**Public Hearing: YES** ⊠ **NO** □ **Department:** Planning & Sustainability

#### **SUBJECT:**

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 03 Super District 07

Application of Venture South Investment, LLC c/o Battle Law, P.C. for a major modification of zoning conditions pursuant to CZ-20-1243619 in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district and Tier 2 of the I-20 Overlay District to allow for a grocery store with retail shops to access Glenhill Place, at 1816 Candler Road.

PETITION NO: N3-2025-0286 CZ-25-1247427

PROPOSED USE: Grocery store with retail shops.

LOCATION: 1816 Candler Road, Decatur, Georgia 30032

PARCEL NO.: 15 170 13 030

INFO. CONTACT: John Reid, Sr. Planner

**PHONE NUMBER:** 404-371-2155

#### **PURPOSE:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** (April 2025) Approval with conditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (May 6, 2025) Pending.

**PLANNING STAFF:** 30-Day Deferral.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The applicant is seeking a major modification to zoning conditions pursuant to CZ-20-1243619 in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district to allow for a grocery store with retail shops to access Glenhill Place. There is also a companion case (Z-25-1247428) at the corner of Glenhill Place and Glenwood Road to allow that parcel to be rezoned to C-2 to match the C-2 zoning to the west so that the project can be developed under one zoning district. The property also falls within the I-20 Overlay District which allows grocery stores and retail as permitted uses. While the project contains seven properties, the property at 1816 Candler Road is the primary portion of the subject site. Site History: The most recent zoning conditions for the subject property were approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 28, 2020, to allow a mixed-use development of multifamily, retail, and office with the following conditions: 1. Must comply with the I-20 Overlay District with plans that show building setbacks, height of buildings and structures, density, density bonus (if applicable), required parking, open space calculations, transitional buffer zone and transitional height, elevations complying with architectural elevations and landscaping requirements. Variances may be obtained from appropriate regulatory authorities. 2. Access to and from Glenhill Place shall be prohibited. I-20 Overlay Purpose and Intent: The I-20 Overlay aims to encourage development and redevelopment of properties in the district in order to achieve a variety of mixed-use communities, as well as accomplish the following goals: 1. To promote physically attractive, environmentally safe and economically sound residential and non-residential developments and communities; 2. To provide for the development of sidewalks and walkways in order to promote safe and convenient pedestrian access, and to reduce dependence on automobiles and other motorized means of transportation; 3. To improve the

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## PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (May 6, 2025) Pending.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: (April 2025) Approval with conditions 8-0-1.

Council recommended approval with the following conditions: 1) provide sound barrier and a substantial beautification buffer for the single-family community to the east to minimize truck traffic noise and visual impacts; and, 2) restrict land uses and standards of the property at the corner of Glenhill Place and Glenwood Road (3221 Glenwood) to align with the I-20 Overlay District.

#### CZ-25-1247427 (2025-0286) Recommended Conditions – May 2025 1816 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30032

- 1. There shall be two, one to two-story commercial buildings on the overall project site. One building shall be located on the northwest corner of the site along Glenwood and Candler Road, and a second pedestrian oriented, one to two-story commercial building shall be constructed on the northeast corner of the site along Glenwood Road and Glenhill Place (3221 Glenwood Road) prior to the issuance of any certificates of occupancy for the proposed grocery store. These commercial buildings shall comply with the fenestration (windows) requirements of the I-20 Overlay District for all sides of the buildings. No parking is allowed between these buildings and Glenwood Road, Candler Road, or Glenhill Place.
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Planning Commission Hearing Date: May 6, 2025 Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: May 22, 2025

#### STAFF ANALYSIS

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Applicant/Agent:	Venture South Investment, LLC c/o Battle Law, P.C.	
Acreage:	5.6 acres	
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Vacant structures and land.	
<b>Surrounding Properties:</b>	North: I-20 Overlay/C-2 (General Commercial) East: R-75 (Single-family	
	residential) & C-1 (Local Commercial) <b>South:</b> O-I (Office-Institution), C-1 & R-75	
	West: I-20 Overlay/C-2)	
Comprehensive Plan:	CRC (Commercial Redevelopment	t Corridor) _X Consistent Inconsistent

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION: 30-Day Deferral.**

#### Request

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# FACT SHEET Candler Road ART Fall 2024





## WHAT IS ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT?

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# HOW DOES ART DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT LOCAL SERVICE?

ART uses technology to improve travel time and reliability. By equipping buses and traffic signals with transponders, the vehicles will get priority which reduces delay time at traffic signals. This, combined with consolidation of stops, allows the bus to provide a more efficient transit experience.



# ABOUT CANDLER ROAD ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT (ART)

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# **ART ROUTE**

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- Reduces travel time
- ▲ Improves traffic safety
- Increases transit reliability
- Increased capacity (up to 250 riders per hour)
- Reduces Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and local air pollutant emissions



# STEPS TO IMPLEMENTATION

#### MARTA is currently:

- Creating preliminary designs of stop locations, including the southern terminus at the GSU-Decatur campus
- Identifying other projects that impact or enhance the ART project
- Communicating with the community and local leadership with updates of project progress

# Anticipated Project Completion 2029

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# **AMENITIES AT ART STATIONS**



Seating



Real-time digital signage



Station placement near safe pedestrian crossings



Bicycle racks



# PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project initiated in 2022 and will continue through 2029.

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

2022 - 2024 PHASE ONE,
PLANNING

2023 - 2025 PHASE TWO,
STATION DEVELOPMENT

2023 - 2026 PHASE THREE,
ENGINEERING DESIGN

2026 - 2029 PHASE FOUR,
CONSTRUCTION



# **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

MARTA is seeking public input throughout the project to ensure the corridor meets the community's current and future needs.

To request information in another language or in an accessible format, call 404-848-4037 (Voice) / 404-848-5665 (TTY).

For more information about the Candler Road ART, please visit https://www.itsmarta.com/candlerART.aspx.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

# MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION

Existing Conditional Zoning	No.: CZ-20-1243619		
	nture South Investment, LL	C c/o Battle Law P.C.	
Applicant Email Address:	mlb@battlelawpc.com		
Applicant Mailing Address	s: 3562 Habersham at N	Northlake, Bldg J, Suite 100, Tu	icker, GA 30084
Applicant Phone Number:	404-601-7616		
Owner Name:	ick III Development, LLC		
		er, attach list of owners.)	
Owner Email Address:	mwilbourn@mackii.com		
Owner Mailing Address: _	3421 Dogwood Dr., Hapev	ville, GA 30345	
Owner Phone Number:	101_768_0077		
Subject Property Address:	1816 Candler Road, D	ecatur, GA 30032	
Parcel ID Number(s):	15 107 13 030		
Acreage: 5.659	Commission District(s)	Super District	<sub>t:</sub> <u>7</u>
Existing Zoning District(s)	): C-2	Proposed Zoning District(s): N	/A
Existing Land Use Designa	CDC	Proposed Land Use Designation	N I / N
I hereby authorize the staff this application.	f of the Planning and Sustainal	ble Department to inspect the prope	erty that is the subject of
Owner: Age	ent: X	Signature of Applicant:	



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#### **Zoom Instructions:**

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We encourage you to come out and participate!

