# STAFF REPORT RZ163 - Tax Parcel 052 032 June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Clifford Proffer
OWNER: Clifford Proffer
REQUEST: Rezone A2 to HI

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 4

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 14.76 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING: A2 General Agriculture PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY HI Heavy Industrial

TAX MAP NUMBER: 052 032

ADJACENT ZONING: A2, R1, B2, AR

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this request is to rezone Tax Parcel 052 032 from A2 (General Agriculture) to HI (Heavy Industrial) for a concrete batch plant.

# COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

The currently adopted Future Land Use Map designation is "Gateway Corridor".

#### **Gateway Corridor**

This character area includes a full spectrum of live, work and play land uses. This area is highly visible and represents a central section of the county including US Highway 78 extending from the Arnoldsville Road to Crawfordville Road. This area should present an image which reflects the county narrative. The corridor is deemed suitable for commercial development with a focus on retaining and enhancing the aesthetic qualities of the corridor through landscaping, lighting and signage requirements. Development in this area should be compatible with surrounding natural and cultural features. Access management to U.S. Highway 78 should be regulated minimizing single parcel entryways and promoting inter-parcel access. Any existing blight should be addressed.

Compatible Zoning Designations: B1, B2, B3, R1, R2, R3, PD, LI, OS

The proposed zoning of HI (Heavy Industrial) is **NOT compatible** with the character area "Gateway Corridor".

# **REVIEW OF THE PLAN**

The applicant has requested that Tax Parcel 052 032 be rezoned from A2 (General Agriculture) to HI (Heavy Industrial) for a concrete batch plant.

Adjacent Properties are zoned A2 (General Agriculture), AR (Agriculture Residential), R1 (Single-Family Residential) and B2 (Highway Business). This proposed parcel is 14.76 acres total located at the back half of the parcel. The remaining 16.38 acres at the front of the property will remain zoned A2 (General Agriculture). This property is located at 1525 Athens Rd.

# **CURRENT STATUS**

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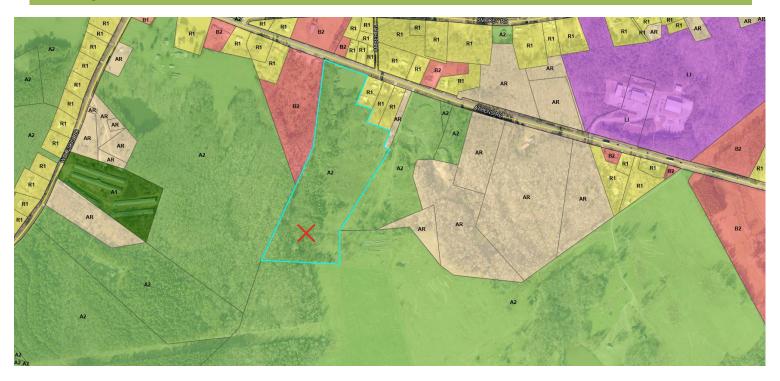


Figure 1 Adjacent Property's Zoning



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P.O. Box 965 Thomson, GA 30824

# Proposal Description for Zoning/Application Review

(Five Copies Required)

Submitted by: Clifford Proffer (Applicant / Current Landowner)

# 1. General Description of the Project

Applicant: Clifford Proffer

Purchaser: Williams Concrete Supply, LLC Operator: Thomson Concrete Materials, Inc.

Proposed Use: Ready Mix Concrete Production & Distribution Facility

Current Zoning: A2 (Agricultural)
Proposed Zoning: HI (Heavy Industrial)

Parcel Number: 052032

Site Area: ~14.76 acres (southern portion of the parcel, to be subdivided as shown on conceptual layout plans)

Clifford Proffer proposes to rezone and sell approximately 14.76 acres from Parcel No. 052032, located in Oglethorpe County, to Williams Concrete Supply, LLC for the purpose of establishing a concrete batch plant. The proposed site is on the south side of the parcel, as depicted in the provided conceptual layout plans.

Upon completion of the sale, the facility will be operated by Thomson Concrete Materials, Inc., a family- and veteran-owned business that has served Georgia communities since 1949. Thomson Concrete currently operates plants in Thomson, Washington, Lincolnton, Wrens, and Warrenton, Georgia.

At this Crawford location, the company will produce and deliver ready mix concrete and offer aggregate hauling (including sand and gravel). Construction-related materials such as rebar, metal keyway, and expansion joints will also be available for delivery or pickup.

Visit www.thomsonconcrete.com for more company information.

# 2. Provision of Water Supply and Sewage Management

Water Supply:

Water will be provided by the City of Crawford through a 6-inch water line extension crossing under Athens Highway from the north side. This line will feed a new fire hydrant and be reduced to a 2-inch line serving the plant.

Water use is expected to total approximately 5,000 gallons per operational day, supporting one restroom, a breakroom, and concrete batching operations.

## Sewage Management:

The facility will utilize an on-site septic system for sewage disposal.

# 3. Existing or Proposed Development Controls, Deed Restrictions, or Covenants

The property is currently zoned A2. A request is being made to rezone to HI to support industrial development in line with County goals.

There are no known deed restrictions or private covenants. The project will comply with all Oglethorpe County development requirements, including those related to screening, access control, stormwater, and buffering.

# 4. Traffic and Operations

The plant is expected to generate approximately 25 truck loads per day, with regular operations Monday through Friday, typically between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

Earlier or later weekday hours are possible depending on construction scheduling demands. Additionally, minimal Saturday morning operations may occur on an as-needed basis.

# 5. Environmental Impact at Crawford Plant (Crawford, GA)

Landowner (at application): Clifford Proffer Purchaser: Williams Concrete Supply, LLC Operator: Thomson Concrete Materials, Inc.

#### Stormwater:

An NOI (Notice of Intent) will be filed with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for coverage under NPDES General Permit GAR050000 (2022 IGP), authorizing stormwater discharge from industrial operations.

# Air Quality:

Annual production is expected to remain below 40,000 cubic yards, which qualifies for exemption under the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control 391-3-1-.03(6)(h)1, for facilities under 62,500 CY/year.

#### Noise Pollution:

Sources of noise will include mixer trucks, aggregate delivery trucks, and front-end loaders. Space and vegetation buffers, along with best management practices will be implemented to reasonably reduce noise impact.

## **Lighting Considerations:**

Lights will be installed on top of the 70-foot tall silo. These lights will be pointed downward to reduce impact to neighbors and will only be used during operational hours.

# **Underground Storage Tanks:**

No underground storage tanks will be installed on the site.

# 6. Community Impact and Commitment

Thomson Concrete Materials, Inc. is a family- and veteran-owned company committed to operating as a responsible and considerate member of the community. The company:

- Emphasizes purchasing goods and services locally
- Strives to minimize impact on neighboring properties
- Supports local municipalities when possible
- Implements best practices in noise, dust, and traffic control
- Welcomes feedback from the community and county officials

This project will contribute positively to the local economy, support regional construction efforts, and reflect the company's longstanding values of reliability, responsibility, and community service.

# 7. Impact Analysis for Change in Zoning Classification or Use (Per Section 1403 of the Oglethorpe County Zoning Ordinance)

a. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan:

The facility supports Oglethorpe County's goals for industrial growth and regional economic development.

b. Suitability of the Property for the Proposed Use:

The site offers appropriate access, size, and separation from residential areas for industrial operations.

c. Impact on Adjacent Properties:

Screenings and buffers will minimize off-site effects.

d. Impact on Infrastructure:

City water service will be extended. Road usage is reasonable and traffic impacts are modest.

e. Other Considerations:

The facility improves access to essential construction materials and brings employment and infrastructure investment to the county.

# SOUTHEAST LAND SURVEYING



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Point of commencement: From a 1/2" pipe located along the southerly right of way of U.S. Hwy. 78; being the northeast corner of Tract 2 depicted on a survey plat recorded in plat book 16 page 682; S 19 deg. 42'19" W for 943.51' to a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " re-bar set; the true point of beginning;

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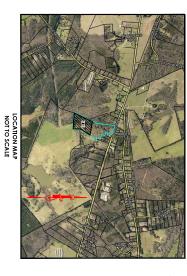
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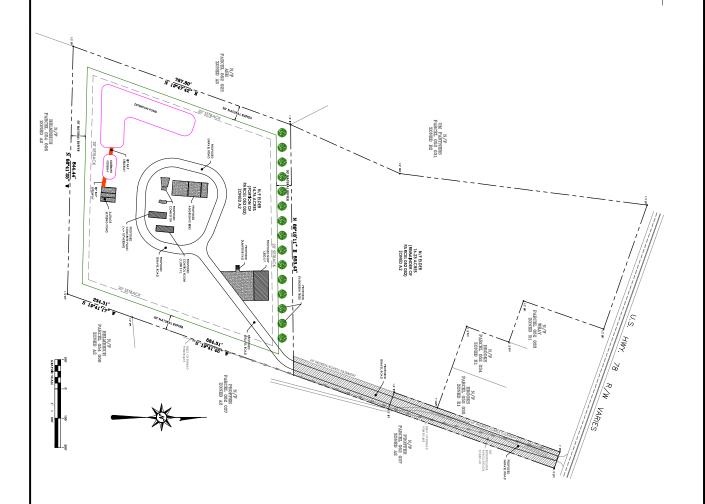
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AN ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM. A SEPTIC PERMIT SHALL BE
OBTAINED FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

MOTE: WATER SERVICE FOR THIS SITE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY CRAWFORD CITY WATER WORKS. THE PROPOSED WATER CRAWFORD CITY WATER WORKS. THE PROPOSED WATER WAT

OWNER INFORMATION
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# CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT

WILLIAMS CONCRETE SUPPLY
1525 ATHENS ROAD
A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL 1625 032
APPROXIMATELY 15.4 A CRES
OGLETHORPE COUNTY, GEORGIA



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# STAFF REPORT RZ164 - Tax Parcel 071 011 June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Paula Wagnon
OWNER: Oneta Nation Estate
REQUEST: Rezone A2 to AR

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 5

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 7.82 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING:

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY

A2 General Agriculture

AR Agriculture Residential

TAX MAP NUMBER: 071 011
ADJACENT ZONING: AR, A2

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this request is to rezone Tax Parcel 071 011 from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide for family.

# COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

The currently adopted Future Land Use Map designation is "Back-Forty".

#### **Back-Forty**

This character area is dominated by forests and farms. Preservation of undeveloped land takes priority. Public services cannot be efficiently provided in this area. The character area has the lowest level of infrastructure support. Residential growth should be limited and low density. The most appropriate land uses should impose a low demand on infrastructure and services. As an exception, where necessary, areas should be accessible by heavy trucks for the purpose of supporting responsible farming, forestry, and mining activities. The area should have clean surface water and a healthy wildlife habitat. The Philomath Historic District is in this character area and identified on the National Register of Historic Places. All development and land use within and adjacent to the historic district should be compatible with the historic value.

Compatible Zoning Designations: A1, A2, B1, HI (me), PD

The proposed zoning of AR (Agriculture Residential) is **NOT compatible** with the character area "Back-Forty".

# **REVIEW OF THE PLAN**

The applicant has requested that Tax Parcel 071 011 be rezoned from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide for family.

Adjacent Properties are zoned A2 (General Agriculture) and AR (Agriculture Residential). This tax parcel is 225.69 acres total and applicant is requesting 7.82 acres to be subdivided and rezoned to AR (Agriculture Residential) to split for family. The remaining acreage will stay zoned A2 (Intensive Agriculture). This property is located on Crawford Smithonia Rd.

# **CURRENT STATUS**

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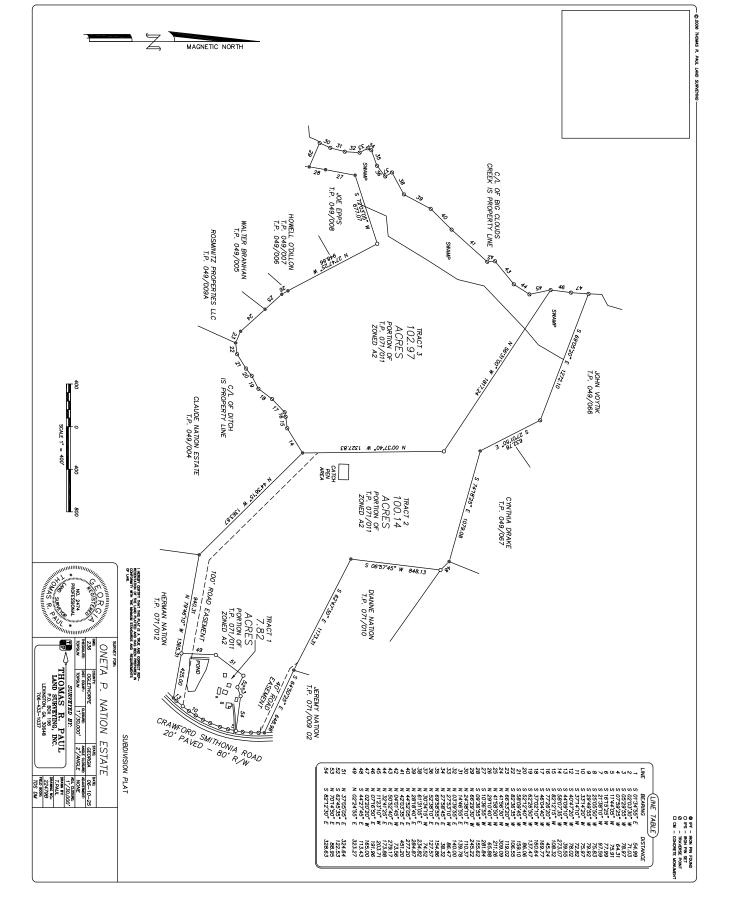
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# STAFF REPORT RZ165 - Tax Parcel 053 014 June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Oglethorpe County
OWNER: Budram & Kemraj Bhola

REQUEST: Rezone A1 to A2

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 4

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 70.71 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING:

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY

A1 Intensive Agriculture

A2 General Agriculture

TAX MAP NUMBER: 053 014

ADJACENT ZONING: R1, LI, PG, AR, B2

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this county-initiated rezone is to rezone Tax Parcel 053 014 located at 1303 Athens Rd to comply with Section 500.06(B) in the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code.

# COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Tax Parcel 053 014 is currently zoned A1 (Intensive Agriculture). Oglethorpe County is initiating a rezone to A2 (General Agriculture) for this parcel for the purpose of complying to Section 500.06(B) of our county Unified Development Code.

## Section 500.06 (B)

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# STAFF REPORT RZ166 - Tax Parcel 048 009 June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Oglethorpe County
OWNER: Todd Stephens
REQUEST: Rezone A1 to A2

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 5

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 114.57 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING:
PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY
A2 General Agriculture

TAX MAP NUMBER: 048 009 ADJACENT ZONING: A2, AR

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this county-initiated rezone is to rezone Tax Parcel 048 009 located on Suddeth Rd and Crawford Smithonia Rd to comply with Section 500.06(B) in the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code.

### COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Tax Parcel 048 009 is currently zoned A1 (Intensive Agriculture). Oglethorpe County is initiating a rezone to A2 (General Agriculture) for this parcel for the purpose of complying to Section 500.06(B) of our county Unified Development Code.

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# STAFF REPORT RZ167 - Tax Parcel 048 009A June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Oglethorpe County
OWNER: Todd Stephens
REQUEST: Rezone A1 to A2

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 5

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 1.5 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING: A1 Intensive Agriculture PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY A2 General Agriculture

TAX MAP NUMBER: 048 009A ADJACENT ZONING: A2, AR

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this county-initiated rezone is to rezone Tax Parcel 048 009A located on Suddeth Rd to comply with Section 500.06(B) in the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code.

# COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Tax Parcel 048 009A is currently zoned A1 (Intensive Agriculture). Oglethorpe County is initiating a rezone to A2 (General Agriculture) for this parcel for the purpose of complying to Section 500.06(B) of our county Unified Development Code.

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# STAFF REPORT VA035 Tax Parcel 087 079 490 Watson Mill Rd March 20, 2025

# **REQUEST**

APPLICANT: USA Land Group OWNER: USA Land Group

REQUEST: Variance to number of parcels accessible by a private drive

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 5

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 135.69 acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING: A2 General Agriculture PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY A2 General Agriculture

TAX MAP NUMBER: 087 079
ADJACENT ZONING: AR, A2

# **PURPOSE**

The applicant is requesting a variance to the number of parcels accessible by a private drive to four (4) parcels from the allowed three (3).

# **REVIEW OF THE PLAN**

The applicant is subdividing the 135.69 acres into 6 parcels total, to include the original parcel, all over 20 acres in size. The applicant is requesting a variance to the number of parcels that can be accessed by a private drive from three (3) to four (4), as four (4) of the six (6) tracts will share a private drive. Applicant includes that the private drive shall be maintained jointly by all servient properties and that all owners agree the private drive will be privately maintained and waiving the right to request county maintenance.

