

# CITY OF DAHLONEGA City Council Public Hearing Agenda November 15, 2021 4:00 PM Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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# CALL TO ORDER

## NEW BUSINESS:

## Public Hearing:

- 1. REZN 21-3 Noah Steinberg
  - Jameson Kinley Planning and Zoning Administrator
- REZN 21-4 Lindsay Ewing
  Jameson Kinley Planning and Zoning Administrator
- 3. REZN 21-5 Highlands Development Group, LLC Jameson Kinley - Planning and Zoning Administrator

# ADJOURNMENT

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Property Owner:	Name:	Noah A. Steinberg	
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Applicant:	Name:		
(if different from Owner)	Address:		
	Phone:		
Agent:	Name:		
(if applicable)	Address:		
	Phone:		
Existing Zoning:	R-1		
Proposed Zoning:	R-2		
Existing Use:	Single Family Home		
Proposed Use:	Rental Property		
Acreage of Site:	3.0 Acres		
Location of Property:	530 West Circle		
(Street address)	Dahlonega, GA 30533		
Tax Plat and parcel:	Land Lot 927 & 928, 12th District, 1st Section, Lumpkin Co, GA Plat Book 25, Page 5		

A metes and bounds legal description is required. Also attach a boundary survey of the property if available.

1) The applicant is bound by the submitted site plan and letter of intent if this application is approved and development must be initiated within twenty-four months or the approved zoning is subject to reversion to its previous zoning by the Governing Body.

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3) The following nine questions can be answered within a letter of intent, but failure to answer any one can result in <u>denial of the application</u>.

Complete the following information. (This section may be addressed in the letter of intent.)

1. The existing uses and zoning of nearby property and whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of nearby property.

Two adjacent R-1 residential properties are the homes of the owner of 530 West Circle. Also an adjacent church, and another church across the street. A vacant lot nearby (undeveloped land), and another R-1 residential property adjacent currently being used as an Air B&B.

2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions.

None. Property values are not diminished.

3. The extent to which the destruction of property values promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public.

Property values are not destroyed.

# 4. The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner.

The individual property owner is restricted and thus limited by the City Ordinance 09-2020 in the ability to use this property as a Short Term Rental (STR). Currently, the public has no gain or hardship, and serve only as a casual observer. Should the property be rezoned to R-2 then the public would benefit by having an additional Short Term Rental to host guests who would contribute to the tourism industry of Dahlonega as the property is located within walking distance to the town square.

5. The physical suitability of the subject property for development as presently zoned and under the proposed zoning district.

The property owner has no plans for further development as R-2. The current City Ordinance 09-2020 limits R-1 from serving as STR; as an R-2 zoned property the owner will have more options to use property as occasional rental.

6. The length of time the property has been vacant, considered in the context of land development in the area in the vicinity of the property, and whether there are existing or changed conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the rezoning request.

Property was only vacant when previous tenant moved out in December 2020 until present while renovations are currently underway.

7. The zoning history of the subject property.

Property zoned as R-1. Single family home constructed in 1992 by Self & Self General Contractors. Full-scale renovation and remodeling currently being performed by Appalachian Contracting Services (ApCon).

8. The extent to which the proposed zoning will result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

None. No burden on existing facilities. Using this property as an occasional short term rental could have even less of a burden on existing facilities then a long tern rental would.

9. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan, land use plan, or other adopted plans.

This effort of requesting re-zoning was recommended by City Hall staff and also City Government leadership after my application (and appeal) for Short Term Rental was denied.

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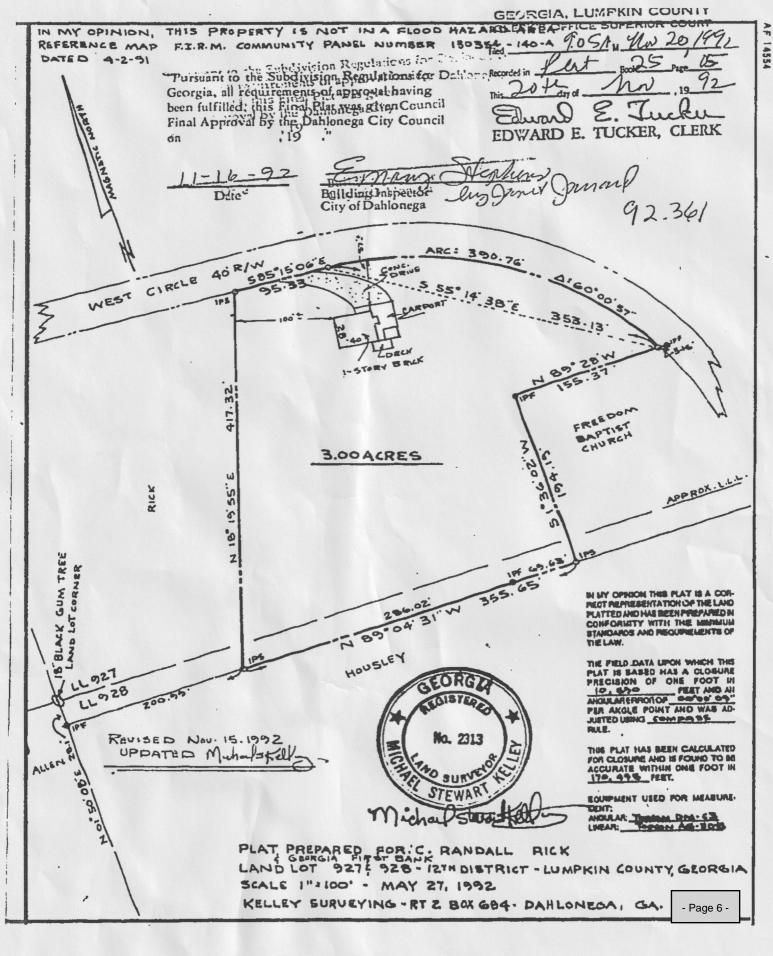
I certify that I am the owner of the property described in the attached legal description, that all information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the applicant and/or agent listed above is authorized to act as the applicant and/or agent in the pursuit of rezoning of this property.

Signature of Property Owner:

Printed name of Property Owner :

Date of Signature:

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_\_





# STAFF REPORT REZN 21-3

Applicant:	Noah A. Steinberg
Owner:	Noah A. Steinberg
Location:	530 West Circle
Acreage:	+/- 3.0 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	R-1
Proposed Zoning Classification:	R-2
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Dwelling
City Services:	All city services are available at this site.

# Applicant Proposal

The applicant requests the rezoning of this property from R-1 to R-2 to utilize the existing residence as a short-term rental.

# **History and Surrounding Uses**

The City of Dahlonega adopted a Short-term Rental ordinance on August 3, 2020. Section 801 of that ordinance states, "Short-Term Rentals are permitted in all zoning districts *except* for the Single-Family Residential District (R-1). Properties located in the Single-Family Residential District (R-1) under contract with Air BNB or similar entity or in use as Short-Term Rentals on or before August 15, 2020, may continue." Due to this ordinance, the property is prohibited in its potential as a short-term rental.

The majority of what surrounds this property is R-1. It is primarily surrounded by singlefamily residential with the B-1 Neighborhood Business District across the street to the northeast.

North	R-1
East	B-1
South	R-1
West	R-1



# The Following are questions from Article XXVI Section 2607 of Zoning Code

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

According to the letter of intent, nothing would change on this property other than the use of the structure as a short-term rental.

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

The residential use of the property would not change if rezoned and used as a short-term rental.

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

The rezoning with the intent of a short-term rental should not propose any additional burden on the existing infrastructure.

4. Whether the zoning proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, transportation plans, or other plans adopted for guiding development within the City of Dahlonega.

The character area of this parcel is referred to in our Comprehensive Plan as Residential. The following are encouraged distinctions of this area.

• Preservation of existing structures where possible, or context-sensitive infill development

• 1-2 story structures oriented close to the street front, with minimal on-site parking and pedestrian accessibility where possible

- Landscaping and decorative elements encouraged
- Variety of residential, parks, and institutional uses, with some office possible adjacent to downtown

• Rural/ Mountain themed design elements preferred, such as steeply pitched roofs with deep overhangs, wood or masonry siding, and front porches

5. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning or special use proposal.

Approving R-2 for this property would be an example of spot zoning and potentially expose the adjacent R-1 zoned properties to unintentional consequences.



# **Staff Analysis**

Although this property might seem appropriate for this use, this rezoning approval is more about the precedence it might set. Instead of approving the rezoning, it would be short-sighted not to discuss changing the ordinance to allow short-term rentals in R-1.

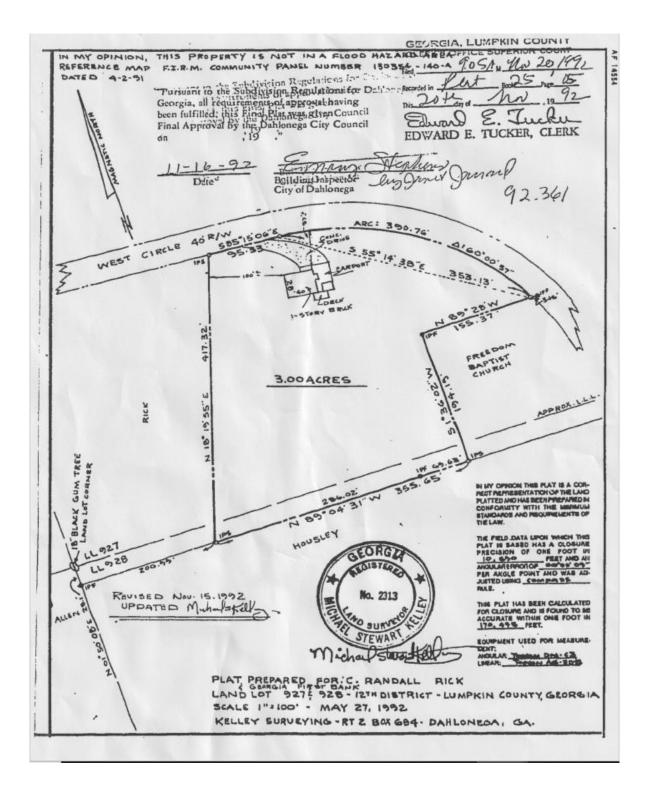
An avenue would be to only allow short-term rentals in R-1 with a conditional use approved through the council. The conditional use would enable the property to remain in R-1 and reduce redevelopment potential under the more intense rezoning district.

One of the issues with short-term rentals is often enforcement because a rental agency is often in control of the property. Being located on/near the property allows for a much higher level of supervision and should mitigate any potential issues that might happen otherwise. Staff would recommend that any ordinance update require the owner/operator of the short-term rental to reside in the municipality.

Another way to limit the risk of an adverse situation would be to limit the number of shortterm units to one per owner-occupied property. This way, future cases would limit multiple rentals on each property.

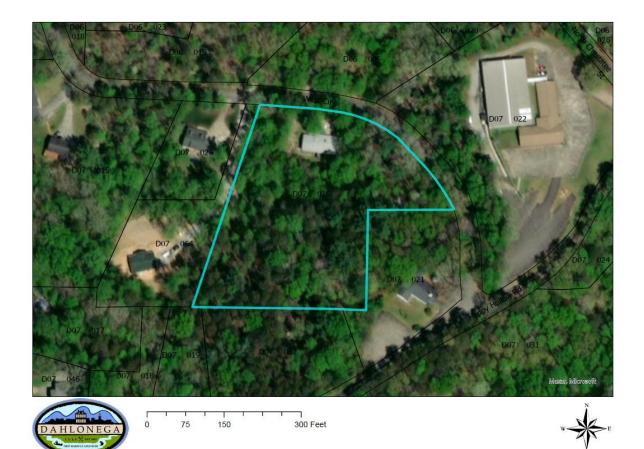


Site Plan:



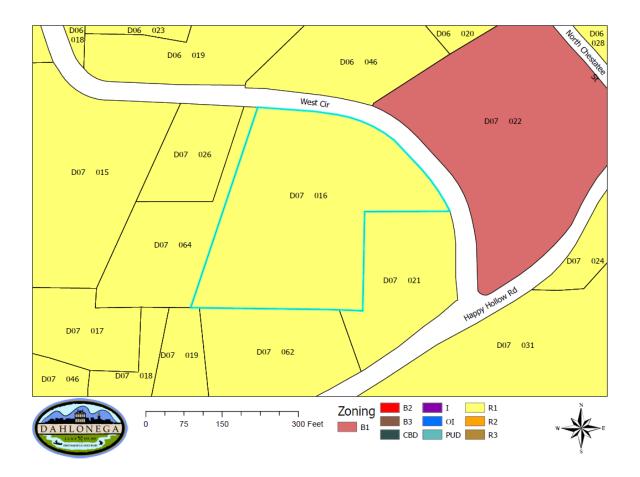


# Aerial:





# **Current Zoning:**





# Comprehensive Plan:





Staff Recommended Motion:

Motion/Recommendation to **DENY** REZN 21-2 and concurrently recommend updating our short-term rental ordinance to allow short-term rentals in R-1 to apply for conditional uses provided specific conditions are met.

