

Agenda Item

File #: 2020-0838 File Status: Preliminary Item 9/1/2020

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

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7

Application of D.R. Horton-Crown LLC c/o Battle Law, P.C. to rezone property from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District to develop thirty-six single-family detached residences, at 8400 Pleasant Hill Way. PETITION NO: N6. Z-20-1244113 2020-0838

PROPOSED USE: Single-Family Detached Residences

**LOCATION:** 8400 Pleasant Hill Way

**PARCEL NO. :** 16-252-02-002

**INFO. CONTACT:** Karen Hill, Sr. Planner

**PHONE NUMBER:** 404-371-2155 X 4

#### PURPOSE:

Application of D.R. Horton-Crown LLC c/o Battle Law, P.C. to rezone property from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District to develop thirty-six single-family detached residences. The property is located on the north side of Pleasant Hill Way, approximately 1,00 feet west of Pleasant Hill Road, at 8400 Pleasant Hill Way in Lithonia, Georgia. The property has approximately 740 feet of frontage along Pleasant Hill way and contains 8.5 acres.

**<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Approval with Conditions.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION: Pending

**PLANNING STAFF:** Approval with Conditions.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** The proposed rezoning request from R-85 (Medium Lot Residential) District to the RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District is compatible with adjacent RNC residential zoned properties. The RNC District is consistent with the following DeKalb County 2035 Comprehensive Plan policies: Protect stable neighborhoods from incompatible development that could alter established residential development patterns and density; and Ensure that new development and redevelopment is compatible with

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existing residential areas. The Department of Planning and Sustainability recommends "<u>Approval, subject to</u> Staff's recommended conditions".

#### PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Pending

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION:** Approval with conditions 10-0-0. Applicant shall continue dialogue with the community and the County Transportation Division to address traffic concerns for development in the area.

#### **Z-20-1244113 RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS**

- 1. Limit the use to no more than 36 single-family detached residences pursuant to development standards of an RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District zoned subdivision and subject to review and approval by the Planning and Sustainability Department.
- 2. Access is subject to approval by the Transportation Division within the Department of Public Works.
- Dedicate at no cost to DeKalb County 27.5 feet from centerline of right-of-way on Pleasant Hill Way; provide 12-foot travel lane on the development side from centerline; 5-foot sidewalks; and street light on back of curb within the proposed right-of-way as may be required by the Transportation Division within the Department of Public Works.
- 4. The heated floor area shall be no less than 1,200 square feet.
- 5. Each home shall have a minimum two-car garage (side entry garages where lot area allows).
- 6. Provide underground utilities.
- 7. Front and side yards shall be sodded prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy
- 8. Any applicant for development within this approved RNC shall be required to provide a legal mechanism for unified control of the entire parcel to be developed for review and approval by the county attorney prior to the issuance of any land disturbance or building permit.
- 9. The approval of this rezoning application by the Board of Commissioners has no bearing on other approvals by the Zoning Board of Appeals or other authority, whose decision should be based on the merits of the application before said authority.



### **DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability**

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Michael Thurmond<br/>Chief Executive OfficerPlanning Commission Hearing Date: September 01, 2020<br/>Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: September 24, 2020

### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Case No.:	Z-20-1244113	Agenda #: N.6						
Location/Address:	The property is located along the north side of Pleasant Hill Way at 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, GA.	<b>Commission District:</b> 5 <b>Super District:</b> 7						
Parcel ID:	16-252-02-002							
Request:	To rezone properties from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to RNC (Neighborhood Conservation) District to develop 36 single-family detached residences at a density of 4.21 units per acre.							
Property Owner:	D.R. Horton-Crown, LLC							
Applicant/Agent:	D.R. Horton-Crown, LLC – c/o Battle	Law P.C.						
Acreage:	8.548 Acres							
Existing Land Use:	Pleasant Hill Park							
Surrounding Properties Adjacent Zoning:	South and West: Single-Family Detac North and East: Undeveloped	ched Residences						
Comprehensive Plan:	Conservation Open Space (COS)	XConsistentInconsistent						

Proposed Building Sq. Ft.: N/A	Existing Building Sq. Footage: None. Pleasant Hill Park
Proposed Lot Coverage: 35% Per Lot	Existing Lot Coverage: N/A

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The 8.548-acre site is an undeveloped tract along the north side of Pleasant Hill Way. The site is heavily wooded with dense mature trees and shrubbery. The subject property had been designated as Pleasant Hill Park, but it was never developed. A creek exists along the northeast portion of the site. Existing and surrounding land uses include single-family residences south of Pleasant Hill Way and north of Pleasant Hill Road within the Sierra Highlands subdivision. A few scattered single-family residences are west of the subject site along Pleasant Hill Way. The site is zoned R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District. Adjacent properties are zoned RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District.

#### **ZONING ANALYSIS**

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the Official Zoning Map pursuant to Chapter 27, Article 7.3 of the DeKalb Code of Ordinances to rezone the 8.548 acre site from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District to the RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District to allow for the development of 36 detached single-family residences. The proposed residences will become part of the 321-unit Champion's Run Subdivision adjacent to the site along the east and west property lines that was rezoned from R-85 to RNC on September 25, 2018 by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners pursuant to CZ-18-1235046. The proposed request is also consistent with approval for the RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District on Pleasant Hill Road southwest of the site pursuant to Z-18-22130.

