

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION

Existing Conditional Zoning No.: CZ-86024	
APPLICANT NAME: _ Eberly & Associates c/o The Galloway Law Group, LLC	
Daytime Phone#: (404) 965-3680 Fax #: (404) 965-3670 E-mail: laurel@glawgp.com	
Mailing Address: 3500 Lenox Road NE, Ste 750, Atlanta, GA 30326	
OWNER NAME: J.M. Williams, Jr., HERITAGE STH REAL EST PART LP one owner, attach contact information for each owner) (If more the state of the stat	han
Daytime Phone#: Fax #: E-mail:	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3429, Suwanee, GA 30024-0992	
SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LOCATION: 6754 Bermuda Road	
, DeKalb County, GA,30087	
District(s):18 Land Lot(s):084 Block(s):01 Parcel(s):002	
Acreage or Square Feet: Commission District(s): Existing Zoning:	
I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Development Department to inspect the property that is the subject of th application.	is
Have you, the applicant, made a campaign contribution of \$250.00 or more to a DeKalb County government official wit the two year period that precedes the date on which you are filing this application? Yes No If "yes", see page 4. (Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, O.C.G.A., Chapter 36-67A)	hin
Owner: Agent: (Check One)	
Signature of Applicant: Swall Gardy Major Modification Application	
Printed Name of Applicant: 500Hl. Gardun Major Modification Application	



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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.

Date:	
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:	*
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to file an application on (my), (our) behalf.	
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Date: June 28, 2018	
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Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

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Have you the applicant made \$250 or more i	in campaign contributions to a local government
official within two years immediately preceding	g the filling of this application?
Yes	No
I es	NO

If the answer is yes, please list each such contribution below by providing: the name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; the dollar amount; a description of each campaign contribution; and the date of the contribution.

Name & Position of Official	Description	Amount	Contribution Date

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

SIGNATURE AND DATE

Check One:
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June 11, 2018

RE: Notification of Community Meeting for Zoning Modification Request

Next month, Eberly & Associates plans to submit an application to the DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability Department requesting a modification of zoning conditions attached to vacant property located at 6754 Bermuda Road. This property is adjacent to a site located in Gwinnett County that has been proposed for development, and the zoning modification would allow access to the site from Bermuda Road.

You are receiving this letter because the person or entity to whom it is addressed owns property located within 500 feet the property that is the subject of this Application. To provide more information about the proposal before the application is filed, the Applicant will host an informational meeting that you are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Stone Mountain, located at 5355 Stone Mountain Highway, Stone Mountain, GA 30087, on June 27, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like information about the application, please feel free to contact the Galloway Law Group at (404) 965-3680.

Sincerely,

THE GALLOWAY LAW GROUP, LLC

COMMUNITY MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET				
Project:	6754 Bermuda Road – private drive, berm	Date:	June 26, 2018, 6:30 PM	
Applicant:	Eberly & Associates	Place:	Comfort Inn & Suites 5355 Stone Mountain Hwy Stone Mountain, GA 30087	

Name	Address	E-Mail / Phone
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Danielle Jones	1331 English Manor C	in Ms djones 65 eya Loo. con
Frank Davis	StONE MT. Park	F. Davo @ stonemounton Lary Inorwood @gmail.com
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Bo Cow	Store Mit Bark	-770-498-5714
LiRveiker	1534 English Maner Circle 1207 For 1/2/ Maner Circle	770-981-2700
Wayne Sheats	1303 English Manor Circle	16A,30087 678-656-2465
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	SN.MTN. 30087	(404) 932-6552

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Name	Address	E-Mail / Phone
Pamela Shaw	1350 english manor circle 30007	pamela shavv @ yahoo. com.
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Joseph Ponder	1340 English Manor CIC 34487	spondooxehornail.com

LEGAL DESCRIPTION, TRACT 2 (BASED ON THIS SURVEY)

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 84 of the 18th Land District, Dekalb County, Georgia, said tract or parcel of land being more fully shown and designated as Tract 2 on a plat of survey prepared by Valentino & Associates, Inc. (Job #18-009; Drawing/File #18-009), bearing the seal of Glenn A. Valentino, Ga. Registered Land Surveyor #2528, and being more particularly described, with bearings relative to Grid North, Georgia West Zone, as follows:

BEGINNING at a computed point located at the intersection of the northerly right-of-way line of Bermuda Road (apparent 30' public r/w and varies) and the line which divides Dekalb and Gwinnett Counties (said computed point being witnessed by a bent 1/2"rebar found 2.48 feet northwest thereof);

THENCE proceeding along said northerly right-of-way line of Bermuda Road the following courses and distances:

North 85 degrees 28 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 21.59 feet to a computed point;

THENCE North 88 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 30.97 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 87 degrees 04 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 31.05 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 83 degrees 05 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 30.99 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 79 degrees 31 minutes 32 seconds West for a distance of 100.21 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 81 degrees 29 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 49.34 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 84 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 49.92 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 82 degrees 04 minutes 17 seconds West for a distance of 55.50 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 78 degrees 24 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 33.15 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 75 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 103.13 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 76 degrees 20 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 97.55 feet to a computed point;

THENCE South 76 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 168.48 feet to a 1/2"rebar found;

THENCE departing said northerly right-of-way line of Bermuda Road North 08 degrees 35 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 25.92 feet to a 1/2"rebar found;

THENCE North 08 degrees 34 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 1373.60 feet to a 1"solid rod found on the line which divides Gwinnett and Dekalb Counties;

THENCE proceeding along said line which divides Gwinnett and Dekalb Counties the following courses and distances:

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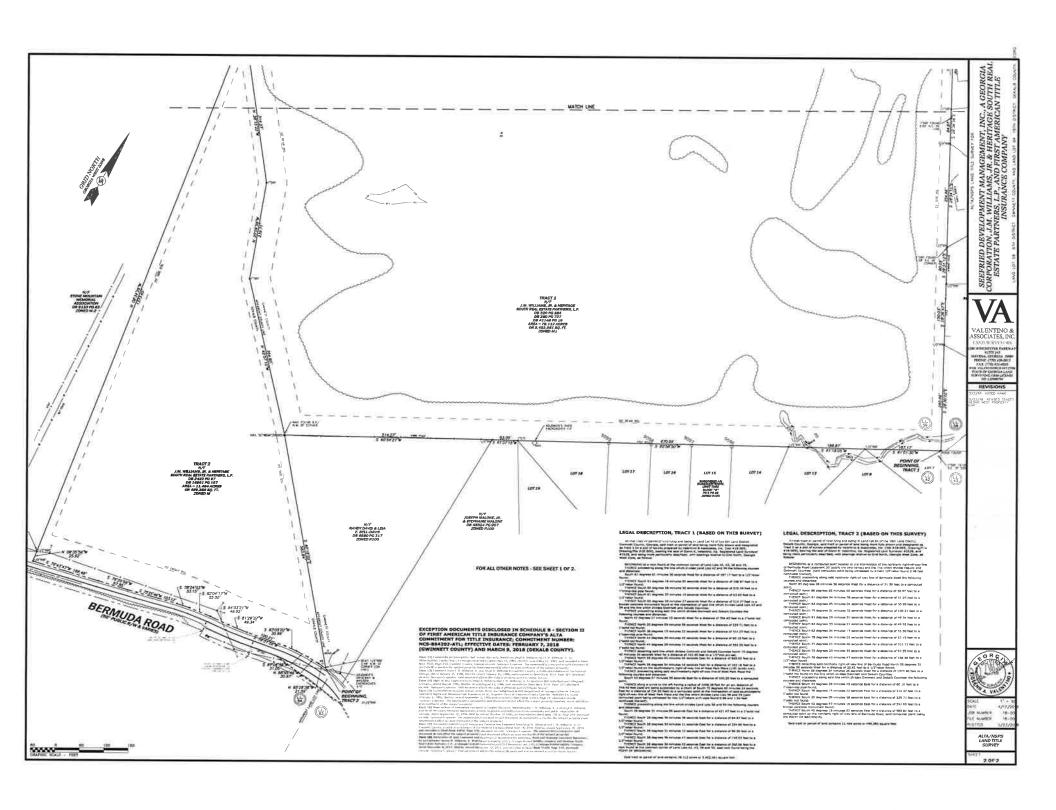
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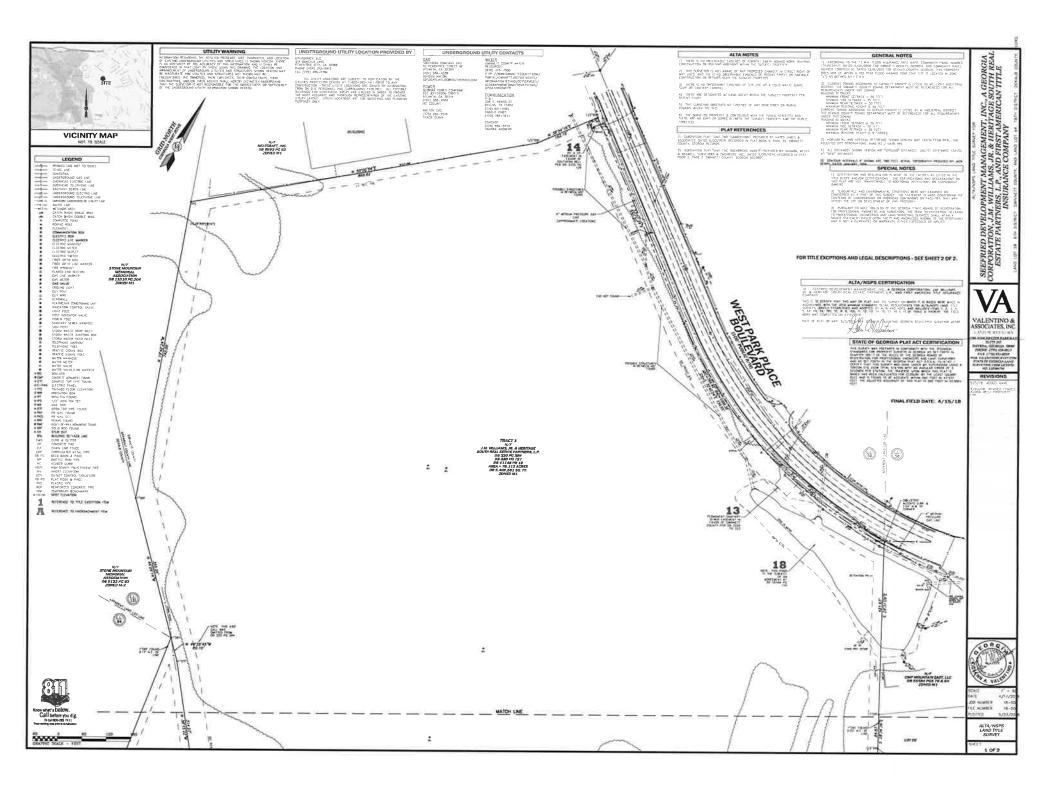
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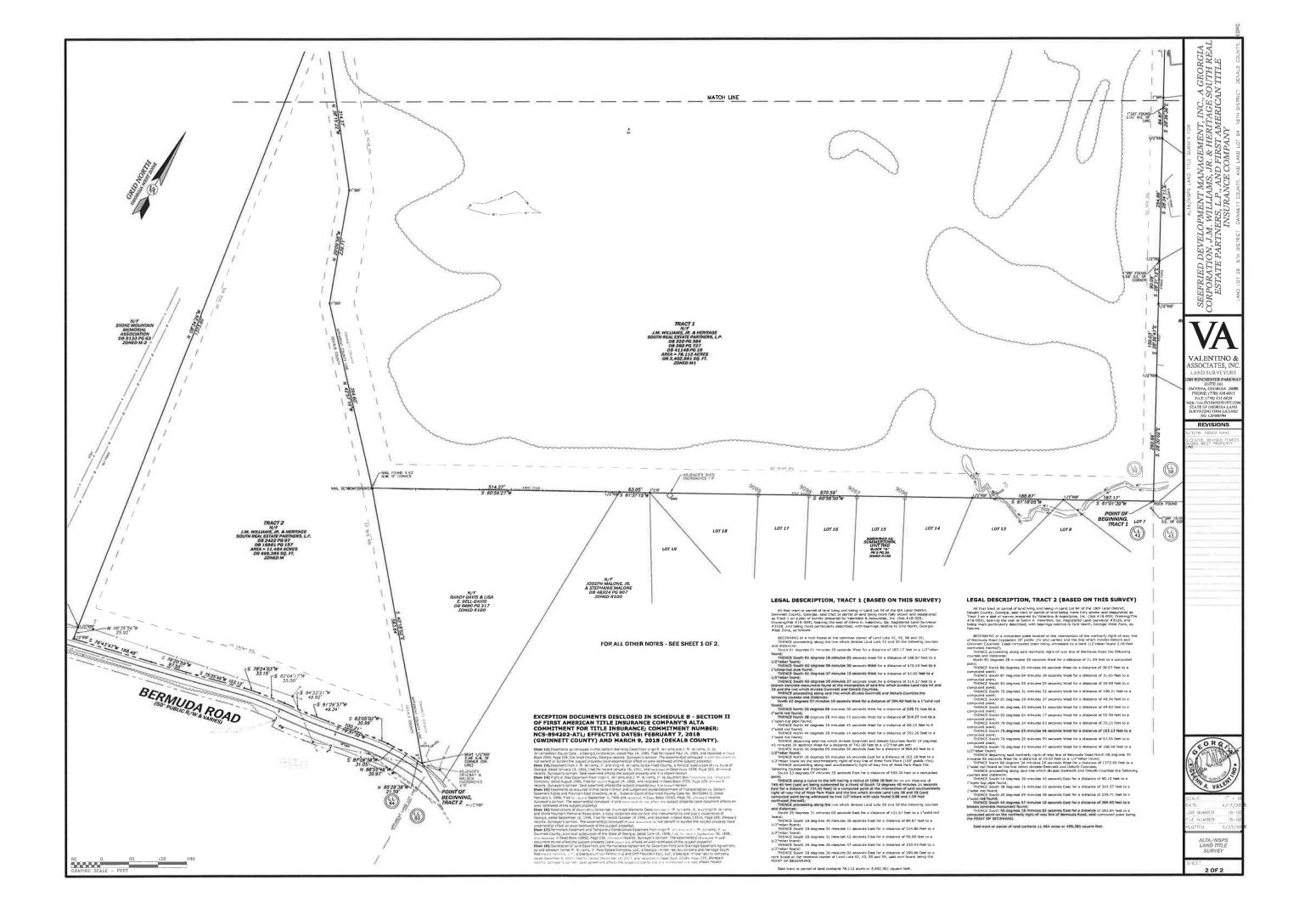
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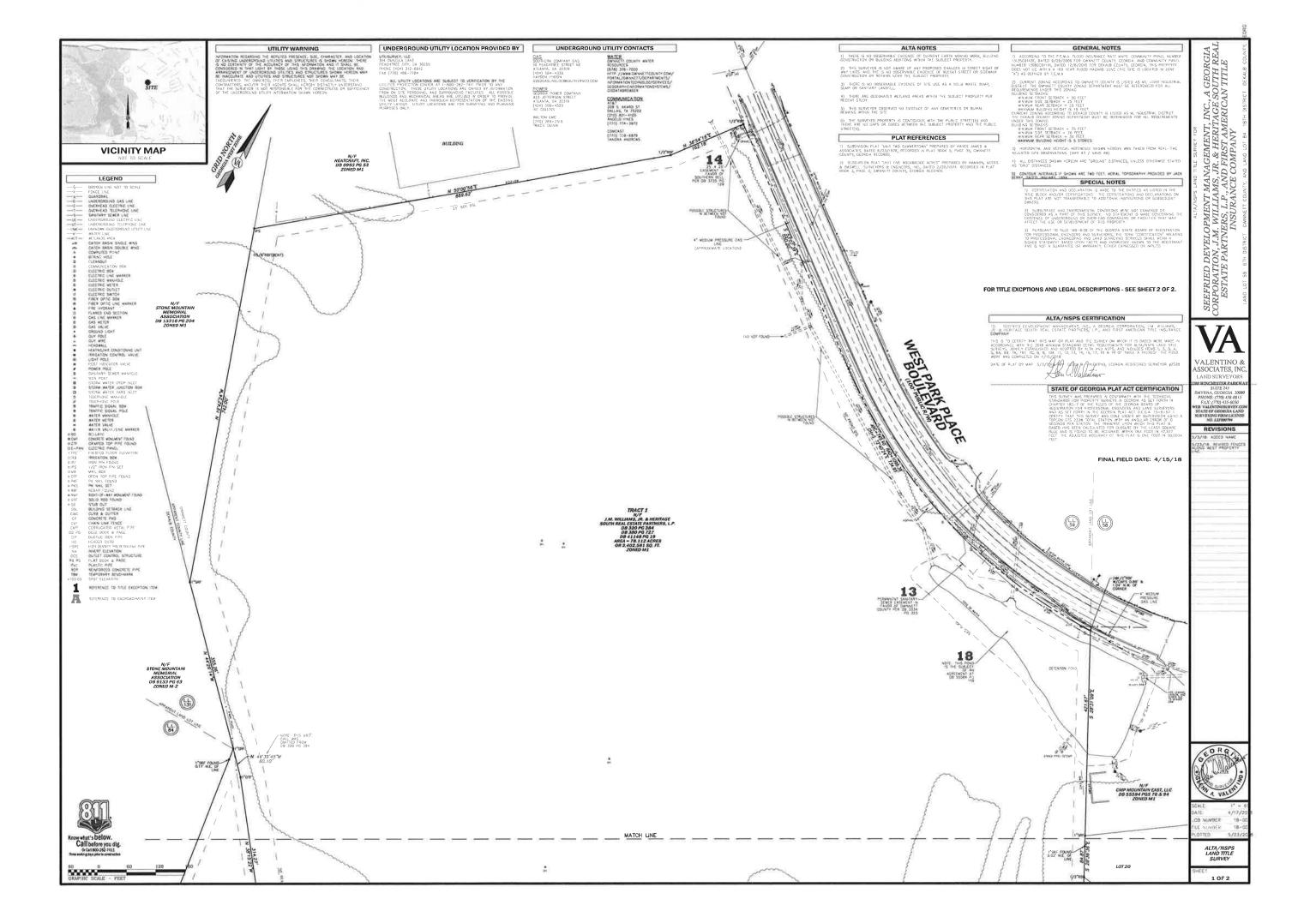
THENCE South 40 degrees 18 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 583.84 feet to a computed point on the northerly right-of-way line of Bermuda Road, said computed point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

