

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-05-22-0912

Applicant: Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC

Owner: Vulcan Lands, Inc.

Location: 0 / 3390 Wooldridge Road

Parcel: 075-001-033 / 075-001-030

Acreage: 100.00 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: RE1 (Residential Estate 1)

Proposed Zoning Classification: HMI (Heavy Manufacturing / Industrial) with the

following conditions:

(1) A two hundred foot (200') natural vegetative buffer (undisturbed) shall be maintained by applicant or any successor in interest along the eastern boundary of the Subject Property and along the entire frontage of the Subject Property along Wooldridge Road;

- (2) The sole industrial use of the Subject Property shall be for the transportation, deposit, and storage of overburden. The Subject Property shall not be utilized for mining or aggregate processing;
- (3) The hours of operation for the transportation and deposit of overburden on the Subject Property shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday Friday. Neither applicant nor any successor in interest shall operate on weekends and Vulcan recognized holidays on the Subject Property;
- (4) Vehicular access to the Subject Property from Wooldridge Road shall be limited to access

associated with the existing residence on the Subject Property. There shall be no industrial or commercial use of the entrances to the Subject Property from the adjoining public right of way;

- (5) Overburden material shall be transported to the Subject Property upon internal roads. No overburden shall be transported to the Subject Property along the public roads surrounding the Subject Property or quarry;
- (6) The trees located to the north of the existing home shall not be removed until such time as Vulcan needs to extend the overburden storage area north of the existing home. Vulcan will provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice to Wooldridge Heights and Wooldridge Road residents prior to the commencement of clearing trees and prior to the commencement of transporting overburden north of the former Best home on Subject Property.
- (7) Water shall be applied to haul roads and disturbed areas as needed to prevent fugitive emissions in accordance with Georgia EPD requirements;
- (8) The maximum elevation of overburden stored on the Subject Property shall not exceed 700' above mean sea level along the southern boundary of the Subject Property. The maximum elevation of overburden stored on the Subject Property shall not exceed 650' above mean sea level along that line established by connecting the following two points (and which is depicted in red on the attached site plan for demonstrative purposes):

Starting Point:

Latitude: 32° 35′ 20.24″ N Longitude: 84° 56′ 12.39″ W

Ending Point:

Latitude: 32° 35′ 12.58″ N Longitude: 84° 55′ 46.97″ W

To the north of such line, overburden stored on the

Subject Property shall not exceed an elevation of 630' above mean sea level. It is acknowledged that the existing house on the Subject Property is located at an elevation of 658' above mean sea level, and that Vulcan shall have no obligation to reduce the natural height of the Subject Property in any manner, this condition being limited solely to the elevation of overburden stored on the Subject Property.

- (9) Applicant agrees to diligently pursue the permitting and installation of erosion and sediment best management practices on the Subject Property. Upon completion of permitting and installation of erosion and sediment best management practices on the Subject Property, neither Vulcan Materials Company nor any successor in interest shall increase the height of the overburden storage pile just south of the Subject Property.
- (10) The retired employee of Vulcan (and his immediate family) who currently occupy the existing house on the Subject Property may continue to reside at such house for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the date of the approval of this rezoning. Once the existing occupant vacates the existing house, no other person shall reside on the subject property.

Current Use of Property: Vacant / Undeveloped

Proposed Use of Property: Overburden Storage

Council District: District 2 (Davis)

PAC Recommendation: Conditional Approval based on the Staff Report

and compatibility with existing land uses.

Planning Department Recommendation: Conditional Approval based on compatibility with

existing land uses.

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Consistent

Planning Area A

Current Land Use Designation: Rural Residential

Future Land Use Designation: Heavy Manufacturing / Industrial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: The property does not lie within the floodway and

floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease to

172 trips from 957 trips if used for industrial use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level A.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of

the Columbus Consolidated Government for

industrial usage.

Surrounding Zoning: North RE1 (Residential Estate 1)

South RE1 (Residential Estate 1)
East RE1 (Residential Estate 1)
West RE1 (Residential Estate 1)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category D buffer along all

property lines bordered by the RE1 zoning district.

The 3 options under Category D are:

 40 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental

grasses per 100 linear feet.

2) **30 feet** with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a

wood fence or masonry wall.

3) 75 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: Eighteen (18) property owners within 300 feet of

the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received six (6) calls and/or emails regarding the

rezoning.

Approval Opposition

0 Responses**6** Responses

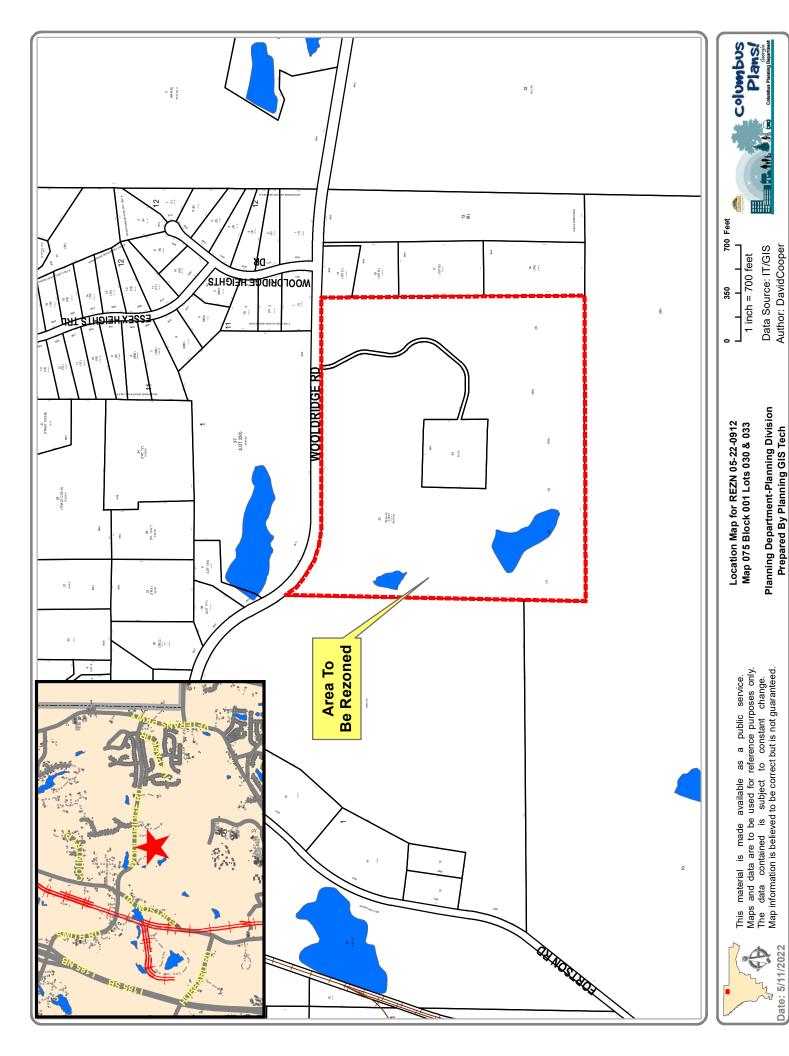
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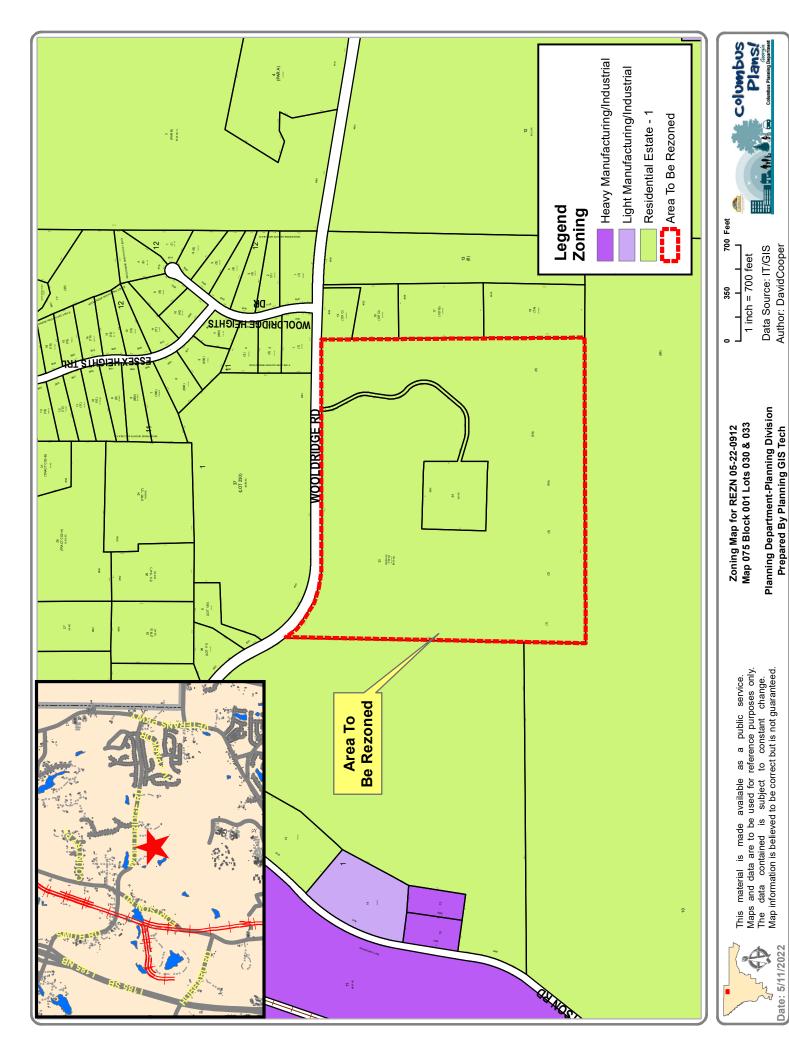
- (1) This rezoning request will <u>NOT</u> stop current mining and blasting operations. Vulcan's current lease is good for another 100 years.
- (2) The State of Georgia regulates all mining activities of Vulcan including water quality, air quality, blasting sound levels, etc.
- **(3)** Vulcan presented the Planning Department with 3 options for storing this overburden. Those options are:
 - Continue adding to the existing storage mound which would increase the height.
 - Transfer overburden into the existing pit that would require Vulcan to cross Fortson Road constantly.
 - Rezone and condition 0 / 3390 Woolridge Road to allow for <u>ONLY</u> overburden storage. This allows for internal connectivity and no mining operations.

Attachments:

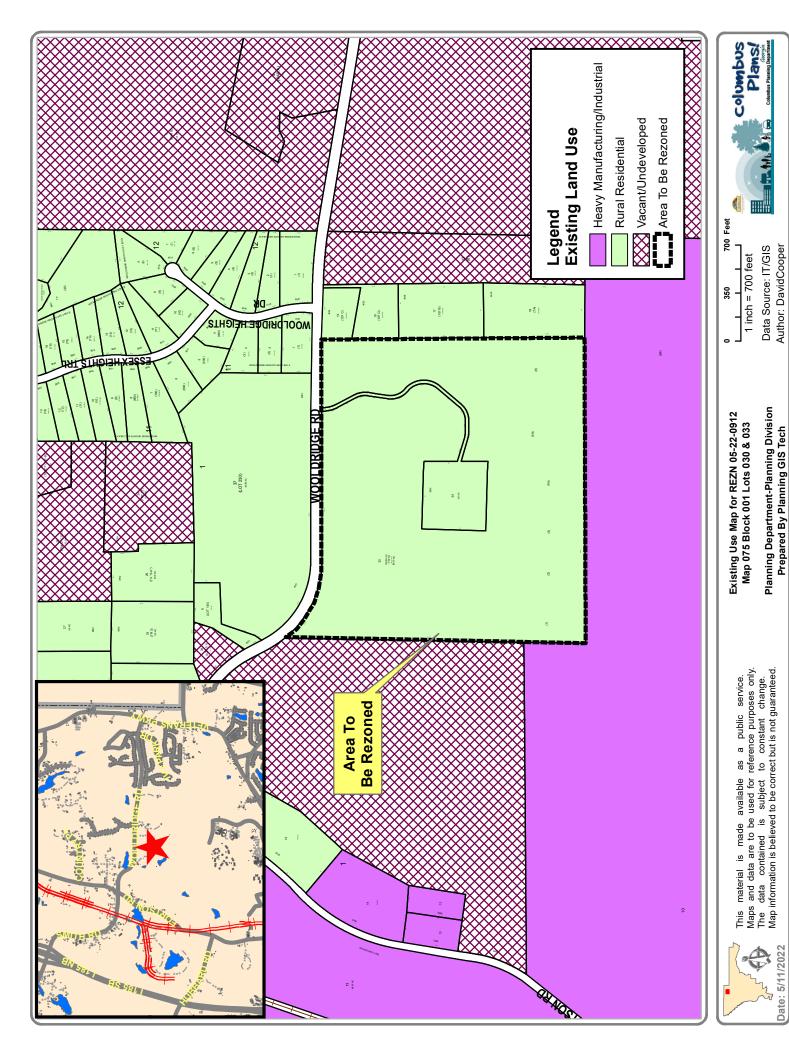
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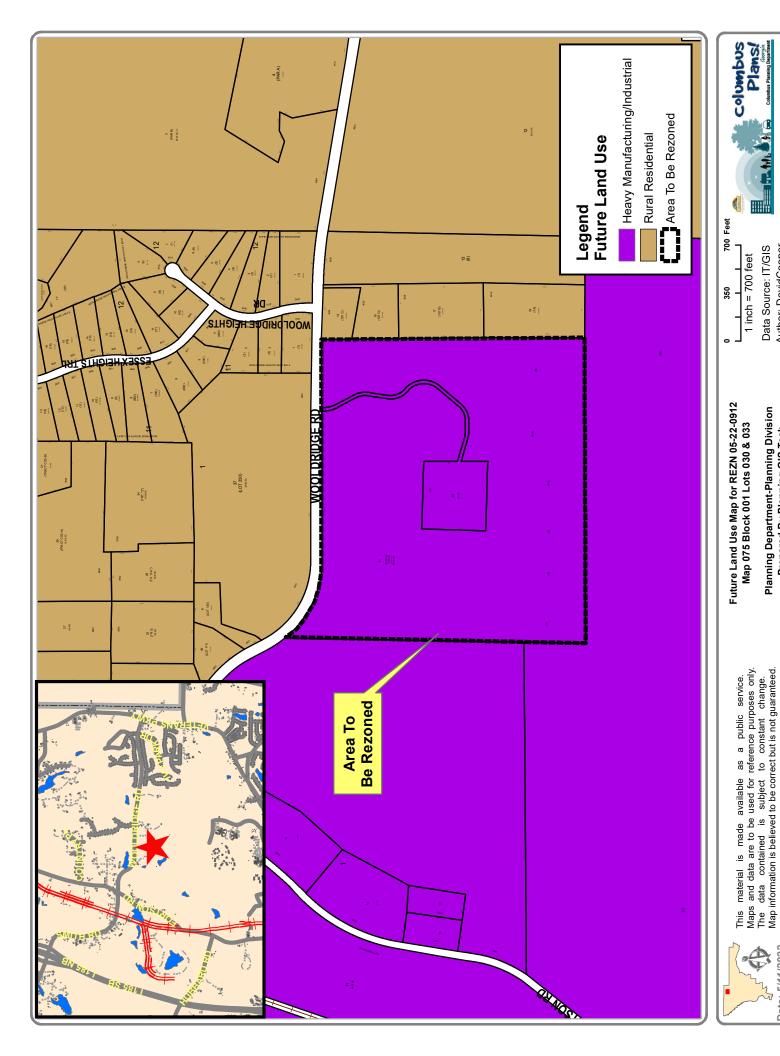






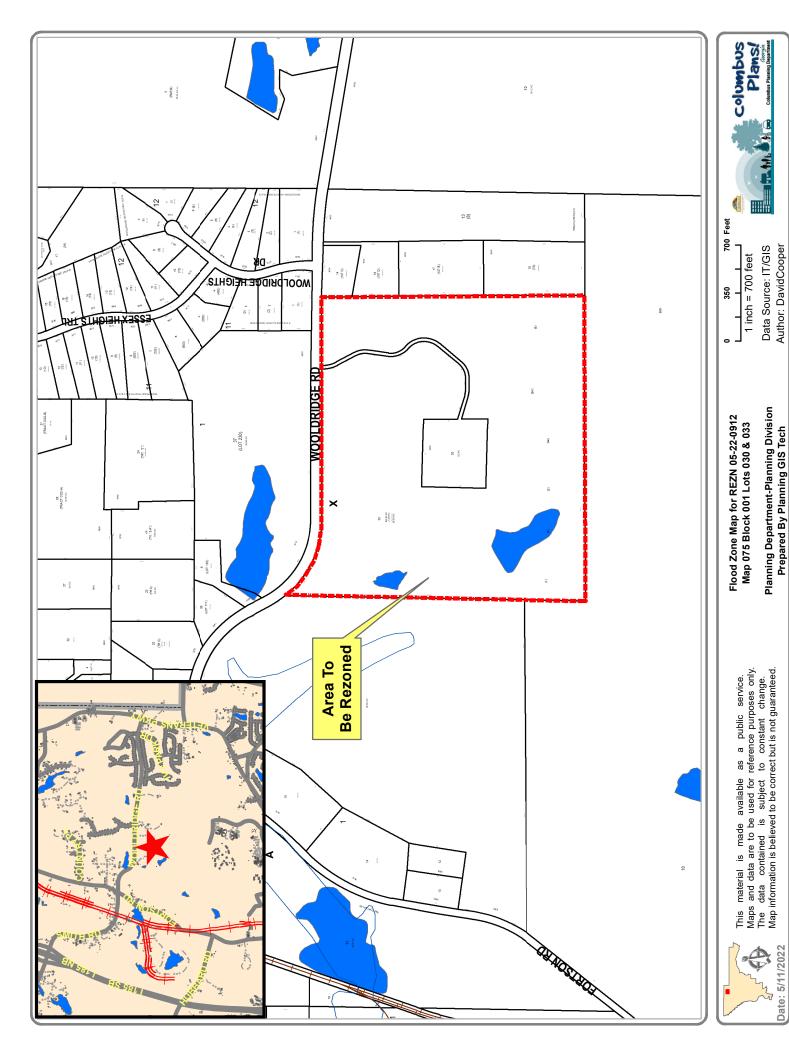
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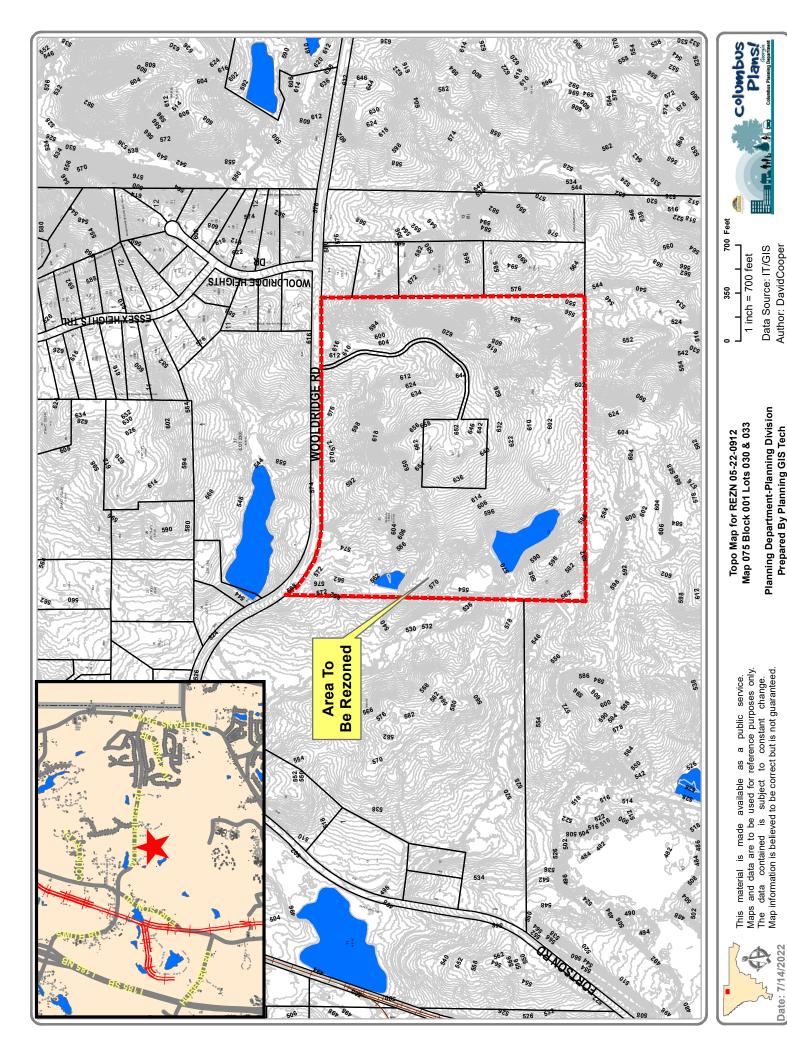




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Date: 7/14/2022

REZONING TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FORM

0 & 3390 Wooldridge Road REZN 05-22-0912 ZONING CASE NO. **PROJECT**

REZONING REQUEST CLIENT

RE1 to HMI

LAND USE

210 & 140 Frip Generation Land Use Code*

Heavy Manufacturing Industrial - (HMI) RE1 - 1 Acre per Lot Residential Estate - (RE1) **Existing Land Use**

HMI - Acreage converted to square footage. Proposed Trip Rate Unit Proposed Land Use Existing Trip Rate Unit

TRIP END CALCULATION*

| Land Use | Code | ITE Zone Code Code | Quantity | Trip Rate | Trip Rate Total Trips | |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Daily (Existing Zoning) | | | | | | |
| Single Family Detached Housing | 210 | REi | 100 Acres | 9.57 | 957 | |
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| | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total | 957 | |
| Daily (Proposed Zoning) | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 140 | IΜΗ | 100 Acres | 3.82 | | 111 Weekday |
| | | | | 1.49 | | 43 Saturday |
| | | | | 0.62 | | 18 Sunday |
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| | | | | Total | 172 | |

Note: * Denotes calculation are based on Trip Generation, 8th Edition by Institute of Transportation Engineers

TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS

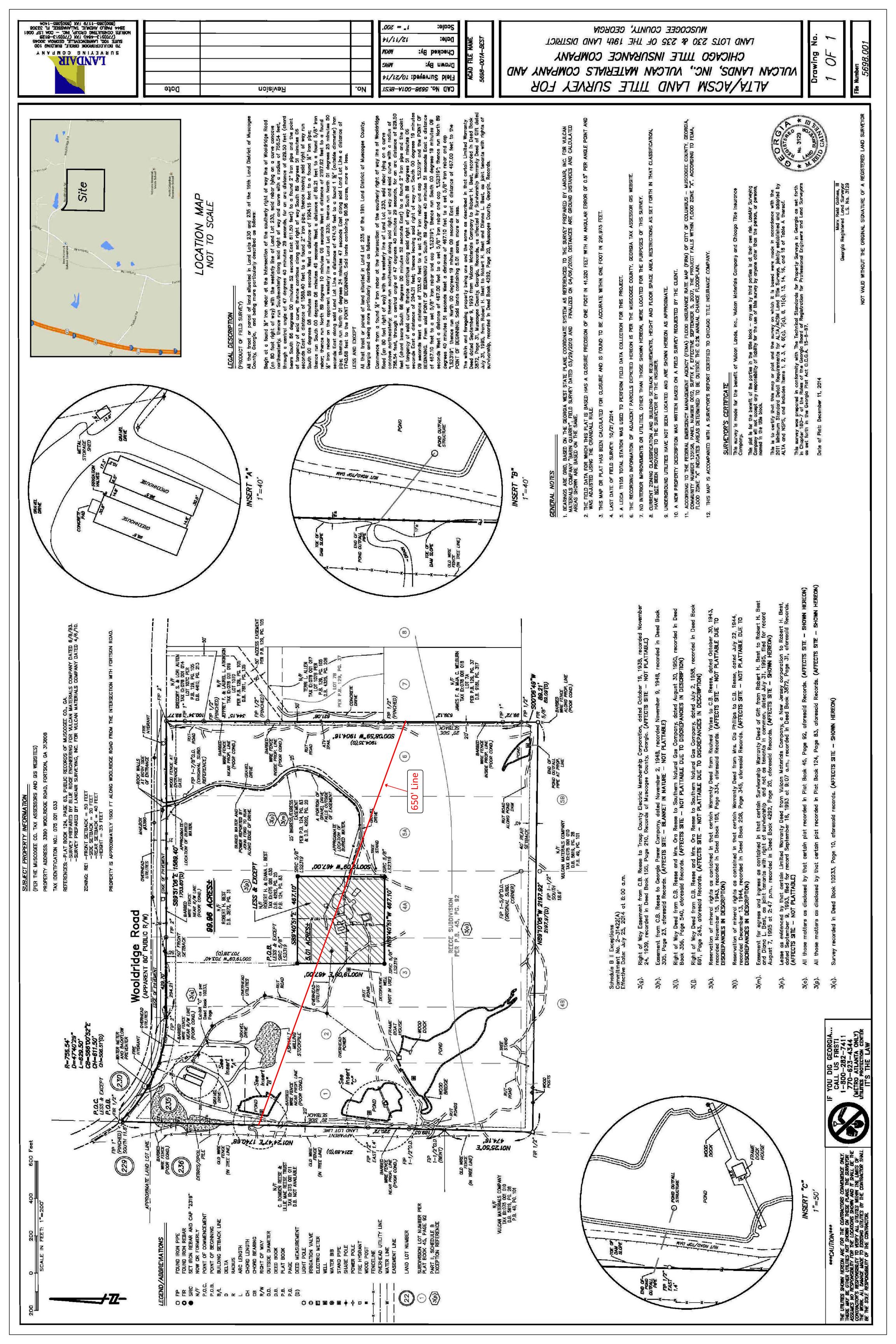
EXISTING ZONING (RE1)

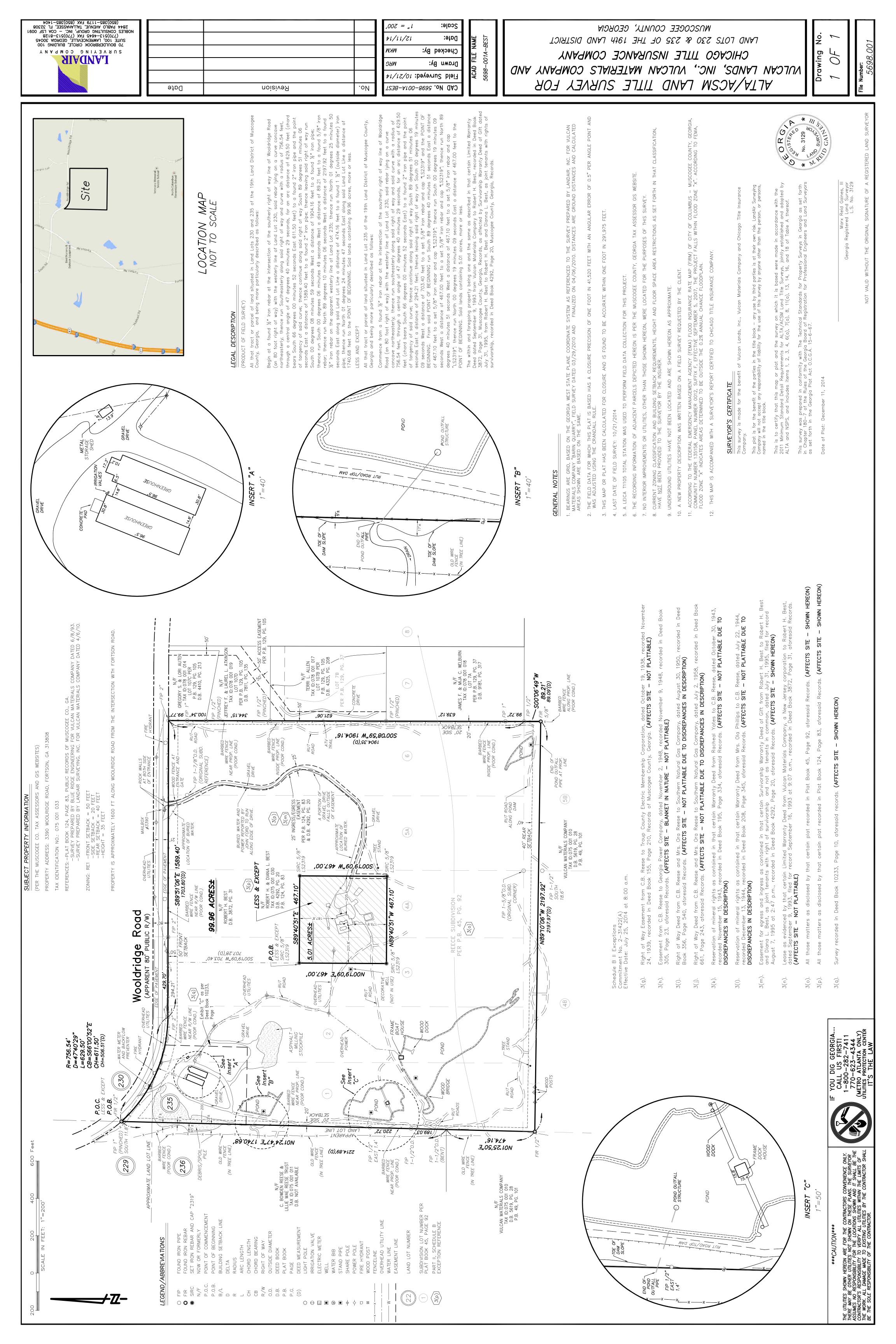
| Name of Street | Wooldridge Road |
|---|---------------------|
| Street Classification | Undivided Collector |
| No. of Lanes | 2 |
| City Traffic Count (2020) | 1,990 |
| Existing Level of Service (LOS)** | A |
| Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning | 296 |
| Total Projected Traffic (2022) | 2,947 |
| Projected Level of Service (LOS)** | B |

Note: ** Denotes Level of Service Based on National Standards for Different Facility Type (TABLE1- General Highway Capacities by Facility Type)

PROPOSED ZONING (HMI)

| Name of Street | Wooldridge Road |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Street Classification | Undivided Collector |
| No. of Lanes | 2 |
| City Traffic Count (2020) | 1,990 |
| Existing Level of Service (LOS)** | A |
| Additional Traffic due to Proposed | 172 |
| Total Projected Traffic (2022) | 2,162 |
| Projected Level of Service (LOS)** | A |





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May 2, 2022

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RE: Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC

Rezoning Request

Tax Parcels 075 001 030 and 075 001 033 (the "Subject Property")

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please accept this letter in support of the Rezoning Application of Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC (as Applicant) and Vulcan Lands, Inc. (as Owner)(collectively "Vulcan"). As reflected in such application, Vulcan seeks to rezone the Subject Property from RE-1 to HMI for purposes of the storage of overburden which needs to be removed from its adjoining quarry property in order to access additional reserves within the quarry. Vulcan does not seek to engage in any quarrying operations or utilize the Subject Property for its aggregate production, but rather for the limited purpose of storing overburden thereon.

Vulcan has been a part of the Columbus community for over sixty-five (65) years, having acquired its current quarry operation along Fortson Road in 1957. Vulcan owns approximately 543 acres, and leases an additional nearly 483 acres, at or around its quarry located along Fortson Road. Of this acreage, approximately 713 acres are included within the boundary of its existing Georgia EPD Mining Permit, while the balance of the property surrounds these operations and serves as a buffer to its neighbors.

As a result of the continued demand for aggregate and other products in the market area, Vulcan needs to expand its existing quarry pit to the north and east. The pit is not capable of being expanded any further to the south due to the location of a Colonial Pipeline traversing the property. When expanding the pit, it is necessary for Vulcan to remove the soil (or overburden) from above the rock to be mined, and such overburden must be stored until such time as the quarry is returned to its natural state at the end of the quarry's life. Towards this end, Vulcan desires to utilize a portion of the Subject Property for the deposit and storage of overburden as set forth on the enclosed plans.

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As reflected on these plans, the Subject Property contains approximately one hundred (100) acres and fronts upon Woolridge Road. However, please note that Vulcan will not access the site via Woolridge Road, but rather all activities will be completed by accessing the site from Vulcan's adjoining property. Vulcan proposes to maintain one hundred foot (100') natural buffers along the entirety of the eastern boundary of the Subject Property and along the entirety of Woolridge Road. This buffer area encompasses approximately 9.1 acres of land, and such buffer area contains approximately 112 trees per acre. These trees are a mix of both pines and hardwoods which will provide an effective visual and acoustic screen to Vulcan's neighbors.

The enclosed site plans reflect Vulcan's estimate of the boundaries of the area within which it will deposit overburden for storage during both the next five (5) years and over the next twenty (20) years. As reflected thereon, the vast majority of the storage area will be well inside the boundaries of the Subject Property and will not approach the agreed upon buffer areas for many years. When such buffers are approached, Vulcan agrees that it shall construct berms at a 3:1 slope, which berms will be properly grassed and vegetated to provide even additional screening for Vulcan's neighbors.

Although the Subject Property is presently zoned RE-1, it is designated as Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI) on the Future Land Use Map. The requested zoning of HMI is consistent with this designation and is consistent with Columbus' plan for this area. By rezoning the Subject Property to HMI, but limiting its use as proposed herein, the Subject Property will remain an effective buffer between Vulcan's quarrying operations and the residences to the East and North across Woolridge Road.

In support of this rezoning request, Vulcan shows that this request is supported by each of the factors set forth in Section 10.2.7 of the Columbus UDO:

- 1. Consistency: Is the proposed use consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning district? Yes. The storage of overburden on the Subject Property is consistent with the purpose and intent of the HMI zoning district. Vulcan intends to maintain buffers beyond those required by the UDO, and the limitation of use to overburden storage actually restricts the use of the property beyond that which would otherwise be permitted under the HMI zoning designation.
- 2. Suitability: Is the proposed use suitable in view of the zoning and development of adjacent and nearby property? Yes. The use of the Subject Property for overburden storage provides an effective buffer between the heavy industrial quarrying and manufacturing operations of Vulcan on its adjoining quarry site, while also permitting a use consistent with the designation of the Subject Property as Heavy Industrial on the Future Land Use Map.

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- 3. Affect on Existing Uses and Properties: Will the proposed use adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties? No. Based upon the extensive natural vegetative buffer to be maintained, along with the berms that will eventually be constructed behind such buffers, Vulcan's operations on the Subject Property in transporting and storing overburden will not be noticeable by any of the adjacent or nearby properties. Further, based upon Vulcan's permitting requirements with the State of Georgia, all water runoff from the site will be captured in the identified detention ponds and recirculated back to Vulcan's main stormwater detention facilities.
- 4. Comprehensive Plan. Is the proposed use compatible with the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan? Yes. The Subject Property is designated as Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial within the Comprehensive Plan. Further, the use of the Subject Property for overburden storage will create an efficient transitional use of the property that will buffer the adjoining properties that are designated residential under the Comprehensive Plan.
- 5. Use of Current Zoning. Are their substantial reasons why the property cannot or should not be used as currently zoned? Yes. The Subject Property is not appropriate for residential use adjacent to the quarrying activities of Vulcan on its adjoining properties.
- 6. Impact of Proposed Zoning or Use. Will the proposed use cause an excessive or burdensome use of public facilities or services, including but not limited to streets, schools, water or sewer facilities, and police or fire protection? No. The proposed use of the Subject Property will not involve the use of any public streets by Vulcan as all access to the site for overburden storage will be internal. Further, the proposed use will not utilize any water or sewer facilities, and will have no impact on schools, police or fire protection.
- 7. New or Changing Conditions. Is the proposed use supported by new or changing conditions not anticipated by the Comprehensive Plan or reflected in the existing zoning of the property or surrounding properties? While the proposed use is consistent with anticipated needs of Columbus as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, the current zoning of the Subject Property is not consistent with current conditions. The Vulcan quarry continues to be a major supplier of aggregate and other products to the region, and as a result thereof the pit needs to be further expanded. As a result, additional overburden storage area is needed so as to avoid increasing the height of the existing overburden storage which would likely be visible from adjoining properties.
- 8. Public and Private Property Rights. Does the proposed use reflect a reasonable balance between the promotion of the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare and the right to unrestricted use of property? Yes. The proposed rezoning of the Subject Property, coupled with the prohibition on mining of the Subject Property and the inclusion of the proposed buffers, offers a reasonable balance between Vulcan's free use of its property while also protecting the public health, safety and welfare.

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Based upon these findings, we respectfully request the rezoning of the Subject Property from RE-1 to HMI. We suggest the inclusion of the following conditions to such rezoning:

- A one hundred foot (100') natural vegetative buffer be maintained along the eastern boundary of the Subject Property and along the entire frontage of Woolridge Road;
- Vehicular access to the Subject Property from Woolridge Road shall be limited to access associated with the existing residence on the Subject Property, and shall not include any traffic in association with Vulcan operations on the site;
- The Subject Property shall not be utilized for mining or aggregate processing;
- Any overburden storage adjacent to the natural buffers shall include the construction and maintenance of berms with not less than a 3:1 slope, with the outward facing sides of such berm being vegetated after having been established.

Thank you and the City of Columbus for your consideration in regard to this request. I would be pleased to provide you with additional information regarding this rezoning application at your request.

Scott W. Peters

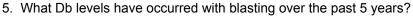
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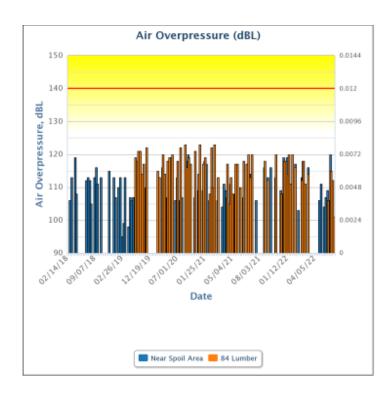
Enclosures

As we plan for discussions, we thought it would be helpful to provide several additional questions from residents:

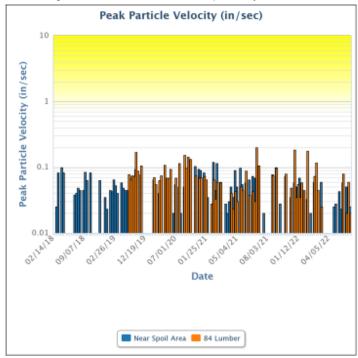
- 1. Will Vulcan submit a civil engineered site plan showing existing contours, final grades, slopes and retention plans including all retention ponds? (This plan should show all phases if work is performed in intervals.) As part of the inclusion of the site into our existing NPDES permit, these plans will be prepared and submitted. However, those plans have not presently been prepared as the rezoning of the property must first be approved before the permit modification will be submitted. Therefore they will not be available for this week's meeting. However, the existing contours of the site are included on the plans submitted with the rezoning application, and the anticipated final contours are also shown on those plans.
- 2. After each phase, is Vulcan planning on placing permanent ground stabilization in the disturbed areas? Yes
- 3. After overburden is moved (20 years), would Vulcan be willing to donate the property for a nature conservatory? While the property is included within our NPDES permitted site, Vulcan must retain full operational control of the site so that we are able to comply with our reclamation obligations when the mine operation is closed. However, Vulcan is willing to consider such a donation depending upon EPD regulation and depending on what our need will be for overburden at time of reclamation.
- 4. Are there any environmental impact statements or other environmental documents related to the property rezoning? No, there isn't an environmental impact statement.







6. What blasting seismic readings have occurred over the past 5 years?





- 7. How many truck loads of overburden will be moved each month if rezoning is approved? We anticipate approximately 2500 loads per month will be moved while stripping and these truck loads will be transported internally and not travel on public roads. We will be stripping 40% of weekdays in years 0-5 and 15% of weekdays in years 5-20. This is a projection based upon current operating conditions at the quarry.
- 8. Has a licensed professional engineer designed environmental controls for Subject Property? The environmental controls are not completed at this time, but they are being designed by a licensed professional engineer. The final plans will be submitted for review and approval to the EPD Land Branch.
- 9. Has Vulcan considered deployment of nonexplosive alternative methods to conventional rock blasting? I'm not sure of which alternative methods you are referring to; however most other methods are not commercially feasible.

Vulcan Materials Company Response to Follow-Up Questions Place in the Country

Zoning Related Documentation

Vulcan's 12 May document states they will provide us with current plans.

<u>Place in the Country response:</u> When will Vulcan provide the current plans? We also are interested in any options you may be considering for the future. As stated in our initial text message to Glenn Davis, our residential committee would prefer to have informative documents from Vulcan prior to meeting with Vulcan.

Carol Landrum emailed Bruce Bacon the May 2nd rezoning application documents on May 18th @ 10 am.

Environmental Study

Vulcan's 12 May document states "Vulcan's Environmental Department has assessed the environmental permitting required to proceed with the plans, if approved."

<u>Place in the Country Response:</u> Will you kindly share with us your Environmental Department documentation pertaining to the former Best property?

The steps involved in proceeding with the plans once zoning has been approved are as follows:

- Finalize the design and placement of the environmental controls that will be used to treat stormwater runoff from our overburden piles and prevent the occurrence of erosion and sedimentation.
- Add those design changes to our Surface Mine Land Use Plan, SMLUP.
- Submit the SMLUP to the GA EPD Surface Mine Land Use unit for review and approval.
- Adjust our surety bond to accommodate for the additional property. We will increase our surety bond by \$2,500 / acre of additional land.
- Modify our existing stormwater pollution prevention plan to include the aforementioned environmental controls.
- Revise our existing Stormwater Permit, GAR050000 to include the additional stormwater outfalls, and environmental controls. Georgia EPD mandates certain monitoring and sampling requirements that are applicable to all our stormwater outfalls. The details of these requirements are set forth in the Stormwater Permit.
- Once the SMLUP and Stormwater Permit have been approved and the surety bond adjusted accordingly we will physically install the environmental controls.
- We will begin storing overburden on the site after the environmental controls are installed.
 - Stormwater controls will be evaluated quarterly at a minimum.
 - Stormwater samples will be collected and analyzed as per GAEPD General Stormwater Permit GAR050000.

<u>Truck Transportation Concerns – Open Question to Vulcan</u>

Place in the Country Response: What commitment will Vulcan make to avoid damage to the roads in close vicinity to your quarry? What commitment will Vulcan make to remedy the hazardous road conditions currently in close proximity to your quarry? What action will you take to ensure truck traffic safety measures to and from your quarry including: speed limit compliance, overfill of trucks, protective measures to restrict loose rock spills, driver safety including zero tolerance of alcohol and drug use, removal of rock spills in close vicinity to your quarry?

The overburden storage on the Best Property that is the subject of the rezoning application will not create any additional traffic on adjacent roadways as all material will be transported to the property directly from the existing quarry site, and no trucks will access the site via public roads.

In regard to existing truck traffic on public roads adjacent to the Vulcan quarry, the majority of these trucks belong to our customers, and are not driven or owned by Vulcan. Therefore, although we can report incidents to our customers, Vulcan has limited ability to enforce rules on these drivers once they leave our facility. However, all trucks must be weighed before they leave our property to make sure they are not overweight, and trucks will be required to dump a part of their load if they are found to exceed the weight limitations. Further, all trucks are required to be tarped in accordance with the rules of the GA Department of Transportation. The driver of each truck is responsible for ensuring compliance with these rules.

Aesthetic plans and noise avoidance regarding former Best property

Place in the Country Response: Among other concerns, residents are anxious about aesthetics, water drainage, air quality and noise associated with the rezoning request. It is our understanding that a larger buffer (than that referenced by Vulcan's 12 May letter) has been contemplated to address concerns. (We feel ~30 yds is a grossly inadequate buffer.) What actions will Vulcan undertake to address significant water drainage issues from the former Best property onto Fortson Road?

Vulcan has voluntarily agreed to exceed the buffer requirements set forth in the Columbus Unified Development Ordinance, which would allow a buffer of only 75 feet. As depicted on the site plan submitted with the rezoning application, the buffer will exceed 100 feet in most locations, with the two detention ponds designed to collect and control stormwater being the closest improvements anticipated to be constructed along the northern and eastern property lines.

As referenced above, the stormwater system will be included within Vulcan's state mining permit, and as such all discharges of water from the property into adjacent streams or tributaries will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Environmental controls employed to prevent drainage issues from the former Best property onto Wooldridge Road include, but are not limited to the following:

- stormwater ponds
- check dams
- silt fencing

A licensed professional engineer will design these environmental controls.

Further, please note that in response to inquiries from neighbors about timbering of the property, Vulcan has agreed that the trees north of the existing home site will not be timbered until such time as Vulcan needs to extend the overburden storage area north of that home site, which we anticipate will be several years in the future.

Open question to Vulcan

Place in the Country Response: In an effort to assist with our question "6d," we offer the following:

Does Vulcan anticipate, directly or indirectly, changes as a result of successful rezoning of the property involved in the zoning request, if such is approved? No. The purpose of the rezoning request is to allow for the most efficient and least intrusive method of storage of overburden on the property. There will be no substantive changes to Vulcan's operations as a result of the rezoning.

Will truck traffic, and or loads, along with Vulcan personnel, increase over the average annual metrics experienced over the past 12 months? No. The overburden will not be transported along public roads, but will be transported to the site via internal roads between the current quarry site and the property sought to be rezoned.

What materials will be transferred onto the former Best property? Overburden material consists of rock, dirt, and clay.

Is Vulcan already performing the movement of materials onto the former Best property? No. Until such time as the zoning is approved, the property will not be utilized for overburden storage.

Where on the property will the materials be moved? The attached site plan depicts the locations where the overburden will be stored. The dark green shading indicates the portion of the property that is anticipated to be utilized during the first five (5) years following approval. The light green shading indicates the additional portions of the property that are anticipated to be utilized through the first twenty (20) years following approval.

How will the materials be moved? The materials will be loaded onto dump trucks within the areas being cleared adjacent to the existing quarry, and transported onto the Best property via internal roads to be constructed between the properties.

Is road construction required on the property to transfer materials? No. While gravel drives will be constructed to connect the properties internally, no asphalt paving will be utilized, and the public roads will not be utilized in this process.

What is the expected schedule for material transfer? Following zoning approval, we would anticipate that overburden could begin being transported onto the Best property within approximately 3 - 6 months.

Will Vulcan deploy additional conveyor equipment? No. The overburden storage will not involve the use of conveyor equipment.

Will the transporting be visible or audible to residential areas? It is not anticipated that the transporting will be visible or audible to nearby residential areas. The existing vegetative buffer should provide sufficient visible and audio screening.

What actions will Vulcan implement to avoid air quality problems? Water will be applied to the haul roads and disturbed areas as needed to prevent fugitive emissions. The outside slopes of the berm will be vegetated upon completion. Once the property is added to the Vulcan's existing NPDES permit, the property will be subject to air quality standards that apply to the entirety of Vulcan's operational property.

If approved, what steps - such as construction, habitat destruction (including but not limited to trees and plants), water management - are expected to prepare the Best Property for the envisioned use? This project is not expected to change our current water management practices. Trees and vegetation in the footprint of the overburden storage area will be removed, however all trees and other vegetation within the proposed 100-foot buffer would remain. As noted above, Vulcan will not remove the trees located to the north of the existing home site until such time as the overburden storage area is expanded beyond the house location.

How will the current zoned property be altered if zoning is successful? The property will be used to store overburden and will not be visible to neighbors. There is no expectation to mine the property, nor will any processing facilities be located on the Best property. Vulcan has requested in the rezoning application that the City of Columbus limit the permitted use of the property solely to overburden storage.

Will Vulcan change any access roads to the properties? No. While existing internal roads will be extended onto the Best property, no public roads will be utilized or expanded and no additional curb cuts onto public roads are anticipated.

What machinery, and machinery use, changes and/or additions are contemplated in your plan for the additional property? Vulcan will utilize dump trucks to move overburden onto the property and loaders to slope the material so that it may be vegetated once the banks are stabilized.

Please provide information on your blasting practices and any changes anticipated in your plan. The quarry currently blasts 5-6 stripping shots/month and 3-4 productions shots/month. We do not anticipate any changes to our blasting schedule at this time based upon the current market demand for our products. Vulcan would be pleased to add any of our neighbors to our preblasting notification list.

Will additional lighting be necessary for your operations? No. All work will be performed during the day and no lighting will be installed. If so, will precautions be in place to ensure that doesn't impact neighbors? N/A

Will conveyor equipment use be increased? No. The overburden will not be transported by conveyor.

Will the truck loading area be moved at any future time? Vulcan presently has no plans to move the truck loading area on its property. The Best property will not be utilized for truck loading – the sole use of this property will be for overburden storage.

Will rail loading processes change in your plan? The overburden location on the Best property will not alter Vulcan's rail loading processes.

What environmental and ecological preservation actions are included in your plan? Environmental and ecological preservation actions include but are not limited to the preservation of undisturbed buffers, wetland and stream buffers, and the installation of common best management practices (BMPs) used in the aggregates industry to prevent erosion and sedimentation. The 100' natural buffer will remain in its existing state and will not be disturbed by the overburden storage.

Do you envision any other uses for the former Best property? Not at this time (except for the continued use of the single residence on the property by Vulcan employees). To the extent any additional uses are contemplated in the future, Vulcan would be required to submit a future zoning application to modify the requested condition limiting the use to only overburden storage.

Do you have further expansion plans for the area? In regard to the Best property, the sole anticipated use for the property for many years is overburden storage.

What is the useful mining life expectancy for your existing Barin Quarry? Based upon current known reserves within the existing pit area, we believe that the useful mining life expectancy is at least 100+ years.

What are the likely chances of ownership change for your organization? Vulcan has operated the quarry since 1957. Vulcan Materials Company is a publicly traded company, and therefore although we cannot make any promises of ownership adjustments due to the purchase or sale of stock, the company has enjoyed stable majority ownership and management for many years. In the unlikely event another owner should obtain the quarry in the future, they would have to abide by zoning and any conditions resulting from rezoning for this parcel.

What other adverse conditions have you considered pertaining to neighborhood areas within 5 miles of your property? The storage of overburden on the Best property is intended to minimize the impact of overburden storage on our neighbors. If we are not allowed to expand the footprint of where overburden may be stored as proposed, we will be forced to look at other alternatives within the property that is already subject to our mining permit – alternatives which we believe will have greater adverse impacts. We would potentially increase the height of the existing storage mounds (which are beginning to be visible from our property boundaries) or be forced to haul the overburden to other locations across adjacent public roadways. We believe the utilization of the Best property for overburden storage is the option with the minimum of adverse consequences for our neighbors.

What are the specific reasons for moving soil onto the former Best property? Our pit is expanding and to get to the rock, we have to remove the dirt on top, called overburden. Once overburden is removed, we need a place to store it which is the purpose for rezoning the Best parcel. As noted above, the storage on the Best property appears to be the least intrusive means of storage for our neighbors.

Will you share the Vulcan documents presented to the City of Columbus with us? The documents were shared with Bruce Bacon via email on May 18th @ 10 am.



Date: May 12, 2022

Responses back to Bruce Bacon, 1084 North Country Court, Fortson, GA 31808

1. What steps have been taken regarding Vulcan's request for rezoning and what are the remaining steps in the process? What is the expected timeframe for each of the steps?

Vulcan Materials Company, Barin Quarry submitted a rezoning application to Planning and Zoning on May 2nd. The matter will be heard at the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) meeting which is scheduled for June 1st. After the PAC meeting, the matter goes before the Board of Commissioner for a 1st and 2nd reading and vote in June and July.

2. How may we obtain Vulcan's zoning related documentation (including any assurances to accommodate concerns of residents in the area)?

We will be happy to provide you with our current plans and meet with you to discuss your concerns.

3. Who should we contact to arrange a meeting with Vulcan? We would like to see their documentation (referenced in 2 above) prior to the meeting.

Carol Landrum, Manager of Government and Community Relations with Vulcan Materials Company, landrumc@vmcmail.com, 404-434-6023

4. Has there been an environmental study of the property referenced in the zoning area? Is there a city, state or federal requirement for such?

Vulcan's Environmental Department has assessed the environmental permitting required to proceed with the plans, if approved. All phases of the proposed development will be in compliance with the environmental rules and regulations promulgated by the GAEPD, EPA, and USACE.

5. Has an assessment been performed, or is there a plan for such an impact study, regarding traffic volume, road repair, road readiness, railroad delays and impact, along with any other potential risks or adverse impact to our area?

This change in our operation will not result in any increase in traffic. This proposal will allow Vulcan to move material internally without the need to access any public roadway.

- 6. In addition to question 5, we are interested to specifically know the following:
- a. Is there a plan to improve the paving of roads in our area that have been damaged by heavy quarry traffic? We don't have an answer for this at this time.
- b. Will the quarries in our area agree to clear the roads of any loose rock debris within a specific vicinity of the quarry? We are looking into this issue however do not have an answer at this time.
- c. Has Vulcan agreed to a decibel standard for their operations which are in close proximity to residential areas?

It has never been brought up to us as an issue. We have encountered similar ordinances at other locations and we have no issues complying. Columbus has a noise ordinance and Vulcan has never been notified that there is a noise issue. We do not operate at night and on the new parcel we wish to rezone we will not be operating during nighttime hours.

d. Does Vulcan anticipate (directly or indirectly) any additional business, operational, construction, machinery, blasting, conveyor operations, lighting, loading, planting, hiring, water treatment, preservation steps or any other changes in their current business?

I want to understand your question and would like to talk to you at greater length about this.

7. What stated plans are in place following the mining of the guarry?

Vulcan's State mining permits require that a reclamation plan be submitted to the EPD and a bond or letter of credit issued to ensure that after the mine is closed, it is reclaimed pursuant to that plan.

8. What aesthetic plans are in place for the former Best Nursery properties?

A berm will be placed on the Best property with a 3-1 slope so that the slopes can be easily vegetated with grasses and trees. Vulcan will maintain a minimum 100 foot undisturbed buffer. The height of the fill will be less than the current crest of the hill on the Best Property (where the current house is located).

9. What are the steps for us to meet with local government offices such as the planning and zoning departments?

The application request is a public process allowing public input at several points in the process.

From January 1, 2017 until present the Barin Quarry has been inspected (8) times by the GAEPD. No citations were issued.

2018_01_25 – A **routine environmental inspection** was conducted by Clayton Bristol, GAEPD West Central District Office.

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2018_02_21 – An **air inspection** was conducted by Clayton Bristol, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2018_03_20 - An **air inspection** was conducted by Clayton Bristol, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2018_06_28 – An **air inspection** was conducted by Clayton Bristol, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2018_08_28 – An **air inspection** was conducted by Clayton Bristol, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2019_11_19 – A **routine environmental inspection** was conducted by Stephanie Edwards, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2020_02_21 – A **routine environmental inspection** was conducted by Dennis Foster, GAEPD West Central District Office

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.

2020_08_13 - A **routine environmental inspection** was conducted by David Humphries, GAEPD Surface Mining Unit

• The quarry was found to be in compliance.