The R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District allows single-family detached residences on minimum 12,000 square foot lots. The RNC zoning district has a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. The RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District was created to encourage residential development within the county that preserves unique environmental features and be consistent with the comprehensive land use plan. The RNC encompasses elements of the Green DeKalb Initiative by providing greenspace areas and preserving existing natural trees and vegetation. The goals of the RNC District regulations are: To conserve significant areas of useable greenspace within single-family neighborhoods in the rural and suburban character areas of the comprehensive plan; To provide a residential development that permits flexibility of design in order to promote environmentally sensitive and efficient use of land in compliance with the Code; To promote construction of accessible landscaped walking trails and bike paths both within subdivisions and where possible connected to neighboring communities, business, and facilities to reduce reliance on automobiles; To preserve natural features, specimen trees, historic buildings, archaeological sites and establish a sense of community; To improve water guality and reduce runoff and soil erosion by reducing the total amount of clearing, grading, and paving, within the total area of a development, and To encourage efficient community design that reduces infrastructure maintenance and public service costs borne by the county. Given that the site will be incorporated into an existing approved RNC subdivision, the requested rezoning district would be appropriate for the site.

#### PROJECT ANALYSIS:

The submitted site plan for the 8.548-acre site depicts 36 single-family detached residences at a density of 4.21 units per acre. The development will be combined with the approved 321 residences within the adjacent RNC subdivision pursuant to Z-18-1235046. The total 357 units has an overall density of 2.72 units per acre.

Access to the added lots is via the access points for the approved adjacent RNC subdivision. No additional curb cuts will be added to the overall development on Pleasant Hill Way. The submitted site plan indicates that the remaining portion of Pleasant Hill Way from the subject 8.548-acre site will be abandoned in the future. It appears that required buffers are depicted adjacent to identified streams on the site plan. The proposed single-family detached residences are subject to the following RNC development standards.

Development Standards	RNC Per Article 2.10	Proposed	Compliance
Lot Area 6,000 Square Feet 6,000 Square Feet		Yes	
Side Yard Setback	7.5 Feet	5 Feet with minimum 10 Feet separation between buildings	No. Revise site plan or apply for variance from the ZBOA (Zoning Board of Appeals)
Lot Width	60 Feet	60 Feet	Yes
Front Yard Setback	20 Feet	20 Feet	Yes
Rear Yard	20 Feet	20 Feet	Yes
Open Space	30%	32.01%	Yes

#### IMPACT ANALYSIS:

Section 27-7.3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Standards and factors governing review of proposed amendments to the official zoning map" states that the following standards and factors shall govern the review of all proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map.

- A. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan. The current character area plan designation for the site is COS (Conservation Open Space) which does not allow for single-family detached residences. The applicant is requesting a companion Land Use Amendment (LP-20-1244114) to change the land use designation to SUB (Suburban). The rezoning proposal to the RNC (Neighborhood Conservation) District would be consistent with a suburban land use designation and consistent with comprehensive plan policy to "Ensure that new development and redevelopment is compatible with existing residential areas".
- **B.** Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The RNC zoning district would allow single-family residences with compatible lot sizes in conjunction with approved adjacent RNC zoned properties for single-family detached residential development.
- C. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned. The site may have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District, however adjacent and surrounding properties are zoned RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District.
- **D.** Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property: The proposed RNC zoning district will not adversely affect the use or usability of adjacent or nearby residential 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. The intent of the RNC zoning district is to provide a residential development that permits flexibility of design in order to promote environmentally sensitive and efficient use of land in compliance with the Zoning Code. The approval of the RNC zoning district on this site will allow development that is compatible with other approved RNC subdivisions in the area pursuant to CZ-18-22130 and CZ-18-1235046.

- F. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources. It appears there are no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources located on the property or in the surrounding area.
- G. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or bur densome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. A traffic study conducted by CALYX Engineers & Consultants in 2018 on the adjacent site approved for a 321 detached single-family residential RNC subdivision pursuant to CZ-18-1235046 concluded that all the affected traffic intersections are expected to operate adequately. (see attached traffic study). The additional 36 lots from the proposed development should not affect the results of the traffic study. The subject site on Pleasant Hill Way will be impacted by traffic on Pleasant Hill Road. Given that Pleasant Hill Road is a minor arterial, it should be able to absorb additional traffic resulting from the additional 36 lots proposed by this development.

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

The RNC (Neighborhood Conservation) District has a positive impact on the environment and surrounding natural resources by incorporating the natural resources (rock, streams, wetlands) in the overall design of the proposed subdivision.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

The proposed rezoning request from R-85 (Medium Lot Residential) District to the RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District is compatible with adjacent RNC residential zoned properties. The RNC District is consistent with the following DeKalb County 2035 Comprehensive Plan policies: Protect stable neighborhoods from incompatible development that could alter established residential development patterns and density; and Ensure that new development and redevelopment is compatible with existing residential areas. The Department of Planning and Sustainability recommends **APPROVAL** of an RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District on the subject site per the following recommended conditions:

- Limit the use to no more than 36 single-family detached residences pursuant to development standards of an RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation) District zoned subdivision and subject to review and approval by the Planning and Sustainability Department.
- 2. Access is subject to approval by the Transportation Division within the Department of Public Works.
- 3. Dedicate at no cost to DeKalb County 27.5 feet from centerline of right-of-way on Pleasant Hill Way; provide 12foot travel lane on the development side from centerline; 5-foot sidewalks; and street light on back of curb within the proposed right-of-way as may be required by the Transportation Division within the Department of Public Works.
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- 9. The approval of this rezoning application by the Board of Commissioners has no bearing on other approvals by the Zoning Board of Appeals or other authority, whose decision should be based on the merits of the application before said authority.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Department and Division Comments
- 2. Application
- 3. Site Plan
- 4. Zoning Map
- 5. Land Use Plan Map
- 6. Aerial Photograph

#### **NEXT STEPS**

#### Following an approval of this zoning action, one or several of the following may be required:

- Land Disturbance Permit (Required for of new building construction on nonresidential properties, or land disturbance/improvement such as storm water detention, paving, digging, or landscaping.)
- Building Permit (New construction or renovation of a building (interior or exterior) may require full plan submittal or other documentation. zoning, site development, watershed and health department standards will be checked for compliance.)
- Certificate of Occupancy (Required prior to occupation of a commercial space and for use of property for any business type. The issuance follows the review of submitted plans if required based on the type occupancy.)
- ✓ Plat Approval (Required if any parcel is being subdivided, re-parceled, or combined. Issued "administratively"; no public hearing required.)
- ✓ Variance or Special Exception (Required seeking relief from any development standards of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing and action by the Board of Appeals are required for most variances.)



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### DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION FORM

**NOTE:** PLEASE RETURN ALL COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR FAX TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO MICHELLE M ALEXANDER <u>mmalexander@dekalbcountyga.gov</u> OR JOHN REID <u>IREID@DEKALBCOUNTYGA.GOV</u>

#### COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

Case No.: <u>Z-20-1244113</u>
Parcel I.D. #: <u>16-252-02-002</u>
Address: <u>_8400 Pleasant Hill Way</u>
Lithonia, Georgia
WATER:
Size of existing water main: <u>8" DI Water Main</u> (adequate/inadequate)
Distance from property to nearest main: <u>Approximately 1,686 feet East of property</u>
Size of line required, if inadequate:N/A
SEWER:
Outfall Servicing Project: <u>Yellow River Creek Basin</u>
Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes () No (X) If no, distance to nearest line: <u>Approximately 1,811 feet Southwest of</u>
Water Treatment Facility: <u>Pole Bridge WTF</u> () adequate () inadequate
Sewage Capacity; <u>*</u> (MGPD) Current Flow: <u>6.48</u> (MGPD)
COMMENTS:
* Please note that the sewer capacity has not been reviewed or approved for this project. A Sewer Capacity Request (SCR) must be completed and submitted for review. This can be a lengthy process and should be addressed early in the process.
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Signature:



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**COMMENTS FORM:** 

<b>PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC E</b>	NGINEERING
Case No.: Z-20-1244/13 Parcel I.D. #: 14 Address: 8400-Plasant Hill Way	02-002 0-052, 02
Lithonia, Ga.	
Adjacent R	toadway (s):
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(classification)	(classification)
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Capacity (TPD)	Capacity (TPD)
Latest Count (TPD)	Latest Count (TPD)
Hourly Capacity (VPH)	Hourly Capacity (VPH)
Peak Hour. Volume (VPII)	
Existing number of traffic lanes	
Existing right of way width	Existing right of way width
Proposed number of traffic lanes	
Proposed right of way width	Proposed right of way width

Please provide additional information relating to the following statement.

According to studies conducted by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) <u>6/7<sup>TH</sup></u> Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an average of fifteen (15) vehicle trip end (VTE) per 1,000 square feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above formula, the \_\_\_\_\_\_square foot place of worship building would generate \_\_\_\_\_\_ vehicle trip ends, with approximately \_\_\_\_\_ peak hour vehicle trip ends.

Single Family residence, on the other hand, would generate ten (10) VTE's per day per dwelling unit, with a ten (10%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above referenced formula, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Single Family Residential) District designation which allows a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_\_units per acres, and the given fact that the phroject site is approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_ acres in land area, \_\_\_\_\_\_ daily vehicle trip end, and \_\_\_\_\_ peak hour vehicle trip end would be givenerated with residential development of the parcel.

**COMMENTS:** 

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L			Signature	: Jonin Rosal

### DEKALB COUNTY

### Board of Health

08/13/2020

- To: Current Planning
- From: Ryan Cira, Environmental Health Manager
- Cc: Alan Gaines, Technical Services Manager
- 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. Recommendation: Provide trash can with liner at each bus stop with bench and monitor for proper removal of waste.

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

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#### DEKALB COUNTY

### Board of Health

#### New Cases:

N.1 SLUP-20-12244105 2020-0833 / 18-111-03-018 2933 North Druid Hills Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

- Please review general comments.
- Septic system installed on location surrounding 2933 North Druid Hills. The location with septic system installed was 2814 North Druid Hills Road on 08/02/1963.

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- N.2 LP-20-1244107 / 2020-0834 /18-196-04,18-196-04-033, 18-196-04-034, 18-196-04-035, 18-196-04-037, 18-196-04-038, 18-196-04-039, 18-196-04-040, 18-196-04-041 2814 Clairemont Road, Atlanta, GA 30329
  - Please review general comments.
  - Septic installed on property 2920 Clairmont Road on 04/07/1974 within the vicinity of property 2814 Clairemont.
- N.3 Z-20-1244108 / 2020-0835 / 18-196004-029, 18-196-04-033, 18-196-04-034, 18-196-04-035, 18-196-04-037, 18-196-04-038, 18-196-04-039, 18-196-04-040, 18-196-04-041 2814 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30329
  - Please review general comments.
- N.4 SLUP-20-1244110 / 2020-0836 / 18-283-02-012, 18-283-02-007, 18-283-02-008 3214 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee, GA 30341
  - Please review general comments.
  - Septic system installed on property 04/13/1961
- N.5 LP-20-1244114 / 2020-0837 / 16-252-02-002 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, GA 30058
  - Please review general comments.
  - Septic system installed on property near vicinity at 8406 Pleasant Hill Way
- N.6 Z-20-1244113 / 2020-0838 / 16-254-02-002 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, GA 30058
  - Please review general comments.
- N.7 Z-20-1244119 / 2020-0839 / 18-050-12-005 1377 Scott Blvd., Decatur, GA 30030
  - Please review general comments.

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N.8 Z-20-1244120 / 2020-0840 / 15-201-07-001, 15-201-07-003, 15-201-07-004, 15-201-07-005, 15-201-07-007

3229 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032

- Septic system installed on in same vicinity. The location is 3232 Memorial Drive on 04/21/1970.

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- Please review general comments.

#### N.9 TA-20-1244141 / 2020-0841 / 18-043-01-004 4900 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

- Please review general comments.
- Septic System installed on 09/11/1964 at property 4947 Memorial Drive.

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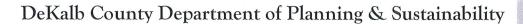
#### DeKalb County School District Development Review Comments

Submitted to:	Parcel #:       16-252-02-002         Development:       Red Stag Ext.         8400 Pleasant Hill Way         Sion:       36 additional single family homes as part of a larger planned development.		
Name of Development: Location:	5		
Description:	36 additional single family homes as part of a	larger planned	development.
Impact of Development:	When fully constructed this development wa	uld be expected	to generate 17 students

Impact of Development: When fully constructed, this development would be expected to generate 17 students: 4 at Rock Chapel ES, 2 at Lithonia MS, 3 at Lithonia HS, 7 at other DCSD schools, and 1 at private schools. All three neighborhood schools have capacity for additional students.

	Rock Chapel			Other DCSD	Private	
Current Condition of Schools	ES	Lithonia MS	Lithonia HS	Schools	Schools	Total
Capacity	675	1,188	1,416			
Portables	0	0	0			
Enrollment (Fcast. Oct. 2020)	522	1,151	1,394			
Seats Available	153	37	22			
Utilization (%)	77.3%	96.9%	98.4%			
New students from development	4	2	3	7	1	17
New Enrollment	526	1,153	1,397			
New Seats Available	149	35	19			
New Utilization	77.9%	97.1%	98.7%			

	Attend Home	Attend other	Private	
Yield Rates	School	DCSD School	School	Total
Elementary	0.116598	0.075366	0.013477	0.205440
Middle	0.058415	0.053346	0.005240	0.117000
High	0.081802	0.062057	0.004762	0.148621
Total	0.2568	0.1908	0.0235	0.4711
Student Calculations				
Proposed Units	36	]		
Unit Type	SF			
Cluster	Lithonia HS			
	Attend Home	Attend other	Private	
Units x Yield	School	DCSD School	School	Total
Elementary	4.20	2.71	0.49	7.40
Middle	2.10	1.92	0.19	4.21
High	2.94	2.23	0.17	5.34
Total	9.24	6.86	0.85	16.95
	Attend Home	Attend other	Private	
Anticipated Student	s School	DCSD School	School	Total
Rock Chapel ES	4	3	1	8
Lithonia MS	2	2	0	4
Lithonia HS	3	2	0	5
Total	9	7	1	17





Michael L. Thurmond **Chief Executive Officer**  Andrew A. Baker, AICP Director



#### APPLICATION TO AMEND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

	Z/CZ No
Date Received:	_ Filing Fee:
Applicant:D.R. Horton - Crown, LLC	E-Mail:mlb@battlelawpc.com
Applicant Mailing Address: 	Suite 750, Decatur, GA 30030
Applicant Phone:404.601.7616	
***************************************	E-Mail:
Owner's Mailing Address: 1371 Dogwood Drive, SW, Conyers, GA 3001	2
Owner(s) Phone:678.509.0555	Fax:866.658.1753
Address/Location of Subject Property:8400 Pl	easant Hill Way, Lithonia, GA 30058
	Block: Parcel(s:16-252-02-002
Acreage: <u>8.548</u> Con	nmission District(s):District 5
Present Zoning Category:R-85	Proposed Zoning Category:RNC
Present Land Use Category:Suburban	******
PLEASE READ THE	FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING

This form must be completed in its entirety before the Planning Department accepts it. It must include the attachments and filing fees identified on the attachments. An application, which lacks any of the required attachments, shall be determined as incomplete and shall not be accepted.