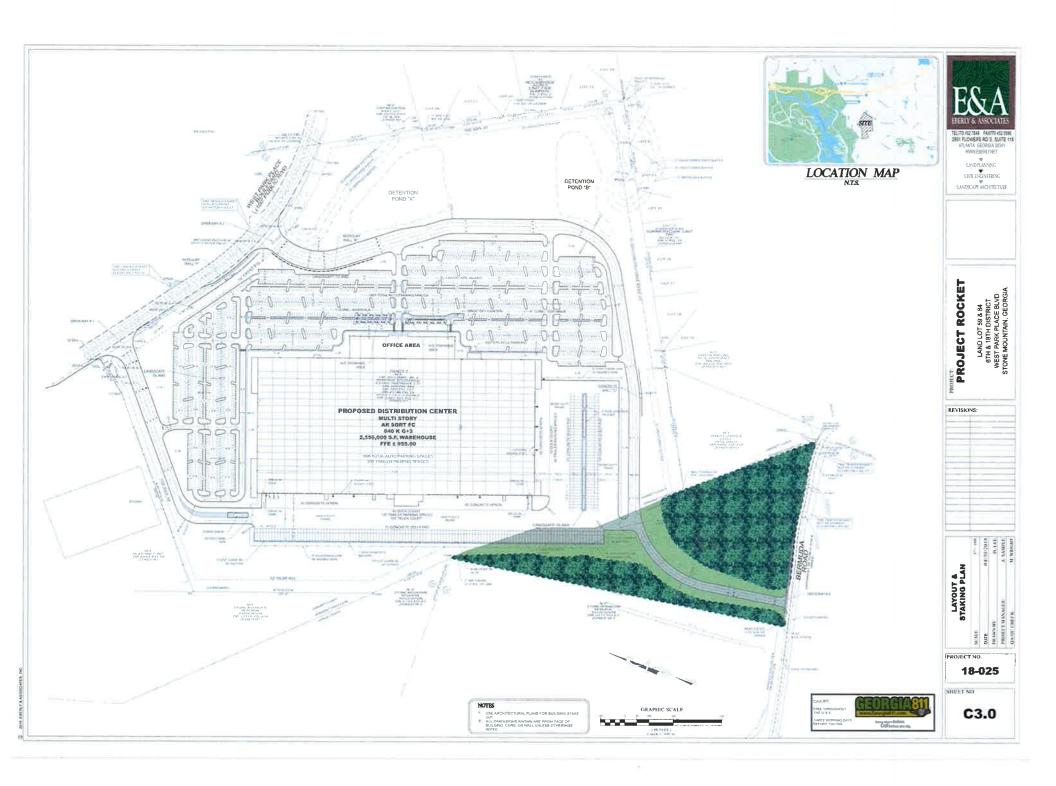
Said tract or parcel of land contains 11.464 acres or 499,385 square feet.

