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MEMO

To:BZAFrom:Randy Mannino/David Hardegree/ Zack ArnoldCC:Keith LovellDate:June 1, 2023Re:File # V23-14

Summary: To reduce the min. parking space requirement.

Section 1: Project Summary

Variance application by IDI Cartersville Ranch LLC for property identified as C123-0001-001, located at the NE corner of Grogan Rd and Cass-White Rd. Zoning is H-I, Heavy Industrial. Said property contains approximately 165.60 acres. The site is located in the Business Park Overlay District. There are no guidelines in the Overlay District that address parking requirements.

This project will construct (4) distribution/ logistics warehouses each with their own parking lots.

The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the min. parking requirement from 1,750 to 999 parking spaces across all (4) warehouses. This is a 57% decrease in the requirement. A breakdown of parking requirements by warehouse is provided in the justification letter in the application. Since the proposed warehouse facilities will be for distribution, less parking is required than warehouses requiring production workers employed in traditional shift work.

The site is large enough that should additional parking be needed in the future, then there is space available for parking expansion.

The variance request is for the following:

1. Reduce the min. parking requirement for an industrial warehouse from 1,750 to 999 (for all warehouses). (Ord. Sec. 17.6.18).

Section 2. Department Comments

Electric Department: Takes No Exception

Fibercom: No comments received

Fire Department: No comments received

Gas Department: Takes No Exception

Public Works Department: Takes No Exception

Water Department: Not in Service Area

Bartow County Engineering and Water Departments: No comments received

Section 3. Public Comments Received by Staff

None as of 6/1/23

Section 4. Variance Justification:

Please review the following findings, as stated in the Zoning Ordinance, that are to be utilized in determining justification for approval or denial of variance request(s).

Sec. 17.6. Number of parking spaces.

In order to ensure a proper and uniform development of public parking areas throughout the area of jurisdiction of this chapter, to relieve traffic congestion on the streets, to lessen the amount of impervious surface in the city, and to minimize any detrimental effects on adjacent properties, off-street parking space shall be provided and maintained as called for in the following sections. For any use or class of use not mentioned in this section, the requirements shall be the same as similar use as mentioned herein.

Any decrease in the number of parking spaces required by this section must be approved by either the zoning administrator under the administrative variance procedures or by the board of zoning appeals under the variance procedures set forth by this chapter.

Parking requirements for additions to existing uses shall be based upon the new addition even if the existing use is deficient. (These regulations shall apply to all districts except the DBD.) 17.6.18. Industrial or manufacturing establishment or warehouse. One (1) parking space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area.

Sec. 21.3. - Powers and duties of the board of zoning appeals.

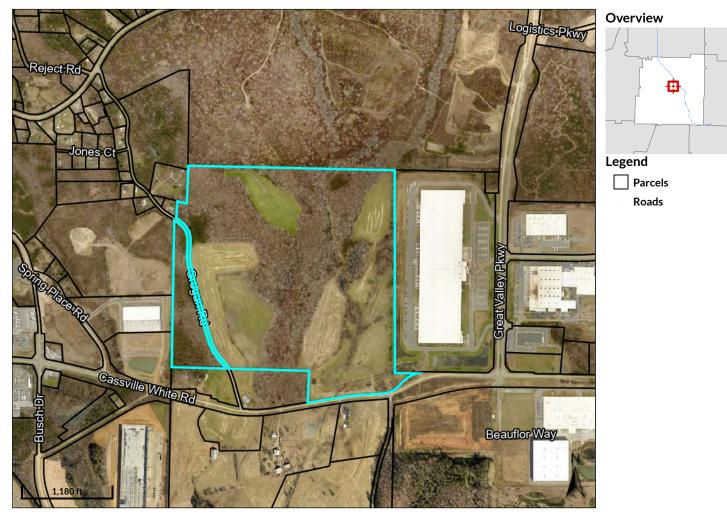
The board of zoning appeals shall have the following powers and duties:

- 21.3.1. *Appeals.* To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the zoning administrator in the enforcement of this chapter. Appeals to the board of appeals may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer, department, board, or agency of the City of Cartersville affected by any decision of the zoning administrator. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days of said decision by filing with the zoning administrator a written notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. Decisions on appeals shall be issued in writing within ten (10) business days of the hearing on the appeal.
- 21.3.2. *Continuance of a nonconforming use.* The board of zoning appeals may allow a nonconforming use to be reestablished after discontinuance for twelve (12) consecutive months. The procedure for the request shall be the same as if it was a variance. If it is deemed by the board of zoning appeals that one (1) or more of the following apply, the board may grant said request.
 - A. The design, construction, and character of the building is not suitable for uses permitted in the district in which the nonconforming use is situated; and
 - B. Undue hardships to the property owner would result in not allowing the building to be reopened for a nonconforming use; and
 - C. Adjacent property would not be unduly damaged by such use of the building; and
 - D. The use is to be identical or similar to the prior nonconforming use of the building.
- 21.3.3. *Variances.* The board of appeals has the power to hear requests for variances from the provisions of this chapter. Variance may be granted only if the board finds all of the following to exist:
 - A. That one (1) of the following is true, through no action or fault of the property owner or predecessor:
 - 1. The property is exceptionally narrow, shallow or unusually shaped;
 - 2. The property contains exceptional topographic conditions;
 - 3. The property contains other extraordinary or exceptional conditions; or
 - 4. There are existing other extraordinary or exceptional circumstances; and
 - B. That the strict application of the requirements of this chapter would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owner of this property; and
 - C. That the requested variance relief may be granted without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of this chapter.

Variance decisions shall be issued in writing within ten (10) business days of the hearing.

- 21.3.4. *Conditions*. In granting a variance, the board of appeals may attach such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed building, structure, property, development standards or use as it may deem advisable so that the purpose of this chapter will be served, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done.
- 21.3.5. *Limitations on variances; improper variance requests.* Variances cannot be given to totally remove a requirement or to exempt a property or applicant entirely from a requirement. If a variance is being sought that is, in the judgment of the zoning administrator, a request that would constitute a text amendment, then the application shall not be accepted. The applicant shall instead be directed to file for a text amendment. Furthermore, the board of appeals shall not be authorized to grant a density variance or a use variance to permit a use in a district in which the use is prohibited. A variance application shall not be accepted if the variance seeks something that cannot be varied. A variance application shall not be accepted if the variance is contradictory to the ordinance.
- 21.3.6. *Self-inflicted hardship.* The board shall not grant variances when the hardship was created by the property owner or his predecessor, and shall not grant hardship variances based on shape or topography for lots of record not existing prior to November 7, 1996. Configuring a subdivision to create lots that are difficult to build is an example of a hardship created by the property owner or predecessor, that does not justify a variance.

Sections 21.3.7, Place of worship, and 21.3.8, Group homes, omitted. Not applicable.



Parcel ID C123-0001-001 Sec/Twp/Rng n/a Property Address GROGAN RD District Cartersville **Brief Tax Description** LL 206 207 227 LD (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)

Alternate ID 42063 Class Industrial Acreage 165.6

Owner Address IDIL CARTERSVILLE RANCH LLC 1197 PEACHTREE ST STE 600 ATLANTA, GA 30361

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City of Cartersville Application for Variance Board of Zoning Appeals

Hearing Date:	6/8/23	5:30pm	Application Number: <u>V23-14</u>
			Date Received: 4-27-23
Applicant (printed name)			Office Phone 770.386.1102
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City Atlanta		State GA	Zip Emailgary.minor@idilogistics.com
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Present Zoning District	t <u>H-I</u>		Parcel ID No
Acreage165.6	Land Lot(s) 207		District(s) Section(s)
Location of Property:	Grogan Road		
Zoning Section(s) for v	(street address, which a variance is be	nearest intersed ing requested:_	ctions, etc.) Chapter 26. Article XVII. Sec. 17.6.18
			e number of parking spaces required per square feet of gross floor area.
* Attach additiona			can be provided on Justifation Letter) on separate application pages.

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CONDITIONS VERIFICATION

List the Article(s), Section(s) and Subsection(s) of the Zoning Ordinance for which a variance is	5
requested.	

Article	Section 17	6.18 Subsection
Article	Section	Subsection
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The Board of Zoning Appeals was established to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the zoning administrator in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance. The Board has the power to hear requests for variances from the provisions of the zoning ordinance, Article XXI APPEALS. See Section 21.3 for additional information pertaining to conditions.

To assist staff and the Board of Zoning Appeals in the analysis of the variance application, please check all of the following conditions that apply to your variance request:

1	The property is exceptionally narrow, shallow or unusually shaped,
2	The property contains exceptional topographic conditions,
3	The property contains other extraordinary or exceptional conditions; and
4	There are other existing extraordinary or exceptional circumstances; and
5. <u> </u>	The strict application of the requirements of this ordinance would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owner of this property;
6. <u>X</u>	The requested variance relief may be granted without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of this ordinance
	mments by Applicant:The Buildings being constructed on this property are primarily tics warehouses. The square footage being built will be used for operation and not occupied

by workers, hence no need for addi	tional parking.	
Building 1 - 54% reduction	Building 2 - 20% reduction	
Building 3 - 25% reduction	Building 4 - 55% reduction	

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Justification Letter IDI Cartersville Ranch, LLC.

City of Cartersville Board of Zoning Appeals,

The development at Grogan Road for IDI Cartersville Ranch, LLC is made up of 4 individual buildings. These buildings will be used for logistics and operational purposes with little office space.

The current parking requirement in Article XVII Section 17 Subsection 6.18 requires: Industrial or manufacturing establishment or warehouse. One (1) parking space for each one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area.

We are requesting the following reduction in the required parking below.

Building 1

- Required by code: 713 spaces
- Requesting: 331 spaces
- Reduction: 54%

Building 2

- Required by code: 308 spaces
- Requesting: 247 spaces
- Reduction: 20%

Building 3

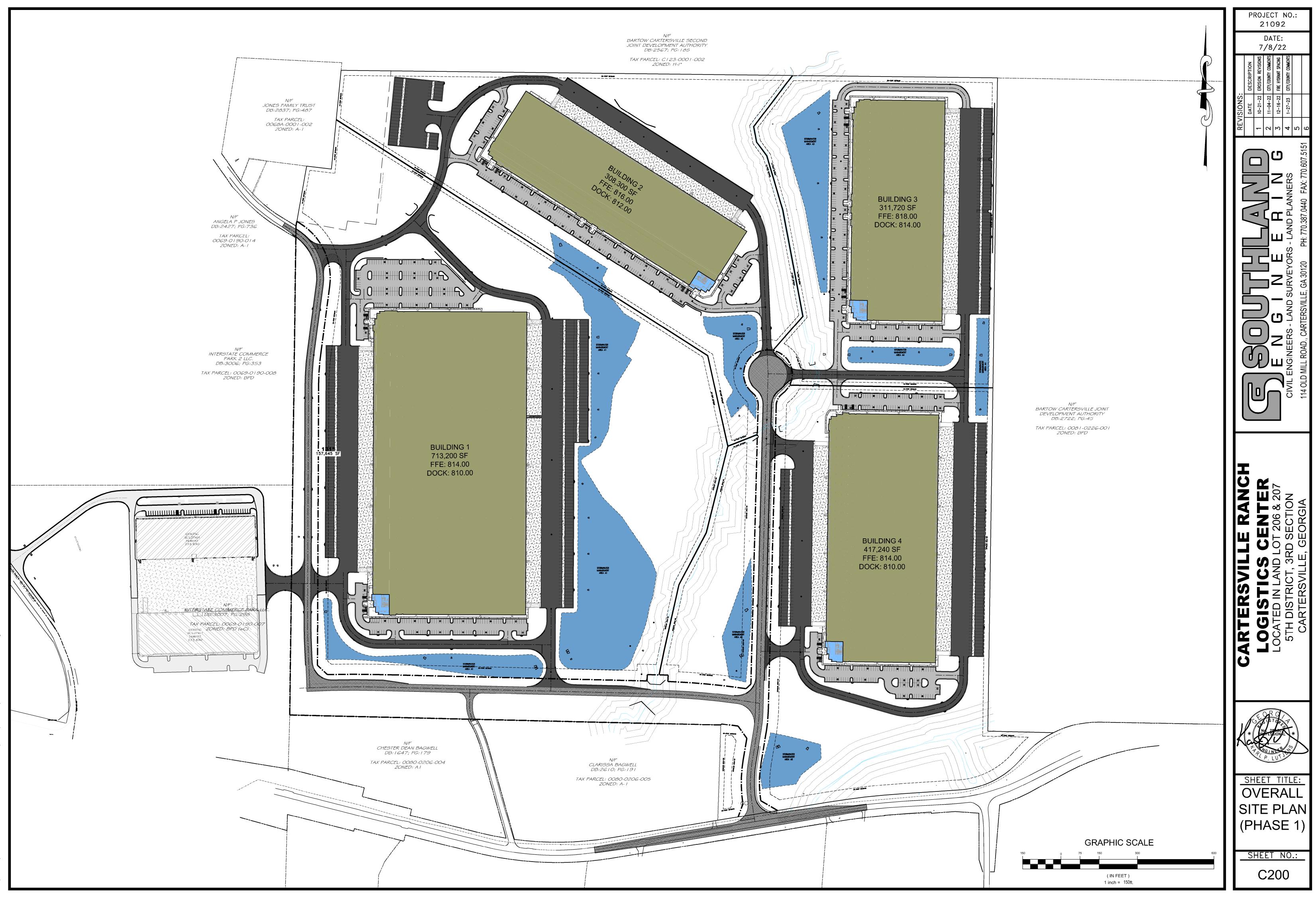
- Required by code: 312 spaces
- Requesting: 234 spaces
- Reduction: 25%

Building 4

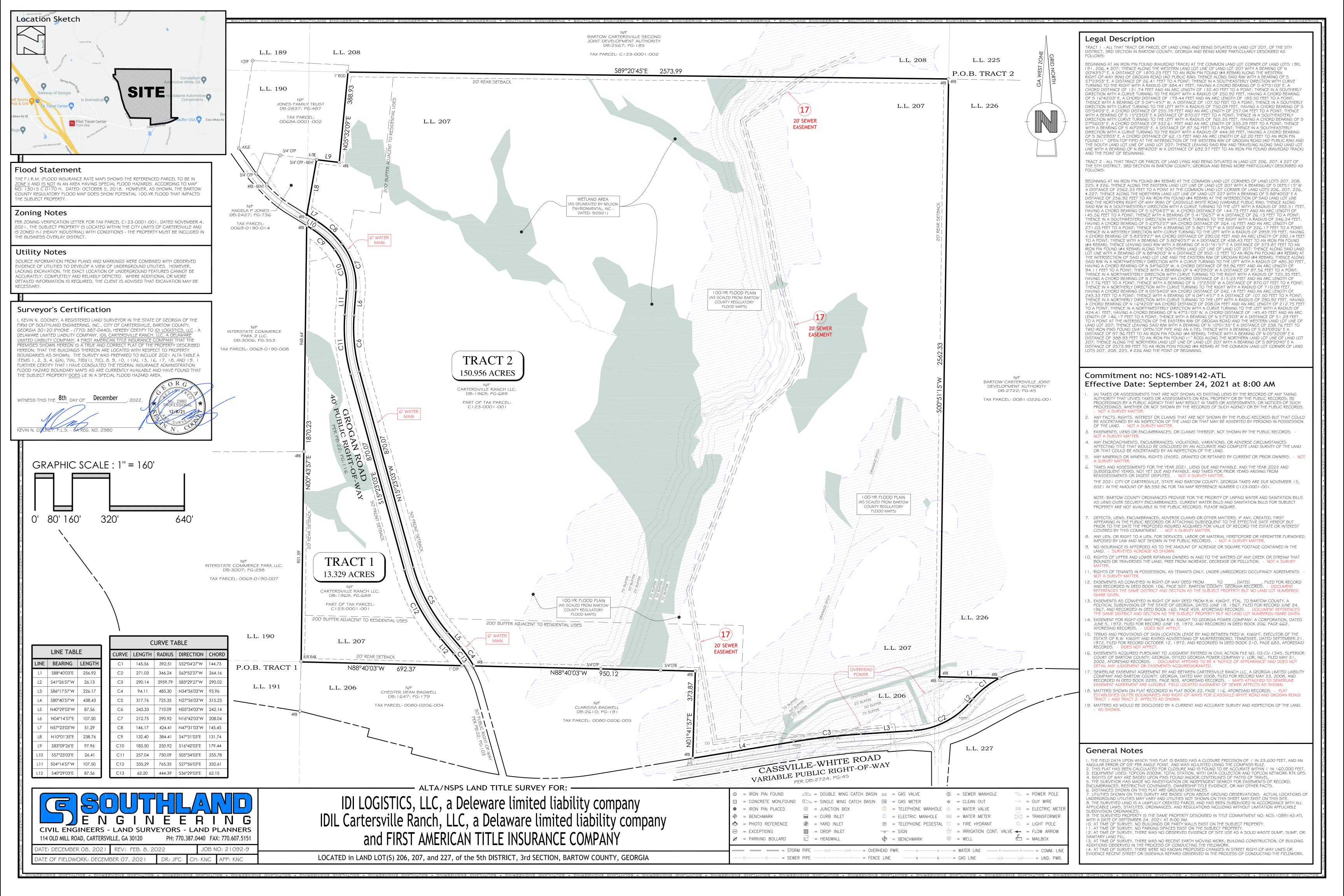
- Required by code: 417 spaces
- Requesting: 187 spaces
- Reduction: 55%

Thank you,

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Cass- White Rd Construction Entrance



Grogan Rd Construction Entrance