AGENDA

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 7:15 PM

4040 South Berkeley Lake Road Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) October 10, 2023
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- a) RZ-23-08, 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard request to rezone from GC-A (C-1), Gwinnett County-Annexed (Neighborhood Commercial) to M-1, Light Industrial
- b) PZV-23-09, 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Variances to the following:
 - a. Sec. 78-242, modification of 75-foot buffer when M-1 abuts R-100
 - b. Sec. 78-243 (1), reduction of M-1 minimum district area from 10 acres to 4.996 acres
 - c. Sec. 78-243 (5), reduction of front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet per the proposed site plan
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- VII. DISCUSSION SESSION
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE 4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES OCOTBER 10, 2023 7:15 PM

Those in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

Commission Members: George Kaffezakis

Rand Kirkus Robin Sansone

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator

Thomas Mitchell – City Attorney

Rob Hiller – City Marshal

Citizens Present: 26

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kirkus called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. A quorum of the commission along with City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill, and City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell, were present at the meeting. Kirkus noted that the chair was not in attendance and the first order of business was to appoint a temporary chair for the meeting.

Kaffezakis nominated Kirkus to serve as the temporary chair, Sansone seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

II. APPROVAL OF OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Kirkus asked if there were any suggested changes to the agenda.

Sansone moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Kaffezakis seconded and all voted to approve the agenda.

III. MINUTES

1. Minutes of August 8, 2023

Sansone moved to approve the minutes of the August 8th meeting. Kaffezakis seconded and all voted to approve the minutes.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. PZRZ 23-08, 4477/4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Rezoning from GC-A (C-1) to M-1 and PZV 23-09 associated concurrent variances as follows:
 - a. Elimination of the 75-foot buffer adjacent to residential property
 - b. Reduction of the M-1 district area minimum from 10 acres to 4.996 acres
 - c. Increase in the M-1 maximum height from 40 feet to 45 feet
 - d. Reduction in the M-1 75-foot front setback to 11.11 feet along a portion of the property where there is a jog in the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard right-of-way
 - e. Allowance of accessory retail sales in a stand-alone building

Kirkus acknowledged Threadgill to review the project and the status of the rezoning and variance applications. She provided background regarding the zoning of the property and an overview of the project.

Threadgill stated that the 75-foot buffer variance is now for a modification rather than an elimination of the buffer. However, there is some discrepancy between the site plan and the letter of intent. While the letter of intent notes that the 75-buffer is to remain undisturbed, the site plan shows 30 new 9-inch caliper trees and 80 shrubs to be planted in the buffer area. This is a concern because zoning and variance approvals are conditioned on development according to the site plan, and this proposed planting shown on the site plan will disturb the buffer which is supposed to remain undisturbed. In addition, the proposed buffer language as submitted by the applicant violates another provision of the city's ordinance by asking for trees within the buffer to be counted toward meeting the tree density requirement for the site.

Threadgill reviewed the request for the minimum M-1 district area to be varied and noted that the standard is somewhat confusing.

Threadgill reviewed the height variance request and stated that the applicant now has asked for the request to be tabled depending on the final building sizes. This is a concern because the building sizes should be decided through the zoning process and any zoning approval will be conditioned on development according to the site plan approved in the zoning action. It seems that a height variance is no longer needed, and the staff's understanding from the applicant is that buildings along with any roof-mounted equipment, including solar panels, will be able to meet the maximum height limit of 40 feet.

Threadgill reviewed the front setback variance request, which only appears to be needed for the accessory building at one corner. The use of that building has been questioned because originally it was planned for accessory retail sales but now appears to be planned to be used the same as the primary building. Threadgill questioned again the need for the additional building and associated parking and traffic circulation.

Threadgill reviewed the fifth variance for accessory retail sales, which the applicant now notes as tabled and has agreed to limit the uses within the building to those that are permitted through the rezoning process, with the addition of accessory retail sales if allowed by code. Staff would prefer not to authorize a future use in the event the code is changed to allow said

use but would instead recommend that if at some future point the code is changed to allow accessory retail sales, the applicant come in for a change in conditions to the rezoning.

Threadgill reviewed the zoning standards and staff analysis.

Will the rezoning permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property – while it may be compatible with some of the adjacent and nearby properties, it is incompatible with the established residential area to the north/northeast.

Will the rezoning adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property – the rezoning would have an adverse impact on adjacent or nearby residential property.

Does the subject property have reasonable economic use as currently zoned – this is difficult to answer absent a market analysis.

Will the rezoning result in a use that would cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools – staff has circulated the application to Gwinnett Departments of Water Resources and Transportation. The applicant should comply with any comments that result from review by those departments.

Is the rezoning in conformity with the policy and intent of any land use plan in effect – the future land use map designates this property to be within the Peachtree Industrial District which allows some light industrial uses. Acceptable light industrial uses would closely adhere to the zoning and landscape standards of the city in order to make the industrial nature of the development harmonious with surrounding land uses.

Finally, are there other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which provide supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposal — If development would result in tree removal inside the existing zoning buffer, that would create an adverse impact on the adjacent residential areas. In addition, this property sits directly upstream of a private pond and lake. Stormwater management is of the upmost importance. In addition to the offsite water that is carried through the 60-inch pipe, development of this 5-acres site and the associated addition of impervious surface will have a stormwater impact.

In light of the concerns mentioned, staff recommends denial of the application.

Kirkus recognized the applicant.

Wendy Kraby, land use attorney, is working with the applicant. She addressed the commission by saying that the site plan has been modified over time and provided a copy of the changes to the commission for their review. Since last here, the applicant has tried to address the issues that were identified at the last meeting.

The goal is to create something that is workable, good for the city, adds to the tax base and most importantly really addresses the stormwater issues in a professional way.

At this point, there is no plan to cut down trees adjacent to Holben's property.

Taner Baltici, Builderstone owner, stated that there has been a miscommunication or misunderstanding. There is no plan to cut trees in the buffer zone.

George Kyiamah, the applicant's civil engineer, stated that they will leave the buffer undisturbed. There is no infrastructure planned within the zoning buffer area to accommodate the adjoining property owner. The whole idea is that if there are holes in the buffer, they will plant additional trees to screen the development from the adjoining property owner. The existing survey that they have didn't pick up all but a few trees. They will have to do a detailed tree survey. The city tree density requirement has doubled to 40 tree density units, so if there are so many trees in the buffer, it would be good to take advantage of the trees in the buffer to count toward the requirement. They still have to plant a lot of trees. He noted that 40 tree density units is a lot, the worst he has seen is in Gwinnett County at 20 tree density units/acre. He stated that he received an email from the city engineer about access to the pond. The pond is ten feet deep, but where maintenance will be done is a little bit taller than ten feet so an access with a slope of 5:1 has been created to access the bottom of the pond. There was further discussion about the curve number and the discrepancy between 92 and 85. Kyjamah explained that bioretention isn't used for detention, but it does hold the water and allows infiltration and provides some attenuation of peak flows. It provides partial detention, and you can get credit for that.

Sansone asked about the tree density requirement and the change from 20 to 40 tree density units/acre. Threadgill noted that she was not on staff when the standard changed and could not speak to the intent behind the change but that the standard was implemented in 2014. Kyiamah was hoping that the trees within the required buffer could be used to count toward meeting the tree density requirement. Threadgill noted that rather than allowing credit for buffer trees, the acreage of the site used for the purposes of tree density calculation can be reduced by the amount in the required buffer. There was further discussion.

Sansone asked how many curb cuts were planned. The applicant's engineer stated that there are two curb cuts, although the site plan shows three. It was noted that the site plan needs to be revised to be accurate. There was no updated information from Gwinnett Department of Transportation regarding approval of the proposed curb cuts, but Threadgill noted that would be a condition of approval.

Kaffezakis complimented the revised plan and the positive changes, including moving infrastructure out of the buffer area and hearing tonight that the intent is to keep the buffer undisturbed. He asked about site grading. The finished floor elevation is 1054 which indicates that the majority of the building will be mostly in cut and will require fill where the accessory building and stormwater system are proposed. Kyiamah said that he would have to look at it, but that there will be a lot of fill which is why there are a lot of walls proposed. Kaffezakis noted the retaining walls appear to be 25-30 feet tall. Kyiamah confirmed that they are very high but they support the detention areas. The detention area itself is about 10 feet deep, so there will be a lot of backfill. It is a very steep site. Kaffezakis asked if there would be fill dirt added on top of the county's reinforced concrete pipe and whether the county had reviewed that. Kyiamah

stated there is about 30 feet of fill over the pipe, and noted his understanding that the county won't allow buildings over the pipe, but he wasn't aware if the county approved the proposed detention and associated walls over the pipe. In his experience when walls are built over a pipe the county requires an easement agreement. Kaffezais noted that the stormwater management system would be out of order if the county had to fix their RCP and is concerned about that and whether the lake would be protected. He further asked about stormwater control during the grading process and the cut/fill process. Kyiamah responded that BMPs will be put in place, and he recommends using an independent erosion control specialist due to the sensitivity of the area.

Kaffezakis asked about the building height is still being requested to be varied. Kraby stated that she wanted to preserve it as part of the record of what was originally submitted, but that the applicant has agreed to keep the building height including roof-mounted equipment within the 40-foot height limit. Kraby stated they aren't expecting a vote on that variance tonight but didn't want it taken out of the historical record.

Kaffezakis shared Sansone's concern that he is uncomfortable approving anything until a site plan is submitted that is nailed down.

Kirkus asked about the curb cuts and what was submitted to Gwinnett DOT. Kyiamah said he hadn't submitted to Gwinnett DOT. Threadgill noted that she submitted the original site plan that showed three curb cuts to Gwinnett DOT for review and comment but hasn't heard back. Kirkus asked if the applicant could live with two. Kyiamah said they could.

Kaffezakis asked about tree density and if it was possible to add that level of landscaping with both the primary and accessory building occupying a major part of the site. Kyiamah said it was possible but would have to plant larger trees to make up the numbers. Threadgill noted that there is a payment-in-lieu option for folks who aren't able to meet the tree density requirement through plantings on the site.

Kaffezakis asked about the retail sales as an accessory use request. Kraby responded that, like the height variance request, they are interested in the retail use request being tabled. The main building and the accessory building are to be used for the core uses that they have agreed in the conditions proposed – warehouse, wholesale, showroom, and office use, which is a limited use list within the M-1 district.

There was discussion regarding the procedure for the requests that the applicant has noted as tabled.

Kyiamah stated that he thought the engineer wanted to establish a threshold for detention with an increased standard for stormwater management to limit to 46% of pre-development flows. This is very stringent; he would suggest a 60% limit. He has never seen anything more stringent than 70%. To meet this, a huge pond would be required. Kyiamah asked the engineer to reconsider this point.

The BuilderStone owner, Baltici, stated that he will do what is best for construction and operation. He is focusing on developing a brand, following new technology, new trends, and

European design. He is opening a new warehouse in Nashville and Milwaukee and working in New Jersey. If there has been a misunderstanding or miscommunication, he will fix it. He will plant to meet the maximum tree density.

Kirkus opened the meeting to public comment.

Chris Holben, 325 Lakeshore Drive, stated he and his wife, Marlene, have lived here for 48 years. He invited David Huetter, with United Consulting, who has been involved with this property for years and years and years. Holben distributed an aerial photo of the subject site from about 8 to 10 years ago. He described the aerial that shows his house, the pond, the stream, and the buffer area and noted there are over 350 trees in the buffer. As long as the development stays out of the buffer, it protects his property from lights, buildings, and noise. The trees also protect the Lake. If the buffer remains intact, his biggest concern has been the impervious surface. It is five acres of rooftop and parking lot. The pond on his property was built because of the road, but not as a retention pond. Over the years, he has seen more and more water come into his pond. He is concerned about the impervious surface, the size of the detention pond, and he is most concerned about the land disturbance. Two developers have disturbed the site, and twice his pond has been filled with silt. Each time 20, 30, 40 dump truck loads of silt have filled his pond. Now he is concerned about impervious surface and silt getting into the pond. If it gets into the pond, it can get into Berkeley Lake.

David Huetter, United Consulting, distributed a copy of his comments. He has worked with Holben for a number of years regarding his pond. He is familiar with the property. Some of what has been listed in his comments has been addressed already tonight. The applicant has agreed to keeping all the trees. One of the big concerns is the impact of this on the pond both in terms of volume and water quality/sedimentation. It is a legitimate concern because it has happened before. Hopefully the applicant's engineer can design, both from an erosion control and stormwater management standpoint, a plan that protects the pond and the lake. The only other comment is about the hydro study. The design of the hydro study shows 2 different basins, one is 1.34 acres known as basin AC, and is shown to bypass the pond. There needs to be clarification about basin A2, where it is, and where/how that water is going to be treated so it doesn't go directly into the pond. The pond on top of the county's pipe is also a concern. He hopes that there can be a plan developed that works for everyone.

Kaffezakis asked Holben if he acknowledges that the property will be developed at some point. Holben stated he knows that and there was discussion that it needs to be done the right way.

Andrita Hammond, 267 Lakeshore Drive, asked how the site would be policed to ensure that no trees to be preserved are removed. There was further discussion.

Holben, 325 Lakeshore Drive, reiterated Hammond's point about tree removal.

Ginny Nevins, 116 Lakeshore Drive, asked if there could be stiff penalties for each tree removed. There was further discussion.

Kaffezakis noted that we are trying to prevent tree removal from happening in the first place. The plan needs to be clear from the beginning in terms of what is and what isn't being asked for and all the things that have been discussed. That plan needs to be presented for action rather than trying to make things fit during the meeting.

Thomas Mitchell noted that if the application were approved with suggested conditions, one of those is that the buffer would be required to be undisturbed except for supplemental plantings required by the preceding two conditions. In that case, if the buffer is cut, it would be a zoning violation and they couldn't proceed without rectifying it.

Kraby stated that this is usually a 2-stepped process, a zoning process and then a LDP process. She described what occurs during the LDP process, a tree count is done, a landscape plan will be done, a stormwater management plan, a stormwater maintenance plan, which may be recorded. It is highly regulated. She explained that some of the details, like a full tree count, of the design won't happen at this level. Taner isn't a developer, he is the owner that is going to have his business here for many years. He doesn't want the trees cut down either. Just because the prior developer cut trees that he wasn't supposed to cut doesn't mean that the applicant will do the same. Technically what is proposed is that for 75-feet from Holben's property, nothing can be removed, but plantings can be added. They are asking for the portion adjacent to the other R-100 property, J Ryerson's, to not have the same buffer standard. Kraby has noted that the tree ordinance has a lot of provisions. She noted that she didn't want there to be a concern that trees would be cut in the middle of the night.

Kirkus closed the comment period.

Kaffezakis stated that the intent of the commission is to work with the applicant to iron out a workable plan that protects and allows for the development of the property. He indicated he would like a clean request that makes clear what is being requested. There was consensus among the commission that they were not prepared tonight to approve what has been submitted.

There was discussion about the next step procedurally and the commission requested the applicant come back with answers to the questions raised tonight.

Kirkus asked the status of the easement over the 60-inch pipe. Kraby stated that she talked to the county about their interests in the easements shown on the plan and shared with the county the site plan for the project. Kirkus asked if the county was aware of the backfill over the pipe. Kraby stated that they will have to coordinate with Gwinnett County, and they have talked to Gwinnett.

There was further discussion. Threadgill noted that there are recommended conditions for approval, and that one of those conditions is regarding coordination with Gwinnett County and the requirement for documentation of approval from Gwinnett County prior to LDP issuance.

Kaffezakis asked if the county says no regarding the proposed plan which impacts their pipe. Baltici, the owner, said if the county has an issue, they would change their design to accommodate the county's comments. He stated that he has visited Mr. Holben twice about the design and that he cares about his thoughts and agrees and has changed the plan to

accommodate. He agreed to meet with representatives from the city to address the concerns that have been raised.

Kraby indicated that she would try to get something in writing from Gwinnett County and has talked to them personally.

Kraby asked for a list from the commission regarding what they need in order to be able to vote on the application.

There was discussion about the additional building that is proposed. Mitchell noted that the application is requesting two primary structures, which does not comply with the zoning ordinance.

Kraby stated that the applicant's argument is that it is an accessory building under M-1. It is meant to be a headquarters or a campus.

Kaffezakis stated that if they can meet tree density, provide stormwater systems over and beyond, and DWR allows the detention facility to remain in place, he doesn't see a difference between one larger building and two separate buildings because it will be the same amount of impervious surface. He is mainly concerned with ensuring that everything else is met. He is mostly concerned about DWR agreeing to the stormwater management system as drawn.

Holben commented that there is an existing pond on the site which is in the location of the proposed accessory building. There was further discussion about the accessory building and moving the proposed pond forward to avoid putting it on top of the pipe. Baltici stated that he would like the two buildings separate for the operation of the uses and explained that the accessory building will have a showroom on the first floor and offices on the second floor.

Threadgill noted that the site plan and application need to be clearer. The plan that was submitted for tonight's consideration showed planting 9-inch caliper trees in the undisturbed buffer, which would disturb the buffer, and that is problematic.

There was further discussion regarding accessory structures in M-1. The M-1 permitted use list allows enclosed accessory buildings. The problem here is that the smaller building is not going to be accessory to the primary use, they are separate primary uses. There are some discrepancies in the code, but the building doesn't seem to be accessory to the larger building.

