RZN-24-5

Rezoning Application

Status: Active

Submitted On: 1/17/2024

Primary Location

1094 Goshen Road

Rincon, GA 31326

Owner

CHURCH GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

GEORGIA INC P O BOX 1369

RINCON, GA 31326

Applicant

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Staff Review

03/12/2024

04/02/2024

residential development.

451

Parcel #*

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Staff Description

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2nd

■ Public Notification Letters Mailed

02/19/2024

△ Board of Commissioner Ads

03/13/2024

02/21/2024

Request Approved or Denied

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Applicant Information

Who is applying for the rezoning request?*

Agent

Applicant / Agent Name*

SIMCOE Investment Group, LLC (Clay

Price)

Applicant Email Address*

clay@hoiconstruction.com

Applicant Phone Number*

912-727-2920

Applicant Mailing Address*

PO Box 3097

Applicant City*

Richmond Hill

Applicant State & Zip Code*

GA 31324

Property Owner Information

Owner's Name*

Owner's Email Address*

Grace Community Church of Effingham

County, Georgia Inc

n/a

Owner's Phone Number*

Owner's Mailing Address*

n/a

PO Box 1369

Owner's City*

Owner's State & Zip Code*

Rincon

GA 31326

Rezoning Information

Present Zoning of Property*

Proposed Zoning of Property*

R-1 (Single Family Residential)

PD (Planned Development)

Map & Parcel *

Road Name*

04510021

Goshen Road

Proposed Road Access* ②

Total Acres *

Goshen Road

39.94

Acres to be Rezoned*

29.6

Lot Characteristics *

includes a church, undeveloped area, and wetlands

Water Connection *

Name of Supplier*

Public Water System

Effingham County

Sewer Connection

Name of Supplier*

Public Sewer System

Effingham County

Justification for Rezoning Amendment *

to sell approx. 29.6 ac for residential development and keep approx. 10.34 ac for the existing church

List the zoning of the other property in the vicinity of the property you wish to rezone:

North*	South*
I-1	R-1
East*	West*
R-1	R-6

Describe the current use of the property you wish to rezone.*

A portion of the property is currenlty occupied by a church and the remainder is undeveloped woodland.

Does the property you wish to rezone have a reasonable economic use as it is currently zoned?*

Yes, only limited use as woodland.

Describe the use that you propose to make of the land after rezoning.*

The proposed use is to construct a residential subdivision.

Describe the uses of the other property in the vicinity of the property you wish to rezone?*

Properties along the east, west, and across Goshen Road to the south are currenlty used as residential. Property along the north are industrial.

Describe how your rezoning proposal will allow a use that is suitable in view of the uses and development of adjacent and nearby property?*

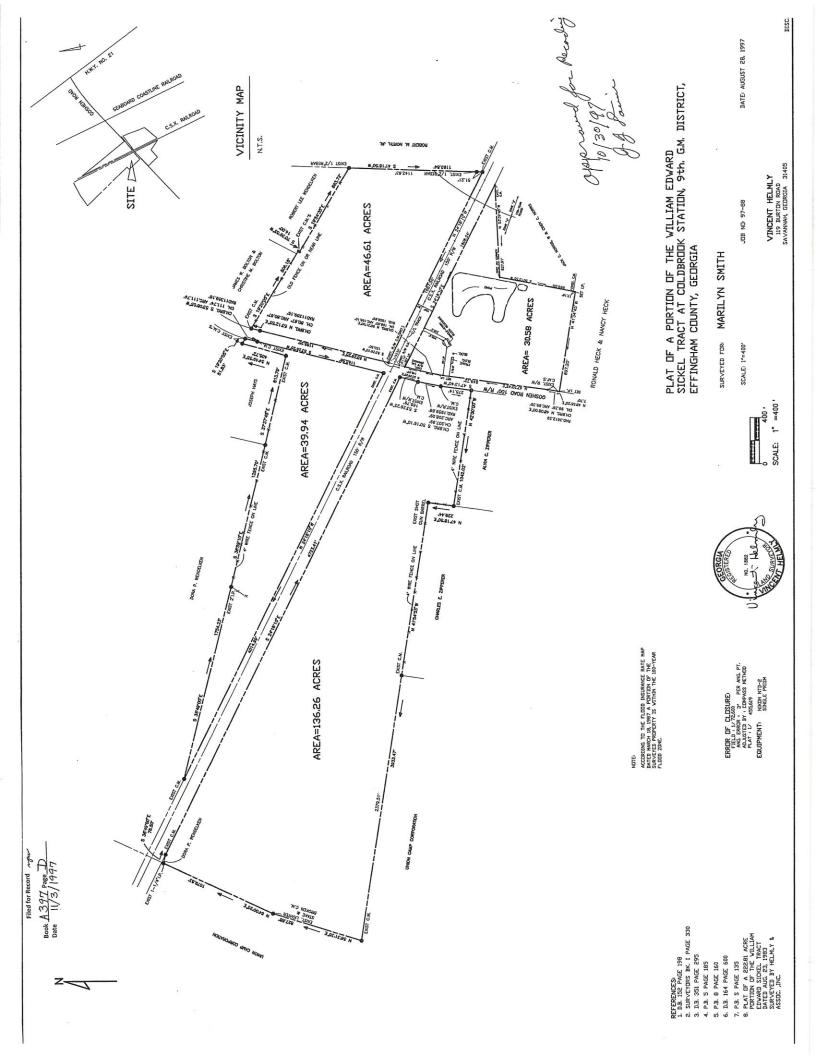
Adjacent and nearby properties are currenlty used as residential. Additional open area/buffer is provided to limit view from Goshen Road.

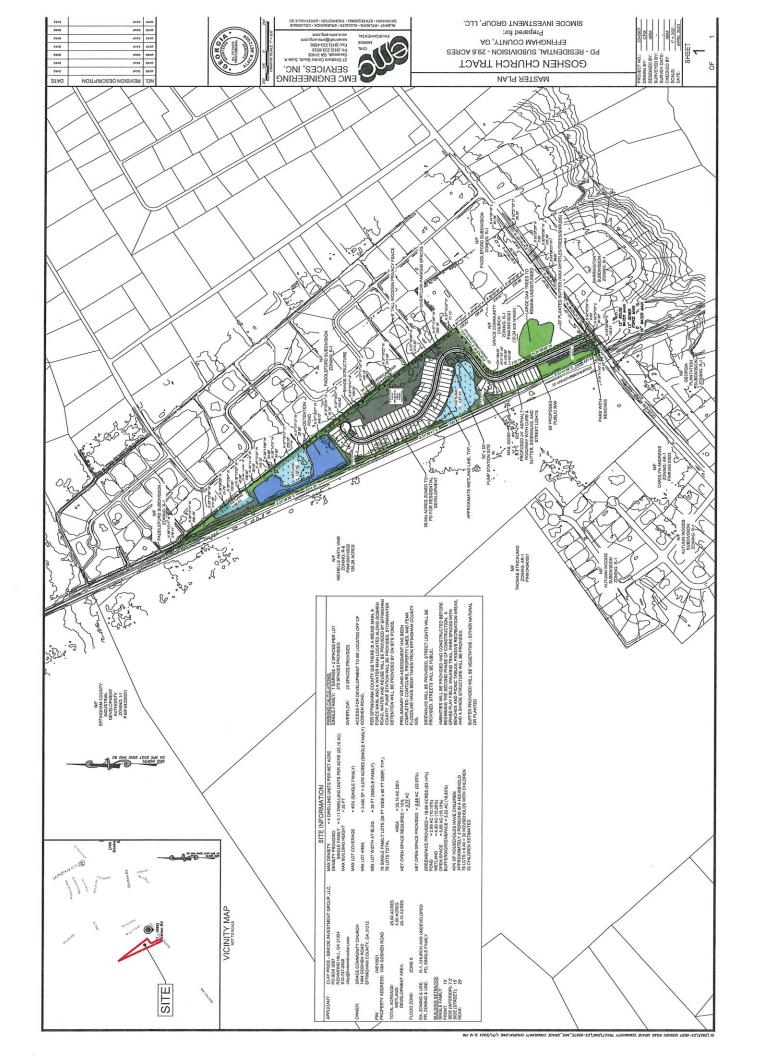
Will the proposed zoning change result in a use of the property, which could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools?*

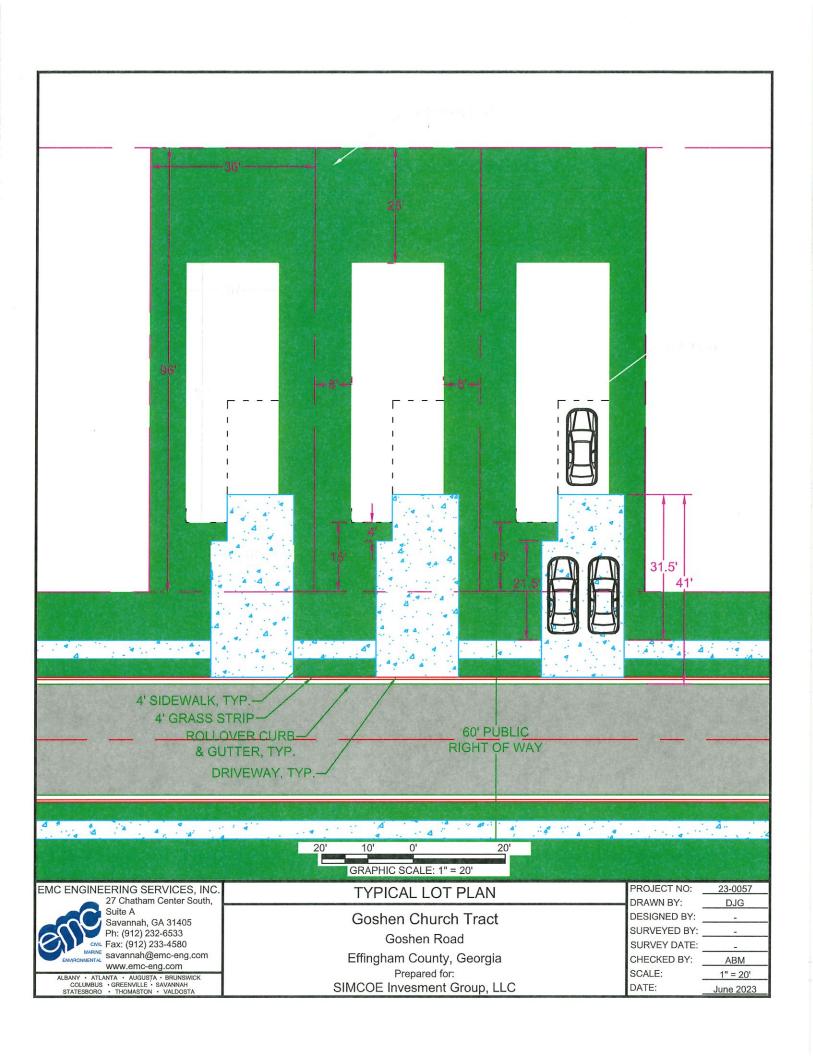
Traffic will increase, but the county is planning to improve Goshen Road. Utilities are available. Schools are planning handle growth.

Digital Signature*

Clay Price
Jan 17, 2024







Planned Development District - Development Text Submitted for Goshen Church Tract - Goshen Rd. on behalf of

Simcoe Investment Group, LLC.

Prepared by EMC Engineering Services, Inc.

Documents submitted:

- 1. Development Text Approval requested
- 2. Planned Development District Master Plan Approval requested

This development text and the attached Planned Development District Master Plan are submitted for approval by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the Effingham County Zoning Ordinance. This development text serves as the original development text, for the property. The attached Master Plan is submitted as an exhibit only to convey the intended character and scale of the development. The detail illustrated in the Master Plan is intended to serve as an aid to the County Commissioners and the public in visualizing the development.

A) General Description

Project name:

Goshen Church Tract – Goshen Road

PIN:

04510021

Size:

39.94 acres total - 29.60 acres to be rezoned

Location:

1094 Goshen Road

Current zoning:

R-1

Proposed zoning:

PD

Developer:

Simcoe Investment Group, LLC.

Goshen Church tract will be a Residential (PD-R) development consisting of detached single-family homes and community recreational facilities. The development has been planned, and its final design will be completed, with the intent to provide a project this is harmonious in terms of landscaping, parcel sizes, street patterns, and land use relationships.

B) Present Ownership

The property is under the ownership of Grace Community Church of Effingham County, Georgia, Inc. and is under contract with Simcoe Investment Group, LLC.

Legal Description

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the 9th GMD, Effingham County, Georgia, containing 29.60 acres of the 39.94 acre total parcel, more or less, and being designated as a portion of the William Edward Sickel Tract at Coldbrook Station shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Vincent Helmly, registered land surveyor, dated

November 3, 1997, and recorded in Plat Book A397, page D, Effingham County, Georgia Records, which plat of survey is by reference incorporated herein as a part of this description.

C) Proposed Land Uses and Development Standards

The proposed development will consist of a variety of compatible uses in order to produce a balanced, attractive community. Proposed uses include detached single-family residential and community recreational facilities as outlined herein.

Detached Single Family

Covenants will be established which require that all detached single-family homes be designed in such a manner (i.e., Mixed building materials, a variety of building heights, facades, and setbacks) to mitigate uniform appearances for the project as much as practical. The proposed development will consist of detached single-family residential homes, ponds, and community recreational facilities as outlined herein.

Covenants and Restrictions, which shall be recorded and referenced on final plats, will be established which require the following:

- 1.1. Exterior walls shall be finished in brick, tabby, stone, stucco, or composite shake, lap siding, wood or fiber-cement siding. Metal or aluminum may be used as an accent material. The use of vinyl or other plastic siding or metal siding is strictly prohibited except as provided for in paragraph (1.4) of this section.
- 1.2. Not more than two building materials shall be used for exterior walls (excluding trim and cornices) on sides of buildings facing or visible from a road. If a single material is proposed, but there are multiple textures and/or colors, the development services official shall determine if the overall effect is inconsistent with the intent of this provision.
- 1.3. Roofs shall be galvanized (standing seam or v-crimp), slate, wood or composite/manufactured shingle, architectural shingle, or other similar roofing material.
- 1.4. A maximum of two additional materials may be used for accents, but the material used must be listed in paragraph a. Fascia, soffits, and other house trim materials may be vinyl.
- 1.5. Windows shall have exterior trim.
- 1.6. The following materials are prohibited and may not be modified:
 - 1.6.1. Metal or aluminum siding as a primary building material;
 - 1.6.2. Unfinished concrete block, concrete tilt slab, or block siding; and
 - 1.6.3. Vinyl siding. However, fascia, soffits, and other trim materials may be vinyl.
- 1.7. Front entry garage doors shall not exceed 55 percent of the building width.
- 1.8. Entries shall be located at the front of the building and connected to a paved driveway or sidewalk by a clearly delineated pedestrian walkway.
- 1.9. Entries for single-family homes shall be covered by a roof measuring not less than three feet in depth.

1.10. Front home elevations shall not have large expanses of blank walls. This elevation shall be broken up by features such as windows, doors, window reveals, offsets, balconies, projections, recessed or covered entrances, porches or similar elements that comprise not less than 15 percent of the street-facing wall.

All homes will be designed with garages that will allow for the parking of one vehicle and driveways that are 18 ft wide that are sufficient width for the parking of two vehicles, for a total of 3 vehicles per unit.

A Homeowner's Association will be created for the entire community to provide for the operations, maintenance, and repairs of the amenities, sidewalks, and other assets turned over to the HOA. In addition to the normal operation and maintenance responsibilities, landscaping and lawn maintenance will also be provided by the HOA. Due to the size, layout, and close proximity of the houses in the neighborhood, this will ensure that uniform landscaping and lawn maintenance is the same throughout.

Community Recreational Facilities

The development amenities will be designed to provide a variety of recreational opportunities to the residents of the development. There facilities will be located at various locations throughout the development and will consist of:

- 1) Grass Play Field with Shade Structure
- 2) Walking Trail
- 3) Park space with benches and picnic tables
- 4) Preserved public spaces and passive recreation spaces throughout

Provisions for the proposed development standards are summarized in the Table 1-1.

	Detached Single-Family	
Lot Size	3,456 SF minimum	
Width	36'	
Depth	96' minimum	
Height (Maximum)	35'	
Setbacks (Minimum)		
Front	15'	
Side (interior)	7.5'	
Side (street)	15'	
Rear	25'	

^{*}Net Density (maximum) 4.0 units/acre

Buffers will be provided around the entire perimeter of the property and will vary from 25' to 30'. Undisturbed preserved wetlands will provide significantly larger buffers in several locations around the perimeter. All buffers regardless of size will remain undisturbed. Areas of buffers without existing vegetation or along the west property line with the church adjacent to the entrance road shall plant a minimum of 3-2" caliper canopy trees, 6-2" caliper evergreen understory trees and 10-3-gallon evergreen shrubs per 100' l.f. of buffer. It is encouraged that any buffer that is planted is done in a natural manner versus regularly spaced, uniform plantings. The intent of the buffers is to visually soften the view from the adjacent properties/roads and is not to completely block views.

D) Exceptions requested

In order to allow for the development of the plan as shown on the PD master plan the following exceptions to the subdivision regulations are requested:

- Subdivision Regulations Sec.7.3.1 Blocks. To be amended to allow block lengths up to 2,800 L.F. measured from center line to center line. No road stub outs to undeveloped property are available, no secondary entrance is available, and the width of the

- property doesn't allow conventional block layout. Zoning Ordinance Sec.3.38.9 Freestanding sign size limits shall be defined as described herein.
- Minimum road centerline radius to be 100'.

E) Percentage of Land Uses

Table 1-2 indicates the approximate acreages of land uses planned for Goshen Church tract. Ranges of size are indicated to accommodate for flexibility in refinement of the final engineered site development plan. At no time shall the common open space fall below 15% of the net usable acreage with a minimum of 50% of that area being in buildable/usable area.

Table 1-2: Land Uses			
	Acres	Percentage of Site	
Detached Single-Family	7.02	23.72	
Wetland	4.50	15.20	
Stormwater Pond/Lake	2.99	10.10	
Right-of-Way Dedication	3.89	13.14	
Buffers/Greenspace	5.52	18.65	
Open space	5.68	19.19	
TOTAL	29.6	100.00	

F) Dwelling Units

Table 1-3 summarizes the areas of the Goshen Church tract. Gross density refers to the number of units divided by the total land area. Net density equals the number of units divided by the developable/useable site area.

Table 1-3: Dwelling Unit Summary				
Number of Units	Total	Useable	Gross Density	Net Density
78	29.60	25.10	2.64 units/acre	3.11 units/acre

^{*}Max net density requested is 4.00 units per acre

G) Proposed Dedication of Public Use

Streets & Utility Easements:

All streets and utility easements will be presented to the Effingham County Board of Commissioners for acceptance as public streets and easements. Roads will be within a 60' right of way and constructed to the County's local street standards with curb and gutter, sidewalks, and street lights. Sidewalks located within the right-of-way will be dedicated to the Home Owners Association.

^{**}Net density of 5 units/acre is allowed in R-5 zoning

H) Open Space, Walks, and Common Areas

Community Recreation Facilities:

Recreational facilities and common areas will be owned and maintained by the developers until dedicated to a Homeowner Association

Parks:

All parks, open spaces, amenities, and wetlands will be accessible to the residents of Goshen Church tract for recreational purposes. In addition, public spaces and passive recreation areas are scattered throughout the community for use by its residents.

Any trails or paths located within the development, not located within a public right-of-way shall be located within an access easement. Any neighborhood parks and trails will be owned and maintained by the developer until such time as these amenities are dedicated to a Homeowners Association. Large wetland acreages outside the permitted development area and provided buffer are to be preserved and used to provide additional natural buffer and green space. These areas will also be owned and maintained by the developer until such times as these areas are dedicated to a Homeowners Association.

Lakes:

Lakes will be located as an amenity to the community and to manage stormwater runoff. Stormwater will generally be collected into common detention areas, creating open water features and allowing for the settling of pollutants. Lakes shall be owned and maintained by the developer until such time as these amenities are dedicated to the Homeowners Association.

Table 1-4 provides a summary of open space in Goshen Church tract. As pre

Table 1-4: Open Space Summary				
	Acres	Percentage of Site		
Pond	2.99	10.10		
Preserved Wetland	4.50	15.20		
Buffers/Greenspace	5.52	18.65		
Open Space	5.68	19.19		
TOTAL	18.69	63.14		

^{*}Open space required is 15% net useable area (3.77 acres required)

^{**}Open space provided is 5.68 acres/25.10 useable acres = 22.63% provided

***50% or more of open space area is buildable.

I) Utilities

Water and sewer will be provided by Effingham County. Water, sewer, reuse lines, and sewer pump station will be installed by the developer and dedicated to Effingham County upon acceptance by the Board of Commissioners or designee. A 15' utility easement will be provided across the frontage of all lots. Stormwater management will be handled through a series of detention ponds. All plans will be reviewed and approved by the Effingham County Engineer prior to construction and will meet or exceed the requirements of Effingham County.

J) Access and Parking

The overall street network of Goshen Church tract is designed to provide options for both vehicular and pedestrian access. The street network enhances mobility and provides for more efficient delivery of services to the community. Through the placement of sidewalks throughout the community, residents are encouraged to walk or ride a bike to visit the neighbors, to access community recreation areas, or simply for exercise. Depending on the size/use of the community amenity areas, accommodations for additional parking beyond those provided on each lot may be provided. Streets that are in front of amenity areas and mail kiosks may be widened enough to provide on street parking directly adjacent to the amenity or mail kiosk. As off-street parking has been provided on each lot and in several areas throughout the project, a prohibition for on street parking in undesignated areas will be incorporated into the covenants for the project.

The property shall be accessed primarily by one ingress/egress point on Goshen Road. This access shall meet the minimum standards of a 60'right of way for a local street. The road design will be subject to a traffic impact analysis (TIA) and conformance with the access management and encroachment regulations for Effingham County Roads. A secondary access point was investigated, but no additional land is available for development or is cut off by the rail road. The property is also narrow where it abuts Goshen Road; therefore, no secondary access point is available.

K) Signage

It is anticipated that the development will include signs at the access point along Goshen Road. Free standing monument signage shall be allowed in the locations as shown on the PD master plan. The PD reserves the right to propose standards that may deviate from the typical zoning standards for signage so long as all building code issues are addressed. Such deviations may be approved at staff level. Should staff not agree, the matter may be brought to the planning board and county commission appeal.

The following standards shall apply:

- -8 foot height x width determined by individual project constraints.
- -Colors and materials to be determined by the developer.

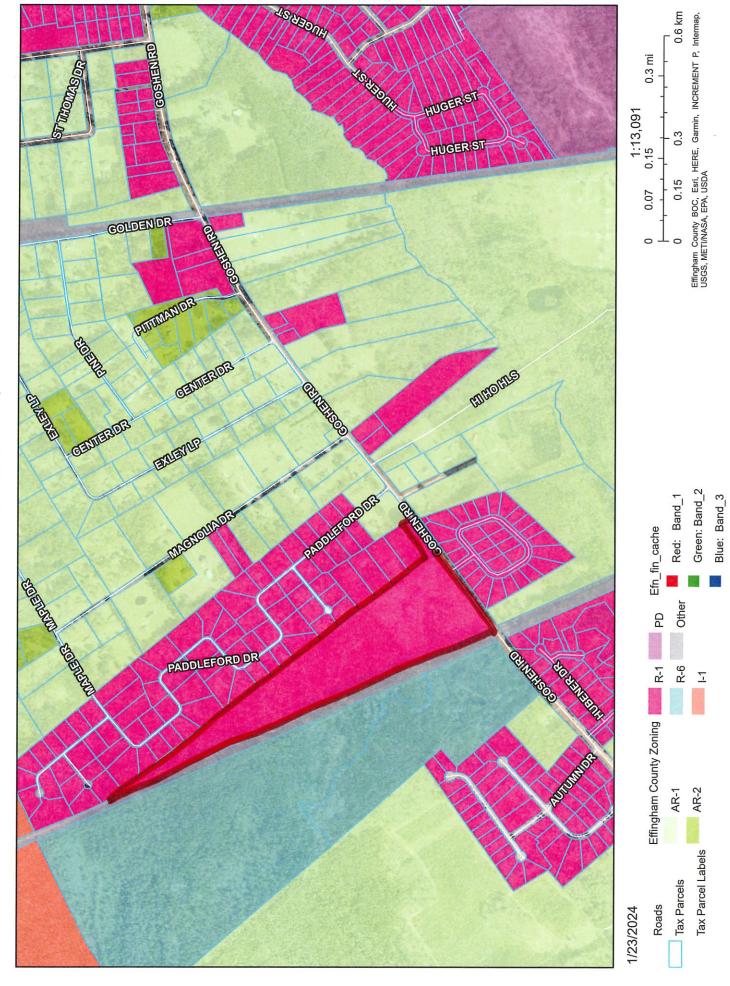
- -Letter size and style to be determined by the developer.
- -Allowable sign area shall be 50 square feet per face
- Height shall be measure from elevation of adjacent roadway pavement or adjacent grade to sign, whichever is higher.

L) Schedule

It is the developer's intent to have started construction on the roadways, storm drainage, water system, and sewer system during the first quarter of 2025. It is planned to have the development proceed in 2 or 3 phases. The engineering and permitting for site development will be done all at once. As the development infrastructure is constructed, each phase will be platted and homes constructed. Based upon current market conditions, subsequent phases are expected to begin approximately 12 months following the previous phase. This development schedule may be modified based on market conditions, unforeseen delays in constructions schedules, or other factors outside the control of the developer.

M) Installation of Improvements

The developer ensures that the installation of improvements indicated in this Development Text will be completed in timely manner. The sanitary sewer pump station and force main will be installed during phase 1 with all other infrastructure being installed for each phase as outlined in the schedule outlined in section L. The amenity areas will begin construction prior to the beginning of the second phase.



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