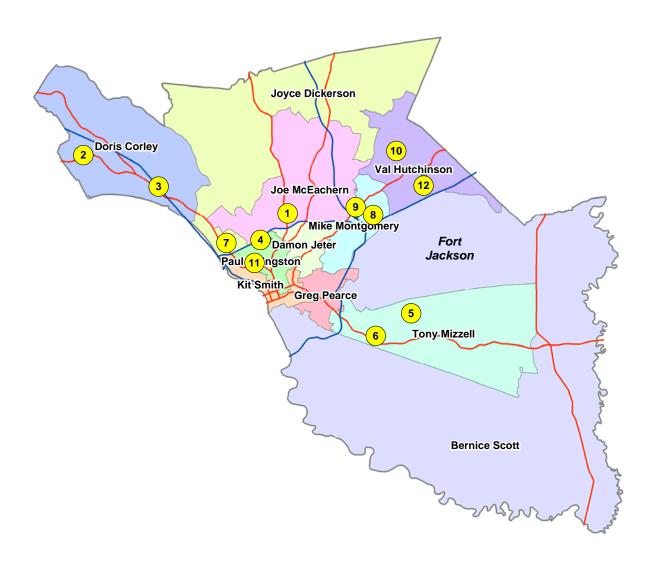
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CASE NO.	APPLICANT	TMS NO.	ADDRESS	DISTRICT
1. 05-59 MA	Otis Smith	11808-02-03	East Side of Fairfield Rd Near Webber Rd	McEachern
2. 05-60 MA	Randy Mosteller	01511-01-04/05/06/08	Dutch Fork Rd Near The Lowman Home	Corley
3. 05-61 MA	David Lucas	04003-02-16	Broad River Rd & Sease Rd	Corley
4. 05-62 MA	Karen McMillan	09311-06-05	5752 Knightner Rd near Monticello Rd	Livingston
5. 05-63 MA	Christina Middleton	22015-03-40/63	Lower Richland Boulevard	Mizzell
6. 05-64 MA	Carroll Investment Properties, Inc.	19100-04-20	North Side of Garners Fery Rd @ Mill Creek	Mizzell
7. 05-65 MA	Resource Properties, Inc.	06113-02-28/32	1401 & 1410 St Andrews Rd	Dickerson
8. 05-66 MA	Windsor Square, LLC	19808-05-01	SW Corner of Windsor Lake Blvd & Alpine Rd	Montgomery
9. 05-67 MA	South Capital Group, Inc.	17016-03-03	I-77 Frontage Rd @ Windsor Lake Boulevard	Montgomery
10. 05-68 MA	RSL Simon, LLC	23000-03-19	Summit Terrace Court	Hutchinson
11. 05-70 MA	Village of Hope, CDC	09104-01-06/20	McRae and Gibson Streets	Livingston
12. 05-71 MA	William F. Cotty	25807-02-03/04/05/06/07/08/09/13	South Side of Spears Creek Church Rd	Hutchinson

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, May 2, 2005 Agenda 1:00 PM 2020 Hampton Street 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

- I. PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER Howard VanDine, Chairperson
- II. PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT
- III. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Consideration of the April 4, 2005 minutes

IV. AGENDA AMENDMENTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SD-05-206 Polo Village Minor S/D (deferred 4/4/05) Page (1)
- b. SD-05-193 Jacobs Creek, Phase 3 (deferred 4/4/05) Page (11)
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VI. NEW BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION REVIEW

PROJECT#	NAME	LOCATION	UNITS	Page
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SD-05-232	Brookhaven Phase 6	Hobart Rd near Railroad TMS # 17500-03-42 (p)	4	(47)

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VII. NEW BUSINESS - ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS

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CASE # 05 – 59 MA

APPLICANT

REQUESTED AMENDMENT

PURPOSE

TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)

Otis Smith

RS-3 to C-3 (2.0 acres)

Tire Repair Shop

11808-02-03

LOCATION East Side of Fairfield Rd Near Webber Rd

CASE # 05 - 60 MA (75)

APPLICANT Randy Mosteller

REQUESTED AMENDMENT RU to C-3 (3.0 acres)

PURPOSE Retail Commercial TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S) 01511-01-04/05/06/08

LOCATION Dutch Fork Rd Near The Lowman Home

CASE # 05 - 61 MA (85)

APPLICANT David Lucas

REQUESTED AMENDMENT D-1 to C-3 (0.5 acres)

PURPOSE General Commercial

TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S) 04003-02-16

LOCATION Broad River Rd & Sease Rd

CASE # 05 - 62 MA (95)

APPLICANT Karen McMillan

REQUESTED AMENDMENT RS-2 to C-1 (0.5 acres)

PURPOSE Boarding House TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S) 09311-06-05

LOCATION 5752 Knightner Road near Monticello Rd

CASE # 05 - 63 MA (105)

APPLICANT Christina Middleton

REQUESTED AMENDMENT D-1 to RS-2 (2.2 acres)

PURPOSE Single Family Detached Subdivision

TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S) 22015-03-40/63

LOCATION Lower Richland Boulevard

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CASE # 05 – 64 MA		(115)
APPLICANT	Carroll Investment Properties	
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	C-3 & D-1 to RG-2 (19.0 acres)	
PURPOSE	Construct multi-family development	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)	19100-04-20	
LOCATION	North Side Garner's Ferry Rd @ Mill Creek	
CASE # 05 – 65 MA		(125)
APPLICANT	Resource Properties, Inc.	(,
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	C-3 to PDD (3.0 acres)	
PURPOSE	Existing Office/Distribution Structures	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)		
LOCATION	1401 & 1410 St Andrews Road	
0405 # 05 00344		(4.00)
CASE # 05 – 66 MA	Window Course 110	(139)
APPLICANT	Windsor Square, LLC	
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	C-3 to PDD (4.7 acres)	
PURPOSE	Proposed Office/Distribution Structures	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)		
LOCATION	SW Corner Windsor Lake Blvd & Alpine Rd	
CASE # 05 – 67 MA		(153)
APPLICANT	South Capital Group, Inc.	(/
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	D-1 to RG-2 (6.1 acres)	
PURPOSE	Construct 87 Townhomes	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)	17016-03-03	
LOCATION	I-77 Frontage Rd @ Windsor Lake Blvd	
CACE # 05 CO MA		(4.00)
CASE # 05 – 68 MA	DCI Cimon II C (leff Freeman)	(163)
APPLICANT	RSL Simon, LLC (Jeff Freeman)	
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	PUD-MH to PUD-O (3.0 acres)	
PURPOSE	Office Park	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)		
LOCATION	Summit Terrace Court	
CASE # 05 - 70 MA		(175)
APPLICANT	Village of Hope, CDC	. ,
REQUESTED AMENDMENT	RG-2 to PUD (24.5 acres)	
PURPOSE	Mixed Residential densities & commercial	
TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S)	09104-01-06/20	
LOCATION	McRae and Gibson Streets	

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CASE # 05 – 71 MA

(189)

APPLICANT William F. Cotty

REQUESTED AMENDMENT D-1 to C-3 (5.2 acres)
PURPOSE Unspecified Commercial

TAX MAP SHEET NUMBER (S) 25807-02-03/04/05/06/07/08/09/13

LOCATION South Side of Spears Creek Church Road

VIII. ROAD NAME APPROVALS - Page (199)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

April 4, 2005

Applicant: Cox & Dinkins, Inc.		Minor Subdivision Plans For:		
RC Project #: SD-05-206		Polo Village – Apartments and 2 outparcels		
General Location: N side of Polo Rd 1/4 east of Alpine Rd				
Tax Map Number: 19810-01-02			Current Zoning: C-3	
Subject Area: Apts. 17.9 ac. Number of		cels: 3	Gross Density: 21.7 DU/acre &	
& 3.5 ac. commercial		Net Resid. Density 25.9 DU/acre		
Sewer Service Provider: E. Richland		Water Se	rvice Provider: City of Columbia	

SECTION I – ANALYSIS

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Traffic Impact Discussion

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Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Polo Road
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collector
Level-Of-Service $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)	8600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	et 4886
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station #8 Located @ the site	45 9000
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	13,886
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Proj	ect 1.61

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rate presented on page 9 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, adopted by the County in October 1993, i.e., 6.6 ADTs per DU x 464 DUs (3062 ADTs) **PLUS** an estimated 38,000 sq. ft. of GLA (3.5 acres x a FAR of 0.25) x 48 ADTs per 1000 sq. ft. GLA (1824 ADTs)

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003, i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio with the proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

Based on the latest available (2003) traffic counts from SCDOT at SCDOT count station 845, Polo Rd was already operating above the LOS C limit. The proposed elementary school will add 918 ADTs to the existing traffic on Polo Road, a 10 % increase in traffic.

The subject project will add 4886 ADTS, a 50 % increase in traffic. Even if the commercial outparcels were eliminated, the project would generate a 30 increase in traffic.

Fire Service Impacts

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School Impacts

Based on information provided by the District 2 School Board office *, the Department estimates the proposed subdivision will generate the additional school age children described below:

Elementary School @ 0.20 students per single family DU	NAv
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Existing Site Conditions

The site is wooded and slopes downward (northward) away from Polo Rd to a low area between the site and Sesquicentenial State Park. There is a Blue Cross/Blue Shield office adjacent to the site on the west and a proposed elementary school adjacent on the site on the east. There is also a wetland area that traverses the middle of the site from Polo Rd to Sesqui State Park.

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

The proposed apartment project is compatible with the adjacent office facility and Sesqui State Park because it provides a buffer between the office development at the corner of Alpine and Polo Roads. The proposed general commercial parcels, while permitted by the C-3 zoning, are not compatible with the adjacent development.

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the <u>Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan</u>, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the <u>Plan</u>. Specifically, the <u>Plan</u> states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the longrange vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the <u>Proposed Land Use Maps</u> by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as Office & Institutional on the Northeast Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map. The proposed project is not consistent with this land use designation because it is a high density residential subdivision with two general commercial outparcels.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in March 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective –Promote a variety of residential densities for the development of affordable, quality housing while blending with the character of the surrounding area

The proposed apartments will provide housing opportunities near an interstate interchange and a buffer between the office development to the west and the elementary school to the east. The proposed project implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – In general, commercial and office activities should be confined to existing zoned areas and/or proposed locations where the following apply:</u>

- 1. Areas identified on the Proposed Land Use Map;
- 2. Sites that don't encroach or penetrate established residential areas; and
- 3. Sites of major traffic junctions and cluster locations as opposed to strip development
- 1. The subject site **is not designated for multi-family development** on the Proposed Land Use Map. It is designated for office and institutional development
- 2. The subject site does not penetrate or encroach into an established residential area. The site is surrounded by an office building, Sesqui State Park, an elementary school and Interstate 20.
- 3. The proposed subdivision will create two commercial lots, each approximately 1.7 acres in area. Unless the use of the two commercial parcels is limited to office development, which can not be done through the subdivision process, these sites may be used for other commercial purposes.

This project **does not implement** this Principle.

Other Pertinent Factors

- 1) As of March 18, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.
- 2) As of March 18, 2005, approval of the flood issues and wetlands issues had not been received.
- 3) As of March 18, 2005, the County Fire Marshal had not provided comments.
- 4) As of March 18, 2005, the City of Columbia had not approved the water line construction plans.
- 5) As of March 18, 2005, DHEC had not issued a sewer line construction permit.
- 6) As of March 18, 2005, DHEC had not issued a water line construction permit.

Section 22-21 (t) of the County Code states "...In order to reduce traffic congestion, marginal access streets (*frontage roads*) may be required in residential, commercial or industrial subdivisions...". Polo Road in this location is a narrow two-lane road that was already operating above its design capacity in 2003, i.e., prior to the elementary school and the apartments being occupied. Therefore, in order to ensure safe ingress and egress to the site, it is critical that access to all three parcels be limited to a single point.

The applicant should be responsible to pay all costs associated with the construction any SCDOT required acceleration, deceleration and/or turn lanes in Polo Road. The construction of these lanes should be coordinated with those required for the adjacent elementary school.

This site has a wetlands area traversing the middle of the site. The applicant should be required to get US Corps of Engineers approval of the wetlands encroachment prior to the plat being approved for recording.

An applicant is not entitled to approval of a proposed subdivision plat. Section 6-29-1120 of the SC Code of Laws states "...The public health, safety, economy, good order, appearance, convenience, morals and general welfare require the harmonious, orderly, and progressive development of land within the municipalities and counties of the State. In furtherance of this general intent, the regulation of land development by municipalities, counties or consolidated political subdivisions is authorized for the following purposes, among others...(3) to assure the adequate provision of safe and convenient traffic access and circulation, both vehicular and pedestrian, in and through new land development projects...".

SECTION II - STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends **DENIAL** of the minor subdivision plans for a 3 parcel minor subdivision, known as Polo Village (Project # SD-05-206). **The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:**

Findings of Fact

- 1. The subject project will add 4886 ADTS, <u>a 50 % increase in traffic</u>. Even if the commercial outparcels were eliminated, the project would generate a 30 increase in traffic.
- 2. The proposed apartments are compatible with existing development in the area. The proposed general commercial sites are not compatible with the adjacent development.
- 3. The proposed project **is not consistent** with the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan Map</u> land use designation.
- 4. The proposed project **implements** the relevant Objective of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>.
- 5. The proposed project **does not implement** the relevant Recommendations of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>.

Specific Conditions

- a) The Department of Public Works must approve the stormwater management plans; and
- b) The Floodplain Mgmt. Specialist must approve the flood elevation statement prior to the plat being recorded; **and**

- c) The Department must receive a copy of the USCOE wetlands encroachment letter <u>prior</u> <u>to</u> the plat being approved for recording; **and**
- d) A Controlled Clearing Certificate letter must be issued by the Department prior to starting any site clearing activity. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for details; and
- e) The final plat must include signed the tree certification statements. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; **and**
- 4. The County Fire Marshal must approve the project with, or without, conditions; and
- 5. The City of Columbia must approve the water line construction plans; and
- 6. DHEC must issue the sewer line construction permits; and
- 7. DHEC must issue the water line construction permits; and
- 8. Plats shall not be approved for recording until the Department receives the City of Columbia approval the water line easement documents; and
- 9. A Certificate of Occupancy shall **not** be issued for any residence in this project until the Department receives a copy of the DHEC Permit To Operate the Water system and/or the DHEC Permit To Operate the Sewer system; **and**
- 10. A Final Plat can not be approved by the Department until the City of Columbia approves the water line easement deeds; **and**
- 11. The access to the site shall be limited to a single point on Polo Road; and
- 12. The developer shall pay the costs associated with construction of any acceleration, deceleration and/or turn lanes that may be required by the SCDOT; **and**
- 13. Chapter 22-70 (c) of the County Code prohibits the County from issuing any Building Permits until the Department receives a copy of the **recorded** Final Plat.

SECTION III - COMMISSION RECONSIDERATION & APPEAL

Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision **provided** such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

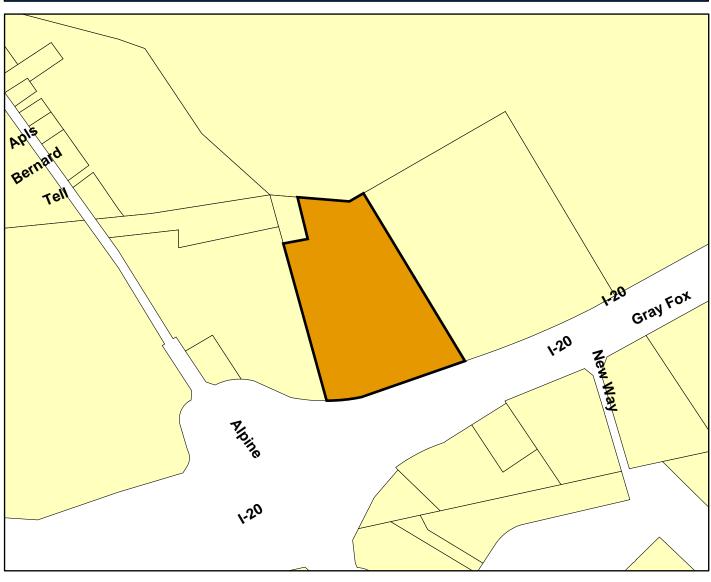
- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

Appeal

Article V of the Planning Commission's <u>Rules of Procedure</u> provides that upon completion of the Commission's final action on any matter, the only way to appeal a Commission's decision is to the Circuit Court. An appeal, in the manner and form established by the Court, must be filed within 30 days of receipt of the written notice of the Planning Commission's action.



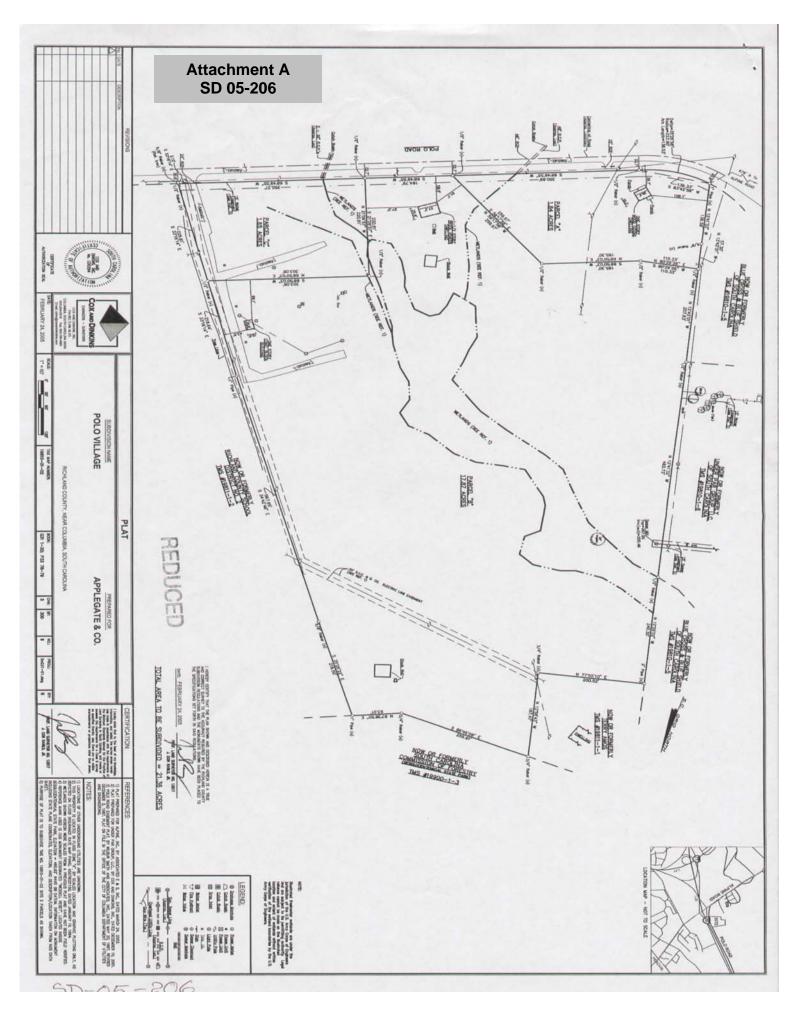
SD-05-206 POLO VILLAGE





Looking West on Polo @ Site

Looking East on Polo Rd from Site



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

April 4, 2005

Applicant: Centex Homes	Preliminary Subdivision Plans For:			
RC Project #: SD-05-193		Jacobs Creek, Phase 3		
General Location: Old Two Notch Rd & Bookman Rd				
Tax Map Number: 25900-03-14				Current Zoning: PUD
Subject Area: 3.6 acres Number of Units: 12 Gross Density: 3.3 DU/acres			ss Density: 3.3 DU/acres	
Sewer Service Provider: Palmetto Utilities		Water Se	rvice	Provider: City of Columbia

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Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Bookman Road	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collector	
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00	8600	
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Projection	ect 114	
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @ between Old Two Notch Rd & Two Not	449 7200 tch Rd	
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	See Below	
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	oject See Below	

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The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed project, by itself, will not result in the LOS C being exceeded at SCDOT count station 449. However, the total traffic impact of the completed project will far exceed the LOS F on Bookman Road. The table below shows the projects' estimate cumulative traffic impact by phase when fully occupied.

Bookman Rd LOS C Design Capacity = 8600 ADTs

Phase #	# Units	Phase ADTs	Cum. ADTs (1)	V/C Ratio (2)	LOS (3)
1	39	370	7570	0.88	C
2	27	257	7827	0.91	С
3	12	114	7941	0.92	С

- (1) The cumulative amount of traffic generated upon full occupancy of the phases PLUS 7200 (the 2003 SCDOT traffic count at Station # 449)
- (2) The cumulative V/C ratio upon full occupancy of the (cum. ADTs / 8600)
- (3) The cumulative Level-Of-Service (LOS) upon full occupancy of the phases

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School Impacts

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Existing Site Conditions

This portion of the project is sparsely vegetated with pine trees and small hardwoods. It is adjacent to, but does not encroach into, one of the major wetland areas in the PUD. The entrance to this phase is through phase 1 and 2 across from Ringwood Lane in Briarcliff.

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

Phase 3 of the project is compatible with the adjacent Briarcliff development across Bookman Road. In addition, phase 3 is consistent with the approved PUD General Development Plan (See Ordinance # 59-04 HR, enacted on October 18, 2004).

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as Low Density Residential within the Established Urban Area on the Northeast Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map. The proposed project is consistent with this land use designation.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in march 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Promote a variety of residential densities for the development of affordable, quality housing while blending with the character of the surrounding area

Phase 3 of the subject project has a density of 3.3 DU/acre. The net residential density of the Jacobs Creek project is 3.5 DU/acre and the gross Jacobs Creek project density is 2.3 DU/acre. The proposed project implements this Objective.

<u>Principle –</u> None Applicable

Other Pertinent Factors

- 1) As of March 18, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.
- 2) As of March 18, 2005, approval of the flood issues and wetlands issues had not been received.
- 3) As of March 18, 2005, the County Fire Marshal had not provided comments.
- 4) As of March 18, 2005, the City of Columbia had not approved the water and sewer line construction plans.
- 5) As of March 18, 2005, DHEC had not issued a sewer line construction permit.
- 6) As of March 18, 2005, DHEC had not issued a water line construction permit.
- 7) As of March 18, 2005, the E-911 Coordinator had not certified Planning Commission approval of the proposed street names.

The applicant must present a phasing plan for the whole Jacobs Creek project prior to any building permits being issued. The lot numbers for the whole project must be consecutive rather than numbered by phase. This system will simplify the issuance permits from the various review agencies and expedite the building permit and certificate of occupancy process.

SECTION II - STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends conditional approval of the preliminary subdivision plans for a 12 unit single family detached subdivision, known as Jacobs Creek, Phase 3 (Project # SD-05-193). The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The traffic generated by the proposed subdivision, by itself, will not result in the adjacent portion of Bookman Road operating below a LOS C capacity. However, the total traffic impact of the completed project will far exceed the LOS F on Bookman Road
- 2. The proposed subdivision is compatible with existing development in the area.
- 3. The proposed project is consistent with the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan Map</u> land use designation.
- 4. The proposed project implements the relevant Objectives and Recommendations of the Northeast Subarea Plan.

Specific Conditions

- a) The Department of Public Works must approve the stormwater management plans; and
- b) The Floodplain Specialist Coordinator must approve the flood elevation statement prior to building permits being issued; **and**
- c) The Department must receive a copy of the USCOE wetlands encroachment letter; and
- d) A Controlled Clearing Certificate letter must be issued by the Department prior to starting any site clearing activity. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- e) The preliminary, bonded and/or final plats must include signed the tree certification statements. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- f) The City of Columbia must approve the water line construction plans; and
- g) DHEC must issue the sewer line construction permits; and
- h) DHEC must issue the water line construction permits; and
- i) The applicant must present a phasing plan for the whole Jacobs Creek project prior to any building permits being issued. The lot numbers for the whole project must be consecutive rather than numbered by phase; **and**
- j) No building permits shall be issued until all of the conditions cited above are met; and
- k) Plats shall only be recorded by the complete phases identified in the preliminary plan; and
- l) Any further division of the phases identified in the lot layout plan shall require Planning Commission approval prior to recording; **and**
- m) Plats shall not be approved for recording until the Department receives the City of Columbia approval the water line <u>easement documents</u>; **and**

- n) The Department of Public Works must approve the bond documents prior to a bonded plat being approved for recording; **and**
- o) A Certificate of Occupancy shall **not** be issued for any residence in this project until the Department receives a copy of the DHEC Permit To Operate the Water system and the DHEC Permit To Operate the Sewer system by phase; **and**
- p) A Final Plat can not be approved by the Department until (1) the City of Columbia approves the water line easement deeds **AND** (2) the County accepts the roads for maintenance.

SECTION III - COMMISSION RECONSIDERATION & APPEAL

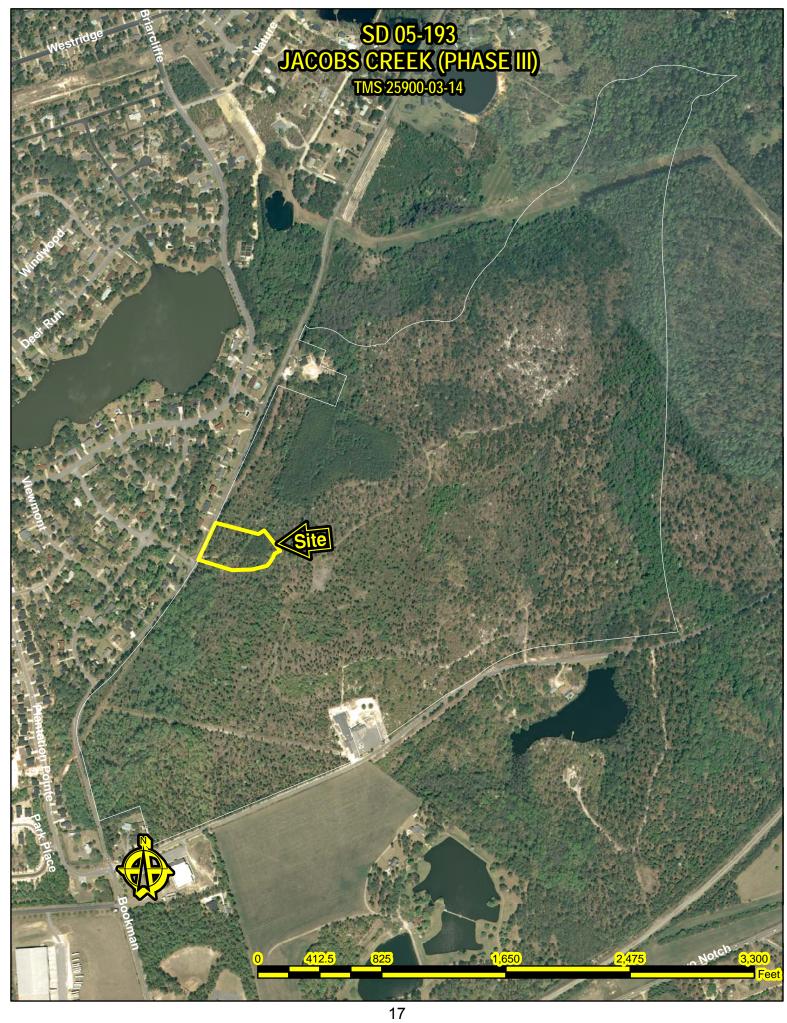
Reconsideration

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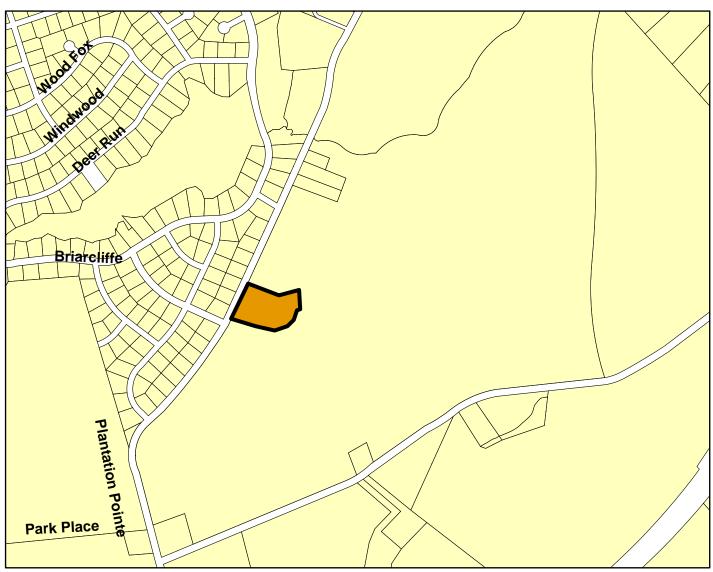
- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

Appeal

Article V of the Planning Commission's <u>Rules of Procedure</u> provides that upon completion of the Commission's final action on any matter, the only way to appeal a Commission's decision is to the Circuit Court. An appeal, in the manner and form established by the Court, must be filed within 30 days of receipt of the written notice of the Planning Commission's action.



