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PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date June 25,2020.

Application: (CZ 1916) Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

Applicant: Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

35791 Tarpon Drive Lewes, DE 19958

Owner: Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

35791 Tarpon Drive Lewes, DE 19958

Site Location: Located on the south side of Coastal Highway (Route 1), approximately

910 feet east of Cave Neck Road (S.C.R. 88).

Current Zoning: Agricultural Residential (AR-1)

Proposed Zoning: Medium Commercial District (C-2)

Comprehensive Land

Use Plan Reference: Coastal Area

Councilmatic

District: Mr. Burton

School District: Cape Henlopen School District

Fire District: Lewes Fire Company

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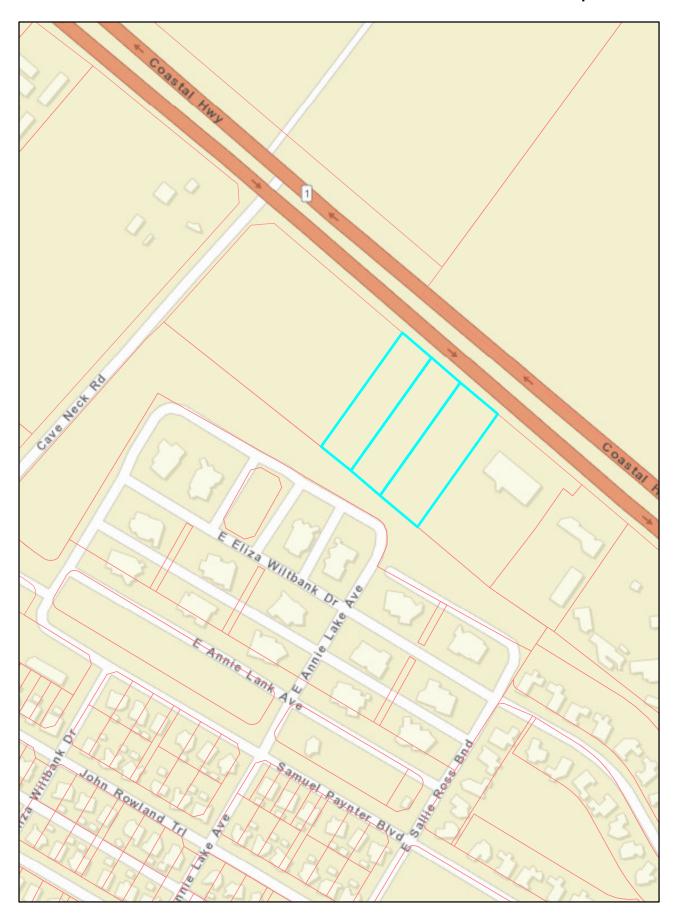
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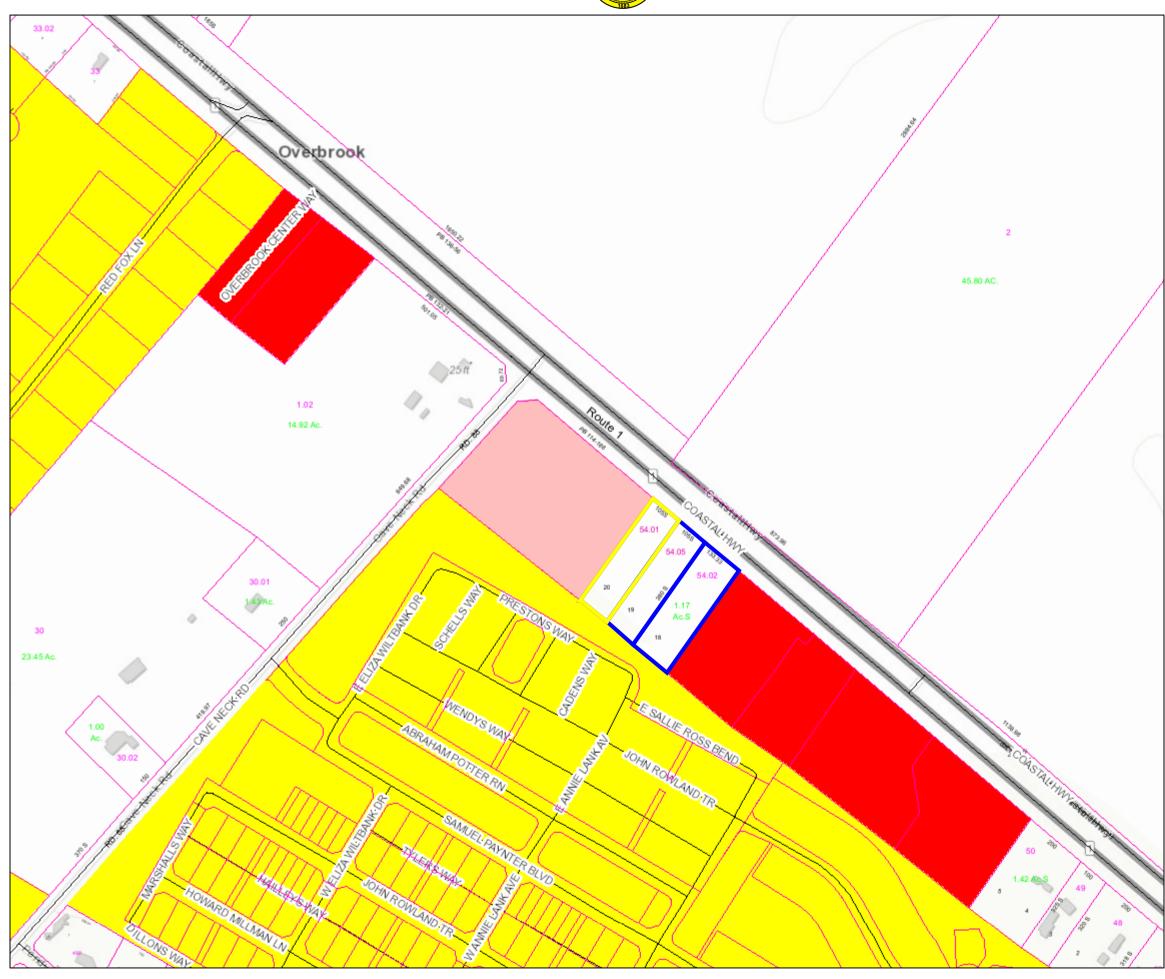
Site Area: 3.03 acres +/-

Tax Map ID.: 235-23.00-54.01, 54.02, and 54.05



CZ 1916 Alice P. Robinson, Trustee Street Map





	PIN:	235-23.00-54.01
	Owner Name	ROBINSON ALICE P TRUSTEE
	Book	526
	Mailing Address	35791 TARPON DR
	City	LEWES
	State	DE
	Description	LANDS OF R G HOUSTON
	Description 2	LOT 20 RT 1
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Tax Parcels

- Streets

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CZ 1916 Alice P. Robinson, Trustee Aerial Map



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Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members

From: Nick Torrance, Planner I

CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney and Applicant

Date: June 16, 2020

RE: Staff Analysis for CZ 1916 Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as part of application CZ 1916 Alice P. Robinson, Trustee to be reviewed during the June 25, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. This analysis should be included in the record of this application and is subject to comments and information that may be presented during the public hearing.

The request is for a Change of Zone for parcels 235-23.00-54.01, 54.02, and 54.05 to allow for a change from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential District) to C-2 (Medium Commercial Zoning District) to be located on the south side of Coastal Highway (Route 1), approximately 910 feet east of Cave Neck Road (S.C.R. 88). The total size of the parcels to be rezoned is 3.03 ac. +/-.

The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Update (Comprehensive Plan) provides a framework of how land is to be developed. As part of the Comprehensive Plan a Future Land Use Map is included to help determine how land should be zoned to ensure responsible development. The Future Land Use map indicates that the application property has the land use designation of "Coastal Area."

The adjoining parcels to the west, south and east are all designated on the Future Land Use Map as "Coastal Area" as well. The parcels on the north side of Coastal Highway (Route 1) is designated "Low Density". "Coastal Areas" are areas that can accommodate development provided special environmental concerns are addressed. The "Coastal Area" also supports a range of housing types including single-family homes, townhomes, and multi-family units. Retail and office uses are appropriate but larger shopping centers and office parks should be confined to selected locations with access along arterial roads. Mixed-use development should also be allowed.

Table 4.5-2 within the Comprehensive Plan states that, within the "Coastal Area" future land use classification, C-2 (Medium Commercial Zoning District) may be appropriate.

The property is currently zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential District). The adjoining parcel to the west is zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business). To the south, the adjoining parcels are zoned MR (Medium-Density Residential District). To the east, along Coastal Highway, there are commercially zoned properties within the C-1 (General Commercial) district.

Since 2011, there have been no Change of Zone applications within the vicinity of the application site.

Based on the analysis of the land use, surrounding zoning and uses, the propose Change of Zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential District) to C-2 (Medium Commercial District) subject to



considerations of scale and impact, this could be considered as being consistent with the land use, area zoning and surrounding uses.

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Planning & Zoning Commission Application 2020 000 54 Sussex County, Delaware

Sussex County Planning & Zoning Department 2 The Circle (P.O. Box 417) Georgetown, DE 19947 302-855-7878 ph. 302-854-5079 fax

Type of Application: (please che	ck applicable)		
Conditional Use			
Zoning Map Amendment 🗹			
Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment			
SB COASTAL HWY 528' +/- SOUTH	FROM CENTER LINI	E OF RT 88 CAVE NECK RD MILTON DE 19968	
Type of Conditional Use Reques	ted:		
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Tax Map #: 235-23.00-54.01 8	102 & 05	Size of Parcel(s): 3.0 +/- PARCELS	
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Land Use Classification: COASTA	L AREA		
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Applicant Information			
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Applicant Name: ALICE PROBINS			
Applicant Address: <u>35791 TARPON</u> City: LEWES		DE ZipCode: 19958	
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Owner Information			
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Owner Name: ALICE P ROBINSON	I, TRUSTEE		
Owner Address: 35791 TARPON DI	UVE		
City: <u>LEWES</u>	State: <u>D</u>	<u>DE Zip Code: 19958</u>	
Phone #: <u>(302) 227-7216</u>	E-mail: <u>`</u>	VENTOSA@MSN.COM	
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Inforn	nation		
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name:	MARK H DAVIDSO	ON PENNONI	
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Addres	s: 18072 DAVIDSON	DRIVE	
City: MILTON		E Zip Code: 19968	
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<u> ✓</u> D	DelDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response			
P	PLUS Response Letter (if required)			
The undersigned hereby certifies that the forms, exhibits, and statements contained in any papers or plans submitted as a part of this application are true and correct.				
Zoning Comm and that I will needs, the he	y that I or an agent on by behalf shall attend all public hearing before the imission and the Sussex County Council and any other hearing necessary will answer any questions to the best of my ability to respond to the preshealth, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfacunty, Delaware.	for this application ent and future		
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STATE OF DELAWARE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

800 BAY ROAD
P.O. BOX 778
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

JENNIFER COHAN SECRETARY

December 10, 2019

Ms. Janelle Cornwell, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request (SLER) for the Alice P. Robinson rezoning application, which we received on November 7, 2019. This application is for an approximately 3.00-acre assemblage of parcels (Tax Parcels: 235-23.00-54.01, 54.02, and 54.05). The subject land is located on the southwest side of Delaware Route 1, approximately 500 feet southeast of the intersection of Delaware Route 1 and Cave Neck Road (New Castle Road 88). The subject land is currently zoned as AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) and the applicant is seeking to rezone the land to C-2 (Medium Commercial) to develop an unspecified number of square feet of retail space, professional and / or service businesses.

Per the 2018 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along the segment of Delaware Route 1 where the subject land is located, which is from US Route 9 to Delaware Route 16, are 30,522 and 39,281 vehicles per day, respectively.

Our volume-based criteria for requiring a traffic impact study (TIS), addressed in Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, are that a development generates more than 500 trips per day or 50 trips during a weekly peak hour. While it seems that the above criteria could be met, we presently cannot predict the site's trip generation with enough accuracy to make a TIS useful. Thus, we recommend that this rezoning application be considered without a TIS and that the need for a TIS be evaluated when a subdivision or land development plan is proposed.

The subject property is adjacent to Delaware Route 1, thereby is subject to the Department's Corridor Capacity Preservation Program. The main goal of the Program is to maintain the capacity of the existing highway by minimizing the number of high-volume, direct driveway access points on the arterial highway. The Program was established in accordance with the provisions of Title 17, Section 145 of the Delaware Code. Delaware



Ms. Janelle M. Cornwell Page 2 of 2 December 10, 2019

Route 1 is a limited access highway. According to the Office of State Planning, Strategies for State Policies and Spending document, the majority of these properties are located within a Level 3 Investment Area. Given the Investment Level, one low-density rights-in/rights-out access on Delaware Route 1 for the combined properties would be permitted; the combined land use could generate 200 vehicle trips per day or fewer, as determined by the Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) Trip Generation Manual. Please note that the Department is in the process of developing a grade-separated interchange at Cave Neck Road and Delaware Route 1, with the intent of routing all future development(s) to the interchange via interconnecting service roads and secondary roads. The Corridor Capacity Preservation Program policy can be viewed on Department's website at www.deldot.gov.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.

Please contact Mr. Claudy Joinville, at (302) 760-2124, if you have questions concerning this correspondence or Mr. Thomas Felice, at (302) 760-2338, if you have questions concerning the Corridor Capacity Preservation Program.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

J. William Broshonbrough, J.

County Coordinator

Development Coordination

TWB:cjm

cc: Constance C. Holland, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Alice P. Robinson, Applicant

J. Marc Coté, Assistant Director, Development Coordination

Thomas Felice, Corridor Capacity Preservation Program Manager, Development Coordination

Gemez Norwood, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations Susanne K. Laws, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Troy Brestel, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

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Jamie Whitehouse

REVIEWER:

Chris Calio

DATE:

6/11/2020

APPLICATION:

CZ 1916 - Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

APPLICANT:

Alice P. Robinson, Trustee

FILE NO:

OM-9.04

TAX MAP &

PARCEL(S):

235-23.00-54.01, 54.02 & 54.05

LOCATION:

Located on the south side of Coastal Hwy. (SR1), approximately 910 feet east of Cave Neck Rd. (CR 88).

NO. OF UNITS:

Upzone from AR-1 to C-2

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SYSTEM DESIGN ASSUMPTION, MAXIMUM NO. OF UNITS/ACRE: 4

SEWER:

(1). Is the project in a County operated and maintained sanitary sewer and/or water district?

Yes X

No \square

- a. If yes, see question (2).
- b. If no, see question (7).

information on charges.

- (2). Which County Tier Area is project in? Tier 1
- (3). Is wastewater capacity available for the project? **Yes** If not, what capacity is available? **N/A**.
- (4). Is a Construction Agreement required? **Yes** If yes, contact Utility Engineering at (302) 855-7717.
- (5). Are there any System Connection Charge (SCC) credits for the project? Yes If yes, how many? One (1) for each parcel. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? Yes If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is Unified \$6,360.00 per EDU. Please contact Christine Fletcher at 302-855-7719 for additional

- (6). Is the project capable of being annexed into a Sussex County sanitary sewer district? **N/A**
 - ☐ Attached is a copy of the Policy for Extending District Boundaries in a Sussex County Water and/or Sanitary Sewer District.
- (7). Is project adjacent to the Unified Sewer District? No
- (8). Comments: Prior to construction a SSCE must be developed, as well as, information to execute the Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement.
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? **Yes, Contact Utility Planning** at 302-855-1299 to apply
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? Yes

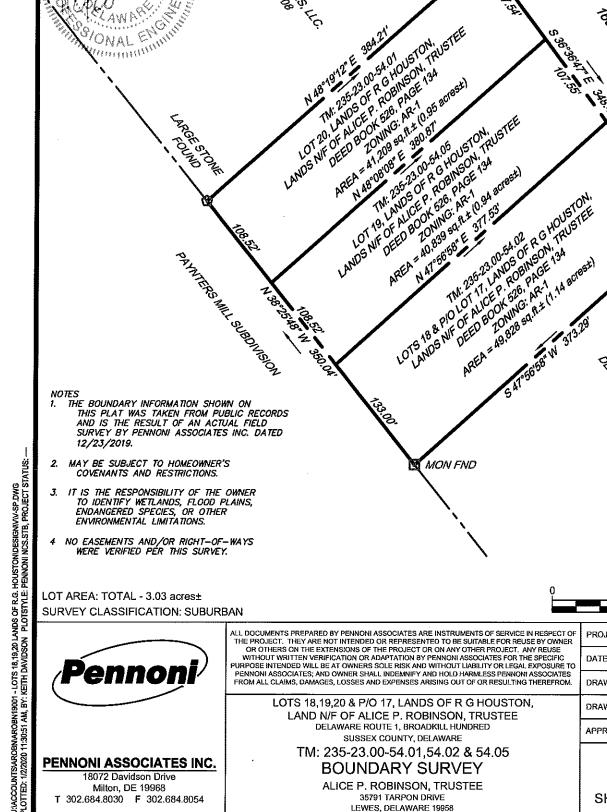
UTILITY PLANNING APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman

Director of Utility Planning

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E. Jayne Dickerson

Christine Fletcher



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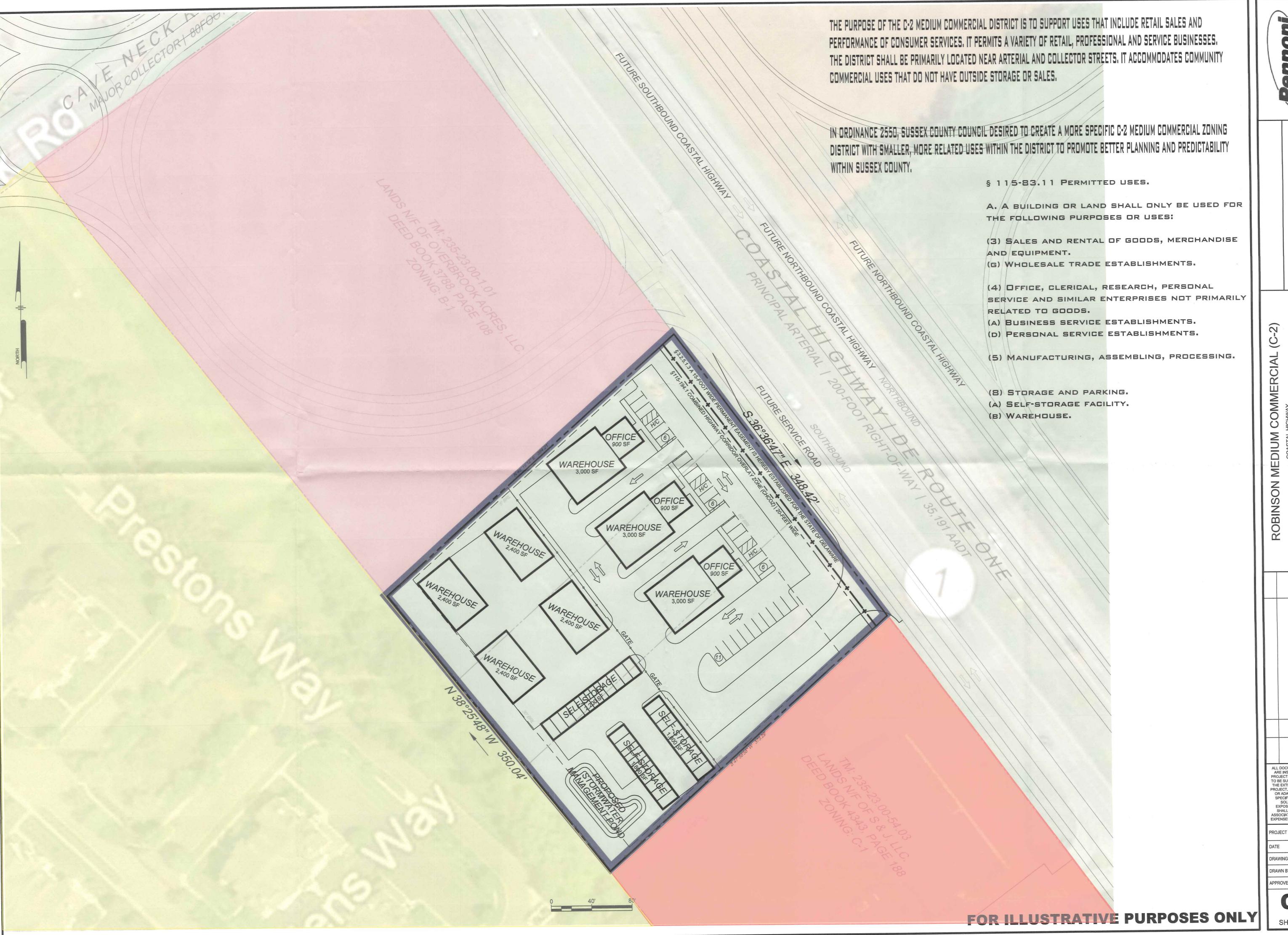
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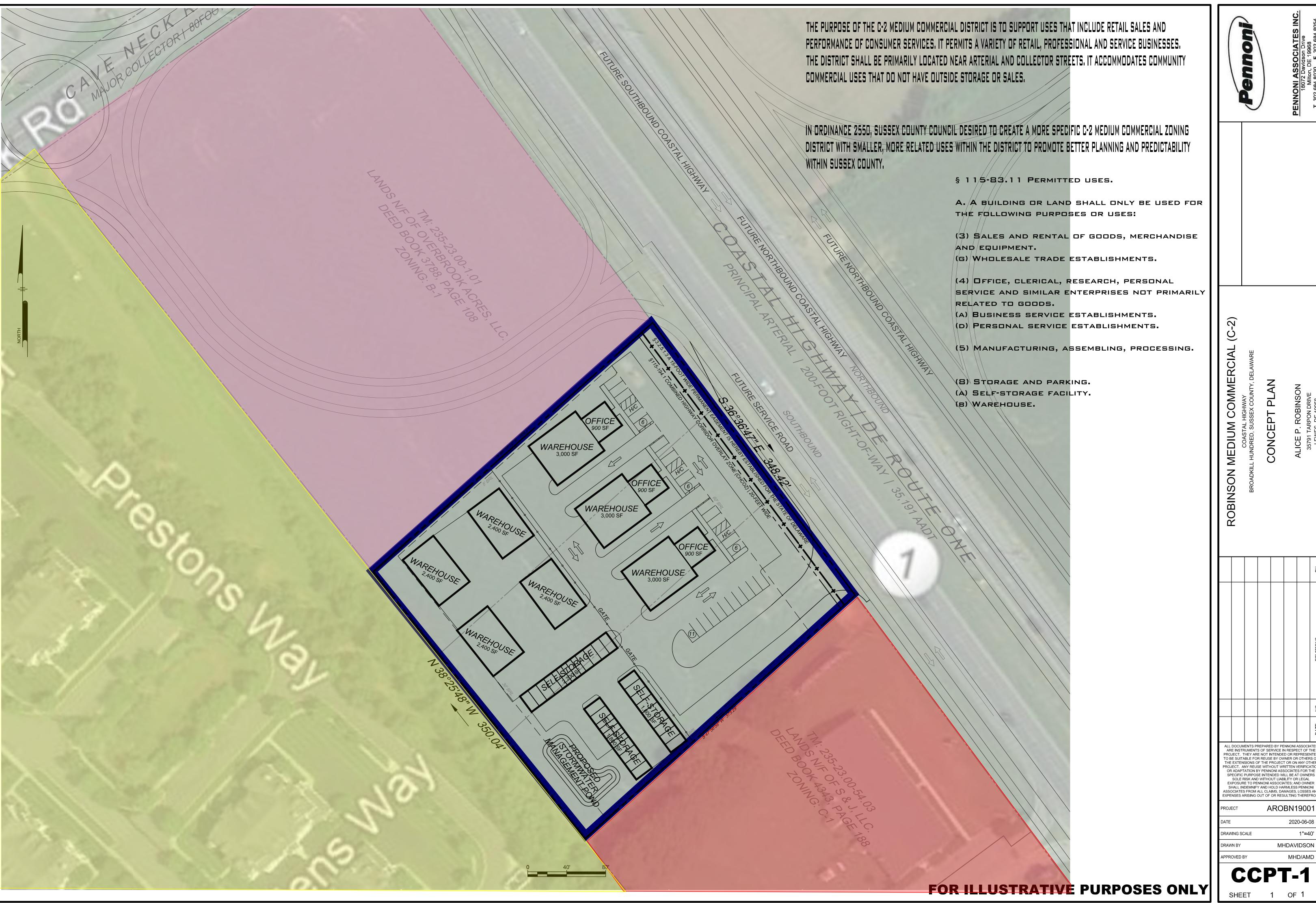
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ALICE P ROBINSON, TRUSTEE

CASE NO. CZ1916

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM AR-1 TO C-2 (MEDIUM COMMERCIAL)

OWNER:

Alice Robinson, Trustee 35791 Tarpon Drive Lewes, DE 19958

DEVELOPER:

Alice Robinson, Trustee 35791 Tarpon Drive Lewes, DE 19958

PLANNER/ENGINEER/SURVEYOR:

PENNONI 18072 DAVIDSON DRIVE MILTON, DE 19968 MARK H. DAVIDSON, PRINCIPAL LAND PLANNER ALAN DECKTOR, PE., ENV SP JOHN W. HAUPT, PLS

ENVIRONMENTAL:

PENNONI & ACCENT ENVIRONMENTAL WILLIAM J. GANGLOFF, PhD. PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST

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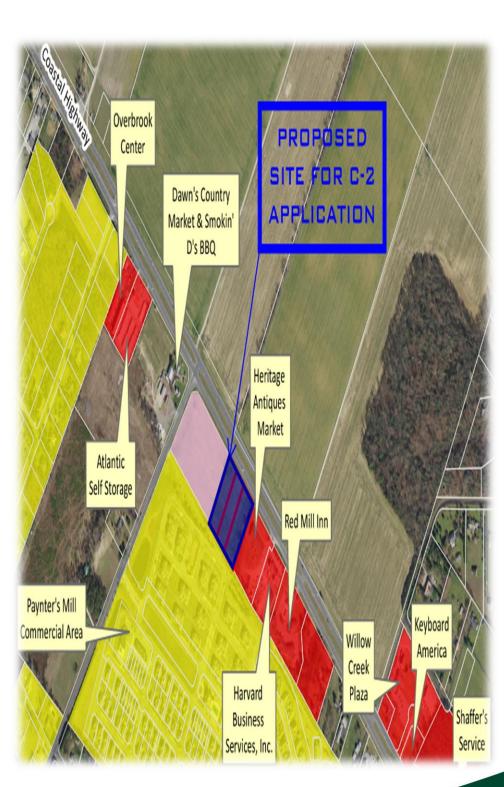
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TAB 3 MAPS/PLANS

a. 2019 AERIAL, 2017, 2012, 2007, 2002, 1997, 1992, 1968, 1961, 1954, 1937 AND 1926 ORTHO - 2015 STATE SRATEGIES, COUNTY ZONING, 2015 LAND USE, NRCS SOILS, STATE WETLANDS, FEMA FLOODPLAIN, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE, USGS TOPOGRAPHIC AND AREA COMMERCIAL USES MAP

TAB 4 FINDINGS

a. FINDINGS OF FACT



Mark H. Davidson / Vice President

Principal Land Planner/Office Director

EDUCATION

University of Delaware; Civil Engineering, (1986-1990)

Land Surveying, Delaware Technical & Community College (1984-1986) and Wastewater Microbiology Diploma (1997)

Land Planning, Institute for Public Administration (2006)

CERTIFICATIONS

DNREC Class A Percolation Tester & Class B Septic Designer, (DE #2418)

Sediment & Stormwater Management, Responsible Personnel, DE (#8760) and MD (#4914)

DNREC Certified Construction Reviewer: DE (#1270)

Delaware Notary

TRAININGS

Hydrology, Delaware TR-20 (1993)

Reducing Flood Hazard in Coastal Development (1996)

Law for Managers/Supervisors (1999)

State and Federal Laws (2000)

Advanced Real Estate Law in Delaware (2002)

Land Conservation and Historic Preservation (2003)

Land Surveying Business Diploma (1998)

Project Manager Training I, Pennoni (2015)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

Delaware Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

HONORS/AWARDS

Association of Professionals Philanthropy, Brandywine Chapter Fundraising Nominee (2014)

Notable Networker Award, BNI (2013)

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Mark H. Davidson serves as Vice President of Pennoni and Office Director for our Southern Delaware, Milton Office. Mark also serves as the Principal Land Planner for Pennoni. He has over 35-years of past experience in Surveying, Engineering, Consulting, Construction and Land Planning. For 12-years he owned a professional engineering, surveying, land planning, environmental and consulting firm that provided professional consulting and design in land planning for residential, industrial, institutional, municipal and commercial applications to a wide range of clients in Delaware and Maryland. Mr. Davidson's project experience includes land development planning, surveying, engineering, environmental design and permitting; construction and project consulting, management and inspection; water resource consulting, management and inspection and municipal consulting, planning and inspection for residential, industrial, institutional, municipal and commercial applications.

Mark is a past director of the Delaware Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association as well as a member of the American Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Planners and has served in the past as a committee member of Delaware Low Impact Development Roundtable Committee, Delaware Pollution Control Strategy Committee, Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulatory Advisory Committee, and the Delaware Technical & Community College A/E Curriculum Committee. He was also nominated for the Brandywine Chapter Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropy Award and has won the BNI Notable Networker Award.

Along with all the experience and education stated and with many years of combined experience in Surveying, Engineering, Consulting and Land Planning, he has been responsible for providing consulting, layout and design in surveying, engineering and land planning for residential, industrial, institutional, municipal and commercial applications to a wide range of clients in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. He has project managed, studied, planned, surveyed, designed and engineered sustainable, masterplanned communities, commercial and urban redevelopment projects, and the public infrastructure that supports them.

Mark has provided nationwide land planning consulting services to a variety of clientele to help coordinate project startups as well as final construction consulting services when it came to commercial, residential, industrial, municipal, educational and community land planning. Provided additional consulting in civil/site engineering, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, wastewater collection and disposal, transportation, and environmental. Market areas practiced; Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Canada and Panama.

Additional Project experience includes cutting edge design and technology as well as value engineering to help clients through the ever-changing market including but not limited to solar voltaic and wind generation projects.

He is currently appointed by the Secretary of DNREC to serve 3-years on the On Site Septic Advisory Board for the State of Delaware.



Planning & Zoning Commission Application Sussex County, Delaware

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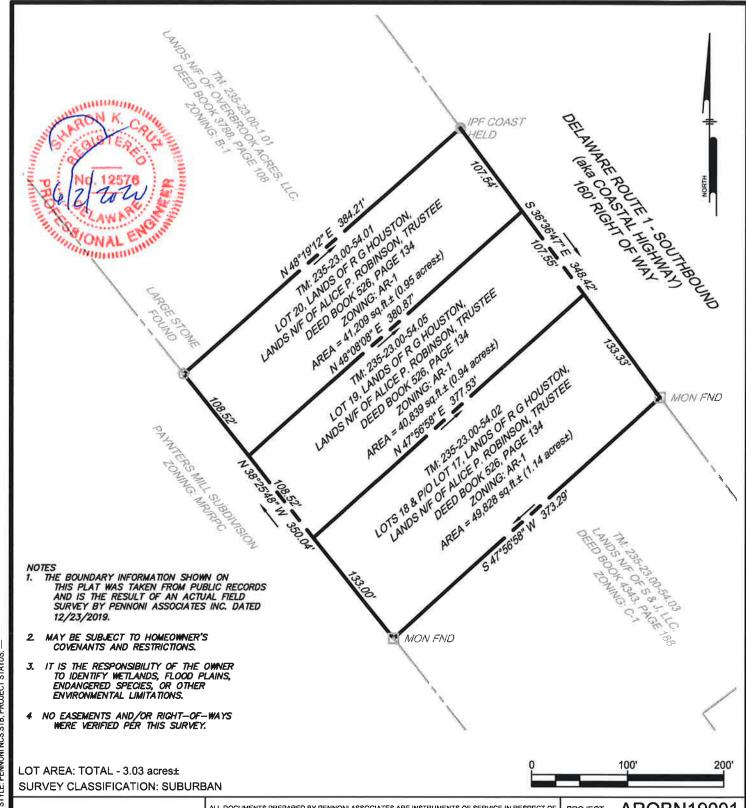


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LOTS 18,19,20 & P/O 17, LANDS OF R G HOUSTON, LAND N/F OF ALICE P. ROBINSON, TRUSTEE DELAWARE ROUTE 1, BROADKILL HUNDRED SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE

TM: 235-23.00-54.01,54.02 & 54.05 BOUNDARY SURVEY

> ALICE P. ROBINSON, TRUSTEE 35791 TARPON DRIVE LEWES, DELAWARE 19958

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PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION

LOTS 18, 19, 20 AND PART OF 17, LANDS OF R G HOUSTON, LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF ALICE P. ROBINSON, TRUSTEE

TAX MAP 235-20.00-54.01, 54.02 AND 54.05

All that certain piece, parcel and tract lying in the Broadkill Hundred of Sussex County, Delaware and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete monument found, said monument situated on the southerly right-of-way of Delaware Route One and also being a corner for this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of S & J, LLC.; thence by and with this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of S & J, LLC., South 47 degrees, 56 minutes, 58 seconds West, 373.29 feet to a concrete monument found, said monument being a corner for this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of S & J, LLC. and also lying on a common boundary line with Paynters Mill Subdivision; thence by and with this Parcel and Paynters Mill Subdivision, North 38 degrees, 25 minutes, 48 seconds West, 350.04 feet to a large stone found, said stone being a corner for this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of Overbrook Acres, LLC.; thence by and with this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of Overbrook Acres, LLC., North 48 degrees, 19 minutes, 12 seconds East, 384.21 feet to an iron pipe found, said iron pipe being a corner

for this Parcel and Lands now or formerly of Overbrook Acres, LLC. and situated on the southerly right-of-way of Delaware Route One; thence by and with this Parcel and the southerly right-of-way of Delaware Route One, **South 36 degrees, 36 minutes, 47 seconds East, 348.42 feet** to a concrete monument, said monument being the **Point of Beginning** for this description.

This Parcel Contains 131,876 square feet or 3.03 acres, more or less.



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December 10, 2019

Ms. Janelle Cornwell, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request (SLER) for the **Alice P. Robinson** rezoning application, which we received on November 7, 2019. This application is for an approximately 3.00-acre assemblage of parcels (Tax Parcels: 235-23.00-54.01, 54.02, and 54.05). The subject land is located on the southwest side of Delaware Route 1, approximately 500 feet southeast of the intersection of Delaware Route 1 and Cave Neck Road (New Castle Road 88). The subject land is currently zoned as AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) and the applicant is seeking to rezone the land to C-2 (Medium Commercial) to develop an unspecified number of square feet of retail space, professional and / or service businesses.

Per the 2018 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average and summer average daily traffic volumes along the segment of Delaware Route 1 where the subject land is located, which is from US Route 9 to Delaware Route 16, are 30,522 and 39,281 vehicles per day, respectively.

Our volume-based criteria for requiring a traffic impact study (TIS), addressed in Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, are that a development generates more than 500 trips per day or 50 trips during a weekly peak hour. While it seems that the above criteria could be met, we presently cannot predict the site's trip generation with enough accuracy to make a TIS useful. Thus, we recommend that this rezoning application be considered without a TIS and that the need for a TIS be evaluated when a subdivision or land development plan is proposed.

The subject property is adjacent to Delaware Route 1, thereby is subject to the Department's Corridor Capacity Preservation Program. The main goal of the Program is to maintain the capacity of the existing highway by minimizing the number of high-volume, direct driveway access points on the arterial highway. The Program was established in accordance with the provisions of Title 17, Section 145 of the Delaware Code. Delaware



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Route 1 is a limited access highway. According to the Office of State Planning, *Strategies for State Policies and Spending document*, the majority of these properties are located within a Level 3 Investment Area. Given the Investment Level, one low-density rights-in/rights-out access on Delaware Route 1 for the combined properties would be permitted; the combined land use could generate 200 vehicle trips per day or fewer, as determined by the Institute of Transportation Engineer's (ITE) <u>Trip Generation Manual</u>. Please note that the Department is in the process of developing a grade-separated interchange at Cave Neck Road and Delaware Route 1, with the intent of routing all future development(s) to the interchange via interconnecting service roads and secondary roads. The Corridor Capacity Preservation Program policy can be viewed on Department's website at www.deldot.gov.

If the County approves this application, the applicant should be reminded that DelDOT requires compliance with State regulations regarding plan approvals and entrance permits, whether or not a TIS is required.

Please contact Mr. Claudy Joinville, at (302) 760-2124, if you have questions concerning this correspondence or Mr. Thomas Felice, at (302) 760-2338, if you have questions concerning the Corridor Capacity Preservation Program.

Sincerely,
T. William Bookonbourf. J

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

County Coordinator

Development Coordination

TWB:cjm

cc: Constance C. Holland, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Alice P. Robinson, Applicant

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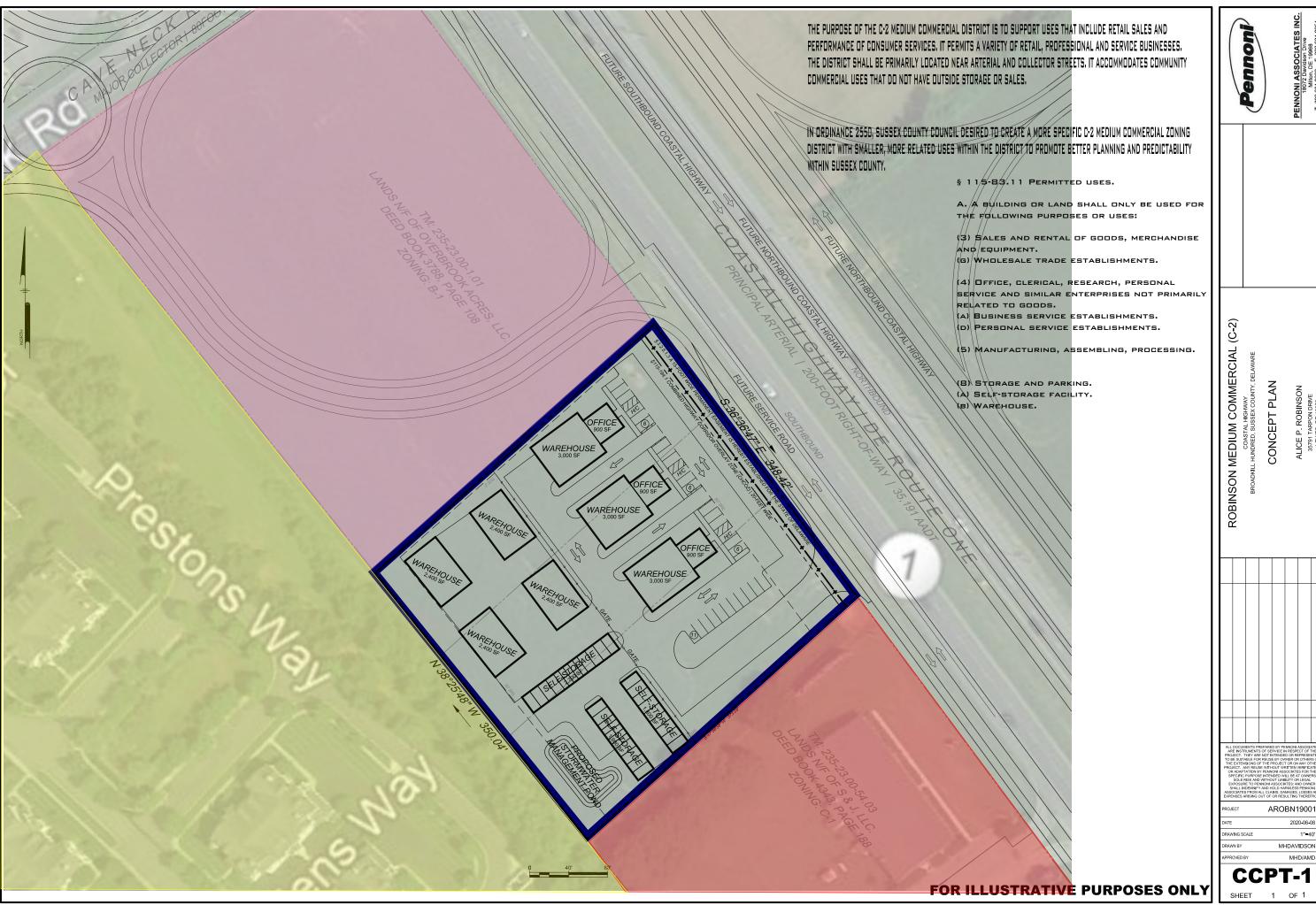
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According to state law, the County must amend its official zoning map to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map within 18 months of the date of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, future rezonings should also generally be consistent with the Future Land Use Plan.

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Each land use proposal the County receives should be reviewed on its own merit to determine if the proposal is consistent with the Future Land Use Map and does not have a negative impact on the surrounding area or the County in general.

As described above, the Future Land Use Plan is not the County's official zoning map. The Future Land Use Map and all other aspects of this Comprehensive Plan will be considered primarily through ordinances and other programs that fulfill policy objectives.

4.4.2 The Structure of the Future Land Use Plan

The Future Land Use Plan divides Sussex County into two types of planning areas: Growth Areas and Rural Areas. The Growth Areas and the Rural Areas each include sub-categories as outlined below:

Growth Areas:

Municipalities
Town Centers

Developing Areas

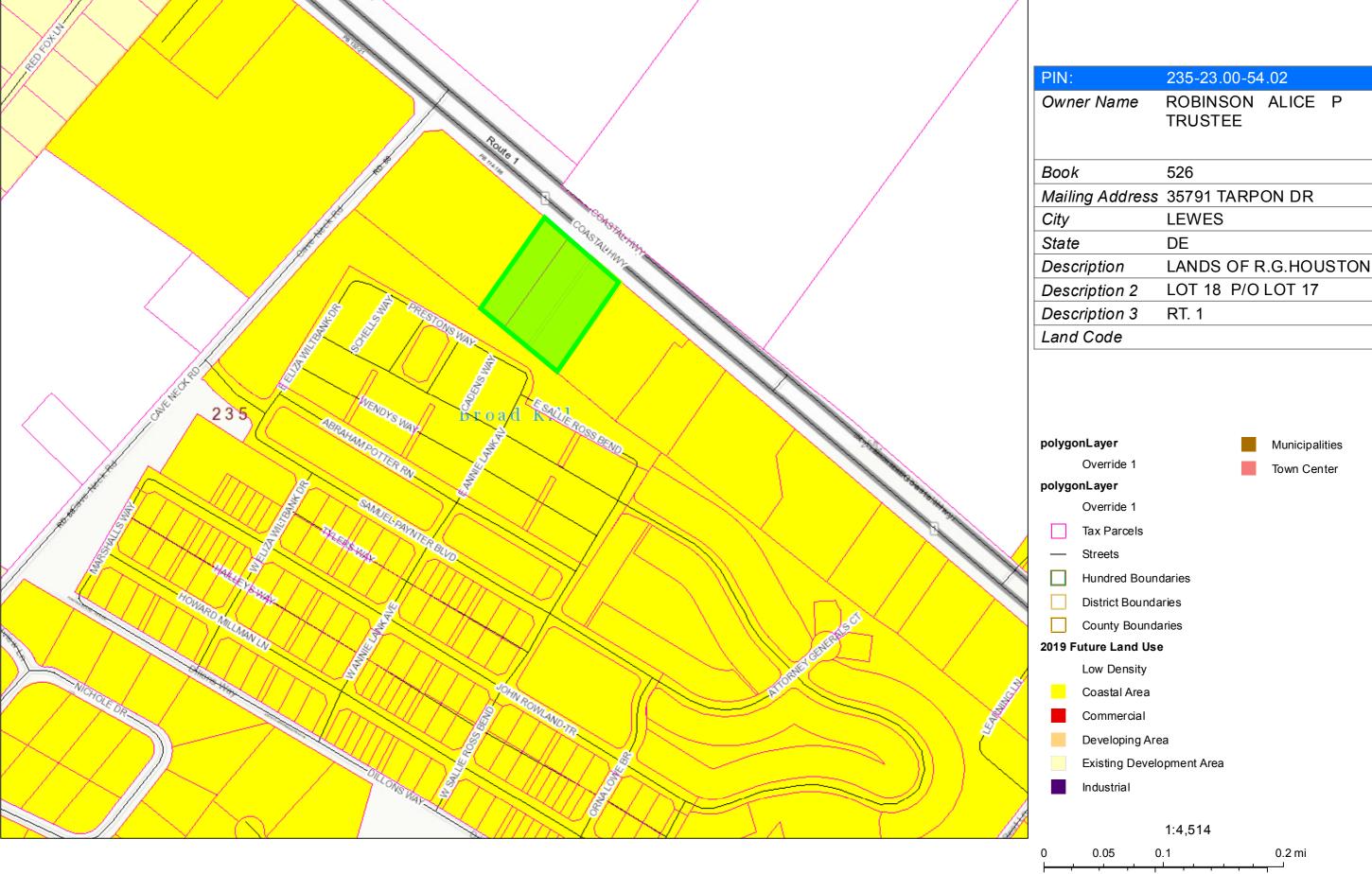
Coastal Areas

Existing Development Areas

Commercial Areas Industrial Areas 4.4.2.1 Growth Areas

This Plan seeks to encourage the County's most concentrated forms of new development to Growth Areas, including most higher density residential development and most commercial development. While Coastal Areas are considered Growth Areas, the County encourages only appropriate forms of concentrated new development in these areas, especially when environmental features are in play.

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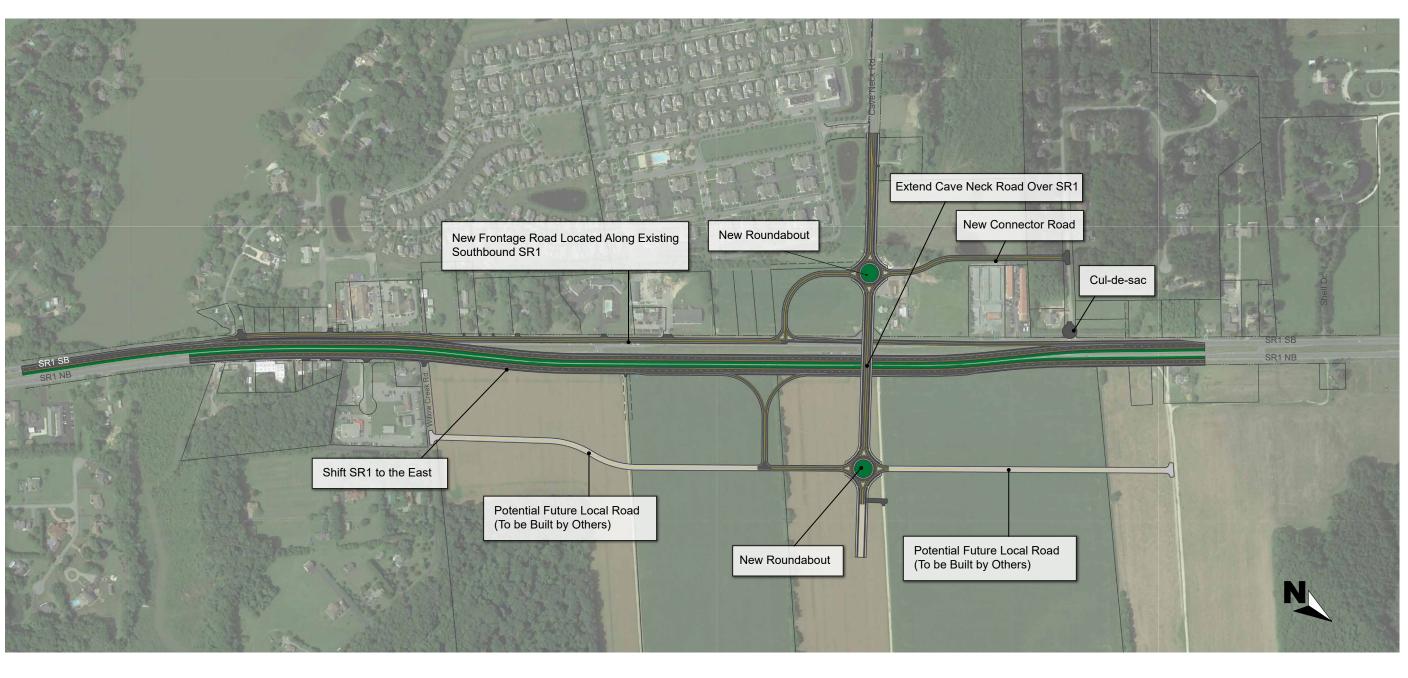
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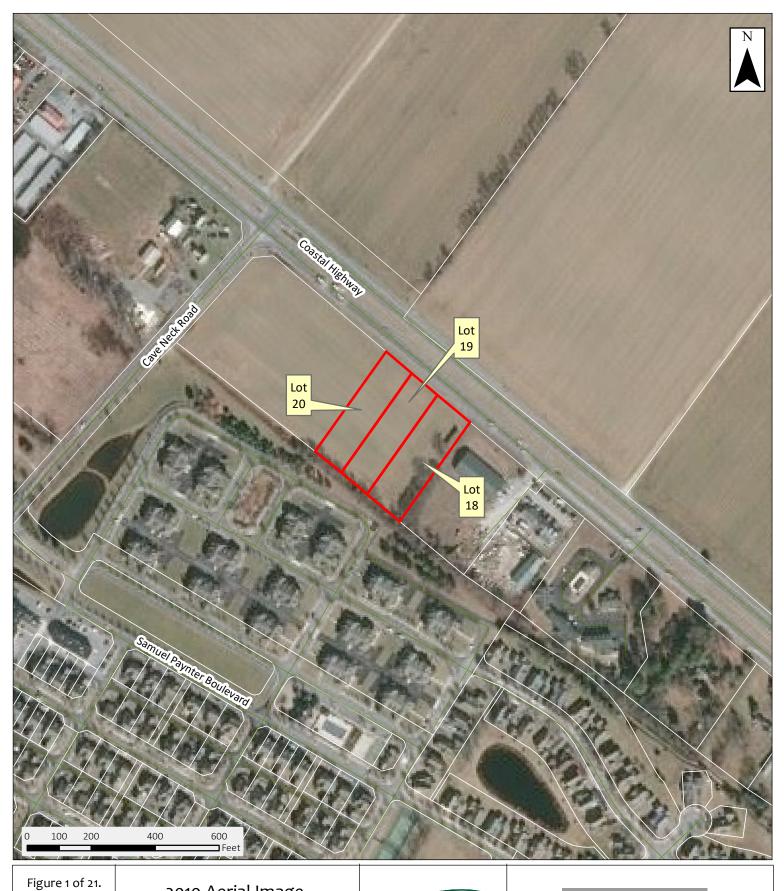


Alternative 3

Cave Neck Road will extend over SR1 at a Grade Separated Interchange. SR1 shifted to the east with access to Cave Neck Road provided by loop ramps. Access to and from southbound SR1 will be provided by a frontage road located along the current southbound SR1 alignment. A northbound loop ramp will be located south of Cave Neck Road.



SR1 and Cave Neck Road Grade Separated Intersection



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2019 Aerial Image





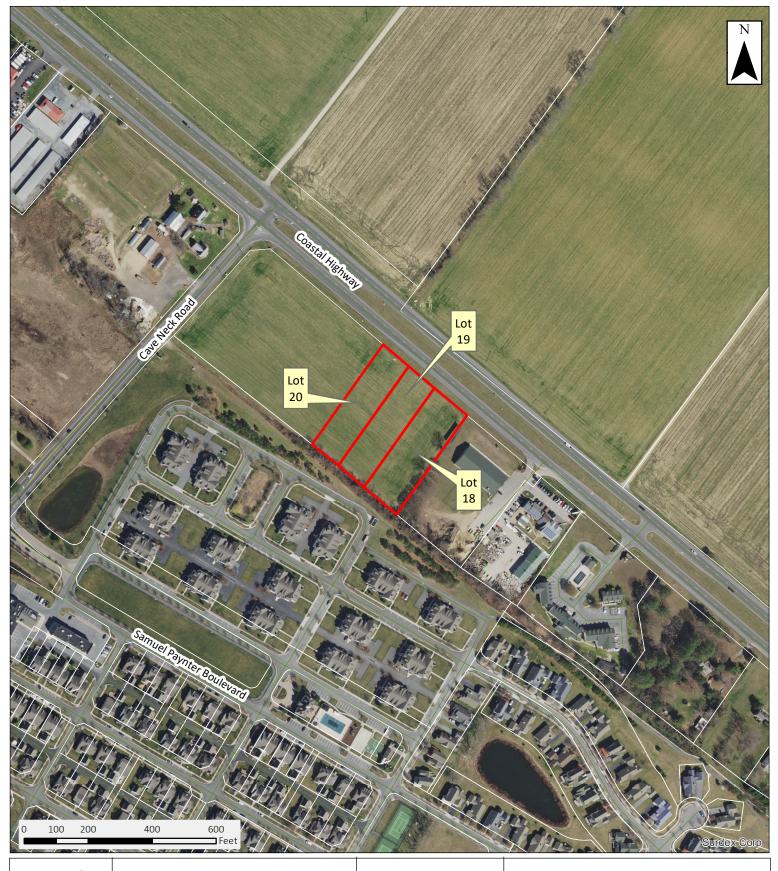
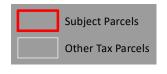


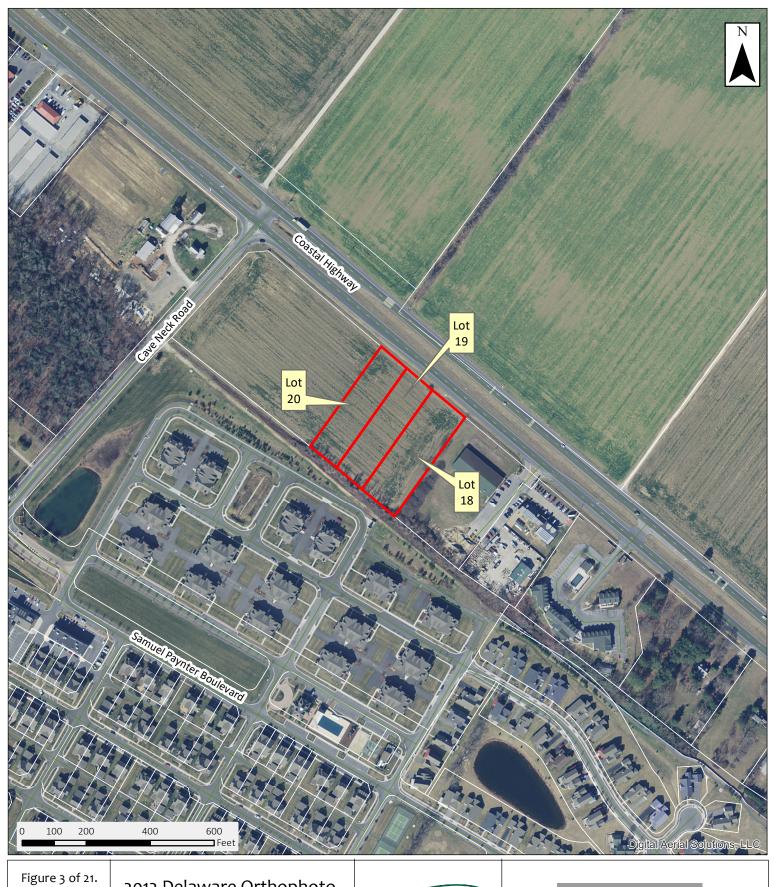
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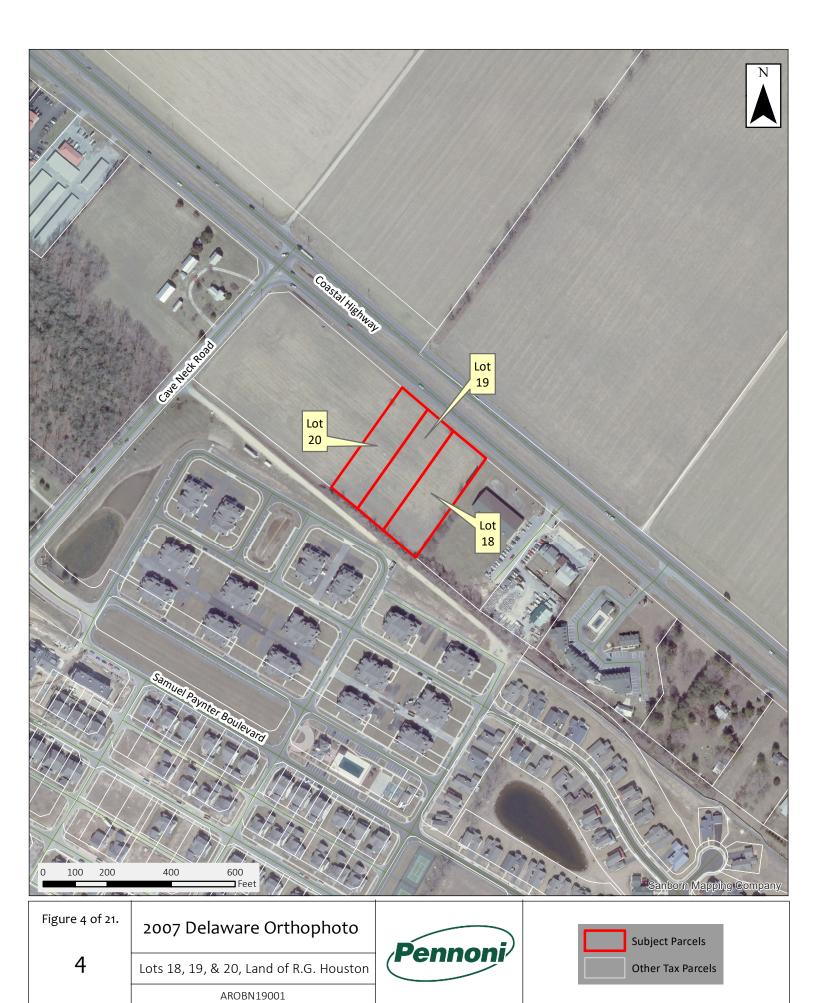


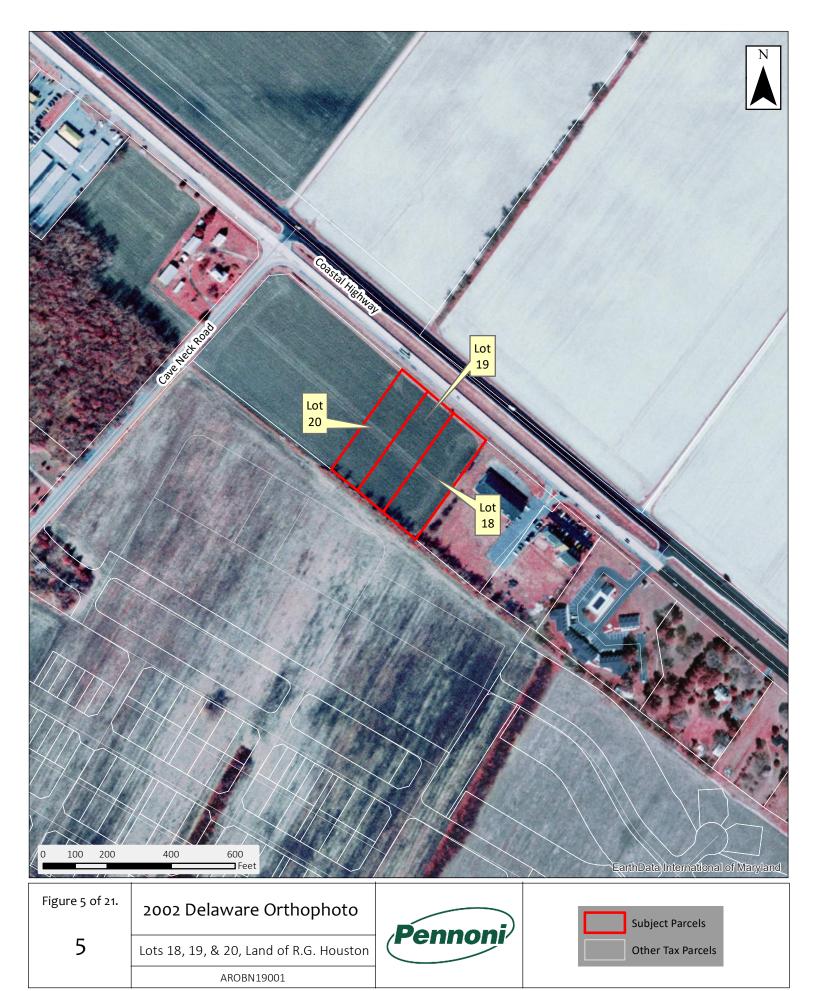
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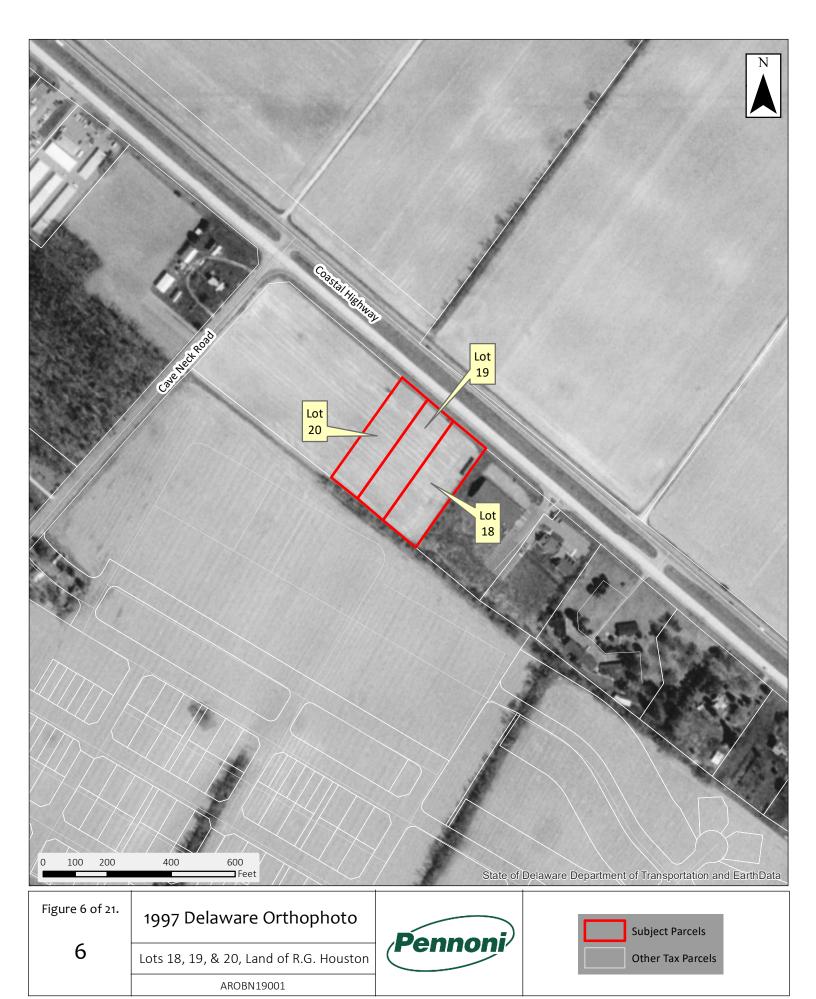
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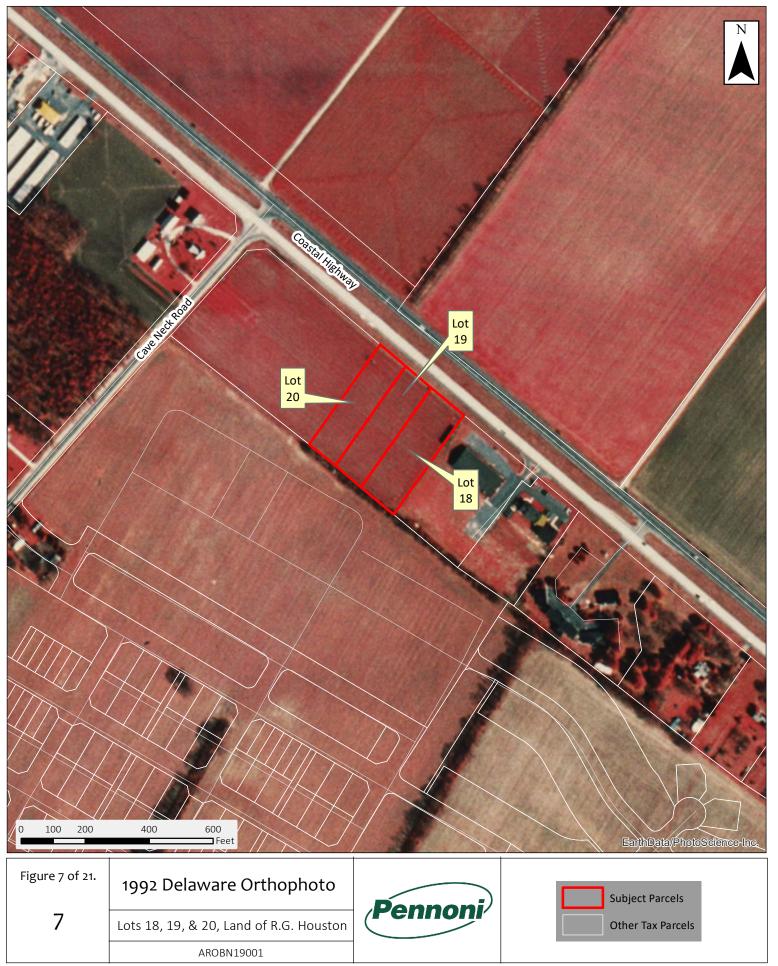












