

## Regional Review Finding Metropolitan River Protection Act

**DATE:** April 19, 2025

TO: Mayor Rusty Paul, City of Sandy Springs

ATTN TO: Helen Owens, Planner III, City of Sandy Springs

FROM: Anna Roach, Executive Director, Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC has completed a regional review of the following Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA) proposal and made the below finding. ARC reviewed the proposed project's compliance with MRPA requirements as well as its relationship to regional plans, goals, and policies and impacts it might have on the activities, plans, goals, and policies of nearby local jurisdictions and state, federal, and other agencies.

Name of Proposal: RC-25-02SS 8050 Nesbit Ferry Road

Submitting Local Government: City of Sandy Springs

Date Opened: April 9, 2025 Date Closed: April 19, 2025

**Finding:** ARC staff have completed a review of an application for a MRPA Certificate for this proposed project in the Chattahoochee River Corridor. ARC's finding is that the project is consistent with the Chattahoochee River Corridor Plan.

Additional Comments: Comments received from the National Park Service are attached.

#### The following local governments and agencies received notice of this review:

Atlanta Regional Commission Georgia Department of Natural Resource Historic Riverline
City of Sandy Springs City of Dunwoody City of Roswell
City of Johns Creek City of Peachtree Corners

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="mailto:http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews">http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</a>.



### APPLICATION FOR METROPOLITAN RIVER PROTECTION ACT CERTIFICATE

| 1. | Name of Local G  | overnment:         | SANDY            | SYKINGS   |  |   |
|----|--|--------------------|------------------|---|--|---|
|    |  |                    | r                |   |  |   |
| 2. | Owner(s) of Reco   | ord of Property    | to be Review     | /ed:  |  |   |
|    | Name(s):   | MIKE AND           | CEE DI           | INN   |  |   |
|    | Mailing Add  | lress: <u>8050</u> | NESBE            | t ferry   | RD.  |   |
|    |  | in by spri         |                  |   | 6A   | Zip: <u>303<b>5</b>0</u>                |
|    | Contact Pho  | ne Numbers (w      | Area Code)       |   |  |   |
|    |  | Phone: <u>370</u>  | <u>- 331 - 4</u> | <u>670                                    </u>        | x:   |   |
|    | Other N  | umbers:            |                  |   |  |   |
| _  |  |                    |                  |   |  |   |
| 3. | Applicant(s) or Applicant's Agent(s):  |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Name(s): <u>LARCIA DRESER</u> Mailing Address: 400 PLASTERS AVE., STE. 225     |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Mailing Add  | iress: 900         | CASTER           | s AVE   | 1576.22  | 5                                       |
|    |  | HICANTA            |                  |   | GA_  | Zip: <u>30324</u> _                     |
|    | Contact Pho  | ne Numbers (w      | Area Code)       | 296 -   |  |   |
|    | Daytime  | Phone: <u>91 7</u> | -310-8           | ) <u>3 () &gt;                                   </u> | x:   |   |
|    | Other N  | umbers:            |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Danis and I and a  | W4 II              |                  |   |  |   |
| 4. | Proposed Land o  |                    |                  | Canalia   |  |   |
|    | Name of Development: DUNN RESSDENCE  |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Description of Proposed Use: PRUNDSED ADDITION WES NOT                         |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | LIVIDA   | UKRE               | NI ICE           | Thereis   | AL USE   |   |
| 5. | Property Descrip   | tion (Attach La    | agal Descript    | tion and Vici   | nity Man).   |   |
| J. | Land Lat(s)  | District Section   | n County:        | PBCADE  | mity Map).<br>カ/ボモル/ ノ                             | OT (RE-2),                              |
|    | Land Louis   | 1 336 L            | the Dist         | PICT 1  | COULTON LOCALINE                                   | 1h/ hv                                  |
|    | Subdivision, Lot, Block, Street and Address, Distance to Nearest Intersection: |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Subdivision, Lot, Diock, Street and Address, Distance to Nearest Intersection: |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Size of Deve   | lopment (Use as    | Applicable)      | :   |  |   |
|    | Acres:   | Inside Corrid      |                  |   |  |   |
|    |  | Outside Corri      | -                |   |  |   |
|    |  |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Lots:  | Inside Corrid      | or: 1            |   | 31-1000-141-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01-01 |   |
|    |  | Outside Corri      |                  |   |  |   |
|    |  | Total: 👃           |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Units:   | Inside Corrid      | or: 4            |   |  |   |
|    |  | Outside Corri      | dor:             |   |  | *************************************** |
|    |  | Total: 1           |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Other Size Descriptor (i.e., Length and Width of Easement):                    |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    | Inside Corridor:   |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    |  |                    |                  |   |  |   |
|    |  | Total:             |                  |   |  |   |
|    |  |                    |                  |   |  |   |

| А. Т                           | ed Chattahoochee Corridor Development: Does the total development include additional land in the Chattahoochee Corridor that s not part of this application?  |               |                                   |                                    |   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
|                                | If "yes", describe the additional land and any development plans:  B. Has any part of the property in this application, or any right-of-way or easement bordering this land, previously received a certificate or any other Chattahoochee Corridor review approval? |               |                                   |                                    |   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. How 'A. S                   |   |               |                                   |                                    |   |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Sumn<br>Vulnerab<br>Categor |   | Total Acreage | Total Acreage<br>(or Sq. Footage) | Percent<br>Land<br><u>Disturb.</u> | Percent<br>Imperv.<br><u>Surf.</u><br>as Shown In<br>heses) |  |  |  |  |
| A                              |   |               |                                   | (90)                               | (75)  |  |  |  |  |
| В                              |   |               |                                   | (80)                               | (60)  |  |  |  |  |
| C                              |   |               |                                   | (70)                               | (45)  |  |  |  |  |
| D                              | 109, 833 SF   | 39,848 Sf     | 20,304 sf                         | (50) <u>_</u> 36                   | .3½(30) 18.5%   |  |  |  |  |
| E                              |   |               |                                   | (30)                               | (15)  |  |  |  |  |
| F                              |   |               |                                   | (10)                               | (2)   |  |  |  |  |
| Total:                         | 109,833FS   | 39, 848 sf    | 20,304 SF                         | N/A                                | N/A   |  |  |  |  |

| 9.      | Is any of this Land within the 100-Year Floodplain of the Chattahoochee River? No If "yes", indicate the 100-year floodplain elevation: |
|---------|---|
|         | NOTE: For this review, river floodplain is determined from the U.S. Army Corps of   |
|         | Engineers' "Floodplain Information - Chattahoochee River, Buford Dam to   |
|         | Whitesburg, Georgia", November, 1973 and its Supplement of March, 1982.   |
|         | NOTE: All river 100-year floodplain is assigned to the "E" Category; its allowable  |
|         | allocations can be combined with those of other "E" land in the review. Also, 100-  |
|         | ,   |
|         | year floodplain cannot be reanalyzed and cannot accept transfers.   |
| 10.     | <u> </u>  |
|         | If "yes", indicate the 500-year flood plain elevation:  |
|         | NOTE: Plan Standards include a 35-foot height limit above the pre-construction  |
|         | grade within the 500-year floodplain (includes the 100-year floodplain).  |
|         | Adherence to this standard must be noted on the submitted plans (see Part   |
|         | 2.B.(4) of the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan).  |
| 11      | The following is a shouldist of information required to be offerly as your of the   |
| 11.     | The following is a checklist of information required to be attached as part of the  |
|         | application. Individual items may be combined.  |
| FO      | R ALL APPLICATIONS:   |
| V       | Description of land in the application and any additional land in the project (attach legal   |
|         | description or surveyed boundaries).  |
|         |   |
|         | Name, address, and phone number(s) of owner(s) of record of the land in the application.  |
|         | (Space provided on this form)   |
| _       | _ Written consent of all owners to this application. (Space provided on this form)  |
|         |   |
|         | Name, address, and phone number(s) of applicant or applicant's agent. (Space provided   |
|         | on this form)   |
| V       | _ Description of proposed use(s). (Space provided on this form)   |
|         |   |
|         | _ Existing vegetation plan.   |
| NIA     | Proposed grading plan.  |
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| <u></u> | Certified as-builts of all existing land disturbance and impervious surfaces.   |
|         | Approved erosion control plan. (PENDING ARC REVIEW)   |
|         |   |
|         | Detailed table of land-disturbing activities. (Both on this form and on the plans)  |

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| Plat-level plan showing (as applicable): lot boundaries; any of and rights-of -way; 100- and 500-year river floodplains; vuln boundaries; topography; any other information that will clari  | erability category           |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Documentation on adjustments, if any.  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Cashier's check or money order (for application fee).  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| FOR SINGLE-STEP APPLICATIONS (NON-SUBDIVISION): Site plan.   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Land-disturbance plan.   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| FOR TWO-STEP SINGLE-FAMILY SUBDIVISION APPLICATION APP | ONS ONLY:                    |  |  |  |  |
| MA Lot-by-lot and non-lot allocation tables.   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 12. I (we), the undersigned, authorize and request review of this application for a ce under the provisions of the Metropolitan River Protection Act: (use additional s necessary)   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| MIKE DUNN  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| MMCenny  | 4/02/2025                    |  |  |  |  |
| Signature(s) of Owner(s) of Record   | Date                         |  |  |  |  |
| 13. I (we), the undersigned, authorize and request review of this a under the provisions of the Metropolitan River Protection Act  |                              |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3/26/2025                    |  |  |  |  |
| Signature(s) of Applicant(s) or Agent(s)   | Date                         |  |  |  |  |
| 14. The governing authority of <u>SANDY SPRINGS</u> review by the Atlanta Regional Commission of the above-descendence of the Metropolitan River Protection Act.   | requests ribed use under the |  |  |  |  |
| Hesen Owens  | 04/02/2025                   |  |  |  |  |
| Signature of Chief Elected Official or Official's Designee   | Date                         |  |  |  |  |



#### United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area 1978 Island Ford Parkway Sandy Springs, GA 30350



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 18, 2025

Donald Shockey Atlanta Regional Commission 229 Peachtree Street NE Suite 100 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Shockey:

This letter is a notification of receipt of the MRPA Review Notification RC-25-02SS 8050 Nesbit Ferry Road in Fulton County, Georgia. This project will involve construction of a new garage, garden shed, and breezeway to an existing single-family home. The analysis estimates that 39,848 sq ft of land disturbance and 20,304 sq ft of impervious area meet the criteria for vulnerability category D.

Congress established the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), in 1978 to assure the preservation and protection of a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River from Buford Dam to Peachtree Creek. CRNRA consists of the river and its bed along with the lands, waters, and interests within the park's authorized boundary. Congress expressly provided the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service (NPS) and CRNRA, with the authority to protect the "natural, scenic, recreation, historic and other values" of the Chattahoochee River. We are concerned that the project could cause detrimental impacts to park resources if proper Best Management Practices (BMPs) are not followed and maintained. It is with these concerns in mind that NPS offers the following comments and recommendations:

#### Introduce/Promote Non-native Species

Construction activities have the potential to transport exotic invasive plant and animal species. **Recommendation:** We request that all equipment be washed and cleaned of mud and debris that may transport unwanted pests before being brought on-site. The NPS encourages the project applicant to use only native grass seed or native vegetation for stabilizing the project area following construction. Non-native species are easily transported downstream.

#### Landscaping with Native Species

Landscaping with native plant species provides a beautiful, hardy, drought resistant yard that benefits the natural environment. It requires less water, fertilizer, and pesticides, therefore

costing less in maintenance. Furthermore, native plants promote stewardship of our natural heritage by supporting pollinators, birds, and other wildlife while supporting biological diversity and ecological functions.

**Recommendation:** NPS encourages the use native plant species for landscaping and erosion control to reduce the spread of exotic species into natural areas.

#### **Erosion and Sedimentation**

In general, to protect the stream and water quality during construction, Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be designed and implemented to comply with the standards and specifications outlined in the *Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia* (Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission). An approved erosion and sedimentation control plan should be implemented before soil disturbances occur within the project site to avoid violating the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975.

Currently, the Chattahoochee River near the proposed project site is listed as impaired on the state of Georgia's 303(d) listing for not fully meeting its designated uses. CRNRA is vested in improving the current state of this water body, and any addition of sediment or run-off would further disrupt the current water quality condition. Caution is advised to prevent a flush of sediment deposits during the construction process.

**Recommendation:** After proper installation, continued and unfailing maintenance and repair of the BMP's should be guaranteed in order to ensure their effectiveness and specifically to control, as far as possible, the effects of this project on the river.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns that we could help to address. I can be reached at 678-538-1321 or by email at Beth Wheeler@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

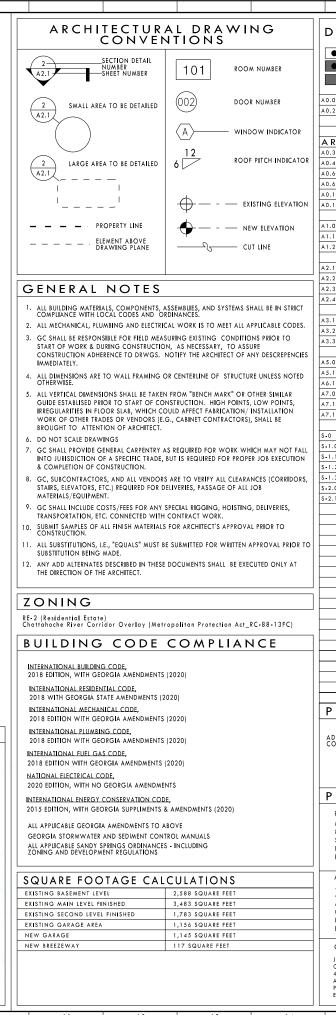
Beth Wheeler Chief of Planning, Resources, and Education

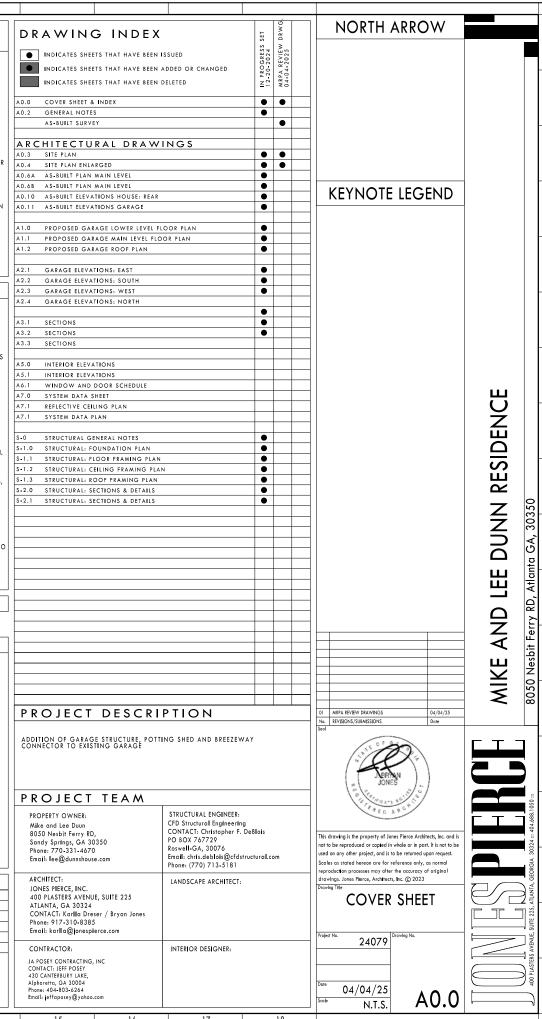
# DUNN RESIDENCE

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