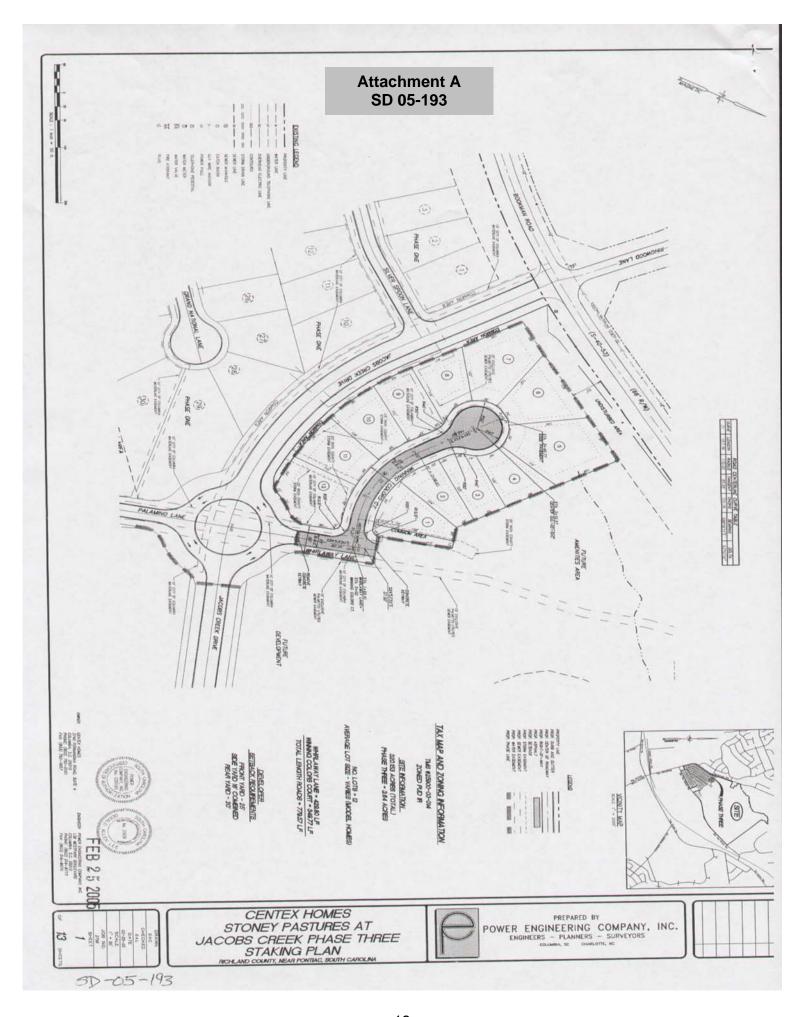
SD-05-193 JACOBS CREEK (PHASE III)





Looking@ Ringwood Drive

Looking @ the interior



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

March 7, 2005

Applicant: Belter & Associ		Private Driveway Subdivision Plans For:		
RC Project #: SD-05-97	GIO	Glover Private Driveway S/D		
General Location: Piney Woo	ods Road near Morning	side Drive		
Tax Map Number: 06104-07-	-02	Current Zoning: RS-1		
Subject Area: 5.6 acres	Number of Units: 6	Gross Density: 1.1 DU/acres		
Sewer Service Provider: Sep	vtic W	ater Service Provider: City of Columbia		

SECTION I – ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission's involvement in the subdivision process is mandated by state law and the County Code. More specifically, Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws states that after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan "...no new street, structure, utility, square, park or other public way, grounds or open space or public buildings for any use, whether publicly or privately owned, may be constructed or authorized...until the location, character, and extent of it have been submitted to the planning commission for review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..." It is the Department's position that compatibility is determined by analyzing the Proposed Land Use Maps, Objectives and Recommendations of the existing Subarea Plans and the Goals and Principles in Chapter IV of the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Chapter 22-10 of the Richland County Code currently requires the Planning Commission to approve preliminary plans, final plats and minor subdivisions. Chapter 22-10 (b) defines a minor subdivision is one that does "... not involve the construction, <u>or</u> opening, of new streets, water or sewer facilities, storm drainage systems, <u>or</u> improvement to existing streets...." Chapter 22-76 requires Planning Commission approval of private driveway subdivisions, i.e., a property division for a maximum of 7 lots for immediate family members. Pursuant to Section 6-29-1150, SC Code of Laws, the Planning Commission is the final authority in subdivision matters.

In order to provide the Planning Commission with enough information to ensure compliance with these laws, the staff report will:

- Analyze the impact of the proposed project on the adjacent county or state roads
- > Describe the existing conditions of the subject site
- Analyze the land use compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area
- ➤ Identify the project's relationship to the relevant principles of the Comprehensive Plan

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road is designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these levels-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2007. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Piney Woods Road		
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided minor arterial		
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)	10,800	
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	l Project		
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @ between site and Piney Grove Road	643	1450	
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		1507	
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	ject	0.14	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rate presented on pages 9 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, adopted by the County in October 1993.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003, i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed project will not result in the LOS C being exceeded at SCDOT count station 643.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 21 mile radius of a fire station.

School Impacts

Based on information provided by the District 2 School Board office *, the Department estimates the proposed subdivision will generate the additional school age children described below:

Elementary School @ 0.20 students per single family DU	1
Middle School @ 0.13 students per single family DU	0
High School @ 0.12 Students per single family DU	0

^{*} All Districts assumed to have the same generation rate – rounded to nearest whole number

Existing Site Conditions

The site is fairly low with a small creek traversing the site from west to east. Most of the vegetation is pine trees.

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

The surrounding area is all single family detached residential. The proposed project is compatible with the adjacent development.

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as High Medium Density Residential on the <u>Northwest Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map</u>. The proposed project is not consistent with this land use designation because it is a low density residential project in an area designated for medium/high density residential density.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u>, adopted

in September 1993, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, found on pages 29 and 36 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Promote a variety of residential densities for the development of affordable, quality housing while blending with the character of the surrounding area

The proposed project is a very low-density single family detached residential project. The proposed project implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – Residential development should be limited to individual dwellings on individual lots</u> See discussion above. This project implements this Principle.

Other Pertinent Factors

- 1) As of February 18, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.
- 2) The Flood Hazard Specialist has approved the flood elevation statement.
- 3) As of February 18, 2005, the County Fire Marshal had not provided comments.
- 4) As of February 18, 2005, the City of Columbia had not approved the water line construction plans, if applicable.
- 5) As of February 18, 2005, DHEC had not issued a water line construction permit, if applicable.
- 6) As of February 18, 2005, the E-911 Coordinator had not certified Planning Commission approval of the proposed street names.

The applicant must comply with all the requirements of Article VIII (Private Driveway Subdivision regulations) of Chapter 22 in the County Code. These requirements include limiting the purchasers of the parcels to immediate family members; execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement absolving the County of any road maintenance responsibility or liability; and execution of Deed restrictions regarding road maintenance and further subdivision of the parcels.

The intent of the Private Driveway Subdivision process is "...to furnish a means of subdividing property in the County without incurring the costs associated with major subdivisions..." Since it has principally been applied in the rural areas of the County, the minimum lot size was established as one acre. The rationale for the minimum one-acre size is that is amount of land necessary for a septic tank and private well.

The subject site is zoned RS-1 or a 12,000 sq. ft minimum lot size. Four of the lots meet the 1 acre minimum lot size in Article VIII. Two of the lots, including the existing family residences, do not meet the one-acre minimum lot size in Article VIII, but do meet the minimum lot size in the RS-1 zoning district. The Commission needs to decide how to reconcile these contradictory requirements in the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations as applied to this project.

A preliminary review of water and sewer availability discloses that public water and sewer lines in currently located across Piney Woods Road from the site. Section 24-81 of the County Code states "...The owner of all homes, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment,, recreation, or other purposes situated within the county and abutting on any street,

alley, or right-of-way in which there shall be located a public sanitary sewer is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with provisions of this article within 90 days after written notice from the county to the property owner requiring such property owner make connection thereto, provided that said public sewer shall be within 200 feet of the property line..." Therefore, the residences in this project will likely be required to connect to at least the sewer system and possibly the water system.

SECTION II – STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends conditional approval of the private driveway subdivision plans for a 6 unit single family detached subdivision, known as Glover Private Driveway S/D (Project # SD-05-97). The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The traffic generated by the proposed subdivision will not result in the adjacent portion of Piney Woods Road operating below a LOS C capacity.
- 2. The proposed subdivision is compatible with existing development in the area.
- 3. The proposed project is not consistent with the <u>Northwest Subarea Plan Map</u> land use designation.
- 4. The proposed project implements the relevant Objectives and Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Plan.

Specific Conditions

- a) The Department must receive a copy of the USCOE wetlands encroachment letter, if applicable; **and**
- b) A Land Disturbance Permit must be issued by the Department prior to starting any site clearing activity. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- c) The final plat must include signed the tree certification statements. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; **and**
- d) The plat must establish the setbacks, either graphically or by notation, for each lot; and
- e) The E-911 Coordinator must certify the street names have been approved by the Planning Commission prior to assigning street addresses for building permits; **and**
- f) The City of Columbia must approve the water line and sewer <u>construction plans</u>, if applicable; **and**
- g) The residences in the subject project will be required to connect to the public sewer system and may be required to connect to the public water system; **and**
- h) DHEC must issue the water and sewer line construction permits, if applicable; and
- i) The applicant must comply with all the relevant requirement of Article VIII of Chapter 22 of the County Code; **and**
- j) No building permits shall be issued until all of the conditions cited above are met.

SECTION III - COMMISSION RECONSIDERATION & APPEAL

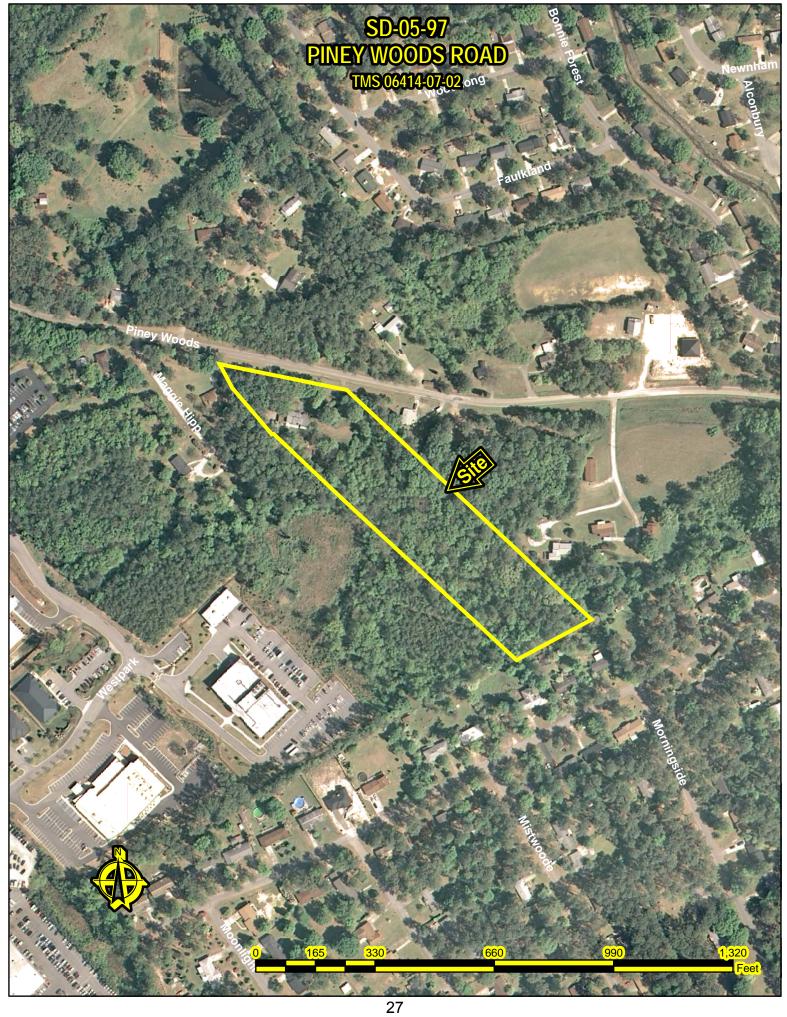
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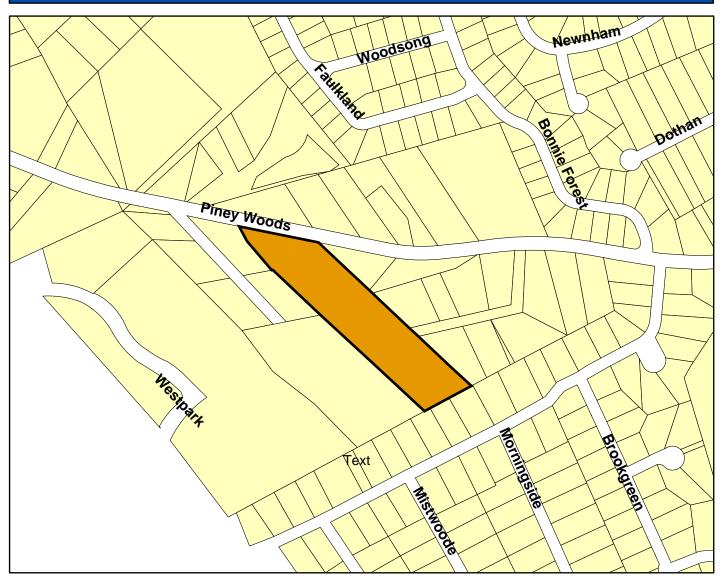
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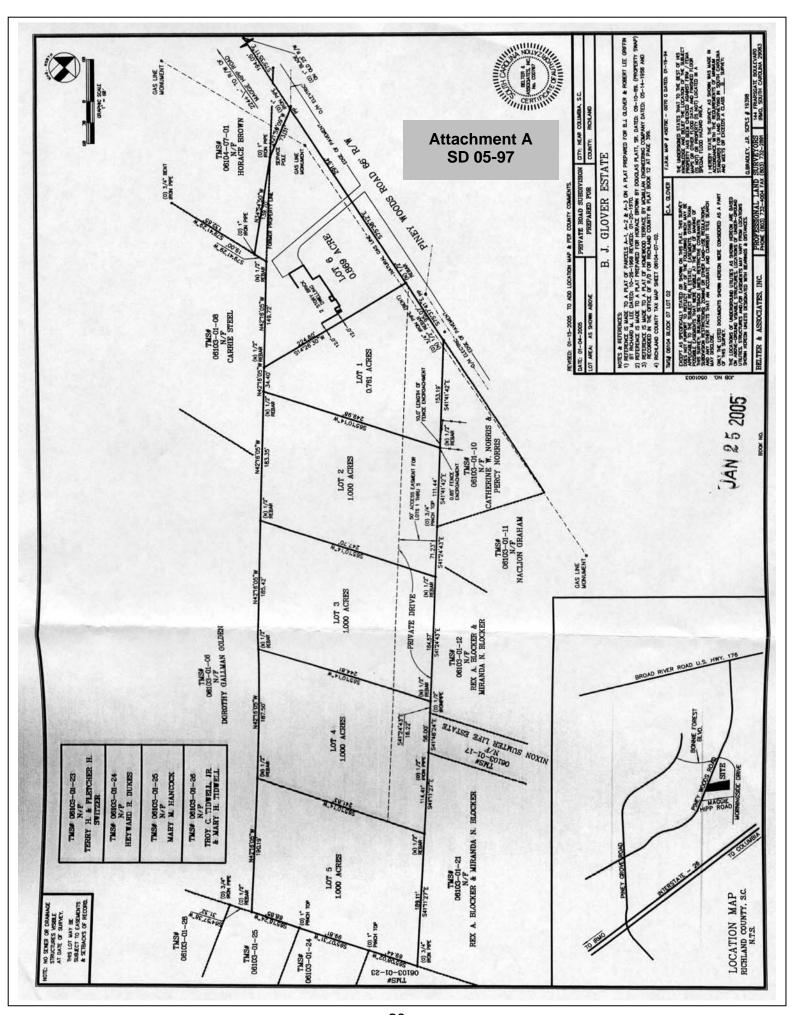
SD-05-97 PINEY WOODS ROAD





Looking at site from Piney Woods Road

Looking East on Piney Woods Road



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

April 4, 2005

Applicant: Edwin Cooper	Pre	Preliminary Subdivision Plans For: Woodcreek Farms Village, Ph. 2		
RC Project #: SD-05-201				
General Location: Woodcreek Farms Town Center				
Tax Map Number: 25800-03-2	28		Current Zoning: PUD	
Subject Area: 3.3 acres	Number of Units: 13 Gro		Gross Density: 3.9 DU/acres	
Sewer Service Provider: Palmetto Utilities		Water Service Provider: City of Columbia		

SECTION I – ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission's involvement in the subdivision process is mandated by state law and the County Code. More specifically, Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws states that after adoption of the Comprehensive Plan "...no new street, structure, utility, square, park or other public way, grounds or open space or public buildings for any use, whether publicly or privately owned, may be constructed or authorized...until the location, character, and extent of it have been submitted to the planning commission for review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..." It is the Department's position that compatibility is determined by analyzing the Proposed Land Use Maps, Objectives and Recommendations of the existing Subarea Plans and the Goals and Principles in Chapter IV of the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Chapter 22-10 of the Richland County Code currently requires the Planning Commission to approve preliminary plans, final plats and minor subdivisions. Chapter 22-10 (b) defines a minor subdivision is one that does "... not involve the construction, <u>or</u> opening, of new streets, water or sewer facilities, storm drainage systems, <u>or</u> improvement to existing streets...." Chapter 22-76 requires Planning Commission approval of private driveway subdivisions, i.e., a property division for a maximum of 7 lots for immediate family members. Pursuant to Section 6-29-1150, SC Code of Laws, the Planning Commission is the final authority in subdivision matters.

In order to provide the Planning Commission with enough information to ensure compliance with these laws, the staff report will:

- Analyze the impact of the proposed project on the adjacent county or state roads
- > Describe the existing conditions of the subject site
- Analyze the land use compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area
- ➤ Identify the project's relationship to the relevant principles of the Comprehensive Plan

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road is designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these levels-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2007. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Spears Creek Church Rd
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collector
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)	8600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project	124
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # 451 Located @ Spear Creek	6300
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	6424
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project	0.75

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rate presented on pages 9 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, adopted by the County in October 1993.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003, i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed project, by itself, will not result in the LOS C being exceeded at SCDOT count station 451. However, the Department estimates that upon buildout of the approved subdivisions in the area, the traffic on Spears Creek Church Road will far exceed the minimum LOS F level.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

School Impacts

Based on information provided by the District 2 School Board office *, the Department estimates the proposed subdivision will generate the additional school age children described below:

Elementary School @ 0.20 students per single family DU	3
Middle School @ 0.13 students per single family DU	2
High School @ 0.12 Students per single family DU	1

^{*} All Districts assumed to have the same generation rate – rounded to nearest whole number

Existing Site Conditions

The site is undeveloped pine woodlands. Public water and sewer service is available to the site

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

The subject project is a continuation of a project begun several years ago. It is compatible with the adjacent development and the land use designations in the Woodcreek Farms PUD.

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as Medium Density Residential on the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map</u>. The proposed project is not consistent with this land use designation the density is less than the minimum 5.0 DU/acre allowed in this land use designation.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in March 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Foster new development in areas with adequate infrastructure

There is adequate public water and sewer service for the subject project. The proposed project implements this Objective.

Principle –

None Applicable

Other Pertinent Factors

- 1) As of April 15, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.
- 2) As of April 15, 2005, approval of the flood issues and wetlands issues had not been received.
- 3) As of April 15, 2005, the City of Columbia had not approved the water and sewer line construction plans.
- 4) As of April 15, 2005, DHEC had not issued a sewer line construction permit.
- 5) As of April 15, 2005, DHEC had not issued a water line construction permit.
- 6) As of April 15, 2005, the E-911 Coordinator had not certified Planning Commission approval of the proposed street names.

SECTION II - STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends conditional approval of the preliminary subdivision plans for a 13 unit single family detached subdivision, known as Woodcreek Farms Village, Phase 2 (Project # SD-05-201). The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The traffic generated by the proposed subdivision, by itself, will not result in the adjacent portion of Spears Creek Church Road operating below a LOS C capacity.
- 2. The proposed subdivision is compatible with existing development in the area.
- 3. The proposed project is not consistent with the Northeast Subarea Plan Map land use designation.
- 4. The proposed project implements the relevant Objectives and Recommendations of the Northeast Subarea Plan.

Specific Conditions

- a) The Department of Public Works must approve the stormwater management plans; and
- b) The Floodplain Mgmt. Specialist must approve the flood elevation statement, if applicable prior to building permits being issued; **and**
- c) The Department must receive a copy of the USCOE wetlands encroachment letter, if applicable; **and**
- d) A Controlled Clearing Certificate letter must be issued by the Department prior to starting any site clearing activity. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- e) The preliminary, bonded and/or final plats must include signed the tree certification statements. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
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- h) The City of Columbia must approve the water and sewer line construction plans; and
- i) DHEC must issue the sewer line construction permits; and
- j) DHEC must issue the water line construction permits; and
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- 1) Plats shall only be recorded by the complete phases identified in the preliminary plan; and
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- o) A Certificate of Occupancy shall **not** be issued for any residence in this project until the Department receives a copy of the DHEC Permit To Operate the Water system and/or the DHEC Permit To Operate the Sewer system, if applicable, by phase; **and**
- p) A Final Plat can not be approved by the Department until (1) the City of Columbia approves the water line <u>easement deeds</u> **AND** (2) the County accepts the roads for maintenance.

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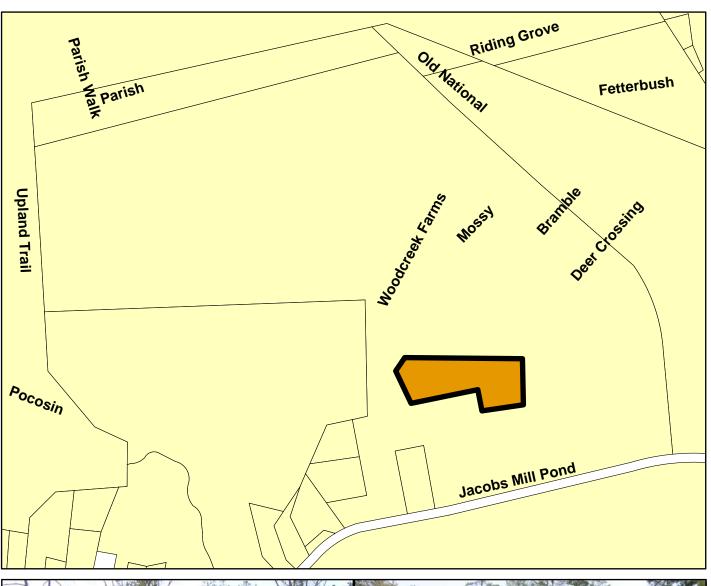
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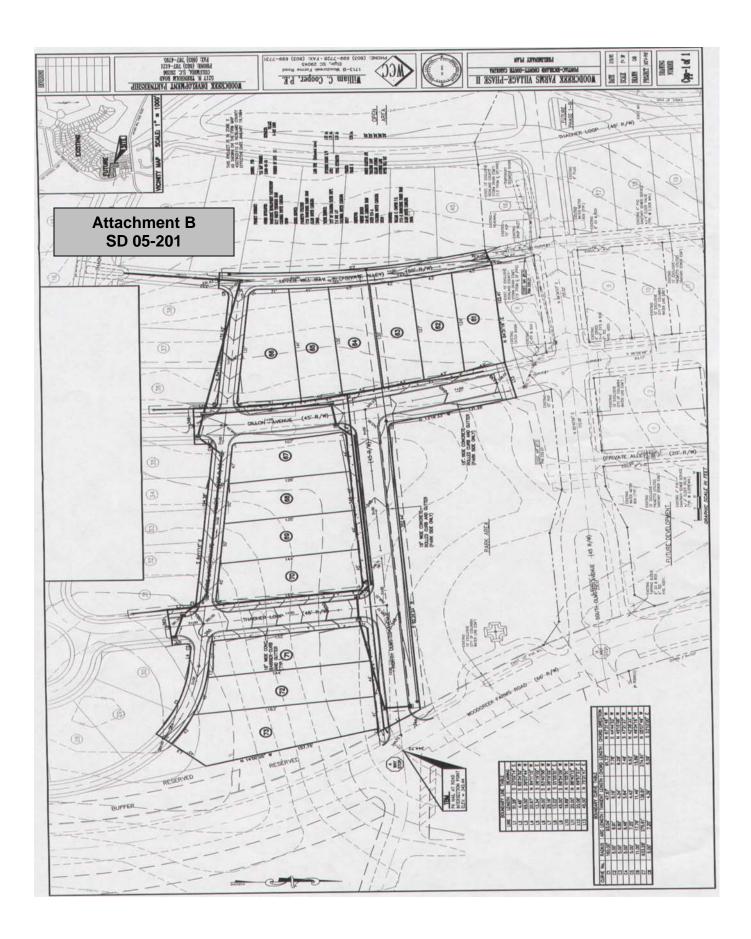
SD-05-201 WOODCREEK FARMS VILLAGE





Looking @ Phase 2 from Phase 1

Looking @ Phase 1 from Phase 2



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

April 4, 2005

Applicant: Don Lovett		Minor Subdivision Plans For:		
RC Project #: SD-05-226		River Trails		
General Location: O'Sheal R	oad @ Harry Derric	k Road		
Tax Map Number: 04300-04-	10		Current Zoning: RU	
Subject Area: 6.4 acres	Number of Units:	7 Gro	ss Density: 0.9 DU/acres	
Sewer Service Provider: Richland Co Util		Water Service	Provider: City of Columbia	

SECTION I – ANALYSIS

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Chapter 22-10 of the Richland County Code currently requires the Planning Commission to approve preliminary plans, final plats and minor subdivisions. Chapter 22-10 (b) defines a minor subdivision is one that does "... not involve the construction, <u>or</u> opening, of new streets, water or sewer facilities, storm drainage systems, <u>or</u> improvement to existing streets...." Chapter 22-76 requires Planning Commission approval of private driveway subdivisions, i.e., a property division for a maximum of 7 lots for immediate family members. Pursuant to Section 6-29-1150, SC Code of Laws, the Planning Commission is the final authority in subdivision matters.

In order to provide the Planning Commission with enough information to ensure compliance with these laws, the staff report will:

- Analyze the impact of the proposed project on the adjacent county or state roads
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- ➤ Identify the project's relationship to the relevant principles of the Comprehensive Plan

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2007. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From		Kennerly Rd via O'Sheal Rd	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Functional Classification Of This Roadway		ndivided collector
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)			8600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project			67
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # 457 Located @ south of site on Kennerly Rd @ Broad River Rd **			17,100
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project			17,100
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project			1.99

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

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The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003, i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

** The traffic counts at SCDOT station 457 are somewhat irrelevant since it is located so far from the site.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 4 mile radius of a fire station.

School Impacts

Based on information provided by the District 2 School Board office *, the Department estimates the proposed subdivision will generate the additional school age children described below:

Elementary School @ 0.20 students per single family DU	1
Middle School @ 0.13 students per single family DU	0
High School @ 0.12 Students per single family DU	0

^{*} All Districts assumed to have the same generation rate – rounded to nearest whole number

Existing Site Conditions

The site slopes downward to the west toward an intermittent stream. The site is heavily wooded with pine trees for a few hardwood trees along the stream.

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

The adjacent development is woodlands and large lot residential in character. The proposed project is compatible with the adjacent development.

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as Residential Low Density on the <u>Northwest Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map</u>. The proposed project is consistent with this land use designation.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u>, adopted

in September 1993, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, on pages 29 and 36 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective –In areas with environmentally sensitive lands of limited infrastructure, low density development is encouraged

The proposed project has a density of less than 1.0 dwelling units per acre. The proposed project implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – Residential development should be limited to individual dwellings on individual lots</u> The proposed project is a single-family detached residential subdivision. This project implements this Principle.

Other Pertinent Factors

1) As of April 15, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.

Section 24-81 of the County Code states "...The owner of all homes, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment,, recreation, or other purposes situated within the county and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there shall be located a public sanitary sewer is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with provisions of this article within 90 days after written notice from the county to the property owner requiring such property owner make connection thereto, provided that said public sewer shall be within 200 feet of the property line..." Since Richland County Utilities has a 12 "force main across O'Sheal Rd from the subject site, all the residences will be required to connect to the County sewer system.

Public water is available from a City of Columbia water main located at the St John's Place subdivision entrance Kennerly Road. There are currently no plans to extend the water lines to the subject site. Public water will not likely be necessary for the residences in this site because the lots are almost an acre in area and they will have to connect to the County sewer system.

SECTION II – STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends conditional approval of the minor subdivision plans for a 7 unit single family detached subdivision, known as River Trails (Project # SD-05-226). The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The traffic generated by the proposed subdivision, by itself, will not result in the adjacent portion of O'Sheal Road operating below a LOS C capacity.
- 2. The proposed subdivision is compatible with existing development in the area.
- 3. The project is consistent with the Northwest Subarea Plan Map land use designation.

4. The proposed project implements the relevant Objectives and Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Plan.

Specific Conditions

- a) The Department of Public Works must approve the stormwater management plans; and
- b) A Controlled Clearing Certificate letter must be issued by the Department prior to starting any site clearing activity. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- c) The final plats must include signed the tree certification statements. Contact Sean Busbee @ 576-2171 for more information; and
- d) The plat must establish the setbacks, either graphically or by notation, for each lot; and
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SECTION III - COMMISSION RECONSIDERATION & APPEAL

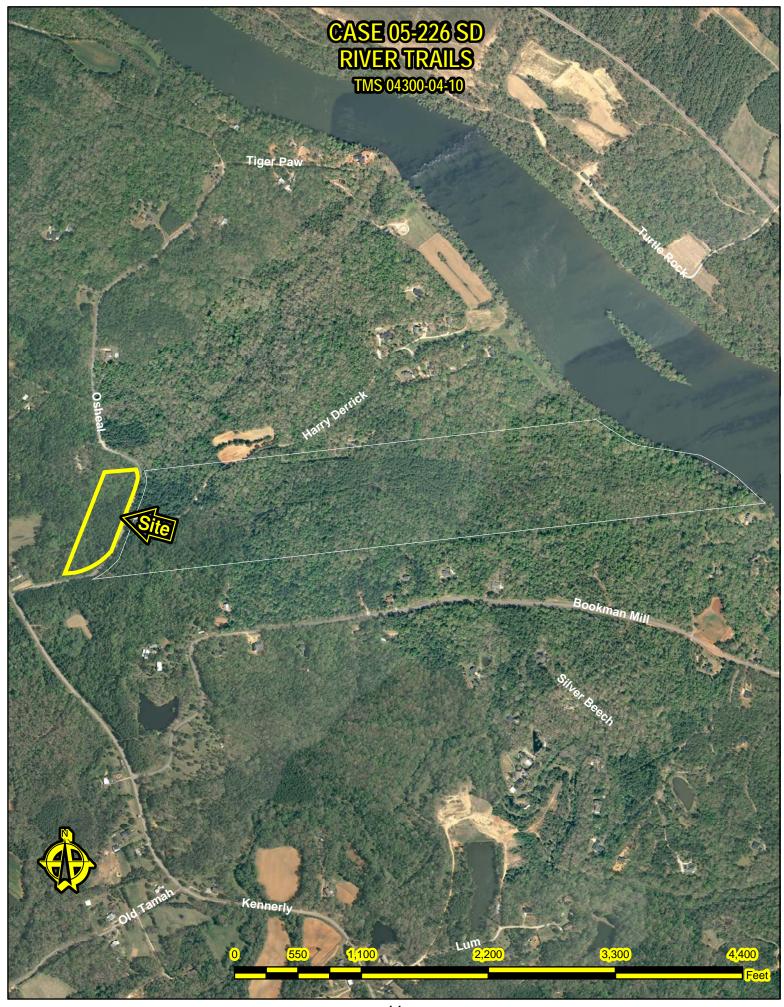
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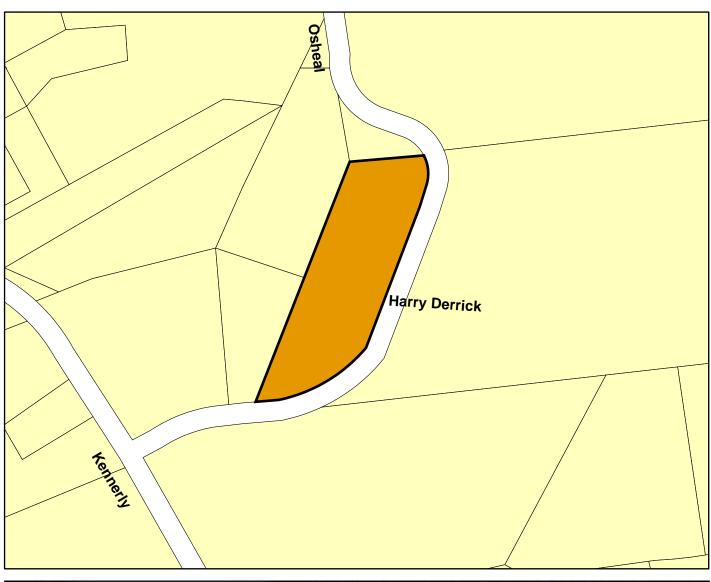
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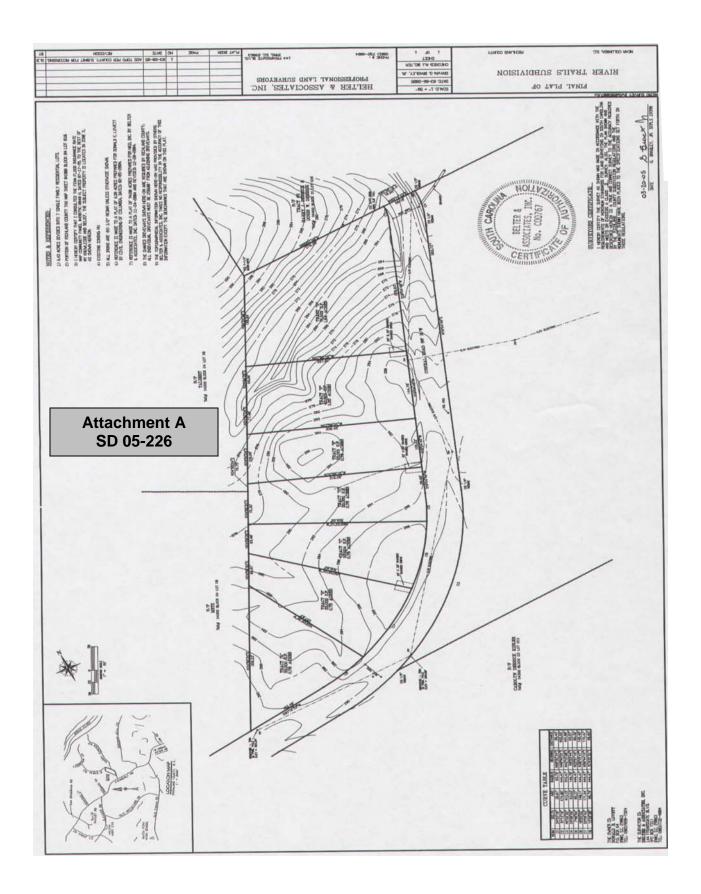
SD-05-226 RIVER TRAILS MINOR S/D





Looking east on O'Sheal Road

Looking @ Site



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION SUBDIVISION STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

Applicant: Mungo Company	Pre	Preliminary Subdivision Plans For: Brookhaven, Phase 6		
RC Project #: SD-05-232		Brooknaven, Phase o		
General Location: Hobart Road near the RR track				
Tax Map Number: 17500-03-42 (p)				Current Zoning: PUD
Subject Area: 26.5 acres	Number of Units: 97 Gros		oss Density: 3.6 DU/acres	
Sewer Service Provider: City of Columbia		Water Service Provider: City of Columbia		

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In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

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Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Longtown Road
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collector
Level-Of-Service $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)	8600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	ect 922
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station #7 Located @ just south of Lee Rd	711 5000
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	5922
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	ject 0.69

Notes:

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The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003, i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed project, by itself, will not result in the LOS C being exceeded at SCDOT count station 711. However, the table below shows Longtown Road will be operating above LOS F levels upon buildout of the projects approved to date in this area.

Projected Traffic On Longtown Rd Between Longtown West Rd and Clemson Rd

Project Name	Number of Units (1)	Estimated Traffic (2)
Ivy Square, Ph. 1	115	1093
Rivendale	83	789
Falls Mill, Phase 1	74	703
Vineyard Crossings	94	893
Mason Ridge	42	399
Thomaston	29	276
Traditions	43	409
Longtown Place	72	684
Ashley Ridge, Phase 2	102	969
Heather Green, Phase 1	103	979
Deer Creek, Phase 1	89	846
Brookhaven, Phase 1	103	969
Brookhaven, Phase 2	80	760
Brookhaven, Phase 3	104	988
Longtown Rd Bus. Park	5	NAv
Brookhaven, Phase 4	76	722
Brookhaven, Phase 6 (prop)	97	922
Total Upon Project Completion		12,401

Notes:

- 1) Planning Commission approved projects with the principal access on Longtown Road
- 2) Based on 9.5 trips per day per single family detached dwelling units
- 3) NAv means the traffic generation can not be computed until more details are available

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 1 mile radius of a fire station.

School Impacts

Based on information provided by the District 2 School Board office *, the Department estimates the proposed subdivision will generate the additional school age children described below:

Elementary School @ 0.20 students per single family DU	19
Middle School @ 0.13 students per single family DU	13
High School @ 0.12 Students per single family DU	12

^{*} All Districts assumed to have the same generation rate – rounded to nearest whole number

Existing Site Conditions

The subject site is mostly flat and vegetated with pine trees and scrub oaks. Water and sewer service will be provided by the City of Columbia.

Compatibility with the Surrounding Area

The proposed project is consistent with the PUD Conceptual Plan, Ordinance # 64-02 HR, for the project now known as Brookhaven.

Discussion of Applicable Comprehensive Plan Issues

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed subdivision based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8]. The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

The subject site is designated as Industrial on the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map</u>. The proposed project is not consistent with this land use designation.

The <u>proposed</u> subdivision is not consistent with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> because it is a residential project located in an area designated for industrial development. The state law requires projects to be consistent with the provisions of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>, including the <u>Map</u>. Even though the County rezoned the entire project to PUD-2, the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan Proposed Land Use Map</u> was not changed to a residential as required by state law.

In addition to reviewing proposed project for consistency with the appropriate <u>Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is the Department's position that the development policies found in the Subarea Plans, must be analyzed to determine if the proposed project furthers the Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u>. The <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in April 1994, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject subdivision. The relevant Objectives and Principles, found on pages 31 and 39 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Accommodate in certain higher density residential areas, a full range of housing opportunities, to meet the various needs of area residents

The proposed project will have a density of 3.6 DU/acre. The proposed project implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – Mixed residential densities are appropriate within the Developing Urban Area and</u> should conform to the Proposed Land Use Map

The proposed project is a subdivision in an area designated for industrial development This project does not implement this Principle.

Other Pertinent Factors

- 1) As of April 15, 2005, the Public Works Dept. had not approved the stormwater management plans.
- 2) As of April 15, 2005, the City of Columbia had not approved the water and sewer line construction plans.
- 3) As of April 15, 2005, DHEC had not issued a sewer line construction permit.
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SECTION II - STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends conditional approval of the preliminary subdivision plans for a 97 unit single family detached subdivision, known as Brookhaven, Phase 6 (Project # SD-05-232). The preliminary plans are not officially approved until there is substantial compliance with all relevant requirements of the Richland County Code of Ordinances and the Specific Conditions identified below:

Findings of Fact

- 1. The traffic generated by the proposed subdivision, by itself, will not result in the adjacent portion of Longtown Road operating below a LOS C capacity. However, the Department estimates that Longtown Road will be operating far above the LOS F when the already approved projects in the area are fully occupied.
- 2. The proposed subdivision **is compatible** with existing development in the area.
- 3. The project **is not consistent with** the I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan Map land use designation.
- 4. The proposed project **implements** the relevant Objectives of the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan</u>.
- 5. The proposed project **does not implement** the relevant Principles of the <u>I-77 Corridor</u> Subarea Plan.

Specific Conditions

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- g) No building permits shall be issued until all of the conditions cited above are met; and
- h) Plats shall only be recorded by the complete phases identified in the preliminary plan; and
- i) Any further division of phase 6 identified herein shall require Planning Commission approval prior to recording; **and**
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- 1) A Certificate of Occupancy shall **not** be issued for any residence in this project until the Department receives a copy of the DHEC Permit To Operate the Water system and/or the DHEC Permit To Operate the Sewer system, if applicable, by phase; **and**
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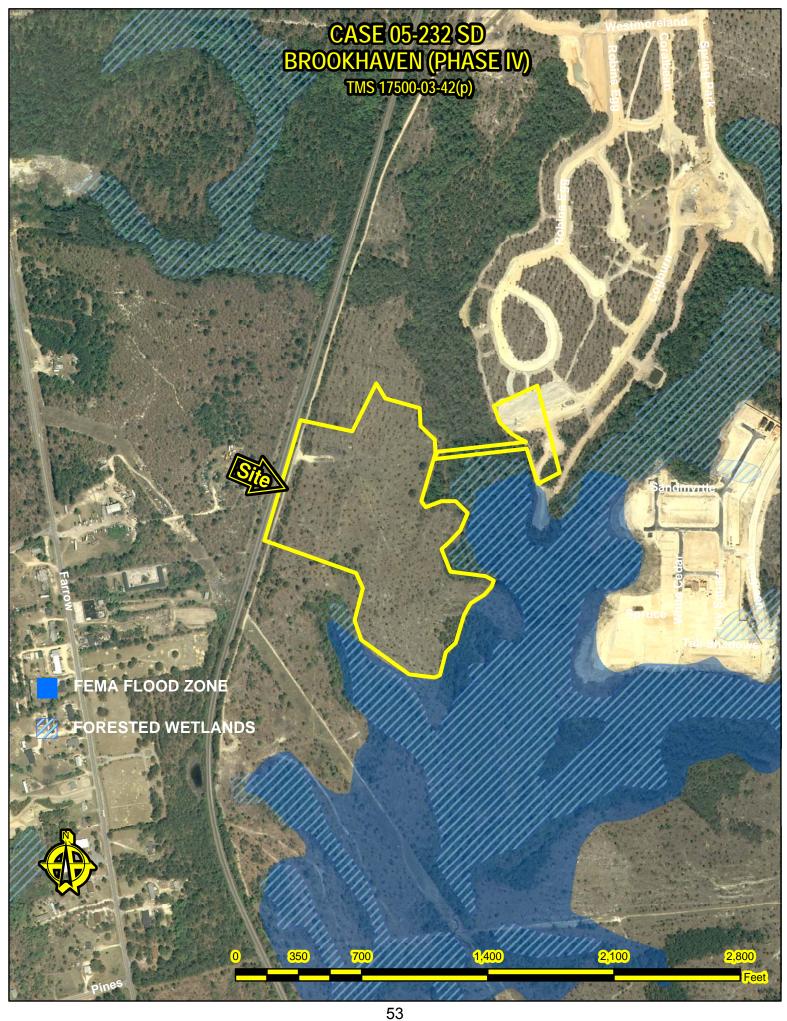
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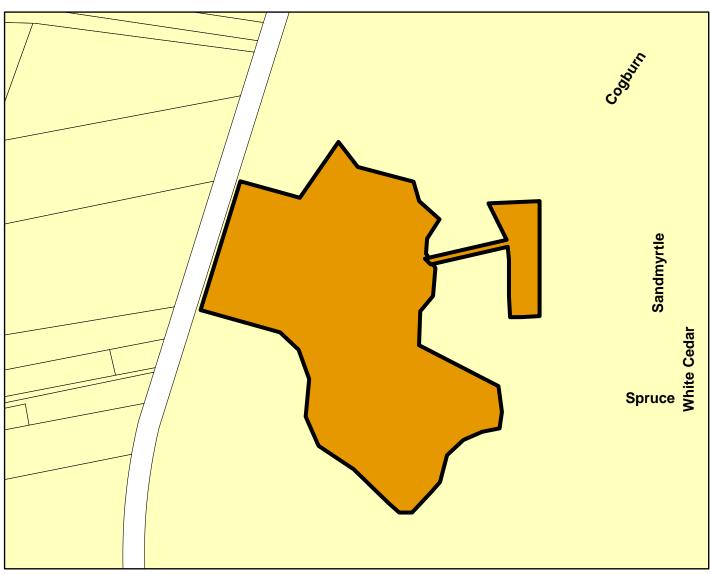
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SD-05-232 BROOKHAVEN (PHASE IV)

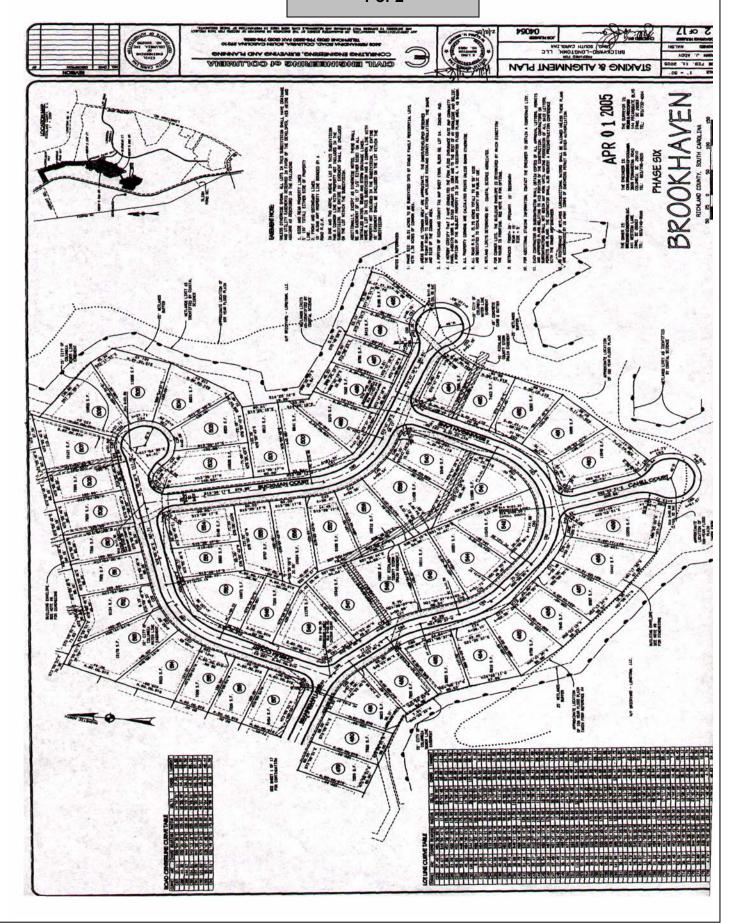




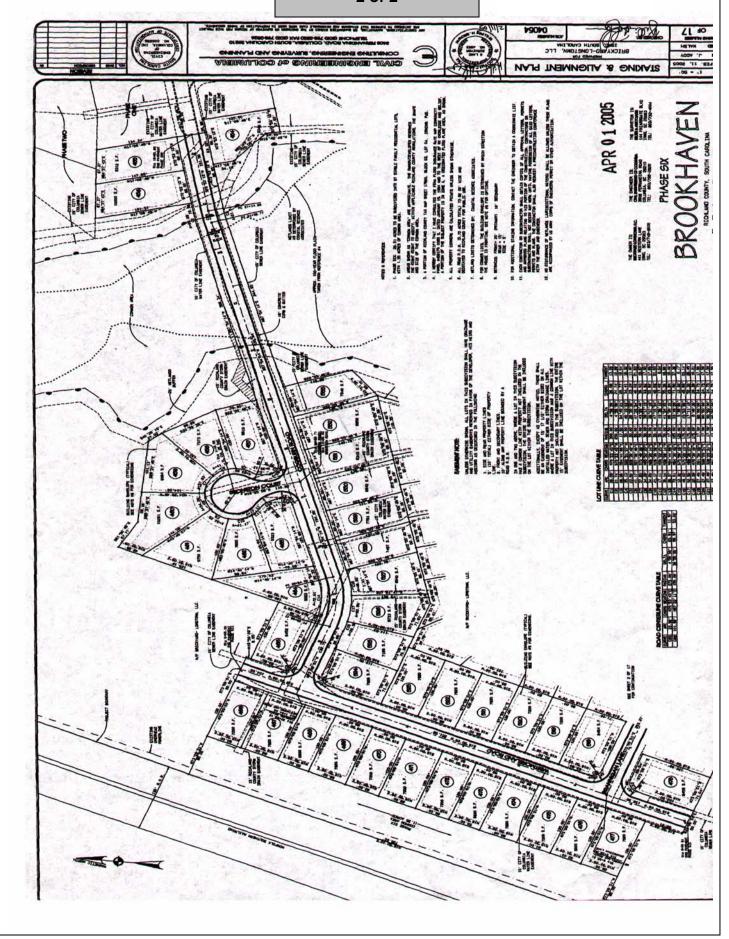
Wetlands Crossing

Looking at Site

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT Development Services Division Memo

TO: Planning Commission Members; Interested Parties **FROM:** Carl D. Gosline, AICP, Subdivision Administrator

DATE: April 25, 2005

RE: DRAFT Planning Commission Stonington Subdivision Report (SD-05-199)

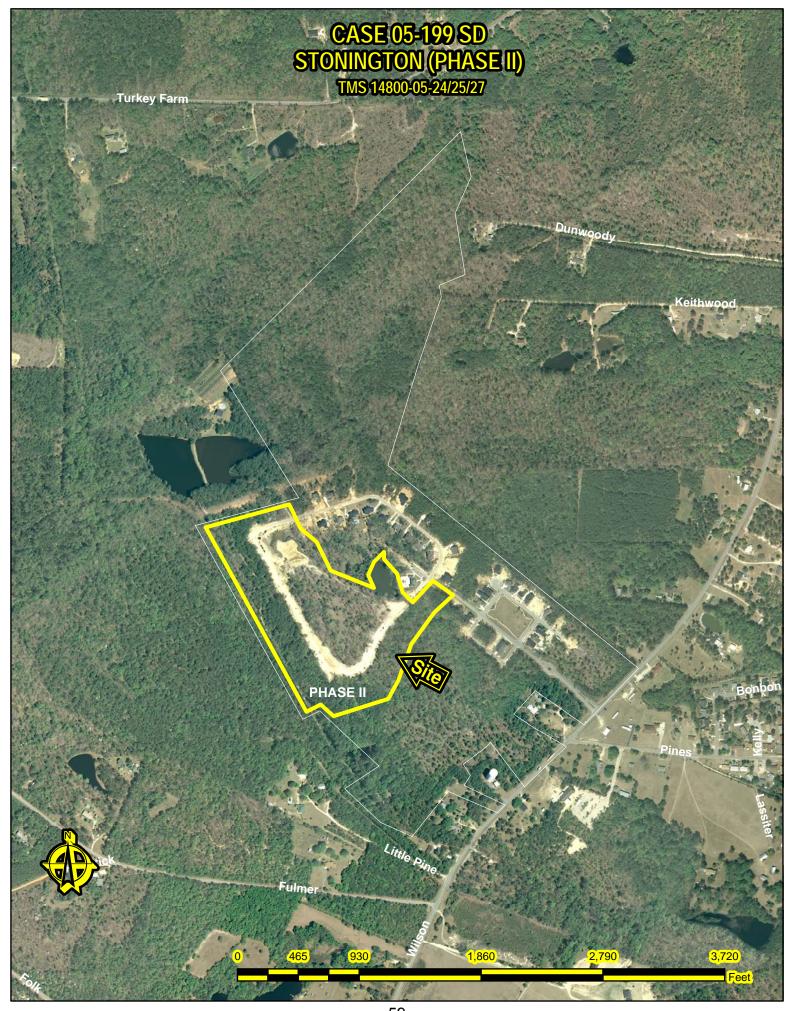
Project History

- In 2000, a PUD was approved for the subject project. A PUD included 86 acres of single family residences, 14 acres of neighborhood commercial, 23 acres of road R/W and 47 acres open space and recreation. The gross project density is 1.2 DU per acre (202 units on 165 acres).
- 2) The project includes 3 different subdivision, plus a commercial area along Wilson Blvd. The Stonebury S/D has a common area and an average lot size of 0.2 acres. This subdivision is at the current entrance to the project off Wilson Blvd.
- The Stonecroft S/D is in the middle of the project and has the amenity center for the whole project. The average lot size of this subdivision is 0.5 acres. One of the PUD conditions states that the perimeter lots must have a minimum 50-foot wide conservation/access easement to serve as a buffer to adjoining development at the rear of the lot. (the Robinson property and Hollis Pond Road).
- 4) Stonecrest subdivision is at the rear of the site and has an average lot area of 0.7 acres.
- The first communication regarding the actual subdivision of the site was a letter from the Public Works Dept. to the project engineer providing comments about the proposed Sediment and Erosion Control Permit (Grading Permit) for the project. One of the comments stated that "...100 Year Flood elevations shall be established within the designated A zone. Contract Harry Reed at the County Planning Dept... In addition, the following statement shall be added to the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan...During construction, the owner/contractor **shall continually monitor** the condition of both ponds which are located immediately downstream on the adjacent property (Janette Robinson's property). Should the ponds become impacted as a result of Stonington's construction, **then immediate corrective action shall be provided...**"
- On June 4, 2001, The Planning Commission approved the Phase 1 Preliminary Plans submission, subject to the usual conditions. Phase 1 included 55 lots in a portion of the Stonebury and Stonecroft subdivisions.
- 7) A bonded plat was recorded for Phase 1 on June 10, 2002.
- 8) The DHEC Permits To Operate the water and sewer systems for Phase 1 (55 lots) were received on March 9, 2004.
- 9) On December 8, 2004, the Public Works Dept. sent a letter to the applicant stating "...you may continue in the existing phase (phase 1), but do not have permission to perform any land disturbance activity in the portion of phase development that lies on the northerly side of Hawkins Branch...You are hereby ordered to immediately correct the following: (a) Remove the accumulated sediment in the constructed detention pond and reconstruct the stone check dam that is currently under water...(b) Replace or repair non-functioning silt fence and remove accumulated sediment in the creek that

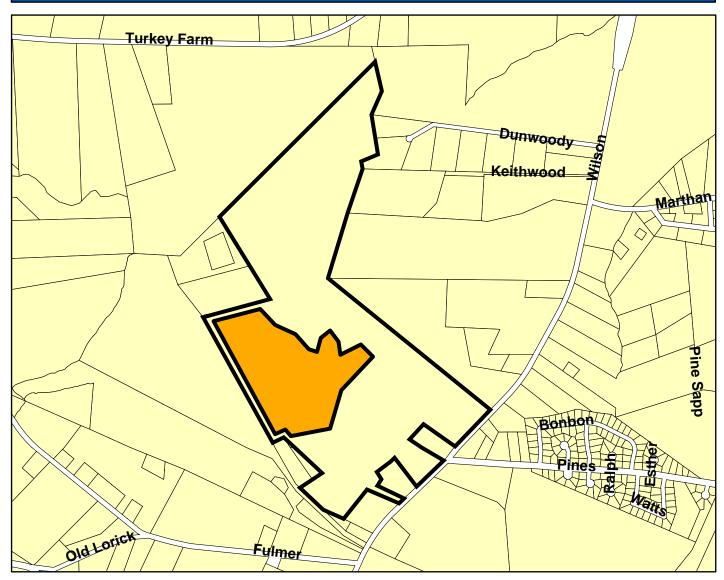
- crosses the sanitary sewer line and is directly upstream of the adjacent Robinson property without creating any disturbance or impact to the downstream receiving waters (Hollis Pond) [on the Robinson property]
- On February 11, 2005, the applicant submitted a request to review the bonded plat for Phase 2, the area adjacent to the Robinson property.
- The Dept. sent a letter to the applicant on March 2, 2005 stating that the bonded plat could not be processed until the Planning Commission approved the preliminary plans and that if a <u>complete</u> preliminary plans package was received by 5:00 PM on March 31, 2005, the project would be scheduled for Commission consideration at the May 2, 2005 meeting. This letter further stated that "no plans, or plats, for any other phase of this project, including phase 2, can be approved until the following action occur:
 - (a) The right-of-way/access easement for Hollis Pond Road (the Robnson's property accessway) location issues is resolved; and
 - (b) The wetlands encroachment permit is issued by USCOE; and
 - (c) The issues in Rocky Archer's letter of December 28, 2004 (discussed above) are resolved to the satisfaction of the Public Works Dept.; and
 - (d) The plans and plats depict a minimum 50 foot wide buffer along the perimeter lots of the Stonecroft and Stonecrest subdivisions; and the Planning Commission approves the preliminary plans for phase 2; and
 - (e) ALL the conditions that may be established by the Commission are satisfactorily met; and
 - (f) Any substantial change in the approved PUD plan will require a major PUD amendment..."
- To date, the Department has not approved a flood elevation statement that was requested from the applicant on February 20, 2001.
- To date, the Department has not received the wetlands encroachment letter for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE). The Department received a copy of a letter from the applicant's wetlands consultant on April 22, 2005 stating that the USCOE wetlands encroachment permit has NOT been issued, but is expected in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that no further preliminary plans submission in the Stonington project be scheduled for Planning Commission consideration until ALL of the outstanding issues cited herein are satisfactorily resolved.



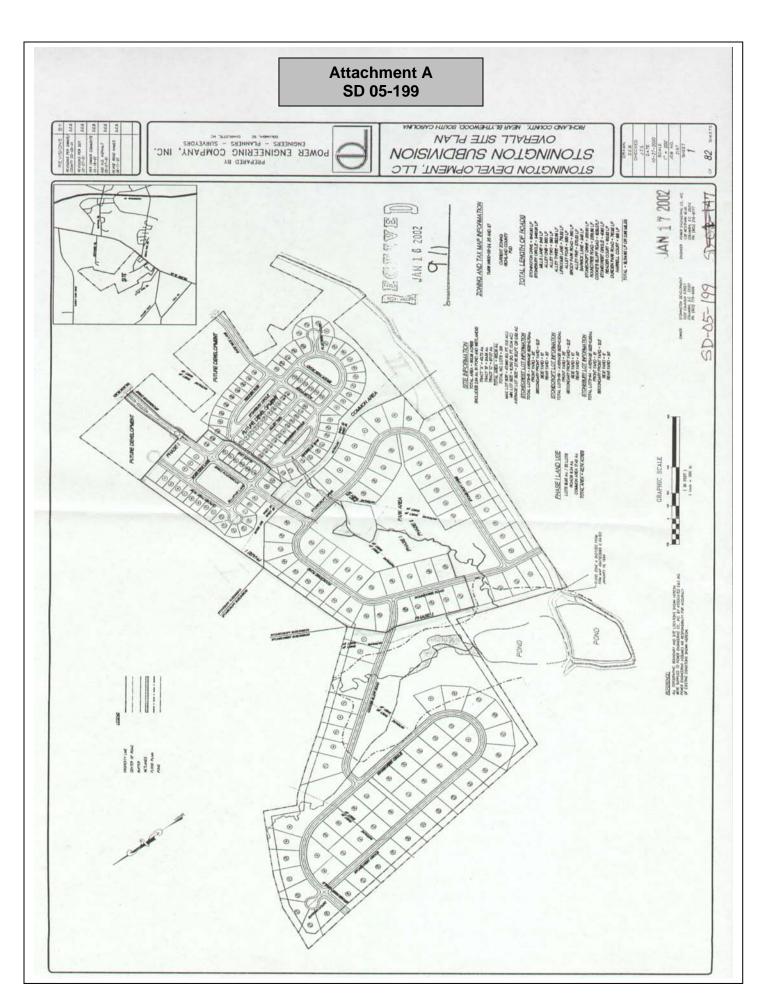
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Looking at Phase I from Phase II

Looking at Phase II



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-59 MA	Applicant: Otis Smith	
General Location: East side of Fairfield Road	Near Wahhar Street	
General Location. East side of Pairfield Road Near Webber Street		
Tax Map Number: 11808-02-03	Subject Area: 2.0 ac MOL	
Current Parcel Zoning: RS-3	Proposed Parcel Zoning: C-3	
Proposed Use: Tire Repair Shop	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005	

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (*to the Zoning Ordinance*) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

For the establishment of a tire repair shop

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	RS-3	Undeveloped woodlands, storage of large truck containers & dilapidated construction equipment and storage of fill dirt
Adjacent North	RS-3	Single family residences
Adjacent East	RS-3	Single family residences and vacant commercial structure
Adjacent South	RS-3	Undeveloped woodlands & single family residences
Adjacent West	M-1	Undeveloped woodlands & single family residences (some vacant)

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

RS-3 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed C-3 Zoning Designation Intent
Intended as single family residential areas with	Intended to accommodate a wide variety of
low to medium population densities.	general commercial and nonresidential uses
	characterized by retail, office and service
	establishments and oriented primarily to major
	traffic arteries
Existing RS-3 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses
Single family detached dwellings or modular	Retail, service, repair & personal services
building units located on individual lots.	Offices, studios & financial institutions
	Eating and drinking establishments
	Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft.
	Private clubs, lodges and the like
	Automobile service stations
	Places of worship
	Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-63 and Chapter 26-67, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site is contiguous to existing single-family residences to the north and south on RS-3 zoned property. There are vacant single-family residences and undeveloped woodlands to the west on M-1 zoned property. Single-family residences and a vacant commercial structure exist on RS-3 zoned property to the east. The proposed Amendment is not compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From		Fairfield Road (Hwy. 321)
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Fi	ve Lane Undivided Major Arterial
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)	33,600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	ct	249
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @south of site on Fairfield Road (Hwy. 32)	188 1)	13,800
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		14,049
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project		0.42

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. In this case, the estimated traffic is calculated by multiplying the generation rate for a Tire Store found on

page 1493 of the \underline{TGM} times the proposed square footage of the use. The calculation is as follows; 10,000 sq. ft. x average rate of 24.87 per 1,000 sq. ft. = 249 ADT's.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (i.e., zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, the <u>Map</u> should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The <u>Map</u> designates the subject area as Medium Density Residential in the Developing Urban area.

The <u>proposed</u> C-3 zoning is NOT consistent with the <u>Map</u> designation as required by state statutes because the <u>Map</u> designates the site as Medium Density Residential. The zoning should be RS-2, RS-3, RG-1 or PUD to be consistent with the Medium Density Residential land use designation.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in April 1994, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 31 and 39 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Establish commercial pockets or clusters as needed to serve the area.

The subject site is contiguous to single family residences to the north, south, and east on land zoned RS-3. Undeveloped woodlands exist to the west on M-1 zoned property. There is a substantial amount of underutilized M-1 zoned property directly across Fairfield Road that would permit the requested use. There is an existing convenience store to the south on C-3 zoned property to serve the area. The proposed Amendment **does not implement** this Objective.

Principle – <u>In general, commercial and office activities should be confined to or expanded at existing clusters, and/or locations as identified on the Proposed Land Use Map.</u>

As previously stated, the site is surrounded by single family residences on RS-3 zoned property and is not located within or near an existing commercial area.

- Areas identified on the Proposed Land Use Map;
 The Map designates the site as Medium Density Residential.
- 2. <u>Sites that don't encroach or penetrate established residential areas; and</u>
 The subject site is encompassed by single family residences on RS-3 zoned property to the north, south, and east.
- 3. <u>Sites of major traffic junctions and cluster locations as opposed to strip development</u>. The site is not located at a major intersection which is one of the guidelines of the <u>Plan</u>. Rezoning this parcel would start a precedent for strip development on the east side of Fairfield Road.

The proposed Amendment does not implement this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

Upon a site investigation by the Department on April 6, 2004 it was evident that the subject site was in violation of the Richland County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 26 Section 63.5 *Prohibited uses and structures* in the RS-3 zoning district (4) Storage or long-term parking of commercial or industrial vehicles and the storage of fill dirt on the site is a prohibited use in the RS-3 zoning district.

Under Article II Section 3 (e) of the Planning Commission Rules of procedure, "when there are existing violations of those portions of the County Code for which the Department has enforcement responsibility on a subject site, the Planning Commission may, at a regularly scheduled meeting, delay consideration of the subject property for up to 90 days.

The parcel to the north zoned C-3 (TMS# 11905-01-16) was rezoned in 1990. Based on research of old zoning maps, the parcels to the north zoned C-2 (TMS#'s 11905-07-01/03) and the parcel to the south (TMS# 11808-02-23) zoned C-3 have had the current zoning designation since at least 1987.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-59 MA **not be changed** from RS-3 to C-3.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is not compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Fairfield Road at this location is not currently being exceeded and the proposed Amendment would not have a significant impact on the LOS design capacity of Fairfield Road.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is not consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan</u>.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is not consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the <u>I-77 Corridor Subarea Plan</u> discussed herein.
- 5. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

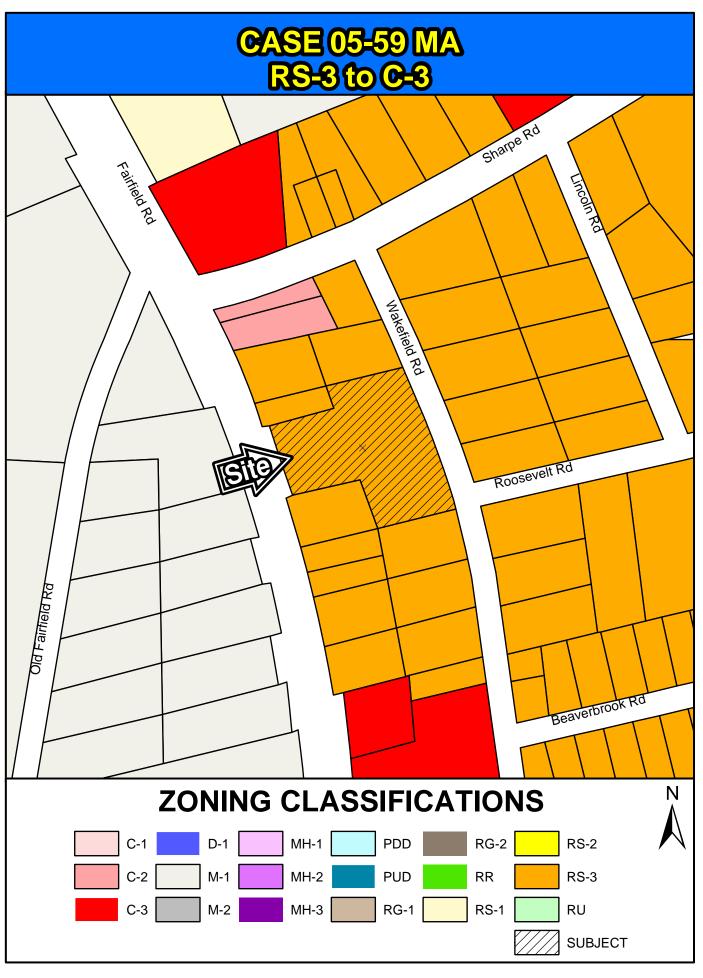
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-59 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-59 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-59 MA From RS-3 to C-3

TMS# 11808-02-03 / East side of Fairfield Rd just south of Sharpe Rd





Attachment A Case 05-59 MA





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WHEREAS, Lima Goldson and Lizzie Goldson conveyed all their interest in the below described property to Charlotte Mae Goldson by deed dated May 9, 1947, as recorded in the Office of the RMC for Richland County in Deed Book GW at page 228, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Mae Goldson is now desirous of conveying all of her interest in the below described property to Otis Smith.

MOW THEREFORE,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That I, Charlotte Mae Goldson





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unto the sold Otis Smith, his helds and assigns to ever;

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, lying and being east of State Highway No. 218, about five (5) miles North of the City of Columbia, in the County of Richland and State of South Carolina; said lot known and designated as Lot No. 12 as shown on a Plat of Crane Creek Lots precised by James C. Covington, C.E., August 27, 1942 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County in Plat Book "J" at page 52.

This being the identical property heretofore conveyed to the Grantor herein by deed of Luna Goldson and Lizzie Goldson, dated May 9, 1947 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County in Deed Book GW at page 228.

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RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-60 MA	Applicant: Randy Mosteller
General Location: Dutch Fork Road (Hwy. 76) at Mt. Vernon Church Road	
Tax Map Number: 01511-01-04/05/06/08	Subject Area: 2.95 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: RU	Proposed Parcel Zoning: C-3
Proposed Use: Various retail uses	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

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- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

To allow for the continuance and expansion of existing commercial uses on the site.

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	RU	Barber Shop, Paintball Store, Hand Wash and Detail, and undeveloped woodlands
Adjacent North	RU	Railroad tracks
Adjacent East	PUD	Exxon gas station
Adjacent South	RU	Lowman Home
Adjacent West	RU	Hugh Vann Sales, Inc. and Wholesale Pet Supplies

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

RU Zoning Designation Intent

Intended to protect and encourage agricultural endeavors; promote wise use of prime agricultural and forest communities; protect and encourage the integrity of existing rural communities; protect valuable natural and cultural resources; and maintain open space and scenic areas contiguous to development areas

Proposed C-3 Zoning Designation Intent

Intended to accommodate a wide variety of general commercial and nonresidential uses characterized by retail, office and service establishments and oriented primarily to major traffic arteries

Existing RU Zoning Permitted Uses

All farm type enterprises
Public buildings and utilities
Orphanages, nursing homes and the like
Places of worship
Educational facilities
One & Two family dwellings

Proposed C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses

Retail, service, repair & personal services
Offices, studios & financial institutions
Eating and drinking establishments
Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft.
Private clubs, lodges and the like
Automobile service stations
Places of worship
Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-67, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site is comprised of existing commercial uses and is surrounded by commercial uses to the west and east, a railroad track to the north and the Lowman Home to the south. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Dutch Fork Road (Hwy. 7	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivi	ded collector
Level-Of-Service $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00		8600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	ct	NP
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @ south of the site on Dutch Fork Road (H	45 wy. 76)	16,100
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		NP
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	ect	NP

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

NP = Not possible to determine the generation rate from the TGM (use not specific enough)

Without a more specific idea of the intended use, it is not possible to estimate the traffic that could be generated by the use of the site for general commercial uses. For example, the <u>TGM</u> has factors for retail commercial use ranging from 4.8 trips per 1000 sq. ft for unspecified general commercial to 688 trips 1000 sq. ft for a drive-in restaurant to 1855 trips per 1000 sq. ft. GLA for a convenience store with gas pumps.

It should be noted that there are currently commercial uses on the subject site(s) and unless additional structures are constructed or more intense uses move in to the existing site(s) then no additional traffic will be generated from the site. The SCDOT count station #145 is located on a five lane portion of Dutch Fork Road which is rated to handle 19,600 ADT's.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 3 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan">Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

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In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in September 1993, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map

Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 29 and 36 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – <u>Encourage industrial and commercial uses in selected, concentrated locations where access is appropriate for the use.</u>

The subject site is comprised of existing commercial uses contiguous to various commercial uses to the east and west. The site(s) also have direct access onto Dutch Fork Road (Hwy. 76) which is a two lane undivided collector. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Objective.

Principle – <u>In general, commercial and office activities should be confined to or expanded at existing clusters, and/or proposed locations as identified on the Proposed Land Use Map.</u>

As stated in the Objective, the site is comprised of and located amongst commercial uses. The Map designates the site as Commercial. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

None

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-60 MA **be changed** from RU to C-3.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Dutch Fork Road (Hwy. 76) south of this location is not currently being exceeded and the subject site currently has commercial uses on the site which generate traffic.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northwest Subarea Plan.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Plan discussed herein.
- 5. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

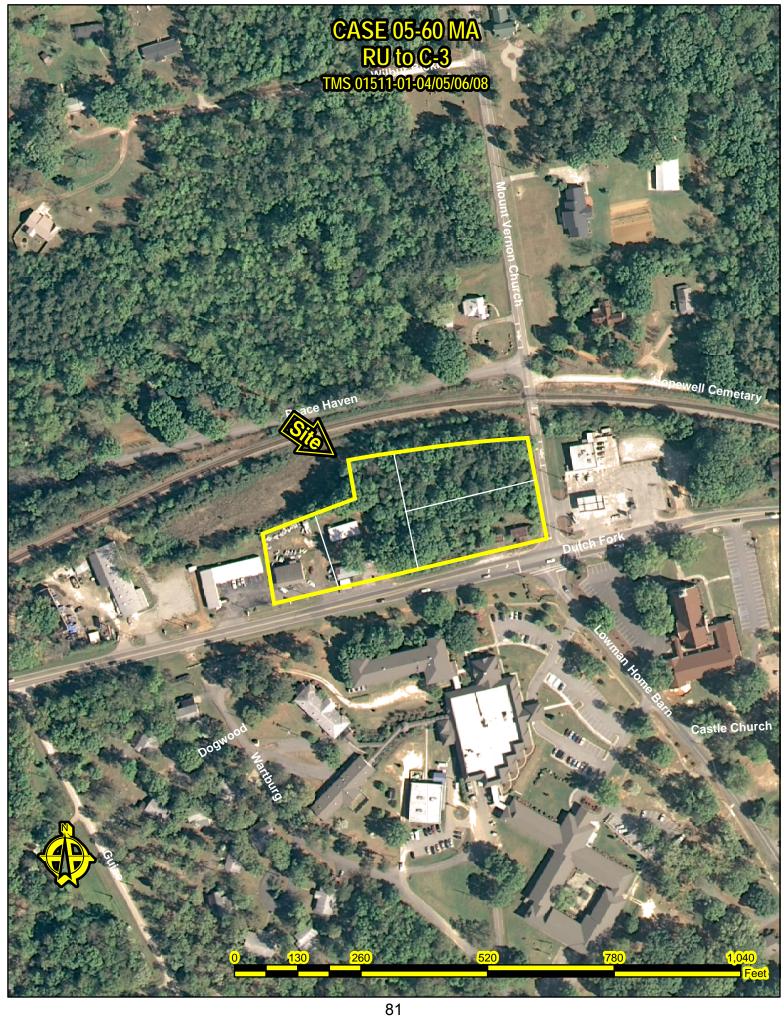
- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
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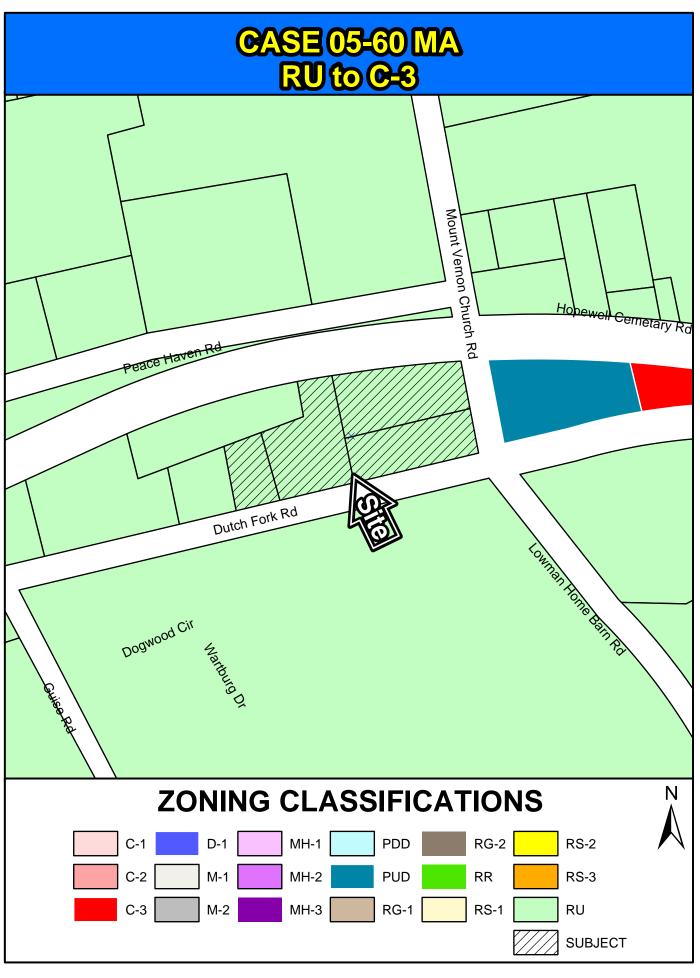
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-60 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-60 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-60 MA From RU to C-3

TMS# 01511-01-04/05/06/08 Dutch Fork Rd near The Lowman Home





Attachment A Case 05-60 MA

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Richland County TMS 01511-01-04 / 05 / 06 / 08 Totaling 2.95 Acres in White Rock

TMS 01511-01-04: Beginning at a 1" pipe on the northern ROW of US 76 463-86' from it*s intersection with S 40-234 in White Rock, thence continuing along US 76 ROW S 77-14-23 W for 163.86' to a RR spike, thence N 17-24-13 W for 155.67' to a 3/4" rebar, thence N 69-29-15 E 110-82' to a *" rebar, thence N 10-57-47 W 104.83' to a 5/8" rebar on CN & L RR ROW, thence N 77-08-51 E 75' to a *" rebar. Thence S10-20-22 E 173.69' to a RR spike, thence continuing S 10-20-22 E 101.56' to point of beginning.

TMS 01511-01-05 Beginning at a 3/4" rebar on the western ROW of S 40-234 in White Rock, thence with the ROW of S 40-234 at a bearing of S 07-50-32 E 142.73' to a 5/8" rebar, thence S77-05-32 W 290.20' to a RR spike, thence N 10-20-22 W 173.69' to a *" rebar. thence along CN & L RR ROW along a curve with: Ch Brg = N 83-09-28 E, Ch Dist = 296.68', Delta = 9-15-58, Radius = 1836.52' and Arc = 297.01' to point of beginning.

TMS 01511-01-06 Beginning at a 5/8" rebar on the western ROW of S 40-234 in White Rock, thence along the ROW of S 40-234 101.50' to a RR spike at the intersection with US76, thence along US 76 ROW 300' to a 1" pipe, thence N 10-20-22 W 101.56' to a RR spike, thence N 77-05-32 E 290.20' to point of beginning.

TMS 01511-01-08 Beginning at point on the northern ROW of US 76, 463.86' from the intersection with the western ROW of S 40-234, thence along US 76 ROW 106.0' to a RR spike in the pavement, thence N 09-58-00- W 143.4' along the line of Hugh Vann*s property to an iron pin, thence along CN & L RR property N 69-29-16 E 89,7' to a 3/4" rebar, thence S 17-24-13 E 155.67' to point of beginning.

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-61 MA	Applicant: David L. Lucas, Sr./Bob Rocks,
	LLC
General Location: Corner of Broad River and	Sease Road
Tax Map Number: 04003-02-16	Subject Area: 0.915 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: D-1	Proposed Parcel Zoning: C-3
Proposed Use: Various Commercial	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (to the Zoning Ordinance) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

For the establishment of various commercial uses such as a business park, restaurant, convenience store, pharmacy, etc.

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	D-1	Undeveloped woodlands
Adjacent North	C-3	Grace K. Salon, Inc.
Adjacent East	D-1	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Adjacent South	C-3	Undeveloped woodlands and vacant cleared property
Adjacent West	D-1	Undeveloped woodlands & RR track

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

Intended to provide for large tracts of land located primarily on the fringe of urban growth where the predominant character of urban development has not yet been fully established, but where the current characteristics of use are predominantly residential, agricultural, or semideveloped, with scattered related uses.

Proposed C-3 Zoning Designation Intent

Intended to accommodate a wide variety of general commercial and nonresidential uses characterized by retail, office and service establishments and oriented primarily to major traffic arteries

Existing	D-1	Zoning	Permitted	Uses

D-1 Zoning Designation Intent

Agriculture
Horticulture
Forestry
Single family detached dwellings or modular building units located on individual lots
Places of worship

Proposed C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses

Retail, service, repair & personal services Offices, studios & financial institutions Eating and drinking establishments Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft. Private clubs, lodges and the like Automobile service stations Places of worship Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-67, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site abuts parcels zoned C-3 to the north (salon) and south with various commercial uses in the immediate vicinity of the site. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Broad River Road (Hwy. 176)	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collector	
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00	8600	
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	ct NP	
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @south of the site on Broad River Road	150 11,200	
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	NP	
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	ject NP	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

NP = Not possible to determine the generation rate from the TGM (use not specific enough)

Without a more specific idea of the intended use, it is not possible to estimate the traffic that could be generated by the use of the site for general commercial uses. For example, the <u>TGM</u> has factors for retail commercial use ranging from 4.8 trips per 1000 sq. ft for unspecified general commercial to 688 trips 1000 sq. ft for a drive-in restaurant to 1855 trips per 1000 sq. ft. GLA for a convenience store with gas pumps.

The LOS of the portion of Broad River Road at SCDOT count station #150 is currently being exceeded at a LOS E with a V/C of 1.30. The proposed Amendment should not have a significant affect on traffic due to the size of the site which prohibits the size of a commercial structure or use.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (i.e., zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the Northewest Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as Residential Medium/Low Density in the Developing Urban area.

The <u>proposed</u> C-3 zoning is NOT consistent with the <u>Map</u> designation as required by state statutes because it proposes commercial zoning in a residential designated area. The zoning should be RS-1, RS-2, RS-3 or PUD to be consistent with the Residential Medium/Low Density land use designation.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in September 1993, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 29 and 36 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Encourage industrial and commercial uses in selected, concentrated locations where access is appropriate for the use.

The site is located amongst commercial zoned property and commercial land uses. The parcel has frontage onto Broad River Road which provides the site with ample public access. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Objective.

Principle – <u>In general</u>, commercial and office activities should be confined to or expanded at existing clusters, and/or proposed locations as identified on the Proposed Land Use Map.

As stated in the Objective, the site is located amongst commercial zoned property and commercial land uses. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

The parcel directly to the south of the subject site was rezoned to C-3 in 2003.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-61 MA **be changed** from D-1 to C-3.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Broad River Road at this location is currently being exceeded.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is not consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northwest Subarea Plan.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the Northwest Subarea Plan discussed herein.
- 5. It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> for this portion of the <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u> should be amended, via the formal land use ordinance adoption process, to change the land use designation for the subject site to a Commercial land use designation.
- 6. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

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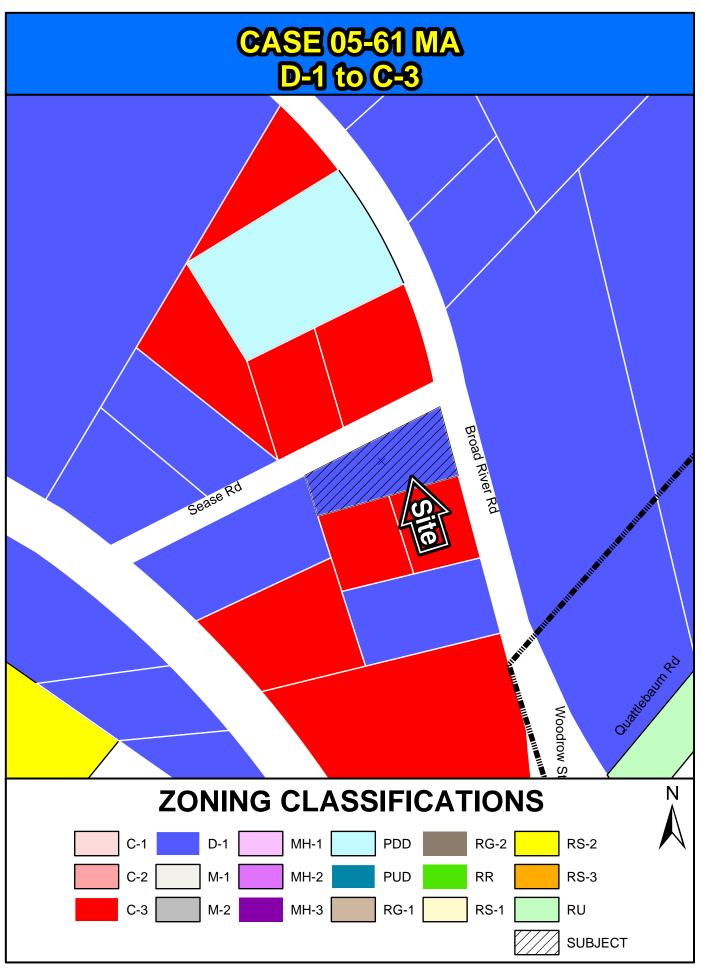
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Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-61 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-61 MA From D-1 to C-3

TMS# 04003-02-16

Broad River Rd & Sease Rd





Attachment A Case 05-61 MA

Legal Description

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, being shown as Parcel R-1 containing .727 acres on a survey prepared for Bob Rocks, LLC by Dennis G. Johns dated November 17, 2004, revised January 11, 2005, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Richland County in Book 1022 at Page 1158 and having the following metes and bounds:

Beginning at a corner in the Southeastern portion of the property bordering on Broad River Road the property runs S75° 22' 05"W for 145.03 feet, thence turning and running S75° 09' 30"W for 145.15 feet; thence turning and running N15° 48' 15"W for 79.35 feet; thence turning and running N63° 11' 40"E for 275.05 feet; thence turning and running S67° 00' 30"E for 24.21 feet; thence turning and running S16° 23' 30"E for 122.08 feet to the point of beginning. All measurements being a little more or less.

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-62 MA	Applicant: Karen McMillian
General Location: 5752 Knightner Street west	of Monticello Road
Tax Map Number: 09311-06-05	Subject Area: 0.23 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: RS-3	Proposed Parcel Zoning: C-1
Proposed Use: Boarding Home	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (*to the Zoning Ordinance*) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

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- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

To continue the use of a boarding home on site

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use		
Subject Parcel	RS-3	Boarding home		
Adjacent North	RS-3	Single family residences		
Adjacent East	RS-3	Undeveloped woodlands		
Adjacent South	RS-3	Single family residences		
Adjacent West	C-1	Boarding home		

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

RS-3 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed C-1 Zoning Designation Intent			
Intended as single family residential areas with	Intended to accommodate office, institutional,			
low to medium population densities.	and certain types of residential uses in areas			
	whose characteristic in neither general			
	commercial nor exclusively residential in			
	nature.			
Existing RS-3 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed C-1 Zoning Permitted Uses			
Single family detached dwellings or modular	Offices			
building units located on individual lots.	Photography studios			
	Nursing homes			
	Rooming and boarding houses			
	Funeral homes			
	Day nurseries			

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-63 and Chapter 26-65, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site is surrounded by single family residences to the north and south, undeveloped woodlands to the east, and an existing boarding home on C-1 zoned property to the west. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses and character of the area.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-

to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Monticello Road via Knightner Street		
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Five lane undivided major arterial		
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00	33,600		
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	9		
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @ south of site on Monticello Road		11,200	
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project	11,209		
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	ject	0.33	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. In this case, the estimated traffic is calculated by multiplying the generation rate for a Congregate Care Facility found on page 457 of the TGM times the number of dwelling units.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

*The proposed Amendment will actually not generate any additional traffic on Knightner or Monticello as it has been is operation for quite some time.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan">Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (i.e., zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the I-20 Interbeltway Corridor Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as High Density Residential in the Established Urban area.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>I-20 Interbeltway Corridor Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in November 1994, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 9 and 12 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Minimize incompatibility between existing and proposed land uses.

The proposed site is adjacent to undeveloped woodlands to the east and an existing boarding home adjacent to the west on C-1 zoned property. The proposed site is in character with the existing area. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Objective.

Principle – Within single-family areas, higher density development is appropriate where it completes a block face and is oriented toward developments of similar density.

As stated in the Objective, the site is contiguous to undeveloped woodlands to the east and an existing boarding home to the west on C-1 zoned property. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

Upon a site investigation by the Department on April 6, 2004 it was evident that the existing home was being used as a boarding home. This was verified by an inspector from the Department who sent a certified letter to the applicant on May 24, 2005 which states that the property is in violation of the Richland County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 26 Section 22.46 *Rooming and Boarding Houses* and 26-53.5 (1) *Prohibited uses and structures* in the RS-3 zoning district. Another letter was sent to the Richland County Building Inspections/Permits Department form South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control dated January 12, 2005 stating that the facility appeared to be a boarding home, consisting of four residents, non of whom require assistance. As a result of the investigation, no violations of licensing standards were noted or cited.

It has come to the Planning Department's attention that this has been an ongoing investigation since at least 2003. In a letter from the applicant to the Department dated July 31, 2003 a statement was made to clarify the concerns of a Richland County Building Inspector. The applicant states in the letter that "the purpose of the dwelling is for Single Family use, and the dwelling will not be used as a Care Facility or Senior Care Facility of any kind".

The Richland County Land Use Inspector's letter dated May 24, 2005 gave the applicant 30 days to rectify the violation or further action would be taken. The Zoning Map Amendment is the recourse sought by the applicant to bring the boarding home into conformity with the applicable regulations of the County.

Under the OI zoning designation in the Land Development Code effective July 1, 2005, rooming and boarding houses are only permitted via a Special Exception by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The applicant will be required to present the case before the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Special Exception to allow a rooming and boarding home in an OI district if County Council approves the proposed Amendment. The applicant will also be required to submit site plans for review by the Department in accordance will all current County regulations.

Under Article II Section 3 (e) of the Planning Commission Rules of procedure, "when there are existing violations of those portions of the County Code for which the Department has enforcement responsibility on a subject site, the Planning Commission may, at a regularly scheduled meeting, delay consideration of the subject property for up to 90 days.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-62 MA **be changed** from RS-3 to C-1.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Monticello at this location is not currently nor will be exceeded.
- 3. The proposed Amendment is **consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the I-20 Interbeltway Corridor Subarea Plan.

- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is consistent** with the cited Objectives and Recommendations of the I-20 Interbeltway Corridor Subarea Plan discussed herein.
- 5. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

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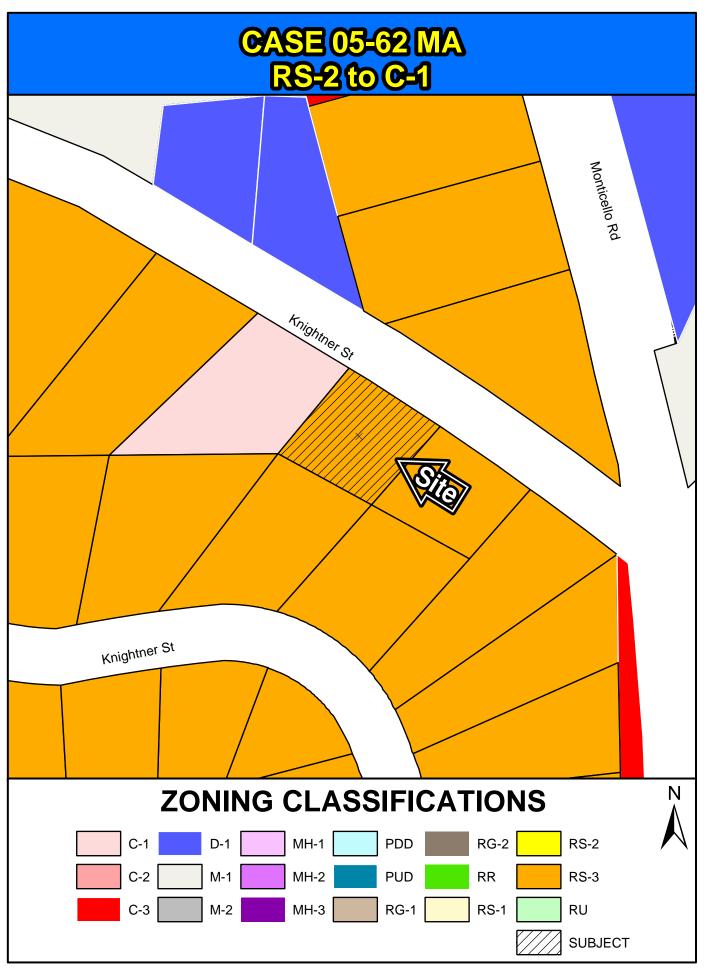
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Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-62 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-62 MA From RS-2 to C-1

TMS# 09311-06-05 / 5752 Knightner Road near Monticello Road





Attachment A Case 05-62 MA

Richland County TMS 09311-06-05 on Knightner Road

All that certain place, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being on the Southwestern side of an unnamed street just Northwest of Monticello Road, North of the Town of Eau Claire, in the county of Richland, State of South Carolina and being shown and designated as Lot 66 upon a plat of Laurel Park prepared by Jas. C. Covington, CE, July 18, 1946 and recorded in the Richland County Clerk of Court's Office in Plat Book L at page 88. Said Plat is incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description.

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-63 MA	Applicant: Christine Middleton
General Location: West Side of Lower Richla	nd Blvd, 1/2 Mile South of Padgett Rd
Tax Map Number: 22015-03-63 & 22015-03-40	Subject Area: 22 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: D-1	Proposed Parcel Zoning: RS-2
Proposed Use: Single Family Detached S/D	PC Sign Posting Date: April 16, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (*to the Zoning Ordinance*) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

Demolish existing substandard residences and replace with new residences

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	D-1	Three substandard residences
Adjacent North	RU	Manufactured home
Adjacent East	D-1	Manufactured home
Adjacent South	RU	Manufactured home
Adjacent West	RS-2	Undeveloped woodlands

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

D-1 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed RS-2 Zoning Designation Intent
Intended to provide for large tracts of land	Intended to provide for single family residence
located on the fringe of urban growth where	with low to medium densities
the predominant character of urban	
development has not yet been established	
Existing D-1 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed RS-2 Zoning Permitted Uses
All types of agriculture and related uses	Single family detached residences and their
Single family detached residences	customary accessory uses
Parks, playgrounds & playfields	
Community service structures	
Places of worship	
Elementary & high schools	
Day care facilities	
Cemeteries	
Manufactured homes	

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-63, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The proposed project will provide new "stick built" residences in an area where manufactured homes dominate. The proposed project is compatible with the adjacent zoning to the west.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Lower Richland Bly	vd
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Two lane undivided collect	or
Level-Of-Service $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00	0) 860	00
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Proje	ect 5	57
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # Located @ 1/2 south of the site	‡ 481	00
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		57
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Pro	Proposed Project 0.26	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed project will not result in the LOS C being exceeded in this portion of Lower Richland Blvd.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 1 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (*i.e.*, *zoning and other land development regulations*) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the <u>Lower Richland Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, the <u>Map</u> should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The <u>Map</u> designates the subject area as Residential in the Developing Urban area.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Lower Richland Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in January 1992, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 33 and 40 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Promote the development of affordable, quality housing for all segments of the resident population

The project will provide new affordable housing for the neighborhood. The proposed Amendment implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – Established low density residential neighborhoods should be protected against penetration or encroachment from higher densities</u>

The proposed project is compatible with adjacent RS-2 zoning to the west. The proposed Amendment implements this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

The project will remove existing substandard housing and replace it with new residences. The project could be a catalyst for other new subdivisions in the area.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-63 MA be changed from D-1 to RS-2.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The applicant has provided sufficient factual information to justify a need to change the existing zoning map designation on the subject parcel.
- 2. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 3. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Lower Richland Blvd at this location will not be exceeded.
- 4. The proposed Amendment is consistent with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Lower Richland Subarea Plan.
- 5. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment is consistent with the Objectives and Recommendations of the Lower Richland Subarea Plan discussed herein.
- 6. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

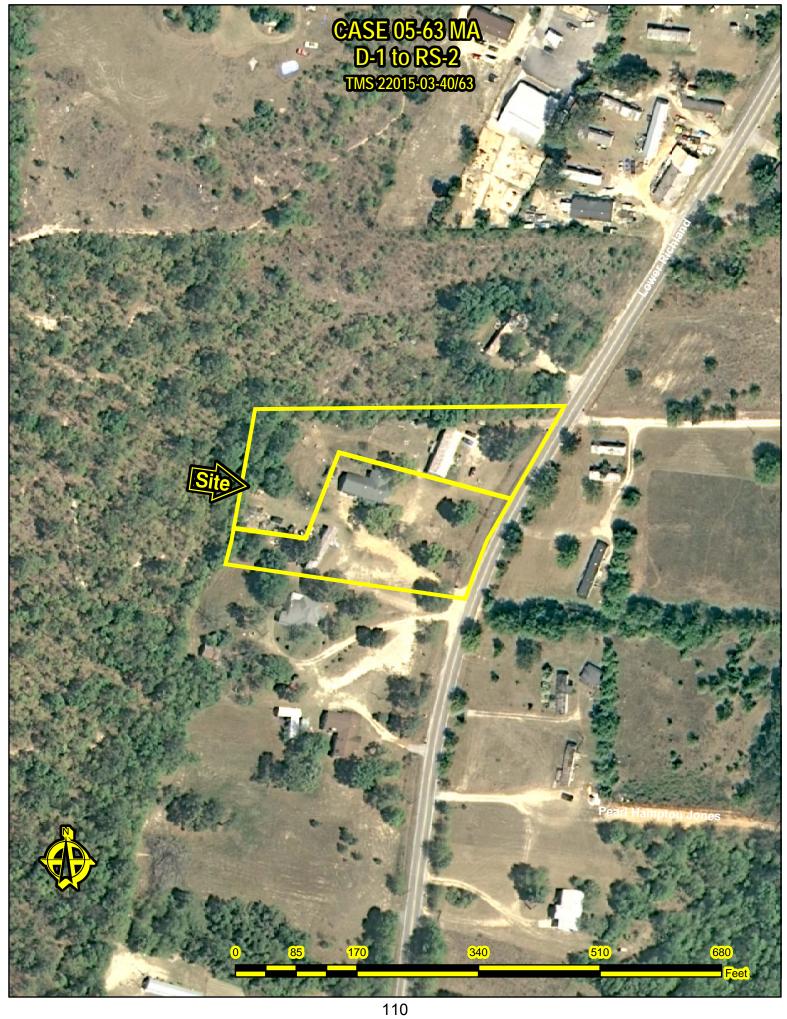
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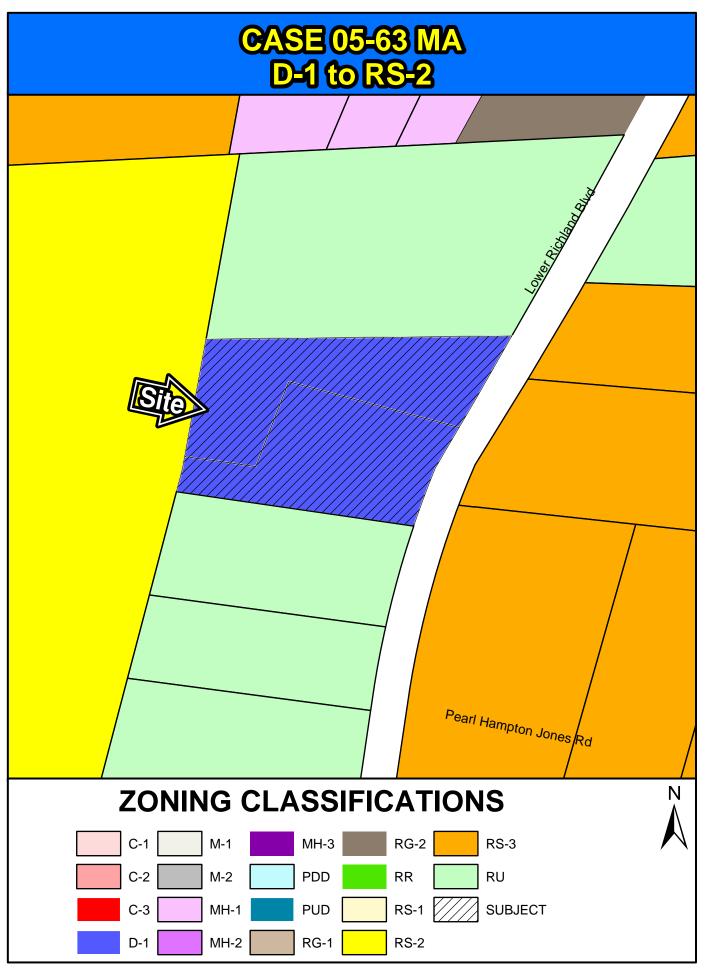
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (**did not agree**) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-63 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-63 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-63 MA From D-1 to RS-2

TMS# 22015-03-63 / Lower Richland Boulevard





Return to: Carey A. Sellers 428 E. Fourth Street, Ste. 101 Charlotte, NC 28202

Attachment A Case 05-63 MA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE, (hereinafter called "Grantor"), for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen Thousand and No/100 (\$18,000.00) Dollars, to the Grantor in hand paid at and before the sealing of these Presents, by

CHRISTINA R. MIDDLETON AND STANLEY MIDDLETON,
4609 Wikinson Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28208
(hereinafter called "Grantee"), in the State aforesaid, has
granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these Presents,
does grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Grantees,
their heirs, successors and assigns:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being near the Town of Hopkins, County of Richland, State of South Carolina, the same being on the Western side of Lower Richland Boulevard, containing 1.10 Acres, more or less, and being shown on that plat prepared for James Melvin Mitchell and Geneva F. Mitchell, by Cox & Dinkins, Inc., dated March 28, 1990, and recorded in the RMC Office for Richland County in Plat Book 53 at page 154; reference being made to said plat for a more complete description.

This being the same property conveyed to the Grantor herein by Deed of Master in Equity for Richland County, dated February 20, 2001, and recorded in the RMC Office for Richland County in Book 8-R-490 at page 60

TMS Number 22015-3-63.

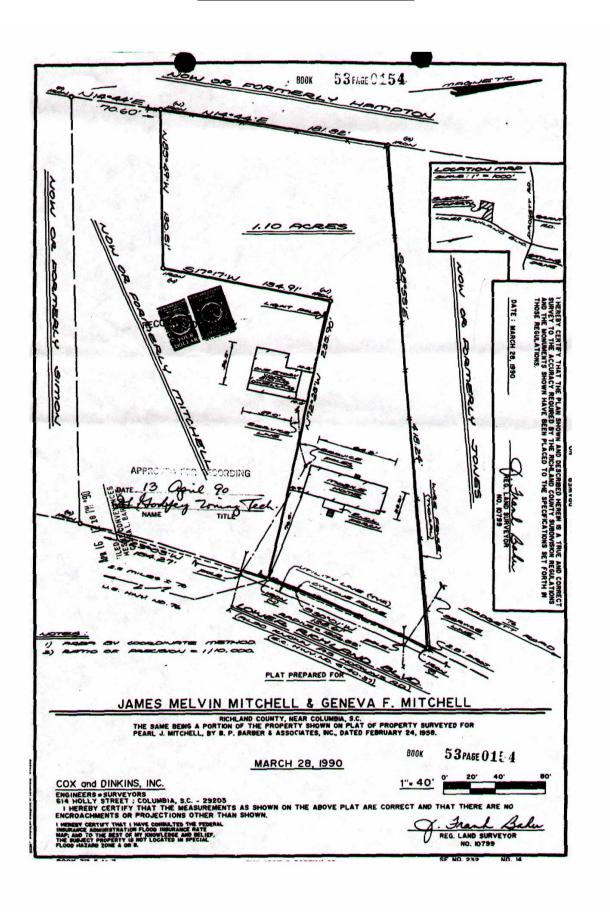
Grantee's Address:

TOGETHER with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the Grantees, their heirs, successors and assigns forever.

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Legal Depiction



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-64 MA	Applicant: Carroll Investment Property, Inc.
General Location: North Side of Garners Ferry Rd, Just West of Mill Pond	
Tax Map Number: 19100-04-20	Subject Area: 19 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: C-3 & D-1	Proposed Parcel Zoning: RG-2
Proposed Use: Multi-family Residences	PC Sign Posting Date: April 16, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

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This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

Construct An Apartment Complex

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	D-1	Cultivated Field
Adjacent North	D-1	Cultivated Field
Adjacent East	D-1	Undeveloped Woodlands & Mill Creek wetlands
Adjacent South	C-3	Holley Funeral Home, Produce Market, Driving Range
Adjacent West	D-1	Cultivated Field

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

D-1 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed RG-2 Zoning Designation Intent	
Intended to provide for large tracts of land	Intended for medium and high density	
located on the fringe of urban growth where	residential areas characterized by multi-family	
the predominant character of urban	structures, garden style apartments and high	
development has not yet been established	rise apartments	
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Existing D-1 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed RG-2 Zoning Permitted Uses	
All types of agriculture and related uses	Single family and duplex residences	
Single family detached residences	Multi-family dwellings	
Parks, playgrounds & playfields	Cluster housing projects	
Community service structures	Parallel housing projects	
Places of worship	Common zero lot line housing projects	
Elementary & high schools		
Day care facilities		
Cemeteries		
Manufactured homes		

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-64, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

A portion of the proposed project will be adjacent to the Mill Creek waterway and surround an existing funeral home. The project will serve as a buffer from the general commercial activities along Garners Ferry Road. The project is compatible with existing adjacent development.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From		Garners Ferry Road
Functional Classification Of This Roadway F		our lane Divided Principal Arterial
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity $(V/C = 1.00)$		33,600
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project		2006
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # 171 Located @ Mill Pond		33,300
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		35,306
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project		1.05

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates (6.6 ADTS per DU x estimated 300 DUs) presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio with the proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The estimated traffic generated by the proposed project will result in the LOS C being reached in this portion of Garners Ferry Rd. The 2004 SCDOT Traffic Counts, due to be published in the next month, will likely show a significant increase in traffic on Garners Ferry Road.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

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In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Lower Richland Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in January 1992, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 33 and 40 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – Vary residential densities according to the character of the area

The maximum number of dwelling units permissible with RG-2 zoning on a 19 acre parcel is 304 multi-family units. When allowances are made for parking areas, landscaping and on-site recreation facilities, it is more likely that 210 to 230 units will actually be constructed. The proposed Amendment implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – High density residential developments are best suited where mixed densities exist and have direct access to collector level or higher classifications of streets</u>

A 210 unit apartment complex is a density of 11 DU/acre. While this density is higher than any other multi-family development in this part of the County, it is not unreasonable for a site located on a major roadway like Garners Ferry Road that has public water and sewer service. The proposed Amendment implements this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

None

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-64 MA **be changed** from C-3/D-1 to RG-2.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The applicant has provided sufficient factual information to justify a need to change the existing zoning map designation on the subject parcel.
- 2. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 3. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Garners Ferry Road at this location will be reached.
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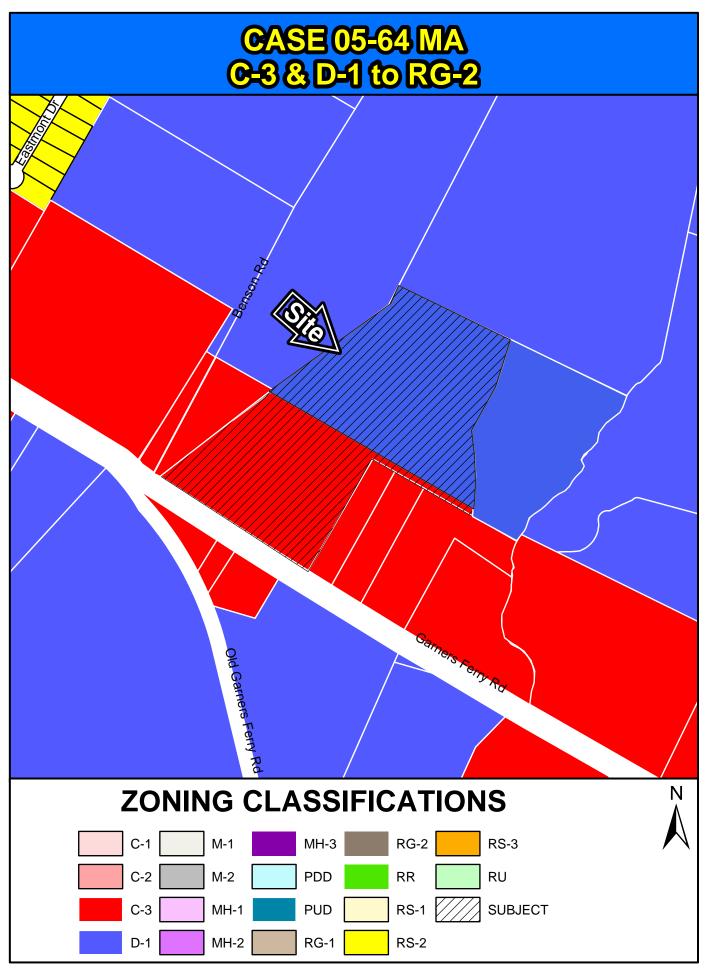
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Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-64 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-64 MA From C-3 & D-1 to RG-2

TMS# 19100-04-20 / North side of Garners Ferry Rd @ Mill Creek





Attachment A Case 05-64 MA

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHLAND, NEAR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SAID PARCEL BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED," BOUNDARY SURVEY" FOR C.I.P. CONSTRUCTION BY B. P. BARBER & ASSOCIATES, INC. (BPB FILE NO. 32,795-B75), SAID PLAT HAVING THE FOLLOWING METES & BOUNDS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A PINCHED TOP PIPE ON THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF GARNERS FERRY ROAD (US HWY 76 & 378), BEING 1145'+/- FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNIVERSAL DRIVE AND GARNERS FERRY ROAD, THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE PROPERTIES OF MARION JR. & HARRIET BURNSIDE/BURNRICH PARTNERSHIP THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: IN A DIRECTION OF N49-00-00E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1210.50' TO A 1" PIPE, THENCE IN A DIRECTION OF N27-23-00E FOR A DISTANCE OF 98.90' TO A 1-1/4" PIPE, THENCE IN A DIRECTION OF S72-15-00E FOR A DISTANCE OF 543.42' TO A 5/8" REBAR; THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE PROPERTY OF ROBER H. BURNSIDE IN A DIRECTION OF S29-43-33W FOR A DISTANCE OF 884.20' TO A 5/8" REBAR; THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE PROPERTY OF MONTE A. LEMMON IN A DIRECTION OF N57-45-00W FOR A DISTANCE OF 120.00' TO A 1" PIPE: THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE PROPERTY OF R. KIRK WOODLIEF, JR. THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: IN A DIRECTION OF N57-45-00W FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.25' TO A 5/8" REBAR, AND THEN IN A DIRECTION OF S29-42-00W FOR A DISTANCE OF 510.91' TO A 1-1/4" PIPE; THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF GARNERS FERRY ROAD IN A DIRECTION OF N57-45-00W FOR A DISTANCE OF 723.00' TO A PINCHED TOP PIPE, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 19.000 ACRES (827,640 SQUARE FEET).

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-65 MA App	licant: Resource Properties, Inc.
General Location: 1401, 1404 & 1410 St. Andrews Road east of Broad River Road	
Tax Map Number: 06113-02-28/32	Subject Area: 3.06 ac MOL
Current Parcel Zoning: C-3	Proposed Parcel Zoning: PDD
Proposed Use: Existing Uses of warehousing retail and similar uses	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (to the Zoning Ordinance) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

To allow for the continuance of the existing uses

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	C-3	Warehouses, retail and similar uses
Adjacent North	C-3	Various commercial uses
Adjacent East	C-3	Various commercial uses
Adjacent South	C-3	Various commercial uses & Single family residences
Adjacent West	C-3	Various commercial uses

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

C-3 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed PDD Zoning Designation Intent				
Intended to accommodate a wide variety of	Intended to better bridge the inherent				
general commercial and nonresidential uses	difference between residential and non-				
characterized by retail, office and service	residential uses; and to better accommodate				
establishments and oriented primarily to major	change within those areas of the county where				
traffic arteries	due to economics or other factors responsible				
	for change, potentially incompatible				
	development could compromise property				
	values or adversely impact existing land,				
	transportation facilities or infrastructure				
Existing C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed PDD Zoning Permitted Uses				
Retail, service, repair & personal services	Limited to only those depicted in the Site Plan				
Offices, studios & financial institutions	provided as Attachment B & C				
Eating and drinking establishments					
Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft.					
Private clubs, lodges and the like					
Automobile service stations					
Places of worship					
Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses					

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-67 and Chapter 26-72, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site is surrounded by existing commercial uses with single-family residences to the south of lot 32. The proposed Amendment is not compatible with the adjacent development.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Broad River Roa		d via St. Andrew Road	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway	Five Lane Undivided Major Arterial			
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)		33,600		
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project		NP		
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # 181			39,200	
Located @ south of site on Broad River Road near Marley Drive				
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		NP		
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project		t 0.82		

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity.

NP - The traffic generated from the subject site was counted in the 2004 SCDOT traffic count and no additional traffic should be generated from the site.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (*i.e.*, zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the Northwest Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as Commercial in the Developing Urban area.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northwest Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in September 1993, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 29 and 36 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – None applicable for an existing structure(s)

Principle – None applicable for an existing structure(s)

Other Relevant Issues

The applicant has requested a PDD to allow for the continued use of warehousing in a C-3 zoning district. The current Zoning Code allows for up to 8,000 sq. ft. of warehousing space per parcel and the Land Development Code with an effective date of July 1, 2005 only permits up to 12,000 sq. ft. of warehousing space per parcel as an accessory use in the General Commercial district. Without knowing the specific amount of square footage currently being used as warehousing in the C-3 district, it is possible that the existing site is non-conforming under the current Zoning Code.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-65 MA **be changed** from C-3 to PDD.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The site and uses are compatible with the existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Broad River Road (Hwy. 176) near this location is being exceeded, however, the traffic generated by the site was counted in 2004 and should not generate additional traffic.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northwest Subarea Plan..
- 4. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

PDD Conditions

- a) The Planning Commission approved the Site Plan(s) prepared for Resource Properties, except as otherwise amended herein, required by Section 26.70-15, which are on file in the Richland County Planning & Development Services Department (hereinafter referred to as "PDSD") and are incorporated herein by reference; and
- b) The site development shall be limited to a 11,700 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 3,900 sq. ft. of office space and 33 parking spaces for TMS#06113-02-28 and 12,823 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 3,602 sq. ft. of office space and 47 parking spaces for TMS# 06113-02-32 as depicted in Attachments C and D respectively, which are attached hereto; and
- c) Pursuant to the requirements of Section 26-72.13 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, the Planning Commission may approve changes to the Site Plan(s) (Attachment C and D) only upon findings that such changes will not: 1) increase the density of the project, 2) increase the amount of traffic generated, 3) reduce screening or off-street parking requirements, or 4) substantially alter the composition of the project; and
- d) Unless otherwise provided herein, all development shall conform to all relevant land development regulations in effect at the time a permit application is received by the Planning and Development Service Dept. (PDSD); and
- e) No Special Exceptions, as defined in Section 26-602 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations shall be permitted; and
- f) Access to the subject site shall be limited to the existing intersections accessing St. Andrews Road as depicted on the attached site plans; and

- g) The existing vegetation on site should be maintained in an appropriate manner or amended to avoid the site(s) from hampering the existing single family residences to the south of TMS# 06113-02-32 and any future development that is not compatible with the existing land use; and
- h) The activity on the site shall not effect the adjacent properties by emitting noxious fumes, dust, noise, or other hazards or nuisances to the well-being of the public; and
- i) The interior of the site shall be maintained in a manner to allow accessibility for fire apparatuses to all areas of the site in accordance with the current regulations of the County Fire Marshal and to not hamper vehicular traffic within the site; and
- j) All lighting fixtures shall be installed with proper shielding to prevent encroachment of nuisance glare, from the site; and

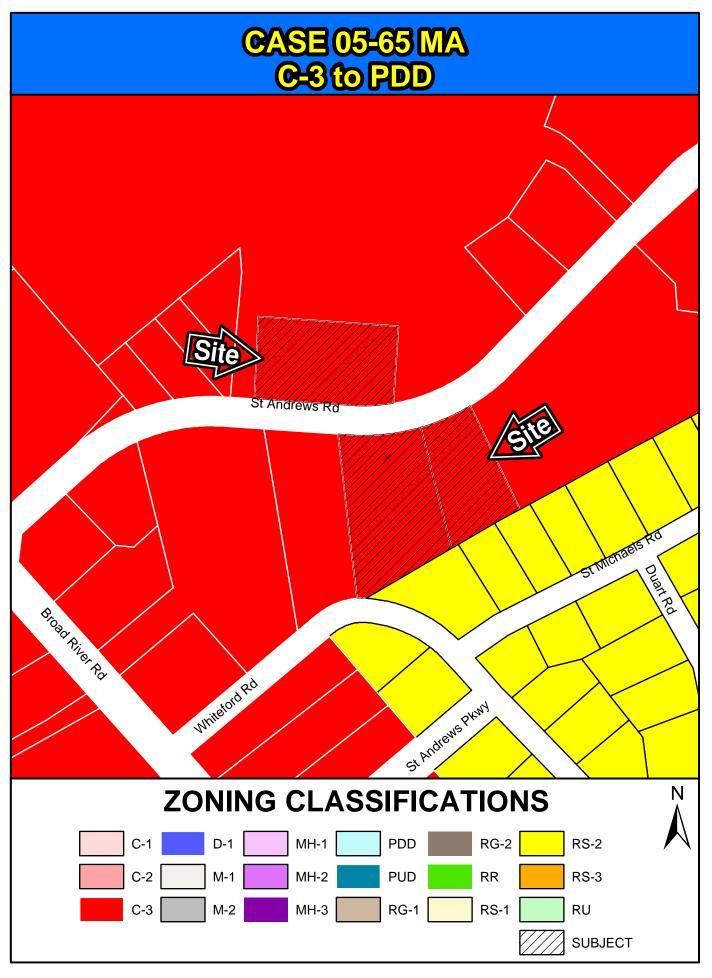
SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-65 MA at the next available opportunity.





CASE 05-65 MA From C-3 to PDD

TMS# 06113-02-29/32

1401 & 1410 St Andrews Road





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TMS 06113-02-28

1401 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210 Legal Description

Attachment A Case 05-65 MA

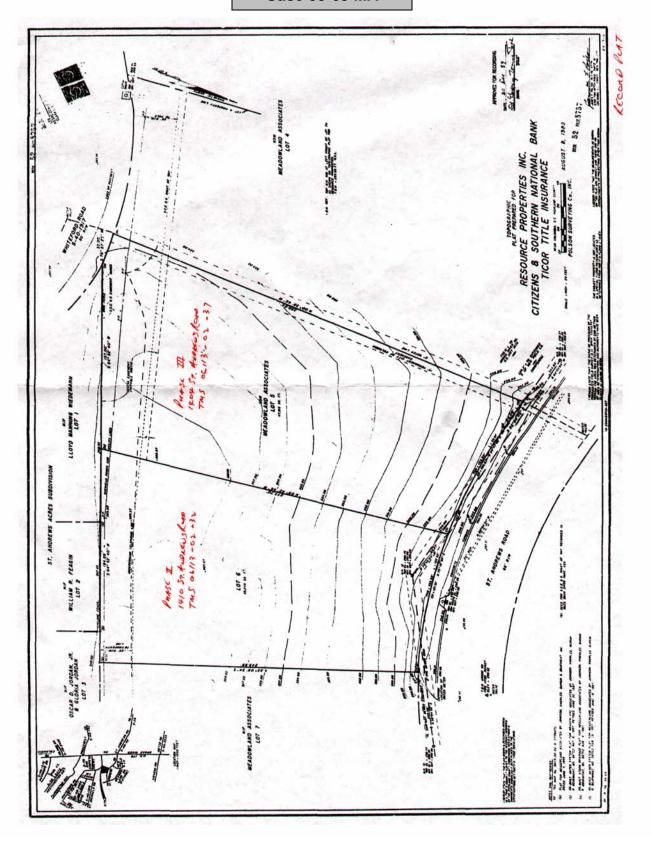
All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being situate in Richland County, South Carolina, as depicted on a plat (the "Plat") prepared by James M. Fetter, R.L.S. for Resource Properties, Inc. dated September 1, 1988, and more fully described hereinbelow, to-wit:

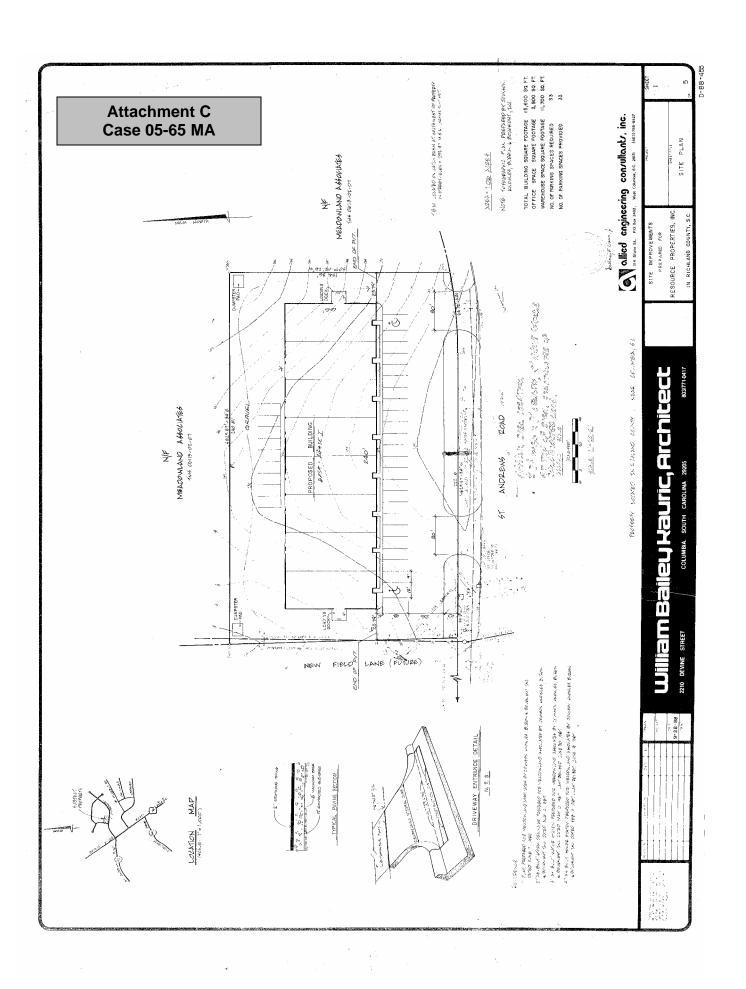
BEGINNING at a new iron located approximately 668.39 feet from the intersection of Broad River Road and St. Andrews Road set along the right-of-way for St. Andrews Road and running N 05°27'55" E for a distance of 160.01 feet along the site of New Field Lane (Future) to a new iron located at the northwesternmost corner of said parcel; thence cornering and running S 82°57"34' E for a distance of 290.41 feet along property now or formerly of Meadowland Associates to a new iron; thence cornering and running S 07°02"26' W for a distance of 154.36 feet along property now or formerly of Meadowland Associates to a new iron set along the right-of-way of St. Andrews Road; thence curving N 87°57"53' W for a chord distance of 64.08 feet, having an arc radius of 64.16 feet along the right-of-way of St. Andrews Road to an old iron; thence continuing N 82°57"34' W for a distance of 222.18 feet along the right-of-way for St. Andrews Road to the point of beginning; and containing 1.06 acres, more or less.

RESOURCE PROPERTIES, INC.

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Attachment B Case 05-65 MA





RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-66 MA	Applicant: Windsor Square, LLC	
General Location: Corner of Alpine Road & Windsor Lake Boulevard		
Tax Map Number: 19808-05-01	Subject Area: 4.74 ac MOL	
Current Parcel Zoning: C-3	Proposed Parcel Zoning: PDD	
Proposed Use: Office/Distribution Buildings	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005	

SECTION I ANALYSIS

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In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (*to the Zoning Ordinance*) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
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- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

To allow for the use of general storage/warehousing greater than 12,000 sq. ft. per parcel

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	C-3	Undeveloped woodlands
Adjacent North	RS-2	E.L. Wright Middle School
Adjacent East	PDD	Undeveloped woodlands & Waterford Retirement Home
Adjacent South	RS-1	Single family residences and salvage yard
Adjacent West	C-3	Columbia Scuba and salvage yard

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

C-3 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed PDD Zoning Designation Intent
Intended to accommodate a wide variety of	Intended to better bridge the inherent
general commercial and nonresidential uses	difference between residential and non-
characterized by retail, office and service	residential uses; and to better accommodate
establishments and oriented primarily to major	change within those areas of the county where
traffic arteries	due to economics or other factors responsible
	for change, potentially incompatible
	development could compromise property
	values or adversely impact existing land,
	transportation facilities or infrastructure
Existing C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed PDD Zoning Permitted Uses
Retail, service, repair & personal services	Limited to only those depicted in the Site Plan
Offices, studios & financial institutions	provided as Attachment B
Eating and drinking establishments	
Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft.	
Private clubs, lodges and the like	
Automobile service stations	
Places of worship	
Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses	

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-67 and Chapter 26-72, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The subject site is contiguous to existing C-3 zoned property to the west consisting of commercial land uses. The subject is contiguous to an existing non-conforming autorepair/salvage yard to the south. Undeveloped woodlands and the Waterford retirement home are located to the east and an elementary school and church to the north. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From			Alpine Road
Functional Classification Of This Roadway		Two lane und	ivided minor arterial
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)			10,800
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project			459
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station #499			8,200
Located @east of site on Alpine Road near Windson	tersection		
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project			8,659
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project		0.80	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. In this case, the estimated traffic is calculated by multiplying the generation rate for a Single Tenant

Office Building found on page 1070 of the <u>TGM</u> times the proposed square footage of the use and Warehousing found on page 198 times the proposed square footage of the use.

The aforementioned uses were the most relevant uses in the <u>TGM</u> for the proposed project site.

The calculation is as follows and is approximate based on the TGM and the fact that only square footages for Phase I for the specific uses were depicted. The same square footage of office (6,000 sq. ft.) and warehousing (16,800 sq. ft.) were assumed for Phase II and III.

The calculation is as follows; 18,000 sq. ft. of office x 11.57 average rate per 1,000 sq. ft. of office = 208 ADT's + 50,400 sq. ft. of warehousing x 4.96 average rater per 1,000 sq. ft. of warehouse = 251 = total of 459.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The proposed Amendment should not have a significant effect on the LOS of Alpine Road as it is currently operating at a LOS Design Capacity of C.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2-mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (i.e., zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the Northest Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as Low Density Residential in the Established Urban area.

The <u>proposed</u> PDD zoning is NOT consistent with the <u>Map</u> designation as required by state statutes because the proposed Amendment is for commercial uses in an area designated as Low

Density Residential by the Map. The zoning should be RS-1, RS-2 or PUD to be consistent with the Low Density Residential land use designation.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in March 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – <u>Limit commercial development to select locations such as major intersections, reducing the effects on non-residential intrusion on neighborhoods.</u>

The site is located at the intersection of Windsor Lake Boulevard and Alpine Road. The site is surrounded by existing commercial uses except for a single-family home to the south which will be buffered from the commercial use by the applicant per the Landscape Requirements in the Richland County Land Development Code. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Objective.

Principle – <u>In general, commercial and office activities should be confined to existing zoned</u> areas.

The subject site is currently zoned C-3 and a Planned Development District will limit the allowable uses on the site. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

The applicant has requested a PDD to allow for a "flex-space" facility for multiple land uses with office/reception/display space and warehouse/storage/distribution space in what is now a C-3 zoning district. In the C-3 district, the current Zoning Code allows for up to 8,000 sq. ft. (total) of wholesale and distribution space per parcel. The Land Development Code, effective July 1, 2005, does not limit the size of wholesale/distribution uses but it does limit the types.

The applicant has not specified a breakdown of square footage to be used for office/warehouse space for all phases of the project. Phase I has been stipulated as having 16,800 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 6,000 sq. ft. of office space. This is why the Department had to make an approximation in the traffic impact discussion for Phases II and III.

The Department is unable to verify exact sizes for the structures in Phases II and III because the site plan submitted is clearly conceptual for the aforementioned phases as the rear and sides of the buildings are not closed and some appear not to meet setbacks and/or possibly building codes for appropriate spacing. The parking and curb cuts for Phases II and III also cannot be properly calculated as undisturbed woodlands and silt fence are depicted over the drives and parking areas which would preclude vehicular access. The appropriate landscape standards have not been supplied or met for Phases II and III which omit landscaping and the required buffer abutting the single family residence to the south.

Other requirements set forth by the Planned Development District have been omitted such as the size of all signs to be located on site. The Department received a submittal from the applicant on a separate drawing showing the location of the sign for Phase I without size specifications. The applicant stated in separate letter requested by the Department that the sign entails a sand-blasted wood sign with ground-located flood lighting for each phase. The location of proposed signage was omitted for Phases II and III. The requirements of the Planned Development District have been met for Phase I on various site plan sheets submitted by the applicant excluding the size of signage. Phases II and III are insufficient per the discussion above.

The applicant has not presented a list of specific types of uses allowed in the proposed PDD, however, in a request from staff the applicant stated that, "This application was submitted at the suggestion of the Planning Dept. to preserve the C-3 commercial uses which will be prohibited in the new Land Development Code GC category and therefore requests approval for "Office/Distribution buildings with various commercial uses permitted under current C-3 zoning". If it would be helpful, we could attach the pages in the current L/D Code describing those uses."

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends that case 05-66 MA be **deferred** until an appropriate submittal has been made by the applicant addressing the deficiencies and guidelines discussed above.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Alpine at this location will **not** be exceeded.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is not consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northeast Subarea Plan.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> discussed herein.
- 5. It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> for this portion of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> should be amended, via the formal land use ordinance adoption process, to change the land use designation for the subject site to a Residential land use designation.
- 6. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

PDD Conditions

- a) The Planning Commission approved the Site Plan prepared for Windsor Square Business Center, except as otherwise amended herein, required by Section 26.70-15, which is on file in the Richland County Planning & Development Services Department (hereinafter referred to as "PDSD") and is incorporated herein by reference; and
- b) The site development shall be limited to a 16,800 sq. ft. of warehouse/storage/distribution space and 6,000 sq. ft. of office/reception/display space and 55 parking spaces for Phase I as

- depicted in Attachment B. The sizes of structures and breakdown of uses and square footage and parking spaces can not be properly identified for Phases II and III; and
- c) Pursuant to the requirements of Section 26-72.13 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, the Planning Commission may approve changes to the Site Plan (Attachment B) only upon findings that such changes will not: 1) increase the density of the project, 2) increase the amount of traffic generated, 3) reduce screening or off-street parking requirements, or 4) substantially alter the composition of the project; and
- d) Unless otherwise provided herein, all development shall conform to all relevant land development regulations in effect at the time a permit application is received by the Planning and Development Service Dept. (PDSD); and
- e) No Special Exceptions, as defined in Section 26-602 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations shall be permitted; and
- f) Access to the subject site shall be limited to two intersections on Alpine Road as depicted on Attachment B and one intersection on Windsor Lake Boulevard; and
- g) The applicant shall transmit a phasing plan, if applicable, to the Department prior to reviewing any construction plans; and
- h) No site clearing activity shall begin until the Richland County Public Works Department issues a Grading Permit and the PDSD issues a Controlled Clearing letter; and
- i) The developer shall construct any necessary turn lanes for the project on both Alpine Road and Windsor Lake Boulevard; subject to obtaining all required state and /or county approvals; and
- j) The interior of the site shall be maintained in a manner to allow accessibility for fire apparatuses to all areas of the site in accordance with the current regulations of the County Fire Marshal and to not hamper vehicular traffic within the site; and
- k) All lighting fixtures shall be installed with proper shielding to prevent encroachment of nuisance glare, from the site; and
- 1) The Planning Commission shall determine the specific land uses allowed under the Land Development Code, effective July 1, 2005, from the following categories: Business, Professional and Personal Services; and

Retail Trade and Food Services; and

Wholesale Trade.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

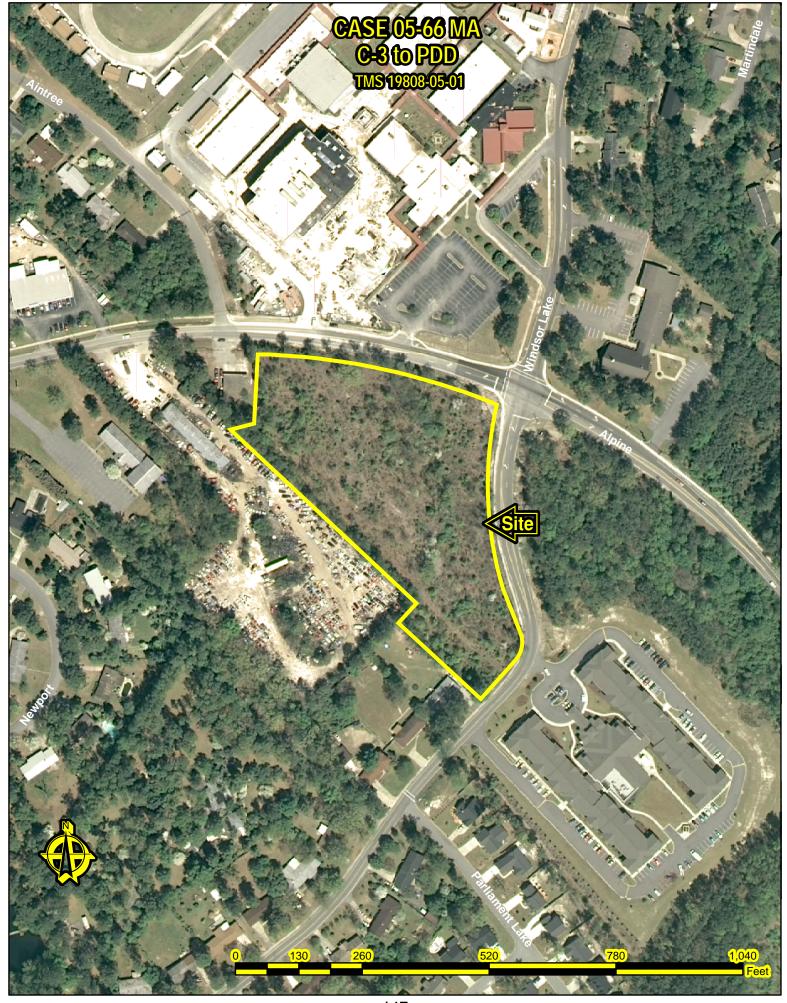
- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

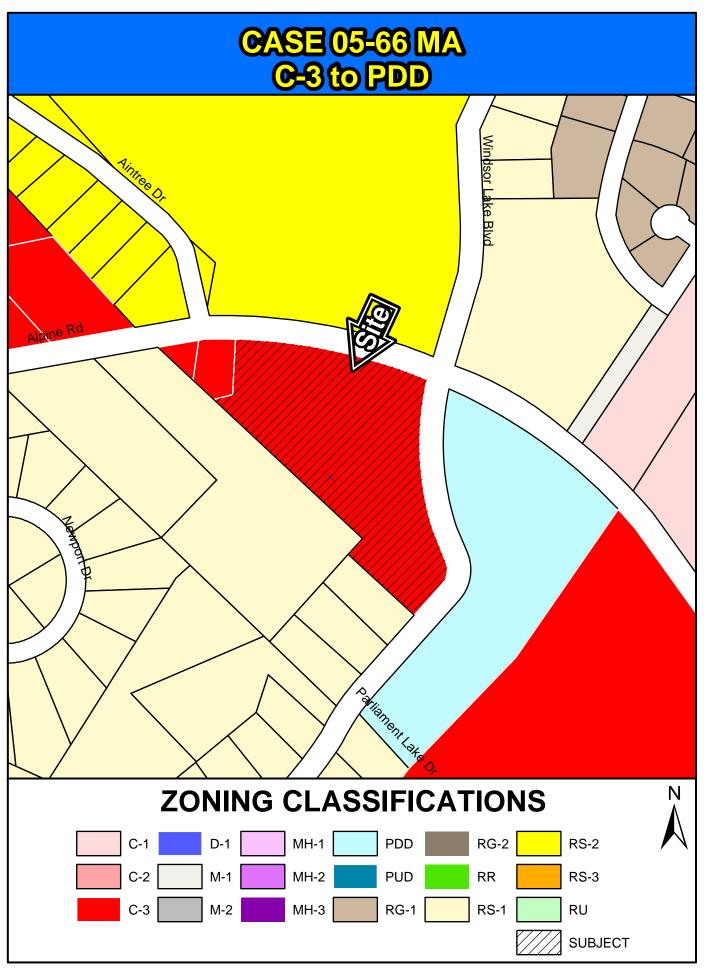
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-66 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

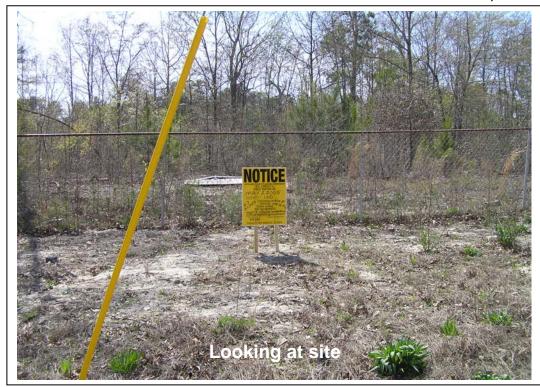
In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-66 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:



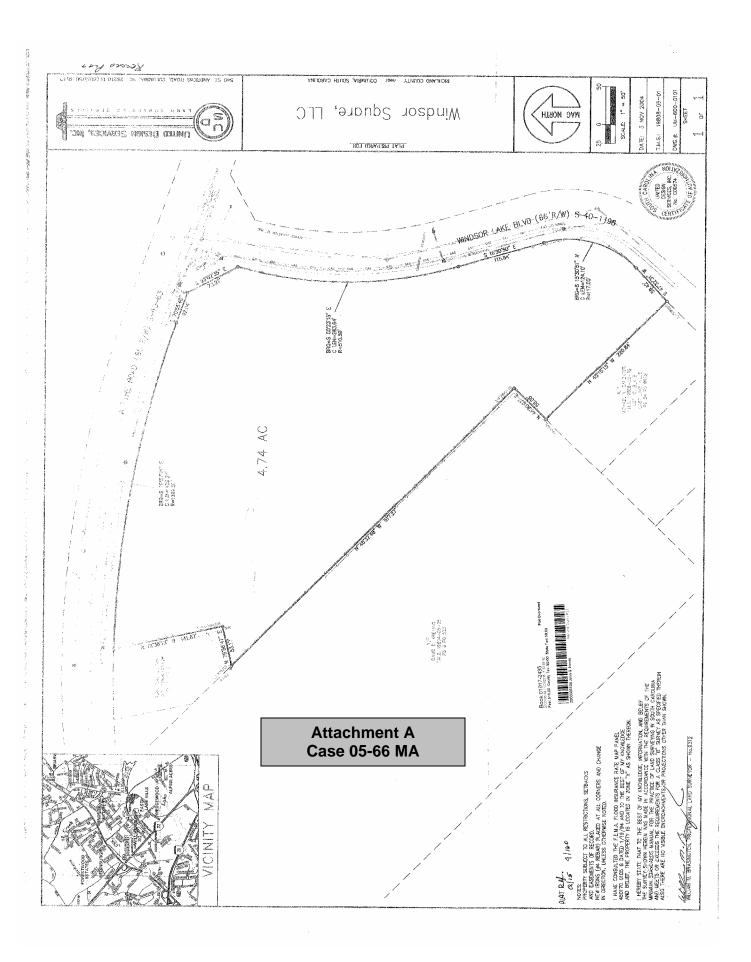


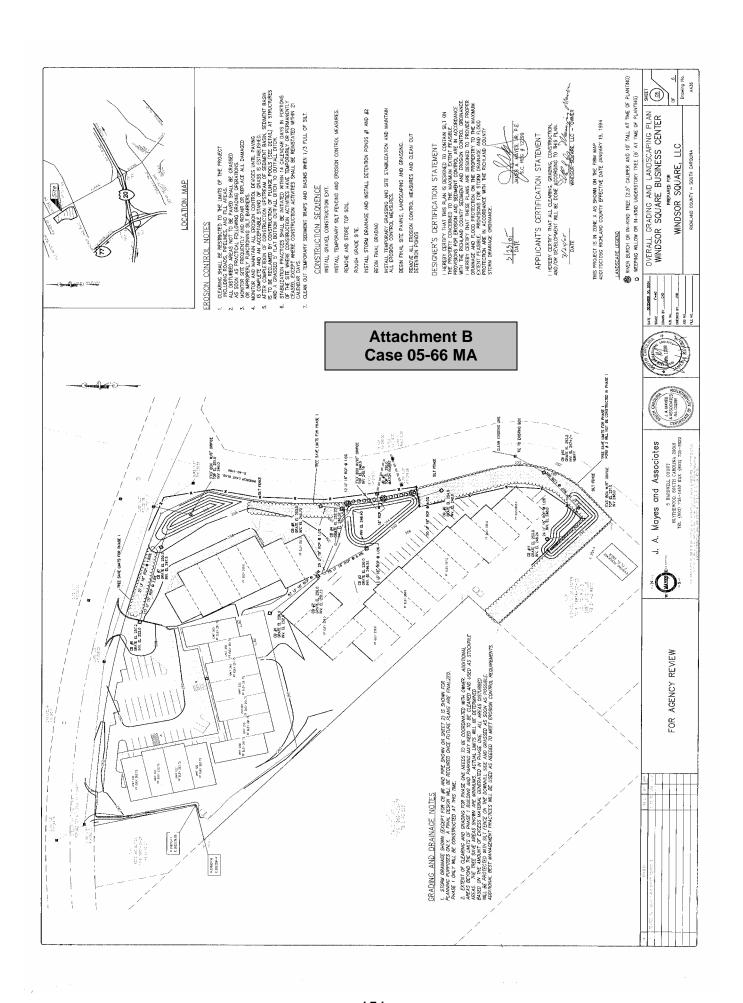
CASE 05-66 MA From C-3 to PDD

TMS# 19808-05-01 SW corner of Windsor Lake Blvd & Alpine Rd









RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-67 MA	Applicant: South Capital Group, Inc.		
General Location: Dawson Road (I-77 Frontage) near Windsor Lake Blvd.			
Tax Map Number: 17016-03-03	Subject Area: 6.12 ac MOL		
Current Parcel Zoning: D-1	Proposed Parcel Zoning: RG-2		
Proposed Use: 87 Townhomes	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005		

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (*to the Zoning Ordinance*) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

For the establishment of 87 townhomes

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	D-1	Undeveloped woodlands
Adjacent North	RG-2	Hunters Mill Apartments
Adjacent East	RG-2	Hunters Mill Apartments
Adjacent South	RG-2	Single family detached residences
Adjacent West	D-1	Undeveloped woodlands along I-77

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

D-1 Zoning Designation Intent

Intended to provide for large tracts of land located primarily on the fringe of urban growth where the predominant character of urban development has not yet been fully established, but where the current characteristics of use are predominantly residential, agricultural, or semideveloped, with scattered related uses.

Proposed RG-2 Zoning Designation Intent

Intended as medium and high density residential areas permitting progressively higher population densities, characterized by single family detached, two family detached, multiple family structures, garden-type apartments and high rise apartments.

Existing D-1 Zoning Permitted Uses

Agriculture Horticulture Forestry

Single family detached dwellings or modular building units located on individual lots Places of worship

Proposed RG-2 Zoning Permitted Uses

Single family detached dwellings
Group Housing Developments
Multiple family dwellings
Cluster Housing Developments
Parallel zero lot line dwelling units
Common zero lot line dwelling units

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-64, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The area is comprised of existing apartments to the immediate north and west on property zoned RG-2, undeveloped woodlands along the I-77 frontage and small lot single family residences on property zoned RG-2 to the south. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From A		Alpine Road via Windsor Lake Road	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway		Two lane und	ivided minor arterial
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity $(V/C = 1.00)$			10,800
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project			510
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station #499 Located @ Alpine Road south of E.L. Wright Middle School		l	8,200
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project			8,710
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project			0.81

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. In this case, the estimated traffic is calculated by multiplying the generation rate for a Condominium/Towhnome found on page 9 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u> times the proposed number of dwelling units (5.86 x 87 = 510).

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (i.e., zoning and other land development regulations) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the Northeast Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as High Density Residential in the Established Urban area.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in March 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – <u>Promote a variety of residential densities for the development of affordable, quality housing while blending with the character of the surrounding area.</u>

The proposed Amendment consists of an approximate gross density of 15 DU/acre. This provides for a variation in density from the abutting single family residences, yet blends with the character of existing apartments, and garden/patio style homes. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Objective.

Principle – <u>The Established Urban Area should contain overall higher density levels than the Developing Urban or Rural Areas of the County and that these density levels should conform to the Proposed Land Use Map.</u>

A. <u>High Density (9 dwellings/acre or greater): RS-3, RG-1, RG-2, PUD, and PDD</u>. The proposed Amendment for RG-2 conforms to the designation of High Density Residential by the <u>Map</u> as well as conforming to the number of dwelling units per acre and zoning classification set forth by the <u>Plan</u>. The proposed Amendment **implements** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

None

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-67 MA **be changed** from D-1 to RG-2.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Alpine at this location will **not** be exceeded.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northeast Subarea Plan.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> discussed herein.
- 5. It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> for this portion of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> should be amended, via the formal land use ordinance adoption process, to change the land use designation for the subject site to a High Density Residential land use designation.
- 6. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

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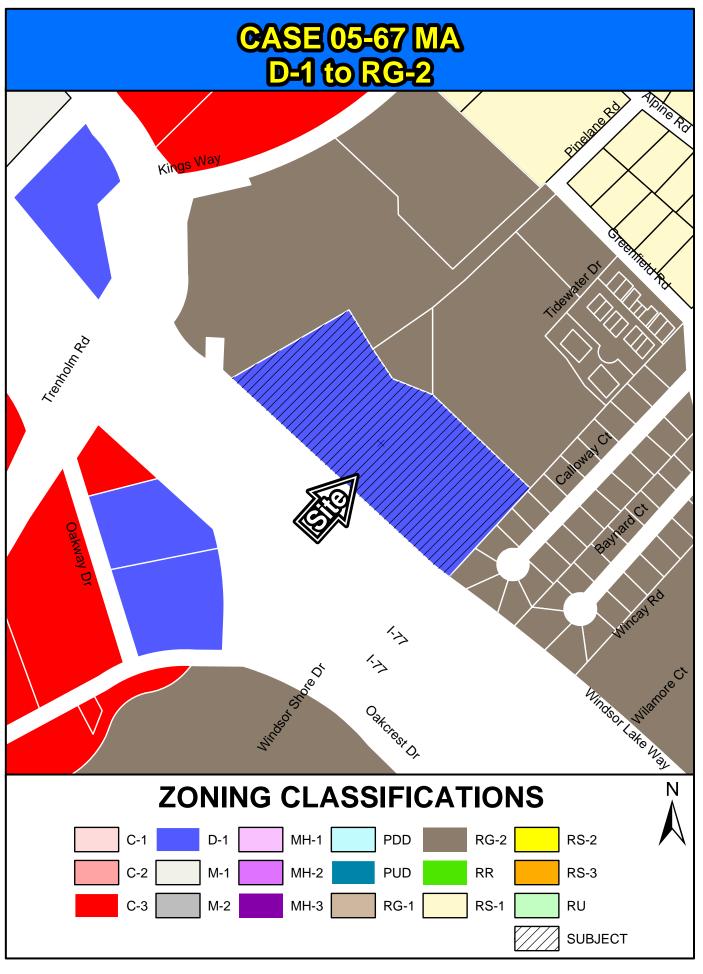
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-67 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-67 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-67 MA From D-1 to RG-2

TMS# 17016-03-03 / I-77 Frontage Rd @ Windsor Lake Blvd.





LAND DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED NEAR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, COUNTY OF RICHLAND, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTAINING 6.12 ACRES, BEING SHOWN ON PLAT PREPARED FOR SOUTH CAPITAL GROUP, INC., BY BAXTER LAND SURVEYING CO., INC., DATED JANUARY 25, 2005 AND HAVING THE FOLLOWING METES AND BOUNDS:

BEGINNING AT A ½ INCH REBAR (O) LOCATED 3/10 OF A MILE NORTHWEST OF WINDSOR LAKE BLVD. AND RUNNING NORTH 52 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 249.96 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (O), THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 49 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 689.12 FEET TO A ½ INCH ROD (O), THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING NORTH 72 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 441.79 FEET TO A ¼ INCH PIPE (O), THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 34 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 260.75 FEET TO A 1 INCH PIPE (O), THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 46 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 484.63 FEET TO A ½ INCH SOLID IRON (O), THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 46 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 273.04 TO A ½ INCH REBAR (O), THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST BY HUNTERS MILL LLC, ON THE SOUTHWEST BY INTERSTATE HWY. NO. 77, ON THE SOUTHEAST BY RICHARD M. DABNEY & PAMELA M. DABNEY, LINDA C. ROBINSON, AND GREGORY S. LUMPKIN & VALERIE G. LUMPKIN.

TMS NO. 17016-03-03

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-68 MA	Applicant: RSL Simon, LLC c/o Jeff	
	Freeman	
General Location: Summit Terrace Court loca	ted within the Summit Development	
Tax Map Number: 2300-03-19	Subject Area: 2.99 ac MOL	
Current Parcel Zoning: PUD-2 (MH)	Proposed Parcel Zoning: PUD-2 (O)	
Maximum of 9 DU's/acre		
Proposed Use: General Office	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005	

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (to the Zoning Ordinance) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

To change the Summit PUD Map to allow for the establishment of general office (O) use on the 2.99 acre tract which currently permits multi-family housing (MH)

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	PUD-2 (MH)	Vacant cleared land
Adjacent North	PUD-2 (L)	Single family detached residences (2-3.5 DU/acre)
Adjacent East	PUD-2 (MH)	The Haven assisted living
Adjacent South	D-1	North Springs Elementary School & Recreation Cntr.
Adjacent West	PUD-2 (MH)	Attached single family residences

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

PUD-2 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed PUD-2 (O) Zoning Designation
Intended to permit and encourage the effective,	<u>Intent</u>
efficient, and economical development of large	To allow for the uses as depicted on the Land
tracts of land by permitting a variety of residential accommodations and land uses in	Use Plan submitted by the applicant.
orderly relationship to one another.	
Existing PUD-2 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed PUD-2 (O) Zoning Permitted Uses
Those specified on the existing Land Use Plan	Those specified on the proposed Land Use
as submitted by the applicant	Plan as submitted by the applicant and here
	after referred to as Attachment B

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-71 of the County Code.

The site is located within the Summit PUD Development and abuts single family dwellings (detached and attached) to the north and west. The site is adjacent to the Haven which is an assisted living development to the east. The site is adjacent to and screened from North Springs Elementary to the south. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

The proposed Amendment is estimated to generate 116 average daily trips. The existing PUD-2 (MH) designation would generate approximately 178 average daily trips based on the maximum allowable number of units per acre (9 units per acre x 3 acres x 6.6 ADT's per unit). **The traffic**

generated by the proposed Amendment would be less than the traffic generated by or an insignificant increase from the existing MH designation.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. In this case, the estimated traffic is calculated by multiplying the generation rate for a Single Tenant Office Building found on page 1070 of the <u>TGM</u> times the proposed square footage of the use. The calculation is as follows; 11.57 generation rate per 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area x 10,000 sq. ft.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 3-mile radius of a fire station.

Permitted Uses

The subject site under the PUD-2 (O) designation shall be limited to those uses as depicted in Attachment D *Permitted Uses* as submitted by the applicant. The overall acreage of the Summit PUD will not change as the applicant will deduct 2.99 acres from the MH designation and convert it to O or office as depicted in the new Land Use Plan.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-68 MA **be changed** from PUD-2 (MH) to PUD-2 (O).

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment **is compatible** with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the traffic generated by the proposed Amendment will be less than or an insignificant increase in the traffic that would be generated if developed under the existing MH designation.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northeast Subarea Plan.
- 4. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

PUD Conditions

- a) The Planning Commission approved the Land Use Plan (Attachment B) prepared for Westbrook Summit, LLC, except as otherwise amended herein, required by Section 26.70-15, which is on file in the Richland County Planning & Development Services Department (hereinafter referred to as "PDSD") and is incorporated herein by reference; and
- b) The site shall be limited to 2.99 acres as depicted in (Attachment B), which is attached hereto; and

- c) The applicant shall transmit a phasing plan, if applicable, to the Department prior to reviewing any construction plans; and
- d) Unless otherwise provided herein, all development shall conform to all relevant land development regulations in effect at the time a permit application is received by the Planning and Development Service Dept. (PDSD); and
- e) The provisions of Sections 26-70.7, 26-70.8, 26-70.10, and 26-70.11 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances shall not apply to this project; and
- f) No Special Exceptions, as defined in Section 26-602, of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations, shall be permitted; and
- g) Pursuant to the requirements of Section 26-70.17 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, the following changes shall require a review and recommendation by the Planning Commission and a new ordinance by the County Council:
 - 1) Any increase in the number of access points to the external road network;
 - 2) Any decrease in the amount of open space/common areas;
 - 3) Any increase in the gross project density (measured in DU/acre or square footage/acre) and/or
 - 4) Any change in traffic flow; and
- h) The Planning Commission is hereby authorized to make minor amendments, to Attachment B (Proposed Land Use Map), and Attachment D (Permitted Use list), or as otherwise allowed by Section 26-70.17 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations; and
- i) The PDSD is authorized to make minor adjustments to the phasing schedule and may become necessary during the project's construction; and
- j) No site clearing activity shall begin until the Richland County Public Works Department issues a Grading Permit and the PDSD issues a Controlled Clearing letter; and
- k) Other conditions resulting from the Commission consideration?
- l) Richland County shall not be responsible for the enforcement of any deed restrictions imposed by the applicant, the developer, or their successors in interest.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
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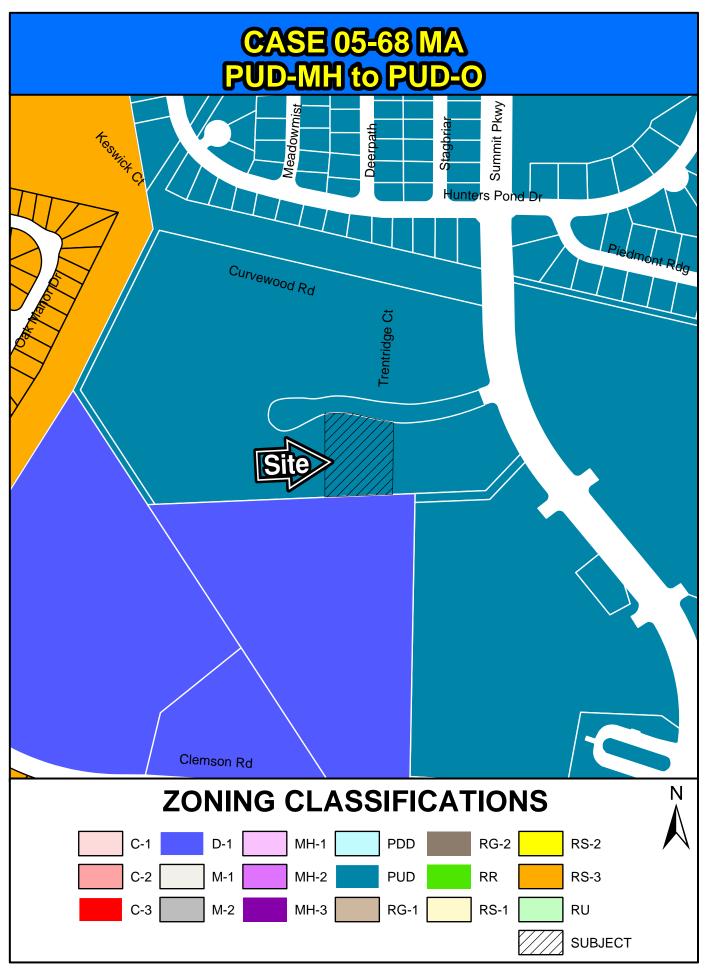
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-68 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-68 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:

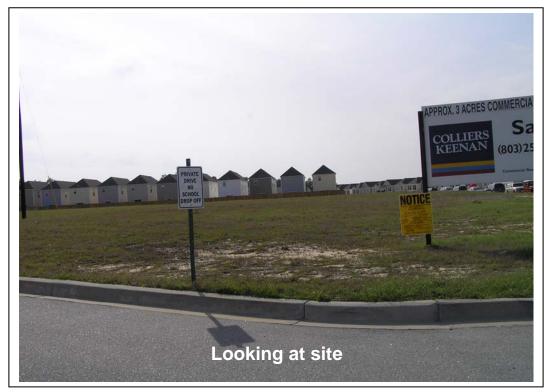




CASE 05-68 MA From PUD-MH to PUD-O

TMS# 23000-03-19

Summit Terrace Court





Attachment A Case 05-68 MA

METES & BOUNDS DESCRIPTION:

Richland County Portion of TMS 23000-03-15, 2.99 Acres On Summit terrace Road

Beginning at a ½" rebar (o), located on the southern r/w of Summit Terrace road, 769' west of the intersection of Summit Parkway and Summit Terrace, near the City of Columbia; thence continuing along the southern right-of-way of Summit Terrace along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 434.00', a length of 233.69', a delta angle of 30°51'06", a chord of 230.88' and a chord bearing of S79°27'01"E to a ½" rebar (o), thence continuing along the southern right-of-way of Summit Terrace along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 566.00', a chord of 118.42' and a chord bearing of S70°01'45"E to a ½" rebar (o), thence turning and running along property of now or formerly The Havens S25°00'01"W for a distance of 74.22' to a ½" rebar (o), thence continuing along property of now or formerly Columbia/Summit/RSL/Haven, LLC S07°23'37"W for a distance of 282.10' to a ½" rebar (o), thence turning and running along property of now or formerly Richland County School District Two N87°27'43"W for a distance of 323.94' to a ½" rebar (o), thence turning and running along property of now or formerly Westbrook Summit, LLC N07°16'21"E for a distance of 418.77' to a ½" rebar (o), the point of beginning.

Attachment B PROPOSED Case 05-68 MA OCTOBER 31, 196 LM LM LAND USE PLAN FOR WESTBROOK SUMMIT, LL.C. RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA CLISHREDRY DOCUMENTS DECLAND USE MEYLAND-LAN-183-29-155479 3-730/2005 9-46-20 MR EST LM LM

Attachment C EXISTING Case 05-68 MA LAND USE PLA FOR WESTBROOK SUMMIT, LL.C. RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Attachment D Case 05-68 MA

Applicant's List of Requested Permitted Uses Under PUD-2-O Zoning Designation Regarding Application of RSL Simon, LLC Richland County Tax Map 23000-03-19

Permitted Principal Uses and Structures:

- General offices
- Medical, dental and related medical offices and services
- Nursing homes, assisted care facilities, long term care facilities
- Day nurseries/kindergarten, subject to Section 26-84 of Richland County Zoning Ordinance
- Parallel zero lot line dwelling units and developments subject to the provisions of Section 26-90 of Richland County Zoning Ordinances with density not to exceed 9 units per acre.
- Common zero lot line dwelling units and developments subject to the provisions of Section 26-90 of Richland County Zoning Ordinances with density not to exceed 9 units per acre.
- Cluster Housing Developments containing only single family detached dwellings subject to the provisions of Section 26-87, but no modular building units.

Permitted Special Exceptions:

- Rehabilitation centers with lot area of at least 10,000 square feet
- Assessory uses to permitted uses and structures under 26-65.4

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-70 MA	Applicant: Village of Hope CDC		
General Location: Roosevelt Homes site at Gibson Street & McRae St near the Broad River			
Tax Map Number: 09104-01-06/20	Subject Area: 24.5 ac MOL		
Current Parcel Zoning: RG-2	Proposed Parcel Zoning: PUD		
Proposed Use: 212 Single Family and Multi-fa	mily PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005		
residences with associated light commercial uses	3		

SECTION I ANALYSIS

Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to analyze "...the location, character and extent..." of a proposed amendment. It is the Department's position that this provision means the Planning Commission must "...review and comment as to the compatibility of the proposal with the comprehensive plan..."

In addition, Chapter 26-402 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances states "...All proposed amendments (to the Zoning Ordinance) shall be submitted to the planning commission for study and recommendation..." The Planning Commission shall study such proposals to determine:

- a) The need and justification for the changes.
- b) The effect of the change, if any, on the property and on surrounding properties.
- c) The amount of land in the general area having the same classification as that requested.
- d) The relationship of the proposed amendments to the purposes of the general planning program, with appropriate consideration as to whether the proposed change will further the purposes of this Ordinance (the Zoning Ordinance) and the comprehensive plan

This staff report analyzes the proposed amendment based on the criteria above and identifies of the estimated impact of the proposed project on transportation facilities and services. The appropriate Proposed Land Use Map, Goals, Objectives and Recommendations/Principles of the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant issues will also be presented. A zoning map, the appropriate graphics and other pertinent data are found at the end of this document.

The existing zoning is presumed to be an accurate reflection of the County's desired development for the area and the subject site. Therefore, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide facts justifying the need to change the existing zoning.

Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

Demolish existing public housing and replace with a new mixed use development

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	RG-2	Roosevelt Homes Project
Adjacent North	RS-2	Single family residences
Adjacent East	RG-2	Single family residences
Adjacent South	RG-2 & RS-3	Taylor Elem. School, Church & Convenience Store
Adjacent West	M-2	Broad River Riverwalk and undeveloped woodlands

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

RG-2 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed PUD Zoning Designation Intent	
Intended for medium and high density residential areas characterized by multi-family	Intended to accommodate primarily residential uses, with nonresidential uses integrated into	
structures, garden style apartments and high	the design of such districts as secondary uses	
rise apartments	_	
Existing RG-2 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed PUD Zoning Permitted Uses	
Single family and duplex residences	Limited the types, amounts and locations of	
Multi-family dwellings	land uses specified in the General	
Cluster housing projects	Development Plan	
Parallel housing projects		
Common zero lot line housing projects		

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-64 and Chapter 26-70, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The proposed project will replace an existing multi-family residential project with a new mixed residential density and associated light commercial use project. The density of the new project is comparable to the existing density. The proposed project is compatible with the adjacent development in the neighborhood.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

Traffic engineers design roads to meet a V/C ratio of 1.0, or the actual volume of traffic on the road equals the volume of traffic for which the road was designed. **As traffic increases on a roadway, the V/C ratio increases and the level-of-service decreases.** Level-of-service is expressed as LOS C, D, E, or F. The V/C ratios for these level-of-service are shown below:

LOS $C = V/C$ ratio of 1.00, or less	LOS D = V/C ratio of 1.01 to 1.15
LOS $E = V/C$ ratio of 1.16 to 1.34	LOS $F = V/C$ ratio of 1.35, or greater

The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From		Broad River Road	
Functional Classification Of This Roadway Four		Lane Undivided Principal Arterial	
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity $(V/C = 1.00)$		29,200	
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project		1178	
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station # 184		24,100	
Located @ Broad River Rd Bridge			
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project		25,278	
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project		0.87	

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> Major Street Plan, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993.

The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

The estimated traffic generation from the proposed project is likely too high due to the uncertainty of the automobile ownership characteristics of the new residents. In addition, bus service is available on Broad River Rd, approximately three blocks south of the project.

Fire Service Impacts

The information provided below is strictly based on the estimated aerial distance, **not road miles**, from the nearest fire station. Without data that is not currently available, it is not possible to determine an estimated response time. The proposed project is located within a 2 mile radius of a fire station.

Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (*i.e.*, *zoning and other land development regulations*) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the <u>I-20 Interbeltway Subarea Proposed Land Use Map</u>, the <u>Map</u> should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The <u>Map</u> designates the subject area as High Density Residential.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>I-20 Interbeltway Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in November 1994, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment. The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 9 and 12 respectively, are discussed below:

<u>Objective – Promote new development and redevelopment patterns as established areas worthy</u> of preservation

The existing Roosevelt Home project will be demolished and replaced with some residences specifically for low income families and the elderly, some units will be available for rent and some for ownership. The proposed Amendment implements this Objective.

Objective – Promote a variety of residential densities for the development of affordable, quality housing while blending with the character of the surrounding area

The proposed project will include apartments, townhouses, senior citizen housing and single family detached residences. The latter housing units will be located adjacent to the existing single family units in the Riverview Terrace and Broad River Heights neighborhoods. The gross density for the site is 10.4 DU/acre. The Amendment implements this Objective.

Objective – Support more intense residential and/or commercial development adjacent to locations for proposed public building and facilities

The proposed project includes approximately 6000 sq. ft. of neighborhood commercial space The proposed Amendment implements this Objective.

<u>Principle – Where single family development occurs adjacent to higher intensity uses, multifamily development, at a comparable density, may be used as a buffer</u>

The Overall Development Plan locates the apartments in the interior of the site and the townhouses along McRae Street and across from the Taylor Elementary School. The proposed Amendment implements this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

Approximately 25 percent of the site is open space, including a variety of active recreation facilities in the center of the site. The subject site is adjacent to the Broad River "Riverwalk".

The principal purpose of the project is to demolish existing substandard housing and replace it with a variety of new housing types. The new project will likely create a catalyst for more private redevelopment initiatives in the adjacent neighborhoods.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-70 MA **be changed** from RG-2 to PUD, subject to the conditions described below:

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The applicant has provided sufficient factual information to justify a need to change the existing zoning map designation on the subject parcel.
- 2. The proposed Amendment is compatible with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 3. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Broad River Road at this location will not be exceeded.
- 4. The proposed Amendment is consistent with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the I-20 Interbeltway Subarea Plan.
- 5. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment is consistent with the Objectives and Recommendations of the <u>I-20 Interbeltway Subarea Plan</u> discussed herein.
- 6. The Planning Commission hereby approves the General Development Plan (*submitted as applicant's Overall Development Plan*), subject to the conditions listed below, as required by Chapter 26-70.15 of the County Code.

7. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

PUD Conditions

- a) The Planning Commission approved the General Development Plan prepared for Village of Hope PUD, except as otherwise amended herein, required by Section 26.70-15, which is on file in the Richland County Planning & Development Services Department (hereinafter referred to as "PDSD") and is incorporated herein by reference; and
- b) The site development shall be limited to 130 apartment units, 38 townhouse units, 38 senior citizen units, 20 single family dwelling units and a maximum of 6000 sq. ft. of neighborhood retail space as depicted in (Attachment B), which is attached hereto; and
- c) The applicant shall transmit a phasing plan, if applicable, to the Department prior to reviewing any construction plans; **and**
- d) Unless otherwise provided herein, all development shall conform to all relevant land development regulations in effect at the time a permit application is received by the Planning and Development Service Dept. (PDSD); and
- e) Approval of Attachment B shall constitute approval of the Sketch Plan for subdivision purposes; and is hereby approved for such purposes; and
- f) The provisions of Sections 26-70.7, 26-70.8, 26-70.10, and 26-70.11 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances shall not apply to this project; **and**
- g) No Special Exceptions, as defined in Section 26-602, of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations, shall be permitted; **and**
- h) Pursuant to the requirements of Section 26-70.17 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, the following changes shall require a review and recommendation by the Planning Commission and a new ordinance by the County Council:
 - 1) Any increase in the number of access points to the external road network;
 - 2) Any decrease in the amount of open space/common areas;
 - 3) Any increase in the gross project density (measured in DU/acre or square footage/acre) and/or
 - 4) Any change in traffic flow; and
- i) The Planning Commission is hereby authorized to make minor amendments, to Attachment B, and Attachment C, or as otherwise allowed by Section 26-70.17 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances, or its relevant successor regulations; **and**
- j) The PDSD is authorized to make minor adjustments to the phasing schedule and may become necessary during the project's construction; **and**
- k) All internal streets shall be publicly owned and maintained by Richland County; and
- 1) Other conditions resulting from the Commission consideration?

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (**did not agree**) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-70 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-70 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:

PUD SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

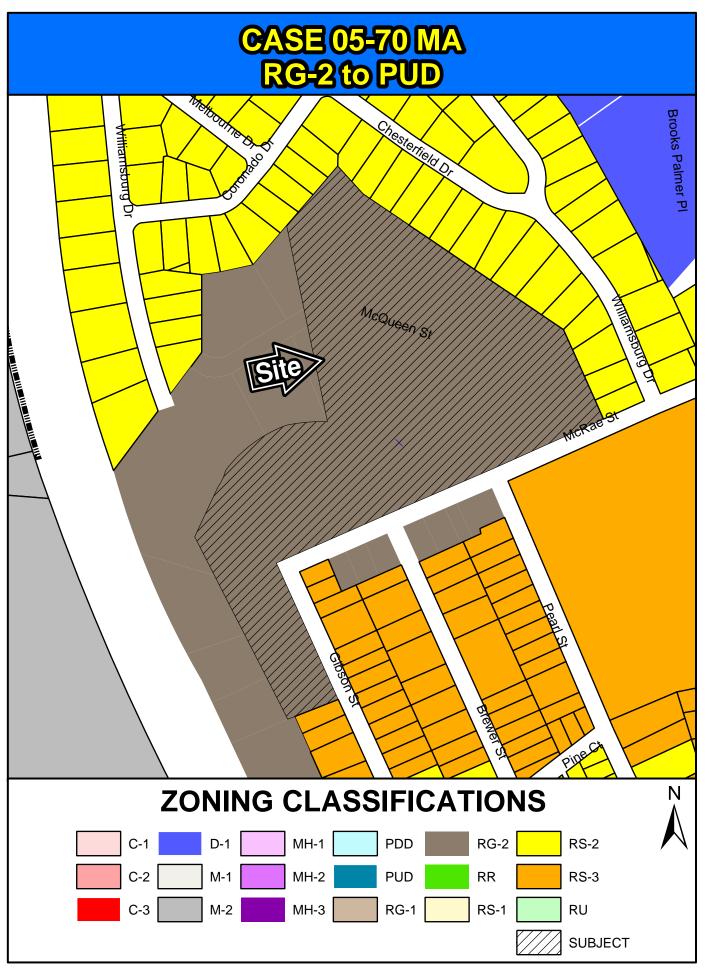
The following are the current requirements for submission of a Planned Unit Development project Zoning Map Amendment as described in Chapter 26-70.16 and 26-71.13 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances. The same submission requirements apply to both Chapters.

Project Number: <u>05-70 MA</u> **Applicant:** <u>Village of Hope CDC</u>

TMS#: <u>09104-01-06/20</u> General Location: <u>Gibson Street & McRae Street</u>

Chapter #	General Development Plan Requirements	Comply
26-70.16	O.16 Generalized drawing (s) for entire site showing the general development pattern, including relationship between the various uses	
26-70.16 a	26-70.16 a Statement of major project assumptions and objectives	
26-70.16 b	Statement of the range of percentages of the total area intended for residential, commercial industrial, open space, social/community uses & major streets and roads	
26-70.16 c	26-70.16 c Statement of intended overall maximum dwelling unit density per acre	
26-70.16 d	Legal description	Page Appen. B
26-70.16 e	Total acres	Page 12
26-70.16 f	Tentative number of units of various types	Page 12
26-70.16 g	Description of open space & community facilities & adequacy to serve the anticipated demand	
26-70.16 h	26-70.16 h Approximate timing of development by phase	
26-70.16 i	Detailed description of the proposed homeowners association procedures, or other group maintenance & ownership features	Page NAp
26-70.16 ј	Design standards, administrative procedures & such information or descriptions appropriate for Planning Commission review	Page NAp





CASE 05-70 MA From RG-2 to PUD

TMS# 09104-01-06/20

McRae and Gibson Streets





Attachment A Case 05-70 MA

ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being near the City of Columbia, County of Richland, State of South Carolina, said property the Eastern half of Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), and Eleven (11), the Northern and Eastern Lot Twe ve (12), all of Lots Thirteen (13), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), a portion of Lot Seventeen (17), a portion of Lot Eighteen, and a portion of Lot Nineteen (19) of Block "W" as shown on a plat prepared for Roosevelt Village, Incorporated by Barber, Keels and Associates, dated October 3, 1949 and recorded in Plat Book N at Page 123 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County. Said property also embracing Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and a portion of Lot Nine (9), in Block "S", as shown on the aforementioned plat. The aforementioned mentioned property is further shown on a plat propered for Roosevelt Village, Incorporated by Barber, Keels & Assoc. - Engineers, dated Gentler 3. 1949 and revised March 21, 1951 as to 50' street and recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 515 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County and further shown on a plat prepared for Village of Hope Community Development Corporation, prepared by American Estimating Consultants, Inc. and dated November 13, 2003 and more specifically shown on boundary marvey prepared for Village of Hope Community Development Corporation, prepared by Assistican Engineering Consultants, Inc. dated November 13, 2003, last revised December 10, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Richland County in Plat Book 255, at page 38U.

DERIVATION: Deed of Roosevelt Village, Incorporated, dated August 3, 1988 and recorded August 18, 1988 in the Office of the RMC for Richland County in Deed Book 19-901 at Page 18.

TAX MAP NO.: 9104-01-06 and 9104-01-20

Attachment B Case 05-70 MA The Village at River's Edge McCrae Street, Richland County, SC WAR BURNEY OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN An Affordable Residential Community for Richland County

RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANNING COMMISSION MAP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

May 2, 2005

RC Project # 05-71 MA	Applicant: William F. Cotty	
General Location: South side of Spears Creek Church Rd. near Two Notch Road		
Tax Map Number: 25807-02-03/04/05/06/07/08/09/13	Subject Area: 5.2 ac MOL	
Current Parcel Zoning: D-1	Proposed Parcel Zoning: C-3	
Proposed Use: Unspecified Commercial	PC Sign Posting Date: April 6, 2005	

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Applicant's Factual Justification For Proposed Change

For the establishment of commercial uses

Compatibility With Existing Development in the Area

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
Subject Parcel	D-1	Undeveloped parcels and single family residences
Adjacent North	C-3	Single family residence
Adjacent East	D-1	Single family residences, undeveloped woodlands, mortgage company
Adjacent South	D-1	Single family residences
Adjacent West	RG-1	Hacienda Manufactured Home Park

Part of the determination regarding the compatibility of the proposed project with the surrounding area is a comparison of the existing permitted uses with the uses permitted under the proposed zoning district. The table below summarizes this comparison.

D-1 Zoning Designation Intent	Proposed C-3 Zoning Designation Intent
Intended to provide for large tracts of land	Intended to accommodate a wide variety of
located primarily on the fringe of urban growth	general commercial and nonresidential uses
where the predominant character of urban	characterized by retail, office and service
development has not yet been fully established,	establishments and oriented primarily to major
but where the current characteristics of use are	traffic arteries
predominantly residential, agricultural, or	
semideveloped, with scattered related uses.	
Existing D-1 Zoning Permitted Uses	Proposed C-3 Zoning Permitted Uses
Agriculture	Retail, service, repair & personal services
Horticulture	Offices, studios & financial institutions
Forestry	Eating and drinking establishments
Single family detached dwellings or modular	Wholesale/distribution uses < 8000 sq. ft.
building units located on individual lots	Private clubs, lodges and the like
Places of worship	Automobile service stations
	Places of worship
	Enclosed recycle collection & transfer uses

The land uses above represent a <u>summary</u> of the permitted uses in Chapter 26-62 and Chapter 26-67, respectively of the County Code. Some Special Exception uses are also possible.

The site is completely surrounded by single family residences on land zoned D-1, RG-1, or C-3 to the north. The proposed Amendment is not compatible with the existing land uses.

Traffic Impact Discussion

In the absence of a traffic study prepared in conformance with recognized standards of professional practice, the analysis below provides a reasonable estimate of the proposed project's impact on the identified roadway's traffic volume. This analysis uses the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio system because the long-range transportation planning process uses V/C ratios to determine road improvement priorities.

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The estimate of the proposed project's effect on the traffic conditions of the roadway from which it gets its access is calculated below. The current fiscal reality is that completion of Clemson Road to I-77 is the only Richland County capacity improvement project funded through June 2009. Furthermore, only roadways with V/C ratios of 1.35, or greater, are likely to be funded for improvement in the CMCOG Long Range Improvement Plan.

Proposed Project Gets Its Principal Access From	Two Notch Road via Spears Creek Church		Church
	Road		
Functional Classification Of This Roadway Five Lane		ve Lane Undivided Minor A	Arterial
Level-Of-Service \underline{C} Design Capacity (V/C = 1.00)		24,800	
Estimated Traffic Generated By The Proposed Project			NP
Current Volume At The Nearest Count Station #117			15,700
Located @west of Two Notch/Spears Creek Intersection		<u> </u>) ID
Estimated Traffic Count With the Proposed Project			NP
Volume-To-Capacity Ratio With The Proposed Project			NP

Notes:

The <u>functional classification of the roadway</u> is taken from the <u>Richland County Long Range</u> <u>Major Street Plan</u>, adopted in October 1993 as part of the regional traffic planning process.

The <u>estimated project traffic</u> is determined by applying the traffic generation rates presented on pages 9 through 11 of the <u>Addendum To The Long Range Major Street Plan for Richland County</u>, October 1993, or the 6th Edition of the Institute of Traffic Engineers <u>Traffic Generation Manual (TGM)</u>, whichever is most appropriate for the requested use. The <u>current traffic counts</u> were received from SCDOT on May 25, 2004 and represent the Annual Average Daily Trips in 2003 i.e. **they are already more than one year old**.

The <u>volume-to-capacity ratio</u> with the <u>proposed project</u> is the current traffic count plus the estimated traffic generated divided by the LOS C design capacity

NP = Not possible to determine the generation rate from the TGM (use not specific enough)

Without a more specific idea of the intended use, it is not possible to estimate the traffic that could be generated by the use of the site for general commercial uses. For example, the <u>TGM</u> has factors for retail commercial use ranging from 4.8 trips per 1000 sq. ft for unspecified general commercial to 688 trips 1000 sq. ft for a drive-in restaurant to 1855 trips per 1000 sq. ft. GLA for a convenience store with gas pumps.

The portion of Two Notch Road that was counted at station #117 is operating well below its LOS C design capacity. The proposed Amendment should not cause the LOS C to be exceeded, however, upon buildout of the Greenhill Parish PUD the average daily trips on this portion of Two Notch Road and Spears Creek Church road will increase dramatically.

Fire Service Impacts

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Relationship To Comprehensive Plan

It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Chapter 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, it is necessary to evaluate the proposed zoning amendment based on the guidance provided in the Imagine Richland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, (Ordinance # 013-99HR, adopted May 3, 1999 and codified as Section 20-21 of the Richland County Code of Ordinances) hereinafter referred to as the Plan. Specifically, the Plan states "...It adopts by reference and carries forth the Future Land Use Maps and Principles/Recommendations of the existing Richland County Subarea Plans as an interim, transitional Plan, subject to future evaluation for consistency with the long-range vision..." [Plan, pg. 4-8] The County Council amended all the Proposed Land Use Maps by Subarea on May 3, 1999 as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption process.

Section 6-29-710, SC Code of Laws states "...The regulations (*i.e.*, *zoning and other land development regulations*) must be made in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the jurisdiction and be made with a view to promoting the purposes set forth in this chapter..." The Department interprets this provision to mean that if either the existing, or proposed zoning, is not consistent with the land use designation on the Northeast Subarea Proposed Land Use Map, the Map should be amended through the statutory comprehensive plan amendment process. The Map designates the subject area as Development in the Established Urban area.

In addition to reviewing the consistency with the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u>, it is necessary to review the Comprehensive Plan's development policies, as found in the Subarea Plans, to determine if the proposed amendment furthers the Objectives and Recommendations Principles of the Comprehensive Plan as found in the Subarea Plans. The <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u>, adopted in March 1995, contains policy guidance that is relevant to the subject Zoning Map Amendment.

The relevant Objectives and Principles/Recommendations, found on pages 30 and 35 respectively, are discussed below:

Objective – <u>Encourage industrial and commercial uses in selected, concentrated locations where access is appropriate for the use.</u>

This area of Spears Creek Road is not appropriate for commercial uses as there is currently existing C-3 zoning directly north at Two Notch Road and this site(s) lie amongst existing single family residences. One of the objectives of the Plan is to locate commercial uses at major intersections such as Spears Creek and Two Notch Road. If this area were to be rezoned to commercial it would exacerbate the existing traffic problem on Spears Creek Church Road. The proposed Amendment **does not implement this** Objective.

Objective – <u>Minimize incompatibility between existing and proposed land uses</u>. As stated in the previous Objective, the site is encompassed by existing residential land uses. The proposed Amendment **does not implement this** Objective

Principle – <u>In general, commercial and office activities should be confined to existing zoned</u> areas and/or proposed locations where the following apply:

- 1. <u>Sites that don't encroach or penetrate established residential areas; and</u>
 As stated in the Objectives, the site is encompassed by existing single family uses and commercial uses at the location(s) would penetrate into the existing residential areas.
- 2. <u>Sites of major traffic junctions and cluster locations as opposed to strip development</u>. As stated in the Objective, the site is not located at a major traffic junction and rezoning of this site(s) would set a precedent for stripping out the south side Spears Creek Church for additional commercial uses.

The proposed Amendment **does not implement** this Principle.

Other Relevant Issues

The Department and the Planning Commission recommended that no additional commercial zoning should be permitted any further south of the approved C-3 zoned parcels at 114 & 118 Spears Creek Church Road (TMS #'s 25807-02-01/02). The case for the aforementioned parcels was presented to the Planning Commission on May 3, 2004 and was approved by County Council on June 15, 2004. The C-3 zoning line has been clearly delineated and can be seen on the zoning map provided in the case directly north of the proposed Amendment site(s).

Greenhill Parish (PUD) is located directly across Spears Creek Church Road to the east and has approvals for the establishment of commercial areas. Representatives for the Greenhill Parish PUD are currently working with the Department to submit an amended layout plan for the commercial and multi-family portion of Greenhill Parish to be developed. The Department met with some of the representatives on April 20, 2005 to discuss the process of possibly amending the existing PUD for the relocation of the approved multi-family and commercial developments.

The <u>Plan</u> does not specifically depict the meaning or uses that should be provided for in the Development District. The definition of the Development District is therefore left up to the digression of the County to make the decision of what is an appropriate land use and zoning designation in a specific location within the Development District.

SECTION II STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of fact described above and summarized below, the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) recommends the Official Zoning Map designation for the parcels included in Project # 05-71 MA **not be changed** from D-1 to C-3.

Findings of Fact:

- 1. The proposed Amendment is not compatible with the adjacent existing land uses.
- 2. The traffic analysis shows that the LOS C traffic capacity of Two Notch Road near this location is not currently being exceeded.
- 3. The proposed Amendment **is consistent** with <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> designation in the Northeast Subarea Plan.
- 4. The proposed Zoning Map Amendment **is not consistent** with the Objectives and Recommendations of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> discussed herein.
- 5. It is the Department's position that in order to comply with the requirements of Section 6-29-540, SC Code of Laws, the <u>Proposed Land Use Map</u> for this portion of the <u>Northeast Subarea Plan</u> should be amended, via the formal land use ordinance adoption process, to change the land use designation for the subject site to a Residential land use designation.
- 6. If the proposed Zoning Map Amendment fails, the subject property may continue to be used by any existing permitted uses identified on page 2 of this Report.

SECTION III PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Article IV of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, the applicant, the Department, or a Commission member voting on the prevailing side of a decision, may request reconsideration of a Commission's decision provided such written request is received by the Department within 14 days of the Commission's action **and** the Commission finds that:

- (a) The Department made a significant mistake or omission in the facts presented when the subject matter was initially considered; **or**
- (b) Notice of the meeting at which the subject agenda item was considered was improper pursuant to State or County regulations; **or**
- (c) A clerical or map error is such that it may affect the result of the Commission's action.

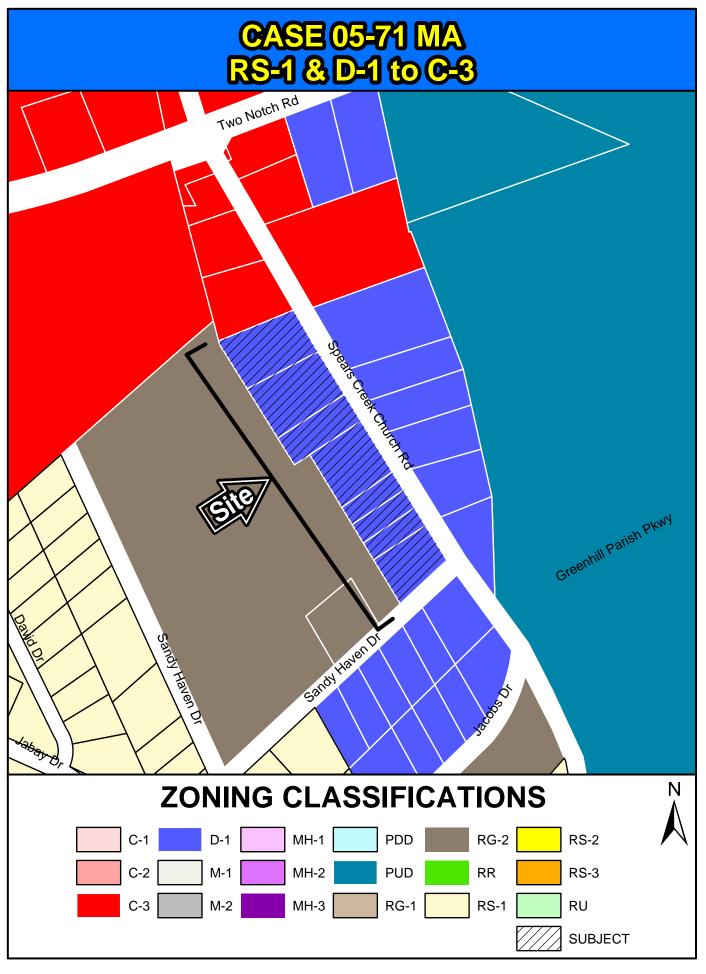
At their meeting of May 2, 2005, the Richland County Planning Commission agreed (did not agree) with the PDSD recommendation and, based on the findings of fact summarized above, recommends the County Council initiate the ordinance consideration process (deny the proposed Amendment) for RC Project # 05-71 MA at the next available opportunity.

Commission Findings of Fact/Recommendations

(If the Planning Commission does not agree with the Department's recommendation and/or findings of fact, the reasons for the decision must be clearly stated for the public record.)

In consideration of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment # 05-71 MA, the Planning Commission made the findings of fact summarized below:





CASE 05-71 MA From D-1 to C-3

TMS# 25807-02-03/04/05/06/07/08/09/13 South Side of Spears Creek Church Road









Attachment A Case 05-71 MA

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with improvements thereon situate, lying and

being on the Southwestern side of S.C. Road S-53, in the Town of Pontiac, County of

Richland, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as a parcel containing

1.00 acre on a plat prepared for T.F. Howell by E. F. Owens, R.L.S., dated August 27,

1980: said parcel having the following boundaries and measurements as shown on said

plat, to wit: On the Northeast by S.C. Road S-53, whereon it measures 162.0 feet; on the

Southeast by property of A.L. Jacobs, whereon it measures 269.4 feet; on the Southeast

by Sandhurst Development Corp., whereon it measures 162.0 feet; and on the Northwest

by property of A.L. Jacobs, whereon it measures 269.25 feet.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Clara Mae

Jacobs, dated December 12, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book D-265 at page 411.

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT Development Services Division Memo

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Carl D. Gosline, AICP, Land Development Administrator

DATE: April 21, 2005

RE: Subdivision and Street Name Approval

Background

Section 6-29-1200 (A), SC Code of Laws requires the Planning Commission to approve street names. Specifically, the statute states, "...A local planning commission created under the provisions of this chapter shall, by proper certificate, approve and authorize the name of a street or road laid out within the territory over which the commission has jurisdiction..."

The attached list of proposed street/road names has been certified by Alfreda Tindal, Richland County E-911 Addressing Coordinator, as being in compliance with the E-911 system requirements. A list of proposed subdivision names is included for your information.

Action Requested

The Department recommends the Commission approve the attached street/road name list. The subdivision/commercial names are for information only. No Commission action is necessary.

APPROVED SUBDIVISION NAMES	GENERAL LOCATION
Anchor Watch	Future Mungo Development
Beaver Park	Wood Creek Farms S/D, Northeast Columbia
Langford Rd Estates	Future Development off Langford Road, Blythewood
River Trail	Future Development off O'Sheal Rd, Irmo
Villa Bella	Future Mungo Development

May 2, 2005

PROPOSED STREET NAMES	SUBDIVISION/ ROAD LOCATION
Buttercup Circle	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V
Ester Kelly Road	Future Harvey Kelly S/D, Blythewood
Gadwell Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Goldeneye Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Guard Tower Lane	Future Kingston Ridge S/D, Hopkins
Harlequin Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Harvey Kelly Lane	Future Harvey Kelly S/D, Blythewood
Knight Valley Circle	Future Kingston Ridge S/D, Hopkins
Loon Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Lord Byron Lane	Future Kingston Ridge S/D, Hopkins
Mood Kelly Road	Future Harvey Kelly S/D, Blythewood
Nottingham Court	Future Kingston Ridge S/D, Hopkins
Pogonia Lane	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Ring Neck Duck Ct	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Round Table Court	Future Kingston Ridge S/D. Hopkins
Ruddy Duck Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Rudy Duck Court	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Water Willow Way	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood
Whistling Duck Ct	Future Willow Lakes, Ph V, Blythewood