

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF BONIFAY CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

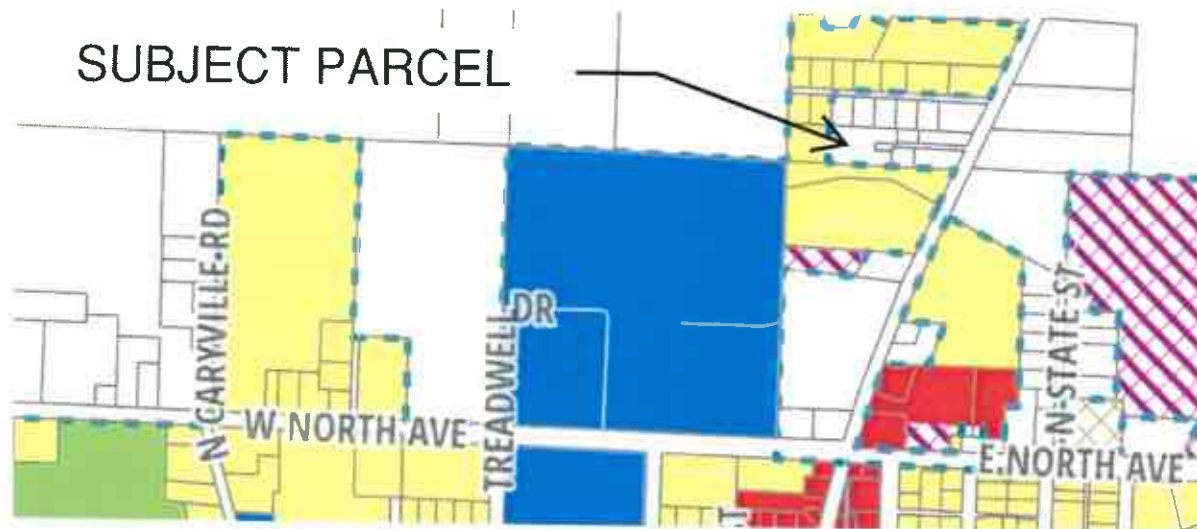
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

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WHEREAS, there has been filed with the City of Bonifay, Florida, a petition containing the names and signatures of all of the property owners in the area described hereinafter requesting annexation into the corporate area of the City of Bonifay, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property described hereinafter is reasonably compact and contiguous to the corporate area of the City of Bonifay, Florida, and it has further been determined that the annexation of said property will not result in the creation of any pocket or enclave; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonifay, Florida, is in a position to provide municipal services to the property described herein, and that the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, deems it in the best interest of the City to accept said petition and to annex said property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA:

Section 1

That the property described below, situated in Holmes County, Florida, be and the same is hereby annexed to and made a part of the City of Bonifay, Florida, pursuant to the voluntary annexation provisions of Section 171.044. Florida statutes, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: (OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 326, PAGE 743):

A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUNNING EAST ALONG FORTY LINE 195 FEET; THENCE NORTH 172 FEET; THENCE WEST 195 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID FORTY; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID FORTY LINE 175 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL BEING IN THE NE 4 OF SW 14 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, LESS A PARCEL DESCRIBED IN OR BOOK 96, PAGE 617;

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COMMENCE 195 FEET EAST OF THE SW CORNER OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN EAST 295 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 70 FEET; THENCE WEST 80 FEET; THENCE NORTH 35 FEET; THENCE EAST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 70 FEET; THENCE WEST 315 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 175 FEET TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A map clearly showing the area to be annexed is attached.

Section 2

That upon this ordinance becoming effective, the property owners and any resident on the property described herein shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities as are from time to time granted to residents and property owners of the City of Bonifay, Florida, as further provided in Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, and shall further be subject to the responsibilities or residence or ownership as may from time to time be determined by the governing authority of the City of Bonifay, Florida, and the provisions of said Chapter 171, Florida Statutes.

