

DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals

Department of Planning & Sustainability 178 Sams Street Decatur, GA 30030

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1:00 PM

DeKalb Planning

Andrew Baker, AICP

Director

Michael L. Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer

Planning Department Staff Analysis

N4. Case No: A-22-1245839 Parcel ID(s): 15-157-21-001

Commission District 03 Super District 07

Applicant: Create Homes, LLC

275 Washington Avenue, NE

Marietta, GA 30060

Owner: Create Homes, LLC

275 Washington Avenue, NE

Marietta, GA 30060

Project Name: 2084 Easterwood Terrace- Development

Location: The property is located on the east side of Easterwood Terrace, approximately 260 feet south of the intersection with

Easterwood Court, at 2084 Easterwood Terrace, Decatur, GA 30032.

Request: Section 2.2.1 to reduce the front yard setback from 30 feet to 19 feet and to reduce the rear setback from 40 feet to

33 feet to construct a new, single-family, detached home within the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) Zoning District.

Staff Recommendation: Denial.

STAFF FINDINGS:

Variances from the provisions or requirements of this chapter other than variances described in <u>section 7.5.4</u> shall be authorized only upon making all of the following findings in writing:

1. There is an extraordinary or exceptional physical condition(s) pertaining to the particular piece of property (such as, but not limited to, lot size, lot shape, specimen tree(s), steep slope(s), or preservation of historic characteristics of the property), which was not created by the current owner, previous owner, or applicant; by reason of a clearly demonstrable condition(s), the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the property owner of rights and privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district, as distinguished from a special privilege or convenience sought by the property owner.

The Easterwood Park subdivision plat was approved and recorded in 2007. Although the lot meets the minimum lot requirements (area, width, setbacks) of the R-75 Zoning District, its triangular shape results in a constrained buildable area. While this may be exceptional, the approved, recorded plat illustrates the anticipated buildable area, thus, it is readily apparent that such a lot design would present development challenges.

2. The requested variance does not go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief, and does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:

The requested variance may go beyond the minimum necessary to afford relief. At a reduced size and with reasonable placement adjustments, the existing buildable area is still extremely limited. However, there may be alternatives such as requesting a greater rear setback encroachment and less in the front and/or a more custom designed home.

3. The grant of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located:

Since Easterwood Terrace is presently undeveloped, placement of the first few homes is central to setting the residential setback consistency of the street. Setback consistency aides in establishing residential harmony and character along the street. One offset home may disturb the continuity of home placement along the street.

4. The literal interpretation and strict application of the applicable provisions or requirements of this chapter would cause undue and unnecessary hardship:

Strict application of the provisions and requirements of this chapter may cause an undue and unnecessary hardship. The existing buildable area is extremely limited. Thus, a unique, custom design may be required to work within the narrow buildable area.

<u>5. The requested variance would be consistent with the spirit and purpose of this Chapter and the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan Text:</u>

The future land use designation of this property is Suburban (SUB). The Suburban character area recognizes single-family, detached homes as a preferred land use. Additionally, guidelines recommend compatible design and conformance to traditional neighborhood development patterns, when appropriate. The proposed home may be consistent with the goals of the *Comprehensive Plan*.

FINAL STAFF ANALYSIS:

The lot shape and rear drainage easement do present exceptional challenges for residential development of the subject property. However, the lot shape is a known hindrance. Additionally, the proposed home size and placement could be adjusted to reduce the minimum relief necessary. Therefore, staff recommends disapproval of this request.



DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

Hon. Michael Thurmond Chief Executive Officer Andrew Baker, AICP, Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING (VARIANCES, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS)

	BOA No			
Applicant and/or Authorized Representative Create Homes LLC				
Mailing Address: 275 Washington Avenue NE				
City/State/Zip Code: Marietta, GA 30060				
Email: Zach@createyourhome.com				
Telephone Home: 678-978-2568	Business: 678-978-2568			
OWNER OF	RECORD OF SUBJECT PROPERTY			
Owner: Create Homes LLC				
Address (Mailing): 275 Washington Avenue NE				
Email: Zach@createyourhome.com				
Telephone Home: 678-978-2568	Business: <u>678-978-2568</u>			
ADDRESS/Lo	OCATION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY			
Address: 2084 Easterwood Terrace	City: Decatur State: GA Zip: 30032			
District(s): 15 Land Lot(s):	21 Block: Parcel:001			
Zoning Classification: R-75	Commission District & Super District: 3 & 7			
CIRCLE TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED:				
VARIANCE From Development Standards call	using undue hardship upon owners of property.)			
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (To reduce or waive or	off-street parking or loading space requirements.)			
OFFICIAL APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DE	CISIONS.			
* PLEASE REVIEW THE FILING GUIDELINES IN SCHEDULING DELAYS. *	ON PAGE 4. FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES MAY RESULT			
TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT:				
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby authorize the staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

