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DATE: Aug 5 2010 ARC REVIEW CODE: R1008031

TO: Chairman Richard Oden

ATTN TO: Marshall Walker, Assistant Director

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director (

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). Below is the ARC finding. The Atlanta Regional Commission reviewed the DRI with regard to conflicts to regional plans, goals, and policies and impacts it might have on the activities, plans, goals, and policies of other local jurisdictions and state, federal, and other agencies. The finding does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

Name of Proposal: Springfield Baptist Church

<u>Submitting Local Government</u>: Rockdale County <u>Review Type</u>: DRI

Date Opened: Aug 5 2010 Deadline for Comments: Aug 19 2010 Date to Close: Aug 19 2010

<u>PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:</u> ARC's Unified Growth Policy Map identifies this area as suburban neighborhood which is defined as areas that are or will be developed at more of a suburban scale with appropriate commercial development and low intensity mixed use serving the local area.

The proposed development is a new church complex for an existing congregation. Due to the limited number of daily and weekly trips, traffic impacts on the surrounding area are expected to be minimal.

There is a large amount of surface parking proposed, but the devlopment does not appear to be "over-parked." The applicant has stated that bioswales will be used in the parking area to reduce and slow stormwater runoff and ARC staff recommends that pervious materials be used in the parking area to further reduce stormwater run-off.

ARC staff also recommends that the applicant and the Rockdale County investigate the possibility of using the excess parking during the work week as carpool, vanpool, or express bus user parking.

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING ARC DATA RESEARCH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CITY OF CONYERS ARC Transportation Planning
ARC Aging Division
Georgia Department of Transportation
Newton County

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
NORTH EAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please contact Jon Tuley at (404) 463-3309 or jtuley@atlantaregional.com. This finding will be published to the ARC website.

The ARC review website is located at: http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse.



REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Instructions: The project described below has been submitted to this Regional Development Center for review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). A DRI is a development of sufficient project of sufficient scale or importance that it is likely to have impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is actually located, such as adjoining cities or neighboring counties. We would like to consider your comments on this proposed development in our DRI review process. Therefore, please review the information about the project included on this form and give us your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to the RDC on or before the specified return deadline.

project included on this form and give us your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to the RDC on or before the specified return deadline. Preliminary Findings of the RDC: **Springfield Baptist Church** See the Preliminary Report. Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed): Individual Completing Form: Local Government: Please Return this form to: Jon Tuley, Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Street NE Department: Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph. (404) 463-3309 Fax (404) 463-3254 ituley@atlantaregional.com Telephone: (Return Date: Aug 19 2010 Signature: Date:

ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

DATE: Aug 5 2010 **ARC REVIEW CODE**: R1008031

TO: ARC Land Use, Environmental, Transportation, Research, and Aging Division Chiefs

FROM: Jon Tuley, Extension: 3-3309

Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

<u>Land Use:</u> Hawes, Beth <u>Transportation:</u> Zuyeva, Lyubov

Environmental: Santo, Jim **Research:** Skinner, Jim

Aging: Rader, Carolyn

Name of Proposal: Springfield Baptist Church Review Type: Development of Regional Impact

Description: This development is a proposed church complex with a 3,500 seat sanctuary, which will ultimately be expanded to 5,000 seats. The church will also have fellowship areas, recreational ministries and a daycare facility with approximately 150 children attending daily. The church will have approximately 1,432 parking spaces. The proposed development will be accessed via Iris Drive, which is the access road for Interstate 20. The site is located roughly half way between Salem Road (SR 162) in Rockdale County and Crowell Road in Newton County. Most of the development is located within Rockdale County with a small portion of the parking lot located within Newton County.

Submitting Local Government: Rockdale County

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□ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
 □ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
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 □ The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
 □ The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
 □ Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

COMMENTS:



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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PART 1: REGIONAL CONSISTENCY ASSESSMENT

To be completed by the ARC Staff

JURISDICTION:	ROCKDA	LE (OU	Dat	e RCA Completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/3/2010			
DRI #:	2148			RC DRI Reviewer: Jon Tuley				
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Springfie	ld B						
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	Other			Action Triggering Review: Comprehensive Land Use Amendment				
I. REGIONAL PLAN		Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional answers, required for "N/A" answers)	for "Yes" No" or	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development consis Regional Development Ma Defining Narrative?		\boxtimes						
Is the development consistent with the Guiding Principles of the Regional Plan?		\boxtimes						
II. REGIONAL RESOURCE RIRS	E PLAN AND	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional answers, required for "N/A" answers)		Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
If within one mile of any armap, is the development of the Guidance for Appropri Development Practices in Resource Plan?	consistent with ate			\boxtimes		RIR NOT YET ADOPTED OTHERWISE CONSISTED APPLICBLE ENVIRONME DOCUMENTS	NT WITH	
III. INTERJURISDICTION	AL IMPACTS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional answers, required for "N/A" answers)		Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development avenegative effect on public fastormwater / floodplain mawater quality, etc.) in neighborisdictions?	acilities (roads, anagement,							
Are neighboring jurisdiction and prepared to manage, development on public factoring stormwater / floodplain mater quality, etc.) in their	impacts of the cilities (roads, anagement, jurisdictions?					WAITING ON COMMI FROM NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS	_	
Are other affected jurisdict school boards, aware of, a to manage, the impacts of development?	and prepared					WAITING ON COMMI FROM AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS	ENTS	

IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendation (to the Developer for Impro- Project)			
Is this project consistent with any applicable regional transportation plan(s)?			\boxtimes						
Does the development avoid or mitigate negative impacts on the surrounding transportation network?	\boxtimes								
If not, do pending projects included in the funded portion of the applicable transportation plan (STIP/TIP/LRTP) mitigate all identified project impacts?			\boxtimes						
V. LOCALLY ADOPTED PLANS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendation (to the Developer for Improproject)			
Is the development consistent with the host government's Future Development Map and any applicable sub-area plans?	\boxtimes								
Is the development consistent with any adjacent or potentially affected local government's Future Development Map?	\boxtimes								
VI. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendation (to the Developer for Improproject)			
Is the development consistent with the region's CEDS?									
TOTAL RCA SCORE				N/A					
ALL QUESTIONS FROM PART 2 – Lo ASSESSMENT, WILL BE U							PMENT		
FINDING (OVERAL	L AS	SES	SME	NT OF R	REGIONAL CONS	ISTENCY)			
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				oposed action	on <u>IS NOT</u> in the best	nterest of the reg	ion and		
	Other Issues of Regional Concern:								



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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PART 2: LOCAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT

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JURISDICTION:	ROCKDA	LE (Date LIA completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/3/2010			
DRI #:	2148		RC DRI Reviewer: Jon Tuley			
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Springfie	eld B	apti	ist Church		
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	Other		Action Triggering Review: Comprehensive Land Use Amendment			
I. ADEQUACY OF LOC ASSETS/SERVICES	AL	Yes	No	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Score 0, 1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Do adequate wastewate facilities currently exist t development?						
Do adequate water support treatment facilities exist development?						
Do adequate stormwate facilities exist to serve the development?						
Do adequate solid waste to support the developm		\boxtimes				
Does the local school sy capacity necessary to a support the developmen	dequately			N/A		
Does the local workforce skills/expertise/educatio to support the developm	n to effectively			N/A		
Are all other assets/serv safety, etc.) adequate to development?	\•	\boxtimes				
Is the local government capable of adequately p new facilities/services a to be required by the de	roviding any nticipated/likely			N/A		
II. ADEQUACY OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE		Yes	No	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Score 0, 1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Do adequate transporta currently exist to suppor development?		\boxtimes				
If the development is proindustrial, is it located in proximity to an interstate	close			N/A		

If the development is predominately industrial, is it located with reasonable proximity to an intermodal station or other freight transfer location?			N/A		
Will developer-funded mitigation of the transportation impacts of this development be adequate to address needs generated by the project? enhancements and/or improvements of the items already listed in the applicable transportation plan (STIP/TIP/LRTP)?	\boxtimes				
If not, will enhancements and/or improvements already listed in the applicable transportation plan (STIP/TIP/LRTP) be adequate to address needs generated by the project?			N/A		
III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT	Yes	No	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Score 0, 1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
If the size and type of development warrant, is access to the site effectively managed through the use of internal roadways, access roads, or shared driveways?			N/A		
If the development is adjacent to more than one roadway, is access provided via the lowest functionally classified roadway?			N/A		
Are access points to the site aligned with opposing access points and with existing, planned or likely median breaks?			N/A		
Are proposed traffic signals located at the intersection of public roadways that provide access to the entire site?			N/A		
Relative to the size and traffic volume of the adjacent roadways, does the proposed development provide an adequate, uninterrupted driveway throat lengths at all access points?			ACCESS AND PARKING LAYOUT MAY NEED TO BE REVISITED TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAY LENGTH FOR DRIVEWAYS ON IRIS DRIVE		
Are all proposed access points outside of the functional area of any adjacent intersections?					
Do the proposed access points meet minimum spacing requirements established by GDOT (and GRTA, where appropriate)?	\boxtimes		WAITING ON COMMENTS FROM GDOT		
IV. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	Yes	No	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Score 0, 1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are potential impacts upon WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS adequately addressed in the proposal?	\boxtimes		THE APPLICANT WILL INSTALL BIOSWALES TO REDUCE AND SLOW STORMWATER RUNOFF. THEAPPLICANT SHOULD ALSO INVESTIGATE USING PERVIOUS MATERIALS IN ALL PARKING AREAS		
Are potential impacts upon WETLANDS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A		

Are potential impacts upon GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?	\boxtimes					
Are potential impacts upon RIVER CORRIDORS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon PROTECTED MOUNTAINS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon COASTAL RESOURCES adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon FLOODPLAINS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon SENSITIVE SOIL TYPES adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon STEEP SLOPES adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon PRIME AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon RARE/ENDANGERED SPECIES adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon FEDERAL, STATE OR REGIONAL PARKS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon HISTORIC RESOURCES adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon DESIGNATED SCENIC BYWAYS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Are potential impacts upon VIEWSHEDS OR SCENIC AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?			N/A			
Total Score					N/A	
	V. O	VER/	ALL ASS	ESSMENT	OF LO	CAL IMPACTS
Does the host local				NARRATI	VE:	
government need to take action to manage potential	YES		NO 🖂			
adverse impacts of this development?	123	· Ш				
Should special requirements be placed on the developer(s) to mitigate adverse development impacts?	YES		NO 🖂	NARRATI	VE:	



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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PART 3: GEORGIA QUALITY DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

To be completed by the ARC Staff

JURISDICTION:	ROCKDA	LE (Date QDA Completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/3/2010			
DRI #:	2148		RC DRI Reviewer: Jon Tuley			
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Springfie	eld B	apti	ist Church		
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	Other					Action Triggering Review: Comprehensive Land Use Amendment
I. MIX OF USES		Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development is mixture of complementa				N/A		
Does the development himixed uses?	nave vertically			N/A		
If the development is pri residential, are a healthy (e.g., corner grocery sto facilities) located within a walking distance?	mix of uses res, community			N/A		
For developments witho component, does the de a compatible new use th prevalent in the immedia surrounding area/neighb	evelopment add nat is not ately					
II. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES		Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are there sidewalks with development?	nin the		\boxtimes	THERE ARE SIDEWALKS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE BUILDING, BUT THESE SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE REST OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADJACENT ROAD NETWORK AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES WHERE POSSIBLE		
Are there existing or pro sidewalks along all adjace street frontages that con internal sidewalk networ	cent external nnect to the		\boxtimes			
Are sidewalks designed ADA, AASHTO standard accessibility?				N/A		

Is bicycle parking provided at all non- residential buildings, multi-family buildings, and other key destinations?		\boxtimes			
Does the development include multi- use trails that will connect to the external trail network(s)?			N/A		
Are intersections designed for pedestrian safety, including marked crossing, curb extensions, median refuges, raised crosswalks, and/or pedestrian actuation devices?		\boxtimes			
Does the design include pedestrian connections between building entrances and the internal and external sidewalk network?		\boxtimes			
Does the development contribute to public streetscapes with pedestrian-friendly amenities, such as benches, lighting, street trees, trash cans, pedestrian entrance on street level, and windows at street level?					
Will the development employ pedestrian-friendly block sizes (e.g., block face no more than 500 ft, average block perimeter 1350 ft)?			N/A		
Will the development incorporate traffic calming measures, such as narrower street widths, raised pedestrian crossings, or rough pavement			N/A		
materials?					
III. CONNECTIVITY	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
III. CONNECTIVITY Will the development employ street layouts that match those in older parts of the community?	Yes	No			
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Can the internal street network be reasonably anticipated to add to the public roadway network?		\boxtimes			
Where appropriate, will the development employ mid-block alleys?			N/A		
IV. PARKING	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development provide no more parking than the minimum required by the local jurisdiction?		\boxtimes	THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT HAS SLIGHTLY OVER THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY ROCKDALE COUNTY		
Does development seek reduced parking requirements for commercial and residential developments, particularly when nearby parking alternatives or public transit is available?			N/A		
Does development seek shared parking arrangements that reduce overall parking needs?			N/A		
Does development use landscaped tree islands and medians to break up large expanses of paved parking?			BIOSWALES WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PARKING AREA		
Is the development's parking located where it does not visually dominate the development from the street?			MOST OF THE PARKING WILL BE LOCATED TO THE REAR OF THE CHURCH		
Does the parking design allow for easy and safe pedestrian access to buildings?			ADDITIONAL SIDEWALKS SHOULD BE ADDED TO CREATE A SAFER AND MORE COMFORTABLE WALKING ENVIRONMENT		
V. INFILL DEVELOPMENT	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development proposing to locate on an infill site with existing infrastructure in place?	\boxtimes		THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS LCOATED BETWEEN TWO EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS		
Does this project involve redevelopment of abandoned structures; a brownfield site; other underutilized properties?		\boxtimes			
Does the development re-use or rehabilitate existing and/or historic structures?			N/A		
Is the development designed to blend into existing neighborhoods with compatible scale and design (e.g., small scale apartment buildings, multifamily that looks like a single residence from the street, etc)?			N/A		
Are new housing opportunities being created out of former, underused commercial, warehouse, or industrial spaces?		\boxtimes			

Is the development designed to revitalize existing neighborhood commercial centers (or create a new one on an infill site) that will serve as a focal point for the surrounding neighborhood and community?					
Is this a greyfield redevelopment that converts vacant or under-utilized commercial strips to mixed-use assets?					
VI. SENSE OF PLACE	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development create or enhance community spaces such as public plazas, squares, parks, etc?		\boxtimes	A PLAZA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH, THOUGH IT IS UNLCLEAR IF THIS IS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE		
Is the development consistent / compatible with the traditional character of the community, incorporating appropriate scale, placement and massing?			N/A		
If "big box" retail, is the development designed in a way that complements surrounding uses (e.g. appropriate massing and scale when in developed areas; landscaped buffers/berms when in less developed areas; etc.)?			N/A		
If "big box" retail, is the development designed in a way that promotes long-term usability (e.g. allows for subsequent adaptation to other tenants/uses)?			N/A		
Are structures oriented toward and located near existing and proposed street front(s) with parking located in places other than between the structure and the street/sidewalk?	\boxtimes				
Does the development design include restrictions on the number and size of signs and billboards?			N/A		
If applicable, will the natural vegetative character of surrounding roadways be maintained (e.g., with setbacks, vegetative buffers, landscaped berms)?	\boxtimes				
VII. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development designed to be an attractive, pedestrian-friendly activity center serving surrounding residential areas?			N/A	0,1,013	
Will the development include a mix of housing types and sizes evocative of the "traditional" development styles/patterns of the community?			N/A		

Do planned street widths employ TND width standards (i.e. narrow)?			N/A		
Are structures designed with small setbacks, and porches (where appropriate) that contribute to a continuous orientation to the street that is pedestrian-friendly and encourages interaction with neighbors and/or passers-by?			N/A		
Are accommodations included for on- street parking and/or rear alleyway access for residents'/visitors' automobiles?			N/A		
VIII. OPEN/GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development in close proximity with direct access to permanently protected open/greenspace?			N/A		
Is the development clustered to preserve open/green space within the development site?			N/A		
Does the development set aside a substantial percentage of total land area as permanently protected open or green space, preferably connected to a green space network?		\boxtimes	PORTION OF SITE IS SET ASIDE AS GREEN SPACE		
Does the design of the development include provisions to permanently preserve environmentally sensitive areas by setting them aside as public parks, trails, greenbelts, etc?		\boxtimes			
Does the design of the development incorporate significant site features (view corridors, water features, farmland, wetlands, etc.) as amenities?			N/A		
If public water/sewer is unavailable, does the design of the development make use of common area drain fields and/or neighborhood-scale wastewater treatment systems to reduce parcel size and facilitate cluster development?			N/A		
IX. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development avoid critical environmental areas?	\boxtimes				
Does the project avoid land physically unsuitable for development (steep slopes greater than 20%, floodplains, stream corridors, groundwater recharge areas or wetlands), prime agricultural lands/soils and/or propose the appropriate mitigation measures?	\boxtimes				

Does the development include					
measures to retain/protect a large					
proportion of existing trees and to maintain the health of new trees	\boxtimes				
included in the development's					
landscaping?					
Does the development incorporate			hizopitation ver ever-		
native and drought-tolerant		\boxtimes	INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED		
landscaping?			FOR THE REVIEW		
Is the development designed to avoid					
the need for a stream buffer variance	\boxtimes				
under any applicable ordinances?					
Does the development's stormwater					
management plan avoid increasing the					
rate and quantity of post-development		\boxtimes	INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED		
stormwater runoff when compared with			FOR THE REVIEW		
pre-development stormwater rates and					
quantities?					
Does the development reflect best					
management practices (e.g.,					
bioretention strips, rain gardens or	\boxtimes		BIOSWALS WILL BE USED		
swales as alternatives to conventional					
practices) for water quality protection?					
Do the parking lots incorporate					
innovative on-site stormwater					
mitigation or retention features that are	Ш	\boxtimes			
not covered elsewhere in this					
checklist?					
Is a substantial proportion of the total					
paved area (total of driveways,		\boxtimes			
norking otal accordanith normachia					
parking, etc) covered with permeable					
surfaces?					
surfaces? Does the development propose water					
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If the development includes a senior housing component, does the development include affordability and accessibility features and proximity to services and transportation alternatives?			N/A		
Will the development provide greater housing options for low and middle income residents and families?			N/A		
XI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Yes	No	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Score 0,1, or 3	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are the economic returns associated with the development projected to offset the local/regional costs for any infrastructure and service enhancements necessary to serve development?			N/A		
Will the development enhance diversity in the local/regional economic base?			N/A		
Does the design/location of this development clearly reflect consideration of the local and regional jobs/housing balance?			N/A		
Is the development located in a tax abatement zone, a tax allocation district, a designated/planned redevelopment area, an enterprise zone, or other governmentally supported redevelopment zones?			N/A		
Will this development use or is it likely to enhance local or regional small-business development program(s)?					
Will the development provide greater employment opportunities for low and middle income residents?			N/A		
Is the development likely to spur other activities aimed at improving the quality of the local/regional workforce?			N/A		
TOTAL SCORE				N/A	
	OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY				
Is the preponderance of answers above "Yes"?	 ➤ YES, the proposed development qualifies for expedited review. NO, the proposed development <u>DOES NOT</u> qualify for expedited review. 				
And is the development generally reflective of the best quality growth practices?	 YES, this regional commission recommends this development for Georgia Quality Development designation. NO NARRATIVE: 				

To improve the overall quality of the development, does the regional commission recommend that the local government seek additional alterations to the proposal that have not been described above?	∕ES □	NO 🖂	NARRATIVE:
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40 COURTLAND STREET, NE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Jon Tuley, Land	d Use Division
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FROM: Lyubov Zuyeva, Transportation Planning Division

DATE: August 4, 2010

SUBJECT: TPD Review of DRI # 2148

Project: Springfield Baptist Church

County: Rockdale/Newton

Location: Off Iris Drive SE (I-20 Frontage road on the south side), east of Flat

Shoals Rd SE and just west of Manas Court

Analysis:

Expedited X

Non-Expedited

cc: David Haynes

TPD

The Transportation Planning Division has reviewed the development plans provided by Rardin & Carroll Architects on behalf of the developer of the above referenced proposed project. The following input is provided for the Infrastructure section of the DRI Report.

This DRI proposal is being considered for review under the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Expedited Review Process. The proposed church development would contain one building, housing a worship center with 5000 seats, a recreational facility/gym, a preschool site (with max. capacity of 150 students) and Sunday School classrooms. The surface parking lot will have 1432 parking spaces and contain four stormwater detention areas. The majority of traffic to the proposed development would occur on Sundays.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation

How many site access points will be associated with the proposed development? What are their locations?

Site access is intended to be provided for the church parking lot via three driveways: two off Iris Drive (Frontage Road) and one off Manas Court (residential development street). The proposed connection to residential development will likely improve connectivity and allow pedestrian

access by future residents of the subdivision (not yet constructed). The eastern-most driveway off Iris Drive might be positioned too close to the Iris Drive right turn lane for Manas Court.

How much traffic (both average daily and peak am/pm) will be generated by the proposed project?

Weekday traffic would involve the trips of staff (50 trips per day based on estimated 25 staff members) and preschool trips (probably between 50-300 trips per day based on maximum capacity of 150 students). During peak service times (on Sunday), there will be up to 1450 trips per hour generated at service let-out time.

List the transportation improvements that would affect or be affected by the proposed project.

No projects are directly on Iris Drive or would significantly affect the proposed development.

In the TIP:

- AR-612: Xpress Bus Park-n-Ride Lot in vicinity of Salem Road
- RO-250: Salem Road Maintenance and Repaving

Projects in the Long Range Plan:

• RO-025C: Flat Shoals Road widening from Old Salem Road to Salem Road

Summarize the transportation improvements recommended.

In reviewing the sight plan, it appears that the currently proposed driveways might be in conflict with the right turn lane on Iris Drive (serving Manas Court right turn) and the painted median. ARC TPD Division would like to see the following concerns addressed:

- Provide sidewalks along roadway stub-out to the future residential development—this
 way the residential development would have an opportunity to connect future
 neighborhood sidewalks, and to provide a safe walking environment between the
 residences and the church
- The driveway throats should be sufficiently long to allow safe internal circulation (at least 100 feet; 200 feet preferred)
- The eastern-most driveway off Iris Drive should be constructed as a right-in, right-out driveway rather than a full access driveway (due to proximity to the functional area of the Manas Court intersection and due to the presence of painted median at that stretch of Iris Drive), and be outside of the right turn lane area
- Separation between the two driveways off Iris Drive should provide safe distance based on the posted speed limit (at least 220 feet)
- Deceleration lanes for the driveways on Iris Drive should be considered; based on Table 4-6 in GDOT Driveway Manual, "Minimum Volumes Requiring Right Turn Lanes", expected right-turn volume over 200 vehicles means that a deceleration lane would be needed at posted speed of 35 mph.

• Ensure sufficient Sight Distance from both driveways on Iris Drive, based on frontage road speed (refer to table 3E in GDOT Driveway Manual); this might require trimming or removing some of the vegetation along Iris Drive

Is the site served by transit? If so, describe type and level of service and how it will enhance or be enhanced by the presence of transit? Are there plans to provide or expand transit service in the vicinity of the proposed project?

Not currently. Proposed Park-n-ride lot at Salem Road would likely be on the opposite side of the interstate and would not be within walking distance. Church traffic patterns would not match Xpress bus schedule.

What transportation demand management strategies does the developer propose (carpool, flex-time, transit subsidy, etc.)?

Shuttle services will likely be provided for some of the congregation members

What are the conclusions of this review? Is the transportation system (existing and planned) capable of accommodating these trips?

Traffic volumes for this development are not a concern as the peak volumes would occur outside of normal traffic peak hours. ARC TPD would like to make sure that basic Access Management and safety requirements are followed in driveway spacing and design.

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH CAMPUS DRI

Rockdale County Environmental Planning Division Review Comments August 4, 2010

Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The property is located in the Yellow River watershed, which is not a water supply watershed for any jurisdiction in the Atlanta Region or the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The USGS coverage for the project area shows no streams on or adjacent to the project site. However, any unmapped streams that may be on the Rockdale portion of the property will be subject to the Rockdale County stream buffer ordinance. The portion of the property in Newton County will be subject to Newton ordinances. Any state waters on the property will also be subject to the State 25-foot Erosion and Sedimentation Act buffer.

Stormwater / Water Quality

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements. After construction, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. ARC has estimated the amount of pollutants produced after the construction of the entire proposed project as presented on the submitted site plan. These estimates are based on some simplifying assumptions for typical pollutant loading factors (lbs/ac/yr). The loading factors are based on the results of regional storm water monitoring data from the Atlanta Region with impervious areas based on estimated averages for land uses in the Atlanta Region. Given the coverage of the proposed development, commercial was chosen as the overall use. The area used is for the entire proposed project property in both Rockdale and Newton Counties and is an estimate measured by ARC staff. Actual pollutant loads will vary with the actual impervious area and percentage. The following tables summarize the results of the analysis:

Estimated Pounds of Pollutants Per Year

Land Use	Land Area (ac)	Total Phosphorus	Total Nitrogen	BOD	TSS	Zinc	Lead
Commercial	8.17	13.97	142.16	882.36	8031.11	10.05	1.80
TOTAL	8.17	13.97	142.16	882.36	8031.11	10.05	1.80

Total Impervious = 85%

In order to address post-construction stormwater runoff quality, the project should implement stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (www.georgiastormwater.com) and meet the stormwater management quantity and quality criteria outlined in the Manual. Where possible, the project should utilize the stormwater better site design concepts included in the Manual.

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DRI #2148

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information					
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide basic project information that will allow the RDC to determine if the project appears to meet or exceed applicable DRI thresholds. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.					
Local Government Information					
Submitting Local Government:	Rockdale				
Individual completing form:	Marshall Walker				
Telephone:	770-278-7100				
E-mail:	marshall.walker@rockdalecounty	/.org			
herein. If a project is to be local	*Note: The local government representative completing this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a project is to be located in more than one jurisdiction and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which the largest portion of the project is to be located is responsible for initiating the DRI review process.				
	Proposed Proje	ct Information			
Name of Proposed Project:	Springfield Baptist Church				
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	2805 SE Iris Drive, Conyers, GA	30013 County TAx Parcel # 09	30020019		
Brief Description of Project: Proposed church complex. The first phase will consist of a 3,500 seat sanctuary, which will ultimately be expanded to 5,000 seats. The church will also have fellowship areas, recreational ministries and a daycare facility. The church will have approximately 1,432 parking spaces. The project will be accessed via Iris Drive, which is the access road for Interstate 20. The site is located roughly half way between Salem Road (SR 162) in Rockdale County and Crowell Road in Newton County; both routes have interchanges for access onto the Interstate. The civil engineer for the project has informed our department that the peak traffic for this project will occur on Sundays. He also stated that the church will have two services on Sundays; therefore the project should generate a maximum of 2,864 cars per day. The project will generate significantly less traffic on all other days of the week. We have been informed that the Wednesday evening service does not typically require all the parking and the daycare will serve only 150 children during the weekdays. The project will obtain its water and sanitary sewer services from the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, pending an intergovernmental agreement. The Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority has indicated to the developer that there is sufficient water pressure and sewer treatment capacity for this project.					
Development Type:					
(not selected)	Hotels	○ Was Facilitie	stewater Treatment es		
Office	○ Mixed Use	Petr	roleum Storage Facilities		
Commercial	Airports		ter Supply /Reservoirs		
Wholesale & Distribution	n Attractions & R Facilities	ecreational	rmodal Terminals		
O Hospitals and Health Ca	are Post-Secondary	/ Schools True	ck Stops		

Facilities		
Housing	○ Waste Handling Facilities	Any other development types
Industrial	Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants	
If other development type, de-	scribe:	
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.):	Total Project 5,000 seats	
Developer:	Springfield Baptist Church	
Mailing Address:	3001 Old Salem Road	
Address 2:		
	City:Conyers State: GA Zip:30013-2230	
Telephone:	770-929-1111	
Email:	pastorewl@aol.com	
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, property owner:	Farmers and Merchants Bank	
Is the proposed project entirely located within your local government's jurisdiction?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ● No	
If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	Small portion within Newton County	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ● No	
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name:	
information.	Project ID:	
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other Comprehensiv Land Use Amendment	
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	○ (not selected) ● Yes ○ No	
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?	70%	
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: December 2011 Overall project: December 2015	
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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information		
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide information needed by the RDC for its review of the proposed DRI. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.		
Local	Government Information	
Submitting Local Government:	Rockdale	
Individual completing form:	Marshall Walker	
Telephone:	770-278-7100	
Email:	marshall.walker@rockdalecounty.org	
	Project Information	
Name of Proposed Project:	Springfield Baptist Church	
DRI ID Number:	2148	
Developer/Applicant:	Springfield Baptist Church	
Telephone:	770-929-1111	
Email(s):	pastorewl@aol.com	
Additio	nal Information Requested	
Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, proceed to Economic Impacts.)	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No	
If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?	(not selected) Yes No	
If no, the official review process can not start unti	I this additional information is provided.	
Economic Development		
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	\$17-19 million	
Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:	Nonprofit - tax exempt	
Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?	○ (not selected) ● Yes ○ No	
Will this development displace		

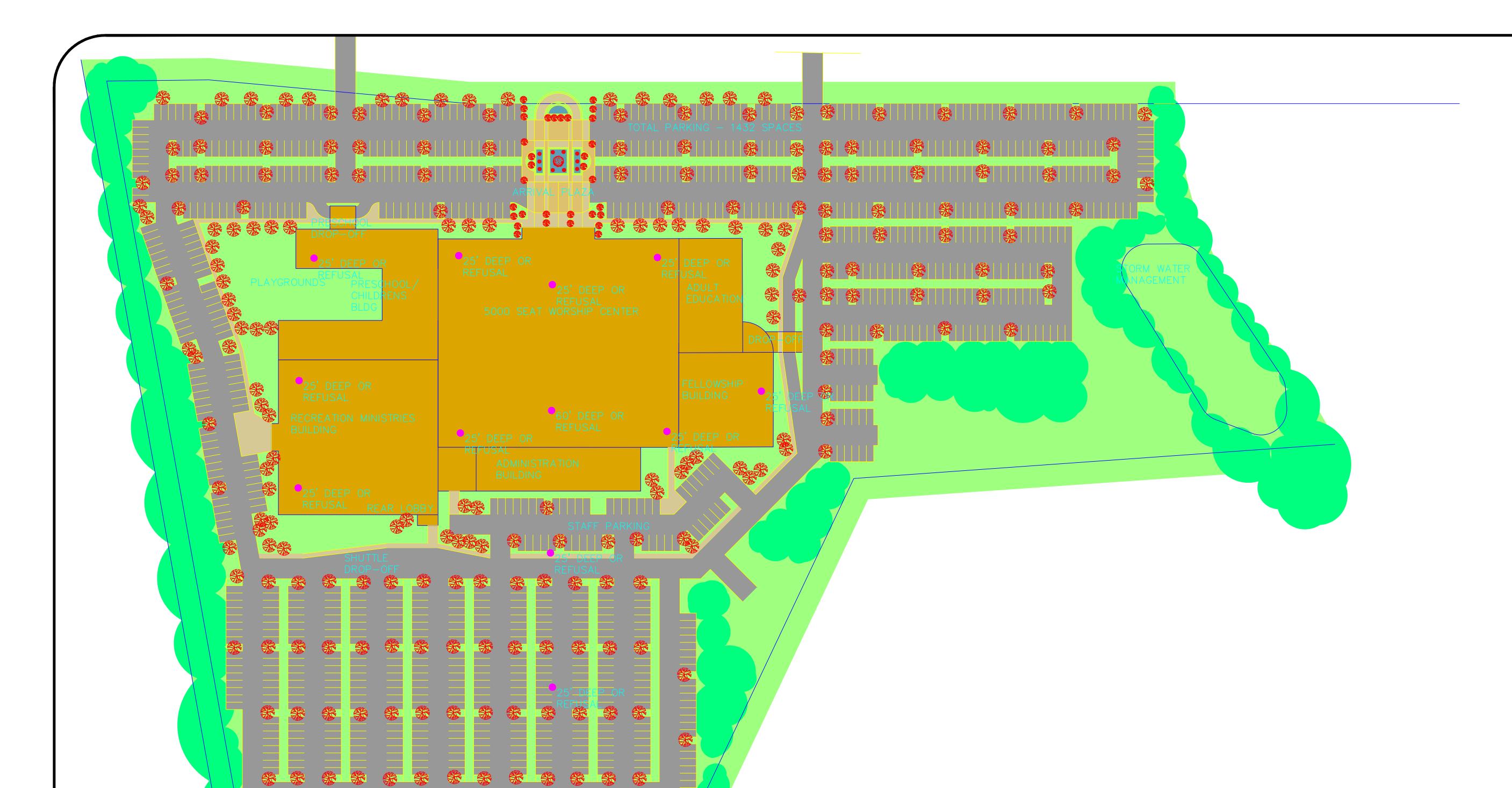
any existing uses?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
If yes, please describe (including number of units	, square feet, etc):			
	Water Supply			
Name of water supply provider for this site:	Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority			
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.03 MGD			
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No			
If no, describe any plans to expand the existing w	ater supply capacity:			
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No			
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) will be	required?			
V	Vastewater Disposal			
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority			
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.03 MGD			
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No			
If no, describe any plans to expand existing waste	ewater treatment capacity:			
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No			
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) will be required?				
Land Transportation				
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	2,864 VPD maximum on Sundays			
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	○ (not selected)			
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No			
volumes. At a preliminary meeting Chris McKinne indicated on the provided sketch. Mr. McKinney fo	recommended by GRTA staff for expedited review due to limited traffic y, GDOT, felt that the project will be well served by two (2) new drives as elt that the left turn lanes and deceleration lane would be needed. The throughway or thoroughfare for the site, if appropriate sight distance can be			

Solid Waste Disposal				
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	estimated 15 tons			
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No			
If no, describe any plans to expand existing land	fill capacity:			
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ● No			
If yes, please explain:				
Sto	ormwater Management			
What percentage of the site is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?	75%			
project's impacts on stormwater management:De meets the requirements of the Georgia Stormwa	ers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the entention ponds and water quality features will be used to ensure that the site ter Management Manual. Water quality features including stormwater ponds, d. The use of porous pavements will be studied for areas of overflow/rarely			
E	nvironmental Quality			
Is the development located within, or likely to affe	ect any of the following:			
1. Water supply watersheds?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
Significant groundwater recharge areas?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ● No			
3. Wetlands?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
4. Protected mountains?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ○ No			
5. Protected river corridors?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
6. Floodplains?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
7. Historic resources?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No			
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ● No			
If you answered yes to any question above, desc	cribe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:			
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN — IRIS DRIVE SCALE: 1" = 60'-0"



