

### BOARD ORDER ON SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

Application Date: April 25, 2016 Permit Application: - SE16-000001

The Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on Monday, April 25, 2016 to consider the request for a special exception in accordance with County Ordinance, by application from Laurin Patton, on behalf of Patton Development, which may be approved by the Board pursuant to the Oconec County Code of Ordinances for the unincorporated areas of Oconec County.

The request for a special exception by was set forth on the special exception application —SE16-000001, requesting approval of a special exception for a retail establishment over 5,000 square feet (a Dollar General), at lot (TMS#178-00-01-097), located at Ebenezer Rd, within the a. Traditional Rural District and the b. Lake Overlay.

# The Board makes the following conclusions:

The application submitted for special exception for retail over 5,000 sq. ft. and less than 50,000 sq. ft. within the Traditional Rural District:

- is In accordance with the comprehensive plan and consistent with the spirit, purposes, and the intent and specific requirements of this chapter, to include the definition and intent of the district in which the special exception is being requested;
- 2. is In the best interests of the county, the convenience of the community and the public welfare;
- is Suitable for the property in question, and designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as to be in harmony with and appropriate in appearance to the existing or intended character of the general vicinity;
- is Suitable in terms of effects on highway traffic, parking and safety with adequate access arrangements to protect streets from undue congestion and hazards.

### And:

- 1. Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed Special Exception does meet the standards put forth in the Oconee County Standards.
- Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed Special Exception is compatible with current and known planned land uses in the district, and will not substantially diminish the value of adjacent property of property in the district.
- Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed Special Exception will have a positive impact upon the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Oconee County.

# The Board makes the following conclusions:

The application submitted for special exception for non-residential commercial development within the Lake Overlay:

- is In accordance with the comprehensive plan and consistent with the spirit, purposes, and the intent and specific requirements of this chapter, to include the definition and intent of the district in which the special exception is being requested;
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- Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed Special Exception is compatible with current and known planned land uses in the district, and will not substantially diminish the value of adjacent property of property in the district.
- 3. Based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed Special Exception will have a positive impact upon the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Ocones County.

THE BOARD, THEREFORE, ORDERS that the special exception for development of a retail establishment over 5,000 square feet in the Traditional Rural District and under the Lake Overlay, presented on as permit application SE16-000001, be granted under the following conditions:

- Project shall meet Appendix A of Chapter 38 of Oconee County Code of Ordinances;
- Project shall be constructed and developed in the manner depicted on the submitted site plan, landscape plan, and submitted architectural renderings;
- Signage shall be limited to only one monument sign and one wall sign as depicted in the application material and that "option 2" monument sign be used by the applicant;
- Dumpster screening shall be designed and constructed in a manner consistent with the design and construction of the primary store (brick or stone masonry) and wood doors shall be used on the front of the dumpster area;
- 5. A second dumpster screening area shall be installed, designed and constructed in a manner consistent with the design and construction of the primary store (brick or stone masonry) and wood doors shall be used on the front of the dumpster area and this second dumpster area shall be used to contain and screen merchandise carriers and other items related to the logistics of the facility;
- The rear façade of the primary store shall be designed and constructed in a manner consistent with the three other facades as depicted in submitted architectural renderings.

Date issued: 4-25-2016

Chairman

Secretary

Date mailed to parties in interest:

Notice of appeal to Circuit Court must be filed within 30 days after date this Order was mailed.

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# **Matthew Anspach**

From: Matt Wilson <Matt@llcinvest.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 8:32 AM
To: Josh Stephens; Matthew Anspach
Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

Josh,

It is LK Acquisitions' s desire to move our scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup> BZA meeting to the following May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for the following reasons:

- 1. LK Acquisitions, LLC is preparing documentation to further clarify property boundaries in relation to the centerline of Vickery Rd for County engineer Mack Kelly.
- 2. LK Acquisitions, LLC has contracted a licensed engineer to conduct a traffic impact study that will be needed by the County as well as the developer to make important design decisions prior to requesting a Variance. This report is not expected be ready until sometime next week (after April 25).
- 3. Additional time is needed to allow Mack (County engineer) and LK Acquisitions, LLC the ability to review the above mentioned documents and reports then properly prepare for a variance request.

Please accept our request to move our meeting with the BOZA to the May 23<sup>rd</sup> scheduled meeting.

Respectfully,

# Matt Wilson

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**From:** Josh Stephens [mailto:jstephens@oconeesc.com]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:33 AM

To: Matt Wilson < <a href="Matt@llcinvest.com">Matt@llcinvest.com</a>>; Matthew Anspach < <a href="manspach@oconeesc.com">manspach@oconeesc.com</a>>

Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

We are going to talk to chairman about that part. Hopefully he and the Board will agree that won't be necessary considering you live in TN. I will let you know.

From: Matt Wilson [mailto:Matt@llcinvest.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 10:30 AM **To:** Josh Stephens; Matthew Anspach **Subject:** RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

# The in person would be at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>?

**From:** Josh Stephens [mailto:jstephens@oconeesc.com]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:18 AM

To: Matt Wilson < Matt@llcinvest.com >; Matthew Anspach < manspach@oconeesc.com >

Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

Understood.

For procedural purposes please send me an email clearly requesting that the meeting be moved to the May meeting date and enumerate the reasons for asking for the delay. Also, in addition to making the request in writing the Boards Rules require that the request to delay be made in person as well. I have copied the section from the rules that address this below.

Thanks – josh

The hearing of an appeal or application may be continued one time by the Board for good cause shown.

Should an applicant request that the hearing date be rescheduled, said request shall be made by written notice, which shall state the reasons for the request to reschedule, delivered to the secretary 72 hours prior to action by the Board.

Also, the applicant shall make said request to reschedule in person before the Board.

Any deviation from the procedures contained within this section can only be approved by a majority vote at a meeting.

From: Matt Wilson [mailto:Matt@llcinvest.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Josh Stephens; Matthew Anspach

Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

I wouldn't be able to have ready until sometime next week.

**From:** Josh Stephens [mailto:jstephens@oconeesc.com]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:07 AM

To: Matt Wilson < <a href="mailto:Matt@llcinvest.com">Matthew Anspach <a href="mailto:manspach@oconeesc.com">manspach@oconeesc.com</a>>

Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

When do you think you could it to us this week?

Josh

From: Matt Wilson [mailto:Matt@llcinvest.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 10:07 AM **To:** Matthew Anspach

Cc: Josh Stephens

Subject: RE: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

Looks like we aren't going to be able to make the deadline today. We will have to get on the May meeting schedule.

# Thanks,

### Matt

From: Matthew Anspach [mailto:manspach@oconeesc.com]

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 1:27 PM **To:** Matt Wilson < Matt@llcinvest.com>

Cc: Josh Stephens < jstephens@oconeesc.com>

Subject: Vickery Rd BZA meeting

### Matt,

Hope you are doing well. Will your team be prepared to present at the next meeting (Monday, April 25)? If so, we will need your information to put in the Board members packs, sent to us no later than this coming Monday (April 18). Let me know, if not, we will need to begin the process of requesting an extension and hold off until May. Thanks!

# Sincerely,

Matthew Anspach Planner Community Development Oconee County, SC TEL: (864) 364-5115

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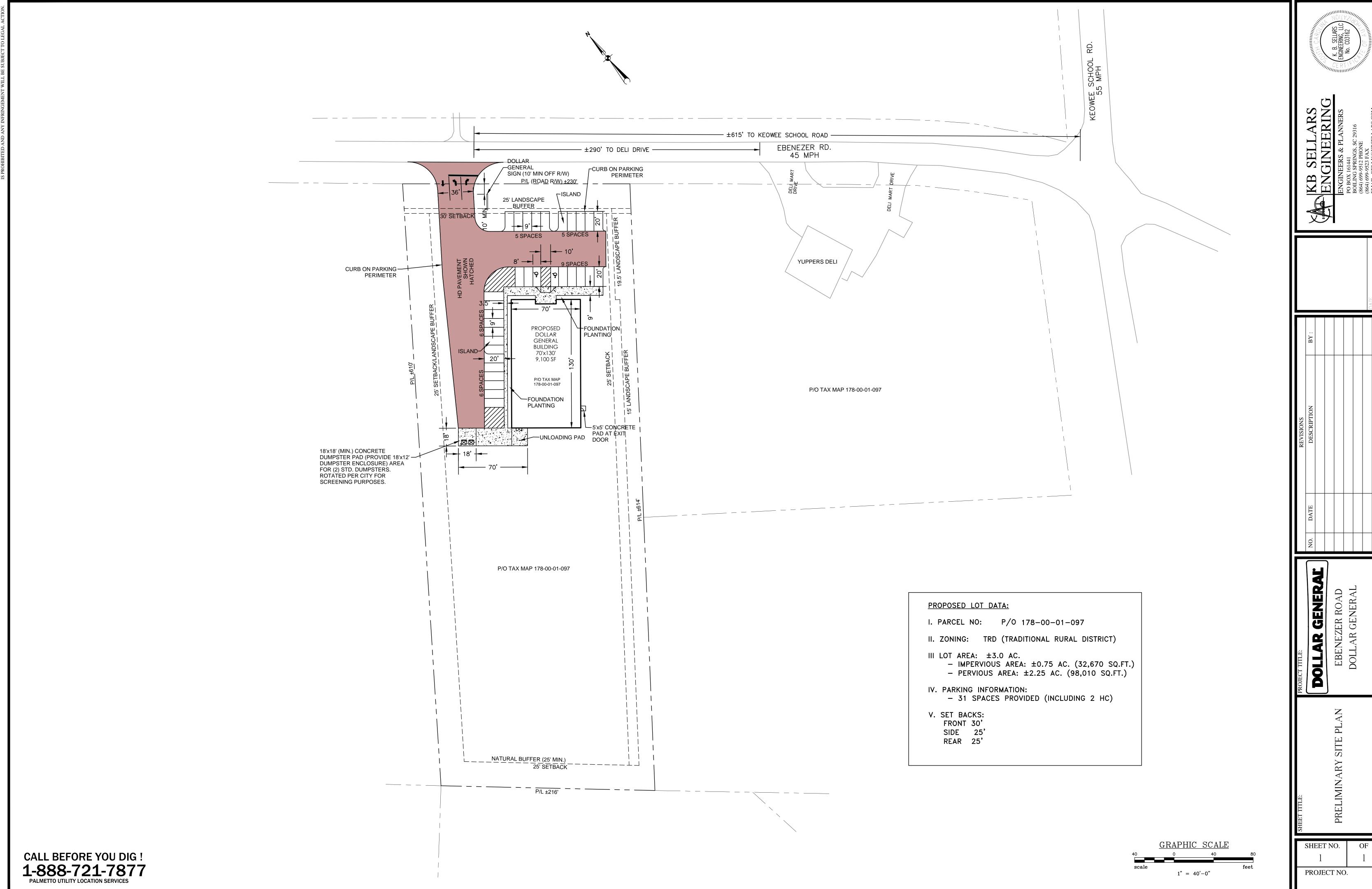
# **Board of Zoning Appeals**