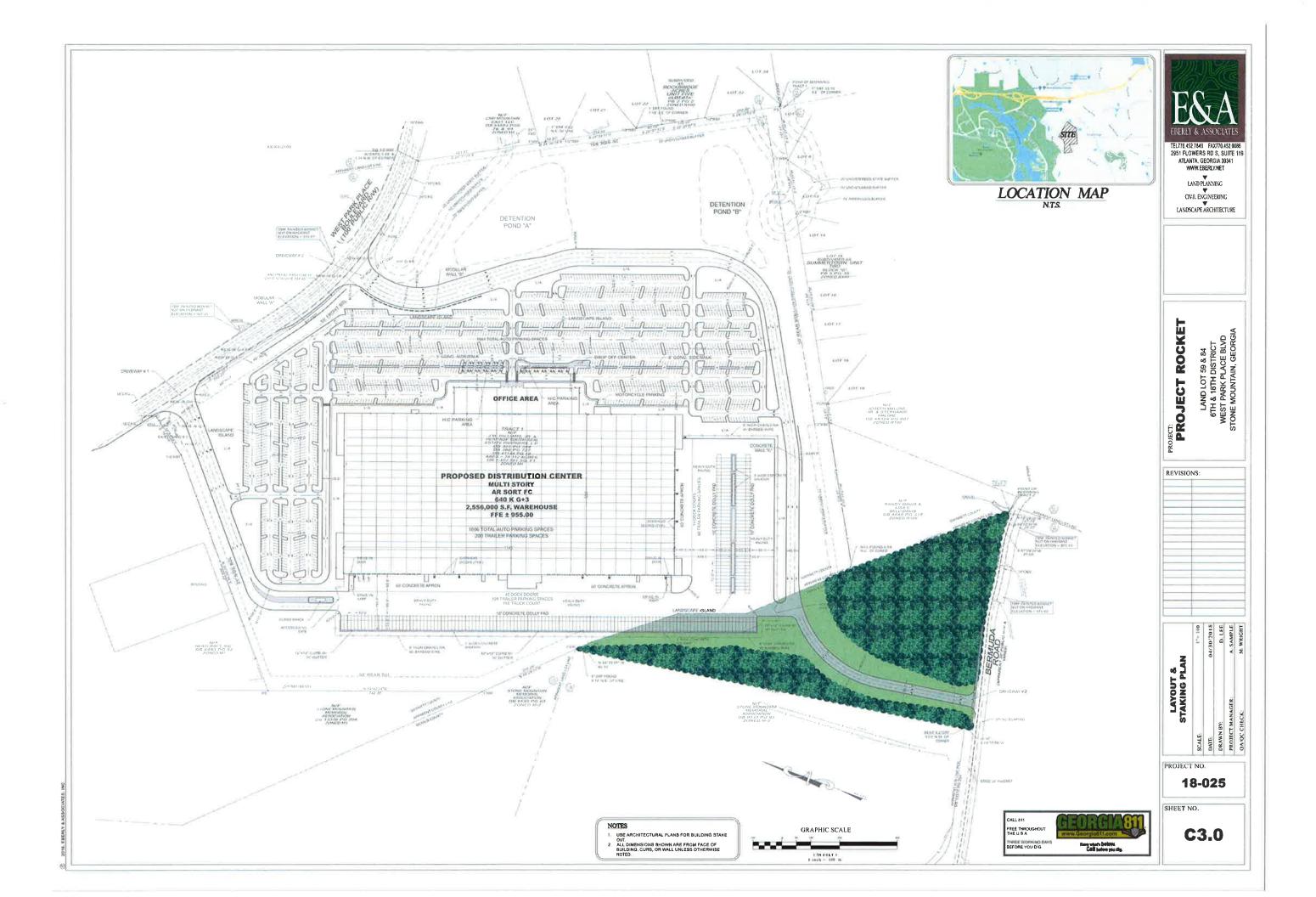












PROCLAMATION

371-2155

Charles Coleman

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ACTION

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DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	COPY
ZONING AGENDA/MINUTES	ITEM NOD_37_
MERTING DATE March 25, 1986	RESOLUTION
	ORDINANCE