For More Information Contact Jordan Battle at: Phone: 404-601-7616 ext. 8 Fax: 404-745-0045 Email: jeb@battlelawpc.com COMMUNITY MEETING TO
DISCUSS A MAJOR MODIFICATIO
N & REZONING TO ALLOW FOR
A MIXED-USE PROJECT

Project Title: Venture South Invest-ment, LLC - 1816 Candler Road and 3221 Glenwood

When: February 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM Eastern (US and Cana-da)

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Date: \_

2/14/2025

# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  (I), (WE) Mack III Development, L	LC
Name of owners(s) (If more than one	
Being (owner) (owners) of the subject property describ	bed below or attached hereby delegate authority to
Venture South Investment, LLC	C & Battle Law, P.C.
Name of Agent or Re	epresentative
to file an application on (my), (our) behalf.	
Notary Public  Notary Public  Notary Public  APRIL	MACK III Development LLC, a Georgia limited liability company By: Mack Wilborn Owner Owner
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The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

Signature of Applicant /Date

Check one: Owner / Agent

Expiration Date/ Seal

\*Notary seal not needed if answer is "no".



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If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:

- 1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
- The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.

The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

**Notary** 

Signature of Applicant /Date

Check one: Owner\_\_\_\_Agent XX

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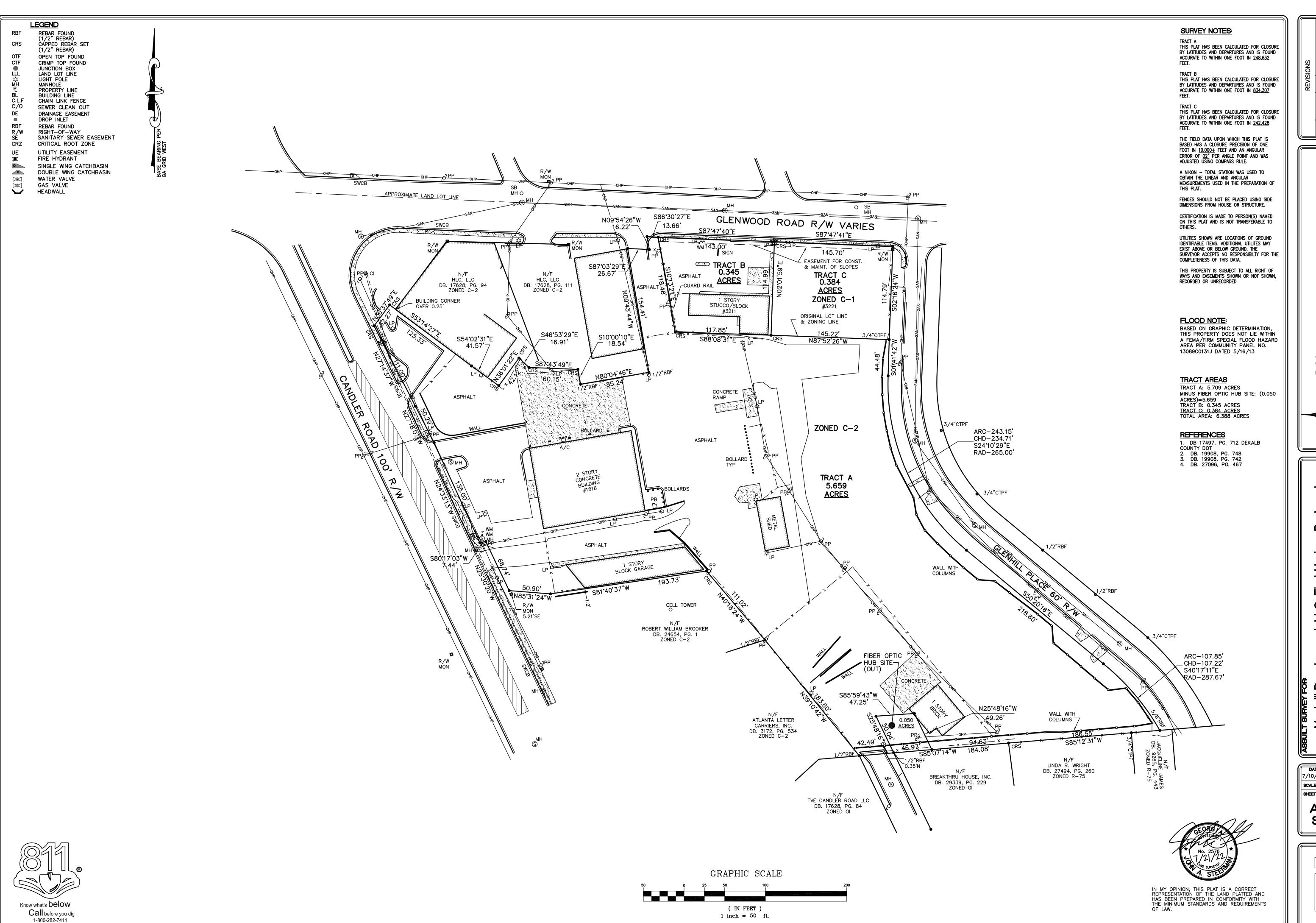
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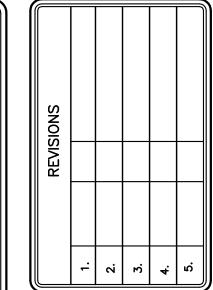


## **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

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DATE DRAWN CHECKED 7/10/22 DCP JAS **SCALE** 1"=50' SHEET TITLE

**ASBUILT** SURVEY

PROJECT NUMBER 55745

#### **Legal Description**

#### **1816 Candler Road**

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 170 of the 15<sup>th</sup> District, Dekalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE at point at the westerly right-of-way intersection of Glenwood Road (r/w varies) and Glenhill Place (60' r/w); thence following the right-of-way line of Glenhill Place S02°16′24"W a distance of 114.79 feet to a ¾" open top pipe found and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing along said right-of-way line and running S01°41'42"W a distance of 44.48 feet to a point, thence following a curve to the left, said curve having an arc of 243.15 feet with a radius of 265.00 feet, and being subtended by a chord of S24°10'29"E a distance of 234.71 feet to a point; running thence S50°20′16″E a distance of 218.80 feet to a point; thence following a curve to the right, said curve having an arc of 107.85 feet with a radius of 287.67 feet, and being subtended by a chord of S40°17'11"E a distance of 107.22 feet to a 5/8" rebar found; thence leaving said right-of-way line and running S85°12'31"W a distance of 186.55 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S85°07'14"W a distance of 94.63 feet to a capped rebar set at the corner of a Fiber Optic Hub site; running thence N25°48′16″W a distance of 49.26 feet to a point; running thence S85°59′43″W a distance of 47.25 feet to a point; running thence S25°48′16″E a distance of 50.04 feet to a point; thence leaving the Fiber Optic Hub site and running S85°07′14″W a distance of 42.49 feet to a ½″ rebar found; running thence N39°10'42"W a distance of 183.60 feet to a ½" rebar found; running thence N40°18′24"W a distance of 111.02 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S81°40'37"W a distance of 193.73 feet to a capped rebar; running thence N85°31′24″W a distance of 50.90 fet to a capped rebar set on the easterly right-of-way line of Candler Road (100' r/w)' thence following said right-of-way line and running N25°30'20"W a distance of 66.74 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S80°17'03"W a distance of 7.44 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence N24°33'13"W a distance of 135.00 feet to a point; running thence N27°18'07"W a distance of 50.29 feet to a point; running thence N27°14'37"W a distance of 111.00 feet to a capped rebar set; thence leaving said right-of-way line and running N36°37'49"E a distance of 32.27 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S53°14'27"E a distance of 125.33 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S54°02'31"E a distance of 41.57 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence N36°01'22"E a distance of 42.12 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S46°53'29"E a distance of 16.91 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S87°43'49"E a distance of 60.15 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S10°00′10″E a distance of 18.54 feet to a ½" rebar found; running thence N80°04′46″E a distance of 85.24 feet to a ½" rebar found; running thence N09°43′44″W a distance of 154.41 feet to a capped rebar set on the southerly right-of-way line of Glenwood Road (r/w varies); thence following said right-of-way line and running S87°03′29″E a distance of 26.67 feet to a point; running thence N09°54'26"W a distance of 16.22 feet to a point; running thence S86°30'27"E a distance of 13.66 feet to a capped rebar set; thence leaving said right-of-way line and

running S10°13′21″E a distance of 118.48 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S88°08′31″E a distance of 117.85 feet to a capped rebar set; running thence S87°52′26″W a distance of 145.22 feet to a ¾″ open top pipe and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract or parcel of land contains 5.659 Acres



SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1" = 100'

**CANDLER RD RETAIL DECATUR, GA** 

JOB NUMBER: 2570202 | DATE: 02.07.2025 | BY: ART / BR

DRAWING: SITE PLAN RENDERING SP-2





CANDLER RD RETAIL DECATUR, GA

JOB NUMBER: 2570202 | DATE: 01.31.2025 | BY: ART / BR

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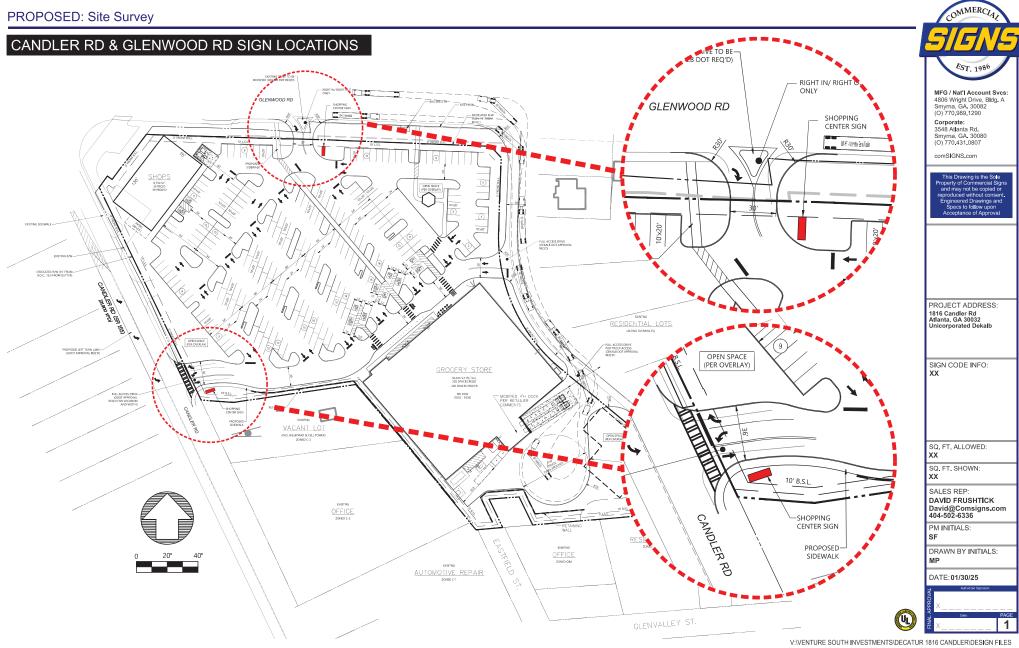
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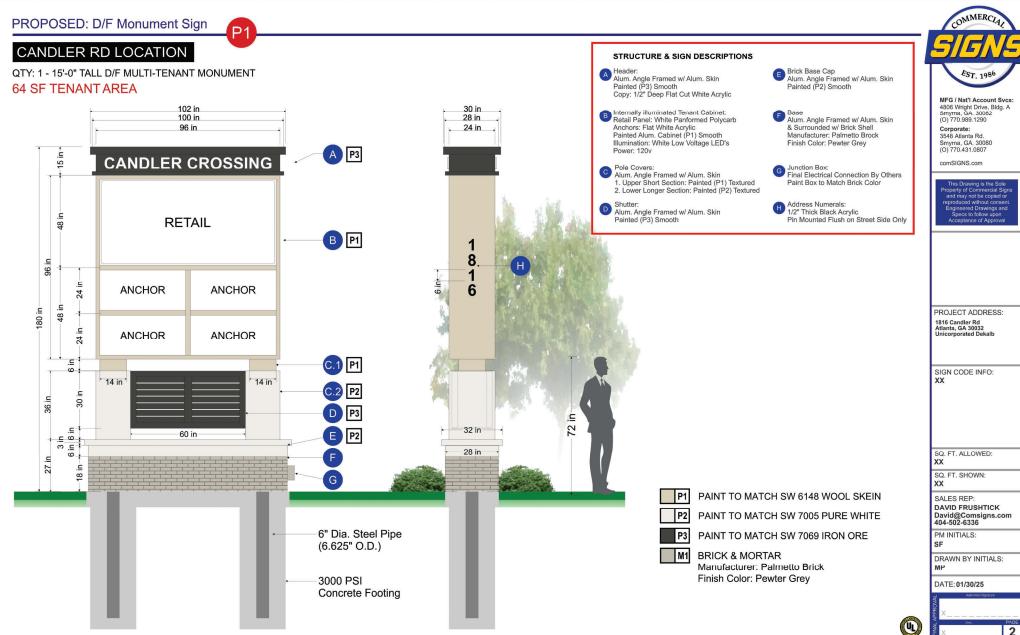
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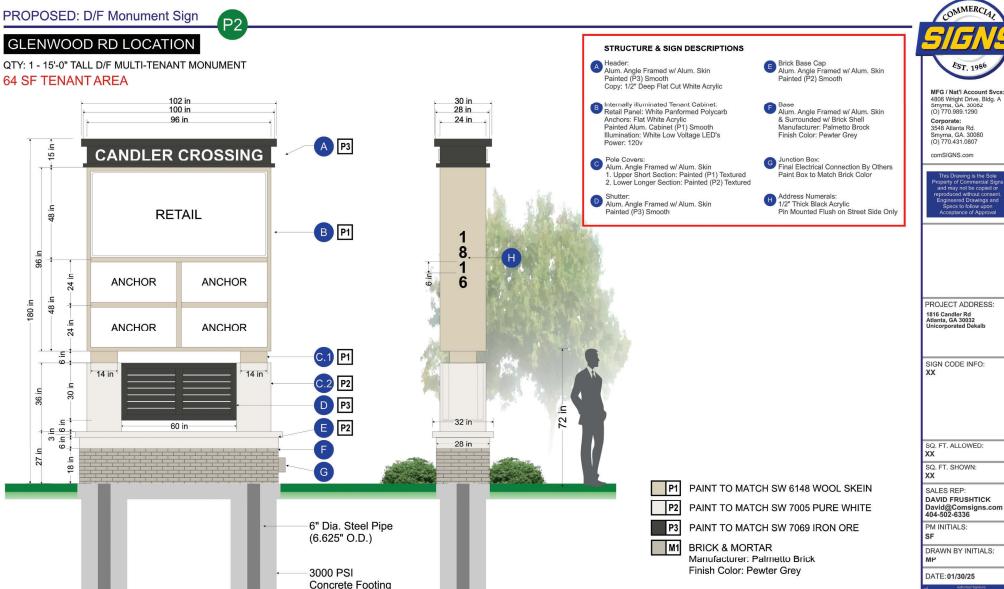
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#### PROPOSED: Site Survey