To inspect the premises of the Subject Property

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property subject to the application.

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DATE:	Applicant: _ Signature	

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DeKalb County Dept. of Planning and Sustainability Zoning Boards of Appeals 330 Ponce De Leon Ave Suite #300 Decatur, GA 30030

RE: Letter of Intent for Zoning Variance

Easterwood Park Subdivision
2084 Easterwood Terrace
Decatur, GA 30032
Parcel ID # 15 157 21 001

Dear Board Members,

This correspondence is intended to serve as the Letter of Intent for requesting relief by variance under section 7.5.1 of the DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals, on behalf of Create Homes LLC (applicant) in regard to the above referenced property. Applicant is requesting a variance from the standards of 27-2.2 – Residential Zoning Districts: Dimensional Requirements; Sec. 2.2.1 – Dimensional Requirements; found in Table 2.2, Residential Zoning Districts Dimension Requirements.

The subject property is zoned R-75 and located in the Easterwood Park subdivision. Easterwood Park was developed and platted in 2007 but no new homes were built, the applicant purchased all lots in the subdivision in 2020. The subject property is currently vacant and owned by the Applicant.

For R-75 zoned lots, the required front setback from collector roads is 30 feet; the required rear setback is 40 feet. The Applicant is requesting 1) a reduction from the required 30 feet front setback to 19 feet; 2) a reduction from the required 40 feet rear setback to 33 feet, to allow for construction of a home that is consistent in size, shape, and character of the other homes in the neighborhood, which have also been constructed by applicant.

(1) The subject lot has an extraordinary and exceptional physical condition created by the triangular lot shape, which was not created by the Applicant or previous Owner. The lot buildable area of the subject lot is not sufficient for the construction of a home that is consistent with the architectural style in the neighborhood and meets the minimum square footage (2,000 sf) requirements under the R-75 zoning. The strict application of the requirements of this chapter would deprive the Applicant from being able to build a home on the subject lot due to the area within the required setbacks not being sufficient for a house footprint to be of consistent architectural style and meet the minimum square footage requirements.

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- (2) The requested variance is the minimum necessary to afford relief and allow for the placement of the proposed home. Applicant is proposing a house plan with the smallest footprint while remaining consistent with the size, shape, and architectural style of other homes in the neighborhood.
- (3) It is the opinion of applicant that granting of the requested variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the zoning district in which the subject property is located. Rather, it will allow for a home to be constructed with similar characteristics of the other homes in the neighborhood.
- (4) The literal interpretation and strict application of the applicable provisions or requirements of this chapter would cause undue and unnecessary hardship by preventing the construction of a home that meets the minimum required square footage under the R-75 zoning and is compatible with other homes in the neighborhood.
- (5) The DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan classifies this property as Suburban, a single-family detached home is a compatible use under this classification. If granted, the variance would allow for the construction of a single-family detached home consistent with the size, shape and character of the neighborhood, and the DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,

Zach Brooks

Create Homes LLC 275 Washington Avenue NE Marietta, GA 30060

Zach@createyourhome.com (678) 978-2568

THE ASHLEY (B)



BUILDING CODE ANALYSIS

USE GROUP: SMALL ASSEMBLY (GROUP "A")

CONSTRUCTION CLASS: UNPROTECTED

EMERGENCY ESCAPE: EGRESS OR RESCUE WINDOW SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5.7 SQ. FT.

DESIGN LOADS:

FLOOR LIVE LOAD: = 40 PSF DECKS = 40 PSF

FLOOR DEAD LOAD = 10 PSF

BASIC WIND SPEED = 90 MPH

STAIR LOADS = 40 PSF

ROOF LIVE LOAD = 20 PSF LATERAL SOIL PRESSURE = 20 PCF

SUMED)

SQUARE FOOTAGES 1ST FLOOR 890 SQ FT 1,205 SQ FT 2ND FLOOR 2.095 SQ FT TOTAL HEATED FRONT PORCH **96** SQ FT. GARAGE **425** SQ. FT. OTHER PORCHES n/a SQ. FT. **521** SQ. FT. TOTAL UNHEATED OVERALL WIDTH 38' - 0" OVERALL DEPTH 38' - 0"

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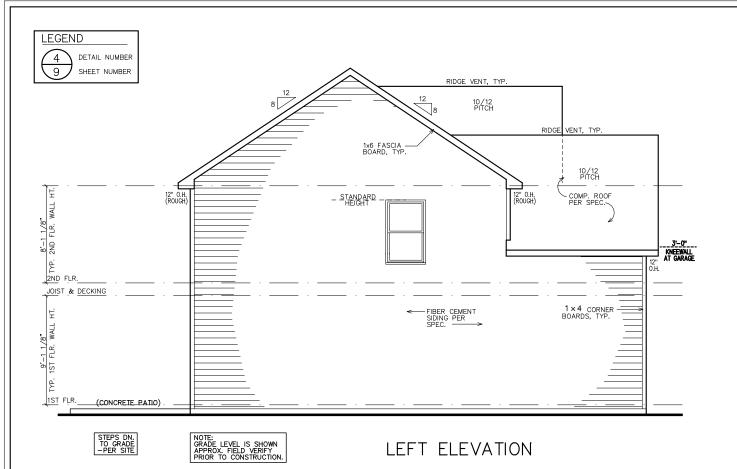
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FRONT ELEVATION

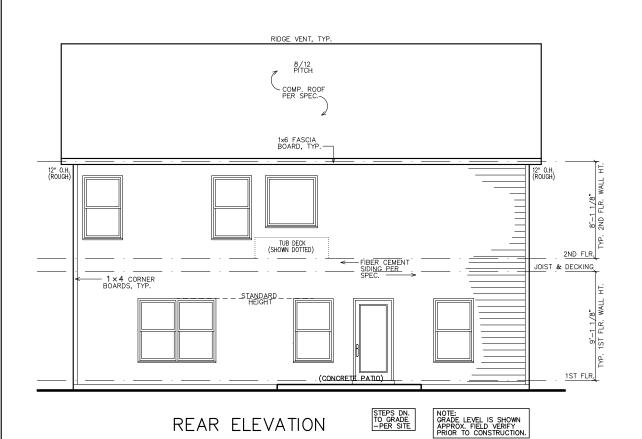
DESIGN CRITERIA

GOVERNING CODES & STANDARDS

2018 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, WITH GEORGIA AMENDMENTS.
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8. 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, WITH GEORGIA AMENDMENTS.
9. 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE W/GA AMENDMENTS.
10. NPPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE AND T.P.I. SPECIFICATION FOR THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND HANDLING OF WOOD TRUSSES.

ROOF LIVE LOAD: 20 PSF.
FLOOR LIVE LOAD: 40 PSF.
(INCLUDES DECKS, PATIOS, AND PORCHES)
BASIC WIND VELOCITY: 90 MPH
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BEARING WALLS WITH LIGHT FRAME WALLS
AND WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS.



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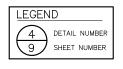
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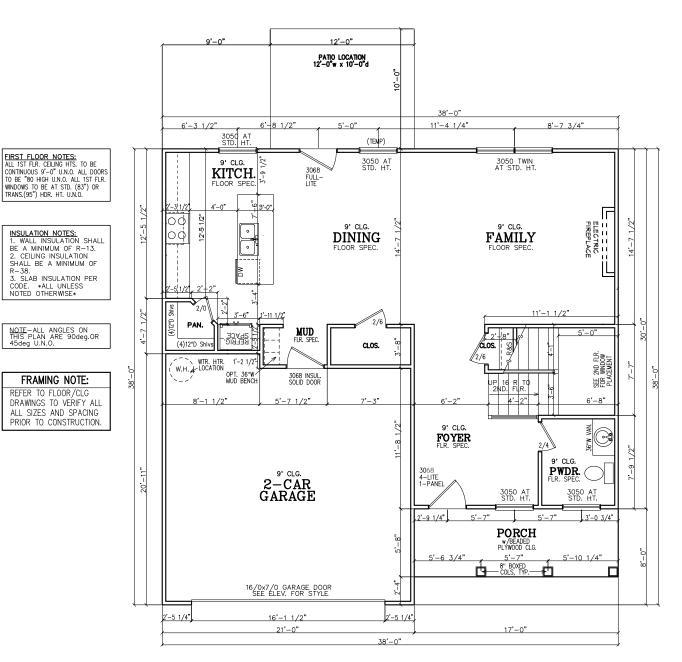
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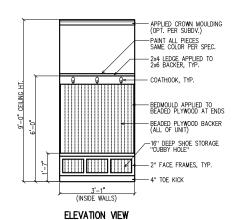
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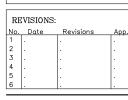
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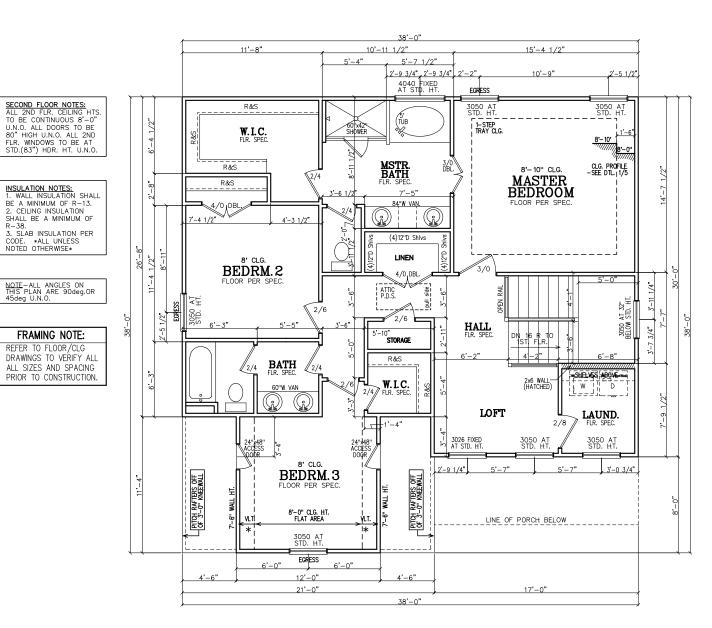
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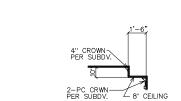


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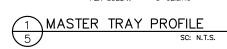