PHONE NUMBER:

SUBJECT: Deferred Rezoning Application - Williams-Adair Equity Corporation

DEPARTMENT:	Planning		PUBLIC HEAR	ING: Y	Yes	No
ATTACHMENT:	_x_Yes_	No 10 pp	INFORMATION	CONTACT:	Mac	Baggett of

PURPOSE: CZ-86024 - To consider the application of Williams-Adair Equity Corporation to rezone property located on the north side of Bermuda Road, approximately 375' east of Stewart Mill Road, from R-100 to M (conditional). The application is conditioned on development of an office-warehouse facility in conjunction with adjacent development in Gwinnett County in accordance with a site plan and list of conditions.

(This application was tabled by the Board of Commissioners on 2/11/86 and readvertised for March.)

DISTRICT:	1.	2.	3.	v 4.	5.	N/A
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SUBJECT PROPERTY: 18-84-1-2 (0000 Bermuda Road). The property has frontage of approximately 800' and contains 11.47 acres.

RECOMMENDATION(s): PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Approval with conditions. This parce of land is part of a large industrial park which is being developed in Gwinnett County. The land is inappropriate for R-100 development because it adjoins the Stone Mountain Airport. Staff supports the request subject to the following:

- 1. No access to Bermuda Road.
- 2. Building height limit of one story.
- 3. 50' buffer to be maintained along Bermuda Road and adjoining residential property in Gwinnett County.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Approval as conditioned by applicant.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Approval subject to applicant's conditions (1/86).

A) 5230 B) Zoning Williams-Adair Equity C) Bermuda Road, Stewart ... Mill ... Wr

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ACTION: MOTION was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and passed 6-0-0 to approve the application as conditioned.

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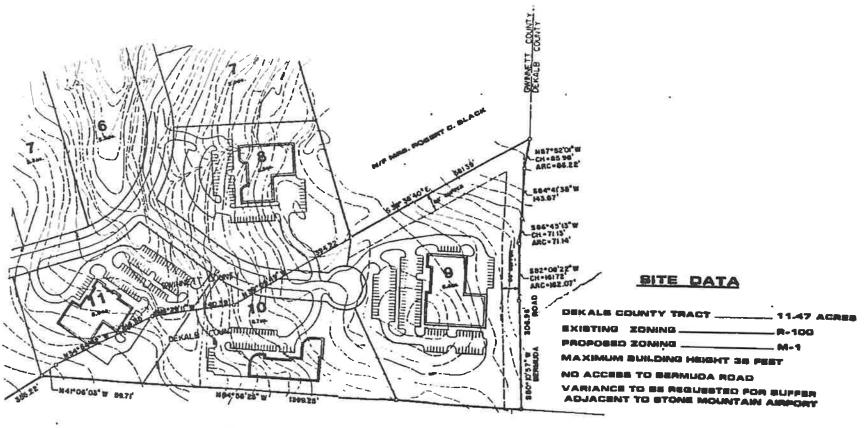
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Ms. Kathy Beard, Attorney, 3414 Peachtree Road, Suite 800, Atlanta, represented the applicant. She stated that this item was approved by the Planning Commission at the last meeting, but because of improper posting of the public hearing sign, it was tabled by the Board and readvertised for the March hearing. During this time, they have reached an agreement with residents on Bermuda Road and have filed an amendment to their application.

Mr. David A. English, 2448 Bermuda Road, Stone Mountain, represented the homeowners on Bermuda Road. He stated that they support the application for rezoning as amended.

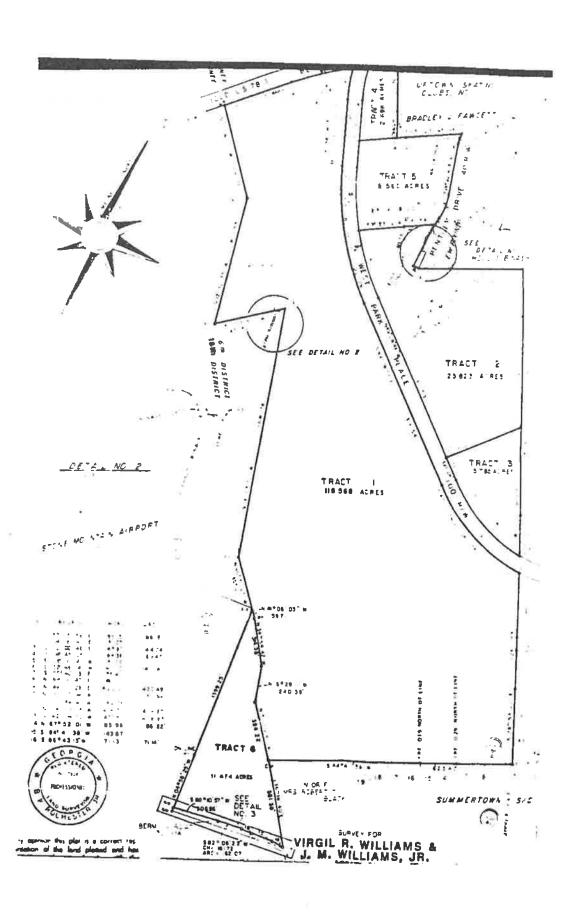
Opposition: None.

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTENTION	ABSENT
DISTRICT 1 - Jean Williams	/			
DISTRICT 2 - Sherry Schulman				
DISTRICT 3 - John Evans				
DISTRICT 4 - Robert J. (Bob) Morris	7			
DISTRICT 5 - John S. Fletcher, Jr.				
AT-LARGE - Brince H. Manning, III			20	
AT-LARGE - Robert Lanier				



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AMENDMENT

IN RE:

APPLICATION NO. CZ-86024

WILLIAMS ADAIR EQUITY CORPORATION.