**Planning Commission** 

Motion by Commissioner Guy/Commissioner Feagin Seconded – Unanimous

Recommendation to DENY REZN 21-2 and concurrently recommend updating our short-term rental ordinance to allow short-term rentals in R-1 to apply for conditional uses provided specific conditions are met.

## **Noah Steinberg**



October 5, 2021

Dahlonega Planning Commission Attn: Jameson Kinley City of Dahlonega 465 Riley Road Dahlonega, GA 30533

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this request is to rezone the property at 530 West Circle from R-1 to either R-2 or B-1. The current City Ordinance prevents the owner from using a residential property for Short Term Rental (STR) when the property is listed as R-1. A previous request for the City Council to consider modification of City Ordinance No. 2020-09 Short-Term Rentals (i.e. either amend the text of the STR Ordinance or add a Conditional Use provision) was denied with the response "there is no desire to modify or change the ordinance as it currently stands." Further guidance from the Mayor was to approach the Planning Commission for consideration of rezoning.

In March 2021, my spouse and I purchased the property at 530 West Circle, which is next door to our home. The previous owner was a good neighbor, but he did not keep the property up to code, and it deteriorated over the years. When the property was offered to us for purchase, we were excited to have the opportunity to improve the appearance of the house next door which had been unsightly for years.

Our goal is to use this home as a guest house for extended family during visits, especially because my mother lives in a home next to the property. However, this 30-year old structure has been neglected and requires a lot of work. The renovation costs have continued to escalate and our best option of recapturing a portion of our investment while also having the flexibility to use it as a guest house would be to utilize it occasionally as a Short Term Rental. Additionally, the home is within walking distance of the town square, and guests would support Dahlonega's tourism industry.

Our approach has always been fully transparent and we have attempted to work within the parameters of the existing rules, ordinances, and appeal processes. On 4/10/2021 an initial email exchange with the Mayor occurred and was followed by dialogue with City Hall staff and the office Community Development. On 5/19/2021 we submitted an application requesting to use the property at 530 West Circle as Short Term Rental. The required fee for an Occupational Tax Certificate was paid at that time, and we also completed a land survey to confirm the property lines and boundary markers. As expected, the application was denied because of City Ordinance No. 2020-09 by Kevin Herrit, Director of Community Development, with the following comment: "All adjacent parcels are also in the R1 zoning district. Unfortunately, Short-Term rentals are prohibited in the R1 zoning district." Mr Herritt explained that the process for appeal was to engage Bill Schmid, City Manager,

and our Letter of Appeal (attached) was sent on 5/21/2021. In email correspondence, Mr Schmid writes: "Yours is the first STR appeal I have received and I want to give it the fair consideration it is due... My aim would be to gather relevant information and give you an answer well within the 30 days allowed by the ordinance." Mr Schmid's written response (attached) was dated 7/19/2021 and outlined a couple of options to pursue.

We asked the City Council to reconsider the absolute ban on Short Term Rentals within the city limits. Our request was that the Council offer a conditional use provision. Such a provision could include allowing STR when the owner's primary residence is adjacent to the property, the property is a minimum acreage, and/or the neighborhood is absent of a Homeowners Association.

Mr Schmid's letter briefly explores these options and he would be the Subject Matter Expert for further consultation. Please review the two attachments for more details regarding our appeal and the City Manager's suggestions.

I would suggest that this is not a typical rezoning situation. We do not plan to make modifications to the property other than typical home improvements to the existing structure. We do not plan to add signage or additional parking modifications. This is also not a typical neighborhood as this property is located adjacent to our two properties, two churches, a vacant lot, and a home currently listed as a STR. In fact, the only traditional single family home next to the property is Sharon Steinberg, my mother. She supports the short term rental plan as it benefits her family's ability to spend extended time in Dahlonega. We reside in the only other home near the property at 504 West Circle, alongside the 'flagpole' piece that belongs to Sharon Steinberg. While I understand why the city may have reservations concerning a short term rental in a typical neighborhood, I see this situation as atypical.

Thank you for your time and interest in reading this request. I look forward to your input and any ideas you wish to share that would aid our current endeavor.

Sincerely,

Noah Steinberg

## Noah Steinberg

May 21, 2021

Bill Schmid City Manager, City of Dahlonega 465 Riley Road Dahlonega, GA 30533

### Dear Mr. Schmid,

I wish to appeal the decision to deny my Application for Short Term Rental of the property located at 530 West Circle. In response, Mr. Kevin Herrit stated that it was denied because "All adjacent parcels are also in the R1 zoning district. Unfortunately, Short-Term Rentals are prohibited in the R1 zoning district." As the City Manager, I ask that you take a closer look at this particular situation and how it might differ from other requests for a STR in the city limits.

The property at 530 West Circle is bordered by the following:

- · West Circle (street which connects Happy Hollow Rd and North Hall Rd)
- 104 Happy Hollow Rd, Freedom Baptist Church (E-2)
- Parcel D07 062, a vacant lot on Happy Hollow Rd with no structures or home (R-4)
- 210 Happy Hollow Rd, currently listed online as STR vacation home (R-1)
- 510 West Circle, my property where my mother currently resides as a life trust (R-1)

I would suggest that this is not a typical situation where all surrounding properties are single family homes. In fact, the only traditional single family home adjacent to the property is Sharon Steinberg, my mother. She supports the short-term rental plan as it benefits her family's ability to spend extended time in Dahlonega. In addition, the house at 530 West Circle is closest to my home at 504 West Circle, alongside the 'flagpole' piece that belongs to Sharon Steinberg. Again, a map check will reveal that the home at 530 West Circle is closer to my house than any other structure. While I understand why the city may have reservations concerning a short-term rental in a typical neighborhood, I see this situation as atypical.

Allow me to give you some background information about my intentions for this property. When the neighbor's family made it known that they would sell, I saw it as an opportunity to improve

an unsightly property that many of us in the neighborhood had been concerned with. My wife and I bought the 3 acres and the house because we wanted to improve the neglected and deteriorating house and protect the undeveloped land next to my mother's home. We immediately began removing loads of trash, cleaned the outside of the home and greatly improved the appearance of the property. Several neighbors have contacted us to share their appreciation for the improvements made.

We are beginning the process of completely remodeling the inside of the home. My wife and I hope to use the newly remodeled structure as a guest house for our adult children and also my brother and his family when they visit our mother on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the cost of repairs and remodeling are very high. It was our hope to occasionally rent the home on a shortterm basis to help recoup the expenses of repairing this house. I would enthusiastically encourage any renters to explore the tourist sights and businesses in Dahlonega and I would comply with the city's hotel tax, all of which would benefit the City of Dahlonega. As part of the Ranger community, I would also like to be able to rent the home to families awaiting housing or to Soldiers on temporary duty at Camp Merrill. As we live right next door, I would be strict in requiring any renters to be quiet, courteous and respectful of other homeowners nearby. Most importantly to us, we would then have the option to keep the home available to our immediate family as needed. It is our long-term plan to have our daughter return to Dahlonega to live and work while residing in this home. We do not intend to develop this property as "revolving door rental business" but rather hope to occasionally rent it when it isn't used by family. We ask for leniency to recoup our expenses as we improve a property just off the historic square in a way that benefits our beloved city.

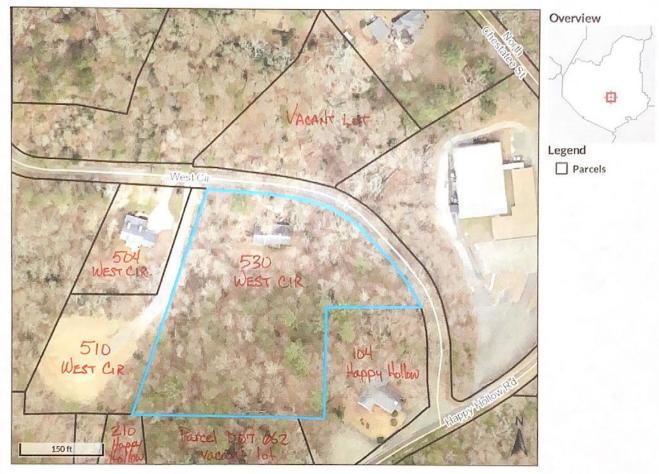
My initial conversations with Mayor Norton suggested I would seek an audience with the City Council for a variance. Later, I learned from Kevin Herrit that I was required to purchase an Occupational Tax Certificate for \$150, submit an application that would be denied, and then seek an appeal. It appears I have finally made it to this phase of the process. Please let me know what else I can do to navigate this request. I understand that the STR ordinance was originally passed due to specific concerns of a particular situation. Honestly, I do not feel that applies in this instance, and I hope that I can be exempt from such restrictions. If you believe that a more proper approach would be to request a change in zoning from R-1 to R-2 in order to comply with the current ordinance, I would be willing to pursue that course as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to discussing this issue with you in more detail. I hope that the City of Dahlonega can understand our position and consider some flexibility in this situation. Please call (706) 867-5100 to arrange a time for us to meet.

Sincerely

Noah Steinberg

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Parcel ID D07016 Real Key / Acct 8587 **Class** Code Residential Taxing District Dahlonega Acres 3 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents) Owner

Assessed Value

RICKRANDY 530 WEST CIRCLE DAHLONEGA, GA 30533 Physical Address 530 WEST CIRCLE \$214894

Last 2 Sales Price Date Reason Qual 3/18/1992 \$53000 FM Q 9/1/1983 0 OS U

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# REZONING APPLICATION FORM CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA

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Property Owner:	Name:	Lindsay Ewing
	Address:	
	Phone:	
Applicant:	Name:	
(if different from Owner)	Address:	
	Phone:	
Agent:	Name:	
(if applicable)	Address:	
	Phone:	
Existing Zoning:	Planned Unit	Development District
Proposed Zoning:	Planned Unit Development District	
Existing Use:	Planned Unit Development District	
Proposed Use:	Planned Unit Development District	
Acreage of Site:	8.910	
Location of Property:	Tract 1, LL 1077 & 1078	
(Street address)	0 Summit Drive, Dahlonega, GA 30533	
Tax Plat and parcel:	077-248	

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1. The existing uses and zoning of nearby property and whether the proposed zoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of nearby property.

The request of 27 homes is in line with the current zoning. Having detached houses will be less density than currently built for Summit. We feel it will be a benefit to the area.

2. The extent to which property values are diminished by the particular zoning restrictions.

Bringing in high end finishes in a cottage efficient floor plan will raise the surrounding property values by giving them comparables when they upgrade finishes or outdoor spaces.

3. The extent to which the destruction of property values promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public.

The development will have little affect on neighbors due to the accessibility of two construction drives keeping traffic or back ups to non-existing.

# 4. The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner.

Having new, upscale homes to compare neighbors values will have a strong impact on raising values of existing homes. The construction of this neighborhood is separated by their non-maintained retention pond and the club house, creating very little visibility if any to neighbors.

5. The physical suitability of the subject property for development as presently zoned and under the proposed zoning district.

N/A - current zoning approves higher density than our requested lot division home sites of at least 52' wide x 100' w/6' setbacks on the building.

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*N/A* - property was approved prior w/intentions of higher density. This supports our request.

7. The zoning history of the subject property.

PUD

8. The extent to which the proposed zoning will result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, schools, parks, or other public facilities.

By us requesting less density than approved we feel this to be a relief to what stress could be put on the existing streets/community.

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Signature of Property Owner:

Printed name of Property Owner : Lindsay Ewing

Date of Signature: 10/08/2021

Signature of Witness: Beth Boy

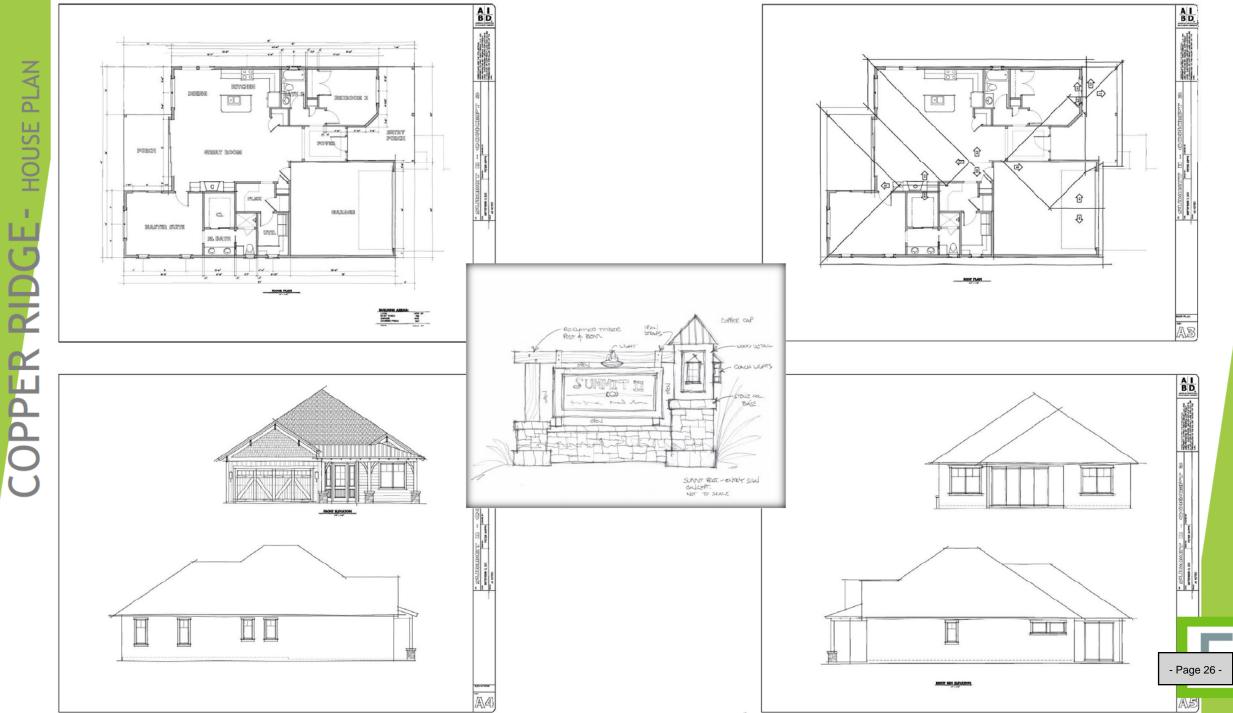


SUMMIT II, DAHLONEGA DEVELOP + DESIGN + BUILD

# SITE PLAN Summit Phase II

- > 27 DETACHED COTTAGES
- WALKING TRAIL
- PAVILION
- HOME PRICES STARTING IN THE HIGH 400'S

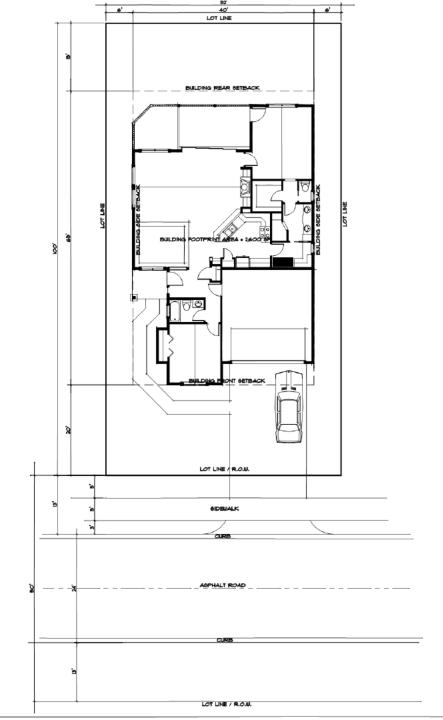




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# TYPICAL LOT LAYOUT

- PREDOMINATE PORCHES
- ► REAR SET GARAGE
- ▶ 52' FRONTAGE
- ▶ 100' DEEP
- ▶ 20' FRONT HOME SET BACK





# LETTER OF INTENT

The team of Ecraft, JL3 and Pro Vision would like to bring a well-appointed cottage home to Dahlonega. We feel that the area needs single-family homes, and the need will get even stronger with a new hospital coming a few miles away.

The Summits current and intended zoning was approved to have higher density, but we believe our future client will want more space. Planting specimen trees and well-designed development plan will create privacy and charm. With trees, fences and bushes it will protect from surrounding development and help continue the mountain feel. The site plan provides a main entry and two possible construction entrances. Current and future neighbor residents will have little disturbance. In continuation of the mountain feel we will have soft night up lighting for safety. We will need to update the current erosion control ponds that Summit has not been maintaining. Along with create adequate erosion solution for the new homes.

I feel that this development and home plan will enhance the existing vacant property and increase neighboring property values.

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Ecraft is owned by a husband wife team from Canton GA. They built their company on the goal of building high quality forever homes. For the Summit II project they have teamed with local designer Pete and Mandy Shipps to deliver high end finishes with efficient floor plans.

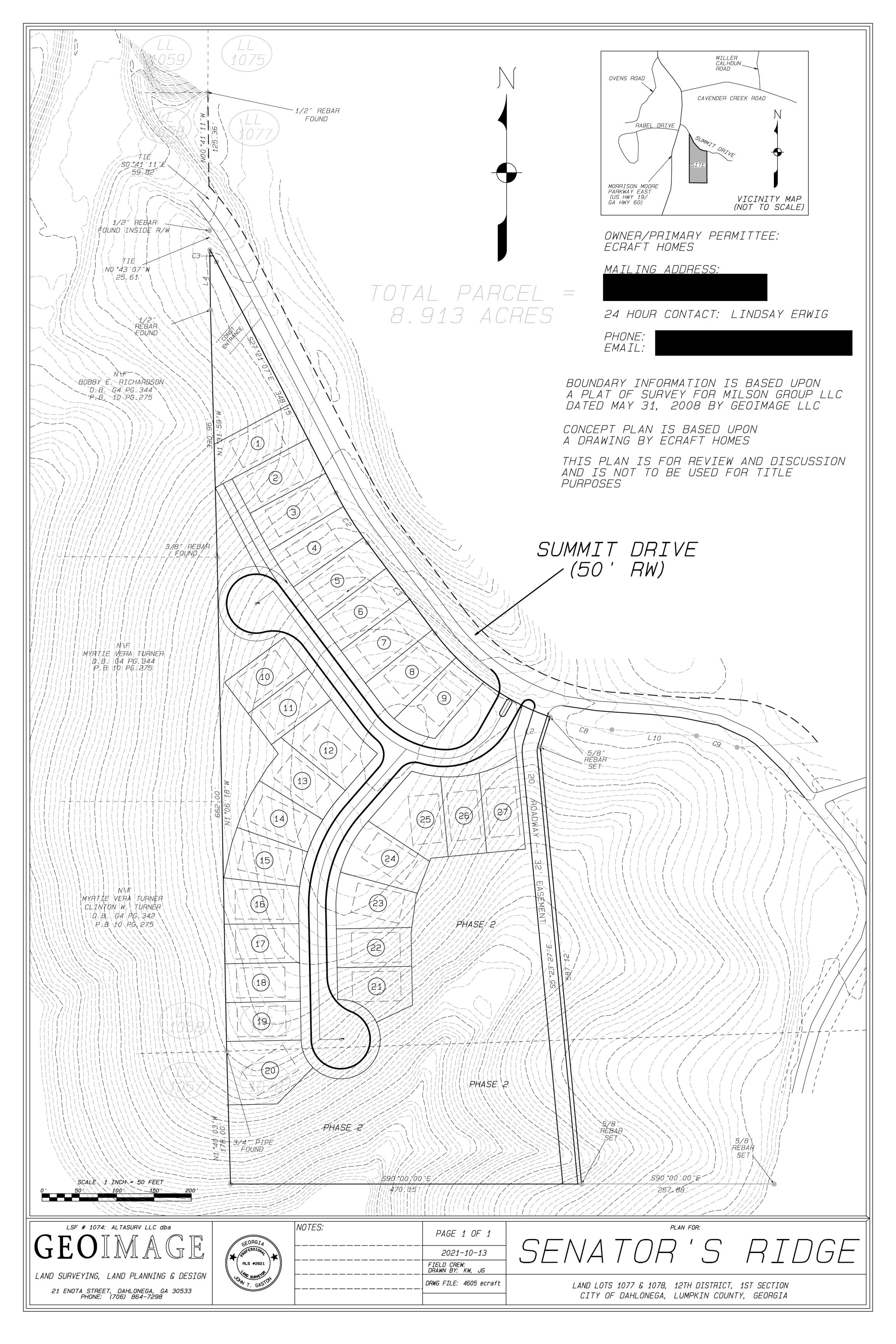


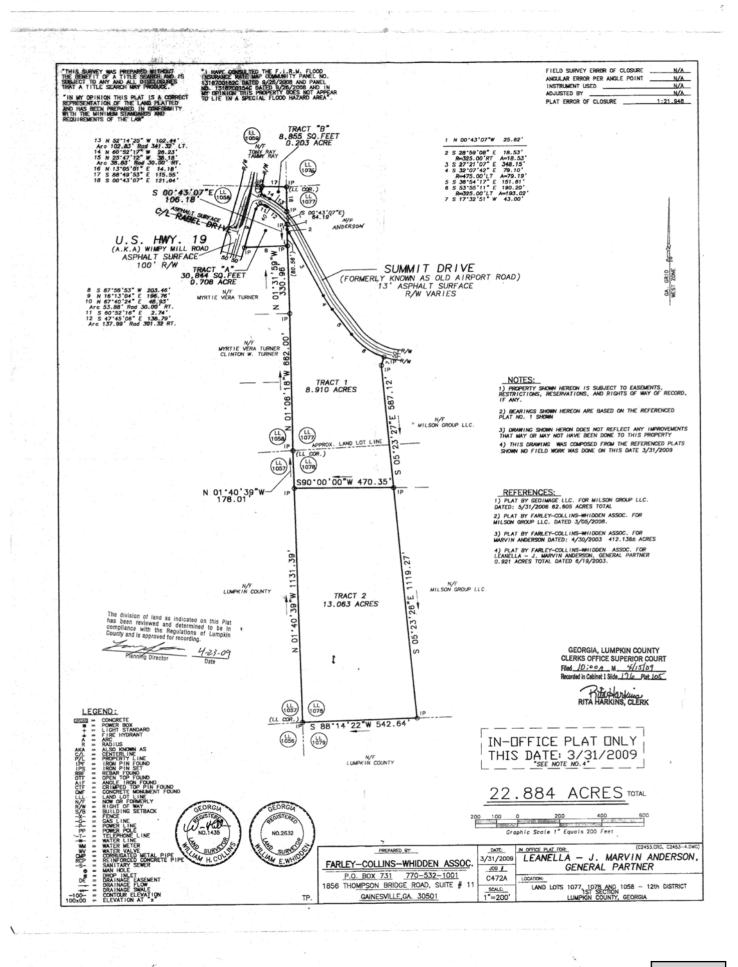
feet to a point; thence continuing along The right of way of Summit Drive and the eastern right of way of Wimpy Mill Rd. (also known as US 19 and Morrison Moore Parkway) at their intersection a curve having an arc distance of 38.83 feet, a radius of 30.00 feet being subtended by a chord hearing North 23 degrees 47 minutes 12 seconds West 36.18 feet to a point; thence run North 13 degrees 05 minutes 01 seconds East 14.18 feet along said right of way to an iron pin located on the northern land lot line of Land Lot 1058; thence run South 88 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East 115.55 feet an iron pin being the corner common to Land Lots 1059, 1076, 1077 and 1058 and BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

