

# **REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION**

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**DATE**: December 21, 2017

ARC REVIEW CODE: R1712211

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ATTN TO:	Jerry Oberholtzer, Manager, Current Planning Section	() raying K. Atta King
FROM:	Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARC	
RE:	Development of Regional Impact Review	Digital signature
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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed a preliminary regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). ARC reviewed the DRI with regard to its relationship to regional plans, goals and policies – and impacts it may have on the activities, plans, goals and policies of other local jurisdictions as well as state, federal and other agencies. This preliminary report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

Name of Proposal: Copart Expansion (DRI 2740) Review Type: DRI Submitting Local Government: Gwinnett County Date Opened: December 21, 2017 Deadline for Comments: January 5, 2018 Date to Close: January 10, 2018\*

\*ARC may close this review on January 5, 2018 per the Expedited Review process for Limited Trip Generation, outlined in ARC's DRI Rules.

**Description**: This DRI is located on 43.3 acres in Gwinnett County, northwest of the intersection of Centerville Rosebud Road and Loganville Highway (SR 20). The proposed use is a gravel parking/storage area for vehicles deemed as surplus, used or total loss from accidents, damage, etc., before they are sold via online wholesale auctions. The site is adjacent to a 47.3-acre site fronting Centerville Rosebud Road to the southeast, in Walton County, which has the same proposed use. Both sites are expansions of an existing facility to the east, in Walton County. Site access for both expansions is proposed via the existing facility's driveway on SR 20 in Walton County. No site access is proposed in Gwinnett County. The local trigger for the DRI review of the Gwinnett expansion project is a rezoning application. The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) recently reviewed the 47.3-acre Walton expansion project as a DRI (DRI 2739).

# PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, this DRI is located in a Rural Area. ARC's Regional Development Guide (RDG) details recommended policies for areas on the UGPM. General information and policy recommendations for Rural Areas are listed at the bottom of this report.

The intensity of this proposed project generally aligns with the RDG's recommendations in Rural Areas, in part because the proposal does not include any actual structures (and accompanying densities, building heights, etc.) as with most DRIs. While the proposed land use is similar to that of both the existing facility to the east and the expansion to the southeast, both in Walton County, Gwinnett County leadership and staff, along with the development team, should continue to collaborate to ensure sensitivity to nearby local governments, neighborhoods, land uses, structures and natural resources.

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Additional comments from ARC staff, including comments related to water resources and transportation, will be included in ARC's Final Report.

Further to the above, Rural Areas on the UGPM are the most undeveloped parts of the region that are expected to see limited or no growth. These areas often have limited infrastructure and services. Regional policy recommendations for Rural Areas include:

- Maintain rural road characteristics and protect scenic corridors

- Implement conservation design and development as appropriate in new residential neighborhoods

- Develop opportunities for heritage, recreation, and agriculturally-based tourism initiatives

- Identify areas to preserve as future large parks or conservation areas and create partnerships and dedicated funding sources for land conservation activities

- Identify opportunities for the development of rural broadband technology

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

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WALTON COUNTY NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CITY OF SNELLVILLE ARC NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ROCKDALE COUNTY CITY OF LOGANVILLE

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at (470) 378–1645 or <u>asmith@atlantaregional.org</u>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <u>http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</u>.



Individual Completing Form:

# DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Instructions: The project described below has been submitted to this Regional Commission for review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). A DRI is a development of sufficient scale or importance that it is likely to generate impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is located, for example in 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 in this packet and offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline.

Preliminary Findings of the RDC: Copart Expansion See the Preliminary Report.

Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed):

Local Government:	<i>Please return this form to:</i> Andrew Smith
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Telephone: ( )	Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Ph. (470) 378-1645 <u>asmith@atlantaregional.org</u>
Signature:	Return Date: January 5, 2018
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# ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

**DATE**: December 21, 2017

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**TO:** ARC Group Managers **FROM:** Andrew Smith, 470-378-1645

**Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:** 

Community Development: Smith, Andrew	Transportation Access and Mobility: Mangham, Marquitrice
Natural Resources: Santo, Jim	Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim

### Name of Proposal: Copart Expansion (DRI 2740)

**<u>Review Type:</u>** Development of Regional Impact

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#### **Response:**

- 1) Deproposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.

- 6) □Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

# **COMMENTS:**





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Is the proposed project entirely located within your local

government's jurisdiction?

(not selected) Yes No

#### DRI Initial Information Form

If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	on nonporated watch oounty	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name: Project ID:	
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other	
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?	50%	
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: Unknown Overall project: Unknown	
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### DRI Additional Information Form

What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	N/A
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	expand the existing water 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?
	Wastewater Disposal
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	N/A
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	N/A
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
	ine (in miles) will be required?
	Land Transportation
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour	110 Trips Per Day
vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	
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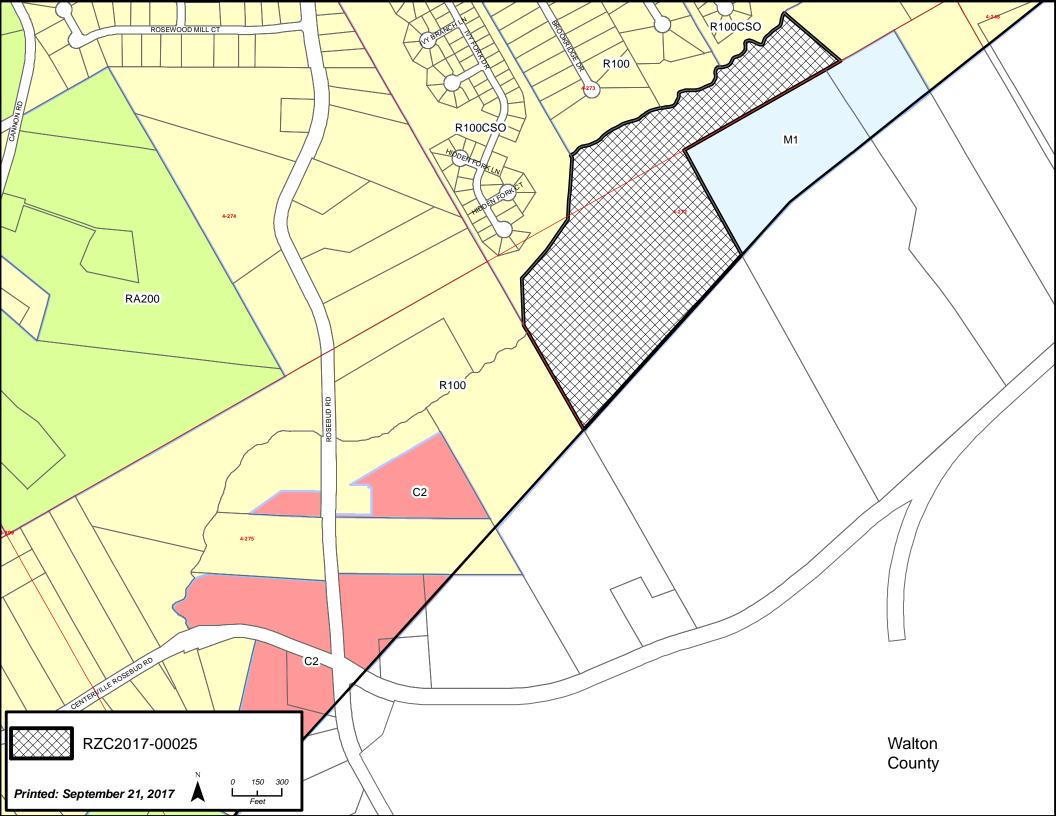
#### Stormwater Management

What percentage of the site 47.02% is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?

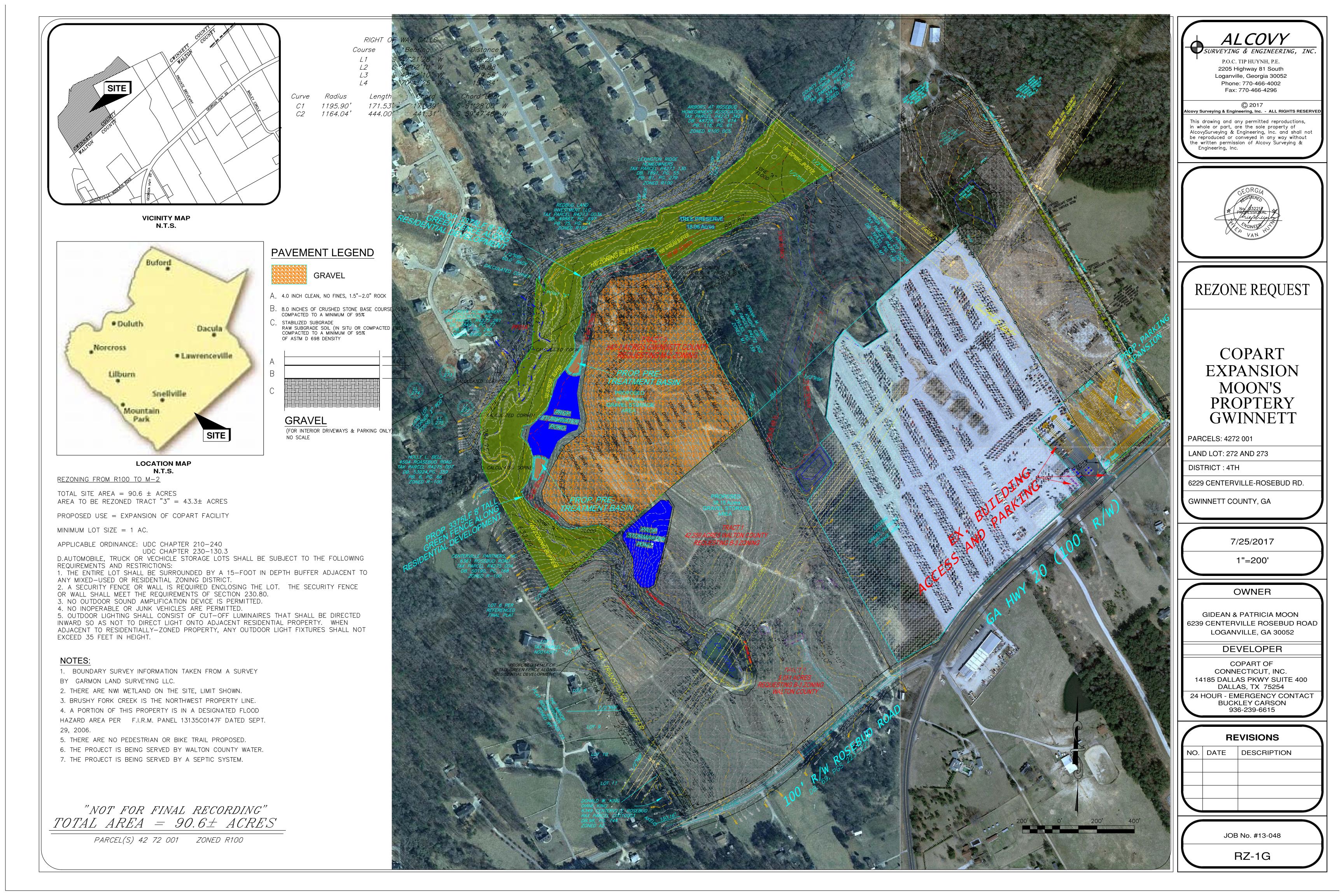
Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management: Proposed Stormwater Management Pond. 100-foot buffers on stream.

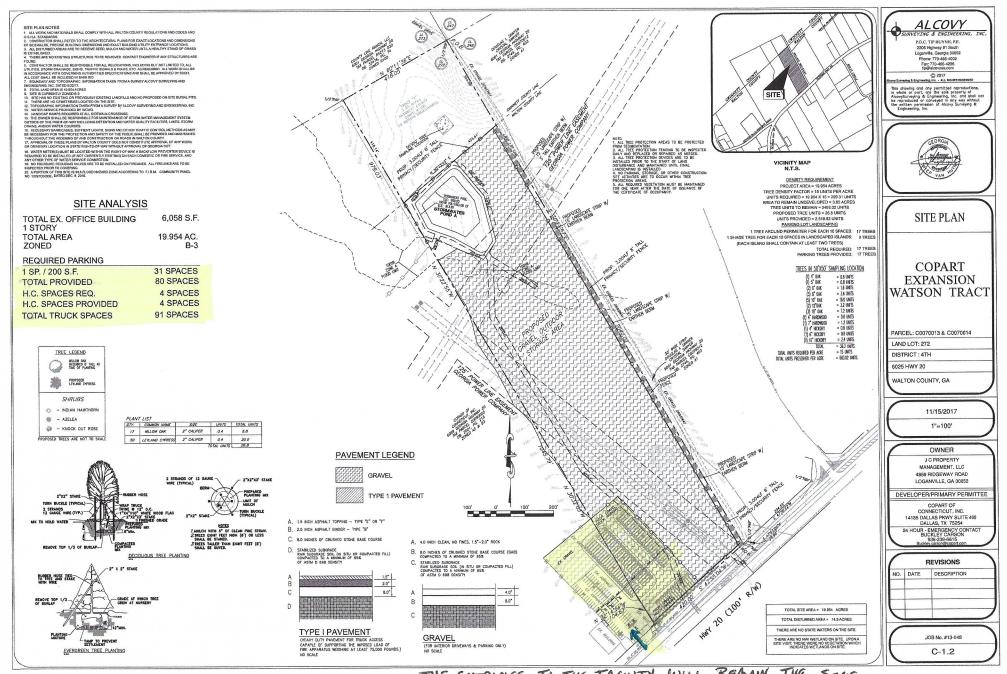
	Environmental Quality		
s the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:			
1. Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No		
2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No		
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No		
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes 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		
	uestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: Proposed stormwater management pond will negate impact.		
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THE ENTRANCE TO THE FACILITY WILL REMAIN THE SAME, TARKING FOR CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYERS, INSURANCE PEOPLE WILL EXPAND ONTO THE WATSON TROPPERTY IN WALTON COUNTY.



November 21, 2017

Ms. Emily Estes Planner State Road & Tollway Authority 245 Peachtree Center Ave. NE Suite 2200 Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: DRI Application #2740, Copart Expansion.

Dear Ms. Estes,

Thank you for meeting with us and providing guidance through the Development of Regional Impact review process for the proposed expansion of the Copart Facility located at 6089 GA Hwy. 20 Loganville, GA 30052.

The subject site consists of an existing facility currently in operation on 53.59 acres in Walton County with single drive access located at 6089 GA Hwy. 20 Loganville, GA 30052. The current business mainly consists of contracting with vehicle centric entities and insurance firms to receive, store and take vehicles that have been deemed as surplus, used or as total loss from accidents, hail damage, and flood damage, which are then sold via online wholesale auctions. The existing facility includes the original 53.39 acres site and a 6,000 SF operations facility having 47 support personnel. The remainder of the existing 53.59 acre site are gravel vehicle storage areas, stormwater management facilities and undisturbed tree protection areas. The company is currently submitting plans to Walton County Planning and Development to expand to the north on 19.954 acres, which will include an expansion of the existing 80 car parking lot to allow for 91 truck staging and operations area for loading purposes. The proposed expansion will also include 12.5 acres of additional gravel storage areas and the remainder of the site to be use for stormwater management facility and green space area. In addition to the current expansion, the company is also planning on expanding south and westward onto the 90.6 acres tract recently purchased by Copart. The 90.6 acres site West adjacency expansion area includes 47.3 acres located in Walton County and 43.3 acres are located within Gwinnett County. Walton County Board of Commissioners has approved the rezone request from A-1 to B-3 to allow for the proposed expansion onto the 47.3 acres site portion within the Walton County jurisdiction and a respective DRI Application #2739 is being requested with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. The 43.3 acres site within Gwinnett County is currently in the county process to be rezoned from R-100 to

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M-2 for the same proposed outdoor vehicle storage use and expansion of the gravel storage area. Due to the existence of exposed rock outcropping, stream buffers, flood plains and wetland, 18.06 acres within Gwinnett County will remain as perpetual conservation/green space area. 20.36 acres of the 43.3 acres within Gwinnett County site is being proposed as gravel storage expansion will primarily serve as reserved capacity for future business and impromptu catastrophic weather damage events which requires large spike in storage capacity. The company does not anticipate additional support personnel, however the traffic volume of resulting from delivery and pickup by the online customer is expected to increase as our market share may grow.

I would like to respectfully request that this project be considered as an applicant for the expedited review process. I understand in order to be considered for this review process, traffic generated from this site should not exceed a daily 1,000 vehicle trip threshold. With that in mind, I believe the maximum number of vehicle trips will fall well below this level. At full built out, the site will anticipate to generates 534 vehicle trips per day using the below metrics for calculation.

Employees – 47 Current average delivery - 60 Current average client pickup - 50 Anticipated the average delivery and client pickup to double due to expansion

# **Calculation:**

47 employee x 2 trips = 94 daily trips
60 Delivery x 2 trips = 120 daily trips
50 Client pickup x 2 trips = 100 daily trips
Anticipated expansion increase delivery and client pickup = 220 daily trips
Total Daily Trips = 534 daily trips

Thank you for considering this project for the expedited review process and please feel free to contact me at 770-466-4002 if I can be of assistance in answering any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Thiep Huynh, P.E. Principal Engineer

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