MFG / Nat'l Account Svcs: 4806 Wright Drive, Bldg. A Smyrna, GA. 30082 (O) 770.989.1290

3548 Atlanta Rd. Smyrna, GA. 30080 (O) 770.431.0807

PROJECT ADDRESS:

1816 Candler Rd Atlanta, GA 30032 Unicorporated Dekalb

SIGN CODE INFO:

SQ. FT. ALLOWED:

DAVID FRUSHTICK

DATE: 01/30/25





#### 01-27-2025

#### Proposed Retail Development at Candler & Glenwood

#### Context:

The intersection of Candler Road and Glenwood Road in Decatur (unincorporated DeKalb), Georgia, serves as a significant node within the community, both architecturally and economically.

#### **Architectural Perspective:**

The area surrounding this intersection is characterized by a mix of commercial and residential structures. Commercial properties, such as Candler McAfee Center and Candler Plaza, are prevalent near the intersection, featuring retail spaces that cater to local needs. Residential areas nearby showcase a variety of architectural styles, reflecting the neighborhood's development over time.

#### **Economic Perspective:**

Economically, the intersection is a focal point for community development initiatives. The establishment of the Southwest DeKalb Tax Allocation District (TAD), which includes areas along Candler and Glenwood Roads, aims to stimulate economic growth through redevelopment incentives.

In summary, the intersection of Candler and Glenwood Roads is a blend of commercial and residential architecture, with ongoing economic development efforts focused on revitalization and community engagement.

#### Proposal:

This proposed development aims to create a thoughtfully designed commercial neighborhood at the southeast corner of Candler Road and Glenwood Road. The development spans approximately 7.31 acres, bordered by existing commercial and residential uses to the south and Glenhill Place to the east. It features a 50,325-square-foot grocery store and 11,200 square feet of retail shops.

The design prioritizes both functionality and aesthetics, ensuring alignment with the architectural styles, landscaping requirements, and design standards of the I-20 Corridor Overlay District. The project will integrate harmonious building facades, high-quality materials, and well-planned public spaces, addressing community needs and promoting sustainable development practices.

An amendment is required to remove the conditional zoning stipulation that currently prohibits access to Glenhill Place. Additionally, the project includes variance requests to reduce sidewalk width along Glenwood Road and reduce the landscape strip width on building side yards.

The development's design incorporates the I-20 Corridor Design Standards to ensure consistency with architectural, landscaping, and signage requirements. Building facades, materials, and color palettes will harmonize with the overlay district's vision. By promoting shared parking, incorporating green spaces, and



adhering to environmental best practices, the development demonstrates a commitment to sustainable growth. The project will include public spaces that foster community engagement and well-being.

· Total Site Area: Approximately 7.31 acres.

· Right-of-Way Dedication: 0.27 acres

· Commercial Land Use: 7.04 acres

- Includes a 50,325-square-foot grocery store and 11,200 square feet of retail shops.

- Approximate commercial density: 0.2 FAR

· Open Space: 1.42 acres

- Features include landscaped areas, pavilion, sidewalk, benches, street furniture, decorative lighting, bike racks and shaded seating areas.

- Approximate open space percentage: 20%

This development is a carefully crafted project that reflects the goals and intent of the I-20 Corridor Overlay District. By adhering to district standards and prioritizing community needs, the project will serve as a model for sustainable and community-focused growth. We respectfully request the approval of this proposal to bring this vision to life.

Respectfully, ATWELL, LLC

Marietta, GA

# STATEMENT OF INTENT AND IMPACT ANALYSIS

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Other Material Required by
DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance
for the
Application for Major Change of Condition for
CZ-20-1243619

by

## VENTURE SOUTH INVESTMENT, LLC

for

5.659± Acres of Land Being 1816 Candler Road Land Lot 170, 15th District, DeKalb County

Submitted for Applicant by:

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Joshua S. Mahoney, Esq.,
Battle Law, P.C.
3562 Habersham at Northlake, Bldg. J, Suite 100
Tucker, GA30084
404-601-7616

#### I. STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Applicant, Venture South Investment, LLC, is seeking to develop a commercial/retail development on an assemblage of seven (7) parcels at the intersection of Glennwood Road and Candler Road owned by Mack III Development, LLC and HLC, LLC (the "Project Site"). The property at 1816 Candler Road being Tax Parcel 15 170 13 030 (the "Subject Property") is the primary portion of the Project Site. On January 28, 2020 the DeKalb County Board of Commissioner approved the removal of the conditions set forth in CZ-91039, CZ-90052, and CZ-89033 to allow for the development of a mixed-use development in accordance with the I-20 Overlay District subject to the following two conditions:

#### Recommended Conditions

#### CZ-20-1243619

- Must comply with the Interstate 20 Corridor Compatible Use Overlay District with plans
  that show building setbacks, height of building and structures, density, density bonus (if
  applicable), required parking, open space calculations, transitional buffer zone and
  transitional height, elevations complying with architectural regulations and landscaping
  requirements. Variances may be obtained from appropriate regulatory authorities.
- 2. Access to and from Glenhill Place shall be prohibited.

The Applicant is seeking to remove condition 2 to allow for the development of the Subject Property for a grocery store with retail shops. The Subject Property is currently zoned C-2 and is located within Tier II of the I-20 Corridor Overlay District (the "Overlay District").