Sansone made a motion to continue consideration of the application pending a revised site plan.

Kaffezakis amended the motion to continue the application until next month so that the highlevel decisions relative to the undisturbed buffer, stormwater management and landscaping can be addressed. Sansone seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Kirkus noted that there was no new business to be considered.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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There were no comments.

VII. DISCUSSION

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kirkus adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Threadgill City Administrator City of Berkeley Lake Staff Analysis

CASE NUMBER: PZRZ-23-08 & PZV-23-09 – 4477/4487 PEACHTREE

INDUSTIAL BLVD.

REQUEST: REZONE FROM GC-A (C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD

BUSINESS) TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

CONCURRENT VARIANCES:

1.) MODIFY THE 75-FOOT BUFFER BETWEEN M-1 AND

R-100

2.) REDUCE THE M-1 DISTRICT AREA MINIMUM FROM

10 ACRES TO 4.996 ACRES

3.) REDUCE THE FRONT SETBACK FROM 75 FEET TO

11.11 FEET ALONG APPROX. 49 FEET

EXISTING ZONING: GC-A(C-1) – GWINNETT COUNTY ANNEXED,

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

EXISTING USE: 4477 PIB – BILLBOARD

4487 PIB - UNDEVELOPED

PROPOSED ZONING: M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

PROPOSED USE: CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS – WAREHOUSE,

SHOWROOM AND EXECUTIVE OFFICES

APPLICANT: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL, LLC

4595 WINTERS CHAPEL RD.

DORAVILLE, GA 30360

OWNERS: FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST

4300 SIX FORKS RD., FCC-52

RALEIGH, NC 27609

MEETING DATE: NOV. 14, 2023, P&Z MEETING DATE

JAN. 18, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING DATE (tentative)

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicant proposes to combine the subject properties and build a 60,870-sf warehouse and a 14,500-sf executive office/showroom building to create a corporate headquarters campus. To support the use, the applicant proposes to provide 80 parking spaces as well as 7loading/unloading spaces. Except for an existing billboard that is to remain, the property is undeveloped. For the property to be developed as proposed, the applicant is seeking the following concurrent variances:

- A modification of the 75-foot buffer required between M-1 and R-100 (Sec. 78-242)
- A reduction in the M-1 minimum district area from 10 acres to 4.996 acres (Sec. 78-243(1))
- A reduction in the M-1 required front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet along approximately 49.53 feet (Sec. 78-243 (5))

STAFF FINDINGS:

- 1.) The subject properties (R6268 043 and R6268 044) contain 4.996 acres and are located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard near South Berkeley Lake Road.
- 2.) Property to the north is zoned Single-Family Residential (R-100) and Gwinnett County Annexed (GC-A) with an underlying county zoning of Light Industry (M-1). Property to the east is zoned R-100 and GC-A, with an underlying county zoning of Heavy Industry (M-2). Peachtree Industrial Boulevard is located to the south and property to the west is zoned GC-A, with an underlying county zoning of Office-Institutional (OI).
- 3.) Prior to 2007 the property was zoned Light Industry (M-1) in unincorporated Gwinnett County, but in 2007 the zoning was changed to Neighborhood Business (C-1) pursuant to an application by the former owner for development of a 19,375-square-foot retail space and 5,525-square-foot restaurant with 125 parking spaces.
- 4.) At the time of the 2007 zoning approval, the following conditions were attached to the approval:
 - a. Retail, service commercial and accessory uses. Outdoor storage shall be prohibited. The following uses shall also be prohibited: convenience stores and dry cleaners. Restaurants without drive-thru windows, banks with drive-thru windows and drug stores are approved as special uses.
 - b. Abide by all requirements of the Peachtree Corners Activity Center/Corridor Overlay.
 - c. Limit the height of all buildings to one story.
 - d. To satisfy the following site development considerations:
 - i. Provide a 50-foot buffer adjacent to residentially zoned property. Adjacent to Mr. Holben's residential property, outside the 50-foot buffer, include a 5foot-high vinyl coated chain link fence and a row of Thuga Green Giants, Leyland Cypress or other evergreen trees as approved by the Director of Planning and Development. The trees shall be 8-feet in height at time of planting.
 - ii. Location and design of driveways shall be subject to review and approval of the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation.
 - iii. Dumpster pick-up and deliveries shall be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - iv. No outdoor loudspeakers will be allowed. Sound level from any indoor or outdoor speaker shall be 0 decibels measured at the property line.
 - v. Lighting shall be down-cast and directed in towards the property so that it does not shine into nearby residential properties.
 - vi. Existing billboard on the property shall remain as it is and no other billboard shall be allowed.
 - vii. The owner shall repair or repaint any graffiti or vandalism on the property within 72 hours.
 - viii. Peddlers and parking lot sales are prohibited.
 - e. Abide by the following requirements, dedications and improvements:
 - Any restaurant uses shall utilize modern odor scrubbing and air filtration equipment to minimize smoke, odor or other effects on surrounding properties. They shall also comply with all County, State and EPA health

- regulations. Final approval of restaurant design must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning.
- ii. All roof mounted HVAC equipment shall be screened from view.
- 5.) In 2010, the owner applied for a change in the zoning condition relative to the buffer as follows: "Provide a retaining wall along the property line as generally depicted in the site plan approved herewith (with such modifications as required to accommodate actual site development and wall construction approved by the Director of Planning and Development). Adjacent to Mr. Holben's residential property along the base of the retaining wall, provide a row of Thuga Green Giants, Leyland Cypress or other evergreen trees as approved by the Director of Planning and Development. The trees shall be a minimum of 8- feet in height at time of planting. Along the top of the retaining wall, provide a 5-foot-high vinyl coated chain link fence."
- 6.) The Board of Commissioners denied the request for a change in the buffer condition.
- 7.) In 2011, the property was annexed into the city. Additionally, in 2011, the property was foreclosed.
- 8.) There is an existing billboard on the site which the applicant indicates can't be removed due to a 99-year lease.
- 9.) Currently, the property is zoned Gwinnett County Annexed, Neighborhood Business (GC-A, C-1), which is subject to the Gwinnett County zoning regulations in existence at the time of annexation.
- 10.) The applicant proposes to combine the lots and build two buildings on the site a 60,870-sf warehouse and a 14,500-sf building to house executive offices and a showroom.
- 11.) The proposed use is not permitted in GC-A, C-1.
- 12.) The applicant proposes rezoning the site to Light Industrial, M-1, which allows "enclosed warehouse with offices, business office and wholesaling with offices."
- 13.) Use of the subject property has evolved since the initial application. Originally, the larger building was proposed to contain warehouse, office and showroom space with the smaller building proposed for accessory retail sales. The updated application indicates that the larger building will be used exclusively for warehouse and associated warehouse workers' offices, restrooms and break room and the smaller building will contain executive offices, a showroom for wholesale buyers and a basement for storage.
- 14.) Each building is a principal use, which is not allowed per Sec. 78-64 of the zoning ordinance.
- 15.) To support the project, 80 parking spaces and 7 loading spaces are proposed in accordance with the city's parking standard.
- 16.) A site plan and building elevation were submitted with the application. The following changes are noted:
 - a. The 75-foot buffer adjacent to R-100 properties is labeled and shown to be undisturbed, except for the 4,827-sf portion that is requested to be modified.
 - b. The proposed height of the buildings and any roof-mounted equipment will be 40 feet and meet the M-1 maximum height limit.
 - c. The proposed detention area and associated walls are no longer located on top of the 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe. However, when Gwinnett County needs to maintain the pipe, it seems likely that the proposed stormwater management system would be impacted by the repair area needed to access the 60-inch pipe, which is buried approximately 50 feet deep.
 - d. Curb cuts have been reduced from three to two.

- 17.) In addition to needing a zoning change, the applicant's plan for development requires variances from multiple M-1 standards. The applicant has requested 3 concurrent variances, as described below.
- 18.) The applicant has requested a modification of the 75-foot buffer required between M-1 and R-100 (Sec. 78-242). While the majority of the property abuts commercially or industrially zoned property, the northeast corner abuts residential property zoned R-100.
- 19.) The buffer is required to shield or block noise, light, glare, visual or other conditions, and/or to minimize physical passage to non-similar areas, and/or reduce air pollution, dust, dirt and litter. It is intended to protect the less intense residential district from the impacts of the more intense industrial district.
- 20.) There are two abutting properties zoned R-100, one is an undeveloped land-locked property owned by Joseph T Ryerson & Sons, Inc. The applicant has requested relief from providing the 75-foot buffer along a portion of this property to be able to use this area, approximately 4,827-sf, to allow for stormwater infrastructure and encroachment by a portion of the smaller building. In addition, eligible trees saved in this area can be used to meet the tree density standard; or trees can be planted in this area for tree density credit.
- 21.) The second variance request is to reduce the 10-acre district area minimum required by Sec. 78-243(1) because the lots in question, even when combined, total just shy of 5 acres.
- 22.) When combined with contiguous industrially zoned property the area of the district would be approximately 23 acres. However, this property does not have access to the other acreage such that they could be considered a "district area." The constraints of this particular property, the number and size of the buildings, the amount of parking and the need for large trucks to access and exit the property make reducing the district area minimum inappropriate.
- 23.) The third variance request is to reduce the front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet where there is a roughly 63.5-foot jog in the right-of-way of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to accommodate stormwater infrastructure. This creates an unusual lot shape. The buildings will be set back a consistent distance from the paved roadway, and neither are located closer than 75 feet to the front property line as shown on the revised site plan.
- 24.) Staff assumes that while the variance is not needed as the project is drawn, the applicant wants the flexibility to adjust building location during detailed design and engineering without being adversely impacted by a front setback requirement measured from the cut-out.
- 25.) In evaluating the application against the standards for zoning, staff offers the following:
 - a. Whether a proposed rezoning will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property. The corporate headquarters is suitable in terms of the use and development of some of the adjacent and nearby property. However, the subject site is adjacent to an established residential district to the north/northeast, and light industrial zoning to accommodate the proposed development is not harmonious with the established residential area.
 - b. Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property. The development of the subject site as proposed will adversely impact the adjacent and nearby established residential property.
 - c. Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned. The subject site is currently zoned for neighborhood business uses and has been zoned as such since 2007. It was rezoned from M-1, Light Industry, to its current C-1 designation in 2007 with a plan for development with C-1 uses that never came to fruition and was foreclosed in 2011.

- d. Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools. Staff reached out to Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Gwinnett County Department of Transportation (DOT) for comment regarding the burden to existing infrastructure that the proposed development could create. Gwinnett DOT has not yet responded, but Gwinnett DWR provided comments which must be addressed by the applicant, including application for a sewer capacity request to ensure that there is adequate water and sewer to serve the proposed development.
- e. Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of any land use plan then in effect. While the Peachtree Industrial District provides for the following uses: shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses, the rezoning and proposed development are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Berkeley Lake. Acceptable light industrial uses would closely adhere to the zoning and landscape standards of the city to make the industrial nature of the development harmonious with surrounding land uses.
- f. Whether there are existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which provide supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning. Existing conditions to be considered:
 - i. This site is sensitive due to severe topography and location directly upstream from natural features that include a creek, a pond and a lake. Post-development stormwater management as well as erosion and sedimentation control are of the utmost importance.
 - ii. According to Sec. 78-64 of the zoning ordinance, only one principal building or use is allowed on a lot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the application to rezone as well as denial of the three concurrent variances. A change in zoning from GC-A(C-1) to M-1 for the proposed use reflected on the revised site plan is not suitable considering the surrounding land use pattern, and particularly the established residential area adjacent to the north/northeast. In addition, the proposed site plan shows development of two buildings, which is inconsistent with the zoning ordinance.

The variance requests are independently recommended for denial for the following reasons:

Variance 1 - While the buffer area requested to be modified is adjacent to an undeveloped land-locked parcel, it serves as protection for the established residential area to the northeast and should not be modified.

Variance 2 – While the site is adjacent to an industrial subdivision of approximately 20 acres in size, that subdivision was developed with shared infrastructure including road and stormwater infrastructure. This property does not have access to that adjacent industrial subdivision nor the ability to share its infrastructure. To the extent the intent behind the district area minimum was to facilitate the development of cohesive, planned industrial parks, the subject property would be considered a separate M-1 district area. Given the lot constraints, the district area should not be reduced.

Variance 3 – While the cut-out does create an unusual shape, variance approval is conditional on the property being developed in conformance with the site plan. Given that the buildings meet the 75-foot front setback as currently proposed, there is no variance needed, and a variance to a hypothetical situation should not be granted. If through the design and engineering phase of the project it becomes necessary to shift the buildings closer than 75-feet to the cut-out in the property, a variance request should be submitted for consideration.

However, if the Planning and Zoning Commission were to recommend approval of the rezoning and variance requests, staff suggests the following conditions:

- 1.) The property shall be developed in substantial accordance with the submitted proposed Site Plan entitled "Rezoning Site Plans for 4477-4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake, GA 30092, Gwinnett County," prepared by GAK Engineering, Inc. dated______, 2023 and submitted to the Mayor and City Council on ______, 2023 (the "Site Plan"), with modification to meet conditions of zoning or State, County, and City regulations. Such modification, if substantial in the discretion of the City Administrator, will require Mayor and Council approval through an application for rezoning/change in conditions.
- 2.) There shall be no more than one principal building on the property. Permitted uses shall be limited to the following M-1 uses:
 - a. Enclosed warehouse with offices,
 - b. Wholesaling with offices, and
 - c. Business office
- 3.) Building construction shall be in accordance with building elevations submitted with the application. Structures shall be constructed of the following materials: Albond aluminum composite panel and the sample material provided at the meeting, specifications to be provided by the applicant.
- 4.) If no building permit shall have been issued for the proposed use by January 1, 2027, the entire property shall revert to the C-1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed) zoning classification.
- 5.) Stormwater management facilities shall be designed in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, current edition, at the time the project is submitted for LDP. A landscape plan will be required for the bioretention area, and maintenance plan will be required for both the bioretention area and the detention pond. Discharge of the stormwater detention facility will not be permitted on steep slopes. Engineered plans for all retaining walls shall be required prior to issuance of a LDP. Construction of detention pond and walls atop the existing 60" RCP shall not be allowed. Documentation of County approval of location of pond walls in the vicinity of the prescriptive easement on the 60" RCP shall be provided prior to issuance of an LDP. Post-developed flow rates from onsite runoff shall be equal to or less than 70% of pre-developed flow rates from onsite runoff.
- 6.) Lighting shall be down-cast and directed in towards the property so that it does not shine into nearby residential buildings or properties. Lighting shall be consistent with what is termed "dark sky lighting."
- 7.) There shall be no less than a 75-foot undisturbed, vegetated buffer and no less than a 75-foot building and parking drive setback where the property is adjacent to residentially zoned property. Where there is inadequate vegetative screening to achieve an opaque screen, supplemental plantings in accordance with Sec. 42-224 of the City of Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances shall be required.
- 8.) A Landscaping Plan shall be provided for the site, including areas within the 75-foot buffer that are sparsely vegetated, to be approved by the City Administrator.
- 9.) Buffers shall be undisturbed except for landscaping and/or planting anticipated or required by the preceding two conditions.

- 10.) Outdoor storage and display shall be prohibited.
- Location and design of curb cuts on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard shall be approved by the governmental entity with jurisdiction over Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.
- 12.) Dumpster pick-up and deliveries shall be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 13.) The owners shall timely repair or repaint any graffiti or vandalism and remove any refuse or garbage dumped on the property.
- 14.) The owner shall abide by the following requirements:
 - a. All roof-mounted equipment shall be screened from view on all sides.
 - b. The total height of any buildings, including any roof mounted equipment such as solar panels and/or HVAC equipment, shall not exceed 40 feet from the mean ground level grade of the building.
- 15.) No outdoor loudspeakers will be allowed. Sound level from any indoor or outdoor speaker or equipment shall be 0 decibels measured at the property line.
- 16.) Address all comments from the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources as follows:
 - a. Locate the existing 48-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) reuse line on the southwest corner of the property. The line should be located both vertically and horizontally to determine if there will be appropriate cover over the line during all phases of construction, and if the line is able to handle the traffic anticipated over it. Designate the easement on the site plan.
 - b. Submit a sewer capacity request to verify available capacity at the Garner Industrial Pump Station.
 - c. Confirm that the existing sewer on the southern portion of the site, designated as vitrified clay pipe, is adequate for the anticipated depth and traffic for this development. If conditions are likely to compromise the integrity of the pipe, the developer must implement protection.
 - d. Confirm whether the abandoned 8-inch vitrified clay pipe bisecting the parcel has a dedicated easement.
 - e. Permanent structures are prohibited from being built in the existing sewer easement. The site design or sewer may need to be adjusted to avoid the walls from the loading docks encroaching on the easement and show the easement in the design plans. Confirm that the pipe is adequate for the anticipated depth and traffic for this development. If conditions are likely to compromise the integrity of the pipe, the developer must implement protection.
 - f. Connect to existing 16-inch ductile iron pipe water main located on the southern right-of-way of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard via jack-and-bore. Provide adequate easements for the bore and receiving pit.
- 17.) All new utility lines shall be located underground.
- 18.) Provide streetlights along all public rights-of-way utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures. Light source shall be high-pressure sodium. Streetlights shall be staggered, 150 feet on-center. All street lighting shall be subject to review and approval

of the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation. Where applicable, streetlights shall be placed adjacent to required pedestrian amenity sidewalk pads. The fixture head shall be a cobra head. The pole type shall be fluted (black). And the maximum pole height shall be 40 feet.

