

PLAT COMMITTEE

September 9, 2026

Case Number: 2026-PLT-042

Property Address: 7500 South Sherman Drive (*Approximate Address*)

Location: Perry Township, Council District #24

Petitioner: Eugene & Elise J. Daulton, by Rachel Keesling

Zoning: D-3 (Cluster)

Request: Approval of two Subdivision Plats, to be known The Trees at Southport Crossing Section 2A/2B and The Trees at Southport Crossing Section 3, dividing 27.5 acres into 67 lots, with a waiver of maximum number of two local streets used by emergency vehicles requirements for Section 2A, per Chapter 741, Article III, Section 3.B of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

Waiver Requested: Max Number of Local Streets Used by Emergency Vehicle Requirements

Current Land Use: Undeveloped

Staff Reviewer: Michael Weigel, Principal Planner I

PETITION HISTORY

This is the first public hearing for this petition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated July 8, 2026, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant provides 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.
12. That the requested waiver of maximum number of local street used by emergency vehicle requirement, per Chapter 741, Article III, Section 3.B of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, be **approved**.

PETITION OVERVIEW

SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

This site is zoned D-3 (cluster) and is currently unimproved. Large electrical transmission towers bisect the site to the southeast. The rezoning petition 2014-ZON-144 was approved in May 2025 to allow for residential development with a variety of commitments, including a commitment to utilize the 'cluster' option', as provided in the Ordinance. A cluster subdivision plan was approved to allow for development of 132 single-family detached lots. The cluster plan provides for preservation of existing wetlands and numerous trees. Approval of this petition would create both Sections 2A/2B and Section 3 of the subdivision, per the documents within Exhibits below.

The proposed plats would meet the standards of the D-3 zoning district, the commitments, and the subdivision regulations (except for the waiver request discussed below).

STREETS + WAIVER REQUEST

New streets would be developed to access all lots via public rights-of-way. Section 2A/2B would be accessed from the existing Saffron Drive and Featherbark Drive within Section 1, and Section 3 would be accessed from a subdivision to the south. New streets would include extensions of Sprig Way and Saffron Drive as well as the new cul-de-sac Autumn Court.

The Ordinance specifies that emergency vehicles must not have to use more than two different local streets to reach any destination lot. The site is accessed via several local streets within existing development in all directions. Stop 10 Road directly accesses Sherman Drive (a primary collector street) to the west. The waiver would only be required for the cul-de-sac Autumn Court, which would offer an adequate turn radius and access (per an Indianapolis Fire Department Representative) and would only impact 11 of the 132 lots within the subdivision. Therefore, this would be a minor deviation from Ordinance requirements and staff would recommend **approval** of the waiver request.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are required and proposed along all internal streets.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Existing Zoning	D-3 (Cluster)	
Existing Land Use	Undeveloped	
Comprehensive Plan	Suburban Neighborhood	
Surrounding Context	<u>Zoning</u>	<u>Land Use</u>
North:	D-3	Residential
South:	D-3 / D-P	Residential
East:	D-3	Residential
West:	D-3	Residential
Thoroughfare Plan		
Saffron Drive	Primary Collector	50-foot existing and 50-foot proposed
Whitaker Valley Blvd	Secondary Arterial	50-foot existing and 50-foot proposed
Stop 10 Road	Local Street	50-foot existing and 50-foot proposed
Petition Submittal Date	July 8, 2026	

SUBDIVISION PLAT REGULATIONS

741-203 Required Documents for Approval		EVALUATION
	741.203.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; - 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.	See Condition #12 above
741-300 Design and Installation Standards	All proposed plats submitted for Committee approval under the provisions of these regulations shall meet these standards to the satisfaction of the Committee unless waived by the Committee.	EVALUATION

	741-302.A – Lots: • <i>Comply with zoning district and any cluster approval or variance grant.</i> • <i>Lots must have positive drainage away from buildings.</i> • <i>No more than 25% of lot area may be under water.</i> • <i>Side lots lines at right angles to streets or radial to curving street line.</i> • <i>Layout of lots with numbering and dimensions.</i> • <i>Floodway/Floodplain Delineation.</i> • <i>Topographic Map.</i>	Satisfied
	741-302.B – Frontage and Access: • <i>Through lots should be avoided except where necessary for primary arterial separation and topography challenges.</i> • <i>Triple frontage lots are prohibited.</i> • <i>Lots abutting alleys must have vehicular access exclusively from alley.</i> • <i>Lots shall not have direct access to arterial streets.</i> • <i>Non-residential plats shall provide cross-access easements to limits points of access to existing street network to no more than one per 500 feet.</i>	Satisfied
	741-302.C – Blocks: • <i>Shall not exceed maximum block lengths per Table 741-302.1</i> • <i>If exceeded, it must be demonstrated that:</i> ○ <i>There are improved pedestrian easements at intervals of 400 feet or less.</i> ○ <i>Adequate traffic calming provisions are made.</i> ○ <i>The block length must be exceeded because of physical conditions of the land.</i>	Satisfied

