

## REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: January 5, 2023

**TO:** Mayor Edward Johnson, City of Fayetteville

ATTN TO: David Rast, Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Fayetteville

**RE**: Development of Regional Impact Review

**FROM:** Mike Alexander, ARC Center for Livable Communities

ARC has completed a preliminary regional review of the following DRI. ARC reviewed the DRI's 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.

<u>Name of Proposal</u>: 2022 Project Excalibur DRI 3813 <u>Submitting Local Government</u>: City of Fayetteville

Date Opened: January 5, 2023 Comments Due: January 20. 2023 Date to Close: January 23, 2023

<u>Description</u>: A DRI Review of proposal to construct 400,000 SF of office space and 6,600,000 SF of data center in 16 buildings on a 615 acre site off of Tyrone Road and Highway 54 in the City of Fayetteville in Fayette County. The site is currently entirely wooded and traversed by several streams.

#### **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:**

#### **Key Comments**

The Atlanta Region's Plan assigns the Developing Suburbs growth management designation to the project site. The project is not well aligned with Developing Suburbs policy recommendations which state "There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental locations and resources, as well as agricultural and forest uses." It could be better aligned through retention of additional undisturbed areas around sensitive stream and wetland areas and through the dedication/management of the significant proposed preserved area for conservation purposes.

A total of 1,420 surface parking spaces are proposed but no EV charging spaces appear to be identified; provision of adequate EV charging spaces would be supportive of regional EV infrastructure policies.

The project is expected to generate approximately 4,336 net new daily vehicular trips; a range of roadway improvements are proposed in the TIS to mitigate generated vehicular traffic.

A multi-use trail is proposed along the GA54/Floy Farr Parkway frontage of the project; ideally the Driveway A project entrance could include a bicycle entrance leading to the internal roadway system and ultimately bike parking at the various buildings.

Incorporation of green stormwater and heat island mitigation designs for the surface car parking spaces proposed would be supportive of regional environmental policies.

### **General Comments**

The Atlanta Region's Plan, developed by ARC in close coordination with partner local governments, is intended to broadly guide regional development in the 12-county metro region to ensure that required infrastructure and resources are in place to support continued economic development and prosperity. The Plan assigns a relevant growth management category designation with accompanying policy recommendations to all areas in the region. This DRI site is designated Developing Suburbs; associated policy recommendations are provided at the end of these comments.

#### **Transportation and Mobility Comments**

ARC's Transportation Access and Mobility Group comments will be provided in the Final Report.

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Care should be taken to ensure that the constructed development provides an interconnected, functional, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all driveways, paths, entrances, and parking areas. To the maximum extent possible, new driveways and intersection corners where pedestrians will cross should be constructed with minimal curb radii to reduce speeds of turning vehicles and decrease crossing distances for pedestrians.

#### **ARC Natural Resources Comments**

ARC's Natural Resources Group comments will be provided in the Final Report.

#### **Other Environmental Comments**

A significant amount of forested, wetland, and stream buffer area associated with Sandy Creek is proposed to be retained. Additional retention of these areas would be desirable and in keeping with regional goals regarding carbon sequestration and climate change/heat island effect mitigation. Designation of this area as managed open/conservation space could meaningfully reduce the overall impact of the project. There may be potential opportunities for linking these fragmented undeveloped areas with adjacent undeveloped or protected areas to ensure their maintenance and potential use for recreation or habitat preservation.

The project can support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design, e.g., pervious pavers, rain gardens, vegetated swales, etc., in parking areas and site driveways, and as part of any improvements to site frontages. Incorporation of green stormwater and heat island mitigation designs for the large number of surface car parking spaces proposed would be supportive of regional environmental policies.

#### Atlanta Region's Plan Growth Policy Considerations: Developing Suburbs

The Atlanta Region's Plan identifies Developing Suburbs as areas in the region where suburban development has occurred, and the conventional development pattern is present but not set. These areas are characterized by residential development with pockets of commercial and industrial development. These areas represent the extent of the urban service area. There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental locations and resources, as well as agricultural and forest uses. Limited existing infrastructure in these areas will constrain the amount of additional growth that is possible. Transportation improvements are needed within these Developing Suburbs, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth.

The project is not well aligned with Developing Suburbs policy recommendations. It could be better aligned through retention of additional undisturbed areas around Sandy Creek and other streams, the provision of a management mechanism for the roposed open space/wetlands preservation area, and utilization of green infrastructure in surface parking areas. City of Fayetteville leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, should collaborate closely to ensure optimal sensitivity to the needs of nearby local governments, neighborhoods, and natural systems.

