

REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING

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DATE: Dec. 10, 2020

ARC REVIEW CODE: R2011231

TO:Chairman Mike BoyceATTN TO:John Pederson, Zoning ManagerFROM:Douglas R. Hooker, Executive DirectorRE:Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed 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 final report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the host local government.

Name of Proposal: Circle 75 (DRI #3169) Submitting Local Government: Cobb County Review Type: Development of Regional Impact Date Opened: Nov. 24, 2020 Date Closed: Dec. 10, 2020

Description: A Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review of a proposed mixed-use project at 900-1100 Circle 75 Parkway in unincorporated Cobb County, located between I-285 to the southeast and across Circle 75 Parkway from The Battery. The project proposes 500 multifamily residential units, 500 hotel rooms, and 400,000 SF of office space. The local trigger is a rezoning. Expected buildout is spring 2026.

<u>Comments:</u> According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, this DRI is located in a Regional Employment Corridor as well as a Regional Center (Cumberland). It is also located directly across Circle 75 Parkway from a Regional Attractor (Truist Park). ARC's Regional Development Guide (RDG) details recommended policies for these areas on the UGPM. General information and policy recommendations for Regional Employment Corridors, Regional Centers, and Regional Attractors are listed at the bottom of this report. The site is also within the boundary of the Cumberland Livable Centers Initiative (LCI).

This DRI appears to manifest some aspects of regional policy. It supports some goals of the LCI program in that it converts a portion of a car-oriented office park setting into an infill, mixed-use location with apartments, a hotel, and office space and some opportunities for residents, hotel guests, and office tenants to work and shop on site. The site is also adjacent to several other job centers and amenities in the Truist Park/Battery development across Circle 75 Parkway and the existing mall and surrounding office buildings via the pedestrian bridge across I-285.

Care should be taken to ensure that the development promotes a functional, safe, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all streets, paths and parking areas. During the Pre-Review meeting for this project, several questions were raised regarding how pedestrians from the DRI will access Truist Park/Battery. The site plan as presented is still tentative in regards the exact orientation of the DRI frontage and locations of driveways, sidewalks, and crosswalks. These details will be essential for creating a project that is truly accessible to the surrounding area and in keeping with the long-term goals of the LCI program and Cumberland CID as expressed in various plans.

For example, the site plan currently shows existing sidewalks (approximately 4 feet wide, the bare minimum for ADA) and long curb radii (35 feet) that allow turning vehicles to carry high speeds into pedestrian zones and lengthen crossing distances. There is currently no legal or safe option for pedestrians to cross Circle 75 Parkway shown on the site plan, other than by accessing the existing pedestrian bridge located at the southwestern end of the site. The estimated walking distance for an office worker or event attendee who parks at the proposed new office tower at the northeastern end of the DRI site is 0.4 miles to the pedestrian bridge, then a similar distance back up to the nearest admission gate for the stadium. If the DRI is intended to serve the stadium development and vice versa, then additional pedestrian crossings must be provided.

The intersection at Site Driveway D and the Braves service driveway doesn't currently show a signalized intersection or pedestrian crosswalk. Another factor to consider for pedestrians and cyclists is the multi–use trail on the other side of Circle 75, which is a part of the Cumberland area's trail network and provides access to the Bob Callan Trail, Rottenwood Creek Trail, and the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area beyond. The site is currently served by CobbLinc route #15, with two stops on either side. Future streetscape design should seek input from CobbLinc staff to locate these stops in the appropriate location for safe pedestrian crossings and provide shelters and other amenities.

At the GRTA staff recommendations meeting for this project on Dec. 2, 2020, both Cobb and Georgia Departments of Transportation staff opposed requiring a condition for the project to install an additional pedestrian crossing option somewhere between the DRI and the Battery north of the existing pedestrian bridge at the southern end of the DRI site. They cited concerns about adequate sight distance and whether it would meet warrants (demonstrated pedestrian demand). Another justification offered was that for major events, police are on duty for traffic control. A condition was ultimately added requiring the applicant to study the issue in consultation with the local government.

ARC staff strongly supports requiring at least one additional pedestrian crossing, if not more. It's unclear without further analysis whether sight distance is an issue for the entire segment of Circle 75 fronting the DRI. Introducing residential, hotel, and new office uses across the street from a major retail and event attraction like the Battery will create demand for both visitors and employees crossing between the two projects. The explicit intent of the Battery in its public and private promotional materials is to create a "year-round" destination, which supports the goals of the Cumberland LCI and the LCI program in general. Deviation from the goals of the LCI program needs to have clear safety benefits versus accommodating vehicular demand. ARC has made significant transportation investments over the past 15 years to improve the pedestrian experience within the Cumberland area, where existing infrastructure was missing.

It is irresponsible to ignore this issue, no matter the traditional engineering standards used to justify it. Pedestrian safety in this location will need to be addressed in the near future, and it may come after pedestrian crashes. Cobb County's own Complete Streets Policy, adopted by the County Commission in 2009, states the following:

Cobb County will implement the Complete Streets concept by considering safe access for all users, to include motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users, including individuals with physical disabilities and senior citizens, in the planning, design, construction and operation of streets within its jurisdiction.

If a new additional pedestrian bridge is considered as an alternative, it will require several millions of dollars and thoughtful design to be an effective and attractive amenity. Pedestrian bridges can have the negative effect of removing pedestrians from the street environment and introducing security concerns. If it's not located and designed in such a way that is convenient and intuitive, then pedestrians, cyclists, and other trail users may not use it. Additional comments from ARC's Transportation Access & Mobility Group and GDOT's aviation division are attached.

The proposed development is located in the Cumberland LCI area (Cumberland Blueprint 3.0 from 2017) and is, in ARC's view, partially consistent with that study's goals and recommendations. This plan serves as the justification for this DRI's expedited review. This site falls in the "Circle 75" subarea, which states:

Recommended actions look to extend The Battery's pedestrian scale and walkability by prioritizing appropriate redevelopment of adjacent properties susceptible to change and reimagining Cobb Parkway as a grand boulevard welcoming to walkers, bikers and drivers. Despite the addition of the pedestrianoriented bridges across I-285 and I-75, continued efforts to mitigate transportation infrastructure remains critical to achieving overall connectivity goals.

Another recommendation in Cumberland Blueprint notes the importance of strong design standards when attempting to convert auto-oriented uses into a more urban context. It recommends the establishment of design guidelines for the district and an "on-call" consultant to advise on these matters. The proposed rezoning to RRC – Regional Retail Commercial brings it with it required setbacks and other requirements that may be at odds with the Blueprint's stated goals of street-oriented development and a high-quality public realm. The developer of this DRI is seeking variances for some of these requirements and they are worth consideration where they will resolve conflict with the Blueprint.

The project could further support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general if it incorporated other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design (e.g., rain gardens, vegetated swales, etc.) as part of any improvements to streetscapes, driveways, parking areas, buildings, etc. Additional comments from ARC's Natural Resources Group are attached to this report. They note that the project is outside the 2,000-foot Chattahoochee River Corridor, but it is upstream of Peachtree Creek, which places it in the portion of the Chattahoochee River watershed that is also a large water supply watershed (over 100 square miles), as defined under the Part 5 Criteria of the 1989 Georgia Planning Act.

Further to the above, Regional Employment Corridors, along with the Region Core (Downtown, Midtown and Buckhead), form the densest part of the Atlanta region. Connected with transit, this area of the region is typically the most walkable, and redevelopment is the main driver of its growth. The Region Core and Regional Employment Corridors together contain 26 percent of the 10-county region's jobs and eight percent of region's population on approximately 2.25 percent of the region's land area. Regional policy recommendations for Regional Employment Corridors include:

- Continue to invest in the LCI program to assist local governments in center planning and infrastructure.
- Prioritize preservation of existing transit, increase frequency and availability of transit options.
- Encourage compact infill development, redevelopment and adaptive reuse.
- Create a range of housing options to accommodate all sectors of the workforce.
- Encourage active ground floor, pedestrian scale design, and pedestrian amenities in new development and the redevelopment of existing sites

Regional Centers are metro Atlanta's centers for employment, shopping and entertainment. These centers should be connected to the regional transportation network with existing or planned high-capacity transit service. In most cases, these centers have a jobs-housing imbalance, so housing options should be expanded within their boundaries, especially around existing or planned transit. Regional policy recommendations for Regional Centers include:

- Prioritize preservation, expansion and access to existing and planned transit systems and improve the quality and aesthetics of existing facilities.
- Incorporate appropriate end-of-trip facilities, such as bicycle racks and showers/locker rooms, within new and existing development.
- Enhance mobility and accessibility for all by creating Complete Streets that accommodate all modes of transportation.
- Encourage active ground floor, pedestrian-scale design and pedestrian amenities in new development and redevelopment of existing sites.
- Work toward improving the jobs-housing imbalance in Regional Centers and promote housing options to accommodate multiple household sizes and price points in close proximity to jobs.
- Use alternative designs and materials to minimize impervious surfaces to the greatest possible extent.

Regional Attractor Implementation Strategies include:

- Develop minimum and maximum parking requirements for new and infill development
- Encourage vertically and horizontally integrated mixed use developments that are locally appropriate in Major Retail Districts
- Encourage coordination between Employee Service Organizations (ESOs) and Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) in University Districts
- Capitalize on the regional resources provided by University Districts and Wellness Districts to meet the workforce needs of existing and emerging economic sectors
- Promote tourism opportunities and related uses in Recreation Districts
- Enhance mobility and accessibility for all by creation Complete Streets that accommodate all modes of transportation

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

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CITY OF SMYRNA ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY ARC AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FULTON COUNTY ARC NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRTA/SRTA CUMBERLAND CIDS

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Greg Giuffrida at (470) 378–1531 or <u>ggiuffrida@atlantaregional.org</u>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <u>http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</u>.



The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Sewer	
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?		
	his project/phase: 2026	
	Vverall project: Spring 2026	
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Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
	line (in miles) will be required?
	Wastewater Disposal
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Cobb County Water System
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of	0.25 MGPD
Gallons Per Day (MGD)? Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	ି(not selected)≋YesିNo
If no, describe any plans to e	xpand 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 vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	9,492 new daily trips
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not	
transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	C (not selected)≋ Yes No
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	ິ(not selected)≋ YesີNo
If yes, please describe below	Please refer to the traffic study prepared by Kimley-Horn.
	Solid Waste Disposal
How much solid waste is the	
project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	2,400 10115
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	⊂ (not selected) ¥es No
If no, describe any plans to e	xpand existing landfill capacity:
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	ິ(not selected)ິYes⊜No
If yes, please explain:	
	Stormwater Management
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If no, describe any plans to expand the existing water supply capacity:

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 11 you answered yes to any question above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: There is an existing stormwater facility on site that is classified as State Waters. Any impacts to the existing stormwater pond will require permitting with the EPA due to the impact to State Waters. Back to Top	4. Protected mountains?	◯(not selected)ິYes®No
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То:	Greg Giuffrida
Subject:	RE: ARC DRI Review Notification: Circle 75 DRI 3169
Attachments:	ARC Preliminary Report - Circle 75 DRI 3169.pdf

Greg,

The proposed mixed use project at 900-1100 Circle 75 Parkway in unincorporated Cobb County, located between I-285 to the southeast and across Circle 75 Parkway from The Battery, that proposes 500 multifamily residential units, 500 hotel rooms, and 400,000 SF of office space, is 2.4 miles southeast of the Dobbins Air Base (MGE). It is located outside any FAA approach or departure surfaces, and airport compatible land use areas, and does not appear to impact the facility if built below elevation of 1089' MSL.

However, the proposed development is in proximity to a navigation facility and may impact the assurance of navigation signal reception, so an FAA Form 7460-1 must be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration according to the FAA's Notice Criteria Tool found here

(<u>https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/gisTools/gisAction.jsp?action=showNoNoticeRequiredToolForm</u>). Those submissions for the buildings and any associated cranes may be done online at <u>https://oeaaa.faa.gov</u>. The FAA must be in receipt of the notifications, no later than 120 days prior to construction. The FAA will evaluate the potential impacts of the project on protected airspace associated with the airports and advise the proponent if any action is necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

Alan Hood

Airport Safety Data Program Manager



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Development of Regional Impact Assessment of Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

DRI INFORMATION

DRI Number	#3169
DRI Title	Circle 75
County	Cobb County
City (if applicable)	
Address / Location	South of Circle 75 Parkway, east of Cobb Parkway, and north of I-285
Proposed Developme	nt Type: The proposed mixed-use development will consist of residential, hotel, office, and retail land uses. Build Out : 2026
Review Process	EXPEDITED
	NON-EXPEDITED
REVIEW INFORMATI	ION
Dropored by	ABC Transportation Access and Mability Division

Prepared by	ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Division
Staff Lead	Aries Little
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Date	November 25, 2020

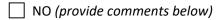
TRAFFIC STUDY

- Prepared by Kimley Horn
- Date November 20, 2020

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS

- 01. Did the traffic analysis incorporate all projects contained in the current version of the fiscally constrained RTP which are within the study area or along major transportation corridors connecting the study area with adjacent jurisdictions?
 - YES (provide the regional plan referenced and the page number of the traffic study where relevant projects are identified)

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REGIONAL NETWORKS

02. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Thoroughfares?

A Regional Thoroughfare is a major transportation corridor that serves multiple ways of traveling, including walking, bicycling, driving, and riding transit. It connects people and goods to important places in metropolitan Atlanta. A Regional Thoroughfare's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Thoroughfares serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Thoroughfare, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

NO 🛛

YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

None of the proposed access points were identified as a Regional Thoroughfare. Circle 75 Pkwy is accessible via US 41/SR 3/Cobb Parkway, and I-285 on/off ramps are approximately 0.10 mi. from the intersection of Cobb Parkway and Circle 75 Pkwy.

03. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Truck Routes?

A Regional Truck Route is a freeway, state route or other roadway which serves as a critical link for the movement of goods to, from and within the Region by connecting airports, intermodal/multimodal facilities, distribution and warehousing centers and manufacturing clusters with the rest of the state and nation. These facilities often serve a key mobility and access function for other users as well, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users. A Regional Truck Route's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Truck Routes serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Truck Route, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

NO 🛛

YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

Although there is no direct access from a designated regional truck route to the site, the following truck routes would be easily accessible from the project site: US 41/SR 3/Cobb Pkwy and I-285.

04. If the development site is within one mile of an existing rail service, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (nearest station more than one mile away)

RAIL SERVICE WITHIN	ONE MILE (provide	e additional in	formation	below)
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Operator / Rail Line

Nearest Station	Click here to enter name of operator and rail line
Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
	0.10 to 0.50 mile
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

	Click here to provide comments.
Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
	Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
	Route follows high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
Transit Connectivity	Fixed route transit agency bus service available to rail station
	Private shuttle or circulator available to rail station
	No services available to rail station
	Not applicable (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	Click here to provide comments.

* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

05. If there is currently no rail transit service within one mile of the development site, is nearby rail service planned in the fiscally constrained RTP?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and expansion plans are being considered in the general vicinity of the development site, the agency should give consideration to how the site can be best served during the evaluation of alignments and station locations. Proactive negotiations with the development team and local government(s) are encouraged to determine whether right-of-way within the site should be identified and protected for potential future service. If direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) are encouraged to ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and the future rail line. These improvements should be considered fundamental components of the overall transit expansion project, with improvements completed concurrent with or prior to the transit service being brought online.

- NOT APPLICABLE (rail service already exists)
 - NOT APPLICABLE (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
 - NO (no plans exist to provide rail service in the general vicinity)
 - YES (provide additional information on the timeframe of the expansion project below)
 - CST planned within TIP period
 - CST planned within first portion of long range period
 - CST planned near end of plan horizon

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06. If the development site is within one mile of fixed route bus services (including any privately operated shuttles or circulators open to the general public), provide information on walking and bicycling accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the connection a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (nearest bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)

SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)

Operator(s) CobbLinc

Bus Route(s) Green Circulator and Blue Circulator (Note: The Blue Circulator provides connection to the Cumberland Transfer Center and riders are able to connect to CobbLinc Routes 10, R10, 15, 20, 25, 50, and MARTA Route 12.

Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
	🔀 0.10 to 0.50 mile
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
	☐ Low volume and/or low speed streets provide sufficient connectivity
	Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

07. Does a transit agency which provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within the jurisdiction in which the development site is located?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and a comprehensive operations plan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to serving the site during the evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the nature of the development is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and any routes within a one mile radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make these connections a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

___ NO

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08. If the development site is within one mile of an existing multi-use path or trail, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and walking/bicycling facilities provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If connectivity with a regionally significant path or trail is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and those facilities is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (nearest path or trail more than one mile away)

YES (provide additional information below)

Name of facility Westside of Akers Mill Trail (This proposed trail connects to the Sliver Comet Connector which the CID's project fact sheet anticipates construction to begin in 2021.)

Distance	Within or adjacent to development site (0.10 mile or less)
	🔀 0.15 to 0.50 mile
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

Bicycling Access*	Dedicated lanes or cycle tracks provide connectivity
	Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
	Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed

* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

OTHER TRANSPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

	s the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible local road or drive aisle nections with adjacent parcels?
ar	e ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent terial or collector roadway networks can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities ould be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.
	YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
	YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
\square	NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
	OTHER (Please explain)
	s the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the elopment site safely and conveniently?
re pla de	ne ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces liance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site ans should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key estinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large creage sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.
	YES (sidewalks provided on all key walking routes and both sides of roads whenever practical and bicyclists should have no major issues navigating the street network)
	PARTIAL (some walking and bicycling facilities are provided, but connections are not comprehensive and/or direct)
	NO (walking and bicycling facilities within the site are limited or nonexistent)
	NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development does not lend itself to internal walking and bicycling trips)
	bicycling trips)
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The project proposes to provide sidewalk connections between the existing sidewalks to the proposed development.

11. Does the site plan provide the ability to construct publicly accessible bicycling and walking connections with adjacent parcels which may be redeveloped in the future?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently
reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such
opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans
whenever possible.

\boxtimes	YES (connections to a	adjacent parcels are	planned as part	of the development)

- YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
 - NO (the development site plan does not enable walking or bicycling to/from adjacent parcels)
 - NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
 - NOT APPLICABLE (adjacent parcels are not likely to develop or redevelop in the near future)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development or adjacent parcels does not lend itself to interparcel walking and bicycling trips)
- 12. Does the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, from the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding road network?

The ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is often key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move around safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be segregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, sidewalks, paths and other facilities.

- YES (truck routes to serve destinations within the site are clearly delineated, provide ample space for queuing and turning around, and are separated from other users to the extent practical)
- PARTIAL (while one or more truck routes are also used by motorists and/or interface with primary walking and bicycling routes, the site plan mitigates the potential for conflict adequately)
- NO (one or more truck routes serving the site conflict directly with routes likely to be used heavily by pedestrians, bicyclists and/or motorists)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development will not generate a wide variety of users and/or very low truck volumes, so the potential for conflict is negligible)

There is a proposed service drive for the project area. However, it is unclear of the path delivery and service vehicles will use for turning around.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Do the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffic study appear to be feasible from a constructability standpoint?



- UNKNOWN (additional study is necessary)
- X YES (based on information made available through the review process; does not represent a thorough engineering / financial analysis)

NO (see comments below)

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- 14. Is ARC aware of any issues with the development proposal which may result in it being opposed by one or more local governments, agencies or stakeholder groups?
 - \bowtie NO (based on information shared with ARC staff prior to or during the review process; does not reflect the outcome of an extensive stakeholder engagement process)

YES (see comments below)

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15. ARC offers the following additional comments for consideration by the development team and/or the applicable local government(s):

None

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While ARC and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District have no regulatory or review authority over this project, the Natural Resources Group has identified County and State regulations that could apply to this property. Other regulations may also apply that we have not identified.

Watershed Protection

The proposed project is in the Chattahoochee Corridor watershed, but it is not within the 2000-foot Chattahoochee River Corridor and is not subject to the requirements of the Metropolitan River Protection Act or the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan. The project property is upstream of Peachtree Creek, which places it in the portion of the Chattahoochee River watershed that is also a large water supply watershed (over 100 square miles), as defined under the Part 5 Criteria of the 1989 Georgia Planning Act. For large water supply watersheds without a water supply reservoir, the only applicable Part 5 requirements are restrictions on hazardous waste handling, storage and disposal within seven miles upstream of a public water supply intake. This property is within seven miles upstream of the nearest public water supply intake.

Stream Buffers

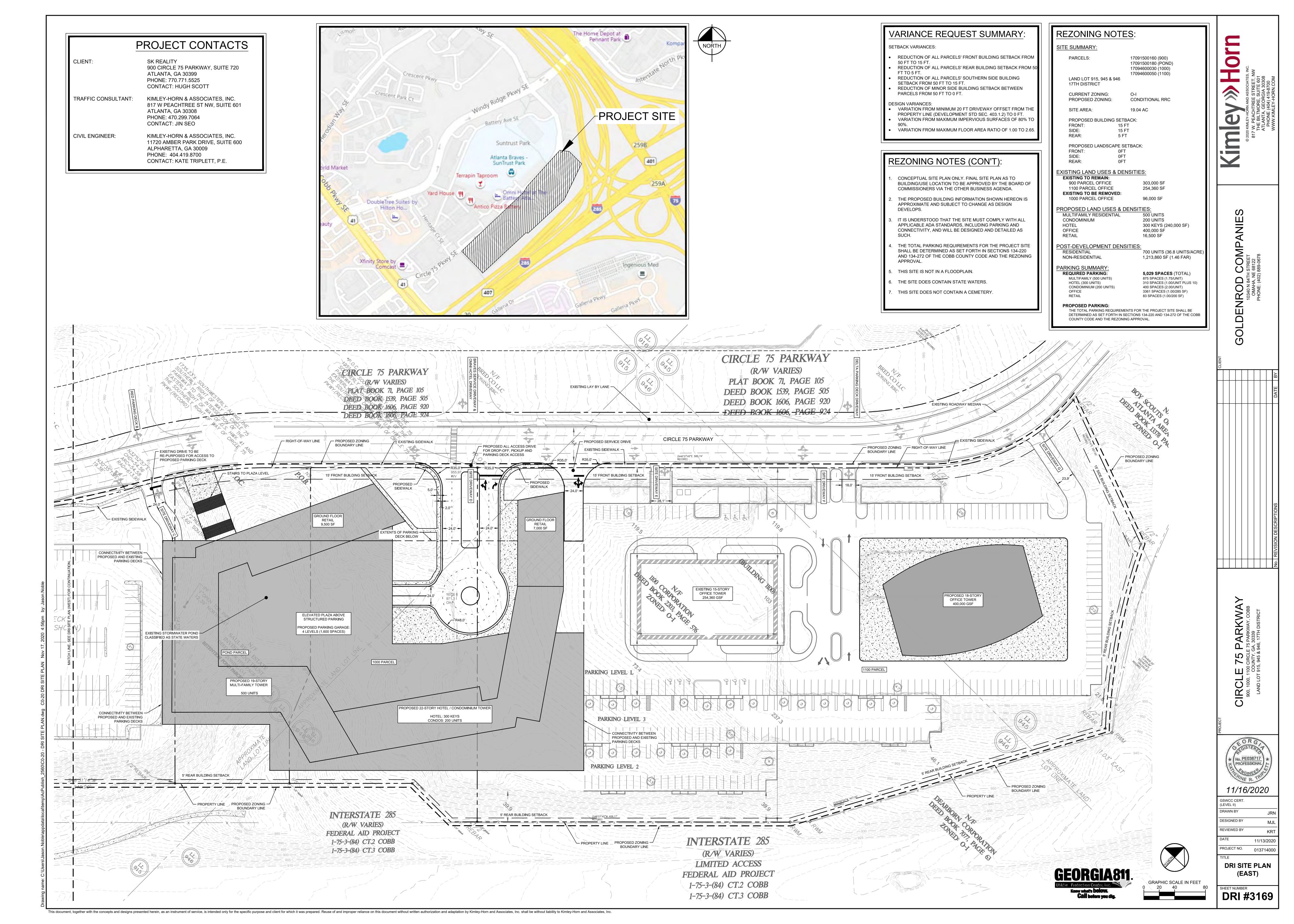
The USGS coverage for the project area shows no streams on or near the property. No streams or other waters of the State are shown on the submitted site plan and no evidence of streams or other waters is visible in available aerial photo coverage. Any unmapped streams identified on the property may be subject to Cobb County's stream buffer ordinance. Any unmapped State waters identified on the property will be subject to the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer.

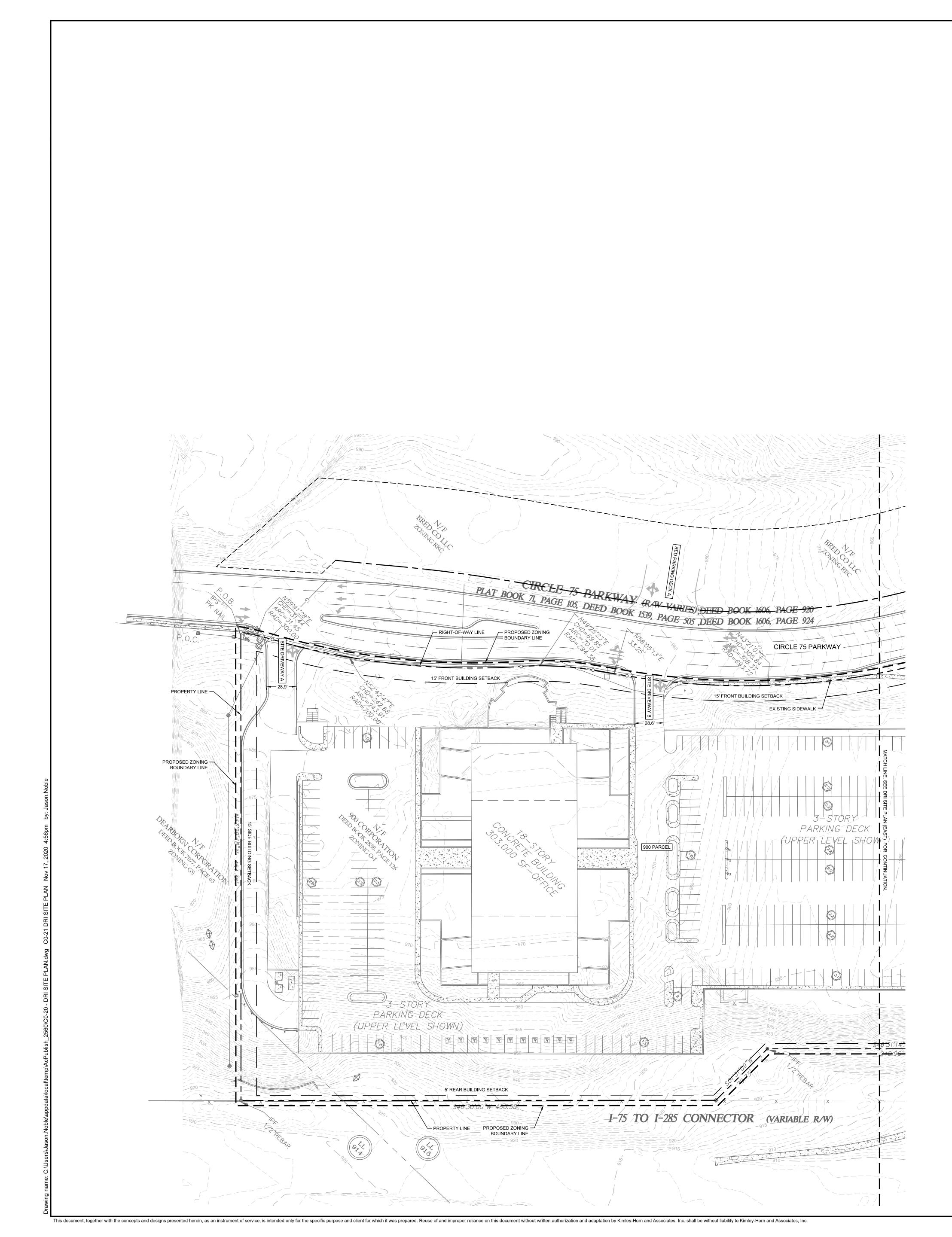
Stormwater/Water Quality

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality.

During the planning phase, the stormwater management system (system) should meet the requirements of the local jurisdiction's post-construction (or post-development) stormwater management ordinance. The system should be designed to prevent increased flood damage, streambank channel erosion, habitat degradation and water quality degradation, and enhance and promote the public health, safety and general welfare. The system design should also be in accordance with the applicable sections of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (www.georgiastormwater.com) such as design standards, calculations, formulas, and methods. Where possible, the project should use stormwater better site design practices included in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 2, Section 2.3.

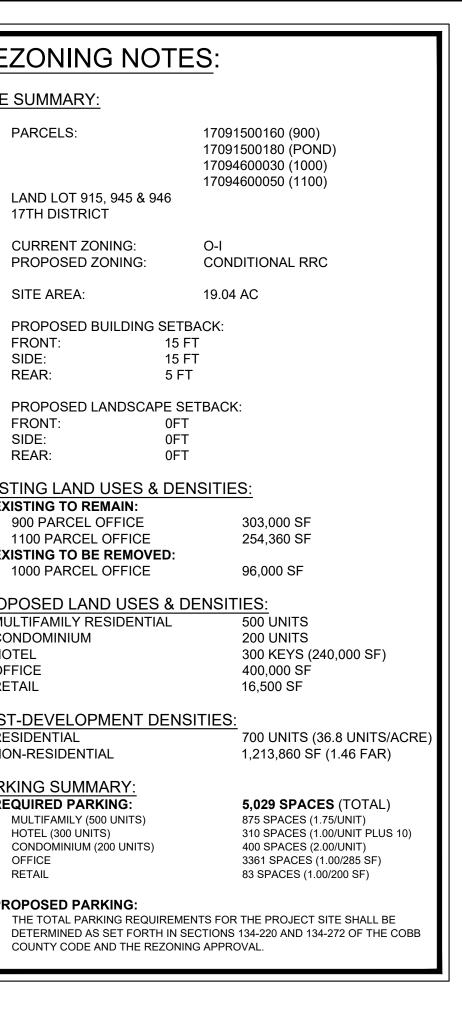
During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements.





VARIANCE REQUEST SUMMARY:	REZONING NOTE	<u>-S</u> :
SETBACK VARIANCES:	SITE SUMMARY:	
 REDUCTION OF ALL PARCELS' FRONT BUILDING SETBACK FROM 50 FT TO 15 FT. REDUCTION OF ALL PARCELS' REAR BUILDING SETBACK FROM 50 FT TO 5 FT. 	PARCELS:	1709150016 1709150018 1709460003 1709460005
 REDUCTION OF ALL PARCELS' SOUTHERN SIDE BUILDING SETBACK FROM 50 FT TO 15 FT. REDUCTION OF MINOR SIDE BUILDING SETBACK BETWEEN 	LAND LOT 915, 945 & 946 17TH DISTRICT	
PARCELS FROM 50 FT TO 0 FT. DESIGN VARIANCES:	CURRENT ZONING: PROPOSED ZONING:	O-I CONDITION
 VARIATION FROM MINIMUM 20 FT DRIVEWAY OFFSET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE (DEVELOPMENT STD SEC. 403.1.2) TO 0 FT. 	SITE AREA:	19.04 AC
 VARIATION FROM MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACES OF 80% TO 90%. VARIATION FROM MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO OF 1.00 TO 2.65. 	PROPOSED BUILDING SETE FRONT: 15 F SIDE: 15 F	-т -т
	REAR: 5 FT PROPOSED LANDSCAPE SE	ETBACK:
REZONING NOTES (CON'T):	FRONT: 0FT SIDE: 0FT REAR: 0FT	-
	EXISTING LAND USES & DEI	NSITIES:
1. CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN ONLY. FINAL SITE PLAN AS TO BUILDING/USE LOCATION TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VIA THE OTHER BUSINESS AGENDA.	EXISTING TO REMAIN: 900 PARCEL OFFICE 1100 PARCEL OFFICE EXISTING TO BE REMOVED:	303,0 254,3
2. THE PROPOSED BUILDING INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DESIGN	1000 PARCEL OFFICE	96,00
DEVELOPS.	PROPOSED LAND USES & D MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL	<u>ENSITIES:</u> 500 L
3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SITE MUST COMPLY WITH ALL	CONDOMINIUM	200 L
APPLICABLE ADA STANDARDS, INCLUDING PARKING AND CONNECTIVITY, AND WILL BE DESIGNED AND DETAILED AS SUCH.	HOTEL OFFICE RETAIL	300 k 400,0 16,50
4. THE TOTAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT SITE	POST-DEVELOPMENT DENS	
SHALL BE DETERMINED AS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 134-220 AND 134-272 OF THE COBB COUNTY CODE AND THE REZONING APPROVAL.	RESIDENTIAL NON-RESIDENTIAL	700 L 1,213
5. THIS SITE IS NOT IN A FLOODPLAIN.	PARKING SUMMARY: REQUIRED PARKING:	5,029
6. THE SITE DOES CONTAIN STATE WATERS.	MULTIFAMILY (500 UNITS) HOTEL (300 UNITS) CONDOMINIUM (200 UNITS)	875 SF 310 SF 400 SF
7. THIS SITE DOES NOT CONTAIN A CEMETERY.	OFFICE RETAIL	400 SF 3361 S 83 SP/





PROPOSED PARKING:

