

PLAT COMMITTEE

July 9, 2025

Case Number:	2025-PLT-038
Property Address:	5800 and 5801 Mills Road (Approximate Addresses)
Location:	Decatur Township, Council District #21
Petitioner:	Grand Communities, LLC, by John McWhorter
Zoning:	D-4 Medium Intensity Residential
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Oak Springs, subdividing 16.47 acres into 74 lots.
Waiver Requested:	N/A
Current Land Use:	Agricultural
Staff Reviewer:	Desire Irakoze, Principal Planner II

PETITION HISTORY

This is the first hearing for this plat petition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated June 25, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant provide a bond, as required by Section 741-210, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.
- 2. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
- 3. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- 4. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Transportation Section.
- 5. That addresses and street names, as approved by the Department of Metropolitan Development, be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 6. That the Enforcement Covenant (Section 741-701, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the Final Plat prior to recording.
- 7. That the Site Distance Covenant (Section 741-702, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the Final Plat prior to recording.
- 8. That the Sanitary Sewer Covenant (Section 741-704, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the Final Plat prior to recording.



- 9. That the Storm Drainage Covenant (Section 741-703, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the Final Plat prior to recording.
- 10. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the Final Plat.
- 11. That all the standards related to Secondary Plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the Final Plat.

PETITION OVERVIEW

SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

The subject site is 16.47-acre in the D-4 zoning district and is undeveloped. It was rezoned to the D-4 classification in 2025 (2025-CZN-802/2025-CPL-802/2025-CVR-802) to provide for the proposed single-family residential development. If approved, this plat petition will divide the existing parcel into 74 lots, resulting in a density of approximately 4.49 dwelling units per acre.

As a part of the 2025 petition (2025-CPL-80), waivers were granted from the Subdivision Regulations 741-303. B.3.c and 741-303. B.3.d. to allow for dead-ended streets, which are otherwise prohibited.

Variance of Development Standards were also granted to permit:

- A reduced lot width of 76-foot for all lots (minimum 90- foot lot width required),
- Seven (7) lots with lot areas ranging from 9,194 to 9,815 square feet (minimum 10,000 square foot lot area required), and
- 10 lots without public street frontage (public street frontage required).

STREETS

The plat would provide for (3) three new public streets, and three (3) new private streets. Two of the new streets would connect to the northward to Mills Road. Driveways would be constructed to provide access from individual lots to both the private and public streets, ultimately connecting to Mills Road

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are required along all proposed interior streets and will be provided as part of the development.

PROCEDURE

This plat petition, if approved, only legally establishes the division of the land. The new dwellings would be required to meet all development standards of the D-4 Dwelling District, including, but not limited to, setbacks, minimum open space, minimum lot width, and frontage.



Existing Zoning	D-4	
Existing Land Use	Undeveloped	
Comprehensive Plan	Suburban Neighborhood	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	D-A	Residential (Single-family dwellings)
South:	D-4	Residential (Single-family dwellings)
East:	D-4	Residential (Single-family dwellings)
West:	D-4	Residential (Single-family dwellings)
Thoroughfare Plan		
Mills Road	Primary Collector	80-foot existing; 91-foot proposed.
Petition Submittal Date	May 29, 2025	
Final Plat Submittal Date	June 25, 2025	



SUBDIVISION PLAT REGULATIONS

741-203 Required Documents for		
Approval		EVALUATION
	 741.201.A-C – Primary Plat Requirements: Plat name, Legal Description, Surveyor Seal, Scale. Boundary Lines, Existing Street Names and dimensions. Layout of Proposed Streets – names, widths, classifications. Layout of all easements and purpose thereof. Layout of lots with numbering and dimensions. Floodway/Floodplain Delineation. Topographic Map. Area Map. 	Satisfied
	 741-203.D – Traffic Control Plan Traffic control street signs and devices. Traffic calming devices. Bicycle facilities. Sidewalks and pedestrian facilities. Transit facilities, such as bus stops pads or shelter. Street lighting. 	Satisfied
	 741-203.E- Natural infrastructure plan (major plats containing more than 20 lots) Placement of all proposed drainage facilities for the subdivision, indicating type of facility and if the facility is to be designed to be wet or dry. Location of Open Space Areas of the open space common area, indicating size and general improvements Location of any Stream Protection Corridors in accordance with Section 744-205 (Stream Protection Corridors) 	Satisfied



	741-205 – Waivers	
	 The granting of the waiver or modification will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or injurious to other property. 	
	 The conditions upon which the request is based are individual to the property for which the relief is sought and are not applicable generally to other property; 	
	 Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific property involved, a particular hardship would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of these regulations is carried out; 	None Requested
	 The resulting subdivision fulfills the purpose and intent of these regulations at an equal or higher standard than what would have been possible without the deviation; and 	
	 The relief sought shall not in any manner vary from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or official zoning base maps, except as those documents may be amended in the manner prescribed by law. 	
741-300 Design and Installation	All proposed plats submitted for Committee approval under the provisions of these regulations shall meet these standards to the	
Standards	satisfaction of the Committee unless waived by the Committee.	EVALUATION
	741-302.A – Lots:	
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	741-302.C – Blocks:	
	 Shall not exceed maximum block lengths per Table 741-302.1 If exceeded, it must be demonstrated that: There are improved pedestrian easements at intervals of 400 feet or less. Adequate traffic calming provisions are made. The block length must be exceeded because of physical 	Satisfied
	conditions of the land.	
741-303 Streets and Connectivity	All proposed plats shall allocate adequate areas for streets in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan and Official Thoroughfare Plan for Marion County, Indiana, and these regulations.	EVALUATION
	741-303.A – General:	
	• Subdivisions shall provide a logical street layout in relation to topographical conditions, public convenience, safety, multi-modal use and the proposed use of the land to be served by such streets. <i>Triple frontage lots are prohibited</i> .	
	 Streets shall intersect as nearly as possible at right angles. No street shall intersect another at an angle of less than 75 degrees. 	
	Not more than two streets shall intersect at any one point.	Satisfied
	 Bicycle lanes meeting the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (IMUTCD) for location, width, and marking shall be provided along collector streets. 	
	All streets shall be dedicated to the public. Alleys may be private.	
	Turn lanes or other improvements recommended by the Department of Public Works shall be added to the existing street system to minimize the impact of the connection upon the existing street system.	
	741-303.B – Through Connectivity (Metro Context Area):	
	 Emergency vehicles must not have to use more than two different local streets (any street other than a primary arterial, a secondary arterial or a collector street) to reach their destination. 	
	 Permanently dead-ended streets and alleys, except for cul-de- sac streets, are prohibited. 	
	 All existing or platted streets that terminate at the property boundary line of a proposed subdivision shall be continued into the proposed subdivision to provide street connections to adjoining lands and streets within the proposed subdivision. 	Satisfied
	 Streets entering opposite sides of another street shall be laid out either directly opposite one another or with a minimum offset of 125 ft. between their centerlines. 	
	 Whenever cul-de-sac streets are created, a 15-foot-wide pedestrian access/public utility easement shall be provided between the cul-de-sac head or street. 	
	 Subdivisions with 30 or more lots shall have more than one entrance to the existing street network. 	
	741-303.D – Cul-de-sacs (Metro Context Area):	
	 In the Metro Context Area, cul-de-sac lengths shall not exceed 500 feet or serve more than 20 dwelling units. 	Satisfied



741-304-316		
Additional Development Items		EVALUATION
	 741.304.A-C – Traffic Control Devices: Street name signs, traffic control signs, bike route signs. Traffic control devices for streets exceeding 900 feet in length. Bicycle Facilities for subdivisions with a collector street serving more than 100 dwelling units. 	Satisfied
	 741.305 – Numbering and naming: Street numbering per adopted addressing guidelines. Streets that are extensions or continuations of existing or approved streets must bear the name of such existing street. 	Street numbering not submitted
	 741.306 – Sidewalks: Sidewalks shall be provided along all internal and external streets. 	Satisfied
	 741.307-309 – Easements, Utilities, Stream Protection Corridors: Utility easements shall be located along lot lines and shall be a minimum of 10 feet. All BMPs and drainage facilities must be located within an easement. The easement must accommodate adequate access for maintenance. Generally, pedestrian easements shall be 15 feet in width and be considered open to the public unless specifically declared otherwise. All utilities shall be located underground. All subdivisions must be designed in accordance with the 	Satisfied
	 Stream Protection Corridor requirements of Section 744-205. 741.310 – Common Areas, Open Space and Public Sites (Compact Context Area): Required for subdivisions with more than 20 dwelling units. Access easements shall be provided to connect all common areas to a public street right-of-way. The minimum width of such access must be at least 15 feet. Basic Open Space Requirements: Multi-purpose path, natural landscaping area, entrance landscaping. Additional Open Space Requirements: Community garden, dog park, game court, picnic area, playground, pool, etc. Additional component required for every 30 additional dwelling units overall. Reservation of land for public/semi-public purpose. 	Satisfied
	 741-312 – Monuments Permanent reference monuments shall be placed in the subdivision by a Professional Surveyor. Where no existing permanent monuments are found, monuments must be installed no more than 600 feet apart in any straight line and in accordance with the schedule in Table 741-312-1. 	Satisfied

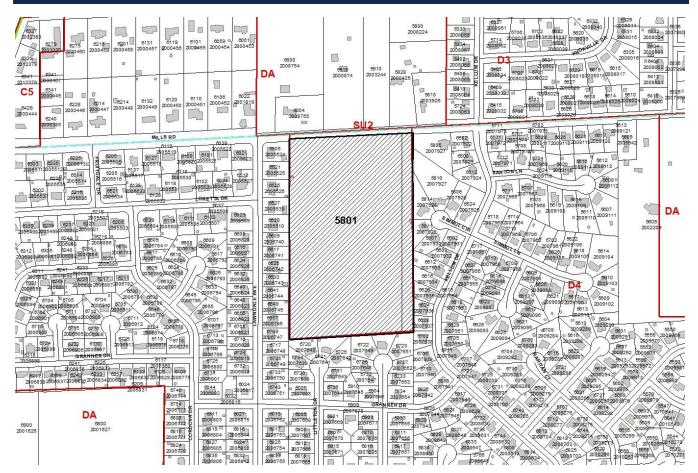


Flood Control:	
All development shall comply with all provisions of Section 742- 203 (Flood Control Zoning District).	
Floodway and Floodway Fringe zones shall be delineated and labeled on the primary plat and the plat to be recorded.	Satisfied
For Zone AE areas, the plat must show the BFE topographic line.	
For Zone A areas, the plat must show the delineation study with the floodway and floodway fringe lines shown on the FIRM maps.	
Street Lighting:	
All subdivisions must be designed and constructed in accordance with the Street Lighting requirements of Section 744-600 (Street and Exterior Lighting).	Satisfied
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EXHIBITS



2025-PLT-038 Location Map



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Looking east along Mills Road



Looking south from Mills Road towards the subject property



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Looking north at subject property.



Looking north from the subject property.