- 19.) Provide lighting throughout all parking areas utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures. Light source shall be metal halide, not exceeding an average of 4.5 foot-candles of light output through the parking area. Light fixtures shall be hooded. Lighting shall be directed to avoid intrusion on adjacent properties and away from adjacent thoroughfares. Light fixtures shall be as follows: Fixture Head = Box Head, Pole Type = fluted black, height = 35' max.
- 20.) Dumpsters shall be screened from view on all four sides. Screening shall consist of three solid walls of brick, stucco or split-faced block construction, two feet taller than the height of the dumpster, with 100 percent solid metal or wooden gates. Dumpsters shall be placed in the rear yard.
- 21.) Natural vegetation shall remain on the property until issuance of a development permit.
- 22.) Owner shall post a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00, at least 40% to be in cash with the remainder to be provided by a surety properly licensed, registered and in good standing with the State of Georgia, the form of which is subject to approval by the City Attorney. The bond shall be to guarantee performance of the owner's obligation to prevent silting of the pond downstream of the property. The bond shall remain in place until the later of five years after final completion of the site work or issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for the buildings.
- 23.) Portable buildings shall be prohibited.
- 24.) All mechanical, HVAC and like systems shall be screened from street level view on all sides by an opaque wall or fence of brick, stucco, split-faced block or wood.
- 25.) These conditions shall be printed on any plat recorded and attached to any plat of a lot provided to buyers. The failure for a plat to contain any or all of the conditions shall not relieve any person of full compliance with each condition.
- 26.) If the applicant has made any promises, memorialized in writing and signed by the applicant or its authorized agent, to owners of properties contiguous to the property, and those writings have been filed with the City Administrator prior to approval of this application, issuance of any development or building permit will be conditioned upon fulfillment of such promises.
- 27.) This zoning with conditions shall have no precedential impact with regard to other properties in the City of Berkeley Lake, including but not limited to adjacent properties.

STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL:

In considering whether to recommend approval or denial of the request to rezone the property to M-1, Light Industrial, the commission must evaluate the application based on the criteria specified in Sec. 78-394 of the zoning ordinance:

Standards governing the exercise of zoning power:

(1) Whether a proposed rezoning will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

- (2) Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property;
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;
- (4) Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools;
- (5) Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of any land use plan then in effect; and
- (6) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which provide supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning.

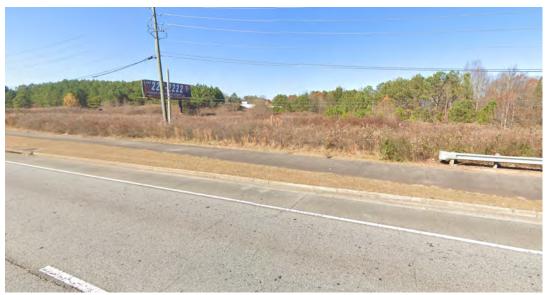
In considering whether to grant or deny the variances, the commission must evaluate the application based on the criteria specified in Section 78-366 (a)(1) of the zoning ordinance:

- a) Applications for variances.
 - (1) All applications for variances shall be submitted initially, in writing, to the planning and zoning commission of the city, which shall consider these requests at its next called meeting. The planning and zoning commission may authorize such variance from the terms of this zoning chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest. The spirit of this chapter shall be observed, the public safety, health and welfare secured and substantial justice done. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or have authorized representation. Such variances may be granted in individual cases if the planning and zoning commission finds that:
 - a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in question because of its size, shape or topography; and
 - b. The application of this chapter to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship; and
 - c. Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and
 - d. Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and
 - e. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public nor impair the purposes or intent of this chapter; and
 - f. The variance is granted for a use of land or building or structure that is not prohibited by this chapter.

SITE PHOTOS







LOCATION MAP







Aerial photo depicting stormwater infrastructure



October 30, 2023

Applicant: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC 4595 Winters Chapel Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360

Subject Property: 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. (Tax parcels R6268 043 R6268 044) **Current Zoning:** C-1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed) and *The Peachtree Corner Activity Center Corridor Overlay* which relates to the old Gwinnett County C-1 zoning that existed at the time of annexation in 2011. 19,525 retail center with a 5,525 square foot restaurant and 125 parking spaces

Proposed Zoning: M-1, Light Industrial, City of Berkeley Lake

ROW Access: Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

Application: #_____

Exhibit "A" Website for BuilderStone

Exhibit "B" Photo

Exhibit "C" first 15 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-2023

Exhibit "D" Lot 17 Retention Lake

Exhibit "E" 1987 Plat

Exhibit "F" Drawing

Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan

AMENDED LETTER OF INTENT

Dear City of Berkeley Lake,

This firm represents BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC ("BuilderStone" or "Company"), a Georgia company currently located near Norcross, Georgia. BuilderStone has been in business since 2017. It is owned by Taner Baltaci, a Georgia resident who immigrated from Turkey, and who has been in this business for over 20 years. The Company serves the Atlanta and Georgia market as well as an approximately 300-mile radius from the state.

BuilderStone sells high-quality stone from around the world, including but not limited to, marble, granite, quartz and quartzite with such fanciful names as CALACATTA BLACK SEA (a black quartz with white veins), INTERSTELLAR (a spotted quartz), SNOW WHITE QUARTZ (white dappled quartz), MANHATTAN (a blue-veined quartzite), TYPHON BORDEAU (granite with wine-colored streaks). (see Exhibit "A," Website for BuilderStone)

BuilderStone, a family intergenerational business, is a wholesaler that sells slabs of stone (the "Products") directly to designers, architects, developers, distributors, stone installers and fabricators to create the final product for their own customers. The fabrication or cutting of slabs of stone for the final product does not occur on site.

49 Atlanta Street Marietta, Georgia 30060



The Company has outgrown its current rented location in Norcross and seeks to create a headquarters for its business for decades to come within the City of Berkeley Lake. BuilderStone was encouraged by the great location on Peachtree Industrial as well the reputation of Berkeley Lake as business-friendly community as it has expanded its footprint and tax base through commercial annexation.

BuilderStone sees the approximately 5-acre foreclosure site (the "Property), blighted and not living up to its commercial tax-base potential, as an ideal location for a "campus." This would include a primary building of 60,870 square feet to be used as warehouse for the Products to include offices/restrooms/break space for the warehouse workers ("Warehouse Primary Building"). A 14,500 SF (7,250 SF for the 1st floor and 7,250 SF for the 2nd floor) accessory building (with a basement for storage uses) that will house the corporate offices for the BuilderStone executive staff and wholesale salesforce, as well as showcase samples of the Product for wholesale buyers ("Accessory Building"). The height will not exceed 40 feet. Buyers would primarily visit the Accessory Building and order Products with the sales staff located within it. Having the separate Accessory Building allows customers to be kept separate and safe from the warehouse operations which includes moving around very large stone slabs with heavy equipment. For liability insurance purposes, it is preferred to keep customers out of warehouse and harms' way.

The uses of both structures clearly falls within the City's M-1 Light Industrial category (dated 2010, prior to annexation) which allows "Enclosed warehouse with offices," "wholesaling with offices," "Business office" and "Enclosed accessory buildings," as well as "Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses." (see Sec. 78-240. - Uses permitted, *below*).

The Accessory Building is also part of goal to create a "campus" – a beautiful, modern, interconnected headquarters that will be visual and economic boast to the City. The hope is that such high-quality, smart development can spur continued redevelopment of aged lots and facilities within the annexed commercial areas. The Company hopes that the development will be a source of pride for the City. The City itself, has articulated the goal of encouraging redevelopment along Peachtree Industrial. (See below.)

City of Berkeley Lake Comprehensive Plan p. 22. "Redevelopment and Attracting Businesses. There are no large vacant parcels for redevelopment within the city, nor is there any imminent opportunity for annexation. Parcels fronting on or south of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard have been a strong contributor to the city's tax base since annexation, and many of these properties represent the city's best opportunities for redevelopment. The city should continue to invest in planning to maximize the potential of these areas and make them as attractive as possible for investment and reinvestment." (emphasis provided).



The City's Comprehensive Plan, per state law requirements (O.C.G.A. 50-8-7.1 et seq.), is to state the community vision for the future physical development of the community. Reviewing the plan, not only is the Property included (in the color orange) in the "Peachtree Industrial District," but there is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan excluding the Property from the Plan. (See Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan). BuilderStone's intended use of storage warehouse and wholesale sales is about as light of an industrial use that one can get (The Plan states the uses for the District are "shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses").

I. The Property

BuilderStone is seeking to combine and rezone two lots (a total of approximately 5 acres) located on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. from C-1, GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT ("Gwinnett") to M-1 under the City's Code.

There are several reasons to combine the lots:

- To have the principal building warehouse to utilize one lot and the portion of the other
- To add interconnectivity for vehicles and pedestrian use throughout the Property
- To globally manage the and improve the entire stormwater system for the entire Property
- To create a "Campus" in which the primary and accessory buildings are connected for business operations and will be transferred together under common and continuous ownership.

The Property, a bank-owned foreclosure that has been vacant for many years and is used for illegal dumping, has several features that make it unique.

- 1. **Billboard.** The Property is subject to a 99-year lease for a billboard which is held by Lamar. Such lease requires that there be clearance to allow the billboard to be seen from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. This limits the placement of buildings. (Please see Ex. B, Photo, attached hereto). The billboard prevents a large portion of the warehouse building from being taller than a single story.
- 2. **Utility and Stormwater Easements**. The Property is subject to multiple easements including utility and sewer easements parallel to the roadway at the top of the Property. (Please see the Survey included with the application). The Property is further subject to multiple stormwater easements that direct runoff water from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. as well as the West Gwinnett Park & Aquatic Center across the street as part of a 91-acre basin (*See* Ex. C, first 15 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-2023).
- 3. **Property Line Cut-Out.** The Property is subject to an approximately 3,000 foot cut-out ("Cut-Out") adjacent to the road for stormwater easements directing runoff from Peachtree Industrial and the Aquatic Center.

BuilderStone has already spent significant funds to work with engineers for site and building plans to work within the confines of the issues above. BuilderStone is committed to taking the



time, effort and money to work with these challenges to make the Property a location for a productive business and increase the commercial tax base for the City.

II. Design

The Warehouse Primary Building (Please see Ex. F, Drawing, attached hereto) will have a design substantially similar design to the Drawing, and the Accessory Building will have a complimenting design as shown in the Drawing. (Please note the front of the Warehouse Primary Building will be lowered to accommodate the site line of the billboard to comply with billboard lease requirements). The warehouse will not look like a typical warehouse or be constructed of corrugated steal or some other substandard material. Rather, the building will have a steel frame and the exterior will be: Albond (brand name) aluminum composite panels (see learn more at https://www.agi.pt/en/construction-materials/albond/). There will be solar panels on the roof. However, such panels are intended to primarily lay flat and blend into the roof of the warehouse. There is no City code regarding the specific use of solar panels.

The HVAC unit for the Warehouse Primary Building will be not on the roof, but on the side or back and hidden from view. The HVAC unit for the Accessory Building will either be on the room (screened or hidden from view) or the side.

The Property primarily backs up to a M-1 (Gwinnett) manufacturing park (Peachtree Lakes Drive) and such design will be compatible with nearby manufacturing and commercial business visible from Peachtree Industrial.

The Warehouse Primary Building will have an internal loading and unloading system whereby a truck enters into the building, turns off its engine, and the entire loading process occurs within the walls of the building. It then exists the building.

The Accessory Building will be of a design to complement the Primary Building. The building will be two-story, with a basement (used only for storage). The Accessory Building shares driveways and a parking lot with the Principal Building to create a natural flow between the related buildings.

III. Stormwater Management.

At the beginning of this re-zoning process, BuilderStone was told to pay special attention to the stormwater issues. That is exactly what BuilderStone did, hiring experts in engineering, including stormwater and hydrology engineering, to design the site and the stormwater facilities. BuilderStone paid for an extensive hydrology report for the City that gave detailed information on the entire basin of where the Property is located.

BuilderStone has planned a stormwater management system to include a Bioretention Basin and Extended Dry Detention (EDD) Pond in accordance with standard engineering practices. Such



improvements are estimated to be at least \$300,000. (See Ex. C, first 10 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-23, attached hereto).

Such system has been designed by George Kyiamah, the Principal Engineer and Managing Partner of GAK Engineering, Inc. Kyiamah has been a practicing engineer for over 20 years. His past positions include the Stormwater Review Manager for Department of Planning & Development for Gwinnett County. (For more information Mr. Kyiamah's engineering positions and projects, go to https://www.linkedin.com/in/george-kyiamah-87128912).

Please note that page 3 of the Site Plan includes the elevations of the site including the Bioretention Basin.

IV. Buffer Area (along Holben property line) and History

Nearly the entire 75-foot area adjacent to the Holben property line is filled with a large easement detention pond easement (the "Stormwater Easement") and numerous stormwater/drainage easements that include pipes and concrete culverts. Such Detention Pond and easements have been in place, in written recorded easements and plats, since at least 1987. (*Please see* Ex. E, "1987 Plat," attached hereto.) Such stormwater system directs stormwater directly from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and the West Gwinnett Aquatic Center, which eventually drains into the "Retention Lake" on Lot 17 of Berkeley Lake Estates, then under Lake Shore Drive (Please see Ex D. Lot 17 Retention Lake) into Berkeley Lake. The Retention Lake of Lot 17 is part of the Water Distribution System as approved in 1974 by the City of Berkeley Lake Berkeley Lake Planning Commission, the City Engineer and Mayor.

BuilderStone, even though it has the legal right to use this longstanding Stormwater Easement, has agreed to allow a 75-foot buffer to be in place (the "Buffer Area"). This has resulted in a significant loss of building space. BuilderStone in return has reworked the site plan to relocate its bioretention pond and other site improvements, and adjust the size of the Accessory Building.

To the extent that the City Manager has argued that the Applicant's development does not have enough room on the site, this argument does not take into account that BuilderStone has given up significant area for the buffer that was not originally planned in its Application. However BuilderStone has stepped up to the challenge to redesign the stormwater facilities and rework the entire site, at significant cost, to make it work. BuilderStone, and its engineers put in significant time and resources to create a great site plan.

It is not unreasonable for a 5-acre site on a major highway to include a primary and an accessory building to create a corporate headquarters. Especially when the BuilderStone has taken significant and meaningful actions to address the City's, the Planning Commission's and residents' concerns.

There has not been a formal tree count and identification within the Buffer Area. That is typically part of the LDP process, if needed, not done at the zoning stage. The trees on the site



plan are an estimate only. The surveyor only marked 3 trees as existing. Surveyors do not usually note every tree, rather just ones it notes as significant. The surveyor is not considered an expert on trees, their location, or variety, and a survey is not expected to note such detail. Even though the proposed conditions for the Planning Meeting on October 10, 2023 stated that "Owner shall not remove the current trees or vegetation within 75 feet of the property line of Lot 17," the City has stated that it believed BuilderStone intended to cut down the trees in the Buffer Area. That is not the case. To clarify so there is no confusion: TO CONFIRM, BUILDERSTONE IS NOT CUTTING DOWN ANY TREES IN THE 75 FOOT BUFFER AREA NEXT TO MR. HOLBEN. THE TREES AND VEGETATION THAT IS CURRENTLY THERE WILL REMAIN.

V. 60' Stormwater Pipe (Gwinnett County)

There is a 60-inch pipe located 50 feet below the surface along with an easement presumably benefitting the County (the "Stormwater Easement"). This easement is not in writing and is only referenced, vaguely, in the 1987 plat (See Ex. "E," 1987 Plat). Gwinnett County's legal department (Attorney Nathan Wood) stated that the County has a "prescriptive easement" which means that County claims a right to where the actual pipe runs through the ground because it has been there for so long. As such, the County declined to state what it believes can and cannot be built on the land above the pipe easement or dictate to the Property Owner. The county did state it would *prefer* retention walls or buildings not be built on top of the pipe because it is *expensive* for the County to repair such structures. It stated that it was not too expensive to replace driveways, parking spaces or retention ponds and similar surface improvements. The County also stated the pipe is not very old and that the County is not expecting that it will need maintenance or replacement for years.

Nevertheless, BuilderStone, to work in good faith with the Gwinnett County, has significantly redesigned its site plan to move the bioretension basin to the north so that there will be no retention walls over the County's easement.

VI. Tree ordinance.

The City of Berkeley Lake has a tree ordinance largely adopted in 2010 -- before the annexation of properties along Peachtree Industrial. Such ordinance, which provides no differing standard for commercial development and residential lots requires 40 TDU (tree density unit). Such TDU is extremely high for commercial property. For instance, Peachtree Corners is 16 to 20 TDU for commercial property, the Gwinnett Overlay District is 20 TDU for commercial property (the **Property as Gwinnett C-1 is currently under this TDU**), Norcross is 16 TDU for commercial property, and Duluth 20 TDU for non-residential. Not only is the 40 TDU high, but the city also does not allow any trees within a buffer to count -- which is uncommon in commercial code. (According to Mr. Holben, who said he has entered the Property and counted the trees, there are an estimated 200 to 250 trees in the buffer area).

Given the strict tree ordinance, the City's ordinance does provide the following as relief:



Sec. 42-350. – Appeals and waivers. Variance from the zoning ordinance. The preservation of trees may be considered as a condition peculiar to a piece of property in support of a request for a variance from the literal application of the provisions of the zoning ordinance, under the procedures and requirements contained therein.

Although this code section is not clearly written, the general idea is that the strict tree requirements should be considered when allowing requested variances to accommodate such tree requirements or the space such tree requirements demands. BuilderStone, when seeking its three (3) variances, requests that you consider this code provision's relief.

VII. Buildings and Use under M-1 Zoning

BuilderStone's site plan includes an Accessory Building to the Primary Building. As stated above, the Primary Building with its Accessory Building will be an integral part of the business operations of BuilderStone. The stone slab Products are warehoused in the Primary Building and shipped from the Building (the primary use) and sold wholesale by the sales staff in the Accessory Building where customers will also see samples of the Products. For safety reasons, wholesale customers are not expected to enter the Warehouse Primary Building, where the Products are stored and then shipped to their final locations.

TO CONFIRM, THERE WILL BE NO RETAIL SALES ANYWHERE ON THE SITE. While BuilderStone would have liked to expanded its business in offering Products to the public as it offered to its wholesale customers in the Accessory Building, BuilderStone has abandoned those plans due to the City Staff's objection to retail, either under current zoning code or a proposed change to the City's Code.

The Accessory Building and the Warehouse Primary Building are allowed by the City's code. For the Accessory Building, both the structure itself as a "Enclosed accessory building" (it will be an enclosed structure) and the use, "Wholesaling with Offices" and "Business office," as well as "Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses (Please see the Code section below specifically for M-1 zoning).

Sec. 78-240. - Uses permitted.

In M-1 light industrial districts, the following uses are permitted:

- (1) Enclosed manufacturing industries meeting the performance standards established by this chapter.
- (2) Enclosed warehouse with offices. (emphasis provided)
- (3) Public utility.
- (4) Enclosed service or repair.
- (5) Machinery and transportation equipment sales and service.
- (6) Enclosed industrial processing service.
- (7) Wholesaling with offices. (emphasis provided)



- (8) **Business office.** (emphasis provided)
- (9) Enclosed accessory buildings. (emphasis provided)

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- (12) Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses. (Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, 10-21-2010) (emphasis provided)
- ** Please note that the City Code regarding Accessory Buildings or Accessory Structures is contradictory in other areas of the Code outside of the M-1 Zoning. See the end of this subsection for a discussion of the same, below are some other code provisions regarding Accessory buildings or structures.

The City Manager has asked if the warehouse building can be made larger so there is no accessory building. The Warehouse Primary Building, due to the constraints of the billboard and the stormwater easements (over which the Company has decided not to place any structure), the Warehouse Primary Building cannot expand to the north. Having the Accessory Building on the other side of the stormwater easements makes that most sense for the site. However, whether there is additional square footage added to the Warehouse Primary Building, or additional square footage added by the Accessory Building, the number of square footage and the developed percentage of the Property remains approximately the same.

Additionally, as stated above, BuilderStone seeks to keep wholesale customers out of the warehouse for business, safety and insurance reasons.

The City Manager has further asked why the project cannot be reduced. Builderstone has carefully created a site plan to work around on-site matters so that size does not have to be substantially reduced. Builderstone's goal is to create the space needed for its business and maximize, in a sensible and economical way, the potential of the Property. In addition, more space means more business, which means more tax revenue to the City. Utilizing the Property to its maximum potential, including increasing the commercial tax base, aligns with the stated goals of the City in its Comprehensive Plan.

** Please note that the City Code regarding Accessory Buildings or Accessory Structures is contradictory. Below are some other code provisions regarding Accessory buildings or structures.

Sec. 78-89. - Accessory uses or structures.

(c) Accessory structure requirements apply only to residential zoning districts. Any structure built on commercial or industrial zoned property shall be considered a principal structure.

(Code 2004, § 39-401; Ord. No. O-31-05c, 2-2-2006; Ord. No. O-61-07, 1-17-2008; Ord. No. O-91-08, 12-18-2008; Ord. No. O-109-09, 11-19-2009; Ord. No. O-171-14, § 1, 9-18-2014)



However the code below then allows a principal structure and accessory building on a lot. Also, the M-1 code and I-O code specifically allow accessory buildings.

Sec. 78-64. - Only one principal building or lot use.

Only one principal building or structure or use and its customary accessory building and uses shall be permitted on any lot. (Code 2004, § 39-305)

Please note that such code dated 2004 predates the annexation of the parcels at issue.

Sec. 78-3. - Definitions.

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accessory buildings and uses means a subordinate building or portion of the main building, the use of which is incidental to that of the dominant use of the main building or land including bona fide servants' quarters. An accessory use is one which is incidental to the main use of the premises.

Accessory structure means a detached subordinate structure, the use of which is clearly incidental or related to that of the principal structure or use of the land, and which is located on the same lot as that of the principal structure or use.

VIII. Standard Governing the Exercise of Zoning Power

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

The M-1 proposed zoning fits well within the existing Berkeley Lake zoning, businesses and uses as follows:

- (i) The Property is directly adjacent to over 20 acres combined acres of M-1 Gwinnett.
- (ii) The Property fits into the City's Comprehensive Plan which includes the Property in its "Peachtree Industrial District" designation which it describes as: "Peachtree Industrial Corridor: This area denotes accessible centers of businesses, services, and complementary uses, which may include mixed use developments, along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard that contribute extensively to the economic base of the city. Exclusively commercial shopping centers that already exist are at present stable and desirable, but may be redeveloped as mixed-use activity centers during the planning horizon. Such areas should be transformed into less automobile-reliant and more pedestrian-friendly places. Uses: Shopping centers, retail, restaurants offices and some light industrial uses."
- (iii) The home construction-related business of Builderstone fits into the general M-1 businesses of the area and in the City -- some of which are focused on the same home construction industry.



(iv) The Parcel as M-1 will serve as a buffer against the M-2 (Gwinnett) parcel to the North.

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

The Property is situated among already zoned properties that have been in current use for many years. The Property zoning will not affect any others' use of their properties. The only two properties that are undeveloped is a land-locked residential parcel that cannot be developed as-is and a M-2 Industrial parcel, owned by an international industrial company.

c. Whether the Property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The Property has been zoned C-1 (Gwinnett) for years but has remained undeveloped and on the market. Given that the Property cannot be entered or exited but by the divided highway and is not located at an intersection with a traffic light, it is not appropriate for neighborhood commercial development to serve the local daily needs of residents. The more limited traffic use of BuilderStone's headquarters and specialized wholesale is more appropriate for this Property.

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

The proposal zoning is not residential and should not affect schools. The parcel is solely accessed through the existing large divided state highway of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and cannot be accessed through neighborhood streets. The entire length of the Property is accessible by sidewalk in the right of way. The Property has easy access to sewer and other utilities which run through easements through the top of the Property parallel to the road. The zoning of the Property is not expected to cause increased or excessive use of the area features above.

e. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan of the City of Berkeley Lake.

Berkeley Lake's code specially states that a general purpose of a manufacturing district is to "[t]o provide sufficient space in appropriate locations to meet the needs of the city's expected future economy for all types of manufacturing and related activities, with due allowance for the need for a choice of sites." (Sec. 78-238(1)). Builderstone's desire to relocate its headquarters to the City and create a corporate campus, is the kind of high-end, enclosed, low-impact operation to strengthen the economic base of the City and increase the City's tax collection that the City has stated it wants for the future of the City. Pursuant to the City of Berkeley Lake Comprehensive Plan 2019 which places the Property in the "Peachtree Industrial District," (please see Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan", attached hereto) "The annexation of parts of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard provides the city with a non-residential tax base." It further states, "Redevelopment and Attracting Businesses: As there are no opportunities for further annexation of commercial property, the City should invest in planning to maximize the potential of existing commercial areas, making them attractive for investment and redevelopment." BuilderStone headquarters embodies the intent of the City's Comprehensive Plan to support smart redevelopment and the utilization of "existing" areas.



The City Manager has stated the following about BuilderStone's plan:

Staff Report, Oct 10, No. 28 (e)

While the Peachtree Industrial District provides for the following uses: shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses, the rezoning and proposed development are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Berkeley Lake. Acceptable light uses would closely adhere to the zoning and landscape standards of the city in order to make the industrial nature of the development harmonious with surrounding land uses."

BuilderStone respectfully objects to this statement in the Staff report of October 10, 2023 in which the City Manager recommended denial of the rezoning.

The Development falls well within the zoning standards of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the landscape standards which BuilderStone must follow by Code. Applicant has not indicated or stated that it would not follow the landscape standards of the City, which landscape plan specifics would be decided in the LDP phase. BuilderStone, over the **past 4 months** (the application was originally submitted on or near June 12, 2023, and at significant cost, has worked with the City and the Planning Commission to address their concerns and create a fair, reasonable, and workable site plan. BuilderStone has no intention of building any development that would not be "harmonious" with the City or would not follow zoning and landscape standards. BuilderStone is building this development for its own use as a corporate headquarters for decades to come. It is fully aware that it will be part of the Berkeley Lake community and it wants to be a good neighbor.

BuildStone has twice met with the City's engineer and made changes to the site plan at the engineer's request. BuilderStone has given up its right to the stormwater easement area to appease the City and Mr. Holben, personally. BuilderStone has re-worked.the site plan multiple times to reasonably address the City Manager's and the Planning Commission's concerns. At every step of the way, BuilderStone has been in communication with the City and sought the City's feedback.

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

This is the City's opportunity, as its first zoning in at least 5 years, to set the stage for quality redevelopment for the future of the City.

IX. Variances

Builderstone is seeking variances to make this Property usable, to clarify ambiguous code ordinances,* or to incorporate more modern land-planning principles. A short summary of each variance is below and a full discussion of each variance is attached.



<u>Variance 1</u>: Variance to remove the requirement of a 75-foot residential buffer against tax parcel R6268 019, owned by Ryerson and replace with a 25 foot setback identical to the M-2 Ryerson parcel to the east.

<u>Variance 2</u>: To remove the requirement of a 10-acre "District Area" as the term and specifics of calculation are not defined in the code and the City has historically not enforced such a provision and the property is current located adjacent to over 20 acres of M-1.

<u>Variance 3</u>. To decrease the 75-foot building setback from the road for 49.53 feet of the Cut-Out to be flush with the rest of the 75-foot building setback for the entire parcel to allow construction of the Accessory Building or stormwater improvements that may be needed.

*Please note that the City's code as it relates to development is seemingly at odds with its own code in which it states it adopted the 2004 development code of Gwinnett County. The current code states:

Sec. 14-213. - Development regulations of the county adopted.

The city hereby adopts the development regulations of the county and revisions in effect as of the date of this article, said regulations already having previously been adopted as a part of the Code of the city. A copy of the development regulations and revisions is attached hereto and the same is hereby incorporated by reference herein. A copy shall also be maintained in the office of the city clerk for inspection and purchase by the public.

(Code 2004, § 40-101; Ord. No. O-01-04, § 1(40-101), 2-5-2004)

Enclosed is a copy of the revised conceptual site plan depicting the subject Property and the proposed improvements.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at by phone at 770.457.7000 or email at.

Sincerely,

GREGORY, DOYLE, CALHOUN & ROGERS, LLC

Sincerely,

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REZONING SITE PLANS FOR 4477-4478 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD BERKELEY LAKE, GA 30092 **GWINETT COUNTY**

PARCEL ID's: 6268 043 & 6268 044

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette 17.5 Water Surface Elevation -- Coastal Transect Some Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) 2,000 Basemap: USGS National Map: Ortholmagery: Data refreshed October, 2020

WETLAND CERTIFICATION:

THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL, WHOSE SEAL APPEARS HEREON, CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING: 1) THE NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY MAPS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED; AND, 2) THE APPROPRIATE PLAN SHEET [] DOES/[X] DOESNOT (CIRCLE APPROPRIATE BOX) INDICATE AREAS OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS; AND, 3) IF WETLANDS ARE INDICATE, THE LAND OWNER OR DEVELOPER HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT DISTRURBANCE OF PROTECTED WETLANDS SHALL NOT OCCUR UNLESS THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL WETLANDS ALTERATION ("SECTION 404") PERMIT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

GENERAL NOTES:

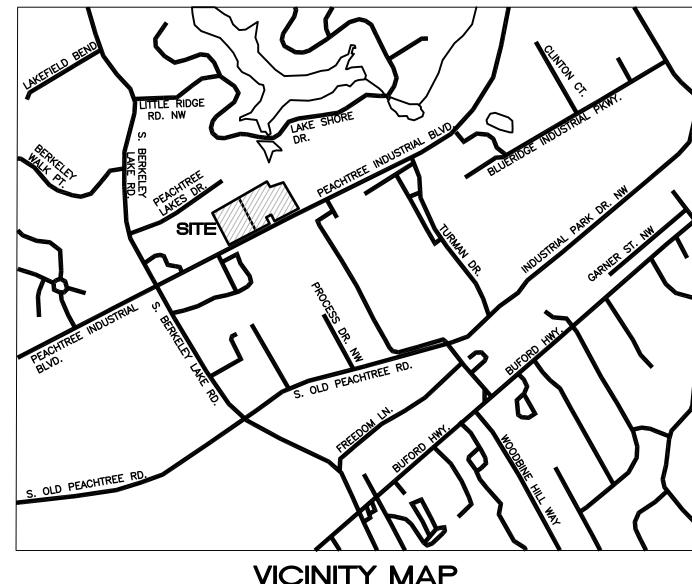
- 1. TOTAL SITE ACREAGE: 4.996 AC. (CURRENT ZONING: C-1; PROPOSED ZONING: M-1) 2. TOPOGRAPHIC AND BOUNDARY SURVEY BY GEORGIA LAND SURVEYING CO., DATED
- 3. CONTOUR INTERVAL SHOWN HEREON IS ONE (1) FOOT .
 4. SITE IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER. 5. SETBACK REQUIREMENT: FRONT SETBACK: 75 FEET SIDE SETBACK: 25 FEET
- REAR SETBACK: 25 FEET 6. THE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT SHALL BE 40 FEET.
- 7. THERE IS NO FLOODPLAIN ON THIS PROPERTY FROM A WATER COURSE WITH A DRAINAGE AREA EXCEEDING 100 ACRES OR FLOODPLAIN PER GWINNETT COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS FEMA FIRM PANEL 13135C 0068G, DATED 03/03/2013.

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R7-2	SITE PLAN WITH TOPOGRAPHY

	UTILITY OWNERS	
<u>UTILITY</u>	OWNER	<u>PHONE</u>
WATER/SEWER	GWINNETT COUNTY	(770) 822-7150
ELECTRIC POWER	GEORGIA POWER	(404) 526-4436
TELEPHONE	BELLSOUTH	(770) 493-3711
NATURAL GAS	ATLANTA GAS LIGHT CO.	(770) 418-2260

FLOOD STATEMENT THERE IS NO FLOODPLAIN ON THIS PROPERTY FROM A WATER COURSE WITH A DRAINAGE AREA EXCEEDING 100 ACRES OR FLOODPLAIN PER GWINNETT COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS FEMA FIRM PANEL 13135C 0068G, DATED 03/04/2013.



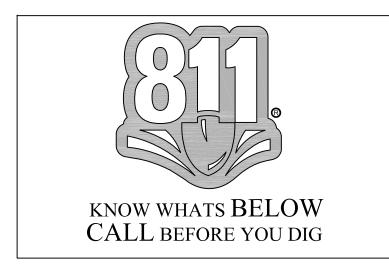
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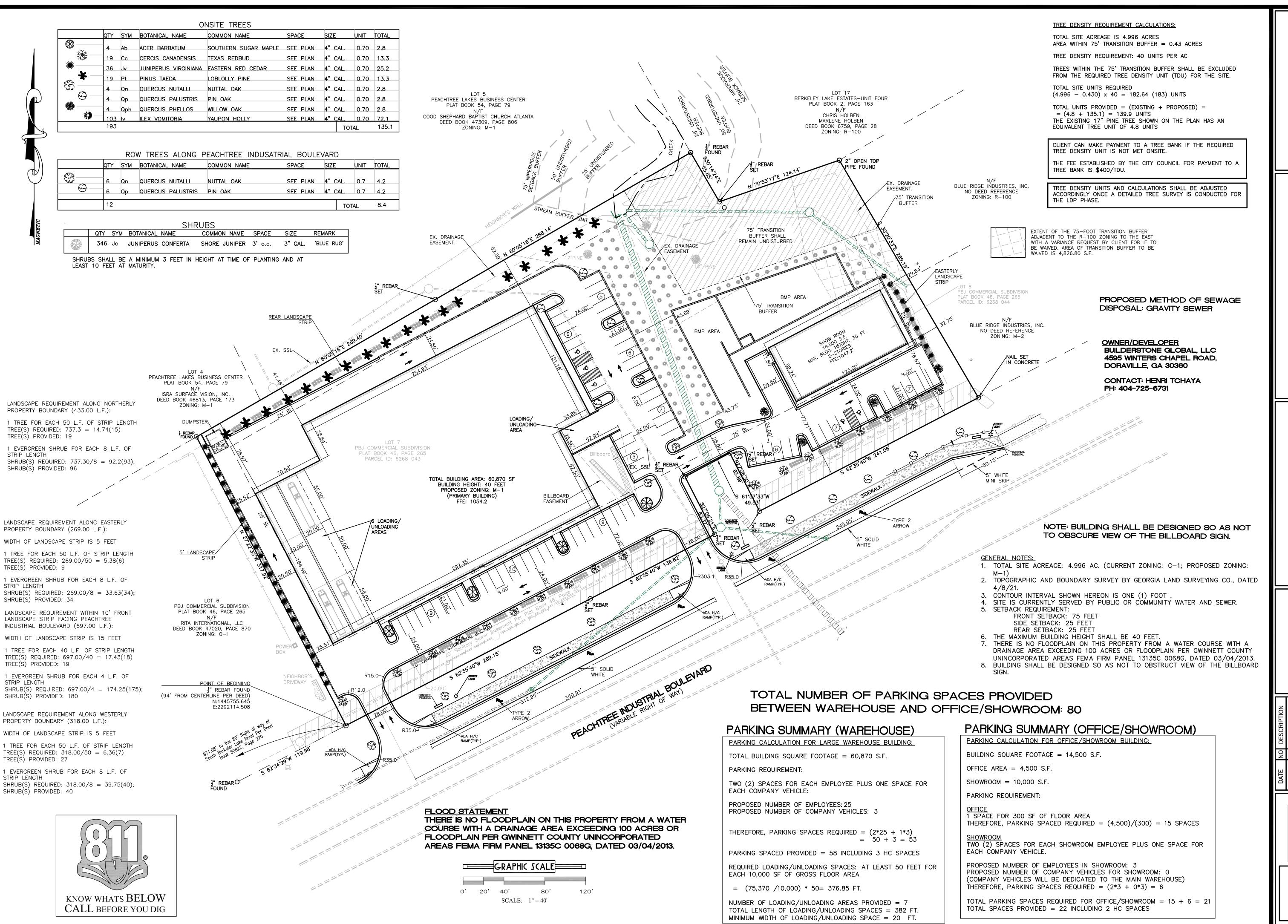
CONTRACTORS SHALL CONDUCT ALL WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE REGULATIONS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) AND ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. PROPER SAFETY PROCEDURES ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN ON THIS PROJECT CONSIDERING THAT WORKERS WILL BE IN OPEN TRENCHES FOR A PORTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK THIS SITE.

THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE PERSON(S), OR ENTITY NAMED IN THE CERTFICATE HEREON. SAID CERTIFICATE DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY UN-NAMED PERSON(S) WITHOUT AN EXPRESS RECERTIFICATION BY THE SURVEYOR NAMING SAID PERSON(S).

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REZONING SITE PLAN
-4487 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BL
BERKELEY LAKE, GA 30092
GWINNETT COUNTY

REZONING SITE PLAN WITH LANDSCAPING

B-3-2023 1 REVISED CONCEPT

8-30-2023 2 REVISED CONCEPT

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COMMENTS

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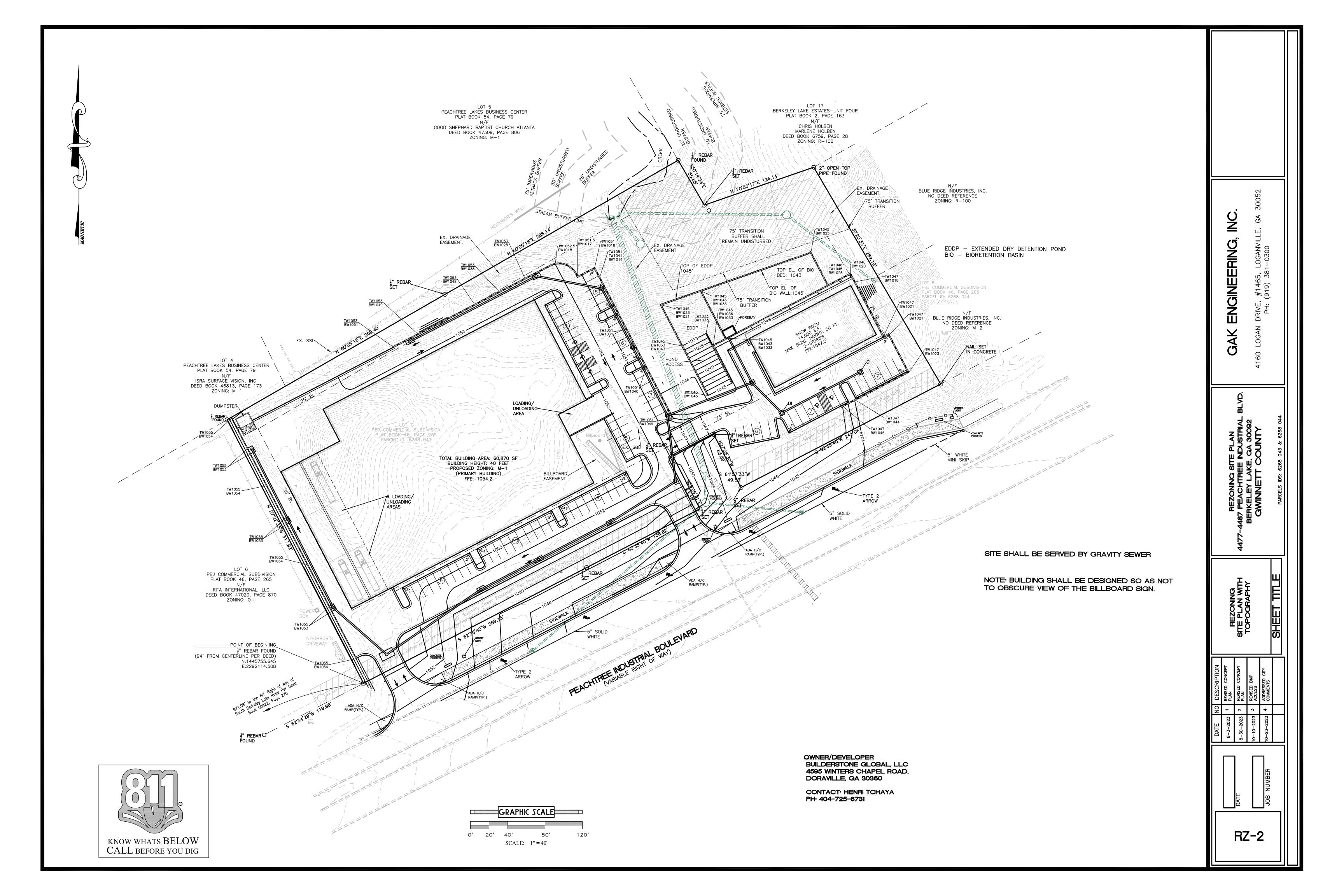
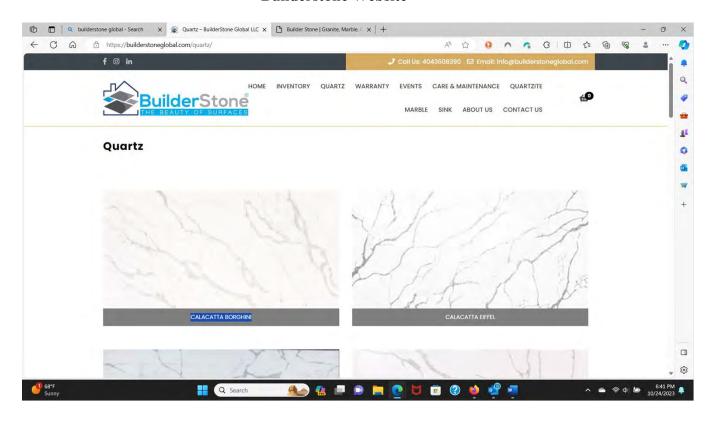


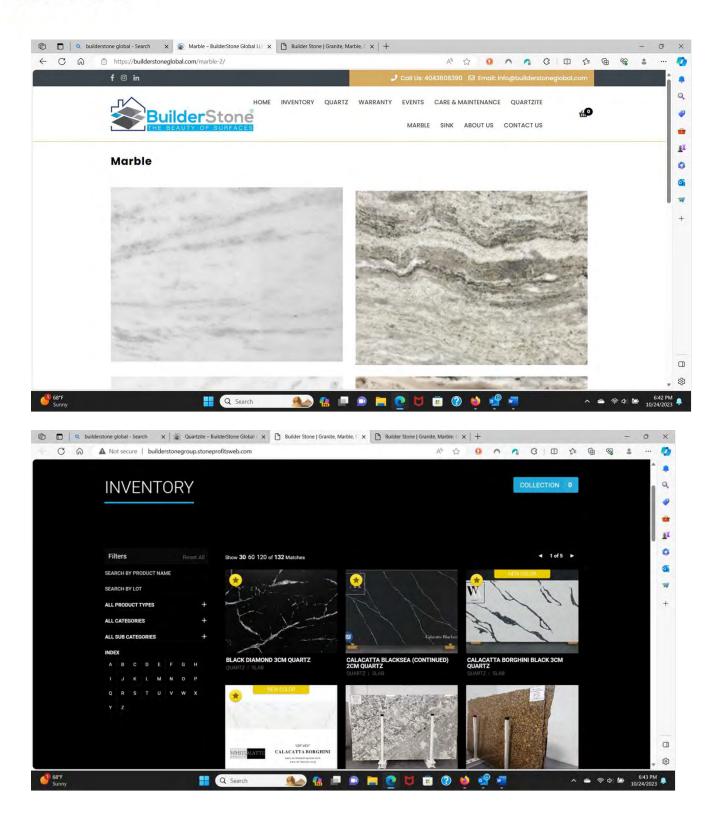


EXHIBIT "A"

Builderstone Website









STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR

4477-4478 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD CITY OF BERKELEY GWINNETT COUNTY

May 18, 2023 Revised September 20, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The detention facilities described herein provide adequate storm water attenuation in accordance with standard engineering practices and methods of analysis for storm water management in The City of Berkeley, Gwinnett County.

The site is located at 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, City of Berkeley, GA 30096, Gwinnett County, zoned C-1 and contains 4.996 acres. The site is bordered on the north by parcels zoned M-1 and R-100, on the south by Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, on the west by an O-I zoned parcel and on the east by parcels zoned R-100 and M-2. The site is partially wooded with thick to little underbrush. The site has rolling terrain with steep slopes and generally drains in a northeasterly direction, mostly towards several depressions onsite that appear to be detention basins. Flows route through these basins are conveyed through a series of pipes and channels into Berkeley located in the residential subdivision to the north of the site. Also, there is a 60" reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) that conveys offsite runoff across the site and eventually into Berkeley Lake. The site is not located in a floodplain as per FEMA Panel No. 13135C 0068G, dated 03/04/2013. A large billboard is located onsite.

The site will be analyzed as one drainage basin, Basins A, consisting of 96.494 acres of which 4.996-acres is onsite and 91.498-acres is offsite. The large offsite basin mostly drains from across Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the south. The point analysis (POA) for the site is located on the northern boundary where runoff is conveyed through a series of ditches and pipes and ultimately into Berkeley Lake.

The client intends to rezone site from C-1 to M-1 and build an office-warehouse development including the associated infrastructure such as driveways, parking, storm and sanitary sewers, utilities, landscaped areas, and a stormwater management BMP. The site is developed such that peak flow in Basin A is increased due to an increase in impervious area from the proposed development. A stormwater management facility is being proposed in Basin A to attenuate post-development peak flows to values equal to or less than the pedevelopment values and provide the required runoff reduction. The proposed stormwater facility will consist of a Bioretention Basin and an Extended Dry Detention (EDD) Pond. Post development drainage Basin A is sub-divided into two drainage areas, Basin A1 and Basin A2. Basin A1 contains 3.655 acres and drains directly to the proposed stormwater management facility. Basin A2 is the 1.341-acre onsite area that bypasses the stormwater management facility and drains directly to the POA. The large offsite area remains unchanged from the pre- to post development condition and contains 91.498 acres.

The bioretention basin provides the required runoff reduction for the proposed development, the higher design storms are routed through the bioretention basin to the EDD pond just downstream, where peak flows are attenuated such that the combined post-development peak flows at the POA are less than predevelopment values. Detention is provided for the 1 to 100-year design storms. Refer to Figures 3 and 4 for Pre- and Post-development Drainage Maps.

The following table presents a summary of flows for the drainage basins:

BASIN-A POA (Onsite Areas Only)

Return Freq. (YR)	Pre- Developed Flows Basin A (cfs)	Post- Developed Peak Flows (Basin A1) (cfs)	Post- Developed By-pass (Basin A2) (cfs)	Peak Routed Flows from EDD Pond (cfs)	Ponding Elevation (ft.)	Detention Storage (cu. ft.)	Post- Developed Flows Basin A (cfs)
1	1.05	11.25	0.52	0.18	1033.99	9,920	0.57
2	2.15	13.42	0.93	0.21	1035.02	13,351	0.99
5	4.61	17.14	1.71	0.42	1036.42	17,988	1.83
10	7.09	20.36	2.47	0.93	1037.01	19,938	2.62
25	11.03	24.95	3.66	2.21	1038.04	23,356	3.85
50	14.42	28.59	4.67	3.68	1038.96	26,419	4.89
100	18.17	32.38	5.77	5.64	1040.00	29,875	6.69

BASIN-A POA (Onsite and Offsite Areas)

Return Freq. (YR)	Pre-Developed Flows Basin A	Post-Developed Flows Basin A
	(cfs)	(cfs)
1	45.72	45.46
2	66.53	66.05
5	105.95	105.03
10	142.95	141.60
25	199.92	198.77
50	248.19	247.35
100	300.45	300.39

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION SUMMARY

	Pre/Post Overland Flow, min	Pre/Post Shallow Flow, min	Pre/Post Open Channel Flow, min	Total Pre-Dev. Tc, min	Total Post-Dev. Tc, min
Basin A (Onsite)	4.480/	3.84/	/	8.32	
Basin A1 (Onsite)	/	/5.00	/		5.00
Basin A2 (Onsite Bypass)	/	/5.00	/		5.00
Basin A (Offsite)	14.00/14.00	12.80/12.80	/	26.80	26.80

CURVE NUMBER SUMMARY

Basins	Pre-Dev. Curve Number	Post-Dev. Curve Number
Basin A (Onsite)	55	
Basin A1 (Onsite)		92.0
Basin A2 (Onsite Bypass)		57.10
Basin A (Offsite)	65	65

SCS 24-HOUR RAINFALL DEPTHS

Design Storm	1	2	5	10	25	50	100
SCS 24-hour rainfall depth (in)	3.29	3.71	4.42	5.03	5.90	6.59	7.31

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HYDROLOGY

The Soil Conservation Service Method was used to estimate the storm-water runoff from the site for the 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100-year storm frequencies. The Hydra-flow Hydrographs for Windows computer model Version 6.0 was used to compute pre-developed and post-developed hydrographs for the drainage basins. The Time of Concentration, Tc and Curve Number, CN was computed for each drainage area based on the Georgia Storm Water Management Manual. (See Appendix A Curve Number, CN and Time of Concentration, Tc calculations).

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The existing site conditions are as described above. The site is analyzed as one drainage basin, Basin A, which consists of 96.494 acres of which 4.996-acres is onsite and 91.498-acres is offsite. The large offsite basin mostly drains from across Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the south. The point analysis (POA) for the site is located on the northern property boundary where runoff is conveyed through a series of ditches and pipes and ultimately into Berkeley Lake. Refer to Figures 3 – Pre-development Drainage Map.

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bypass flows (from Basins A2 and A-Offsite) at the POA are less than the pre-development values. Peak flows at the POA are computed using onsite drainage areas only as well as computed using the combination of onsite and offsite drainage areas. Refer to Figure 4 for Post-development Drainage Maps.

The bioretention basin is designed to provide runoff reduction and partial channel protection for the proposed development. The bioretention basin holds the design runoff volume and allows it to infiltrate gradually into the subgrade projected to have a minimum infiltration rate of 0.50 in/hr. In the retaining wall separating the bioretention basin from the EDD Pond is a 10-ft rectangular weir with IE @ 1042.90', that routes the higher design storms from the bioretention basin to the EDD Pond just downstream. The EDD Pond is designed to provide channel protection storage/treatment as well as stormwater detention. The combination of the bioretention basin and EDD Pond provides adequate peak flow control and runoff reduction for the proposed development. The OCS for the EDD pond consists of a 2.00" CPv orifice with IE @ 1031.00' and a 0.20' wide rectangular weir with IE @ 1036.00'. The CP orifice is sized to drawdown the 1-yr 24-hr runoff volume in 24 hours and the rectangular weir is designed to safely pass the higher design storms through the EDD Pond. The combination of the orifice and rectangular weir sufficiently attenuates peak flows such that the post-developed peak flows at the POA are less than the pre-development values. Detention is provided for the 1 to 100-year design storm and the 100-year ponding elevation in the EDD Pond is 1040.00'. Flows routed through the outlet control structure are discharged onto a concrete splash pad and subsequently conveyed through downstream receiving channels and pipes into Berkeley Lake.

Runoff Reduction (RRv) Volume Calculations - Bioretention Basin

The Upstream on-site area draining directly to Bioretention Basin = 3.655 acres Onsite Impervious Area draining to Bioretention Basin = 3.107 acres

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Percentage Impervious (I) = 3.107/3.655 = 0.850 = 85.0\%

Rv = 0.05 + (I)*(0.009)

Rv = 0.05 + 85.0*(0.009)

Rv = 0.8150

RRv = 1.2*Rv*As/12

RRv = 1.2*(0.8150)*(3.655*43,560)/12

Therefore, RRv (required) = 12.975.76 cu. ft.; RRv (provided) = 12.975.76 cu. ft. Required forebay volume (10\%*RRv) = 1.297.58 cu. ft., provided = 1.297.58 cu. ft.
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<u>Channel Protection Volume Calculations – Bioretention Basin</u>

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Q = (P-0.2S)^{2}/(P+0.8S)
Total Precipitation, P = 3.36 inches
Curve Number, CN = 92
(The adjusted Composite CN = 85 is used in peak flow calculation for inflow into the EDD Pond))
S = ((1000/CN) - 10) = ((1000/85) - 10) = 1.765
Q = (3.36 - (0.2) *(1.765))^{2}/(3.36 + (0.80) *(1.765))
Q = (9.042)/(4.772) = 1.895 \text{ inches} = 0.158 \text{ feet}
Drainage Area = 3.655 acres = 159,211.80 sq. ft.
Channel Protection Volume (CPv) required = (159,211.80) *(0.158) = 25,155.46 cu. ft.
CPv provided = 25,155.46 cu. ft.
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CHANNEL PROTECTION ORIFICE CALCULATIONS

CPv= Channel Protection Volume, ft³

V= 1-yr channel protection volume, ft³

A = area of orifice, ft^2

t = 86,400 sec.

H=height above the centroid of the orifice, ft.

Sizing of Channel Protection Orifice (Extended Dry Detention Pond)

 $\overline{A} = (CPv/t) / [0.6*(64.4*(H/2)) ^0.5]$

A = (25,155.46/86400) /

 $[0.6*(64.4*(7.486/2))^0.5]$

 $A = 0.291/[0.6*(64.4*(3.743))^0.5]$

A = 0.291/9.315 = 0.03124

 $A = \pi d^2 / 4$

 $d^2 = 0.0409$; d = 0.202 ft

d = 2.428" <u>Use a 2.00" CPv Orifice @ Elev. 1031.00 ft.</u>

POND STORAGE SUMMARY - EXTENDED DRY DETENTION BASIN

Frequency (YR)	Pond Inflow (cfs)	Pond Elev. (ft)	Pond Storage (cu. ft.)	Routed Flows (cfs)
1	11.25	1033.99	9,920	0.18
2	13.42	1035.02	13,351	0.21
5	17.14	1036.42	17,988	0.42
10	20.36	1037.01	19,938	0.93
25	24.95	1038.04	23,356	2.21
50	28.59	1038.96	26,419	3.68
100	32.38	1040.00	29,875	5.64

STORMWATER QUALITY PERFROMANCE REVIEW

The Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool output provided in Appendix A shows a 100% reduction in Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and 102% of the total required runoff reduction due to treatment provided by the Bioretention and Extended Dry Detention Basins.

10% POINT ANALYSIS (DOWNSTREAM ANALYSIS)

The 10 percent point of analysis is a point downstream of the site at which the total area draining area is at least ten times the site being developed. The total site has an area of 4.996 acres and the total drainage area at the site POA is 96.494 acres which is approximately 19.31 times larger than the site area. The site POA can therefore be defined as the 10% POA and this is because the site is located at the downstream end of a large drainage basin. Please refer to Figures 3 and 4 for the Pre- and Post-development drainage maps respectively and provided in table below is a summary of pre- and post-development peak flows for the 10% POA (Site POA).

Summary	of Peak Flow	(a) for 10% POA
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Frequency (YR)	Pre-Dev. Flows (cfs)	Post-Dev. Flows (cfs)
1	45.72	45.46
2	66.53	66.05
5	105.95	105.03
10	142.95	141.60
25	199.92	198.77
50	248.19	247.35
100	300.45	300.39

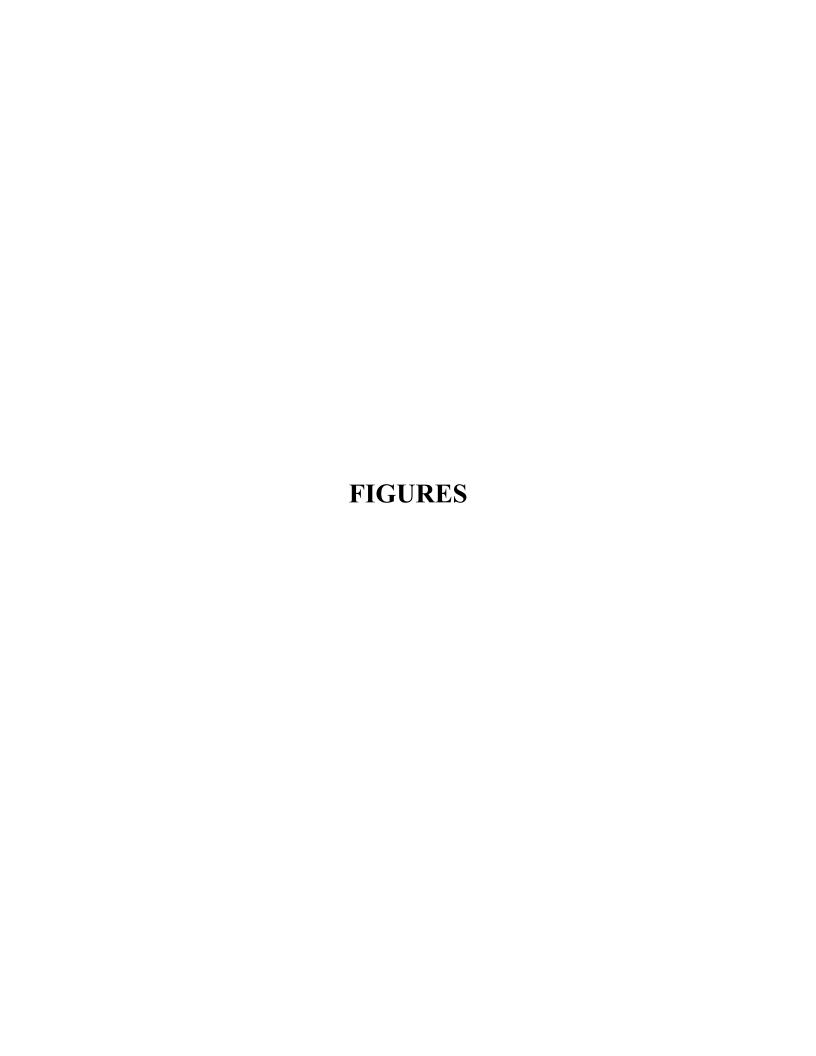
From the above table, we can see that the computed post-developed flows are less than the pre-developed for the 10% POA's and this can be attributed to detention of post-developed peak flows in the proposed stormwater management facility.

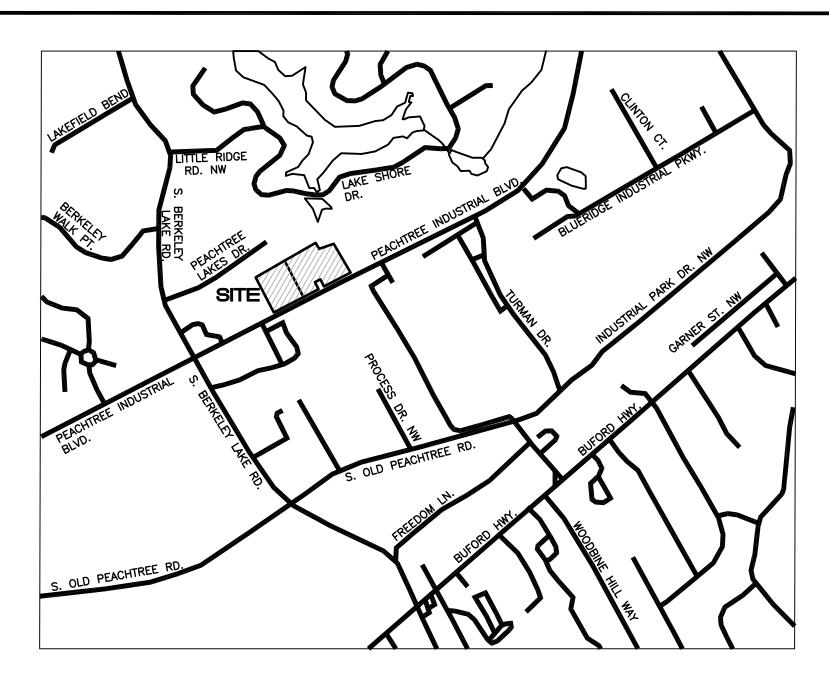
The three major impacts of development on storm-water are volume increase, velocity increase and pollution. The proposed development would not adversely impact downstream conditions for the following reasons:

- 1. Water quality structures (BMP) shall be provided on-site to trap storm-water runoff from erodible areas to allow suspended sediments and other pollutants to settle-out before being discharged downstream.
- 2. There will be a significant reduction in peak flow at the site POA when the site is developed. This will result in a reduction in flow velocities at the site POA and therefore the potential for erosion and/or scouring in the receiving channels downstream is significantly reduced.

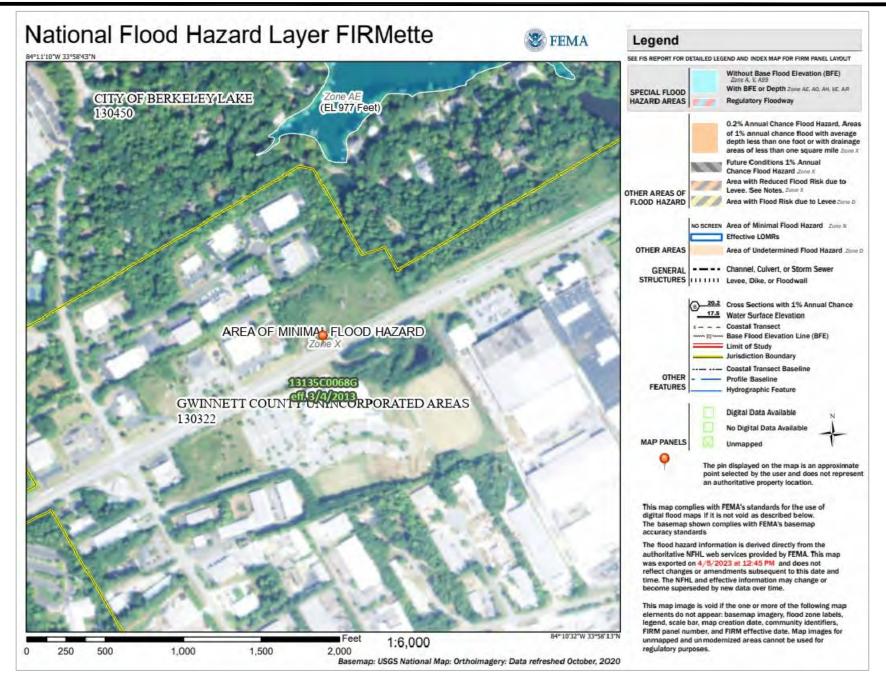
CONCLUSION

The detention facility referred to in this report exceeds the standard of care for control of storm-water runoff from the proposed development. This development will not adversely impact downstream conditions.

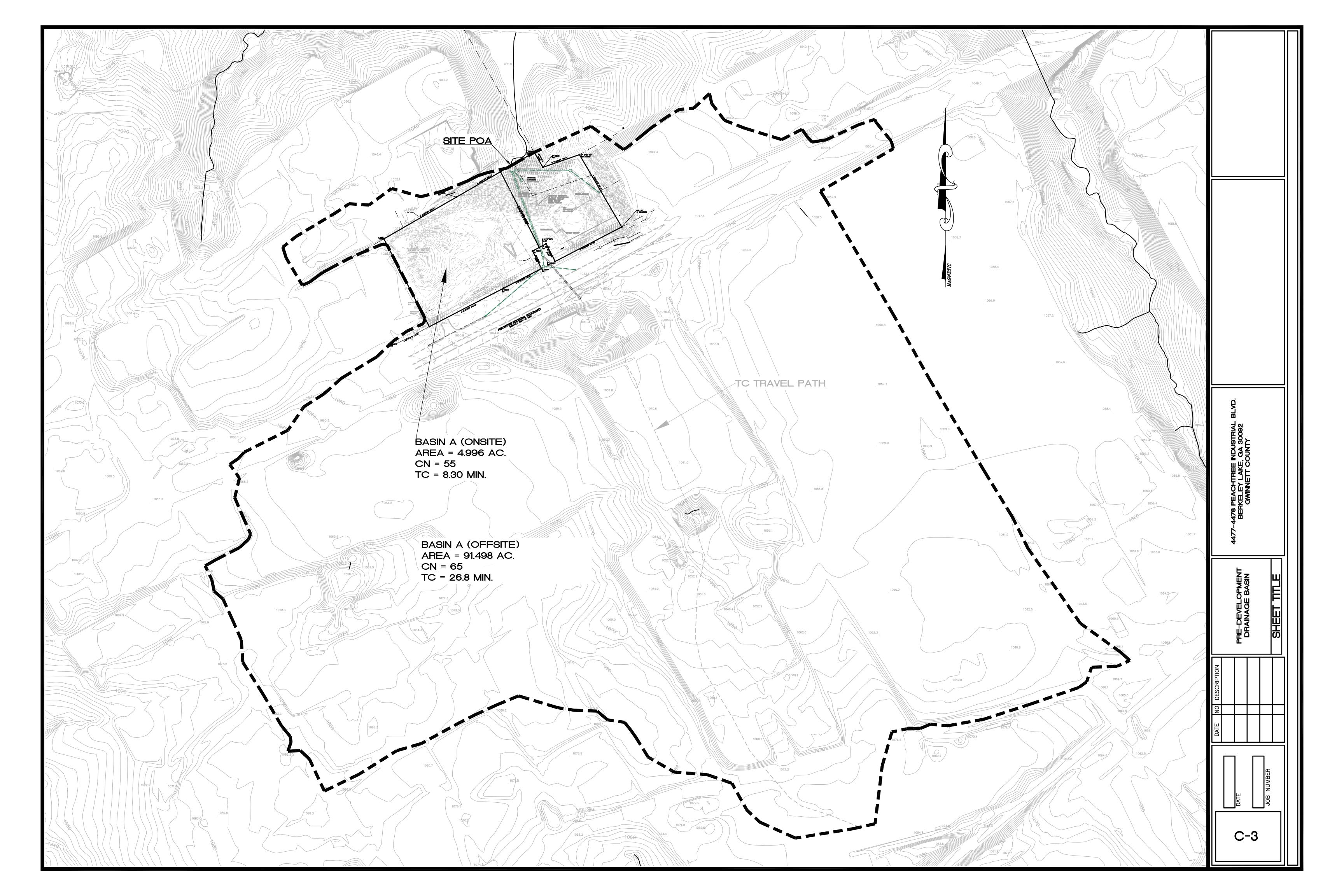


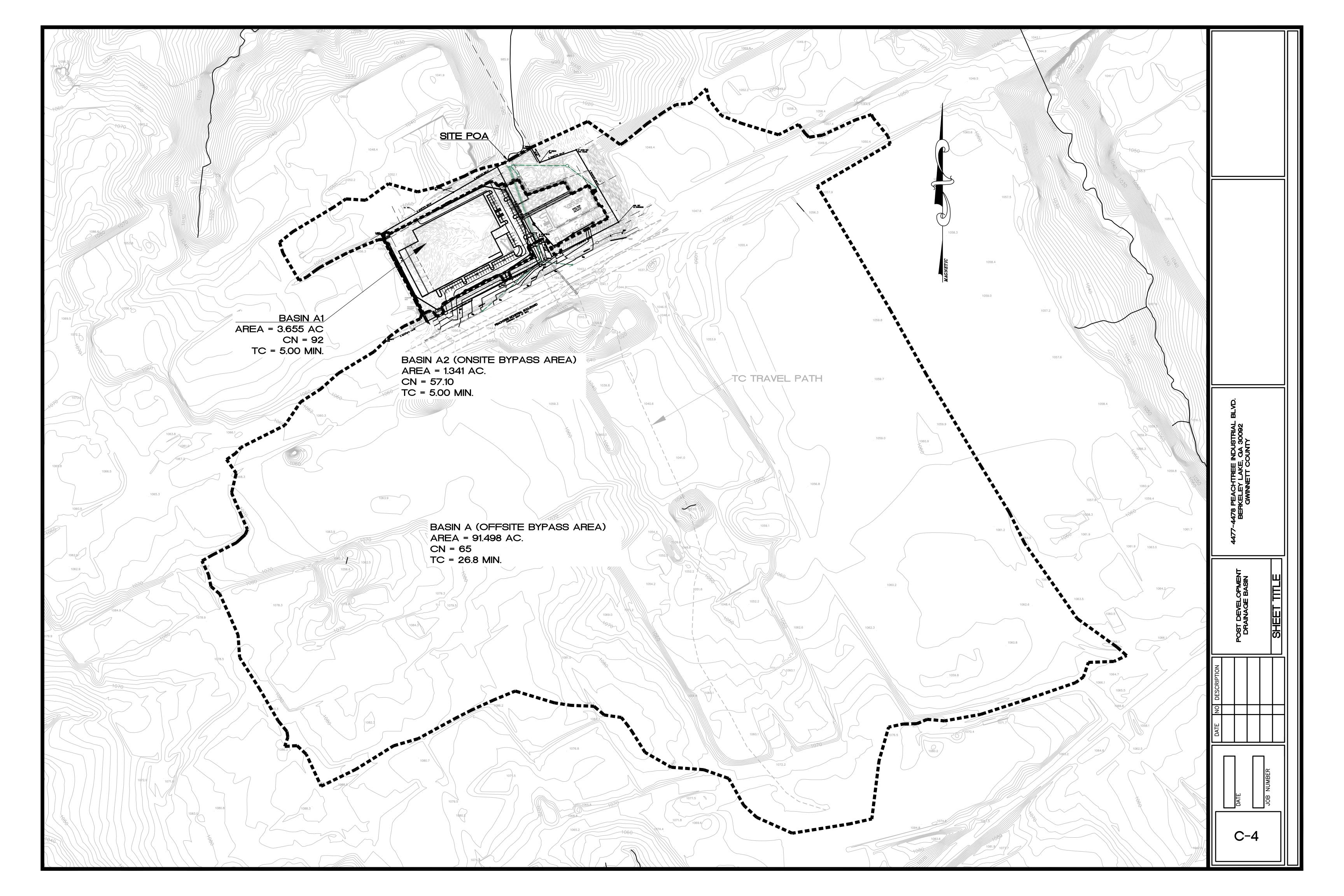


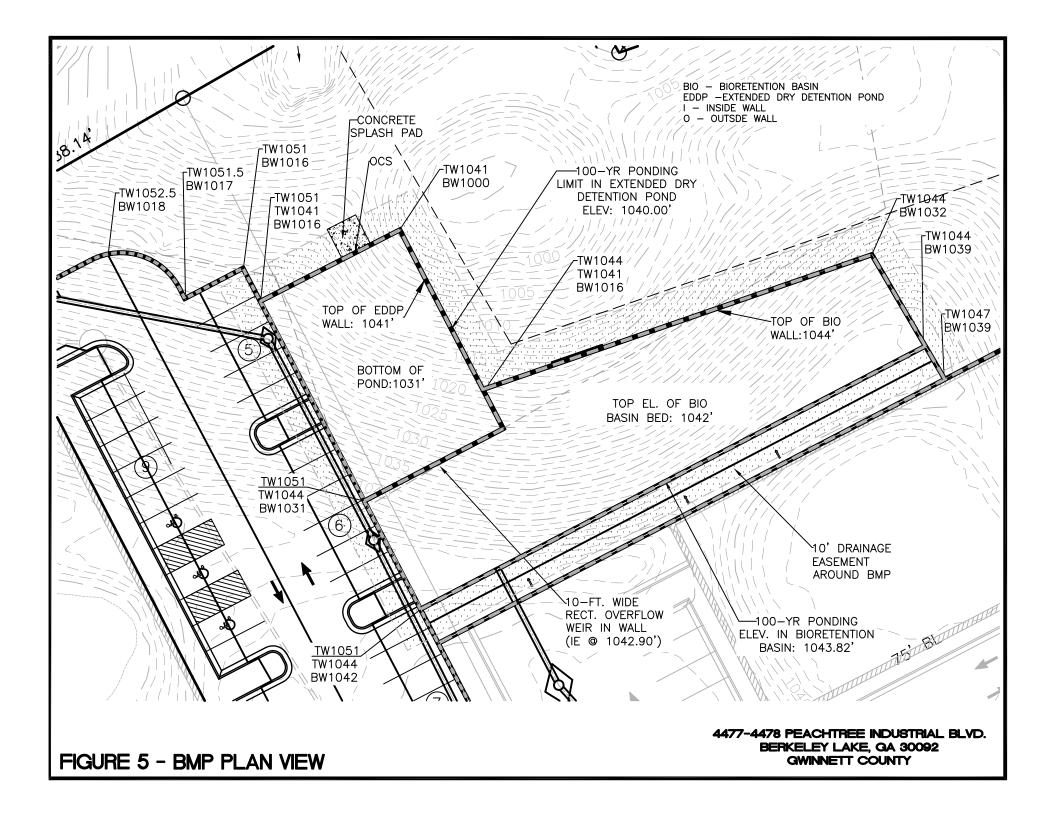
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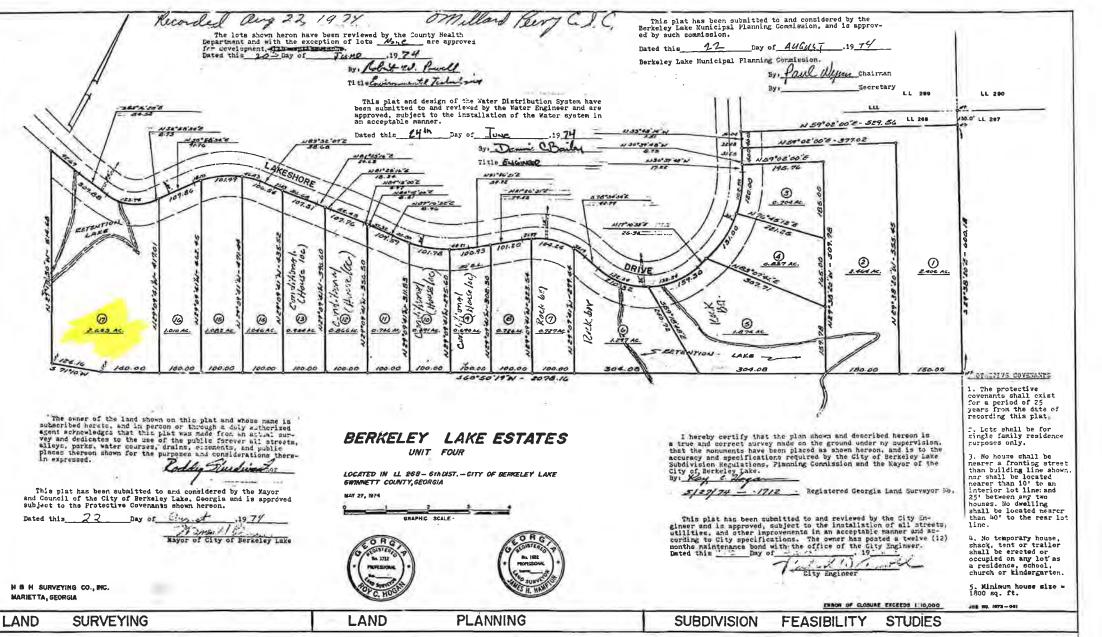


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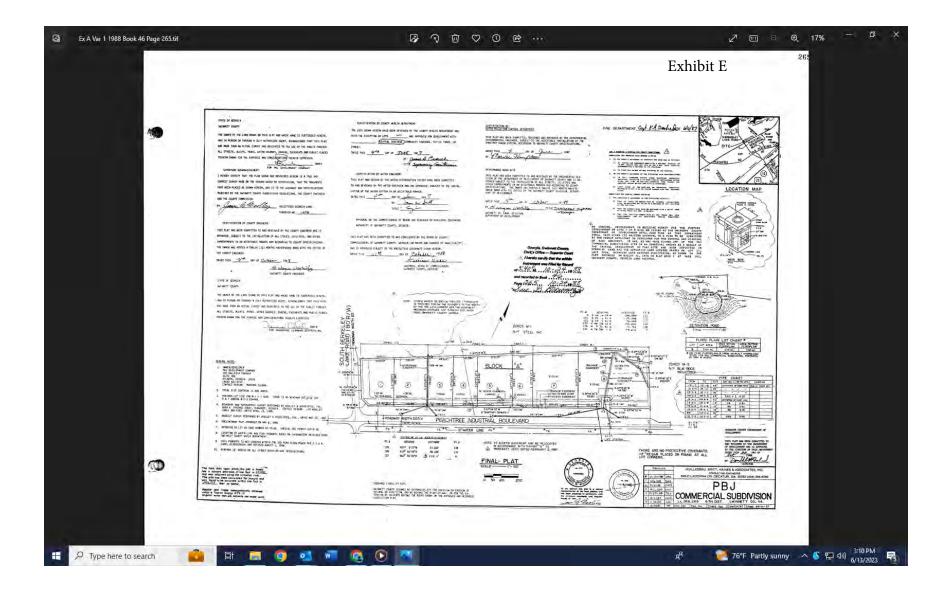


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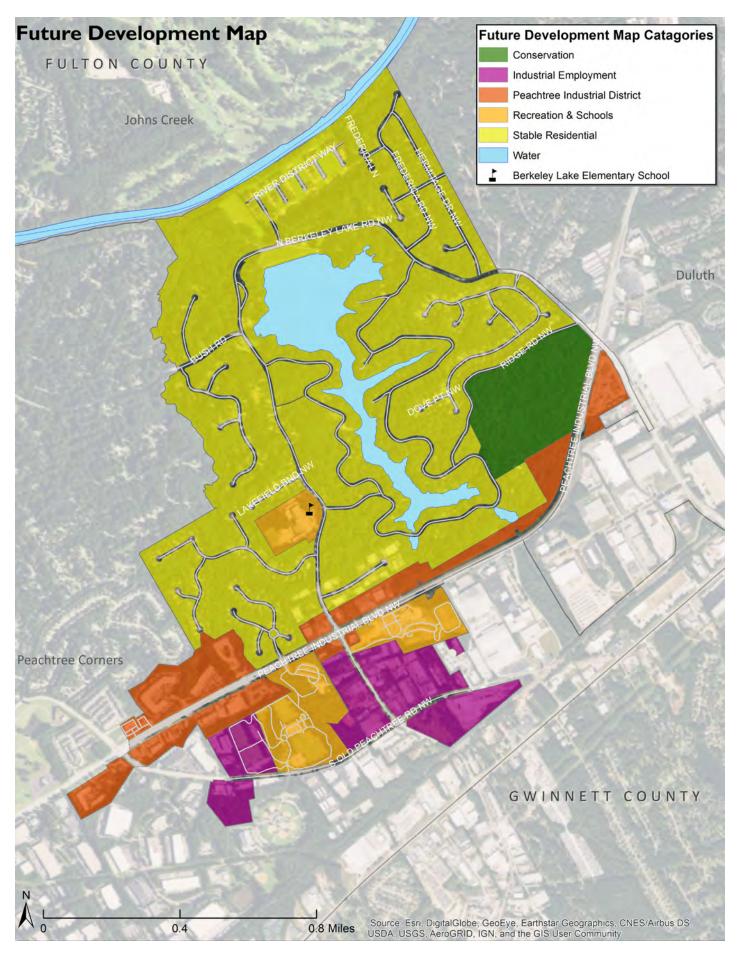
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Chapter 7: Future Land Use 25

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

Application Form

SIGNATURE OF APPLICATION

STATE MANAGEMENT	APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Owner's Name: First Citize:	ns Bank & Trust	PHONE: 919	.716.4086
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 4300 Six Fo	rks Rd., FCC-52 Ralei	gh, NC 27609	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
CONTRACT PURCHASER'S NAME:Buil	derstone Global LLC	PHONE:	
ddress: 4595 Winters Cha	apel Rd., Doraville, GA	A 30360	
Street Address		State	Zip
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT / ATTORNEY:	Michael Penland	PHONE:	770-843-8332
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3184	, Cumming, GA 30028		
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RM:Powell Pro	perty Group, LLC _{E-Mail} :	penlandmj@bel	Isouth.net
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Rezoning App 2010

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

CONTRACT PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE: ____

Certification of Campaign Contribution Disclosures for Rezoning Applications

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(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

Authorization by Property Owner

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Timothy J. Bylow, SVP First Citizens Bank	& Trust	pon his/her oath, bein	g of sound mind
and legal age deposes and states: that he/she is the attached application, as is shown in the records of	e owner of the prope	rty which is subject ma	-
He/she authorizes the person named below to act	as applicant in the pu	rsuit of a VARIANCE or	n this property.
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Street Number/PO Box Street Name	City	State	Zip
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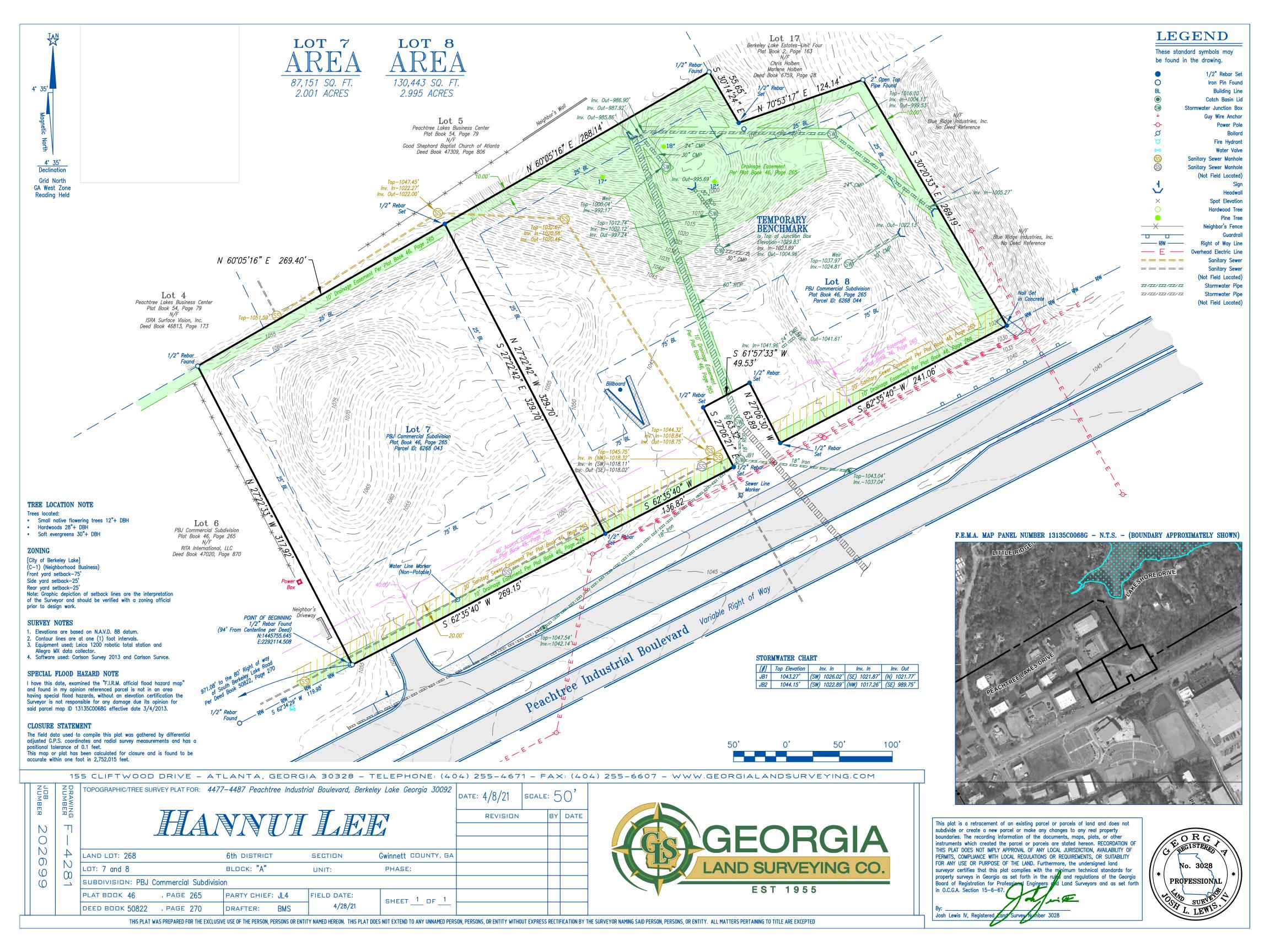




EXHIBIT A

The Land is described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 268 OF THE 6TH DISTRICT OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS BEING DESIGNATED AS LOTS 7 AND 8 OF BLOCK A OF PBJ COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT DATED JULY 15, 1985, LAST REVISED JANUARY 9, 1987, PREPARED BY GUILDEBEAU, BRITT, HAINES & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY **DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD (94 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE THEREOF) WHICH POINT IS LOCATED 971.083 FEET NORTHEASTERLY, AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD AND THE NORTHEASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BERKELEY LAKE ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD WHICH HAS AN 80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE LINE WHICH FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN LOTS 6 & 7, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 317.877 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 559.250 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 55.650 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 7 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.140 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 269.650 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD A DISTANCE OF 241.060 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE PROCEEDING NORTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 63.890 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 49.530 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 63.320 FEET TO A POINT AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 405.969 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Tax Account

Mailing Address:

GWINNETT COMMUNITY BANK 2775 BUFORD HWY DULUTH, GA 30096-2872

SITUS:

0 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLV

Tax District:

BERKELEY LAKE

Parcel ID	Property Type	Last Update
R6268 043	Real Property	6/11/2023 8:11:00 PM

Legal Description

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Tax Bills

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Tax Year	Net Tax	Total Paid	Penalty/Fees	Interest	Due Date	Amount Due
2022	\$5,081.83	\$5,081.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	11/1/2022	\$0.00
2021	\$5,219.97	\$5,219.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2021	\$0.00
2020	\$5,256.08	\$5,256.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/1/2020	\$0.00
2019	\$4,876.74	\$4,876.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2019	\$0.00
2018	\$4,912.33	\$4,912.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2018	\$0.00
2017	\$4,986.59	\$4,986.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2017	\$0.00
2016	\$4,955.28	\$4,955.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2016	\$0.00
Total						\$0.00

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2020	\$2,704.20	\$2,704.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/1/2020	\$0.00
2019	\$2,614.04	\$2,614.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2019	\$0.00
2018	\$2,633.12	\$2,633.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2018	\$0.00
2017	\$2,672.93	\$2,672.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2017	\$0.00
2016	\$2,656.14	\$2,656.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2016	\$0.00
Total						\$0.00

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RESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS

Applicant: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC 4595 Winters Chapel Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360

Subject Property: 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. (Tax parcels R6268 043, R6268 044)

Current Zoning: C1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed)

Proposed Zoning: M-1, Light Industrial, City of Berkeley Lake

Proposed Variances: 1-5

ROW Access: Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

Application: #_____

This Reservation of Constitutional and Other Legal Rights ("the Reservation") is intended to supplement and form a part of the zoning and variance applications (jointly, "Application") of the Applicant and the Owners of the Subject Property and to put City of Berkeley Lake on notice of the Applicant's assertion of its constitutional and legal rights.

The Applicant objects to the standing of any opponents who are not owners of land adjoining the Subject Property and to the consideration by City of Berkeley Lake of testimony or evidence presented by any party without standing in making its decision regarding the Application. The Applicant also objects to the consideration of testimony or evidence presented by any party that fails to comply with notice and campaign disclosure requirements.

Denial of the Application or approval of the Application in any form that is different than as requested by the Applicant will impose a disproportionate hardship on the Applicant and the Owner of the Subject Property without benefiting any surrounding property owners. There is no reasonable use of the Subject Property other than as proposed by the Application and no resulting benefit to the public from denial of modification of the Application.

Any provisions in the City of Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances ("Code") that classify, or may classify, the Subject Property into any of the non-requested zoning or use classifications, including the Proposed Zoning Conditional Amendments and Proposed Variances at a density or intensity less than that requested by the Applicant, are unconstitutional in that they constitute a taking of the Applicant's and Owner's property rights without first paying fair, adequate, and just compensation for such rights in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

The Subject Property is presently suitable for development as proposed in the Application and it is not suitable for development under any other zoning classification, use, or at a density or intensity less than that requested by the Applicant. Failure to approve the Application as requested by the Applicant will constitute an arbitrary and capricious abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to

49 Atlanta Street Marietta, Georgia 30060



the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal by the City of Berkeley Lake to approve the Application as requested by the Applicant will prohibit the only viable economic use of the Subject Property, will be unconstitutional and will discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and Owner and the owners of similarly situated properties in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Furthermore, the Board cannot lawfully impose more restrictive standards on the Subject Property's development than are presently set forth in the Code. To do so not only will constitute a taking of the Subject Property as set forth above, but it will also amount to an unlawful delegation of the Board's authority in response to neighborhood opposition, in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended. Any conditions or other restrictions imposed on the Subject Property without the consent of the Applicant and Owner that do not serve to reasonably ameliorate the negative impacts of the development are invalid and void. As such, the Applicant and Owner reserve the right to challenge any such conditions or restrictions.

City County's Comprehensive Plan were not adopted in compliance with the laws or constitutions of the State of Georgia or of the United States, and a denial of the Applicant's request based upon provisions illegally adopted will deprive the Applicant and Owners of due process under the law.

By filing this Reservation, the Applicant reserves all rights and remedies available to it under the United States Constitution, the Georgia Constitution, all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, and in equity.

The Applicant and Owners respectfully request that the Application be approved as requested by the Applicant and in the manner shown on the Application, which is incorporated herein by reference. This Reservation forms an integral part of the Applicant's Application and we ask that this Reservation be presented with the Applicant's other Application materials to the governing authority of the jurisdiction. The Applicant and Owners reserve the right to amend and supplement this Reservation at any time.

Sincerely,

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Wendy W. Kraby Attorney for Owner and Applicant BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC



Application for Variance

For Offic	e Use Only
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Part 1: Applicant Information

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- Letter of Intent describing the proposed construction, development or improvements.

 Site Plan showing all existing and proposed improvements on the property.

 Survey of the property

Variance Application: Part 3: Property and Use Information (continued)

Applicant: Please provide written responses to the following items in order to support the request. Attach a separate sheet if necessary:

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Variance 1

Builderstone is requesting relief from code section 78-242 as to approximately 4,826.80 square feet along Tax Parcel Code R6268 019 (the "Ryerson Tract") and to be replaced with a condition providing for a 25-foot setback identical to the M-2 setback with the other Ryerson parcel located to the east.

The Ryerson Tract (2.97 acre) is owned by a subsidiary of Ryerson, an international company, based in Chicago, Il. The company describes itself as "The company serves a variety of industries, including customers making products or equipment for the commercial ground transportation, metal fabrication and machine shops, industrial machinery and equipment, consumer durables, HVAC, construction, food processing and agriculture, as well as oil and gas."

The Ryerson Tract is a land-locked vacant property that would be very difficult to develop due to its lack of depth and lack of access to the public right of way. In addition, given the City's buffers, much if not most of the property would be taken up by buffers. Ryerson also owns a M-2 parcel to the east that also borders the Property (M-2 under Gwinnett code as City does not have M-2 zoning).

When contacted by BuilderStone's council, Ryerson's office in Norcross was unable to confirm or even acknowledge if it owned such parcel. When Ryerson corporate/legal department in Chicago was contacted by BuilderStone's council, no one would return calls or otherwise reply to inquiries.

BuilderStone would utilize such variance space to primarily plant trees for the city's 40 TDU requirement as well as include a small portion of the bioretention basin that has been moved to the north to accommodate the county's stormwater easement. By condition, a 25-feet setback along the property line would be added and BuilderStone would be prohibited from putting any building within the 25-foot setback.

Sec. 78-242. - Buffer zones established.

"In all M-1 light industrial districts, a buffer strip at least 75 feet wide is required where said industrial district abuts a residential use district. Buffers shall be planted to meet the requirements of Chapter 42 - Natural Resources, Article VII - Buffers, Landscape and Trees, Division 2 - Buffer Regulations. (Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, 10-21-2010)"

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

The Property has some unique physical features, chief among them is the City's demand that there be a 75-foot buffer along Mr. Holben's property which prohibits BuilderStone from being able to use its pre-existing stormwater easement. This requires the Company to instead locate its bioretention basin outside the Holben buffer. Allowing this easement will give Builder some needed room to plant trees and re-adjust the site plan.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

The application of the ordinance severely limits the usable space of the Property, especially when paired with the City's tree ordinance requiring 40 TDU outside of the ordinance's 75-foot buffer. Granting of the variance would allow the Property to be developed in an economically feasible way.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The Property is burdened with the unique conditions of the buffers, setbacks and the numerous stormwater easements as well as the location of a billboard.

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the stormwater easements have been in place for at least 35 years through no action of the Applicant or Owner. The current 99-year billboard lease far predates the current owner and Applicant.

5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted?

There should be no detriment to the public as the 75-foot buffer will be maintained as to the Holben property. The purposes of the ordinance are not frustrated as there will be a 25-foot setback between lots and buildings that retain the intentions of the ordinance to create a barrier.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes

Variance 2

BuilderStone is requesting relief from code section 78-243 for the purpose of allowing M-1 zoning next to M-1 GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT.

Sec. 78-243 states "District area" "Minimum" "Ten Acres."

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

This Property was annexed into the City from Gwinnett County and retains the Gwinnett County zoning of C-1(Gwinnett). This gave the Property a unique status and makes it very difficult, if not impossible, for the property to zone into C-1 or M-1 classifications under the City's pre-annexation 2004 code at issue.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

The ordinance does not define the term "District area" nor does it define how such a "District area" is measured or calculated.

The city of Berkeley Lake has said the M-1 zoning is not allowed because it would not be in a M-1 district of 10 acres, even though it is located directly adjacent to over 20 combined acres of M-1 (Gwinnett). The Property primarily backs up to an M-1 (Gwinnett) manufacturing park (Peachtree Lakes Drive). In addition, a majority of the annexed, non-residential lands into the City are zoned M-1 (Gwinnett). (Please see Exhibit "G", Official Zoning Map 2018 04 19, attached hereto.). Given the limited city boundaries and existing development, it would be difficult to create 10 acre "districts" of city-zoned land.

The City already has or has permitted "District areas" by the City's non-written definition of less than "Ten Acres":

- Tax parcel 6269 31 (4.94 ACRES) (487 S Old Peachtree Rd, Norcross, GA 30071) was rezoned in 2017 to M-1. Although is it is adjacent to "M-1 Gwinnett" it is not adjacent to "M-1."
- Tax parcel R6269 158 (3.46 acres) (4790 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD) is zoned C-1 even though the C-I "District area" is "Ten Acres."
- Tax parcels R6290 230 and R6290 231 (total of 4.59 acres) (3960 AND 3980 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD) is zoned C-1 even though the C-I "District area" is "Ten Acres."

The code in question was adopted in 2004, years before the M-1 Gwinnett properties were annexed into the City. The code, in light of the modern City limits, does not take into account the vast property changes the City would undertake to bring commercial properties into its limits.

The City's stated purpose in annexation was to diversity and bring in commercial and manufacturing properties into its tax base ("City's Purpose"). To that effect, prohibiting this Property from M-1 zoning due a "technicality" and an outdated and inadequately defined ordinance defeats the City's purpose.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The ordinance unfairly targets any property that seeks to zone to M-1 or C-1 designation within the City because it would be nearly impossible to be located next to property that is not already zoned M-1 Gwinnett or C-1 Gwinnett. The distinction between M-1 and M-1 Gwinnett County is a technicality and does not serve the City's intent to group similar uses together. For purposes of the "District area," no distinction should be made between M-1 and M-1 (Gwinnett).

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the conditions are a result of the City's annexation of commercial property into the City limits without updating its zoning code accordingly.

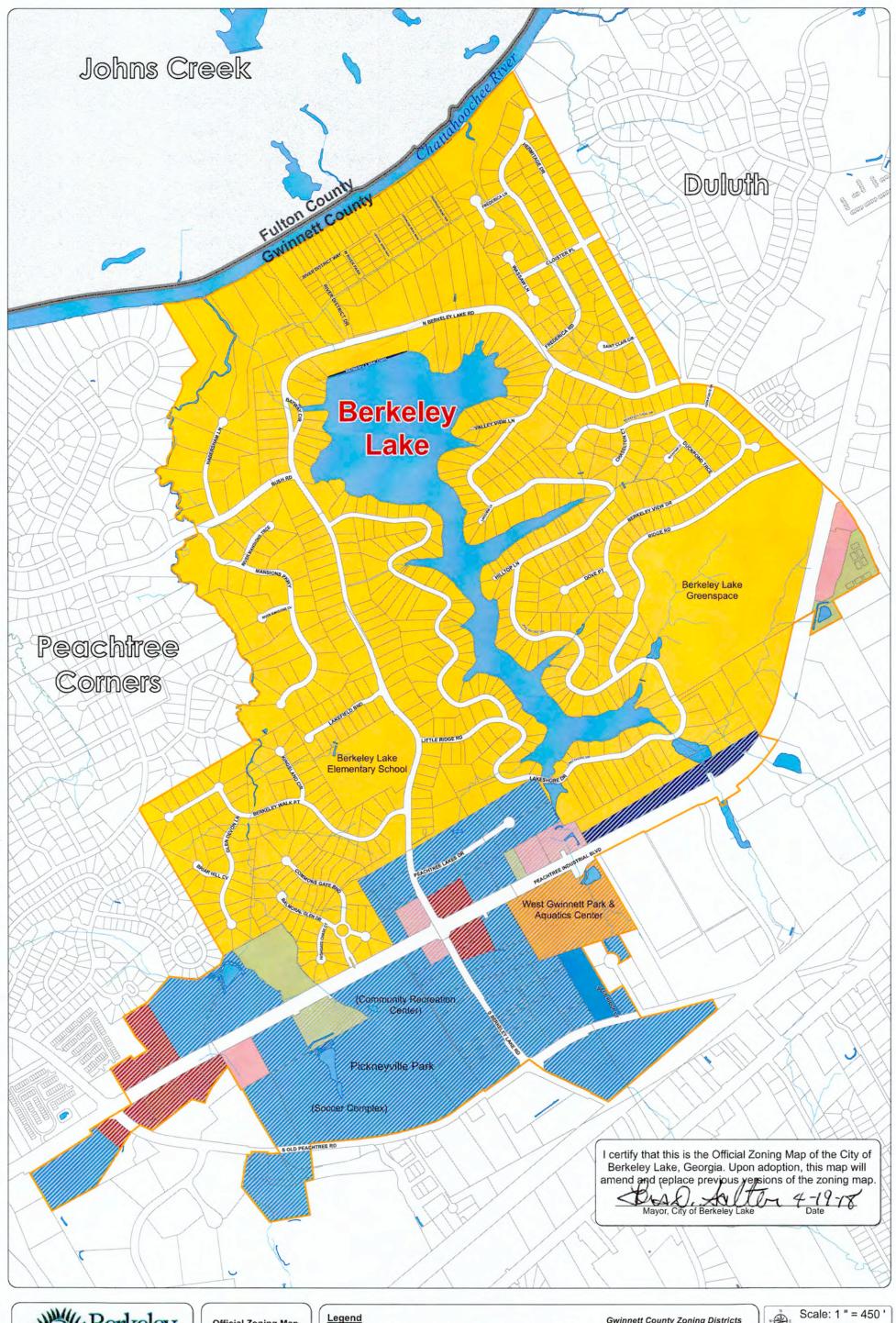
5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.

Granting the variance does not change the substantial use of M-1 designation nor the intent of the City to group like or similarly zoning districts together.

The City's code section on Gwinnett properties (ARTICLE XII. - GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT) specifically states that if questions arise under this code, the Berkeley Lake Zoning District most similar to the Gwinnett zoning classification shall apply. Such section pairs M-1 Gwinnett with M-1. To then distinguish between the two classifications to not allow such similar zoning classifications to be located next to each due to "District area" is not consistent with the intent of the Code.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes





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Official Zoning Map of the City of Berkeley Lake

Effective December 2017

Map Prepared February 15, 2018



Light Industrial (M-1) Hydrography Single Family Residential (R-100) Gwinnett Co - Annex (GC-A)

Gwinnett County Zoning Districts

Neighborhood Business (C-1) General Business (C-2)

Light Industry (M-1) Heavy Industry (M-2) Office-Institutional (O-I)

Single Family Residential (R-100)

Single Family Residence (R-ZT)

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Variance 4

BuilderStone is requesting relief from code section Sec. 78-243 for the purpose of reducing a small portion to be consistent with the rest of the 75-foot setback. To decrease the 75-foot building setback from the road for 49.53 feet of the Cut-Out to be flush with the rest of the 75-foot building setback for the entire Property. Please see the Site Plan.

Sec. 78-243 "Front Yard" "Minimum" "75 Feet"

This ordinance from 2004 does not define what "Front Yard" means or what "75 Feet" denotes. However, if the City's intention was that this code was to mean the building setback from the right of way, BuilderStone requests the variance above.

Sec. 78-3. - Definitions.

Front and frontage means that side of a lot abutting on a street or way and ordinarily regarded as the front of a lot, but it shall not be considered as the ordinary side of a corner lot.

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

The Property is subject to an approximately 3,000-foot cut-out ("Cut-Out") at the top of the road for stormwater easements directing runoff from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and the West Gwinnett Aquatic Center. To enforce a 75-foot building set back from the back of this Cut Out would effectively prohibit the development of the Property which is already greatly reduced by the presence of a large detention easement and a billboard lease.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

There is no evident reason to require a 75-foot setback from the Cut-Out. It would not frustrate the intent of the City to push back buildings 75 feet from the right of way. Enforcing such a setback would be arbitrary and would serve no purpose other than to prohibit development of the Property.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The Cut-Out is an odd feature of the Property that has existed for decades and existed long before the City instituted 75-foot set-backs from the right of way.

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the condition of the Cut-Out and the Detention Pond and Stormwater easements have existed for decades and are not the result of the actions of the current owner, the foreclosing bank.

5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.

Granting of the variance will not reduce the overall setback of 75 feet and will not allow buildings within this setback. Modern zoning encourages buildings to be closer to the road so that parking can be on the sides and back when possible. To the extent that the City encourages large front yards with parking, this variance does not frustrate that goal and maintains a good 75-foot building setback from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes