

# Meeting agenda Thursday January 26, 2023 6:00pm

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Election of officers and calendar
- 3. Approval of minutes: 08/22/2022
- 4. Board of Zoning Appeals procedure/process
- 5. Brief statement about rules and procedures
- Special Exemption SE22-008, Ron Taffer of Bob Hill Realtyfor a new commercial boat dealership in the Lake Overlay for TMS 209-00-01-015, 210 Worth St Seneca SC 29672
- 7. Variance application #VA22-0014 Wesley White of Ridgewater Engineering and Surveying is requesting a 5' variance allowing the side setbacks to be reduced to 0' thus allowing for single family attached homes. TMS#'S 225-00-06-008. Closest address of 111098 Watson Dr. Seneca 29672
- 8. Discussion of rules regarding timeline for applicant submittals.
- 9. Adjourn

# Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

Council Chambers 415 South Pine Street Walhalla, S.C. 29691

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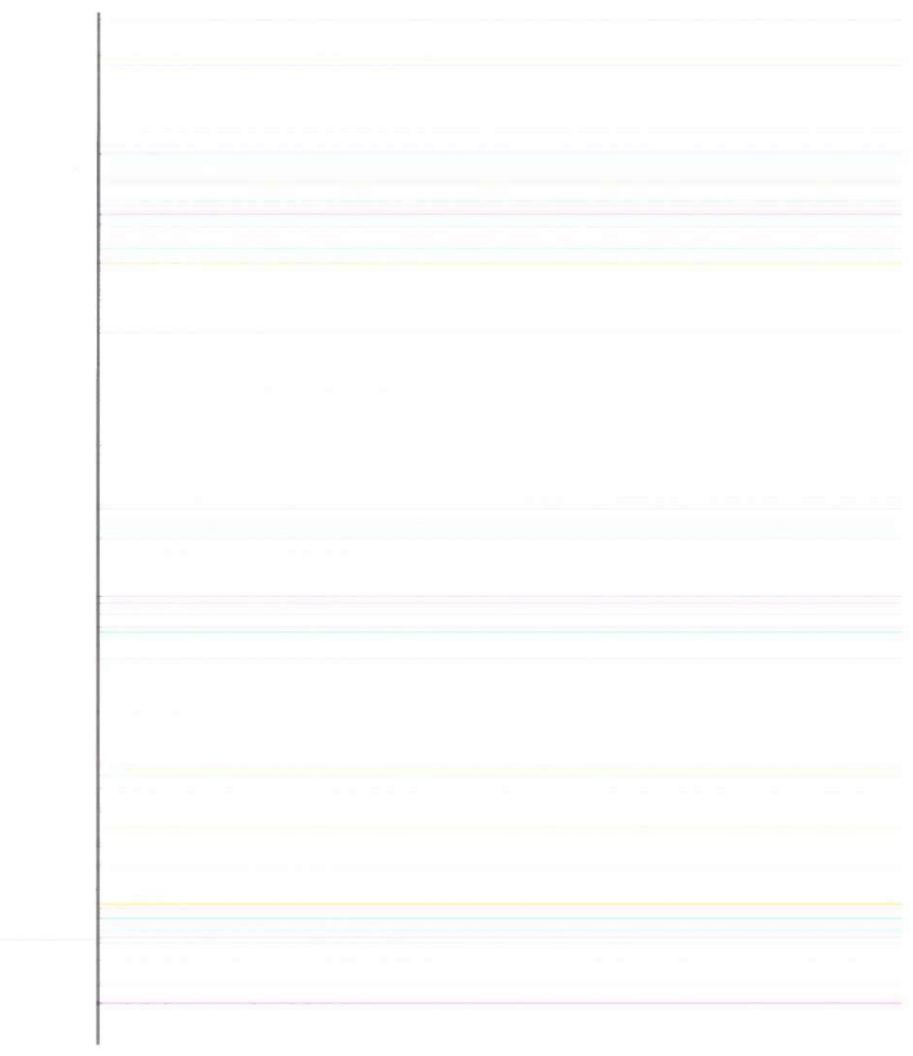
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#### OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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#### **Minutes**

6:00 PM - July 25, 2022, 2022

#### **Members in Attendance**

Gwen Fowler Bill Gilster
Jim Codner John Eagar
William Decker Marty McKee

#### Staff

James Coley, Planning Director

#### Media

NA

**ITEM 1 – Call to order – Mr.** Codner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ITEM 2 – Motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2022 –** Mr. Eagar made a **motion** to approve the minutes from May 23; seconded by Mr. Decker. Mr. Codner called for a vote. The motion passed 4/0 with 2 abstentions (absent at previous meeting).

**ITEM 3 – Brief statement about rules and procedures –** Mr. Codner outlined the proceedings of the meeting going forward:

- Applicant will provide a presentation to state their request (5 minutes).
- Staff will be asked to make any comments regarding the request.
- The public is allowed to voice their approval or opposition to the proposed.
   Please do not repeat opinions that have already been stated into the record (3-5 minutes).
- Applicant rebuttal
- Board members will discuss in detail.
- Voting

ITEM 4 – 4. Variance application #VA22-009 - Signarama Anderson - Jamie Smith is requesting a 93 square-foot increase variance from the 75 square-foot limit for stacked signs. TMS# 222-00-02-046, 1631 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678.

**Applicant's opening statement and provision of evidence**: Mr. Dave Smith representing Signarama. Mr. Smith stated in pre planning that the planning staff stated

the sign would be allowed in the format shown assuming each section was individual. According to the ordinance would allow for 3 different signs across 123 however Mr. Smith states it would be an eye sore to have 3 individual signs.

#### Staff comments:

Mr. Coley states the ordinance allows a limit of 75sqft for a single sign. Three signs are allowed on the Hwy 123 frontage due to having over 300 linear feet.

Public Comment: None

Applicant rebuttal: None

#### **Board questions and discussion:**

None

#### Consideration of VA22-009:

- 1. There *are* extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property:
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gilster. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- 2. These conditions *do not* generally apply to other property in the vicinity:
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gilster. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed						
5	0						

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- Because of these conditions, the application of this chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gilster.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- 4. The authorization of a variance *will not* be of substantial detriment to adjacent uses or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gilster. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- 5. Mr. Codner asked Based on the evidence presented to the Board, do I hear a motion that the proposed variance be **Approved**.
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gilster. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
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Mr. Codner noted that variance request was approved...

ITEM 5 - 5. Variance application #VA22-011 - Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc - Karuiam Booker is requesting a +/- 7'-15' variance from the required 25' front setback. TMS# 176-00-01-155, 102 Lusk Dr. West Union, SC 29696.

Applicant's opening statement and provision of evidence: Mr. Karuiam Booker and Mr. Brian Letwise are speaking on behalf of the owner. The owner would like to expand their services by adding an addition to the property.

**Staff comments:** Beneficial to the community to have additional building services.

**Public Comment:** None

Applicant rebuttal: None

Board questions and discussion: None

#### Consideration of VA22-011:

- 1. There **are** extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property:
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mckee. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- 2. These conditions *do not* generally apply to other property in the vicinity:
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Decker. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
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Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- Because of these conditions, the application of this chapter to the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; and
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Decker.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- 4. The authorization of a variance *will not* be of substantial detriment to adjacent uses or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance.
  - a. Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion; seconded by Mr. Decker. No discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
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Mr. Codner noted that the criterion passed.

- **5.** Mr. Codner asked Based on the evidence presented to the Board, do I hear a motion that the proposed variance be **Approved.** 
  - Motion Mr. Eagar made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gilster. No Discussion.
  - b. Vote

In-favor	Opposed
5	0

a. Mr. Codner noted that variance request was approved.

**Item 8 Adjourn –** Mr. Decker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Gilster. Mr. Codner called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously 5/0.





Charlotte Ski Boats is a small family-owned and operated boat dealership. We started our dealership in 2010 in a small warehouse in downtown Charlotte with 3 employees and have grown rapidly over the last 13 years to become one of the top dealerships in the Charlotte area. We are a full-service dealership offering sales, service, parts, and accessories. We carry a well-rounded product line of Tige and ATX Surf boats, Tahoe pontoons, and Formula Bowriders.

We purchased and renovated an old volunteer fire station that was built in 1966. We moved into the 5,700-square foot facility in January 2015 in Mooresville, North Carolina, just north of Charlotte near Lake Norman. We have 10 acres of property for future expansion. Our growth through sales has provided us the opportunity to expand our Service department to one of the largest in the area. We have eight service bays to meet the needs of the boating community throughout the Carolinas. We have truly made our facility a state-of-the-art campus for building and nurturing the watersports industry. Our progressive culture at CSB is built on serving our customers, the community, and the watersports industry.

We are focused on developing our employees professionally and personally to better our brand as positive pillars in the community. We regularly host employee days where we gather for fun and excitement outside the work environment, attending manufacturer dealer days as well as sales and service schools.

Our team of employees, customers, advocates, and sponsors at Charlotte Ski Boats work throughout the year to share the watersports culture and promote safe boating, fun times, and the exhilaration of the boating lifestyle. Together, we proudly share the love of the water.

We are excited to expand our dealership into other great area in the Southeast, Seneca being at the top of our list.

**Tanner Norris** 

Sales Manager



#### CITY OF SENECA

Planning & Development

P.O. Box 4773 221 East North First Street Seneca, South Carolina 29679 (864) 885-2726 fax: 864-885-2701 www.seneca.sc.us

> Edward R. Halbig, AICP Director

December 12, 2022

RE:

Zoning Verification

Oconee County TMS#: 520-13-01-011 Property located at 298 Bypass 123

To Whom it May Concern:

The property located at 298 Bypass 123 is zoned as Highway Commercial (HC).

Section 512.2 u) allows for automobile, boat, and recreational vehicle dealerships as permitted uses in Highway Commercial Zoning District.

Section 512.3 a) Conditional Uses - Automobile service station provided all operations involving major repairs, body and fender work, painting or the sale or rental of new or used cars or trucks, trailer of any type, or boats are not conducted on the premises. Provided further that all pumps are set back at least twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of all abutting streets, and all fuel tanks are installed underground.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 864-885-2726.

Sincerely,

Tracy Chapman Zoning Administrator

City of Seneca

Dear Council Members 1/24/2023

Thank you for reviewing our special exception for parcel 209-00-01-015. Lee and Amanda Levandowski currently have this tract and parcel 520-13-01-011 under contract for the purpose of starting a boat dealership. The dealership will offer new mid-range to high-end boats and provide service for boats, as well. Their current business is located in Mooresville, NC in the Lake Norman community.

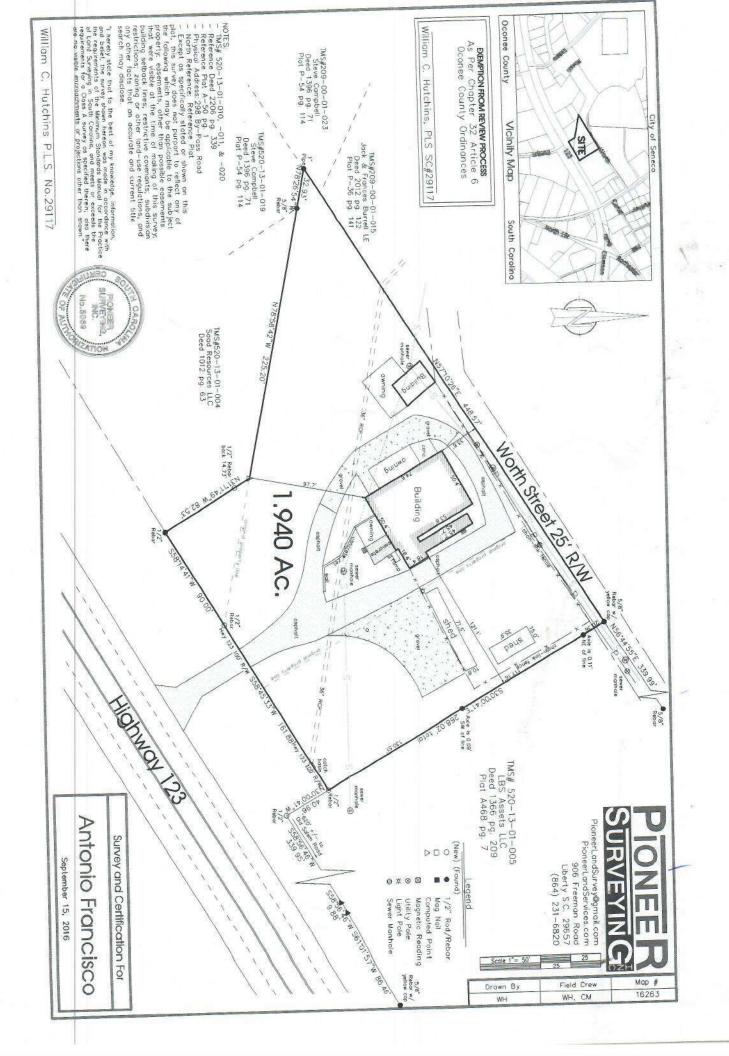
- 1) A portion of tract 209-00-01-015 is in the lake overlay. Our intent is to comply to all county and city ordinances.
- 2) Lee and Amanda's business will serve Oconee County with high regard for professionalism and integrity. Their business and it's team will support the community and be available to serve the constituents and the local government. One of their passions is investing in people and their community. Currently, they often host events for team leadership and to help give back to the community.
- 3) The current property upgrade will be approximately two million dollars. The existing structures will be totally remodeled or removed. The improvements will include a modern showroom, and all of the properties will be professionally landscaped to add beauty and enhance the Hwy 123 corridor.
- 4) The current egress and ingress points should service their business traffic with no problem. There should be no safety or additional congestion created.

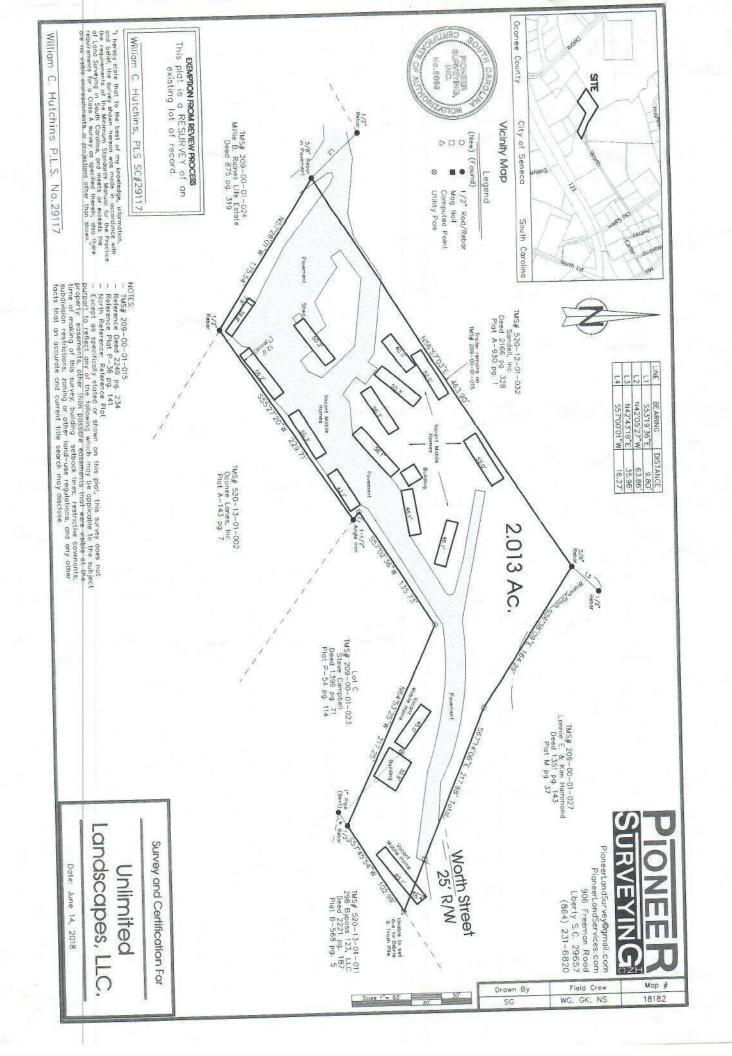
Our goal is for Lee and Amanda's new business is to not only offer services, to the community, but also improve an enhance the property in such a way that the community and the local government embrace Lee and Amanda's new business as an asset.

Sincerely,

Ron Taffer

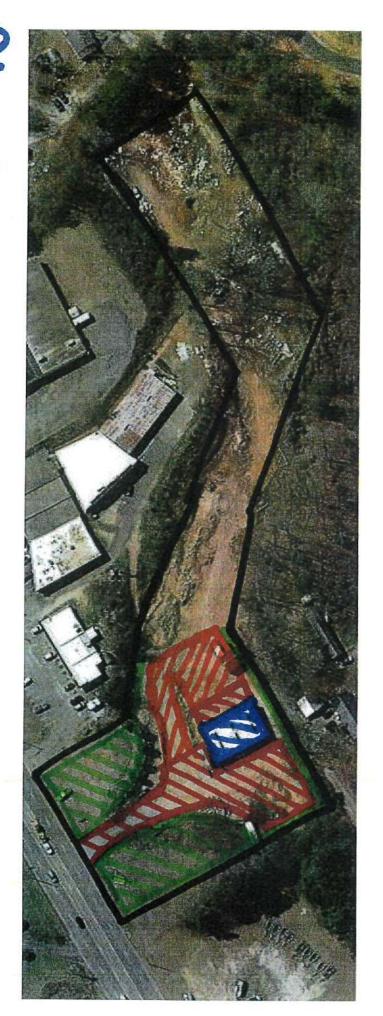
**Bob Hill Realty** 





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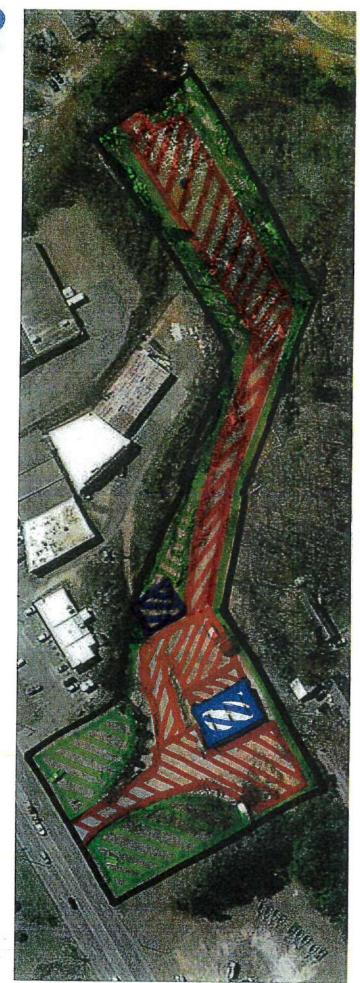
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### Permit Project



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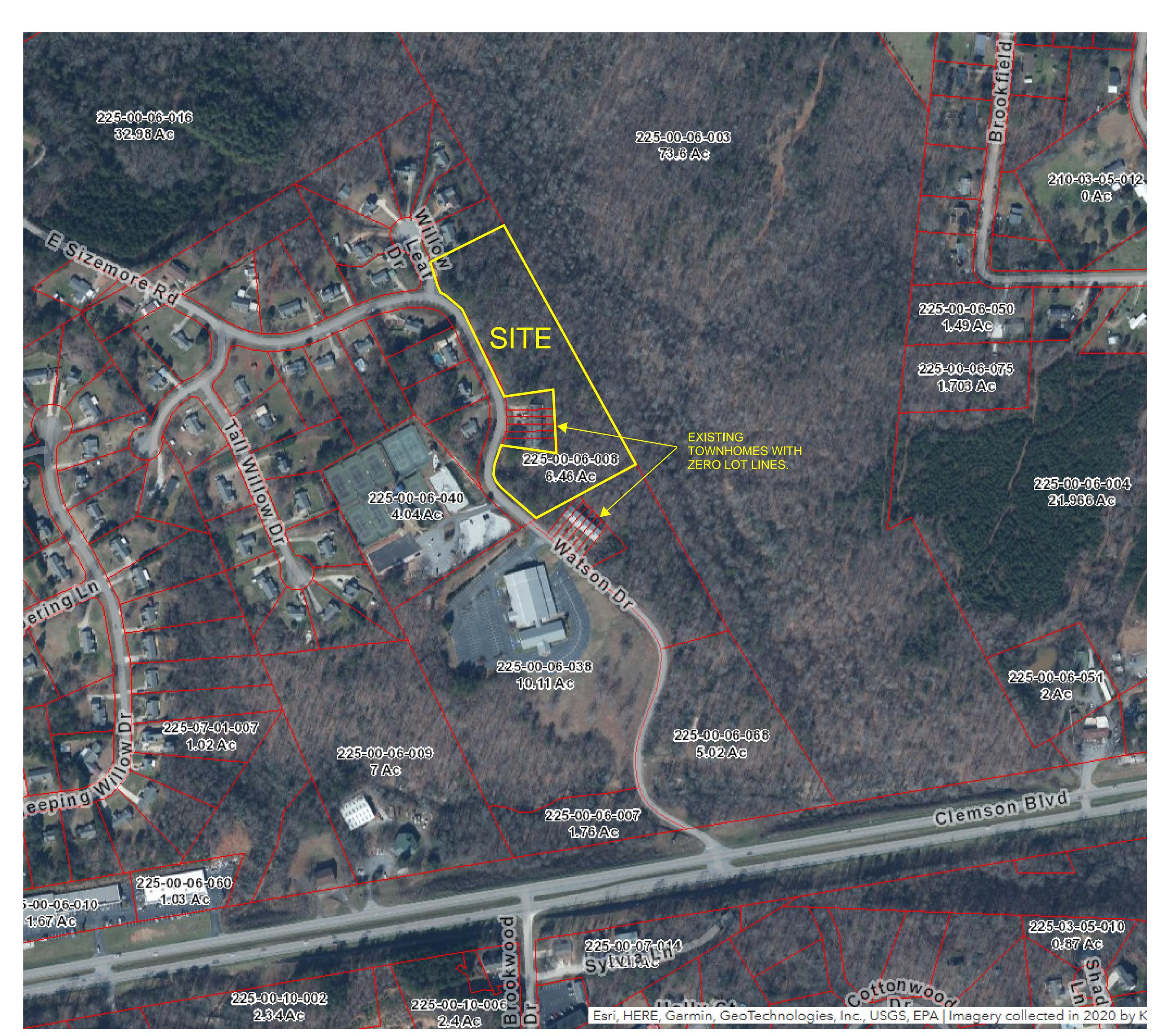
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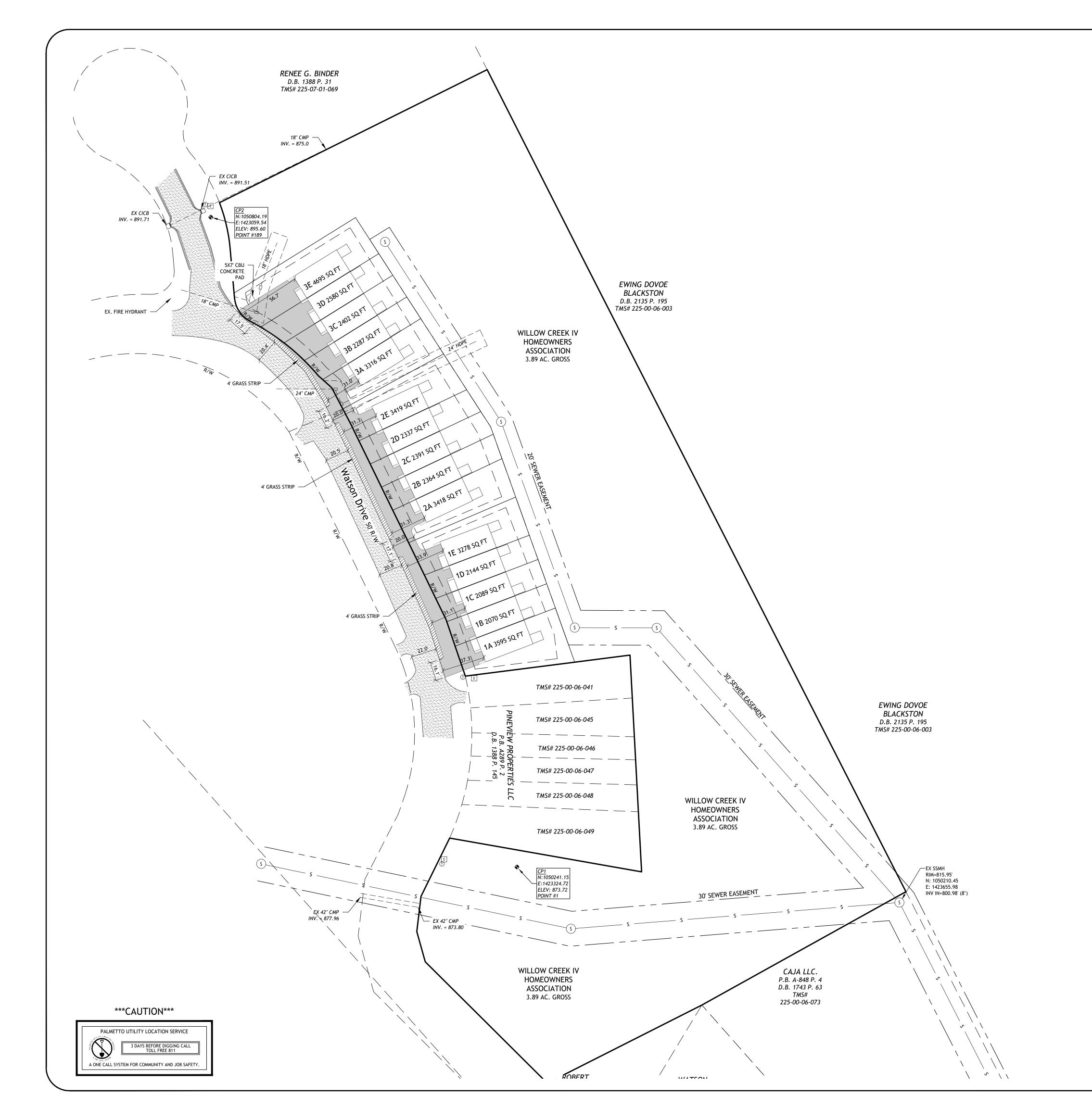
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WILLOW CREEK PHASE IV

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STORM PIPE

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DENOTES CONCRETE PAVEMENT (DRIVEWAY)

15 TOTAL UNITS

SETBACKS:

10' FRONT
5' SIDE
10' REAR
THE SITE IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A SPECIAL
FLOOD HAZARD ZONE PER F.I.R.M.
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WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 12/21/2017.

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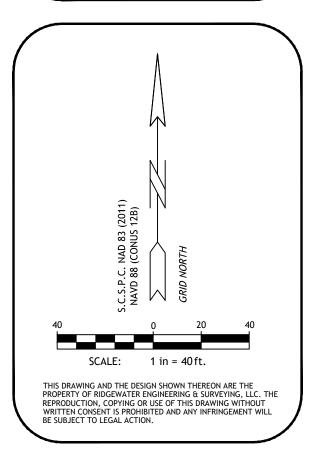
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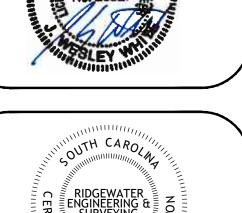
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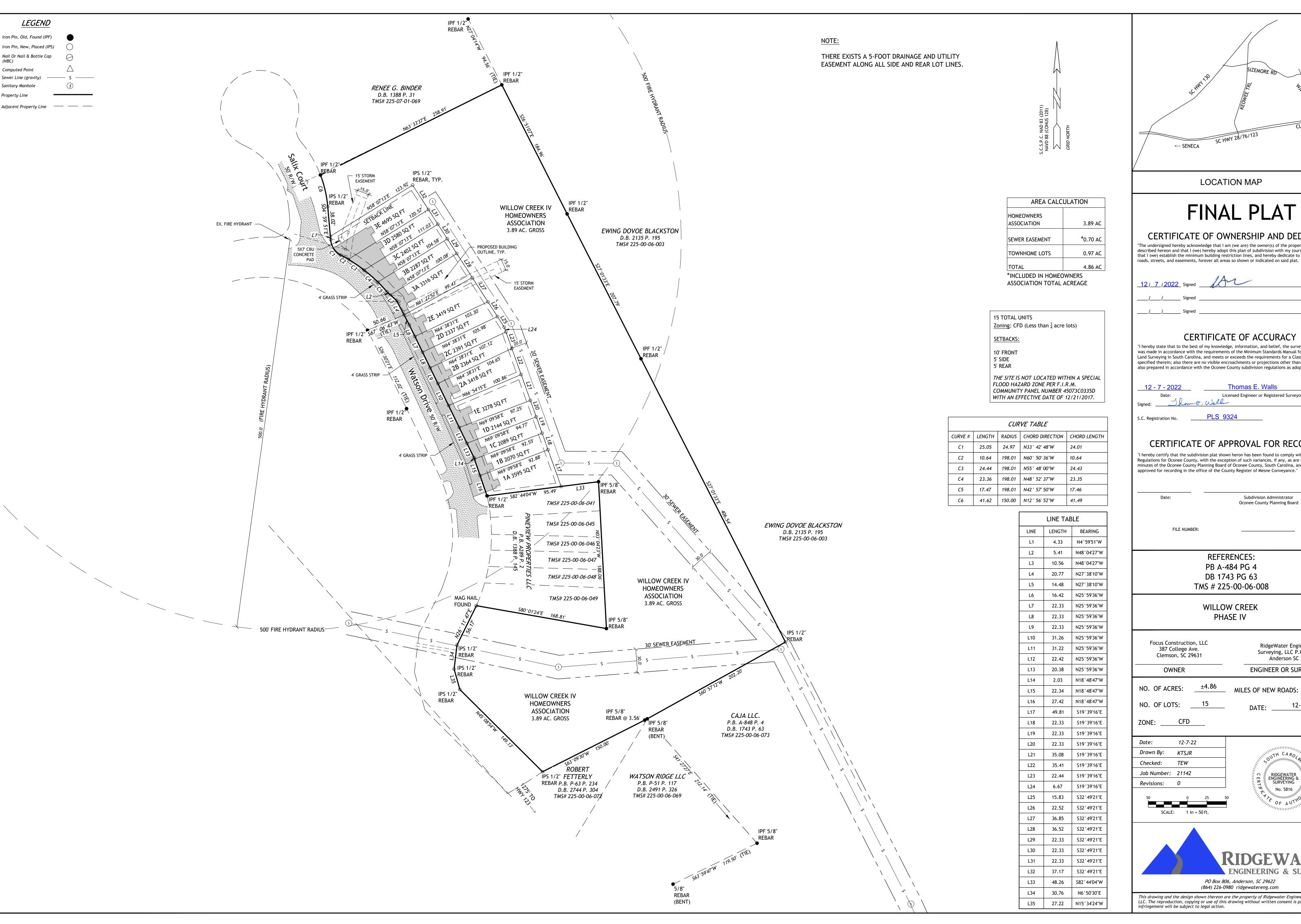
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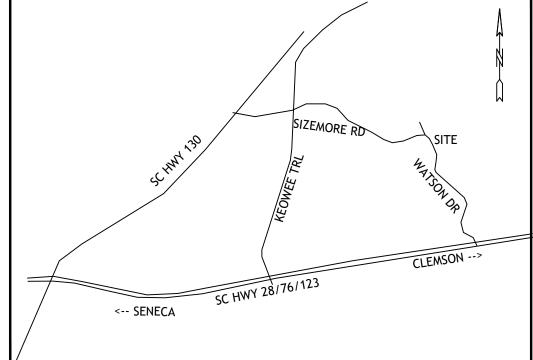
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3	1-25-22	SWPPP SUBMIT FOR REVIEW				
4	2-16-22	REVISIONS PER COMMENTS				
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6	11-18-22	REVISED DRIVEWAY LAYOUT FINAL PLAT RELEASE				

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DRIVEWAY LAYOUT

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**LOCATION MAP** 

# FINAL PLAT

# CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND DEDICATION

The undersigned hereby acknowledge that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the property shown and described hereon and that I (we) hereby adopt this plan of subdivision with my (our) free consent and that I (we) establish the minimum building restriction lines, and hereby dedicate to public use as

# CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY

I hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the survey shown hereon was made in accordance with the requirements of the Minimum Standards Manual for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina, and meets or exceeds the requirements for a Class A survey as specified therein; also there are no visible encroachments or projections other than shown. Plat was also prepared in accordance with the Oconee County subdivision regulations as adopted.

Thomas E. Walls Licensed Engineer or Registered Surveyor

# CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR RECORDING

'I hereby certify that the subdivision plat shown heron has been found to comply with the Subdivision Regulations for Oconee County, with the exception of such variances, if any, as are noted in the minutes of the Oconee County Planning Board of Oconee County, South Carolina, and that it has been approved for recording in the office of the County Register of Mesne Conveyance."

Subdivision Administrator Oconee County Planning Board

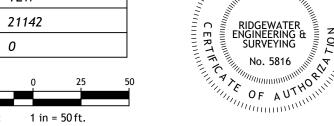
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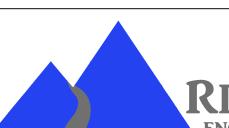
PHASE IV

Anderson SC 29622 ENGINEER OR SURVEYOR MILES OF NEW ROADS: \_\_\_\_0 12-7-22

RidgeWater Engineering &

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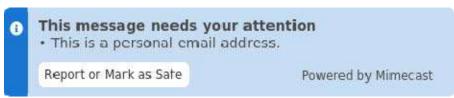
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#### **James Coley**

From: renee <rgbinder@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 11:22 AM

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Dear Mr. Coley:

These are my comments regarding the setbacks and general property development on the lot adjacent to mine at 204 Willow Leaf Drive (incorrectly labeled by Ridgewater Engineering as "Salix Court"). My main concern is that the berry bushes that previously grew to the corner of Willow Leaf Drive, along with almost all the trees adjoining my 17 year old Leyland Cypresses along my property line, were bulldozed, leaving no screen between the now-eyesore that was woods and our line of sight from all our homes on Willow Leaf Drive. As such, I'm sure the properties are worth somewhat less, and in fact, the home on the cul de sac that most recently went on market has remained there for months, which is highly unusual in the current market. I understand that this is not the actual purview of the Zoning Appeals Board, but I humbly request that shrubs be replanted on the upside (my side) of the new culvert adjacent to Willow Leaf Drive, diagonally from the corner until they rejoin the trees that remain. This should be able to be accomplished without disturbing the nice grass that we've maintained up to the corner ever since I took the keys to my home on April 5, 2005. I also request that the grass median/curb strips planned in front of the townhome parking area continue as far as is possible up to that same culvert, such that when that part of the construction is complete, mud won't continue to be all over the street. Dumpsters should not be installed at our end either, as any toxic runoff would go directly into that unfiltered DHEC drainage, which feeds an intermittent stream that ultimately flows into the Seneca Creek. Hopefully that's not an issue at all, as the units that exist do not possess dumpsters (most people who live in this neighborhood do our own recycling at Center #1 just off of Old Clemson Highway). The unattended portajohn at our end of the construction has also fallen over twice in foul weather, and trash was consistently left around it when workers were on site, leaving us to clean up the mess. I'd appreciate it if something was done to remediate that situation before construction is restarted as well.

Thank you for your consideration. We have enjoyed a peaceful existence here for 17 years, with several of my neighbors having lived here even longer (the Burnsides and the Perezes), and I hope it continues to be a nice place for all of us: I do not mind the townhouses, I only want for vegetation to be replanted thoughtfully where it previously accorded us some measure of privacy and beauty.

Thank you, and stay well.

Renee Binder 204 Willow Leaf Drive Seneca, SC 29672 On Jan 26, 2023, at 10:12 AM, James Coley <jcoley@oconeesc.com> wrote:

https://oconeesc.com/council-home/committees-and-commissions/boards-and-commissions/board-of-zoning-appeals

thanks,

#### James Coley

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Amendment to the Board's Rules of Procedure:

Article III.

Section 1. Form of Appeal

Appeals from administrative decisions, applications for variances, and applications for special exceptions shall be filed on forms approved by the Board and provided to applicants by the secretary. [Additional written or other materials that the appellant, applicant, or other party in interest wishes the Board to consider shall be filed with the secretary no less than three (3) business days prior to the scheduled hearing. The Board Chairman may require or allow the submission of additional materials prior to or during the hearing, as deemed necessary and appropriate. The failure to timely submit adequate information may be grounds for dismissal or continuance.] An application filed by an agent shall be accompanied by written designation of the agent signed by the applicant or party in interest.

Article VII.

Section 2. Amendment These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by majority vote of the members of the Board at least seven (7) days after the written amendment is delivered to all members.