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

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 03 Super District 06

Application of Walter Artis and Felicia Williams for a renewal of a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a Child Care Institution (CCI) for up to six (6) children in the RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) zoning district and the Soapstone Historic District, at 2931 Ward Lake Way.

PETITION NO: N5-2025-1624 SLUP-26-1247825

PROPOSED USE: Child daycare facility, for up to six (6) children.

LOCATION: 2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294

PARCEL NO.: 15 009 05 032

INFO. CONTACT: Lucas Carter, Planner

PHONE NUMBER: 404-371-2155

PURPOSE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: (Dec. 2025) Full-cycle deferral.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (Jan. 6, 2026) Pending.

PLANNING STAFF: Approval.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The applicants operate WLA Youth Services LLC, a licensed Child Caring Institution (CCI) within the existing single-family residence at 2931 Ward Lake Way. The facility serves up to six youths between ages 14 and 18 with developmental disabilities—including intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, and cerebral palsy. The facility provides 24-hour, 7-day-a-week supervised care. Residents up to age 21 may remain in the program based on individual needs and state guidelines. The SLUP was originally approved in January 2023. The applicants now seek renewal of a CCII to continue operations without expansion or modification to the residential structure. The home remains non-owner occupied. As previously stated by the applicants, the Office of Provider Management (OPM) state-level regulations prohibit staff or owners from residing on site. Staffing remains consistent with the prior approval: • Four staff members on rotating 10hour shifts • A Program Director making regular visits • A Life Coach providing mentorship and oversight This staffing structure supports round-the-clock supervision consistent with state licensing requirements. A Child Caring Institution is defined by the Zoning Ordinance as a building in which housing, meals, and continuous watchful oversight for four to six children under age 18 are provided, and the facility must be licensed by the State of Georgia. Operational Review Since Initial Approval Staff evaluated the facility's performance during the previous SLUP period: • Code Enforcement: No active or historical violations related to property maintenance, operations, or occupancy were found. • Police Department: No incident reports or calls for service indicating nuisance, safety concerns, or negative neighborhood impact were associated with the address. • Community **Feedback:** Staff received **no opposition**, complaints, or concerns from surrounding residents or civic associations during the current renewal cycle. There is no record of neighborhood disturbance attributable to the use. • Site **Conditions:** The residence continues to function in its original configuration, and parking operations remain consistent with the 2023 approval. Driveway capacity remains adequate for staffing needs. Based on this information, staff finds that the use has operated responsibly, without adverse impacts to surrounding properties, and remains appropriate for its zoning district and land-use context. Therefore, staff recommends "*Approval*" of the application.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (January 6, 2026) Pending.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: (December 2025) Full-cycle deferral 9-0-0.



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Planning Commission Hearing Date: January 6, 2026 Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: January 22, 2026

STAFF ANALYSIS

CASE NO.:	SLUP-26-1247825	File ID #: 2025-1624	
Address:	2931 Ward Lake Way Ellenwood,	Commission District: 03 Super District: 06	
11001000	GA 30294		
Parcel ID(s):	15-009-05-032		
Request:		low a Child Caring Institution (CCI) for up to six children	
Request.	within the existing single-family detached home in the RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) zoning		
	district.		
Property Owner(s):	Walter Artis		
Applicant/Agent:	Walter Artis & Felicia Williams		
Acreage:	0.18		
Existing Land Use:	Child Care Instituion		
Surrounding Properties:	North: SUB East: SUB South: SUB Wes	t: SUB	
Adjacent Zoning:	North: RSM East: RSM South: RSM W	est: RSM	
Existing Land Use:	X	Consistent Inconsistent	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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Staffing remains consistent with the prior approval:

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Special Land Use Permit PCH/CCI (4-6)

(with no new construction)

Amendments will not be accepted after 5 working days after the filing deadline.