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. • 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.	Satisfied

	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. - 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.	Satisfied
	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: <i>Street name signs, traffic control signs, bike route signs.</i> <i>Traffic control devices for streets exceeding 900 feet in length.</i> <i>Bicycle Facilities for subdivisions with a collector street serving more than 100 dwelling units.</i>	Satisfied
	741.305 – Numbering and naming: <i>Street numbering per adopted addressing guidelines.</i> <i>Streets that are extensions or continuations of existing or approved streets must bear the name of such existing street.</i>	See Condition #5
	741.306 – Sidewalks: <i>Sidewalks shall be provided along all internal and external streets.</i>	Satisfied
	741.307-309 – Easements, Utilities, Stream Protection Corridors: <i>Utility easements shall be located along lot lines and shall be a minimum of 10 feet.</i> - 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. <i>All utilities shall be located underground.</i> <i>All subdivisions must be designed in accordance with the Stream Protection Corridor requirements of Section 744-205.</i>	Satisfied

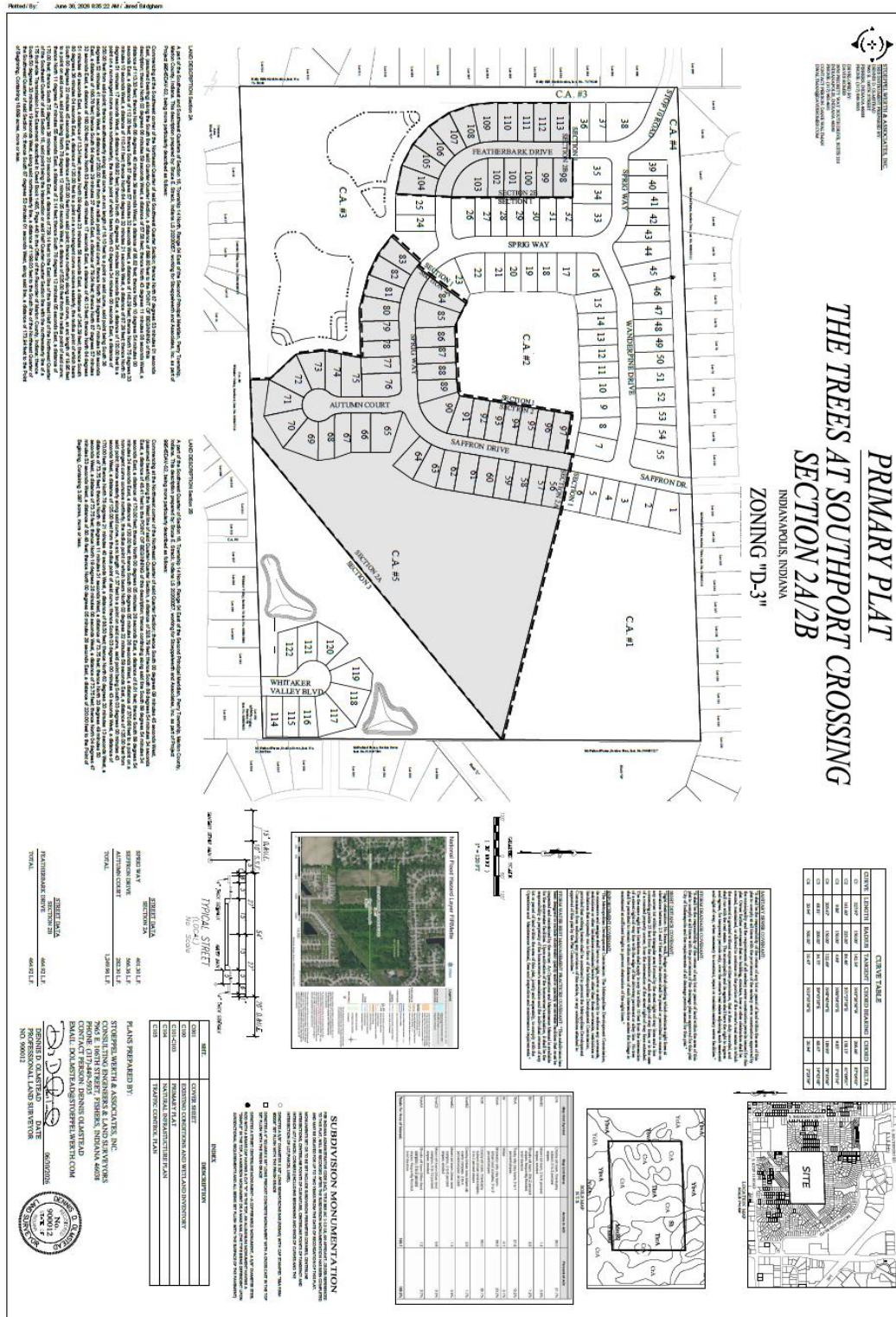
	741.310 – Common Areas, Open Space and Public Sites (Compact Context Area): <i>Required for subdivisions with more than 20 dwelling units.</i> <i>Access easements shall be provided to connect all common areas to a public street right-of-way. The minimum width of such access must be at least 15 feet.</i> <i>Basic Open Space Requirements: Multi-purpose path, natural landscaping area, entrance landscaping.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Reservation of land for public/semi-public purpose.</i>	Satisfied
	741-312 – Monuments <i>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.</i>	Satisfied
	741.313 – Flood Control: <i>All development shall comply with all provisions of Section 742-203 (Flood Control Zoning District).</i> <i>Floodway and Floodway Fringe zones shall be delineated and labeled on the primary plat and the plat to be recorded.</i> <i>For Zone AE areas, the plat must show the BFE topographic line.</i> <i>For Zone A areas, the plat must show the delineation study with the floodway and floodway fringe lines shown on the FIRM maps.</i>	Satisfied
	741.316 – Street Lighting: <i>All subdivisions must be designed and constructed in accordance with the Street Lighting requirements of Section 744-600 (Street and Exterior Lighting).</i>	Required

EXHIBITS

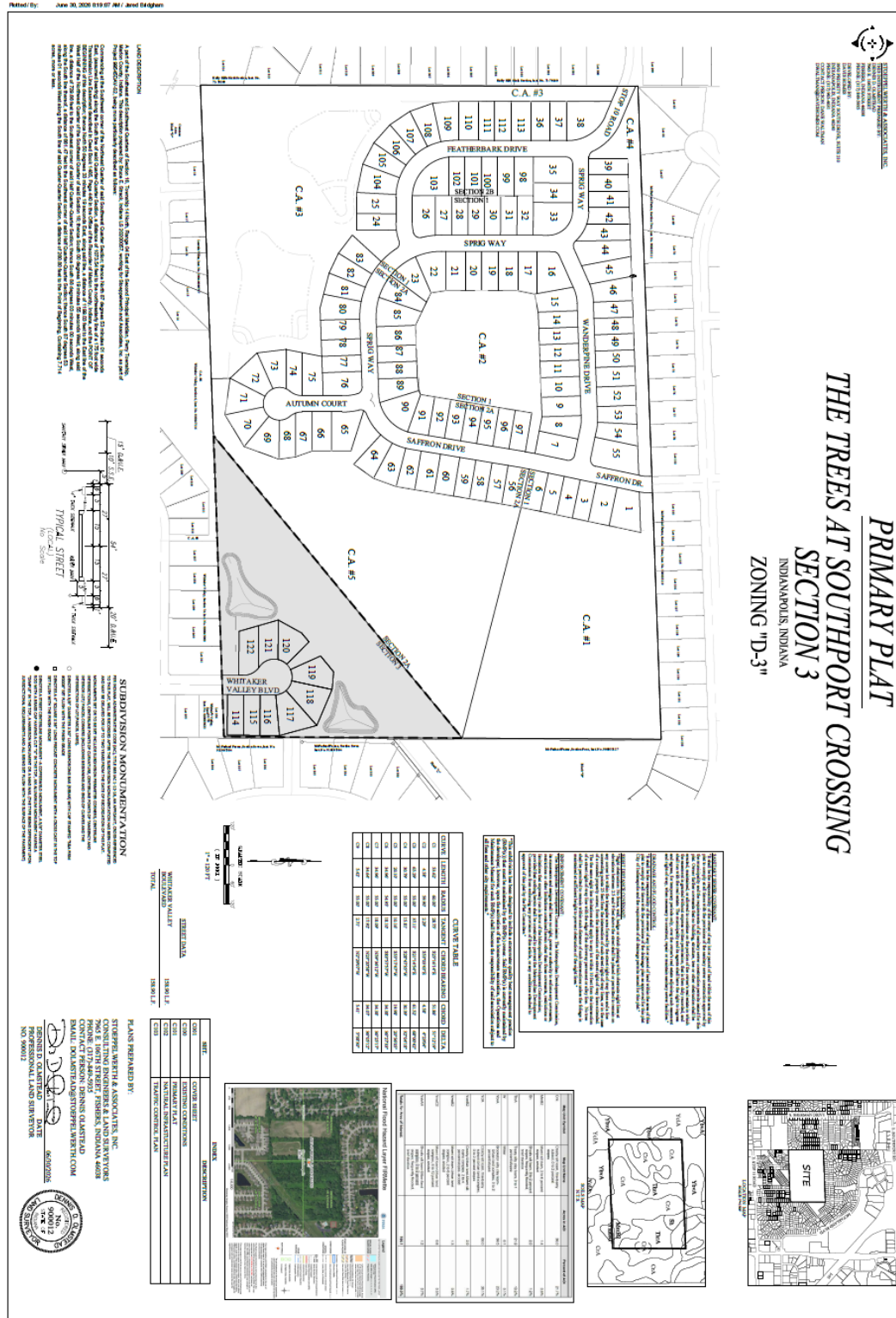
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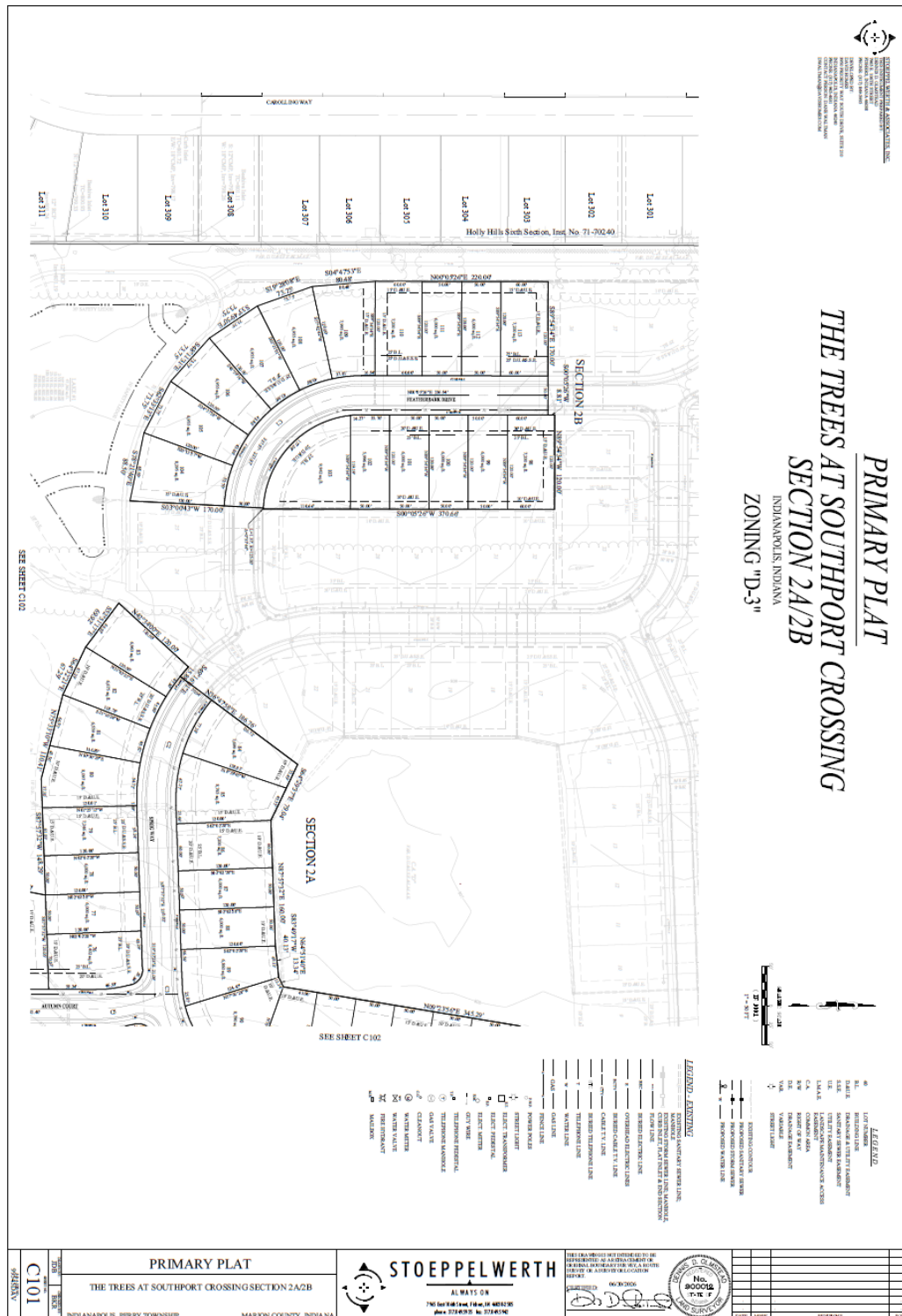
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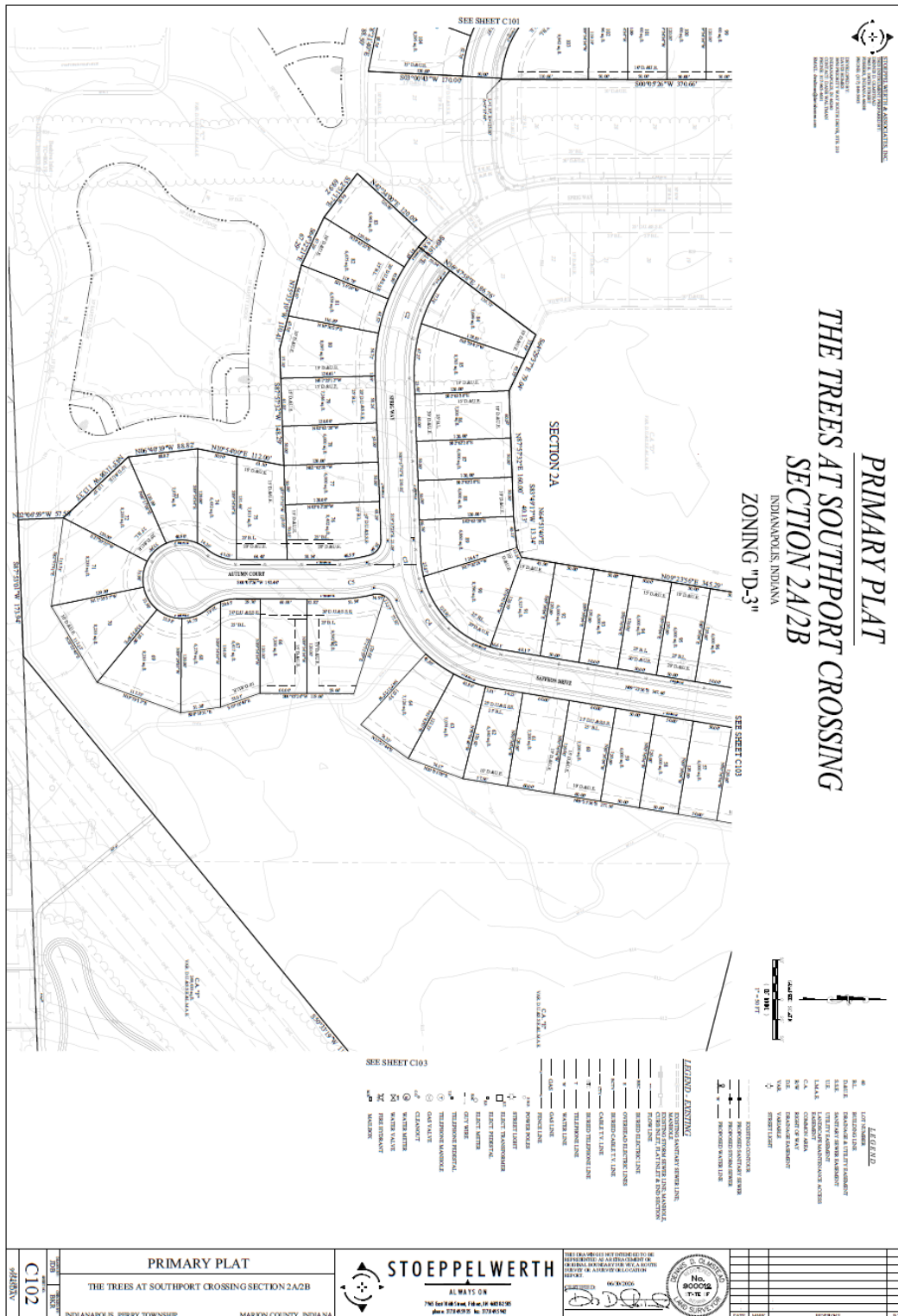
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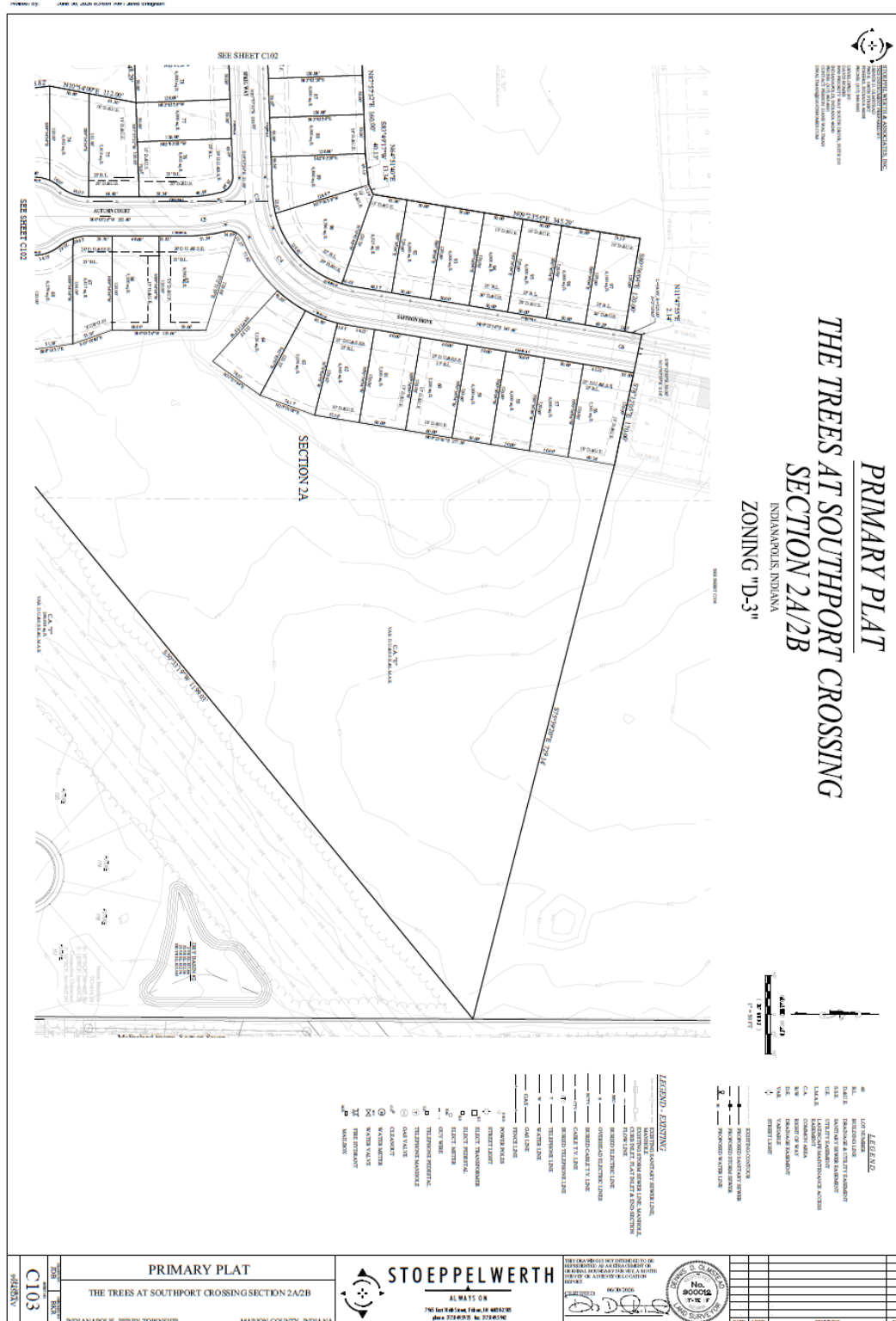
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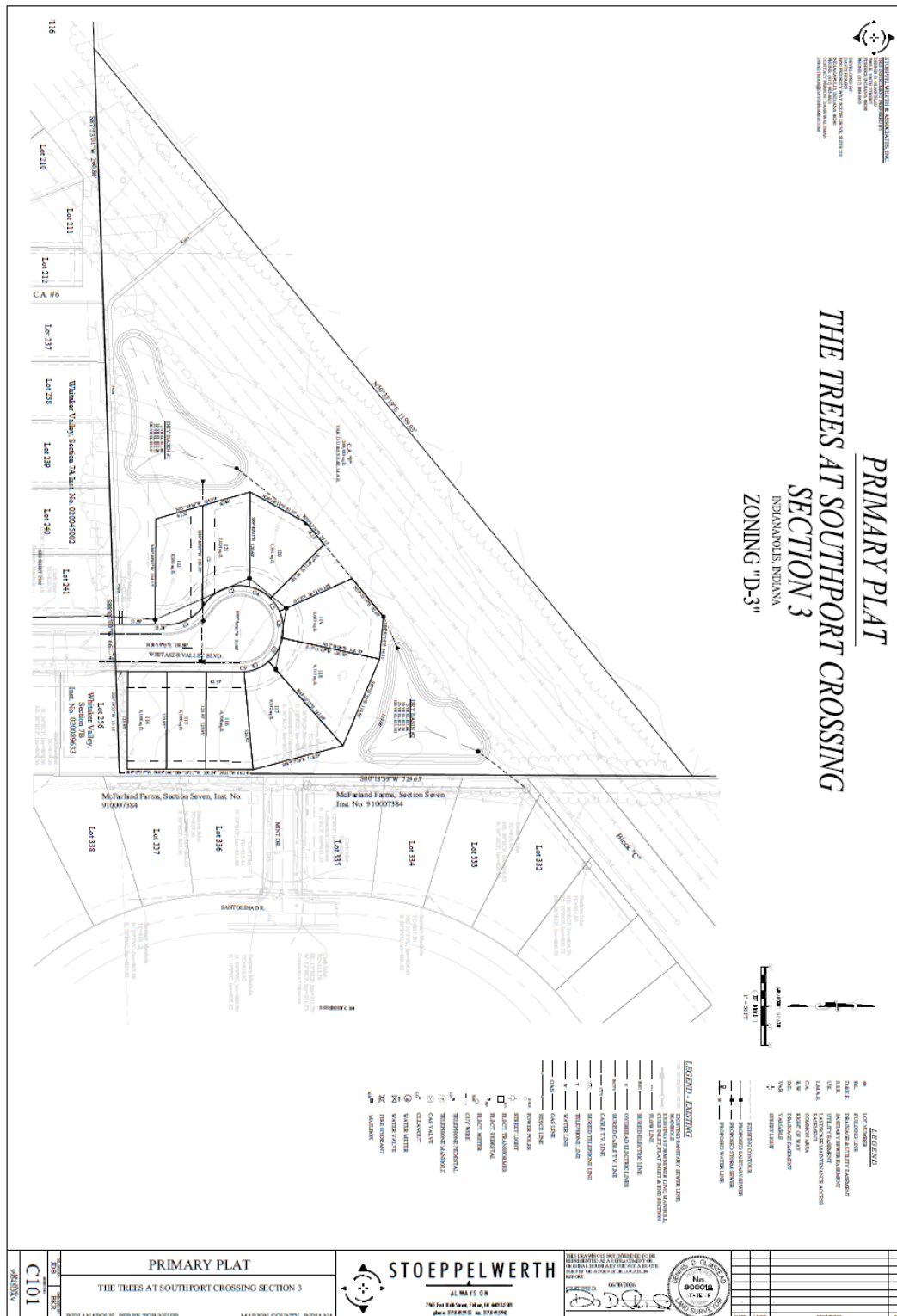
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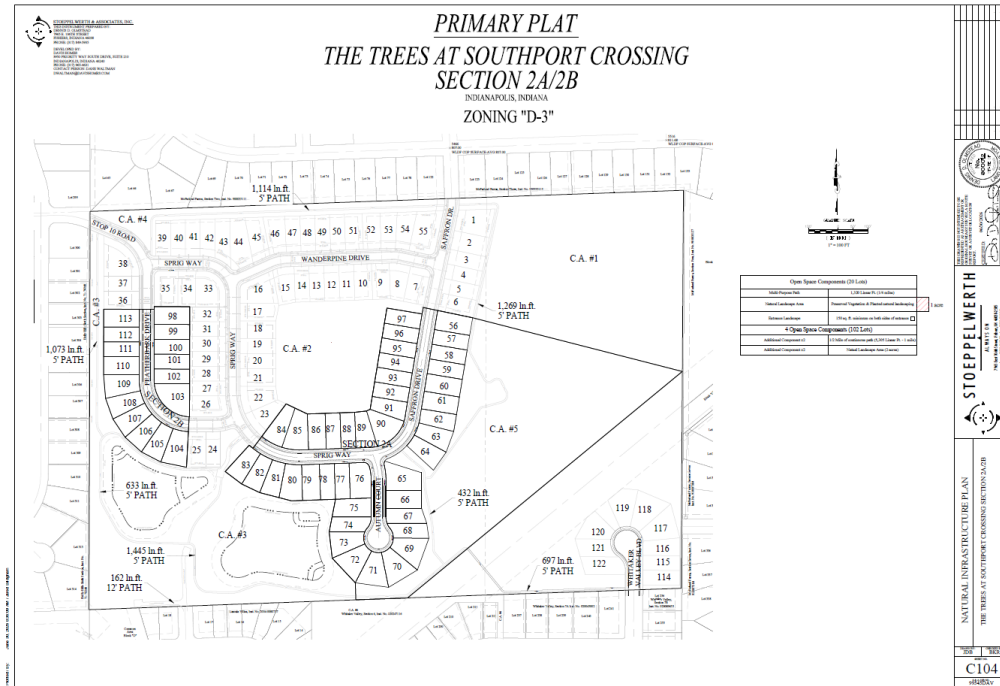
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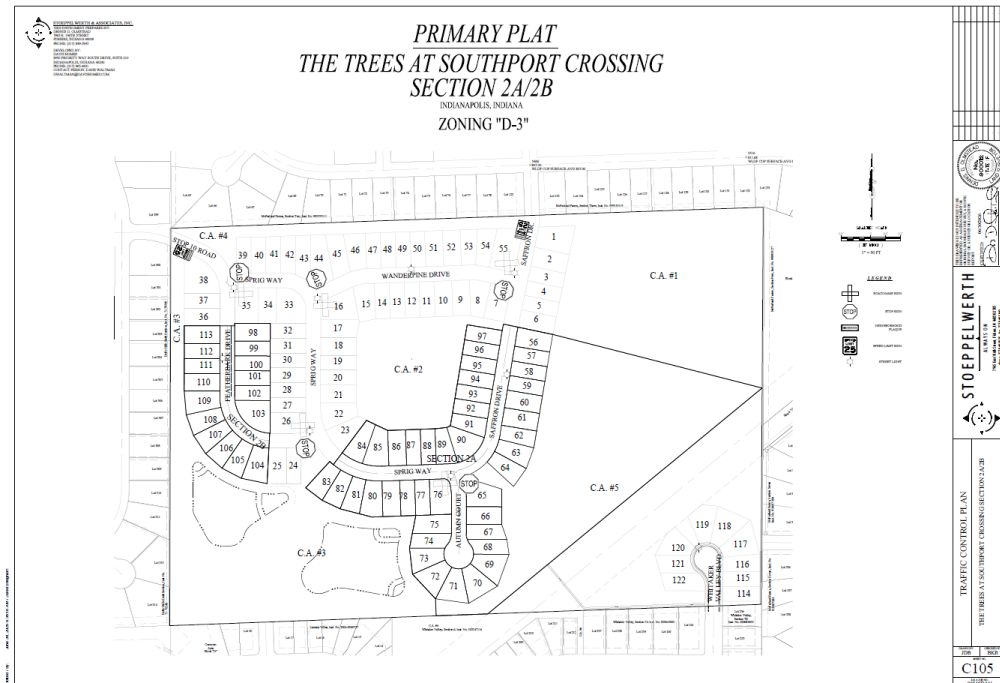
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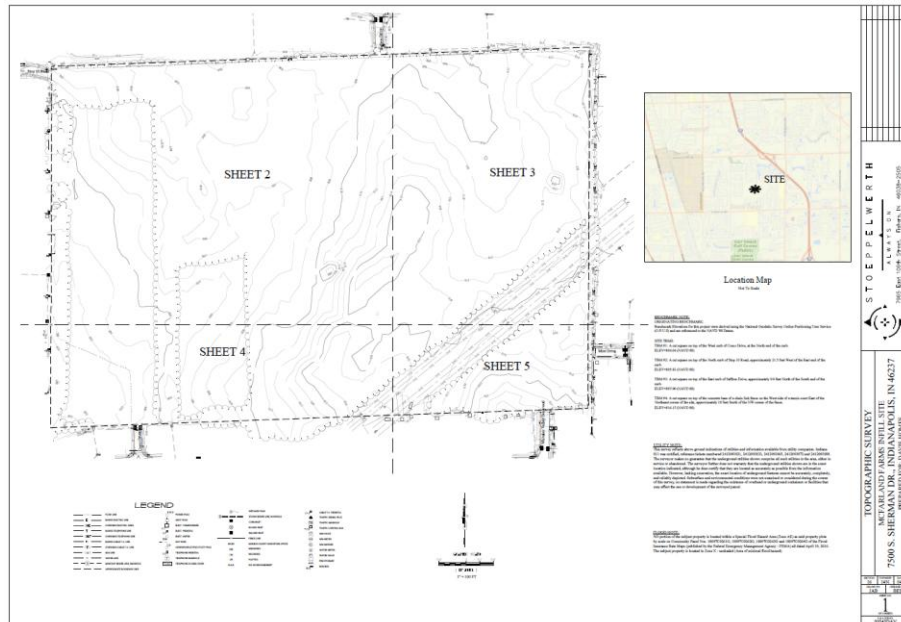
2026PLT042 ; Natural Infrastructure Plan



2026PLT042 ; Traffic Control Plan



2026PLT042 ; Topography Map



2026PLT042 ; Findings of Fact (Sidewalk Waiver)

1. The granting of the waiver or modification will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or injurious to other property because:

The granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare, or be injurious to other property because each connecting street on the perimeter of the site leads to an arterial or collector street.

2. 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:

The conditions of the site are very unusual because the only access to the site is through four existing local streets in the adjoining subdivisions. Three of the connecting streets have 50' right-of-way (local street) and one has 60' right-of-way (collector). However, due to wetlands, topography changes, and a power line easement, the collector street can not continue through this site.

3. 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:

Because the existing topography, wetlands, and power line easement, the lot layout for this site is challenging. The existing stub streets that can be connected to have a 50' right-of-way (local street). Having to redesign the site layout and the drainage plan to reduce the number of streets an emergency vehicle will need to take will cause multiple lots to be lost.

4. 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 because:

The existing streets that an emergency vehicle will enter from are either collectors or arterial streets. The streets in the proposed subdivision are the same width as the roads the emergency vehicles will enter on to.

5. 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 because:

The granting of the requested waiver will not change or vary any other items in the Zoning Ordinance or the permitted use of the site as a single family residential subdivision. Granting this waiver will not change the Cluster Plan that was approved by the city.

2026PLT042 ; Photographs



Photo 1: Subject Site Viewed from Saffron Drive to North



Photo 2: Subject Site Viewed from Stop 10 Road to West

2026PLT042 ; Photographs (continued)



Photo 3: Subject Site Viewed from Whitaker Valley Blvd to South



Photo 4: Subject Site Viewed from East