PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



117 Putnam Drive, Suite A ◊ Eatonton, GA 31024

Agenda Tuesday, March 18, 2025 ◊ 6:00 PM

<u>Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203</u>

Opening

- 1. Welcome Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Invocation Rev. Dylan L. Bowden, Associate Pastor and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Eatonton
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance (RG)

Zoning Public Hearing

5. Request by Harmony 40, LLC for a zoning condition change at 842 Harmony Road. Presently zoned RM-3 [Map 097, Parcel 060001, District 1] (staff-P&D)
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Regular Business Meeting

- 6. Public Comments
- 7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes March 7, 2025 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)
- 8. Audit Presentation (staff-Finance)
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the potential renewal/extension of the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council (RG)

Reports/Announcements

- 10. County Manager Report
- 11. County Attorney Report
- 12. Commissioner Announcements

Closing

13. Adjournment

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File Attachments for Item:

5. Request by Harmony 40, LLC for a zoning condition change at 842 Harmony Road. Presently zoned RM-3 [Map 097, Parcel 060001, District 1] (staff-P&D)

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Lynn Butterworth

From: Courtney Andrews

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:45 PM

To: Lynn Butterworth

Subject: FW: Agenda 3/6/25- Harmony 40

Courtney Andrews, MPA

Putnam County Planning & Development

Assistant Director Office. 706-485-2776 Direct. 706-485-1894

From: Lacey Phillips

Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 11:58 AM

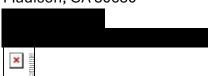
To: Lisa Jackson < ljackson@putnamcountyga.us>; Angela Waldroup < awaldroup@putnamcountyga.us>; Courtney

Andrews <candrews@putnamcountyga.us> **Subject:** Agenda 3/6/25- Harmony 40

Good afternoon. After reviewing the staff recommendation to deny the change of conditions request for Harmony 40, I think it is prudent to take this matter off the agenda for tonight. Please confirm you are able to remove it from the agenda tonight. Lisa/Courtney, if one of y'all are able to give me a call on my cellphone. I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Lacey Phillips **Rooftop Communities**234 W. Washington Street
Madison, GA 30650





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March 6, 2025 BOC Staff Recommendations

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lisa Jackson Recommendations

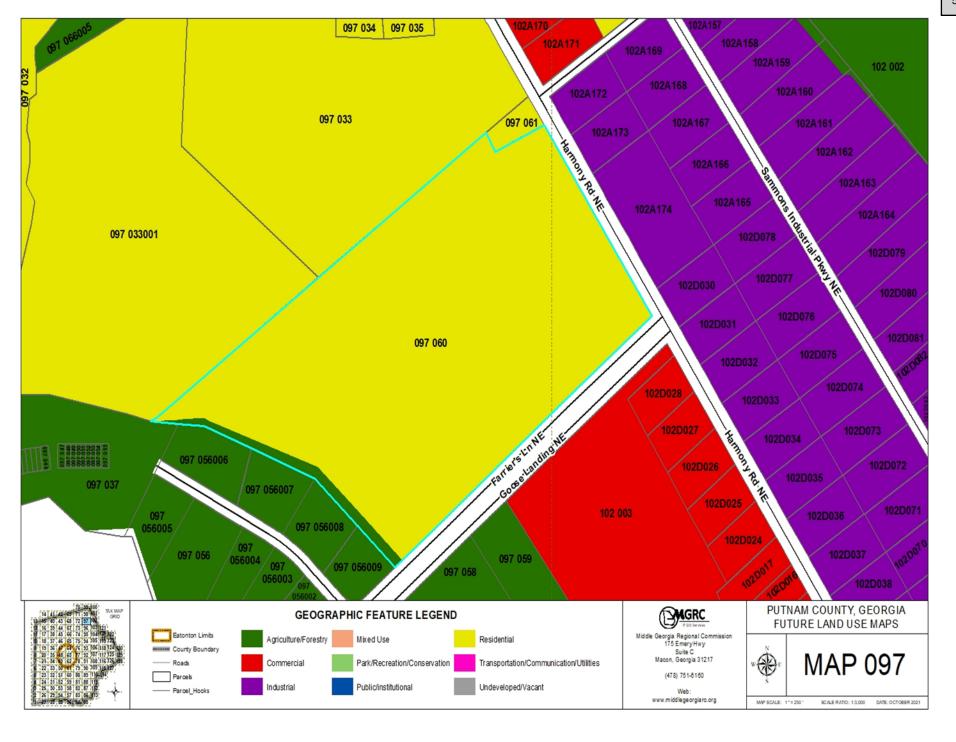
RE: Staff Recommendations for Public Hearing Agenda on 3/6/2025