SLUP Request for: Over 18 Under 18 Years of Age (check one)

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Subject Property Address: 1931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood GA 30294
Distance to the closes Personal Care Home/Child Care Institution: Panthus ville Group Heme
Parcel ID Number(s): 15 009 05 032 59. Foot 1, 240 Acreage: Commission District(s): Super District(s):
Zoning Designation: Land Use Designation:
Applicant(s) Name: MALTER ARTIS AND FELICIA WILLIAMS Applicant Mailing Address: 238 Walker Street SW, #15 Atlanta GA 30313
Application Phone: (404) 483-042/ Applicant Email: Williams o taxpro a gmail a com
Owner(s) Name: WALTER ARTIS AND E PELLEIA WILLIAMS (if more than one owner, attach list of owners and contact information)
Owner(s) Mailing Address: 238 WAIKER STREET SW, # 15 ATLANTA GA 30313
Owner(s) Phone: (404) 483-0421 Owner(s) Email: Williams, taxprolegmail. Com
WLA Youths ervices a gmail, com
I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application:
Owner - Agent - Agent - Applicant/Agent Signature - Date

Confirmation the Property is over 1,000 feet from any other group home.

2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294 is more than 1,000 feet away from any other group home. 2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294 is approximately 1.6 miles from nearest group home, Panthersville Group Home, located at 4050 Panthersville Road, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294.

WLA Youth Services LLC Walter Artis and Felicia Williams 2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood GA 30294

wlayouthservices@gmail.com

Telephone # 404-483-0421

September 17, 2025

RE: Community Meeting - Special Use Permit (RENEWAL) for 2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood GA 30294

Dear Property Owners,

We would like for you to join our Zoom meeting on Friday, October 3th, at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm to discuss our renewal application for a Special Use Permit for the property located at <u>2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood GA 30294</u>. The main purpose of this special use permit is to operate a Child Caring Placement for special needs children. To find out more about the project or ask questions please see meeting details below:

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT MEETING

WLA Youth Services/Walter Artis and Felicia Williams are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

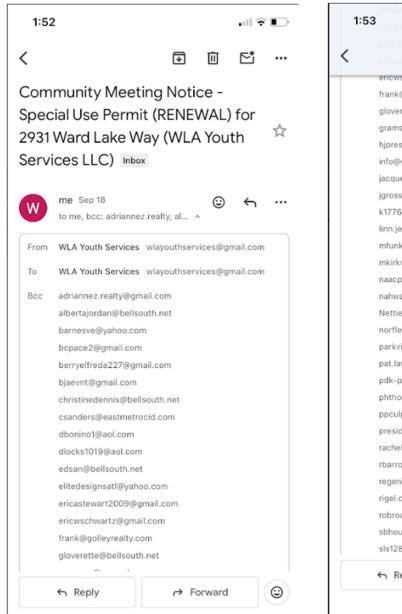
Topic: WLA Youth Services Community Meeting
Time: Oct 3, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81135238735?pwd=8e8qaNYQ1ZgVQ2DhZzgey0dW8FDhTv.1

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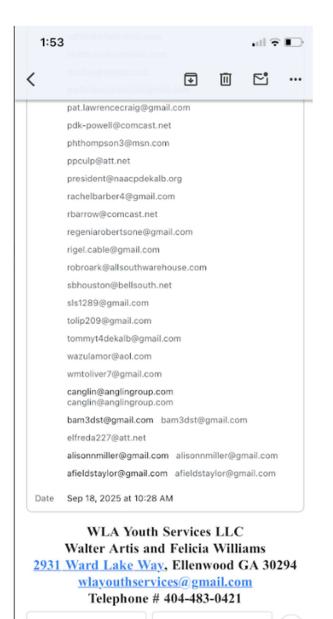
If you are unable to attend but would like to contact us, please send reach out directly to us at the contact information in the header. We look forward to you joining our meeting. Sincerely,

