guhl v. Holcomb Bridge Road Corp., 238 Ga. 322, 232 S.E.2d 830 (1977).

☒ The proposed zoning action conforms to the Future Land Use map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County, and any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Commission.

☒ The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements.

☒ The proposal will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County.

☒ The cost of the Unified Government and other governmental entities in providing, improving, increasing or maintaining public utilities, schools, streets and other public safety measures.

☒ The existing land use pattern surrounding the property in issue.

☒ The possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.

☒ The aesthetic effect of existing and future use of the property as it relates to the surrounding area.

☒ Whether the proposed zoning action will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

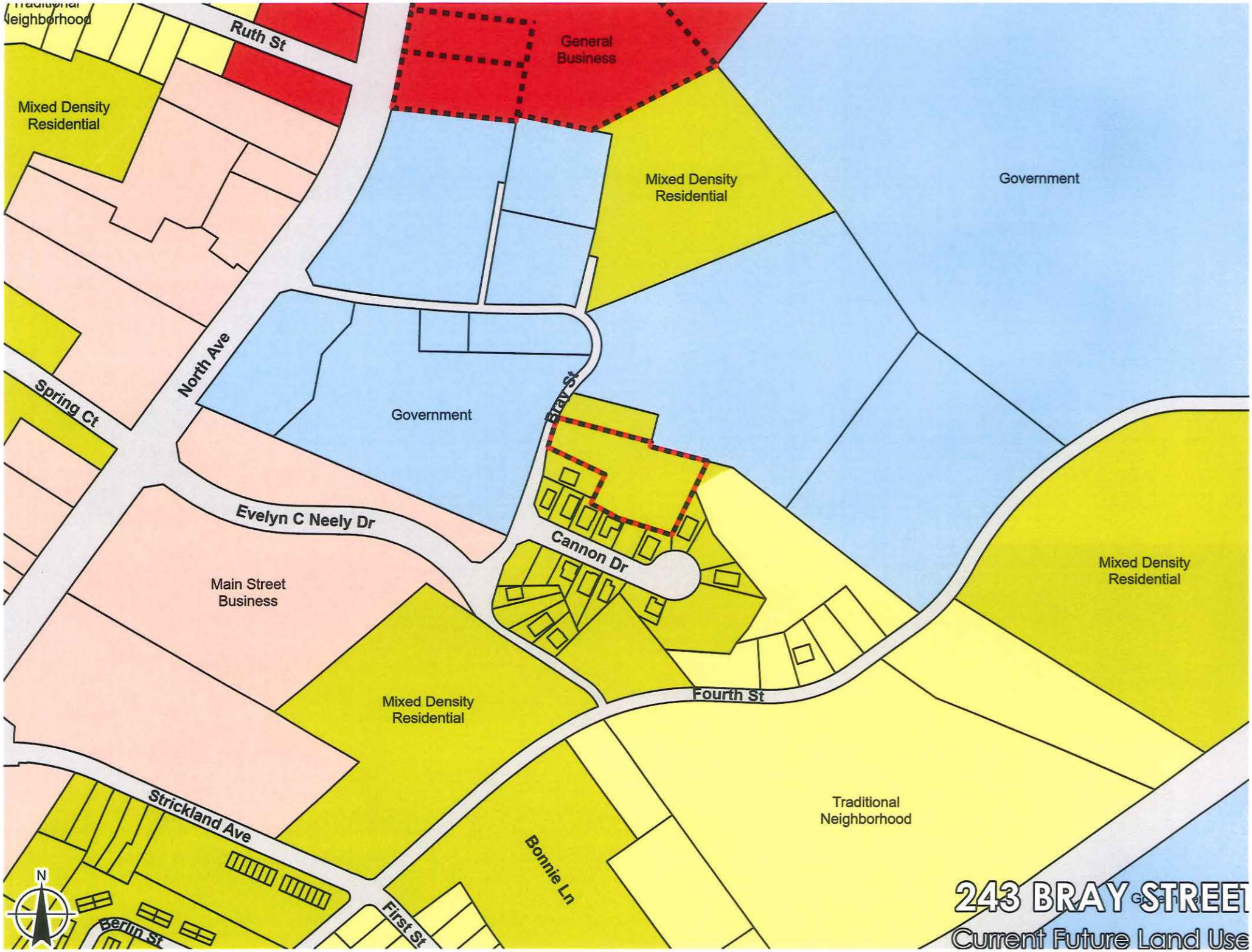
☒ Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning; provided, however, evidence that the economic value of the property, as currently zoned, is less than its economic value if zoned as requested will not alone constitute a significant detriment.

☒ Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

☒ Public services, which include physical facilities and staff capacity, exist sufficient to service the proposal.

☒ The population density pattern and possible increase or over-taxing of the load on public facilities including, but not limited to, schools, utilities, and streets.

☒ The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quantity.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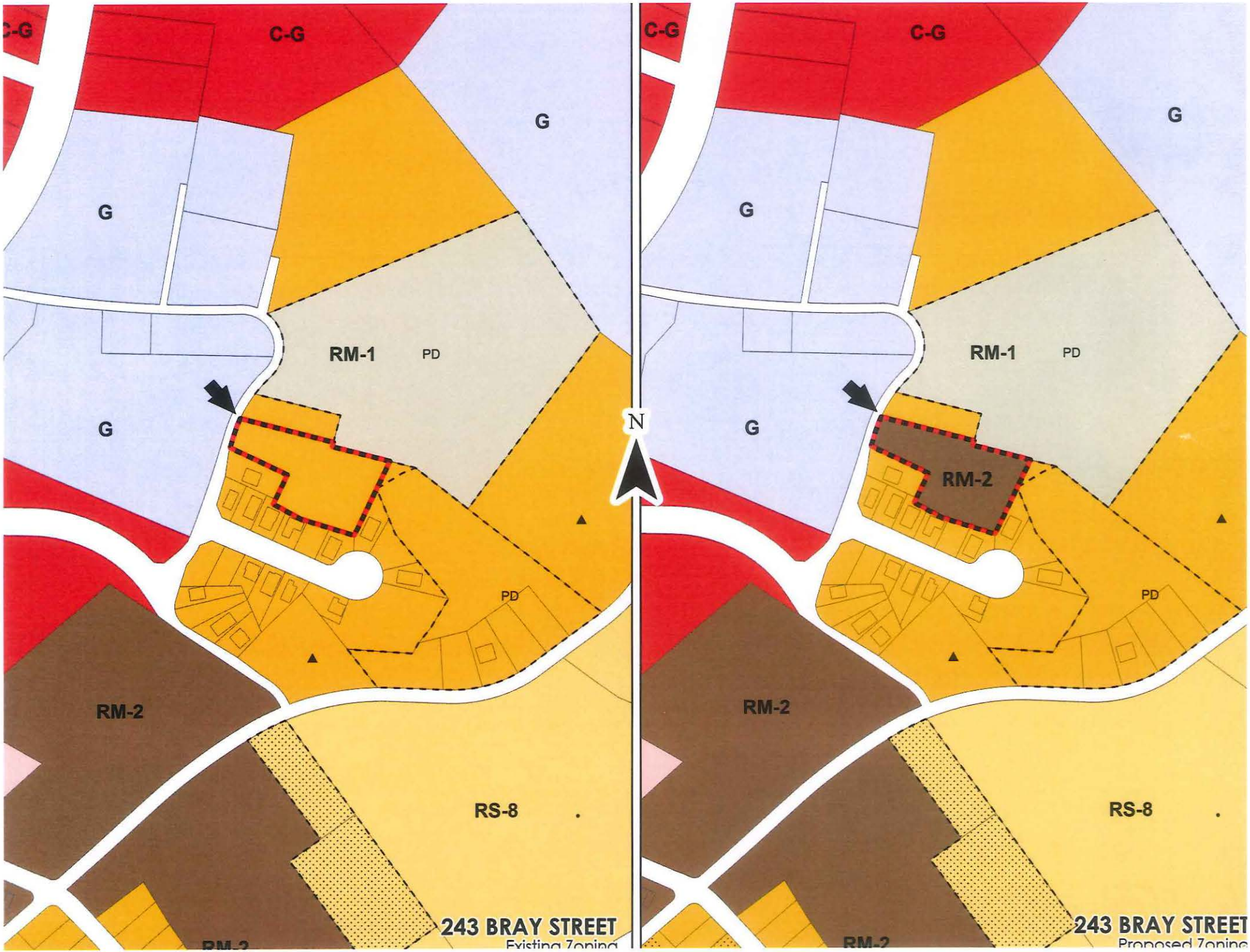
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GEORGIA REGISTERED
LAND SURVEYOR #3069

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FIELD SURVEY CLOSURE STATEMENT

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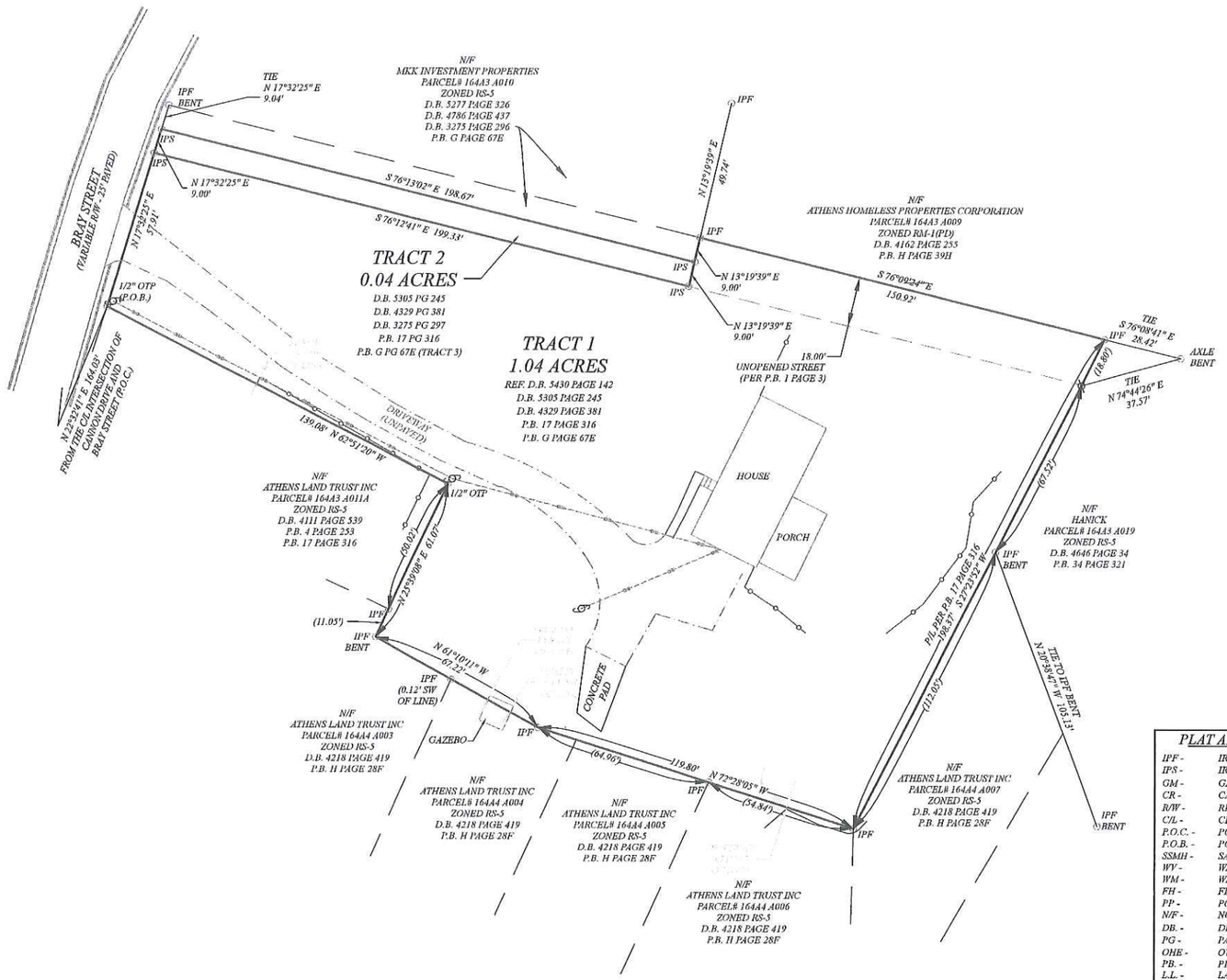
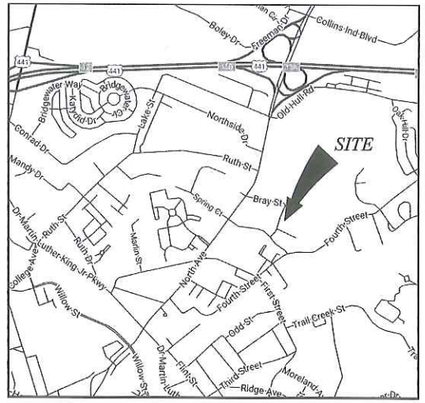


PLAT ABBREVIATIONS

IPF -	IRON PIN FOUND
IPS -	IRON PIN SET
GM -	GAS METER
CR -	CABLE RISER
R/W -	RIGHT OF WAY
C/L -	CENTERLINE
P.O.C. -	POINT OF COMMENCEMENT
P.O.B. -	POINT OF BEGINNING
SSMH -	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
WV -	WATER VALVE
WM -	WATER METER
FH -	FIRE HYDRANT
PP -	POWER POLE
N/F -	NOW OR FORMERLY
DB. -	DEED BOOK
PG -	PAGE
OHE -	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
PB. -	PLAT BOOK
L.L. -	LAND LOT
GCB -	GATE CONTROL BOX
TR -	TELEPHONE RISER
DWCB -	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
HW -	HEAD WALL
FES -	FLAIRED END SECTION
JB -	JUNCTION BOX
DI -	DROP INLET
TRAN -	TRANSFORMER
OTP -	OPEN TOP PIPE
EMH -	ELECTRIC MANHOLE
GEN -	GENERATOR
OCS -	OUTLET CONTROL STRUCTURE
P/L -	PROPERTY LINE
SS -	SANITARY SEWER
BSL -	BUILDING SETBACK LINE
FIRM -	FEDERAL INSURANCE RATE MAP
CO -	CLEAN OUT



VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

PROJECT DATA

1. TOTAL PROJECT ACREAGE: 1.08 ACRES
2. TAX PARCEL #: 164A3 A011C
3. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO LOCATE UTILITIES OR IMPROVEMENTS ON OR ADJACENT TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY EXCEPT AS SHOWN HEREON.
4. THIS SURVEY WAS DONE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH.
5. ZONED RS-5
6. THIS PROPERTY MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RIGHT OF WAYS OF RECORD, SHOWN OR NOT SHOWN

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MATTHEW D. ULMER, GA. RLS#3069

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Stephen Jeffers
10-12-23

SYMBOL LEGEND

- CALCULATED POINT
- IRON MARKER FOUND
- 1/2 " IRON PIN SET
- CONCRETE MONUMENT
- FENCE
- POWER POLE

GRID NORTH

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 GEORGIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (WESTERN ZONE)

GRAPHIC SCALE

0' 15' 30' 60' 90'

1 INCH = 30 FEET

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PLAT FOR:

PAUL SMITH &
ANGELA SMITH

216th GEORGIA
MILITIA DISTRICT

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
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ATHENS, GA 30601

REVISIONS	DATE

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PROJECT
20-1666S

RETRACEMENT
BOUNDARY
SURVEY

SHEET
1 OF 1

GEORGIA REGISTERED No. 3069 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR MATTHEW D. ULMER

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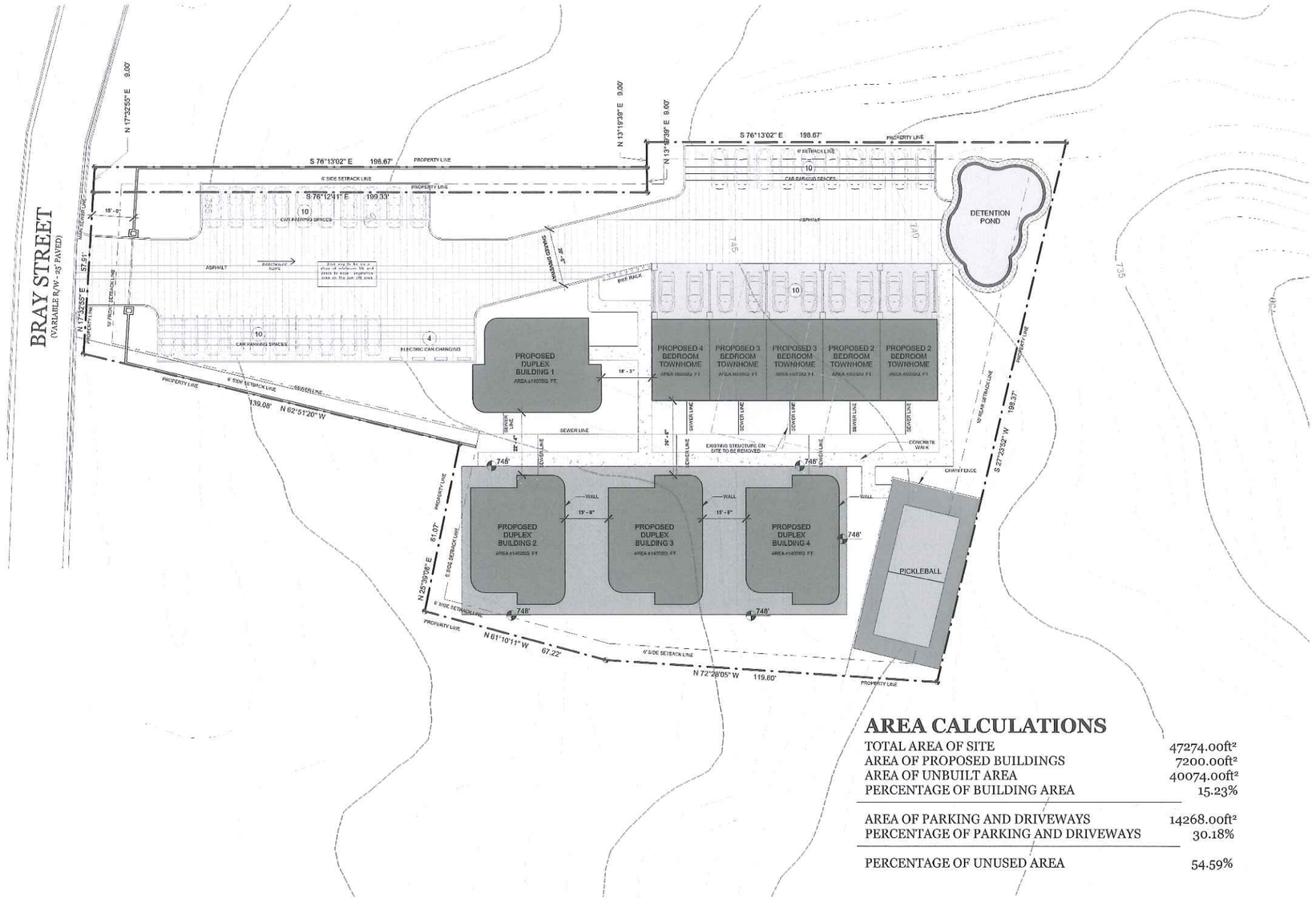

AREA CALCULATIONS

TOTAL AREA OF SITE	47274.00ft²
AREA OF PROPOSED BUILDINGS	7200.00ft²
AREA OF UNBUILT AREA	40074.00ft²
PERCENTAGE OF BUILDING AREA	15.23%
AREA OF PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS	14268.00ft²
PERCENTAGE OF PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS	30.18%
PERCENTAGE OF UNUSED AREA	54.59%

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Property, 243 Bray Street

Owner: Paul Smith & Angela Smith

Zoning: RS-5 -> RM-2

Maximum building height: 35 Feet

Proposed building height: 28 Feet

Maximum lot coverage: 65%

Proposed lot coverage; 45.41%.

PROJECT
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

ADDRESS
243 Bray Street, Athens, GA, USA

CLIENT NAME
Paul Smith

PROJECT STATUS
Project Status

SHEET N: A101
DRAWING TITLE: SITE PLAN

DESIGNED BY:
DRAWN BY: WA
CHECKED BY:

DATE: 31/08/2023 14:18:17
SCALE: As Indicated @ A1

243 Bray Street
Rezoning Amendment
Application Report
Prepared by Jay Paul Smith, Applicant
August 24th, 2023

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Steph Jeyes 10-12-23

Rezoning

1. **Explain how the proposed zoning action is compatible with the Future Land Use map, the general plans for the physical development of Athens-Clarke County, and any master plan or portion thereof adopted by the Mayor and Commission.**

Yes, this is compatible. The Current Future Land Use Map designates 243 Bray Street, parcel #:164A3 A011C, as "Mixed Density Residential". The allowable density ceiling established by current zoning of "RS-5: Single Family Residential" constrains the potential for developing adequate housing density. The proposed RM-2 zoning aligns with the Mixed Density Residential designation for this property. This matches adjacent zoning districts and supports the goals of increasing walkable housing diversity near downtown as outlined in the master plan. Though this project was originally proposed in August as higher density RM-3, this new plan has been adapted based on staff feedback to better fit the neighborhood context. Transitioning to RM-2 aligns with Future Land Use policies by prioritizing compatible infill and redevelopment near many employment centers.

2. **The proposed use meets all objective criteria set forth for that use provided in the zoning ordinance and conforms to the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and all its elements.**

This parcel resides in Tax Allocation District Five, an area benchmarked for development. The proposed cottage-court style housing development meets all objective RM-2 zoning criteria including density limits, building heights, minimum open space, setbacks, parking requirements, and multifamily design standards as defined by the municipal code. This request conforms to housing and land use goals in the Comprehensive Plan by providing diverse infill housing options on an underutilized parcel near historic downtown and major employers. Appropriate communication will be maintained with staff to ensure ongoing compliance with Comprehensive Plan objectives.

3. **The proposal will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County.**

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Rezoning to RM-2 will not adversely affect the balance of land uses in Athens-Clarke County. The proposal will allow missing middle housing to be constructed in an area that supports its existence. This project will bring housing options to the neighborhood without negatively disrupting the overall land use balance or density equilibrium. The appropriate scale, architecture, and site layout ensure compatibility with adjacent homes as well as nearby multifamily developments. It matches the density and intensities already established by abutting RM-2 zoning. The inclusion of cottage court-style housing also increases diversity of housing types consistent with the evolving mixed density pattern.

4. **Public services, which include physical facilities and staff capacity, exist sufficient to service the proposal.**

Public facilities and services exist sufficient to service the proposed rezoning and greater infill development. These include municipal water and sewer, government facilities, public schools, childcare services, restaurants, retail, and public transit. The property's central location also promotes use of alternative modes like walking and biking which minimizes traffic impacts compared to an auto-oriented location. We have confirmed with Public Utilities that infrastructure connections to water and sewer can be readily accommodated on site.

5. **The existing land use pattern surrounding the property in issue.**

This property is surrounded by a mixture of single family detached houses and mixed density developments. It borders an RM-1 zoned parcel with multiple RM-2 districts further south and north along Bray Street. The proposed rezoning aligns with and extends this established mixed density residential pattern in the neighborhood by intermixing single family homes with compatible scales of multifamily housing. The subject parcel is centered between the Family Services building, Athens Resource Center for Homelessness, and multiple government offices. Location characteristics and existing land use patterns evidence a strong mixture of uses on Bray Street. Rezoning accomplishes key goals of increasing infill density without disturbing the land use patterns of the neighborhood.

6. **The possible creation of an isolated district unrelated to adjacent and nearby districts.**

The property is bordered on one side by an existing RM-1 zone. RM-2 zoned parcels already exist along Bray Street around 400 feet to the south and 250 feet to the north. The request simply extends the existing multifamily zoning allowances to this parcel and does not create an isolated zone unrelated to adjacent districts. The

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proposed rezoning maintains continuity with abutting zoning and Future Land Use designations.

7. **The population density pattern and possible increase or over-taxing of the load on public facilities including, but not limited to, schools, utilities, and streets.**

Due to the modest scale and density of the proposed development, this project will not negatively impact or over-burden any public facilities. Pursuant to inclusionary zoning agreement density bonuses; the site will house 38 residents in four duplexes, and a five-unit townhome. This is well within the capacity limits of existing infrastructure including utilities, roads, and public transit. The property's central location encourages walking and biking which further reduces vehicular traffic impact. Parking will be provided in excess of required standards and residents can use city bus lines less than 750 feet from the site. There is suitable frontage on Bray Street for a 24' driveway that meets required setbacks from neighboring driveways. New residents will generate a negligible level of traffic that is below standards for an impact analysis. Primary sewer lines located on Bray Street have the capacity for projected increases in load caused by development. Also, the additional new residents will add to the taxable base of the local district providing increased funding for public facilities.

8. **The cost of the Unified Government and other governmental entities in providing, improving, increasing or maintaining public utilities, schools, streets and other public safety measures.**

This project will require no government funding for public facilities and infrastructure. All costs associated with necessary utility connections, roads, and any other site improvements or accommodations needed to facilitate the development will be privately financed by the applicant. Importantly, the increased property values and housing density on site will grow the local tax base providing additional revenues to benefit Athens-Clarke County. Given the parcels location within Tax Allocation District 5, applicant reserves the right to request TAD funds, though no such request is intended to be made at this time.

9. **The possible impact on the environment, including but not limited to, drainage, soil erosion and sedimentation, flooding, air quality and water quantity.**

There are no state water, wetlands, floodplain or jurisdictional waters within 200' of the subject property. Extensive stormwater management facilities will be installed in compliance with all applicable regulations to properly channel site runoff and

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prevent erosion, sedimentation, or flooding impacts. Mindful controls will be implemented to protect water quality during construction. Healthy trees will be preserved along the perimeter and substantial new landscaping will be planted to enhance the site. Environmentally friendly features such as native landscaping, electric vehicle charging, energy star appliances, low-flow fixtures, LED lighting, low-VOC materials, heat pumps and bike storage will be implemented. Access to public transportation and central location make this a sustainable site selection. Care will be given to conserve the limited tree canopy and landscaping efforts will plant new trees to expand total site canopy beyond appropriate levels.

10. Whether the proposed zoning amendment will be a deterrent to the value or improvement of development of adjacent property in accordance with existing regulations.

The proposed development will complement and add value to adjacent properties by improving outdated infrastructure, adding community greenspaces, and providing modern, context-sensitive architecture. The subject parcel is underdeveloped and has been functionally stagnant for the past fifty years. New shared courtyards and amenities like a sport court will improve livability for the neighborhood. Cottage court style housing tends to increase surrounding property values by providing desirable community spaces and a neighborly feeling. Thoughtful design will ensure the architecture and scale blends with nearby homes to maintain continuity.

11. Whether there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accordance with existing zoning; provided, however, evidence that the economic value of the property, as currently zoned, is less than its economic value if rezoned as requested will not alone constitute a significant detriment.

The current usage, though consistent with existing zoning, is inconsistent with neighboring uses. The subject parcel's relatively large size at 1.1 acres is better suited for a multifamily infill housing development than continued single family residential use. Its location is adjacent to an existing multifamily zoned area near the major North Avenue corridor so increased density is appropriate here to meet housing needs. Infill development is more desirable than sprawl and this is consistent with North Avenue TAD goals. All neighboring RS-5 sites are on significantly smaller parcels and likewise have greater relative densities per acre. Current RS-5 zoning represents an underutilization of this site given rapid growth in the district and demand for diverse and affordable options. RM-2 density aligns with Athens progressive mixed-use vision for this changing neighborhood.

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12. The aesthetic effect of existing and future use of the property as it relates to the surrounding area.

The site is underdeveloped, and the property currently detracts from the aesthetics of the surrounding area. New landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and high-quality exterior finishes will greatly enhance aesthetics compared to the existing dated structure. Incorporating craftsman architectural details and appropriate scale of infill will ensure visual continuity with surrounding homes. Adequate buffers between existing single-family homes will help the increased density blend sensitively. Security lighting and fencing around the perimeter will also improve safety and mitigate concerns.

13. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

The major factors supporting approval of this compatible rezoning for 243 Bray Street include its adjacency to existing multifamily zoning districts, proximity to downtown amenities and employment centers, alignment with North Avenue TAD-5 master plans for growth, and availability of adequate public infrastructure to service higher density of housing. It has been shown through pedestrian focused projects like the Beltline in Atlanta, and Athens own Firefly Trail, that residential demand is sparked by walkable community features. The federal RAISE grant funding received by Athens will change the North Avenue Corridor by deploying 25 million dollars towards improving its pedestrian access. This will be transformational to market demand characteristics for TAD-5 and the subject site. Infill development of 243 Bray Street will allow new residents to utilize pedestrian trails to easily access downtown Athens while living in a desirable area.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: SPLOST 2020 Project 06, Fire Station #5 Replacement, Proposed Candidate Sites

DATE: September 27, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$	6,063,260	SPLOST 2020 Project 06
	$	6,063,260	Total Revenue Available
EXPENSES:			
CAPITAL:	$	5,566	Expensed & Encumbered
	$	422,582	Designated for Design
	$	3,150,000	Designated for Construction
	$	392,000	Designated Misc./PM Fees/ Testing Permitting
	$	31,500	Designated Public Art
	$	325,000	Designated Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E)
	$	1,209,194	Designated Contingency
	$	500,000	Available for Land Acquisition

OPERATIONAL: $12,000/yr

FUNDING SOURCE:
CAPITAL: SPLOST 2020 Project 06
OPERATIONAL: General Fund

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:
To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee (SSC) regarding the Proposed Candidate Sites for the Fire Station #5 Replacement (SPLOST 2020 Project #06), as shown in **Attachment #1**; and

b. Authorize the SSC and staff to enter Stage III of the Major Project Site Selection Process to begin evaluations of Candidate Sites (SPLOST 2020 Project #06) to be presented for review and approval by the Mayor and Commission.

HISTORY:

1. In 1974, Fire Station #5 was constructed and commissioned into service. The station operates 24/7/365 and is located at 1090 Whit Davis Road. The station served as the headquarters for Clarke County.

2. On October 1, 1996, M&C approved the Major Project Site Selection Process.

3. On August 6, 2019, M&C approved the SPLOST 2020 project and budget; adopted a resolution calling for a referendum on November 5, 2019.

4. On November 5, 2019, Athens-Clarke County (ACC) voters approved the SPLOST 2020 Program Referendum. This Referendum included the Fire Station #5 Replacement (SPLOST 2020 Project 06).

5. On May 12, 2021, Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) recommended that SPLOST 2020 Project 06, Sub-Project #1 Fire Station #5 Replacement be designated as appropriate for public art with a budget amount of 1% of the proposed construction budget.

6. In May 2022, ACCGov Manager Williams selected the User Group Members to help ensure ACCGov long term goals are promoted during the Project Development process. The User Group Members are:

    - Jeffery Scarbrough
    - Mark Melvin
    - Nate Moss
    - Rick Vaughn
    - Gavin Hassemer

7. On July 11, 2022, an RFQ/RFP was released for Professional Design Services to assist with Site Selection, Project Concept, Schematic Design, Design Development, Bid & Award, and Construction Administration Services.

8. On September 28, 2022, the User Group completed the interview process and scored the shortlisted firms, selecting Wiley|Wilson as the highest ranked design firm.

9. On November 4, 2022, M&C approved Wiley|Wilson as the design firm to assist with site selection, schematic design, design development drawings, and construction administration services.

10. On December 7, 2022, the User Group voted to proceed forward with the Site Selection Criteria and Project Concept List. These items will be presented to M&C for a vote and review by the SSC.

11. On December 7, 2022, the User Group and Design Firm agreed to move forward with presenting the Site Selection Criteria and Project Concept for M&C approval.

12. On February 7, 2023, M&C voted to approve the Site Selection process and approved the Project Concept for Fire Station #5.

13. On February 13, 2023, Staff presented the Site Selection Criteria to the SSC. The Committee reviewed the information and agreed it was in-line with the project needs and can be released for public input.

14. On February 16, 2023, the Site Selection Criteria survey was released to receive public feedback (F&I #3) and remained open until March 5, 2023.

15. On March 2, 2023, a public forum was held at Fire Station #7 to receive public input concerning the Site Selection Criteria.

16. On March 5, 2023, the on-line site selection survey, regarding the Site Selection Criteria, closed and received 17 comments. A summary of the comments provided have been consolidated to the following statements few statements:
    - Recommended leaving it in current location
    - Relocate to Belmont Rd. and Morton Rd.
    - Relocate to Gaines School Rd.
    - Relocate to South East Clarke Park.

17. On March 13, 2023, the SSC met to review the public input comments received from the on-line survey and in-person public forum. The SSC unanimously agreed to proceed with presenting the Site Selection Criteria to Mayor & Commission for approval.

18. On April 4, 2023, M&C approved the Site Selection Criteria and approved staff to proceed with Stage II of the Site Selection process. This allows staff to develop the identification of potential sites.

19. On June 12, 2023, staff presented to the SSC a list of potential sites using the approved site selection. The Site Selection voted to proceed with the list of potential sites and allow staff to proceed with public input.

20. On July/June, 2023, staff released the Potential Site list for public input through on-line survey and held two in-person public input forums. This task is to assist in informing the public about how the properties were evaluated, graded, and selected as potential sites for the new fire station. This allows residents to ask questions about the process, express concerns, and provide potential property suggestions.
    - ACCGov Tennis Center – July 12, 2023
    - Fire Station #7 – July 20, 2023
    - On-line Survey – June 30 – July 30, 2023

21. On August 14, 2023, staff presented to the SSC the results from the public engagement sessions and the User Group's Recommended Candidate Site list, as shown in **Attachment #1**. Staff answered questions from the Committee but did not request action on the Candidate Sites at this meeting.

22. On September 11, 2023, the SSC approved a recommendation for the Proposed Candidate Sites and requested that staff to present the recommended Proposed Candidate Sites to M&C at the next M&C Work Session.

23. On October 10, 2023, staff presented the Proposed Candidate Sites, at the M&C work session as shown in **Attachment #1**.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Initial Project Statement of SPLOST 2020 Project 06 reads as follows;
   Fire Station #5 Replacement - This project will provide funding for the construction of a replacement fire station for the current Fire Station #5 located at 1090 Whit Davis Road. This project includes land acquisition, design, construction, fueling station, station equipment, and other related costs to meet facility standards for a suburban design comparable to previous design prototypes that provides adequate space for current and future expansion. Additionally, to the extent allowed by law, funds may be used as matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.

2. In 1974, Fire Station #5 was constructed to provide a facility for firefighters and to be operational 24/7/365. The current station is 7,036 SF and has two apparatus bays. There are some deficiencies with this station which are as follows:
   - Space isn't adequate for the number of personnel assigned.
   - No community or training room.
   - No exercise room and gear space is inadequate.
   - Lack of male/female living design.
   - Facility is not ADA compliant.
   - Lacks fire safety prevention systems and bay door safety sensors.
   - Currently slide pole opening is a safety hazard.
   - Abandoned fueling station that needs to be remediated.
   - Facility HVAC, electrical, and appliances are not considered energy efficient due to age.

3. The Site Selection Criteria was released to the public, as part of the Public Engagement Process (History #14) through the following outlets:
   - ACCGOV.com: SPLOST Webpage
   - ACCGOV.com: Fire & Emergency Services Website
   - Athens-Clarke County Unified Government Facebook Page
   - Athens-Clarke County Unified Government Twitter Page
   - Athens-Clarke County Unified Government Instagram Page

- Announced by WUGA and WGAU on February 20, 2023.
- Announced in Athens Banner-Herald on February 20, 2023.

4. During the in-person public engagement sessions, staff addressed questions and concerns from the public. Below captures a summary of the online and in-person comments and concerns received from the residents about the properties being proposed. Staff has addressed these concerns with residents and the responses can be reviewed in **Attachment #2**.
    - Fire Service Concerns
        i. Selection based on geographical area rather than population density
        ii. Need to concentrate on higher density areas instead of rural neighborhood
        iii. Excessive noise and light from fire station
        iv. Reduced level of service to NW neighborhoods
        v. Replace the station in its current location
    - Community/Environment Concerns
        i. Taking more property that needed
        ii. Important wildlife habitat for birds in County and surrounding areas
        iii. Concern for soil contamination from fuel storage tank(s)
        iv. Morton Rd. traffic hazards
        v. The station would be the gateway for commercial and medium-high density housing
        vi. Impeding on the Greenbelt. Zoned AR (Agricultural Residential)
        vii. Decrease value of homes concern

5. On August 14, 2023, staff presented the comments, received from public engagement, and the User Group's Recommendation for Candidate Sites to the SSC (History #21). The SSC reviewed the information, from staff and design team but took no action. During the presentation Chief Scarbrough provided comments concerning the Fire/Emergency Services and benefits for the proposed Candidate Sites:
    - Fire/Emergency Services Provided at Fire Station #5
        i. Structure/brush fire extinguishing
        ii. Vehicle extractions
        iii. Fire education and investigation
        iv. Medical Emergency (All Fire Fighters are EMT Certified)
            1. In the last 2 years, 60% of all emergency calls were medical emergencies.
    - Benefits of Relocating Station #5
        i. To better utilize ACCGov Fire/Emergency resources and decrease response times.
        ii. Increase quality of life (Safety, security, and health)
        iii. Decrease the 50% fire services coverage overlap between Station #7 and Station #5.

6. On September 11, 2023, the SSC reconvened (History #22) and voted to proceed with the Proposed Candidate Sites, as shown in **Attachment #1**.