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Second Floor Plan

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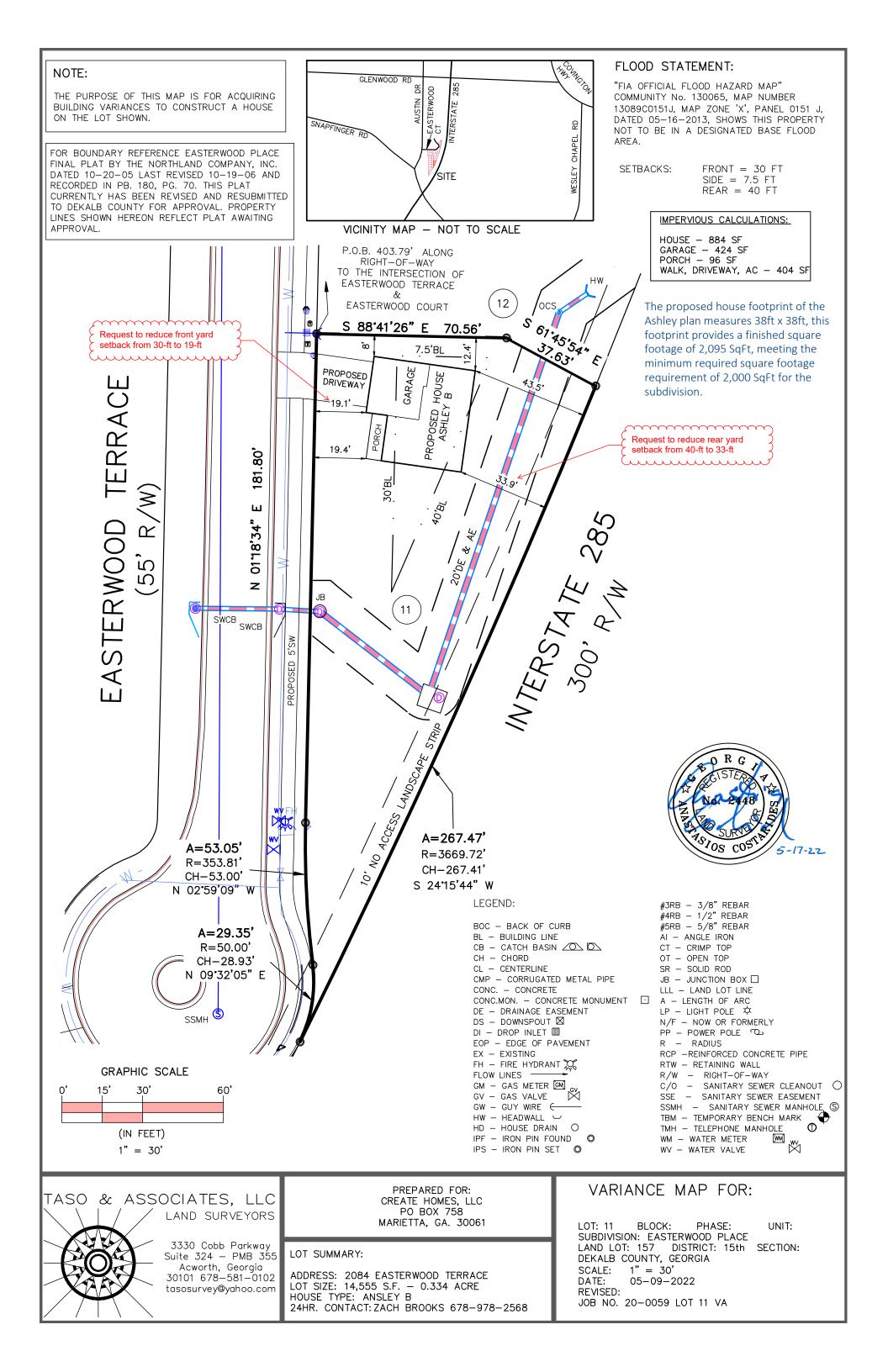
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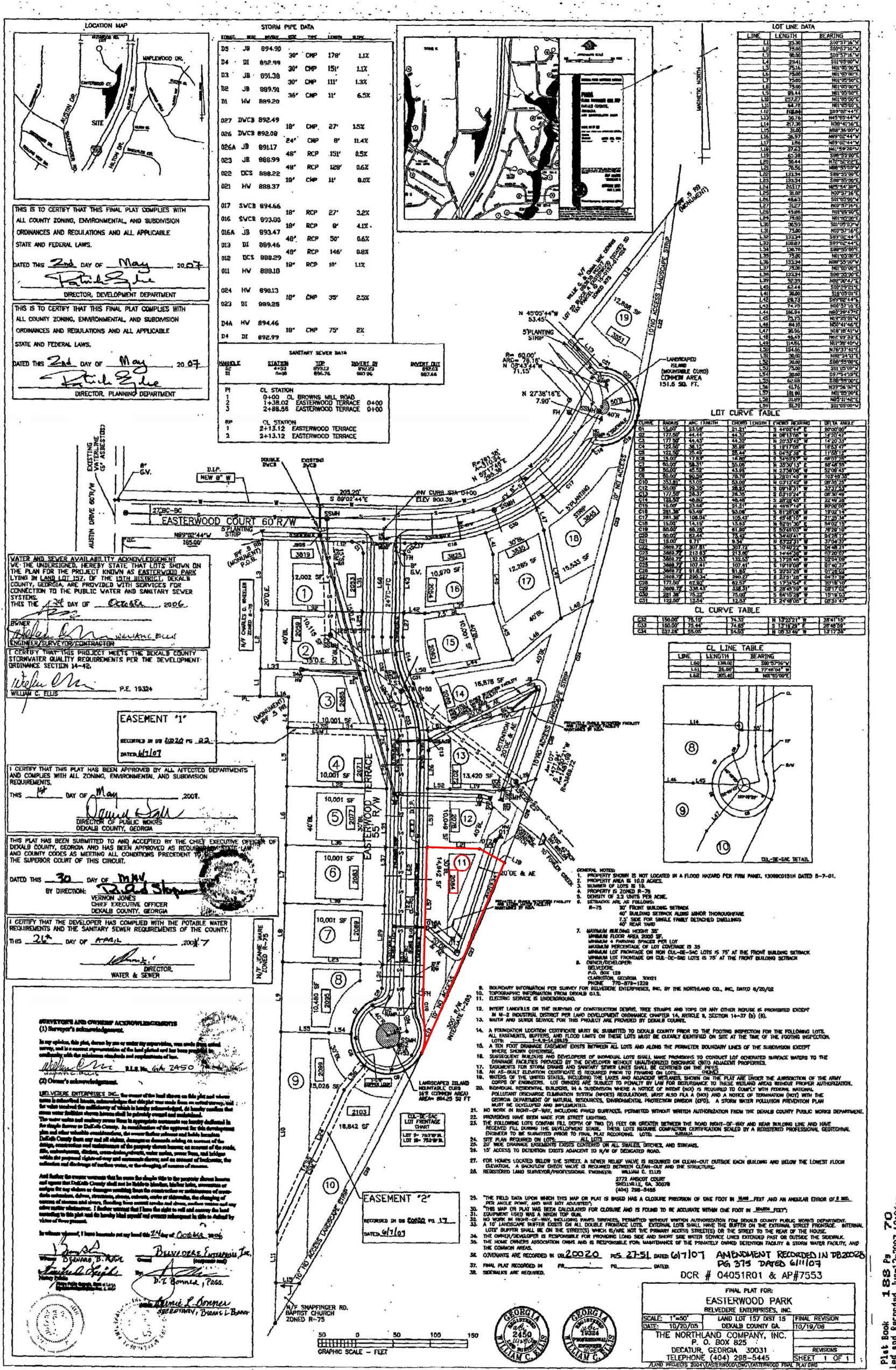
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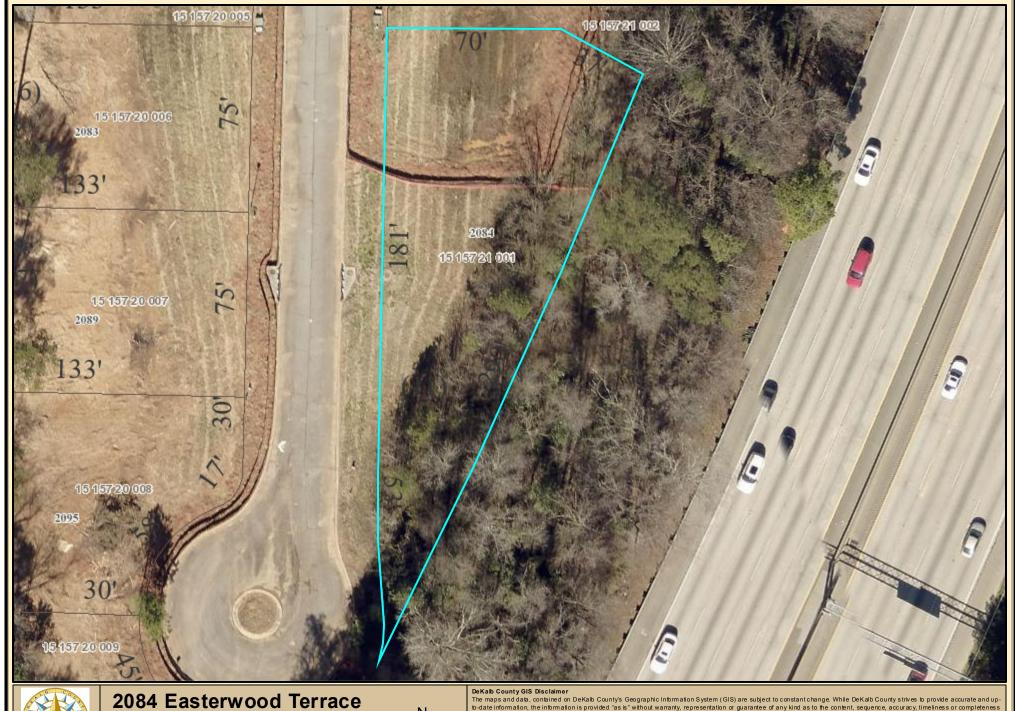
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