

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: February 26, 2025

TO: Chairwoman Romona Jackson Jones, Douglas County Commission

ATTN TO: Austin Cronan, Zoning Administrator, Douglas 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: Lithia Springs Data Center DRI 4326

Submitting Local Government: Douglas County

<u>Date Opened</u>: February 26, 2025 <u>Comments Due</u>: March 13, 2025

Description:

A DRI review of a proposal to construct a data center with a total of 1,302,176 SF of space in 4 buildings along with an electrical substation and supporting facilities on a 81.7-acre site at the intersection of Thornton Road and Factory Shoals Road in Douglas County.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

Key Comments

The Atlanta Region's Plan assigns the Established Suburbs growth management designation to the project site. The project is not aligned with Established Suburbs policies which focus on preserving existing single-family development and promoting compatible infill development.

A portion of this project was previously reviewed in 2023 as Lithia Springs Data Center DRI 4087 which proposed to construct two three-story data center buildings with a total square footage of 878,886 SF along with ancillary support elements on a 44-acre currently wooded site. The current proposal expands the site to 82 acreas and the total development to 1,302,176 SF of space in 4 buildings along with an electrical substation and supporting elements.

The project is not aligned with regional land use, water resource protection, and environmental policies which encourage the retention of forested greenfield areas and avoidance of water resource impacts. It could be better aligned with these policies by preserving additional wooded area, avoiding stream buffer impacts, and allocating of some of the projected annual \$21.5 million in Douglas County property tax revenue generated to support conservation land acquisition and tree planting elsewhere in the County.

The project proposes mutiple intrusions into substantial state and county protected stream buffer areas that will require variances.

The project is expected to generate approximately 1,660 daily new vehicular trips.

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 11-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- Established Suburbs for this project – and provides accompanying growth policy recommendations which are detailed at the end of these comments.

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Transportation and Mobility Comments

ARC's Transportation Access and Mobility Group comments will be provided in the Final Report. The project is projected to generate 1660 daily new vehicular trips.

Care should be taken to ensure that the development, as constructed, promotes 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 Group Comments

ARC Natural Resources Group Comments will be provided in the Final Report.

Environmental Comments

As the limited remaining forested and natural areas of the Atlanta region continue to be developed at a rapid pace while warmer temperatures and more extreme weather events increase in frequency, there is a need to carefully plan for the future to ensure the retention and proper management of an optimal amount of these critical environmental assets. Most of the site's 82 acres, which are heavily wooded and provide extensive stormwater, air quality, and urban cooling benefits, will be cleared for the project which is not supportive of regional land use and environmental policies. The project is located within close proximity to Sweetwater Creek State Park – the most visited state park in the state – to the west and is within the Sweetwater Creek Water Supply Watershed. While much of the wooded natural area to the east of the site has recently been developed for industrial use, development of the remaining wooded area west of the site up to the border of the State park with uses compatible with the area's natural character defined by forests and streams would be supportive of regional environmental and water resource policies.

The project can support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional environmental 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.

Atlanta Region's Plan Growth Policy Considerations: Established Suburbs

According to the Atlanta Region's Plan, Established Suburbs are areas where suburban development has occurred and are characterized by single-family subdivisions, commercial development, and office, industrial and multi-family development. These areas represent the part of the region that has recently reached "build-out." With few remaining large parcels for additional development, these are the areas in which the region may see the least amount of land-use change outside of retail and commercial areas. While there is still room for limited infill development, these areas will begin to focus more on redevelopment over the next 30 years.

Preservation of existing single-family neighborhoods is important, and wholesale change will most likely not occur in the single-family subdivisions that make up a majority of these areas. However, infill and redevelopment will occur in areas of retail/commercial concentrations, especially commercial corridors.

The proposed project is not aligned with Established Suburbs policies which focus on preserving existing single-family development and promoting compatible infill development. More importantly, the project is not aligned with regional land use and environmental policies which encourage the retention of forested greenfield areas and avoidance of water resource impacts. It could be better aligned with these policies by preserving additional wooded area, avoiding stream buffer impacts, and allocating of some of the projected annual \$21.5 million in Douglas County property tax revenue generated to support conservation land acquisition and tree planting elsewhere in the County.

Douglas County leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, should collaborate closely to ensure maximum sensitivity to the needs of nearby local governments, neighborhoods, and natural systems.

THE FOLLOWING LOCA	AL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIV	VED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:
FLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION EORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	Georgia Department of Natural Resource Georgia Regional Transportation Authority	GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSI
orgia Environmental Finance Authority ty of Douglasville	Georgia Conservancy	Douglas County
	Donald Shockey at (470) 378-1531 of ARC review website located at http://a	





Developments of Regional Impact

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DRI #4326

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 Douglas Individual completing form: Austin Cronan

Telephone: 678-838-2060

E-mail: acronan@douglascountyga.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: Lithia Springs Data Center

Location (Street Address, Land Lots 0706, 0707, District 18, Section 2, being parcels: 0706-182-0010, 0706-182-

GPS Coordinates, or Legal 0011, 0707-182-Land Lot Description):

Brief Description of Project: Expansion of previously reviewed DRI 4087; addition of 1, two-story data center,

98,015 sq. ft./floor (196,030 sq. ft. total), addition of 1, two-story data center, 113,630 sq. ft./floor (227,260 sq. ft. total), addition of a substation and two water storage tank

Development Type:
(not selected)

Hotels Wastewater Treatment Facilities Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Commercial Airports Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs

Wholesale & Distribution OAttractions & Recreational Facilities OIntermodal Terminals

Hospitals and Health Care Facilities Post-Secondary Schools Truck Stops Waste Handling Facilities Housing

Any other development types

Industrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants

If other development type, describe:

Project Size (# of units, floor Two data center buildings, one 196,030 sq. ft. & one 227,260 sq. ft. for a total of 423,290

Developer: SAC III Acquisition Co., LLC

Mailing Address: 1700 Broadway, Suite 1750

Address 2: N/A

City:Denver State: CO Zip:80290

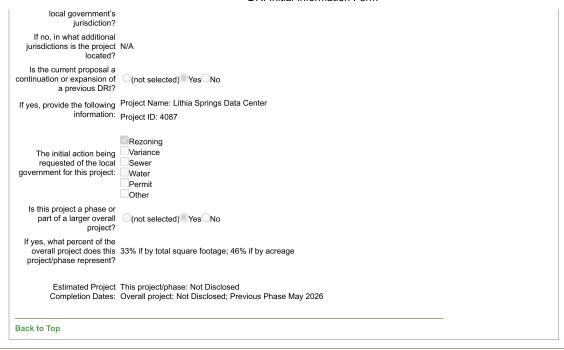
Telephone: 289-925-6464

Email: gsobti@stackinfra.com

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

If yes, property owner: Various parcels; assemblage into one site

entirely located within your



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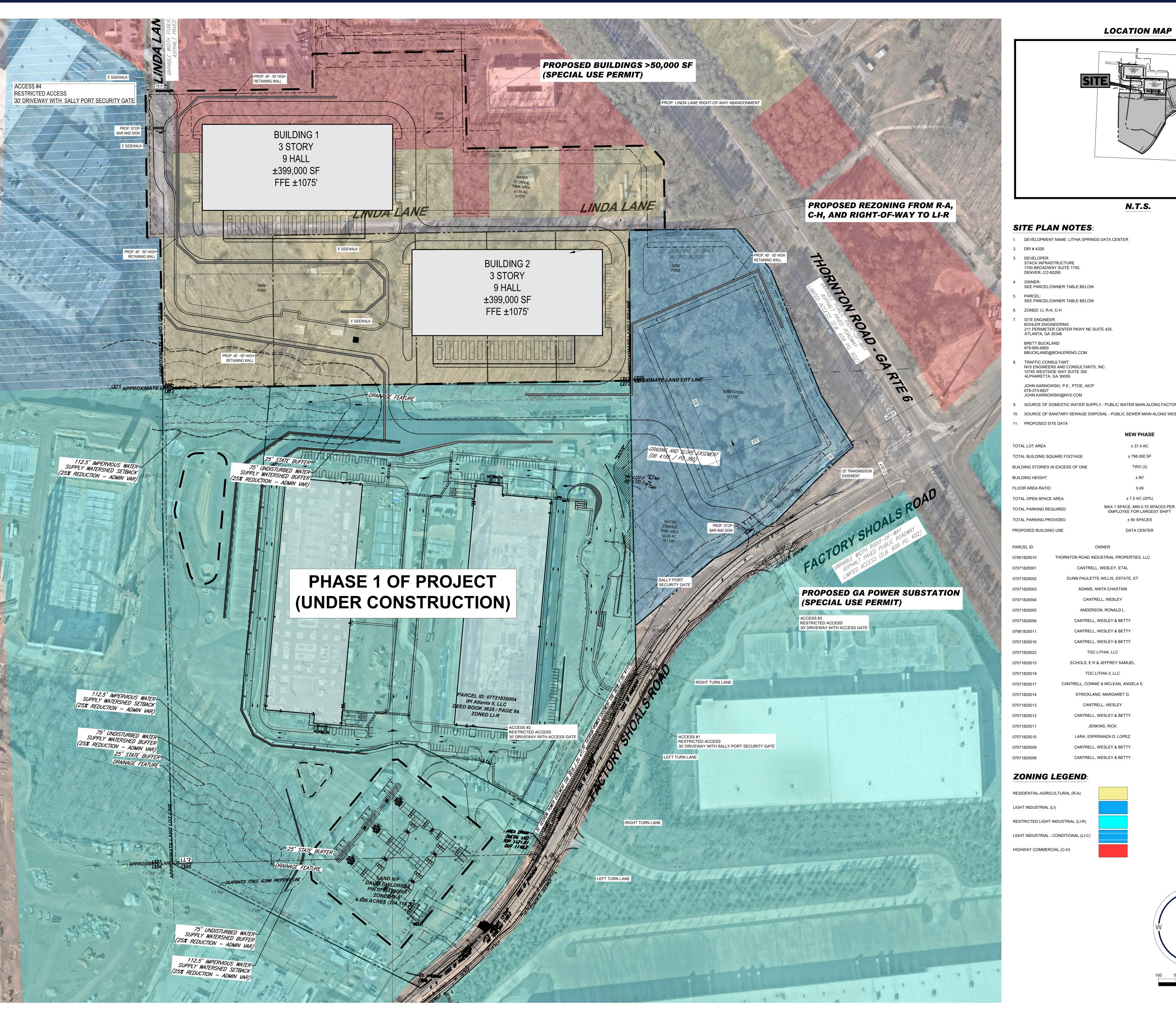
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	ounty government to provide information needed by the RDC for its review or the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more
Loc	al Government Information
Submitting Local Government:	Douglas
Individual completing form:	Austin Cronan
Telephone:	678-838-2060
Email:	acronan@douglascountyga.gov
	Project Information
Name of Proposed Project:	Lithia Springs Data Center
DRI ID Number:	4326
Developer/Applicant:	SAC III Acquisition Co., LLC
Telephone:	289-925-6464
Email(s):	gsobti@stackinfra.com
Addit	ional Information Requested
Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, proceed to Economic Impacts.)	○(not selected)○Yes ^⑤ No
If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?	●(not selected)○Yes○No
f no, the official review process can not star	t until this additional information is provided.
ı	Economic Development
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	\$2,400,000,000
Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:	\$21,500,000
s the regional work force sufficient to fill he demand created by the proposed project?	○(not selected) Yes No
Will this development displace any existing uses?	○(not selected) Yes No
f yes, please describe (including number of 13 single-family homes	units, square feet, etc):
	Water Supply
Name of water supply provider for this site:	Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority (DDCV
	0.062 MGD
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project.	

	DIN Additional information Form
measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○(not selected)○Yes⑤No
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	ng developments on a project to provide a new water tank and pump to lic system to accommodate this and the surrounding development. Space
s a water line extension required to serve his project?	○(not selected)○Yes●No
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) w	/ill be required?
	Wastewater Disposal
lame of wastewater treatment provider for nis site:	Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority (DDCWS
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in	0.034 MGD
Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)? s sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○(not selected) Yes No
f no, describe any plans to expand existing	wastewater treatment capacity:
ODCWSA is working with several, surroundi	ng developments on a project to expand the downstream sewer capacity.
s a sewer line extension required to serve	○(not selected)○Yes No
his project? f yes, how much additional line (in miles) w	,
N/A	
	Land Transportation
How much traffic volume is expected to be	
generated by the proposed development, in beak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	870 daily trips: 109 AM peak-hour trips; 91 PM peak-hour trips
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
f yes, please describe below:	
Please refer to the traffic study prepared b	by NV5 Engineers and Consultants, Inc.
	Solid Waste Disposal
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	1,608 TPY
s sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○(not selected) Yes No
f no, describe any plans to expand existing	landfill capacity:
N/A	
Nill any hazardous waste be generated by he development?	○(not selected)○Yes [®] No
f yes, please explain:	
N/A	
\$	Stormwater Management
What percentage of the site is projected to	64%
be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?	U4 70

nfiltration measures where feasible to pro	structure, including grass swales, vegetated filter strips, and vide runoff reduction and TSS removal. Stormwater ponds will be protection, and detention in accordance with Douglas County and the equirements		
	Environmental Quality		
s the development located within, or likely t	o affect any of the following:		
Water supply watersheds?	○(not selected) Yes No		
2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	○(not selected)○Yes No		
3. Wetlands?	O(not selected)OYesONo		
4. Protected mountains?	○(not selected)○Yes No		
5. Protected river corridors? O(not selected) Yes No			
6. Floodplains? O(not selected) Yes No			
7. Historic resources? O(not selected) Yes No			
3. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	○(not selected)○Yes®No		
	describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: ly watershed which requires greater-than-typical stream buffers. The r supply watershed buffer requirements.		
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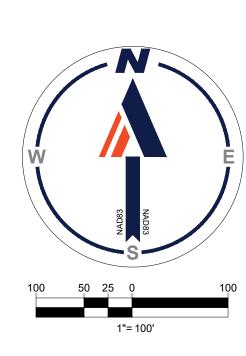
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NOTES

- SOURCE OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PUBLIC WATER MAIN ALONG FACTORY SHOALS ROAD/THORNTON RD
- 10. SOURCE OF SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL PUBLIC SEWER MAIN ALONG WESTERN PART OF PROPERTY.

	NEW PHASE	TOTAL (INCL PREV. DRI)
TOTAL LOT AREA	± 37.4 AC	± 81.7 AC
TOTAL BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE	± 798,000 SF	+/- 1,676,886 SF
BUILDING STORIES IN EXCESS OF ONE	TWO (2)	TWO (2)
BUILDING HEIGHT	± 80'	+/- 120'
FLOOR AREA RATIO	0.49	0.47
TOTAL OPEN SPACE AREA	± 7.5 AC (20%)	+/- 29.4 AC (36%)
TOTAL PARKING REQUIRED	MAX 1 SPACE, MIN 0.75 SPACES PER EMPLOYEE FOR LARGEST SHIFT	MAX 1 SPACE, MIN 0.75 SPACES PER EMPLOYEE FOR LARGEST SHIFT
TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED	± 80 SPACES	+/- 230 SPACES

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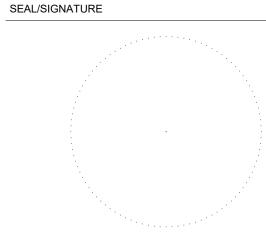


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ISSUE DATE:08/26/2024

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E1 SCALE: AS NOTED