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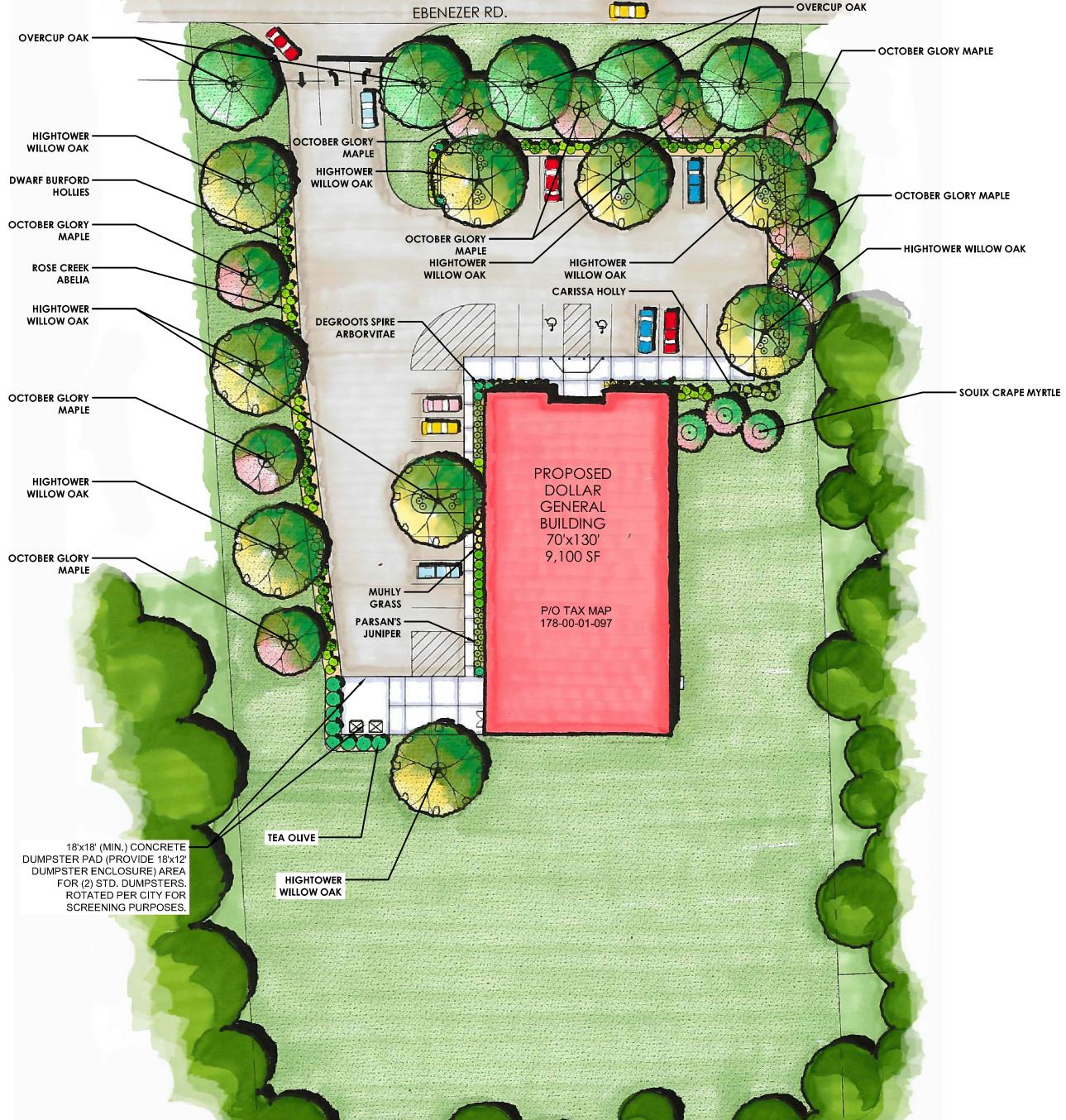
# NOTICE OF APPEAL

Laurin Patton (agent of owner)	(owner) (agent of owner)
reby request an appeal to th	e following action (be specific):
er the Ocunee County zoning ordinance, the pe istrict) zoning is up to 5,000sf.	ermitted retail use square footage in the TRD (Traditional Bura
	f 9,100 sf on 3+ acres of tax map parcel 178 00 01 097 (furthe ary site plan attached hereto).
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ſ	: 2938K
Applicant's Name Laurin Patton  Address PO Box 100, Woodruff, SC  Mailing Address (if different)	: 2938K

Please be advised that an Appeals Application Fee of \$100 must be paid in full at the time the application is received by the Planning Department, Applicants shall be notified at the specified mailing address once a public hearing date is set.







# **DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:**

# **DEVELOPER:**

PATTON DEVELOPMENT, LLC PO BOX 100 WOODRUFF, SC. 29388

# **ENGINEER:**

KB SELLARS ENGINEERING, LLC PO BOX 161441 BOILING SPRINGS, SC 29316 PH: 1 (864) 699-9512

**LOT SIZE:** +/- 3.14 ACRES

# NOTE:

This plan is conceptual in nature and as such does not intend to represent or guarantee project feasibility. Those with interest in developing this property should draw their own conclusions about project feasibility after a thorough review of the site, its physical characteristics, infrastructure requirements and applicable zoning and permitting regulations.

The base information for this drawing has been compiled from a variety of sources at various times and as such is intended to be used only as a conceptual guide. All property lines, tract dimensions and descriptions are for graphic purposes only, as an aid to site location and possible potential land use. Any person desiring to determine actual commitments should examine the appropriate plats, deed restrictions, covenants, and planning and zoning regulations applicable to specific portions of the property.

This Conceptual Plan in not intended as part of the contract documents for any property, sale or transfer.

PREPARED BY:



LandArtDesignGroup.com

SCALE: 1" = 30'



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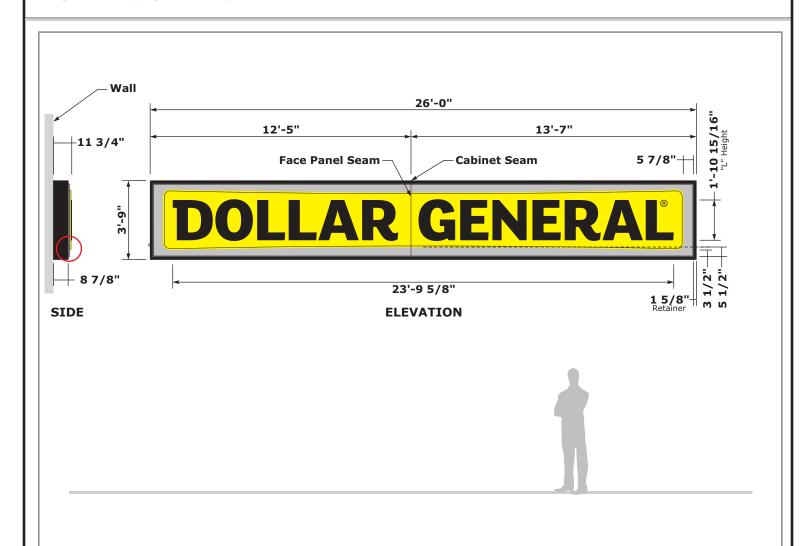
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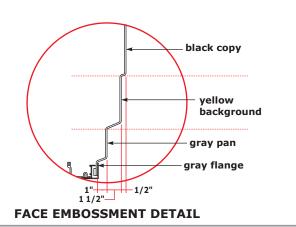
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# **DOLLAR GENERAL**

# 3'-9" x 26'-0" WALL CABINET



.150" clear UV polycarbonate (Spartech) pan formed face with Black copy over Spraylat C8-2633 Yellow on PMS Cool Gray 5 background. Cabinet to be painted Semi-Gloss Black.



# SQUARE FOOTAGE ACTUAL ACTUAL Black (Copy): Semi-Gloss Black (N Cool Gray: Rock Bottom Gray: Green:

COLOR SPECIFICATIONS

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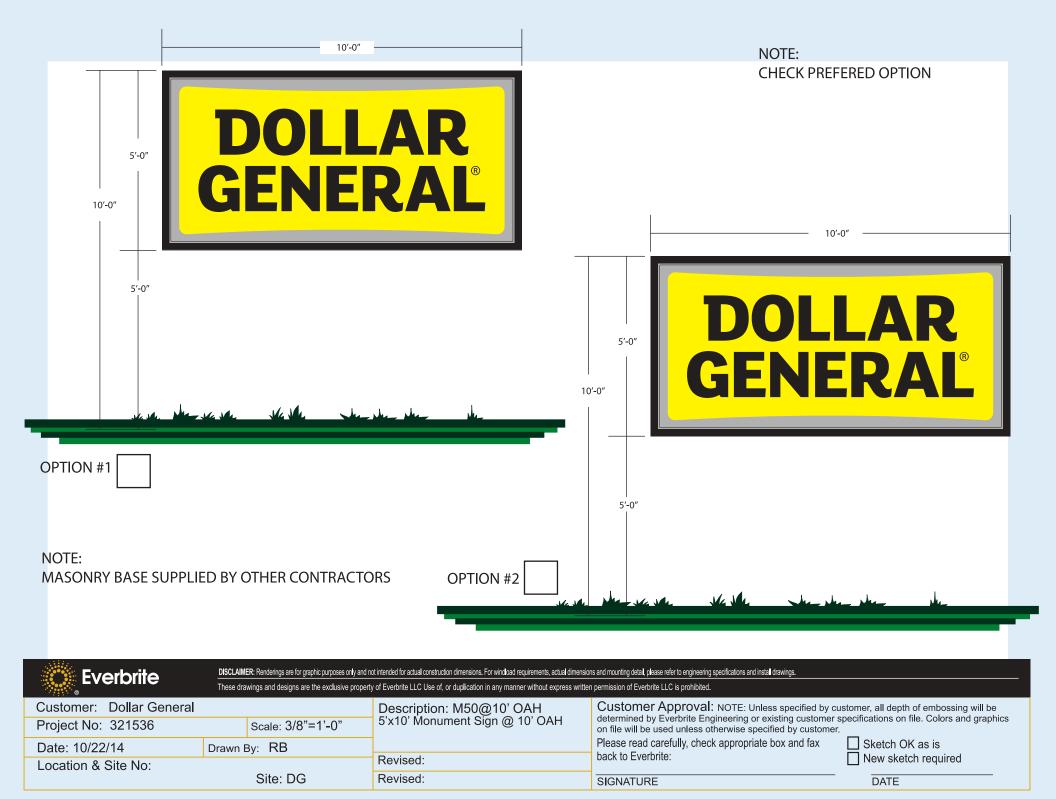
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# **Matthew Anspach**

From: Cisson, Jason S. <CissonJS@scdot.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:28 PM

**To:** laurin patton

Cc: Kelly Sellars; Dillon, Eric C; Nelson, Craig D; Mike Ridgeway; tab patton; Matthew

Anspach; Josh Stephens; Will Brewer; Ashley Waldrop

**Subject:** RE: DG SC Seneca BZA exception

### Laurin,

I have had a chance to discuss with Traffic. They have reviewed the traffic study prepared as requested. We concur with its findings that no mitigation is needed at this time for the proposed driveway or existing four-way intersection. As for the layout, we are in agreement with the proposed layout but would prefer to the driveway width reduced to 30 feet (15 foot entry and 15 foot exit lanes). Eliminate the second exit lane for left turns. Please note that our comments are subject to the project meeting sight distance as well as all other applicable SCDOT standards and requirements. Thanks.

# Jason S. Cisson, MBA

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Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:57 AM

To: Cisson, Jason S.

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Stephens; Will Brewer; Ashley Waldrop **Subject:** RE: DG SC Seneca BZA exception

Jason, I copied and pasted an email I received from Oconee County Planning a few minutes ago. We are about to go before the BZA, and they want to provide an answer to their question below to the BZA. Please see below from Matthew Anspach (also cc) and let me know DOT's response. Thank you. From Matthew:

Just wanted to make sure that I haven't missed anything. The last correspondence that I read between DOT and you said:

### Laurin,

In general, I think we are okay with the proposed layout considering the property ownership and it being previously subdivided. But I need to check with Traffic to see if those guys have had a chance to review the study. Once I hear back from them on the study, I will be back in touch with a final decision. Thanks.

Did they ever get back with "Traffic" to see if they reviewed the study? They will need to show that they "are okay" rather than "think (they) are", if you know what I mean. I am about to send the packs out, so please let me know if you come up with anything soon. Thanks!

# Thank you

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From: Cisson, Jason S. [mailto:CissonJS@scdot.org]

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To: Cisson, Jason S.

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Subject: RE: DG SC Seneca BZA exception

Jason, have you had a chance to review after the clarification I sent you on 04-04-2016? Our exception hearing is coming up and the county planning department is asking if I have received any feedback from DOT. Since our last correspondence, I have received the traffic study you requested, and it is attached. Please send your feedback ASAP, so I can provide it to those requesting it.

Thank you

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**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 12:57 PM **To:** Cisson, Jason S. < CissonJS@scdot.org>

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I agree. Thank you Jason! I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Subject: RE: DG SC Seneca BZA exception

# Laurin,

Thanks for the additional information. We understand GIS websites can be a little behind regarding recent transactions. But if the property was divided and sold, the property line should not really be proposed. Regardless of whether GIS has been updated, the property was divided and sold which creates a new property line regardless of whether it shows on GIS or not. To us, a proposed property line indicates the parcel in question is being subdivided from a larger tract. I guess we would expect to see it labeled as new property line with a note about the GIS not being updated and the recent real estate transaction. More a case of misunderstanding due to the label used. Again, the county allowing commercial property to be subdivided without involving the owner of the road on which the property fronts but that is a whole other ball of wax.

We will review the information provided and discuss the proposed DG site. Even with this information, a traffic study may still be required. After we discuss, I will be back in touch. Thanks.

# Jason S. Cisson, MBA

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Subject: RE: DG SC Seneca BZA exception

Jason, thank you for your response. I inserted my reply to your comments below in red.

Mike, please see below from Jason as well as his reply to this email. I have cc Eric Dillon and Craig Nelson on this email as well, so you can reach out to them per Jason's request. Please reach out to them to make sure your traffic study includes the information they are requesting.

Thank you all!

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To: laurin patton < laurin@pattondevelopment.com >

Cc: Kelly Sellars <kelly@kbsellars.com>

Subject: RE: DG SC Seneca 17113 BZA exception

### Laurin,

I was able to review and discuss with Traffic. Our comments are not binding if sight distance has not been verified. No driveway will be allowed on any state road that does not meet sight distance and other SCDOT standards. Sight distance should be checked in the field before moving any further with design. Also, we want to know the future development plans for the parent tract that this parcel is being subdivided from. Access to the entire site and future development needs to be considered at this time and not piecemealed together at a later date. Thanks.

we are purchasing the entire 3+- acre parcel from Mr. McMahan, and there are no other development plans for this parcel besides the DG. It is my understanding that the deli parcel that is beside the tract we are purchasing was sold 08-28-2015 to Anushka, LLC and is a separate tract. I attached the deed and plat referenced in the deed to show what I'm talking about. I attached an aerial view from the county assessor's office that shows the parcel we are purchasing outlined in green. It is my understanding that the assessor's office has not caught up with the register of deeds office. There is not a planned development or excess land for future development. I think this information may change some of your comments below (traffic study needed, etc). Please let me know.

- Complete a traffic study of the driveway and the intersection. Your traffic engineer can contact Eric Dillon or Craig Nelson if additional information is needed on the scope of the study.
   I have cc the traffic study engineer as well as Eric and Craig, so they can coordinate on the scope to make sure everyone is on the same page.
- 2. No driveway access on SC 188 to be considered for the overall parent tract. It is my understanding that the tract we are under contract to purchase does not touch SC 188, so we have no problem with this.
- 3. Consider full access on Ebenezer but need to consider this access point as a part of the overall development of entire property. We are not going to start allowing parcels to be carved off the larger tract with each new parcel needing its own driveway access. By subdividing the proposed DG parcel, that leaves a parcel at the intersection as well as the remaining undeveloped property behind the DG. We would prefer some kind of shared driveway on or near the property line that meets spacing from Keowee School Road and Joe Hopkins Road as well as the removal of both of the existing deli driveways. Maybe we would consider the driveway near where shown if the one of the deli driveways is removed and the driveways are located to provide the maximum spacing available from the intersections as well as the intersections particularly Keowee School Road. Willing to consider is not indicating approval. We will look at an alternative design. We may be willing to give a little on spacing from Joe Hopkins Road. But we do not want to grant another driveway access with the overall tract already having two driveways. If the property is going to be divided up, access needs to be determined at this point. Sight distance is going to pay a big factor in the layout. It may be that only one driveway can be allowed for the overall development due to a location that can meet sight distance.

The deli property is a separate tract owned by another entity. We are only requesting access for the tract we are purchasing. It is my understanding that the entire tract will be the DG, and there will be no additional development on this 3+- acre site besides the DG.

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Jason, have you had a chance to look at this one? We are working feverishly to get our documents to the county in time for the next BZA meeting, so any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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Jason,

Please reference the below correspondence concerning a proposed Dollar General site in Oconee County from January. The exception that the developer was going for was turned down by the county. The developer has moved sites to across Ebenezer Road. I have attached a preliminary site plan showing the new site and have highlighted where the old site was for clarification. Do you mind taking a look at the proposed access location and providing feedback? If you go to Google street view, there is an existing asphalt drive apron with a camper near Ebenezer road at the approximate location of the proposed Dollar General drive.

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### Laurin,

I was able to speak with Eric earlier this afternoon. Therefore, I am going to respond to your email based on this discussion. We did not mention a turn lane during our preliminary review and comments. Typically, we would not anticipate the trip generation meeting the left turn warrants for this type of development (Dollar General). SCDOT would not be opposed to the turn lane if recommended or required by Oconee County. On a side note, it will not be as simple as widening for a left turn lane on SC 188 due to the proximity to the intersection. With the minimum tapers and storage length requirements, the widening would extend through the intersection requiring the widening to begin south of the intersection. Widening through the intersection would most likely include left turn lanes on SC 188 at the intersection.

With all that being said, SCDOT is not recommending or requiring a turn lane at this time. Our recommendation would be to complete a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the proposed Dollar General and the parent tract. The scope of the TIS should include 1) traffic control at the intersection (signal warrants), 2) left turn warrants at driveway, and 3) left turn warrants at intersection. Once completed, the TIS would give us a better idea of what, if any, road improvements are needed to mitigate the impacts of this proposed development.

Keep in mind, all these comments are a moot point if a proposed driveway cannot meet sight distance. SCDOT will not approve a driveway if it cannot meet the minimum requirements. Due to a vertical curve along SC 188, SCDOT has reservations if a driveway on SC 188 can meet the minimum sight distance requirements. If the TIS does indicate a turn lane is warranted, the minimum sight distance would increase to factor in the additional lane to be crossed. Therefore, we would recommend measuring the sight distance for the existing two lane cross section as well as a possible widened three lane cross section. The minimum sight distance requirements for all vehicle types can be determined using the formula found in Chapter 7 of the Access and Roadside Management Standards (ARMS) manual.

I hope this email provides the information to address your email. Let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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Jason,

I had a conversation with Josh Stephens with Oconee County Planning the week before Christmas. I have cc Eric Dillon on this email as well as Josh because Josh told me he discussed the project at length with Eric. It is my understanding from Josh that two board members told him they would have approved our Seneca project on Ebenezer Rd had we (Patton Development) come to them with a turn lane on our revised site plan. At our original meeting in November, the Board asked me to come back with cursory DOT comments as well as an upgraded building façade. I did that for the December meeting. It appeared everyone on the Board was satisfied with our changes, so I was taken by surprise when we were denied without explanation. I spoke to several Board members after the meeting. One said he was concerned about 'traffic'. Later, Josh told our broker and later myself that he was told adding a turn lane would have gotten an approval from the Board. Had we known this, we would have asked your thoughts prior to the December meeting. We did as instructed by the Board and came back with your comments. DOT comments did not include a turn lane, so one was not mentioned. We are not opposed to a turn lane if this will get an approval. What are your thoughts? I'm going to go on Josh's recommendation to resubmit to the Board again vs an appeal, and I would like to have your thoughts on the turn lane and any other comments prior to going before the Board.

thank you for your time.

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Our exception hearing last Thursday, December 10, 2015 did not go as we hoped. Our exception was denied by the Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). We plan to go through the appeal process for several reasons, but mainly the following:

At the first exception hearing in November, there were some local lakefront home owners who came out in protest to our project. The BZA asked us to come back (12-10-15) with the following: 1) color rendering showing building upgrades to show a more 'rustic elegance' look and additional landscaping and 2) feedback from the DOT on the preliminary site plan. These requests were in response to the majority of the complaints from the opponents to the project (regarding the look and the traffic).

After that 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we did just as the BZA requested and spent additional money and time to address its two requests. At the meeting on 12-10-15, we presented our color rendering and also summarized our dialogue with DOT regarding the preliminary site plan. We explained the following: DOT (on its cursory review) asked the drives to be shifted as far from the intersection as possible with a strong likelihood that shared access would be required between our piece and the adjacent parcel. In addition, we may or may not be granted access on Keowee School Rd (SC 188). However, DOT's final decision would be made after full blown engineered drawings were received and reviewed.

During the meeting, all comments from the BZA sounded favorable and we expected an approval, so we were very surprised when it denied the exception at the vote. I did not hear any comments from the BZA as to why it was denied during the meeting. After the meeting, I went up to BZA and told them I appreciate their consideration. I was told the reason was 'traffic'. Note not all of the BZA members voted no. After the meeting, our broker spoke to Josh Stephens with the County Planning office (which recommended the BZA approve the exception). According to our broker, Josh told her that he was told the BZA would have approved our exception had we come to them with a turn lane in our revised site plan.

We did not include a turn lane in our site plan because our civil engineer did not deem it necessary, and it was never mentioned in the DOT cursory review. Also, a turn lane was never mentioned by the BZA in either meeting (November or December) or after the last meeting when I spoke to the members in person. If the reason for the denial of the exception was due to this concern, there must have been a lack of communication somewhere. Prior to the comments between Josh and our broker, I had not heard any discussion of a turn lane regarding this project. One of the BZA members mentioned during the meeting on the record that he had spoken with Eric Dillon (DOT) regarding this project. He further commented on the shared drive, etc., and I confirmed I understood the same things. Note this BZA member did not mention a turn lane at this time.

This is my current understanding, and I just want to clarify that you have not heard anything different on your end: the BZA directed us to get input from the DOT on our preliminary site plan, which we did. To this date, neither the BZA, Planning Commission, nor DOT have mentioned a turn lane to me. I cannot confirm/deny that this concern was stated because given multiple opportunities, this issue has not been stated to me. I am not against a turn lane, but I need to determine if this statement is true (the BZA really would have approved the exception had this been presented) and also need to confirm whether DOT would even want/accept that for this project. Can you let me know if a turn lane is something the DOT may have suggested to someone else for this project?

As stated above we are going to proceed with the appeal process, and I want to make sure I do the right thing to address any concerns. I'm sure you can tell my frustration when I did what was asked by the BZA and then was still denied.

thank you

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RE: Traffic Impact and Access Study Dollar General Store: Ebenezer Road Oconee County, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Patton:

As requested, SRS Engineering, LLC (SRS) has completed an assessment of the traffic impacts associated with a proposed Dollar General Store to be located along Ebenezer Road in Oconee County, SC. The following provides a summary of this study's findings.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located along the south side of Ebenezer Road approximately 615-feet west of Keowee School Road in Oconee County, South Carolina. At present, the 3-acre site is undeveloped. The project proposal is to construct a 9,100 square-foot (sf) Dollar General Store on-site. As scheduled, this project is planned to be constructed and fully-operational within a one-year period.

As planned, direct access to/from the site will be provided via one full-movement driveway to Ebenezer Road. The allowable movements, necessary laneage/geometrics and traffic control for this access point will be formally discussed in a later section of this report.

**Figure 1** depicts the site location in relation to the local/regional roadway system. **Figure 2** depicts the most up-to-date site plan as provided by the project site/civil engineer.

# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

A comprehensive field inventory of the project study area was conducted in April of 2015. The field inventory included a collection of geometric data, traffic volumes, and traffic control within the study area. The following sections detail the current traffic conditions and include a description of roadways/intersections serving the site and traffic flow in close proximity to the project site.

# **Study Area Roadways**

**Ebenezer Road** - is a two-lane undivided roadway where directional traffic is separated by a double-yellow centerline. This roadway has a posted speed limit of 45 miles-per-hour (mph) and is under the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

**Keowee School Road** - is also a two-lane undivided roadway where directional traffic is separated by a double-yellow centerline. This roadway has a posted speed limit of 55 miles-per-hour (mph) and is also under the jurisdiction of the SCDOT.

# **Study Area Intersection**

**Keowee School Road at Ebenezer Road/Biggerstaff Road -** is a four-legged unsignalized intersection where Keowee School Road makes up the northbound and approaches, Ebenezer Road makes up the eastbound approach, and Biggerstaff Road makes up the westbound approach. All approaches to the intersection provide for one lane from which all movements are allowed. This intersection operated under four-way STOP sign control, with red caution lights overhead for each approach.

The existing geometry and traffic control for the study area roadways/intersection is depicted graphically in **Figure 3**, which follows this report.

# **Traffic Volumes**

In order to determine the existing traffic volume flow patterns within the study area, weekday morning (7:00-9:00 AM) and evening (4:00-6:00 PM) peak period turning movement specific count data was collected for the intersection of Keowee School Road at Ebenezer Road/Biggerstaff Road. Summarized count sheets for this intersection are included in the Appendix of this report.

**Figure 4**, located in the appendix of this report, graphically depicts the Existing AM and PM peak-hour traffic volumes for the intersection.

# **FUTURE CONDITIONS**

Traffic analyses for future conditions have been conducted which include traffic related to proposed Dollar General Store. It should be noted that an interim "No-Build" scenario was not reviewed due to the fact that the development is expected to be operational within a one-year period.

# **Planned Roadway Improvements**

There are currently no roadway projects planned in close proximity to the site that will impact traffic capacity prior to the site becoming operational.

# **Site-Generated Traffic**

Traffic volumes expected to be generated by the proposed project were forecasted using the Ninth Edition of the ITE *Trip Generation* manual, as published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Land-Use Code #814 (*Variety Store*) was used to estimate the specific site-generated traffic. It should be noted that this is a new land use code in the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition that specifically references "dollar stores" with the average size being 10,000 sf. **Table 1** depicts the anticipated site-generated traffic.

Table 1
PROJECT TRIP GENERATION<sup>1</sup>
Dollar General – Ebenezer Road

Time Period	9,100 sf Dollar General Store <sup>2</sup>		
Weekday Daily	580		
AM Peak-Hour			
Enter	21		
<u>Exit</u>	<u>14</u>		
Total	35		
PM Peak-Hour			
Enter	31		
<u>Exit</u>	<u>31</u>		
Total	62		

- 1. ITE Trip Generation manual, Ninth Edition.
- 2. ITE Trip Generation manual LUC 814 (Variety Store).

As shown, the proposed Dollar General can be expected to generate a total of 580 two-way vehicular trips on a weekday daily basis, of which a total of 35 trips (21 entering, 14 exiting) can be expected during the AM peak-hour. During the PM peak-hour, 62 trips (31 entering, 31 exiting) can be expected. It should be noted that directional distribution of trips is not provided in the manual for either peak hour and therefore for the AM peak hour a 60% entering, 40% exiting distribution was used to account for likely employee entrances. During the PM peak hour, a 50-50 distribution was assumed.

### **Distribution Pattern**

The directional distribution of site-generated traffic on the study area roadways has been based on an evaluation of existing and projected travel patterns within the study area and is shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2
TRIP DISTRIBUTION PATTERN
Dollar General – Ebenezer Road

		AM & PM PEAK-HOURS
Roadways	Direction To/From	Enter / Exit
Ebenezer Road	West	25
Biggerstaff Road	East	10
Keowee School Road	North	25
	South	40
	Total	100

Note: Based on the existing and projected future traffic patterns.

This distribution pattern has been applied to the site-generated traffic volumes from Table 1 to develop the site-generated specific volumes for the study area illustrated in **Figure 5**, which follows this report.

# **Build Traffic Conditions**

The site-generated traffic, as depicted in Figure 5, has been added to Existing 2016 traffic volumes shown in Figure 4. This results in the peak-hour Build (Existing + Site Traffic) traffic volumes, which are graphically depicted in **Figure 6**. These volumes were used as the basis to determine potential improvement measures necessary to mitigate traffic impacts caused by the project.

# TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

# **Analysis Methodology**

A primary result of capacity analysis is the assignment of Level-of-Service (LOS) to traffic facilities under various traffic flow conditions. The concept of Level-of-Service is defined as a qualitative measure describing operational conditions within a traffic stream and their perception by motorists and/or passengers. A Level-of-Service designation provides an index to the quality of traffic flow in terms of such factors as speed, travel time, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort, convenience, and safety.

Six Levels-of-Service are defined for each type of facility (signalized and unsignalized intersections). They are given letter designations from A to F, with LOS A representing the best operating conditions and LOS F the worst.

Since the Level-of-Service of a traffic facility is a function of the traffic flows placed upon it, such a facility may operate at a wide range of Levels-of-Service depending on the time of day, day of week, or period of a year.

# **Analysis Results**

As part of this traffic study, capacity analyses have been performed for the study area intersection under both Existing and Future Build (Existing + Site Traffic) conditions. The results of these analyses are summarized in **Table 3**.

Table 3
LEVEL-OF-SERVICE SUMMARY
Dollar General – Ebenezer Road

	Time	EXISTING CONDITIONS		BUILD CONDITIONS EXISTING + SITE	
<u>Unsignalized Intersections</u>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Delay</b> <sup>a</sup>	$LOS^{b}$	<b>Delay</b>	<u>LOS</u>
Keowee School Road at Ebenezer Road/	AM	10.5	В	10.9	В
Biggerstaff Road (4-Way STOP)	PM	11.7	В	12.4	В
Ebenzer Road at Site Access	AM			9.6	A
	PM			9.6	A

a. Delay in seconds-per-vehicle.

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

1. For unsignalized intersections, Delay is representative of the critical movement.

As shown in Table 3, under Existing traffic volume conditions, the intersection of Keowee School Road at Ebenezer Road/Biggerstaff Road operates at good service levels during both the AM and PM peak hours. This is consistent with field observations in that no congestion was observed for the intersection during data collection.

Future Build conditions, which account the addition of site traffic associated with the proposed Dollar General, indicate that the Keowee School Road at Ebenezer Road/Biggerstaff Road intersection will maintain LOS B during both peak hours with only minimal increases in delay projected.

The site access drive to Ebenezer Road is anticipated to operate with minimal delays assuming the incorporation of recommended geometry and traffic control as detailed in the next section of this report.

# **MITIGATION**

The final phase of the analysis process is to identify mitigating measures which may either minimize the impact of the project on the transportation system or tend to alleviate poor service levels not caused by the project. Measures considered necessary to mitigate roadway system deficiencies are discussed below as they relate to the impacts of the proposed project.

b. LOS = Level-of-Service.

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# **Proposed Site Access Drive**

Direct access to/from the Dollar General is proposed via one full movement access to Ebenezer Road approximately 615-feet west of Keowee School Road in the approximate location of an existing drive that services the property. The Dollar General will align with a minor driveway for an existing single-family home. It should be noted that there is a minor driveway for a deli approximately 290-feet to the east of the proposed access and an unimproved access road (Joe Hopkins Road) approximately 230-feet to the west. Conflicts with these existing low volume access points are expected to be minimal.

The new access is proposed with 36-feet of width for one entering lane and two exiting lanes (separate left and separate right). STOP sign control should be provided for the new access drive. Dedicated turn lanes within Ebenezer Road are not warranted based on SCDOT guidelines set forth in the Highway Design Manual.

As shown in Table 3, the site access drive is expected to operate at acceptable service levels with minimal delays during both peak hours.

### **SUMMARY**

SRS has completed a Traffic Impact Study relative to a proposed Dollar General store to be located along the south side of Ebenezer Road, west of Keowee School Road in Oconee County, South Carolina. The 9,100 sf store would be completed within a one-year period (early 2017).

Access for the site is proposed via one full movement access to Ebenezer Road approximately 615-feet west of Keowee School Road. Analyses indicate that the site access drive will operate with minimal delays during both peak hours. Impacts to the nearby four-way STOP controlled intersection of Ebenezer Road at Keowee School Road are expected to be minimal.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any information contained within this report, please contact me at (803) 252-1799.

Regards,

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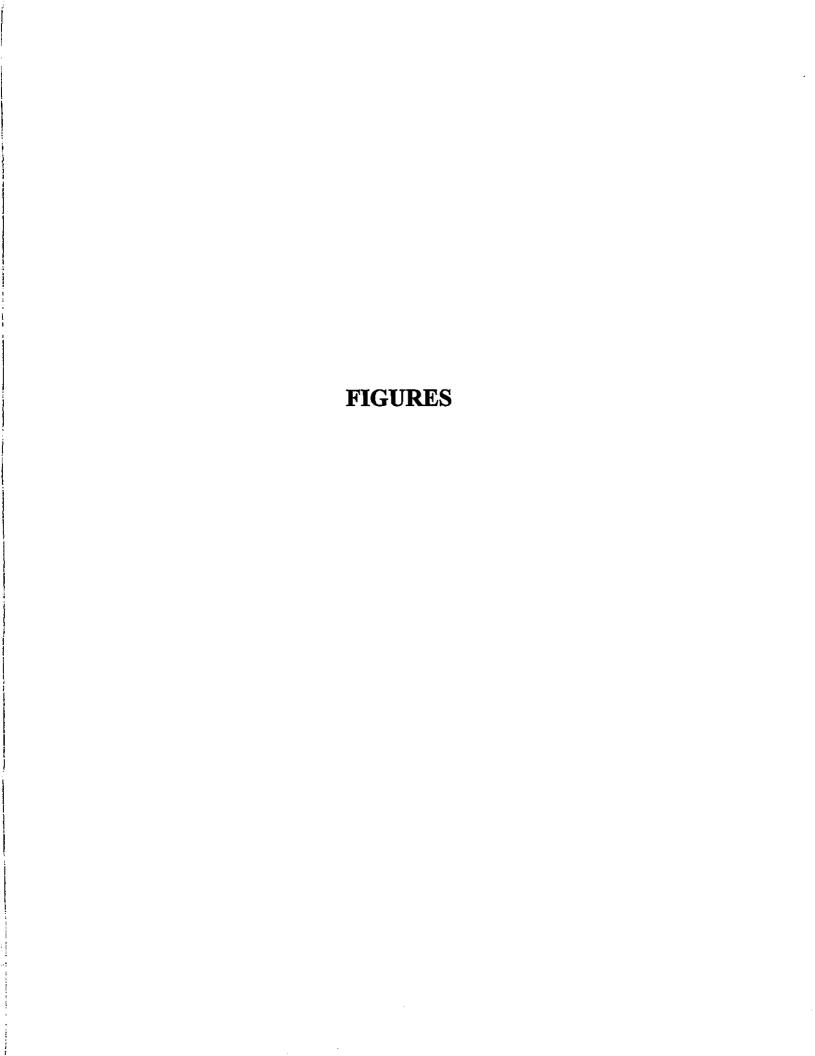
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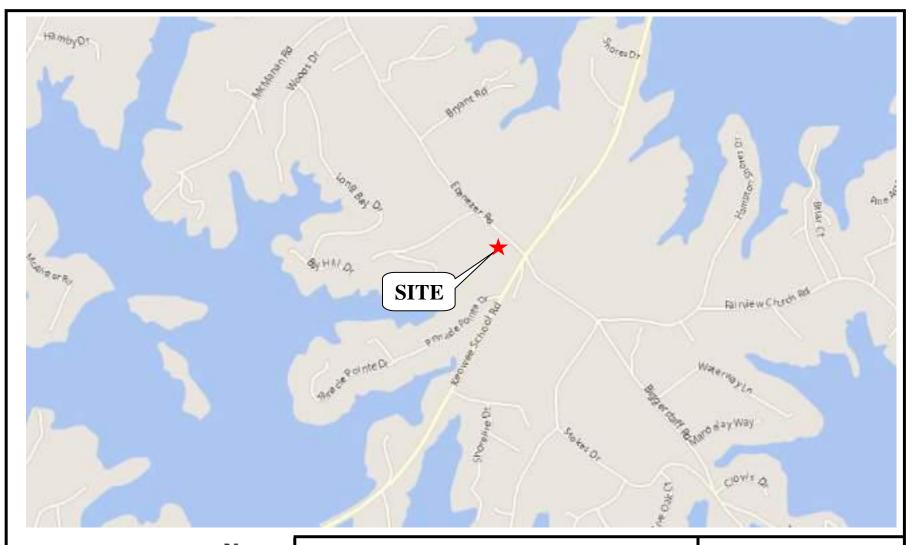
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# **APPENDIX**

- Figures
- Count Data
- Capacity Analyses



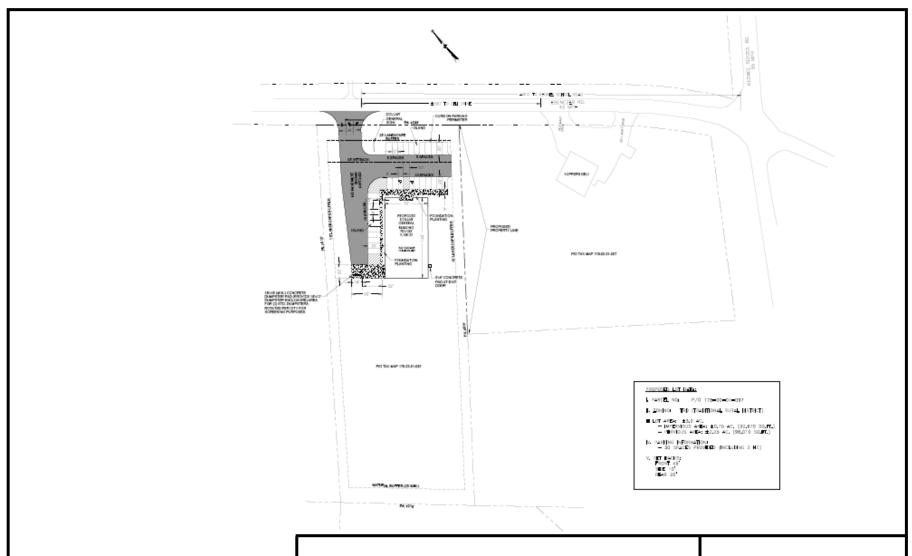




# Figure 1 SITE LOCATION MAP

Dollar General: Oconee County, SC

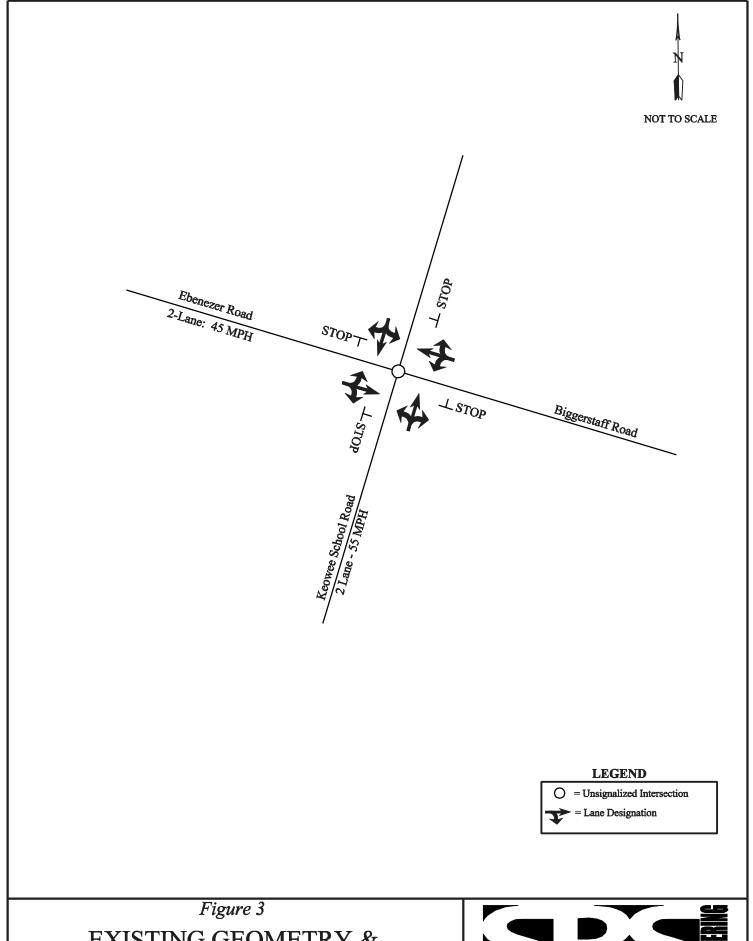




# Figure 2 PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Dollar General: Oconee County, SC



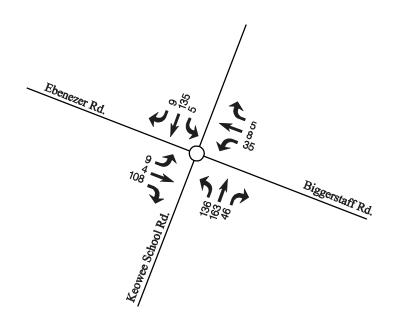


## EXISTING GEOMETRY & TRAFFIC CONTROL



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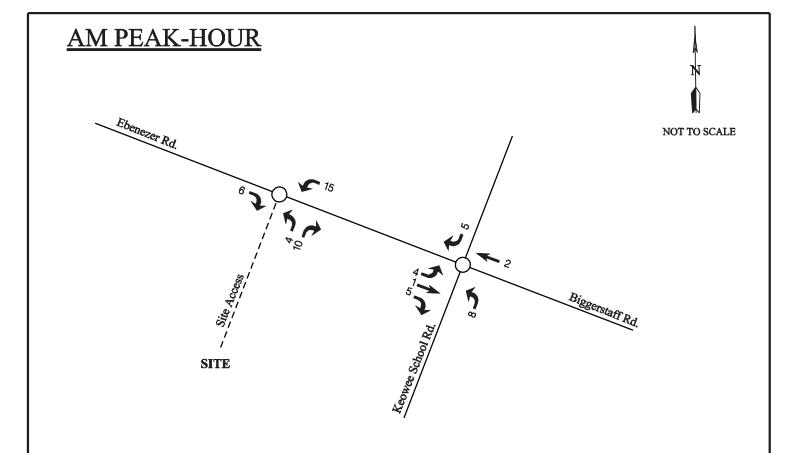
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### Figure 4