#### **Disclosure of Campaign Contributions**

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, O.C.G.A., Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered:

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

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.
- 2. 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

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MICHELE L. BATTLE, ESQ. President

June 12, 2020

#### RE: Proposed Rezoning Project at 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, Georgia 30058

Dear Property Owner:

We would like for you to join our Zoom Video Meeting Monday, June 29, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed rezoning of the property at 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, Georgia 30058. My client, D. R. Horton, is seeking to rezone the property from R-85 to RNC for the development of a Residential Community with single family homes.

Below are the meeting instructions. There are multiple ways for you to join the meeting, including via your computer, tablet, or cell phone, with or without video. If you are unable to make it, but would like to learn more, please contact our office at (404) 601-7616 ext. 2 or email us at <u>bdc@battlelawpc.com</u> and we'll send you a summary of the meeting.

#### **Zoom Meeting Details**

#### Meeting ID: 883 9355 6604 Password: 630934

Internet:https://otago.zoom.us/joinTelephone:(646) 558-8656

Please contact our offices if you have any questions regarding the meeting.

Sincerely,

#### Michèle Battle

Michèle L. Battle



#### Zoom Step by Step Instructions

Go to <u>https://otago.zoom.us/join</u> and Enter the Meeting ID that you have been provided with in the appropriate field and click "Join" (the meeting ID will be a 9 digit or 10 digit number)

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#### STATEMENT OF INTENT AND IMPACT ANALYSIS

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Other Material Required by DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance for the Application to Amend Official Zoning Map

of

#### **D.R. HORTON – CROWN, LLC**

for

+/-8.548 Acres of Land located in Land Lot 252 of the 16th District, DeKalb County

#### From R-85 to RNC (Residential Neighborhood Conservation District)

Submitted for Applicant by:

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#### I. LETTER OF INTENT

The Applicant, D. R. Horton – Crown, LLC, is seeking to rezone an 8.548 acre tract of land known as 8400 Pleasant Hill Way, Lithonia, Georgia and being Tax Parcel 16 252 02 002 (the "Subject Property") which they recently acquired from DeKalb County, from R-85 to R-NC. The Subject Property is proposed to be developed for 36 single-family detached units, which will be become a part of the 321 unit Champion's Run Subdivision that was rezoned from R-85 to R-NC on September 25, 2018 by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioner pursuant to Rezoning Case No. CZ 18-1235046. Simultaneously with the submission of this Rezoning Application, the Applicant has applied to amend the land use designation for the Subject Property from COS to Suburban

This document is submitted both as a Statement of Intent with regard to this Application, a preservation of the Applicant's constitutional rights, and the Impact Analysis of this Application as required by the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, § 27-7.3.5. A surveyed plat and site plan of the Subject Property has been filed contemporaneously with the Application, along with other required materials.

#### **II. IMPACT ANALYSIS**

#### A.

### THE ZONING PROPOSAL IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY AND INTENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Subject Property is designated Conservation Open Space under the DeKalb Comprehensive Land Use Plan through 2035. DeKalb County acquired the Subject Property through a tax deed sale in 1979. Since that time the property remained undeveloped, along with the majority of the property surrounding the Subject Property. The Subject Property had been designated as park property, but the Subject Property was never developed as park property over the last 40 years. As the Subject Property has recently been conveyed to the Applicant, the Applicant is seeking to amend the land use for the Subject Property to Suburban which is the predominate land use designation for property in the surrounding area. It is the Applicant's contention that the proposed rezoning is in conformity the following policies under the Suburban land use designation:

- Promote new communities that feature greenspace and neighborhood parks, pedestrian circulation transportation options, and appropriate mix of uses and housing types:
- 2. Protect environmentally-sensitive areas including wetlands, floodplains, water supply watersheds and stream corridors
- 3. Encourage the preservation of open space, farmland, natural and critical environmental areas
- 4. Implement zoning tools that preserve open space, natural resources and the environment
- **5.** Preserve trees and other natural resources to protect the environment and aesthetically enhance communities.

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### THE PROPOSED REZONING PERMITS A USE THAT IS SUITABLE IN VIEW OF THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADJACENT AND NEARBY PROPERTY.

The proposed rezoning to RNC will permit the continued development of single-family detached housing along the Pleasant Hill Road and Norris Lane Road corridor. The Subject Property is surrounding by parcels that are either developed, or to be developed, for single-family residential use. The Champion's Run Subdivision adjacent to the Subject Property was approved for 321 units at a density of 2.62 units per acre. The proposed 36 units will be incorporated into the larger project, which will result in a total of 357 lots being built at a density of 2.72 units per acre. The lot dimensions will be identical to what was approved under CZ 18-1235046, which will provide consistency with the balance of the subdivision. Additionally, the rezoning to RNC is supported by the stream the crosses the Subject Property along with the significant number of trees on the site, particularly when combined with the environmentally sensitive areas on the surrounding 122.77 acres. It should also be noted that the proposed rezoning will not set a precedent in the community for medium density zoning districts, as the proposed rezoning to R-NC is only allowed for parcels that meet the environmental criteria stated in the R-NC District Regulations.