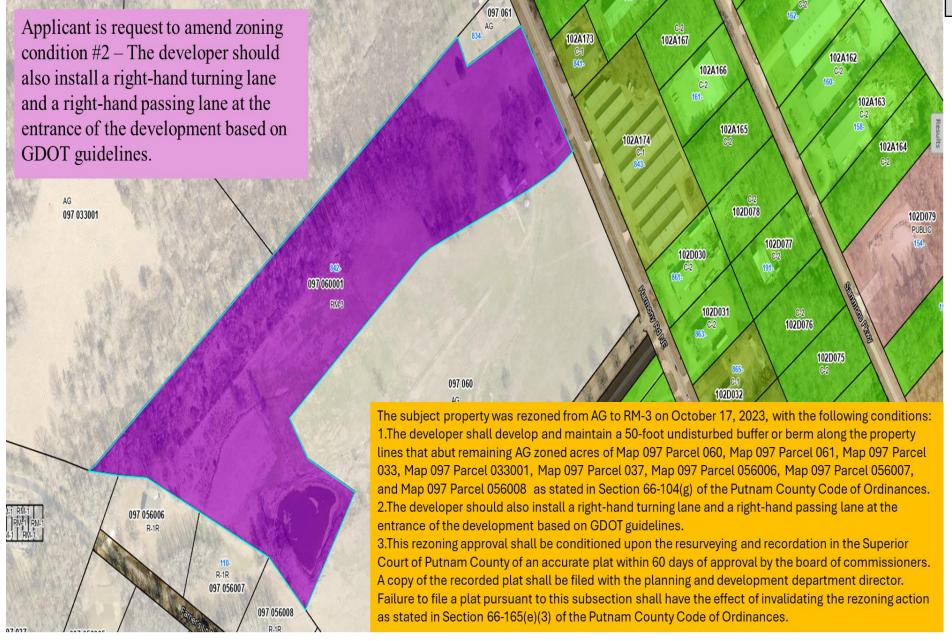
REOUEST

5. Request by **Harmony 40, LLC** to amend zoning condition #2 at 842 Harmony Road. Presently zoned RM-3 [**Map 097, Parcel 060001, District 1].** * **The applicant is requesting to withdraw this request.**

The staff recommendation is for approval to withdraw the request to amend zoning condition #2 without prejudice at 842 Harmony Road. Presently zoned RM-3 [Map 097, Parcel 060001, District 1]. *

The Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation is for approval to withdraw without prejudice at 842 Harmony Road. [Map 097, Parcel 061001, District 1]. *







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	ZONING CONDITION CHANGE
API	PLICATION NO. 2025 - REZONE-5 DATE: January 8, 2025
MA	P 097 PARCEL 060001 ZONING DISTRICT 1
1.	Owner Name: Harmony 40, LLC
2.	Applicant Name (If different from above):
3.	Mailing Address: 234 W. Washington Street Madison, GA 30650
4.	Email Address:
	Phone: (home) (office) (cell)
6. als	The location of the subject property, including street number, if any: 842 Harmony Road so known at Cottage Grove at Lake Oconee
7.	The area of land proposed to be rezoned (stated in square feet if less than one acre):
8.	The proposed zoning district desired:
9.	The purpose of this rezoning is (Attach Letter of Intent) Requested Change of Zoning Condition attached
10.	Present use of property: Desired use of property:
	Existing zoning district classification of the property and adjacent properties: sting:
	Copy of warranty deed for proof of ownership and if not owned by applicant, please attach a signed and arized letter of agency from each property owner for all property sought to be rezoned.
13.	Legal description and recorded plat of the property to be rezoned.
one	The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map category in which the property is located. (If more than category applies, the areas in each category are to be illustrated on the concept plan. See concept plan ert.):
	A detailed description of existing land uses:sidential subdivision - Cottage Grove at Lake Oconee.
	Source of domestic water supply: well, community water, or private provider, ource is not an existing system, please provide a letter from provider.

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- 17. Provision for sanitary sewage disposal: septic system _____, or sewer _x_. If sewer, please provide name of company providing same, or, if new development, provide a letter from sewer provider.
- 18. Complete attachment of Disclosure of Campaign Contributions Form by the applicant and/or the applicant's attorney as required by the Georgia Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act (O.C.G.A. 36-67A).
- 19. The application designation, date of application and action taken on all prior applications filed for rezoning for all or part of the subject property. (Please attach on separate sheet.)
- 20. Proof that property taxes for the parcel(s) in question have been paid.

Paid: \$ 300.00 (cash)

Date sign posted on property: 2-11-25

Date Application Received:

Reviewed for completeness by:

Date of BOC hearing: 3-1875

Receipt No.

- 21. Concept plan.
 - If the application is for less than 25 single-family residential lots, a concept plan need not be submitted. (See attachment.)
 - A concept plan may be required for commercial development at director's discretion
- 22. Impact analysis.
 - If the application is for less than 25 single-family residential lots, an impact analysis need not be submitted. (See attachment.)
 - An Impact analysis (including a traffic study) is required when rezoning from residential zoned or used property to commercial or industrial districts.

THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS ARE COMPLETE AND

ACCURATE. APPLICANT HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL OR ANY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PUTNAM COUNTY TO ENTER UPON AND INSPECT THE PROPERTY FOR ALL PURPOSES ALLOWED AND REQUIRED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Signature (Property Owner) (Date)

OTAR

Notary Public

Office Use

(check)

Date Paid:

(credit card)

Date submitted to newspaper: 2-10-75

Picture attached: yes

Letter of Intent/Zoning Change of Conditions Request

January 8, 2025

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RE: Request for Change of Zoning Condition for Cottage Grove at Lake Oconee, Map 097 Parcel 060001

To Whom It May Concern:

On October 17, 2023, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners approved the request to rezone 20.85 acres at 842 Harmony Road subject to the following condition set forth on the rezoning approval letter dated October 18, 2023 (attached hereto for reference):

"2. The developer should also install a right-hand turning lane and a right-hand passing lane at the entrance of the development based on GDOT guidelines."

Following rezoning approval, the property was fully engineered and permitted as a 41 lot, residential subdivision known as "Cottage Grove at Lake Oconee." A land disturbance permit was issued on July 6, 2024, and development began in December 2024.

This specific zoning condition for the right-hand passing lane has created several problems. While working through the development plans with Piedmont Water and Fortis, the contractor that will install the water and sewer, it became apparent that the right-hand passing lane created substantial issues with the installation and tie-in for water and sewer. The underground utilities were found to be in the front of the right of way versus rear which means they would have to be relocated, including live force main sewer, and will create larger issues for sewer along the force main on Harmony Road. Likewise, all of said utilities would be located under the right-hand passing lane which would further complicate access to the utilities in the event problems arise requiring repair or in the event sewer or other utilities needed to be added in the future. Finally, due to driveway locations and topography, the installation of the right-hand passing lane will create future safety and erosion issues for the properties located on Harmony Road across from the entrance of the subdivision.

In order to try and find a feasible solution to these problems, we asked the contractors and engineers to conduct additional analysis and review these issues, as well as the traffic study, to discuss alternatives to resolve the issues created by this right-hand passing lane. After review of the traffic study, as well as the location of utilities and feasibility of the construction of the right hand passing lane, the engineer made the following recommendation:

"The Recommendation for this analysis is to require installation of the deceleration lane but not require any improvement for the left turning lane!" [right-hand passing lane] (see the attached Traffic Impact Study dated December 24, 2024).

Therefore, we kindly request that this specific condition of rezoning to be amended to remove the right-hand passing lane but keep the right-hand turning lane as follows:

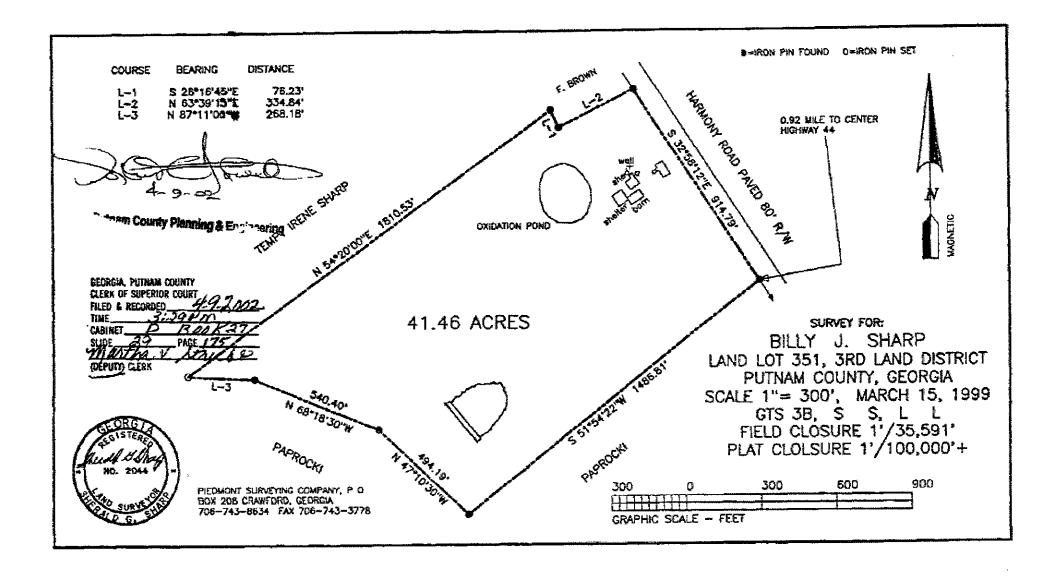
"2. The developer shall install a right-hand turning lane, also known as a deceleration lane, at the entrance of the development based on GDOT guidelines."

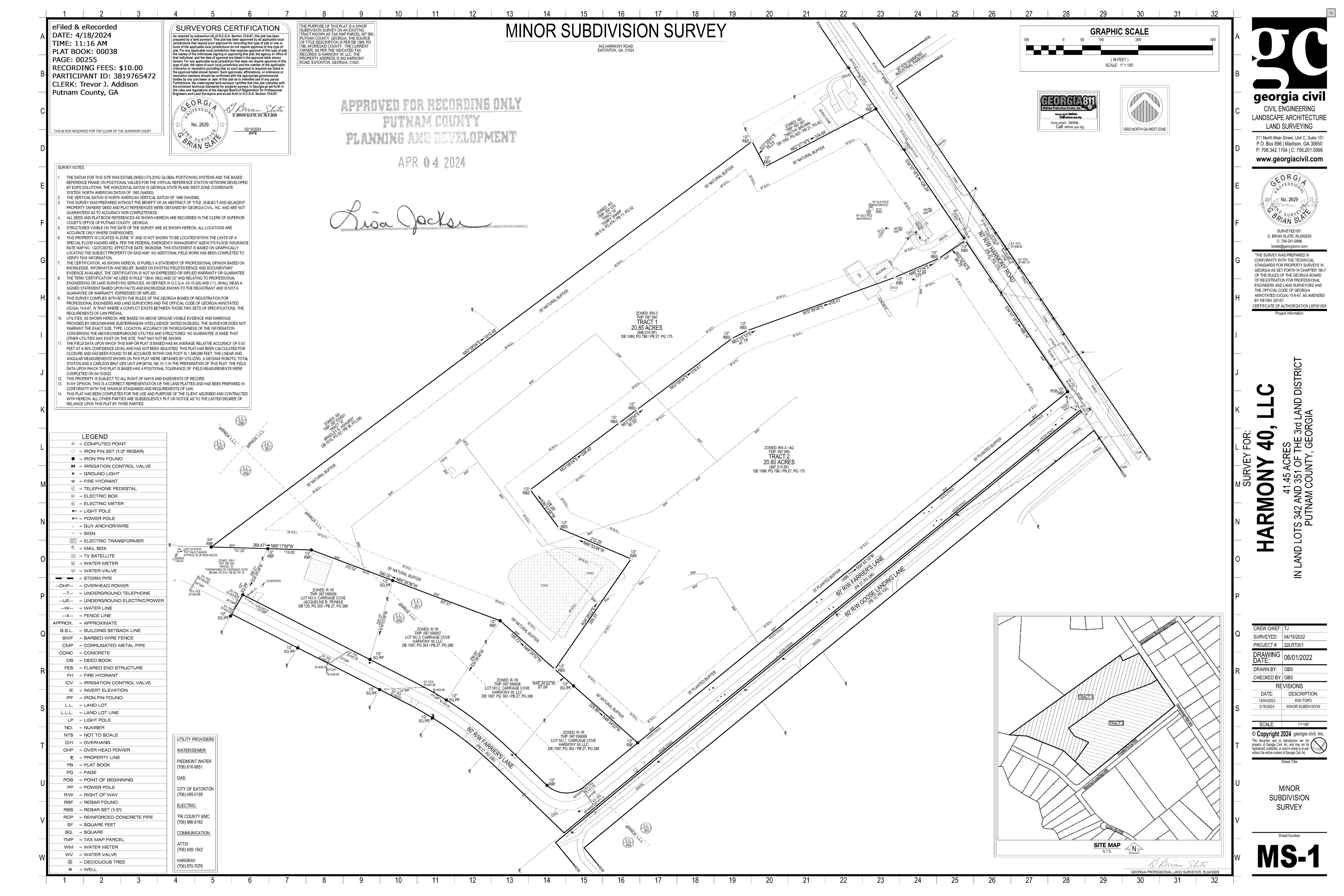
Thank you for your review and consideration.

