

## **Staff Report**

Subject: Conditional Use (Third District)
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Department: Development Services
Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

Existing Zoning: AR-1 (Agricultural – Residential, 5 acres or more)

Map & Parcel: 358-1

Parcel Size: 1232.95 acres

Applicant: NexTower Development Group II, LLC

905 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Suite A

Gainesville, FL 32605

Owner(s): Rayonier Forest Resources LP

1 Rayonier Way Wildlight, FL 32097

Location: Clyo-Kildare Road

Guyton, Ga 31312

### **Existing Land Use and Zoning:**

The parcel totals 1232.95 acres. Located on Clyo-Kildare Road, just west of Old Augusta Road. The property is currently undeveloped and provides the applicant with adequate ground space, connections to utilities, and access to Public Right—of—way. Properties to the north, south, east, and west are also zoned AR-1 (Agricultural—Residential, 5 acres or more).

### The Proposed Request:

According to the table of permitted uses, wireless telecommunication is a conditional use in AR-1., the applicant has requested a conditional use to allow for a proposed 265' lattice tower and communication facility. The facility will be unmanned. A technician will visit the site approximately once a month for routine inspection and maintenance.

The tower is collaborating with T-Mobile to support development by enhancing wireless network coverage to Effingham County. The Tower Leased premises is 80 ft x 80 ft (6,400 sf) or 0.146 acres, with a 30' wide access easement to the tower site from Clyo-Kildare Road. The tower and equipment will be

enclosed by an eight-foot chain-link security fence. Clyo- Kildare is a county-maintained road. There are no residential structures within 1000' of the proposed tower.

Tower Setbacks include:

North: 950 +/-East: 993 +/-South: 3250 +/-West: 974 +/-

# **Comprehensive Plan:**

The parcel falls within the Agricultural area on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). This area allows for low-density residential development that is compatible with nearby agricultural uses. (Effingham County 2020-2040 Joint Comprehensive Plan, pg. 36).

#### **Determination:**

Staff has reviewed the application, and the application is complete with the following stipulations:

- 1. A landscaped buffer area with a minimum of ten feet in width shall be maintained around the exterior of the security fencing.
- 2. Shall comply with Article V- Telecommunications regulations.
- 3. A Site Plan must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