This document is submitted as a Statement of Intent regarding this Application, the Impact Analysis required for this Application as required by the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, and a preservation of the Applicant's constitutional rights. A surveyed plat and conceptual site plan of the Subject Property controlled by the Applicant has been filed contemporaneously with the Application, along with other required materials.

#### III. IMPACT ANALYSIS

- (a) <u>Suitability of use</u>: The Subject Property is suitable for the proposed commercial/retail project as contemplated by the Overlay District requirements.
- (b) <u>Effect on adjacent property</u>: The removal of the prohibition of access from Glenhill Place will allow for access to both the parking area for the general public, as well as for access to the rear of the proposed grocery store building for delivery trucks. There is no question that this will have an impact on the residential properties along Glenhill Place. As a result, the Applicant is seeking to acquire all of the residential properties on Glenhill Place, and offer letters have already been delivered to each of the property owners. Without the proposed access points along Glenhill Place the proposed project is not viable.

With respect to the two residential properties that abut the rear of the Subject Property, the Applicant is providing for the required 30 ft transitional buffer. Additionally, the Applicant is providing for underground detention along with ample open space which further protects the adjacent residential property owners along Glenvalley Street. There will be no access to the Subject Property from Glenvalley Street.

- (c) <u>Economic use of current zoning</u>: The Subject Property has value as currently zoned, however, as currently zoned, the Subject Property cannot be incorporated into the large development planned by the Applicant due to the current zoning restrictions.
- (d) <u>Effect on public facilities</u>: The Subject Property is in an area with public utility availability. The proposed Major Modification will not cause excessive use of streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools in the area.
- (e) <u>Effect on historic building, sites, etc.</u> The approval of this Major Change of Condition Application will not have any adverse impact on any historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources in the area.
- (f) <u>Environmental Impact</u>. The approval of this Major Change of Condition Application will not result in any adverse environmental impact.
- (g) <u>Conformity with Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Plan:</u> The Subject Property is currently zoned C-2 which is in conformity with the Commercial Redevelopment Corridor Land Use designation for the Subject Property.
- (h) Others: The following constitutional allegations are given in order to preserve the rights of the Applicant to appeal any adverse decisions that may be rendered by DeKalb County with respect to this Application:

# NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ALLEGATIONS AND PRESERVATION OF CONTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The portions of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, facially and as applied to the Subject Property, which restrict or classify or may restrict or classify the Subject Property so as to prohibit its development as proposed by the Applicant are or would be unconstitutional in that they would destroy the Applicant's property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and would be in violation of the Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

The application of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to the Subject Property which restricts

its use to any classification other than that proposed by the Applicant is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void, constituting a taking of Applicant's Property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States denying the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the Applicant in violation of the due process and equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

A refusal by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to amend zoning conditions for the Subject Property as requested by the Applicant would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any rezoning of the Property subject to conditions which are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting Applicant's utilization of the property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Subject Property to an unconstitutional classification and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

A refusal to allow the amendments to the zoning conditions in question would be unjustified from a fact-based standpoint and instead would result only from constituent opposition, which would be an unlawful delegation of authority in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution.

A refusal to allow the modification of the zoning conditions in question would be invalid inasmuch as it would be denied pursuant to an ordinance which is not in compliance with the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A Section 36-66/1 et seq., due to the manner in which the Ordinance as a whole and its map(s) have been adopted.

The existing zoning conditions and classification on the Subject Property is unconstitutional as it applies to the Subject Property. This notice is being given to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-11-1 to afford the County an opportunity to revise the Property to a constitutional classification. If action is not taken by the County to rectify this unconstitutional land use designation and/or zoning classification within a reasonable time, the Applicant is hereby placing the County on notice that it may elect to file a claim in the Superior Court of DeKalb County demanding just and adequate compensation under Georgia law for the taking of the Subject Property, diminution of value of the Subject Property, attorney's fees and other damages arising out of the unlawful deprivation of the Applicant's property rights.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Major Change of Condition Application at issue be approved. The Applicant also invites and welcomes any comments from Staff or other officials of DeKalb County so that such recommendations or input might be incorporated as conditions of approval of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

viichèle L. Battle

Attorney For Applicant



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Chief Executive Officer

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# PRE-APPLICATION FORM REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE

(Required prior to filing application: signed copy of this form must be submitted at filing)

Applicant Name: Michele Battle Phone: 404-601-7616 Email: mlb@battlelawpc.com
Property Address: 1816 Candler Road, Decatur 30032
Tax Parcel ID: 15 170 13 030 Comm. District(s): 3 & 7 Acreage: 7.3
Existing Use: General commercial buildings Proposed Use: Grocery store and retail
Supplemental Regs: X Alcohol outlet Overlay District: I-20, Tier 2 DRI: NA
Rezoning: Yes No No No
Existing Zoning: Tier 2/C-1 Proposed Zoning: Tier 2/C-2 Square Footage/Number of Units:
Rezoning Request: C-1 to C-2 for 3221 Glenwood to allow for accessory parking for proposed grocery store on adjacent
parcels & to allow for all parcels to be under same C-2 underlying zoning when consolidate 3221 Glenwood
with the adjacent properties. Proposed land use is grocery store w/ accessory beer &wine sales and retail.
Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes No X
Existing Land Use: CRC Proposed Land Use: Consistent Inconsistent
Special Land Use Permit: Yes No X Article Number(s) 27
Special Land Use Request(s):
Major Modification:
Existing Case Number(s): CZ-20-1243619, CZ-91039, CZ-90052, CZ-89033
Condition(s) to be modified:
See pg. 3



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#### WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

Pre-submittal	Community Meeting: X	Review Calendar Dates:	PC: 5/6/25 BOC: 5/22/25		
Letter of Inter	nt: X Impact Analysis: X	Owner Authorization(s): X	Campaign Disclosure:		
Zoning Cond	itions: Communi	ty Council Meeting: 4/9/25 Pub	lic Notice, Signs:		
Tree Survey,	Conservation: Lar	nd Disturbance Permit (LDP): X	Sketch Plat:		
Bldg. Permits	s: X Fire Inspection:	Business License:	State License:		
Lighting Plan	:: Tent Permit:	_ Submittal Format: NO STAPLE	ES, NO BINDERS PLEASE		
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#### **ZONING COMMENTS – MAY 2025**

N1-2025-0283 Z-25-1247358 (1619 Pleasant Hill Trl & 7850 Pleasant Hill Rd: 149 units. Pleasant Hill Trail appears to be an unimproved right of way (not abandoned) in the proposed project area (per GIS Map)- classified as local. Verify ownership. If determined to be an unimproved public right of way, infrastructure improvements noted in in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190 are required. This project requires 2 access points- ensure phasing meets required access points at any given time since connecting to other developments. Ensure that there are enough access points to service the entire system when all developments are complete (i.e.- this development cannot put the other developments that it is connecting to out of compliance for number of access points). Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. All interior streets require a right of way dedication of 55 feet. Requires a 6-foot landscape strip with a 5-foot sidewalk. Requires streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). All intersections must meet AASHTO sight distance requirements.