# **CURRENT STATUS**

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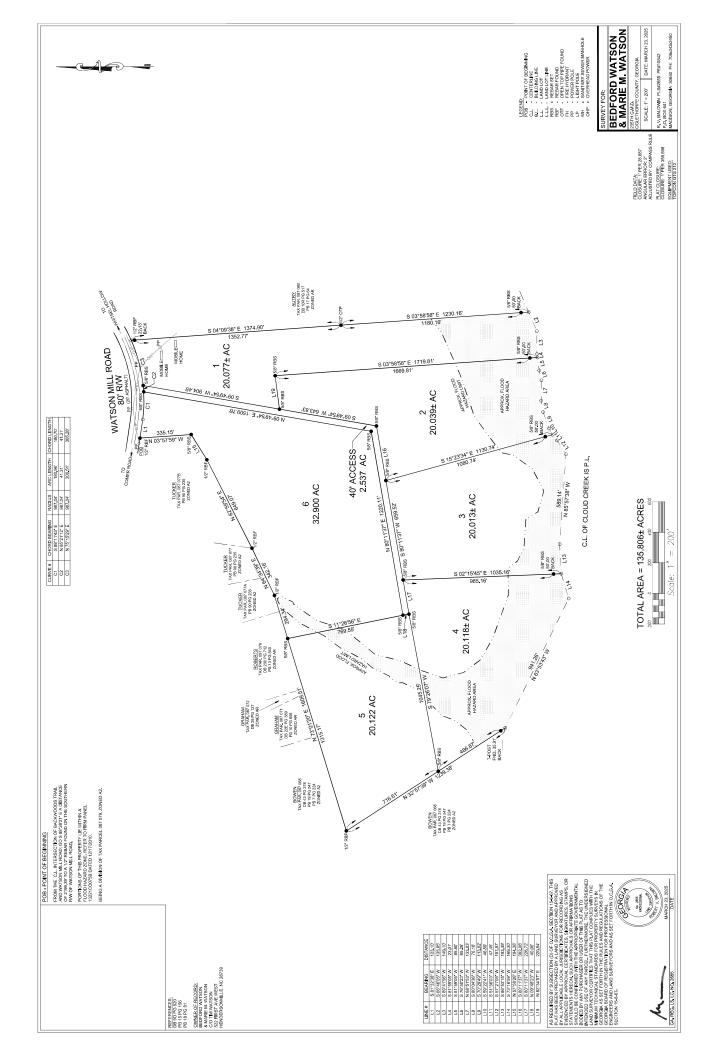
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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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# **CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS**

# PLEASE NOTE THAT CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS FOR VARIANCE REQUESTS DIFFER FROM CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS FOR REZONING/CONDITIONAL USE REQUESTS.

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- Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and
- The special conditions and circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant; and
- Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good of impair the purposes and intent of this Ordinance; and
- The variance requested is the minimum necessary to make possible the legal use of the land, building or structure.

# STAFF REPORT RZ162 - Tax Parcel 082 020A June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: Randal Hubbard

OWNER: Randal & Caleb Hubbard

REQUEST: Rezone A2 to AR

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 1

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 35.39 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING: A2 General Agriculture
PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY AR Agriculture Residential

TAX MAP NUMBER: 082 020A ADJACENT ZONING: AR, A2

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this request is to rezone Tax Parcel 082 020A from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide two 5 acre lots for family.

# **COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN**

The currently adopted Future Land Use Map designation is "Back-Forty".

# **Back-Forty**

This character area is dominated by forests and farms. Preservation of undeveloped land takes priority. Public services cannot be efficiently provided in this area. The character area has the lowest level of infrastructure support. Residential growth should be limited and low density. The most appropriate land uses should impose a low demand on infrastructure and services. As an exception, where necessary, areas should be accessible by heavy trucks for the purpose of supporting responsible farming, forestry, and mining activities. The area should have clean surface water and a healthy wildlife habitat. The Philomath Historic District is in this character area and identified on the National Register of Historic Places. All development and land use within and adjacent to the historic district should be compatible with the historic value.

Compatible Zoning Designations: A1, A2, B1, Hi(me), PD

The proposed zoning of AR (Single-Family Residential) **is NOT compatible** with the character area "Back-Forty".

# **REVIEW OF THE PLAN**

The applicant has requested that Tax Parcel 082 020A be rezoned from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide two 5 acre parcels for family.

Adjacent Properties are zoned A2 (General Agriculture) and AR (Agriculture Residential). This tax parcel is 35.39 acres total. The request is to split two lots off of parent parcel. Proposed split lots are both 5 acres. This property is located on Center Church Rd.

# **CURRENT STATUS**

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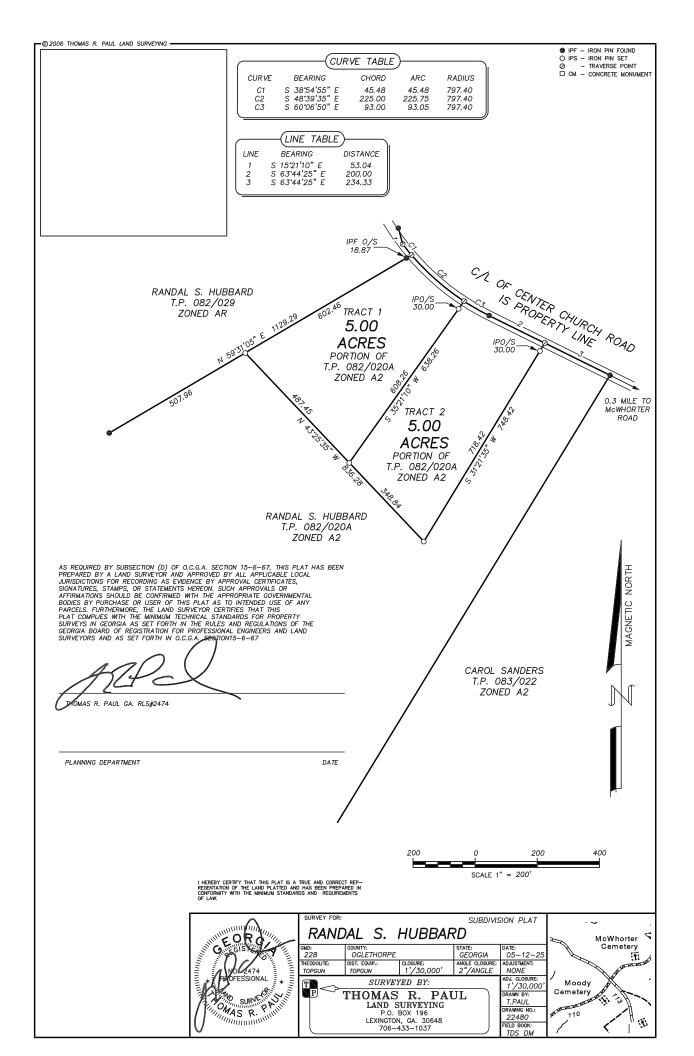
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# STAFF REPORT RZ039 - Tax Parcel 075 014B Oglethorpe Drive June 19, 2025

**REQUEST** 

APPLICANT: ODR, LLC OWNER: ODR, LLC

REQUEST: Change in Conditions

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT: 1

SIZE OF THE PROPERTY: 1.42 Acres

PRESENT USE/ZONING:

PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY

R-3 Multi-Family Residential

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TAX MAP NUMBER: 075 014B ADJACENT ZONING: PG, OIP

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this application is to request a change in conditions from the age restriction of 55 and older previously set in May 2020 to no age restriction.

# **COMPATIBILITY WITH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN**

The currently adopted Future Land Use Map designation is "Gateway Corridor".

## Gateway Corridor

The overall character of this area is intended to provide a mixed-use environment that combines residential and commercial uses within community nodes. The area is designed to provide limited convenience shopping and services only for surrounding residential areas. These nodes may be suitable for higher-density residential development depending on the availability of the necessary supportive infrastructure and the compatibility with the surrounding land uses. The identified areas are a reflection of existing communities. Within the municipalities, the area reflects the location of the downtown core. The Maxeys Historic District is expected to be identified on the National Register of Historic Places and all development within and adjacent to the district should be compatible with the historic value.

Compatible Zoning Designations: PD, B-1, AR, R-1, R-2, R-3

The current zoning of R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) is compatible with the character area "Gateway Corridor".

# **REVIEW OF THE PLAN**

The applicant has submitted this application to request a change in conditions. In May, 2020, the Board approved the rezoning of Tax Parcel 075 014B from OIP (Office/Institutional/Professional) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) with the conditions that it was a 55 age and older community. The applicant is requesting that that condition be changed to no age restriction.

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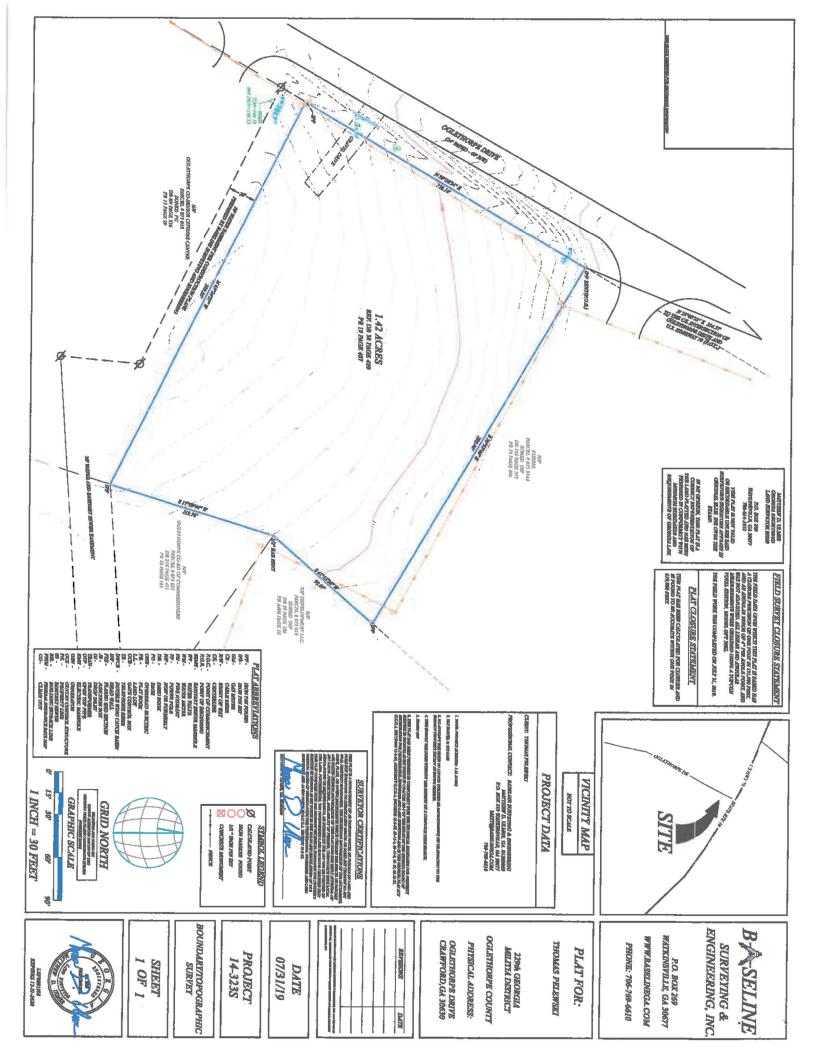
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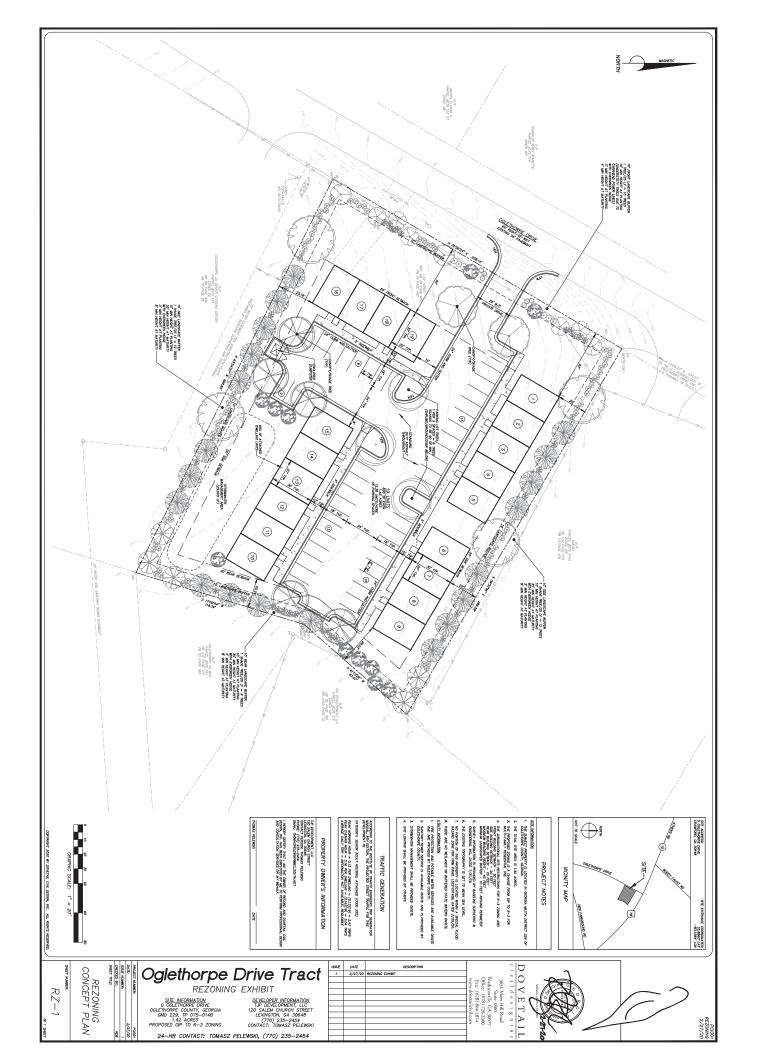
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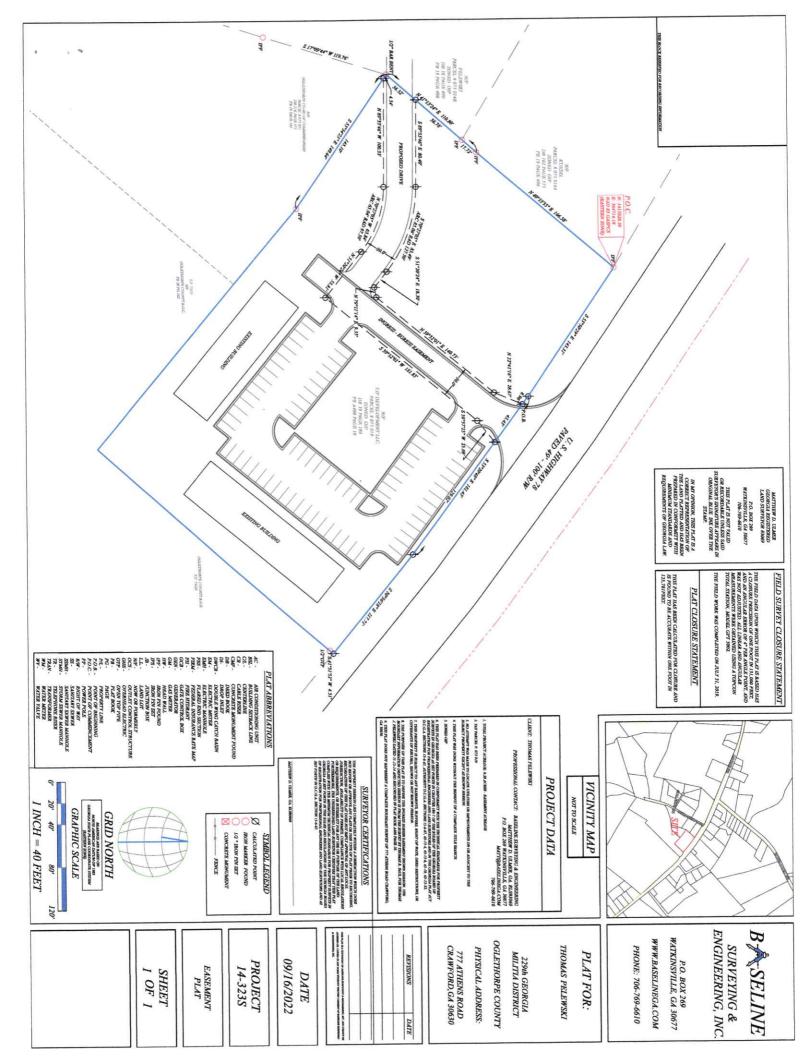
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