Walt Rabern

Manager of Harmony 40, LLC (Property Owner)

¹ The left turning lane referenced in the report is intended to be one in the same as the right-hand passing lane.







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The Putnam County Code of Ordinances, Section 66-167(c) states as follows:

"When any applicant or his attorney for a rezoning action has made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of that applicant's application for the rezoning action, campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will consider the application, it shall be the duty of the applicant to file a disclosure report with the governing authority of the respective local government showing:

- a. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made; and
- b. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made by the applicant to the local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for the rezoning action and the date of each such contribution. The disclosures required by this section shall be filed within ten days after an application for the rezoning action is first filed."

1.	Name: N/A
2.	Address:
im pro	Have you given contributions that aggregated \$250.00 or more within two years mediately preceding the filing of the attached application to a candidate that will hear the oposed application?YesNo If yes, who did you make the ntributions to?:
	gnature of Applicant:

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DISTRICT TWO: DANIEL W. BROWN

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DISTRICT FOUR: JEFFREY G. WOOTEN, SR.

October 18, 2023

Rick McAllister Agent for Harmony 40 LLC 1341 Beverly Drive Athens, GA 30606

RE: Map 097, Part of Parcel 060, District 1

At their October 17, 2023 board meeting, the Putnam County Board of Commissioners considered your requests to rezone 20.85 acres at 842 Harmony Road. Their decision was for approval with the following conditions:

- 1. The developer shall develop and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed buffer or berm along the property lines that abut remaining AG zoned acres of Map 097 Parcel 060, Map 097 Parcel 061, Map 097 Parcel 033, Map 097 Parcel 033001, Map 097 Parcel 037, Map 097 Parcel 056006, Map 097 Parcel 056007, and Map 097 Parcel 056008 as stated in Section 66-97(d)(1) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.
- 2. The developer should also install a right-hand turning lane and a righthand passing lane at the entrance of the development based on GDOT auidelines.
- 3. This rezoning approval shall be conditioned upon the resurveying and recordation in the Superior Court of Putnam County of an accurate plat within 90 days of approval by the board of commissioners. A copy of the recorded plat shall be filed with the planning and development department director. Failure to file a plat pursuant to this subsection shall have the effect of invalidating the rezoning action as stated in Section 66-165(e)(3) of the Putnam County Code of Ordinances.

If you have any questions, please call me at 706-485-1907.

Sincerely,

Deputy County Clerk

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Putnam County Tax Commissioner 100 South Jefferson Ave Suite 207 Eatonton, GA 31024-1061 (706) 485-5441



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HARMONY 40 LLC 234 W WASHINGTON STREET MADISON, GA 30650

INTERNET TAX BILL

2024 State, County & School Ad Valorem Tax Notice

Bill No.	Property	Map	Fair Mkt	Assessed	Exempt	Taxable	Millage	Tax
	Description	Number	Value	Value	Value	Value	Rate	Amount
009654	01 10MI HARMONY RD	097 060	433706	173482	0	173482	17.225	2,988.22

This gradual reduction and elimination of the state property tax and the reduction in your tax bill this year is the result of property tax relief passed by the Governor and the House of Representatives and the Georgia State Senate.

Local Option Sales Tax Inform	nation
Mills required to produce county budget	8.113
Mills reduction due to sales tax rollback	1.713
Actual mill rate set by county officials	6.400
Tax savings due to sales tax rollback	\$285.55

Total of Bills by Ta	х Туре
COUNTY	1,058.41
SCHOOL	1,860.42
SCHOOL BND	0.00
SPEC SERV	69.39
COUNTY BND	0.00
SP SVC BD	0.00
PAYMENTS RECEIVED	2,988.22-
TOTAL DUE	0.00
DATE DUE	12/1/2024

Important Messages - Please Read

Certain persons are eligible for certain homestead exemptions from ad valorem

homeowners, certain elderly persons are entitled to additional exemptions. The full law relating to each exemption must be referred to in order to determine

eligibility for the exemption. If you are eligible for one of these exemptions and are not now receiving the benefit of the exemption, you must apply for the exemption not later than April 1, 2025 in order to receive the exemption in future

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taxation. In addition to the regular homestead exemption authorized for all

years. For more information on eligibility for exemptions or on the proper

method of applying for an exemption, you may contact:

Please detach here and return this portion in the envelope provided with your payment in full.

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PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Please Make Check or Money Order Payable to:
 - Putnam County Tax Commissioner
- If a receipt is desired, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- If taxes are to be paid by a mortgage company, send them this portion only.
- If you are paying after the due date, please call our office for the full amount due.
- Interest on unpaid tax bills is applied in compliance with GA Code 48-2-40.
- Penalty on unpaid tax bills is applied in compliance with GA Code 48-2-44.

Bill Number	Map Number	Tax Amount
2024 009654	097 060	2,988.22
DATE	DUE	TOTAL DUE
12/1/	2024	0.00

INTERNET TAX BILL

2024 009654 HARMONY 40 LLC

INTERNET TAX RECEIPT 10MI HARMONY RD 097 060

DESCRIPTION	TAX AMOUNT	EXEMPTION	MILLAGE
FAIR MARKET VALUE	\$433,706		
COUNTY	\$1,058.41	\$0.00	6.101
SCHOOL	\$1,860.42	\$0.00	10.724
SCHOOL BND	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
SPEC SERV	\$69.39	\$0.00	0.4
COUNTY BND	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
SP SVC BD	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

TO

HARMONY 40 LLC

234 W WASHINGTON STREET

MADISON, GA 30650

FROM Putnam County Tax Commissioner 100 South Jefferson Ave Suite 207 Eatonton, GA 31024-1061 (706) 485-5441





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INTERNET TAX RECEIPT

	ORIGINAL TAX DUE
	\$2,988.22
	INTEREST
	COLLECTION
	FIFA CHARGE
	PENALTY
	TOTAL PAID
	\$2,988.22
	TOTAL DUE
	\$0.00
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Date Paid: 11/15/2024



HARMONY 40, LLC DEVELOPMENT

Traffic Impact Study
Revised 12-24-24



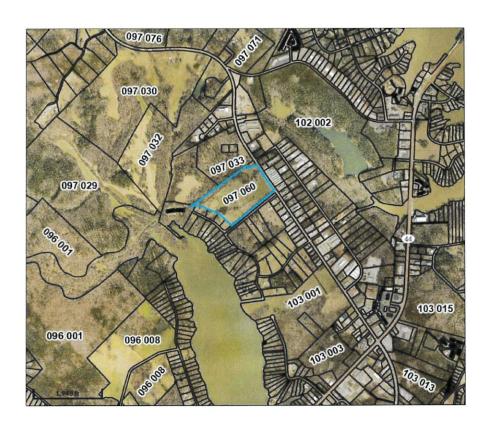
Paul Simonton paul@simontoneng.com

Hinesville, Georgia Phone: (912) 977-1502 Greensboro, Georgia Phone: (706) 454-0870 Fax (706) 454-0871

Harmony 40 LLC Project Traffic Impact Study

General

Harmony 40, LLC Development is a planned Residential Development that includes 43 residential lots. All traffic for this development will be off site with a very small passer-by traffic consideration. The project is located on Harmony Road approximately one mile west of its intersection with Hwy 44.



This report will utilize the traffic counts supplied by Putnam County taken in 2019, and the proposed development to predict future average daily traffic for Harmony Road. Trip Generation Software by Microtrans will be used to generate average daily traffic for existing as well as future conditions. All average daily traffic included in the report is two-way traffic and have not been adjusted.

The existing roadway (Harmony Rd) is currently two lanes with multiple driveways along the route between the project and Hwy 44. The 2022 AADT from the GDOT Traffic Data website on Harmony Road West of the site was 4,590 two way traffic AADT. A typical two lane

roadway is generally capable of accommodating 1,900 passenger car equivalents per hour per lane. Because of the multiple access points (driveways) the peak capacity of the roadway is actually somewhat less, but it appears to still have some growth capacity. The total projected traffic for the Harmony 40, LLC development is 412 average trips per weekday with the following peaks.

AM Pea	k Hour	PM Pea	ak Hour_
Enter	Exit	Enter	Exit
8	24	26	16

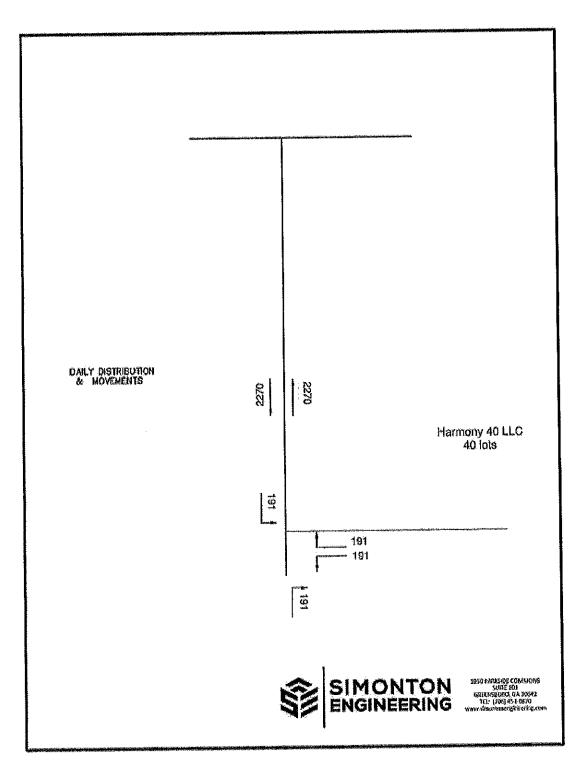
Predicted Traffic

Trip Generation software by Microtrans will be used to generate average daily traffic plus peak hour enter and exit projections for each use. The projected future traffic will be combined with existing counts provided by the GDOT Traffic data website to predict total roadway traffic.