7. The final schedule will depend largely on the schematic designs that are approved, currently the proposed project schedule recap is as follows:
    - Proposed Candidate Site Approval– November 2023
    - Project Schematic Design – Winter 2023
    - Final Design and Permitting – Fall 2024
    - Construction Notice to Proceed – Fall 2024
    - Project Completion – Winter 2025

8. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Identify and Close Gaps in Partnership with the Community Goal,
        - Strategy C: Improve programs, processes, policies, and communication external and internal, assess how resources are allocated to meet existing and future needs for better service delivery and what we deliver.
            i. Continue to enhance ACCGov support of Fire & Emergency Medical Services delivery.
            ii. Provide the tools staff need to improve their daily work and deliver better service to residents.

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:

    a. Approve the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee (SSC) regarding the Proposed Candidate Sites for the Fire Station #5 Replacement (SPLOST 2020 Project #06), as shown in **Attachment #1**; and

    b. Authorize the SSC and staff to enter Stage III of the Major Project Site Selection Process to begin evaluations of Candidate Sites (SPLOST 2020 Project #06) to be presented for review and approval by the Mayor and Commission.

2. Mayor and Commission deny the recommended Proposed Candidate Sites for the Fire Station #5 Replacement (SPLOST 2020 Project #06), as shown in **Attachment #1**.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Department of the Manager – SPLOST Program Management
Prepared by: Daniel Garren

Stephen Bailey, Interim Capital Projects Director

10/4/2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, & b

Manager

October 10, 2023
Date:

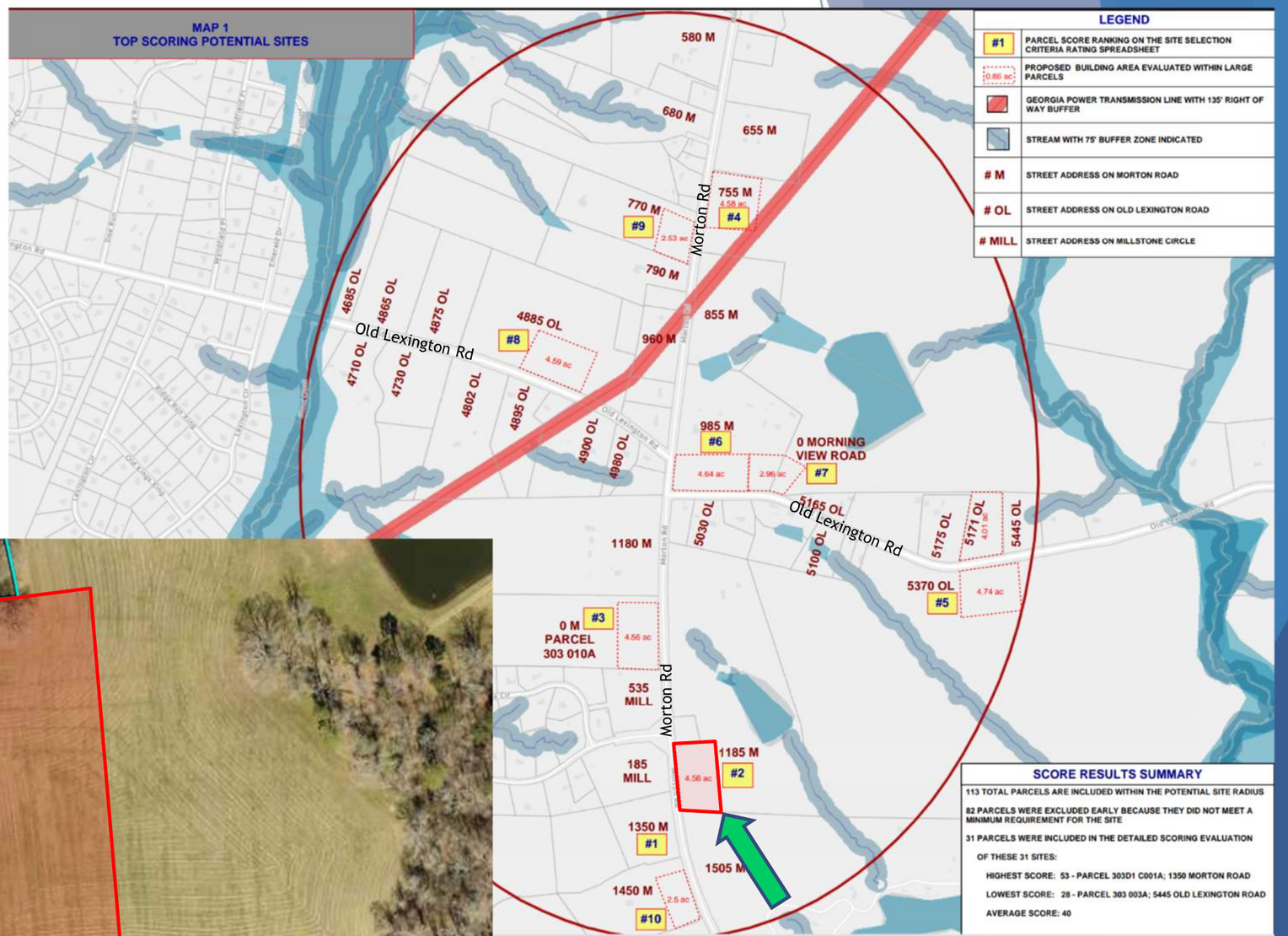
ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1: Proposed Candidate Sites
Attachment #2: Public Engagement

User Group Candidate Recommendation
1185 Morton Road - Parcel #303 008
52 points – 4.5 acres of 48.98 acres

Property Characteristics
(26 RESPONSES|23 Negative / 3 positive)

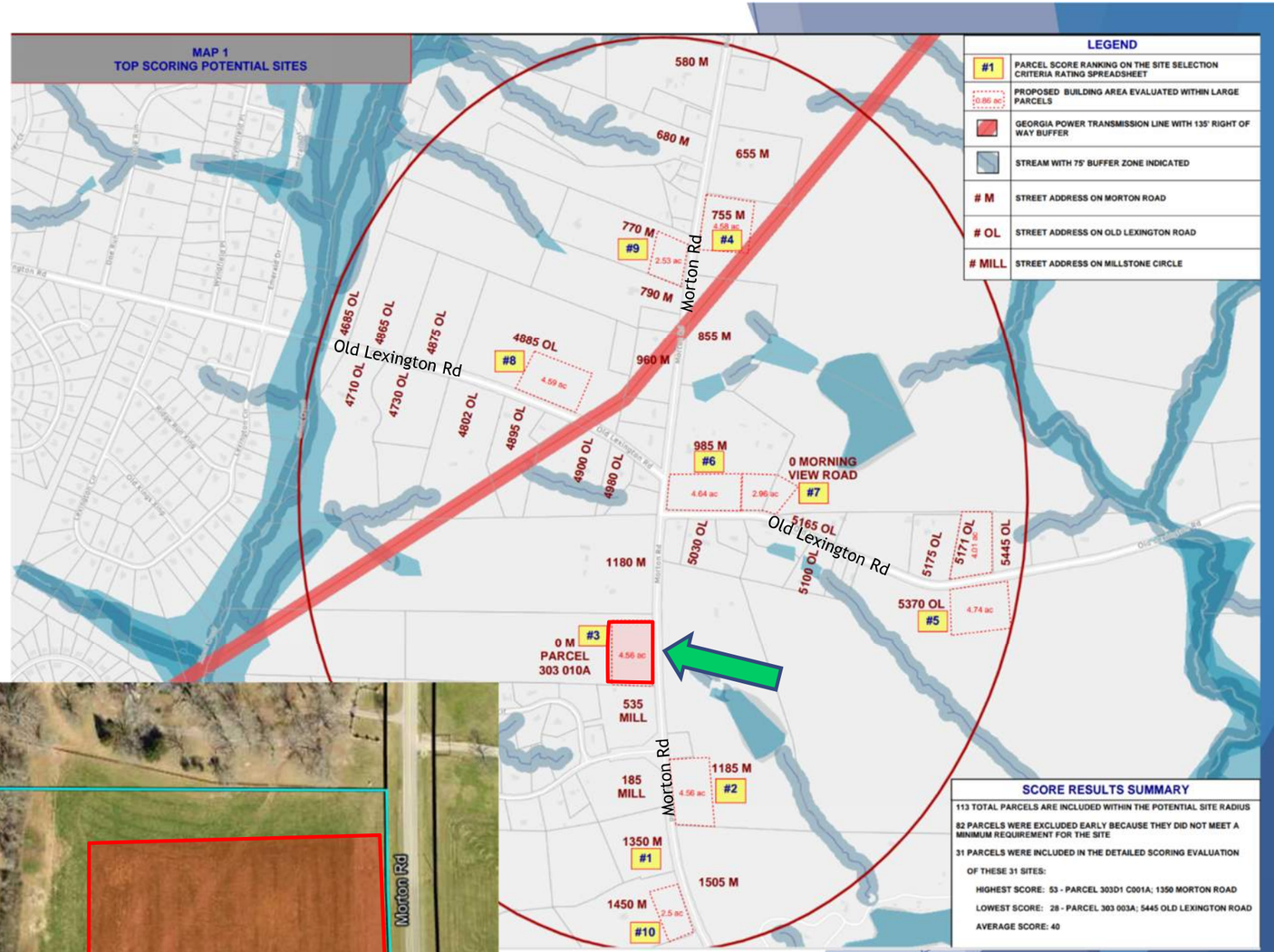
- The area of the parcel in consideration is undeveloped.
- Flat topography
- Would need 2.5 - 4.5 acres of the 48.98 acre parcel.
- This site has access to public water, electricity, and internet. Septic is required.
- Station visible from roadway.
- Located on the collector road.
- Has necessary road sight distance to view oncoming traffic.



User Group Candidate Recommendation
0 Morton Road - Parcel # 303 010A
52 points – 4.5 acres of 30.41 acres

Property Characteristics
(23 RESPONSES|20 Negative / 3 positive)

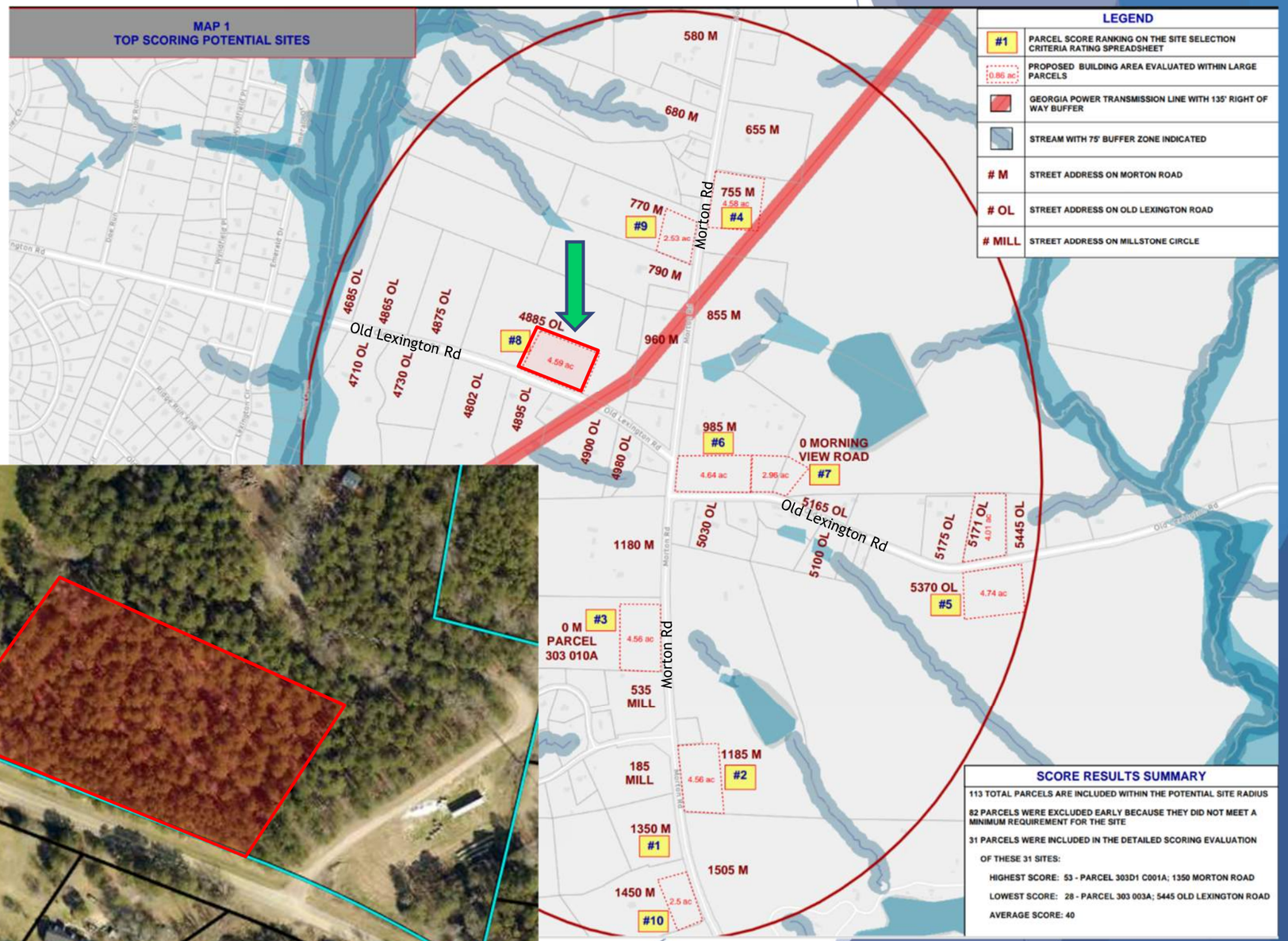
- The area of the parcel in consideration is undeveloped.
- Flat topography
- Would need 2.5 - 4.5 acres of the 30.41 acre parcel.
- This site has access to public water, electricity, and internet. Septic is required.
- Station visible from roadway.
- Located on the collector road.
- Has necessary road sight distance to view oncoming traffic.
- Required to provide easement or property to prevent land locking the remaining parcel



User Group Candidate Recommendation
4885 Old Lexington Road - Parcel # 303 012C
46 points – 4.5 acres of 27.60 acres

Property Characteristics (19 RESPONSES| 19 Negative / 4 Positive/ 1 Neutral)

- The area of the parcel in consideration is undeveloped.
- Flat topography
- Would need 2.5 - 4.5 acres of the 27.60 acre parcel.
- This site has access to public water, electricity, and internet. Septic is required.
- Station visible from roadway.
- Located on the collector road.
- Has necessary road sight distance to view oncoming traffic.
- Proximity to transmission line does not impact the location of the station at this site.



July 12, 2023

SPLOST 2020 Project #6 – Fire Station #5 Replacement
Site Selection Proposed Sites – Public Input Session #1 @ ACC Tennis Center

ACC Staff and Consultants Present:
Daniel Garren – SPLOST Project Manager
Chief Jeffery Scarborough – ACC Fire Chief
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin – ACC Deputy Fire Chief
Carol Myers – District 8 Commissioner & Site Selection Committee Chair
Patrick Davenport – District 1 Commissioner
Laura Carter – Site Selection Committee
Matthew Klebosky – Wiley|Wilson Architectural/Engineering Design Manager
Michael Greenlee – Travis Pruitt and Associates – Civil Engineering Consultant

Project Concept and Site Selection Criteria has been posted on the ACC SPLOST website link https://www.accgov.com/8910/06-Fire-Station-5-Replacement-Project.

S = Statement
Q = Question

- S: Regarding site 1, this is up the hill from Thomson Lake and there is concern on drainage from potential spills at the fire station into the Lake where their family fishes.
- Q: What environmental impacts of the fire station are being evaluated?
    - Response: As with any project, this project will follow all of the required local, state, and federal regulations in design and in construction.
- Q: Why didn't the site selection consider the area of 78 and Morton Road?
    - Response: The intersection of 78 and Morton Road would place the fire station too far north and would impact the goal of optimizing the counties overall fire station coverage area. Additionally, signalization required at the intersection is expected to overburden the project's budget.
- Q: What does an ISO Rating of 1 mean?
    - Response: The ISO Fire Score is a rating that determines how well the fire department can protect your community and home. This rating is determined by the amount of training completed, number of staff, response times, water supply, and community risk reduction. Insurance companies use the score to help set home insurance rates, as a home that is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire which is cheaper to insure. ACC currently holds an ISO rating of 1 which is best score that can be achieved.

- Q: What does ISO stand for?
    - Response: Insurance Services Office
- S: It is unclear regarding property 1185 Morton Road if it would be subdivided.
    - A: Only 4.5 acres of the 48.98 acres would be considered for purchase by ACC. The remaining amount of land would be retained by the original owner. Example: The property would be subdivided into two parcels, 4.5 acres that is under consideration by ACC, and 44.48 would belong to the existing property owner.
- Q: Is the intent of the location to cover the most area or support the greatest number of households?
    - Response: The ISO rating is determined more by covered area rather than density in the area. Response time is also considered. ACC is working to reduce the areas that are not covered within a 2.5 mi radius from the fire station. There currently is a gap in that coverage in Southeast corner Athens and along Lexington Rd.
- S: From the verbiage in the presentation it seems like the government may look for more land than what is required for the fire station.
    - The site selection criteria identifies the minimum and maximum values for the items list in the criteria. For example, 2.5 acres is the minimum amount of property need to build the station because it would need to include space for the fire station, potential community room, parking, detention pond, septic field, and rear entry truck bays. The maximum property that ACC could purchase is limited to 4.5 acres.
- Q: How much land could Athens-Clarke County purchase as part of this fire station site selection process?
    - Response: The Mayor and Commission have approved for up to 4.5 acres. It is not intentioned to purchase more land than this. This is limited to the criteria limit approved by M&C.
- Q: Can additional criteria be added?
    - Response: The criteria used has already gone through the public input process and has been approved by Mayor and Commission. Additional criteria need to be reapproved by Mayor and Commission and reissued for public input. This initial public input for site selection criteria was held in Feb/Mar 2023. This included an online survey and in-person public input session.

- S: The evaluation of the criteria appears to be inconsistent. For instance, on sites #4 and #5 it is stated as a con that there are residences across the street, however, site #2 does not list residences on the adjacent properties as a con.
    - Response: Vegetative buffers and distances to the actual home was considered when making this determination.
- Q: Has a noise impact assessment been performed to aid in the site selection evaluations?
    - Response: A noise impact assessment has not been performed at this juncture.
- Q: Has a traffic study been performed to aid in the site selection evaluation?
    - Response: A traffic study has not been performed at this juncture, but will be reviewed if the site is selected as a candidate site.
- Q: Has lighting intensity and times of operation been determined?
    - Response: Specific requirements for the lighting intensity have not been established at this time. The project will be required to meet the Athens-Clarke County sustainability goals which typically will include optimizing lighting power density and controls.
- Q: Was the use of the land evaluated as part of the site selection criteria?
    - Response: Land use was evaluated at a high level in the site selection criteria evaluation.
- Q: Was the renovation of the existing Fire Station considered?
    - Response: Renovation of the existing fire station was evaluated before determining that this project would go forward. The existing fire had a number of issues and lack of services that are intended for the new fire station. Additionally the two story layout of the existing fire station impacts response times. The complete list of deficiencies can be view at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4uCTkLgLWM.
- S: We do not want a fuel storage station located close to agricultural land.
- S: We do not want a fuel storage station located near the area's wells.
- Q: Is it typical to have a fire station in an AR zone?
    - Response: We do not have data regarding other fire stations that have been specifically located in an AR zone. Volunteer fire stations are common in rural and largely agricultural areas.
- S: A concern was raised in jeopardizing the future of how the land is used if a fire station in place in the proposed area. The concern is that it could lead to removing the AR zoning in the future.

- Response: This is addressed in one of the questions below.

- Q: Is ACC open to evaluating other sites outside of the radius of sites already evaluated?
    - Response: The site selection team by policy are required to evaluate resident's recommendations. The recommendation would be given to the Site Selection Committee to evaluate and it would be presented to Mayor and Commission for direction on the recommendation.
- What effect of would placing the station on Lexington Road have on the ISO rating?
    - Response: Placing the fire station at the Lexington and Morton Road intersection leaves coverage gaps in the southeast corner of the county. This gap is viewed negatively when ISO evaluations occur, however, we cannot determine if this gap would necessarily cause the counties rating to change during the next evaluation period.
- S: A member of the public recommended that 855 Morton Road is evaluated as a potential candidate site. The resident's recommendation will be evaluated and presented to the site selection committee. It ranked 10th on the list but was not included in the top 8.
- Q: How many calls a monthly and yearly are expected to be responded to by this fire station?
    - Response Provided at Meeting: The existing Fire Station 5 had less than 1000 calls last year.
- Q: Is a standby generator required at the fire station?
    - Response Provided at Meeting: Yes
    - Standby generators produce 71 – 84dB at a distance of 23'. For reference, a home outside air conditioning condenser is 68-72dB.
- Q: What is the distance from the existing Fire Station to the proposed location of the Fire Station?
    - Response: The existing Fire Station 5 is approximately two miles from the center of the proposed site area.
- Q: What coverage does a station located at the water treatment plant provide?
    - Response: Leaves a coverage gap along Lexington Road. In terms of area it is similar in size to its current location.
- S: The property at 1350 Morton Road is part of the Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision.
- S: The owner of 1350 Morton Road has begun improving the property and plans to start construction of a home in two weeks.

    - This information is being noted and will be presented to the Site Selection Committee after the public input session has closed.

- S: A concern was raised that a fire station on Old Lexington Road would present a hazard because of the 50 mph speed limit and the winding roads. (II)
- S: A concerns was raised about the offset intersections at Old Lexington Road and Morton Road.
- S: A concern was raised regarding noise because the Old Lexington area echoes.
- S: A concern was raised regarding the stress the fire station and associated noise would have on agricultural land with livestock.
- S: A concern was raised on the impact the fire station may have on the area's wildlife corridors
- S: A concern was raised that the site scoring evaluations did not take into account recent development occurring in the area.
- S: A concern was raised that there would be no safe way for a fire truck to safely pull out onto Morton Road.
- S: A concern was raised that the fire station would impact cyclists that regularly are found in the area.
- Q: When was the evaluation period? Data does not seem current.
    - Response: The evaluation occurred largely in May and June of this year.
- Q: How do we get other departments involved?
    - Response: SPLOST reaches out to the department as the project progresses from initial project concept through the end of the project. Necessary departments are consulted. Additionally, discussions are held during work sessions and other interdepartmental meetings.
- S: Visibility at the intersection of Morton Road and Old Lexington is limited.
- Q: Would road improvements take place as part of the fire station project?
    - Response: Road improvements are limited to what is needed to access the fire station itself. Widening Morton or Old Lexington Roads is not included with the project.
- S: Properties #1 and #10 are located in the Shoal Creek Farm subdivision. It is hard to imagine that the Mayor and Commission would want to step into community property that is part of a subdivision.
    - Response: Property #1 recent construction has been taken under consideration and will be noted in the recommendations to the site selection committee. Property #10 is not be considered.

- S: Properties rated as #2 and #3 have herds of cows located on them. Concern was raised that if these properties, or similar properties, are selected it would have an impact on someone's livelihood.
- S: Criteria evaluation scoring provided online is not readable.
    - Response: This has be rectified.
- S: Concern raised that the home located on 985 Morton Road may be historic. The area considered for the site does not include the house or other constructed structures. The area is for consideration is at the corner of Morton Rd and Old Lexington. While ACC has not classified this as a historic site or structure ACC would not impede on the existing buildings.
- S: Concern raised that placing a fire station in the area would encourage Morton Road or Old Lexington road to expand into arterial roads.
    - A: There are no plans to widen the roads in this area. There is no intention on straightening or adding a roundabout at this intersection. Current ACC traffic plans have not identified specific needs to expand this area of roadway.
- S: Concern raised that a fire station in the area would be an incompatible building with the AR Zoning around it.
    - A: A Government zoned property is compatible with AR zoned area.
- S: Concern raised that the fire station site selection team was working in a silo and not consulting other ACC departments. In particular it was noted that the Planning department should be consulted.
- S: Concern raised that a fire station in the area would promote city sprawl.
    - A: Medium/High-density dwellings and commercial buildings require specific municipal infrastructure in order to be constructed. This includes fiber internet, water, sewer, electricity, and applicable roadways. Currently electricity, water, some fiber internet, and natural gas are the only services available in the area that supports expansion of city/suburb growth.
- S: Concern was raised on the site selection process.
    - The Site Selection Process and Scoring Evaluations can be reviewed on the ACC website posted at the top of this page.
- S: Concern was raised that the site selection criteria focuses on what is needed/desired with the project and does not have statements on what the site selection will not do. Examples provided of what could be considered as will not items included: impact on people's homes and create environmental problems.
    - A: The criteria establishes the minimum and maximum project requirements that the SPLOST office may use to evaluate the properties. The criteria was

separated into two main elements. The technical element addresses the needs of the fire station and community element is a standard used to minimize the impact on the community. Additional criteria outside of the M&C criteria cannot be considered as a part of the current evaluation. The Site Selection Committee and M&C ensures that the properties are evaluated properly and in accordance with the criteria established.

- Q: Does the Site Selection Committee use consultants, such as an urban planner?
    - Response: Next phase will involve more studies with our project team.
- S: Criteria do not appear to be objective.
- Q: Has effort been made to purchase property on the open market?
    - Response: There are not any properties listed on the market for sale in this area currently that meet the criteria requirements.
- S: It was noted that 755 Morton Road, the site rated as #4 is a working farm and building a fire station on the property would have impacts on how remaining land can be used.
    - A: The whole property is not being considered for the evaluation. The area of consideration is the 4.5 acres on the Southwest corner of the property and south of 655 Morton Rd.
- S: Concern was raised that selecting a site on agricultural land will tie up the design and construction process.
- Q: What if the property owner of the selected site does not want to sell?
    - Response: The Owner's first action would be to contact there District Commissioner and Mayor to let them know their intention is not to sell. The Owner may also notify the SPLOST office so that can be presented to the Site Selection Committee. It may be possible that if the potential site is present to M&C, they could vote to remove it from the list. If the property Owner prefers not to engage in negotiating the purchase of the property, ACC would likely move on to the next site candidate.
- Q: Of the calls that the existing fire station 5 received how many of those were to the west of the fire station as opposed to east of it?
    - Response: There were numerous calls west of FS5 that were also under the jurisdiction of FS7. Moving would reduce the coverage overlap and allow FS5 to respond quicker to those emergency calls that are in the southeast corner.
- Q: Can the potential site area be reconsidered?
    - Response: The potential site area can be reconsidered with a vote from Mayor and Commission.

- S: It was suggested that a fire station in the vicinity of the tennis center would be good for a new fire station.
    - Note that this location has significant coverage overlap with Fire Station 7. A goal of the new fire station site is to reduce the coverage overlap and to increase response time for as many residents as possible.
- S: Concern was raised in that certified letters to property owners were received close to the public input meeting date. It was suggested that phone calls in addition to the letters would be beneficial in the future. This will be considered in the future. Letters were sent to the property owners on 6/16/23. ACC continues to develop better ways to implement notifications and this will be taken under consideration.
- S: Concern was raised that the ISO 1 rating played too significant of a role in determining the potential site area and that other factors should be considered that may move the boundaries of the potential site area.
- Q: Why is the boundary of the potential fire station site so restrictive if the county currently has an ISO 1 rated without a fire station located there.
    - Response: The county's ISO 1 rating that was granted in 2019 was borderline on the evaluation. One intent of the proposed location area was to improve the ability of the county to maintain this rating in future evaluations.
- S: Concern was raised that if the fire station would lead to a change in the Old Lexington and Morton Road intersection that the existing traffic calming advantage would be lost. There are no upcoming plans from Transportation to make an adjustment to this intersection. If the station were to be constructed at this location it would not change the intersection.
- S: A pro listed for the 0 Morning View Road property was that it would provide good visibility. The speaking member of the public did not agree in this evaluation due to the curve in the road at that location.
- S: Speaking member of the public voiced that they want the greenbelt of the area preserved.
- Q: Has the cost of renovating the existing fire station to add the desired features and remove concerns been compared against the cost of a new fire station?
    - Response: Evaluation of the existing fire station concluded that it could not be renovated in a manner to meet the goals intended to be included with the new fire station design and construction.
- Q: Was the fire station potential site area chosen due to expected future expansion.
    - Response: The proposed fire station 5 site area was not chosen based on expected future expansion.

- Q: Is it possible that the site selection committee will determine that none of the potential sites are acceptable?
    - Response: Yes, it is possible that the site selection committee can conclude that none of the potential sites evaluated are acceptable.
- Q: What is the plan for the existing Fire Station #5 site?
    - Response: ACC Facilities Management will provide a recommendation to M&C and they would vote on that recommendation.
- S: All roads on the east side, past Cedar Shoals Road, are 2 lane roads. Unless ACC will widen the roads, then we have to deal with fire vehicles.
- Q: Would a station closer to the existing location of FS #5 be closer to bedrooms? Further out seems like it would increase response times.
    - Response: Response times would not change since station 7 is in such close proximity. The proposed location for station 5 would decrease response times for EMS and Fire Services to those that live in the southeast corner of Athens.
- Q: Has an analysis of the cover of houses vs area been conducted?
    - Response: An analysis of the covered houses vs the area has not been explicitly conducted. The intent of the coverage area is to ensure that there is better coverage for more of the county.
- Q: Will any feedback from this meeting be provided ahead of the next public input meeting?
    - Response: Yes it is intended to provide feedback ahead of the next public input meeting.
- Q: How was the potential site boundary established to begin with?
    - Response: There were several factors in determining the location of the fire station.
        - Proximity to FS #7: Some overlapping in coverage is acceptable but the current location of fire station 5 overlapped 50% of station 7 coverage. Reducing this overlap would expend fire and EMT resources to areas with increased response times.
        - Fire Station/EMT Coverage Gap: Several residents on the southeast corner of Athens that do not fall within the 2.5 mi coverage zone. Relocating the station would decrease the response times to those areas that were outside of the area prior to the relocation. Additionally, it needed to stay within the county border.

        - Property Contour/Coverage Area: Property contours or topography was considered because the fire trucks need to exit on to the road from a non-elevated surface for the greatest visibility. The site criteria limited the topography requirements and the location allow for the greatest area of coverage.

- Q: Is there an existing government-owned property that could be repurposed for the new Fire Station?
    - Response: The only government-owned property within the area evaluated for potential sites does not meet the minimum requirement of 2.5 acres.
- S: Site #1 has recently been recombined with adjacent parcels.
- Q: Can the ACC Landfill property be considered?
    - Response: This location would leave a large coverage gap in the southeast corner of the county.
- Are the 8 sites on the list a done deal?
    - Response: Site Selection Committee can ask for more sites to be considered or request that the site selection criteria to be modified to extend the boundaries of the search. This would require that the modifications go forth M&C for approval. If approved, Staff would need to reevaluate the properties in the area.
- S: Concern was raised on lack of water and sewer utilities in the area.
    - Public water would be used for this station and septic would be installed.
- Q: Is it an indicator that none of the potential sites evaluated hit the mark since the highest score was a 50?
    - Response: If a site did not meet a minimum requirement (called a Must Have on the criteria) then it was removed from the evaluation. The eight top scoring sites all met the minimum requirements. A higher score would indicate a site has more Highly Wanted or Nice to Have attributes, however, the scores seen in this evaluate do not in themselves indicate that the potential sites did not hit the mark.
- Q: Are there properties outside of penitential site boundary that can be considered?
    - Response: Yes, if we go back to the M&C to change the criteria

July 20, 2023

SPLOST 2020 Project #6 – Fire Station #5 Replacement
Site Selection Proposed Sites – Public Input Session 2 @ ACC Fire Station #7

ACC Staff and Consultants Present:
Daniel Garren – SPLOST Project Manager
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin – ACC Deputy Fire Chief
Carol Myers – District 8 Commissioner & Site Selection Committee Chair
Patrick Davenport – District 1 Commissioner
Laura Carter – Site Selection Committee
Neil Esser – Wiley|Wilson Architectural/Engineering Design Architect
Michael Greenlee – Travis Pruitt and Associates – Civil Engineering Consultant

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- Opening Remarks from Daniel Garren:
  - Sites 9&10 are not included in the evaluation. Only the Top 8 sites are considered
  - For the top-ranked properties, the entire property is not being considered for acquisition. The required parcel area will be between 2.5 acres and 4.5 acres. The remaining property will still belong to the resident.
  - The development of the Fire Station will not be a gateway for high-density development. Sanitary sewer is not available in this area and there are not enough users to support the cost of the infrastructure required to provide sewer to the area. There are no schools to support high-density development in the area.
  - Additional opportunities will be provided for properties to be considered and site selection criteria— at the Site Selection Committee Meeting and 2 opportunities to speak at the Mayor and Commission Meetings
  - Another avenue to voice your comments would be to contact your District Commissioner and the Mayor.
- Q: What is anticipated square footage of the building?
  - Response: Approximately 9,000sf to 12,000sf, 3 apparatus bays and living quarters
    - A Nice-to-Have feature is a community room; however, this is not currently included in the project scope and budget

- Q: Has Fish and Wildlife been contacted for the bald eagles in the area?
    - Response: No, we will address permitting and notifications when candidate sites have been selected
- S: Project seems to have 2 goals—serve southeast Athens-Clarke County and minimize overlap with Fire Station #7.
- Q: Has a location near Barnett Shoals Road and Belmont Road been considered? This location would provide some overlap with Winterville and Wolfskin
    - Response: This location has not been considered at this point because it is outside of the potential site area. Staff will evaluate this recommendation and present it to the Site Selection Committee.
- S: A northern station would cause ACC to lose ISO coverage. Response time is important, expected to be higher in proposed location. Fewer properties within service limits
    - 2.5 miles is Fire Station standard of coverage.
- Q: Why is Fire Station 7 located here?
    - Response: This station was planned in 2000 and underwent thesite selection through process established at that time.
- Q: Plan to include Winterville in coverage area?
    - ACC responds to 5-6 calls a year in the Winterville. By relocating the station further East, it is not intended to increase services provided to Winterville but to extend services for ACC residents.
- Q: Lot at Morton Road and Lexington Road should be considered.
    - Response: This location has not been considered at this point because it is outside of the potential site area. Staff will evaluate this recommendation and present it to the Site Selection Committee.
- S: 1.1 miles from study intersection to Morton Road and Lexington Road intersection.
- Q: Makes sense to buy property that is for sale. The 2.5 miles is as the crow flies and doesn't take traffic into account for response time. Density vs geography should be considered. How does the process take the information in consideration?
    - Response: Location is generally based on criteria that lead to improved ISO requirements and ratings. Following this established criteria improves fire coverage and response times.
- Q: Are the 8 properties settled?

    - Response: Nothing is set in stone. Next step is the Site Selection Committee, which has the option to reevaluate the sites and site criteria by sending the project back to the Mayor and Commission.
- Q: How are residents notified?
    - Response: Public meetings are advertised on the ACC Website, ACC TV, neighborhood leadership, and newspapers.
- Q: Can we adjourn meeting and schedule at a larger and cooler location?
    - Response: Unable to reschedule without proper notification.
- Q: 1350 Morton Road site is the most southerly site and is located away from population centers with proposed house. How was this rated so highly?
    - Response: Based on topo and other site selection criteria.
- Q: Site Selection Committee can send this project back the drawing board?
    - Response: Yes
- S: Everyone in attendance is defending our own interests. Impacts to property values—to neighbors. There are several procedural deficiencies, including keeping people informed, environmental racism and developmental inequities.
- Q: Is a milestone schedule available?
    - Response: A list of meetings is included in the printouts and information is available online.
- S: The Site Selection Committee meeting is held in person and does not have public input. The meetings are streamed live and the link can be found on the ACCGov website.
- Q: Will the being be broadcast?
    - Response: The meeting will be broadcast online.
- S: Worried that this could be the last opportunity for input. Please voice resident's concerns to get back to decision makers.
- S: The point of the public input meetings is to collect input and adjust the plan.
- Q: Does anyone on the committee live in the district?
    - Response: Commissioner Davenport
- S: The ISO rating summary document from the Venus Corporation is available online.
- Q: ISO has been rating of 1 since 2019. How will new station change this?

    - Response: The new station will increase coverage and, if located within the proposed area, will offer improved chances of maintaining this rating in future evaluations.

- S: 60% of fire station responses are medical.
- Q: Does fire department go to other counties?
    - Response: Yes, under mutual aid agreement. Fire Station location is not based on influence from other counties.
- Q: Is imminent domain a possibility?
    - Response: The Site Selection Committee recommendation will go to Mayor & Commission for their decision on how to proceed. Mayor & Commission has the authority to institute imminent domain if they deem it necessary.
- S: Communication needs improvement—such as bulk mailing for upcoming meetings
- S: Consider school properties
- S: All interested in protecting properties. Fire department will be first responder.
- S: Schedule in the handout has only 6 dates.
- S: Mailings to homeowners would be beneficial—send out postcard notifications
- S: Majority of us don't want the fire station out there.
- Q: Can we get a commitment that site at Lexington Road and Morton Road will be considered?
    - Response: An evaluation of a site at Lexington Road and Morton Road will be performed and presented to the Site Selection Committee.
- S: Answers to questions don't really answer the questions.
- Q: What is the size of the existing Fire Station 5 property? Is it on sanitary sewer?
    - Response: Roughly 2 acres served by ACC Sewer.
- Q: Can the property at Southeast Clarke Park be considered?
    - Response: An evaluation of the property at Southeast Clarke Park will be performedand presented to the Site Selection Committee.
- Q: Fire Station 2 was subject to scope creep. Can we prevent that from happening here?
    - Response: Additional projects and scope cannot move forward without Mayor and Commission approval.
    - Fire station 2 was collocated with another ACC project—the cooperative extension building

    - Future capital projects are listed under SPLOST
- Q: For site #1, did you not know that the property was a part of a subdivision?
    - Response: No. The list will be sent to the Site Selection Committee with this new information included.
- Q: Have you checked for deed restrictions?
    - Response: Not at this juncture.
- When is the next meeting?
    - Response: The Site Selection Meeting will be held the 2nd Monday in August at 5pm in City Hall (8/14).

On-line Public Engagement for Proposed Sites
Survey Duration June 30 - July 30, 2023

SPLOST 2020 Project #6 - Fire Station #5 Replacement

#1 - 1350 Morton Road (Score 54, 6.3 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have about thi…

Response	Count
You would have to change the AR zoning of this land and the noise from the trucks would put undo stress o n the livestock here.	1
You list the proximity to residents as a pro for this property, however it is right next to a subdivision and very near the residents that live in the Thompson Lake community. The area you are considering is zoned reside ntial. Having a fire station in this quiet area would change the asthestics of the area. It would seem to make more sense to consider commercial properties located within one mile of your radius. (i.e. the property at th e intersection of Morton Road and Lexington Road).	1
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clark e Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Too far from the highest density population	1
This site would be quite removed from the population being served by the fire station and would absolutely r uin the tranquility of Morton Road and all of the beautiful serene farms and communities. Thompson Farms (highly dense residential community) would lose any sense of peace and tranquility. It's traumatic to even co nsider putting a fire station on such a beautiful, untouched road in this town.	1

This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is too close to agricultural areas and would disrupt the peace in these quiet areas. Fire stations should be located in more populated areas closer to the city.	1
This site is not vacant as stated in the presentation. The owner is in the process of constructing a house on the parcel behind this parcel (1400 Morton Rd).	1
This site falls within the Shoal Creek Farms subdivision. It is in close proximity to our home at 1450 Morton Road, also in the subdivision, and the adjoining properties on Millstone Circle. A home will be built on this site with construction beginning in a matter of days. Since the site was chosen, a driveway, fence and landscaping have been installed. The noise, traffic in and out 24/7, and other environmental concerns would make this location extremely disruptive to the community.	1
This property is in a subdivision and was sold to the previous owner a year ago May. the owner has cleared the land to build a house and has started the driveway and put up a fence all by himself. He has continue to work this property for over a year and is planning on building his house this month. As I stated before, this land is in Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision.	1
This property is a front yard of the house under construction.	1
This number one site is right across the street from where I live (1505 Morton Rd.) in a currently quiet lake community which includes about 70 homesites or lots. At present, about 40 people live here full time and the rest of the places are weekend residences. My husband and I and our neighbors live here because of the rural atmosphere. We enjoy the scenery and landscape around us, the approximately 30 acres lake in our community, and our neighbors. If you move the fire station across the road from us, instead of pleasant rural scenery, we will see a fire station every time we enter or leave our neighborhood. We will hear sirens whenever the firefighters answer a call. We are certainly in favor of city/county services but feel the greenbelt, rural area where we live should stay peaceful and quiet.	1

This is inside a development. A fire station in this development will decrease the value (and tax revenue to t he city) of every home in Shoal Creek Farms. There is also an organic farm in the neighborhood that could suffer a loss of income based on any environmental consequences of said fire department. Why in the world would you not determine the location of a fire department based on population and response times instead of area? That just defies common sense. We live four lots from this location and will likely leave Athens Clar ke County if this happens at any of the currently proposed locations. This is a very bad idea. A fire departme nt at the corner of Lexington Rd and Morton Road would seem to make more sense in our honest opinion. Or any location on Lexington Road but not on a small residential, rural, scenic road like Morton Road. Than k you for the opportunity to respond. Respectfully, Lewis Lower and Bonnie Lower (mother) 255 Millstone Ci rcle	1
This is a half-cocked, poorly researched, poorly communicated, poorly planned, poorly supported, underfun ded, unrealistic project with unknown impacts that you seem completely at ease with, regardless of the repe rcussions to actual property owners in the area. No one wants a fire station out there. Especially not if you a re going to steal someone's property to do it. I'm sure the evil or naive among you will immediately crow, "W e aren't stealing it, we will pay for it." Uh-huh...You'll pay for something that is not for sale? Under penalty of law enforcement or debilitating expensive litigation against the property owner? Yeah, that's stealing and yo u should be ashamed of yourselves, if that's even possible. The site cannot be constructed on because you have been quite dishonest in your machinations up to this point, and you clearly plan to steal someone's pro perty. You are not being truthful about your plans for the future of the Green Belt, nor are you transparent ab out the criteria used for choosing and "scoring" these sites. There is no objective standard, your own literatu re is contradictory and serves to highlight the dishonest process being used by Clarke County. It is disgustin g. I noticed the meeting from yesterday has not been uploaded to the County's YouTube channel, I can't ima gine why. We who attended were assured this is not "a done deal." Likewise we were assured, with absolut e certainty, there is no plan to rezone or develop or change the Green Belt in the future and that this fire stat ion land grab scheme is not a beach head for further disruptions and corruptions in that area. I guess we lo wly citizens of the county will have to wait and see if in your benevolence you deem it appropriate to allow u s to live where and how we wish. Or if you will behave like all governmental bodies who specialize in spendi ng other people's money and do what you think is best for the deplorable masses who don't know how lucky they are to have you ruling over them.	1
This appears to be the best site for this project. It provides wide access to the east side of the county and th e parcel isn't too large.	1
Site looks reasonable except for issues with neighborhood residents at 7/12 meeting.	1
Site #1 is part of Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision. The site is part a larger section of land that is being devel oped to build a house. The owner, Steve Register purchased the property and has done extensive site prep aration for the construction of a house in Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision. Construction is to begin in a few weeks. This site should immediately be withdrawn, and the owner advised that he could continue with the c onstruction of his home with delay. This location does not provide better access to the majority of the homes in the service area.	1
seems reasonable. I will go with the committee's recommendation.	1

Please do not build here. This is important wildlife habitat for birds whose habitat is already declining, especially in Clarke County and surrounding areas.	1
No	1
Multiple houses nearby and multiple farms where livestock would need to be relocated	1
It is too close to a subdivision and water shed runoff. Also currently under development. Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
I'm concerned about this location being further away from more densely populated areas with more building structures. This area is close to the county line and closer to more Oglethorpe residents than Clarke residents. Is providing services to Oglethorpe also part of the considerations? Has a wildlife study been conducted? 11 swallow tail kites nest in the area. They are rare birds for the area and are endangered in SC. The firestation on morton road will contribute to their extintion.	1
I am concerned about possible water quality issues down the hill and down stream at Thompson lake, even with a properly constructed retention pond	1
I agree that this site seems to be the best location. I see no reason why this site shouldn't be constructed on.	1
Good site, I agree with this as the top option. Would love to see the station locate here!	1
Good day, My name is Steven Register. My wife,Jennifer and I purchased this partial addressed as 1350 Morton Rd. We also acquired the two lots behind the subject property as a dream of retiring in a rural area of Athens. After several steps to merge all of these lots into one large piece we were given the permits necessary to start building our dream home. I have spent the last year driving back and forth from Wilmington NC to clear , and groom the land to build our home. I've had GA power bring power in, a temporary power pole installed, a well drilled, all the processes of acquiring a building permit. I've built a new 530 ft Kentucky Board Fence and brought in 20 17 ton dump trucks of rock to form a circle driveway. We are scheduled to start building at the end of this month (July) . I've invested so far 700 k . That's not including the 29,000 we paid Stephen Fuller out of Atlanta to modify his existing Kindred Hall house plan to take full advantage of the lay of the land. As you can imagine we have been dreaming for this day for a long time. We actually spent over 5 years looking all around Athens to find a peaceful rural setting. As part of the Shoal Creek Farm community we are even happier to share the same neighborhood values. As much as I appreciate our Firemen, We just don't want to look out of our front porch and see the back of a fire station. Please consider another more suitable location. You'll always have the community's support , just not so close.	1
Far too remote	1
Directly between two homes. Not ideal.	1
Destruction of a Greenbelt area and adjacent to several subdivisions	1

By ACC design, “The purpose of the AR (Agricultural Residential) area is to maintain an area in ACC of rural use and character, to preserve a working agricultural landscape, to conserve environmentally sensitive reso urces, to stabilize and protect single-family characteristics of the districts, and to promote and encourage a suitable environment for family life. Application of the zone will ensure that the farming, pasture, and forestry uses, and the scenic values associated with these, and the single-family residential character of these area s, are protected from incompatible development that could result in the degradation of these values.” (Taken from the ACC zoning information.) Since the density of an AR zone is deliberately kept lower than other zon es, many of the foundational components of zones are not in the AR areas. The installation of a fire station opens the door to increasing density (city sprawl) and, in the opinion of many, could eventually eliminate the AR zone. (“Build it and they will come.”) This would eliminate the ability for the county to have agricultural ar eas for farms, gardens, livestock, and an area outside the city denseness. This would add to the already da ngerous traffic hazards along Morton Road for motorists and bicyclists. Several of the identified sites are wo rking farms, businesses upon which people depend. Many problems which would be created, which include, i.e. potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks; the effect of noise and fast traffic on livestock, costs for purchase of agricultural properties, and more importantly the closing of agricultural businesses, etc. SEE OTHER COMMENTS.	1
Best score. Least costly change requirements. Acreage is right size without having to deal with what to do w ith the remainder of the land. Should be most economical and the location allows for quick access to Old Le xington, Morton, and Belmont Roads for quicker response.	1
Best Option	1
Bad option. This site was recently purchased and a home is being built by a resident of Shoal Creek Farms subdivision.	1
Although smaller of proposed sites, this falls right at the entrance to a major subdivision and would back up to adjacent property. I would rank this 3rd on the list.	1

Answered: 35 Skipped: 21

#2 - 1185 Morton Road (Score 52, 48.98 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have about…

Response	Count
You list the proximity to residents as a pro for this property, however it is right next to a subdivision and very near the residents that live in the Thompson Lake community. The area you are considering is zoned residential. Having a fire station in this quiet area would change the asthestics of the area. It would seem to make more sense to consider commercial properties located within one mile of your radius. (i.e. the property at the intersection of Morton Road and Lexington Road).	1
Would be an eyesore in what is currently a beautiful rural landscape and removed from highest density	1
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clarke Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
When considering this property the proximity to the cemetery should never be a consideration. If anyone does not care about noise at night, it is the dead.	1
Too much property.	1
This site would be quite removed from the population being served by the fire station and would absolutely ruin the tranquility of Morton Road and all of the beautiful serene farms and communities. Thompson Farms (highly dense residential community) would lose any sense of peace and tranquility. It's traumatic to even consider putting a fire station on such a beautiful, untouched road in this town.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is too close to agricultural areas and would disrupt the peace in these quiet areas. Fire stations should be located in more populated areas closer to the city. This is way to close to homes in the area. This area is quite and the loud sirens would be horrific.	1
This site is adjacent to Morton Cemetary and across the street from Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision. The noise and lighting would be detrimental to the subdivision including the possibility of loss of home values. This location does not provide better access to the majority of the homes in the service area.	1
This property is a working farm and very close to organic farm at 535 Millstone Cir	1
This is agricultural land. Land currently being farmed for hay to provide cattle with food.	1

This is a half-cocked, poorly researched, poorly communicated, poorly planned, poorly supported, underfunded, unrealistic project with unknown impacts that you seem completely at ease with, regardless of the repercussions to actual property owners in the area. No one wants a fire station out there. Especially not if you are going to steal someone's property to do it. I'm sure the evil or naive among you will immediately crow, "We aren't stealing it, we will pay for it." Uh-huh...You'll pay for something that is not for sale? Under penalty of law enforcement or debilitating expensive litigation against the property owner? Yeah, that's stealing and you should be ashamed of yourselves, if that's even possible. The site cannot be constructed on because you have been quite dishonest in your machinations up to this point, and you clearly plan to steal someone's property. You are not being truthful about your plans for the future of the Green Belt, nor are you transparent about the criteria used for choosing and "scoring" these sites. There is no objective standard, your own literature is contradictory and serves to highlight the dishonest process being used by Clarke County. It is disgusting. I noticed the meeting from yesterday has not been uploaded to the County's YouTube channel, I can't imagine why. We who attended were assured this is not "a done deal." Likewise we were assured, with absolute certainty, there is no plan to rezone or develop or change the Green Belt in the future and that this fire station land grab scheme is not a beach head for further disruptions and corruptions in that area. I guess we lowly citizens of the county will have to wait and see if in your benevolence you deem it appropriate to allow us to live where and how we wish. Or if you will behave like all governmental bodies who specialize in spending other people's money and do what you think is best for the deplorable masses who don't know how lucky they are to have you ruling over them.	1
Site looks reasonable except for issues with neighborhood residents at 7/12 meeting.	1
Same concern as above. Have we done a study about where services have been rendered in the past 2 decades to get a feel for where the station would best serve the community?	1
Please do not build here. This is important wildlife habitat for birds whose habitat is already declining, especially in Clarke County and surrounding areas. Specifically, this area is important for rare waterfowl in winter and Swallow-tailed Kites in the summer. Fox squirrels are also regularly seen in this area and also facing habitat loss that results in population decline.	1
NO	1
It is too close to a subdivision and water shed runoff. Also currently under development. Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
It borders AR land used for raising livestock which would be adversely affected by the noise. Also, this is on the dogleg junction of Old Lexington Rd which would create potential traffic issues.	1
I live very close to this location and am worried about siren noise.	1
Good site, I agree with this as a top option, would be happy to see the station locate here!	1
For us, living at 1505 Morton Road, this is the second worse location for the new fire station because of the reasons we stated about 1350 Morton Road. We also question why you would need 48.98 acres for a fire station.	1

Far too remote	1
Don't like this building site mainly because of the small lake, considering you are going to add a fueling depot. This lake feeds the larger Thompson Lake which is used for recreation, and many eat fish out of this lake. Doubt an environmental impact survey has been done at this point, but pretty sure it would not pass. Also, there is no water or sewage service to this side of the road.	1
Best site. Across the street from nearest neighbors. Should not wake anyone up in the cemetery. Additional property could be converted to recreation via Leisure Services.	1
Bad option. This is one of the last large parcels of land being farmed in the Athens community for beef (cattle) and hay. The property owner has greatly improved it over the past 14 years. As a result, it regularly attracts native red shouldered hawks, blue herons, foxes, and even eagles. I have pictures if needed.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1

Answered: 26 Skipped: 30

#3 - 0 Morton Road (Score 52, 30.41 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have about this…

Response	Count
You list the proximity to residents as a pro for this property, however it is right next to a subdivision and very near the residents that live in the Thompson Lake community. The area you are considering is zoned residential. Having a fire station in this quiet area would change the asthestics of the area. It would seem to make more sense to consider commercial properties located within one mile of your radius. (i.e. the property at the intersection of Morton Road and Lexington Road).	1
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clarke Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Too much property.	1

This would be number 2 off your list, because it does provide a buffer to Shoal Creek. Just question why you need 30 acres?	1
This site would be quite removed from the population being served by the fire station and would absolutely ruin the tranquility of Morton Road and all of the beautiful serene farms and communities. Thompson Farms (highly dense residential community) would lose any sense of peace and tranquility. It's traumatic to even consider putting a fire station on such a beautiful, untouched road in this town.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is adjacent to the Shoal Creek Farms Subdivision and would change the entire landscape of the area, especially to those homes bordering the site. Noise and lighting would create adverse conditions for the neighborhood. This location does not provide better access to the majority of the homes in the service area.	1
This appears to be the best selection and least disruptive to the property owners and community in our area. thank you.	1
The neighboring lot at 535 Millstone Cir is the organic farm that provide local restaurants with fresh produce. It cannot be organic farm if it is next to the fire station. Horses and cows on the property.	1
Site looks reasonable except for issues with neighborhood residents at 7/12 meeting.	1
Same concerns as the other Morton road locations. Can we assess how quickly services can be provided to how many citizens from each location? 11 swallow tail kites nest in the area.	1
Same comments and feelings as in #1 and #2. And again, why would you need 30.41 acres?	1
Same as #1 - close neighbors.	1
Please do not build here. This is important wildlife habitat for birds whose habitat is already declining, especially in Clarke County and surrounding areas. Specifically, this area is important for rare waterfowl in winter and Swallow-tailed Kites in the summer. Fox squirrels are also regularly seen in this area and also facing habitat loss that results in population decline.	1
NO	1
Looks like it would be set back off the road to avoid an eyesore but is too far from the highest density population area	1

It is too close to a subdivision and water shed runoff. Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
I live essentially next door to this location and am worried about siren noise. We own the adjacent parcel at 535 Millstone Circle.	1
Far too remote	1
Bad option. This site would place the fire station immediately next to 3 single family homes located within the Shoal Creek Farms residential subdivision.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1
AR zoning would have to be changed. Also it is across the street from ag land that raise livestock. It borders several homes in particular and an entire neighborhood that would have to endure the noise. This is currently a quite neighborhood that doesn't even have street light. A fire station here would be unfair to all those who purchased property in this neighborhood for the peace and quiet it currently enjoys.	1
All the reasons. Any reason you can think of, but tell yourself they don't matter, because you know what's best. Eminent Domain is not acceptable. We aren't a socialist northern state where seizure of private property is an every day occurrence.	1

Answered: 23 Skipped: 33

#4 - 755 Morton Road (Score 50, 168.67 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have about…

Response

Count

Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clarke Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1

We are a 4-person family who has lived at 655 Morton for 8 years, and in Athens since the mid-1990s. We moved here to give our 2 young children (aged 10 and 13) the chance to grow up in a rural setting. My wife i s a professor at UGA; I work from home as a graphic designer. Two years ago, we built an in-ground swimm ing pool in our south pasture. Now, that pasture supports our 2 horses, as well as being a center of relaxatio n and recreation for our family. We were concerned to learn you may build a fire station alongside our prope rty, at 755 Morton. A fire station next door will greatly, negatively impact our lives. The construction will be ba d enough, but the comings and goings of emergency vehicles at all hours will be disturbing and anxiety-prov oking for us and our children. Also, any hope we had of privacy in our pool area will be compromised by the proximity of a fire station, less than 100 feet of open pasture away. If we had known that a fire station might be built right next to our pool, we'd have sited it elsewhere. Finally, a fire station will immediately reduce the market value of our property. If I understand, one of your criteria is that the fewest households be impacted. Directly across the street from your site stand 5 separate houses owned by 5 African-American sisters and t heir families. The sisters have lived there for decades. Each household has its own street address: 700, 71 0, 720, 730, and 750 Morton. In the report from your Site Selection Committee, the page for 755 Morton doe s mention "residents across the street" as a con, but it does not state the number of separate homes/familie s that are directly opposite your candidate site. These 5 long-standing households, along with our own, cons titute a densely-populated section of Morton immediately surrounding site number 4. We respecfully request that you remove 755 Morton from the list of candidate locations for the fire station. --Jeff Walker, 706-765-82 17	1
Way too much property.	1
Way too many acres being absorbed for a need of only 2.5 - 4.5 for the fire station site.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fu el storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the q uality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduc ed level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site select ion was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selectio n was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Prot ection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Incl uding ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is still very close to agricultural areas. However it is closer to neighborhoods and closer to Lexingto n Road (a major highway). This may be the better option of all the possibilities.	1
This property is currently being used to raise cattle. The current owner has just recently made improvement s to the property adding barns and such. I own the neighboring property and am building my house now. On e reason I chose to buy property there was to escape the noise of living in town. I currently live across from the fire station on Cleveland Road and hear sirens regularly through the night. Another reason I chose to liv e there was to help preserve natural habitat for plants and animals, which will be greatly disturbed by this de velopment. I have seen a mating pair of grey foxes, beaver, skunk, coyote, opossum, armadillo, deer, and c ountless other native plants, animals, and insects on my property alone.	1
This is the best of all sites identified, as it is not too close to the Old Lexington Road intersection and does n ot negatively impact as many residents.	1

This also has recreation potential in addition to fire station. Not a bad choice.	1
Site looks reasonable except for issues with neighborhood residents at 7/12 meeting. Try to avoid locating n ew station across the street from existing houses.	1
Second most reasonable in terms of proximity to highest density population	1
Same comments about each of the Morton locations. Do we know of future plans with the area around Mort on road that have not been shared with the public? Have we brought in a wildlife expert to assess the impac t on wildlife in the area? Birders often come to Morton road for rare bird sitings. 11 swallowtail kites nest in t he area.	1
Same as the previous three, plus why would you need 168.67 acres?	1
No. This, like most of the property herein, is either incompetently evaluated, or deceptively selected. And I k now you people aren't stupid. So that leaves the latter. Don't do this. You didn't even try to go for any alterna tives besides seizing private property. You didn't even try to acquire property that was up for sale in the past few years. Nor do you appear interested in adjacent commercial property that's would serve the actual funct ion of a fire station quite well. Instead you fall back on your argument that an "ISO 1" rating is something yo u're doing for the citizens of the country. That's BS and you know it.	1
NO	1
It is too close to a subdivision. Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor c hoice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
I do not know enough about this property to comment.	1
Far too remote	1
Bad option due to lot size	1
#1. The property is not for sale. #2. Five to seven homes will be impacted. (Report said only one) #3. Negat ive impact to the property because of lack of current road frontage. #4. More than half of this site actually dr ains to homes across the street requiring substantial water retention on the site. #5 Negative impact to the working farm that is on the property. #6 Current federal farm programs currently in place for the farm will be impacted and have to be redone. #7 Current Agricultural Lines of credit would be impacted and have to be r edone. #8 Negative impact to livestock #9 Negative impact to rotational grazing plans. #10 Unknown require ments because of 277,000 volt high voltage power line that is beside site. Randy Majerus Owner 770-861-0 568	1

Answered: 20 Skipped: 36

#5 - 5370 Old Lexington Road (Score 50, 197.71 Acres) - Please enter any comments you hav…

Response	Count
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clark e Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
Too much property.	1
Too far from highest density and would completely change the quiet, lovely rural landscape of this area. It w ould be an eyesore in what is a beautiful area.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fu el storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the q uality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduc ed level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site select ion was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selectio n was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Prot ection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Incl uding ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is too close to agricultural areas and would disrupt the peace in these quiet areas. Fire stations sho uld be located in more populated areas closer to the city.	1
This site is directly across the street from our home/property. A fire station in this location would negatively i mpact us (and our neighbors) in a number of ways including a significant increase in traffic and noise.	1
This section of Old Lexington Road is too restricted to have fire station equipment travelling on a regular ba sis. Try to avoid locating new station across the street from existing houses.	1

This location would be on a curved road (50 mph). The visibility on the road is less than ideal. Also, it has residents across, which the poor visibility and high speed limit would create a danger for fire trucks to come in and out and the residents. The land is agricultural, cattle are currently being raised in that area. It would inflict a lot of needless suffering to relocate these animals and cause unnecessary stress of relocation to the owners. Across the street live families. I am one of the families that would be affected. I have an Autistic child who has auditory sensory issues. The loud sirens would cause unwanted stress and suffering to my son and to us. This area echoes and sirens would exacerbate the loudness levels of fire truck engines going out. Therefore, one of your listed pros (minimal offset to residents) would not be a pro, but a con.	1
This is ag land. Zoning would have to be changed. It would be a detriment to the livestock being raised on this land.	1
There are potential problems with straightening the curve on Old Lexington Road if station was placed there, thus creating the likelihood of making that part of Old Lexington Road an arterial road, with all the negative implications that would come with that.	1
The access road is too curvy. The road would need to be improved for equipment to move quickly.	1
Old Lexington Road would have to be widened and re-configured to accommodate the equipment used by the fire department.	1
OK site, but too much extra land. FS on property would limit future development.	1
Maybe a better location for us but why would you need 197.71 acres?	1
I was fortunate enough to grow up on a lovely little farm located directly across from this site. Every day I am thankful for the peace and quiet our location grants and cannot imagine the extent to which such noise pollution would impact our serene oasis. I have lived here since infancy. When I was a child, the land was just a field with a little trailer on it (where we lived). Over time, we cultivated the fields, raised chickens, pigs, and goats, and built the home my parents had always dreamed of. All that to say, having a station across from our home would be unpleasant, but more importantly it would threaten our way of life as we take meals on the porch, sleep outside in the summer, and enjoy the plethora of wildlife our quiet home affords us. Please take this into consideration when laying plans for this new station. Thank you for your time and for allowing citizens to share our opinions.	1
I don't think this is a suitable site. This portion of Old Lexington Rd is curvy and people drive it fast. Sight distance may be limited. Also there are homes across the street.	1
Fire station in this location will create very unsafe traffic conditions in the two intersections with Morton Rd (it is split).	1

DO NOT BUILD HERE!!!! We have moved out to the country side to purposefully get away from the city traffic, noise, and lights. We have lovely peaceful evenings with wonderfully clear starry nights. This new development and fire station would be detrimental to everything we've worked so hard to build. We live directly across the street and this station would be very obnoxious to what we've built. I do NOT want a small thin line of trees to be the only separation between us and that terrible rachet it would cause. Not only would the fire station itself be terrible, but it would also likely bring home development out here and we do NOT want to live in or near a suburb! We've purchased our property with the whole intent to stay away from the city and build our forever home on it. This fire station would ruin all we've built and would also significantly lower our property value. Do NOT build here. Please! We just want to keep our beautiful, peaceful days and nights that we were promised 20 years ago! Do not bring the city right next to our farm! Please! Not to mention that there is also a pond here and building would cost a lot of money....	1
Curvy road. NO	1
Bad option. This road is very curvy and can be challenging to navigate in a passenger car much less a large fire truck or engine that is trying to respond quickly to provide emergency services.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1
All these properties belong to people already. Mostly agricultural, and all AR zoned. So I guess the rules apply to me but not to thee. Just don't. You should rehabilitate the current station instead of turning it into a homeless shelter or whatever waste of money you are scheming to do with it. If you were truthful in your presentation of this endeavor, you wouldn't have so many gaping holes in your sales pitch. ..... speaking of your sales pitch, you and your folks sure are talking about this as though its definitely going to happen. I'd like to believe, even though it's naive considering how aggressively ACC's government has ballooned in recent decades, that the residents of an area still have voices that matter. But then again our two Commissioners were either no-shows, or sat there completely silent and didn't participate. So representation seems out of the question. Thanks for nothing.	1
Again, way too many acres for a need of only 2.5 - 4.5 acres for a fire station.	1

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#6 - 985 Morton Road (Score 50, 20.94 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have about t…

Response	Count
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clark e Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1
Too much property.	1
This would disrupt agriculture. Why would Athens Clarke county remove so many trees and build a fire hous e on this corner. It would be an eye sore. Too much traffic and would disrupt the beauty of the area.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fu el storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the q uality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduc ed level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site select ion was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selectio n was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Prot ection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Incl uding ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This section of Old Lexington Road is too restricted to have fire station equipment travelling on a regular ba sis. This intersection is already very restricted. Try to avoid locating new station near existing houses.	1
This is already a tricky intersection. It does not need the activity of a fire station.	1
This is a developed 20.94 acres. More acres than you need and it's already developed.	1
There are 11 swallowed tail kites that nest in the area. These birds are considered endangered in SC but no t in GA at this time. Will a firestation impact their nesting area and contribute to them being added to the end angered list in GA. Same concers with each of the morton road sites.	1

Terrible option. This location would place the fire station not only at an already busy and dangerous intersection, but also in the front yard of one of east Athens' last historic homes.	1
Nope. Your site eval was either incompetent or dishonest. You pick. Maybe an adult should drive and personally lay eyes on these sites before publishing info/materials describing a particular potential build site in such a way as to immediately make observers think you are being deceptive. But hey, what do we non-government, lowly citizens know, right?	1
No opinion on this site.	1
NO	1
My home, but I understand why you look at it. I thought a roundabout was to be put there in the future. It will probably be too traffic congested. I can see Morton Rd becoming a 4 lane hwy. lots of traffic now including semis cutting over to Hwy 15. And what is the status of the green belt? Is that about to change?	1
In the front yard of the house?	1
I think this is the worst choice on the list. This property is very close to multiple residences both on the site and nearby across Old Lexington & Morton Rds. Locating here would greatly affect them and the resale value of their property.	1
Have to destroy a whole farm to build here.	1
Besides having the main home on the property there are others on the property as well. There are also 4 other homes that immediately border the property. The intersection at Morton and Old Lexington will also need to be redesigned with either lights or a roundabout to slow traffic through the area. While Morton is a 50 mph road it is not uncommon for vehicles to travel at much higher speeds through the area.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1
AR zoning would have to be changed. Too close to the Old Lexington Rd dogleg. This is a dangerous intersection.	1

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#7 - 4885 Old Lexington Road (Score 46, 27.60 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have ab…

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Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clarke Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Very distant from most residential areas in Clarke county. Overall, very poor choice for a fire station unless it is designed to control fires in agricultural fields or small forests.	1

Too much property.	1
This site would be the 2nd best option, because it is farther away from agriculture and closer to neighborhoods. Still in area not widely populated.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site seems to be the best option for easy access to heading North, South, East or West and closest to the higher density population area which is surrounding the current fire station. And, because of the intersection of Morton and Old Lexington, cars would be either slowing down to approach Morton or just getting going from turning onto Old Lexington - not going 50 miles per hour as in all the rest of the locations.	1
This location will border 4 homes and will remove a newly constructed building that is being used for ACC Youth Baseball practice.	1
Several of the identified sites are working farms, businesses upon which people depend. Many problems which would be created, which include, i.e. potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks; the effect of noise and fast traffic on livestock, costs for purchase of agricultural properties, and more importantly the closing of agricultural businesses, etc.	1
Old Lexington Road would have to be widened and re-configured to accommodate the equipment used by the fire department.	1
No opinion on this site.	1
NO	1
It is stated in the presentation that this property is vacant- the parcel technically is vacant, but the adjacent parcel has a home on it, I doubt the property owners would consider this parcel not part of their home.	1
I like this site best. There is minimal impact to existing residents. There should be no real issue with having an electrical transmission line near the property and the value of the land has already been impacted because of this ROW. The access to Old Lexington Road provides a good route back to fire calls toward Whit Davis. I suggest locating the fire station a few hundred feet back off of the road behind the existing trees to reduce the visual impact from Old Lexington Road and the house that is across the street. Please note that the maps identifying this property are incorrect. It is shown as #8 on the maps but it is really #7 in the proposed site description and table.	1
Extra work required compared to others	1

Bad option. Property owner has spent an incredible amount of time, energy, and money over the past few years to vastly improve this property. It is also close to Morton Road, a heavily used intersection.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1
AR zoning would have to be changed. Too close to the Old Lexington Rd dogleg. This is a dangerous intersection.	1
Another fail. No. Not appropriate. No one wants a station out there, and definitely do not want you stealing anyone's property via Eminent Domain, and then building a park or a bus stop out there. And if you didn't plan this seizure for the purposes of future housing developments, maybe you shouldn't have put that in your material describing this fiasco.	1
Again, a developed site and lots of acres.	1

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#8 - 0 Morning View Road (Score 44, 24.25 Acres) - Please enter any comments you have abo…

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Wildlife area. All the forests around have been cleared for cattle.	1
Why are undeveloped, quiet, residential/rural sites considered instead of something near or within SE Clarke Park?? Or a re-build of the current station? Have current property owners agreed to sell?	1
Unfamiliar with this property.	1
Too Remote and way too far from highest density population. Also, the curve in the road limits sight for 50 mph traffic as trucks slowly enter and exit the fire station driveway	1
Too much property.	1

This site would be the 3rd best option, but still disrupting agricultural areas. Why not put the fire house closer to populated areas? Why bring the city into the country? What would be the point of this location?	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
This site is wedged in between single family units. It would affect two families which would go against site selection criteria technical values. Site is on a curved road (50 mph). This would be a danger to the fire trucks going in and out and a danger to the residents as well.	1
This section of Old Lexington Road is too restricted to have fire station equipment travelling on a regular basis. Try to avoid locating new station across the street from existing houses. Please note that the maps identifying this property are incorrect. It is shown as #7 on the maps but it is really #8 in the proposed site description and table.	1
The entry access road is too curvy and will be difficult to navigate. Or, road expansion will have to occur.	1
Private property. If the owner wanted you to have it, they would have asked you if you wanted to purchase it. In examining your scoring methodology, and I'm being generous by calling it such, there is no consistency. If there is no consistency then there is no objectivity. If this wasn't done objectively, then it was done with a nefarious purpose in mind, with an outcome preselected. And that being the case, we can (and indeed we did) present quite a laundry list of why this is not acceptable. But it amounts to nothing if you are already dead set to spend the taxpayers' $6 million, plus all the inevitable budget overruns as you defend this poorly veiled socialist land grab against all the litigation you can expect.	1
Not a practical choice. Again, this is on the curvy section of Old Lexington Rd (unless access would be on Morton?) and people drive too fast on that road for this to be a safe choice. There are also multiple residences very close. Side note: I'm very familiar with the area and have never known there to be a road at this site and I don't see it on aerial photos. Just where is Morning View Road?	1
NO	1
My #1 pick. smaller acreage. Found it interesting the site committee called out proximately to a pond, when they did not mention the lake issue on 1185 Morton Road, which feeds another lake.	1
Fire station in this location will create very unsafe traffic conditions in the two intersections with Morton Rd (it is split).	1

DO NOT BUILD HERE!!!! This property is also right next to our farm! We have moved out to the country sid e to purposefully get away from the city traffic, noise, and lights. We have lovely peaceful evenings with won derfully clear starry nights. This new development and fire station would be detrimental to everything we've worked so hard to build. We live directly across the street and this station would be very obnoxious to what we've built. I do NOT want a small thin line of trees to be the only separation between us and that terrible ra chet it would cause. Not only would the fire station itself be terrible, but it would also likely bring home devel opment out here and we do NOT want to live in or near a suburb! We've purchased our property with the wh ole intent to stay away from the city and build our forever home on it. This fire station would ruin all we've bu ilt and would also significantly lower our property value. Do NOT build here. Please! We just want to keep o ur beautiful, peaceful days and nights that we were promised 20 years ago! Do not bring the city right next t o our farm! Please! Not to mention that the pond would be really hard to build around and would cost a lot of money...	1
Developed and lots of acres.	1
Buying this site will land-lock remaining large parcel.	1
Bad option. This road is very curvy and can be challenging to navigate in a passenger car much less a large fire truck or engine that is trying to respond quickly to provide emergency services.	1
Bad option due to lot size	1

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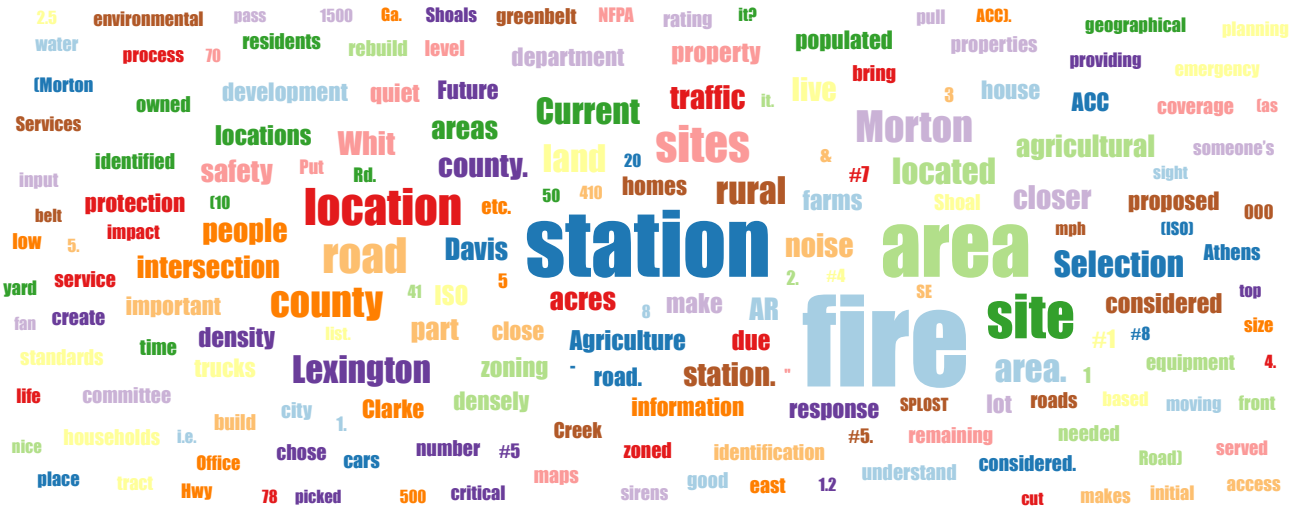

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You need to revisit site selection procedure/start over because sites picked are inappropriate/on someone's farmland/in the AR zone/too close to houses/don't make sense for providing emergency services to the people. Moving the fire station from Whit Davis Road to the identified area (Morton Road, Old Lexington Road) would reduce level of service to more citizens that the move would help. (Placement of the sites was determined by geographical area served rather than on the density of the population.) Information about several of the specific sites was inaccurate. Accuracy would likely have eliminated sites from placement on the list. The process for initial site identification was done via the SPLOST office, in consult with the fire department, with no input from other county agencies critical to this process, i.e. planning department, engineering, environmental specialists, etc. No information was collected regarding the changes in geography, necessary land elevation data, necessary natural water involvement, projected traffic information, future noise levels from the station, implication of lighting, noise level of generators, etc. None of this information was available, nor had it been utilized in site selection. Apparently the first determiner for the identification of sites was the ISO rating for the fire department in ACC. (Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a business that provides insurance tools and analytics to insurers.) The identification of sites started with ISO rating for the county, and then other things were considered, rather than initially reviewing a number of critical components for site selection together. Fire station should not be place within sub-divisions. The #1 site is within Shoal Creek Farms subdivision. An additional site beyond the proposed 8 sites is also within the Shoal Creek Farms subdivision. Both of these sites would place the station in the owner's front yard, directly between someone's house and Morton Road.	1
Why is a fire station being located in a rural area? This would be disrupting nature. We can't even have a nice restaurant in the city of Athens and yet the Fire Station and be put where beautiful trees use to be and where the wild life live. Why should a fire station where people go for help be farther away from the city where people can walk to it? This makes no sense. It should be centrally located in a convenient area. Not hidden in the woods.	1
Why can't you rebuild the fire station in the same manner as the station in 5 points? That station is on almost exactly the same size piece of land as the whit Davis location. Also, the Whit Davis location is in a more densely populated area, with many rental properties. Morton road area is much, much less densely populated. It is also a more centralized location and closer to other densely populated areas. These proposals make no sense. Please rebuild on whit Davis. Put the station where the people are, not the farms.	1
We bought in a rural area for peace and quiet not to hear screaming sirens all the time	1
We all agree fire protection is valuable to this area. However, the area chosen within District 1 has the lowest population. The population concentration is toward Whit Davis and Cedar Shoals Drive. The area identified (Morton Road, Old Lexington Road) is one of the few remaining truly agricultural and rural areas of the county. Athens can boast thriving urban and suburban areas, parks and greenways. Preserving this unique rural portion of the county would seem important to the overall appeal and environmental diversity we enjoy.	1
Using land that is zoned for agricultural use for commercial purposes goes against the land use plan of the county.	1

This zone is agricultural based. There is a greater need closer to higher density areas unless the ultimate goal is to eliminate agricultural based communities and build low income subdivisions/parks (as shown under your project contingency budget). In your proposal/presentation, there is no mention of community input form the residents. This will be a drain of taxpayer money and the location does not keep up with what the fire station actually needs. The fire station needs to be rebuilt. Your budget proposal asks for >$500,000 and potentially more >1 million pending contingency plans. This project doesn't reflect the actual need for a fire station, which leads me and the people of Old Lexington/Morton road to believe that your intending to decrease the value of our properties and take by force what was intended to be agricultural land.	1
This site will: 1. Create problems with area agriculture - too much noise, potential soil contamination from fuel storage tanks. 2. Aggravate the already dangerous traffic hazards along Morton Rd. 3. Compromise the quality of the AR zoning in the area, and create incentives for higher density development. 4. Result in reduced level of service to the neighborhoods NW of the potential site. It has become apparent that the site selection was made based on geographical area served rather than on population density served. 5. Site selection was not made in accordance with NFPA standards (in particulate Section 1710). NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) codes set the safety standards for all aspects of fire protection throughout the USA (Including ACC). Please contact me with any questions or comments (bobsynk@gmail.com)	1
These locations are not appropriate for fire stations and would have a negative impact on the entire community. They are agriculture zoned parcels with no access to major roadways. This is one of the few remaining agricultural areas in clarke county and the residence that live in the area do so because of the quiet nature that is provided by the required residential lot size. The station could easily be located along the commercial zoned area on hwy 78 and would also facilitate faster response times.	1
The locations need to be closer to larger housing developments and does not need to built taking up agriculture areas. The roads are to narrow for fire trucks, especially when trying to pass traffic. There are not good areas for cars to pull off for the fire trucks to pass. Noise from equipment at the fire station and fire trucks wil l disrupt the agriculture setting.	1
The fields along Morton Road are important for kites, hawks, and many other species of birds. Please consider developing elsewhere.	1
The current fire station is on 1.2 acres and there is plenty of room remaining on that property so searching for a minimum of 2.5 acres of "Buildable" land is quite excessive. The building with parking lot will maybe make it to an acre if excessively large and unneeded. The old equipment that is still in good shape and within milage standards needs to transfer to the new facility. Just because people build a new house doesn't mean they buy new furniture.	1
The 50 mph speed limit does not seem conducive to fire trucks pulling out or backing into the station. While the sight distance in most locations is far due to a straight road, it seems to present more safety concerns for traffic than in the current location where cars are all slowing down or just starting up I used to live out on Old Lexington near the #5 site so I am very familiar with that area.	1
Site #1 seems the best available property to meet the requirements of the project.	1

Residents in this area selected their homes, in part, because it was understood that this was protected green space and because they value the current serene setting and limited traffic.	1
Please note that the maps identifying the properties are incorrect. The maps should be corrected to match properties #7 & #8 on the maps with the site selection table. I think that an analysis should be included showing what the past year's fire callouts would be like if the new station were to be located at say, the intersection of Old Lexington Rd and Morton Road. This would give a better idea of expected traffic heading north, south, east & west from this intersection.	1
PLEASE consider a more efficient and less disruptive site for this important county resource.	1
Not in my dojo.	1
It does not appear that the people who reviewed these initial sites (including the Chair of the Site Selection Committee, Commissioner Davenport) bothered to physically visit them; especially, the ones located adjacent to the Shoal Creek Farms subdivision - home to 70 single-family residences. Evidence of this is the fact that the site identified by the committee as the #1 location was purchased in June 2022 and is currently being built upon.	1
I'm pretty worried about siren noise disrupting our lives, since we chose to live here because its a very quiet part of the county. But I don't have a good understanding of when sirens would be used.	1
If the firestation is being rebuilt, why not knock down the current structure and rebuild where it stands (and has serviced the community) now? Firestations should be located near hospitals, shopping, schools, etc. to respond to emergency situations quickly. Building a fire station in the middle of nowhere on Morton Road (full of pastures, farms, and live stock) is an extremely poor choice. How did it rank as the BEST location? I am devastated even thinking about it.	1
I would be in favor of renovating the present fire station. It’s right in the middle of numerous households, including multiple family residences. The sites you have selected are in a rural, greenbelt area of the county. Those of us who live in this rural, greenbelt area chose this location because it is rural, greenbelt, and quiet. We value these qualities in a living area. If we wanted to live across the street or up the road from a fire station, we would have located ourselves in a more densely populated, loud area.	1
I think that locating the firehouse disrupts the zoning and serenity of the area. It is not the most advantageous location to the number of houses it is supposed to serve. There will be no more housing developments in this part of the county due to the AR zoning regulations (10 acres min per house) which makes it unprofitable for builders to consider. There is a large tract of land for sale near Old Lexington Rd. and Barnett Shoals Rd that would serve better the needs of the community. There is also a vacant tract of land at the corner of Morton Rd and Lexington Hwy that would be a much better location.	1
I support our fire department and understand why there is a need for a new fire station. However, it appears that the selection committee only took into account the perceived need to maintain the recently achieved ISO 1 rating, and possibly setting the stage for the development of other future projects that would eliminate AR zoning in the area. Will the Mayor and Commissioners go on record and commit to maintaining the current AR zones along Morton Road.	1

I really don't understand why ACC fire dept wants to build this far out of the County almost in Oglethorpe county.	1
I question the criteria used to identify sites for the new fire station. Why is ISO used which seems to lean towards importance of serving largest area rather than highest density? Property that is part of a subdivision should automatically be removed from consideration. Placing a fire house in someone's front yard is unacceptable. Traffic patterns and safety along Morton and Old Lexington Roads were not considered. Agriculture was not considered and the detriment to farms and livestock due to water, air, and noise issues. The change in zoning and development that may occur as a result of changes needed to accommodate a fire house are concerning.	1
I noticed that in the Site Selection criteria in the column "Nice to Have," it says property ALREADY OWNED by ACC Gov. I don't see that listed on any of these sites and I know ACC has several parcels of land that could make this a possibility. I think because we are low on funds in general, according to the budget and tax increases, why would already owned property not be a huge and sought after criteria? It should be, rather than spend a 500,000 on a new acquisition. Also, I cannot imagine why 3.5-4.5 acres could possibly be needed for this.	1
I feel like we	1
I don't understand the proposed location for a new fire station. Whit Davis puts you much closer to a mass amount of homes and bedrooms on the ground. Proposed location is very rural, few homes, but a lot of acreage. You are moving the station further away from where it is most needed in case of emergency.	1
I disagree with all the current site selections. This location is so close to the eastern boundary of Clarke County. Most service would be westward and due to the closeness to the eastern boundary would make western and southern response more timely. The proximity to the intersection of Old Lexington road is unsatisfactory due to the negative impact it will have on the AR zoning. These location will encourage future development and the possible straightening out of the intersection in the future. We already have unnecessary traffic cutting through this area as commuters use this as a short cut to access the university and jobs in Athens. This is a low density area and should not encourage arterial roads. A better location which will also give better coverage the SE Clarke county would be closer to the intersection with Belmont road. Hank Joiner 410 Millstone Circle Athens, Ga. 30605 706-540-0725	1
I cannot believe that one of the last rural/agricultural areas of Clarke County is being considered for a noisy/lights on 24/7 fire station. Why not closer to Winterville, where there is a high concentration of residents? Maybe their representatives have more pull than the residents of Morton Road on this issue.	1
I am very happy to have a station in this area & it's great news for response time for those of us in the easternmost part of the county! Since it's a rural area, I do think that a site can be chosen that's not too close to homes, and it seems to me that your sites ranked #1 and #2 are the best choices. I look forward to welcoming this addition to our community!	1

I am not a fan of this project. The development of a fire station is only going to bring noise, light, and city-ness our to our land. It will also bring more people out here too!! More cars, more roads, more traffic.... Terrible!! We chose to live out here 20 years ago to get away from the chaos that cities bring. Please don't follow us out here and bring all the terribleness of the city too!	1
I am a former ACCFD employee (35 years) who currently lives on the East side 5 mins from Station #5. My top 3 picks of the sites currently under review would be #2,#7,#4 in that order.	1
Having a fire station in a quiet residential area would be disruptive and change the asthestics of the area.	1
Ease of movement of the fire equipment needs to be considered. Future planning for the A-CC needs to be considered.	1
Do not care for any of the suggested locations	1
Both the coverage of area and the number of households need to be assessed to determine an effective ISO fire rating. A comprehensive approach considers the fire safety infrastructure, systems, and procedures in relation to the size, complexity, and occupancy of the area being evaluated. It is important to strike a balance between providing adequate fire protection for the area as a whole and ensuring the safety of individual households or occupants within that area. Only area coverage was considered, but not occupancy or complexity. The heavily populated Whit Davis corridor will be 3 or more road miles from either Fire Station #7 or the proposed location of Fire Station #5. Right now, it is within 1 road mile distance. But even with the area it is not a big improvement. The ‘newly’ covered area in the most east corner includes a landfill, ~500 acres of University System of Georgia land and almost 1500 acres owned by Fleming family. But the not covered area will increase in the south-east part of the county. By proposing to relocate the fire station close to Old Lexington Rd and Morton intersection, the county gambles with life and safety of many residents because the average response time will be significantly increased. Complexity was not considered, either. The design of the intersection is in a way to discourage through traffic for non-residents. The fire station could create hazardous conditions for current residents. We have a lot of wildlife, including deer. There is no public sewer. Very frequently we lose power. The power outage lasted for 41 hours last week. It is a green belt for the county and should stay this way.	1
1. Current station #5, is located closer to more bedrooms than any “green belt” location chosen. 2. ACC already owns two locations (see below) that would be less costly to carve out space to locate a new station.	1

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Please enter any comments you have about any other location not listed above.

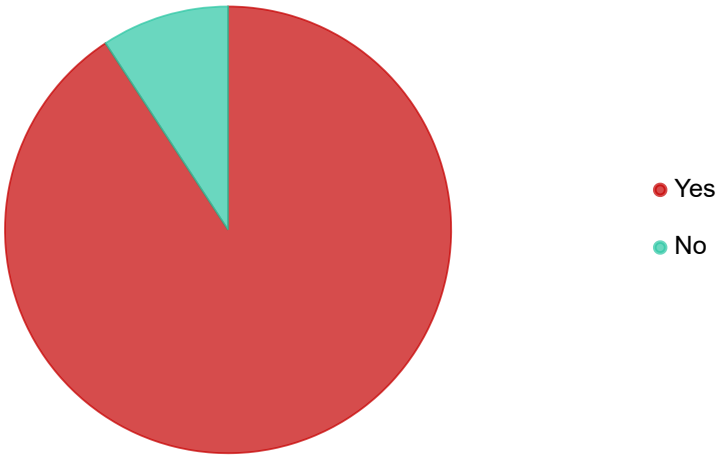
Response	Count
Why would the county build a new fire station when they can’t even fully staff the current buildings they already have!	1
Why not put the fire station in a well populated city location in East Athens not far from Cedar Shoals Drive? Closer to where people can go for help?	1
Why not consider the corner of Hwy. 78 and Morton Road?	1
Why don't you consider the open fields at the corner of Lexington Hwy and Old Lex? Excellent visibility, UGA owns property across the Lex Hwy, few neighbors nearby.	1
What does my sexual identity have to do with the location of a fire station? Really!	1
The parcel currently for sale near Aston Place on Old Lexington near the intersection of Old Lexington and Barnett Shoals would keep the station closer to the higher density population area while giving quicker access to reach folks out Old Lexington	1
The farther away from old Lexington road, the better! We are perfectly happy to not have a fire station near our land!!!	1
The best option may be to rebuild on the current site, pushing it out to the corner while allowing continued use of the current facility during construction and having a shuttle temporarily available for employees. Please also consider as a distant second choice the corner of Hwy 78 and Morton Road. Feel free to contact me if I can provide additional input. Dave Bacastow	1
The best new location is Lexington Rd at the intersection of Robert Hardeman Rd and Morton Rd.	1
Strong consideration should have been given to locations further out on Morton Road, closer to Belmont Road or on the opposite end closer to Highway 78/Lexington Highway.	1

Population density should be considered Green space should be considered Wildlife habitat should be consi dered. Neighborhood impact should be considered.	1
Our county has an ISO rating 1. The current location of Fire Station #5 is almost perfect. If the building does not meet current requirements for the Fire House, improve it. No point moving it to another location. There was no analysis of the effectiveness of the new location. All residents of the area are appalled by the way co unty treated them. We were not informed of the proposed location. No one from the area was on the commit tee. We became aware about the public input meeting only several days before. The meeting room was ina dequate, and the second meeting was held basically outside in the heat of 90 degrees, with limited seating and very bad acoustics. This process should be democratic, not behind our backs. Analysis should be comp leted before stating that the proposed location is better than the previous one.	1
Other choices: 1. 4440 Lexington Road, parcel 242003C, 135.41 acres, owned by Athens Clarke County Go vernment. 2. 4100 Barnett Shoals Road, parcel 253 006, 452.23 acres, owned by Athens Clarke County Go vernment. 3. Undeveloped portion of St. Charles Subdivision on Morton Road. Parcel 301 006, 18.7 Acres. Fronts on the corner of Morton and unbuilt phase of St. Charles.	1
On property next to or near the east side park would be a good location. The present site of the existing fire station is a good location for the fire station.	1
nothing to do with location but why does it matter what my racial/ethnic id is or my sexual identity??	1
Just don't. Use some existing government land. Or like the rest of us, find something that is for sale and zon ed appropriately. And have the integrity to be honest about all the impacts this kind of thing will have. Mostly citizens just want to be left alone, that's all. So when they are presented with something as unrepresentative as this, bordering on tyrannical, is it really so surprising the reaction is somewhat less than friendly? Most of us don't have guaranteed pay checks. We don't get paid if everything goes bad in the economy. So we keep our heads down and work without regard for any ambush being set up by those elected and allegedly sworn to uphold our wishes. And the one or two times we raise our heads above the dust to see what's going on, i t's almost always some silliness that ought to have been vetted and eliminated before becoming what we ha ve before us. But no, we aren't that lucky, are we. That's what happens when a few smart people get to spe nd other folks' money and never have to face the repercussions of their decision.	1
It would seem to make more sense to consider commercial properties located within one mile of your radiu s. (i.e. the property at the intersection of Morton Road and Lexington Road).	1
Intersection of Belmont and Morton Rd.	1
I'm not familiar with the criteria that needed to be met but my first two choices would have been: the corner or Robert Hardaman and Lexington roads or across the street at Morton Rd and Lexington rd. Traffic warnin g devices can be placed on Lexington rd to give motorist ample warning and to stop traffic travelling East an d West on Lexington rd. Quick egress from either of these locations to #5's first and second response territo ries are available from these locations. Again not knowing the criteria to be met maybe my choices are not p ossible.	1

I would like for this committee to evaluate the following areas: 1. Zone of Lexington road between Cottage Blvd and Lloyd's Farm Rd. There are several undeveloped properties for sale in that area. There is great access and visibility to Lexington rd. There is greater density to be serviced in the area. There is a new daycare right across (very similar to the set up in Watkinsville). The children love to see the fire trucks there and great interactions with future generations. There is a church and a park close by which would be ideal locations already in place for community service activities. The location is not too far away from current location, therefore move-wise it would be easier and cheaper (saving taxpayer money). That zone is developing quickly and there will be greater need in the future. This area is ideal. 2. Another location would be the intersection of Lexington HWY and Morton Rd. There is a traffic light already in place. There is a property for sale in that area. There is good visibility of traffic both ways and easy access to Morton (another potential entry/exit point). Would need clearing of land, but accessibility would be ideal as the Lexington Hwy corridor develops. Also, no farming land/animals would be affected in acquiring this area. This area has a higher community density and greater need when compared to current proposed zone.	1
I noticed that in the Site Selection criteria in the column "Nice to Have," it said property already owned by ACC Gov. I don't see that listed on any of these sites and I know ACC has several parcels of land that could make this a possibility. I think because we are low on funds in general, according to the budget and tax increases, why would already owned property not be a huge and sought after criteria? It should be, rather than spend a 500,000 of our money on new acquisition. Also, I cannot imagine why 3.5-4.5 acres could possibly be needed for this.	1
Has ACC considered using the land it already owns along Whit Davis and the Southeast Clarke Park area for the fire station. It would seem there is ample room here for the station as well as the proposed library. It is already a beautiful, easily accessible area which checks a lot of the boxes in the site selection criteria.	1
ACC already owns thousands of acres undeveloped; example is 400 plus acres near the sewage facility on Whit Davis. Why not use some of that property. 1450 Whit Davis, owned by the board of education, level site already cleared to the left of the school. 5225 Lexington Road, 9.97 acres located at 78 and Morton Rd, great access. 5335 Lexington Rd, 18.9 acres also at the corner of 78/Morton and quick access to Old Lexington. Better Yes entrance to St. Charles subdivision off Morton Road. Nothing has been built in 30 years at this end, water, sewer and utilities are already in place. The tennis center, already owned by ACC.gov, has buildable area in the grass past the walking trail, easy access to 78 from entrance off &*. Southeast Clarke Park behind Murphy and Dollar Tree. Plenty of space from entrance on Whit Davis to this point, easy access to 78 and Whit Davis. Also, there is property for sale directly across from Southeast Clarke Park and did not see that on the list. Land in from of the fairgrounds, and little further down on right large parcel with containers and junk sitting on it. Both are easy access to 78, Old Lexington and Morton Road. Last thought is the fire department is heavily understaffed already, so why build a new unit. Would the money be better spent trying to recruit new talent and merge this unit to the Barnett Shoals station. Seems like a tremendous overspend given you can't fill needed positions already.	1
A sufficient answer appears unavailable regarding why the 2.5-mile radius around the proposed fire station was placed exactly where it was placed. (The SPLOST vote in ACC was to place a new fire station in Southeast ACC.)	1

Answered: 24 Skipped: 32

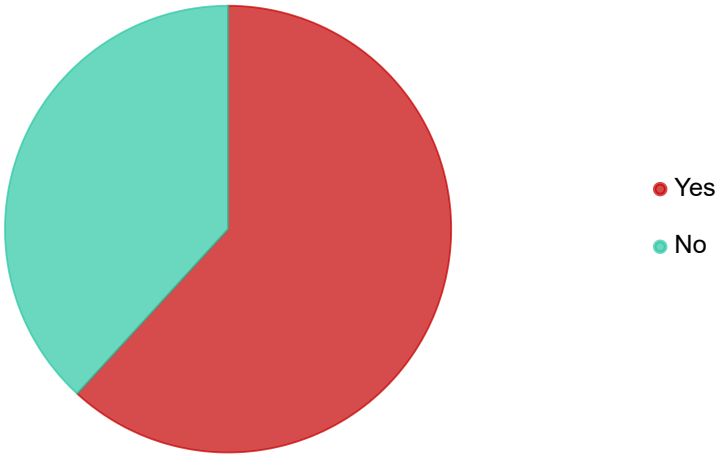
Would you like to receive updates about this project?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	49	87.5%
No	5	8.93%

Answered: 54 Skipped: 2

Would you care to answer a few questions about yourself?



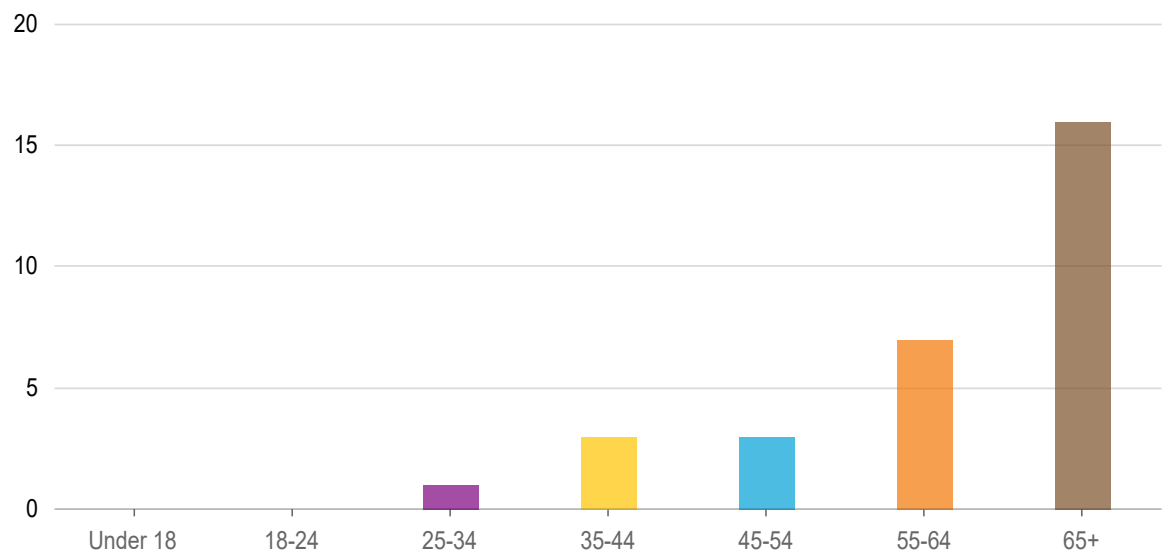
Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	34	60.71%

No	21	37.5%

Answered: 55 Skipped: 1

Demographic Questions

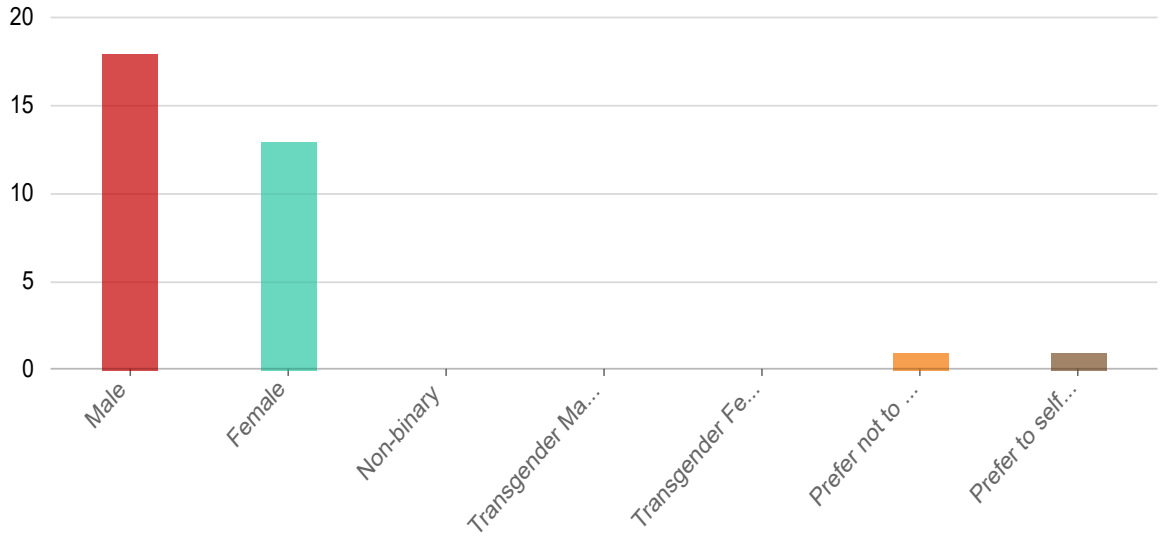
- **What is your age range?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	0	0%
18-24	0	0%
25-34	1	1.79%
35-44	3	5.36%
45-54	3	5.36%
55-64	7	12.5%
65+	16	28.57%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 26

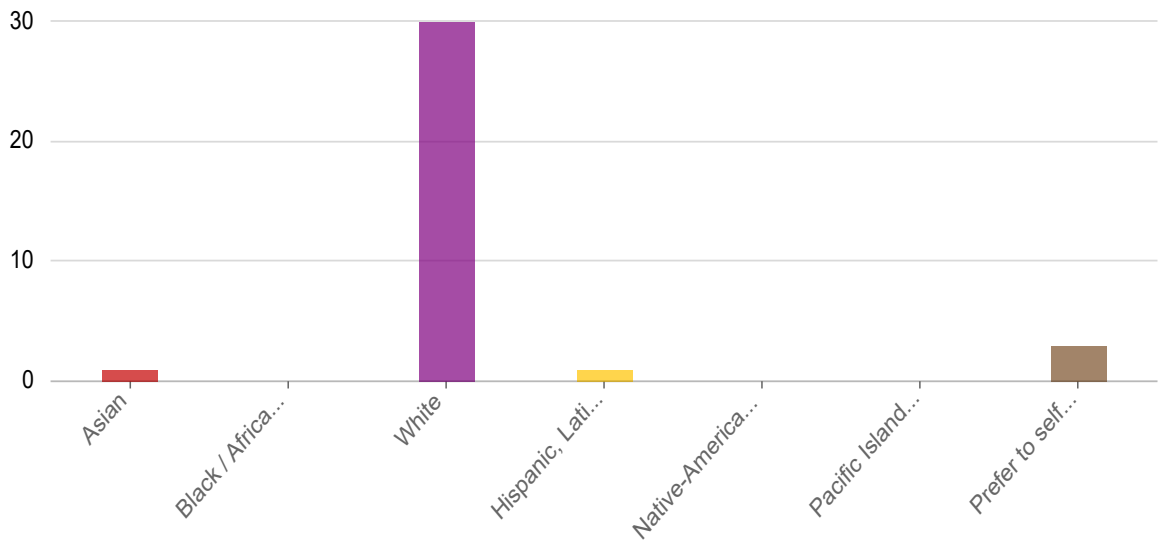
- **Which best describes your gender identity?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Male	18	32.14%
Female	13	23.21%
Non-binary	0	0%
Transgender Male	0	0%
Transgender Female	0	0%
Prefer not to say	1	1.79%
Prefer to self-describe	1	1.79%

Answered: 33 Skipped: 23

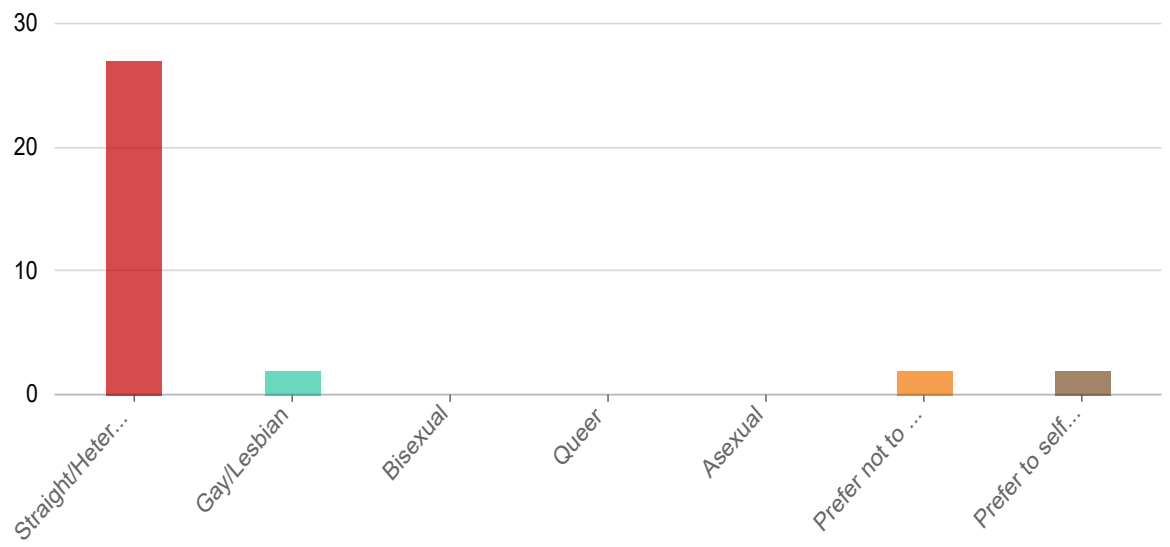
How would you describe your racial/ethnic identity?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Asian	1	1.79%
Black / African American	0	0%
White	30	53.57%
Hispanic, Latino/a, Latinx	1	1.79%
Native-American / Indigenous Peoples	0	0%
Pacific Islander	0	0%
Prefer to self-describe	3	5.36%

Answered: 34 Skipped: 22

How would you describe your sexual identity?



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Attachment #1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY2024 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A PAINT CREW PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the General Fund and the General Capital Projects Fund to provide funding to Central Services Department for a Paint Crew Pilot Program; and for other purposes.

Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

General Fund:

EXPENDITURES:		
Decrease:		
Transfers to General Capital Proj. Fd		up to $189,530
Increase:		
Central Services		
Personal Services		up to $119,900
Operating Expenses		up to $ 69,630
	Total	up to $189,530

General Capital Projects Fund:

REVENUE:		
Decrease:		
Transfers from General Fund		up to $189,530
EXPENDITURES:		
Decrease:		
Central Services Capital:		
Facilities Maintenance Life Cycle		up to $189,530

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment to Initiate a Paint Crew Pilot Program

DATE: October 4, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:

EXPENSES:	$ 119,900	Diversion Participant Wages
	$ 37,500	Paint
	$ 2,000	Training/Continuing Education
	$ 1,200	Uniforms
	$ 11,700	Supplies & Materials
	$ 17,230	Contingency (10%)
	$ 189,530	**Total Budget for Paint Crew Pilot Program**

FUNDING SOURCE: FY24 Facilities Life Cycle Maintenance Program Capital Budget

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Adopt a budget amendment (**Attachment #1**) to reallocate up to $189,530 of FY24 Facilities Maintenance Life Cycle Program capital funding to support the operational needs of a paint crew pilot program; and
b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. Since unification in 1991, Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) has funded facility equipment life cycle replacement on an annual basis using the capital budgets.

2. In June 2019, the Mayor and Commission (M&C) adopted the FY20 budget, which did not provide capital funding for facilities maintenance life cycle projects.

3. On June 25, 2020, the M&C adopted the FY21 budget, which did not provide capital funding for facilities maintenance life cycle projects; however, at the Voting Meeting on August 2, 2020, the M&C allocated approximately $1 million from SPLOST 2011 reserves to address facility life cycle equipment replacement at the Library, Fire Station #1, and in parks.

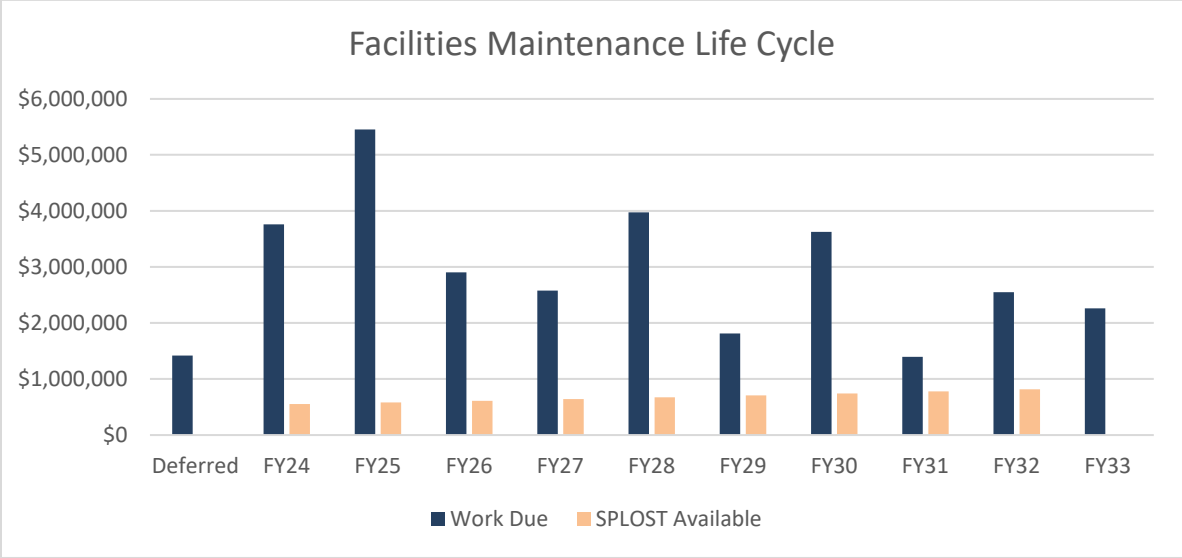
4. In 2020 and 2021, Central Services used the temporary decrease in facility maintenance associated with COVID-19-related facility closures to partner with the Corrections

Department to develop a paint crew using a combination of staff and unpaid trustees.

5. In March of 2022, the M&C adopted the FY23-25 Strategic Plan for ACCGov. This plan includes a number of strategies, goals, and initiatives focused on supporting the reintegration of incarcerated individuals, and meeting the maintenance needs of existing infrastructure (F&I #11).

6. On June 7, 2022, the M&C adopted the FY23 Capital and Operating Budget. This budget included a new initiative by Mayor Girtz for two additional Community Rehabilitation Litter Crews, along with associated operating and capital expenses.

7. On May 24, 2023, staff updated the Facility Maintenance Life Cycle Program to provide the M&C with a comprehensive look of how the overall facility needs are projected to compare to available SPLOST 2020 funding. A summary of this is shown below:

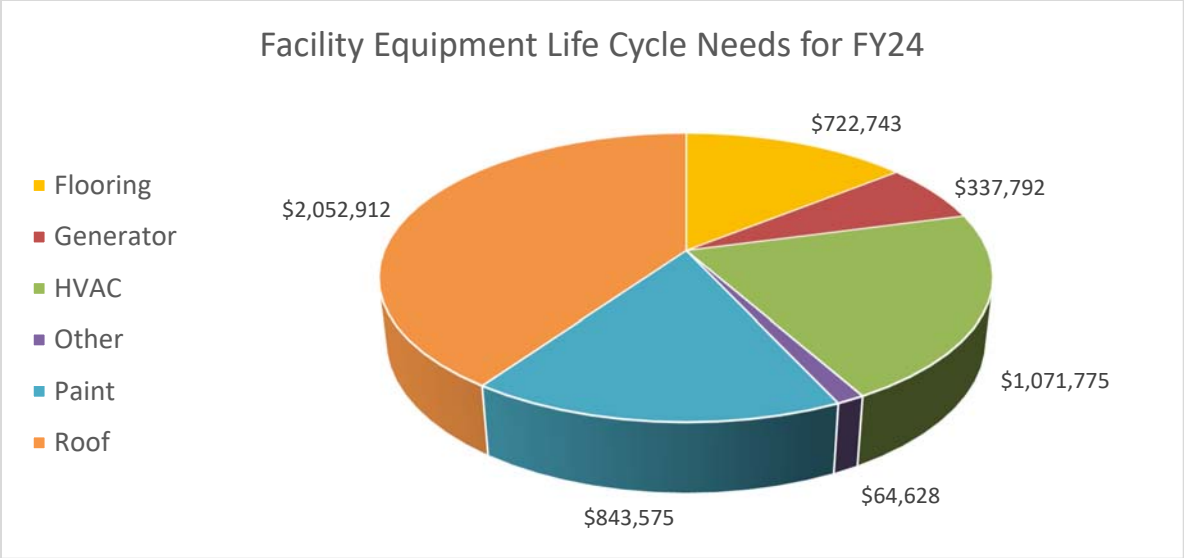


8. On June 6, 2023, the M&C approved the FY24 budget, which increased the General Fund capital funding for the Facilities Maintenance Life Cycle Program from $1,000,000 in FY23 to $3,000,000.

9. On August 1, 2023, the M&C approved a Project Concept for SPLOST 2020 Project #27, Sub-Project #3 which allocated $532,929 in SPLOST 2020 funds to support facility equipment life cycle. This sub-project solely focuses on Roof, HVAC, and Generator Replacement.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. The Central Services Department, Facilities Management Division, maintains a list of all ACCGov facilities for life cycle equipment/systems replacement projects. In FY24, that comprehensive list totals $5.1 million from 139 projects. A summary of projects by type is depicted in the chart below:



2. This includes a significant backlog of 37 individual projects totalling $1.4 million, consisting of roofs, generators, and heating, venting, air-conditioning (HVAC) initiatives, and other maintenance needs including paint, carpet, and flooring. After accounting for the increase in General Fund resources allocated in FY24, staff project that the deferred projects backlog will increase to $1.6 million this year.

3. Despite this backlog, staff need to contract for painting ACCGov buildings this year, as it has been one of the most commonly deferred items in the program. If budget estimates hold, ACCGov may spend as much as $400,000 in contract paint services to address some of the needs in the FY24 capital program.

4. During the COVID-19 shutdowns, Central Services was able to reallocate a small amount of annual operating funds to pay overtime for a Correctional Officer to support an unpaid trustee paint crew. This initiative helped to reduce the overall life cycle backlog, but is not sustainable as facility usage and maintenance costs have since increased.

5. The FY23 budget initiative for the Community Rehabilitation Litter Crews was ACCGov's first initiative to employ individuals from the Diversion Program, in addition to its regular use of unpaid trustees from the Correctional Institute. In late FY23, the Landscape Management Division of the Central Services Department was able to employ the first Diversion participant; the division now currently operates a crew with three paid participants from the Diversion Program. This crew addresses needs in the community such as litter removal, dumpsite remediation, storm debris removal, and sightline pruning.

6. Using a reallocation of the FY24 Facilities Maintenance Life Cycle capital budget, the Facilities Management Division of the Central Services Department proposes to implement a mid-year pilot program to employ three additional paid participants from the Diversion Program to

form a paint crew. These participants will be paired with an existing ACCGov staff member for the pilot program.

7. If approved, participants will be hired as Facility Maintenance Technicians and paid a rate of $20.74/hr, as is consistent with the Unified Pay Plan. To streamline the process, this action will be coordinated through temporary labor agencies in the community. These participants will be equipped with Facility Management Division uniforms and be able to participate in all training that is offered to other division staff.

8. The individuals participating in this pilot will also participate in the On Job Training Program coordinated by the Georgia Department of Corrections and technical colleges across the state. This program provides certifications to inmates/diversion participants who demonstrate a sufficient amount of training and experience within a given focus area. This certification is used to help the individuals find employment after they transition out of the criminal justice system.

9. It is proposed that up to $189,530 of the Facilities Equipment Life Cycle capital budget be allocated to support this pilot program. Because the budget amendment is an "up to" amount, staff will be able to reallocate any unused funds back to the capital budget at the end of this fiscal year. No SPLOST funds will be used to support this initiative.

10. Staff will monitor the progress of the pilot program to evaluate how the costs and quality of in-house services compare to those of contracted services. If the pilot project is deemed to be viable, a new initiative will be proposed for upcoming budgets. Any such new initiative would include a fulltime Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, as the Facilities Management Division cannot sustain the fulltime reallocation of the existing staff member dedicated to this six month pilot. If the pilot is not successful or continuing resources are unavailable, it will sunset at the end of the FY24 fiscal year.

11. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goals & Strategies:
    - Good Neighbors Goal, Strategy B: *Proactively reform systems of accountability to reduce jail and supervised population and plan for transitioning and returning residents.*
    - Partnerships with the Community Goal, Strategy A: *Partner to develop tools and relations to increase awareness of and access to Athens workforce and workplace development opportunities.*
    - Organizational Improvement Goal Strategy B: *Create a culture for high performance: increase interdepartmental collaboration, events, better cross-departmental workforce strategy.*
    - Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy C: *Provide adequate funding for maintenance of existing and newly constructed infrastructure.*

OPTIONS:

1 Mayor and Commission:
   a. Adopt a budget amendment (**Attachment #1**) to reallocate up to $189,530 of FY24 Facilities Maintenance Life Cycle Program capital funding to support the operational needs of a paint crew pilot program; and
   b. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2 Mayor and Commission do not approve the budget amendment.

3 Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Option #1 a & b.

DEPARTMENT: Central Services

Prepared by: Andrew Saunders & Beth Smith

Andrew Saunders — Date

Central Services Director

Ray Covington — Date

Warden

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b

Manager — October 12, 2023 Date

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 - FY24 Budget Ordinance - Central Services Paint Crew Pilot Program

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Athens Justice & Memory Project's Affordable Housing Preservation

DATE: ~~September 27, 2023~~ October 31, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$ 1,250,000	ARPA Allocation for Athens Justice & Memory Project (AJMP) Affordable Housing Preservation Activities
EXPENSES:	$ 531,600	Proposed award to Historic Athens (formerly Athens-Clarke County Heritage Foundation) for their "Equitable Home Preservation Initiative" to preserve historic homes for low-income homeowners through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation.
	$ 718,400	Total Athens Justice & Memory Project's Affordable Housing Preservation Funds Remaining

FUNDING SOURCE: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve staff's recommendation to award $531,600 in ARPA AJMP funding to Historic Athens (formerly Athens-Clarke County Heritage Foundation) to implement their "Equitable Home Preservation Initiative" to preserve historic homes for low-income homeowners through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation (**Attachment #1)**;
b. Authorize ACCGov staff to re-release a request for proposals for down payment assistance by December 8, 2023; and
c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate ACCGov staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

2. On June 9, 2020, Mayor Girtz drafted the charge for an Athens Justice and Memory Project: Linnentown.

3. On June 25, 2020, the Athens Justice and Memory Project (AJMP) was appointed by Mayor Girtz. The members appointed to this advisory board were:

- Hattie Thomas Whitehead (Linnentown community member);
- Bobby Crook (Linnentown community member);
- Geneva Johnson Blasingame (Linnentown community member);
- Freddie Brown Jackson (Linnentown community member);
- Christine Davis Johnson (Linnentown community member);
- Dr. Jennifer Rice;
- Charlene Marsh;
- Commissioner Mike Hamby; and
- Commissioner Mariah Parker

4. On September 2, 2020, the first public meeting of the AJMP was held virtually.

5. On February 2, 2021, Mayor Kelly Girtz signed a proclamation with an apology in recognition of Athenians displaced by urban renewal projects.

6. On February 16, 2021, the M&C unanimously approved a resolution in support of recognition and redress for Linnentown, its descendants, and Athens-Clarke County Black communities harmed by urban renewal. One of the most important details within the resolution is the following:

   Direct the Linnentown Justice and Memory Committee to determine the total amount of intergenerational wealth lost to urban renewal and, under the Committee's advisement, shall, for as long as the Committee exists under its charge, make annual budgetary recommendations to the Mayor and Commission for operational and capital projects to provide equitable redress, including but not limited to affordable housing, economic development, telecommunication services, public transportation, and public art as redress for past harms caused by urban renewal and to foster future reinvestment in historically underfunded and impoverished neighborhoods in Athens-Clarke County.

7. On February 22, 2021, the AJMP gathered outside of City Hall to hear the reading of a Linnentown proclamation by Mayor Kelly Girtz, as well as hear from other speakers of the AJMP Committee and first descendants of the Linnentown Project.

8. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. The $1.9 trillion package is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic by stabilizing state and local government operations, households, and small businesses.

9. In mid-March 2021, ACCGov was granted $57.6 million of ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) funding to allocate across defined categories by virtue of being both a city and a county.

10. On January 6, 2022, the Department of the Treasury released the Final Guidance for ARPA SLRF.

11. On March 1, 2022, the Mayor and Commission approved a budget allocating ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds to various programs including a budget of $11,000,000 for Affordable Housing. This action included a strategic planning process, followed by an RFP, and the associated timeline. The M&C also designated the existing Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Committee as the advisory committee for the affordable housing allocation.

12. On April 15, 2022, ACCGov released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Housing Affordability Investment Strategy. This plan will serve as the strategic plan that will inform future investments to promote affordable housing.

13. On April 20, 2022, Dr. Jerry Shannon presented an overview of a research report related to the assessment of financial losses of urban renewal in Linnentown to the AJMP at their regularly scheduled meeting.

14. On August 2, 2022, M&C approved HR&A Advisors to develop the Housing Affordability Investment Strategy.

15. On October 11, 2022, at a regularly scheduled M&C work session, Dr. Jerry Shannon presented an overview of the research report on the assessment of financial losses of urban renewal in Linnentown. Hattie Whitehead, Chair of the AJMP, also shared a presentation related to the economic loss recommendations from the AJMP.

16. On October 26, 2022, the AJMP voted unanimously to accept the economic losses report prepared by Dr. Jerry Shannon and to formally recommend to the Mayor and Commission:

    - $1.25M be allocated to affordable housing preservation via home rehabilitation and down payment assistance; and
    - $1.25M be allocated for the buildout of the Athens-Clarke County Center for Racial Justice and Black Futures.

17. On December 6, 2022 the M&C accepted by unanimous vote the recommendation from the AJMP to designate $1.25M to affordable housing preservation via home repairs and down payment assistance. The M&C directed staff to draw from the ARPA contingency fund and group with the existing ARPA Affordable Housing bucket.

18. On December 13, 2022, the M&C approved a substitute motion to partially fund six Phase I Affordable Housing Projects for a total of $6.1M, using the remaining $5M from the Affordable Housing bucket, plus $1M from the ARPA Contingency fund.

19. During the March 16, 2023 AJMP committee meeting, staff presented a timeline for the Preservation of Affordable Housing activities. Committee members highlighted the importance of these activities to benefit lower-income residents.

20. During the April 20, 2023 AJMP committee meeting, staff presented the Preservation of Affordable Housing RFP Concept. Committee was supportive of the concept and provided

some recommendations (e.g., requiring recipients to conduct community outreach to ensure eligible residents were aware of funding)**.**

21. On June 6, 2023, the M&C voted to approve the RFP concept for affordable housing preservation based on recommendations made by the Athens Justice & Memory Project.

22. On June 12, 2023, staff released an RFP for ARPA AJMP Preservation of Affordable Housing Projects focused on homeowner-occupied repair and rehabilitation projects and/or down payment assistance programs.

23. Between June 12, 2023 and August 11, 2023, ACCGov staff offered TA assistance including a webinar on June 29, 2023 outlining key RFP elements for potential subrecipients.

24. On August 16, 2023, staff released an Addendum to the RFP to provide updates to the insurance and liability requirements for subrecipients of this RFP.

25. On September 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., the RFP closed. Staff received only one proposal from Historic Athens requesting $602,000 in ARPA AJMP Affordable Housing funding for a new home rehabilitation program named "Equitable Home Preservation Initiative".

26. Between September 4-26, 2023, the RFP review team reviewed and evaluated the single proposal received. During a review meeting on September 22, 2022, staff identified areas of the proposal that required clarification before being able to finalize funding recommendations.

27. On September 25, 2023, staff emailed Historic Athens a request to clarify details pertaining to their proposed budget, staffing plan and timeline.

28. On September 29, 2023, Historic Athens provided the information requested by staff (History #27) and the revised budget received reduced the request to $531,400.

29. On October 2, 2023, the RFP review team reconvened to review the additional information provided by Historic Athens (History #28). An overview of the proposed program and staff's funding recommendation is detailed in **Attachment #1**.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. There are four general eligible uses for SLFRF funds by cities and counties:
    a. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic;
    b. Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic by supporting the health of communities and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts;
    c. Provide premium pay for essential workers;

d. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet; and
e. SLFRF funds may be used for administration of SLFRF programs and projects including costs to support effective management and oversight, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and accounting and reporting of SLFRF funds.

2. The U.S. Treasury Department requires that ARPA SLRF funds be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026.

3. The M&C were presented with staff recommendations on how to allocate the remainder of the SLRF. At the March 1, 2022 voting meeting, the M&C approved a Commission-Defined Option to allocate funds differently than was initially proposed (History #11). A summary of proposed, final, and current allocations is as follows:

Category	**Proposed Allocation**	**Final M&C Allocation**	**Current Allocation as of 8/31/23** (inc. additional projects approved after initial allocation)
Revenue Replacement/Budget Balancing	$11.0M	$3.4M	$4.4M
Youth Development	$5.6M	$7.0M	$7.5M
Affordable Housing	$5.6M	$11.0M	$15.0M
Homelessness	$5.6M	$5.0M	$9.9M
Business and Workforce Development	$5.6M	$4.0M	$4.0M
Behavioral Health	$0M	$4.0M	$4.0M
Future Needs/Contingency	$5.6M	$4.6M	$5K
All Others			$10.5M
Administration	$0.9M	$0.9M	$2.4M
Total	**$39.9M**	**39.9M**	**$57.6M**

4. Due to the long lead time required for affordable housing construction and due to funding shortfalls in the North Downtown Athens Redevelopment Project, all other funds in the ARPA Affordable Housing Bucket have been allocated. Projects currently funded by this bucket are:
   a. Phase 1 Affordable Housing Projects ($6.1M)
      i. New construction of affordable housing – 3 projects
      ii. Repair and weatherization of home-owner occupied units – 3 projects
   b. North Downtown Athens Redevelopment Project ($7.5M)
   c. Housing Affordability Investment Strategy Consultant ($161k)

5. The Attorney's Office engaged a third-party consultant to assist with the interpretation of how ACCGov can use State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) or otherwise referred to as ARPA funding. Specifically, the third-party consultant has weighed-in on how ACCGov may provide funding as it relates to this topic. The consultant has advised the following:

"SLFRF funds may be used to finance programs, services or capital expenditures that assist communities or classes of individuals in addressing the impacts they experienced due to COVID-19. While these communities or individuals may have suffered discrimination in housing policies and practices in the past, that history of discrimination, by itself, does not clear the SLFRF eligibility threshold. It is those communities or individuals demonstrated COVID-19 related impacts that justifies using SLFRF funds to provide necessary assistance."

"SLFRF funds cannot be used to pay any debt moral or otherwise (judgements, etc.)."

6. Pursuant to federal guidelines any program would have to be available to all citizens—regardless of race or whether they were descendants of former Linnentown residents—that meet the established eligibility criteria required to obtain "long-term housing security" assistance

7. Federal guidelines do allow for the prioritization of eligible applicants that are part of underserved populations. The U.S. Department of the Treasury defines this as: "populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life (31 CFR Part 35)."

8. As part of the Affordable Housing Investment Plan, HR&A Advisors identified the following as key challenges faced by residents trying to access and sustain homeownership:
   a. ACC's homeownership has decreased over the last 5 years (17% less than state- and nation-wide rates);
   b. There is inequitable access to mortgages, particularly among local Black/African-American households,
   c. Nearly half of Athens' low-income homeowners pay more than 30% of their income on housing costs and are thus vulnerable to rising maintenance costs and property taxes; and
   d. There are not enough good quality move-in ready homes.

9. As part of the list of potential strategies to address ACC's affordable housing challenges, HR&A suggested both down payment assistance and owner-occupied repair/rehabilitation programs as tools to support current and prospective low- and moderate-income homeowners.

10. The RFP for AJMP Preservation of Affordable housing Projects aimed to preserve affordable housing via home repairs and down payment assistance and was aligned to help address findings from the Affordable Housing Investment Plan. It also builds upon existing ARPA-funded affordable housing projects, and other local programs currently funded through CDBG and HOME.

11. Staff recommends fully funding the proposal submitted by Historic Athens ($531,600). They propose creating a new program ("Equitable Home Preservation Initiative") that makes historic homes safe and sustainable for low-income homeowners through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation. The program will support homeowners with a maximum of 80% AMI in Qualified Census Tracts (1, 4.01, 6, 9, 21, 301, 302, 1404, 1405, 1504, and 1505), who are living in a residence built at least 50 years ago.

12. Historic Athens' Equitable Home Preservation Initiative will provide up to $25,000 in repairs and home weatherization to at least 12 qualified households (as described in Fact & Issue #11) during the proposed program period beginning first quarter of CY 2024 (pending length of contracting process) through December 2026.

13. Historic Athens has received CDBG funding since at least 2010 to administer the Hands on Historic Athens (HOHA) program, which is focused on preserving of historic homes owned by low-income Athenians through up to $5,000 weatherization and repair projects. Historic Athens has consistently met or exceeded projected number of households served. The agency also has a history of remaining compliant with CDBG regulations, and therefore presents low risk.

14. Despite sharing the RFP with all local service providers through dedicated Listservs, ACCGov Newsflash and website, staff did not receive any proposals focused on the down payment assistance portion of the RFP. As such, staff proposes re-releasing the RFP by December 8, 2023 with the following adjustments:
    a. Minimum request of $718,400 (funds remaining from AJMP Affordable Housing allocation if M&C approve funding recommendation for Historic Athens)
    b. Accept proposals from for-profit entities who identify at least one non-profit program partner.

15. With the re-release of the RFP for down payment assistance programs, staff will do more targeted outreach toward potential eligible applicants and follow this estimated timeline:
    - RFP Release: December 8, 2023
    - Technical Assistance Period: December 11, 2023 – January 5, 2024 (excluding ACCGov holidays)
        - Pre-Proposal Meeting (webinar): December 11, 2023
        - Final Date for Questions: January 5, 2024
        - Q&A Addendum released: January 9, 2024
    - Proposal Due: January 12, 2024
    - RFP Review and Recommendation of Submitted Proposals: January 15-31, 2024
    - Mayor and Commission Award Approval: March 2024
    - Contracting: March – May, 2024

- Contract Period: Q2 CY 2024 – December 2026

16. This recommendation meets the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goals, Strategies, and/or initiatives:
    a. Strategy 1A, Initiative 1: Continue supporting the Athens Justice and Memory Project
    b. Strategy 4A: Support home ownership by increasing opportunities for low income and middle-income people to own a home and help people retain and remain in homes.
    c. Strategy 4E: Improve equitable housing opportunities in identified disinvested or underinvested areas.

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve staff's recommendation to award $531,600 in ARPA AJMP funding to Historic Athens (formerly Athens-Clarke County Heritage Foundation) to implement their "Equitable Home Preservation Initiative" to preserve historic homes for low-income homeowners through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation (**Attachment #1)**;
    b. Authorize ACCGov staff to re-release a request for proposals for down payment assistance by December 8, 2023; and
    c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate ACCGov staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Do not approve the ARPA-funded Athens Justice & Memory Project Preservation of Affordable Housing home rehab funding recommendation as proposed;
    b. Do not approve to re-release a request for proposal for down payment assistance.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b, & c

DEPARTMENT: Housing & Community Development
Prepared by: Alejandra Calva (HCD) and Cameron McGlothen (IO)

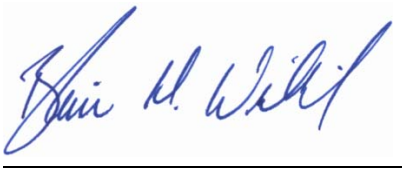
Roderick Wallace — 10/3/2023

Roderick Wallace
HCD Director

Date

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, & c



Manager

October 12, 2023
Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 - AJMP Affordable Housing Preservation Historic Athens Funding Recommendation

Attachment #1

Athens-Clarke County Housing & Community Development Department
Athens Justice & Memory Project Preservation of Affordable Housing Projects

AJMP Preservation of Affordable Housing Projects Budget: …..…… $1,250,000

Recommended Activities:

1. Historic Athens ……..…….. $ 531,600
   The Equitable Home Preservation Initiative is the organizations commitment to historic preservation and social equity. Through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation, they strive to make historic homes safe and sustainable for low-income homeowners.

Remaining AJMP Preservation of Affordable Housing Projects Budget: ……..…….. $ 718,400

Proposal Summary

Agency Name: Historic Athens	**Evaluation Score:** 77.25(out of 100)
ARPA Funding Requested: $531,600	**Funding Recommendation: $**531,600

Historic Athens proposes to create and implement a new "Equitable Home Preservation Initiative" to preserve historic homes through comprehensive weatherization and climate-conscious rehabilitation to make historic homes safe and sustainable for low-income homeowners. Through this project, Historic Athens aims to ensure that low-income homeowners are not forced out of their homes due to its condition or affordability. By making moderate repairs, they aim to ensure homes remain safe and inhabitable. By weatherizing homes, they aim to reduce energy costs, so homeowners have less of a financial burden.

Specifically, through the Equity Preservation Initiative, Historic Athens will provide up to $25,000 in repairs and home weatherization to at least 12 qualified clients. Proposed eligibility requirements for clients include: (a) the client is a homeowner who lives in the property; (b) the client's household income falls at or below the "low income" threshold of 80 percent of Area Mean Income; (c) the client's home was built at least 50 years ago (1973) and is located within a Qualified Census Tract (1, 4.01, 6, 9, 21, 301, 302, 1404, 1405, 1504, and 1505).

Historic Athens has received CDBG funding since at least 2010 to administer the Hands on Historic Athens (HOHA) program, which is focused on preserving of historic homes owned by low-income Athenians through up to $5,000 weatherization and repair projects. Historic Athens has consistently met or exceeded projected number of households served. The agency also has a history of remaining compliant with CDBG regulations, and therefore presents low risk.

Proposed Program Budget		
Expense	**ARPA Request Amount**	**Non-ARPA Support**
Contracting Services	$200,000	$0
Materials	$100,000	$0
Project Manager	$196,500	$0
Administration	$35,100	$0
Insurance	$12,000	$0
Utilities	$6,000	$0
Other (Advertising)	$7,500	$0
TOTAL	**$531,600**	**$0**

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application

DATE: August 22, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$ 407,250	HUD Homeless Assistance Grant Renewals
	$ 50,000	HUD Planning Project Grant for Housing & Community Dev. Dept.
	$ 457,250	HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant

EXPENSES:

ANNUAL:	$ 407,250	Funds Available for Homeless Housing Programs
	$ 50,000	HCD Grant Administration
	$ 457,250	Total Homeless Assistance

OTHER: $ 12,500 match of HCD staff salaries for the $50,000 Planning Grant (General Fund)

FUNDING SOURCE: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Authorize the submission of a grant application for up to $457,250 in Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant funds for HUD program year 2023, and acceptance, if awarded; and
b. Authorize the Mayor and ACCGov staff to execute all related contracts, grant agreements, and related documents.

HISTORY:

1. In 1995, ACCGov applied for and received the first of several Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants.

2. Since 2004, the Athens-Clarke County Homeless Coalition (ACC Homeless Coalition) has established the primary goals of the Athens-Clarke County Continuum of Care as providing housing programs for chronically homeless persons and increasing their access to mainstream medical and mental health services.

3. On July 5, 2023, HUD published the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and made available the grant application for the FY2023 program year. On August 7, 2023, HCD released a community wide Request for Applications (RFA) on the ACCGov website and the ACC Homeless Coalition website with a submission deadline to HCD of August 23, 2023.

4. On August 24-28, 2023, as part of the required CoC application process, the ACC Homeless Coalition's Governing Board met to evaluate and select successful project applications.

5. On September 14, 2023, the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant project selections were announced to Homeless Coalition membership and posted on HCD's website.

6. On September 28, 2023, the CoC consolidated application was submitted to HUD.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. In addition to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding, HUD offers opportunities to compete nationally for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Program funding to alleviate homelessness.

2. As part of the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant application, HUD requires communities to submit a Continuum of Care Plan outlining the activities and services offered in the community to reduce and eliminate homelessness. In Athens-Clarke County, CoC funds are managed by both HCD and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). As such, local CoC planning accounts for potential projects from both entities.

3. The CoC Homeless Assistance Grant funds provide homeless service agencies funding to implement housing and supportive services that have a documented need.

4. The initiatives funded and managed by HCD during the current program year are as follows:
   - Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) permanent supportive housing projects and case management (three total projects accounting for 30 housing units)
   - Project Safe rapid re-housing project for domestic violence survivors
   - HCD Planning Project dedicated to administrative expenses

5. HUD has numerous requirements associated with the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant. ABHS and Project Safe provide HCD with monthly program and performance data, an Annual Performance Report, a System Performance Measures Report and the Longitudinal System Analysis as part of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report provided to Congress.

6. ABHS' and Project Safe's funds are administered by HCD and are one-year renewal grants for currently funded programs.

7. In addition to the projects listed above, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) manages two CoC projects in Athens-Clarke County. These include a 20-unit shelter + care project operated by ABHS and a supportive housing project operated by Live Forward. To help coordinate homeless services in Athens-Clarke County, HCD includes the DCA-managed projects in the local CoC application; ACCGov has no ongoing responsibilities for these projects if they are awarded in FY23.

8. HCD submitted a $50,000 Planning Grant project application to help pay for grant administration expenses. A 25% in kind match of staff time in the amount of $ 12,500 is required for this grant. These funds cannot be used in support of homeless housing.

9. The ACC Homeless Coalition recommends that all submitted projects be accepted for inclusion in the FY23 CoC application. HCD concurs with this recommendation. These projects include:

10.

Ranking	Project	Request	Responsible Agency
1	ABHS 5-Unit Supportive Housing	$74,510	ACCGov (HCD)
2	ABHS 23-Unit Supportive Housing	$244,436	ACCGov (HCD)
3	ABHS 20-Unit Shelter + Care	$197,306	DCA
4	Project Safe Rapid Rehousing	$53,180	ACCGov (HCD)
5	AIDS Athens Shelter + Care	$249,171	DCA
6	ABHS 2-Unit Supportive Housing	$35,124	ACCGov (HCD)
N/A	CoC Planning Grant	$50,000	ACCGov (HCD)

11. Grant administration items of note:
    - **Funding level:** CoC Homeless Assistance grants are awarded through a nationally competitive process. Localities compete for approximately $3.1 billion to fund housing and services for the homeless.
    - **Match:** ACCGov has no cash match obligation; the Planning Grant, if awarded requires 25% match. HCD has pledged in-kind match of staff salaries supported by the General Fund.
    - **Eligible Activities:** Leasing, rental assistance, supportive services, coordinated entry and Homeless Management Information Systems.
    - **Administration:** Once the position is refilled, the Homeless Specialist will be the lead program manager on behalf of HCD.
    - **Local Government Commitment:** ACCGov is not obligated to continue funding of the program if this grant is not renewed in the future.
    - **Contracts:** Each CoC project is managed with an individual contract from HUD. This facilitates the partial award of the application, if needed.
    - **Evaluation:** The individual projects will be evaluated annually by HCD and HUD to determine program effectiveness.

12. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Quality, Stable, Affordable Housing for All Goal, Strategy D: *Prevent and reduce homelessness by enabling supportive housing options that meet a variety of need*

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Authorize the submission of a grant application for up to $457,250 in Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant funds for HUD program year 2023, and acceptance, if awarded; and
    b. Authorize the Mayor and ACCGov staff to execute all related contracts, grant agreements, and related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission do not authorize acceptance of the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant for the HUD FY2023 program year.

3. Mayor and Commission-defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option **#**1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Housing & Community Development
Prepared by: Melinda Lord

Roderick Wallace

Roderick Wallace,
Director of Housing &
Community Development

9/12/2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b

Manager

October 12, 2023
Date:

Commission Defined Option Mitchell Bridge Road sponsored by Fisher, Culpepper, and Hamby

1) Mayor and Commission:
   a.Designate the Proposed Preliminary Plans as shown on Attachment #1 as SubProject #2 of the TSPLOST 2023, Project 6 –Mitchell Bridge Road;
   b. Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub-Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project as generally shown on Attachment #1;
   c. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire the necessary rights-of-way, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (SubProject 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on Attachment #1;
   d.Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on Attachment #1, and **utilize $2,000,000 from TSPLOST 2018 (#15 Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvement Project) for construction** and,
   e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TSPLOST 2023 Project 6, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor Improvements Project – SP #2 - Mitchell Bridge Road Preliminary Plan Approval

DATE: September 24, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES: $ 6,762,000 TSPLOST 2023 Project 06 (All Tiers)

EXPENSES:

CAPITAL:

$ 665,000	Designated Land Acquisition
$ 242,000	Designated Design
$ 784,080	Designated Testing, Fees, PM & Misc.
$ 4,335,000	Designated for Timothy Road Corridor Improvements
$ 40,000	Designated Public Art
$ 595,920	Designated Project Construction & Contingency
$ 100,000	Available for Final Design Mitchell Bridge Road

FUNDING SOURCE: TSPLOST 2023 Program Revenues

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:
To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Designate the Proposed Preliminary Plans as shown on **Attachment #1** as Sub-Project #2 of the TSPLOST 2023, Project 6 –Mitchell Bridge Road;

b. Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub-Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project as generally shown on **Attachment #1**;

c. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire the necessary rights-of-way, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub-Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1**;

d. Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1,** to the Bid and Award Phase upon identifying appropriate funding source; and,

e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. In 2013, ACCGov partnered with the Urban Land Institute to complete a Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "Strategy to Redevelop and Revitalize the Atlanta Highway Corridor." Stated goals of the report included:
   - Assessing the health of the corridor's current assets
   - Defining ways to make the corridor more successful and visually pleasing
   - Evaluating the potential future development in this corridor
   - Improving transportation infrastructure
   - Exploring marketing and financial tools to attract customers and residents to stimulate growth in these areas

2. On November 7, 2017, the voters of Athens-Clarke County approved the TSPLOST 2018 Program Referendum, which included the Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements as Project #15.

3. In August 2018, the Athens in Motion (AiM) issued a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Final Report. The Final Report included the following Goals and Objectives:

   - Create a vision for a future of biking and walking through strategic goal setting
   - Continue to evolve into more bikeable and walkable community
   - Goals:

     Connectivity
     Equity
     More Users
     Education
     Implementation

4. In August 2019, the Atlanta Highway-Atlanta Road Connect Athens Corridor Plans Final report was issued outlining the Plan Framework Pillars:
   - Leverage the work of earlier plans
   - Create holistic understanding of corridor dynamics
   - Offer realistic and measurable strategies for land use, design, and transportation
   - Communicate the process and action plan

5. In December 2019, per Mayor and Commission (M&C) direction, ACCGov Manager Williams directed the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) to develop a detailed cost estimate for Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Bike/Ped Corridor as part of the Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project (TSPLOST 2018 Project 15) .

6. On May 22, 2020, ACCGov Manager Williams distributed to the M&C an interdepartmental memo developed by TPW for the Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Bike/Ped Corridor

providing background regarding the M&C interest (History Item #5) in sidewalks/multi-use paths along the entire lengths of Timothy Road and Mitchell Bridge Road.

7. On May 26, 2020, M&C Work Session agenda item was discussed for the TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

8. Between March 28, 2020, and June 28, 2020, ACCGov hosted online public comment opportunities for the TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project. There were 76 responses submitted with the following summary of common responses and number associated with the response:

    - Support General Improvements for Pedestrian/Bicycles/Multi-use paths – 32
      Specific Mention: Cleveland Rd – 6, Mitchell Bridge Rd – 9, Timothy Rd - 5
    - Support General Corridor Potential Project Improvements – 13
    - Support Atlanta Hwy/Mitchell Bridge Rd/Timothy Rd Intersection Improvement – 9
    - Support Public Transportation Improvements – 7
    - Support Aesthetic/Visibility Improvements – 7
    - Do Not interconnect Through Existing Neighborhoods - 4
    - Support Traffic Signal Modifications/Improvements – 3
    - Support Landscaping/Median Installation Improvements – 3
    - Support Implementation of Immediate Impact Projects – 2
    - Support New Road Expansion – 1
    - Do Nothing/limited expense efforts – 1

9. On July 7, 2020, M&C approved TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 - Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project - Proposed project list.

10. Between August and December 2020, the User Group, with ACCGov department participation, developed the next phase of public engagement strategy and project content.

11. On January 12, 2021, staff outlined the public engagement strategy and project material for the Atlanta Highway Corridor during a presentation to the M&C at a Work Session.

12. Between February and April 2021, public engagement opportunities were completed, and public input was recorded for User Group consideration.

13. In March 2021, public engagement began, which included Pop-up Booth and Public Information Open Houses for the Project 14 – Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements and, Project 15 - Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

14. Between May and July 2021, the Atlanta Highway User Group deliberated the project data to develop a Priority Project Recommendation list.

15. On July 21, 2021, the Atlanta Highway User Group confirmed the following as the

recommended Project Priority list, Proposed Project Concepts, and recommended the M&C progress the two projects to the Preliminary Plan phase of the project development process:

- Timothy Road from Epps Bridge Pkwy to State Route 10 Loop/on-ramp (shared use path) – complete necessary design and construction of a shared-use path allowing bicycle and pedestrian safe passageway along the corridor completing a segment of the corridor identified in History items #5 & #6.

- Mitchell Bridge from Middle Oconee River/Greenway to West Chester Drive (shared use path) – complete necessary design and construction of a shared-use path allowing bicycle and pedestrian safe passageway along the corridor connecting Ben Burton Park and future Middle Oconee River Greenway completing a segment of the corridor identified in History items #5 & #6.

16. On August 12, 2021, at a Work Session, staff presented to the M&C the Atlanta Highway User Group's Recommended Priority Project List for TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project and the Proposed Project Concepts.

17. On August 23, 2021, the TSPLOST 2018 Oversight Committee (TSOC) met and reviewed the Proposed Project Concepts/Priority Project recommendations as compared with the Initial Project Statement for TSPLOST 2018, Project 15 – Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements Project. The TSOC, by unanimous vote, denied that that the proposed concept/priority project recommendation is consistent with the Initial Project Statement for Project #15 of TSPLOST 2018.

18. On September 7, 2021, M&C approved the following Commission-Defined Option (CDO) and authorized staff to expend up to $979,791 to develop, with public input, conceptual plans with cost estimates for design and construction, for the following items and bringing them to the Mayor and Commission for consideration on which options to advance to the preliminary design phase:

    A. Authorize staff to develop, with public input, conceptual plans with cost estimates for design and construction on which options to advance to the preliminary plan phase:

    - a shared-use path for all of Mitchell Bridge Road (from ATL Hwy to Tallassee Road) and Timothy Road (from ATL Hwy to the Berkley Hills Subdivision). This may include exploring use of different materials, as well as addressing topography challenges and safety considerations for any necessary street crossings.
    - a pedestrian sidewalk for all of Mitchell Bridge Road (from ATL Hwy to Tallassee Road) and Timothy Road (from ATL Hwy to the Berkley Hills Subdivision). This may include exploring use of different materials, as well as addressing topography challenges and safety considerations for any necessary street crossings.
    - Conceptual plans for each shall anticipate designs for safe pedestrian and bicycle access along Mitchell Bridge Road at each of the two bridges (over the Middle Oconee River and the Loop 10 Bypass).

B. Authorize the expenditure of up to $979,791 from TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 Project revenues for the above-mentioned projects.

C. Request the Atlanta Highway Corridor User Group develop a recommendation for additional subprojects for use of approximately $1,500,000 of the TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 revenues that include alignment with:

- The 2019 Connect Athens Corridor Report for Atlanta Highway;
- The TSPLOST 2018 Project Description;
- The Athens in Motion Master Plan (as applicable for any bike-ped projects and considering AiM project tiering);
- Public input received during the TSPLOST 2018 Project 15 Atlanta Highway Corridor project efforts; and
- ACCGov stated goals of equity with regards to project prioritization county wide.

19. In October 2021, GDOT permitted the Atlanta Highway Landscaping immediate impact project to support beautification of gateways into the Athens-Clarke County and it was completed. This effort was recommended and approved by M&C as part of the Approved Project list (History #9).

20. On May 24, 2022, the residents of Athens-Clarke County approved a referendum to for the TSPLOST 2023 Program which included Project #6 - Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road

21. Between September 2021 and July 2022, staff and the Atlanta Highway User Group developed the proposed Bike/Pedestrian Project Concepts for Mitchell Bridge Road & Timothy Road.

22. On August 9, 2022, M&C received a Work Session presentation regarding proposed Bike/Pedestrian Project Concepts for Mitchell Bridge Road & Timothy Road. The presentation also included notice that future sub-projects regarding the referenced $1,500,000 (History Item #18) will be brought back for M&C consideration at a later date.

23. Between August 22, 2022 and September 18, 2022, public engagement opportunities allowed residents to provide feedback regarding the proposed project concepts for Mitchel Bridge Road and Timothy Road. Results are found Facts & Issues #9.

24. On October 19, 2022, the Atlanta Highway User Group approved the Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Project Concepts.

25. On December 6, 2022, Mayor and Commission approved the following CDO for Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Corridor Project Concepts:

    a. Approve the Proposed Project Concepts, as generally described herein as CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List;

b. Authorize staff to advance the "Must Haves" Tier 1 projects (F&I #1) on the CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List to the Preliminary Plan Phase of the Project Develop Process;

c. Designate the Proposed Project Concepts as generally described herein as CDO Proposed Project Concept Priority List as Sub-Projects of the TSPLOST 2023, Project, Timothy Road/Mitchell Bridge Road Corridor;

d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

26. On July 19, 2023, the User Group recommended the Proposed Preliminary Plans for Mitchell Bridge Road (**Attachment #1**) for M&C approval.

27. On August 16, 2023, the User Group recommend Proposed Preliminary Plans for Timothy Road for M&C approval.

28. On September 20, 2023, the User Group recommended final plan development of Mitchell Bridge Road in conjunction of potential ACCGov/GDOT Bridge Grant programs.

29. On October 3, 2023, Mayor and Commission accepted the 2022 Bridge Investment Program Planning Grant Award which included the Mitchell Bridge Road facility over the Middle Oconee River.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. Must Haves (Tier 1) per CDO (History #25)

    a. Develop a 10' Shared-Use Path along the southern side of Timothy road between Skyline Parkway and Timothy Road/Loop 10 intersection with street crossings where appropriate).
    b. Develop a 10' Share-Use Path along the northern side of Mitchell Bridge Road between Westchester Drive to Ben Burton Park where no facilities exists and extend across the Middle Oconee River Bridge to the Private Road west of the Middle Oconee River).
    c. Develop a 10' Shared-Use Path along the southern side of Timothy road between Timothy Road/Loop 10 intersection and Rhodes Drive (Berkley Hills Subdivision) with street crossings where appropriate.

2. The Mitchell Bridge Proposed Preliminary Plans generally includes:
    - 0.36 mile bicycle/pedestrian shared-use trail
    - Typical width 10' (8' width across Middle Oconee River bridge)
    - Curb & gutter, storm drain, retaining walls
    - Appropriate safety features
    - Connectivity trail to Ben Burton Park

3. The Engineer's Estimate is for construction is approximately $2,000,000.

4. A tentative schedule for the project is:
    - GDOT Bridge Improvement Planning Grant Effort – FY 2025
    - Final Mitchell Bridge Road Section Design (BIP Grant dependant) – FY 2026

5. This recommendation supports the following Mayor and Commission Strategic Commitments:
    - Safely Move Around Athens Goal

        Improve, expand, and maintain sidewalks, share-use paths, and bike facilities to provide greater opportunities for residents to use active transportation safely

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OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:

    a. Designate the Proposed Preliminary Plans as shown on **Attachment #1** as Sub-Project #2 of the TSPLOST 2023, Project 6 –Mitchell Bridge Road;

    b. Approve the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub-Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project as generally shown on **Attachment #1**;

    c. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into agreements to acquire the necessary rights-of-way, permanent easements, and temporary easements, as necessary to support the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub-Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1**;

    d. Authorize staff to advance the proposed Preliminary Plans for TSPLOST 2023, Project 6, (Sub Project 2) Mitchell Bridge Road Improvements Project, as generally shown on **Attachment #1,** to the Bid and Award Phase upon identifying appropriate funding source; and,

    e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission deny approval of the proposed Preliminary Plans as shown on **Attachment #1**.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

DEPARTMENT:
Prepared by: J. Derek Doster, Office of the Manager - SPLOST & TSPLOST Program Management

Keith D. Sanders, TSPLOST Program Administrator — Date:

Stephen Bailey, Director
Transportation & Public Works

10/04/2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a, b, c, d, & e

Manager

October 12, 2023
Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 – Mitchell Bridge Road Preliminary Plans

Attachment 1

STATE	PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
GA		1	88

MITCHELL BRIDGE ROAD SHARED USE PATH

FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECT DATA

LENGTH OF PROJECT	0.36 MILES	
	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
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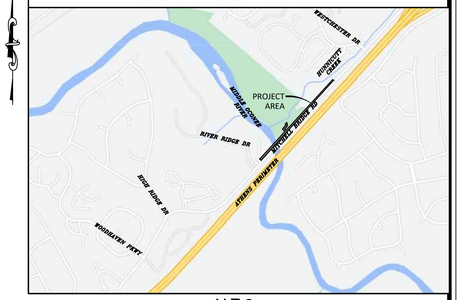

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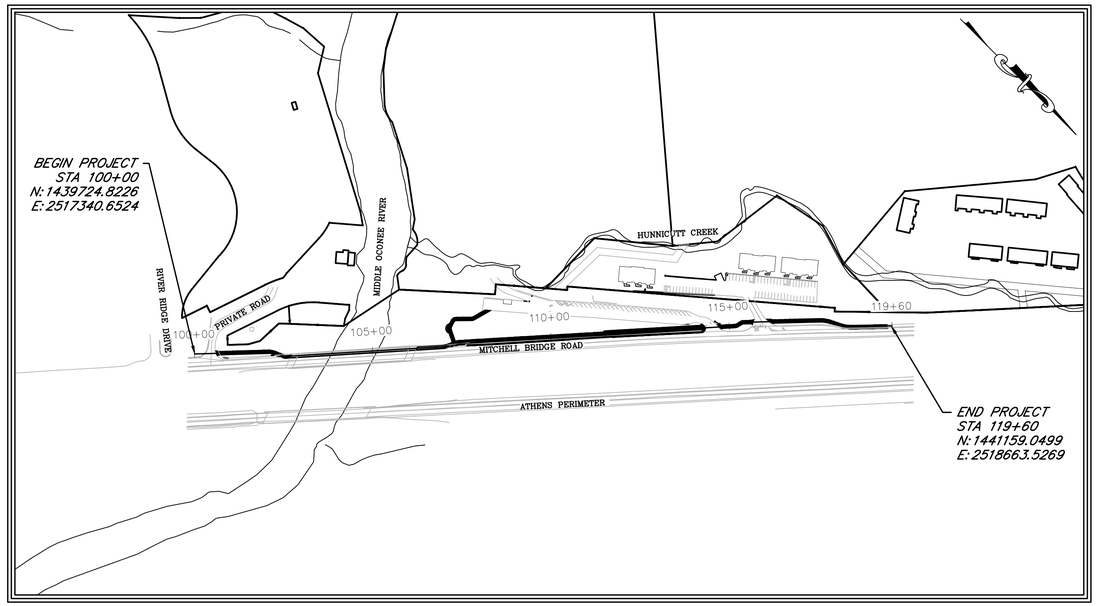

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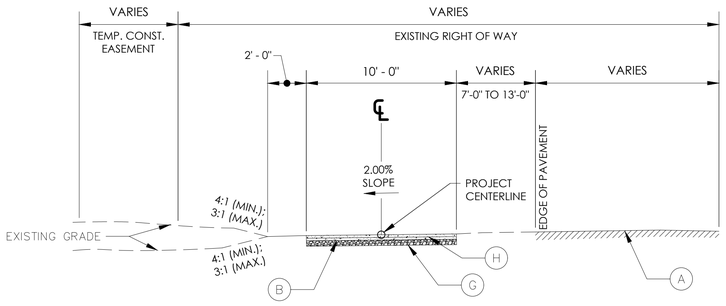

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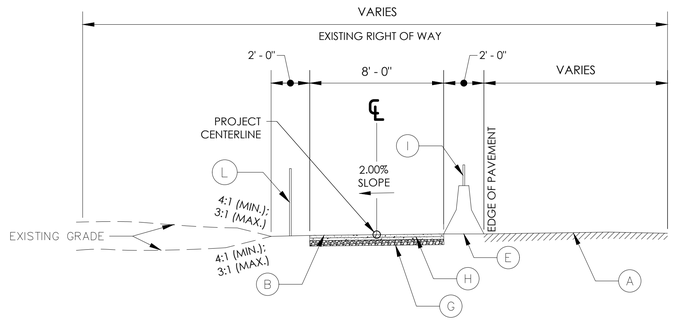

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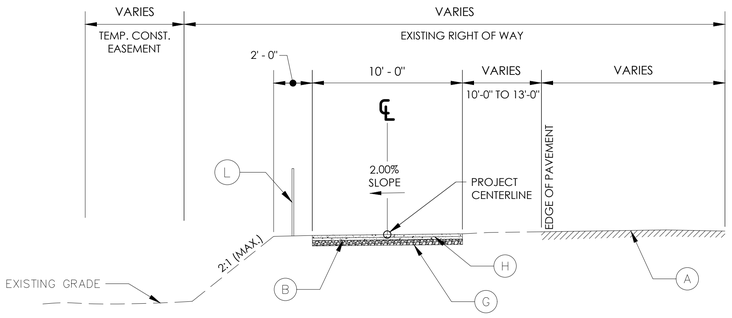

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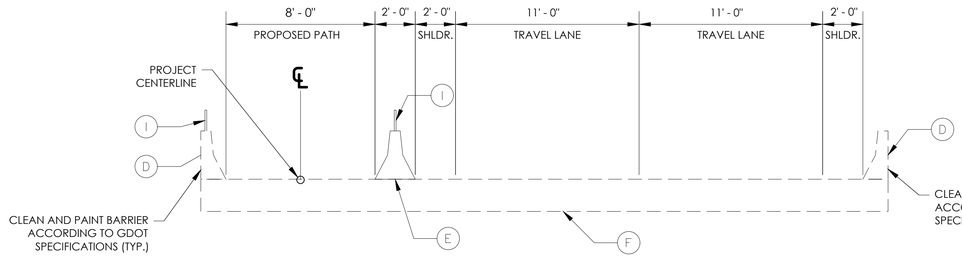

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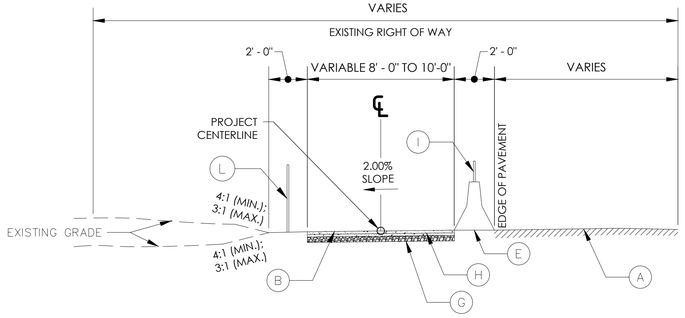

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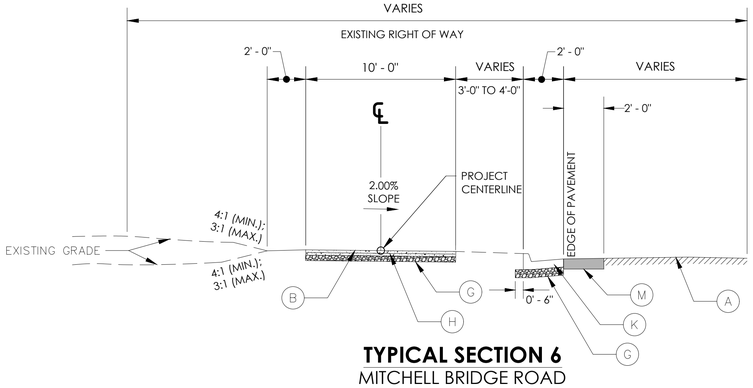

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REQUIRED PAVEMENT LEGEND

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- (B) NEW CONCRETE PATH, 4 IN THICK
- (C) NEW RETAINING WALL, GDOT DETAIL 4949D
- (D) EXISTING BRIDGE BARRIER
- (E) KWALL BARRIER, METHOD 2, DETAIL ON SHEET 40-002
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- (J) CONCOURSE BEAUTY STRIP, 4 IN THICK, SHADOW BOX JOINTING PER ACC DETAIL 1-060, COLORED RED
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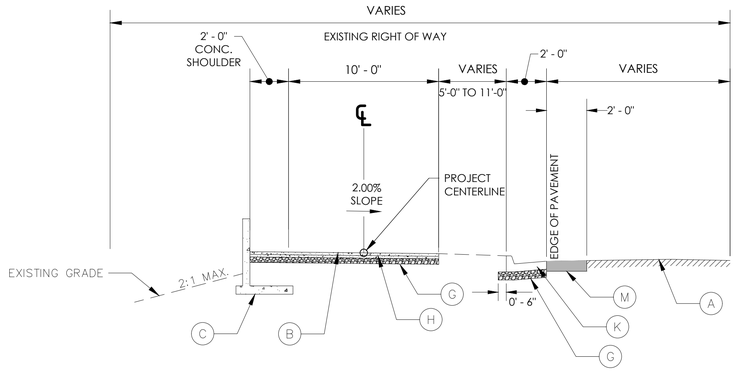

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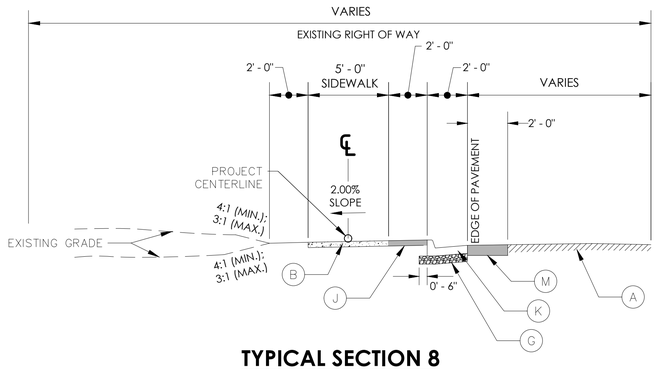

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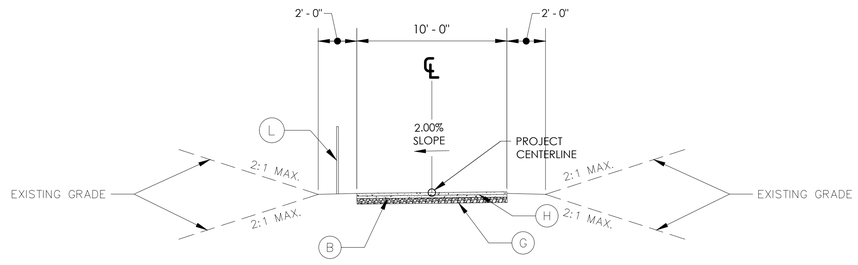

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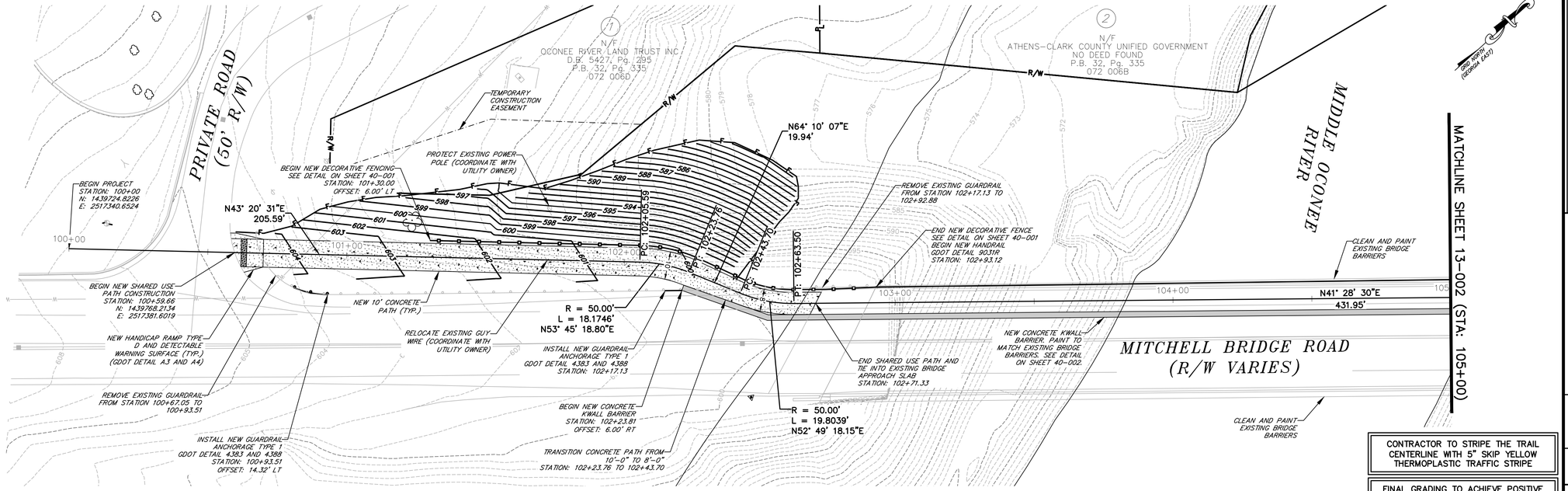

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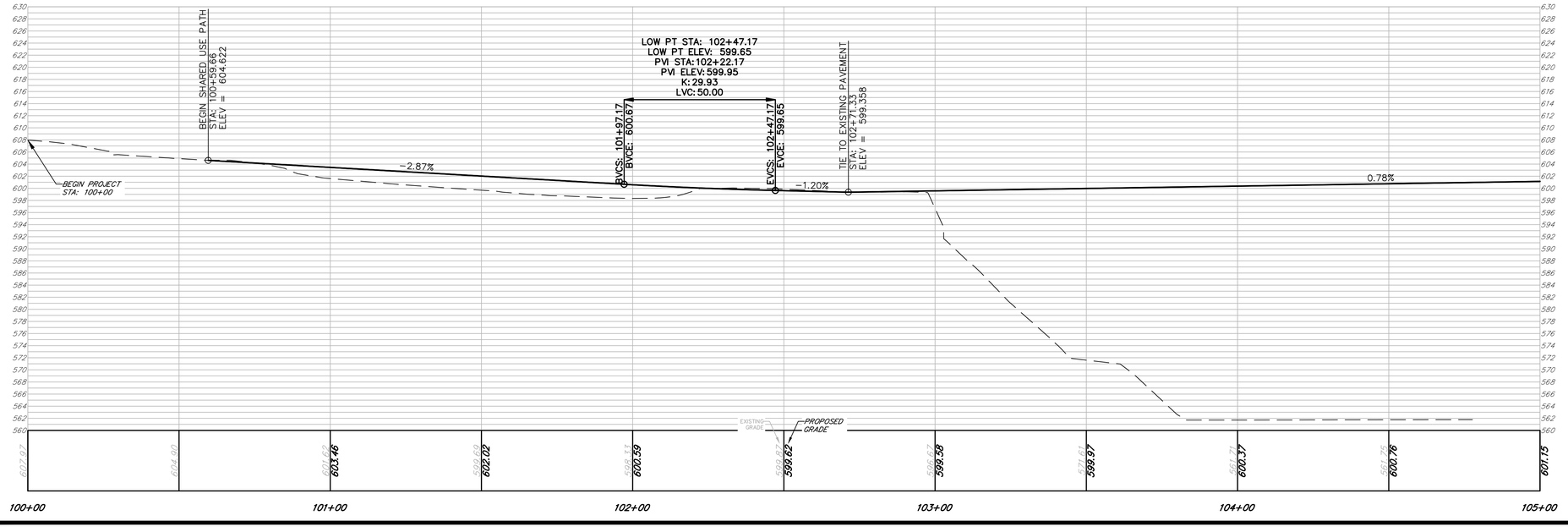

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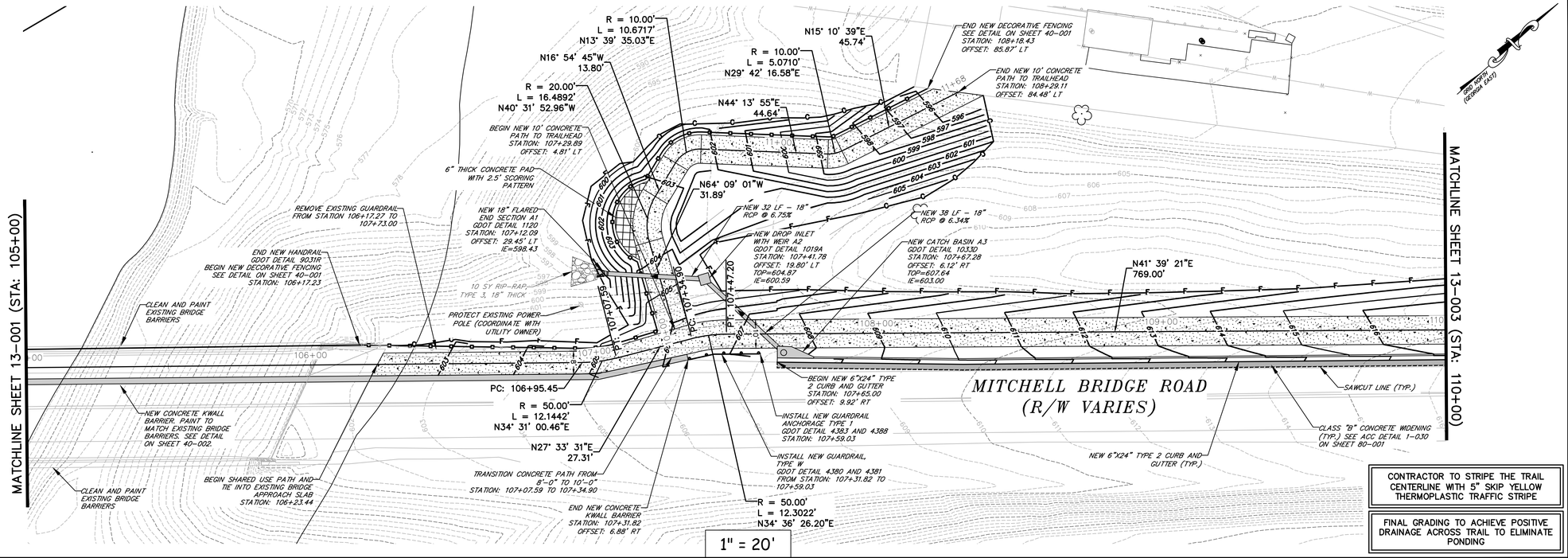

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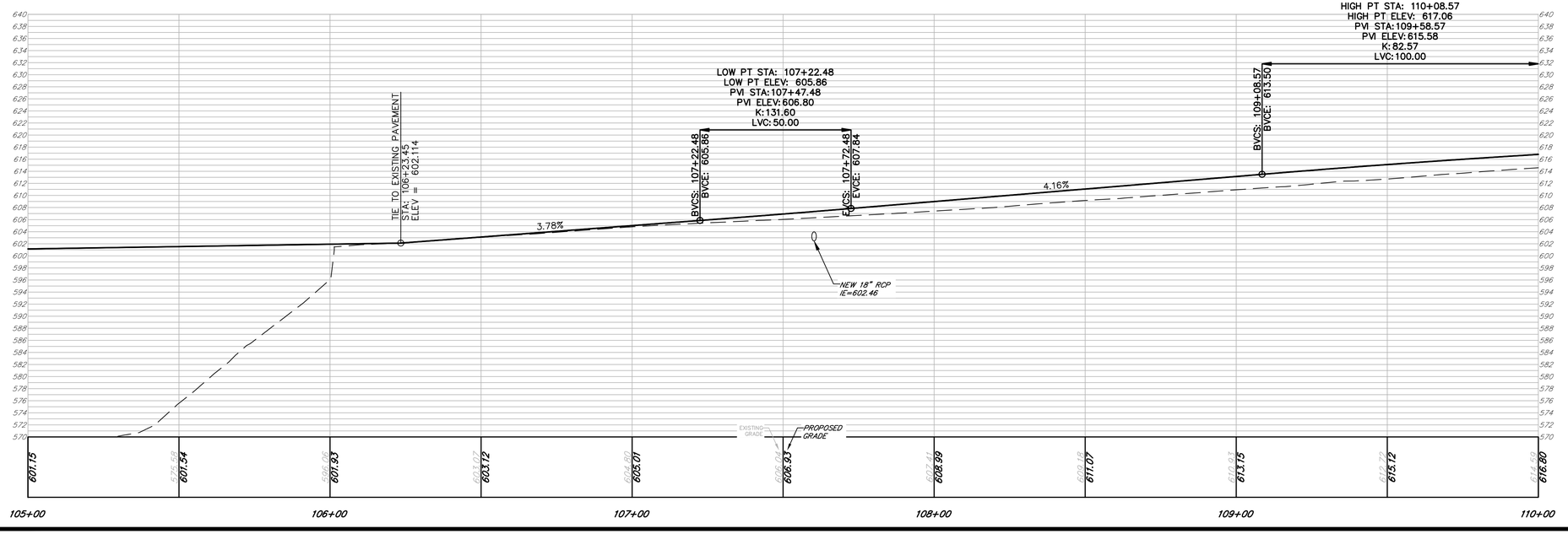

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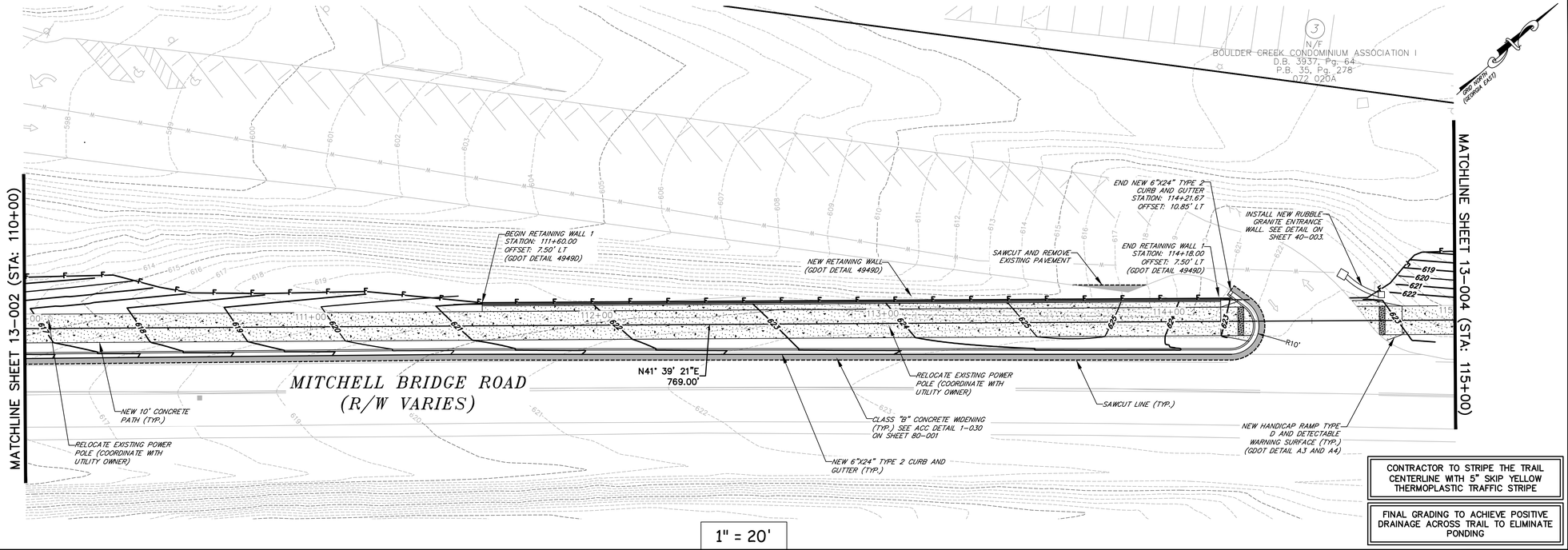

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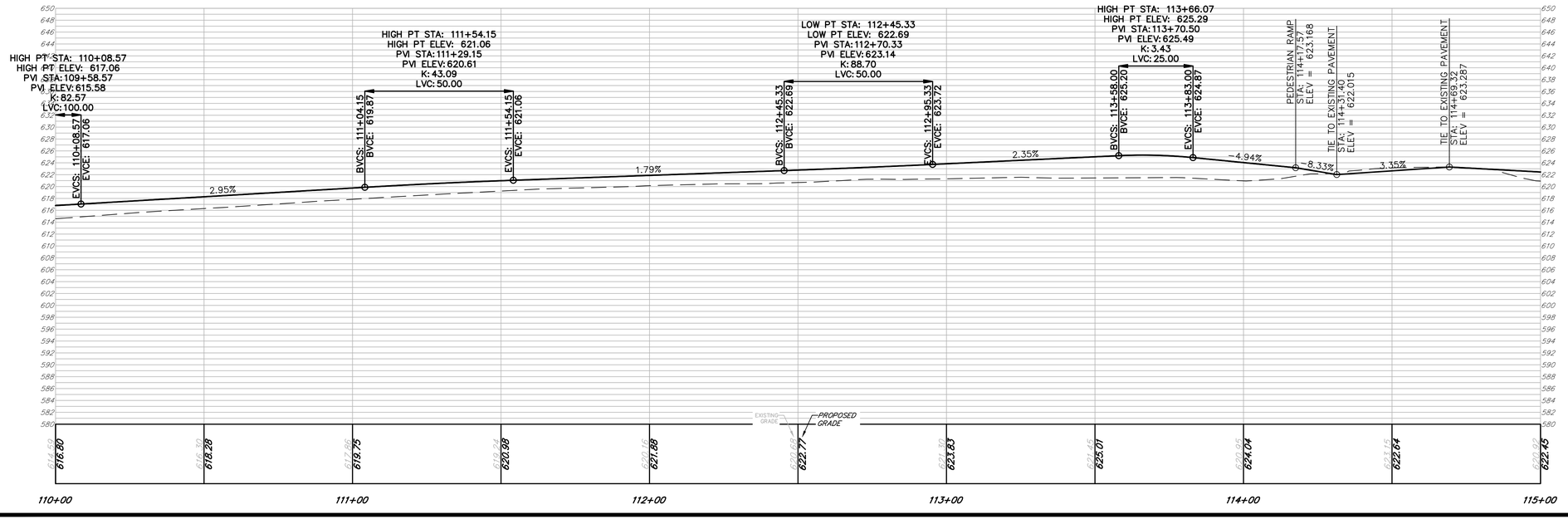

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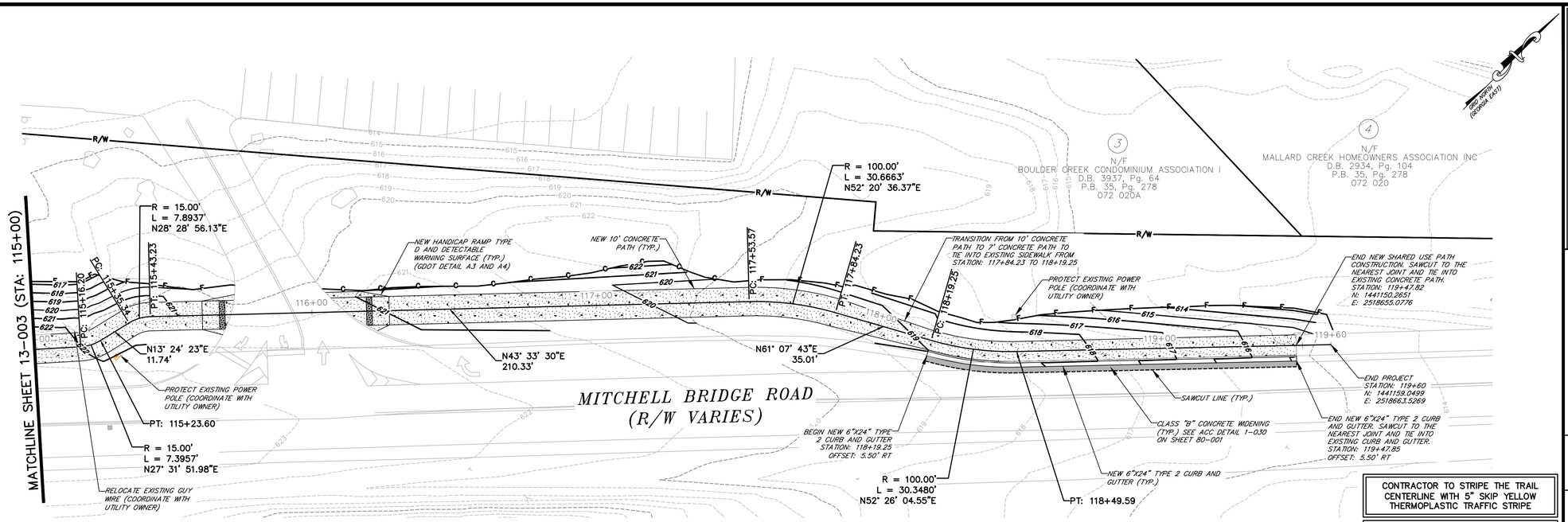

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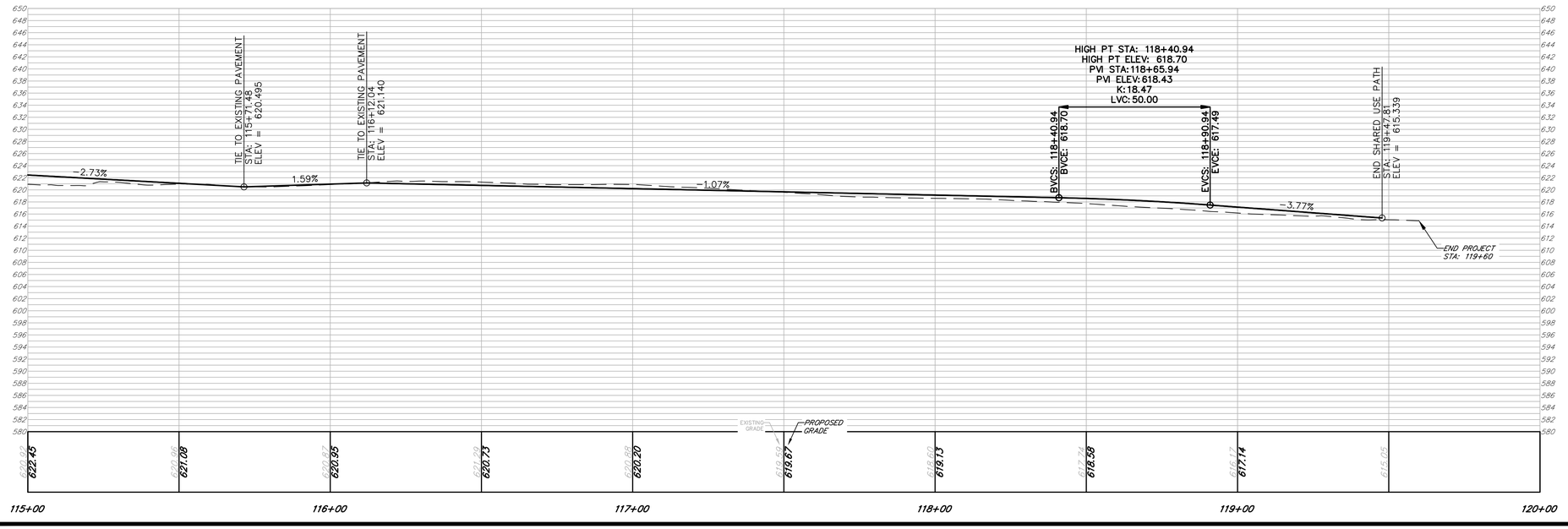

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THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Department of Corrections Offender Health Care Services Contract Award

DATE: October 13, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:	$0	
EXPENSES:		
ANNUAL:	$181,938	($15,162 monthly) Medical Services Budget
	$ 8,352	($696 monthly per diem at maximum capacity)
	$190,290	

FUNDING SOURCE: ACCGov FY24 Approved Operating Budget

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve an amendment **(Attachment 1)** to the existing contract with CorrectHealth, LLC to recognize that offenders within the current contract can be housed at the Diversion Center; and
b. Authorize the Mayor and any appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On November 2, 2004, the voters of Athens-Clarke County approved the SPLOST 2005 referendum, which included funds to construct a Diversion Center on the Corrections campus.

2. On May 11, 2012, the Diversion Center began operations and housing Athens-Clarke County sentenced offenders only.

3. On August 6, 2016, Warden Covington began a pilot program to house Georgia Department of Corrections offenders along with the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) offenders in the Diversion Center. The purpose of this endeavor was to utilize the Diversion Center to its full potential.

4. On January 12, 2021, the Mayor and Commission approved CorrectHealth, LLC as the vendor to provide offender health care services at the Corrections Institution only **(Attachment 2)**.

5. On January 1, 2023, the CorrectHealth, LLC contract was automatically renewed for another year ending on December 1, 2023.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. ACCGov is required by the Georgia Department of Corrections to provide health care services to the offender population assigned to the ACCGov Department of Corrections by the State of Georgia. These services include access to medical and dental services, emergency care, chronic care, and medication management.

2. ACCGov has decided to contract these health care services to a vendor utilizing the Request for Proposal process.

3. The CorrectHealth, LLC contract currently only contemplates "administering, managing and supervising the prisoner health care delivery system of the Athens-Clarke County Correctional Institution" and does not recognize the Diversion Center as a separate physical site. The amendment **(Attachment 1)** recognizes that offenders within the current contract can be housed at the Diversion Center.

4. On average, 25% of the GDC offenders in the Diversion Center are considered a "chronic care" patient. A "chronic care" patient is someone who has high-blood pressure, diabetes, or asthma. These diagnoses are indicated in their medical files and require routine follow-up appointments and/or prescription services.

5. The CorrectHealth, LLC contract provides a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for a minimum of 38 hours per week, on-call as needed, and access to a Registered Nurse and Medical Doctor.

6. The CorrectHealth, LLC contract facilitates prescriptions, x-rays, labs, dental and vision appointments, vaccinations, and physical therapy as needed.

7. The CorrectHealth, LLC contract is a five-year contract with automatic renewals on a calendar year basis with the first renewal beginning January 1, 2022. The second renewal occurred on January 1, 2023. The optional third and fourth renewals are scheduled to begin January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, respectively.

8. ACCGov's Corrections Department has the capacity to house 170 Georgia Department of Corrections offenders and has incrementally increased over time. Currently, the department has 162 offenders total between the Corrections Institution and the Diversion Center.

9. All offenders under the Corrections Department have access to healthcare services. Moreover, offenders in the Diversion Center are encouraged to obtain employment with health care and insurance opportunities which allows for a seamless transition into the community.

10. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goals & Strategies:
    - Good Neighbors Goal, Strategy B: *Proactively reform systems of accountability to reduce jail and supervised population and plan for transitioning and returning residents.*
    - Organizational Improvement Goal Strategy B: *Create a culture for high performance: increase interdepartmental collaboration, events, better cross-departmental.*

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve an amendment **(Attachment 1)** to the existing contract with CorrectHealth, LLC to recognize that offenders within the current contract can be housed at the Diversion Center; and
    b. Authorize the Mayor and any appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission do not approve the amendment to the existing contract with CorrectHealth, LLC

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option 1 a & b

DEPARTMENT:
Prepared by: Daniel Young

Ray Covington, Warden

October 12, 2023
Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option 1 a & b

October 13, 2023

Manager Date:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Amendment to Corrections Offender Health Care Services to include Diversion Center.
Attachment 2 - Corrections Offender Health Care Services contract signed 1-12-21

AMENDMENT
HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

The HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT between CORRECTHEALTH ATHENS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "COMPANY"), and Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, State of Georgia, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") originally entered into on January 1, 2021 is hereby amended effective January 1, 2022. Unless herein modified, all terms and conditions as set forth in the Health Services Agreement remain unchanged.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, COUNTY is charged by law with responsibility for administering, managing and supervising the prisoner health care delivery system of the ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION and the ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY DIVERSION CENTER (hereinafter collective referred to as "FACILITY").