# THE SUBJECT PROPERTY DOES NOT HAVE A REASONABLE ECONOMIC USE AS PRESENTLY ZONED.

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The Subject Property as currently zoned has marginal value, due to the costs associated with the development of the Subject Property in its entirety to achieve a marketable lot yield. The Applicant and the owners respectfully submit that the Zoning Ordinance of DeKalb County, Georgia, as amended from time to time and known as the "DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance", to the extent that it classifies the Subject Property in any zoning district which would preclude the development of this project, is unconstitutional as a taking of property, a denial of equal protection, an arbitrary and capricious act, and an unlawful delegation of authority under the specific constitutional provisions later set forth herein. Any existing inconsistent zoning of the Subject Property pursuant to the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance deprives the current owner of any alternative reasonable use and development of the Subject Property. Additionally, all other zoning classifications, including ones intervening between the existing classification and the one requested herein, would deprive the current owner of any reasonable use and development of the Subject Property. Further, an attempt by the Board of Commissioners to impose greater restrictions upon the manner in which the Subject Property will be developed than presently exist, such as by way of approving the zoning district requested but limiting development to standards allowed under more stringent zoning classifications, would be equally unlawful.

The Applicant submits that the current zoning classification and any other zoning of the Subject Property save for what has been requested by it as established in the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance constitute an arbitrary and unreasonable use of the zoning and police powers because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the Applicant. All inconsistent zoning classifications between the existing zoning and the zoning requested hereunder would constitute an arbitrary and unreasonable use of the zoning and police powers because they bear or would bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and would substantially harm the Applicant. Further, the existing inconsistent zoning classifications constitute, and all zoning and plan classifications intervening between the existing inconsistent zoning classification and that required to develop this project would constitute a taking of the owner's private property without just compensation and without due process in violation of 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 I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Further, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Board of Commissioners' failure to approve the requested zoning change would be unconstitutional and would discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Board of Commissioners cannot lawfully impose more restrictive standards upon the development of the Subject Property than presently exist as to do so not only would constitute a taking of the Subject Property as set forth above, but also would amount to an unlawful delegation of their authority, in response to neighborhood opposition, in violation of Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution.

Finally, the Applicant protests any action which would prohibit development of the Subject Property as requested inasmuch as the Zoning Ordinance was adopted in violation of or in other respects does not comply with the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1 <u>et seq</u>. and minimum procedural due process standards guaranteed by the Constitutional provisions set forth above.

#### D.

### THE PROPOSED REZONING WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EXISTING USE OR USABILITY OF ADJACENT OR NEARBY PROPERTY

The proposed rezoning will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property. As noted above, development patterns in the area are entirely consistent with the proposed use for the Subject Property.

#### E.

### OTHER EXISTING OR CHANGING CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY

The area in which the Subject Property is a residential community. The Subject Property has been undeveloped for in excess of forty (40) years. The incorporation of the Subject Property into the development of the Champion's Run Subdivision adjacent to the Subject Property is the only logical use for the Subject Property now that it is owned by the Applicant.

#### F.

### THE ZONING PROPOSAL WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT HISTORIC BUILDINGS, SITES, DISTRICTS OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The Applicant knows of no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources either on the Subject Property or located in the immediate vicinity that would suffer adverse impacts from the rezoning requested.

#### G.

### THE REQUESTED REZONING WILL NOT RESULT IN A USE WHICH WILL OR COULD CAUSE EXCESSIVE OR BURDENSOME USE OF EXISTING STREETS, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, UTILITIES, OR SCHOOLS

The proposed rezoning, if approved, will not affect existing transportation facilities or utilities, and it will not negatively impact the schools in the area, which are all below capacity, according to the DeKalb County Public School website Enrollment Report. With respect to sanitary sewer capacity, the Applicant has submitted a Sewer Capacity Request Letter for the area. Finally, the previously submitted application for the development of the 321 units addresses the traffic improvements needed in the area, as the additional 36 homes will have a negligible impact on traffic in terms of the overall subdivision.

### THE REQUESTED REZONING WILL NOT RESULT IN A USE WHICH WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT OR SURROUNDING NATURAL RESOURCES

The proposed rezoning, if approved, will not result in a use which will adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources. The Applicant is seeking to rezone the Subject Property to R-NC as part of the larger Champion's Run Subdivision in order to preserve as much of the natural sources, and environmentally sensitive areas on the Subject Property and adjacent property, as possible.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Rezoning 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.

This 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

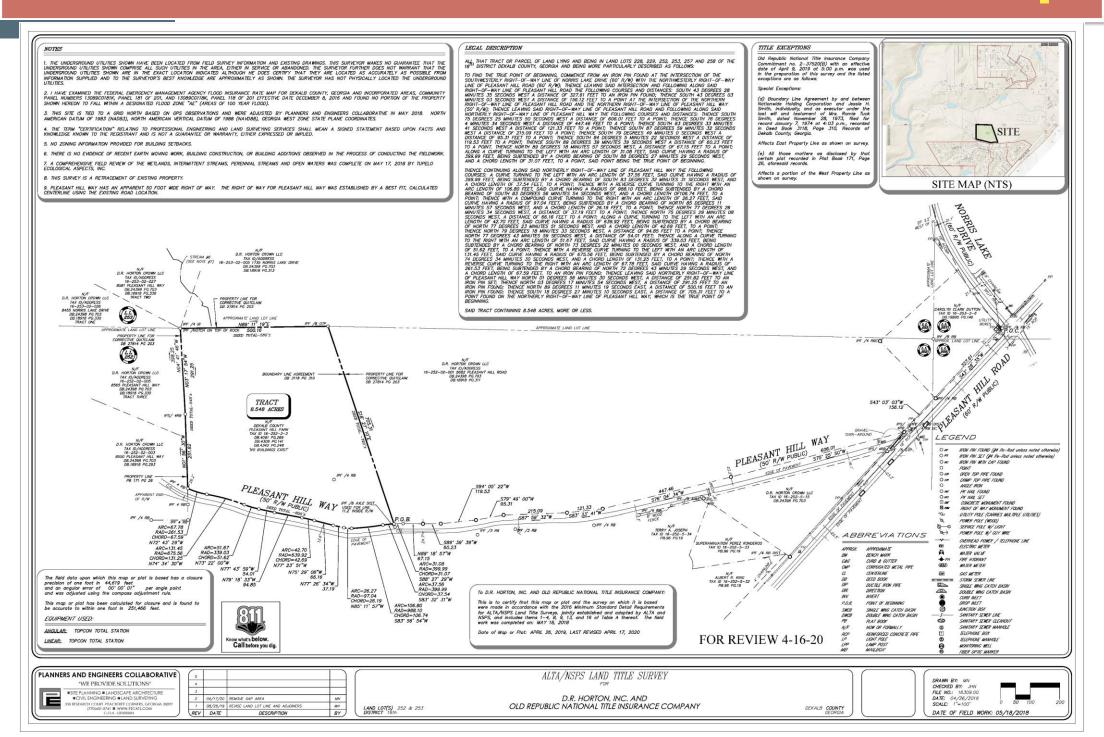
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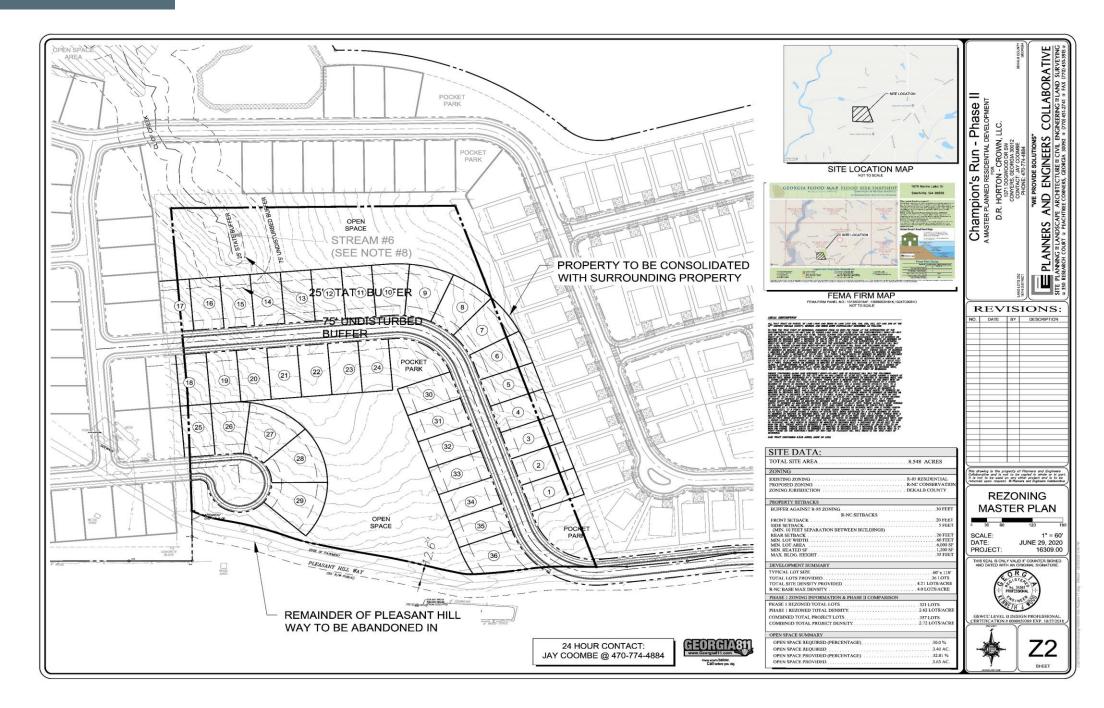
#### ADDITIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL ALLEGATION

The existing zoning 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 Subject Property to a constitutional classification. If action is not taken by the County to rectify this unconstitutional zoning classification within a reasonable time, a claim will be filed by the Applicant 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.

# **Site Survey**

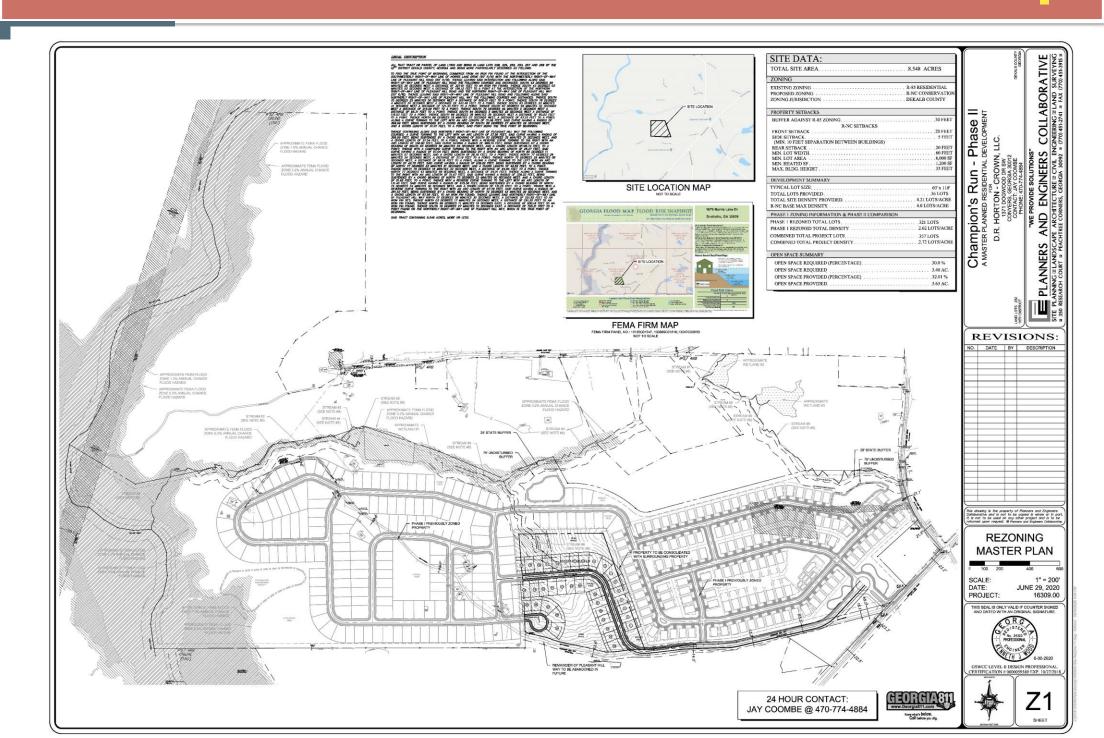


# Site Plan



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# **Overall Site Plan**



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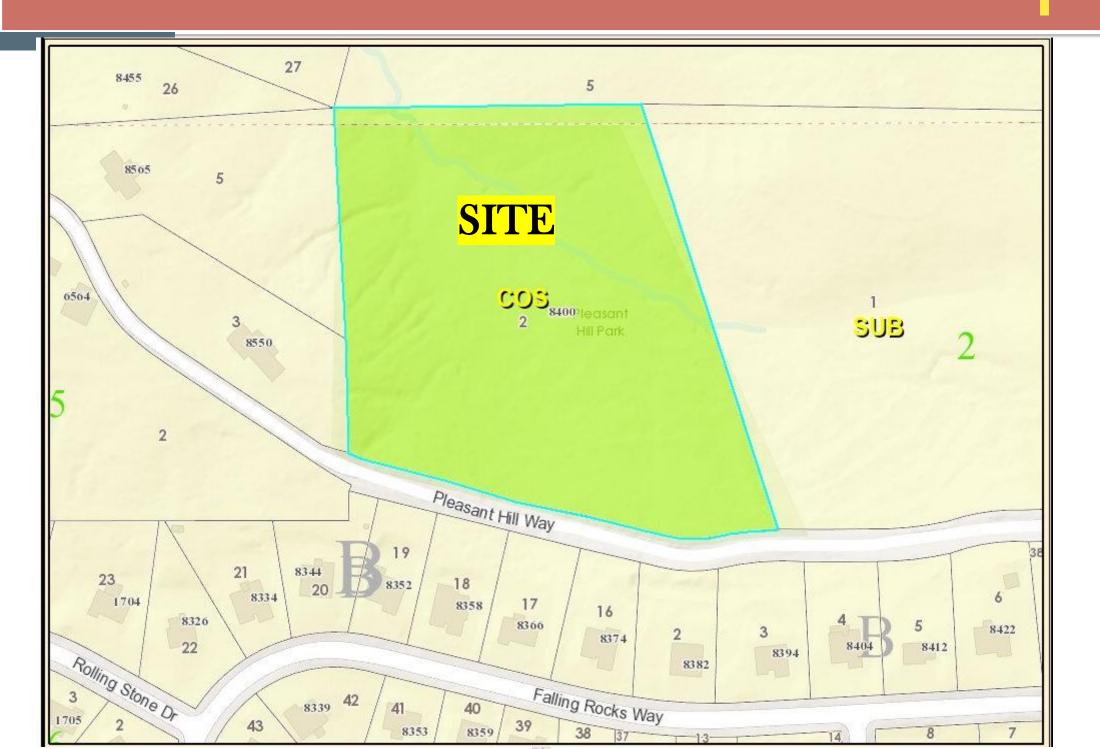




# **Zoning Map**



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# Aerial