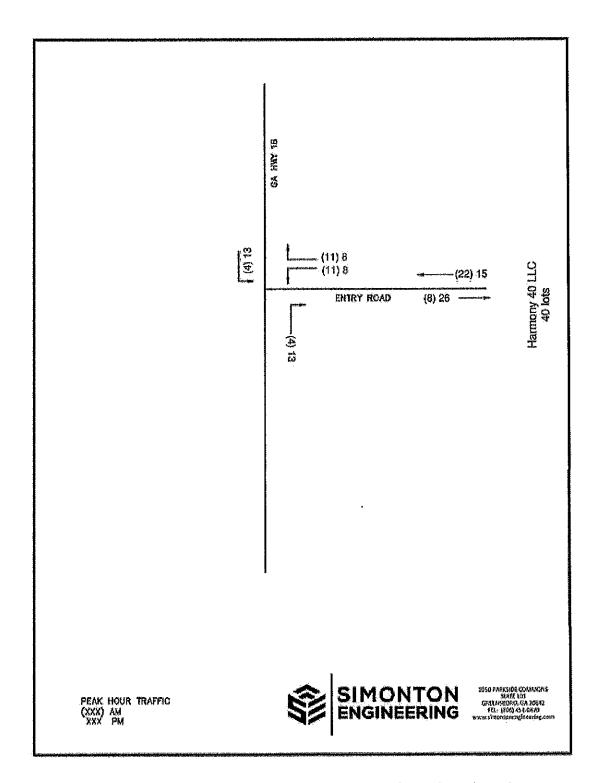
Passer-by traffic, is generally defined as traffic that is already on the roadway and contained in existing counts but will also be included in projected counts. A residential development that includes only residents has a very low passer-by rate and will be considered negligible for this project, so no reduction in traffic projections will be included.

It is assumed that the existing daily trips and the projected trips will be split 50/50 between East approach/departure and West approach/departure. Since a residential development is usually treated as a destination the passer by rates is considered to be very low, therefore no adjustments will be made to the predicted traffic.

See below Figure for traffic distribution and Peak Hour project movements



Harmony 40 LLC Distribution Figure 1



Harmony 40, LLC Peak Hour Movements for Project Figure 2

Existing Conditions and Growth

The traffic at GDOT Station ID 237-0181, in 2021 was AADT of 4540 then in 2022 estimated AADT was 4,590, an increase of just over 1% over the one-year period. Harmony Road is classified as a Major Collector (Rural) on the GDOT website.

When considering the capacity of the roadway the ADT is well within the normal capacity for a typical two-lane roadway. The limiting factor on the capacity of a road of this nature is the turning movements that block through traffic. The impact of the development and the turning movements generated will be evaluated on the proposed intersection later in this report.

Intersection Evaluation

In order to fully evaluate the impacts on the State Route Regulations require that the entrance to any development that connects to a state road will meet all state and local requirements for intersection design. As required by this provision the GDOT right turn and left turn standards were used to complete the evaluation of the two intersections onto Harmony Road for this project.

For the right turn evaluation the GDOT Regulations for Driveway and Encroachment Control (Driveway manual) revision 5.0, dated July 3, 2019, Section 4.9.1.1 of the manual was consulted. The Table 4-6 below outlines the requirements for a right turn lane.

4.9.1.1 Minimum Requirements for Right Turn Deceleration Lanes

Right turn deceleration lanes must be constructed at no cost to the Department if the daily site generated Right Turn Volumes (RTV) based on ITE Trip Generation (assuming a reasonable distribution of entry volumes) meet or exceed the values shown in Table 4-6. Passing lane sections fall under the criteria for two or more lanes.

Posted Speed	2 Lane Routes		More than 2 Lanes on Main Road AADT	
	< 6,000	>=6,000	<10,000	>=10,000
35 MPH or Less	200 RTV a day	100 RTV a day	200 RTV a day	100 RTV a day
40 to 50 MPH	150 RTV a day	75 RTV a day	150 RTV a day	75 RTV a day
55 to 60 MPH	100 RTV a day	50 RTV a day	100 RTV a day	50 RTV a day
>= 65 MPH	Always	Always	Always	Always

Table 4-6 Minimum Volumes Requiring Right Turn Lanes

Speed limit on Harmony Road is 45 MPH and daily traffic is well below the 6,000 AADT for a two-lane road. As can be seen in Figure 1 the projected right turns into the site is 206 turns per day. This exceeds the 150 RTV a day as noted in the above chart, therefore a right turn lane should be required as part of the project.

For the left turn evaluation the GDOT Regulations for Driveway and Encroachment Control (Driveway manual) revision 5.0, dated July 3, 2019, Section 4.9.1.2 of the manual was consulted.

4.9.1.2 Minimum Requirements for Left Turn Lanes

Left turn lanes must be constructed at no cost to the Department if the daily site generated Left Turn Volumes (LTV) based on ITE Trip Generation (assuming a reasonable distribution of entry volumes) meet or exceed the values shown in Table 4-7a Gondition 1. If the LTVs are below the requirements for Condition 1, the applicant may be required to construct a Right Hand Passing Lane (see Figure 4-7 if they meet the criteria in Table 4-7b Condition 2). The District Traffic Engineer will use engineering judgment to determine if the field conditions would allow construction of the Right Hand Passing Lane. Passing lane sections fall under the criteria for two or more lanes.

Condition 1

Posted Speed	2 Lane	Routes		anes on Main ad
	Al	Ĭ	Al	ĎΤ
	<6,000	>=6,000	<10,000	>=10,000
35 MPH or Less	300 LTV a day	200 LTV a day	400 LTV a day	300 LTV a day
40 to 50 MPH	250 LTV a day	175 LTV a day	325 LTV a day	250 LTV a day
>= 65 MPH	200 LTV a day	150 LTV a day	250 LTV a day	200 LTV a day

Table 4-7a Minimum Volumes Requiring Left Turn Lanes

Condition 2

Posted Speed	2 Le	ane Routes only
		ADT
	<4,000	>=4,000
35 MPH or Less	200 LTV a day	125 LTV a day
40 to 45 MPH	100 LTV a day	75 LTV a day
50 to 55 MPH	75 LTV a day	50 LTV a day

Table 4-7b Minimum Volumes Requiring Right Hand Passing Lanes

As noted above Harmony Road has significantly less than the 6,000 ADT and has a posted speed limit of 45 MPH, which would require a center left turn lane if projected left turns exceeded 250 LTV per day as shown in Table 4-7a. Projected distribution of 206 LTV per day does not meet the threshold for the center left turn requirement.

The second requirement tested for is the need for a right-hand passing lane at the intersection as shown in Table 4-7b above. Given the existing traffic, 4,590 AADT on Harmony Road obtained from the GDOT Traffic website, this traffic must be evaluated based on a speed limit of 45 MPH on a roadway that experiences more than 4,000 AADT. In this case the right-hand passing requirement is triggered when traffic exceeds 75 LTV per day. Our left turn projection for the development as shown above is 206 LTV per day so a right-hand passing lane is required.

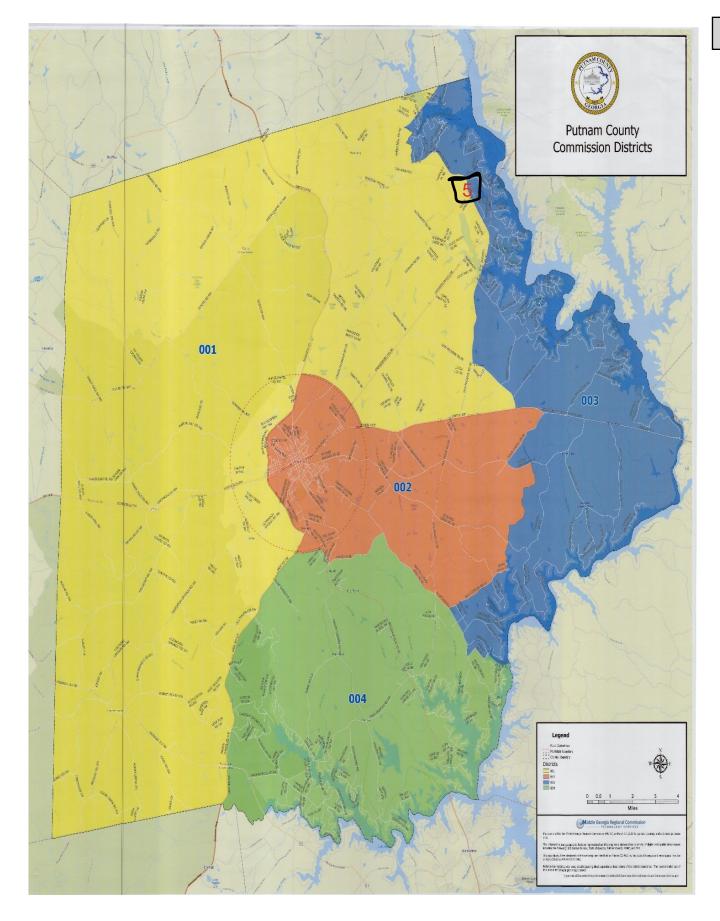
Conclusions & Recommendations

This study meets the requirements of the Putnam County Zoning Traffic Impact Study in that it assesses the projected traffic and its impacts on the existing roadway. As noted above, the projected right turn movements exceeds the minimum required traffic to require a right turn lane. The left turn analysis did not meet the requirements for the installation of the center left turn lane, but did exceed the requirement for the right hand "run around" lane as warranted based on GDOT guidelines.

After extensive investigation we have found that the installation of the "run around" lane would require relocation of a live sewer force main and may require some modification to the existing water main. Given the expense of relocating the existing utilities and the relatively small benefit of the "run around" lane, we believe the "run around" lane is not economically feasible.

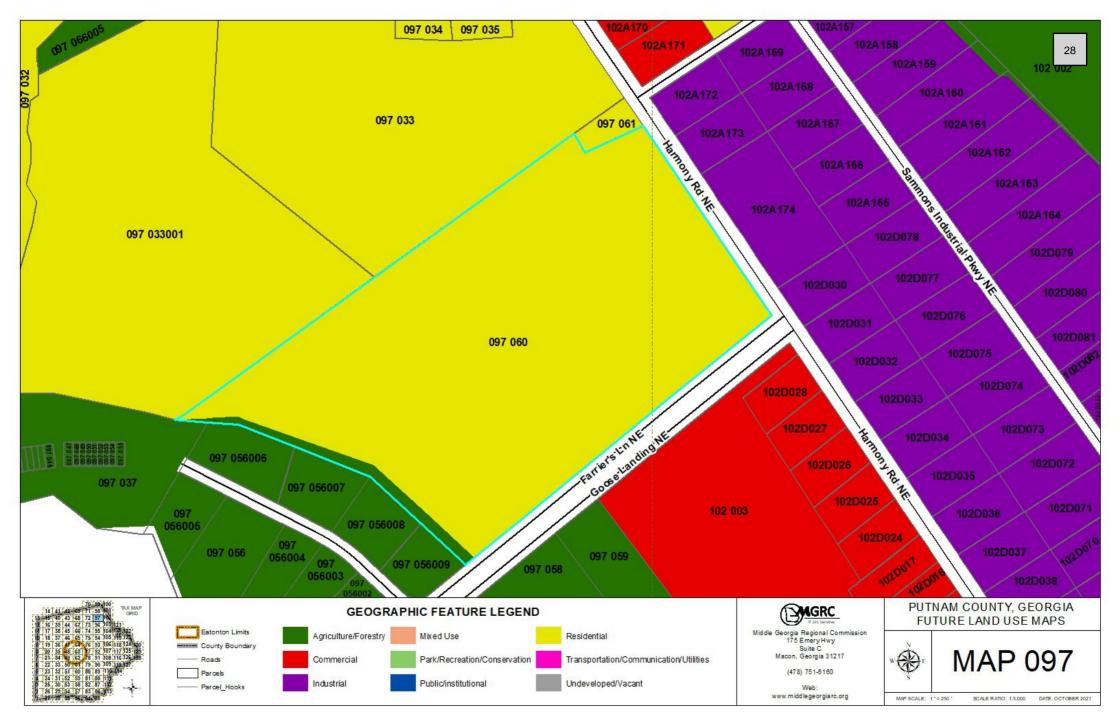
The recommendation for this analysis is to require installation of the deceleration lane, but not require any improvements for left turning traffic.





5. Request by **Harmony 40, LLC** to amend zoning condition #2 at 842 Harmony Road. Presently zoned RM-3 [Map 097, Parcel 060001, District 1].*





File Attachments for Item:

- 7. Consent Agenda
- a. Approval of Minutes March 7, 2025 Regular Meeting (staff-CC)

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Minutes

Friday, March 7, 2025 ◊ 10:00 AM

<u>Putnam County Administration Building – Room 203</u>

The Putnam County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 7, 2025 at approximately 10:00 AM in the Putnam County Administration Building, 117 Putnam Drive, Room 203, Eatonton, Georgia.

PRESENT

Chairman Bill Sharp Commissioner Tom McElhenney Commissioner Richard Garrett Commissioner Steve Hersey Commissioner Jeff Wooten

STAFF PRESENT

County Attorney Adam Nelson County Manager Paul Van Haute County Clerk Lynn Butterworth Deputy County Clerk Mercy Fluker

Opening

1. Welcome - Call to Order
Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.
(Copy of agenda made a part of the minutes on minute book page _______.)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey. Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

3. Invocation

Rev. Avis Williams gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance (RG)

Commissioner Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Regular Business Meeting

5. Public Comments

No public comments.

- 6. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes February 18, 2025 (staff-CC)
 - b. Approval of 2025 Alcohol Licenses (staff-CC)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

(Copy of alcohol licenses made a part of the minutes on minute book page ______ to _____.)

7. Appeal by Ann Foster of the Planning & Zoning Commission decision to grant sideline setback at 407 E. Riverbend Drive (staff-P&D)

Ms. Ann Foster from 409 E. Riverbend Drive presented her appeal and reminded the board of her request to remove part of the pool structure in order to meet Planning and Zoning's requirements.

Mr. Jamie Walker from 407 E. Riverbend Drive provided information on their original plan and the work that has been done to remove the pool deck.

Motion to grant 3.75 foot right side variance being $11 \frac{1}{4}$ feet from the property line at 407 East Riverbend Drive, conditioned on the requirement that any structures attached to the pool deck be located within the variance.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Motion to amend to deny the appeal by Ann Foster of the Planning & Zoning Commission decision to grant sideline setback at 407 E. Riverbend Drive with condition that owner adds fence between pool deck and non-pool deck structure to definitively mark where one ends and one begins.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Commissioner Garrett amended his motion to require gate to be at top of stairs instead of bottom. Amendment okay with second, Commissioner Wooten.

Vote on amendment:

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

Vote on original as amended:

Motion to deny the appeal by Ann Foster of the Planning & Zoning Commission decision to grant sideline setback at 407 E. Riverbend Drive with condition that owner adds fence between pool deck and non-pool deck structure to definitively mark where one ends and one begins and to require gate to be at top of stairs instead of bottom.

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Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Wooten Voting Nay: Commissioner Hersey

8. Approval of 2026 Budget & 2025 Mill Rate Schedule (staff-Finance)

Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Fricks was available to answer questions.

Motion to approve the 2026 Budget & 2025 Mill Rate Schedule.

Motion made by Commissioner Wooten, Seconded by Commissioner McElhenney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

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9. Submission of Names for Appointment to the Hospital Authority-Post 1 (staff-CC) motion to submit all 4

Motion to table item #9.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

10. Appointments to the Board of Assessors (staff-CC)

Motion to appoint Shona L. Bales and Evan Reese to the Board of Assessors.

Motion made by Commissioner Garrett, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Motion to bring item #9 back to the floor.

Motion made by Commissioner Hersey, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

9. Submission of Names for Appointment to the Hospital Authority-Post 1 (staff-CC)

Motion to submit the following names for appointment to the Hospital Authority-Post 1: Lou Benjamin, Charlene Swain, Phillip Ethridge, and Rachel Deraney Harvey.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Wooten.

Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Reports/Announcements

11. County Manager Report

County Manager Van Haute reported that TSPLOST paving in District 3 has begun.

12. County Attorney Report

No report.

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13. Commissioner Announcements Commissioner McElhenney: none

Commissioner Garrett: congratulated the cast and directors of "The Color Purple", announced that an additional matinee show is being planned for March 30th and tickets are on sale now.

Commission Hersey: none

Commissioner Wooten: thanked Putnam County Fire Rescue, Sheriff, Public Works, and everybody involved in the search after the recent drowning, not best weather to work in but a good effort between everybody.

Chairman Sharp: commented that he has been out of town for two weeks and is behind on emails but thanked everyone for being here.

Closing

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McElhenney, Seconded by Commissioner Garrett. Voting Yea: Commissioner McElhenney, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Wooten

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.

ATTEST:

Lynn Butterworth County Clerk B. W. "Bill" Sharp Chairman

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File Attachments for Item:

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the potential renewal/extension of the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council (RG)



Putnam County Board of Commissioners Agenda Item Request Form

DATE OF MEETING REQUESTED: March 18, 2025
REQUEST BY: Commissioner Richard Garrett
AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and possible action regarding the potential
renewal/extension of the Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council
AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Presentation Discussion Other (Please Specify)
*ACTION REQUESTED: I would like to extend the council for another 12 months-which requires approval by the BOC
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED: Yes No
FACTS AND/OR ISSUES: The Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council will expire on 3/19/25 (one year after it was created by the BOC.) As I've noted in previous meetings,
there is community interest in the council continuing as a valuable mechanism for