## **EXISTING 2016 TRAFFIC VOLUMES**





## **PM PEAK-HOUR**

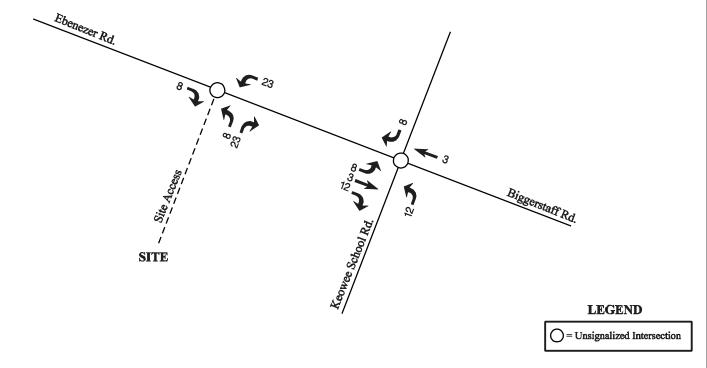
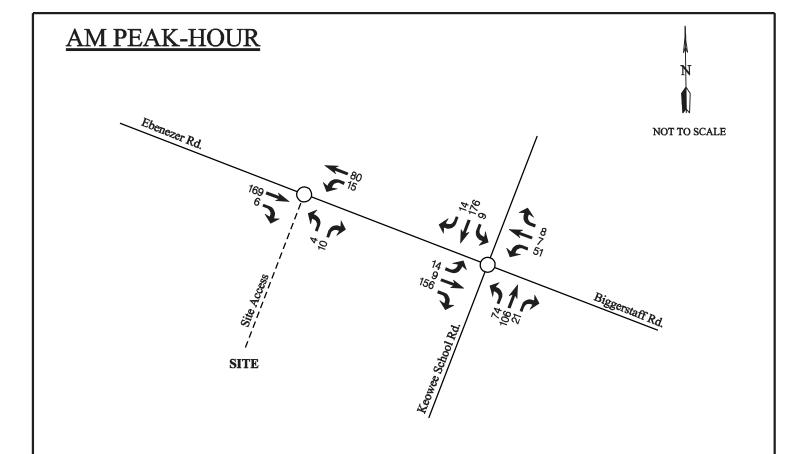


Figure 5

## SITE-GENERATED TRAFFIC VOLUMES





## **PM PEAK-HOUR**

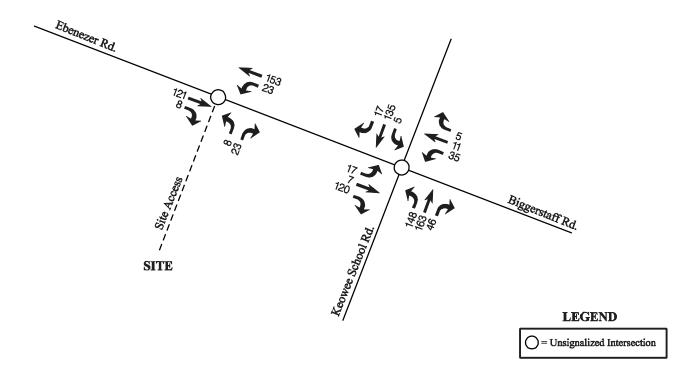
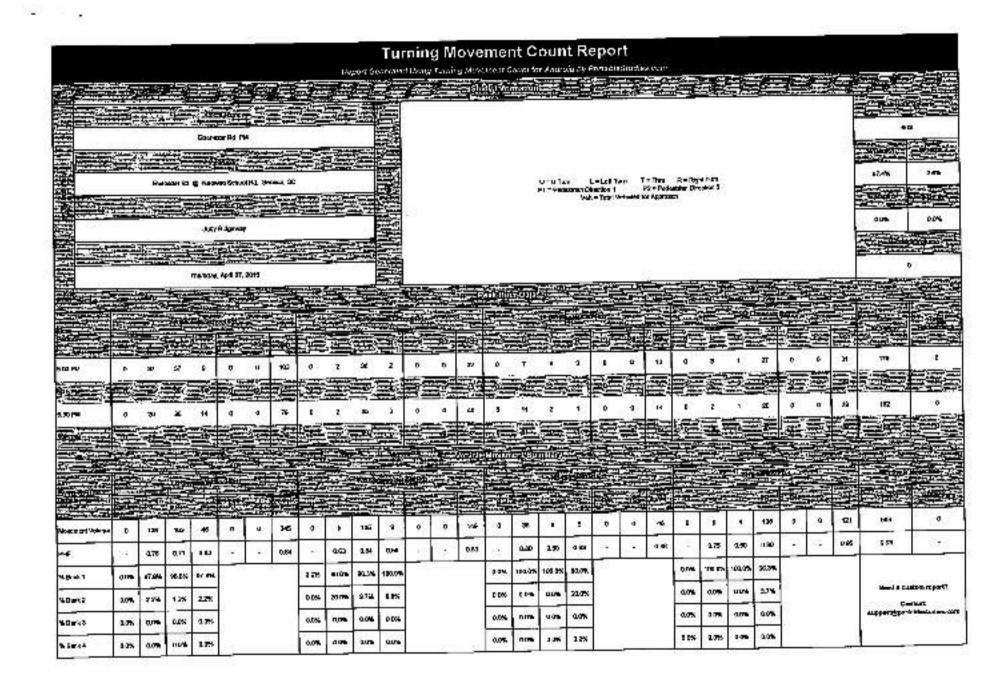


Figure 6
BUILD TRAFFIC VOLUMES
EXISTING + SITE TRAFFIC



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#### **Matthew Anspach**

From: Pete Ebersole <pebersole@archall.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:40 PM

To: Matthew Anspach
Cc: Josh Stephens

**Subject:** RE: Ebenezer Public Hearing Rendering

#### Matthew

Thanks for the copy of the plans. Very helpful... WAR EAGLE!

We have a lot in the Pinnacle Pointe Subdivision and expect to build soon, so this is directly in our back yard and it matters to us.

I do like this plan better than the last, but suspect you will see more negative comments from our neighbors.

If I could make a few constructive suggestions:

- -Special effort should be made to address the blank non-windowed elevations (All are non-windowed). Not sure if "Green Wall" with a vining vertical trellis to hide blank areas could work or possibly additional thick planting could be added. Note that the NE façade, the one that faces the major intersection is the one that could use the most help.
- -Landscaping, solid walls (not Chain Link Fence) and opaque gates should be added to properly enclose the dumpster. The design looks to have the open gates facing the street. These tend to sit open a lot. Turned to the side could help.
- -The front façade has 0 windows. I think it would help humanize the place if they could add glass.

Last point, Yuppers unpaved parking lot, no dumpster enclosure and the lack of trees is already an existing point of contention. I think the whole community as well as both Yuppers' and Dollar General could benefits if you guys could figure out how to get the Dollar General folks to help fund some improvements to Yuppers and connect the two parking lots together. The goal would be address the dumpster enclosure, pave the gravel parking lot and provide a comprehensive planting plan for both stores. This is a win, win, win.

With a plan like this I would be happy to write a letter to you and our neighbors supporting this solution.

(Then if we can get rid of the ridiculous/tacky stop signs solution and do a tasteful and typical 4-way stop solution at the main intersection we could all be proud of this area)

Thank You,

Pete Ebersole

112 Pinnacle Pointe Dr

Seneca, SC 29672

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From: Matthew Anspach [mailto:manspach@oconeesc.com]

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Pete Ebersole pebersole@archall.net
Cc: Josh Stephens jstephens@oconeesc.com
Subject: Ebenezer Public Hearing Rendering

#### Pete,

Please see the attached rendering. War eagle!

#### Sincerely,

Matthew Anspach Planner Community Development Oconee County, SC

TEL: (864) 364-5115 FAX: (864) 638-4168

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#### **Matthew Anspach**

From: Josh Stephens

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:33 AM

To: Hubbard Paving

**Subject:** RE: Dollar General 178-00-01-097

Thank you for comments. Staff will ensure they are passed along to the Board.

Thanks,

Josh Stephens

----Original Message-----

From: Hubbard Paving [mailto:hubbardpaving@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:59 PM

To: Josh Stephens

Subject: Dollar General 178-00-01-097

As home owners in Pinnacle Pointe, we strongly disagree with the idea of a Dollar General being right around the corner from our home.

We are within 7 - 10 minutes from Walmart and also a Dollar General that is located in the Big Lots complex already, not to mention a CVS is within 5 minutes if something is needed in a hurry. There is not a "need" for this business in a residential area.

Thank you.

David & Christy Hubbard

## BLR LENDER LLC Property Owner in Beacon Shores

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 100, Beacon Shores.

This correspondence shall serve as our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a commercial building in excess of 5,000 sq. ft. to house a Dollar General Store pursuant to the referenced Special Exception Application which is before you for consideration at your meeting on April 25, 2016.

We strongly believe that such a store is not an appropriate use in the rural residential area and would act to devalue surrounding residential properties without any corresponding benefit since this area is already well served with seven (7) "Dollar" type stores within a five (5) mile radius.

Further the requested special exception does not meet the requirements of Section 38.7.2 of the Oconee County Ordinances because, among other things, it is not "(2) in the best interests of the County...and the public welfare", and it is not "(3) suitable for the property in question...or in harmony with...the existing or intended character of the general vicinity".

Please do not grant this special exception which will do harm to so many of your neighboring property owners.

Sincerely,

**BLR Lender LLC** 

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# BLR LENDER LLC Property Owner 265 Petty Road (Tracts 1 – 5)

April 12, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000004)

We are the Owners of 265 Petty Road (Tracts 1-5).

This correspondence shall serve as our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a commercial building in excess of 5,000 sq. ft. to house a Dollar General Store pursuant to the referenced Special Exception Application which is before you for consideration at your meeting on April 25, 2016.

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Sincerely,

BLR Lender LLC

James E. Jacoby, Counsel

265 Petty Road (Tracts 1-5)

## PRESERVE 10 HOLDING LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

**April 14, 2016** 

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 10, Wellington Pointe.

This correspondence shall serve as our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a commercial building in excess of 5,000 sq. ft. to house a Dollar General Store pursuant to the referenced Special Exception Application which is before you for consideration at your meeting on April 25, 2016.

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Sincerely,

PRESERVE 10 HOLDING LLC

James E. pacoté, Counsel

Lot 10-Wellington Pointe

# SPEARFISHER SC LOT LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 11, Wellington Pointe.

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Sincerely,

SPEARFISHER SC LOT LLC

James E. Jacoby/Counsel

Lot 11-Wellington Pointe

## BLR LENDER LLC Property Owner in Beacon Shores

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals:

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 52, Beacon Shores.

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Sincerely,

BLR Lender LLC

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Lot 52-Beacon Shores

## BLR LENDER LLC Property Owner 265 Petty Road (Tracts 1 – 5)

April 12, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000001)

We are the Owners of 265 Petty Road (Tracts 1-5).

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**BLR Lender LLC** 

James E. Jacoby, Counsel

265 Petty Road (Tracts 1-5)

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April 14, 2016

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To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

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SPEARFISHER SC LOT LLC

James/E. Jacoby, Counsel

Lot 3-Wellington Pointe

# ASH CAPITAL HOLDING LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE - 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 4, Wellington Pointe.

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Sincerely,

ASH CAPITAL HOLDING LLC

Jacoby Counsel

Lot 4-Wellington Pointe

# SPEARFISHER SC LOT LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-00002)

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Sincerely,

SPEARFISHER SC LOT LLC

James 足. Jacoby, Counsel

Lot 6-Wellington Pointe

## GAC RENTAL HOLDINGS LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 7, Wellington Pointe.

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Sincerely,

**GAC RENTAL HOLDINGS LLC** 

James/É/ Jacoby, Counsel

Lot 7-Wellington Pointe

# SPEARFISHER SC LOT 8 LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE 864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 8, Wellington Pointe.

This correspondence shall serve as our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a commercial building in excess of 5,000 sq. ft. to house a Dollar General Store pursuant to the referenced Special Exception Application which is before you for consideration at your meeting on April 25, 2016.

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Sincerely,

SPEARFISHER SC LOT 8 LLC

James E Jacoby Counsel

Lot 8-Wellington Pointe

# SPEARFISHER SC LOT 8 LLC Property Owner in Wellington Pointe

April 14, 2016

VIA FACSIMILE -864-638-4168

To: Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception (SE 16-000002)

We are the Owners of Lot 9, Wellington Pointe.

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Sincerely.

SPEARFISHER SC LOT 8 LLC

James E. Jacoby Cøunsel

Lot 9-Wellington Pointe

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IN RE: PATTON REQUEST FOR EBENEZER ROAD

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Hal Welch General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 04/09/2016

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Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 9:14 PM

**To:** laurin patton **Subject:** Fwd: Dollar General

Ashley Waldrop Century 21 Hometown Realtors Anwaldr@aol.com (864) 280-7019

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From: Angela Chastain < marelle 1910@gmail.com >

Date: April 14, 2016 at 9:06:37 PM EDT

To: <u>Anwaldr@aol.com</u> Subject: Dollar General

I Angela Chastain am in favor of the Dollar General Store being built on Ebenezer Rd in West Union SC.

Angela Chastain

From: Ashley Waldrop <anwaldr@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:53 PM

**To:** laurin patton

**Subject:** Fwd: Dollar General on Ebenezer

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**Subject: Dollar General on Ebenezer** 

I'm in favor of dollar General on Ebenezer rd

From: Ashley Waldrop <anwaldr@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 11:05 AM

**To:** laurin patton **Subject:** Fwd: Dollar General

Ashley Waldrop Century 21 Hometown Realtors Anwaldr@aol.com (864) 280-7019

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From: Hannah LaBoone < <a href="mailto:thexbabe44@icloud.com">thexbabe44@icloud.com</a>>

**Date:** April 15, 2016 at 9:09:19 AM EDT

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Subject: Dollar General

I'm in favor of a dg on ebonezer road

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** laurin patton **Subject:** Fwd: Ebenezer DG

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From: Marisa Chastain < mjchastain 12@gmail.com >

Date: April 14, 2016 at 9:01:46 PM EDT

To: <a href="mailto:anwaldr@aol.com">anwaldr@aol.com</a>
Subject: Ebenezer DG

I am highly in favor of Dollar General being put on Ebenezer Rd. It would be an asset in the community.

Marisa Smith

Henry Mills Gallivan A member of the South Carolina Bar Centited Mediator Centified Arbitrator Direct 864,271,5341 MGallivan@GWBlawfinu.com



55 Beame Place, Suite 1200 Past Office Box 10589 (29603) Greenville, South Carolina 29601 Telephone 864.271.9580 Facsimile 864.271.7502 www.GWBiawlittn.com

April 14, 2016

Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals
Oconee County Community Development
Planning & Zoning Division
415 S Pine St.
Walhalla, SC 29691

Re: Proposed Dollar General on Ebenezer Road

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals;

My wife and I own a house at 238 Long Bay Road in Oconee County. I previously wrote to you opposing any change in the zoning on Ebenezer Road which would allow a Dollar General store. I am writing to advise you that we continue our opposition to this store.

I previously served on the City of Greenville Planning Commission. During my service on the Planning Commission we reviewed a number of applications for "special exceptions". I always felt that a special exception should truly be *special*; where it placed a particular hardship on the property owner, then it was appropriate. In this case there is no particular adverse effect to the property owner. I would assume that Dollar General simply has an option on this property. While it is may be a desirable location for Dollar General, it is not an appropriate place for a commercial enterprise of this nature.

This neighborhood is primarily residential. If you allow Dollar General into this location, then I can assure you, you will eventually see commercial creep down Ebenezer Road which will destroy the scenic beauty of that road and forever change the character of the neighborhood.

There are plenty of locations which are more commercial and are closer to the City of Seneca or Walhalla which would be more appropriate. In this regard please note that my wife and I continue our opposition to this request for a special exception to the Oconee County zoning laws.

### With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

GALLIVAN, WHITE & BOYD, P.A.

H. Mills Gallivan

Direct Dial: (864) 271-5341

Email: mgallivan@GWBlawfirm.com

HMG/ph

Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals 415 South Pine Street Walhalla, SC 29691

Re: Special Exception for Dollar General

As residents of the neighboring subdivision, Pinnacle Pointe, we are asking you to vote NO on the Dollar General zoning appeal. The store will bring an increase in trucks and traffic a few yards from an already dangerous intersection; the stores are crime magnets; the mode of operation of the chain does not meet the rustic elegance requirement of the county; and the store is neither needed nor wanted by residents in the area.

The traffic problems discussed in the initial appeal will be the same with the new location, as it is very close to the intersection. In order to stock the store there would routinely be large trucks on a primarily rural residential road that is home to three schools. The intersection of Ebenezer Road and Highway 188 is already dangerous as evidenced by the signage and caution lights. We do not need an increase in traffic at the location.

Crime is an issue nationwide with Dollar Generals since they are usually stand alone stores with no close neighbors. There were robberies at THREE Dollar Generals on ONE night in Oconee County in March 2016. If you do an internet search of crime at Dollar Generals you will get almost one hundred hits concerning crime, especially armed robbery, at the stores. We don't want the person who robbed the Dollar General hiding from the police in the bushes in our back yard!

When asked to submit a "rustic elegance" store design, the developer simply submitted the same Dollar General facade with a few stones on the front. There appeared to be no understanding of the concept and no real effort to change their design to meet county requirements. In addition, their mode of operation seems to be to pile most of their sale items outside the front of the store. This has more of a flea market look than rustic elegance. (see attached photographs taken April 12, 2016, at stores in Seneca's Oconee Square, Shiloh Rd, Salem, Scenic Plaza in West Union, and on Highway 11). No matter what the design of the store, it will be an eyesore because of their merchandising methods.

This store is neither needed nor wanted by neighboring residents who have no intention of shopping there. There are already several small locally owned stores in the area for those not able to travel to larger chain stores or grocery markets. Why do we need a special exception? Other nice residential developments would benefit the county financially much more than another empty or "ratty" store front which would devalue the adjacent property and lessen the likelihood of future development.

Please consider the safety of Oconee County residents and the negative long term financial impact of this issue. Vote NO.

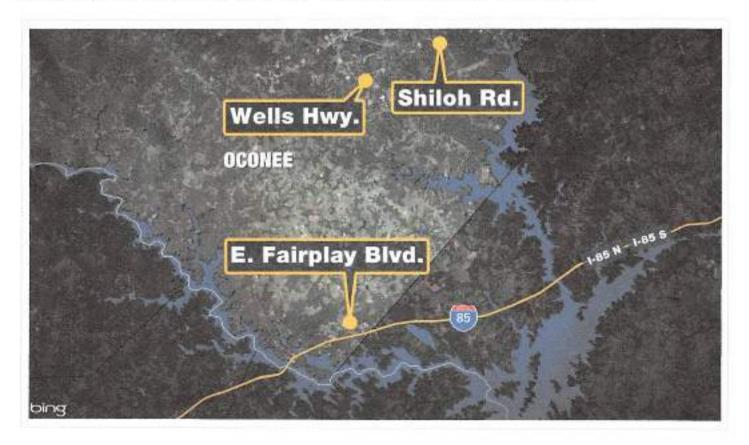
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## Dollar General stores burglarized overnight in Oconee Co.

By Robert Cox (http://wspa.com/author/robert-cox/)

Published: March 12, 2016, 5:38 pm | Updated: March 12, 2016, 7:15 pm



A string of burglaries is under investigation after three Dollar General stores in Oconee County were broken into Saturday morning.

The burglaries were discovered when employees arrived at each store.

Two Dollar Generals in Seneca, one on Wells Highway and the other on Shiloh Road, and one in Fair Play on Highway 243 were broken into, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Investigators say money was taken from each store.

If anyone has any information on the burglaries or the identity of suspects involved, you are asked to call Crime Stoppers at <u>1-888-CRIME-SC (tel:1-888-CRIME-SC)</u>.

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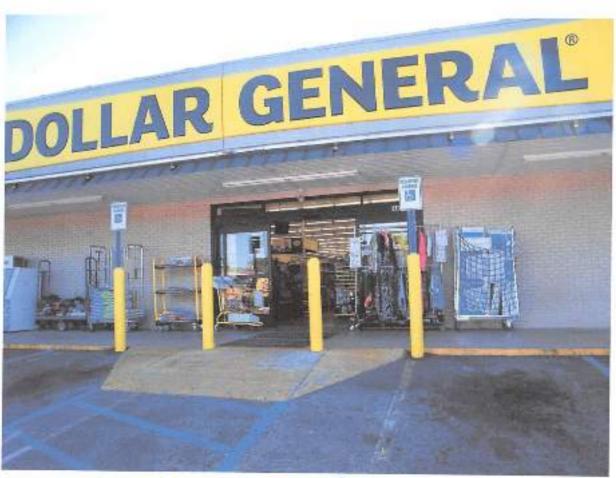
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## Oconee Square





WEST WOLDN, SC







Josh Stephens
Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals
Seneca, South Carolina

RE: Proposed Dollar General Store Special Exception

Map 178-00-02-011

Mr. Stephens and Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

We are the owners of a home at 704 Cypress Bay Lane

We take this opportunity to voice our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a 9100 square foot commercial building to house a Dollar General Store in the referenced property which is before you for consideration.

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This proposed exception truly makes no sense. We respectfully request that you do not grant this special exception which can only serve to do harm to many of your neighboring Oconee county property owners.

Sincerely,

Howard and Ann Kenney

Matthew Anspach
Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals
Seneca, South Carolina

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We are the owners of a home at 704 Cypress Bay Lane

We take this opportunity to voice our strongest objection to the proposed granting of a special exception to allow the construction of a 9100 square foot commercial building to house a Dollar General Store located on Ebeneezer Road.

Following your decision in late 2015 to not allow/support this exception, we don't understand why this is up for consideration again

We strongly believe that such a store is not an appropriate use in the residential area and would act to devalue surrounding residential properties without any corresponding benefit since this area is already well served with seven (7) "Dollar" type stores within a five (5) mile radius.

Further the requested special exception does not meet the requirements of Section 38.7.2 of the Oconee County Ordinances because, among other things, it is not "(2) in the best interests of the County...and the public welfare", and it is not "(3) suitable for the property in question...or in harmony with...the existing or intended character of the general vicinity".

This proposed exception truly makes no sense. We respectfully request that you do not grant this special exception which can only serve to do harm to many of your neighboring Oconee county property owners.

Sincerely,

Howard and Ann Kenney

321 Couch Lane Easley S.C. 296 42 Opril 16, 2016

To the Community Development Board:

I am the owner of the corner where

Dollar General was hoping originally to

builte When I was first contacted by

their representative, my answer was no,

and that I thought this area was

not goned for commercial. Her answer

was that they would haild in the area.

So, regretfully, after quite a list of time

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Then when you turned we down because of truffice, I decepted the decision as final and Oller General ended their decling with me, Latte though, I'm surprised to been that they have a contract to buy across the roots because they have the fusioners already there will improve the chance I your approved. This is the same business that one of the protestern at the first open meeting blamed for two wreeks is one day. At least with and existen you could have that entrances traffic jame and accident. Therefore, it would be interesting to know only you would have consider this new location.

France M. Blekely

Thank you -

From: Mike Broe <br/>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 1:33 PM<br/>
To: Josh Stephens; Matthew Anspach

**Subject:** West Union Dollar General

I am a home owner in the Wellington Pointe neighborhood in West Union. I am writing to let you know that we do not support the proposed location of a Dollar General Store at the corner of Keowee School Road and Ebenezer. That is a 4 way, one lane intersection that in our opinion would be seriously burdened with extra traffic. Thanks for listening! I know you jobs are tough, you probably see very few plans that are met with overwhelming support. I don't usually write like this, but am also concerned what effect this location could have on our property value.

Mike Broe

From: Dottie Madden <lemdjm@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:13 PM

**To:** Matthew Anspach **Subject:** Proposed Dollar General

I would again like to voice my objection to the Dollar General that is being proposed at Ebenezer Road. I do not believe it is in the best interest of the community. There are many other stores of this nature within 8 miles of this intersection. It is not necessary. This is a very busy intersection and the addition of this store would only cause more traffic problems. In addition, it would detract from the appearance of the area.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my objection.

Dottie Madden 602 Cambridge Sq West Union SC 29696

From: Tommy Little <htljr@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:18 AM
To: Matthew Anspach; Josh Stephens
Subject: Zoning Board - April 25th Hearing

**Attachments:** Oconee Cty\_Zoning Hearing\_4-25-16.pdf

#### Gentlemen,

Please find attached to this email a letter that I request be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals at or prior to their hearing on Monday April 25, 2016 regarding the proposed exception to zoning restrictions related to the proposed Dollar General store on Ebenezer Road. Since I may not be able to attend the hearing I am submitting this letter for the record.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

Tommy Little

864-271-3363 864-979-1177 (mobile)

#### Tommy Little 325 Doe Run Trail West Union, SC 29696

April 21, 2016

Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals 415 South Pine Street Walhalla, SC 29691

Via: email to the Community Development Office

Re: Public Hearing Monday, April 25, 2016

Re: Dollar General

Gentlemen,

I am the owner of property in a small subdivision, known as Keowee Landing, which is located just behind the proposed site for the referenced Dollar General store. I am writing you as an authorized representative of our subdivision which is comprised of six parcels, and has access to Lake Keowee where the six owners share a community boat dock in a cove that is also waterfront property for part of the Pinnacle Point neighborhood.

The majority of the parcels in our subdivision are zoned Lake Residential. We sought and agreed to this zoning classification several years ago with the belief that it would provide desired protection of our properties from development that may adversely affect our enjoyment of our property, our property values and Lake Keowee itself.

The proposed site for the Dollar General store is, as you are aware, zoned Traditional Rural District and is also mostly within the boundaries of the Lake Keowee/Jocassee Overlay. We have trusted that both of these zoning designations would provide additional protection of the lake and preserve the character of the general area.

While we are not writing to specifically object to the proposed Dollar General store, we do request that you, the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, diligently assess the potential risks and adverse affects that such a development could have on the area and the lake, and take appropriate measures to insure that this development, if approved, would comply with the spirit of these zoning ordinances as reflected in the written "Definition" and "Intent" criteria contained in them.

Our specific concerns include but are not limited to;

- The rear of the proposed site drops off sharply toward our Lake Keowee cove and if not properly graded, constructed and drained, could expose the lake and our properties to numerous contaminates. While the lake can't be seen from Ebenezer Road, it is directly below the rear of this site and could be at risk;
- 2) Retail establishments such as this one draw additional traffic and congestion to the area and could result in a change to the character of this area. We would request that landscaping on and around the development site enhance and protect the natural and rural feel of the area;
- With additional activity that this development would bring to the area, possible increases in crime, such as theft and vandalism of properties in the area are always a major concern.
- 4) When the zoning ordinances were enacted several years ago, there were strong and emotional arguments and petitions by some in this area to have the designation that currently exist, so it's concerning to us that an "exception" is already being requested, and worry what other requests may follow as a result.

In evaluating this proposed development we trust that you will first and foremost consider the potential impact to the existing surrounding property owners and especially the protection of the lake.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns addressed in this letter.

Sincerely,

Tommy Little

Tony little

From: Carolyn J. MILLER <trmcjm@bellsouth.net>

**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 9:18 AM

**To:** Matthew Anspach **Subject:** Large Dollar General

Dear Sirs;

The last rejection of the appeal of a Dollar General on the corner of Ebenezer and Route #188 was due to endangerment by traffic.

Moving the placement of the large facility by approximately 200yds (?) does not assure a safer location for nearby residence nor prospective customers.

The intersection has always been a dangerous one as the county has installed a flashing red stop light instructing a 4-way stop.

There will be a need to install a permanent stop light at that intersection if the board permits this invasion.

Semis and large delivery trucks will be using that intersection for stocking the larger than normal Dollar General.

Are the developers stating that approximately 200 yds. will make that intersection less dangerous?

The future growth of that corner will probably be more businesses such as gasoline stations and other services.

Dollar General should select another location in a more commercial area, that would not interrupt the lives of many families!

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Miller 121 Pinnacle Pte Drive Seneca, SC

## Petition to Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

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From: Sandy Prather <Sandy@TimThePhoneMan.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2016 10:10 PM

**To:** Matthew Anspach

**Subject:** Keowee School/Ebeneezer Road Dollar General Store

First of all, Matt, thanks so much for making sure the committee receives this email. You have been most helpful whenever I call. I may or may not get up the nerve to speak tomorrow night, so just in case, here it is:

"I have lived in Oconee County almost 16 years. My husband and I moved to the area from Augusta, GA so that my he could finish his degree at Clemson University. When we originally moved to the area, we lived in the agricultural community known as Fair Play. Almost 8 years ago, we grew our family through adoption. We began life with a 10 year old who was already a student at Keowee Elementary. We had originally planned on staying in Fair Play, but thought it best that we keep her at Keowee for the sake of stability. We researched the county and felt that the Keowee Road area/community would provide our daughter with the best elementary school education possible and the homes and land provided a great return for our investment. We have loved every minute of our life here. Our daughter is currently a Junior at Walhalla High School.

Many things drew us to the Keowee School Road community such as the rural beauty and openness of the land, the beautiful lake views and the fact that even though we're "away from it all" in our "little corner of the world", we are but a short drive into Seneca so that we can buy the necessities of life. A mere 7 miles, as a matter of fact.

Oconee County is truly the Golden Corner of South Carolina and I feel that I have "put down roots" within the Keowee School Road area. As I did a little research of my own at the website for the Mountain Lakes Convention and Visitors Bureau (<a href="www.scmountainlakes.com">www.scmountainlakes.com</a>), I noticed the following...."land beside the water" is written on the page and the emblem at the top of the page shows white water rafting, boaters of all kinds, a mountain biker, a hiker, and water falls. No where on this logo do I see a Dollar General sign. Under the subheading of "shopping" I notice that nowhere is there mentioned a Walmart, Bi-Lo, or even a Dollar General. Instead mentioned are locally owned businesses owned by people who actually live within our area.

My family and I did not move here because of all the eating and shopping chains. We moved here number 1, because of Clemson University, but we STAYED here because of so much more....the beautiful rural countryside, the beautiful lakes, the family outdoor activities that are available as well as the local events such as Jazz on the Alley, and Ram Cat Alley shops and eateries.

My family and I respectfully ask that you deny the zoning change that would allow a Dollar General to be built. I could go into the traffic patterns, and the fact that once you "let in" one chain, more will sure to follow, etc., but for me and mine, it's all about a way of live that gives us peace and joy and one that we love to call home. It's where we "hang our hats" and choose to be and to invest ourselves. Where we choose to raise our family. We certainly don't mind driving 7 miles into town for a gallon of milk and for whatever else we want. in fact, it's what we PREFER."

**P. S.** Even though it is most difficult for me to speak up because the owners of the land in question are actually friends, I find I must find the courage to disagree with their plans for this property. I supported them when they built Yuppers Deli because it was their personal family business, but I find I cannot agree with expanding a

Dollar General to our community. This type of store is not wanted or needed. Dollar Generals tend to lend themselves to a type of clientele that does not live within this community. Also, with all the new lake subdivisions going in, a chain dollar store doesn't have the same niche as it would have in the other areas of our county.

Respectfully yours,

Sandy Prather
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