WLA Youth Services Walter Artis and Felicia Williams

Meeting Notification sent out 9/18/2025 for meeting 10/03/2025



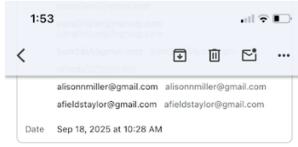




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Randolph Jackson	Willie Oglesby	Cecil Jackson Jr
4100 Windrock Drive	4170 Windrock Drive	996 Strawberry Dr
Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
Randolph Jackson	Nikki Courtney	Euzarlous Pattillo
4110 Windrock Drive	4087 Ward Lake Trl	4180 Windrock Dr
Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
Dekalb County	Residential Home Buyer Atlanta LLC	Killisa Shepard
1300 Commerce Drive	7500 N Dobson Rd Ste 300	4135 Ward Lake Trl
Decatur GA 30030	Scottsdale AZ 85256	Ellenwood GA 30294
Soupcan Capital II LLC	Safari Two Asset Company LLC	Greg Miller
709 Eagles Chase Dr	5001 Plaza on the LK	4147 Ward Lake Trl
Lawrenceville NJ 8648	Austin TX 78746	Ellenwood GA 30294
Myron A Allen	Luqman Abdulmuqaddim Waajid	Kumar Bowen
4165 Ward Lake Trl	2954 Ward Lake Way	4171 Ward Lake Trl
Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
Leonard Williams	Carla McDowell	Patsy Johnson
2936 Ward Lake Way	2906 Ward Lake Way	4183 Ward Lake Trl
Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
Progress Residential Borrower 15 LLC	Angela Pinson	Ward Lake Estate Homeowners
P O Box 4090	4128 Ward Lake Trl	P O Box 157
Scottsdale AZ 85261	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
SFR Assets Owner LLC	Johnny Jones	Tiawanda Williams
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Lithonia GA 30058	Ellenwood GA 30294	Ellenwood GA 30294
Tracie Graham	James Jones	Chekesah Ector
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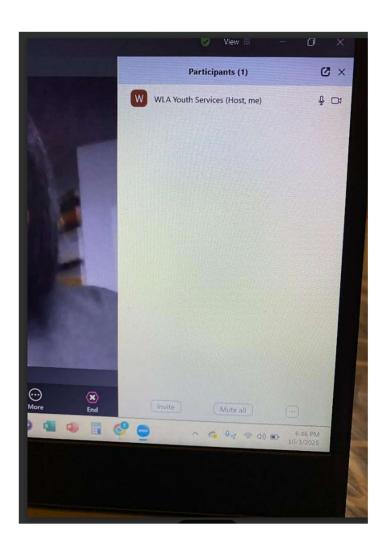
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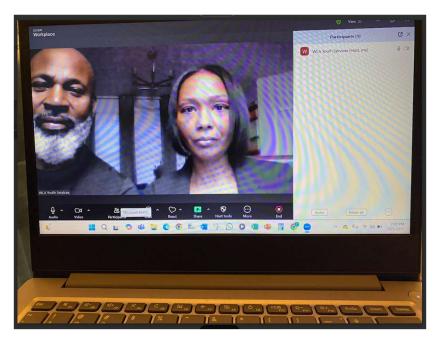
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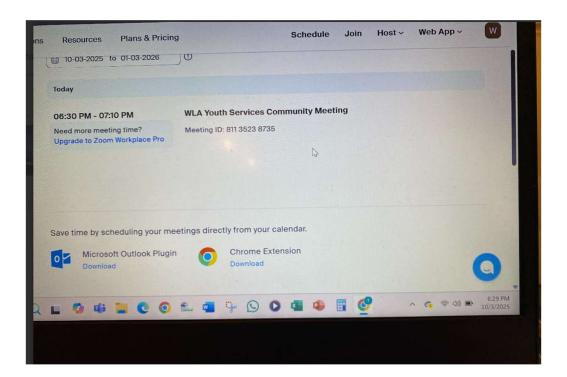
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Letter of Application and Impact Analysis

WLA Youth Services LLC is requesting a Special Land Use Permit from Dekalb County to opearte a Child Caring Institution (CCI) specialty group home for youths between the ages of 14 years old and 21 years old. The demographics of the youths in our program are described as youths with developmental disabilities. Most commonly, youths with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, down syndrome or cerebral palsy. The youths in this program are children with special needs who need 24 hour/7 days a week care and supervision. These youth are not considered high risk for crime or any other serious offenses and do not pose a threat to themselves or the community.

Purpose of the House: Our facility is a 2-story home containing 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths that will allow our program to house a maximum of six (6) youths. Two youth per room with 3 youths per bathroom. Our program provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week supervision covered by our site staff as well as live 24 hour security camera system for additional support. All coverage will be perfomed by four (4) site staff members working ten (10) hour rotating shifts, a program director and life coach. Both the Program Director and Life Coach will make mutiple site visits through out the week to oversee the supervision of the youths within the home. Rest assure the youths in this program will always havae full supervision 24 hours a day. Each site staff member as well as the program director and life coach are trained and certified in fire safety and CPR. Additionally, our home is equipped with (2) fire extinguishers, fire alarms, exit signs and smoke detectors directly hardwired into law enforcement and the fire department.

<u>Parking:</u> The location can hold up to four (4) cars in the parking spaces (driveway) and two (2) cars in the garage. On each shift there will not be more than two cars parked in the parking spaces per day.

Before Mr. Walter Artis and Ms. Felicia Williams can start this program, they are required to obtain housing zoned (special land use permit) with a capacity of six (6) youths and young adults and must also obtain a Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) for operations in the state of Georgia within all counties and cities only. Mr. Walter Artis and Ms. Felicia Williams must submit a copy of the zoning (Special Land Use Permit) letter and the Fire Marshall Inspection before they are allowed to obtain licensing from Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) and Office of Provider Management (OPM). The average time frame to complete this process is twelve (12) months and therefore we would like to get approval for zoning so that we can move forward with all the other prerequisites for the progam application and paperwork submission. All contracts from the Office of Provider Management (OPM) are given twice per year – July/October. All applications are accepted by the Office of Provider Management (OPM) in November 2025 and February 2026.

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Home Data



Location Address: 2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, Georgia 30294
Siding Home with three exits – Single Famly Home
Parking Spaces for 4 to 6 Cars in from of House
3 Bedrooms/2 ½ Bathrooms
Total Square Feet: 1240 sq ft

Other relevant information regarding Special Land Use Permit request:

- 1. No HOA Presence
- 2. After pre-application meeting letters/notification sent to all home owners within 500 feet of 2931 Ward Lake Way
- 3. Meeting Held October 3, 2025 @ 6:30 pm No opposition to move forward with plan

Statement of Conditions Discussion with Neighborhood

The special land use permit dicussion was held via Zoom on October 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm. No one from the community of homeowners or interested parties attended the meeting. Mr. Walter Artis and Felicia Williams were prepared to explain to the group that this is only for a special land use permit and that it would not impact property value or insurance rates of the properties.

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Property taxes and insuance: We have owned a home in this community for several years and are fully vested in the property value and community safety. It is important to note we are applying for a Special Land Use Permit and this permit does not and will not impact property values, property taxes or insurance rates of the properties. This project will not create any adverse impacts to any adjoining properties because the facility will operate as a normal home in the community.

Parking and Traffic: Our home can hold up to four (4) cars in the driveway parking spaces and two (2) cars in the garage. There will be at least one vehicle parked in the driveway at all times. This vehicle will belong to the site staff working their shift. The program director and life coach's vehicles will also frequently park in the driveway to conduct site visits and transport the youth to doctor's appointments. This project will have minimal to no impact on the neighborhood and surrounding areas in regards to traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust or vibration generated by the proposed use. Our only anticipated traffic slow will occur during the shift changes of our onsite staff members.

Expected launch date is July 2026 tentatively.

Impact Analysis

Criteria: Sec 27-7,4.6 The following criteria shall be considered by the Department of Planning and Sustainability, the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners in evaluating and deciding any application for a special land use permit. No application for a special land use permit shall be granted by the Board of Commissioners unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been make concerning each of the following factors, all of which are applicable to each application, and unless the application is in compliance with all applicable regulations in Article 4.

- A. Adequacy of the size of the site for use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yard, open space, off-street parking, transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located. The land area for use for this project is adequate for the propsed use for this property. The program requires a minimum of 3-4 bedrooms with each room with an appropriate 80 sq feet. With a total of 1240 sq feet no expansion will be needed for this project.
- **B.** Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land use and other properties and land uses in the district, and whether the proposed use will create

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adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use. The project will have minimal on the neighborhood and surrounding areas in regards to traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust or vibration generated by the proposed use. On each shift there will only be one staff so only one car will be parked on the premise with the maximum being two vehicles (when program director or life coach conducts onsite visits). The program director and life coach's vehicles will also frequently park in the driveway to conduct site visits and transport the youth to doctor's appointments.

- C. Adequacy of public services, public or private facilities, public or private streets (including consideration of traffic-carrying capacity), and utilities to serve contemplated. Traffic slow will only occur every ten (10) hours when sifts are changed and this will not impact the flow of traffic or cause any disturbance of traffic, no noise nor community traffic problems for the neighborhood. Based on the staffing needs only two cars will be on the property at any given time.
- D. Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether there is sufficient traffic carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area. The impact traffic on the public street will be minimal since doctors' appointments and outside visits by the six (6) residents will be done by the staff on call for that shift. No extra transportation will be needed to cause any type of congestion for traffic. The parking space at the location has the capacity for four (4) vehicles and the enclosed garage can also accommodate two (2) extra cars.
- E. Adequacy of ingress and egress to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures and uses thereon with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control and access in the event of fire or other emergency. The location has four (4) open parking spaces at which the staff on shift car's will be parked in the garage to ensure the fire, police or any other emergency vehicle can easily access the premises this will ensure that there is safe and easy access to the property in case of an emergency.
- F. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use. No! This project will not create any adverse impact upon any adjoining land because the facility will be operated just like a normal home with the residents' rules and regulations monitored by 24/7 care team and camera. The program director will conduct daily

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announced and unannounced visits to the premise and will ensure that the youths in this program are cared for in the manner that will not cause any issue for the community. Daily schedule activities and supervision will be an important integral part of the program schedule.

- **G.** Whether the proposed use is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located. **Yes the property is within the line of the proposed requirement for use as a group home description needed for CCI requirements.**
- H. Whether the proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan. Yes! The proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan for a CCI program for use in DFCS specialty care program.
- I. Whether there is adequate provision of refuse and services areas. Yes! There is adequate provision of refuse and service area for all incoming and outgoing service providers. The front garbage receptacle will be the main area of intake and outtake for all refuse and services. This will be structured on a weekly basis once per week.
- J. Whether the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should be limited in duration. No! The property will be used perpetually as a group home and will be legacy home for descendants of the property.
- K. Whether the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of the adjacent and nearby lots and buildings, and whether the proposed use will create a shadow impact on any adjoining lost or building, as a result of the proposed building height. There will be no external modifications to the house width or height for this project. All modifications are internal, expanding doors, showers installing a ramp for wheelchair access and ensure that the backyard is enclosed.
- L. Whether the proposed plan will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources. No changes will be made to the house or property for this project.
- M. Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained in within the Supplemental Regulations for such special land use permit. **Yes! The proposed use satisfies the requirements the requirements contained within the Supplemental Regulations for this permit**.

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N. Whether the proposed use would be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood of the community as a whole, be compatible with the neigh, and would not be in conflict with the overall objectives of the comprehensive plan. The structure of the program will be managed as a home and no external signs or reference to a business will be visible to the neighborhood or community. The program's main goal is to provide room, board and watchful oversight for youths with special needs for long term care with twenty-four (24) hours services daily. The age range of the clients will be between twelve (12) to eighteen (18) years old. These youths can be approved to stay in extended care until twenty-one (21) years old. This home will not be remodeled to change any building structure or physical appearances of the home to conflict with the current community style. No trees or plants will be removed No pool or water feature will be installed. Based on the requirements for a special land use permit this home does satisfy those requirements as stated in the CCI regulations.

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Please read through the Supplemental Regulations for Child Care Institutions below. We need responses to both D & E:

D. Child caring institutions, general requirements. 1. Each child caring institution must obtain all license(s) and/or permit(s) required by the State of Georgia in order to operate. Each child caring institution must display its State-issued license(s) and/or permit(s) in plan view, visible from the front driveway of the facility. 2. No child caring institution may display any exterior signage that violates the sign ordinance in Chapter 21 of the Code or the sign provisions in the zoning regulations for the underlying zoning district where the personal care home is located. In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Child Care Institutions (CCI), WLA Youth Services LLC intends to be in full compliance with the above requirements after the zoning is approved and the appropriate paperwork is submitted to the state for approval of a license for such business as described in the rules and regulations of the CCI rules for Child Care Institutions.

E. Child caring institutions, group (4-6 children). 1. Two (2) copies of complete architectural plans for the subject group child caring institution, signed or sealed by a registered architect, shall be submitted to the director of planning prior to the issuance of a building permit or business license. 2. Each group child caring institution must provide at least four (4) parking spaces within the driveway, garage or carport, and must comply with any applicable requirements in Article 6. WLA Youth Services LLC intends to be in full compliance with all the rules and regulations as stated and will be including all the required paperwork with the package for review by the permitting office. The structure of the house is now setup with (4) parking spaces within driveway.



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	Authorization	
The property owner should complete this form o with the County is not the property owner.	r a similar signed and notarized/fòrm if the indivi	dual who will file the application
being owner of the above-mentioned subject pro	Name of Owner(s) perty hereby delegate authority to:	
to file an application on my/our behalf.	Name of Agent or Representative(s)	
Notary Public	Owner	Date



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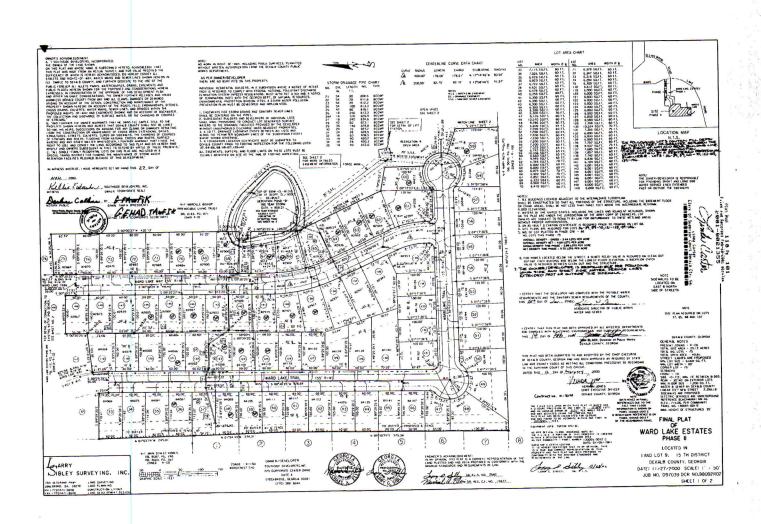
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DISCLOSURE OF (CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, C	DCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered.
Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in campai preceding the filling of this application? Yes No	gn contributions to a local government official within two years immediately
If the answer is yes, you must file a Disclosure Report w	rith the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:
*Notary seal not needed if answer is "No"	·
1. The name and official position of the local govern	ment official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
The dollar amount and description of each campa the filing of this application and the date of each s	aign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding such contribution.
The Disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the app	lication is first filed and must be submitted to:
CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, GA 30030	DeKalb County Board of Commissioners 1300 Commerce Drive Decatur, GA 30030 Molton Continue Tellara Machan 10/n/1025
Notary	Applicant/Agent Signature Date
	Check one: ✓ Owner ☐ Agent
Expiration Date/ Seal	



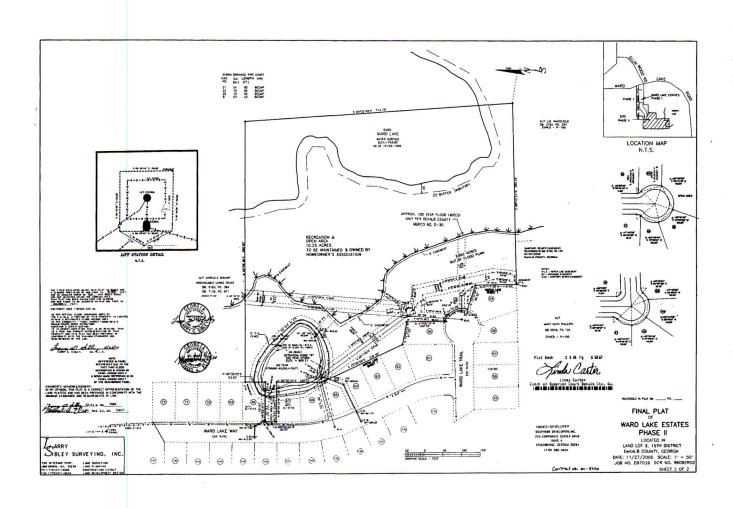














Exhibit "A" Legal Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 9, 15th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, being known as Lot 138, Ward Lake Estates, Phase II, as per plat recorded at Plat Book 118, Page 101-102, DeKalb County, Georgia Records. Said plat being incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Parcel ID Number: 15 009 05 032.

Subject to any Easements or Restrictions of Record.



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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(s) Name: Walter Artis and Felic	ia Williams	
Phone: 404-483-0421	Email: wlayouthservices	@gmail.com
Property Address: 2931 Ward Lake Way,		
Tax Parcel ID: 15 009 05 032	Comm. District	(s): 3 & 6 Acreage: 0.18
Existing Use:		
Supplemental Regs:		
Rezoning: Yes No _X Existin	D014	5014
	re Footage/Number of Units: _	
Rezoning Request:		
Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes	NoX Ex	isting Land Use: SUB
Proposed Land Use: SUB	Consistent >	Inconsistent
Special Land Use Permit: Yes X No	Article Number(s) 2	27
Special Land Use Request(s): Renewal of S	SLUP-23-1246169. CCI for u	p to six (6) children.
Major Modification: Yes No _X	Existing Zoning Conditions	: SLUP-23-1246169
Major Modification Request: N/A		
Condition(s) to be modified: N/A		

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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

Pre-submittal Community Meeting: X Calendar Dates: CC: 12/10/25 PC: 01/06/26 BOC: 01/22/26
Letter of Intent: X Impact Analysis: X Owner Authorization(s): X Campaign Disclosure: X
Public Notice, Signs: X Tree Survey, Conservation (if applicable): N/A
Submittal Format: ONE (1) COMBINED, PDF DOCUMENT UPLOAD PLEASE
Review of Site Plan
Density: Density Bonuses: Mix of Uses: Open Space:
Enhanced Open Space: Setbacks: front sides side corner rear
Lot Size: Frontage: Street Widths: Landscape Strips: Buffers:
Parking Lot Landscaping: Parking - Auto: Parking - Bicycle: Screening:
Streetscapes: Sidewalks: Fencing/Walls: Bldg Height: Bldg Separation:
Bldg. Orientation: Bldg. Separation:
Bldg Materials: Roof Fenestration: Façade Design:
Garages: Pedestrian Plan: Perimeter Landscape Strip:
Possible Variances:
Comments:
Planner: LaSondra Hill, Administrative Specialist Date: August 21, 2025



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Michael Thurmond

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Interim Director Cedric Hudson

DATE: February 1, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that on January 26, 2023, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved the following application(s):

SLUP-22-1246169 2022-2535 15-009-05-032 2931 WARD LAKE WAY, ELLENWOOD, GEORGIA 30294

Commission District 03 Super District 06

Application of Walter Artis & Felicia Williams for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a Child Caring Institution (CCI) for up to six children within the existing single-family detached home in the RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) zoning district. The property is located on the west side of Ward Lake Way, at 2931 Ward Lake Way in Ellenwood, Georgia. The property has approximately 53 feet of frontage along Ward Lake Way and contains 0.18 acre.

The application was approved on January 26, 2023, with the following conditions:

- 1. The Special Land Use Permit shall be granted to Walter Artis.
- 2. Walter Artis shall obtain a certificate of occupancy to operate the facility.
- 3. A County business license must be obtained prior to operating the facility, in which the license shall be renewed annually.



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Zoning Comments January 2026

Z-26-1247832 (2025-1620) 3792 Memorial College Drive:

Memorial College Drive is classified as a collector road. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 35 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 a 10-foot multi-use path. It requires pedestrian scale streetlights.

Z-26-1247833 (2025-1621) 8277 Norris Lake Way:

Norris Lake Way is classified as local roads. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 27.5 feet from centerline OR such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Requires a 5-foot landscape strip with a 5-foot sidewalk. It requires pedestrian scale streetlights. Adjacent street Norris Lake Drive is classified as a Collector. Please refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. Requires a right of way dedication of 35 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 a 10-foot multi-use path. It requires pedestrian scale streetlights. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

Z-26-1247784 (2025-1622) 5488 Flat Shoals Parkway:

Flat Shoals Parkway is classified as a Major Arterial, also a Georgia State Route. Refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. If not already in place: Requires a right of way dedication of 75 feet from the centerline of roadway, all public infrastructure must be within right of way. Requires a 10-foot multiuse path with pedestrian scale streetlights.

SLUP-26-1247822 (2025-1623) 3396 Chamblee-Tucker Road:

Chamblee Tucker Road is classified as a Minor Arterial. SLUP does not change the existing shoulders or curb cuts. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

SLUP-26-1247825 (2025-1624) 2931 Ward Lake Way:

Ward Lake Way is classified as a local road. SLUP does not change the existing shoulders or curb cuts. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

SLUP-26-1247829 (2025-1625) 3915 Emerald North Drive:

Emerald North Drive is classified as a local road. SLUP does not change the existing shoulders or curb cuts. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

Z-26-1247827 (2025-1626) 4493 Flakes Mill Road (4400 River Road):

Flakes Mill Road is classified as a Minor Arterial. Refer to the requirements in Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190. The right-of way dedication of 35 feet minimum from centerline to allow all public infrastructure is within right of way. Requires a 10-foot multiuse path, with pedestrian streetlights. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.

SLUP-26-1247841 (2025-1627) 4493 Flakes Mill Road (4400 River Road):

Flakes Mill Road is classified as a local road. SLUP does not change the existing shoulders or curb cuts. Verify that all access points have intersection and stopping sight distance as described by AASHTO.



Wednesday, November 19, 2025

To: Mr. John Reid, Senior Planner

From: Ryan Cira, Director, Division of Environmental Health

Cc: Alan Gaines, Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Health

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.

N1-2025-1620	Z-26-1247832
3792 Memorial College Drive, Clarkston, GA	30021
- See general comments	
N2-2025-1621	Z-26-1247833
8277 Norris Lake Way, Snellville, Ga 30039	
- See general comments	
N3-2025-1622	Z-26-1247784
5488 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, Ga 3003	34

- Septic Diagram record from on file from 1999.
- DeKalb County Health Regulations prohibit use of on-site sewage disposal systems for
 - food service establishments

N4-2025-1623	SLUP-26-1247822
3396 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee, G	a 30341
- See general comments	
N5-2025-1624	SLUP-26-1247825
2931 Ward Lake Way, Ellenwood, GA 3029	4
Child day care facilitySee general comments	

N6-2025-1625

SLUP-26-1247829

3915 Emerald North Drive, Decatur, GA 30035

- Personal care home
- See general comments

N7-2025-1626

Z-26-1247827

4493 Flakes Mill Road, Ellenwood, Ga 30394

- Child Day Care
- DeKalb County Health Regulations prohibit use of on-site sewage disposal systems for
 child or adult day care facilities with more than six clients.

N8-2025-1627

SLUP-26-1247841

4493 Flakes Mill Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

- Child Day Care
- DeKalb County Health Regulations prohibit use of on-site sewage disposal systems for
 child or adult day care facilities with more than six clients.



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ſhe f	ollowing areas below may warrant comments from the Development Division. Please respond accordingly as the issues relate to the
rop	osed request and the site plan enclosed as it relates to Chapter 14. You may address applicable disciplines.
	ELOPMENT ANALYSIS:
•	Fransportation/Access/Row
•	Storm Water Management
	Flood Hazard Area/Wetlands
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•	Tributary Buffer

Fire Safety			
	 	 	



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REZONE COMMENTS FORM:

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD AND DRAINAGE

Case No.:	Parcel I.D. #:
Drainage Basin:	
Upstream Drainage Area:	
Percent of Property in 100-Year Floodplain:	
Impact on property (flood, erosion, sedimentation)	under existing zoning:
Required detention facility(s):	
COMMENTS:	
Signature:	Akin Akinsola



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COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Case No.: Z-26-1247784	Parcel I.D. #s: 15 066 01 001
Address: 5488 Flat Shoals Parkway, D	Decatur 30034
	Adjacent Roadway (s):
(c	lassification) (classification)
Capacity (TPD) Latest Count (TPD) Hourly Capacity (VPH) Peak Hour. Volume (VPH) Existing number of traffic lanes Existing right of way width Proposed number of traffic lanes Proposed right of way width	Capacity (TPD) Latest Count (TPD) Hourly Capacity (VPH) Peak Hour. Volume (VPH) Existing number of traffic lanes Existing right of way width Proposed number of traffic lanes Proposed right of way width
average of fifteen (15) vehicle trip end (VTE) per 1, 000 sq	lowing statement. c Engineers (ITE) 6/7th Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an uare feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the orship building would generate vehicle trip ends, with approximately
factor. Based on the above referenced formula, the	te 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 the sapproximately acres in land area, daily vehicle trip end, and residential development of the parcel.
comments: Did not see any at this time.	traffic engineering concerns
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COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

Case No.:	Parcel I.D. #:	
Address:		
		<u> </u>
WATER:		
Size of existing water main:		(adequate/inadequate)
Distance from property to nearest main:	Size of lin	ne required, if inadequate:
SEWER:		
Outfall Servicing Project:		
Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes	No If no, distance to nearest line	:
Water Treatment Facility:	adequate inadequ	uate
Sewage Capacity:	(MGPD) Current Flow:	(MGPD)
COMMENTS:		

Signature:

