

PETITION NUMBER: V25-10

Signed by:

Diana Wheeler

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Steven Brokoff

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

0 Freemanville Road - Parcel ID 22 439004550087

DISTRICT, LAND LOT

0 Freemanville Road - Parcel 22 439004550152

2/ 455 & 456

OVERLAY DISTRICT

Rural Milton

EXISTING ZONING

AG-1 (Agricultural)

ACRES

50.9 acres (combined)

EXISTING USE

Blakely Manor Subdivision Under Development

FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION

Equestrian, Estate, Residential

REQUESTED VARIANCE(S):

Sec. 3.1.4.A. – Unified Development Code. To reduce the 60 feet minimum front yard to 50 feet for thirty-six (36) total lots in the proposed Blakley Manor Subdivision.

PETITIONER/OWNER

David Chatham

ADDRESS

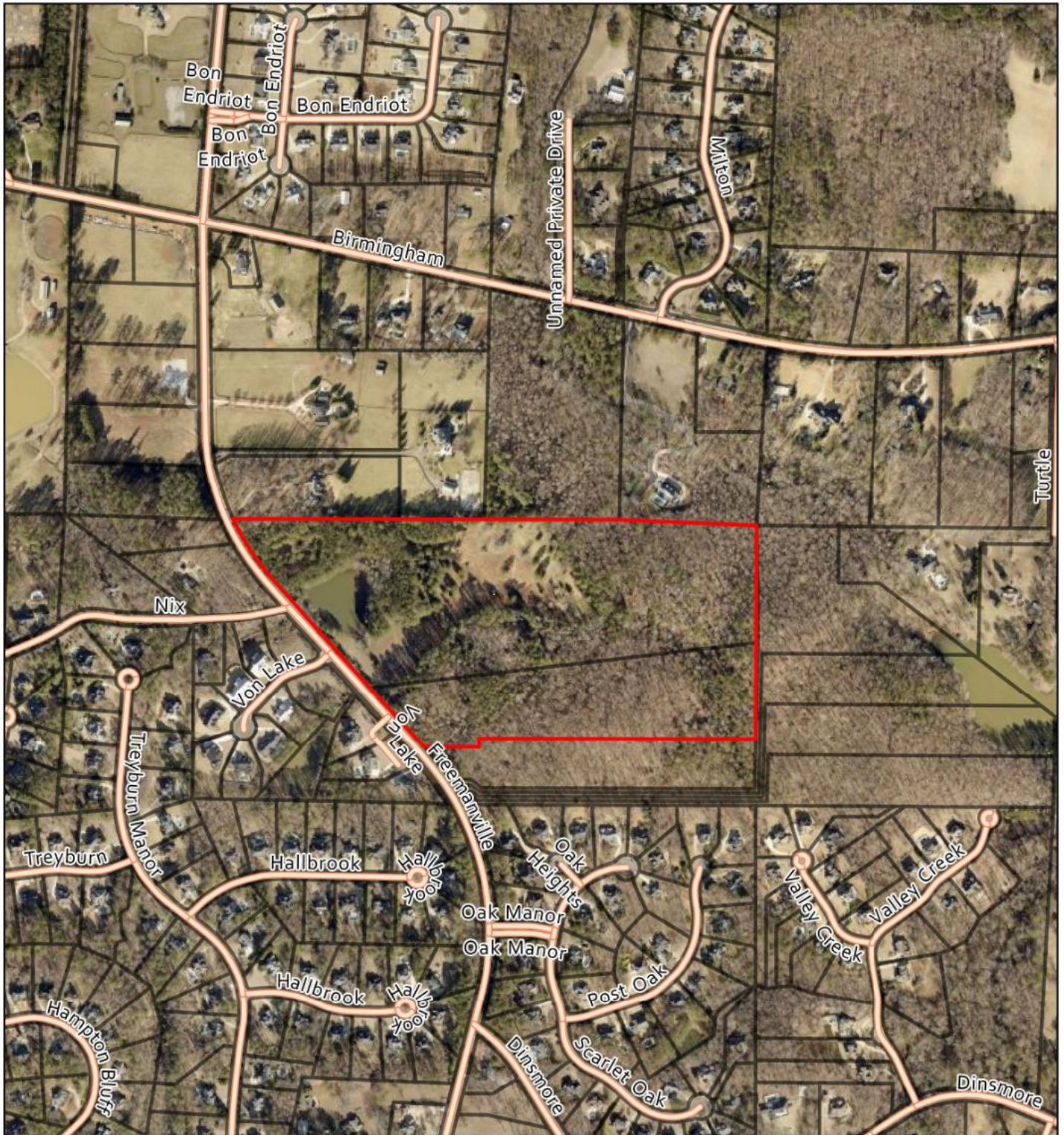
5780 Windward Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30005

REPRESENTATIVE

Scott Reece, Brumbelow-Reese and Associates, Inc.

ADDRESS

13685 Highway 9 N
Milton, GA 30004



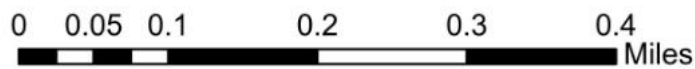
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Parcel ID 22 439004550087

Parcel 22 439004550152

City of Milton

2025



StreetCenterlines

Subject Site

Parcels

City Limits



MILTON
ESTABLISHED 1898

AG-1

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Parcel 22 439004550087

Parcel 22 439004550152

Zoning Map

City of Milton

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 Subject Site
 Parcels

City Limits

Zoning

Zoning Class

 AG-1

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4
 Miles



MILTON
ESTABLISHED 1784

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF ANALYSIS

Background:

The subject site includes thirty-six (36) lots for the Blakely Manor Subdivision under development located on the east side of Freemanville Road. The two parcels that encompass the proposed subdivision include 0 Freemanville Road - Parcel ID 22 439004550087 (35.5 acres) and 0 Freemanville Road – Parcel ID 22 439004550152 (14.59 acres) for a total of 50.9 acres.

The properties are zoned AG-1 (Agricultural) and located in the Rural Milton Overlay District. Applicable setbacks for the lots within the proposed Blakely Manor Subdivision are a 60-foot front setback, 50-foot rear setback, 40-foot side street setback and 25-foot side interior setbacks. The applicant is seeking the following variances:

Sec. 3.1.4.A. – Unified Development Code. To reduce the 60 feet minimum front yard (setback) to 50 feet for thirty-six (36) total lots in the proposed Blakely Manor Subdivision.

The proposed Blakely Manor Subdivision has a depth of 2,492 feet and a width of 1,108 feet as shown on the variance site plan in **Exhibit A**. The Preliminary Plat for Blakely Manor was approved on April 4, 2024, and the Land Disturbance Permit was issued by the Community Development Department on June 18, 2024.

The applicant is also proposing the following setback increases as shown in **Exhibit B**.

- **Increase** the 50 feet rear yard (setback) to 60 feet for all thirty-six (36) lots.
- **Increase** the rear 10 feet pool, pool equipment and pool decking setback to 20 feet for all exterior lots.

Site photos of the property are shown in **Exhibit C**.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB) COURTESY REVIEW:

On April 1st the DRB met and had the following comments:

- DRB recommends approval of the variance requests. The Board acknowledged that the variance requests would move the front setback for all lots closer to the internal subdivision street, and move the rear setback for all lots farther away from the exterior bordering property owners. The Board also acknowledged the benefit of the pool setback being increased for all exterior bordering property owners.

Standards for Consideration:

The approval of a variance is based on the following consideration(s):

Relief, if granted would not offend the spirit or intent of this UDC.

There are such extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property that the literal or strict application of this UDC would create an unnecessary hardship due to size, shape or topography or other extraordinary and exceptional situations or conditions not caused by the variance applicant.

Relief, if granted would not cause a substantial detriment to the public good and surrounding properties.

That the public safety, health, and welfare are secured, and that substantial justice is done.

The applicant response:

- Please see the letter of appeal.

Recommended Condition from staff:

If approved, Staff recommends the following condition:

- Per the Blakely Manor Subdivision variance site plan from Brumbelow-Reese and Associates, Inc received on March 14, 2025 by the Community Development Department.
- The 50 feet rear yard (setback) shall increase to 60 feet for all thirty-six (36) lots.
- The 10 feet pool, pool equipment and pool decking setback shall increase to 20 feet for all exterior lots.

Letter of Appeal

BRUMBELOW-REESE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Land Surveyors, Land Planners, Development Consultants

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March 19, 2025

Michael Cardamon
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Milton, GA 30004

Re: Blakely Manor Subdivision Variance Application

Dear Mr. Cardamon:

We are working with Chatham Neighborhoods in the development of Blakely Manor Subdivision located on Freemanville Road. The property is 50 acres, zoned AG-1. The property was approved for a 36 lot residential subdivision and is under construction at this time. The current permitted Building Setback Lines are: 60 foot front, 25 foot side, 50 foot rear, and 40 foot corner. During the permitting and construction phase of the subdivision, adjoining property owners voiced concerns about the proximity of construction. The engineering of stormwater management dictated areas of disturbance and limited the applicants ability to not disturb certain areas of the property. After considering all options the applicant has decided to petition for a reversal of the front and rear setbacks. The reversal of the building lines would create an additional 10 feet of separation of all structures from the rear property line. The applicant is seeking variances to the UDC for Section 3.1.4.(A), reduce the front setback to 50 feet, Section 3.1.4.(D) increase rear setback to 60 feet, additionally the applicant is increasing the rear pool setback from 10 feet to 20 feet on all exterior lots (Section 8.8.19 (2)(b)(ii)). The subdivision is private with gated streets limiting the access. If the variances are granted the residences would be located 60 feet from the back of curb on internal streets. The applicant is not seeking any increase in density or additional building area. Approval would allow for increased rear yards and less impact to adjoining properties.

The proposed variances would not offend the spirit of the ordinance as there are 13 existing subdivisions developed via the former CUP regulations in the Rural Milton overlay, 3 of which are located on Freemanville Road with over 300 lots. The CUP developed properties have front building lines of 30 feet or less. The granting of these variances does provide precedence and allows for a product that provides additional protection for adjoining properties. The property is the first development that we have permitted since the city enacted the 150 foot minimum lot width for AG-1 zoning. Standard/typical lot configuration is now 150 feet wide x 300 feet deep versus the former 100 feet wide x 430 feet deep design. The increase in house size and the majority of properties desiring pools has placed unique pressure on rear yard area. The

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topography of the subject property with its multiple drainage areas and the stormwater management has created unique designs for this property. These exceptional conditions have created a need for the variances to provide for the best product for the applicant and the surrounding area. The proposed variances only address development on interior private streets and will not be visible to the general public. The aforementioned fact and the existence of multiple communities developed with less front setback in the general area demonstrates that relief if granted would not cause a substantial detriment to the public good or surrounding properties. The allowance of the proposed residences to be constructed 50 feet from the right of way of internal streets and increasing the rear build setback by 10 feet in no way harms the public safety, health and welfare. Approval of the variances would allow an improved development and insure that substantial justice is done.

Sincerely,
BRUMBELOW-REESE & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Scott D. Reece

C.U.P. DEVELOPMENTS

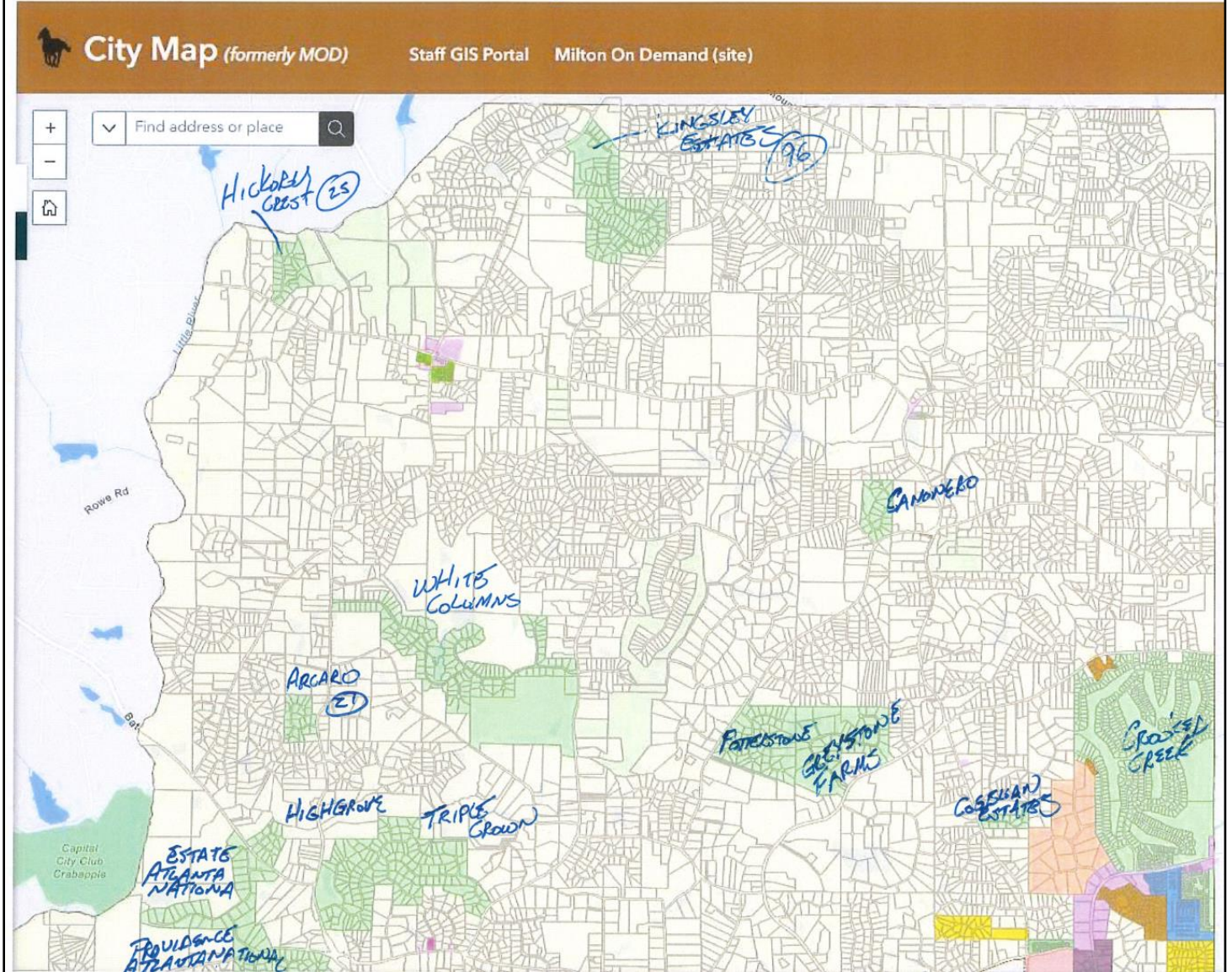
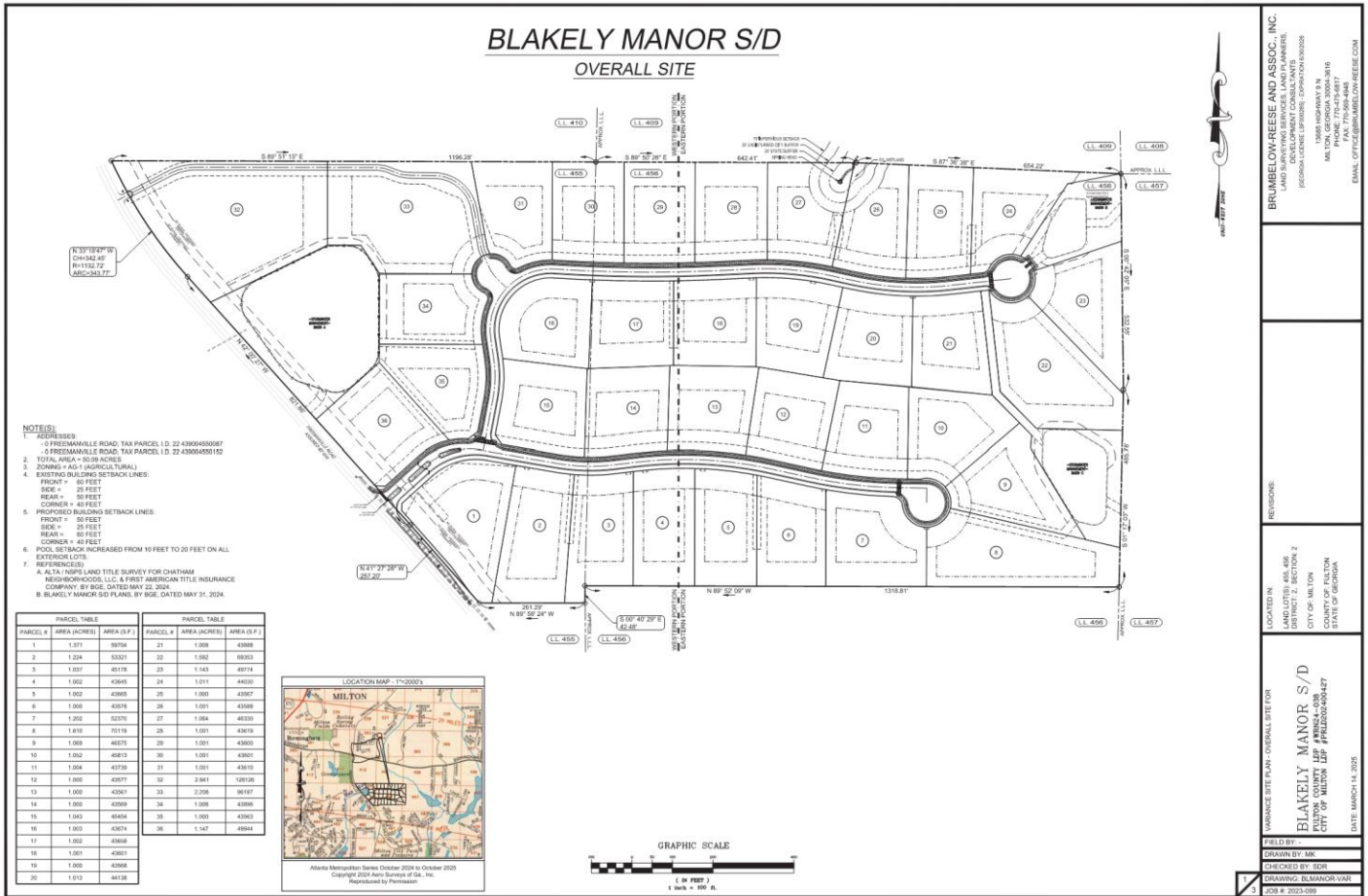


Exhibit A (Blakely Manor Variance Site Plan)



PARCEL TABLE

PARCEL #	AREA (ACRES)	AREA (S.F.)
1	1.0111	69494
2	1.224	83501
3	1.037	65176
4	1.032	63445
5	1.032	63460
6	1.000	63575
7	1.202	82370
8	1.610	70119
9	1.009	69575
10	1.002	68513
11	1.004	67539
12	1.000	63077
13	1.000	63061
14	1.000	63060
15	1.043	66664
16	1.003	63674
17	1.002	63066
18	1.001	63067
19	1.000	63066
20	1.013	64106

PARCEL TABLE

PARCEL #	AREA (ACRES)	AREA (S.F.)
21	1.008	63068
22	1.002	68953
23	1.143	68774
24	1.011	64030
25	1.000	63067
26	1.001	63068
27	1.064	66330
28	1.001	63019
29	1.001	63000
30	1.001	63001
31	1.001	63010
32	2.041	139126
33	2.038	98197
34	1.038	63066
35	1.000	63063
36	1.147	69944

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Exhibit C Site Photos
View to the West (Freemanville Road)



View to the West (Freemanville Road) Von Lake Subdivision



Site Photos (North Side of Blakely Manor)





Site Photos (East Side of Blakely Manor)





Site Photos (South Side of Blakely Manor)