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

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY
FAYETTE COUNTY
CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

GEORGIA CONSERVANCY
TOWN OF TYRONE

CITY OF FAYETTEVILE
CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY

For questions, please contact Donald Shockey at (470) 378-1531 or <a href="mailto:dshockey@atlantaregional.org">dshockey@atlantaregional.org</a>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <a href="http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews">http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</a>.





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#### **DRI #3813 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 Fayetteville Individual completing form: David E. Rast, ASLA Telephone: 770.719.4156 E-mail: drast@fayetteville-ga.gov \*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 Project Information** Name of Proposed Project: Project Excalibur Location (Street Address, North of SR 54, east of Tyrone RD and Flat Creek TRL, and west of Veterans PKWY GPS Coordinates, or Legal (33.446781, -84.5222 Land Lot Description): Brief Description of Project: 7,000,000 SF data center complex on +/-615-acres, including 16 buildings with 6,600,000 SF of data center space and 400,000 SF of office space **Development Type:** Hotels (not selected) Wastewater Treatment Facilities Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Commercial Airports Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs Wholesale & Distribution Attractions & Recreational Facilities Intermodal Terminals Hospitals and Health Care Facilities Post-Secondary Schools Truck Stops Housing Waste Handling Facilities Any other development types Ondustrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants If other development type, describe: Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.): 16 buildings totaling +/- 7,000,000 SF (overall)

Developer: National Acquisition Company, LLC

Email: carter.cromley@qtsdatacenters.com

(not selected) Yes No

(not selected) Yes No

City:Overland Park State: KS Zip:68213

Mailing Address: 12851 Foster ST Address 2:

Telephone: 703.861.7245

Is property owner different

from developer/applicant?

If yes, property owner:

Is the proposed project

entirely located within your

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local government's jurisdiction?		
If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?		
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, provide the following		
information:	Project ID: 3160	
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?		
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?		
	This project/phase: 2023-2025 Overall project: 2032	
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#### **DRI #3813**

#### **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: Fayetteville

Individual completing form: David E. Rast, ASLA

Telephone: 770.719.4156

Email: drast@fayetteville-ga.gov

#### **Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project: Project Excalibur

DRI ID Number: 3813

Developer/Applicant: National Acquisition Company, LLC

Telephone: 703.861.7245

Email(s): carter.cromley@qtsdatacenters.com

#### **Additional Information Requested**

Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional

(not selected) Yes No review process? (If no,

proceed to Economic

Impacts.)

If yes, has that additional information been provided

(not selected) Yes No to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?

If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.

#### **Economic Development**

Estimated Value at Build-

\$6,500,000,000

Estimated annual local tax

revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be

\$19,000,000,000

generated by the proposed development:

Is the regional work force (not selected) Yes No

sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?

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:

Fayette County Water System

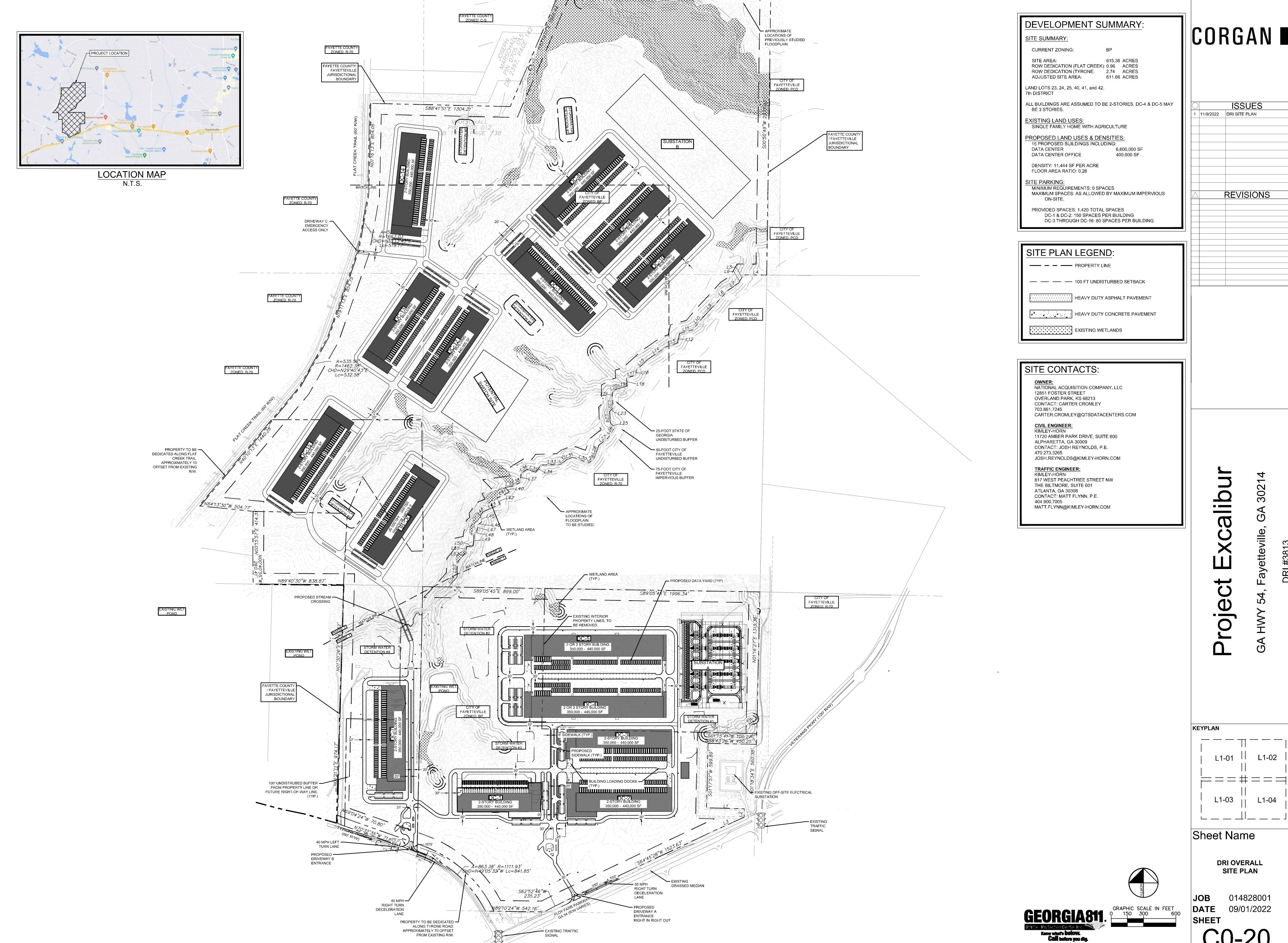
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What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.57 MGD			
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○(not selected)  Yes  No			
If no, describe any plans to expand the existing water supply capacity:				
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No			
If yes, how much additional I	ine (in miles) will be required?			
Wastewater Disposal				
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	City of Fayetteville			
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.53 MGD			
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○(not selected)  Yes  No			
If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:				
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No			
If yes, how much additional li an additional +/-2,500 LF to o	ne (in miles) will be required?city extending sewer to the property line, Applicant to extend connect to city sewer system			
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.)	Net daily: 4,336   AM: 608   PM: 576			
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	○(not selected)  Yes No			
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No			
If yes, please describe below:Pls. refer to Traffic Study prepared by Kimley-Horn				
Solid Waste Disposal				
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	732 tons			
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No			
If no, describe any plans to expand existing landfill capacity:				
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No			
If yes, please explain:				
Stormwater Management				
What percentage of the site 60%				

What percentage of the site 60% 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:There will be multiple stormwater ponds spread around the site to capture discharge. Existing stream buffers will be maintained throughout the site.				
	Environmental Quality			
Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:				
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, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:				
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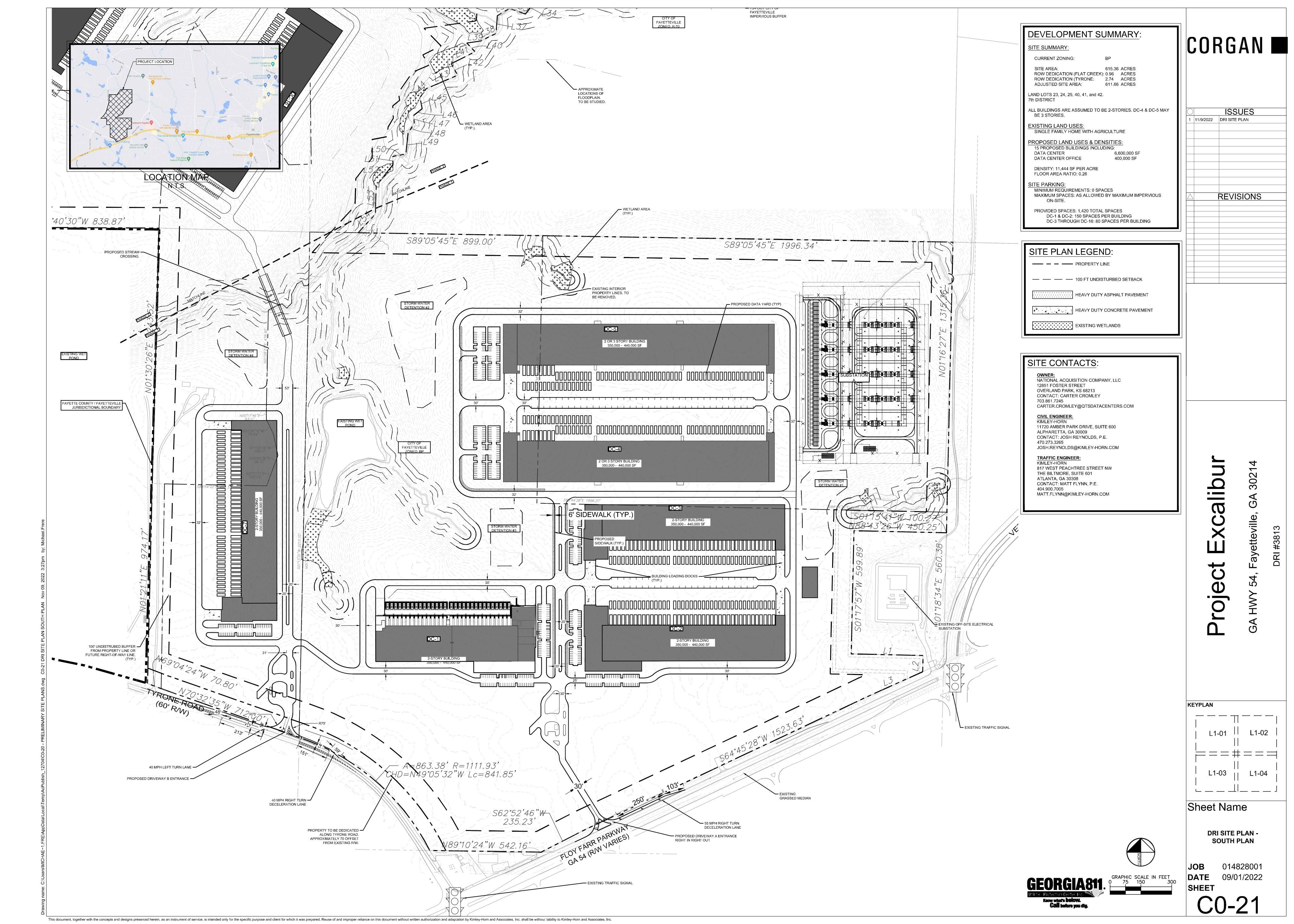
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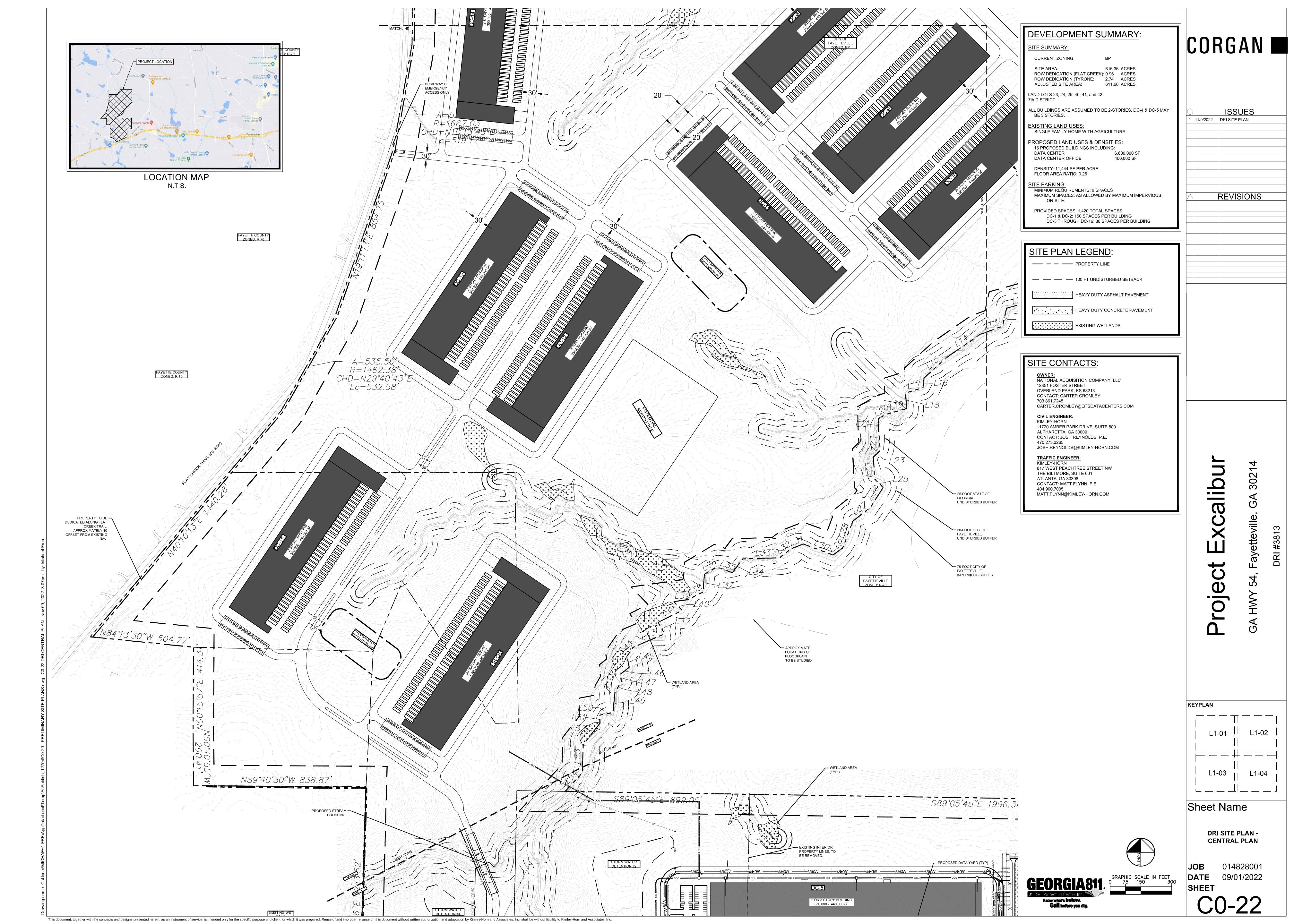
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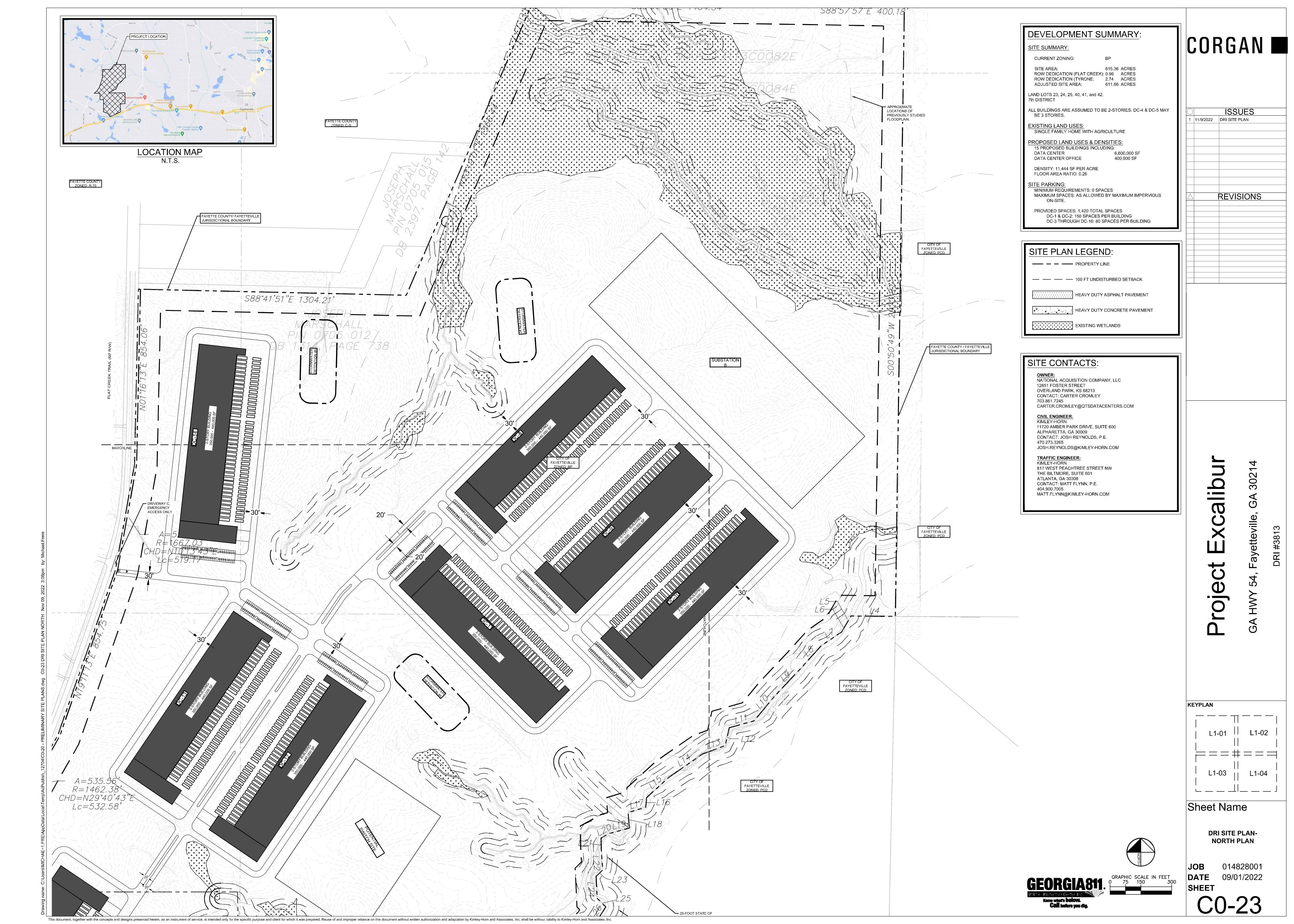
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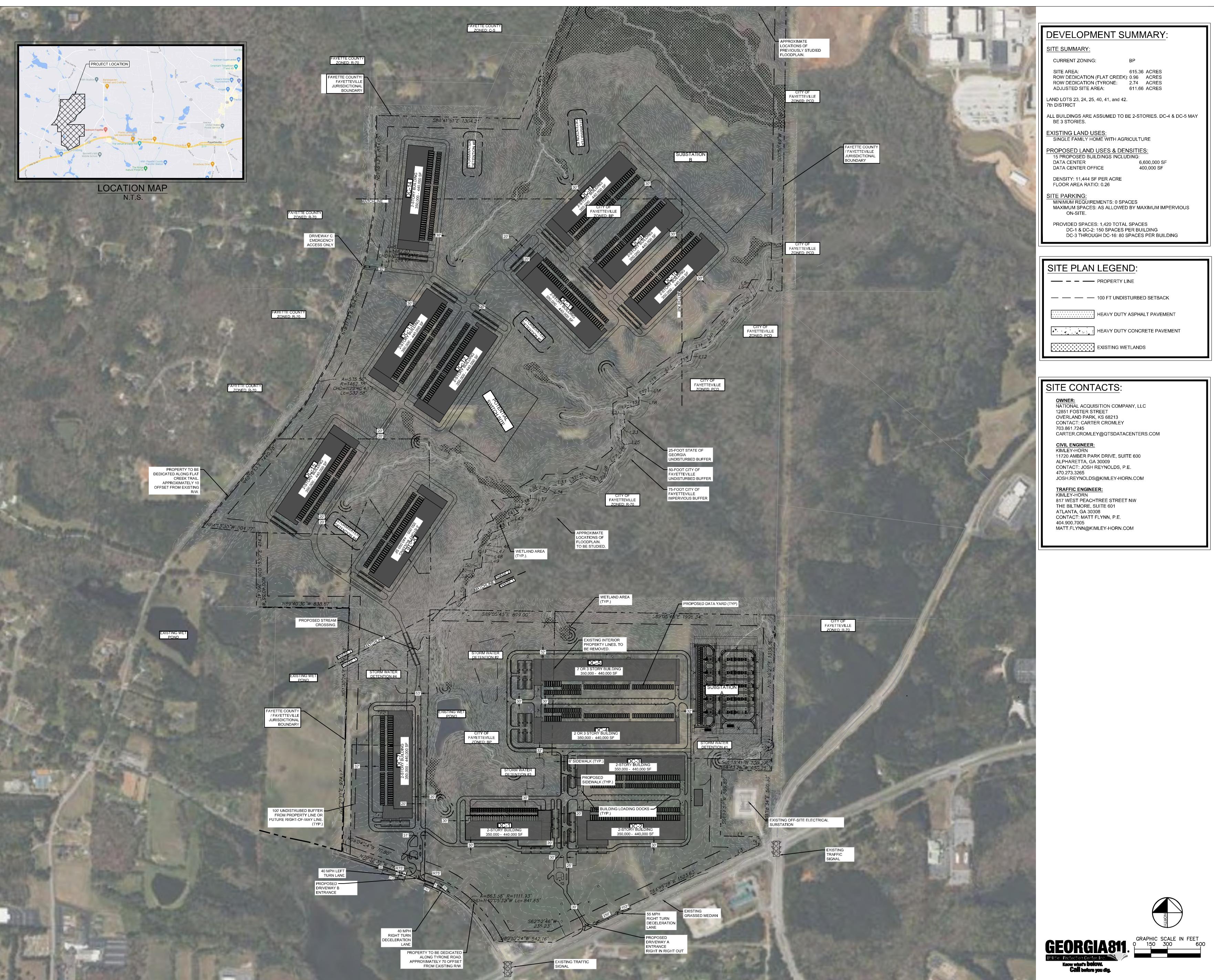
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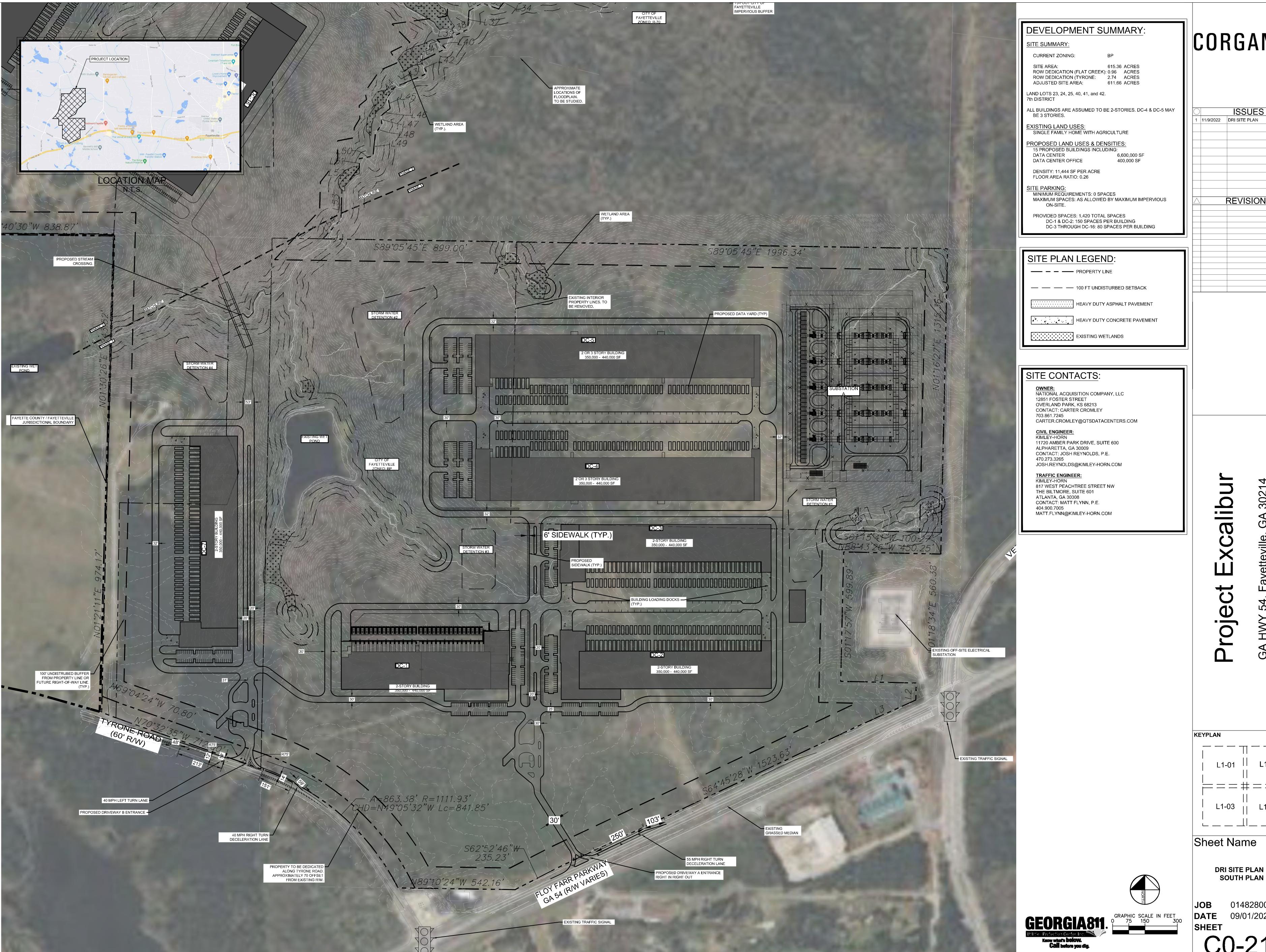
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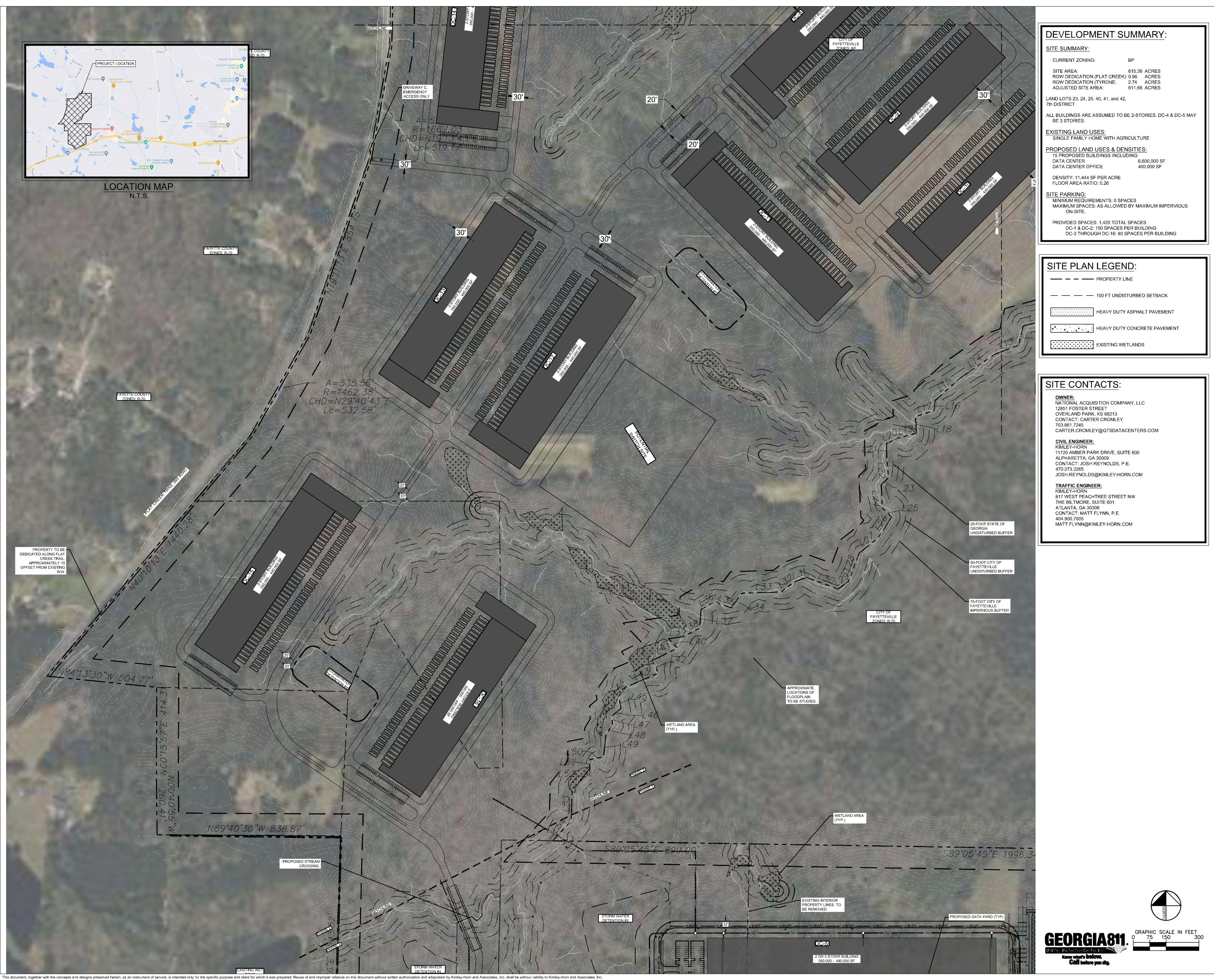
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