N2-2025-0285 Z-25-1247420 (4743 Flat Shoals Pkwy): 79 Units. 4743 Flat Shoals Parkway. Flat Shoals Parkway is SR 155 and classified as a major arterial. GDOT review and approval is required prior to permitting. (JLivingston@dot.ga.gov) Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Along all frontage of SR 155: Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Interior streets to be private. General: no poles to remain in sidewalk/path. All intersections must meet AASHTO sight distance requirements.

#### N3-2025-0286 CZ-25-1247427 (1816 Candler Road); and N4-2025-0287 Z-25-1247428 (3221 Glenwood Road):

I-20 Overlay District, Tier 2. Seek guidance from the overlay planner for required infrastructure improvements. Candler Road is SR 155 and a major arterial. GDOT review and approval is required prior to permitting. (<u>JLivingston@dot.ga.gov</u>) Where the overlay is silent: Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Along all frontage of SR 155: Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Glenwood Road is classified as a minor arterial. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 40 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Glenhill Place is classified as a local road. Discussions need to be held about approval of truck entrance on this road. No approval of truck entrance without the direct approval of Planning and Development and the Transportation Division. Would prefer truck traffic from Glenwood Rd or Candler Rd (both truck routes). If permission is granted, the entire roadway section (including pavement section) will need to be brought up to current standards to accommodate truck traffic. Requires a right of way dedication of 55 feet. Requires a 6-foot landscape strip with a 5-foot sidewalk. Requires streetlights. (hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Lane widths and other design factors must be designed for truck traffic. General: no poles to remain in sidewalk/path. All intersections must meet AASHTO sight distance requirements.

N5-2025-0288 Z-25-1247426; and N6-2025-0289 SLUP-25-1247425 (5346 O'Malley Lane): No parking within 100 feet of the intersection.

N7-2025-0291 SLUP-25-1247431 (2667 Candler Woods Court): No on-street parking allowed.

N8-2025-0292 SLUP-25-1247429 (3574 Boring Road): No on-street parking allowed.

#### N9-2025-0293 SLUP-25-1247395 (2615 Shallowford Road): No comments.

#### N10-2025-0295 SLUP-25-1247423; and N11-2025-0296 SLUP-25-1247424:

Memorial Drive is a state route. GDOT review and approval is required prior to permitting. (<a href="Memorial-Livingston@dot.ga.gov"><u>Livingston@dot.ga.gov</u></a>). If a land development permit is required: Memorial Drive is a major arterial. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Along all frontage of SR 155: Requires a 10-foot landscape strip with a 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR (PREFERRED) a 10-foot multiuse path. Requires pedestrian scale streetlights. (<a href="memorial-negoti



#### 3/5/2025

To: Ms. LaSondra Hill, Planning Manager

From: Ryan Cira, Director

Cc: Alan Gaines, Duty Director Re: Rezone Application Review

#### General Comments:

DeKalb County Health Regulations prohibit use of on-site sewage disposal systems for

- multiple dwellings
- · food service establishments
- hotels and motels
- commercial laundries
- funeral homes
- schools
- · nursing care facilities
- personal care homes with more than six (6) clients
- child or adult day care facilities with more than six (6) clients
- residential facilities containing food service establishments

If proposal will use on-site sewage disposal, please contact the Land Use Section (404) 508-7900.

Any proposal, which will alter wastewater flow to an on-site sewage disposal system, must be reviewed by this office prior to construction.

This office must approve any proposed food service operation or swimming pool prior to starting construction.

Public health recommends the inclusion of sidewalks to continue a preexisting sidewalk network or begin a new sidewalk network. Sidewalks can provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to a community-oriented facility and access to adjacent facilities and neighborhoods.

For a public transportation route, there shall be a 5ft. sidewalk with a buffer between the sidewalk and the road. There shall be enough space next to sidewalk for bus shelter's concrete pad installation.

Since DeKalb County is classified as a Zone 1 radon county, this office recommends the use of radon resistant construction.



N1 2025-0283

Z-25-1247358 16 197 02 009 & 16 220 01 001

1619 Pleasant Hill Trail & 7850 Pleasant Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058 Amendment

- Please review the general comments.
- No septic indicated for this property.

N2 2025-0285

Z-25-1247420 15 061 03 001

4743 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034 Amendment

- Review general comments
- No septic indicated.

N3 2025-0285

CZ-25-1247427 15 170 13 030

1816 Glenwood Road, Decatur, GA 30032

Amendment

- Review general comments
- No septic indicated for this property.



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The following areas below may warrant comments from the Development Division. Please respond accordingly as the issues relate to the proposed request and the site plan enclosed as it relates to Chapter 14. You may address applicable disciplines.

EV	Transportation (Access/Pow
	Transportation/Access/Row
	Storm Water Management
	Underground detention pond is recommnded.
	Flood Hazard Area/Wetlands
	The area is located ouside of floodplain.
	Landscaping/Tree Preservation
	Tributary Buffer
	Tributary Durier

Fire Safety				



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# REZONE COMMENTS FORM:

#### PUBLIC WORKS ROAD AND DRAINAGE

Case No.: CZ-25-1247427 Parcel I.D. #: 15 170 13 030
Address: 1816 Candler Road Decatur, GA 30032
Drainage Basin: Dolittle Creek
Upstream Drainage Area: N/A
Percent of Property in 100-Year Floodplain:
Impact on property (flood, erosion, sedimentation) under existing zoning: There is no recorded impact
of flood, erosion or sedimentation under existing zoning.
Required detention facility(s): Yes.
COMMENTS: Any redevelopment arising from a change of conditions of zoning that triggers
the applicability standard for stormwater management under Chapter 14
Art. II, Section 14-40(b) of the county code.
Signature: Akin A. Akinsola



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## COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

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Case No.: (7-25-1247427 Address: 1816 Candler R	Parcel I.D. #s: 15-170   3 030			
necatur, Georgi	a_30032			
	Adjacent Roadway (s):			
	(classification) (classification)			
Capacity (TPD) Latest Count (TPD)	Latest Count (TPD)			
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Existing right of way width Existing right of way width Proposed number of traffic lanes Proposed number of traffic lanes				
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Please provide additional information relating to the I	ollowing statement.			
average of fifteen (15) vehicle trip end (VTE) per 1, 000 above formula, the square foot place of v peak hour vehicle trip ends.  Single Family residence, on the other hand, would gener factor. Based on the above referenced formula, the units per acres, and the given fact that the project s	Fic Engineers (ITE) 6.7th Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an square feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the worship building would generate vehicle trip ends, with approximately rate ten (10) VTE's per day per dwelling unit, with a ten (10%) percent peak hour (Single Family Residential) District designation which allows a maximum of site is approximately acres in land area, daily vehicle trip end, and have idential development of the parcel.  Any traffic engineers (ITE) 6.7th Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an square feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the worship building would generate vehicle trip ends, with approximately area ten (10) VTE's per day per dwelling unit, with a ten (10%) percent peak hour (Single Family Residential) District designation which allows a maximum of site is approximately acres in land area, daily vehicle trip end, and have a single family and family acres in land area.			
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## COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

Case No.: CZ-25-1247427	Parcel I.D. #:	5 170 13 030	
Address: 1816 Candler Road			
WATER:			
Size of existing water main: 12"Cl		(ad	equate/inadequate)
Distance from property to nearest main: Adj	acent	Size of line requir	red, if inadequate:
SEWER:			
Outfall Servicing Project: Intrenchment			
Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes X No	If no, distance to	nearest line:	
Water Treatment Facility: Enctrrenchm	ent Ck adequate_	inadequate	
Sewage Capacity:	_ (MGPD) Current	Flow:	(MGPD)
COMMENTS:			
Any redevelopment arising fro	om a change of	conditions of	zoning that triggers
the applicability standard for s	stormwater ma	nagement und	der Chapter 14
Art. II, Section 14-40(b) of the	county code.		