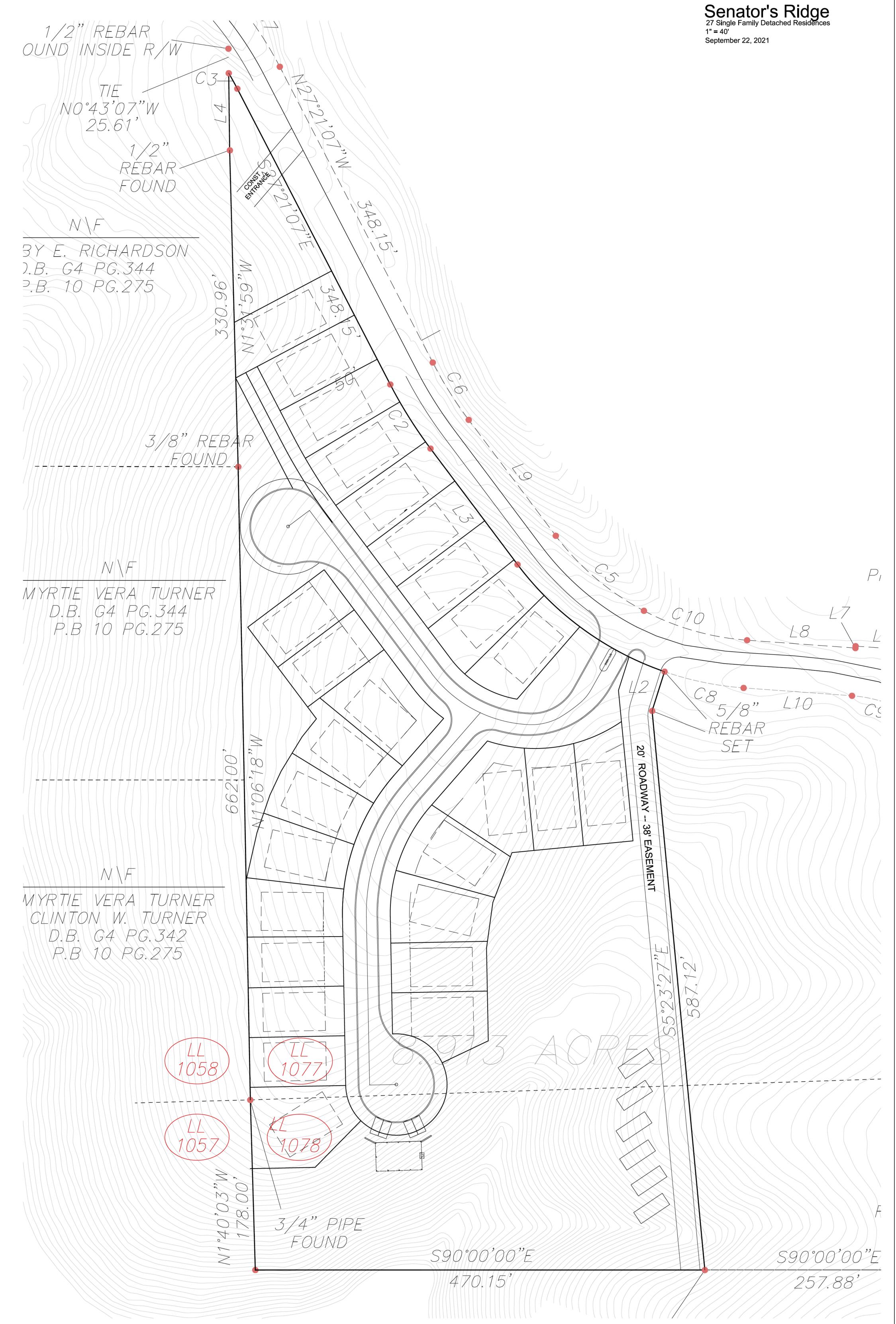
## TRACT ONE

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 1077 and 1078, 12<sup>th</sup> District, Lumpkin County, Georgia containing 8.910 acres and shown as Tract 1 on a survey for Leanella - J. Marvin Anderson, General Partner prepared by William H. Collins, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and recorded in Plat Cabinet 1 Slide 176 Plat 105 of Lumpkin County Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, begin at an iron pin located at the corner common to Land Lots 1057, 1078, 1079 and 1056; running thence along the land lot lines common to Land Lots 1057 and 1078 North 01 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West 1131.39 feet to an iron pin and the BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING: thence North 01 degrees 40 minutes 39 seconds West 178.01 feet to an iron pin; thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes 18 seconds West 662.00 feet to an iron pin; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 59 seconds West 330.96 feet to an iron pin; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds West 80.56 feet to a point located on the southwestern right of way of Summit Drive (right of way varies); running thence along said right of way the following chord bearings and distances; a curve having an arc distance of 18.53 feet, a radius of 325.00 feet, being subtended by a chord bearing South 28 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds East 18.53 feet to a point; thence South 27 degrees 21 minutes 07 seconds East 348.15 feet; a curve having an arc distance of 79.19 feet a radius of 475.00 feet. being subtended by a chord bearing South 32 degrees 07 minutes 42 seconds East 79.10 feet; to a point; thence run South 36 degrees 54 minutes 17 seconds East 151.61 feet to a point; thence a curve having an arc distance of 193.02 feet, a radius of 325 feet being subtended by a chord hearing South 53 degrees 55 minutes 11 seconds East 190.20 feet to an iron pin located on the southern right of way of Summit Drive; thence leaving said right of way South 17 degrees 32 minutes 51 seconds West 43.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 05 degrees 23 minutes 27 seconds East 587.12 feet to an iron pin; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 470.35 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.









# STAFF REPORT REZN 21-4

Applicant:	Lindsay Ewing
Owner:	Lindsay Ewing
Location:	Summit Drive (077-248)
Acreage:	+/- 8.91 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	PUD
Current Use of Property:	Vacant Phase of Development
General Land Use:	Single Family/Townhome
City Services:	All city services are available at this site.

# Applicant Proposal

The applicant is requesting an amendment to the original PUD site plan to include a more detailed residential use on the +/-8.91 acres portion of the PUD known as phase 3 of the Summit. The applicant is proposing a 27 unit addition with a density of 3 units per acre. The applicant refers to this phase as "Senator's Ridge."

# History and Surrounding Uses

Directly to the east is the existing Phase 1a of the development. Directly to the north (across Summit Drive) was recently updated to include a 61 unit development (REZN 21-1).

This property was initially annexed and rezoned in 2005/2006 as "The Summit: An Active Adult Retirement Community."

Phase 1 was a residential development approved at three units/acre, although the site plan only utilized 2.06 units/acre. This phase was broken into two sections. Phase 1a was approved as 32 condominiums with amenities that started construction in 2006 and was eventually completed. Phase 1b was approved as 32 condominiums and five optional villas. It was never developed.

The original rezoning heard by the council included a hotel, convention center complex, or a continuation of the retirement concept living in its description of potential uses of the future phases. Phases 2, 3, and 4 were referred to as future developments on the site plan and have yet to be developed.



Phase 2 was recently approved with the following stipulations:

- 1. The residential Phase 2 density shall be limited to 2.8 units per acre which is proposed on the site plan.
- 2. The heated square footage of residential structures constructed shall be a minimum of 1700 square feet in order to be more compatible with the existing development.
- 3. Architectural styles of new construction shall conform substantially to the existing architectural styles in the Summit PUD. The front elevations of all dwellings will consist of a mixture of masonry and fiber cement siding or shake. A minimum 18" masonry water table on the front elevations is required. The remaining balance of each home's side and rear elevations are to be fiber cement siding. Vinyl siding will not be allowed, however vinyl architectural features such as cornices, soffits, windows, columns, etc. are allowed. Architectural shingles or metal roof materials are to be utilized. Final design and approval of the elevations is subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of the building permit.
- 4. Short Term Rentals, as defined in the Code of the City of Dahlonega, are prohibited in this approval.
- 5. The applicant shall obtain any required DOT approvals before building permits shall be granted.
- 6. The minimum building setback requirements in this development are twenty (20) feet from the front, five (5) from the side, and thirty (30) feet from the rears for all single family detached lots.
- 7. The maximum building height in this development is limited to thirty-five (35) feet above grade.
- 8. Phase 2c approval is for single family detached lots. Commercial use requests will require final council review and approval before permitting development.
- 9. Curb cuts will be limited to nine. This includes the lots in Phase 2a and Ridge View Drive.
- 10. All internal roads in this development are to be Private.
- 11. This approval includes 61 residential units identified as Phases

Phase 4 had frontage along Morrison Moore Parkway which was not annexed and remains unincorporated.

Setbacks for 1a

- From Right of Way: 10'
- From Property Line: 10'
- From other buildings: 20'

Minimum Lot size/floor area

- Condominium lot size: 2207 square feet (included porches and garages)
- Condominium Floor Area: 1533 square feet (*actual built was 1693*)



All roads are to be private with a curb and gutter, and no sidewalks were required to be constructed within the development.

# The Following are questions from Article XXVI Section 2607 of Zoning Code

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

This parcel was deemed suitable for this use when originally annexed and rezoned in 2005. There was not opposition at the original rezoning hearings.

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

This development does not appear to adversely affect the existing use nor the usability of adjacent property. The proposed development site plan stays significantly off the property lines to the east and west.

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

This development does not appear to cause a significant burden on existing facilities. A more thorough analysis of this will be done at the site development permitting stage.

4. Whether the zoning proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, transportation plans, or other plans adopted for guiding development within the City of Dahlonega.

The character area of this parcel is referred to in our Comprehensive Plan as Residential. The following are encouraged distinctions of this area.

• Preservation of existing structures where possible, or context-sensitive infill development

• 1-2 story structures oriented close to the street front, with minimal on-site parking and pedestrian accessibility where possible

• Landscaping and decorative elements encouraged

• Variety of residential, parks and institutional uses, with some office possible adjacent to downtown

• Rural/ Mountain themed design elements preferred, such as steeply pitched roofs with deep overhangs, wood or masonry siding, and front porches



5. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning or special use proposal. This property has some signifiant challenges with topography. This suggests the clustering of development on the land with less steep slopes in order to balance development with minimal land disturbance.

# Staff Analysis

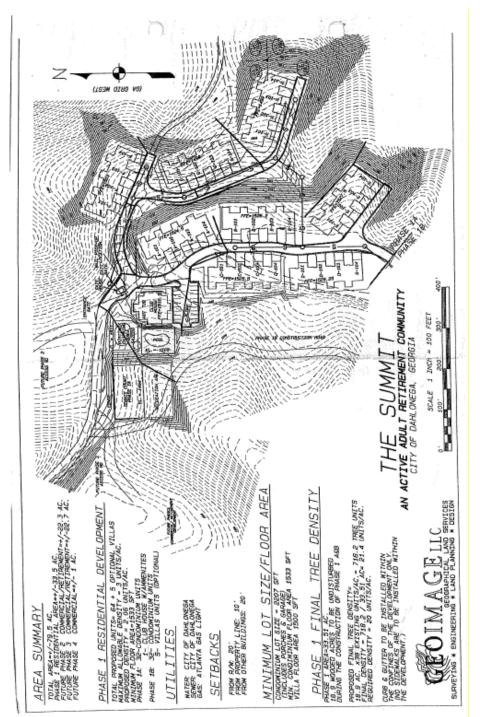
This site plan seems to be consistent with the intent and the original zoning in 2005. The following are the stipulations from the recently rezoned portion to the north that are applicable. Staff recommends consistency within the development.

- 1. The residential Phase 3 Senator's Ridge density shall be limited to 3.0 units per acre as proposed on the site plan.
- 2. The heated square footage of residential structures constructed shall be a minimum of 1700 square feet in order to be more compatible with the existing development.
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- 7. The maximum building height in this development is limited to thirty-five (35) feet above grade.
- 8. Curb cuts along Summit Drive shall be limited to what is on the site plan.
- 9. All internal roads in this development are to be Private.

Additionally, Staff would recommend a buffer between Summit Drive and the rear of lots one through nine. Ideally, there will be a berm with planted foliage that would block the physical appearance of the back of the houses. This can also be accomplished with a substantial nontransparent fence. Without knowing the finished grade of the homes, it is hard to determine the height needed.

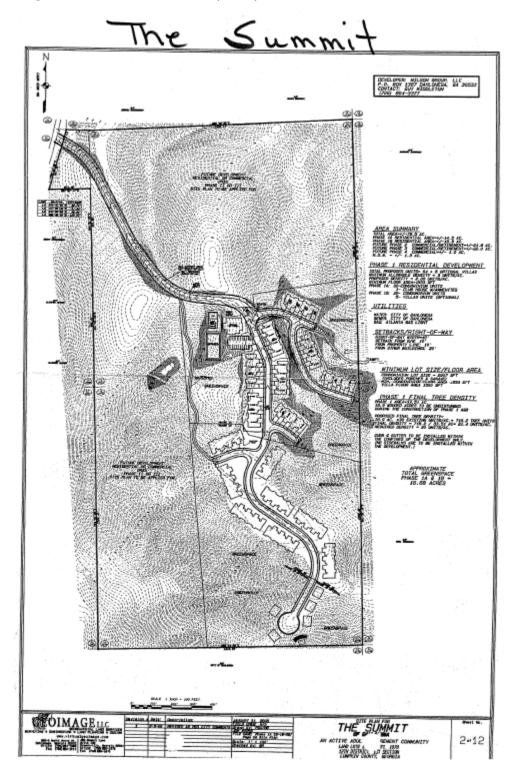


# Original Site Plan: (2005)



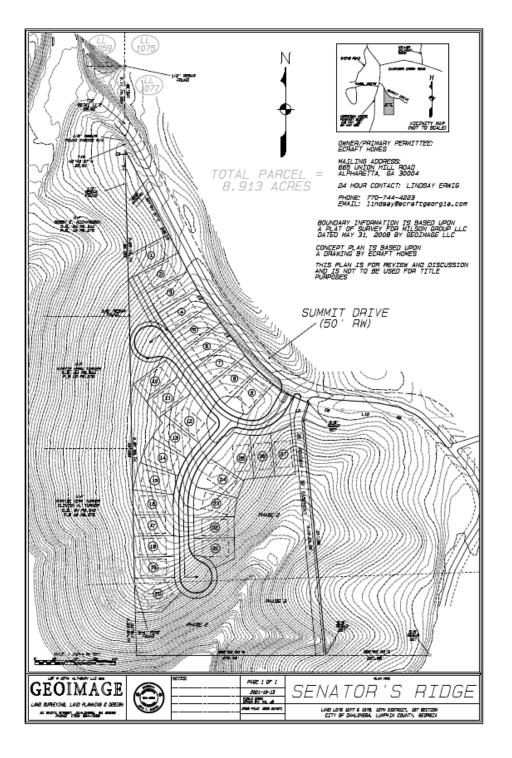


Original Site Plan Continued: (2005)



