

AGENDA SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING 4040 S. BERKELEY LAKE RD. BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096 FEBRUARY 8, 2024

7:00 PM Work Session 8:00 PM Formal Session

Citizens are encouraged to offer comments on issues of concern as agenda items are reached and at the end of the meeting for all other issues. Please limit citizen comments to 2 minutes. Longer citizen comments are welcome in writing and will be added to the official record of this meeting.

WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of January 18, 2024, Council Meeting
- b) Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal

OLD BUSINESS

- a) O-24-251, Rezoning of 4477 and 4487 PIB from GC-A(C-1) to M-1 and concurrent variances as follows:
 - a. Modification of the 75-foot buffer required between M-1 and R-1-00
 - b. Reduction of the minimum district area from 10 acres to 4.996 acres
 - c. Reduction of the front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet along the property line jog

NEW BUSINESS

a) R-24-01 – Resolution Adopting 2024 Comprehensive Plan

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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COUNCIL MEETING 4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096 DRAFT MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith and Rebecca

Spitler

City Officials: Leigh Threadgill - City Administrator, Rob Hiller - City Marshal

Dick Carothers – City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell – City Attorney

Members of the Public: 42 Members of the Press: 0

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

Hammond made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Spitler seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

- a) Lois Salter Mayor
- b) Bob Smith Council Member At-Large
- c) Rebecca Spitler Council Member At-Large

Carothers swore in the incumbents who were re-elected in the November 7, 2023, general election.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) O-24-251, Rezoning of 4477 and 4487 from Gwinnett County – Annexed, Neighborhood Commercial (GC-A, C-1) to Light Industrial (M-1).

Salter recognized Threadgill to give a brief overview of the rezoning.

Threadgill reviewed the application along with staff and planning and zoning commission recommendations by providing the following information.

- O-24-251 is an ordinance to conditionally rezone 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from Gwinnett County – Annexed, sub classification Neighborhood Commercial, to Light Industrial.
- The subject property consists of two parcels and is approximately 4.996 acres in size.
- The applicant proposes to combine the properties and develop a headquarters for BuilderStone Global LLC, a wholesaler of stone slabs. The proposed use is for warehouse, executive offices and showroom in a campus style development that includes two buildings a roughly 61,000-sf warehouse and a 14,500-sf office/showroom building.
- There will be no fabrication or cutting of slabs of stone on site.
- The property is adjacent to residential and light industrial to the north, residential and heavy industrial to the east, Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the south and office and institutional to the west.
- In order to enable development as proposed, the applicant seeks three concurrent variances:
 - 1) Modification of the 75-foot undisturbed buffer required between M-1, light industrial, and R-100, single-family residential, so that the buffer between the land-locked property owned by Blue Ridge Industries, Tax Parcel 6268-019, is eliminated in favor of a 25-foot building setback. This removes approximately 4,800 square feet of buffer, though the applicant indicates an intent to use the area primarily to plant trees to meet the tree density requirement.
 - 2) Reduction of the ten-acre M-1 district area minimum to 4.996 acres.
 - 3) Reduction of the front setback from 75 feet to approximately 11 feet along about a 50-foot jog of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard right-of-way that juts into the property.
- The application, along with the staff's analysis, was considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission on August 8, October 10 and November 14.
- Staff, in review of the standards for zoning, recommended denial of the application due to the surrounding land use pattern, particularly the established residential area to the north/northeast. In addition, staff could not reconcile the proposed development of two buildings with existing city zoning regulations that limit development to one principal building/use per lot. But staff also prepared a list of conditions for Planning & Zoning Commission consideration if they were inclined to recommend conditional approval.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended conditional approval at their meeting on November 14. The recommended conditions, which were revised during that meeting, are an exhibit to the ordinance rezoning the property that you have before you tonight.

Hammond asked for clarification that whatever action at this meeting tonight would still require a subsequent action.

Salter responded that the action tonight is to put the ordinance change on first read. At the next meeting, it would be up for second read and it could at that point be second read and adopted or just second read and considered for adoption further down the road.

Salter recognized the applicant and asked all of the speakers in the public hearing to be mindful of time, though 10 minutes will be allotted to make comment on the application. Salter asked for comments to be brief and not repetitious.

Wendy Kraby, land use attorney, representative for the applicant, BuilderStone Global LLC, gave a presentation of the application and proposed project. Kraby noted that this is all about creating a headquarters for this company that is currently located in Norcross in a space that doesn't meet their needs. They want to build a showcase that suits their needs for inventory, executive staff, sales staff and showroom. Kraby passed around samples of the company's inventory. The inventory is high-end stone, such as marble and quartz. The applicant has chosen Berkeley Lake because it is a great small town close to a much bigger town. Looking at the surrounding land uses and the comprehensive plan, this use seems to fit. This stretch of Peachtree Industrial is a little older and ripe for redevelopment. The hope is that this headquarters will be beautiful and inspire other companies to renovate their properties or companies to come in and redevelop properties. This application was originally put in in June of 2023 and was considered at three planning and zoning commission meetings. The applicant has put a lot of time and effort and money into this. The applicant is well aware of the stormwater issues associated with this property. Before even applying, a hydrology study was performed. The stormwater issues are not being taken lightly. Kraby asked for the builder to come up and introduce himself.

Taner Baltici, owner of BuilderStone Global, introduced himself.

Salter opened the public hearing for comments by the public in attendance who might like to speak in opposition.

Chris Holben, 325 Lakeshore Drive, stated that he and his wife Marlene have lived in Berkeley Lake for 49 years. He stated that he isn't against the property being developed but does want it to be done right. Two other developers have bought the property, clear cut it, graded it and filled the pond at 325 Lakeshore Drive with silt. Twice he has been in lawsuits over development of the property. Right now, the property is all trees and bushes. The water that comes on those five acres is all soaked up by the existing vegetation. No water leaves that site right now. When it's clear cut and graded, it will be a different story in a hard rain. There are two major concerns. The first is the silt leaving the property and how to get that silt out once its deposited downstream. It's difficult and expensive. It's been done before but it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. The second concern is about the runoff. The pond was built

in the 50s before all the development that has grown up around it. All that water from Ryerson, the aquatic center, Peachtree Industrial, comes into that little pond. Will the pond be able to hold that increased runoff? Holben acknowledged Huetter who has worked with him for 25 years trying to keep his property and pond safe and knows this subject 5-acre property very well. He knows every square inch of that five acres.

David Huetter, director of ecological services, United Consulting, 625 Holcomb Bridge Road, has worked with Holben for about 25 years. He has worked in the area going back to 1996. The site will be developed, but stormwater management needs to be properly designed. In addition, the erosion and sediment control measures need to be properly designed, implemented and maintained. As Holben said, it is difficult to get sediment out of the pond. If this is approved, there needs to be some consideration so that everything is designed to account for increased runoff. There is little to no runoff that comes off that site other than the 60-inch pipe that comes under Peachtree Industrial. When it rains, the water is soaked up by the undeveloped property. With the increase in impervious surface for the development, there will be a lot more runoff. The proposed pond needs to be sized correctly, and just meeting the minimum requirements for stormwater management may not be enough. This is a concern not just for the pond at 325 Lakeshore but also for Lake Berkeley. If this project goes through, the developer needs to be held accountable for potential impacts to the downstream property.

Lee asked Huetter if the plan as proposed including an extended dry detention and bioretention area will address the concerns. Huetter acknowledged he is a biologist and not an engineer. He believes the plans need to be evaluated by an engineer to ensure it is sufficient. Even if it meets the minimum, the minimum may not be enough because of the potential impact to the downstream property.

Benjamin Guile, acknowledged that this property can have a parking lot because it's zoned so that we will have this runoff problem. The big question is whether there are warm and fuzzy feelings about the applicant. Paragraph 3, exhibit C, limits the uses, but once it gets changed to M-1 the floodgates are open and then we have something zoned for anything. He wanted it clear that the conditions are specific to these people and when that corporation ceases to own the property then it will revert to what it was zoned before.

Mitchell explained that the conditional rezoning ordinance includes a condition that it is zoned to this site plan and these particular uses. The conditions run with the land, so whether it's this owner/developer or another owner/developer, unless they come back and ask for something different, they have to build this site plan. Nothing else could be developed per the zoning action under consideration than what has been proposed in the site plan and associated conditions for approval.

Guile asked about the adequacy of the bond amount. Dredging costs a lot of money and will cost more in the future, not less. He questioned whether \$250,000 is enough. He proposed \$1,000,000. Once you get to the \$250,000, the extra dollars don't cost that much.

He also asked why it would be called at three years and why not hold it for longer. The bond should be put out for a longer term. We want to see. Earth moves slowly. In three years, you may only see a little bit.

Guile asked for the maximum height to be whatever building height is proposed if they are building lower than 40 feet.

Guile noted that he is next to Holben's pond and has lights coming dead at him. He asked that the condition include that all the lights be directed to Peachtree Industrial away from the residential area.

Guile questioned the landscaping plan condition requirement in the buffer area and wanted to understand that more.

Guile asked that mechanical equipment be screened with trees from the three sides other than the road.

Mitchell reviewed the lighting condition as already presented and said that the condition should ensure that no light leaves the property.

Steve Seitz, 34 Lakeshore Drive, stated he has lived in Berkeley Lake for 31 years and has worked with Holben and is very familiar with the property. Seitz acknowledged the planning & zoning commission and their work and agrees that this property will be developed, the goal is to work towards the best use. There are challenges with this property, and even with implementation of best management practices, it will be difficult to hold back siltation of the pond and subsequently the lake. Seitz asked about whether a cost assessment has been performed to understand the cost for silt removal to inform the performance bond amount. There was discussion about baseline surveys of sediment loads in both the pond and the cove, the cost of which shouldn't be borne by the property owner or BLHA. The duration of the performance bond is also important.

Gale Lightfoot, 353 Lakeshore Drive, has been in the community for a long time and reiterated the prior speakers. One of the things that is important to everyone here is the health of our community. The purpose of a variance is for the benefit of a resident without impinging on the benefits and health of neighbors. One of the major tributaries to Berkeley Lake is Holben's pond. We've seen the silt washing into the lake at that cove even after all the provisions and all the promises requiring developers to live up to a standard. In the past, developers haven't been able to live up to standards and they leave, and the pond suffers, and the lake suffers. A lot needs to be done to make certain that the developers are contractually accountable for what happens and that the repercussions are not the responsibility of the city or Holben. This is why most everyone is here. Many others in the community are here because we love it, we love the people, we love the environment, and we don't want to see it decay.

Kraby noted that the conditions are at the top of the packet which includes the ordinance and the conditions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of December 6, 2023, Special Called Council Meeting
- b) Financial Statements of November 2023 Unaudited
- c) Atlas Contract for Dam Inspection
- d) CR Tree Experts Memorandum of Understanding for Tree Services

McDaniel made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

a) O-24-251 – Rezoning of 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from Gwinnett County Annexed, Neighborhood Commercial (GC-A(C-1)) to Light Industrial (M-1)

<u>Threadgill</u>: O-24-251 is a proposed amendment to the zoning map to reclassify property located at 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Tax Parcel Numbers 6268 043 and 6268 044) from Gwinnett County – Annexed, Neighborhood Commercial to Light Industrial. In addition to the reclassification of property, three concurrent variances are sought for inclusion in the reclassification of the property. Those variances are as follows: 1) a modification of the required 75-foot undisturbed buffer between R-100 and M-1 to eliminate the buffer adjacent to tax parcel 6268 019 and impose a 25-foot building setback; 2) reduction of the 10-acre M-1 district area minimum to 4.996 acres; and 3) reduction of the 75-foot front setback to 11.11 feet along approximately 49.53 feet of the Peachtree Industrial right-of-way jog into the property. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommends conditional approval of the request, and the ordinance is presented here tonight for first read consideration.

Lee made a motion to place O-24-251, an ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Berkeley Lake to reclassify property located at 4477 and 4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from Gwinnett County – Annexed, Neighborhood Commercial to Light Industrial on first read. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Code of Conduct Affirmation

Salter: The next item of new business is the agreement this group made with each other years ago wherein we would annually recall to our attention the code of conduct we worked together to create. We want to annually affirm that. The code requires that it be brought before council annually and asks each council member to ratify the Code of Conduct anew at that time.

Code of Conduct

- a) The City of Berkeley Lake adopts by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the provisions of OCGA 45-10-1 and Section 2.14 of the City of Berkeley Lake Charter. Any conflict between local ordinance and state statutes and/or the charter shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of state statute and the charter.
- b) It is the policy of the City of Berkeley Lake to observe the highest standards of public conduct, considering the roles of both elected and appointed city officials to be primarily that of a trustee of the public's resources. Consequently, this code seeks to establish criteria and guidelines that will encourage all city officials to serve others, not themselves; to use resources with efficiency and economy; to treat all people fairly; to use the power of their positions only for the well-being of constituents; and to create an environment of honesty, openness and integrity.
- c) Public officials and employees of the city shall treat all citizens with courtesy, impartiality, fairness, and equality under the law, and shall avoid both actual and potential conflicts of interest between their private self-interest and the public interest.
- d) The following are found to be ethics violations in the City of Berkeley Lake and are prohibited:
 - 1) Coercing or attempting to influence persons outside a public meeting by offering to exert the power and resources of their position to achieve a private objective;
 - 2) Making commitments, implicitly or explicitly, that the city will take actions the council has not agreed to;
 - 3) Accepting gifts or favors with a value of more than \$50, or multiple gifts with a cumulative value of \$100 from any single source, from persons regulating and conducting business with the city;
 - 4) Disclosing confidential information from closed meetings without the prior authorization of the mayor and council;
 - 5) Requesting, using or permitting the use of any publicly-owned or publiclysupported property, vehicle, equipment, labor, or service for the personal convenience or the private advantage of a member of the mayor and council, except as otherwise provided by law;
 - 6) Engaging in private employment with, or rendering services in exchange for compensation for, any entity that has business transactions with the city, unless full disclosure of the nature and extent of such employment or services has been made;
 - 7) Appointing or voting for the appointment of any person related to the individual by blood, marriage or adoption to fill an office, position, employment, or duty, when the salary, wages, pay, or compensation is to be paid out of public funds;

- 8) Making remarks in a public meeting that are personally disparaging or reflect negatively on the character of others (rather than expressing a different point of view), or allowing others to do the same;
- 9) Failing to vote on all matters lawfully coming before a member of the city council or a commission appointed by the city council without stating a reason for doing so.
- e) In the interests of advancing efficient, transparent and good government, the following activities shall be required:
 - 1) City council members and commission members appointed by the city council will announce the details of ex parte contacts and communications prior to any action on a matter which was the subject of the ex parte contact/communication;
 - Presiding officers of city meetings shall not permit personally disparaging remarks or comments that reflect negatively on the character of others (rather than expressing a different point of view), and shall declare such persons out of order;
 - 3) To avoid the appearance of impropriety, any member of the mayor and council or commission member appointed by the mayor and city council determined to have a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest shall leave the room for the entire duration of the deliberations and actions on the matter;
 - 4) Persons wishing to speak at public meetings must first be recognized by the chair or presiding officer;
 - 5) Council members who communicate, by whatever means, policy positions, opinions, or city-related recommendations which are not the official position of the city shall clarify that their communications speak only for themselves and are not the official position of the city;
 - 6) Violations of the city's codes of ethics witnessed by members of the governing body will be reported to the mayor (or mayor pro tem in the event the mayor is the subject of an alleged violation);
 - 7) The city's ethics ordinances shall be reviewed annually by the mayor and council.
- f) Hearings and Determinations: Upon the sworn complaint of any person alleging facts, which if true would constitute a violation of this code, the mayor and council shall conduct a public hearing at which the accused shall be given the opportunity to be heard, either personally or through counsel. At the conclusion of said hearing, the mayor and council shall, in written findings of fact and conclusions based thereon, make a determination concerning the propriety of the conduct of the official or appointee in question.

Spitler made a motion to ratify the code of Conduct for 2024. Hammond seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed signifying that each council member has personally ratified the Code of Conduct.

c) Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Lee nominated Rebecca Spitler to fulfill the duties of mayor pro tem for 2024. McDaniel seconded the nomination. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Mayoral Appointments

City Administrator, City Clerk & Election Superintendent

Court Clerk and Deputy City Clerk

City Treasurer

City Marshal/Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Deputy City Marshal

City Attorney

Solicitor

City Auditor

City Building Inspector

Municipal Judge

Pro Hac Vice Judge

Planning & Zoning Commissioner

Planning & Zoning Commissioner

Planning & Zoning Commissioner

City Engineer

Georgia Piedmont Land Trust Board Member

John Pendleton Rob Hiller

Leigh Threadgill

Lila Hunter

Marty Bozeman Dick Carothers

Angela Couch

James Whitaker

Craig Lokey

Charles Barrett

Margaret Washburn

Dan Huntington

Pekka Ignatius

Barbara Geier

Greg Sistrunk

Rebecca Spitler

Neighborhood Liaisons

Berkeley Walk and Berkeley Commons

Berkeley Field and Habersham on the River

BLHA and River Mansions

Miramont and Hermitage Plantation

River District and Commercial Areas

Rodney Hammond

Scott Lee

Rebecca Spitler

Chip McDaniel

Bob Smith

Committees

Conservancy (Liaison – Rebecca Spitler)

Susan Hanson - Chair

Kaye Berg

Louise Gabron

Jim Gawlas

Sue Swanson

Financial Affairs (Liaison – Bob Smith)

John Pendleton - Chair

Calvin Grier

Dorris Hollingsworth

Ron Mechling

Steve Rea

Kathy Sanders

John Small

Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024 Page **9** of **10** Arts Committee (Liaison – Chip McDaniel) Chris Kimberley – Chair Britt Collins Tom Merkel Ginny Nevins

Jason Ouimette

Park Committee (Liaison – Leigh Threadgill) Amy Voss – Chair Lisa Ribeiro Casey Case

Smith made a motion to approve the mayoral appointments as presented. Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) ARPA Stormwater Project Easement - 3750 and 3760 Hermitage Drive

Threadgill: Before you tonight are two permanent drainage and maintenance easement agreements associated with stormwater infrastructure that is the subject of the pending ARPA Stormwater Maintenance Project. The subject infrastructure, a pipe and junction box, connects to a catch basin in the city right-of-way. In order to ensure that the city has the ability to proceed with the project as planned, the city engineer has prepared these easements for signature and recording. Both properties are owned by Bruce Duncan, who has signed the easement agreements. Staff asks that the council authorize the mayor to sign the easement agreements so that they can be recorded.

McDaniel made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the permanent drainage and maintenance easement agreements for 3750 and 3760 Hermitage Drive. Spitler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were none.
ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, Hammond moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.
Submitted by:
Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk



GWINNETT COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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January 10, 2024

Dear City Manager,

The Georgia Emergency Management Act gives local governments the authority to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies, and through such agreements to ensure timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments. The agreement establishes procedures and other ground rules for counties and cities that help one another during a disaster. Your city previously executed the Statewide Mutual Aid agreement in 2020 which now requires renewal. The current agreement expires on March 1, 2024. It is our objective to have all local governments execute the agreement to ensure timely reimbursement following a disaster.

The enclosed agreement is similar in scope to the previous version but has been updated by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). Two original documents are provided for signature and should be returned to our office once signed. They will then be forwarded to GEMA for execution and an original copy returned to you.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement or if I can assist you in any other way.

Sincerely,

Michael Shaw, Acting Director

Gwinnett County Office of Emergency Management

STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

County/Municipality: Berkeley Lake

The State of Georgia is vulnerable to a wide range of natural and man-made disasters and emergencies. The Georgia Emergency Management Act, as amended (The Act) gives the local governments of the State the authority to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies. Pre-existing agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies help to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid assistance and the reimbursement of costs incurred by those parties who render such assistance.

This mutual aid agreement is entered pursuant to authorities contained in Articles I through III, Chapter 3, Title 38, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

ARTICLE I STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT, DEFINITIONS AND AUTHORITIES

This Agreement is made and entered into between the participating political subdivisions, which approve and execute this Agreement, hereinafter called "Participating Parties" and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS). For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms and expressions shall apply:

- (1) "Agreement" means this agreement, generally referred to as the "Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement" (SWMAA).
- (2) "Assistance" includes personnel, equipment, facilities, services, supplies and other resources furnished to a Requesting Party pursuant to this Agreement during an emergency or disaster.
- (3) "Assisting Party" means a party that provides assistance pursuant to this Agreement during an emergency or disaster.
- (4) "Authorized Representative" means a Participating Party's elected or appointed official or employee who has been authorized in writing by that party to request, to offer, or otherwise to provide mutual aid assistance.
- (5) "Participating Party" means a county or municipality of the State of Georgia that has become party to this Agreement by its approval and execution of this agreement.
- (6) "Participating Parties" means the combination of counties and municipalities that have become parties to this Agreement by their approval and execution of this Agreement.
- (7) "Requesting Party" means a party that requests assistance pursuant to this Agreement during an emergency or disaster.

Any term or expression not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning specified in the Georgia Emergency Management Act, as amended (the Act) and rules promulgated thereunder, unless used in a context that clearly suggests a different meaning.

ARTICLE II GENERAL PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to:

- 1. Provide the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster occurring within any political subdivision that is a Participating Party, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, human caused disaster, civil emergency, community disorders, insurgency, enemy attack, acts of terrorism, other significant events or homeland security activity; and
- 2. Identify those persons who are authorized to act on behalf of the Participating Party signing this Agreement as their Authorized Representative(s) concerning the provision of mutual aid resources and requests for mutual aid resources related to any mutual aid assistance sought from another Participating Party, or from or through the State of Georgia. Appendix A of this Agreement shall contain the name(s) of the Participating Party's Authorized Representative for purposes of this Agreement. Appendix A can be amended by the authorizing Participating Party as needed with no effect on the entire Agreement. All such amendments to Appendix A shall be done in writing and the Participating Party shall notify GEMA/HS and all other Participating Parties of such amendment within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE III ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The prompt, full and effective utilization of resources of the Participating Parties, including any resources on hand or available from the State or Federal Government or any other source, that are essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people shall be the underlying principle on which all articles of this Agreement shall be understood.

In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any existing intrastate mutual aid agreement affecting a Participating Party, the provisions of this Agreement shall be controlling.

On behalf of the governing authority of each political subdivision of this State participating in the Agreement, the director of emergency management of such political subdivision will be responsible for formulation of the appropriate mutual aid plans and procedures necessary to implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV PARTICIPATING PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of each Participating Party to formulate procedures and programs for intergovernmental cooperation in the performance of the responsibilities listed in this Article. In formulating such plans, and in carrying them out, each Participating Party, insofar as practical, shall:
 - (1) Protect and assure uninterrupted delivery of services, medicines, water, food, energy and fuel, search and rescue, and critical lifeline equipment, services, and resources, both human and material; and

- (2) Inventory and set procedures for the loan and delivery of human and material resources, together with procedures for reimbursement.
- (b) Whenever a Participating Party requires mutual aid assistance from another Participating Party and/or the State of Georgia, the Requesting Party may request assistance by:
 - (1) Contacting the Participating Party who is the owner/operator/employer of the supplies, equipment and/or personnel being sought for mutual aid assistance (the Assisting Party); or
- (2) Contacting GEMA/HS to serve as the facilitator of such request for those resources being sought for mutual aid that are owned/operated/employed by Participating Parties (where such Participating Parties have submitted a record of those resources to GEMA/HS for such use); and/or, when such resources being sought for mutual aid are owned/operated/employed directly by the State of Georgia.

The provisions of this Agreement shall only apply to requests for assistance made by an Authorized Representative. Requests may be verbal or in writing. If verbal, the request must be confirmed in writing within 30 days of the verbal request. Requests shall provide the following information:

- (1) A description of the emergency service function for which assistance is needed, such as but not limited to fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical, transportation, communications, public works and engineering, building inspection, planning and information assistance, mass care, resource support, health and medical services, damage assessment, volunteer and donated goods and search and rescue; and
- (2) The amount and type of personnel, equipment, materials and supplies needed, and a reasonable estimate of the length of time each will be needed; and
- (3) The specific place and time for staging of the Assisting Party's response and a point of contact at that location.

The Assisting Party will (a) maintain daily personnel time records, material records and a log of equipment hours (or miles, if appropriate) and (b) report work progress to the Requesting Party at mutually agreed upon intervals.

ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

Any Participating Party requested to render mutual aid shall take such action as is necessary to provide and make available the resources covered by this Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof; provided that it is understood that the Participating Party who is asked to render aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to meet the current or anticipated needs of the Participating Party's own political subdivision to remain in compliance with such Participating Party's policy, rule or law.

The Assisting Party's mutual aid resources will continue under the command and control of their own

supervisors, but the organizational units will be under the operational control of the emergency services authorities of the Requesting Party unless the Assisting Party approves an alternative.

In the event the Governor should declare a State of Emergency, any and all provisions of this Agreement which may conflict with the declared State of Emergency shall be superseded by the terms and conditions contained within the State of Emergency.

ARTICLE VI LIABILITY AND IMMUNITY

- (a) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-35(a), no political subdivision of the state, nor the agents or representatives of the state or any political subdivision thereof, shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or acting as a volunteer emergency management worker or member of any agency engaged in emergency management activity. The foregoing shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits or compensation to which he might otherwise be entitled under Chapter 9 of Title 34, Code Section 38-3-30, any pension law, or any act of Congress.
- (b) In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-35(b), no political subdivision of the state nor, except in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith, the employees, agents, or representatives of the state or any political subdivision thereof, nor any volunteer or auxiliary emergency management worker or member of any agency engaged in any emergency management activity complying with or reasonably attempting to comply with Articles 1 through 3, Chapter 3, Title 38, Official Code of Georgia Annotated; or any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to Articles 1 through 3 of title, or pursuant to any ordinance relating to precautionary measures enacted by any political provisions of Articles 1 through 3 of said chapter and title, or pursuant to any ordinance relating to precautionary measures enacted by any political subdivision of the state shall be liable for the death of or the injury to person or for damage to property as a result of any such activity.
- (c) It is the express intent of the parties that the immunities specified in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-35 shall apply in addition to any other immunity provided by statute or case law.

ARTICLE VII RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-30(a), whenever the employees of any Assisting Party or political subdivision are rendering outside aid pursuant to this agreement and the authority contained in Code Section 38-3-27, the employees shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivisions in which they are normally employed.

ARTICLE VIII REIMBURSEMENT

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-30(b), The Requesting Party shall be liable for any loss of or damage to equipment used or placed within the jurisdiction of the Requesting Party and shall pay any expense incurred in the operation and maintenance thereof. No claim for the loss, damage or expense shall be allowed unless, within 60 days after the same is sustained or incurred, an itemized notice of

the claim under oath is served by mail or otherwise upon the designated fiscal officer of the Requesting Party. Appendix B of this Agreement shall contain the name(s) of the Participating Party's designated fiscal officer for purposes of this Agreement. Appendix B can be amended by the authorizing Participating Party as needed with no effect on the entire Agreement. Appendix B can be amended by the authorizing Participating Party as needed with no effect on the entire Agreement. All such amendments to Appendix B shall be done in writing and the Participating Party shall notify GEMA/HS and all other Participating Parties of such amendment within thirty (30) days.

The Requesting Party shall also pay and reimburse the Assisting Party for the compensation paid to employees furnished by the Assisting Party during the time of the rendition of the aid, as well as the actual travel and per diem expenses of such employees while they are rendering the aid. The reimbursement shall include any amounts paid or due for compensation due to personal injury or death while the employees are engaged in rendering the aid. The term "employee," as used herein, shall mean, and this provision shall apply with equal effect to, paid, volunteer and auxiliary employees and emergency management workers.

Expenses to be reimbursed by the Requesting Party shall include the following:

- (1) Labor costs, which shall include all usual wages, salaries, compensation for hours worked, mobilization and demobilization, the Assisting Party's portion of payroll taxes (as employer), insurance, accrued paid leave and other fringe benefits, but not those amounts paid or due as a benefit to the Assisting Parties personnel under the terms of the Georgia Workers Compensation Act: and
- (2) Equipment costs, which shall include the fair rental value, the cost of fuel and other consumable supplies, service and repairs. If the equipment is damaged while in use under this Agreement and the Assisting Party receives payment for such damage under any contract for insurance, the Requesting Party may deduct such payment from any item or items invoiced; and
- (3) Material costs, which shall include the total reasonable cost for the use and consumption of any and all consumable supplies delivered by the Assisting Party for the benefit of the Requesting Party; and
- (4) Meals, lodging and other related expenses, which shall include charges for meals, lodging and other expenses relating to the provision of assistance pursuant to this Agreement shall be the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the Assisting Party.

The Assisting Party shall maintain records and submit invoices within 60 days for reimbursement as specified hereinabove and the Requesting Party shall pay the invoice no later than 30 days following the invoice date.

ARTICLE IX IMPLEMENTATION

This Agreement shall become operative immediately upon its approval and execution by GEMA/HS and any two political subdivisions of this State; thereafter, this Agreement shall become effective as to any other political subdivision of this State upon its approval and execution by such political subdivision.

Any Participating Party may withdraw from this Agreement by mailing notice of withdrawal, approved by the governing authority of such political subdivision, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until 30 days after the governing authority of the withdrawing political subdivision has given notice in writing of such withdrawal to the governing authorities of all other Participating Parties. Such action shall not relieve the withdrawing political subdivision from obligations assumed hereunder prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

Copies of this Agreement shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the respective Participating Parties and with GEMA/HS.

ARTICLE X TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement, once executed, is valid until March 1, 2028. Agreement of the Participating Parties to extend the term of this agreement at any time during the last year of its original term or the last year of any subsequent four-year term shall extend the term of this agreement for four years. Each four-year extension shall constitute a separate agreement.

ARTICLE XI VALIDITY

If any provision of this Agreement is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this Agreement and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Agreed:	
	Lois D. Salter, Mayor
Chief Executive Officer - Signature	Chief Executive Officer – Print Name
County/Municipality: <u>Berkeley Lake</u>	
Date:/	
GEMA/HS Director – Signature	GEMA/HS Director – Print Name
Date:/	

APPENDIX A AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

The below named individual(s), in addition to the chief executive officer, is/are the "Authorized Representative(s)" for the City of Berkeley Lake (county/municipality), and are authorized to request, offer, or otherwise provide and coordinate mutual aid assistance on behalf of the abovenamed county/municipality:

Leigh Threadgill	City Administrator			
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
Rob Hiller	City Marshal			
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
Rebecca Spitler	Council Member			
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
	Date:/			
Chief Executive Officer - Signature				
Lois D. Salter				
Chief Executive Officer – Print Name				

APPENDIX B DESIGNATED FISCAL OFFICER(S)

The below named individual(s) is/are the "designated fiscal officer(s)" for the City of Berkeley Lake (county/municipality) for the purpose of reimbursement sought for mutual aid:

Leigh Threadgill	City Administrator			
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
Rebecca Spitler	Council Member			
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
Print Name	Job Title/Position			
Signature of Above Individual				
Chief Executive Officer - Signature	Date:/			
Chief Discourse Officer Dignature				
Lois D. Salter				
Chief Executive Officer – Print Name				

Public Hearing Published: 12/20/2023 First Reading: 1/18/2024

Public Hearing: 1/18/2024 Adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-251

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA, BY REZONING A 4.996 +/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND OWNED BY FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4477/4487 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCELS R6268 043 AND R6268 044 AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", AS DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "B", FROM GC-A (C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "C"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Builderstone Global, LLC, desires to develop a 4.996+/- acre tract of land identified as tax parcels R6268 043 and R6268 044, as shown on Exhibit "A", and as legally described on Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, Builderstone Global, LLC, with the consent of the owner, has submitted to the City Council of Berkeley Lake, Georgia, a written and signed application requesting the tract of land to be rezoned and included a survey and complete description of the land to be rezoned in the application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Berkeley Lake has considered the rezoning application of Builderstone Global, LLC in conjunction with the standards set forth in Section 78, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Berkeley Lake, Georgia and the laws of the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendation of the Berkeley Lake Planning Commission, rendered after multiple meetings and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing at the meeting of January 18, 2024 duly noticed as prescribed by law and published in the Gwinnett Daily Post, regarding said application, as shall be set forth in the minutes of said meeting; and

WHEREAS, along with the application requesting rezoning of the property, the City Council also considered certain conditions to be placed on subject properties are shown on attached exhibit "C"; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The City Council finds that the proposed rezoning of the parcel from GC-A (C-1, Neighborhood Business) To M-1, Light Industrial is consistent with the adopted standards governing the exercise of the zoning power consistent with O.C.G.A. § 36-66-5 and requirements of Sec. 78-394 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS.

The properties as shown in attached Exhibit "A" and as legally described in Exhibit "B" shall be rezoned M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Conditions are set forth in Exhibit "C". Said Exhibits are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP.

This Ordinance is enacted as an amendment to the Zoning Map of Berkeley Lake, Georgia. Accordingly, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to update the Official Map consistent with the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not be construed to effect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Berkeley Lake, Georgia to provide for separate and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

SECTION 5. REPEALER

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Mayor and Counc					
Passed and adopted by the Mayor and Cou	uncil on this	day of	2024.		
	LOIS I Mayor	D. SALTER			
ATTEST:					
LEIGH THREADGILL City Clerk					
Approved as to form:					
Dishard Canada as Cita Attawa					
Richard Carothers, City Attorney					

EXHIBIT A

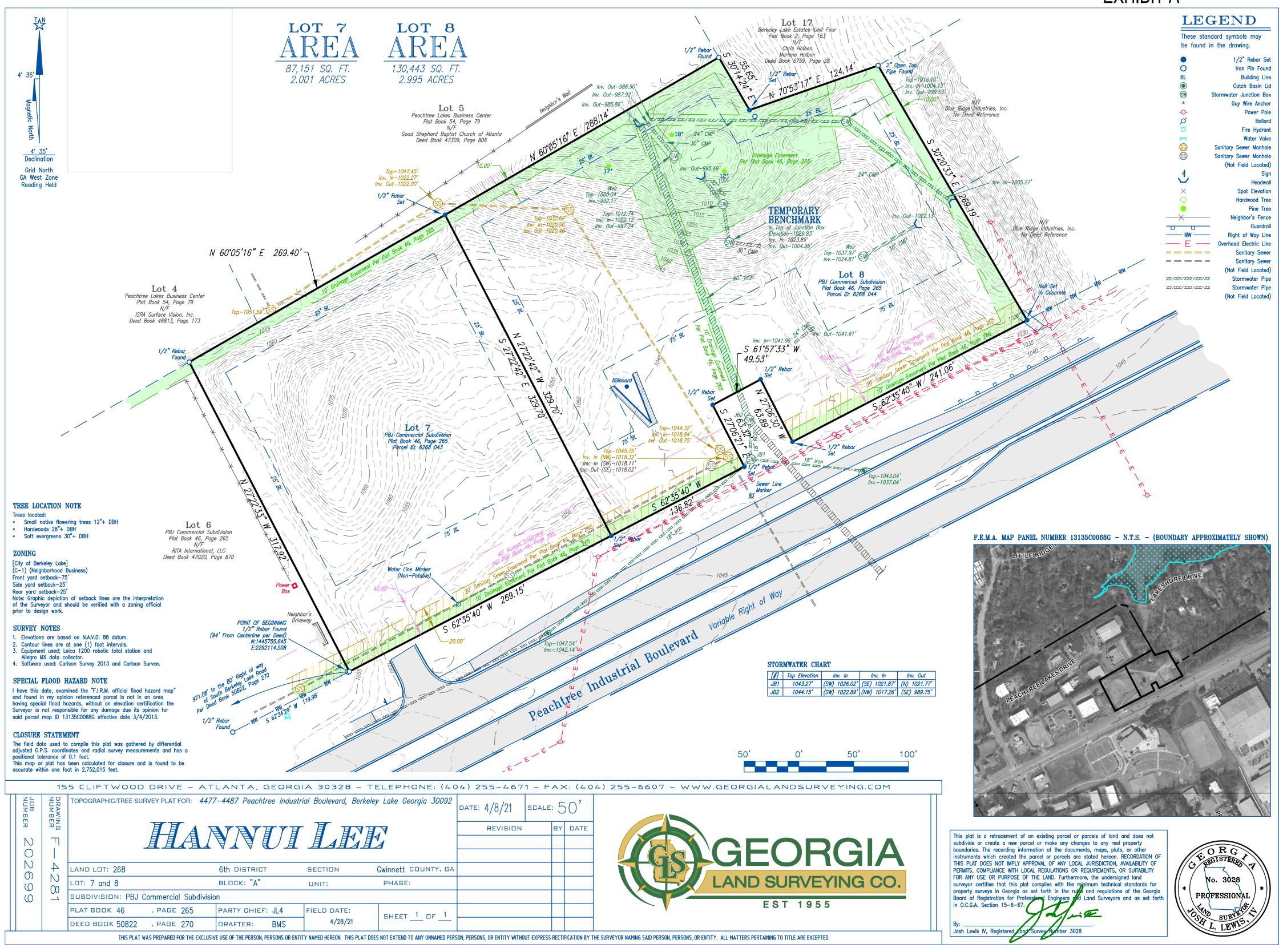




EXHIBIT A

The Land is described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 268 OF THE 6TH DISTRICT OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS BEING DESIGNATED AS LOTS 7 AND 8 OF BLOCK A OF PBJ COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT DATED JULY 15, 1985, LAST REVISED JANUARY 9, 1987, PREPARED BY GUILDEBEAU, BRITT, HAINES & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD (94 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE THEREOF) WHICH POINT IS LOCATED 971.083 FEET NORTHEASTERLY, AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD AND THE NORTHEASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BERKELEY LAKE ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD WHICH HAS AN 80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE LINE WHICH FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN LOTS 6 & 7, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 317.877 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 559.250 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 55.650 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 7 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.140 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 269.650 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD A DISTANCE OF 241.060 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE PROCEEDING NORTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 63.890 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 49.530 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 63.320 FEET TO A POINT AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 405.969 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ALTA Commitment for Title Insurance 8-1-16 w- GA Mod - Exhibit A

AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION

EXHIBIT C – Conditions of Approval

- 1. Along the property line shared with Tax Parcel Code R6268 019, there shall be a 25-foot setback in which no building can be constructed.
- 2. The property shall be developed in substantial accordance with the submitted proposed Site Plan entitled "Rezoning Site Plans for 4477-4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake, GA 30092, Gwinnett County," prepared by GAK Engineering, Inc. dated ________ (the "Site Plan") and submitted to the Mayor and City Council on _______ (the "Meeting"), with modification to meet conditions of zoning or State, County and City regulations. Such modification, if substantial in the reasonable discretion of the City Administrator, will require Mayor and Council approval through an application for rezoning/change in conditions. This condition shall not preclude the City from initiating a change in conditions if, in the City's legislative discretion, such change is appropriate.
- 3. Permitted uses shall be limited to the following M-1 uses:
 - a. Enclosed warehouse with offices,
 - b. Wholesaling with offices, and
 - c. Business office
- 4. Building design shall be in accordance with building elevations submitted with the application. Structures' exteriors shall be constructed of the following materials: Albond aluminum composite panel and the sample material provided at the meeting, specifications to be provided by the applicant.
- 5. If no building permit shall have been issued for the development of the Property pursuant to the Site Plan within three (3) years of the date of the re-zoning, the entire property shall revert to the C-1, GC-A (Gwinnett County Annexed) zoning classification. Provided, upon request by the applicant, the planning and zoning commission may extend the time for good cause shown.
- 6. Stormwater management facilities shall be designed in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, current edition at the time the project is submitted for land disturbance permit "LDP". The bioretention pond shall have a maintenance plan and access drive for maintenance if the pond is 10' or greater in depth. A landscape plan and maintenance plan will also be required for the bioretention pond. Concentrated discharge of the stormwater detention facility will not be permitted on steep slopes. Engineered plans for all retaining walls shall be required prior to issuance of a LDP. The hydrology study must be submitted for the LDP using the post-developed curve number of 92 for the site. Construction of detention pond and walls atop the existing 60" RCP shall not be allowed. Post-developed flow rates from onsite runoff shall be equal to or less than 70% of pre-developed flow rates from onsite runoff.
- 7. In order to establish a sedimentation baseline with respect to the downstream pond that will receive storm water discharge, the Developer shall perform a sedimentation study of said pond. The sedimentation study shall be provided in a form and utilizing the parameters as are established by the City Engineer. The Developer shall undertake study at its sole cost and the results of such study shall be provided to the City prior to the issuance of any land disturbance

- permits. The pre-development sedimentation study shall also be provided to the owner of the adjacent property upon which the lake or pond sits.
- 8. Owner shall post a bond in amount of \$250,000 to be provided by a surety properly licensed, registered and in good standing with the State of Georgia, the form of which is subject to approval by the City Attorney. The bond shall be to guarantee performance of the owner's obligation to prevent silting of the pond downstream of the property. The bond shall remain in place until the later of three yeas after final completion of the site work or issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for the buildings.
- 9. There shall be no less than a 75-foot undisturbed, vegetated buffer adjacent to Tax Parcel Code 6289-250. Where there is inadequate vegetative screening to achieve an opaque screen, supplemental plantings in accordance with Sec. 42-224 of the City of Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances shall be required.
- 10. A Landscaping Plan shall be provided for the site, including areas within the 75-foot buffer that are sparsely vegetated, to be approved by the City Administrator.
- 11. Location and design of curb cuts on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard shall be approved by the governmental entity with jurisdiction over Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.
- 12. Dumpster pick-up and deliveries shall be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 13. The owner shall timely repair or repaint any graffiti or vandalism and remove any refuse or garbage dumped on the Property.
- 14. The owner shall abide by the following requirements:
 - a. Outdoor storage and display shall be prohibited.
 - b. All roof-mounted equipment, not to include solar panels, shall be screened from view on all sides.
 - c. The total height of any buildings, including any roof mounted equipment such as solar panels and/or HVAC equipment, shall not exceed 40 feet from the mean ground level grade of the building.
 - d. No outdoor loudspeakers will be allowed. Sound level from any indoor or outdoor speaker or equipment shall be 0 decibels measured at the property line.
 - e. Portable buildings shall be prohibited.
- 15. Owner will address any and all comments and concerns from the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources regarding water or sewer matters as needed during the LDP and construction phases of the Project.
- 16. All new utility lines shall be located underground if allowed by the respective utility companies.
- 17. Owner will provide streetlights along all public rights-of-way utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures appropriate to the Project and surrounding properties and as approved by the City Administrator. The City Administrator shall approve the number, locations and heights of

streetlights. All street lighting shall be subject to review and approval of the governmental entity with jurisdiction over Peachtree Industrial Boulevard including the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation. Where applicable, streetlights shall be placed adjacent to pedestrian sidewalks.

- 18. Owner will provide lighting throughout all parking areas utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures appropriate to the Project and surrounding properties and as approved by the City Administrator. The City Administrator shall approve the number, locations, and height of parking lot lighting. All parking lighting adjacent to a public road shall be subject to review and approval of the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation.
- 19. On property, all outdoor site lighting, including parking but not including streetlights, shall be of "Dark Sky Rating Type" so that light shall not emanate upwards, only downwards and there shall be zero-foot candle at the property line of Tax Parcel Code R6289 250.
- 20. Natural vegetation shall remain on the property until issuance of a land development permit.
- 21. All mechanical, HVAC and like systems shall be screened from street level view on all sides by an opaque wall or fence of material as approved by the City Administrator.
- 22. These conditions shall be printed on any plat recorded and attached to any plat of a lot provided to buyers. The failure for a plat to contain any or all of the conditions shall not relieve any person of full compliance with each condition.
- 23. If the applicant has made any promises, memorialized in writing and signed by the applicant or its authorized agent, to owners of properties contiguous to the property, and those writings have been filed with the City Administrator prior to approval of this application, issuance of any development or building permit will be conditioned upon fulfillment of such promises.
- 24. This zoning with conditions shall have no precedential impact with regard to other properties in the City of Berkeley Lake, including but not limited to adjacent properties.

City of Berkeley Lake Staff Analysis

CASE NUMBER: PZRZ-23-08 & PZV-23-09 – 4477/4487 PEACHTREE

INDUSTIAL BLVD.

REQUEST: REZONE FROM GC-A (C-1, NEIGHBORHOOD

BUSINESS) TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

CONCURRENT VARIANCES:

1.) MODIFY THE 75-FOOT BUFFER BETWEEN M-1 AND

R-100

2.) REDUCE THE M-1 DISTRICT AREA MINIMUM FROM

10 ACRES TO 4.996 ACRES

3.) REDUCE THE FRONT SETBACK FROM 75 FEET TO

11.11 FEET ALONG APPROX. 49 FEET

EXISTING ZONING: GC-A(C-1) – GWINNETT COUNTY ANNEXED,

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

EXISTING USE: 4477 PIB – BILLBOARD

4487 PIB - UNDEVELOPED

PROPOSED ZONING: M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

PROPOSED USE: CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS – WAREHOUSE,

SHOWROOM AND EXECUTIVE OFFICES

APPLICANT: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL, LLC

4595 WINTERS CHAPEL RD.

DORAVILLE, GA 30360

OWNERS: FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST

4300 SIX FORKS RD., FCC-52

RALEIGH, NC 27609

STAFF RECOMMENDS: DENIAL

P&Z RECOMMENDS: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: NOV. 14, 2023, P&Z MEETING

JAN. 18, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)

FEB. 15, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING (tentative)

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The applicant proposes to combine the subject properties and build a 60,870-sf warehouse and a 14,500-sf executive office/showroom building to create a corporate headquarters campus. To support the use, the applicant proposes to provide 80 parking spaces as well as 7loading/unloading spaces. Except for an existing billboard that is to remain, the property is undeveloped. For the property to be developed as proposed, the applicant is seeking the following concurrent variances:

■ A modification of the 75-foot buffer required between M-1 and R-100 (Sec. 78-242)

- A reduction in the M-1 minimum district area from 10 acres to 4.996 acres (Sec. 78-243(1))
- A reduction in the M-1 required front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet along approximately 49.53 feet (Sec. 78-243 (5))

STAFF FINDINGS:

- 1.) The subject properties (R6268 043 and R6268 044) contain 4.996 acres and are located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard near South Berkeley Lake Road.
- 2.) Property to the north is zoned Single-Family Residential (R-100) and Gwinnett County Annexed (GC-A) with an underlying county zoning of Light Industry (M-1). Property to the east is zoned R-100 and GC-A, with an underlying county zoning of Heavy Industry (M-2). Peachtree Industrial Boulevard is located to the south and property to the west is zoned GC-A, with an underlying county zoning of Office-Institutional (OI).
- 3.) Prior to 2007 the property was zoned Light Industry (M-1) in unincorporated Gwinnett County, but in 2007 the zoning was changed to Neighborhood Business (C-1) pursuant to an application by the former owner for development of a 19,375-square-foot retail space and 5,525-square-foot restaurant with 125 parking spaces.
- 4.) At the time of the 2007 zoning approval, the following conditions were attached to the approval:
 - a. Retail, service commercial and accessory uses. Outdoor storage shall be prohibited. The following uses shall also be prohibited: convenience stores and dry cleaners. Restaurants without drive-thru windows, banks with drive-thru windows and drug stores are approved as special uses.
 - b. Abide by all requirements of the Peachtree Corners Activity Center/Corridor Overlay.
 - c. Limit the height of all buildings to one story.
 - d. To satisfy the following site development considerations:
 - i. Provide a 50-foot buffer adjacent to residentially zoned property. Adjacent to Mr. Holben's residential property, outside the 50-foot buffer, include a 5-foot-high vinyl coated chain link fence and a row of Thuga Green Giants, Leyland Cypress or other evergreen trees as approved by the Director of Planning and Development. The trees shall be 8-feet in height at time of planting.
 - ii. Location and design of driveways shall be subject to review and approval of the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation.
 - iii. Dumpster pick-up and deliveries shall be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - iv. No outdoor loudspeakers will be allowed. Sound level from any indoor or outdoor speaker shall be 0 decibels measured at the property line.
 - v. Lighting shall be down-cast and directed in towards the property so that it does not shine into nearby residential properties.
 - vi. Existing billboard on the property shall remain as it is and no other billboard shall be allowed.
 - vii. The owner shall repair or repaint any graffiti or vandalism on the property within 72 hours.
 - viii. Peddlers and parking lot sales are prohibited.
 - e. Abide by the following requirements, dedications and improvements:

- i. Any restaurant uses shall utilize modern odor scrubbing and air filtration equipment to minimize smoke, odor or other effects on surrounding properties. They shall also comply with all County, State and EPA health regulations. Final approval of restaurant design must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning.
- ii. All roof mounted HVAC equipment shall be screened from view.
- 5.) In 2010, the owner applied for a change in the zoning condition relative to the buffer as follows: "Provide a retaining wall along the property line as generally depicted in the site plan approved herewith (with such modifications as required to accommodate actual site development and wall construction approved by the Director of Planning and Development). Adjacent to Mr. Holben's residential property along the base of the retaining wall, provide a row of Thuga Green Giants, Leyland Cypress or other evergreen trees as approved by the Director of Planning and Development. The trees shall be a minimum of 8- feet in height at time of planting. Along the top of the retaining wall, provide a 5-foot-high vinyl coated chain link fence."
- 6.) The Board of Commissioners denied the request for a change in the buffer condition.
- 7.) In 2011, the property was annexed into the city. Additionally, in 2011, the property was foreclosed.
- 8.) There is an existing billboard on the site which the applicant indicates can't be removed due to a 99-year lease.
- 9.) Currently, the property is zoned Gwinnett County Annexed, Neighborhood Business (GC-A, C-1), which is subject to the Gwinnett County zoning regulations in existence at the time of annexation.
- 10.) The applicant proposes to combine the lots and build two buildings on the site a 60,870-sf warehouse and a 14,500-sf building to house executive offices and a showroom.
- 11.) The proposed use is not permitted in GC-A, C-1.
- 12.) The applicant proposes rezoning the site to Light Industrial, M-1, which allows "enclosed warehouse with offices, business office and wholesaling with offices."
- 13.) Use of the subject property has evolved since the initial application. Originally, the larger building was proposed to contain warehouse, office and showroom space with the smaller building proposed for accessory retail sales. The updated application indicates that the larger building will be used exclusively for warehouse and associated warehouse workers' offices, restrooms and break room and the smaller building will contain executive offices, a showroom for wholesale buyers and a basement for storage.
- 14.) Each building is a principal use, which is not allowed per Sec. 78-64 of the zoning ordinance.
- 15.) To support the project, 80 parking spaces and 7 loading spaces are proposed in accordance with the city's parking standard.
- 16.) A site plan and building elevation were submitted with the application. The following changes are noted:
 - a. The 75-foot buffer adjacent to R-100 properties is labeled and shown to be undisturbed, except for the 4,827-sf portion that is requested to be modified.
 - b. The proposed height of the buildings and any roof-mounted equipment will be 40 feet and meet the M-1 maximum height limit.
 - c. The proposed detention area and associated walls are no longer located on top of the 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe. However, when Gwinnett County needs to maintain the pipe, it seems likely that the proposed stormwater management

system would be impacted by the repair area needed to access the 60-inch pipe, which is buried approximately 50 feet deep.

- d. Curb cuts have been reduced from three to two.
- 17.) In addition to needing a zoning change, the applicant's plan for development requires variances from multiple M-1 standards. The applicant has requested 3 concurrent variances, as described below.
- 18.) The applicant has requested a modification of the 75-foot buffer required between M-1 and R-100 (Sec. 78-242). While the majority of the property abuts commercially or industrially zoned property, the northeast corner abuts residential property zoned R-100.
- 19.) The buffer is required to shield or block noise, light, glare, visual or other conditions, and/or to minimize physical passage to non-similar areas, and/or reduce air pollution, dust, dirt and litter. It is intended to protect the less intense residential district from the impacts of the more intense industrial district.
- 20.) There are two abutting properties zoned R-100, one is an undeveloped land-locked property owned by Joseph T Ryerson & Sons, Inc. The applicant has requested relief from providing the 75-foot buffer along a portion of this property to be able to use this area, approximately 4,827-sf, to allow for stormwater infrastructure and encroachment by a portion of the smaller building. In addition, eligible trees saved in this area can be used to meet the tree density standard; or trees can be planted in this area for tree density credit.
- 21.) The second variance request is to reduce the 10-acre district area minimum required by Sec. 78-243(1) because the lots in question, even when combined, total just shy of 5 acres.
- 22.) When combined with contiguous industrially zoned property the area of the district would be approximately 23 acres. However, this property does not have access to the other acreage such that they could be considered a "district area." The constraints of this particular property, the number and size of the buildings, the amount of parking and the need for large trucks to access and exit the property make reducing the district area minimum inappropriate.
- 23.) The third variance request is to reduce the front setback from 75 feet to 11.11 feet where there is a roughly 63.5-foot jog in the right-of-way of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to accommodate stormwater infrastructure. This creates an unusual lot shape. The buildings will be set back a consistent distance from the paved roadway, and neither are located closer than 75 feet to the front property line as shown on the revised site plan.
- 24.) Staff assumes that while the variance is not needed as the project is drawn, the applicant wants the flexibility to adjust building location during detailed design and engineering without being adversely impacted by a front setback requirement measured from the cut-out.
- 25.) In evaluating the application against the standards for zoning, staff offers the following:
 - a. Whether a proposed rezoning will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property. The corporate headquarters is suitable in terms of the use and development of some of the adjacent and nearby property. However, the subject site is adjacent to an established residential district to the north/northeast, and light industrial zoning to accommodate the proposed development is not harmonious with the established residential area.
 - b. Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property. The development of the subject site as proposed will adversely impact the adjacent and nearby established residential property.
 - c. Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned. The subject site is currently zoned for neighborhood business uses and has been zoned as such since 2007. It was

rezoned from M-1, Light Industry, to its current C-1 designation in 2007 with a plan for development with C-1 uses that never came to fruition and was foreclosed in 2011.

- d. Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools. Staff reached out to Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Gwinnett County Department of Transportation (DOT) for comment regarding the burden to existing infrastructure that the proposed development could create. Gwinnett DOT has not yet responded, but Gwinnett DWR provided comments which must be addressed by the applicant, including application for a sewer capacity request to ensure that there is adequate water and sewer to serve the proposed development.
- e. Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of any land use plan then in effect. While the Peachtree Industrial District provides for the following uses: shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses, the rezoning and proposed development are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Berkeley Lake. Acceptable light industrial uses would closely adhere to the zoning and landscape standards of the city to make the industrial nature of the development harmonious with surrounding land uses.
- f. Whether there are existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which provide supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning. Existing conditions to be considered:
 - i. This site is sensitive due to severe topography and location directly upstream from natural features that include a creek, a pond and a lake. Post-development stormwater management as well as erosion and sedimentation control are of the utmost importance.
 - ii. According to Sec. 78-64 of the zoning ordinance, only one principal building or use is allowed on a lot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the application to rezone as well as denial of the three concurrent variances. A change in zoning from GC-A(C-1) to M-1 for the proposed use reflected on the revised site plan is not suitable considering the surrounding land use pattern, and particularly the established residential area adjacent to the north/northeast. In addition, the proposed site plan shows development of two buildings, which is inconsistent with the zoning ordinance.

The variance requests are independently recommended for denial for the following reasons:

Variance 1 - While the buffer area requested to be modified is adjacent to an undeveloped land-locked parcel, it serves as protection for the established residential area to the northeast and should not be modified.

Variance 2 – While the site is adjacent to an industrial subdivision of approximately 20 acres in size, that subdivision was developed with shared infrastructure including road and stormwater infrastructure. This property does not have access to that adjacent industrial subdivision nor the ability to share its infrastructure. To the extent the intent behind the district area minimum was to facilitate the development of cohesive, planned industrial parks, the subject property would be considered a separate M-1 district area. Given the lot constraints, the district area should not be reduced.

Variance 3 – While the cut-out does create an unusual shape, variance approval is conditional on the property being developed in conformance with the site plan. Given that the buildings meet the 75-foot front setback as currently proposed, there is no variance needed, and a variance to a hypothetical situation should not be granted. If through the design and engineering phase of the

project it becomes necessary to shift the buildings closer than 75-feet to the cut-out in the property, a variance request should be submitted for consideration.

However, if the Planning and Zoning Commission were to recommend approval of the rezoning and variance requests, staff suggests the following conditions:

- 1.) The property shall be developed in substantial accordance with the submitted proposed Site Plan entitled "Rezoning Site Plans for 4477-4487 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Berkeley Lake, GA 30092, Gwinnett County," prepared by GAK Engineering, Inc. dated Oct. 23, 2023 and submitted to the Mayor and City Council on Jan. 18, 2024 (the "Site Plan"), with modification to meet conditions of zoning or State, County, and City regulations. Such modification, if substantial in the discretion of the City Administrator, will require Mayor and Council approval through an application for rezoning/change in conditions.
- 2.) There shall be no more than one principal building on the property. Permitted uses shall be limited to the following M-1 uses:
 - a. Enclosed warehouse with offices,
 - b. Wholesaling with offices, and
 - c. Business office
- 3.) Building construction shall be in accordance with building elevations submitted with the application. Structures shall be constructed of the following materials: Albond aluminum composite panel and the sample material provided at the meeting, specifications to be provided by the applicant.
- 4.) If no building permit shall have been issued for the proposed use by January 1, 2027, the entire property shall revert to the C-1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed) zoning classification.
- 5.) Stormwater management facilities shall be designed in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, current edition, at the time the project is submitted for LDP. A landscape plan will be required for the bioretention area, and maintenance plan will be required for both the bioretention area and the detention pond. Discharge of the stormwater detention facility will not be permitted on steep slopes. Engineered plans for all retaining walls shall be required prior to issuance of a LDP. Construction of detention pond and walls atop the existing 60" RCP shall not be allowed. Documentation of County approval of location of pond walls in the vicinity of the prescriptive easement on the 60" RCP shall be provided prior to issuance of an LDP. Post-developed flow rates from onsite runoff shall be equal to or less than 70% of pre-developed flow rates from onsite runoff.
- 6.) Lighting shall be down-cast and directed in towards the property so that it does not shine into nearby residential buildings or properties. Lighting shall be consistent with what is termed "dark sky lighting."
- 7.) There shall be no less than a 75-foot undisturbed, vegetated buffer and no less than a 75-foot building and parking drive setback where the property is adjacent to residentially zoned property. Where there is inadequate vegetative screening to achieve an opaque screen, supplemental plantings in accordance with Sec. 42-224 of the City of Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances shall be required.
- 8.) A Landscaping Plan shall be provided for the site, including areas within the 75-foot buffer that are sparsely vegetated, to be approved by the City Administrator.

- 9.) Buffers shall be undisturbed except for landscaping and/or planting anticipated or required by the preceding two conditions.
- 10.) Outdoor storage and display shall be prohibited.
- Location and design of curb cuts on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard shall be approved by the governmental entity with jurisdiction over Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.
- 12.) Dumpster pick-up and deliveries shall be limited to between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 13.) The owners shall timely repair or repaint any graffiti or vandalism and remove any refuse or garbage dumped on the property.
- 14.) The owner shall abide by the following requirements:
 - a. All roof-mounted equipment shall be screened from view on all sides.
 - b. The total height of any buildings, including any roof mounted equipment such as solar panels and/or HVAC equipment, shall not exceed 40 feet from the mean ground level grade of the building.
- 15.) No outdoor loudspeakers will be allowed. Sound level from any indoor or outdoor speaker or equipment shall be 0 decibels measured at the property line.
- 16.) Address all comments from the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources as follows:
 - a. Locate the existing 48-inch Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) reuse line on the southwest corner of the property. The line should be located both vertically and horizontally to determine if there will be appropriate cover over the line during all phases of construction, and if the line is able to handle the traffic anticipated over it. Designate the easement on the site plan.
 - b. Submit a sewer capacity request to verify available capacity at the Garner Industrial Pump Station.
 - c. Confirm that the existing sewer on the southern portion of the site, designated as vitrified clay pipe, is adequate for the anticipated depth and traffic for this development. If conditions are likely to compromise the integrity of the pipe, the developer must implement protection.
 - d. Confirm whether the abandoned 8-inch vitrified clay pipe bisecting the parcel has a dedicated easement.
 - e. Permanent structures are prohibited from being built in the existing sewer easement. The site design or sewer may need to be adjusted to avoid the walls from the loading docks encroaching on the easement and show the easement in the design plans. Confirm that the pipe is adequate for the anticipated depth and traffic for this development. If conditions are likely to compromise the integrity of the pipe, the developer must implement protection.
 - f. Connect to existing 16-inch ductile iron pipe water main located on the southern right-of-way of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard via jack-and-bore. Provide adequate easements for the bore and receiving pit.
- 17.) All new utility lines shall be located underground.

- 18.) Provide streetlights along all public rights-of-way utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures. Light source shall be high-pressure sodium. Streetlights shall be staggered, 150 feet on-center. All street lighting shall be subject to review and approval of the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation. Where applicable, streetlights shall be placed adjacent to required pedestrian amenity sidewalk pads. The fixture head shall be a cobra head. The pole type shall be fluted (black). And the maximum pole height shall be 40 feet.
- 19.) Provide lighting throughout all parking areas utilizing decorative light poles/fixtures. Light source shall be metal halide, not exceeding an average of 4.5 foot-candles of light output through the parking area. Light fixtures shall be hooded. Lighting shall be directed to avoid intrusion on adjacent properties and away from adjacent thoroughfares. Light fixtures shall be as follows: Fixture Head = Box Head, Pole Type = fluted black, height = 35' max.
- 20.) Dumpsters shall be screened from view on all four sides. Screening shall consist of three solid walls of brick, stucco or split-faced block construction, two feet taller than the height of the dumpster, with 100 percent solid metal or wooden gates. Dumpsters shall be placed in the rear yard.
- 21.) Natural vegetation shall remain on the property until issuance of a development permit.
- 22.) Owner shall post a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00, at least 40% to be in cash with the remainder to be provided by a surety properly licensed, registered and in good standing with the State of Georgia, the form of which is subject to approval by the City Attorney. The bond shall be to guarantee performance of the owner's obligation to prevent silting of the pond downstream of the property. The bond shall remain in place until the later of five years after final completion of the site work or issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for the buildings.
- 23.) Portable buildings shall be prohibited.
- 24.) All mechanical, HVAC and like systems shall be screened from street level view on all sides by an opaque wall or fence of brick, stucco, split-faced block or wood.
- 25.) These conditions shall be printed on any plat recorded and attached to any plat of a lot provided to buyers. The failure for a plat to contain any or all of the conditions shall not relieve any person of full compliance with each condition.
- 26.) If the applicant has made any promises, memorialized in writing and signed by the applicant or its authorized agent, to owners of properties contiguous to the property, and those writings have been filed with the City Administrator prior to approval of this application, issuance of any development or building permit will be conditioned upon fulfillment of such promises.
- 27.) This zoning with conditions shall have no precedential impact with regard to other properties in the City of Berkeley Lake, including but not limited to adjacent properties.

STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL:

In considering whether to recommend approval or denial of the request to rezone the property to M-1, Light Industrial, the commission must evaluate the application based on the criteria specified in Sec. 78-394 of the zoning ordinance:

Standards governing the exercise of zoning power:

- (1) Whether a proposed rezoning will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;
- (2) Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property;
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;
- (4) Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools;
- (5) Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of any land use plan then in effect; and
- (6) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which provide supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning.

In considering whether to grant or deny the variances, the commission must evaluate the application based on the criteria specified in Section 78-366 (a)(1) of the zoning ordinance:

- a) Applications for variances.
 - (1) All applications for variances shall be submitted initially, in writing, to the planning and zoning commission of the city, which shall consider these requests at its next called meeting. The planning and zoning commission may authorize such variance from the terms of this zoning chapter as will not be contrary to the public interest. The spirit of this chapter shall be observed, the public safety, health and welfare secured and substantial justice done. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or have authorized representation. Such variances may be granted in individual cases if the planning and zoning commission finds that:
 - a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in question because of its size, shape or topography; and
 - b. The application of this chapter to this particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship; and
 - c. Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved; and
 - d. Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and
 - e. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public nor impair the purposes or intent of this chapter; and
 - f. The variance is granted for a use of land or building or structure that is not prohibited by this chapter.

SITE PHOTOS







LOCATION MAP







Aerial photo depicting stormwater infrastructure





October 30, 2023

Applicant: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC 4595 Winters Chapel Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360

Subject Property: 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. (Tax parcels R6268 043 R6268 044) **Current Zoning:** C-1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed) and *The Peachtree Corner Activity Center Corridor Overlay* which relates to the old Gwinnett County C-1 zoning that existed at the time of annexation in 2011. 19,525 retail center with a 5,525 square foot restaurant and 125 parking spaces

Proposed Zoning: M-1, Light Industrial, City of Berkeley Lake

ROW Access: Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

Application: #_____

Exhibit "A" Website for BuilderStone

Exhibit "B" Photo

Exhibit "C" first 15 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-2023

Exhibit "D" Lot 17 Retention Lake

Exhibit "E" 1987 Plat

Exhibit "F" Drawing

Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan

AMENDED LETTER OF INTENT

Dear City of Berkeley Lake,

This firm represents BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC ("BuilderStone" or "Company"), a Georgia company currently located near Norcross, Georgia. BuilderStone has been in business since 2017. It is owned by Taner Baltaci, a Georgia resident who immigrated from Turkey, and who has been in this business for over 20 years. The Company serves the Atlanta and Georgia market as well as an approximately 300-mile radius from the state.

BuilderStone sells high-quality stone from around the world, including but not limited to, marble, granite, quartz and quartzite with such fanciful names as CALACATTA BLACK SEA (a black quartz with white veins), INTERSTELLAR (a spotted quartz), SNOW WHITE QUARTZ (white dappled quartz), MANHATTAN (a blue-veined quartzite), TYPHON BORDEAU (granite with wine-colored streaks). (see Exhibit "A," Website for BuilderStone)

BuilderStone, a family intergenerational business, is a wholesaler that sells slabs of stone (the "Products") directly to designers, architects, developers, distributors, stone installers and fabricators to create the final product for their own customers. The fabrication or cutting of slabs of stone for the final product does not occur on site.

49 Atlanta Street Marietta, Georgia 30060



The Company has outgrown its current rented location in Norcross and seeks to create a headquarters for its business for decades to come within the City of Berkeley Lake. BuilderStone was encouraged by the great location on Peachtree Industrial as well the reputation of Berkeley Lake as business-friendly community as it has expanded its footprint and tax base through commercial annexation.

BuilderStone sees the approximately 5-acre foreclosure site (the "Property), blighted and not living up to its commercial tax-base potential, as an ideal location for a "campus." This would include a primary building of 60,870 square feet to be used as warehouse for the Products to include offices/restrooms/break space for the warehouse workers ("Warehouse Primary Building"). A 14,500 SF (7,250 SF for the 1st floor and 7,250 SF for the 2nd floor) accessory building (with a basement for storage uses) that will house the corporate offices for the BuilderStone executive staff and wholesale salesforce, as well as showcase samples of the Product for wholesale buyers ("Accessory Building"). The height will not exceed 40 feet. Buyers would primarily visit the Accessory Building and order Products with the sales staff located within it. Having the separate Accessory Building allows customers to be kept separate and safe from the warehouse operations which includes moving around very large stone slabs with heavy equipment. For liability insurance purposes, it is preferred to keep customers out of warehouse and harms' way.

The uses of both structures clearly falls within the City's M-1 Light Industrial category (dated 2010, prior to annexation) which allows "Enclosed warehouse with offices," "wholesaling with offices," "Business office" and "Enclosed accessory buildings," as well as "Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses." (see Sec. 78-240. - Uses permitted, *below*).

The Accessory Building is also part of goal to create a "campus" – a beautiful, modern, interconnected headquarters that will be visual and economic boast to the City. The hope is that such high-quality, smart development can spur continued redevelopment of aged lots and facilities within the annexed commercial areas. The Company hopes that the development will be a source of pride for the City. The City itself, has articulated the goal of encouraging redevelopment along Peachtree Industrial. (See below.)

City of Berkeley Lake Comprehensive Plan p. 22. "Redevelopment and Attracting Businesses. There are no large vacant parcels for redevelopment within the city, nor is there any imminent opportunity for annexation. Parcels fronting on or south of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard have been a strong contributor to the city's tax base since annexation, and many of these properties represent the city's best opportunities for redevelopment. The city should continue to invest in planning to maximize the potential of these areas and make them as attractive as possible for investment and reinvestment." (emphasis provided).



The City's Comprehensive Plan, per state law requirements (O.C.G.A. 50-8-7.1 et seq.), is to state the community vision for the future physical development of the community. Reviewing the plan, not only is the Property included (in the color orange) in the "Peachtree Industrial District," but there is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan excluding the Property from the Plan. (See Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan). BuilderStone's intended use of storage warehouse and wholesale sales is about as light of an industrial use that one can get (The Plan states the uses for the District are "shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses").

I. The Property

BuilderStone is seeking to combine and rezone two lots (a total of approximately 5 acres) located on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. from C-1, GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT ("Gwinnett") to M-1 under the City's Code.

There are several reasons to combine the lots:

- To have the principal building warehouse to utilize one lot and the portion of the other
- To add interconnectivity for vehicles and pedestrian use throughout the Property
- To globally manage the and improve the entire stormwater system for the entire Property
- To create a "Campus" in which the primary and accessory buildings are connected for business operations and will be transferred together under common and continuous ownership.

The Property, a bank-owned foreclosure that has been vacant for many years and is used for illegal dumping, has several features that make it unique.

- 1. **Billboard.** The Property is subject to a 99-year lease for a billboard which is held by Lamar. Such lease requires that there be clearance to allow the billboard to be seen from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. This limits the placement of buildings. (Please see Ex. B, Photo, attached hereto). The billboard prevents a large portion of the warehouse building from being taller than a single story.
- 2. **Utility and Stormwater Easements**. The Property is subject to multiple easements including utility and sewer easements parallel to the roadway at the top of the Property. (Please see the Survey included with the application). The Property is further subject to multiple stormwater easements that direct runoff water from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. as well as the West Gwinnett Park & Aquatic Center across the street as part of a 91-acre basin (*See* Ex. C, first 15 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-2023).
- 3. **Property Line Cut-Out.** The Property is subject to an approximately 3,000 foot cut-out ("Cut-Out") adjacent to the road for stormwater easements directing runoff from Peachtree Industrial and the Aquatic Center.

BuilderStone has already spent significant funds to work with engineers for site and building plans to work within the confines of the issues above. BuilderStone is committed to taking the



time, effort and money to work with these challenges to make the Property a location for a productive business and increase the commercial tax base for the City.

II. Design

The Warehouse Primary Building (Please see Ex. F, Drawing, attached hereto) will have a design substantially similar design to the Drawing, and the Accessory Building will have a complimenting design as shown in the Drawing. (Please note the front of the Warehouse Primary Building will be lowered to accommodate the site line of the billboard to comply with billboard lease requirements). The warehouse will not look like a typical warehouse or be constructed of corrugated steal or some other substandard material. Rather, the building will have a steel frame and the exterior will be: Albond (brand name) aluminum composite panels (see learn more at https://www.agi.pt/en/construction-materials/albond/). There will be solar panels on the roof. However, such panels are intended to primarily lay flat and blend into the roof of the warehouse. There is no City code regarding the specific use of solar panels.

The HVAC unit for the Warehouse Primary Building will be not on the roof, but on the side or back and hidden from view. The HVAC unit for the Accessory Building will either be on the room (screened or hidden from view) or the side.

The Property primarily backs up to a M-1 (Gwinnett) manufacturing park (Peachtree Lakes Drive) and such design will be compatible with nearby manufacturing and commercial business visible from Peachtree Industrial.

The Warehouse Primary Building will have an internal loading and unloading system whereby a truck enters into the building, turns off its engine, and the entire loading process occurs within the walls of the building. It then exists the building.

The Accessory Building will be of a design to complement the Primary Building. The building will be two-story, with a basement (used only for storage). The Accessory Building shares driveways and a parking lot with the Principal Building to create a natural flow between the related buildings.

III. Stormwater Management.

At the beginning of this re-zoning process, BuilderStone was told to pay special attention to the stormwater issues. That is exactly what BuilderStone did, hiring experts in engineering, including stormwater and hydrology engineering, to design the site and the stormwater facilities. BuilderStone paid for an extensive hydrology report for the City that gave detailed information on the entire basin of where the Property is located.

BuilderStone has planned a stormwater management system to include a Bioretention Basin and Extended Dry Detention (EDD) Pond in accordance with standard engineering practices. Such



improvements are estimated to be at least \$300,000. (See Ex. C, first 10 pages, PIB Hydro Report 9-20-23, attached hereto).

Such system has been designed by George Kyiamah, the Principal Engineer and Managing Partner of GAK Engineering, Inc. Kyiamah has been a practicing engineer for over 20 years. His past positions include the Stormwater Review Manager for Department of Planning & Development for Gwinnett County. (For more information Mr. Kyiamah's engineering positions and projects, go to https://www.linkedin.com/in/george-kyiamah-87128912).

Please note that page 3 of the Site Plan includes the elevations of the site including the Bioretention Basin.

IV. Buffer Area (along Holben property line) and History

Nearly the entire 75-foot area adjacent to the Holben property line is filled with a large easement detention pond easement (the "Stormwater Easement") and numerous stormwater/drainage easements that include pipes and concrete culverts. Such Detention Pond and easements have been in place, in written recorded easements and plats, since at least 1987. (*Please see* Ex. E, "1987 Plat," attached hereto.) Such stormwater system directs stormwater directly from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and the West Gwinnett Aquatic Center, which eventually drains into the "Retention Lake" on Lot 17 of Berkeley Lake Estates, then under Lake Shore Drive (Please see Ex D. Lot 17 Retention Lake) into Berkeley Lake. The Retention Lake of Lot 17 is part of the Water Distribution System as approved in 1974 by the City of Berkeley Lake Berkeley Lake Planning Commission, the City Engineer and Mayor.

BuilderStone, even though it has the legal right to use this longstanding Stormwater Easement, has agreed to allow a 75-foot buffer to be in place (the "Buffer Area"). This has resulted in a significant loss of building space. BuilderStone in return has reworked the site plan to relocate its bioretention pond and other site improvements, and adjust the size of the Accessory Building.

To the extent that the City Manager has argued that the Applicant's development does not have enough room on the site, this argument does not take into account that BuilderStone has given up significant area for the buffer that was not originally planned in its Application. However BuilderStone has stepped up to the challenge to redesign the stormwater facilities and rework the entire site, at significant cost, to make it work. BuilderStone, and its engineers put in significant time and resources to create a great site plan.

It is not unreasonable for a 5-acre site on a major highway to include a primary and an accessory building to create a corporate headquarters. Especially when the BuilderStone has taken significant and meaningful actions to address the City's, the Planning Commission's and residents' concerns.

There has not been a formal tree count and identification within the Buffer Area. That is typically part of the LDP process, if needed, not done at the zoning stage. The trees on the site



plan are an estimate only. The surveyor only marked 3 trees as existing. Surveyors do not usually note every tree, rather just ones it notes as significant. The surveyor is not considered an expert on trees, their location, or variety, and a survey is not expected to note such detail. Even though the proposed conditions for the Planning Meeting on October 10, 2023 stated that "Owner shall not remove the current trees or vegetation within 75 feet of the property line of Lot 17," the City has stated that it believed BuilderStone intended to cut down the trees in the Buffer Area. That is not the case. To clarify so there is no confusion: TO CONFIRM, BUILDERSTONE IS NOT CUTTING DOWN ANY TREES IN THE 75 FOOT BUFFER AREA NEXT TO MR. HOLBEN. THE TREES AND VEGETATION THAT IS CURRENTLY THERE WILL REMAIN.

V. 60' Stormwater Pipe (Gwinnett County)

There is a 60-inch pipe located 50 feet below the surface along with an easement presumably benefitting the County (the "Stormwater Easement"). This easement is not in writing and is only referenced, vaguely, in the 1987 plat (See Ex. "E," 1987 Plat). Gwinnett County's legal department (Attorney Nathan Wood) stated that the County has a "prescriptive easement" which means that County claims a right to where the actual pipe runs through the ground because it has been there for so long. As such, the County declined to state what it believes can and cannot be built on the land above the pipe easement or dictate to the Property Owner. The county did state it would *prefer* retention walls or buildings not be built on top of the pipe because it is *expensive* for the County to repair such structures. It stated that it was not too expensive to replace driveways, parking spaces or retention ponds and similar surface improvements. The County also stated the pipe is not very old and that the County is not expecting that it will need maintenance or replacement for years.

Nevertheless, BuilderStone, to work in good faith with the Gwinnett County, has significantly redesigned its site plan to move the bioretension basin to the north so that there will be no retention walls over the County's easement.

VI. Tree ordinance.

The City of Berkeley Lake has a tree ordinance largely adopted in 2010 -- before the annexation of properties along Peachtree Industrial. Such ordinance, which provides no differing standard for commercial development and residential lots requires 40 TDU (tree density unit). Such TDU is extremely high for commercial property. For instance, Peachtree Corners is 16 to 20 TDU for commercial property, the Gwinnett Overlay District is 20 TDU for commercial property (the **Property as Gwinnett C-1 is currently under this TDU**), Norcross is 16 TDU for commercial property, and Duluth 20 TDU for non-residential. Not only is the 40 TDU high, but the city also does not allow any trees within a buffer to count -- which is uncommon in commercial code. (According to Mr. Holben, who said he has entered the Property and counted the trees, there are an estimated 200 to 250 trees in the buffer area).

Given the strict tree ordinance, the City's ordinance does provide the following as relief:



Sec. 42-350. – Appeals and waivers. Variance from the zoning ordinance. The preservation of trees may be considered as a condition peculiar to a piece of property in support of a request for a variance from the literal application of the provisions of the zoning ordinance, under the procedures and requirements contained therein.

Although this code section is not clearly written, the general idea is that the strict tree requirements should be considered when allowing requested variances to accommodate such tree requirements or the space such tree requirements demands. BuilderStone, when seeking its three (3) variances, requests that you consider this code provision's relief.

VII. Buildings and Use under M-1 Zoning

BuilderStone's site plan includes an Accessory Building to the Primary Building. As stated above, the Primary Building with its Accessory Building will be an integral part of the business operations of BuilderStone. The stone slab Products are warehoused in the Primary Building and shipped from the Building (the primary use) and sold wholesale by the sales staff in the Accessory Building where customers will also see samples of the Products. For safety reasons, wholesale customers are not expected to enter the Warehouse Primary Building, where the Products are stored and then shipped to their final locations.

TO CONFIRM, THERE WILL BE NO RETAIL SALES ANYWHERE ON THE SITE. While BuilderStone would have liked to expanded its business in offering Products to the public as it offered to its wholesale customers in the Accessory Building, BuilderStone has abandoned those plans due to the City Staff's objection to retail, either under current zoning code or a proposed change to the City's Code.

The Accessory Building and the Warehouse Primary Building are allowed by the City's code. For the Accessory Building, both the structure itself as a "Enclosed accessory building" (it will be an enclosed structure) and the use, "Wholesaling with Offices" and "Business office," as well as "Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses (Please see the Code section below specifically for M-1 zoning).

Sec. 78-240. - Uses permitted.

In M-1 light industrial districts, the following uses are permitted:

- (1) Enclosed manufacturing industries meeting the performance standards established by this chapter.
- (2) Enclosed warehouse with offices. (emphasis provided)
- (3) Public utility.
- (4) Enclosed service or repair.
- (5) Machinery and transportation equipment sales and service.
- (6) Enclosed industrial processing service.
- (7) Wholesaling with offices. (emphasis provided)



- (8) **Business office.** (emphasis provided)
- (9) Enclosed accessory buildings. (emphasis provided)

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- (12) Other light industrial uses upon the findings of the planning commission that such uses are of the same general character as those provided for herein, that meet the standards of this zoning district and which will not be detrimental to the other uses within the district as to the adjoining land uses. (Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, 10-21-2010) (emphasis provided)
- ** Please note that the City Code regarding Accessory Buildings or Accessory Structures is contradictory in other areas of the Code outside of the M-1 Zoning. See the end of this subsection for a discussion of the same, below are some other code provisions regarding Accessory buildings or structures.

The City Manager has asked if the warehouse building can be made larger so there is no accessory building. The Warehouse Primary Building, due to the constraints of the billboard and the stormwater easements (over which the Company has decided not to place any structure), the Warehouse Primary Building cannot expand to the north. Having the Accessory Building on the other side of the stormwater easements makes that most sense for the site. However, whether there is additional square footage added to the Warehouse Primary Building, or additional square footage added by the Accessory Building, the number of square footage and the developed percentage of the Property remains approximately the same.

Additionally, as stated above, BuilderStone seeks to keep wholesale customers out of the warehouse for business, safety and insurance reasons.

The City Manager has further asked why the project cannot be reduced. Builderstone has carefully created a site plan to work around on-site matters so that size does not have to be substantially reduced. Builderstone's goal is to create the space needed for its business and maximize, in a sensible and economical way, the potential of the Property. In addition, more space means more business, which means more tax revenue to the City. Utilizing the Property to its maximum potential, including increasing the commercial tax base, aligns with the stated goals of the City in its Comprehensive Plan.

** Please note that the City Code regarding Accessory Buildings or Accessory Structures is contradictory. Below are some other code provisions regarding Accessory buildings or structures.

Sec. 78-89. - Accessory uses or structures.

(c) Accessory structure requirements apply only to residential zoning districts. Any structure built on commercial or industrial zoned property shall be considered a principal structure.

(Code 2004, § 39-401; Ord. No. O-31-05c, 2-2-2006; Ord. No. O-61-07, 1-17-2008; Ord. No. O-91-08, 12-18-2008; Ord. No. O-109-09, 11-19-2009; Ord. No. O-171-14, § 1, 9-18-2014)



However the code below then allows a principal structure and accessory building on a lot. Also, the M-1 code and I-O code specifically allow accessory buildings.

Sec. 78-64. - Only one principal building or lot use.

Only one principal building or structure or use and its customary accessory building and uses shall be permitted on any lot. (Code 2004, § 39-305)

Please note that such code dated 2004 predates the annexation of the parcels at issue.

Sec. 78-3. - Definitions.

(a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Accessory buildings and uses means a subordinate building or portion of the main building, the use of which is incidental to that of the dominant use of the main building or land including bona fide servants' quarters. An accessory use is one which is incidental to the main use of the premises.

Accessory structure means a detached subordinate structure, the use of which is clearly incidental or related to that of the principal structure or use of the land, and which is located on the same lot as that of the principal structure or use.

VIII. Standard Governing the Exercise of Zoning Power

a. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

The M-1 proposed zoning fits well within the existing Berkeley Lake zoning, businesses and uses as follows:

- (i) The Property is directly adjacent to over 20 acres combined acres of M-1 Gwinnett.
- (ii) The Property fits into the City's Comprehensive Plan which includes the Property in its "Peachtree Industrial District" designation which it describes as: "Peachtree Industrial Corridor: This area denotes accessible centers of businesses, services, and complementary uses, which may include mixed use developments, along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard that contribute extensively to the economic base of the city. Exclusively commercial shopping centers that already exist are at present stable and desirable, but may be redeveloped as mixed-use activity centers during the planning horizon. Such areas should be transformed into less automobile-reliant and more pedestrian-friendly places. Uses: Shopping centers, retail, restaurants offices and some light industrial uses."
- (iii) The home construction-related business of Builderstone fits into the general M-1 businesses of the area and in the City -- some of which are focused on the same home construction industry.



(iv) The Parcel as M-1 will serve as a buffer against the M-2 (Gwinnett) parcel to the North.

b. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use of usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The Property is situated among already zoned properties that have been in current use for many years. The Property zoning will not affect any others' use of their properties. The only two properties that are undeveloped is a land-locked residential parcel that cannot be developed as-is and a M-2 Industrial parcel, owned by an international industrial company.

c. Whether the Property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The Property has been zoned C-1 (Gwinnett) for years but has remained undeveloped and on the market. Given that the Property cannot be entered or exited but by the divided highway and is not located at an intersection with a traffic light, it is not appropriate for neighborhood commercial development to serve the local daily needs of residents. The more limited traffic use of BuilderStone's headquarters and specialized wholesale is more appropriate for this Property.

d. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The proposal zoning is not residential and should not affect schools. The parcel is solely accessed through the existing large divided state highway of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and cannot be accessed through neighborhood streets. The entire length of the Property is accessible by sidewalk in the right of way. The Property has easy access to sewer and other utilities which run through easements through the top of the Property parallel to the road. The zoning of the Property is not expected to cause increased or excessive use of the area features above.

e. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan of the City of Berkeley Lake.

Berkeley Lake's code specially states that a general purpose of a manufacturing district is to "[t]o provide sufficient space in appropriate locations to meet the needs of the city's expected future economy for all types of manufacturing and related activities, with due allowance for the need for a choice of sites." (Sec. 78-238(1)). Builderstone's desire to relocate its headquarters to the City and create a corporate campus, is the kind of high-end, enclosed, low-impact operation to strengthen the economic base of the City and increase the City's tax collection that the City has stated it wants for the future of the City. Pursuant to the City of Berkeley Lake Comprehensive Plan 2019 which places the Property in the "Peachtree Industrial District," (please see Exhibit "G" Zoning Map/Comprehensive Plan", attached hereto) "The annexation of parts of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard provides the city with a non-residential tax base." It further states, "Redevelopment and Attracting Businesses: As there are no opportunities for further annexation of commercial property, the City should invest in planning to maximize the potential of existing commercial areas, making them attractive for investment and redevelopment." BuilderStone headquarters embodies the intent of the City's Comprehensive Plan to support smart redevelopment and the utilization of "existing" areas.



The City Manager has stated the following about BuilderStone's plan:

Staff Report, Oct 10, No. 28 (e)

While the Peachtree Industrial District provides for the following uses: shopping centers, retail, restaurants, offices and some light industrial uses, the rezoning and proposed development are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Berkeley Lake. Acceptable light uses would closely adhere to the zoning and landscape standards of the city in order to make the industrial nature of the development harmonious with surrounding land uses."

BuilderStone respectfully objects to this statement in the Staff report of October 10, 2023 in which the City Manager recommended denial of the rezoning.

The Development falls well within the zoning standards of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as the landscape standards which BuilderStone must follow by Code. Applicant has not indicated or stated that it would not follow the landscape standards of the City, which landscape plan specifics would be decided in the LDP phase. BuilderStone, over the **past 4 months** (the application was originally submitted on or near June 12, 2023, and at significant cost, has worked with the City and the Planning Commission to address their concerns and create a fair, reasonable, and workable site plan. BuilderStone has no intention of building any development that would not be "harmonious" with the City or would not follow zoning and landscape standards. BuilderStone is building this development for its own use as a corporate headquarters for decades to come. It is fully aware that it will be part of the Berkeley Lake community and it wants to be a good neighbor.

BuildStone has twice met with the City's engineer and made changes to the site plan at the engineer's request. BuilderStone has given up its right to the stormwater easement area to appease the City and Mr. Holben, personally. BuilderStone has re-worked.the site plan multiple times to reasonably address the City Manager's and the Planning Commission's concerns. At every step of the way, BuilderStone has been in communication with the City and sought the City's feedback.

f. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use of and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

This is the City's opportunity, as its first zoning in at least 5 years, to set the stage for quality redevelopment for the future of the City.

IX. Variances

Builderstone is seeking variances to make this Property usable, to clarify ambiguous code ordinances,* or to incorporate more modern land-planning principles. A short summary of each variance is below and a full discussion of each variance is attached.



<u>Variance 1</u>: Variance to remove the requirement of a 75-foot residential buffer against tax parcel R6268 019, owned by Ryerson and replace with a 25 foot setback identical to the M-2 Ryerson parcel to the east.

<u>Variance 2</u>: To remove the requirement of a 10-acre "District Area" as the term and specifics of calculation are not defined in the code and the City has historically not enforced such a provision and the property is current located adjacent to over 20 acres of M-1.

<u>Variance 3</u>. To decrease the 75-foot building setback from the road for 49.53 feet of the Cut-Out to be flush with the rest of the 75-foot building setback for the entire parcel to allow construction of the Accessory Building or stormwater improvements that may be needed.

*Please note that the City's code as it relates to development is seemingly at odds with its own code in which it states it adopted the 2004 development code of Gwinnett County. The current code states:

Sec. 14-213. - Development regulations of the county adopted.

The city hereby adopts the development regulations of the county and revisions in effect as of the date of this article, said regulations already having previously been adopted as a part of the Code of the city. A copy of the development regulations and revisions is attached hereto and the same is hereby incorporated by reference herein. A copy shall also be maintained in the office of the city clerk for inspection and purchase by the public.

(Code 2004, § 40-101; Ord. No. O-01-04, § 1(40-101), 2-5-2004)

Enclosed is a copy of the revised conceptual site plan depicting the subject Property and the proposed improvements.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at by phone at 770.457.7000 or email at.

Sincerely,

GREGORY, DOYLE, CALHOUN & ROGERS, LLC

Sincerely,

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REZONING SITE PLANS FOR 4477-4478 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD BERKELEY LAKE, GA 30092 GWINETT COUNTY

PARCEL ID's: 6268 043 & 6268 044

WETLAND CERTIFICATION:

THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL, WHOSE SEAL APPEARS HEREON, CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING: 1) THE NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY MAPS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED; AND, 2) THE APPROPRIATE PLAN SHEET [] DOES/[X] DOES NOT (CIRCLE APPROPRIATE BOX) INDICATE AREAS OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS; AND, 3) IF WETLANDS ARE INDICATE, THE LAND OWNER OR DEVELOPER HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT DISTRURBANCE OF PROTECTED WETLANDS SHALL NOT OCCUR UNLESS THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL WETLANDS ALTERATION ("SECTION 404") PERMIT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

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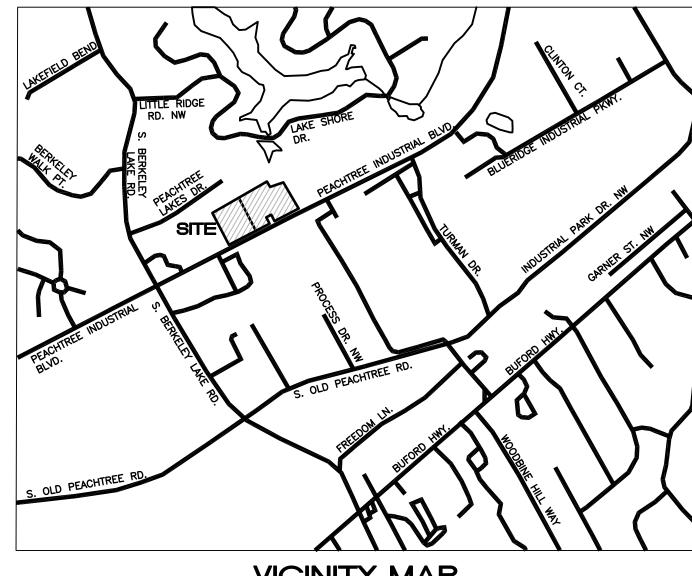
- TOTAL SITE ACREAGE: 4.996 AC. (CURRENT ZONING: C-1; PROPOSED ZONING: M-1)
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- 3. CONTOUR INTERVAL SHOWN HEREON IS ONE (1) FOOT .
 4. SITE IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER.
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 5. SETBACK REQUIREMENT:
 FRONT SETBACK: 75 FEET
 SIDE SETBACK: 25 FEET
- REAR SETBACK: 25 FEET
- THE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT SHALL BE 40 FEET.
 THERE IS NO FLOODPLAIN ON THIS PROPERTY FROM A WATER COURSE WITH A DRAINAGE AREA EXCEEDING 100 ACRES OR FLOODPLAIN PER GWINNETT COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS FEMA FIRM PANEL 13135C 0068G, DATED 03/03/2013.

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<u>UTILITY</u>	OWNER	<u>PHONE</u>
WATER/SEWER	GWINNETT COUNTY	(770) 822-7150
ELECTRIC POWER	GEORGIA POWER	(404) 526-4436
TELEPHONE	BELLSOUTH	(770) 493-3711
NATURAL GAS	ATLANTA GAS LIGHT CO.	(770) 418-2260

FLOOD STATEMENT
THERE IS NO FLOODPLAIN ON THIS PROPERTY FROM A WATER
COURSE WITH A DRAINAGE AREA EXCEEDING 100 ACRES OR
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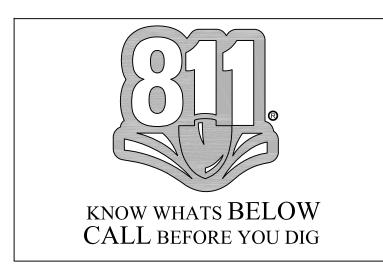
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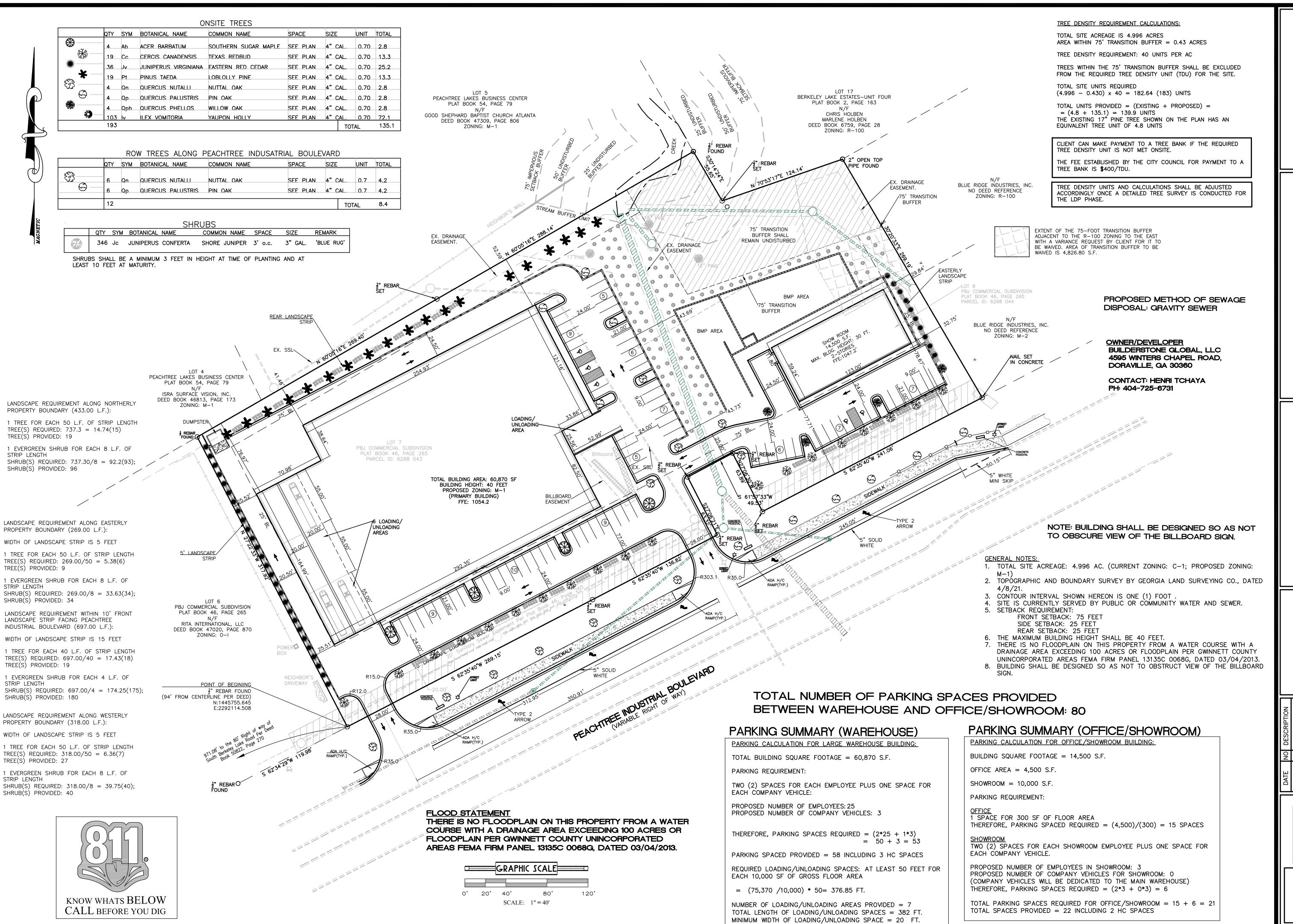
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THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE PERSON(S), OR ENTITY NAMED IN THE CERTFICATE HEREON. SAID CERTIFICATE DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY UN-NAMED PERSON(S) WITHOUT AN EXPRESS RECERTIFICATION BY THE SURVEYOR NAMING SAID PERSON(S).

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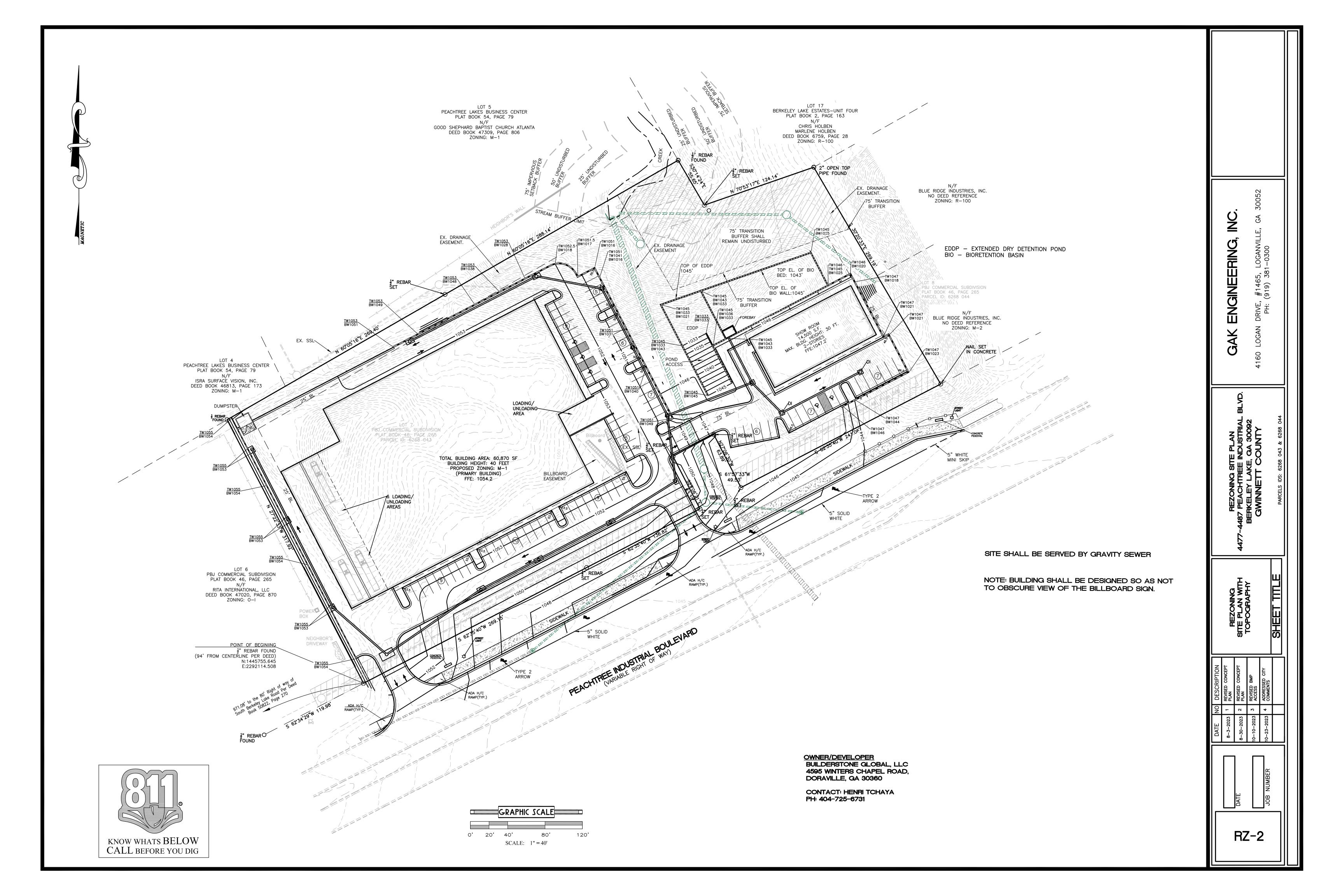
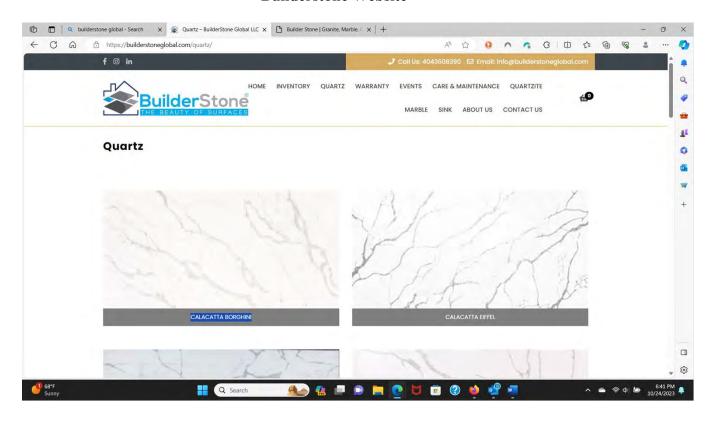


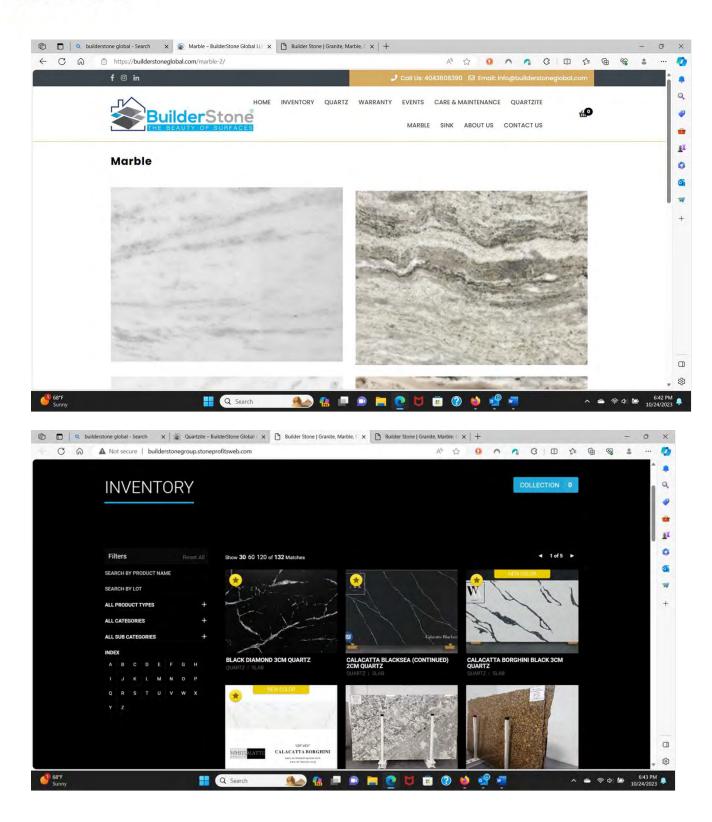


EXHIBIT "A"

Builderstone Website









STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR

4477-4478 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD CITY OF BERKELEY GWINNETT COUNTY

May 18, 2023 Revised September 20, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The detention facilities described herein provide adequate storm water attenuation in accordance with standard engineering practices and methods of analysis for storm water management in The City of Berkeley, Gwinnett County.

The site is located at 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, City of Berkeley, GA 30096, Gwinnett County, zoned C-1 and contains 4.996 acres. The site is bordered on the north by parcels zoned M-1 and R-100, on the south by Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, on the west by an O-I zoned parcel and on the east by parcels zoned R-100 and M-2. The site is partially wooded with thick to little underbrush. The site has rolling terrain with steep slopes and generally drains in a northeasterly direction, mostly towards several depressions onsite that appear to be detention basins. Flows route through these basins are conveyed through a series of pipes and channels into Berkeley located in the residential subdivision to the north of the site. Also, there is a 60" reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) that conveys offsite runoff across the site and eventually into Berkeley Lake. The site is not located in a floodplain as per FEMA Panel No. 13135C 0068G, dated 03/04/2013. A large billboard is located onsite.

The site will be analyzed as one drainage basin, Basins A, consisting of 96.494 acres of which 4.996-acres is onsite and 91.498-acres is offsite. The large offsite basin mostly drains from across Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the south. The point analysis (POA) for the site is located on the northern boundary where runoff is conveyed through a series of ditches and pipes and ultimately into Berkeley Lake.

The client intends to rezone site from C-1 to M-1 and build an office-warehouse development including the associated infrastructure such as driveways, parking, storm and sanitary sewers, utilities, landscaped areas, and a stormwater management BMP. The site is developed such that peak flow in Basin A is increased due to an increase in impervious area from the proposed development. A stormwater management facility is being proposed in Basin A to attenuate post-development peak flows to values equal to or less than the pedevelopment values and provide the required runoff reduction. The proposed stormwater facility will consist of a Bioretention Basin and an Extended Dry Detention (EDD) Pond. Post development drainage Basin A is sub-divided into two drainage areas, Basin A1 and Basin A2. Basin A1 contains 3.655 acres and drains directly to the proposed stormwater management facility. Basin A2 is the 1.341-acre onsite area that bypasses the stormwater management facility and drains directly to the POA. The large offsite area remains unchanged from the pre- to post development condition and contains 91.498 acres.

The bioretention basin provides the required runoff reduction for the proposed development, the higher design storms are routed through the bioretention basin to the EDD pond just downstream, where peak flows are attenuated such that the combined post-development peak flows at the POA are less than predevelopment values. Detention is provided for the 1 to 100-year design storms. Refer to Figures 3 and 4 for Pre- and Post-development Drainage Maps.

The following table presents a summary of flows for the drainage basins:

BASIN-A POA (Onsite Areas Only)

Return Freq. (YR)	Pre- Developed Flows Basin A (cfs)	Post- Developed Peak Flows (Basin A1) (cfs)	Post- Developed By-pass (Basin A2) (cfs)	Peak Routed Flows from EDD Pond (cfs)	Ponding Elevation (ft.)	Detention Storage (cu. ft.)	Post- Developed Flows Basin A (cfs)
1	1.05	11.25	0.52	0.18	1033.99	9,920	0.57
2	2.15	13.42	0.93	0.21	1035.02	13,351	0.99
5	4.61	17.14	1.71	0.42	1036.42	17,988	1.83
10	7.09	20.36	2.47	0.93	1037.01	19,938	2.62
25	11.03	24.95	3.66	2.21	1038.04	23,356	3.85
50	14.42	28.59	4.67	3.68	1038.96	26,419	4.89
100	18.17	32.38	5.77	5.64	1040.00	29,875	6.69

BASIN-A POA (Onsite and Offsite Areas)

Return Freq. (YR)	Pre-Developed Flows Basin A	Post-Developed Flows Basin A
, ,	(cfs)	(cfs)
1	45.72	45.46
2	66.53	66.05
5	105.95	105.03
10	142.95	141.60
25	199.92	198.77
50	248.19	247.35
100	300.45	300.39

TIMES OF CONCENTRATION SUMMARY

	Pre/Post Overland Flow, min	Pre/Post Shallow Flow, min	Pre/Post Open Channel Flow, min	Total Pre-Dev. Tc, min	Total Post-Dev. Tc, min
Basin A (Onsite)	4.480/	3.84/	/	8.32	
Basin A1 (Onsite)	/	/5.00	/		5.00
Basin A2 (Onsite Bypass)	/	/5.00	/		5.00
Basin A (Offsite)	14.00/14.00	12.80/12.80	/	26.80	26.80

CURVE NUMBER SUMMARY

Basins	Pre-Dev. Curve Number	Post-Dev. Curve Number
Basin A (Onsite)	55	
Basin A1 (Onsite)		92.0
Basin A2 (Onsite Bypass)		57.10
Basin A (Offsite)	65	65

SCS 24-HOUR RAINFALL DEPTHS

Design Storm	1	2	5	10	25	50	100
SCS 24-hour rainfall depth (in)	3.29	3.71	4.42	5.03	5.90	6.59	7.31

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HYDROLOGY

The Soil Conservation Service Method was used to estimate the storm-water runoff from the site for the 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100-year storm frequencies. The Hydra-flow Hydrographs for Windows computer model Version 6.0 was used to compute pre-developed and post-developed hydrographs for the drainage basins. The Time of Concentration, Tc and Curve Number, CN was computed for each drainage area based on the Georgia Storm Water Management Manual. (See Appendix A Curve Number, CN and Time of Concentration, Tc calculations).

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The existing site conditions are as described above. The site is analyzed as one drainage basin, Basin A, which consists of 96.494 acres of which 4.996-acres is onsite and 91.498-acres is offsite. The large offsite basin mostly drains from across Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the south. The point analysis (POA) for the site is located on the northern property boundary where runoff is conveyed through a series of ditches and pipes and ultimately into Berkeley Lake. Refer to Figures 3 – Pre-development Drainage Map.

The client intends to rezone site from C-1 to M-1 and build an office-warehouse development including the associated infrastructure such as driveways, parking, storm and sanitary sewers, utilities, landscaped areas, and a stormwater management BMP. The site is developed such that peak flow in Basin A is increased due to an increase in impervious area from the proposed development. A stormwater management facility is being proposed in Basin A to attenuate post-development peak flows to values equal to or less than the pedevelopment values and provide the required runoff reduction. The proposed stormwater facility will consist of a Bioretention Basin and an Extended Dry Detention (EDD) Pond. Post development drainage Basin A is sub-divided into two drainage areas, Basin A1 and Basin A2. Basin A1 contains 3.655 acres and drains directly to the proposed stormwater management facility. Basin A2 is the 1.341-acre onsite area that bypasses the stormwater management facility and drains directly to the POA. The large offsite area remains unchanged from the pre- to post development condition and contains 91.498 acres. The bioretention basin provides the required runoff reduction for Basin A1, the higher design storms in Basin A1 are routed through the bioretention basin to the EDD pond just downstream, where detention is provided. The EDD Pond is designed to attenuate peak flows such that the routed flows from the pond combined with the

bypass flows (from Basins A2 and A-Offsite) at the POA are less than the pre-development values. Peak flows at the POA are computed using onsite drainage areas only as well as computed using the combination of onsite and offsite drainage areas. Refer to Figure 4 for Post-development Drainage Maps.

The bioretention basin is designed to provide runoff reduction and partial channel protection for the proposed development. The bioretention basin holds the design runoff volume and allows it to infiltrate gradually into the subgrade projected to have a minimum infiltration rate of 0.50 in/hr. In the retaining wall separating the bioretention basin from the EDD Pond is a 10-ft rectangular weir with IE @ 1042.90', that routes the higher design storms from the bioretention basin to the EDD Pond just downstream. The EDD Pond is designed to provide channel protection storage/treatment as well as stormwater detention. The combination of the bioretention basin and EDD Pond provides adequate peak flow control and runoff reduction for the proposed development. The OCS for the EDD pond consists of a 2.00" CPv orifice with IE @ 1031.00' and a 0.20' wide rectangular weir with IE @ 1036.00'. The CP orifice is sized to drawdown the 1-yr 24-hr runoff volume in 24 hours and the rectangular weir is designed to safely pass the higher design storms through the EDD Pond. The combination of the orifice and rectangular weir sufficiently attenuates peak flows such that the post-developed peak flows at the POA are less than the pre-development values. Detention is provided for the 1 to 100-year design storm and the 100-year ponding elevation in the EDD Pond is 1040.00'. Flows routed through the outlet control structure are discharged onto a concrete splash pad and subsequently conveyed through downstream receiving channels and pipes into Berkeley Lake.

Runoff Reduction (RRv) Volume Calculations - Bioretention Basin

The Upstream on-site area draining directly to Bioretention Basin = 3.655 acres Onsite Impervious Area draining to Bioretention Basin = 3.107 acres

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Percentage Impervious (I) = 3.107/3.655 = 0.850 = 85.0\%

Rv = 0.05 + (I)*(0.009)

Rv = 0.05 + 85.0*(0.009)

Rv = 0.8150

RRv = 1.2*Rv*As/12

RRv = 1.2*(0.8150)*(3.655*43,560)/12

Therefore, RRv (required) = 12.975.76 cu. ft.; RRv (provided) = 12.975.76 cu. ft. Required forebay volume (10\%*RRv) = 1.297.58 cu. ft., provided = 1.297.58 cu. ft.
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<u>Channel Protection Volume Calculations – Bioretention Basin</u>

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Q = (P-0.2S)^{2}/(P+0.8S)
Total Precipitation, P = 3.36 inches
Curve Number, CN = 92
(The adjusted Composite CN = 85 is used in peak flow calculation for inflow into the EDD Pond))
S = ((1000/CN) - 10) = ((1000/85) - 10) = 1.765
Q = (3.36 - (0.2) *(1.765))^{2}/(3.36 + (0.80) *(1.765))
Q = (9.042)/(4.772) = 1.895 \text{ inches} = 0.158 \text{ feet}
Drainage Area = 3.655 acres = 159,211.80 sq. ft.
Channel Protection Volume (CPv) required = (159,211.80) *(0.158) = 25,155.46 cu. ft.
CPv provided = 25,155.46 cu. ft.
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CHANNEL PROTECTION ORIFICE CALCULATIONS

CPv= Channel Protection Volume, ft³

V= 1-yr channel protection volume, ft³

A = area of orifice, ft^2

t = 86,400 sec.

H=height above the centroid of the orifice, ft.

Sizing of Channel Protection Orifice (Extended Dry Detention Pond)

 $\overline{A} = (CPv/t) / [0.6*(64.4*(H/2)) ^0.5]$

A = (25,155.46/86400) /

 $[0.6*(64.4*(7.486/2))^0.5]$

 $A = 0.291/[0.6*(64.4*(3.743))^0.5]$

A = 0.291/9.315 = 0.03124

 $A = \pi d^2 / 4$

 $d^2 = 0.0409$; d = 0.202 ft

d = 2.428" <u>Use a 2.00" CPv Orifice @ Elev. 1031.00 ft.</u>

POND STORAGE SUMMARY - EXTENDED DRY DETENTION BASIN

Frequency (YR)	Pond Inflow (cfs)	Pond Elev. (ft)	Pond Storage (cu. ft.)	Routed Flows (cfs)
1	11.25	1033.99	9,920	0.18
2	13.42	1035.02	13,351	0.21
5	17.14	1036.42	17,988	0.42
10	20.36	1037.01	19,938	0.93
25	24.95	1038.04	23,356	2.21
50	28.59	1038.96	26,419	3.68
100	32.38	1040.00	29,875	5.64

STORMWATER QUALITY PERFROMANCE REVIEW

The Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Stormwater Quality Site Development Review Tool output provided in Appendix A shows a 100% reduction in Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and 102% of the total required runoff reduction due to treatment provided by the Bioretention and Extended Dry Detention Basins.

10% POINT ANALYSIS (DOWNSTREAM ANALYSIS)

The 10 percent point of analysis is a point downstream of the site at which the total area draining area is at least ten times the site being developed. The total site has an area of 4.996 acres and the total drainage area at the site POA is 96.494 acres which is approximately 19.31 times larger than the site area. The site POA can therefore be defined as the 10% POA and this is because the site is located at the downstream end of a large drainage basin. Please refer to Figures 3 and 4 for the Pre- and Post-development drainage maps respectively and provided in table below is a summary of pre- and post-development peak flows for the 10% POA (Site POA).

Summary	of Peak Flow	(a) for 10% POA
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Frequency (YR)	Pre-Dev. Flows (cfs)	Post-Dev. Flows (cfs)
1	45.72	45.46
2	66.53	66.05
5	105.95	105.03
10	142.95	141.60
25	199.92	198.77
50	248.19	247.35
100	300.45	300.39

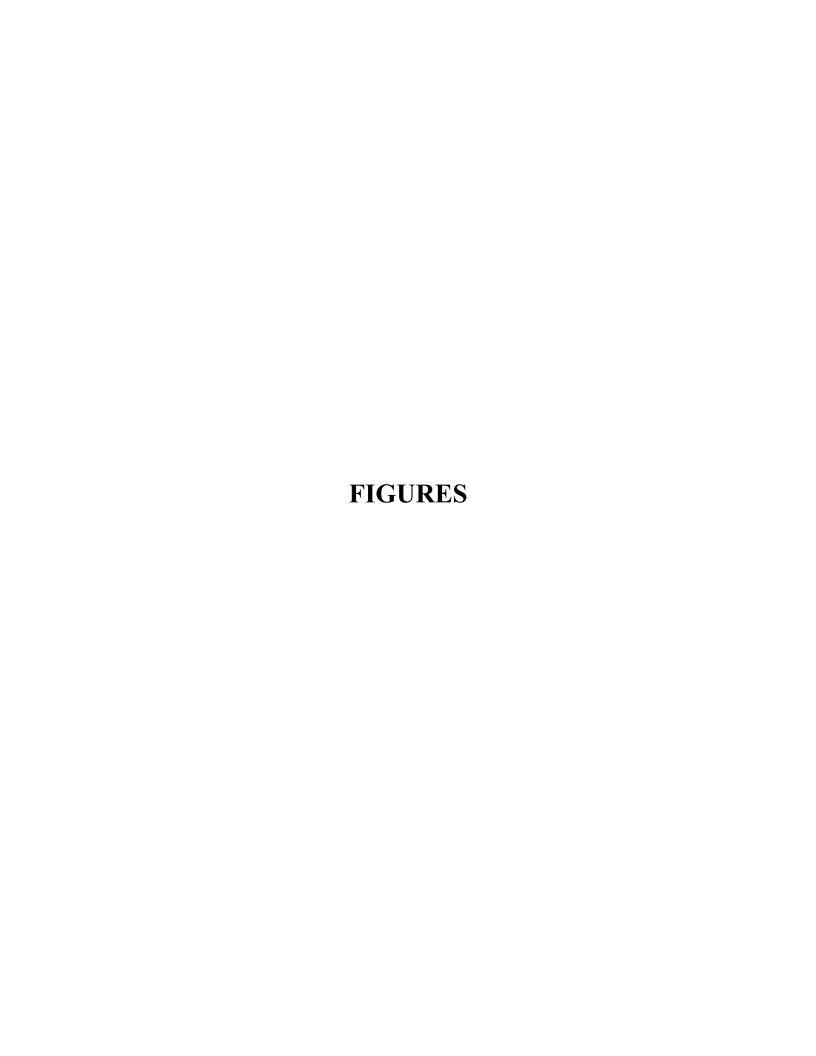
From the above table, we can see that the computed post-developed flows are less than the pre-developed for the 10% POA's and this can be attributed to detention of post-developed peak flows in the proposed stormwater management facility.

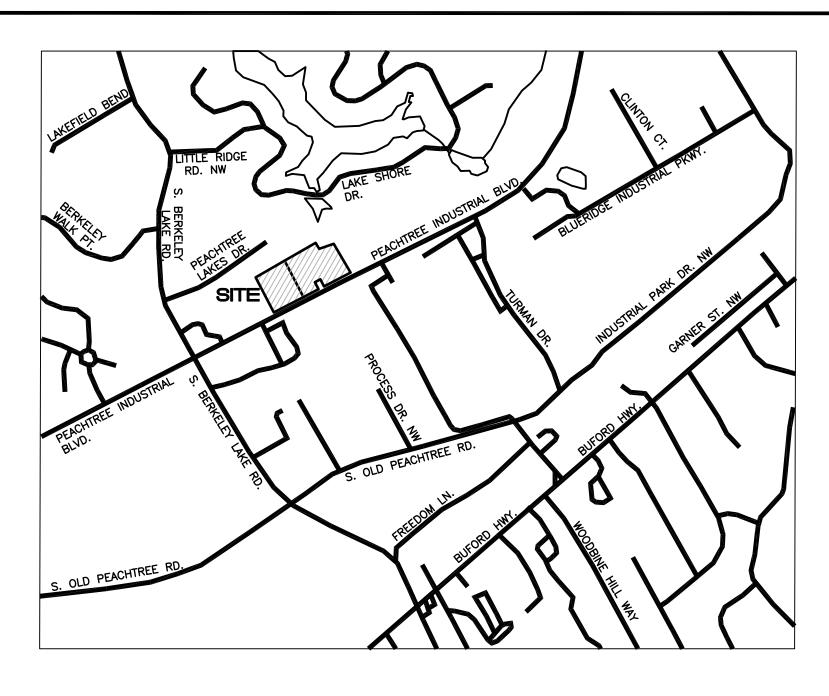
The three major impacts of development on storm-water are volume increase, velocity increase and pollution. The proposed development would not adversely impact downstream conditions for the following reasons:

- 1. Water quality structures (BMP) shall be provided on-site to trap storm-water runoff from erodible areas to allow suspended sediments and other pollutants to settle-out before being discharged downstream.
- 2. There will be a significant reduction in peak flow at the site POA when the site is developed. This will result in a reduction in flow velocities at the site POA and therefore the potential for erosion and/or scouring in the receiving channels downstream is significantly reduced.

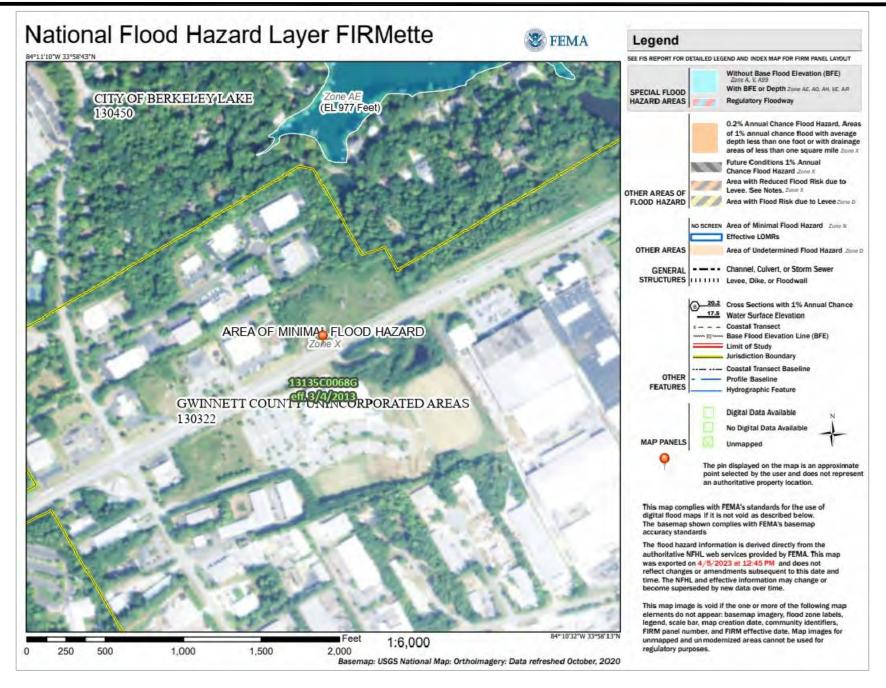
CONCLUSION

The detention facility referred to in this report exceeds the standard of care for control of storm-water runoff from the proposed development. This development will not adversely impact downstream conditions.

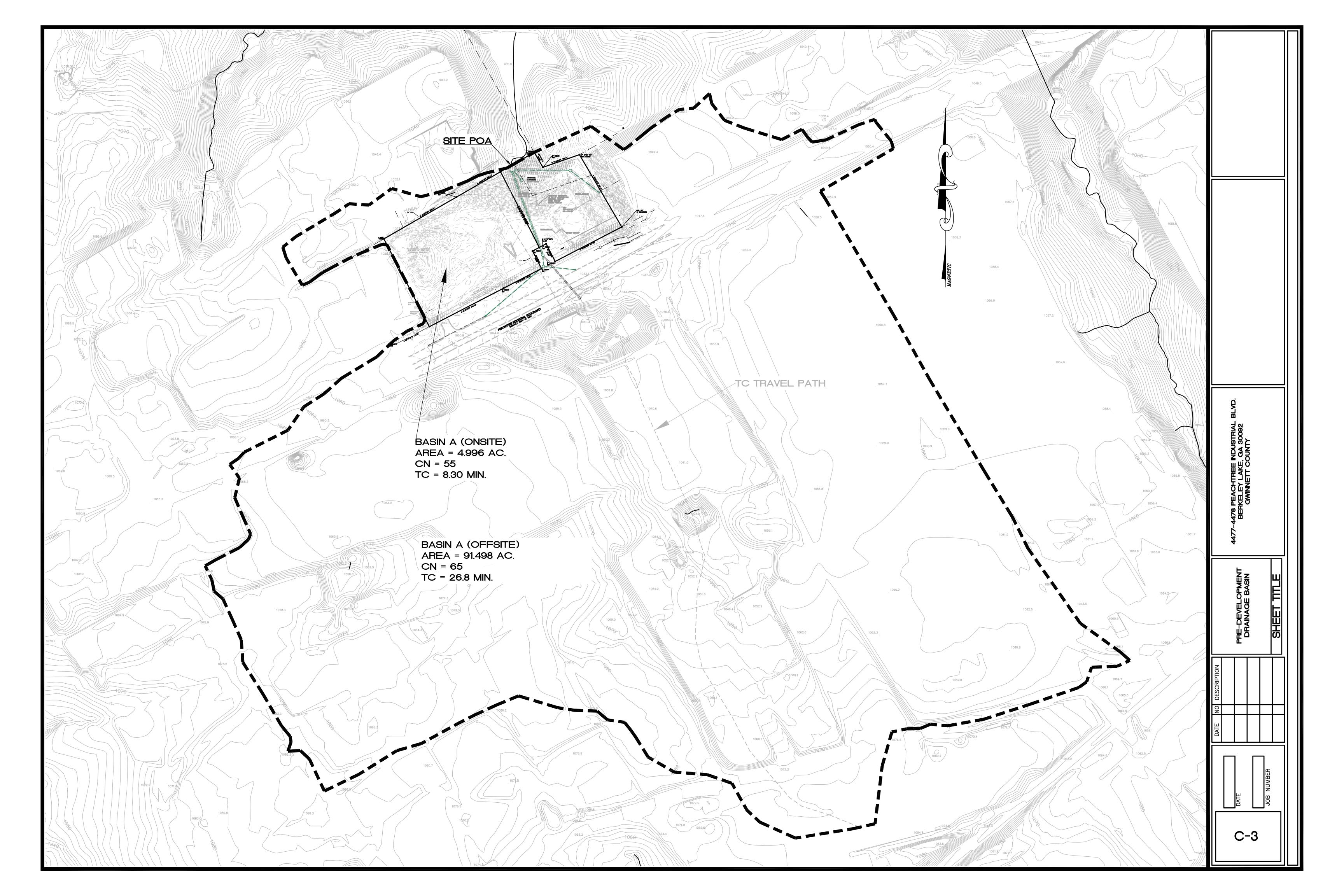


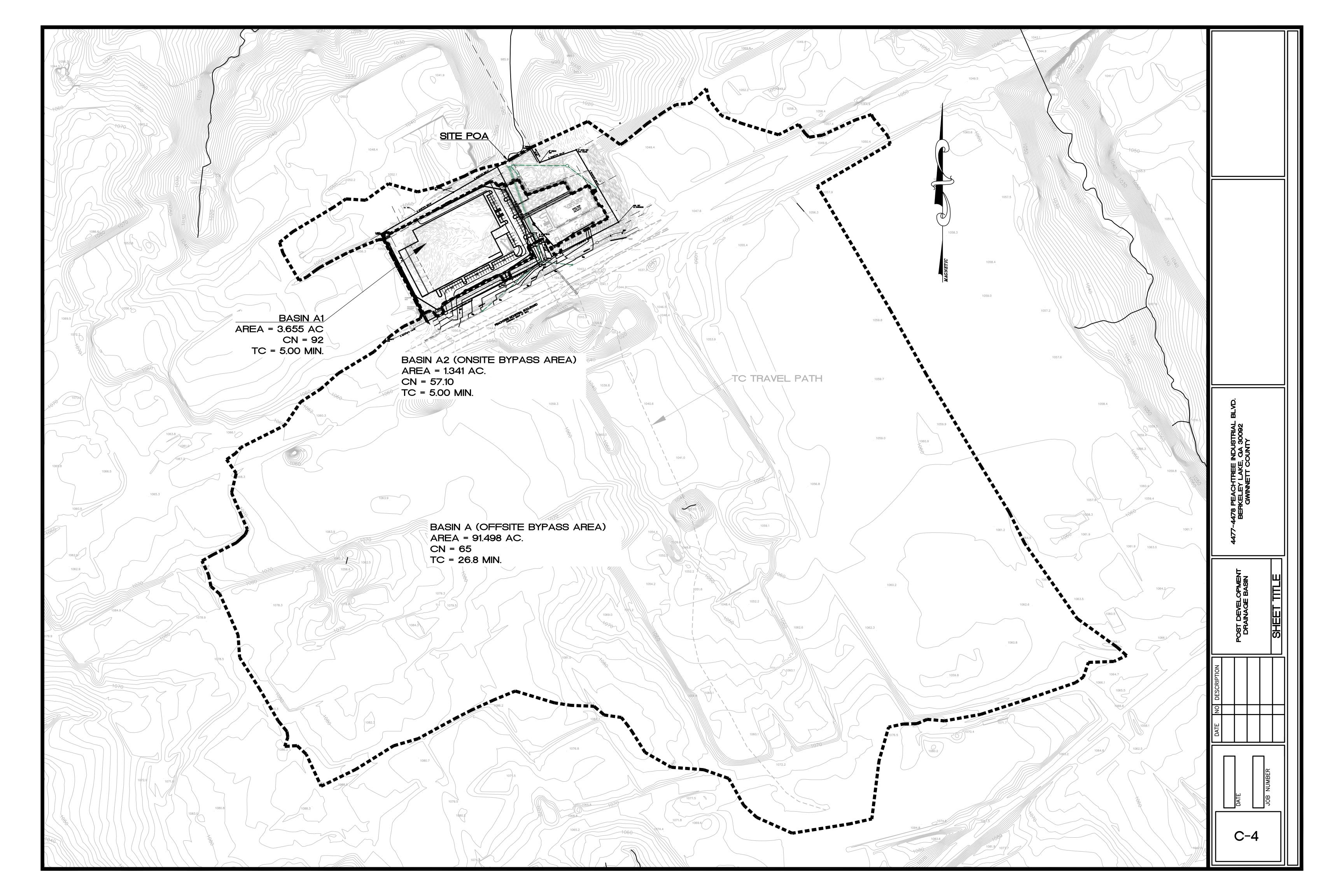


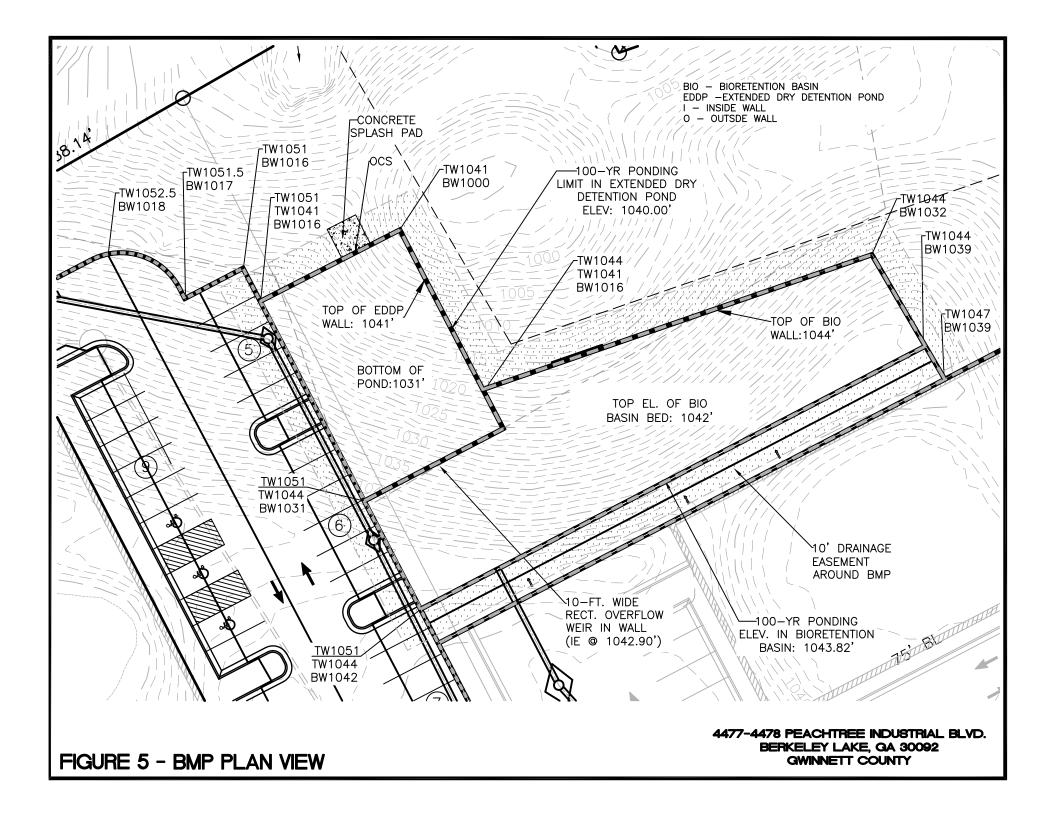
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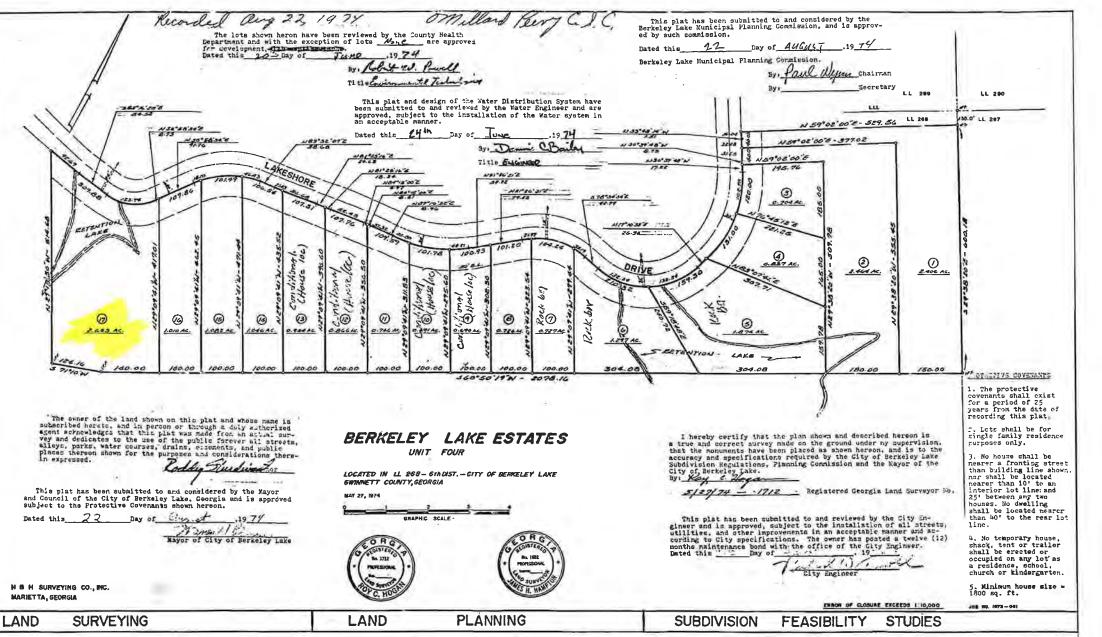


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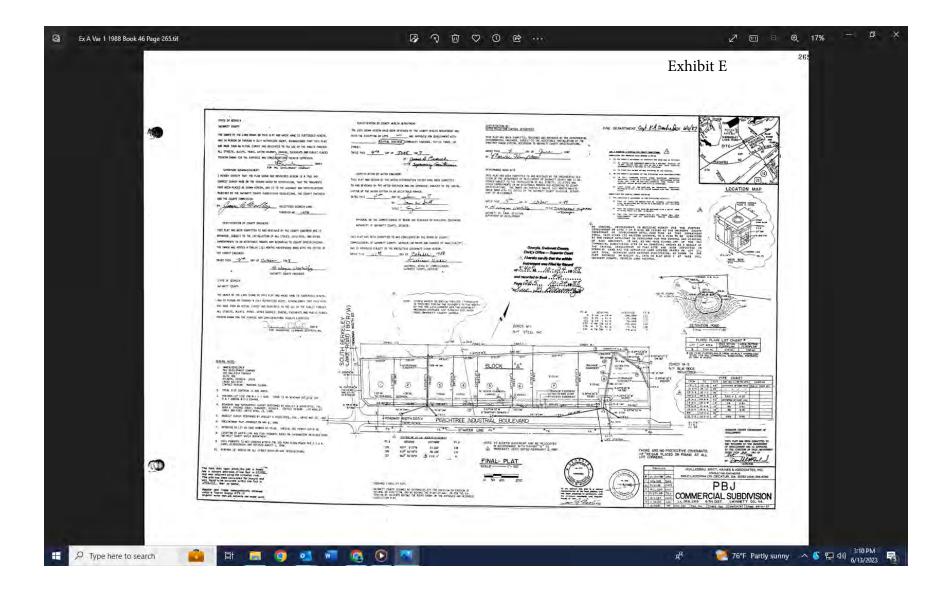


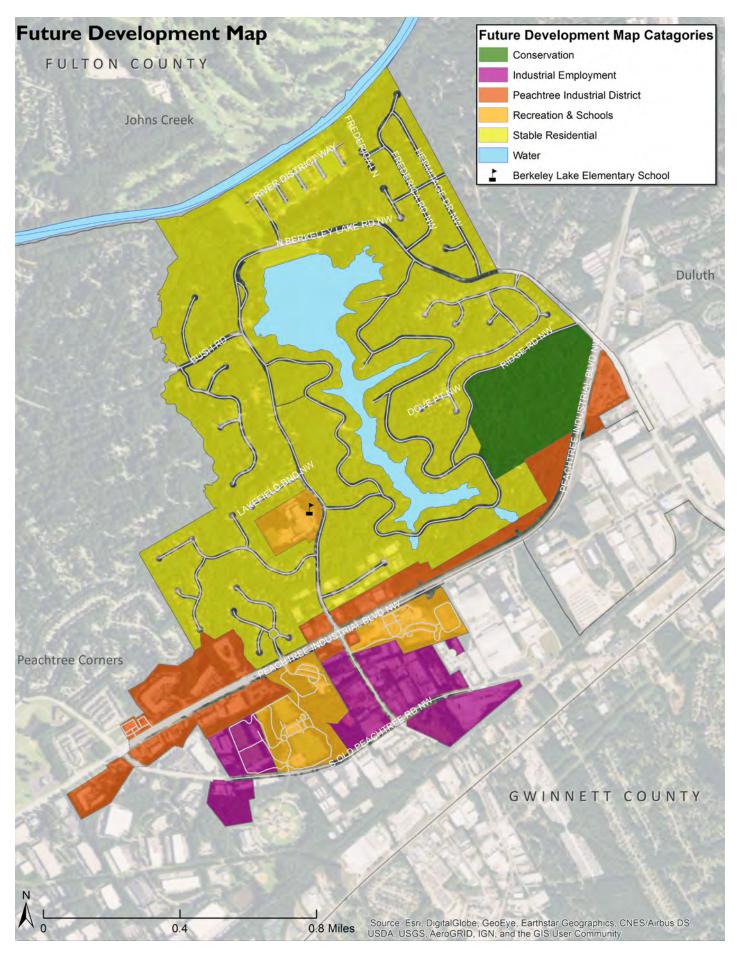
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Chapter 7: Future Land Use 25

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

Application Form

SIGNATURE OF APPLICATION

STATE MANAGEMENT	APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Owner's Name: First Citize:	ns Bank & Trust	PHONE: 919	.716.4086
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 4300 Six Fo	rks Rd., FCC-52 Ralei	gh, NC 27609	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
CONTRACT PURCHASER'S NAME:Buil	derstone Global LLC	PHONE:	
ddress: 4595 Winters Cha	apel Rd., Doraville, GA	A 30360	
Street Address		State	Zip
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT / ATTORNEY:	Michael Penland	PHONE:	770-843-8332
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3184	, Cumming, GA 30028		
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RM:Powell Pro	perty Group, LLC _{E-Mail} :	penlandmj@bel	Isouth.net
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Rezoning App 2010

CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

CONTRACT PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE: ____

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(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

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Builderstone Global LLC					

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CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE REZONING APPLICATION

Authorization by Property Owner

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If there is more than one owner, a separate form m	ust be submitted wi	th the original signatur	e of each
owner.			
Timothy J. Bylow, SVP First Citizens Bank	& Trust	pon his/her oath, bein	g of sound mind
and legal age deposes and states: that he/she is the attached application, as is shown in the records of C	owner of the prope	rty which is subject ma	-
He/she authorizes the person named below to act a	as applicant in the pu	irsuit of a VARIANCE or	n this property.
I hereby authorize the staff of the City of Berkeley Lapplication.	ake to inspect the p	remises which are the s	subject of this
Name of applicantBuilderstone Global,	LLC - Enver	Taner Baltaci	
Address 4595 Winters Chapel Rd.	, Doraville, G	A 30360	
Street Number/PO Box Street Name	City	State	Zip
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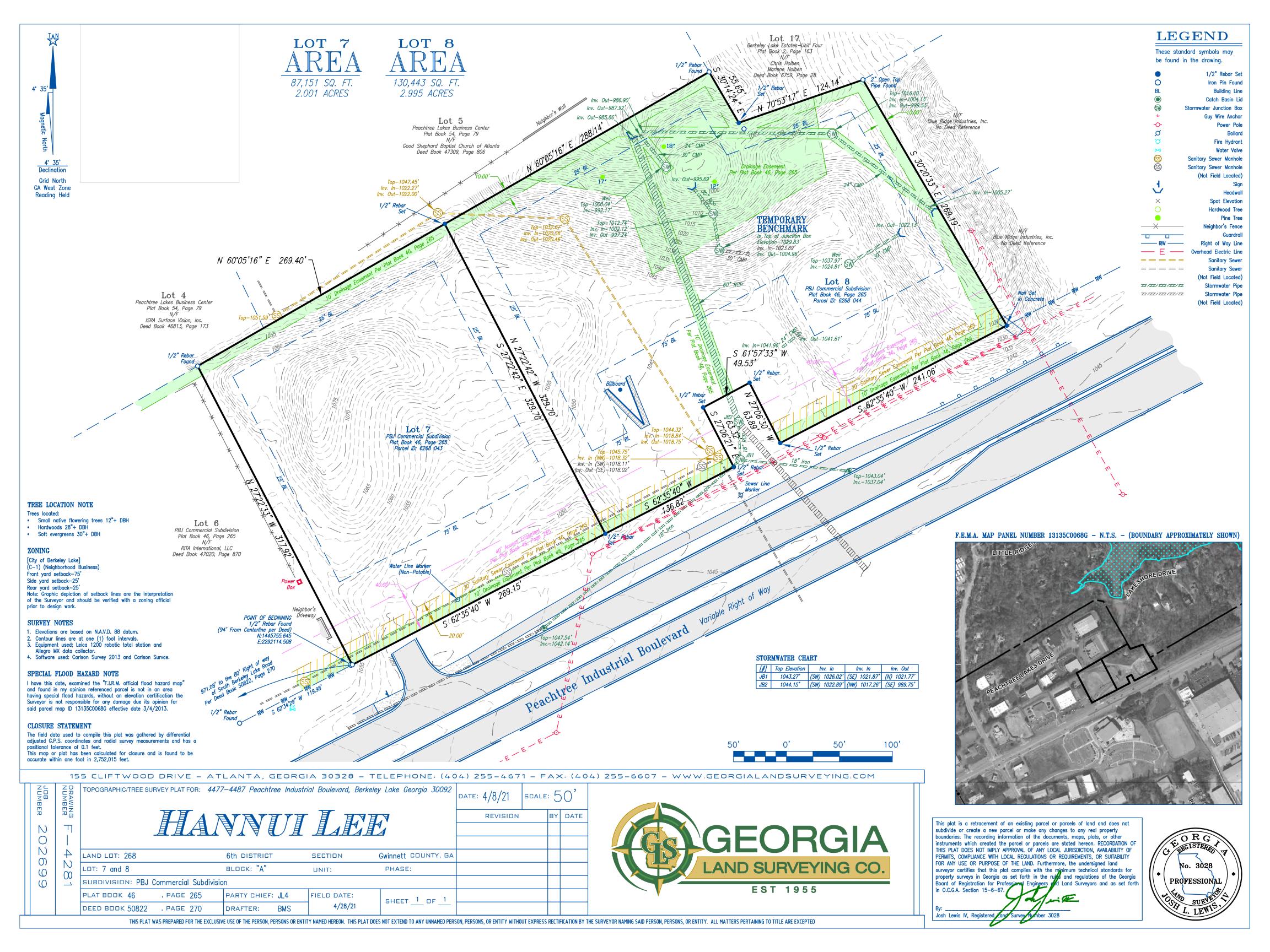




EXHIBIT A

The Land is described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 268 OF THE 6TH DISTRICT OF GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS BEING DESIGNATED AS LOTS 7 AND 8 OF BLOCK A OF PBJ COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT DATED JULY 15, 1985, LAST REVISED JANUARY 9, 1987, PREPARED BY GUILDEBEAU, BRITT, HAINES & ASSOCIATES, INC. AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY **DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD (94 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE THEREOF) WHICH POINT IS LOCATED 971.083 FEET NORTHEASTERLY, AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD AND THE NORTHEASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BERKELEY LAKE ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD WHICH HAS AN 80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE LINE WHICH FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN LOTS 6 & 7, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 317.877 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 559.250 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 55.650 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 7 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.140 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 269.650 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MOST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD A DISTANCE OF 241.060 FEET TO A POINT: THENCE PROCEEDING NORTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 63.890 FEET TO A POINT: PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 49.530 FEET TO A POINT; PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 63.320 FEET TO A POINT AND PROCEEDING THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 405.969 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ACCOUNT DETAIL

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Tax Account

Mailing Address:

GWINNETT COMMUNITY BANK 2775 BUFORD HWY DULUTH, GA 30096-2872

SITUS:

0 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLV

Tax District:

BERKELEY LAKE

Parcel ID	Property Type	Last Update
R6268 043	Real Property	6/11/2023 8:11:00 PM

Legal Description

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Print Tax Bill

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 $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}}$ Bill as of September 1, 2022. For current amount due see information below.

Tax Bills

Note: Email tax@gwinnettcounty.com to request other years.



Tax Year	Net Tax	Total Paid	Penalty/Fees	Interest	Due Date	Amount Due
2022	\$5,081.83	\$5,081.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	11/1/2022	\$0.00
2021	\$5,219.97	\$5,219.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2021	\$0.00
2020	\$5,256.08	\$5,256.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/1/2020	\$0.00
2019	\$4,876.74	\$4,876.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2019	\$0.00
2018	\$4,912.33	\$4,912.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2018	\$0.00
2017	\$4,986.59	\$4,986.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2017	\$0.00
2016	\$4,955.28	\$4,955.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2016	\$0.00
Total						\$0.00

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2020	\$2,704.20	\$2,704.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/1/2020	\$0.00
2019	\$2,614.04	\$2,614.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2019	\$0.00
2018	\$2,633.12	\$2,633.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2018	\$0.00
2017	\$2,672.93	\$2,672.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2017	\$0.00
2016	\$2,656.14	\$2,656.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	10/15/2016	\$0.00
Total						\$0.00

Pay Now

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RESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS

Applicant: BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC 4595 Winters Chapel Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360

Subject Property: 4477-4478 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. (Tax parcels R6268 043, R6268 044)

Current Zoning: C1, GC-A (Gwinnett County-Annexed)

Proposed Zoning: M-1, Light Industrial, City of Berkeley Lake

Proposed Variances: 1-5

ROW Access: Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

Application: #_____

This Reservation of Constitutional and Other Legal Rights ("the Reservation") is intended to supplement and form a part of the zoning and variance applications (jointly, "Application") of the Applicant and the Owners of the Subject Property and to put City of Berkeley Lake on notice of the Applicant's assertion of its constitutional and legal rights.

The Applicant objects to the standing of any opponents who are not owners of land adjoining the Subject Property and to the consideration by City of Berkeley Lake of testimony or evidence presented by any party without standing in making its decision regarding the Application. The Applicant also objects to the consideration of testimony or evidence presented by any party that fails to comply with notice and campaign disclosure requirements.

Denial of the Application or approval of the Application in any form that is different than as requested by the Applicant will impose a disproportionate hardship on the Applicant and the Owner of the Subject Property without benefiting any surrounding property owners. There is no reasonable use of the Subject Property other than as proposed by the Application and no resulting benefit to the public from denial of modification of the Application.

Any provisions in the City of Berkeley Lake Code of Ordinances ("Code") that classify, or may classify, the Subject Property into any of the non-requested zoning or use classifications, including the Proposed Zoning Conditional Amendments and Proposed Variances at a density or intensity less than that requested by the Applicant, are unconstitutional in that they constitute a taking of the Applicant's and Owner's property rights without first paying fair, adequate, and just compensation for such rights in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

The Subject Property is presently suitable for development as proposed in the Application and it is not suitable for development under any other zoning classification, use, or at a density or intensity less than that requested by the Applicant. Failure to approve the Application as requested by the Applicant will constitute an arbitrary and capricious abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to

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the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal by the City of Berkeley Lake to approve the Application as requested by the Applicant will prohibit the only viable economic use of the Subject Property, will be unconstitutional and will discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and Owner and the owners of similarly situated properties in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Furthermore, the Board cannot lawfully impose more restrictive standards on the Subject Property's development than are presently set forth in the Code. To do so not only will constitute a taking of the Subject Property as set forth above, but it will also amount to an unlawful delegation of the Board's authority in response to neighborhood opposition, in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, as amended. Any conditions or other restrictions imposed on the Subject Property without the consent of the Applicant and Owner that do not serve to reasonably ameliorate the negative impacts of the development are invalid and void. As such, the Applicant and Owner reserve the right to challenge any such conditions or restrictions.

City County's Comprehensive Plan were not adopted in compliance with the laws or constitutions of the State of Georgia or of the United States, and a denial of the Applicant's request based upon provisions illegally adopted will deprive the Applicant and Owners of due process under the law.

By filing this Reservation, the Applicant reserves all rights and remedies available to it under the United States Constitution, the Georgia Constitution, all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, and in equity.

The Applicant and Owners respectfully request that the Application be approved as requested by the Applicant and in the manner shown on the Application, which is incorporated herein by reference. This Reservation forms an integral part of the Applicant's Application and we ask that this Reservation be presented with the Applicant's other Application materials to the governing authority of the jurisdiction. The Applicant and Owners reserve the right to amend and supplement this Reservation at any time.

Sincerely,

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Wendy W. Kraby Attorney for Owner and Applicant BUILDERSTONE GLOBAL LLC



Application for Variance

For Offic	e Use Only
Application #: V/AV	
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Date Paid:	
P&Z hearing date: 8/8	/23, 10/10/23, 11/14/23
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Part 1: Applicant Information

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### PROPERTY ADDRESS	MOBILE	PARCEL ID 6268-0043 and 6268-0044 ZONING M1 (Fraposed)

- Letter of Intent describing the proposed construction, development or improvements.

 Site Plan showing all existing and proposed improvements on the property.

 Survey of the property

Variance Application: Part 3: Property and Use Information (continued)

Applicant: Please provide written responses to the following items in order to support the request. Attach a separate sheet if necessary:

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Variance 1

Builderstone is requesting relief from code section 78-242 as to approximately 4,826.80 square feet along Tax Parcel Code R6268 019 (the "Ryerson Tract") and to be replaced with a condition providing for a 25-foot setback identical to the M-2 setback with the other Ryerson parcel located to the east.

The Ryerson Tract (2.97 acre) is owned by a subsidiary of Ryerson, an international company, based in Chicago, Il. The company describes itself as "The company serves a variety of industries, including customers making products or equipment for the commercial ground transportation, metal fabrication and machine shops, industrial machinery and equipment, consumer durables, HVAC, construction, food processing and agriculture, as well as oil and gas."

The Ryerson Tract is a land-locked vacant property that would be very difficult to develop due to its lack of depth and lack of access to the public right of way. In addition, given the City's buffers, much if not most of the property would be taken up by buffers. Ryerson also owns a M-2 parcel to the east that also borders the Property (M-2 under Gwinnett code as City does not have M-2 zoning).

When contacted by BuilderStone's council, Ryerson's office in Norcross was unable to confirm or even acknowledge if it owned such parcel. When Ryerson corporate/legal department in Chicago was contacted by BuilderStone's council, no one would return calls or otherwise reply to inquiries.

BuilderStone would utilize such variance space to primarily plant trees for the city's 40 TDU requirement as well as include a small portion of the bioretention basin that has been moved to the north to accommodate the county's stormwater easement. By condition, a 25-feet setback along the property line would be added and BuilderStone would be prohibited from putting any building within the 25-foot setback.

Sec. 78-242. - Buffer zones established.

"In all M-1 light industrial districts, a buffer strip at least 75 feet wide is required where said industrial district abuts a residential use district. Buffers shall be planted to meet the requirements of Chapter 42 - Natural Resources, Article VII - Buffers, Landscape and Trees, Division 2 - Buffer Regulations. (Ord. No. O-118-10, § 1, 10-21-2010)"

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

The Property has some unique physical features, chief among them is the City's demand that there be a 75-foot buffer along Mr. Holben's property which prohibits BuilderStone from being able to use its pre-existing stormwater easement. This requires the Company to instead locate its bioretention basin outside the Holben buffer. Allowing this easement will give Builder some needed room to plant trees and re-adjust the site plan.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

The application of the ordinance severely limits the usable space of the Property, especially when paired with the City's tree ordinance requiring 40 TDU outside of the ordinance's 75-foot buffer. Granting of the variance would allow the Property to be developed in an economically feasible way.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The Property is burdened with the unique conditions of the buffers, setbacks and the numerous stormwater easements as well as the location of a billboard.

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the stormwater easements have been in place for at least 35 years through no action of the Applicant or Owner. The current 99-year billboard lease far predates the current owner and Applicant.

5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted?

There should be no detriment to the public as the 75-foot buffer will be maintained as to the Holben property. The purposes of the ordinance are not frustrated as there will be a 25-foot setback between lots and buildings that retain the intentions of the ordinance to create a barrier.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes

Variance 2

BuilderStone is requesting relief from code section 78-243 for the purpose of allowing M-1 zoning next to M-1 GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT.

Sec. 78-243 states "District area" "Minimum" "Ten Acres."

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

This Property was annexed into the City from Gwinnett County and retains the Gwinnett County zoning of C-1(Gwinnett). This gave the Property a unique status and makes it very difficult, if not impossible, for the property to zone into C-1 or M-1 classifications under the City's pre-annexation 2004 code at issue.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

The ordinance does not define the term "District area" nor does it define how such a "District area" is measured or calculated.

The city of Berkeley Lake has said the M-1 zoning is not allowed because it would not be in a M-1 district of 10 acres, even though it is located directly adjacent to over 20 combined acres of M-1 (Gwinnett). The Property primarily backs up to an M-1 (Gwinnett) manufacturing park (Peachtree Lakes Drive). In addition, a majority of the annexed, non-residential lands into the City are zoned M-1 (Gwinnett). (Please see Exhibit "G", Official Zoning Map 2018 04 19, attached hereto.). Given the limited city boundaries and existing development, it would be difficult to create 10 acre "districts" of city-zoned land.

The City already has or has permitted "District areas" by the City's non-written definition of less than "Ten Acres":

- Tax parcel 6269 31 (4.94 ACRES) (487 S Old Peachtree Rd, Norcross, GA 30071) was rezoned in 2017 to M-1. Although is it is adjacent to "M-1 Gwinnett" it is not adjacent to "M-1."
- Tax parcel R6269 158 (3.46 acres) (4790 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD) is zoned C-1 even though the C-I "District area" is "Ten Acres."
- Tax parcels R6290 230 and R6290 231 (total of 4.59 acres) (3960 AND 3980 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD) is zoned C-1 even though the C-I "District area" is "Ten Acres."

The code in question was adopted in 2004, years before the M-1 Gwinnett properties were annexed into the City. The code, in light of the modern City limits, does not take into account the vast property changes the City would undertake to bring commercial properties into its limits.

The City's stated purpose in annexation was to diversity and bring in commercial and manufacturing properties into its tax base ("City's Purpose"). To that effect, prohibiting this Property from M-1 zoning due a "technicality" and an outdated and inadequately defined ordinance defeats the City's purpose.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The ordinance unfairly targets any property that seeks to zone to M-1 or C-1 designation within the City because it would be nearly impossible to be located next to property that is not already zoned M-1 Gwinnett or C-1 Gwinnett. The distinction between M-1 and M-1 Gwinnett County is a technicality and does not serve the City's intent to group similar uses together. For purposes of the "District area," no distinction should be made between M-1 and M-1 (Gwinnett).

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the conditions are a result of the City's annexation of commercial property into the City limits without updating its zoning code accordingly.

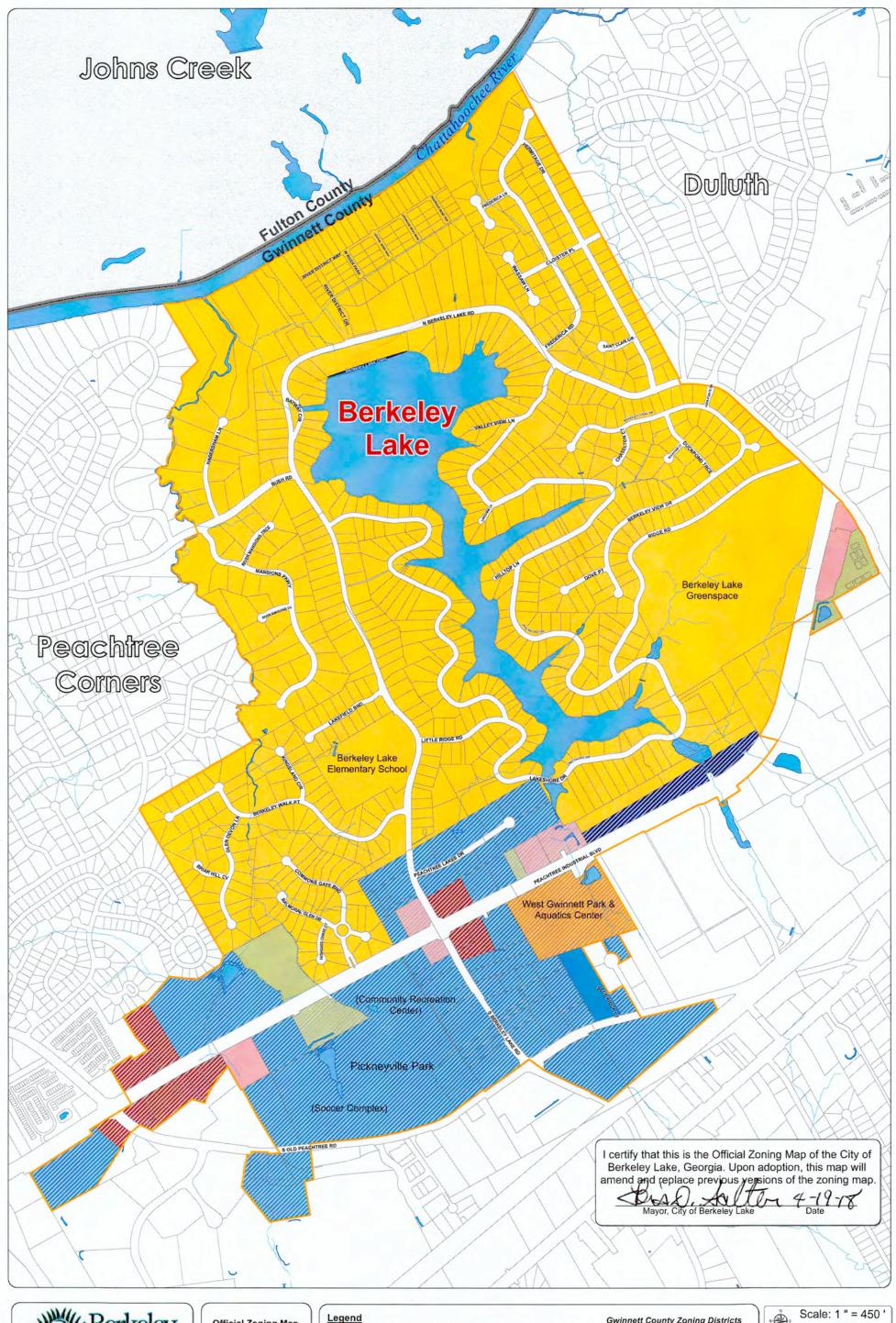
5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.

Granting the variance does not change the substantial use of M-1 designation nor the intent of the City to group like or similarly zoning districts together.

The City's code section on Gwinnett properties (ARTICLE XII. - GWINNETT COUNTY-ANNEXED ZONING DISTRICT) specifically states that if questions arise under this code, the Berkeley Lake Zoning District most similar to the Gwinnett zoning classification shall apply. Such section pairs M-1 Gwinnett with M-1. To then distinguish between the two classifications to not allow such similar zoning classifications to be located next to each due to "District area" is not consistent with the intent of the Code.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes





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Official Zoning Map of the City of Berkeley Lake

Effective December 2017

Map Prepared February 15, 2018



Light Industrial (M-1) Hydrography Single Family Residential (R-100) Gwinnett Co - Annex (GC-A)

Gwinnett County Zoning Districts

Neighborhood Business (C-1) General Business (C-2)

Light Industry (M-1) Heavy Industry (M-2) Office-Institutional (O-I)

Single Family Residential (R-100)

Single Family Residence (R-ZT)

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Variance 4

BuilderStone is requesting relief from code section Sec. 78-243 for the purpose of reducing a small portion to be consistent with the rest of the 75-foot setback. To decrease the 75-foot building setback from the road for 49.53 feet of the Cut-Out to be flush with the rest of the 75-foot building setback for the entire Property. Please see the Site Plan.

Sec. 78-243 "Front Yard" "Minimum" "75 Feet"

This ordinance from 2004 does not define what "Front Yard" means or what "75 Feet" denotes. However, if the City's intention was that this code was to mean the building setback from the right of way, BuilderStone requests the variance above.

Sec. 78-3. - Definitions.

Front and frontage means that side of a lot abutting on a street or way and ordinarily regarded as the front of a lot, but it shall not be considered as the ordinary side of a corner lot.

1) Explain the extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the size, shape or topography of the subject property.

The Property is subject to an approximately 3,000-foot cut-out ("Cut-Out") at the top of the road for stormwater easements directing runoff from Peachtree Industrial Blvd. and the West Gwinnett Aquatic Center. To enforce a 75-foot building set back from the back of this Cut Out would effectively prohibit the development of the Property which is already greatly reduced by the presence of a large detention easement and a billboard lease.

2) Explain how the application of the ordinance to the subject property would create an unnecessary hardship.

There is no evident reason to require a 75-foot setback from the Cut-Out. It would not frustrate the intent of the City to push back buildings 75 feet from the right of way. Enforcing such a setback would be arbitrary and would serve no purpose other than to prohibit development of the Property.

3) Explain how the conditions are peculiar or unique to the subject property.

The Cut-Out is an odd feature of the Property that has existed for decades and existed long before the City instituted 75-foot set-backs from the right of way.

4) Are the conditions requiring a variance the result of any actions of the property owner?

No, the condition of the Cut-Out and the Detention Pond and Stormwater easements have existed for decades and are not the result of the actions of the current owner, the foreclosing bank.

5) What, if any detriment to the public or impairment to the purposes of the ordinance would result if the variance were granted.

Granting of the variance will not reduce the overall setback of 75 feet and will not allow buildings within this setback. Modern zoning encourages buildings to be closer to the road so that parking can be on the sides and back when possible. To the extent that the City encourages large front yards with parking, this variance does not frustrate that goal and maintains a good 75-foot building setback from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

6) Is the proposed use of the land, building or structure permitted by the zoning ordinance?

Yes

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT THE 2024 UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council (the "City Council") of the City of Berkeley Lake, Georgia (the "City") have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the city to update the Comprehensive Plan as set forth as Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the city has submitted the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review and recommendation as required; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has advised the city that the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update is in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council as governing authority of the city, hereby approves and adopts the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts heretofore taken to effectuate the intent of this resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) a copy of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same hereby are repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Council this, 8th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:	
Leigh Threadgill, City Clerk	Lois Salter, Mayor