Signature: Yola Lewis



#### MARTA May 2025 Case Comments

#### D1-2024-1496 CZ-25-1246771 4015 Flat Shoals Pkwy:

This development is adjacent to existing service along Columbia Drive and also fronts planned MARTA service along Flat Shoals Parkway. We recommend that a condition for rezoning be that the developer must coordinate with MARTA to ensure proper pedestrian access between the development and existing and planned bus stops.

#### N2-2025-0285 Z-25-1247420 4743 Flat Shoals Pkwy:

This development is adjacent to planned MARTA service along Flat Shoals Parkway. We recommend that a condition for rezoning be that the developer must coordinate with MARTA to ensure proper pedestrian access between the development and planned bus stops.

#### N3-2025-0286 CZ-25-1247427 1816 Candler Road:

This property is adjacent to existing MARTA service as well as the planned Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit project. While no ART stops are planned in front of this parcel on Candler Road, there will be an increased pedestrian demand for this location due to proximity to improved transit. Sidewalks and driveways for the development should be carefully designed with ped access and safety in mind. Developer should coordinate with MARTA during design phase.

#### N4-2025-0287 Z-25-1247428 3221 Glenwood Road:

This location is adjacent to existing MARTA service for Route 107. Due to this and proximity to the planned Candler Road Arterial Rapid Transit project, there will be an increased pedestrian demand for this location. Sidewalks and driveways for the development should be carefully designed with ped access and safety in mind. Developer should coordinate with MARTA during design phase.



SCALE: 1" = 100'

**CANDLER RD RETAIL DECATUR, GA** 

JOB NUMBER: 2570202 | DATE: 02.07.2025 | BY: ART / BR

DRAWING: SITE PLAN RENDERING SP-2





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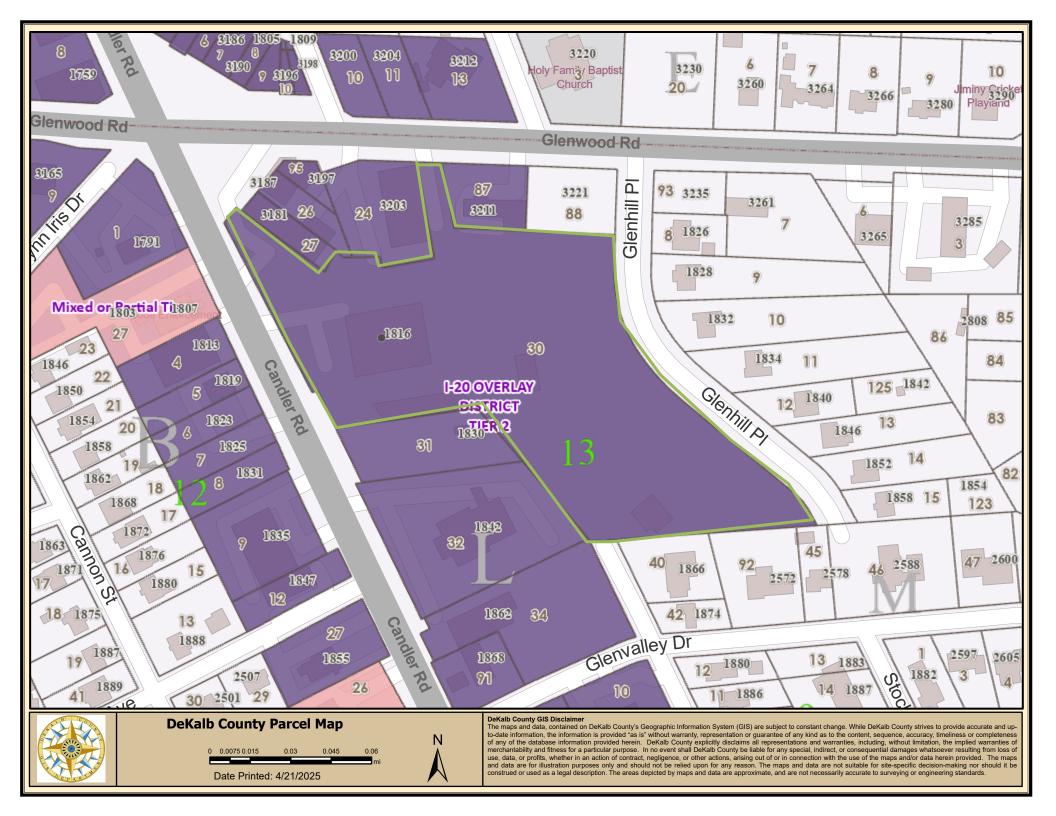
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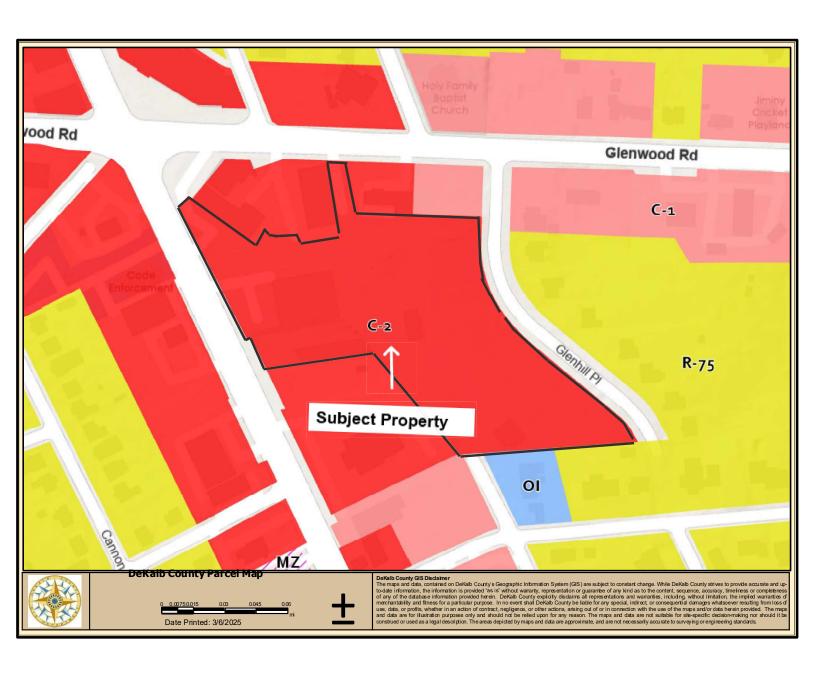
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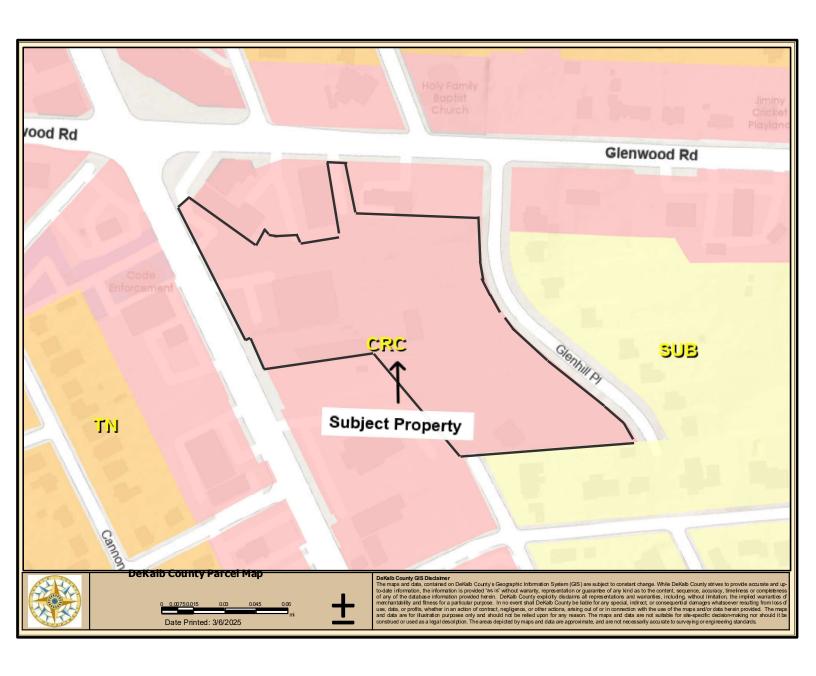


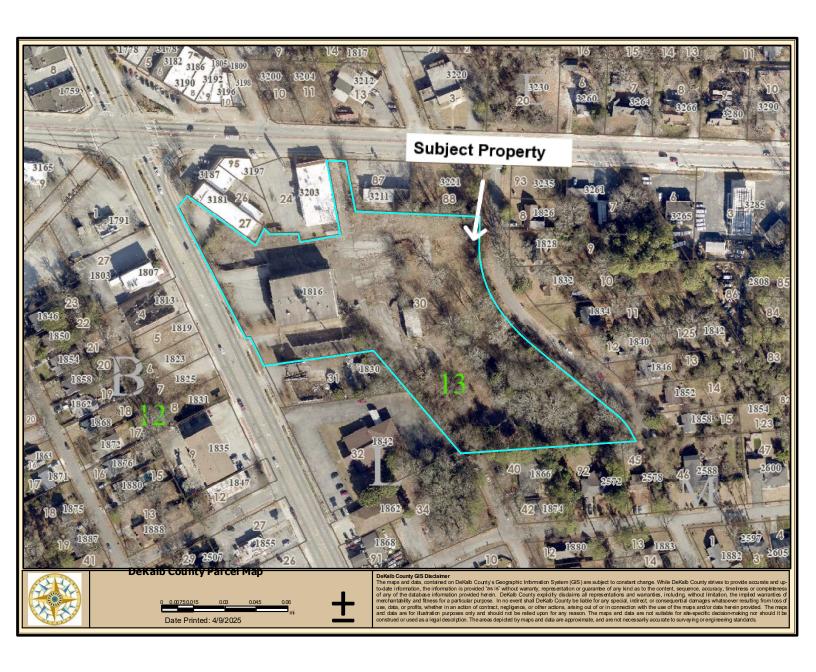












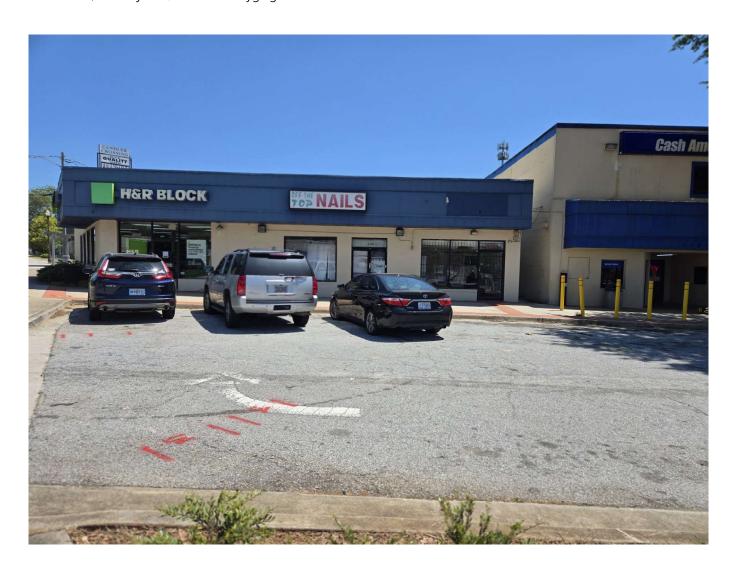


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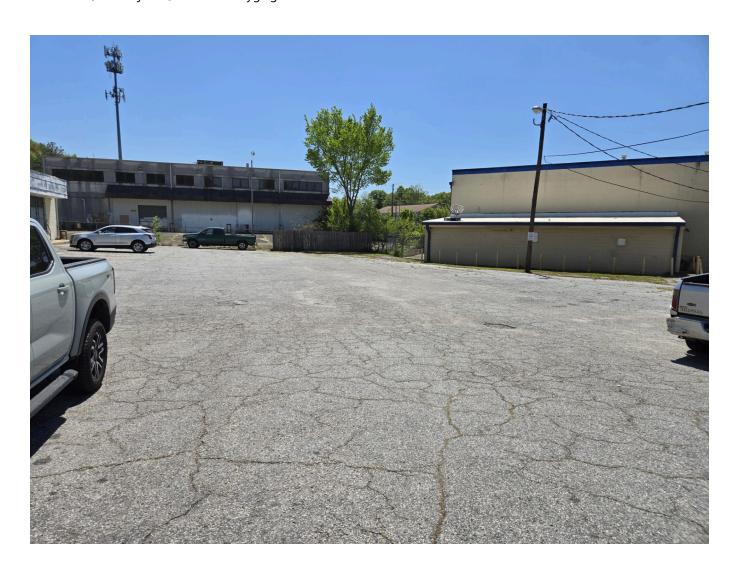


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