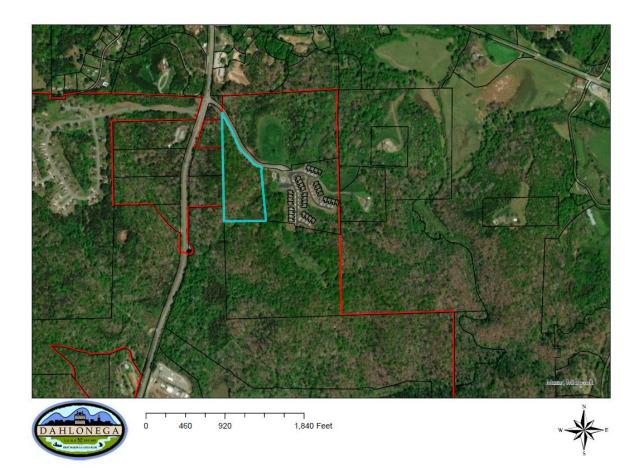


# Proposed Amendment Site Plan:



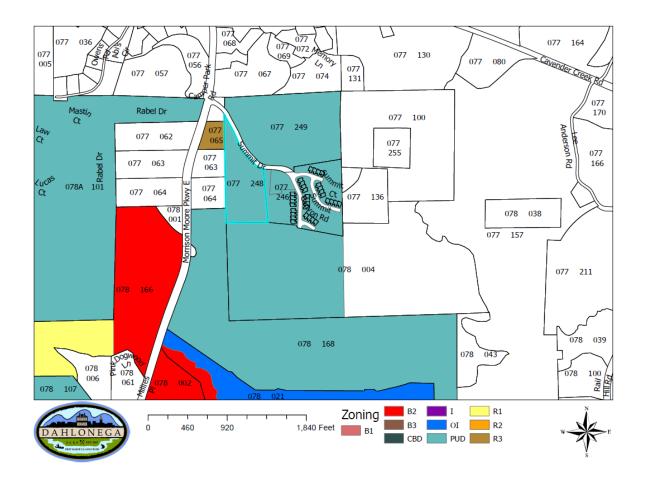


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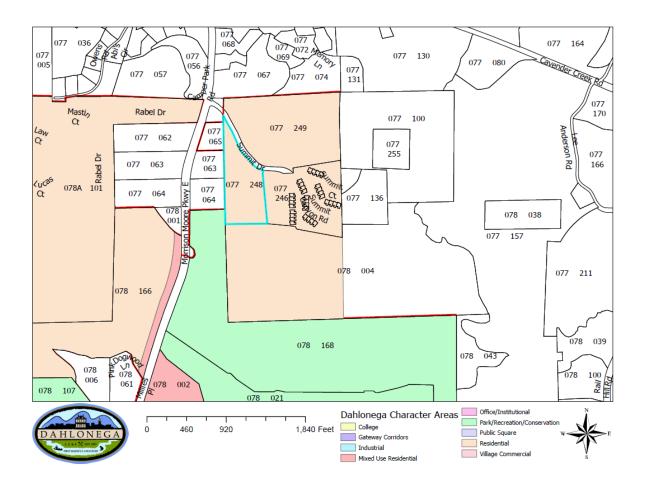


# **Current Zoning:**





# Comprehensive Plan:





# Staff Recommended Motion:

Motion/Recommendation to approve REZN 21-4with the following stipulations

- 1. The residential Phase 3 Senator's Ridge density shall be limited to 3.0 units per acre which is proposed on the site plan.
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- 9. All internal roads in this development are to be Private.
- 10. A berm shall be constructed along the frontage of the development and Summit Drive. No less than <u>tbd</u> feet and <u>tbd</u> height shall be planted with two staggered rows of evergreen trees sufficient enough to block the view of the back of the houses.



Planning Commission Motion:

Motion made by Commissioner Guy/Commissioner Feagin Seconded

Vote tied at 3 yeas and 3 abstentions. Chairman voted to move forward with recommendation.

Recommendation to approve REZN 21-4with the following stipulations

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**REZONING APPLICATION FORM CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA** \*\*\*\*\* SIMS ROBERTA GREEN Property Owner: Name: Address: Phone: HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT EROLP, LLC Applicant: Name: (if different from Owner) Address: Phone: Agent: LISA SHAPPEL, ESD Name: (if applicable) Address: Phone: **Existing Zoning:** PUD Proposed Zoning: PUD RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOME UNIT Existing Use: Proposed Use: RESIDENTIK TOWANHOME UNIT Acreage of Site: 73.57 ARRES Location of Property: THE SUMMIT PHASE IT (Street address) SUMMIT DR. Tax Plat and parcel: 078-004

A metes and bounds legal description is required. Also attach a boundary survey of the property if available.

Rezoning application

# APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby request the action contained within this application relative to the property shown on the attached plats and site plan and further request that this item be placed on both the Planning Commission and City Council's agneda(s) for a public hearing.

I understand that the Planning and Development staff may either accept or reject my request upon review. My request will be rejected if all the necessary data is not presented.

I understand that I have the obligation to present all data necessary and required by statute to enable the Planning Commision and City Council to make an informed determination on my request. I will seek the advice of an attorney if I am not familiar with the zoning and land use requirements.

I understand that my request will be acted upon at the Planning Commission and City Council hearings and that I am required to be present or to be represented by someone able to present all the facts. I understand that failure to appear at the public hearing may result in the postponement or denial of my special use or rezoning application. I further understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of relevant public hearing dates and time regardless of notification from the City of Dahlonega.

I hereby certify that I have read the above and that the above information as well as the attached information is true and accurate.

8/12/21 Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Witness

### **Property Owner's Certification**

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I herby certify that I have read the above and that the above information as well as the attached information is true and accurate.

I certify that I am the owner of the property described in the attached legal description, that all information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the applicant and/or agent listed above is authorized to act as the applicant and/or agent in the pursuit of rezoning of this property.

Solus Signature of Property Owner: ( Printed name of Property Owner : Date of Signature: Signature of Witness:

# This will be provided by city staff

# List of Adjacent Property Owners

It is the responsibility of the Applicant to provide a list of adjacent property owners. This list must include the name and address of anyone who has property touching the subject property or who has property directly across the street from the subject property.

Please note that this information should be obtained at the Planning Office using the Tax Map and Parcel (TMP) information listing any parcel(s) adjoining or adjacent to parcel where variance or rezone is being requested.

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Please Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

Letter Of Intent The Summit – Phase II Highlands Development Group, LLC We see the lack of inventory as a major issue in the Dahlonega market that will have to be addressed as a community in the coming years. As we continue to see major growth along the 400 corridor push farther north we are anticipating a continuation of the influx of individuals looking to relocate to Dahlonega/Lumpkin County over the next two years. With the creation of Lumpkin County's new Gateway 400 corridor, and the long anticipated arrival of the North East Georgia's medical center's new hospital on 400, the stage will be set for an explosion of growth in our market. Particularly for individuals who are looking for affordable housing due to the creation of new jobs, as well as last time home buyers that will inevitably relocate with the new ease of access to full-service health care. While we expect demand to remain hot throughout the entire spectrum, we particularly believe homes in the 1500 to 2000 square foot range will be at the top end of the demand curve.

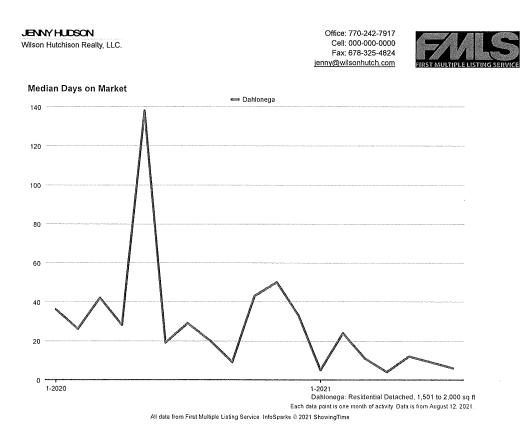
We expect the historical housing prices we have seen in 2020 and 2021 to continue and accelerate due mainly to a function and supply and demand. As long as the inventory of new homes/development in Dahlonega remains in a deficit in relation to the ever-growing demand, housing prices will remain elevated.

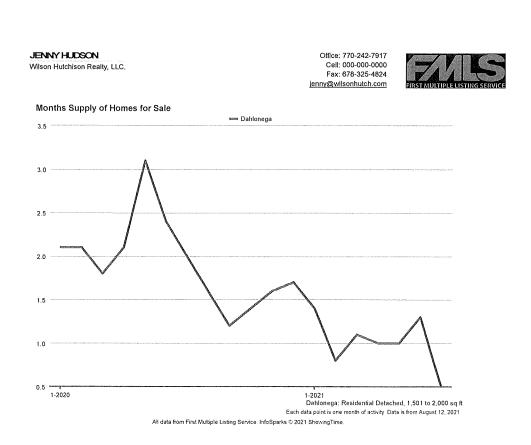
The subject property is a total of +/-73 acres located at the Summit with parcel number 078-004. The property was zoned PUD in 2007 and was originally intended to serve as Phase II to the development, during which they had 37 townhomes permitted and entitled. We are requesting an increase in density from the aforementioned 37 units, to a total of 74 units, which would put us at a ratio of one unit per acre (1:1), whereas Phase I of the Summit was permitted and approved for a density of three units to the acre (3:1). This will provide a highly positive effect on the existing use while providing no adverse affects of the nearby property. This development will have a wide ranging affect of increasing property value not only on the homes in Phase I of the Summit, but throughout our community. The development will also provide a large increase in revenue for the City of Dahlonega as a result of water and sewer tap fees, grinder tap fees, future monthly sewer income, as well as the fees accrued from building permits. We estimate this increase in revenue from sewer tap fees to amount to \$1,180,000 plus the additional monthly income averaging between \$5,500 to \$6,000 per month. The builder fees are anticipated to total \$850,000 - \$950,000.

Out of the total of 73 acres, our civil engineer anticipates the affected acreage to be +/18 acres. Due to the steep terrain and topography the 74 units will be entirely built along the ridge-top as seen in the topography map. This tract has been sitting idle and untouched since the original development was completed in 2007-2008. The proposed increase in density of the property is in conformity with all comprehensive current and future land use plans. We do not anticipate any excessive or burdensome use of existing facilities, but rather an increase of revenues to the city of Dahlonega that will create long term positives and added tax benefits.

The intent for this tract is to replicate the original design and footprint from Phase I of the Summit. The exterior facade will be a combination of architectural shingle and standing seam metal roofs with stone, brick and fiber cement materials to include both board and baton and lap siding. The design features for both the interior and exterior of the units will create a highly sought-after product welcoming to the local buyer market while filling a great need in the community with upscale community lifestyle. A mountain modern theme will check all the boxes of tying in the local small town feel of Dahlonega while still providing an attractive draw to those looking for their mountain getaway. Homes will be a combination of attached three- and four-unit buildings averaging 1,600 sq ft per unit with a steady mix of both slab and basements. Creating space in the development for both slabs and basements will provide future buyers the flexibility to either have room to grow into their space or provide additional space for the downsizing buyer. This development will provide a highly desirable product that will reflect unique finishes that are expected in a community of this caliber. Finishes will follow guidelines to include hardwood floors, hard surface countertops, level III cabinets, high ceilings and masters on main for ease of lifestyle. All of this will be accomplished in each unit while also providing serene landscapes that draw the surrounding mountains to your front and back doors. Community amenities will be provided to include green space, a covered common area gazebo and a sizeable pool.

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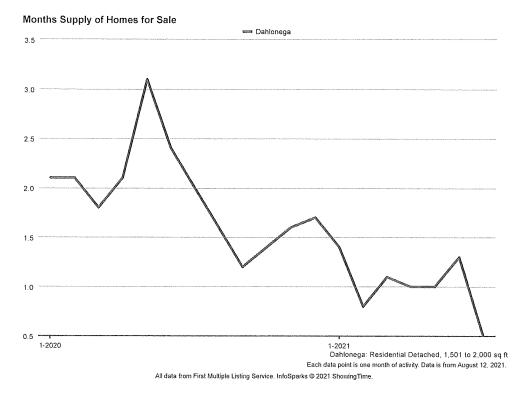
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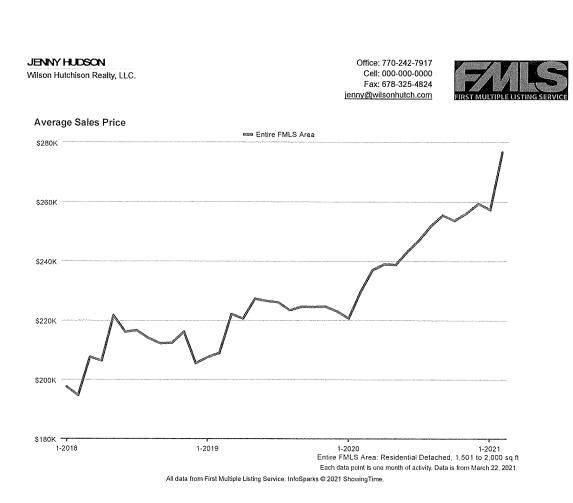
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After recording return to:

Law Office of Alfred Chang, PC 81 Crown Mountain Place Building E, Suite 300 Dahlonega, GA 30533

#### LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made effective as of this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, by and between **CRM CENTRAL PROPERTIES**, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantor"), and **ROBERTA GREEN SIMS** ("Grantee").

#### WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, Grantor has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and does hereby grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto Grantee all of that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Lumpkin County, Georgia, being more particularly described in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

This conveyance is made subject to (i) the lien of real estate taxes, taxes imposed by special assessment and water, sewer, vault, public space and other public charges which are not yet due and payable, (ii) all applicable laws (including zoning, building ordinances and land use regulations), (iii) all easements, restrictions, covenants, agreements, conditions, or other matters of record, and (iv) all matters that may be revealed by a current and accurate survey or inspection of the property.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Property, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of Grantee forever IN FEE SIMPLE.

AND THE SAID Grantor shall warrant and forever defend the right and title to said Property unto the Grantee against the lawful claims of all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor but not otherwise.



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#### EXHIBIT "A"

TRACT ONE - (PHASE 1A OF THE SUMMIT OF DAHLONEGA):

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING in Land Lots 1077 and 1078 of the 12th District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, Lumpkin County, Georgia, being 14.525 acres shown as Phase 1A – The Summit of Dahlonega on a Plat of Survey for Milson Group, LLC, Lumpkin County Bank, prepared by John T. Gaston, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 3, 2006, revised July 13, 2006, said plat being incorporated herein by reference, the property shown thereon being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a 5/8" rebar set on the eastern boundary line of Land Lot 1078, said point being located North 01 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West 909.34 feet from a point formed by the intersection of Land Lots 1078, 1079, 1106, and 1107; running thence from said point of beginning North 76 degrees 59 minutes 02 seconds West 567.44 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 34 degrees 22 minutes 24 seconds West 65.24 feet to a 5'8" rebar set; running thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 257.88 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 05 degrees 23 minutes 27 seconds West 587.12 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 17 degrees 32 minutes 51 seconds East 43.00 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence along a curve to the left having an arc distance of 84.64 feet, a radius of 325.00 feet, being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 78 degrees 23 minutes 42 seconds East and a distance of 84.40 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence South 85 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds East 113.65 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence along a curve to the right having an arc distance of 56.93 feet, a radius of 140.00 feet, being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 74 degrees 12 minutes 22 seconds East and a distance of 56.54 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 56 seconds East 108.04 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 07 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds West 62.52 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; running thence North 80 degrees 41 minutes 16 seconds East 520.49 feet to a 5/8" rebar set located on the eastern boundary line of Land Lot 1077; running thence along the western boundary line of Land Lots 1077 and 1078 South 01 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East 919.95 feet to a 5/8" rebar set being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH those easement rights under that certain Declaration of Condominium for The Summit of Dahlonega, a condominium by Milson Group, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, d/b/a The Summit of Dahlonega, dated as of August 2007, filed August 15, 2007 in Deed Book 1059, Page 9, Lumpkin County, Georgia records.

LESS AND EXCEPT from the above described property all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 1077 of the 12<sup>th</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, of Lumpkin County, Georgia, being known as Unit A-101, The Summit of Dahlonega Condominium, as per the Declaration of Condominium recorded in Deed Book 1059, Page 9, and as shown on Plat recorded in Plat Cabinet One, Slide 155, Page 93, Lumpkin County, Georgia Records, which Declaration and Plat are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT from the above described property all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 1077 of the 12<sup>th</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, of Lumpkin County, Georgia, being known as Unit 101, Building F, The Summit of Dahlonega Condominium, as per

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This property is same piece of property conveyed by Milson Group, L.L.C. to CRM Central Properties, L.L.C., dated September 27, 2010, filed September 30, 2010, in Deed Book 1170, Pages 261-264, Lumpkin County, Georgia records.

#### TRACT THREE (APPROXIMATELY 13.063 ACRES):

ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN Land Lot 1078, 12<sup>th</sup> district, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, Lumpkin County, Georgia, containing 13.063 acres and shown as Tract 2 on an Exhibit for Leanella, L.P. dated July 7, 2010, prepared by Davis Engineering & Surveying, LLC, Georgia Registered Land Surveyors, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at an iron pin located at the corner common to land lots 1057, 1078, 1079, and 1056; running thence along the land lot line common to Land Lots 1057 and 1078 North 01<sup>0</sup>40'39" West 1131.39 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said land lot line North 90<sup>0</sup>00'00" East 470.35 Feet to an Iron Pin; thence South 05<sup>0</sup>23'26" East 1119.27 feet to an iron pin; thence South 88<sup>0</sup>14'22" West, 542.64 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with easement rights arising under Grant of Basement and Agreement by and between Tony Ray, Tammy Ray and Leanella, L.P., dated May 31, 2005, filed June 3, 2005 in Deed Book W-35, Page 292, Lumpkin County, Georgia records.

This is the same piece of property conveyed by Marvin Neal Anderson, Mark F. Anderson, and Clark J. Anderson to CRM Central Properties, L.L.C. dated September 29, 2010, filed October 8, 2010, in Deed Book 1171, Pages 1-4, Lumpkin County, Georgia records.

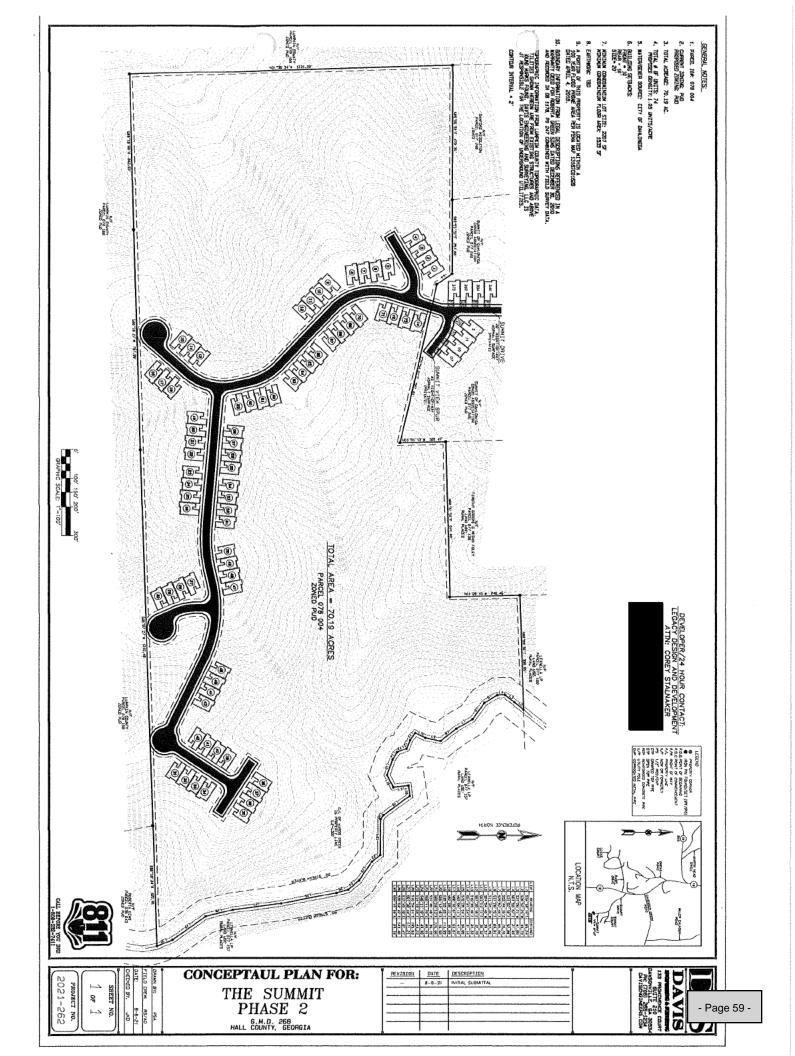
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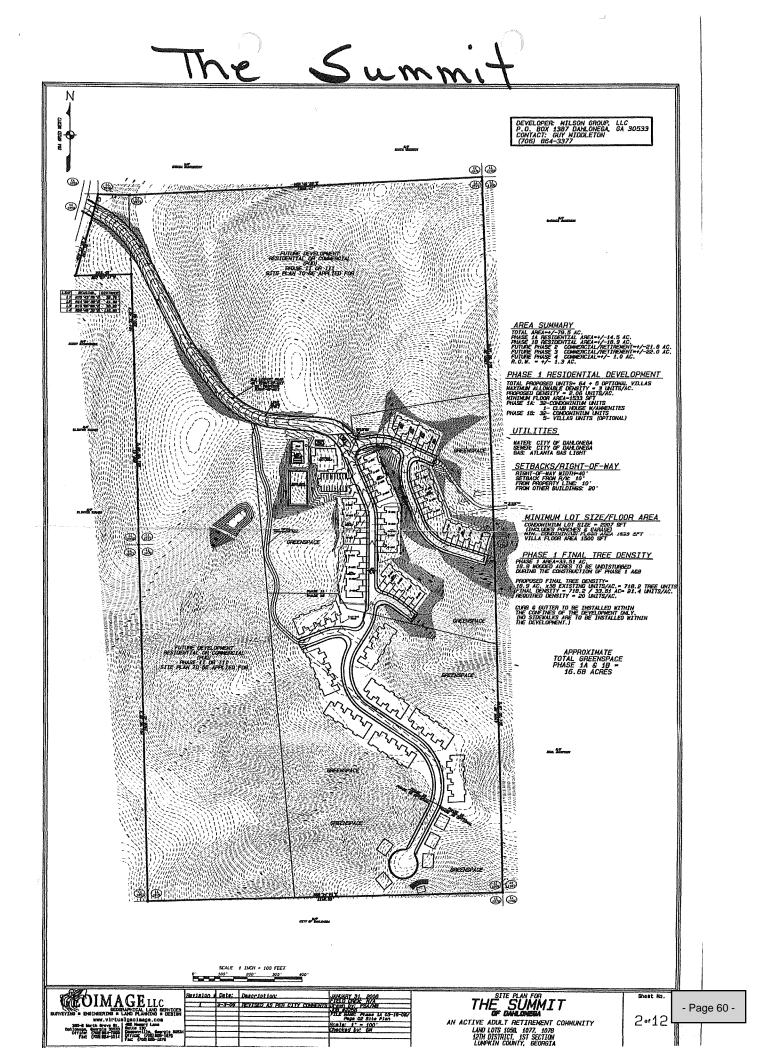
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN in Land Lots 1107 and 1128 of the 12<sup>th</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, Lumpkin County, Georgia and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNNG at the intersection of Land Lots 1078, 1079, 1107, and 1106, also being the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run North 01 degrees 35 Minutes and 18 Seconds West a distance of 909.34 feet to a 5/8" iron pin found; thence run North 01 Degrees 35 Minutes and 18 Seconds West for a distance of 160.56 feet to a ½" iron pin found; thence run North 88 Degrees 27 Minutes 45 Seconds East a distance of 541.81 feet to a ½" iron pin found; thence run North 01 Degrees 32 Minutes 15 Seconds West a distance of 246.46 feet to a ½" iron pin set; thence run North 88 Degrees 04 Minutes 31 Seconds East a distance of 398.66 feet to a point which is the centerline of Ward Creek, thence following the said centerline of Ward Creek, the following courses and distances:

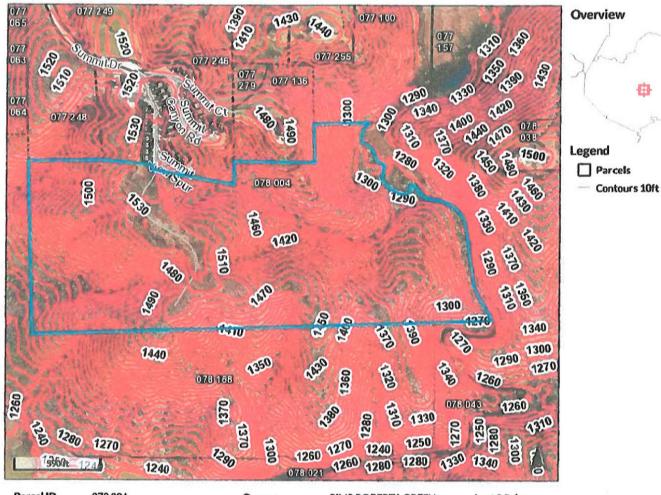
South 38 Degrees 48 Minutes 20 Seconds West a distance of 40.79 Feet; South 37 Degrees 22 Minutes 16 Seconds West a distance of 41.89 Feet; South 01 Degrees 59 Minutes 07 Seconds East a distance of 27.40 Feet; South 31 Degrees 06 Minutes 23 Seconds East a distance of 52.86 Feet; South 53 Degrees 48 Minutes 21 Seconds East a distance of 70.76 Feet; South 29 Degrees 56 Minutes 51 Seconds East a distance of 65.56 Feet; South 37 Degrees 30 Minutes 20 Seconds East a distance of 69.81 Feet; South 11 Degrees 30 Minutes 30 Seconds West a distance of 54.40 Feet;

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Parcel ID	078 004	Owner	SIMS ROBERTA GREEN	Last 2 Sales			
Real Key / Acct	4683		60 E MAIN STREET	Date	Price	Reason	Qual
Class Code	Residential		DAHLONEGA, GA 30533	12/30/2010	\$2600000	MT	U
<b>Taxing District</b>	Dahlonega	Physical Address	SUMMIT DRIVE	9/29/2010	\$220000	DS	u
Acres	73.57	Assessed Value	\$492394				
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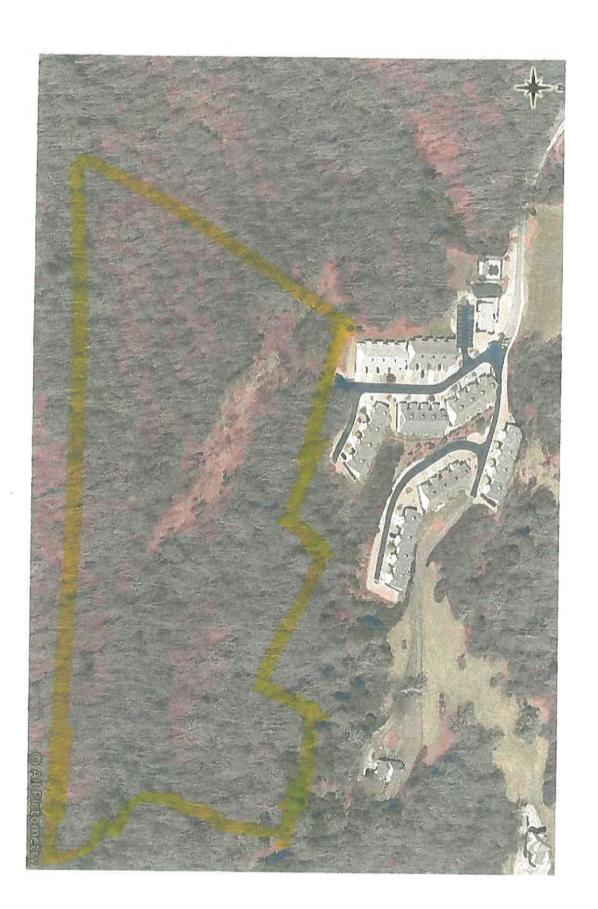
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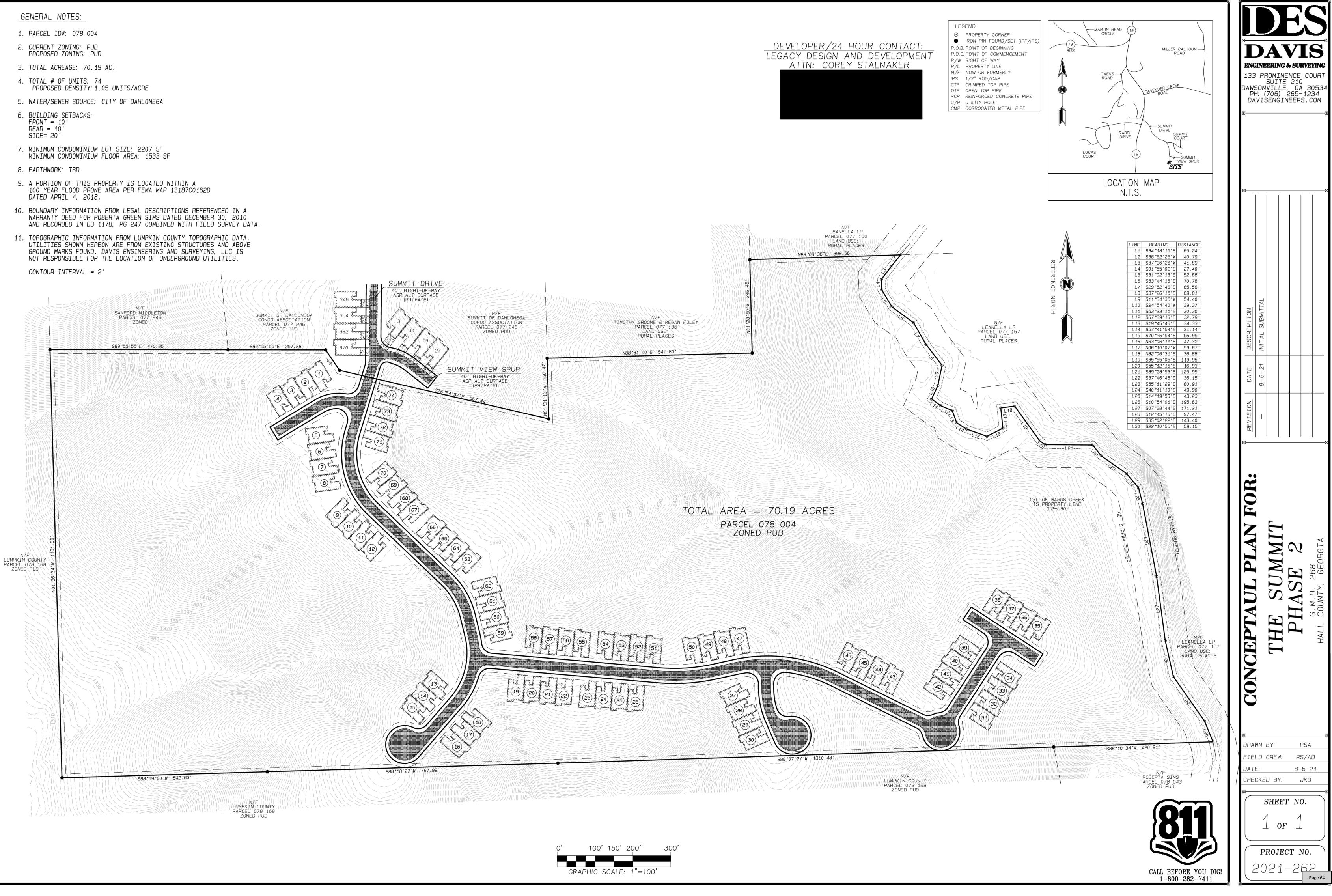
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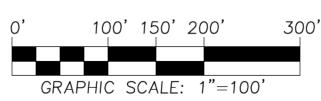
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# Sumit Phase 2

- GROUND MARKS FOUND. DAVIS ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, LLC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES.





City of Dahlonega Annexation Application

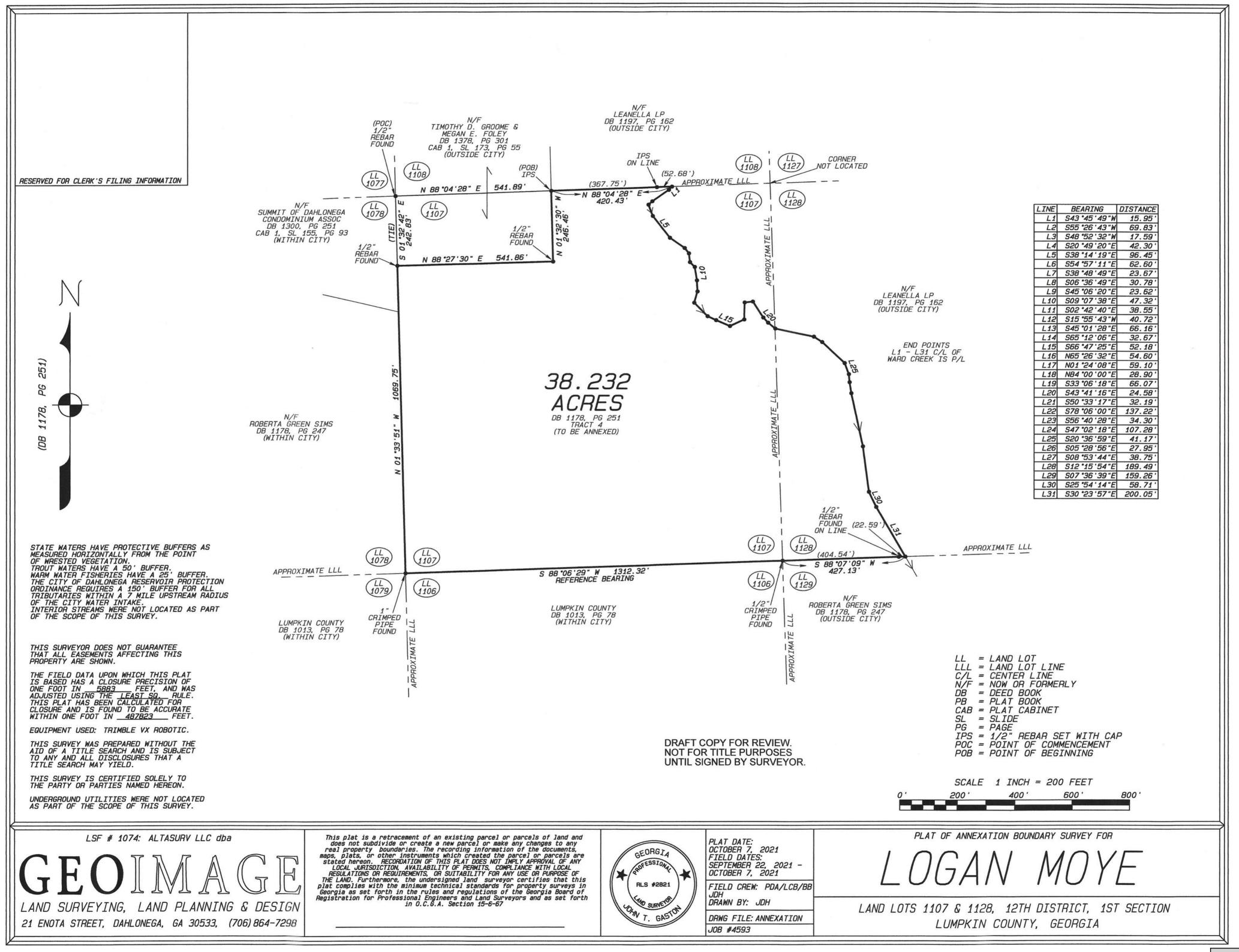
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Date: 10-11-21	Date of proposed meeting date: <u>//-8-2</u>			
Current use of property:	Proposeduse of property:			
Tax Map and Parcel number(s): 🎿 078	004			
Address of the property to be annexed:	SUMMET DR. DAHLONECA, GA 30533			
Name and address of owner: <u>ROBERTA</u>				
Phone Number:	Email:			
Owner Signature: Roberta - Green	Date: 10/12/21			
If the Owner's agent, please fill out the information below for our records.				
Agent Name: LOGAN MOTE	Date:			
Agent Address:				
State:	Zip Code:			
Email:	Phone Number:			

465 Riley Road Dahlonega, GA 30533 En

Email: kherrit@dahlonega-ga.gov

Signed, sealed and delivered this day **N** 20 ٩ Notary Public HARMONY F GEF Notary Public - State of Georgia Dawson County My Commission Expires Aug 9, 2022



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## DRAFT COPY FOR REVIEW. NOT FOR TITLE PURPOSES UNTIL SIGNED BY SURVEYOR.

Written Description:

All that Tract or Parcel of Land lying and being in Land Lots 1107 and 1128 of the 12th District, 1st Section, Lumpkin County, Georgia being described as follows:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rebar at the corner common to Land Lots 1107, 1108, 1077 and 1078 in said District and Section; thence North 88°04'28" East, a distance of 541.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar at

the true Point of Beginning of the herein described Parcel;

thence North 88°04'28" East, a distance of 367.75 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; thence North 88°04'28" East, a distance of 52.68 to the thread of Wards Creek; thence along and with the thread of Wards Creek South 43°45'49" West, a distance of 15.95 feet to a point in the thread of the creek;

thence South 55°26'43" West, a distance of 69.83 feet to a point; thence South 48°52'32" West, a distance of 17.59 feet to a point; thence South 20°49'20" East, a distance of 42.30 feet to a point; thence South 38°14'19" East, a distance of 96.45 feet to a point; thence South 54°57'11" East, a distance of 62.60 feet to a point; thence South 38°48'49" East, a distance of 23.67 feet to a point; thence South 06°36'49" East, a distance of 30.78 feet to a point; thence South 45°06'20" East, a distance of 23.62 feet to a point; thence South 09°07'38" East, a distance of 47.32 feet to a point; thence South 02°42'40" East, a distance of 38.55 feet to a point; thence South 15°55'43" West, a distance of 40.72 feet to a point; thence South 45°01'28" East, a distance of 66.16 feet to a point; thence South 65°12'06" East, a distance of 32.67 feet to a point; thence South 66°47'25" East, a distance of 52.18 feet to a point; thence North 65°26'32" East, a distance of 54.60 feet to a point; thence North 01°24'08" East, a distance of 59.10 feet to a point; thence North 84°00'00" East, a distance of 28.90 feet to a point; thence South 33°06'18" East, a distance of 66.07 feet to a point; thence South 43°41'16" East, a distance of 24.58 feet to a point; thence South 50°33'17" East, a distance of 32.19 feet to a point; thence South 78°06'00" East, a distance of 137.22 feet to a point; thence South 56°40'28" East, a distance of 34.30 feet to a point; thence South 47°02'18" East, a distance of 107.28 feet to a point; thence South 20°36'59" East, a distance of 41.17 feet to a point; thence South 05°28'56" East, a distance of 27.95 feet to a point; thence South 08°53'44" East, a distance of 38.75 feet to a point; thence South 12°15'54" East, a distance of 189.49 feet to a point; thence South 07°36'39" East, a distance of 159.26 feet to a point; thence South 25°54'14" East, a distance of 58.71 feet to a point; thence South 30°23'57" East, a distance of 200.05 feet to a point; thence leaving the thread of Wards Creek South 88°07'09" West, a distance of 22.59 feet to 1/2 inch rebar; thence South 88°07'09" West, a distance of 404.55 feet to a 1/2 inch crimped pipe at the corner common to Land Lots 1106, 1107, 1128 and 1129 in said District and Section; thence South 88°06'29" West, a distance of 1312.32 feet to a 1 inch crimped pipe at the corner common to Land Lots 1078, 1079, 1106 and 1107 in said District and Section; thence North 01°33'51" West, a distance of 1069.75 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; thence North 88°27'30" East, a distance of 541.86 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar; thence North 01°32'30" West, a distance of 246.46 feet to the 1/2 inch rebar at the Point of Beginning. Containing 38.2321 Acres, more or less. Being the same property depicted on the PLAT OF ANNEXATION BOUNDARY SURVEY FOR

LOGAN MOYE, DATED OCTOBER 7, 2021, BY ALTASURV LLC dba GEOIMAGE.



# STAFF REPORT REZN 21-5 Annexation Accompanied

Applicant:	Highlands Development Group LLC
Owner:	Roberta Green
Location:	Summit Drive (078-004)
Acreage:	+/- 73.57 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	PUD
Current Use of Property:	Vacant Phase of Development
General Land Use:	Single Family/Townhome
City Services:	All city services are available at this site.

# **Applicant Proposal**

The applicant requests an amendment to the original PUD site plan that currently limits "Phase 1B" to 32 Condominiums and 5 Villas to instead allow 74 Townhome units. The proposal presently includes a portion of the property that is not within the city limits. An annexation is accompanying this request. The applicant has provided a letter of intent describing the housing need and a general description of what they intend to develop.

# **History and Surrounding Uses**

This property was initially annexed and rezoned in 2005/2006 as "The Summit: An Active Adult Retirement Community."

Directly to the north is the existing Phase 1a of the development. Phase 2 was recently approved to include a 61 unit development (REZN 21-1) at 2.8 units per acre.

Phase 1 was a residential development approved at three units/acre, although the site plan only utilized 2.06 units/acre. This phase was broken into two sections. Phase 1a was approved as 32 condominiums with amenities that started construction in 2006 and was eventually completed. Phase 1b was approved as 32 condominiums and five optional villas. It was never developed.



The original rezoning heard by the council included a hotel, convention center complex, or a continuation of the retirement concept living in its description of potential uses of the future phases. Phases 2, 3, and 4 were referred to as future developments on the site plan and have yet to be developed.

Phase 2 was recently approved with the stipulations:

- 1. The residential Phase 2 density shall be limited to 2.8 units per acre which is proposed on the site plan.
- 2. The heated square footage of residential structures constructed shall be a minimum of 1700 square feet in order to be more compatible with the existing development.
- 3. Architectural styles of new construction shall conform substantially to the existing architectural styles in the Summit PUD. The front elevations of all dwellings will consist of a mixture of masonry and fiber cement siding or shake. A minimum 18" masonry water table on the front elevations is required. The remaining balance of each home's side and rear elevations are to be fiber cement siding. Vinyl siding will not be allowed, however vinyl architectural features such as cornices, soffits, windows, columns, etc. are allowed. Architectural shingles or metal roof materials are to be utilized. Final design and approval of the elevations is subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of the building permit.
- 4. Short Term Rentals, as defined in the Code of the City of Dahlonega, are prohibited in this approval.
- 5. The applicant shall obtain any required DOT approvals before building permits shall be granted.
- 6. The minimum building setback requirements in this development are twenty (20) feet from the front, five (5) from the side, and thirty (30) feet from the rears for all single-family detached lots.
- 7. The maximum building height in this development is limited to thirty-five (35) feet above grade.
- 8. Phase 2c approval is for single-family detached lots. Commercial use requests will require final council review and approval before permitting development.
- 9. Curb cuts will be limited to nine. This includes the lots in Phase 2a and Ridge View Drive.
- 10. All internal roads in this development are to be Private.
- 11. This approval includes 61 residential units identified as Phases

Phase 4 had frontage along Morrison Moore Parkway which was not annexed and remains unincorporated.

Setbacks for Phase 1a

- From Right of Way: 10'
- From Property Line: 10'



• From other buildings: 20'

Minimum Lot size/floor area

- Condominium lot size: 2207 square feet (included porches and garages)
- Condominium Floor Area: 1533 square feet (*actual built was 1693*)

All roads are to be private with a curb and gutter, and no sidewalks were required to be constructed within the development.

# The Following are questions from Article XXVI Section 2607 of Zoning Code

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

This parcel was deemed suitable for this use when originally annexed and rezoned in 2005. There was not opposition at the original rezoning hearings.

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

This development does not appear to adversely affect the existing use nor the usability of adjacent property. The proposed development site plan stays significantly off the property lines to the east and west.

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

This development does not appear to cause a significant burden on existing facilities. A more thorough analysis of this will be done at the site development permitting stage.

4. Whether the zoning proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, transportation plans, or other plans adopted for guiding development within the City of Dahlonega.

The character area of this parcel is referred to in our Comprehensive Plan as Residential. The following are encouraged distinctions of this area.

• Preservation of existing structures where possible, or context-sensitive infill development

• 1-2 story structures oriented close to the street front, with minimal on-site parking and pedestrian accessibility where possible

- Landscaping and decorative elements encouraged
- Variety of residential, parks and institutional uses, with some office possible adjacent to downtown



• Rural/ Mountain themed design elements preferred, such as steeply pitched roofs with deep overhangs, wood or masonry siding, and front porches

5. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of property that give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning or special use proposal.

This property has some extensive challenges with topography. This suggests the clustering of development on the land with less steep slopes in order to balance development with minimal land disturbance.

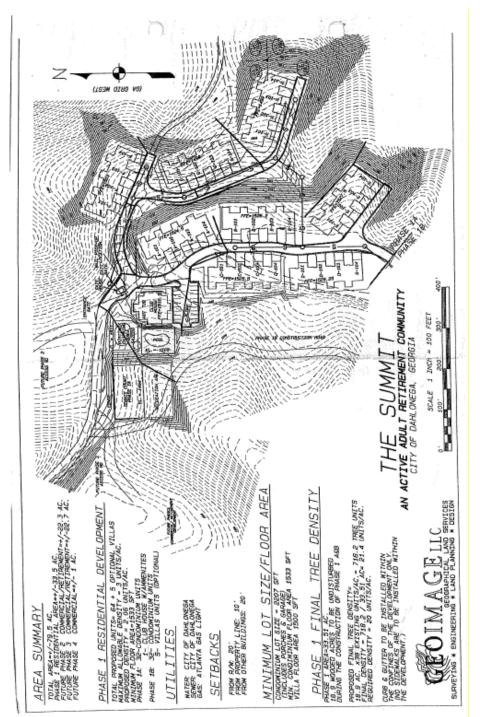
# Staff Analysis

This site plan seems to be consistent with the intent and the original zoning in 2005. The following are the stipulations from the recently rezoned portion to the north that are applicable. Staff recommends consistency within the development.

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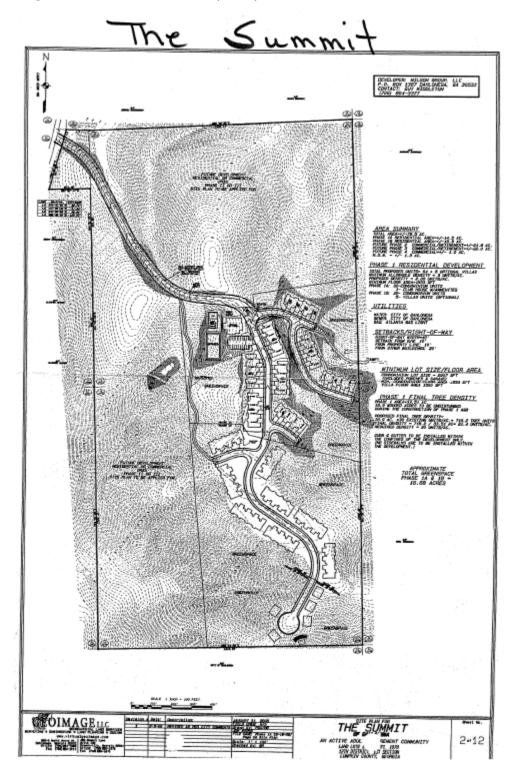


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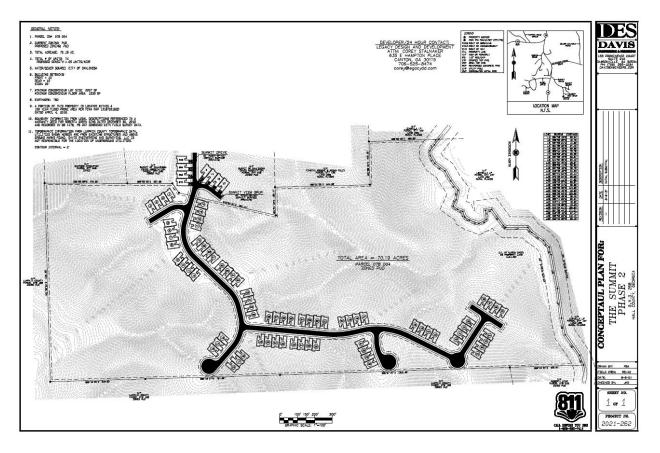


Original Site Plan Continued: (2005)





# Proposed Amendment Site Plan:



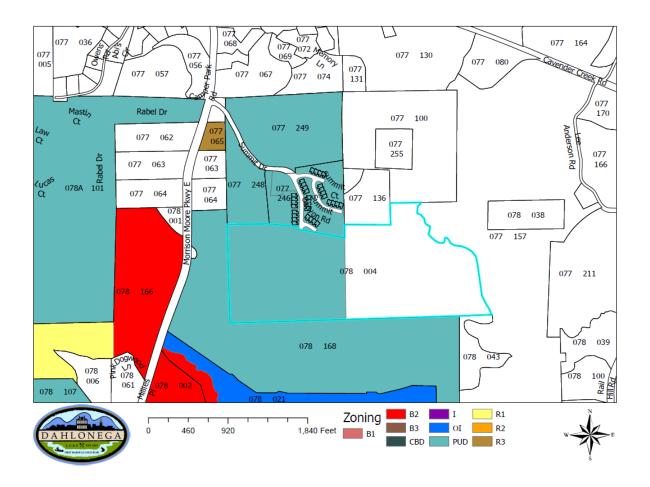


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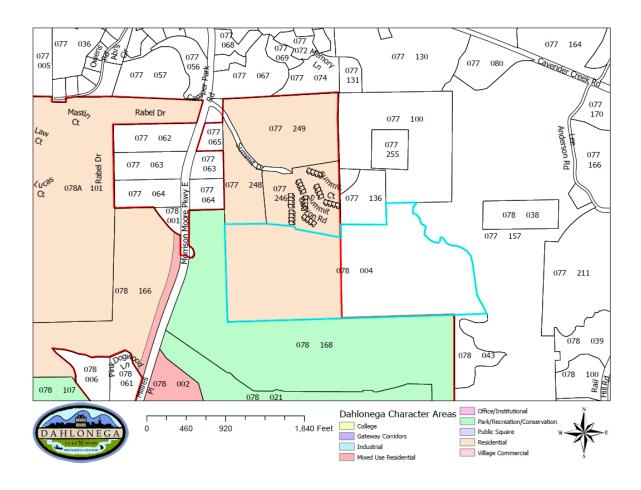


# **Current Zoning:**





# Comprehensive Plan:





Staff Recommended Motion:

Motion/Recommendation to approve REZN 21-5 with the following stipulations

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Planning Commissione Recommended:

Motion made by Commissioner Guy/Second by Commisoiner Carroll

Motion carried 4 - 3

Recommendation to approve REZN 21-5 with the following stipulations

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