Section 3

If any section or portion of a section of this ordinance proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this ordinance.

Section 4

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and revoked.

Section 5

That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

INTRODUCED on first reading in the City Council on the _____ day of _____, _____.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting, by the County Commission of Holmes County, Florida the ____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA

By: _____
By its Mayor, Larry Cook

ATTEST:

By: Rickey Callahan, City Clerk

Staff Project Summary for Annexation of Parcel No. 0530.03-000-000-048.000 (2024-12)

City of Bonifay Planning and Zoning, City of Bonifay City Council

Applicant: Raley Drive MHP, LLC, Property Owner

Public Hearing Dates: October 16, 2024 @ 6 pm, October 21, 2024 @ 6 pm

Parcel Size: Parcel A, comprised of two legal descriptions listed below, for a total of 1.86 acres

Parcel Description:

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Current Future Land Use Designation: Parcel A, Rural Residential (County), Low Density Residential (City)

Proposed Future Land Use Designation: Urban Mixed Use (Ordinance 2024-13)

Data and Analysis

The purpose of this ordinance is to annex a parcel of land into the City of Bonifay.

Future Land Use Designation: Accompanying this document is a copy of a map showing the parcel to be annexed into the City. The parcel is currently in a Rural Residential Land Use District according to the Holmes County Comprehensive Plan.

Adjacent Parcels:

The lands abutting the subject project reside in multiple different Land Use Districts.

- The Parcel to the west is located in unincorporated Holmes County in a Rural Residential FLU District.
- The parcels to the north are located either in Unincorporated Holmes County in a Rural Residential FLU District or in Corporate City of Bonifay in a Low Density Residential FLU District.
- The parcel to the south is located in Corporate City of Bonifay in a Low Density Residential FLU District.
- The parcels to the East of the subject parcel are located in unincorporated Holmes County in a Rural Residential FLU District.

Existing Land Use/Pre-Amendment Conditions: The existing property houses 3 mobile homes.

Proposed Development: The proposed amendment is to convert the subject parcel from its current FLU Designation to Urban Mixed Use. The existing mobile homes will be removed, and 18 new mobile home pads will be constructed.

Impacts on infrastructure: These analyses are presented for information only and are not to be used to approve or deny any aspect of the proposed development. The analyses have been provided to confirm the amendment request to the rules and regulations governing Plan amendments.

Note: The comprehensive plan requires that all impacted infrastructure systems have available capacity at established levels of service standards prior to approving any development orders. This will be applied to the development of this property, just as it is for all other development in the City.

Potable Water: This parcel is currently provided Water service from the City of Bonifay, but will need to be upgraded to service the proposed development.

Sanitary Sewer: This parcel is currently provided Sewer service from the City of Bonifay, but will need to be upgraded to service the proposed development.

Solid Waste: This parcel is currently provided Garbage collection service from the City of Bonifay

A meeting was held on September 9, 2024, between the City of Bonifay and property owner Jasmyn Yuzary to discuss the need to upgrade the existing utilities in order to support this development.

Compatibility and Suitability

Topography: The parcel is level to gently sloping with an average elevation of 124 feet.

Soils: According to the Web Soil Survey of Holmes County, Florida by the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, the property is mostly comprised of soil in the Dothan loamy and Adrilla loamy sands (0 to 5 percent slopes). Adrilla loamy sand is somewhat poorly drained, and Dothan loamy sand is well drained, each with a relatively deep water table.

Wetlands/Natural Resources: There are no inland, freshwater forested/shrub wetlands on or near the subject site area as shown on the Nation Wetlands Inventory map from the USFWS. No endangered, threatened or species of special concern have been identified on the site.

Historical and Archeological Resources: There are no known historic or archeological resources or Master Site File listings anywhere in the vicinity of the parcel.

Areas of Critical State Concern: The proposed site is not within an area of critical state concern.

Public Concern: Some members of the public have expressed their disagreement with this development. Their letter of concern is included for the record.

Recommendation: Based on the review conducted by the City's Consultant Planner John Feeney, PE (Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc.), the Annexation complies with the provisions of the City of Bonifay Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations. Planning staff respectfully requests approval of the Annexation.

Holmes County, FL

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***An Actual Year of 1950 is not a true representation of the Actual Year built.** This is a "default" setting where an actual date is not known. The Effective Year is simply reflective of the current market and the condition of the property. **The Effective Year is evident by the condition and utility of the structure and may or may not represent the Actual Year Built.**

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THIS MAP IS NOT A SURVEY

Parcel ID	0530.03-000-000-048.000
Location Address	RALEY DR
Brief Tax Description*	BONIFAY BEG AT SW COR OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4 AND RUN E ALONG FORTY LINE 195 FT, N 172 FT, W 195 FT TO W BDRY LINE OF SAID FORTY. S ALONG SAID FORTY LINE 175 FT TO POB OR-208/639 OR-194/811 OR-265/63 WD-OR326/ 743 ANNEX ORD #354 OR414/190 ALSO: A PARCEL IN NE1/4 OF SW1/4 AS DES IN OR-120/27 & OR-129/115 OR-214/520 OR-265/980 OR-268 /802 OR-268/804 WD-OR530/920 (Note: *The Description above is not to be used on legal documents.)
Property Use Code	MOBILE HOME (0200)
Sec/Twp/Rng	30-05-14
Tax District	2-BONIFAY
Millage Rate	17.5074
Acreage	1.861
Homestead	N

[View Map](#)

Owner Information

Primary Owner
RALEY DRIVE MHP LLC
1600 SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE
APT 14K
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019

Map



Land Information

Code	Land Use	Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
001	000000 - VAC RES LOT PLATTED	86	FF	86	195
002	000000 - VAC RES LOT PLATTED	86	FF	86	195
003	002800 - PARKING/MH LOT	1.09	AC	0	0

Buildings

Building	3
Type	MOBILE HOM
Total Area	752
Heated Area	672
Exterior Walls	SHT METAL
Roof Cover	GALV METAL
Interior Walls	PLYWD PANL
Frame Type	
Floor Cover	CARPET & U
Heat	ELEC
Air Conditioning	WINDOW
Bathrooms	1
Bedrooms	0
Stories	1
Actual Year Built	1963
Effective Year Built	1963

Building	1
Type	MOBILE HOM
Total Area	844
Heated Area	684
Exterior Walls	SHT METAL
Roof Cover	SHEET META
Interior Walls	PLYWD PANL
Frame Type	
Floor Cover	CARPET & U
Heat	ELEC
Air Conditioning	NONE
Bathrooms	1
Bedrooms	0
Stories	1
Actual Year Built	1969
Effective Year Built	1969

Building	2
Type	MOBILE HOM
Total Area	560
Heated Area	480
Exterior Walls	SHT METAL
Roof Cover	SHEET META
Interior Walls	PLYWD PANL
Frame Type	
Floor Cover	CARPET & U
Heat	FHA W/DCTS
Air Conditioning	WINDOW
Bathrooms	1

Bedrooms 0
 Stories 1
 Actual Year Built 1968
 Effective Year Built 1968

Extra Features

Code	Description	Number of Items	Length x Width x Depth	Units
B41	BARN		0 x 0 x	648
MHPK1	MH PARK HOOKUP AVG		0 x 0 x	4
MH3	MOBILEHOME PRIOR 94		60 x 12 x	720
AP3	ATT PORCH GOOD		16 x 8 x	128
AP2	ATT PORCH AVERAGE		10 x 8 x	80

Sales

Multi Parcel	Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Book/ Page	Instrument Number	Qualification	Reason	Vacant/ Improved	Grantor	Grantee
N	4/1/2024	\$90,000	PR	674/722		Unqualified	UNQUAL/ BANKRPTCY,EXECUTRS,GUAD	Improved	HALL H B & HALL NADINE	RALEY DRIVEMHP LLC
N	5/4/2015	\$20,000	WD	530/920		Qualified	QUAL/DEED EXAMINATION	Improved	FAC OF NW FLORIDA INC	HALL H B & NADINE
N	7/30/2002	\$100	CT	326/743		Unqualified	N/A	Improved	BRADFORD RICKEY & BURNS MELISSA	HALL H B & NADINE
N	5/4/1998	\$29,000	N/A	268/804		Qualified	N/A	Improved		LEIGH MARIE A RUSSELL
N	4/24/1998	\$100	N/A	268/802		Qualified	QUAL/DEED EXAMINATION	Improved		RUSSELL DAVID E
N	1/23/1998	\$30,000	N/A	265/63		Qualified	N/A	Improved		HALL H B & NADINE
N	4/23/1997	\$100	N/A	265/980		Qualified	QUAL/DEED EXAMINATION	Improved		RUSSELL DAVID E
N	9/27/1993	\$37,700	N/A	214/520		Qualified	N/A	Improved		FISH P P & IRENE
N	2/17/1993	\$100	N/A	208/639		Qualified	QUAL/DEED EXAMINATION	Improved		HALL H B
N	1/1/1983	\$2,500	N/A	120/27		Qualified	N/A	Vacant		
N	1/2/1920	\$19,634	N/A	0/0		Unqualified	N/A	Improved	2001 CONVERTED JUST VALUE	
N	1/2/1920	\$29,752	N/A	0/0		Unqualified	N/A	Improved	2001 CONVERTED JUST VALUE	
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Valuation

	2024 Working Values	2023	2022	2021	2020
Building Value	\$12,220	\$12,218	\$12,218	\$11,056	\$10,280
Extra Features Value	\$10,311	\$10,312	\$10,312	\$10,312	\$10,312
Land Value	\$18,906	\$17,310	\$17,310	\$17,310	\$17,310
Land Agricultural Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agricultural (Market) Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Just (Market) Value	\$41,437	\$39,840	\$39,840	\$38,678	\$37,902
Assessed Value	\$41,437	\$39,840	\$39,840	\$38,678	\$37,902
Exempt Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxable Value	\$41,437	\$39,840	\$39,840	\$38,678	\$37,902
Maximum Save Our Homes Portability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

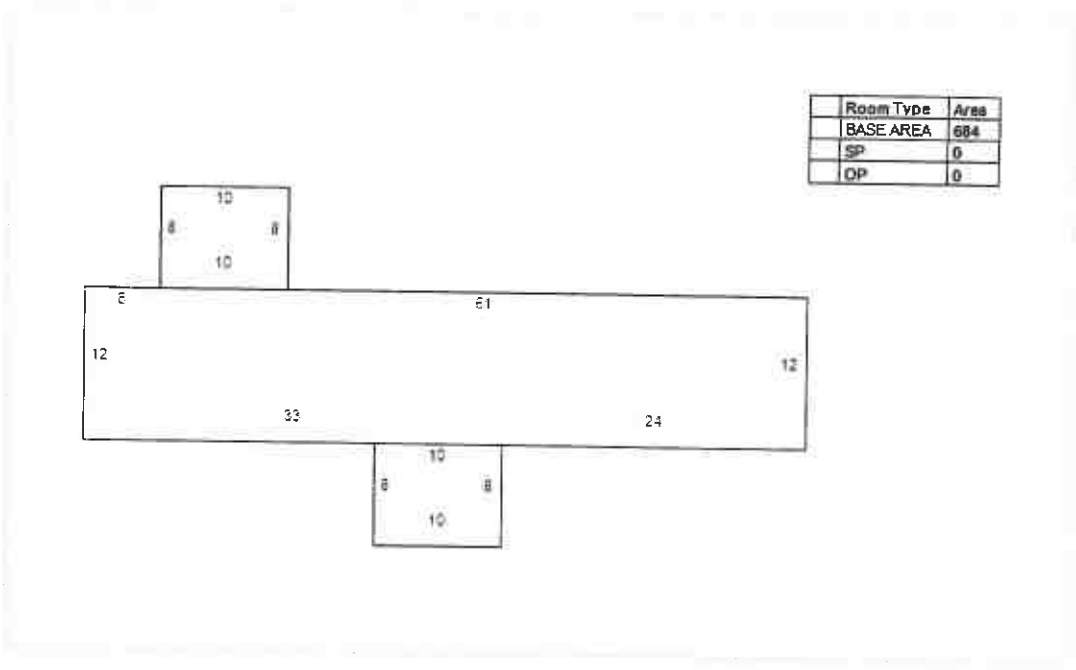
2024 Card View

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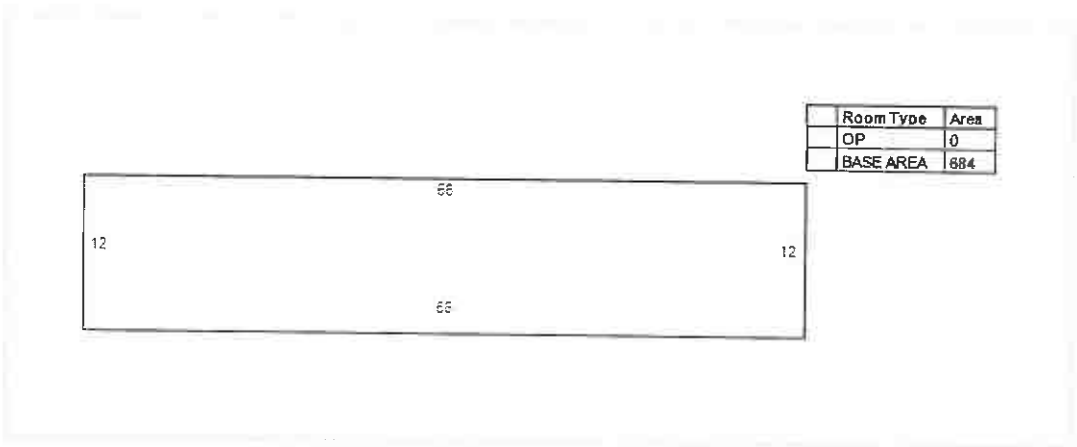
2023 Card View

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Sketches



A composite figure consisting of a rectangle with a square on top. The rectangle has a width of 46 and a height of 10. The square on top has a side length of 10. The total width is 46, and the total height is 20 (10 + 10).



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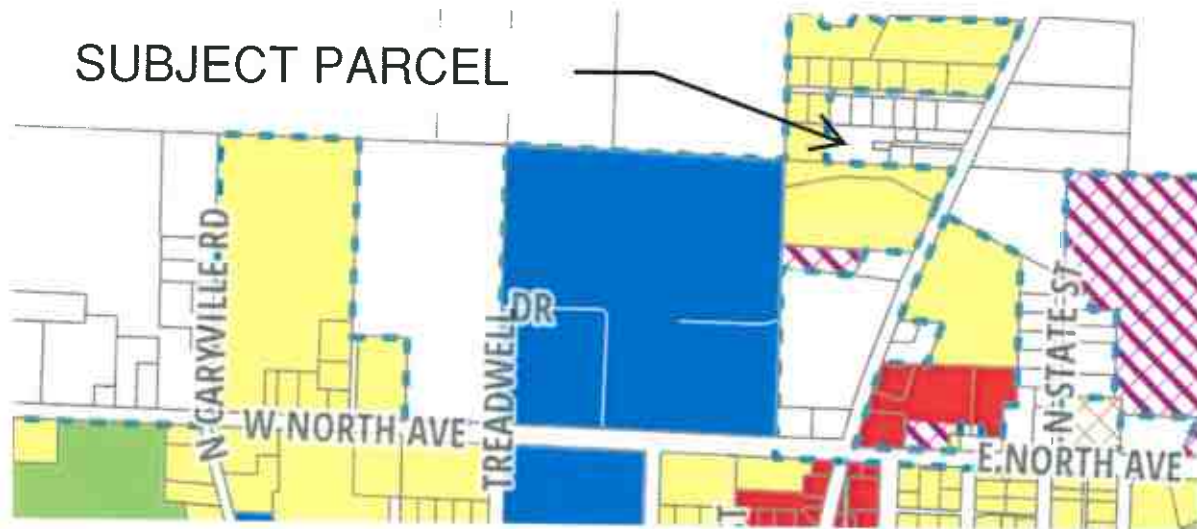
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September 10, 2024

Wetlands

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland

- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

85°41'4"W 30°48'39"N



Legend

- SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT
- SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**
- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
Zone A, V, AE, AH, VE, AR
 - With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AD, AH, VE, AR
 - Regulatory Floodway
- OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD**
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
 - Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
 - Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X
 - Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
- OTHER AREAS**
- Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
 - Effective LOMRs
 - Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
- GENERAL STRUCTURES**
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
 - Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
- OTHER FEATURES**
- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
 - Coastal Transect
 - Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
 - Limit of Study
 - Jurisdiction Boundary
 - Coastal Transect Baseline
 - Profile Baseline
 - Hydrographic Feature
- MAP PANELS**
- Digital Data Available
 - No Digital Data Available
 - Unmapped
- The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

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Soil Map—Holmes County, Florida



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MAP LEGEND

	Area of Interest (AOI)		Spoil Area
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	Soil Map Unit Polygons		Very Stony Spot
	Soil Map Unit Lines		Wet Spot
	Soil Map Unit Points		Other
	Special Point Features		Special Line Features
	Blowout		Water Features
	Borrow Pit		Streams and Canals
	Clay Spot		Transportation
	Closed Depression		Rails
	Gravel Pit		Interstate Highways
	Gravelly Spot		US Routes
	Landfill		Major Roads
	Lava Flow		Local Roads
	Marsh or swamp		Background
	Mine or Quarry		Aerial Photography
	Miscellaneous Water		
	Perennial Water		
	Rock Outcrop		
	Saline Spot		
	Sandy Spot		
	Severely Eroded Spot		
	Sinkhole		
	Slide or Slip		
	Sodic Spot		

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:12,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Holmes County, Florida
Survey Area Data: Version 19, Aug 24, 2023

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Dec 2, 2020—Dec 8, 2020

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres In AOI	Percent of AOI
4	Ardilla loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	8.6	40.4%
9	Dothan loamy sand, 2 to 5 percent slopes	11.2	52.3%
25	Pantego complex	1.6	7.4%
Totals for Area of Interest		21.4	100.0%

CITY OF BONIFAY FUTURE LAND USE MAP

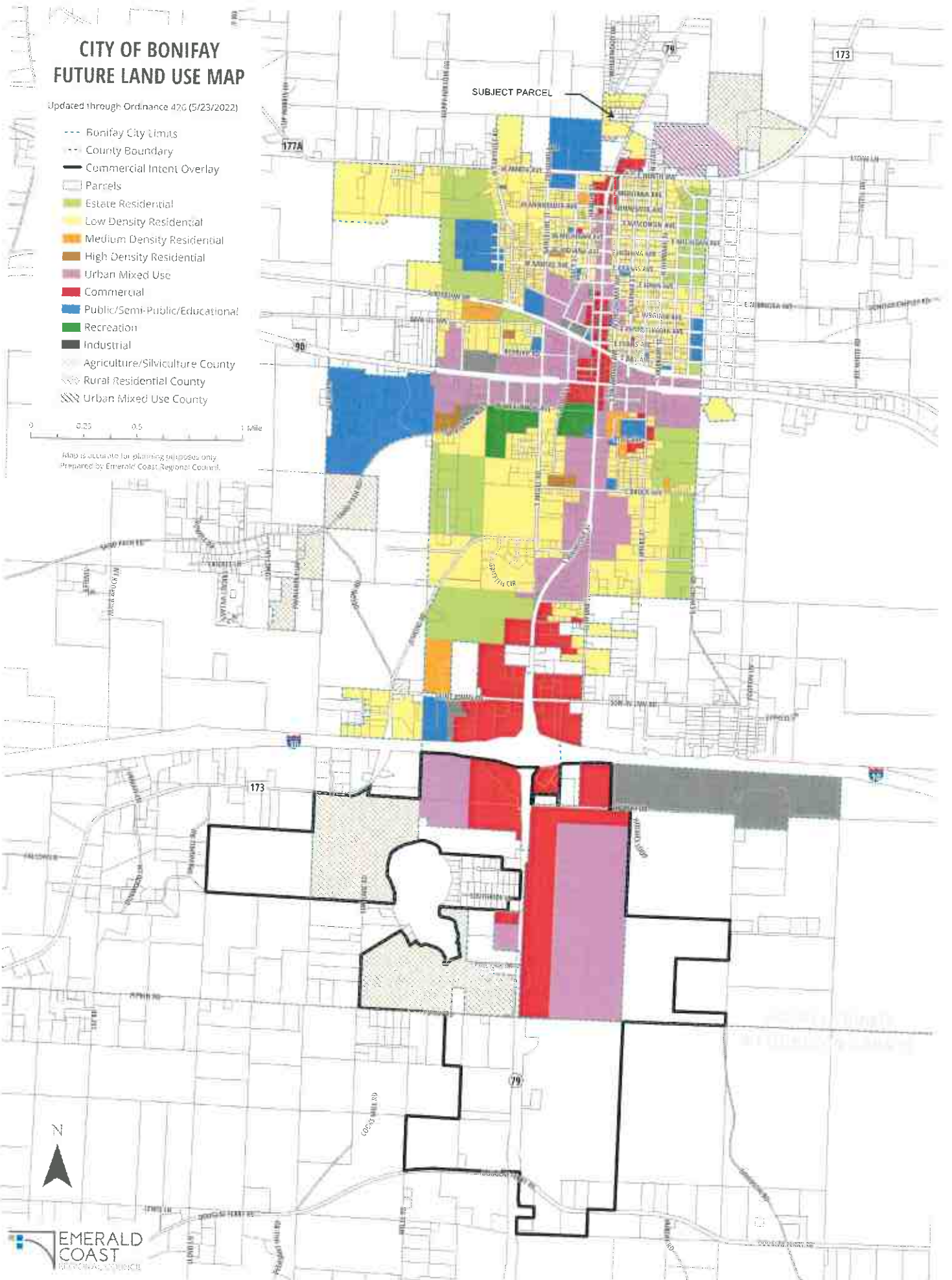
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Bonifay, Florida 32425

Mr. Rickey Callahan
City of Bonifay
301 J. Harvey Etheridge Street
Bonifay, Florida 32425

RE: Proposed Raley Drive Mobile Home Park, Raley Drive, Bonifay, Florida 32425
Raley Drive MHP LLC, Hollywood, Florida 33019

Dear Mr. Callahan:

We are writing to express our concerns and opposition to the proposed Raley Drive Mobile Home Park, and Raley Drive MHP LLC, of Hollywood, Florida, the proposed developer.

As property owners within the described five hundred (500) feet of the proposed location and based on the information contained in the packet that was mailed to 1222 N. Waukesha Street, we are submitting the following concerns.

The letter enclosed in the packet indicated that the current "Future Land Use designations for these properties are Low Density Residential and Rural Residential". As such, the housing standard for the area is represented by the homes and properties located on Lisenby Drive and again further supported by North Dale subdivision homes and properties located just to the north of Lisenby Drive. Any new development should meet the given standard or make improvement to that standard. The first home on Raley Drive matches this housing standard and should be a representation of the housing located on the interior of the street.

Mobile home housing already exists on Pecan Drive, just a few hundred feet south of this proposed development. Lower standard housing already exists in this area and additional provision is unnecessary.

From the packet provided, there is no information describing the details of the proposed mobile home park. The only disclosure in the packet received, was the total acreage for the Park (1.86 acres) and a small location map. This absence of information is discomfoting at best.

From the information provided this developer is going to pull in 40 – 60 mobile homes as tightly positioned as possible and begin to collect rent from their location in Hollywood, Florida approximately 600 miles south of the City of Bonifay. The owner(s) will remain uninvolved in the Bonifay community and be disengaged with the surrounding property owners while operating the proposed rental properties in absence; minimizing engagement with the renters and the monitoring of renter compliance with any intended restrictions (undisclosed in the letter). If restrictions exist, those should be made public and made available to nearby property owners.

Furthermore, the absence of a full disclosure of the plans and layout of the mobile home park suggests that the owner and the City of Bonifay, have no intention of supporting the property values already established in this area. The intended density is not disclosed, and there is no evidence that suggests that the city will impose a density threshold. There are no minimum restrictions cited and no evidence provided that suggests that the property would be "managed" with concern for the surrounding property owners or the benefit of the City of Bonifay.

If the proposed park is approved by the city, we would recommend that the city specify the permitted density, as well as, the typical lot size. We would suggest that at a minimum, the mobile home lot dimensions closely match the lot dimensions of the adjacent lot sizes and homes available on Lisenby Drive. This would more appropriately support the property values of the home owners on Lisenby Drive and the surrounding community.

Typically, mobile home rental communities are more appealing, and affordable to residents that are supported by public assistance and do not have substantial employment. Many residents of Bonifay and Holmes County fall into this demographic. The City of Bonifay and Holmes County should make concerted efforts to introduce improvements to the residents and introduce new housing in support of higher standards and not continue to introduce lower standards. Better homes and neighborhoods would attract and encourage growth for residents that intend to be employed and function above the public assistance level.

We would also like to express concern that many of the residents in the area are elderly. Their personal protection and their property protection would require additional police patrols. The current culture and demographics of the existing property owners and the culture and activities of the residents of the proposed development may be greatly polarized. Crime is a concern and often accompanies mobile home life-style and activities. The current community activities and dynamics would be adversely affected with the influx of traffic and activities from a high density mobile home community.

With my 35 years experience as a property owner in Houston County, Alabama, most development projects are supported with full detail plans of the improvements proposed. The proposal comes with full representation of the development's design, inclusions and restrictions. The municipality usually has accompanying documentation that outlines it's plans and obligations; such as water, sewage, infrastructure, road development and controls in support of property developments. Hopefully, these items will be outlined and made available at the public hearings. If the developer fails to deliver a product that matches the details of the plans, the developer can be held accountable for failure to meet his own plan detail.

In closing, the City of Bonifay and Holmes County have had significant experience from outsiders that have made property investments within the borders, but many of these investors have not brought any economic benefit to the city or county. A drive through down town illustrates this point. Much of the property within the city limits is owned by individuals or corporations that reside in other communities hundreds of miles away and have no apparent intention of developing their investments here. They prevent the ownership and occupation of local business owners and residents. Although they pay their property taxes, in the end they rob the city of services and potential sale tax and other revenue. These property owners have only complied with city requirements for clean-up and safety. We would love to see the City of Bonifay and Holmes County flourish, but absentee property owners have not proven to be beneficial for the community.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to express our concerns and for your attention in reviewing them.

Respectfully,

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