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, by and through their duly authorized officers, the day, month and year given below.

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA ("COUNTY")

By: _____
Kelly Girtz, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gloria J. Spratlin, Clerk of Commission

Date of Execution: _____

(SEAL)

CORRECTHEALTH ATHENS, LLC ("COMPANY")

By: Stacy Marie Scott
Stacy Marie Scott (Aug 10, 2023 07:46 EDT)
Name: Stacy M. Scott
Title: Chief Legal Officer
Date: Aug 10, 2023

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HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

This HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the 1st day of January 2021, by and between CORRECTHEALTH ATHENS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "COMPANY"), and Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, State of Georgia, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, COUNTY is charged by law with responsibility for administering, managing and supervising the prisoner health care delivery system of the ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (hereinafter referred to as "FACILITY"); and

WHEREAS, the objective of COUNTY is to provide for the delivery of quality health care to prisoners in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to enter into a health care services agreement with COMPANY to promote this objective; and

WHEREAS, COMPANY is in the business of providing correctional health care services and desires to provide such services for COUNTY under the terms and conditions hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, with the intent to be legally bound, and in consideration of the covenants and promises hereinafter made, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: HEALTH CARE SERVICES

1.1 General Engagement. COUNTY hereby engages COMPANY to provide for the delivery of reasonable and necessary medical care to individuals under the custody and control of COUNTY and sentenced to and incarcerated at the FACILITY (hereinafter referred to as "PRISONERS"), and COMPANY hereby accepts such engagement according to the terms and provisions hereof.

1.2 Scope of Services. COMPANY will provide on a regular basis professional medical and related health care and administrative services for FACILITY prisoners, as described in COUNTY'S Request for Proposal #00995 and any Addenda thereto, and COMPANY'S CorrectHealth Proposal for Corrections Health Services, RFP #00995. These documents are incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of this contract.

1.3 Specialty Services. COMPANY will provide specialty services (radiology services and laboratory services) on-site to the extent reasonably possible. To the extent specialty care is required and cannot be rendered on-site, COMPANY will make appropriate off-site arrangements for the rendering of such care. COMPANY shall be responsible for the cost

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of on-site and off-site specialty care, up to the amount of the annual aggregate cap described in Paragraph 7.3.

1.4 Emergency Services. COMPANY will provide emergency medical treatment to prisoners, visitors and FACILITY staff as necessary and appropriate on-site. COMPANY will arrange for emergency services to be provided at local hospitals. COMPANY will arrange for ambulance service transportation in emergency circumstances.

1.5 Hospitalization Services. COMPANY will arrange for admission and hospitalization of any prisoner who, in the opinion of the COMPANY, requires hospitalization. COMPANY shall be responsible for the cost of hospitalization up to the amount of the annual aggregate cap described in Paragraph 7.3.

1.6 Elective Medical Care. COMPANY will not be responsible for the provision of elective medical care to prisoners. For purposes of this agreement, "elective medical care" means medical care which if not provided would not, in the opinion of the COMPANY, cause the prisoner's health to deteriorate or cause definite harm to the prisoner's well being.

1.7 Transportation Services. To the extent any prisoner requires off-site health care treatment (e.g. hospitalization, specialty services, etc.); COUNTY will provide appropriate transportation services as requested by COMPANY. Routine transfers will be the responsibility of COUNTY with regard to off-site non-emergency medical treatment.

1.8 Inmates Outside the Facility. The health care services contracted in the Agreement are intended only for those inmates in the actual physical custody of the COUNTY. This does not include inmates who are under guard in facilities or prisons outside of COUNTY. Such inmates are not to be included in the daily population count. No person(s), including those who are in any outside hospitals who are not under guard, shall be the financial responsibility of COMPANY with respect to the payment or the furnishing of their health care services.

The cost of medical services provided to inmates who become ill or are injured while on such temporary release, work release, or escape status will not be the responsibility of COMPANY. However, inmates on work detail who are supervised by county personnel and become injured will be the responsibility of COMPANY as long as they are returned to the facility to be treated by COMPANY personnel or are referred to the hospital by COMPANY personnel. These inmates must be part of the daily census count.

1.9 Injuries and/or Illnesses Incurred Prior to Incarceration or Incurred While Prisoner was Away from the Prison. To the extent possible and medically appropriate, COMPANY agrees to render on-site medical services to prisoners for injuries and/or illnesses incurred prior to incarceration or while the prisoner was away from the prison. In no event, however, shall COMPANY be liable for or responsible for payment of:

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(a) Any claim, liability, cost or expense arising or incurred at any time in connection with treatment of any prisoner's injury if such injury and/or illness occurred: (i) during any period prior to the prisoner's incarceration, including injuries and/or illnesses incurred prior to the prisoner actually being in the physical custody of the FACILITY; or (ii) while the prisoner was away from the facility for reasons other than health care prescribed by COMPANY employees or contractors; or

(b) Any claim, liability or cost arising out of the COUNTY's, the Warden's or any of their respective employee's, officer's, agent's or subcontractor's: (i) negligently or willfully preventing any prisoner from receiving medical care known by COUNTY to be recommended by COMPANY employees or contractors; (ii) negligently or willfully failing to promptly present any known ill or injured prisoner for treatment to COMPANY employees or contractors; or (iii) other legally-prohibited negligent or willful misconduct.

ARTICLE II: PERSONNEL

2.1 Staffing. COMPANY will provide healthcare personnel necessary for the rendering of health care services to prisoners as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

During the contract term, should the prisoner population increase above 116, adjustments to the staffing levels will be required, and COUNTY and COMPANY will negotiate the additional compensation needed to support the necessary increased staff and services.

2.2 Licensure, Certification and Registration of Personnel. All personnel provided or made available by COMPANY to render services hereunder will be licensed, certified, or registered, as appropriate, in their respective areas of expertise pursuant to applicable Georgia law.

2.3 COUNTY Satisfaction with Health Care Personnel. If COUNTY should become dissatisfied with any health care personnel provided by COMPANY hereunder, COMPANY, in recognition of the sensitive nature of correctional services, will, following receipt of written notice from COUNTY of its dissatisfaction and the reasons thereof, exercise its best efforts to resolve the problem and, if the problem is not resolved, remove the individual about whom COUNTY has expressed its dissatisfaction. COMPANY will be allowed a reasonable time prior to removal to find an acceptable replacement. For purposes of this section, notice from the Warden shall constitute notice from COUNTY.

2.4 Use of COUNTY Personnel and Prisoners in the Provision of Health Care Services. COUNTY personnel and/or prisoners shall not be employed or otherwise engaged by either COMPANY or COUNTY in the direct rendering of any health care services under this contract.

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2.5 Subcontracting and Delegation. In order to discharge its obligations hereunder, COMPANY will engage certain health care professionals as independent contractors rather than as employees. COUNTY consents to such subcontracting or delegation. As the relationship between COMPANY and these health care professionals will be that of independent contractor, COMPANY will not be considered or deemed to be engaged in the practice of medicine or other professions practiced by these professionals. COMPANY will not exercise control over the manner or means by which these independent contractors perform their professional medical duties. However, COMPANY shall exercise administrative supervision over such professionals necessary to insure the strict fulfillment of the obligations contained in this Agreement. For each agent and subcontractor, including all medical professionals, physicians, dentists, and nurses performing duties as agents or independent contractors of COMPANY under this Agreement, COMPANY shall provide COUNTY proof, that there is in effect a professional liability or medical malpractice insurance policy, as the case may be, in an amount of at least one million dollars ($1,000,000) coverage per occurrence and three million dollars ($3,000,000) aggregate.

2.6 Discrimination. During the performance of this Agreement, COMPANY, its employees, agents, subcontractors, and assignees agree as follows:

a. None will discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, gender or national origin, except where religion, gender or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

b. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees, each will state that it is an equal opportunity employer.

c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the section.

ARTICLE III: REPORTS AND RECORDS

3.1 Medical Records. COMPANY will cause to be maintained a medical record for each prisoner who has received health care services at FACILITY. This medical record will be maintained pursuant to applicable law and will be kept separate from the prisoner's confinement record. A copy of the applicable medical record information will be available to accompany any prisoner who is transferred from FACILITY to another location for off-site services. Medical records will be kept confidential, and COMPANY will follow COUNTY's policy with regard to access by prisoners and FACILITY staff to medical records subject to applicable law regarding confidentiality of such records. No information contained in the medical records will be released by COMPANY except as provided by COUNTY policy, by a court order, or otherwise in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to the Georgia Open Records Act.

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3.2 Prisoner Information. In order to assist COMPANY in providing the best possible health care services to prisoners, COUNTY will provide COMPANY information pertaining to prisoners that COMPANY identifies as reasonable and necessary for COMPANY adequately to perform its obligations hereunder.

3.3 COMPANY Records Available to COUNTY with Limitations on Disclosure. COMPANY will make available to COUNTY, upon COUNTY's request, all records, documents and other papers relating to the direct delivery of health care services to prisoners hereunder; provided, however, that COUNTY understands that the systems, methods, procedures, written materials and other controls employed by COMPANY in the performance of its obligations hereunder are proprietary in nature and will remain the property of COMPANY and may not at any time, be used, distributed, copied or otherwise utilized by COUNTY, except in connection with the delivery of health care services hereunder, unless such disclosure is approved in advance in writing by COMPANY. Proprietary information developed by COMPANY and labeled in advance by COMPANY as proprietary shall remain the property of COMPANY.

3.4 COUNTY Records Available to COMPANY with Limitations on Disclosure. During the term of this agreement and for a reasonable time thereafter, COUNTY will provide COMPANY, upon COMPANY's request, COUNTY's records relating to the provision of health care services to Prisoners as may be requested by COMPANY or as pertinent to the investigation or defense of any claim related to COMPANY conduct. COUNTY will make available to COMPANY such records as are maintained by COUNTY, hospitals, and other outside health care providers involved in the care or treatment of prisoners (to the extent COUNTY has possession of those records) as COMPANY may reasonably request consistent with applicable law. Provided, however, that any such information released by COUNTY to COMPANY that COUNTY considers confidential shall be kept confidential by COMPANY and shall not, except as may be required by law, be distributed to any third party without the prior written approval of COUNTY.

ARTICLE IV: SECURITY

4.1 General. COMPANY and the COUNTY understand that adequate security services are essential and necessary for the safety of the agents, employees, and subcontractors of COMPANY as well as for the security of prisoners and FACILITY personnel, consistent with the correctional setting. The COUNTY's FACILITY personnel will take all reasonable steps to provide sufficient security to enable COMPANY to safely and adequately provide the health care services described in this Agreement. It is expressly understood by the COUNTY and COMPANY that the provision of security and safety for the COMPANY personnel is a continuing precondition of COMPANY's obligation to provide its services in a routine, timely, and proper fashion. This provision, however shall not be considered to and shall not be construed to be a waiver of any defense, including sovereign or official immunity,

to any claim against county by an inmate, employee of company or any other person in anyway whatsoever.

4.2 Security During Transportation Off-Site. COUNTY will provide prompt and timely security as medically necessary and appropriate in connection with the transportation of any inmate between the FACILITY and any other location for off-site services as contemplated herein.

ARTICLE V: OFFICE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 General. COUNTY agrees to provide COMPANY with reasonable and adequate office and medical space, facilities, telephone equipment with dedicated line in the medical area, copy machine in the medical area for use by medical staff, and facsimile machine with dedicated line in the medical area. COUNTY will pay for the utilities (gas, electric, water, phone lines, internet access, facsimile access, etc.). COUNTY will provide for all capital medical equipment (greater than $500) and furniture required to perform the healthcare services, as described herein. Further, COUNTY will provide necessary maintenance and housekeeping of the office space and facilities.

COMPANY will provide all medical supplies, office supplies, and non-capital medical equipment (less than $500) used in the healthcare delivery system administered at the FACILITY.

5.2 General Services. COUNTY will provide for each prisoner receiving health care services no less than full range of services and facility provided by COUNTY for other prisoners at FACILITY including, but not limited to, daily housekeeping services, dietary services, building maintenance services, personal hygiene supplies and services, and linen supplies.

5.3 Delivery of Possession. COUNTY will provide to COMPANY beginning on the date of commencement of this Agreement, possession and control of all COUNTY medical and office equipment and supplies in place at the FACILITY's health care unit. At the termination of this or any subsequent Agreement, COMPANY will return to the COUNTY FACILITY possession and control all supplies, medical and office equipment, in working order, reasonable wear and tear accepted, which were in place at the FACILITY's health care unit prior to the commencement of services under this Agreement. Any such return will require written confirmation, executed by the Warden of the FACILITY, for proper acceptance.

ARTICLE VI: TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

6.1 Contract Term. This agreement will be effective as of January 1, 2021 for an initial term of one (1) year, ending on December 31, 2021. This agreement is renewable thereafter for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, under like terms, unless either party delivers

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written notice of non-renewal to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then-existing term.

6.2 Termination. This agreement may be sooner terminated on the first to occur of the following:

(a) Termination by Agreement. In the event COUNTY and COMPANY mutually agree, in writing, this agreement may be terminated on terms and date stipulated therein.

(b) Termination by Default. In the event either party shall give notice to the other that such other party has materially defaulted in the performance of any of its obligations hereunder and such default shall not have been cured within (30) thirty days following the giving of such notice in writing, the party giving notice shall have the right immediately to terminate this agreement by further written notice; provided, however that the cure period shall be limited to (10) ten days if the default is failure by COUNTY to timely make any payments due to COMPANY hereunder.

(c) Termination for Special Situations: COUNTY and/or COMPANY, as applicable, may terminate this agreement immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Upon failure of the governing body of COUNTY to authorize or appropriate funds sufficient for COUNTY to meets its obligations hereunder; or

(2) Upon insolvency, bankruptcy, or receivership of the other.

(d) Termination by Either Party. Either party may terminate this agreement without cause by giving the other party at least ninety (90) days prior written notice.

6.3 Responsibility for Prisoner Health Care. Upon termination of this agreement, total responsibility for providing health care services to all prisoners, including prisoners receiving health care services off-site, will be transferred from COMPANY to COUNTY.

ARTICLE VII: COMPENSATION.

7.1 Base Compensation. COUNTY will pay COMPANY an annualized base of **$171,493.58** during the initial term of this agreement. Payments will be **$14,291.13** per month during the initial term of this agreement. This amount includes an annualized Aggregate Cap of **$28,500.00**. This compensation level assumes a maximum prisoner population of **120** prisoners.

COMPANY will invoice COUNTY during the month prior to the month of service. COUNTY agrees to pay COMPANY within 30 days of receipt of invoice. In the event this agreement should terminate on a date other than the end of a calendar month, compensation to COMPANY will be prorated accordingly for the shortened month.

7.2 Per Diem. When the daily inmate census exceeds **120**, COUNTY agrees to compensate COMPANY **$0.44** per inmate per day for each inmate in excess of **120**. This per diem is intended to cover additional costs in those instances where minor, short term increases in the inmate population result in the higher utilization of routine supplies and services. However, the per diem is not intended to provide for any additional fixed costs, such as new staffing positions, which might prove necessary if the inmate population increases to more than **120** inmates. As such, if the census increases by 20% and is sustained, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith for additional staffing and associated compensation in order to continue to provide services to the increased number of inmates and maintain the quality of care consistent with this Agreement.

7.3 Aggregate Cap. The COUNTY acknowledges and agrees that it shall be responsible for payment of all costs and expenses associated with the provision of those specialty services, and those medical services that occur away from the FACILITY, when such costs and expenses exceed **$28,500** (the "Annual Aggregate Cap Amount") in any **twelve (12) month** period. These expenses will be applied to the Aggregate Cap on a monthly basis by allocating **$2,375** in any **one (1) month** period.

Examples of specialty medical services are hospitalizations, dental services, off-site physician care and office visits, emergency vehicle transportation, laboratory, radiology, other diagnostic tests, eye care services, emergency room visits, all non-formulary medications, and other specialty care not listed. Charges exceeding the cap will not be the financial responsibility of COMPANY.

The Aggregate Cap Amount shall be prorated for any partial twelve-month period under this Agreement. COMPANY will manage, verify and account for all off-site Inmate healthcare.

7.4 Subsequent Renewals. The Compensation paid to COMPANY for any succeeding twelve (12) month period (after the first twelve months of the Agreement) shall be as set forth on Exhibit B, attached hereto.

7.5 Change in Standard of Care or Scope in Services. The price in Section 7.1 and on Exhibit B for subsequent renewals, above reflects the scope of services as outlined herein and the current community standard of care with regard to health care services. Should there be any change in or modification of inmate distribution, standards of care, scope of services, cost of goods or services or available workforce pool, any statute, rule or regulation is passed or any order issued or any statute or guideline adopted that results in material

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increase in costs, the increased costs related to such change of modification are not covered in this Agreement and will be negotiated with the COUNTY.

7.6 Late Payments. The COUNTY shall pay COMPANY interest on all undisputed payments hereunder that are not paid when due, as specified in Section 7.1, above. Interest shall accrue from the date the original payment was due at a rate of one percent (1%) per month until the payment is made in full. The COUNTY shall bear the costs of any legal or collection fees and expenses incurred by COMPANY in attempting to enforce COUNTY's payment obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE VIII: LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

8.1 Insurance. At all times during this Agreement, COMPANY shall maintain professional liability insurance covering COMPANY for its work at FACILITY, its employees and its officers in the minimum amount of at least one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence and three million dollars ($3,000,000) in the aggregate. In the event that coverage changes, COMPANY will notify COUNTY in writing. COMPANY will also notify COUNTY, in writing, of any reduction in policy amounts or cancellation of insurance coverage if the new limits fall below the limits agreed to with the COUNTY. COMPANY shall make available a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the above policy levels and shall name COUNTY as an additional insured.

8.2 Indemnification. COMPANY shall indemnify, defend and hold COUNTY harmless from and against any and all claims against COUNTY based on COMPANY's performance of its obligations hereunder; provided, however, that COMPANY will not be responsible for any claim arising out of the COUNTY or its employee or agent negligently or willfully preventing a prisoner from receiving medical care ordered by COMPANY or its agent or in negligently or willfully failing to promptly present an ill or injured inmate to COMPANY for treatment.

To the extent allowed by law, COUNTY shall defend, and hold COMPANY harmless from and against any and all claims against COMPANY arising out of the performance by COUNTY, its employees, agents, officers, or contractors in connection with COUNTY's obligations hereunder or other conduct. This provision, however, shall not be considered and shall not be construed to be a waiver of any defense, including sovereign or official immunity, to any claim against county by an inmate, employee of company or any other person in any way whatsoever.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 Independent Contractor Status. The parties acknowledge that COMPANY is an independent contractor engaged to provide medical care to prisoners at the FACILITY under the direction of COMPANY management. Nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer - employee relationship, or a joint venture relationship between the parties.

9.2 Notice. Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address or to the other person at any other address as may be designated in writing by the parties:

(a) COUNTY: Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County
ATTN: Daniel Young
301 College Avenue
Athens, GA 30601

(b) COMPANY: CorrectHealth Athens, LLC
ATTN: Carlo A. Musso, M.D.
3384 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 700
Atlanta, GA 30326

Notices shall be effective upon receipt regardless of the form used.

9.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions and agreements that have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing and signed by the respective parties hereto. All prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded hereby.

9.4 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or revised only in writing and signed by all parties.

9.5 Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be constructed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provision hereof.

9.6 Other contracts and Third-Party Beneficiaries. The parties acknowledge that COMPANY is neither bound by nor aware of any other existing contracts to which COUNTY is a party and which relate to the providing of medical care to prisoners at the FACILITY. The parties agree that they have not entered into this Agreement for the benefit of any third person or persons, and it is their express intention that the Agreement is intended to be for their respective benefit only and not for the benefit of others who might otherwise be deemed to constitute third-party beneficiaries hereof.

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9.7 Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement which shall remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

9.8 Cooperation. On and after the date of this Agreement, each party shall, at the request of the other, make, execute and deliver or obtain and deliver all instruments and documents and shall do or cause to be done all such other things which either party may reasonable require to effectuate the provisions and intentions of this Agreement.

9.9 Time of Essence. Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

9.10 Authority. The parties signing this Agreement hereby state that they have the authority to bind the entity on whose behalf they are signing.

9.11 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

9.12 Cumulative Powers. Except as expressly limited by the terms of this Agreement, all rights, power and privileges conferred hereunder shall be cumulative and not restrictive of those provided at law or in equity.

9.13 Governing Law. This agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Georgia with venue in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.

9.14 Force Majeure. COMPANY and COUNTY shall not be deemed in violation of this agreement if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, labor disputes, labor shortages, prisoner disturbances, lack of COUNTY's financial or physical resources, failure of COUNTY to provide proper security services, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, failure of transportation, or any similar cause beyond the reasonable control of one or both of the parties.

9.15 Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

9.16 Successors and Assigns. To the extent allowed by law, COUNTY and COMPANY each binds itself, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto and to the successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained herein.

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9.17 Assignment by COMPANY. Neither this contract nor any duties or obligations under this contract may be assigned by COMPANY without the prior written consent of COUNTY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, by and through their duly authorized officers, the day, month and year given below.

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA ("COUNTY")

By: _____
Title: Mayor
Print Name: Kelly Girtz
Date: 1-13-2021

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission

CORRECTHEALTH ATHENS, LLC ("COMPANY")

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By: _____
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Name: Stacy M. Scott
Title: Chief Legal Officer
Date: 12/21/2020

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Exhibit A – Staffing Matrix

Position	FTE	Hours Per Week
Physician (MD / DO)	0.05	2
Registered Nurse Manager	0.05	2
Health Services Coordinator (LPN)	0.95	38
TOTAL	**1.05**	**42**

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Exhibit B – Subsequent Renewal Pricing

Effective Dates	Annual Compensation	Monthly Compensation	Per Diem
01/01/22 – 12/31/22	$176,638.39	$14,719.87	$0.45
01/01/23 – 12/31/23	$181,937.54	$15,161.46	$0.46
01/01/24 – 12/31/24	$187,395.66	$15,616.31	$0.47
01/01/25 – 12/31/25	$193,017.53	$16,084.79	$0.48

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE, CONTINUE, AND EXTEND A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SHORT-TERM RENTALS ON PARCELS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) ZONING DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, as provided in Article IX, Section II, Paragraphs I, II, and III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County enjoys all home rule powers, police powers, land development, governmental, and supplemental powers necessary to conduct and perform government functions; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government may exercise any power for government purposes, except as expressly prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government, like many other local governments in Georgia, has seen an increase in the number of short-term rentals, also known as short-term vacation rentals or "STRs," which is usually the rental of a vacation home, dwelling, apartment, condominium, or any room or a portion thereof, for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less; and

WHEREAS, STRs are usually, but not exclusively, advertised through websites such as Airbnb.com, Booking.com, Hometogo.com, and VRBO.com; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of STRs implicates zoning and land use considerations, the jurisdiction of which is expressly vested in local governments under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Georgia makes it clear that local governments may enact substantive zoning and land use regulations while, by contrast, the Georgia General Assembly may only enact legislation pertaining to zoning and land use procedures; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of zoning and land use power by a local government is in the furtherance of its police power authority to aid the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, based upon resident complaints, there is an increased degree of non-compliance activity related to STRs operating on parcels within the RS-40, RS-25, RS-15, RS-8, and RS-5 single-family residential zoning districts in Athens-Clarke County as evidenced by advertised properties that are operating without an occupation tax certificate and in violation of local quality of life ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Unified Government staff have received an increased amount of nuisance complaints involving, among other issues, noise, over maximizing occupancy, traffic, and parking related to STRs in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Athens-Clarke County is experiencing a housing crisis whereby local and essential workers are unable to find housing while concurrently the demand on local services and resources is increasing, creating housing insecurities and understaffed organizations and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County has found that there is a need to create zoning and land use standards related to STRs, including regulations addressing zoning, noise-related issues, parking, occupancy, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County desires to review for possible amendment or revision the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County relating to STRs within all zoning districts in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, in order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Athens-Clarke County, and to preserve the residential character of existing residential zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County is aware of the need to allow time for the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, the Planning Commission, and others as deemed appropriate, to develop and propose amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County relating to the operation of STRs; and

WHEREAS, while such amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County are being developed, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County desires to impose a temporary moratorium on new STRs in RS-zoned parcels to maximize the impact and effectiveness of any such amendments; and

WHEREAS, based upon the concerns expressed above, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County adopted an ordinance on September 19, 2023, which established a temporary emergency moratorium on new STRs in RS-zoned parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County desires to continue and extend said moratorium to allow further time for the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, the Planning Commission, and others as deemed appropriate, to develop and propose amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County relating to the operation of STRs; and

WHEREAS, the it is the intent of the Commission of Athens-Clarke County to continue and extend the moratorium on new STRs in RS-zoned districts by adopting this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing for this Ordinance has been provided in the same manner as for text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Athens-Clarke County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County hereby determines and directs that any RS-zoned property that has been operated as an STR in the past twelve (12) months, as measured from the effective date of the ordinance of September 19, 2023, shall remain exempt from the moratorium imposed herein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County incorporates and adopts by reference the herein the definition of "operate an RS-zoned property as an STR" as described in the ordinance of September 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the law is well established that a "zoning decision" is a final legislative action by a local government as further described in O.C.G.A. § 36-66-3(4)(A)-(F); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Supreme Court of Georgia's decision in *City of Roswell v. Outdoor Systems, Inc.*, 274 Ga. 130 (2001), a local government's temporary moratorium is not a "final legislative action"; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County finds that this temporary moratorium is in the best interest of residents, visitors, and the Unified Government and that it is the least restrictive means available, a reasonable exercise of the Unified Government's police power, and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County finds that a temporary moratorium on the establishment of additional STRs on RS-zoned parcels is a reasonable and necessary measure to protect the status quo as described in the recitals of this Ordinance and in the recitals of the ordinance adopted on September 19, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals in the preamble above are an integral part of this Ordinance, provide important background, and are incorporated by reference herein. Furthermore, the ordinance of September 19, 2023, which imposed a temporary emergency moratorium on new STRs on RS-zoned parcels, is incorporated by reference herein and should be read in conjunction with this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County hereby declares its intent to continue and extend the temporary moratorium on the establishment of new STRs on RS-zoned parcels, as originally described in the ordinance of September 19, 2023, and the Commission imposes such a moratorium herein. It is the intent of the Commission that any STR on RS-zoned property that was declared exempt in the ordinance of September 19, 2023, shall remain exempt under this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This temporary moratorium is necessary in order to maintain the status quo and allow the Planning Department of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County to consider the establishment of new or additional restrictions on the operation of STRs within the Code of Athens-Clarke County. The Manager (and appropriate staff as designated by the Manager) is hereby authorized to take necessary and appropriate actions, including posting any required notices under the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A. §§ 36-66-1, et seq., to study and propose further Ordinances and/or amendments to the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for adoption by the Commission of Athens-Clarke County to address the issues described in the preamble above.

SECTION 4. The temporary moratorium imposed herein shall remain in place through and including Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 11:59 post meridiem. Said temporary moratorium may conclude earlier upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) approval by the Commis-

sion of Athens-Clarke County of an additional moratorium after a public hearing; (b) affirmative act by a majority of a quorum of the Commission terminating the temporary moratorium; or (c) the adoption and approval of an amendment to the current Title 9, Zoning and Development Standards, of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, addressing the STR issues that are described in the preamble to this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This temporary moratorium shall have no effect on the use of properties as STRs on RS-zoned parcels where the rights to operate as an STR have become legally vested, nor shall this moratorium serve to disturb or hinder STR operations that legitimately began prior to the date that the temporary moratorium originally came into effect. As it pertains to establishing a vested entitlement to commence operating of an STR or to continue operating an STR, the property owner shall bear the burden to demonstrate such entitlement. Furthermore, the provisions of this Ordinance (or in any future zoning or land use amendments) to allow vested or legal nonconforming rights to operate an STR is not intended, nor shall they be construed, to imply that the Commission will not phase out STR operations over a reasonable period of time. *See Flippen Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. v. Brannan*, 267 Ga. App. 134, 137 (2004).

SECTION 6. To the extent necessary, penalties in effect for violations of Section 1-1-5 of Chapter 1-1 of Title 1 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby made applicable to this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be construed to confer upon the Manager (and appropriate staff as designated by the Manager) all incidental authority necessary and proper to enforce this Ordinance and carry out its provisions.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and should any part of this Ordinance be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 9. In the event scrivener's errors shall be discovered in this Ordinance after the adoption hereof, the Commission hereby authorizes and directs that each such scrivener's error shall be corrected in all multiple counterparts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. This Ordinance and the moratorium imposed herein shall take effect as set forth in Article II, Chapter 2 of the Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

[Signatures appear on the next page.]

SO ORDAINED on this ____ day of _____, 2023, the public's health, safety, and welfare demanding it.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Commission

THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Cisco Enterprise Agreement

DATE: October 23, 2023

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:

EXPENSES:
ANNUAL: $73,297.37
CAPITAL:
OTHER:

FUNDING SOURCE: FY24 IT Operating

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: November 7, 2023 Under Suspension of Rules

PURPOSE:

To request that the Mayor and Commission:

a. Approve the new five-year contract, valued at $366,486.87, of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) annual software licensing obligation to Cisco in the amount of $73,297.37 to Converge Technology Solutions through State Contract 99999-SPD-T20120501-0006; and

b. Authorize Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

HISTORY:

1. On March 19, 2020, ACCGov Mayor and Commission (M&C) declared a local state of emergency and updated the ordinance with more stringent measures to implement a shelter-in-place order, promote social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

2. On July 16, 2020, the Manager's Office asked for expenditures incurred or items needed that could be used to respond to the COVID-19, and many of the Cisco security services were included.

3. On August 4, 2020, M&C allocated $558,339 in CARES Act funds for the Information Technology department (IT) to respond to COVID-19, and $410,639 were targeted for Cisco security products and services. IT used these funds for Microsoft licensing to ensure all full-time staff had email accounts, networking equipment to handle the increase in remote work, and additional wireless access points.

4. On August 10, 2020, a purchase order was signed through the reseller Byteworks to obtain Cisco security products relating to firewalls, web filtering, and identity protection services for $74,195.96 for one year.

5. In the Summer of 2020, ACCGov and the Clarke County School District (CCSD) worked to provide additional distance learning avenues for CCSD students. IT installed wireless access points at 7 Leisure Services parks and facilities where students could work on their CCSD issued tablets and computers, while socially distancing. The Cisco software required for distance learning was configured and was in place for the CCSD's current start date of September 8, 2020.

FACTS & ISSUES:

1. Cisco provides multiple security products to IT in order to deliver networking services:
    a. Cisco ISE (Identity Services Engine to securely manage endpoint, user and ancillary device access to networks.
    b. Cisco Umbrella is a cloud managed web-filtering and logging product.
    c. Cisco Duo is two-factor authentication to provide additional security when logging into system.
    d. Cisco Firepower Threat Defense licensing enables our firewalls to properly monitor traffic from threats.
2. IT chose these security products for their flexibility in security services that can be used in public spaces as well as for internal operations to support a hybrid work environment.
3. The continuation of these solutions allows for continuity of network services and a more robust security posture than without having these products.
4. IT's current budget has funds available to cover these expenses. Under their EA, Cisco mandates IT to select a reseller. IT chose Converge Technology Solutions as they are under state contract and IT has worked with them on previous projects.
5. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
    - Organizational Improvement Goal, Strategy C – *Improve programs, processes, policies, and communication external and internal, assess how resources are allocated to meet existing and future needs for better service delivery and what we deliver.*

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission:
    a. Approve the new five-year contract, valued at $366,486.87, of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) annual software licensing obligation to Cisco in the

amount of $73,297.37 to Converge Technology Solutions through State Contract 99999-SPD-T20120501-0006; and

b. Authorize Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

2. Mayor and Commission deny the new five-year contract, valued at $366,486.87, of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov) annual software licensing obligation to Cisco in the amount of $73,297.37 to Converge Technology Solutions through State Contract 99999-SPD-T20120501-0006.

3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1 a & b

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology
Prepared by: Travis Cooper

Travis Cooper — 10/31/2023 Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1 a & b

Manager — October 31, 2023 Date:

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment #1: Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement
Attachment #2: Converge quote for Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement
Attachment #3: Cisco non-appropriation policy

Cisco Enterprise Agreement Program Terms for End Users

1) Program Overview.

a) EA Program. The Cisco Enterprise Agreement buying program (the "**EA Program**") provides You access to certain Cisco Technology and Services offered as Suites and Add-ons.

b) Applicable Terms. These terms ("**EA Program Terms**") together with the applicable Enrollment Descriptions and End User Information Form ("**EUIF**"), which are incorporated by this reference, govern the EA Program. The End User Terms govern Your Use of the Cisco Technology and Services purchased under the EA Program ("**Purchased Suites**"). Any capitalized terms not defined in these EA Program Terms have the meanings set out in the End User Terms. You agree to the terms of these EA Program Terms by the earlier of You (a) placing Your initial order for Suites offered under the EA Program with an Approved Source, or (b) signing these Program Terms.

2) Purchases and Adjustments

a) Ordering. All purchases will be made through Your Approved Source and all pricing will be provided by Your Approved Source. You may purchase Suites under the EA Program after Cisco has received the EUIF signed by Your authorized representative listing (a) Your Participating Affiliates; (b) the Purchased Suites; (c) the Suite Term; and (d) accurate Meter counts for You and all Participating Affiliates. You can then place an order for the Purchased Suites according to the process set forth in Your purchasing agreement with the Approved Source. Your first order under the EA Program must meet the minimum requirements for the EA Program ("**Initial EA Order**").

b) Purchasing Additional Suites. You may purchase additional Suites by submitting a new EUIF and order to the Approved Source. Suites and Add-ons purchased after Your Initial EA Order will by default co-terminate with the purchases in the Initial EA Order if there is at least 12 months remaining in the EA Term. The following scenarios must be covered under a new EA Program purchase subject to Cisco's then-current EA Program Terms or through a separate license purchase: (i) You make a purchase of a new Suite or increase Use above Your then-current Entitlement when there is less than 12 months remaining in the EA Term, (ii) You choose not to co-terminate Suites and Add-ons purchased after Your Initial EA Order, or (iii) Embedded Software is delivered within the last 12 months of or after the end of the EA Term. You may purchase Suites or Add-ons after Your initial purchase in an Enrollment only through the Approved Source that sold the initial Suite within that Enrollment.

c) Services. Basic Services are included in the price of the Purchased Suite and described in the applicable Enrollment Description and End User Terms. Higher levels of Services may be available for You to purchase as described in documentation provided to You at the time of purchase.

d) Payment Obligations and Growth. The Approved Source relies on the information You provide in the EUIF to establish the EA Commitment. During the Suite Term, Your EA Commitment may increase as a result of increases in Use or Your purchase of additional Suites or Add-ons.

i) True Forward. "**True Forward**" is Cisco's periodic review and prospective billing process for increases in Use above Your then-current Entitlement. Cisco will conduct a True Forward review on an annual basis. At a True Forward review, if Your Use is greater than Your then-current Entitlement for the measured Suite or Add-on, then (i) You will be invoiced and will pay for all charges for such increased Use for the remainder of the Suite Term, and (ii) Your Entitlement for that Suite or Add-on will be adjusted on a going-forward basis to the increased Use level.

(1) Initial Growth Cap. If Your Use at any time during the first six months of the Suite Term exceeds 105% of Your then-current Entitlement ("**Initial Growth Cap**"), then Cisco has the right to (1) issue to Your Approved Source(s) a True Forward invoice for all associated charges for such increased Use over the applicable Entitlement for the remainder of the Suite Term, after accounting for any applicable Growth Allowance; and (2) adjust Your Entitlement for that Suite or Add-on on a going-forward basis to the increased Use level.

(2) Growth Allowance. Certain Suites (as specified in the Enrollment Descriptions) are eligible for a set amount of free growth ("**Growth Allowance**") after the first six months of the Suite Term. For eligible Suites, at the time of Your next True Forward invoice, Cisco will charge Your

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Approved Source for increased Use above Your initial Entitlement (which may have already increased up to 105% during the first six months) minus any specified Growth Allowance.

ii) Verification. Cisco may request Your assistance to verify the quantity of Cisco Software You have Used, to accurately calculate Your True Forward payment obligation. If Cisco reasonably believes You have Used a greater quantity of Software than Your then-current Entitlement, upon request from Cisco and no more than once per 12-month period, You will provide verification information (such as order records) regarding the quantity of Software You have Used.

e) Value Shift. Value Shift is only available for certain Suites. If You purchase a Suite that is eligible for value shift (as specified in the Enrollment Descriptions), then during a True Forward review, the residual value of any purchased but unused licenses in the applicable Suite will automatically be applied to offset fees for increased Use of other licenses within the same Suite.

f) Price Predictability. True Forward charges will be based on not-to-exceed pricing as provided to You by Your Approved Source. The pricing and discount terms for specific Suites apply only to the Approved Source You selected for the applicable Suites.

g) Responsibility for Affiliates. Your payment obligation will be based on the EA Commitment by You and any Participating Affiliates. You remain responsible for all actions and payment of all charges incurred by You, any of Your Participating Affiliates, or any individual otherwise permitted by You or any of Your Affiliates to access or order Suites and Add-ons. In addition, You will provide Your Approved Source with an updated list of Participating Affiliates to ensure compliance with the EA Program.

3) Term & Termination

a) EA Term. These EA Program Terms will remain in effect until expiration or termination of all the Suites and Add-ons purchased in Your Initial EA Order ("**EA Term**").

b) Suite Term. The Suite Term for each Purchased Suite will commence on the Suite Start Date and last for the period set forth in the EUIF, or as specified in the order with the Approved Source, unless terminated in accordance with section 3(c)(i), below.

c) Termination.

i) Either party may terminate these EA Program Terms or a Purchased Suite if the other party materially breaches these EA Program Terms and does not cure the breach within 30 days of written notice of the breach. If You materially breach these EA Program Terms (including for non-payment of undisputed fees to the Approved Source), Cisco may suspend Your access to the EA Program (including Use of specific Suites or Add-ons, or resources such as the Cisco EA Tool) after providing You notice and an opportunity to cure as set forth in this section.

ii) Other than as provided in this section 3 and to the extent permitted by law, these EA Program Terms and any orders accepted under these EA Program are non-cancellable and may not be terminated.

d) Consequences of Termination or Expiration of a Suite Term.

i) If these EA Program terms terminate pursuant to Section 3(c)(i), or if the Suite Term You have purchased under the EA Program expires, then any rights to access or Use Cisco Technology or Services, and the Cisco EA Tool, and resources available as part of the EA Program, will terminate.

ii) If You terminate for Cisco's uncured material breach of these EA Program Terms, Cisco will provide a refund to the Approved Source for the remaining pro rata portion of amounts prepaid to Cisco attributable to the period after termination.

iii) If Cisco terminates for Your material breach, You will pay Your Approved Source all unpaid fees through the end of the then-current Suite Term for all terminated Suites.

4) Delivery, Tax, and Customs

a) Delivery. Cisco will make electronically delivered Software available to You and Your Affiliates in the transaction country of record and You are responsible for distributing such Software across Your organization. Software delivered on newly purchased Cisco hardware will be made available to You and Your Affiliates at the address provided with the purchase order for the Cisco hardware, and for purchases of Cisco hardware You must use the EA Tool during the setup of Your Cisco EA.

b) Embedded Software. During the Suite Term, for Purchased Suites that include Embedded Software, the

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value of Embedded Software will be deducted from the purchase price of the related Cisco hardware. If You are required to pay an Importation Fee, Your jurisdiction may use the value of both the hardware and Embedded Software to calculate the Importation Fee. Accordingly, the Importation Fee on the value of the combined products may be higher than if calculated solely using the price of the hardware.

5) Interpretation

a) Order of Precedence. If there is a conflict between these EA Program Terms, EUIF, Enrollment Description, and the End User Terms, the order of precedence for any Purchased Suite is: the EUIF, the Enrollment Description, these EA Program Terms, and then the End User Terms.

b) Assignment & Transfer. Neither these EA Program Terms, nor any right or obligation herein may be assigned or transferred by a party (including under Cisco's Software Transfer and Relicensing Policy) without the other party's prior written consent, which may not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld, or delayed. However, to continue providing You with the benefits of the EA Program, Cisco may assign or transfer its obligations (in whole or in part) upon written notice to You in the event of an acquisition of business assets to which these EA Program Terms relate. Any attempted assignment without the other party's consent shall be void and of no effect. When validly assigned or transferred, these EA Program Terms will bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns.

c) Entire Agreement. These EA Program Terms together with the applicable Enrollment Descriptions, End User Terms, and EUIF constitute the entire agreement between the parties concerning the purchase of Cisco Technology and Services under the EA Program and supersede all prior oral or written communications between the parties.

6) Definitions. These terms have the meanings specified below.

a) "**Add-On**" means an optional Cisco Technology and Services offering that is available as an add-on purchase to an underlying Suite.

b) "**Cisco EA Tool**" means the applicable platform, website, tool, or portal that Cisco makes available to You under the EA Program from time to time to enable You to: (i) view and manage Your Entitlement, Use, and the Suites and Add-ons; and (ii) access information about the EA Program.

c) "**EA Commitment**" means Your purchase commitment in the Purchased Suite for You and all Participating Affiliates.

d) "**Embedded Software**" means Software that is delivered on newly purchased Cisco hardware.

e) "**End User Terms**" means:

i) for Cisco Technology, the End User License Agreement ("**EULA**"), including applicable Product Specific Terms, available at http://www.cisco.com/go/eula, or equivalent written agreement between You and Cisco for accessing and using Cisco Technology, (the "**Licensing Terms**"); and

ii) for Services, the applicable Service Descriptions available at https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/legal/service-descriptions.html (collectively the "**Services Terms**").

f) "**Enrollment**" means a combination of Suites and Add-Ons belonging to the same Cisco Technology and Services family. Cisco DNA, Cisco Data Center, Cisco Security Choice, Cisco Meraki, Cisco Services, and Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan each represent an Enrollment.

g) "**Enrollment Description**" means the description of EA Program features applicable to the Cisco Technology and Services in an Enrollment.

h) "**Entitlement**" means the type, duration, and quantity of Suites and Add-Ons that You have committed to acquire, as adjusted (e.g., as a result of a True Forward).

i) "**EUIF**" means the End User Information Form for the Purchased Suite.

j) "**Meter**" means the unit of measurement for Cisco Technology and Services Use.

k) "**Participating Affiliates**" means Your Affiliates whose Meter counts are included on the EUIF.

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l) "**Services**" means maintenance, technical assistance, or other support provided for the Cisco Technology in a Purchased Suite.

m) "**Suite**" means a defined combination of Cisco Technology and Services made available under the EA Program.

n) "**Suite Start Date**" means, with respect to each Purchased Suite, the earliest date any Cisco Technology in the Purchased Suite is made available for You to Use.

o) "**Suite Term**" means, with respect to each Purchased Suite, the duration of the Purchased Suite.

p) "**Use**" means to download, install, activate, provision, enable, or otherwise access Software or Cloud Services available under the EA Program.

q) "**You**" or "**Your**" means the individual or legal entity purchasing Cisco Technology and Services under the EA Program as identified on the EUIF.

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End User Information Form

For End Users of the Cisco Flex Plans

To purchase the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment or Cisco Spark Flex Plan under the Enterprise Agreement ("EA") an authorized representative of the End User must complete this form in its entirety and sign it. Your signature is required on this form prior to receiving access to the program.

This form will be used ensure that You understand the terms of use that apply to Your Flex Plan. You will then be required to place an order for the Purchased Suite(s) according to the process set forth in Your purchasing agreement with the Approved Source.

End User Overview

End User Information	
Full Legal Name of the End User Organization (e.g., company, government entity	ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY
Address of End User's principal place of business	560 PRINCE AVE ATHENS, GA, 30601 US

Participating Affiliates
Cisco requires any Participating Affiliate(s) for which you are purchasing coverage to be included in this End User Information Form. Cisco relies on this list to define the scope of the agreement, ensure accurate pricing, as well as effective provisioning and support.
Participating Affiliate(s)
☐ None ☐ Only listed Participating Affiliates (to be recorded immediately below)
Participating Affiliates

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Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment

Your Suite(s) purchased under the Flex Plan
You will have access to the Software and/or Services in the Suite(s) you purchase, as identified in any orders You place through Your Approved Source. Any additional purchases can be made by placing an order for the Purchased Suites according to the process set forth in Your purchasing agreement with the Approved Source.
☐ Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite Enterprise Agreement ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Meetings Enterprise Agreement ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Calling Enterprise Agreement ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan for Education Meetings Enterprise Agreement ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan for Education Calling Enterprise Agreement ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enterprise Agreement for Public Sector ☐ Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite Enterprise Agreement for FedRAMP ☐ Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enterprise Agreement for FedRAMP ☐ Cisco Collaboration Enterprise Agreement Webex for Defense

End User Acceptance

THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTS THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS FORM ON THE END USER'S BEHALF AND THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS ACCURATE AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE. THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ABOVE WILL APPLY IF AN ORDER IS PLACED.

End User Organization	
Full Legal Name of the End User Organization (e.g., company, government entity) You Represent	ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY
Last Name, First Name	Cooper Travis
Title	CIO
Date	
End User Authorized Representative Signature	

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Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment Description & Supplemental EA Program Terms

This Enrollment Description lists the available Suites under the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan and additional terms and conditions that apply to the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment. You may purchase any or all of the Suites listed below, and for any particular Suite You purchase, You may select any or all of the available licenses listed. Purchasing a particular Suite does not give You access to licenses in another Suite.

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite	Webex Meetings	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Webex App	Cloud Service		
	Webex Calling; or Webex Calling Dedicated Instance	Cloud Service		
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager On-Premises Calling	Software		
	Webex Webinars	Cloud Service		
	Webex Events (formerly “Socio")	Cloud Service	Cisco Webex Events OD; EULA	

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Meetings Enterprise Agreement	Cisco Meeting Server	Software	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Webex Meetings	Cloud Service		
	Webex App	Cloud Service		

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Calling Enterprise Agreement	Webex App	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Webex Calling; or Webex Calling for SP; or Webex Calling (formerly Cisco Spark Call); or Webex Calling Dedicated Instance	Cloud Service		
	UCM Cloud Calling	Cloud Service		
	Cisco Unified Partner Hosted Communications Manager Calling	Software		
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager On-Premises Calling	Software		

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Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan for Education Meetings Enterprise Agreement	Cisco Meeting Server	Software	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker; Student
	Webex Meetings	Cloud Service		
	Webex App	Cloud Service		

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan for Education Calling Enterprise Agreement	Webex Calling (formerly Cisco Spark Call)	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager On-Premises Calling	Software		

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enterprise Agreement for Public Sector	Webex Meetings FedRAMP	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager Cloud for Government Calling	Cloud Service		

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enterprise Agreement for FedRAMP	Webex Meetings FedRAMP	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager Cloud for Government Calling	Cloud Service		
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager On-Premises Calling	Software		
	Webex App FedRAMP	Cloud Service		

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Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite for FedRAMP	Webex Meetings FedRAMP	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Webex App FedRAMP	Cloud Service		
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager Cloud for Government	Cloud Service		
	Cisco Unified Communications Manager On-Premises Calling	Software		
	Webex Webinars FedRAMP	Cloud Service		

Suite	Licenses	License Type	Licensing Documents	Meter
Cisco Collaboration Enterprise Agreement Webex for Defense	Cisco Meeting Server	Cloud Service	Cisco Collaboration Webex for Defense OD; EULA	Deployed Knowledge Worker
	Cisco IL5 Hosted Unified Communications Manager HCS-D	Cloud Service		

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Supplemental Terms and Conditions for Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment

Applicable Meters

The Meter for the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment is the number of Deployed Knowledge Workers. Your orders through an Approved Source must reflect accurate Knowledge Worker counts for You and your Participating Affiliates. Knowledge Worker count additions can be made through subsequent orders.

"**Deployed Knowledge Worker**" means a Knowledge Worker who has a profile configured within the Software or Cloud Service provisioning platform and associates that profile with a license as specified in the Offer Description i.e., the applicable desk phone, Jabber client, Webex App, mobile phone, video device, or personal computing device. You must assign each Knowledge Worker a cloud, on-premises, or hosted account to be treated as a single Deployed Knowledge Worker. A Knowledge Worker who is assigned more than one configuration (cloud, on-premises, or hosted) will be counted as multiple Deployed Knowledge Workers. Changing a Knowledge Worker's configuration to a new deployment model may result in an increased price, with any applicable fees being assessed at the time the new account is configured or subject to a True Forward as specified below.

"**Knowledge Worker**" means an employee or contractor who utilizes devices capable of running the Software, Cloud Services, or related browser plug-ins as part of their job duties.

"**Student**" means an individual who is currently enrolled or registered at Your institution for academic study on a full- or part-time basis. Employees, contractors, alumni, former students, prospective students, and students on an extended leave or indefinite absence are not considered Students. You will be required to provide a Student count when you place an order through an Approved Source.

Access to Purchased Suites

The Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment does not utilize the EA Workspace. Subject to Your payment of the applicable fees to the Approved Source, Cisco will grant You and all Participating Affiliates access to the Purchased Suites via automated integrated electronic delivery tools and email notification to the point of contact designated in the order.

Purchasing Additional Suites

During the Suite Term, You may purchase an additional Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Suite by placing an order according to the process set forth in Your purchasing agreement with the Approved Source.

Included Entitlements & Option for Add-on Purchases

Some entitlements (e.g., Common Area, Device Registration, Webex Events) may be included in Your Enterprise Agreement at fixed quantities as either recurring or one-time allotments. Details of these included entitlements can be found in the respective data sheets. If additional quantities are needed for those entitlements, purchase is required. The respective data sheets also describe optional add-on features and benefits that are not necessarily included in a particular entitlement but may be purchased separately (e.g., Speechview, Real-Time Translation).

Term and Termination

At the end of the Suite Term, the Purchased Suite will automatically renew (a "**Renewal Suite Term**") unless: (a) You elect on the order not to auto-renew; or (b) at least 45 days before the end of then-current Suite Term, You notify the Approved Source or Cisco of Your intention not to renew the Purchased Suite. If You notify only the Approved Source, the Approved Source must in turn notify Cisco within 30 Days of this intent. If the Growth Allowance has not been exceeded, the Purchased Suite will renew for the Knowledge Worker count as previously ordered. If the Growth Allowance has been exceeded, the Purchased Suite will renew the current plus incremental Deployed Knowledge Worker count for the remainder of the Suite Term.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Approved Source will notify You of any fee changes reasonably in advance of the Renewal Term. The new fees will apply for the upcoming Renewal Term unless You notify the Approved Source that You do not accept the fee changes before the next Suite Start Date.

Downturn for Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite

"**Downturn**" applies to Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite including Cisco Webex Calling (A-FLEX-EA-SUITE) only and is not applicable to Webex Suite including On-Premises Unified Communications Manager Calling (A-FLEX-EA-P-SUITE) or Webex Suite for FedRAMP (A-FLEX-F-EA-MPL, A-FLEX-F-EA-MUL). "**Downturn**" is defined as an event such as a corporate divestiture, merger, acquisition, or significant restructuring or reorganization of your business that causes a reduction of your Knowledge Workers by 20% or more.

After the first 12 months of the Suite Term, upon proof of an applicable event, You have the ability to reduce Your Knowledge Worker quantity for the Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite Enrollment by up to 20% of Your then-current Entitlement, if such reduction is: a) attributed to Downturn; and, b) does not cause Your Knowledge Worker quantity to fall below the minimum requirement of 250 Knowledge Workers. You may request only one Downturn reduction for the Collaboration Webex Suite during the Suite Term. If You reduce Your Knowledge Worker quantity for the Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite due to Downturn, You may be required to provide Cisco with a revised order. No refunds or credits will be provided for any services that have been delivered and/or invoiced.

Collab Flex True Forward Provision

a. This provision describes the True Forward operation for Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment only and supplements the EA Program Term True Forward provision above (Section 2(d)(i)). In the event of any inconsistency between the EA Program Term True Forward provision and this provision, this provision controls.

b. Cisco performs a True Forward for the Purchased Suites on each anniversary of the True Forward Effective Date. The "True Forward Effective Date" is date on which you first enroll in Program Terms with a True Forward provision. On the last day of the 11th lifecycle month, if You have exceeded the Initial Entitlement plus Growth Allowance, the Approved Source will charge You for the Consumption above the Initial Entitlement plus Growth Allowance through the remainder of the Suite Term. On each subsequent last day of the 11th lifecycle month of the Suite Term, the Approved Source will check for any Consumption above the previous year's Entitlement plus Growth Allowance and charge for additional consumption on the True Forward Anniversary Date and through the remainder of the Suite Term.

c. True Forwards can also occur if the peak number of Deployed Knowledge Workers exceeds five times (5x) Your then-current EA Entitlement plus Growth Allowance at any time. In this case, the Entitlement is subject to an immediate reset such that it would charge You for the Consumption above the Entitlement plus Growth Allowance through the remainder of the Term.

d. Your True Forward payment obligation for each Purchased Suite will be calculated by comparing Your Consumption of Software and Cloud Services to Your Entitlement plus Growth Allowance for the previous year. Any payment owed to the Approved Source will be determined as follows and reflected in the True Forward order: the unit price less any applicable discount or incentives multiplied by the quantity by which You exceeded Your then-current Entitlement. The price used to calculate any True Forward fees will be established when You place the order for each Purchased Suite.

e. If the Entitlement plus any applicable Growth Allowance is exceeded in the final year of the Suite Term as measured on the last day of the 11th lifecycle month, Cisco may charge a fee.

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Growth Allowance

This provision discusses Growth Allowance for Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment and supplements the EA Program Term Growth Allowance provision above (Section 2(d)(i)(2)).

For Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan:

The Growth Allowance for the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Enrollment is 20%. During the Suite Term, You may Consume up to 120% of the Initial Entitlement without incurring any additional charges. The True Forward is calculated once You exceed the Growth Allowance. For clarity, if You exceed the Initial Entitlement but do not exceed the Growth Allowance, You will not incur any True Forward charges.

For Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite:

The Growth Allowance for the Cisco Collaboration Webex Suite is 15%. During the Suite Term, You may Consume up to 115% of the Initial Entitlement without incurring any additional charges. The True Forward is calculated once You exceed the Growth Allowance. For clarity, if You exceed the Initial Entitlement but do not exceed the Growth Allowance, You will not incur any True Forward charges.

Value Shift

Value shift is not available for Purchased Suites under the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan.

Support Services

The basic Support Services are set forth in the applicable Offer Description.

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Attachment #2

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Converge is pleased to provide the following Proposal:

Prepared for:	**Athens-Clarke County Unified Government** 596 Prince Ave. Athens, GA 30601	*Date:*	11/2/2023
		Prepared by:	*Ken Fink*
Ship To:	**Athens-Clarke County Unified Government** 596 Prince Ave. Athens, GA 30601	*Quote Number:*	**ACCUG Security EA 9-28-23-3.xlsx**
Accepted by:		*Pricing valid for thirty (30) days*	

Part Number	Description	Term	Qty	Unit Price	Extended Price
	Security EA 60 Month v3 10/13/23 - 10/12/28 5 Year - GA Networking Equipment and IT Infrastructure Products #99999-SPD-T20120501-0006				
ELA2-M	Cisco EA BUNDLE	60	1	$ -	$ -
E2F-SEC-DUO-ADV	Cisco EA 2.0 Choice-Duo Advantage edition (formerly Access)	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2SF-DUO-ADV	EA Choice-Duo Advantage edition (formerly Access)	---	20	$ 236.09	$ 4,721.80
SVS-EA2-DUO-SUP-B	BASIC SUPPORT FOR DUO	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2F-SEC-ISE3	Cisco EA 2.0 Choice - Security Suites- ISE 3.0	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2SF-I-ISE-PREM-10	Cisco Security EA 2.0 Choice ISE Premier Subscription 10pk	---	240	$ 274.53	$ 65,887.20
E2SF-I-ISE3-ADM	Security EA 2.0 Choice ISE 3.0 Device Admin TACACS License	---	1	$ 3,609.13	$ 3,609.13
SVS-EA2-ISE3-SUP-B	Cisco EA 2.0 Choice - ISE 3.0 - Basic SW Support	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2F-SEC-NGFW	Cisco EA 2.0 Choice - Security Suites- NGFW	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2SF-F-FPR1010T	Sec EA 2.0 Choice FPR1010 Threat Defense Threat, Malware,URL	---	30	$ 558.64	$ 16,759.20
E2SF-F-FPR2130T-T	Sec EA 2.0 Choice FPR2130 Threat Defense Threat	---	1	$ 9,330.62	$ 9,330.62
E2SF-F-FPR4110T-T	Sec EA 2.0 Choice FPR4110 Threat Defense Threat	---	1	$ 34,868.03	$ 34,868.03
SVS-EA2-NGFW-SUP-B	BASIC SUPPORT FOR NEXT-GEN FIREWALL	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2F-SEC-UMBSIGE	Cisco EA 2.0 Choice -Security Suites-Umbrella SIG Essentials	---	1	$ -	$ -
E2SF-U-SIG-ESSR-K9	Sec EA 2.0 Choice Umbrella Secure Internet Gateway Essential	---	2000	$ 102.05	$ 204,100.00
SVS-EA2-SIG-SUPT-E	Umbrella Support for DNS/SIG Packages - Enhanced	---	1	$ 27,210.89	$ 27,210.89

Note that this order falls under Cisco's Non-Appropriations Clause which states:
If ACCUG provides Converge with formal signed documentation that proves the non-appropriation event/claim; a non-appropriation event means that (a) sufficient funds were not appropriated and budgeted by the customer governing body or will not otherwise be available to continue such payments, and (b) customer has exhausted all funds legally available for payment of the subscription beyond the current annual subscription term.

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CONVERGE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

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Accepted by:		*Pricing valid for thirty (30) days*	

Process Overview

Converge then agrees to act in good faith to advise ACCUG and monitor that, for one hundred twenty (120) days following such termination, there shall be no replacement purchase, lease or rental of equipment or services to be used to perform the same or similar function(s) as those performed by the service being terminated. This requirement shall not apply in the event that federal or state regulations clearly prohibit a restriction on substitution of the type set forth herein.

Converge then provides this documentation to US Public Sector Financial Controller & Commercial Finance to validate the data/event prior to any final determination regarding modification or termination of the Purchase Order. The cancellation of the subscription must be a total cancellation, not a partial-cancellation or reduction.

Total Investment >	**$**	**366,486.87**
5x Annual Payments of	**$**	**73,297.37**

Updated Announcement: February 18, 2019

US Government and Education Multi-Year Subscription Non-Appropriation Policy

Customers look favorably at annualized billing that allows a pay-as-you-go model with little up-front investment that frees cash for other areas. Cisco is focusing on providing this capability to our customers through partners with our Annuity Billing Platform.

When multi-year commitments are part of the equation, partners may have concerns about the potential for non-appropriation events due to government budget restrictions. In the event of non-appropriation during a multi-year subscription, upon partner's written request within at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of a certain annual subscription term, Cisco will offer the partner the right to terminate the remainder of the multi-year subscription without any penalties, provided the customer is within Scope and the partner complies with the required Process, all of which are detailed below. Cisco will not refund partner any subscription amount paid upfront for a certain annual subscription term.

Scope

- Software & Service Subscription-only purchases
- Territory: United States only
- Customer: Federal, State & Local Government, and Government-funded Public Schools

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Process

- Partner received an initial order or contract from customer for the multi-year subscription service clearly indicating the customer's intent was for a multi-year contract, subject to availability of funds after the first year.

- Partner obtains formal documentation from the government/education customer that proves the non-appropriation event/claim; a non-appropriation event means that (a) sufficient funds were not appropriated and budgeted by the customer governing body or will not otherwise be available to continue such payments, and (b) customer has exhausted all funds legally available for payment of the subscription beyond the current annual subscription term.

- The formal documentation must be signed by the end customer.

- Partner agrees to act in good faith to advise end customer and monitor that, for one hundred twenty (120) days following such termination, there shall be no replacement purchase, lease or rental of equipment or services to be used to perform the same or similar function(s) as those performed by the service being terminated. This requirement shall not apply in the event that federal or state regulations clearly prohibit a restriction on substitution of the type set forth herein.

- Partner reaches out to Cisco Customer Partner Success (CPS) team with end customer and partner signatures, which will open a case to address

- US Public Sector Financial Controller & Commercial Finance validate the data/event prior to any final determination regarding modification or termination of the Purchase Order

- Standard cancellation process applies; the cancellation of the subscription must be a total cancellation, not a partial-cancellation or reduction.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA TO APPROVE AND APPOINT THE MANAGER OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE SERIES 2022 AND THE SERIES 2023 CLASSIC CENTER ARENA PROJECT BONDS AND USE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Classic Center Authority for Clarke County (the "Authority") has been created pursuant to 1988 Ga. Laws p. 3799 *et seq.*, as amended by 1989 Ga. Laws p. 4867 *et seq.* and 2002 Ga. Laws p. 5665 *et seq.* (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Authority is empowered (i) to construct, reconstruct, acquire, equip, own, alter, repair, maintain, add to, extend, improve, operate, and manage public projects, including the erection of a building or buildings in Clarke County, Georgia, to be used for amusement, recreation, civic, cultural, commercial, hotel, parking, and educational purposes or a combination thereof, including fairs, expositions, exhibits, conventions, conferences, public meetings or gatherings, concerts, theater, and such other activities as are designed and intended to promote education, culture, tourism, and the arts, and (ii) with the approval of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Unified Government"), to borrow and issue revenue bonds for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, the costs of such projects; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously issued, with the approval of the Unified Government, its Revenue Bonds (Classic Center Arena Project), Series 2021, in the aggregate principal amount of $48,880,000 (the "Series 2021 Bonds"), for the purpose of paying (i) a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping of an approximately 7,000-seat multi-purpose arena facility, parking facilities and related property and facilities in the City of Athens, Clarke County, Georgia (as such facility is more fully described herein, the "Project"), (ii) capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) the cost of issuing the Series 2021 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 1, 2022, the Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia (the "Commission") approved a Resolution appointing the Manager of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia as the authorized representative of the Unified Government with respect to the Series 2021 Bonds and the use of the proceeds thereof, with full authority to approve and sign requisitions, draw requests and other documentation related to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2021 Bonds on behalf of the Unified Government

WHEREAS, the Authority has subsequently issued, with the approval of the Unified Government, its Revenue Bonds (Classic Center Arena Project), Series 2022, in the aggregate principal amount of $37,440,000 (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), for the purpose of paying: (i) an additional portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Project, (ii) capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) the cost of issuing the Series 2022 Bonds;

WHEREAS, the Authority has also subsequently issued, with the approval of the Unified Government, its Revenue Bonds (Classic Center Arena Project), Series 2023, in the aggregate principal amount of $28,085,000 (the "Series 2023 Bonds"), for the purpose of paying: (i) an additional portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Project, (ii) capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) the cost of issuing the Series 2023 Bonds;

WHEREAS, consistent with its authority related to the Series 2021 Bonds, the Unified Government also has the authority to approve expenditures of the proceeds of the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds and desires to establish authorizations and procedures for the orderly administration of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds it to be in the best interests of the Unified Government to approve and appoint the Manager of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia as the authorized representative of the Unified Government with respect to the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds and the use of the proceeds thereof, with full authority to approve and sign requisitions, draw requests and other documentation related to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds on behalf of the Unified Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Commission hereby approves and appoints the Manager of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia as the authorized representative of the Unified Government with respect to the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds and the use of the proceeds thereof, with full authority to approve and sign requisitions, draw requests and other documentation related to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds on behalf of the Unified Government.

SECTION 2.

The Commission hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Appointment of Authorized Representative(s) form provided by U.S. Bank designating the Manager as the Unified Government's authorized representative with respect to the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds and the use of the proceeds thereof, with full authority to approve and sign requisitions, draw requests and other documentation related to the use of the proceeds of the Series 2022 Bonds and the Series 2023 Bonds on behalf of the Unified Government, in substantially the same form as Exhibit "**A**" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor or upon its adoption into law without such approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission

(SEAL)

Exhibit "A"

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)

I, Kelly Girtz, a duly elected acting Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, a public corporation in Georgia, do hereby certify that the following have been appointed as an Authorized Representative(s), at the date hereof, and are authorized to act on behalf of the above Institution in matters related to the following:

(i) its Revenue Bonds (Classic Center Arena Project), Series 2022A and Federally Taxable Series 2022B in the aggregate principal amount of $37,440,000 (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), for the purpose of paying: (i) an additional portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Project, (ii) capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) the cost of issuing the Series 2022 Bonds; and

(ii) its Revenue Bonds (Classic Center Arena Project), Series 2023A and Federally Taxable Series 2023B in the aggregate principal amount of up to $28,500,000 (the "Series 2023 Bonds"), for the purpose of paying: (i) an additional portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping the Project, (ii) capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (iii) the cost of issuing the Series 2023 Bonds;

I also certify that the signature opposite the name is the signature of such individual.

Name	Title	Signature
Blaine Williams	Manager	_____

Witness my signature on this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia

_____
Kelly Girtz, Mayor

_____
Attest: Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission

Athens-Clarke County Contract Awards
In Excess of $10,000 - September 2023

Contract Award Date	Vendor Name	Commodity or Service	Contract Amount	Department	Funding Source
Manager Awarded Contracts: Total $475,223.54					
09/01/2023	SOUTHEAST SERIES OF LOCKTON COMPANIES LL	Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium	$ 152,206.00	Safety & Risk	Self Funded Insurance & Claims Intr Serv
09/05/2023	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	Software Renewal - New World Enterprise 10.1.23-09.30.24	$ 172,177.54	Information Technologies	General Fund
09/20/2023	CONVERGE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS US LLC	Renewal: Phone Service - Voice-over Internet Protocol Services	$ 150,840.00	Internal Support	Internal Support Intr Serv Fund
Purchasing Awarded Contracts: Total $990,543.88					
09/01/2023	TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP ULC	UV Bulbs for Water Reclamation Facility (Quantity of 152)	$ 49,942.20	Public Utilities	Water & Sewer Construction Ent Fund
09/05/2023	COMCATE SOFTWARE INC	Software: Customer Service Reporting System	$ 34,804.25	Public Information Office	General Fund
09/05/2023	M C DEAN INC	Camera System for North Oconee Water Reclamation Facility	$ 28,397.00	Public Utilities	Water & Sewer Construction Ent Fund
09/06/2023	HDAP LLC	2023 Blood Draw & Biometric Screening Services	$ 47,640.00	Benefits & Wellness	Self Funded Health Insurance Intr Serv Fund
09/06/2023	R B PRODUCTIONS INC	Software Renewal - FY24 - MYREC.com	$ 11,320.00	Information Technologies	General Fund
09/08/2023	JONES MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	20 Ton HVAC Rooftop Unit Replacement - Dougherty Street Building	$ 38,850.00	Facilities Management	General Capital Projects Fund
09/08/2023	CENTRAL POLY-BAG CORP	Printed City Trash Bags (Quantity of 800 cases)	$ 35,400.00	Solid Waste Administration	Solid Waste Ent Fund
09/08/2023	FLOCK GROUP INC	Subscription Renewal: Flock Safety Camera System	$ 14,750.00	Police	General Fund
09/08/2023	GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENC	Deductibles - July 2023	$ 13,244.76	Safety & Risk	Self Funded Insurance & Claims Intr Serv
09/08/2023	JONES MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	HVAC Maintenance Agreement - Mental Health Building	$ 13,166.00	Facilities Management	General Fund
09/08/2023	MERCER (US) INC	HR Consulting Services - July 2023	$ 13,000.00	Human Resources	General Fund
09/12/2023	CONVERGE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS US LLC	Software: Microsoft Intune Implementation (Pilot Program)	$ 38,700.00	Information Technologies	General Fund
09/13/2023	RIDER GRINDING SERVICES LLC	Leaf & Limb Grinding	$ 18,000.00	Landfill	Landfill Ent Fund
09/13/2023	DALTON CARPET ONE INC	Flooring Replacement - Correction Chapel	$ 17,575.00	Facilities Management	General Capital Projects Fund
09/13/2023	CORAL HOSPITALTY-GA LLC	Mayor & Commission & Department Director Retreats	$ 16,048.09	Manager's Office	General Fund
09/13/2023	LION LEADERSHIP LLC	Facilitation - M&C Retreat & Department Directors' Retreat	$ 12,000.00	Manager's Administration	General Fund
09/15/2023	KOFILE TECHNOLOGIES, INC	Deed Indexing 1970-1977	$ 50,000.00	Clerk of Courts	General Capital Projects Fund
09/15/2023	HARCO EQUIPMENT INC	Mowers (Quantity of 2)	$ 22,800.00	Landscape Management	General Capital Projects Fund
09/15/2023	K & K MANUFACTURING INC	Trailer (Quantity of 1)	$ 17,250.00	Fleet Management	Fleet Replacement Intr Serv Fund
09/19/2023	SAGON TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT INC	Bucket Truck Rental	$ 11,550.00	Landscape Management	Hotel/Motel Spec Rev Fund
09/20/2023	ATLANTIC COAST CONSULTING INC	Landfill Consulting Services - Dunlap Road	$ 86,950.00	Landfill	Landfill Ent Fund
09/20/2023	FIRELINE INC	Service call - Reserve Aerial Truck	$ 49,882.50	Fire	General Fund
09/20/2023	CLEARGOV INC	Software: Capital Budgeting - Civic Addition	$ 31,800.00	Finance	General Capital Projects Fund
09/20/2023	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS INC	Surge Protectors (Quantity of 6)	$ 24,016.00	Central Services	General Capital Projects Fund
09/21/2023	BURMAN PRINTING ATHENS COMMERCIAL PRINTERS INC	Printing & Postage for Fall Newsletters (Quantity of 36,000)	$ 13,547.00	PUD Administration	Water & Sewer Ent Fund
09/21/2023	SOFTCHOICE CORPORATION	Hardware - IT Switches (Quantity of 2)	$ 12,191.88	Information Technologies	General Capital Projects Fund
09/21/2023	IWORQ SYSTEMS INC	Software Implementation: iWorQ September 2023 - August 2024	$ 12,000.00	Meter Management	Water & Sewer Ent Fund
09/25/2023	CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	Funding Reimbursements - August 2023	$ 82,157.66	Safety & Risk	Self Funded Insurance & Claims Intr Serv
09/25/2023	SOUTHEASTERN LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT SALES INC	Dryer Replacement - Corrections	$ 17,800.00	Safety & Risk	Self Funded Insurance & Claims Intr Serv
09/26/2023	GEORGIA OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INC	Mowers (Quantity of 4)	$ 45,393.20	Landscape Management	General Capital Projects Fund
09/26/2023	SOUTHEAST SERIES OF LOCKTON COMPANIES LL	Workers Compensation Premium	$ 34,583.00	Safety & Risk	Self Funded Insurance & Claims Intr Serv
09/26/2023	PROLOGIC ITS LLC	Mobile Data Terminals (Quantity of 5)	$ 25,926.25	Fire	General Capital Projects Fund
09/27/2023	ATHENS AREA ASPHALT MAINTENANCE INC	Remove/Replace: Signage & Post - Lake Place & Knottingham Drive	$ 13,950.00	Transportation & Public Works	General Capital Projects Fund
09/27/2023	AMY CYCLES INC	Replacement Bicycles for Downtown Officers	$ 13,664.00	Police Field Operations Bureau	General Fund
09/27/2023	ATHENS AREA ASPHALT MAINTENANCE INC	Remove/Replace Signage & Post - Johnson Drive	$ 11,745.58	Transportation & Public Works	General Capital Projects Fund
09/27/2023	JAMES-BATES-BRANNON-GROOVER LLP	Legal Services	$ 10,499.51	Program Administration	TSPLOST 2018 Cap Proj Fund
Number of Contracts	**38**	**Total of Contract Awarded**	**$ 1,465,767.42**	Submitted by: Jessica Beri Purchasing Administrator October 10, 2023	

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Blaine Williams, County Manager

FROM: J. Derek Doster, SPLOST Project Administrator

COPY: Jessica Beri, Purchasing Administrator
John Hawkins, Deputy Chief Attorney

DATE: October 13, 2023

RE: TSPLOST 2018 Project 06, Sub-Project #3: Firefly Trail – Land Acquisition
Notice of Employee(s) with Private Financial Interest

PURPOSE:

Per the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Section 2-302, this memo is to document disclosure of ACCGov's purchase of necessary land from ACCGov employee(s) for the subject project.

Known potential employee(s) with financial interest for disclosure:

Brad & Clair Griffin	Actively Employed	Value $2000	easement executed
Al Figueroa	Recently Retired	Value $4,300	in negotiation

Section 2-302. - Disclosure.

Any elected official, appointed officer or employee of the unified government or of any board, commission, authority or agency thereof who shall have any private financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the unified government shall disclose such private interest to the commission. Any commissioner who has a private interest in any matter pending before the commission shall disclose such private interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the commission, and he or she shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected official, appointed officer or employee of any board, commission, authority or agency of the unified government who shall have any private financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such private interest to the commission.

PROJECT:

The proposed Firefly Trial will construct a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path generally following the abandoned Georgia Railroad corridor.

The approved Mayor & Commission route requires ACCGov to obtain easements from 64 separate parcel owners to facilitate the construction the trail. Staff is actively negotiating the purchase of these easement rights.

All offers are based on Fair Market Value (FMV) 3rd party appraisals and value to cure property damages associated with the ACCGov's project.

ACTION:

Per conversation with Deputy Chief Attorney Hawkins, it is recommended that you notify the M&C as part of the Manager's Report during a regularly scheduled meeting of the M&C.

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TO: Mayor Kelly Girtz
Commission

FROM: Blaine H. Williams
Manager

DATE: June 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Manager Proposed Operating Transfer of $25,000 to State Court.

Under the provisions of Section 8 of the FY23 Budget Ordinance (see below), I have directed the Finance Department to transfer $25,000 from the FY23 General Fund Operating Contingency to the State Court for costs associated with Court Reporting, Court Appointed Attorneys and Court Ordered Fees. A budget transfer will be included under the Manager's report at the next regular Mayor & Commission meeting.

> Section 8. The Manager is further authorized to transfer sums up to $25,000 from the General Fund Contingency to meet unbudgeted obligations of the Government. The Manager is required to notify the Mayor and Commission of each of these transfers from Contingency, at the next scheduled regular meeting, under the provisions of Section 7-408 of the Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information or answer any questions.

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