

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: August 1, 2024

TO: Chairwoman Carlotta Harrell, Henry County Commission

ATTN TO: Kenta Lanham, Planner III, Henry County RE: Development of Regional Impact Review

FROM: Mike Alexander, COO, Atlanta Regional Commission

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.

Name of Proposal: Villages at Ola Mixed Use Development DRI 4195

Submitting Local Government: Henry County

<u>Date Opened</u>: August 1, 2024 <u>Deadline for Comments</u>: August 16 2024

<u>Description:</u> A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use project with 242 single-family homes and 196,000 SF of commercial space – including a gas station, stand alone restaurant, big box retail space, and 14 separate commercial buildings – on a 115-acre site at the NW corner of the intersection of North Ola Road and Highway 81 in in Henry County.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

Key Comments

The project is not aligned with applicable Rural Areas policy recommendations set forth in the Atlanta Region's Plan which stress the need to protect rural areas and their character and note: "There is a strong desire from residents and elected officials in these areas to keep them rural...The region is striving to protect these areas by limiting infrastructure investments to targeted areas and allowing no development or only low impact development."

The project's 216,000 SF of commercial space is not consistent with the Rural Areas designation and current rural character.

The project could be more aligned with Rural Areas growth policy recommendations by reducing the big box commercial areas and building footprints and the associated large amount of surface parking, utilizing a

village center - rather than the proposed substantially automotive focused - urban design strategy that is compatible with a Rural Areas setting, and retaining more open space and tree canopy.

The large amount of surface parking will have major negative heat and stormwater impacts which could be mitigated by substantially increasing the number of parking lot trees and by utilizing flush tree planting islands that absorb stormwater and promote healthy shade tree growth.

The project's proposed internal trail system is supportive of the site's Rural Areas designation as well as regional multi-modal transportation policies.

The project does appear to align with the applicable Henry County Village land use which calls for a walkable, people-oriented environment.

The project will generate a total of 10,796 new vehicular trips; a range of modifications of nearby roadways are proposed to help mitigate the traffic impact.

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 to all areas in the region- Rural Areas for this project – and provides accompanying growth policy recommendations which are detailed at the end of these comments.

The scale and design of a large portion of the project's commercial area is mostly inconsistent with Rural Areas policies and characteristics and with a "village" planning and design approach. The 6 scattered commercial buildings, stand-alone restaurant and 20 bay gas station which form the external edge of the project along N Old Road and Highway 81 will establish a completely auto-centric visual character in the community. These eight structures are each surrounded by surface parking and any pedestrian access to them will require walking through a parking lot. This does not meet the intent of the applicable Henry County Village land use which notes that "these nodes can include a variety of uses in a walkable, people-oriented environment."

In contrast to this large visible area of automobile focused area, the five commercial buildings centered around the two lawn areas in the center of the project features a much more pedestrian and people-focused approach. The project would be vastly improved if this approach was applied to the entire commercial area.

Transportation and Mobility Comments

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

The project will generate a total of 10,796 new vehicular trips; a range of roadway modifications are proposed to mitigate the traffic impact.

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 Resource Group Comments

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

Environment Comments

The large amount of surface parking will have major negative heat and stormwater impacts which could be partially mitigated by substantially increasing the number of parking lot trees and by utilizing flush tree planting islands that absorb stormwater and promtote healthy shade tree growth.

The project can support The Atlanta Region's Plan by incorporating other 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.

<u>Unified Growth Policy Considerations: Rural Areas</u>

This DRI site falls under the UGPM Rural Areas category which are areas in the region where limited development has taken place or and where development pressure is low. These areas are characterized by sporadic, large single-family lots, agricultural uses, protected lands, and forests. These areas border more central developed and developing areas and represent the limits of the urban service area in the region. There is a strong desire from residents and elected officials in these areas to keep them rural. Increased development threatens existing rural economic uses, such as forestry, agriculture, and tourism.

To maintain economic viability without undesirable development, these areas may be appropriate as "sending" areas in potential Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs. The region is striving to protect these areas by limiting infrastructure investments to targeted areas and allowing no development or only low impact development. There will be a continued need to maintain existing transportation infrastructure, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth by inappropriate expansion of infrastructure capacity

The project is not aligned with Rural Areas policies due primarily to its very large amount of commercial area, including big-box retail, associated large amount of surface parking, and the strongly auto-focused design of the external edge of the project. The project could be more aligned with Rural Areas policies by reducing the total commercial area and surface parking and by utilizing a more compact village center design approach

The final design of the project could further the intent of the Rural Areas recommendations by utilizing rural character elements in the design of project roads, bridges, fences, and related components.

Henry County leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, should collaborate closely to ensure

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

CITY OF McDonough Newton County GEORGIA CONSERVANCY
CITY OF LOCUST GROVE
ROCKDALE COUNTY

HENRY COUNTY
BUTTS COUNTY

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





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DRI #4195

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: Henry

Individual completing form: Kenta Lanham

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E-mail: klanham@co.henry.ga.us

*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: Villages at Ola Mixed Use Development

Location (Street Address, NW corner of North Ola Rd and Hwy 81 East GPS Coordinates, or Legal

GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):

Brief Description of Project: Mixed Use project; 226 single-family detached senior housing, 201,000 sq ft

commercial space

Development Type	э:
(not selected)	

Office Mixed

Hotels Wastewater Treatment Facilities

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

Industrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants

If other development type, describe:

Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.): 106.4 +/- acres, 226 single-family units, 201,000 sq ft commercial

Developer: Liberty Communities, LLC

Mailing Address: 175 Country Club Drive

Address 2: Bldg 200A

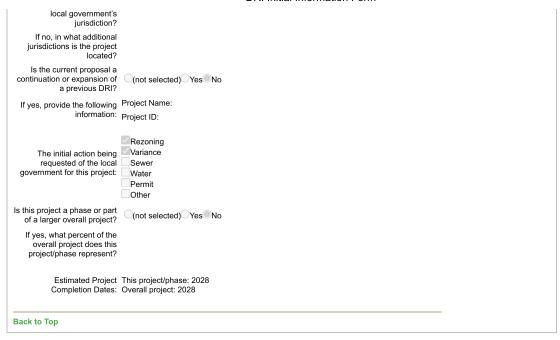
City:Stockbridge State: GA Zip:30281

Telephone: 404-432-4492

Email: gene@libertycommunities.com

Is property owner different from developer/applicant? (not selected) Yes No

If yes, property owner: North Ola Land Holdings, LLC Is the proposed project (not selected) Yes No entirely located within your



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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information

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Email(s): gene@libertycommunities.com

Additional Information Requested

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

(not selected) Yes No with the official regional review process? (If no,

proceed to Economic

Impacts.)

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 until this additional information is provided.

Economic Development

Estimated Value at Build-\$175,000,000 Out:

Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:

+/- 1,753,757.51 in property taxes at final build out

Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed

(not selected) Yes No

Will this development (not selected) Yes No displace any existing uses?

If yes, please describe (including number of units, square feet, etc): Displace three single-family homes, combined 6,578 +/- sq ft

Water Supply

Name of water supply provider for this site:	Henry County Water Authority
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.12 MGD
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:	Henry County Water Authority
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.1 MGD
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
If yes, how much additional I	ine (in miles) will be required?1.43 miles
	Land Transportation
	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.)	10,796 Daily, 521 am peak, 791 pm peak
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 signal on Hwy 81	v:Left turn lanes at three entrances; right turn deceleration lanes at entrances; potential
	Solid Waste Disposal
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	783 tons
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	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 is projected to be impervious surface once the 43.73 acres proposed development has been constructed?						
osed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the ter management:Stormwater management facilities will be utilized meeting the county code						
Environmental Quality						
vithin, or likely to affect any of the following:						
(not selected) Yes No						
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(not selected) Yes No						
(not selected) Yes No						
uestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: e areas primarily exist adjacent to the property boundaries of the development. Impact to be akin to any residential/commercial development. Local ordinances and buffers, as ong these sensitive areas aim to mitigate potential impact.						

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DRI SITE PLAN **FOR**

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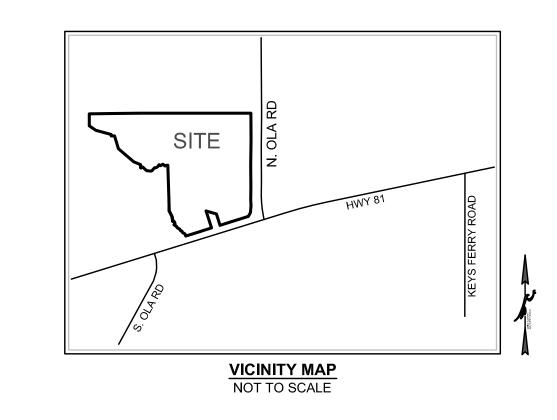
DRI #4195 LAND LOTS 143, 145, 7TH DISTRICT **HENRY COUNTY GA**

OWNER/DEVELOPER: GENERAL HOLDINGS UNLIMITED, LLC P.O. BOX 1129 **MONROE, GA 30655**

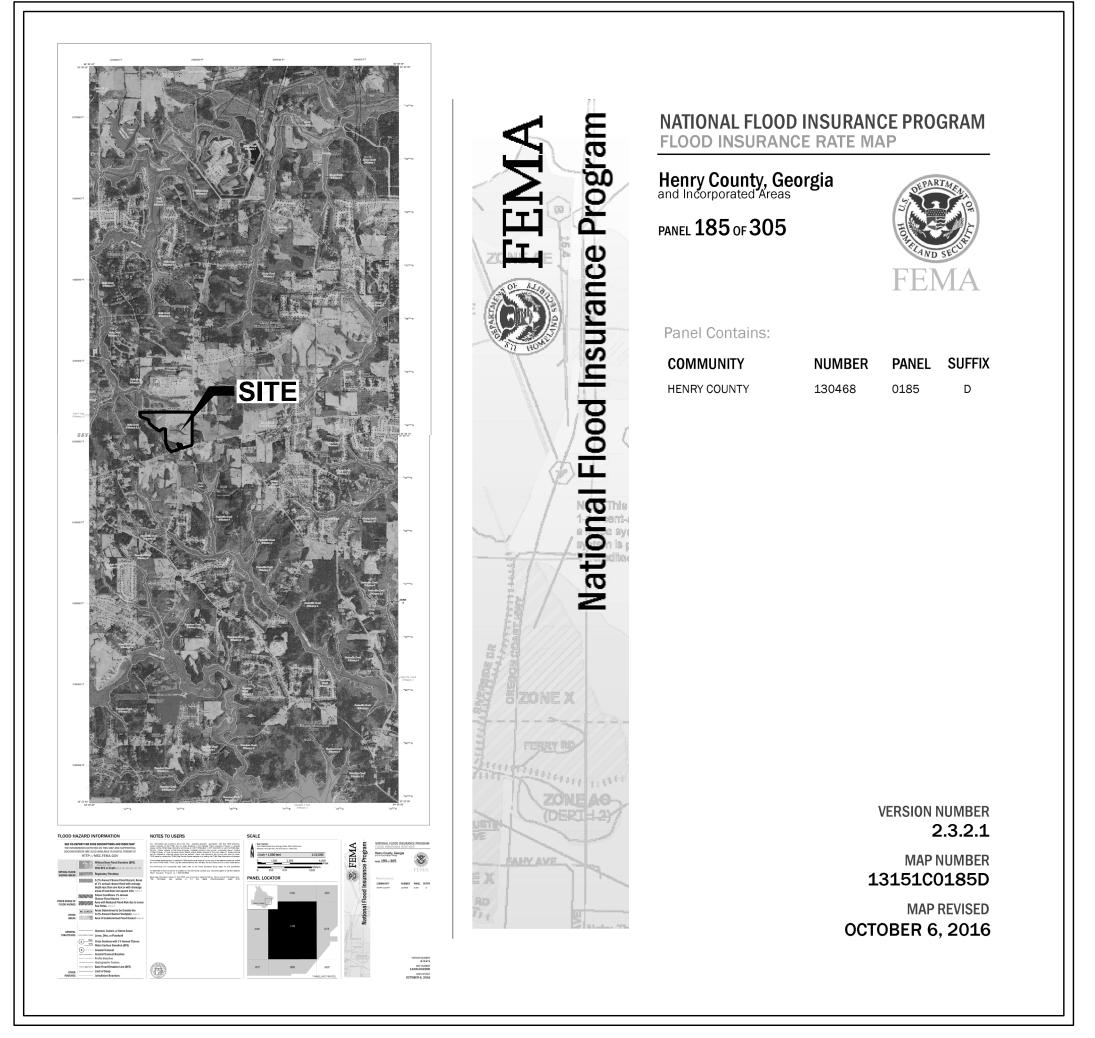
24 HOUR CONTACT: **GENE STRICKLAND** PHONE: (404) 432-4492

SURVEYOR: FALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS, LLC 235 CORPORATE CENTER DR., **SUITE 200** STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281 PHONE: (770) 389-8666

ENGINEER: **FALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS, LLC** 235 CORPORATE CENTER DR., **SUITE 200** STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281 PHONE: (770) 389-8666



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FEMA FLOOD MAP

AS SHOWN ON FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS OF A HENRY COUNTY, GEORGIA COMMUNITY PANEL NUMBER: 13151C0185D & 13151C0195D EFFECTIVE DATE: OCT. 6, 2016, PORTIONS OF THESE PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED IN A FEMA FLOOD HAZARD ZONE.

DEVELOPMENT DATA

1.	OWNER / DEVELOPER	4. FLOOD ZONE DATA:	
	GENERAL HOLDINGS UNLIMITED, LLC PHONE: (404) 925-9130	THE PARCEL SHOWN HEREIN DOES NOT LIE WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA PER F.I.R.M. PANEL 13151C0185D & 13151C095D EFFECTIVE DATE OCT. 6, 2016.	
	24 HOUR CONTACT:	5. <u>SITE REQUIREMENTS:</u>	
	GENE STRICKLAND	SEE SHEET 2.0	
	PHONE: (404) 432-4492	5. TRAFFIC CONSULTANT:	
2.	ENGINEER: FALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS, LLC 235 CORPORATE CENTER DR., SUITE 200	NV5 10745 WESTSIDE WAY SUITE 300 ALPHARETTA, GA 30009 PHONE: (678) 795-3600	
	STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281 PHONE: (770) 389-8666	7. SITE REQUIREMENTS	
3.	SOURCE OF DATA:	PROJECT AREA: 115.08 ACRES TOTAL NUMBER OF LOTS: 242	
	FALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS, LLC 235 CORPORATE CENTER DR., SUITE 200 STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281 PHONE: (770) 389-8666	AVG. LOT SIZE: 8,000 S.F.	
		MIN LOT WIDTH: 50'	
		BUILDING INFORMATION:	
		FRONT SETBACK: 20'	
		SIDE SETBACK: 5'	
4.	SITE LOCATION DATA:	REAR SETBACK: 15'	
	NW CORNER OF N. OLA ROAD AND HWY 81		
	THERE ARE STATE WATERS LOCATED WITHIN 200FT OF THE SITE		



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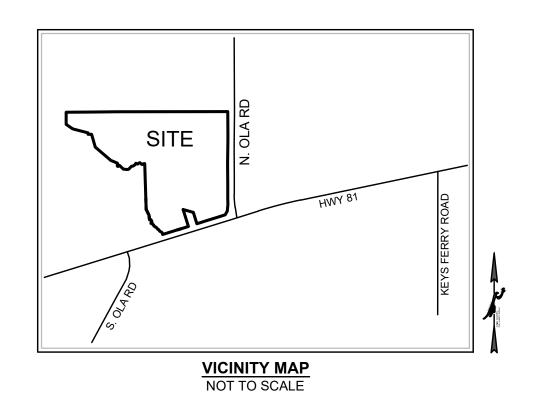
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Land Use Summary

EXISTING ZONING: Residential Agricultural (RA) PROPOSED ZONING: Mixed Use (MU) **OVERLAY DISTRICT:** Highway Corridor District

TOTAL ACRES: 115.08 acres **TOTAL COMMERCIAL AREA:** 37.19 acres **TOTAL RESIDENTIAL AREA:** 77.90 acres **TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS:** 242 units **TOTAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING AREA: 216,000sf** NET ACRES (Overall): 94.70 acres **NET DENSITY** (Overall): 2.55 du/ac **NET RESIDENTIAL DENSITY:** 4.08 du/acre **OPEN SPACE: 28.77** acres (25%)

Residential Single Family

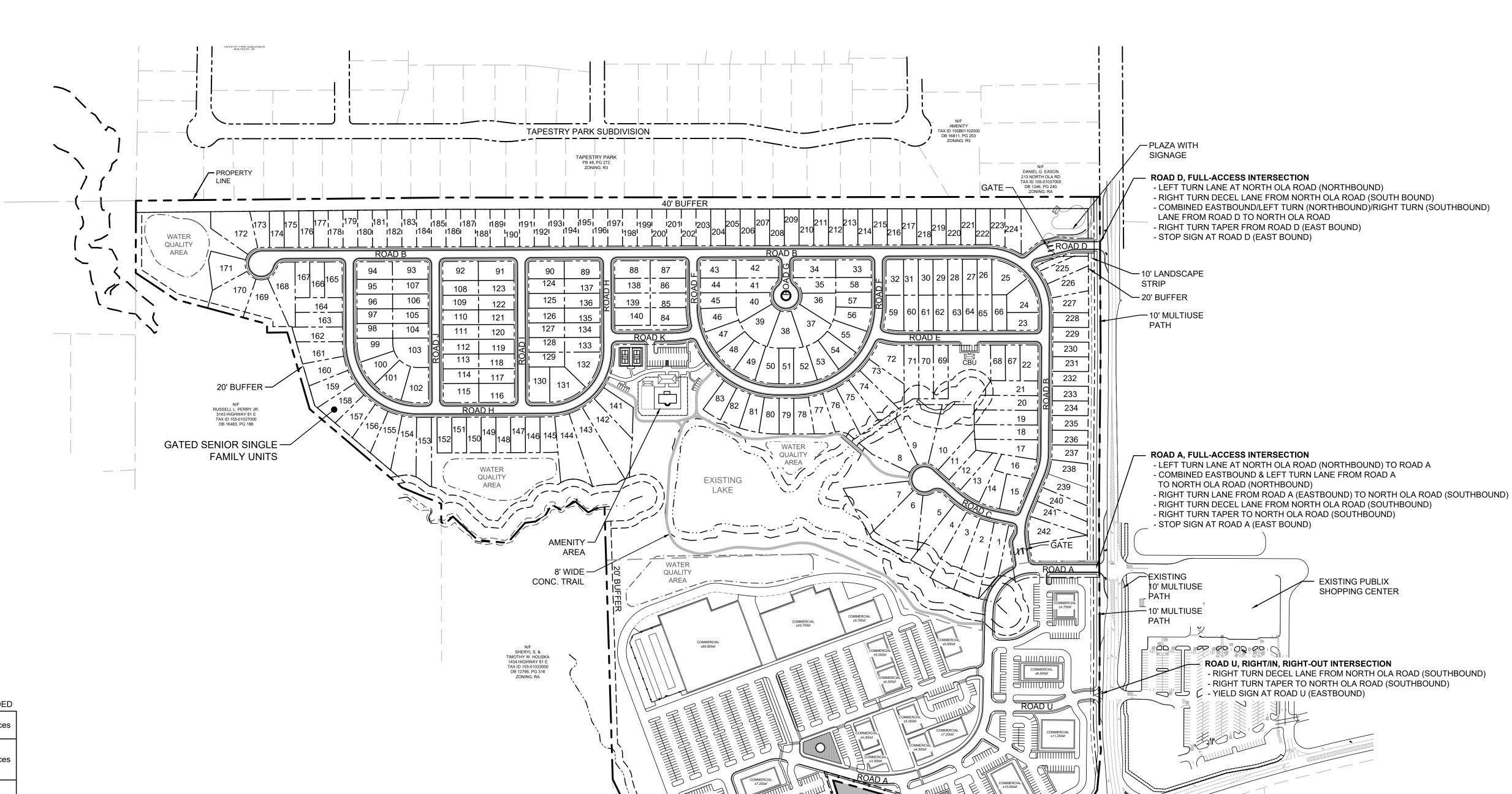
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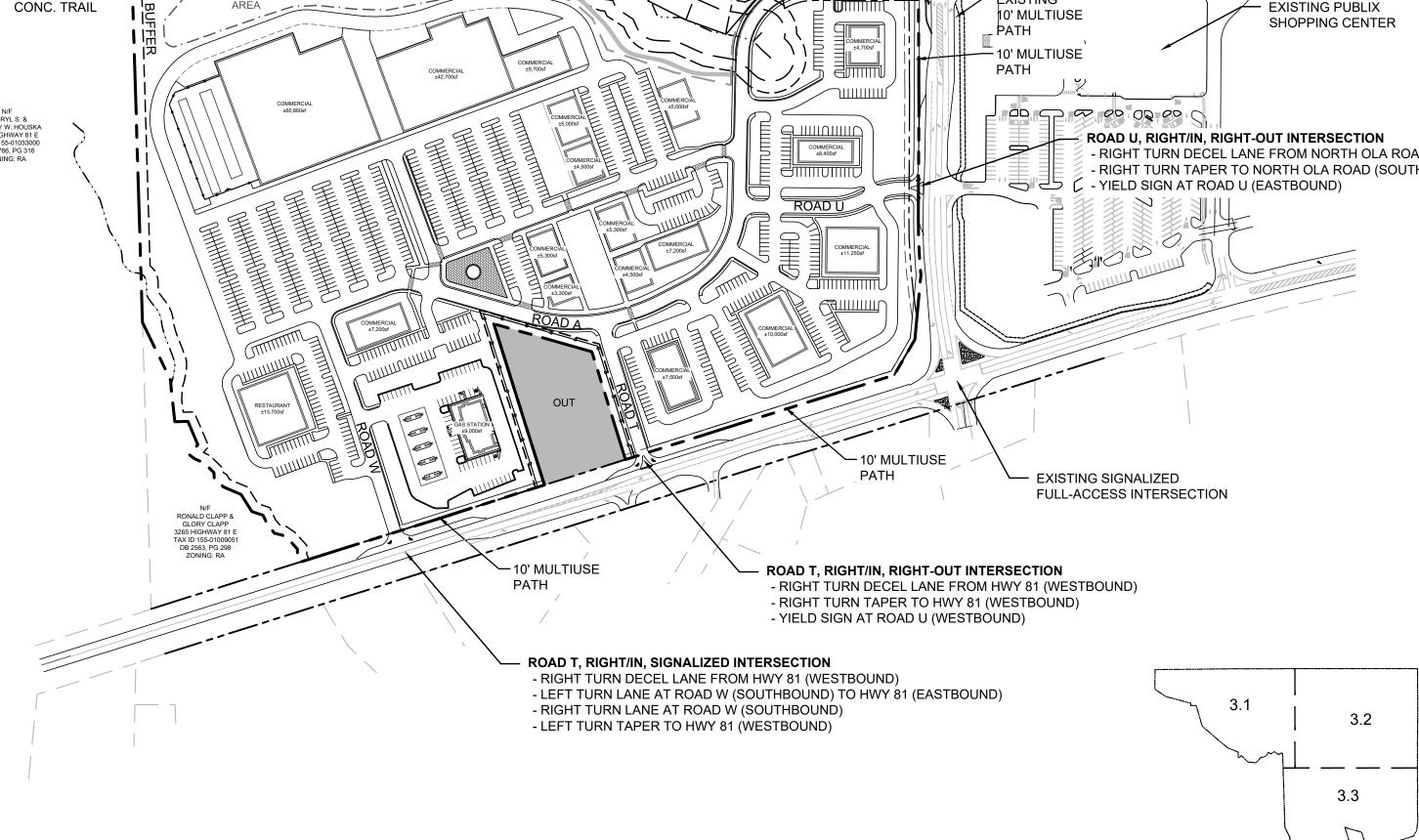
PARKING SUMMARY

REQUIRED PROVIDED 2 Spaces per Dwelling Residential 484 spaces 484 spaces (all units have a 2 car garage) 1 space per 250 sf of useable space 202,350 sf useable space / 250 = 809.4 810 spaces | 973 spaces Retail 810 spaces required 1 space per 150 sf 107 spaces 1 space per employee 115 spaces Restaurant (during largest shift) N/A Amenity No requirement 25 spaces Gas Station 56 spaces 1 space per pump 20 spaces

NOTES

- 1. EXHIBIT WAS PRODUCED UTILIZING HENRY COUNTY GIS TOPOGRAPHIC DATA.
- 2. CONCEPT IS SCHEMATIC AND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.
- 3. A BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS PERFORMED FOR THIS PROJECT BY FALCON DESIGN CONSULTANTS
- 4. ALL PROPOSED RETAIL / RESTAURANTS ARE SINGLE STORY.
- 5. PROJECT SITE ACCESS LOCATIONS WILL BE BUILT TO GDOT & HENRY COUNTY DOT REQUIREMENTS.
- 6. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO RESTRICTED DRIVEWAYS LOCATED ON
- 7. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO NEED FOR HEAVY VEHICLE STAGING & OVERFLOW ON THIS PROJECT





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