Applicant

Property located on the DeKalb/Gwinnett County line adjacent to Stone Mountain Airport with frontage on Bermuda Road

COMES NOW the Applicant. WILLIAMS-ADAIR EQUITY
CORPORATION, and requests that the above-captioned Rezoning
Application be amended to incorporate the conditions of
rezoning listed below:

- (1) There shall be no access from the development to Bermuda Road other than a limited access for fire and emergency vehicles if the same is required by DeKalb County at the time permits are obtained for the development of this property:
- (2) All buildings located on the property shall be a maximum of one story;
- (3) A fifty foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained along Dermuda Road and adjoining residential property in Gwinnett County, except that the buffer may be disturbed as described in paragraph number 4 herein below;
- (4) The Applicant will provide a six foot earthen berm along the line of the aforementioned fifty foot buffer. The slope of the berm will be approximately two to one and the berm may extend into the fifty foot buffer by as much as fifteen feet. Eleagnus shrubs and/or Virginia Pines will be planted along the top of the berm on ten foot centers. Each of these plantings will be a minimum of three feet in height. The berm will be maintained by the Applicant;

(5) Lighting on the property will be directed away from adjoining residential properties.

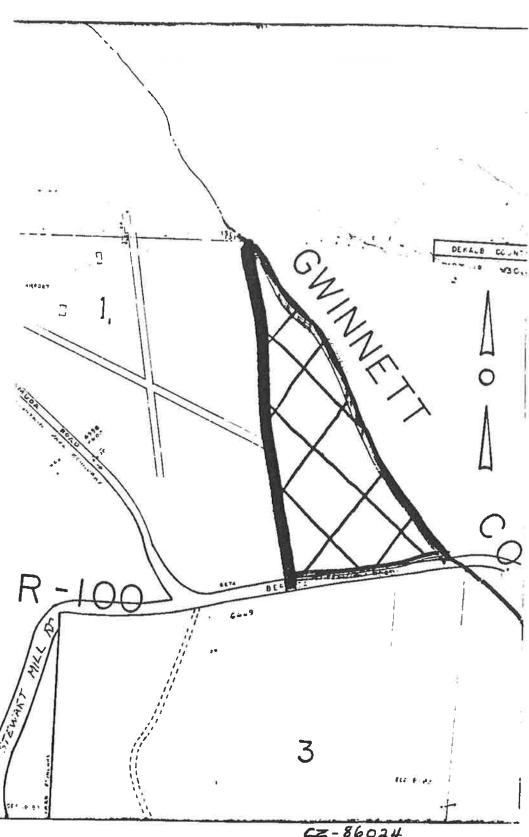
Accordingly, WILLIAMS ADAIR EQUITY CORPORATION requests that the Application be amended to incorporate the above conditions of rezoning.

DILLARD, GREER, WESTMORELAND & WILSON, P.C.

By: Markley, Land Towns Kathleen Lewis Beard Attorney for applicant

800 Monarch Plaza 3414 Peachtree Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (404) 231-0000

SUBMITTED: 3/13/86



CZ-86024 R-100 TO M CONDITIONAL

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CZ-86024

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Williams- Adair Equity Carp.

R-100 to M

P.D. Approval with conditions

P.C. Approval per stats (1/4/86)

B.C. Tabled (2/1/86) - to be readventised & Processed Hard

P.D. Approval 3/4/86

B.C. Approval 3/4/86

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LETTER OF APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR MAJOR MODIFICATION DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

Eberly & Associates (the "Applicant") requests the modification of zoning conditions that were approved in 1986 for property located at 6754 Bermuda Road, DeKalb County, Georgia (Parcel Number 18 084 01 002) (the "Property"). The Property is zoned to the light industrial (M) district and is currently vacant and largely wooded. The Applicant plans to develop adjacent land zoned light industrial in neighboring Gwinnett County for warehouse and distribution uses that are consistent with the industrial zoning of nearby and neighboring parcels. The Applicant has submitted a request for a Special Use Permit in Gwinnett County to allow an increase in height for the proposed use, and a Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review is currently underway for the project.

When the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners rezoned the Property to the M district in 1986, it did so subject to five conditions. See CZ-86024. The original zoning scheme proposed two office-warehouse buildings on the Property with attendant surface parking lots. Thirty-two years later, the Applicant's plan for developing the Property is entirely different than that which was proposed during the 1986 rezoning. Instead of buildings or parking lots, the Applicant proposes to construct only a private drive through the Property, connecting Bermuda Road to the warehouse distribution facility on the Gwinnett County property, and a limited number of parking spaces in the northern corner of the Property. The Applicant accordingly requests the modification of two of the CZ-86024 zoning conditions.

First, the Applicant proposes the removal of Condition #1 stating "There shall be no access from the development to Bermuda Road other than a limited access for fire and emergency vehicles if the same is required by DeKalb County at the time permits are obtained for the development of this property". The Applicant plans to develop a light industrial building on the neighboring Gwinnett County parcel to the northeast. To facilitate ingress and egress to the development, the Applicant proposes a connection to Bermuda Road, in addition to two points of ingress and egress on West Park Place Boulevard. The connection to Bermuda Road will be approximately 1,385 feet from the English Manor subdivision entrance and approximately 630 feet from the intersection of Stewart Mill and Bermuda Roads.

Consequently, the Applicant seeks the requested modification that would allow access on Bermuda Road.

Second, the Applicant proposes the removal of Condition #4 that "The Applicant will provide a six foot earthen berm along the line of the aforementioned fifty foot buffer. The slope of the berm will be approximately two to one and the berm may extend into the fifty foot buffer by as much as fifteen feet. Eleagnus shrubs and/or Virginia Pines will be planted along the top of the berm on ten foot centers. Each of these plantings will be a minimum of three feet in height. The berm will be maintained by the Applicant". An earthen berm is not now necessary, however, because the current Applicant proposes to develop only a private drive on the western extreme of the Property and a limited number of parking spaces in the northern corner (both nearer a neighboring parcel zoned to the Heavy Industrial (M-2) zoning district) as shown on the Site Plan, and not any buildings or parking lots near residential property. Further, the area along a short portion of the eastern property line where the condition requires the berm to be installed is already heavily wooded. Developing the berm would therefore necessitate cutting down dozens of mature trees and result in a greater impact to the environment and disruption to nearby property owners than leaving the existing forest in place.

As demonstrated in the Impact Analysis enclosed with this Modification Application, these two requests are consistent with the Standards and Factors governing review of proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully asks that the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County approve the modifications as requested.

Sincerely,

THE GALLOWAY LAW GROUP, LLC

Laurel David

Attorney for the Applicant

3500 Lenox Road NE, Suite 760 Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (404) 965-3680

IMPACT ANALYSIS

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR MODIFICATION DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

As stated in the enclosed Letter of Application, Eberly & Associates (the "Applicant") requests the modification of two of the zoning conditions that were approved in 1986 for property located at 6754 Bermuda Road, DeKalb County, Georgia (Parcel Number 18 084 01 002) (the "Property"). When the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners rezoned the Property to the Light Industrial (M) district in 1986, it did so subject to five conditions based on a development plan proposing two office-warehouse facilities and surface parking. See CZ-86024. The Property was never developed, however, and thirty-two years later it remains vacant and wooded. The Applicant plans to develop adjacent land to the north zoned light industrial in neighboring Gwinnett County for warehouse and distribution uses. Instead of buildings or parking lots near residential property, the Applicant proposes to develop a private drive on the western side of the Property to provide access from Bermuda Road to the neighboring parcel to the north, in Gwinnett County, as well as a limited number of parking spaces. The Bermuda Road access point will be approximately 1,385 feet from the English Manor subdivision entrance and approximately 630 feet from the intersection of Bermuda and Stewart Mill Roads. The Applicant accordingly requests the modification of two of the CZ-86024 zoning conditions.

First, the Applicant proposes the removal of Condition #1 that "There shall be no access from the development to Bermuda Road other than a limited access for fire and emergency vehicles if the same is required by DeKalb County at the time permits are obtained for the development of this property". The Property is adjacent to a parcel in Gwinnett County that the Applicant plans to develop for warehouse and distribution uses. This modification to allow access to Bermuda Road will facilitate safe and efficient access to the south, in addition to the two points of access planned to West Park Place Boulevard to the north. Second, the Applicant proposes the removal of Condition #4 that "The Applicant will provide a six foot earthen berm along the line of the aforementioned fifty foot buffer. The slope of the berm will be approximately two to one and the berm may extend into the fifty foot buffer by as much as fifteen feet. Eleagnus shrubs and/or Virginia Pines will be planted along the top of the berm on ten foot centers. Each of these plantings will be a minimum of three feet in height. The berm will be maintained by the Applicant". As shown on the Site Plan, a wide expanse of forested

land will remain on the Property, separating the adjacent residential use from the proposed private drive on the western end of the Property. The parking spaces will be located on the other side of the drive and in the northern corner of the Property, near land zoned to the Heavy Industrial (M-2) district. Installing the required buffer on the eastern side of the Property would necessitate the cutting down of dozens of trees that the Applicant proposes to preserve and would result in a greater impact to the environment and nearby property owners.

Because both of these modifications are consistent with the Standards and Factors governing review of proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map established at Section 7.3.5. of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, as demonstrated below, the Applicant respectfully asks that the Board of Commissioners approve the modifications as requested.

I. MODIFICATION TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON INGRESS AND EGRESS ACCESS TO BERMUDA ROAD

a. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan.

The Applicant's request for a modification that will allow ingress and egress access on Bermuda Road is in keeping with the policy and intent of DeKalb County's 2035 Comprehensive Plan. West Park Place Boulevard, located north of the Property, provides convenient access to Highway 78 from numerous light industrial uses in the area. West Park Place Boulevard will provide similar access for vehicles entering and exiting the Applicant's light industrial development on the Gwinnett County parcel to the north of the Property. Providing a point of access to Bermuda Road, as shown on the Site Plan, will enhance the efficiency of the roadway network in keeping with the transportation policies established in the Comprehensive Plan. See Comprehensive Plan at 49.

b. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.

The Property is adjacent to parcels in both DeKalb County and Gwinnett County that are zoned to industrial districts and used for industrial purposes. The proposed modification will allow a private drive connecting warehouse distribution, a permitted use in this zoning district, to the public roadway. The Property is also adjacent to or near parcels zoned for residential uses. As the Property is zoned industrially, use of the Property for a private drive in the manner shown on the Site Plan is far less impactful than other uses allowed by right in the M district. The

private drive is also less impactful than the two large warehouse buildings and surface parking lots originally approved for the Property. Accordingly, use of the Property for a private drive accessing Bermuda Road is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

c. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The Property is appropriately zoned to the M district and would have a reasonable economic use under that designation. However, the Property's only frontage is Bermuda Road, and the zoning condition restricting access to this road prevents entry to the Property. Consequently, the zoning condition virtually destroys the economic use of the Property.

d. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties.

As described above, the proposed private drive is both consistent with the nearby industrial uses and far less impactful to nearby residential uses than other uses allowed at the Property. The majority of the Property will remain undeveloped, as the private drive and limited parking spaces are the only improvements planned for the Property. Therefore, the proposed modification will not adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby properties.

e. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the Property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

Condition #1 prohibiting access to Bermuda Road was approved more than thirty-two years ago at a time when the development of DeKalb County was far different than today. Since 1986 both DeKalb County and Gwinnett County have developed significantly, and the Atlanta metropolitan region has become a national hub for light industrial warehousing and distribution uses. While the area is appropriate for the use proposed on the adjacent Gwinnett County parcel, access to Bermuda Road is critical to the safe, efficient operation of both the planned facility and the surrounding roadway network. At the same time, developing only a private drive and remote parking spaces instead of the two office-warehouse buildings and large parking lots that the Board of Commissioners has already approved for the Property will be comparatively beneficial to residential uses in the vicinity. The changed conditions of the area therefore support approval of the modification.

f. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

Development of the Property will not affect Stone Mountain Park. The Property is separated from Stone Mountain Park by the Stone Mountain Golf Club; a residential subdivision; and property zoned to the M-2 district now or formerly used as an aircraft runway. The Property is not within a historic district, and the Applicant is not aware of any historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources on the site or located in the immediate vicinity.

g. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The development of the Gwinnett County parcel for a light industrial use will generate numerous vehicle trips. To disperse these trips and minimize the overall effect on the surrounding roadway network, a private drive connecting to Bermuda Road to the south is necessary. If approved, the modification allowing Bermuda Road access will not result in a use that will cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets. The modification will also not affect existing transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

h. Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources.

Development of a private drive will not adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources. On the contrary, the M district to which the Property is zoned permits relatively intense uses by right, such that the proposed private drive is comparatively supportive of existing natural resources. Similarly, the proposed development will be far less impactful than development of the two office-warehouse buildings and large parking lots that the Board of Commissioners has already approved for the Property. As shown on the Site Plan, the Applicant plans to minimize the area that is disturbed and will preserve as many existing trees and other natural resources as possible.

II. MODIFICATION TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF AN EARTHEN BERM ALONG THE 50-FOOT UNDISTURBED BUFFER

a. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan.

The 2035 Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Map alike promote the use of buffers to "reduce noise and air pollution in residential neighborhoods." Comprehensive Plan at 59. Condition #4 of the 1986 rezoning requires the maintenance of a 50-foot undisturbed buffer adjacent to residential property in Gwinnett County, and a separate condition requires the installation of a six-foot earthen berm along the line of that buffer. However, the Board of Commissioners required the berm in the context of the development proposed at the time, which included clearcutting of the Property and constructing two office-warehouse buildings and large attendant parking lots.

Under the present proposal, however, the Applicant will develop only a private drive and a limited number of parking spaces on the Property's northwestern edge, near the adjacent M-2 zoning district. This plan locates the improvements as far as possible from the residential use to the east and leaves the majority of the heavily wooded Property undisturbed. In sharp contrast, strict enforcement of the zoning condition would require the Applicant to cut down a wide swath of mature trees a mere 35 to 50 feet from the residential parcel and operate heavy earthmoving machinery to build the berm, and then plant the berm with 3-foot tall saplings. Because no building will be built at the Property, this berm would be a nonsensical solution to a problem that won't exist, and it will create an unnecessary disturbance both to natural resources and to the neighboring property owner. Accordingly, the Applicant seeks removal of Condition #4 in keeping with the intent and policy of the Comprehensive Plan.

b. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.

The modification to remove the berm requirement will not affect the use of the Property. While the Property is zoned to the M district and is adjacent or near to several light industrial uses, the Applicant only proposes to use the Property for a private drive and a limited number of parking spaces. This use is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

c. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The Property is appropriately zoned to the M district and would have a reasonable economic use under that designation if access is granted from Bermuda Road. Installation of the berm does not impact this economic use, but the Applicant has proposed the modification in the interest of the neighboring residential property owner. As shown on the Site Plan, a wide distance will separate the private drive from the Property's eastern property line, and the intervening space is densely vegetated with mature trees. In order to comply with this condition, the Applicant will be forced to cut down all of the trees along the 50-foot undisturbed buffer (as near as 35 feet from the residential neighbor) and employ heavy earthmoving equipment at considerable cost with no public benefit.

d. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties.

Foregoing installation of the berm will not affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties. As shown on the Site Plan, a wide expanse of forested land will be located between the proposed private drive and the Property's eastern property line, sufficient to buffer the residential use to the east.

e. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the Property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

In 1986 the Board of Commissioners rezoned the Property with the understanding that it would be cleared and developed for two office-warehouse buildings and large parking lots near the residential property to the east. Condition #4 requiring the berm was intended to offset any impact of that development felt by the residential property owner to the east. However, the office-warehouse facilities have not yet been built and thirty-two years later the Property remains thickly forested. The Applicant is proposing only a private drive and a limited number of parking spaces on the opposite side of the Property, and installation of an unnecessary berm will do more harm than good. This change in circumstances supports approval of the modification.

f. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

Development of the Property will not affect Stone Mountain Park. The Property is separated from Stone Mountain Park by the Stone Mountain Golf Club; a residential subdivision;

and property zoned to the M-2 district now or formerly used as an aircraft runway. The Property is not within a historic district, and the Applicant is not aware of any historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources on the site or located in the immediate vicinity.

g. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The modification to forego installation of the berm will not cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

h. Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources.

Installing the berm, as required by Condition #4, would require the cutting down of numerous healthy, mature trees, and the use of heavy earthmoving equipment. This process would adversely impact the environment and surrounding natural resources. On the other hand, the modification requested by the Applicant would be far more beneficial for the environment, because it would leave the existing forestland in place to act as a natural buffer between the private drive and the neighboring property owner.

As demonstrated above, these two modifications are consistent with the Standards and Factors governing review of proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully asks that the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County approve the modifications as requested.

Sincerely,

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CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIONS

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR MODIFICATION

DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

Georgia Law and the procedures of DeKalb County require us to raise Federal and State Constitutional objections during the Major Modification application process. While the Owner/Applicant anticipates a smooth application process, failure to raise constitutional objections at this stage may mean that the Owner/Applicant will be barred from raising important legal claims later in the process. Accordingly, we are required to raise the following constitutional objections at this time:

The portions of the Zoning Ordinance of DeKalb County, Georgia, as applied to the Property, that would result in a denial of the Major Modification as requested, are, or would be, unconstitutional in that they would destroy property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of Article I, Section I, 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 the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Any application of the Code of DeKalb County or the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to the Property which restricts its use to any use in a manner other than that requested is unconstitutional, illegal and null and void because such an application constitutes a taking of 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 because such an application denies the Owner/Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

A denial of this Application would also constitute an arbitrary and capricious act by Board of County Commissioners of DeKalb County without any rational basis therefore, thereby constituting an abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, 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 the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal to grant the Major Modification as requested would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Owner/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 approval of the Major Modification subject to conditions that are different from the conditions requested, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting the utilization of the Property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth herein above.

In addition, this constitutes formal written notice to DeKalb County, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-11-1, that the Owner/Applicant plans to seek to recover all damages that it sustains or suffers as a result of the denial of this Application and/or the unconstitutional zoning of the Property by DeKalb County. Such damages may include, but are not necessarily limited to, damages related to the diminution in the value of the Property, attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation.

Accordingly, the Owner/Applicant respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners of DeKalb County grant the Major Modification as requested.

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