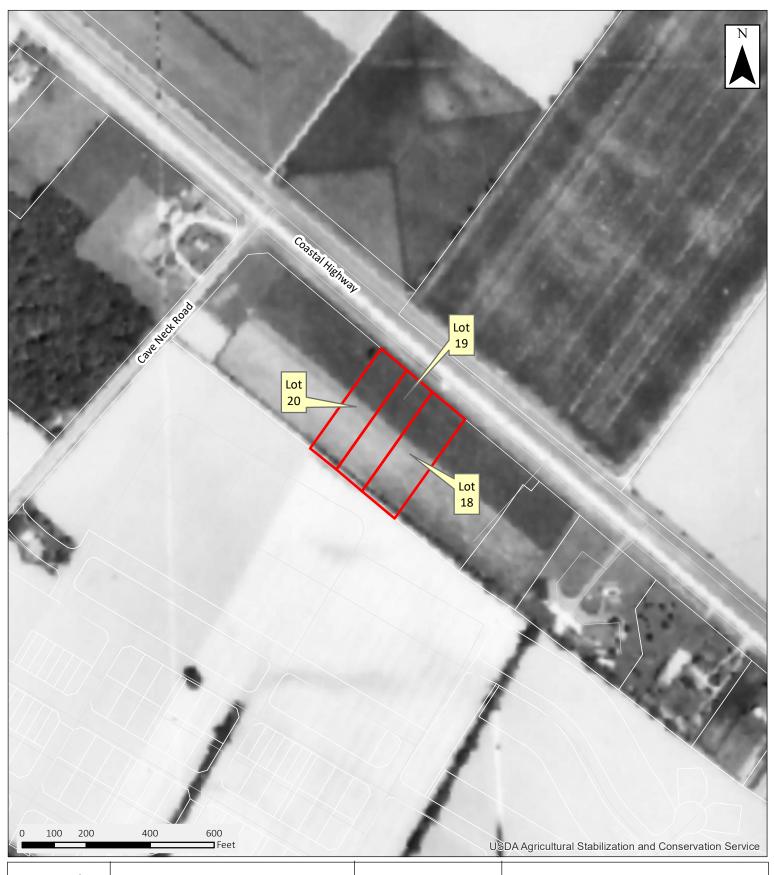
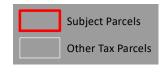


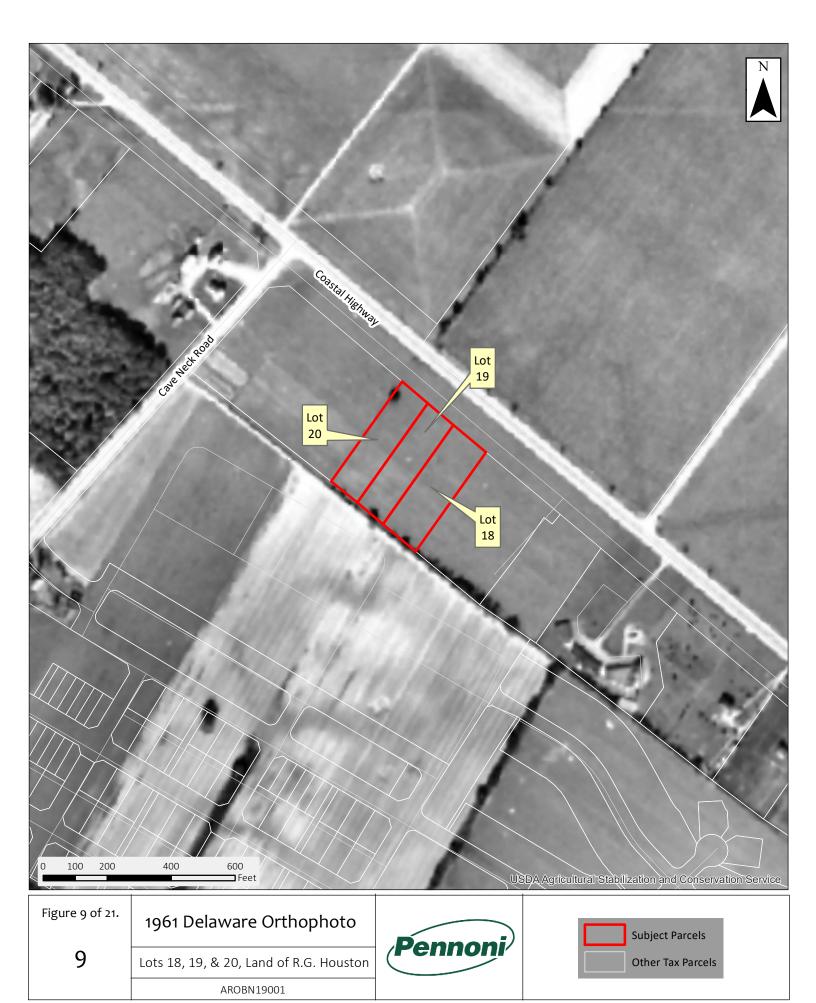
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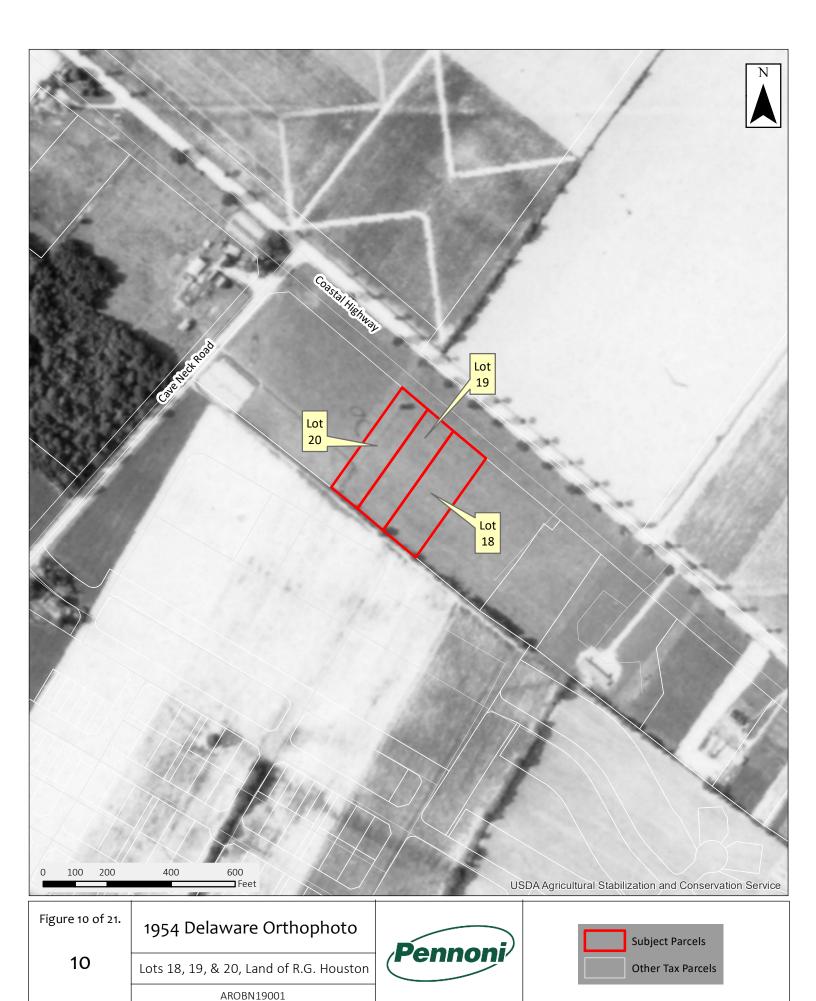
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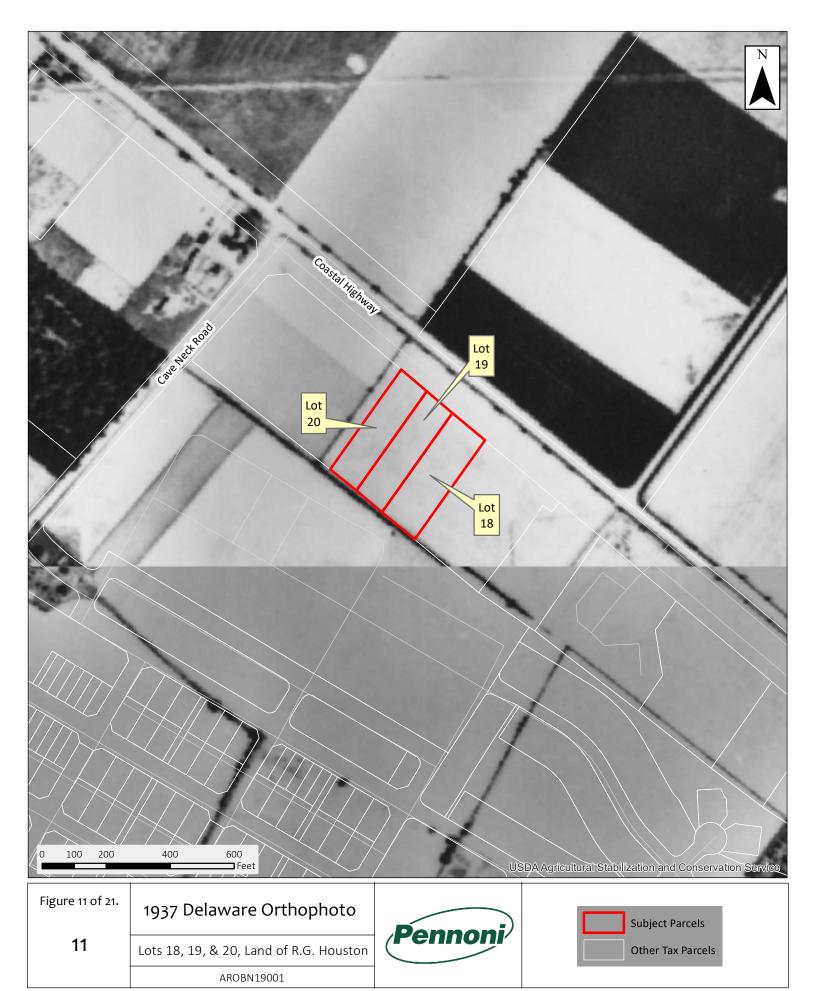
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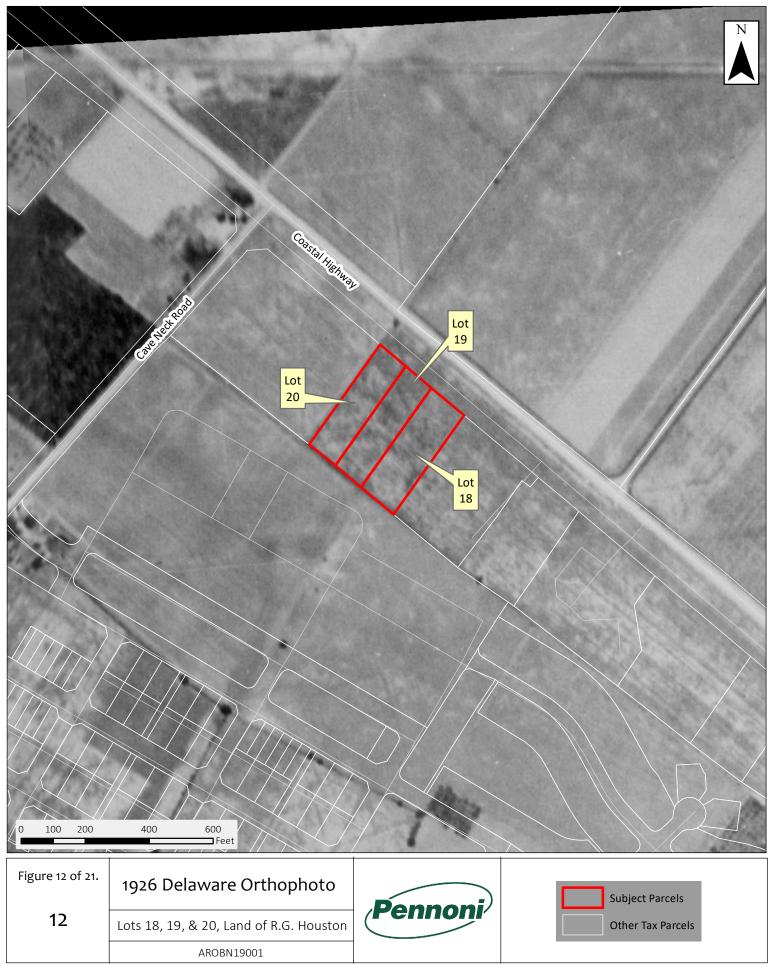


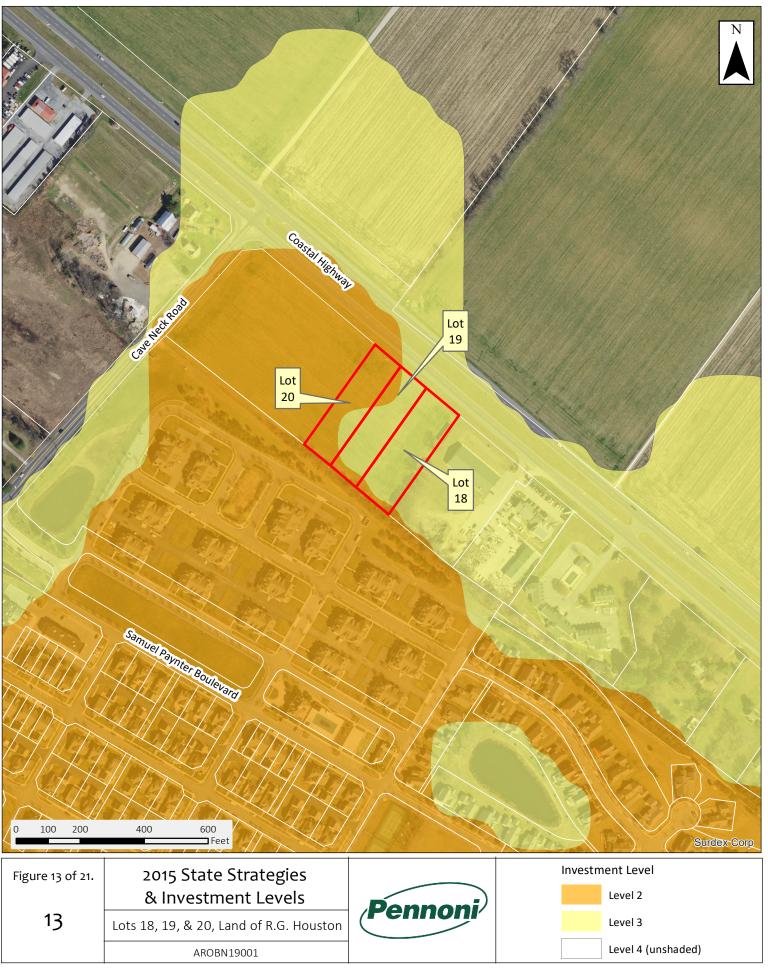


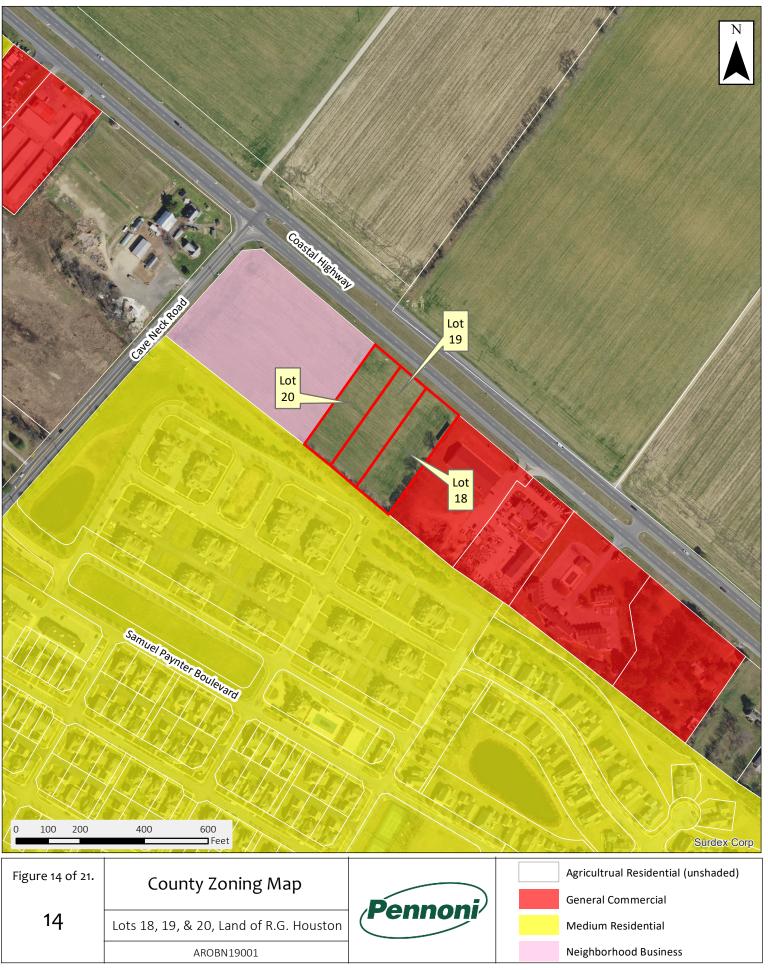


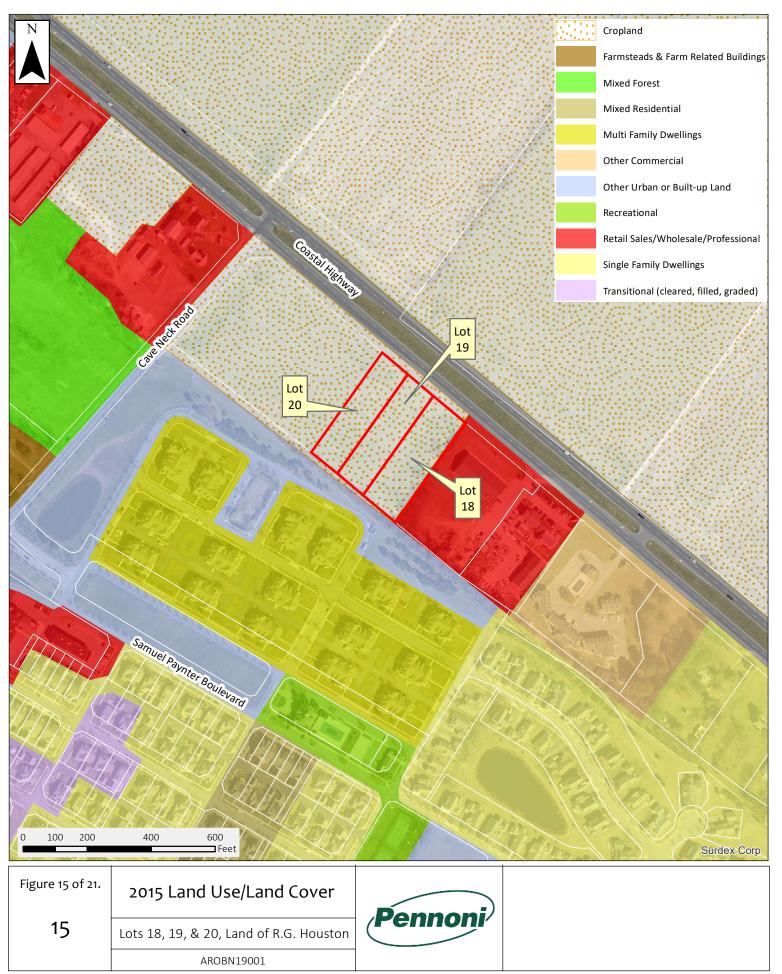












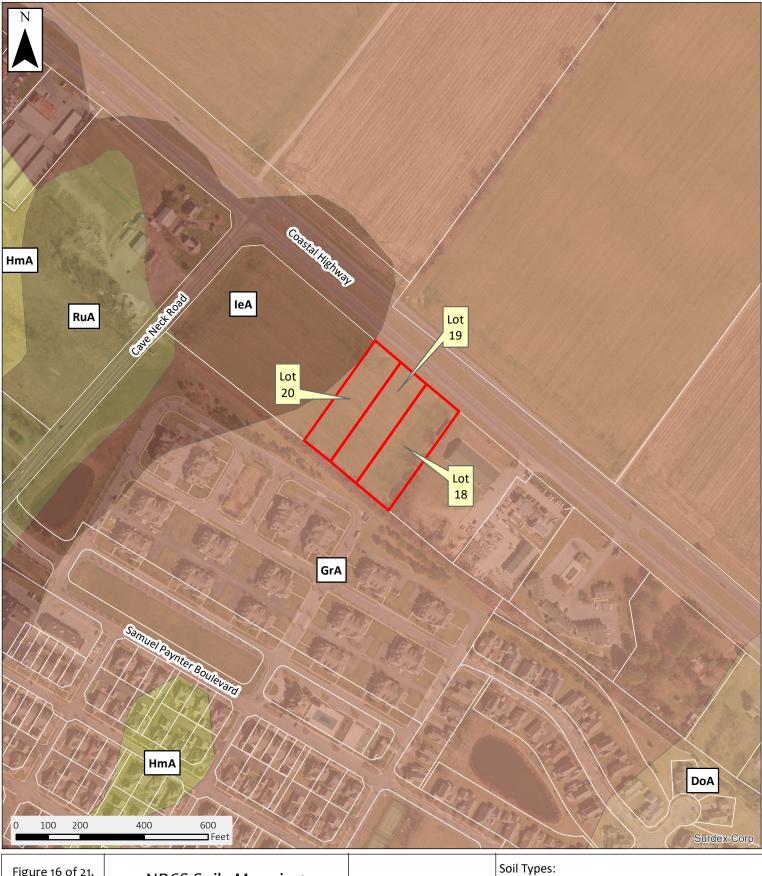


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NRCS Soils Mapping

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Lots 18, 19, & 20, Land of R.G. Houston AROBN19001



GrA - Greenwich loam, 0-2% slopes, Group B IeA - Ingleside loamy sand, 0-2% slopes, Group A

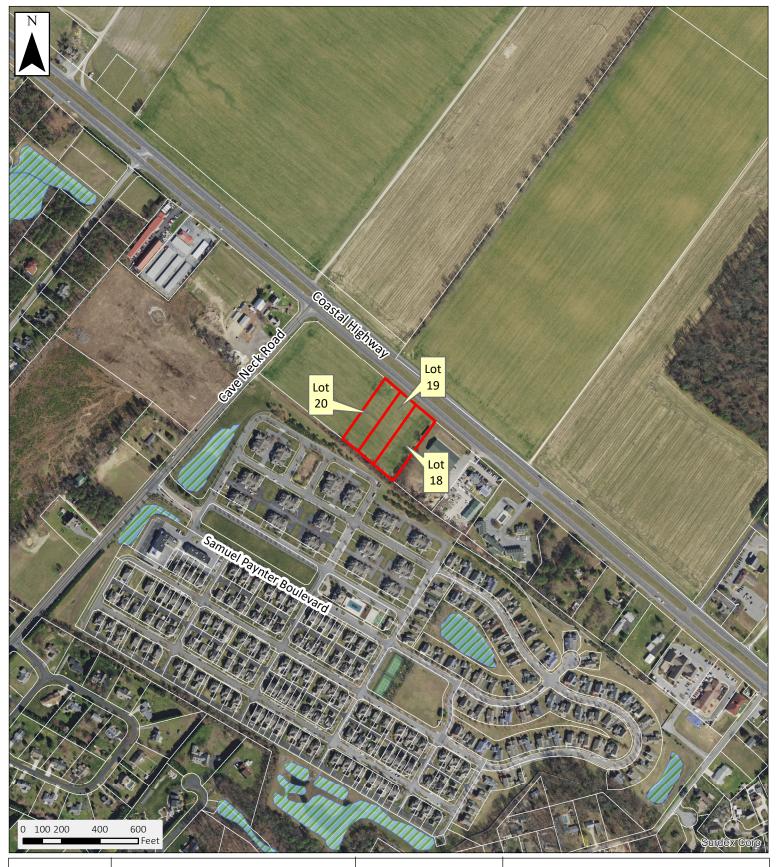


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State Wetlands Mapping

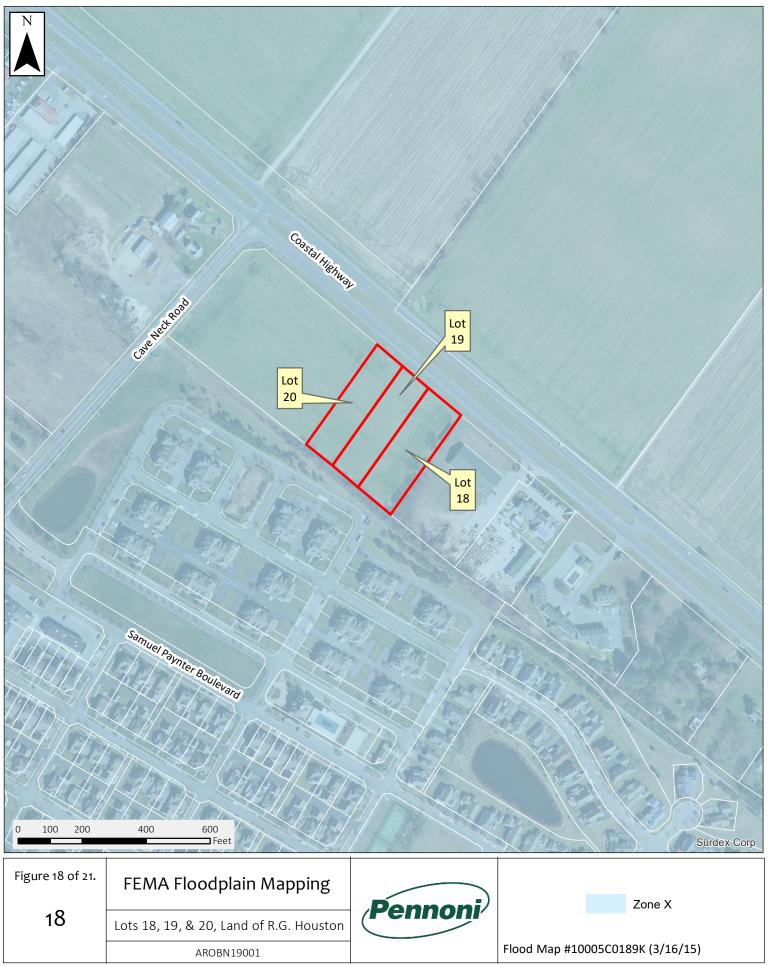
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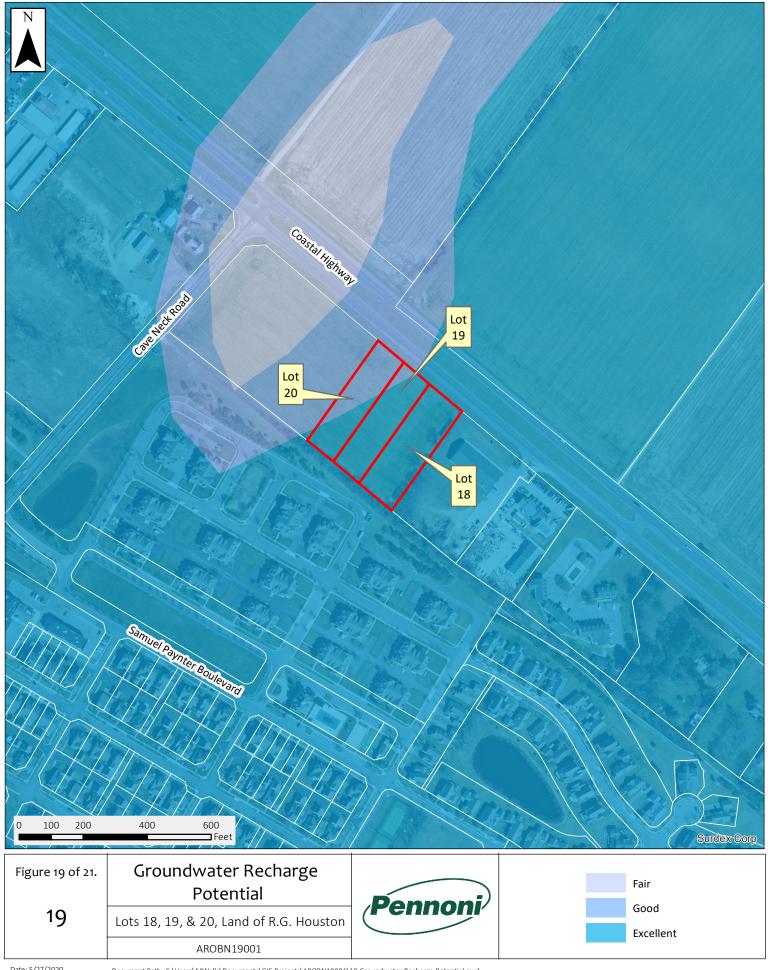
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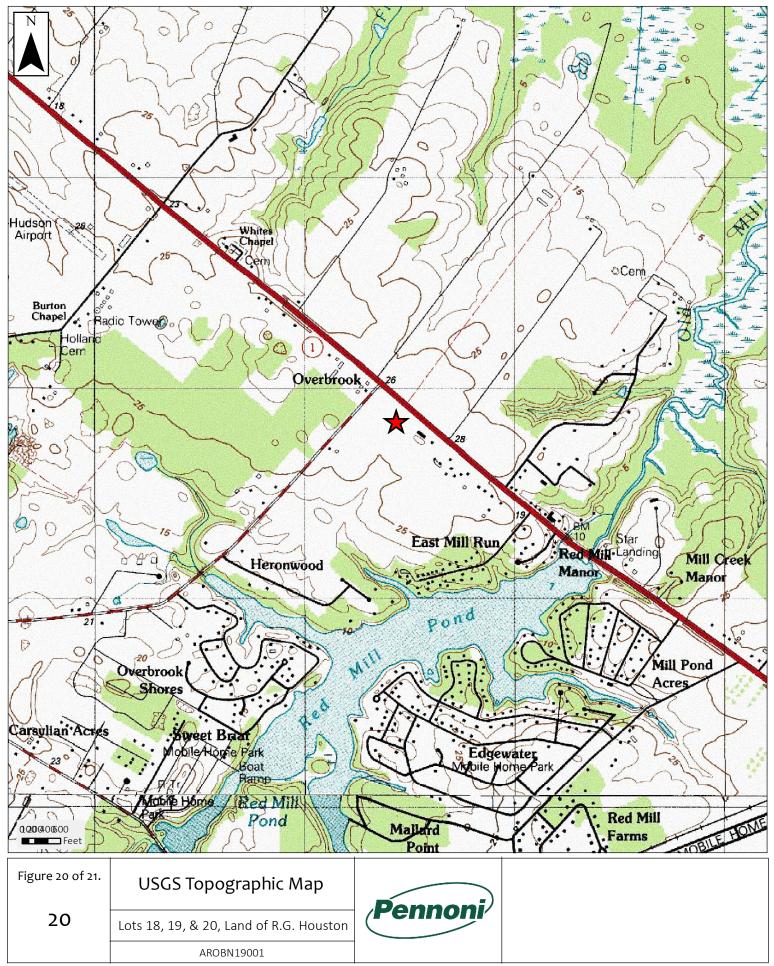
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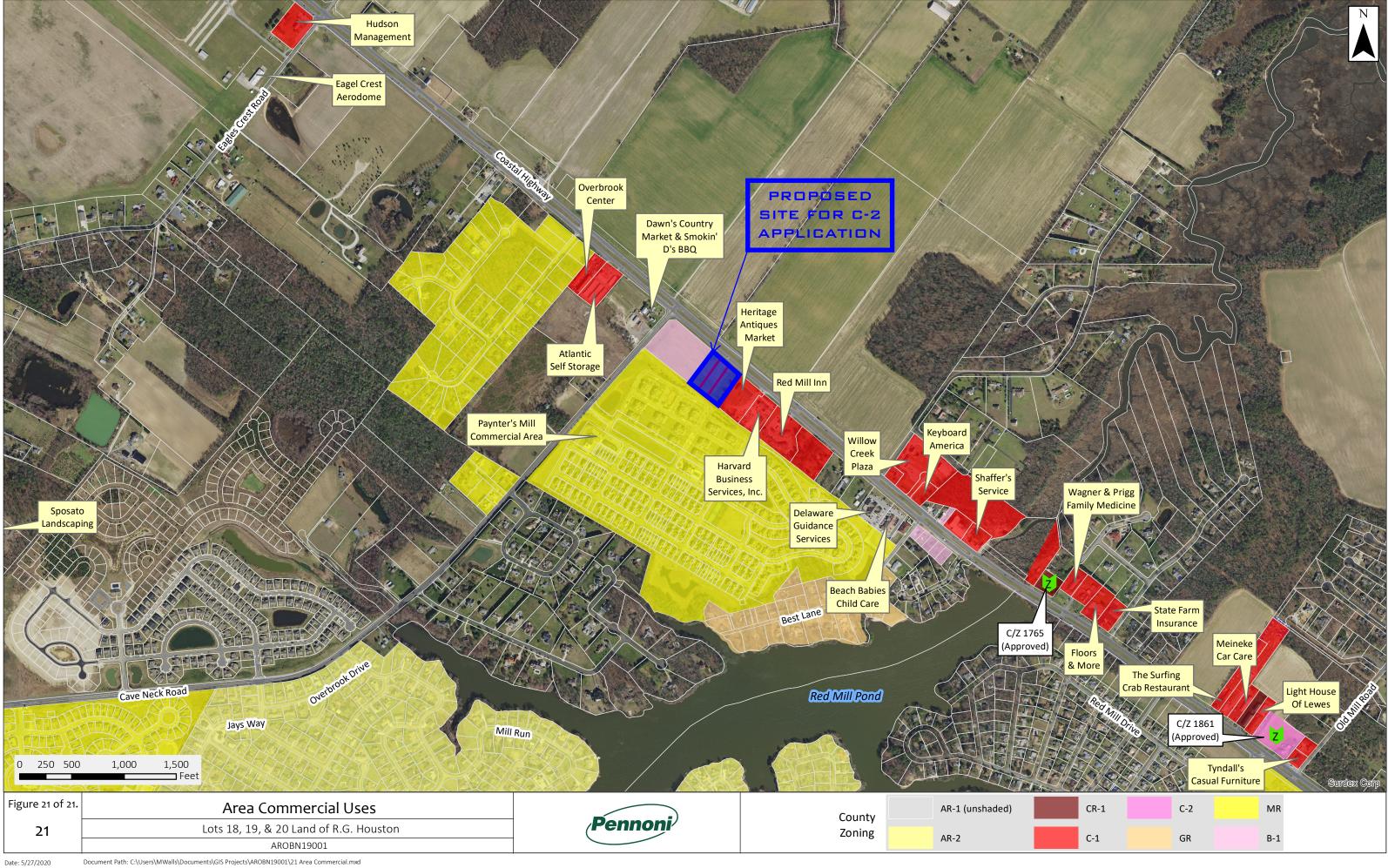






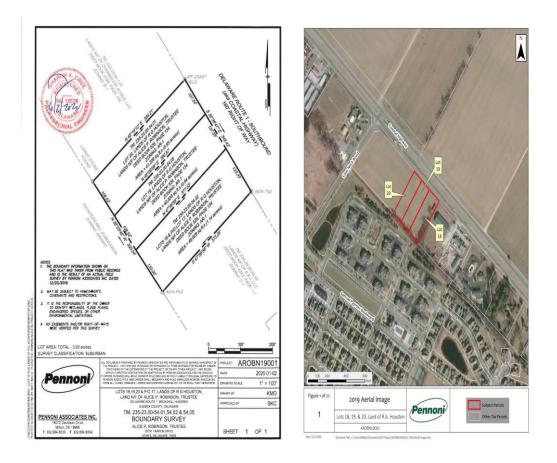






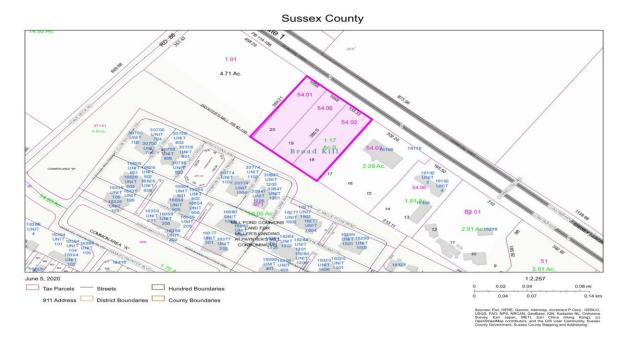
ALICE P. ROBINSON, TRUSTEE CHANGE OF ZONE #1916 PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. This is an application to grant a rezoning of a portion of lands in a AR-1 Agricultural Residential District located on 3.03 acres, more or less in the Broadkill Hundred located on the west side of Coastal Highway | DE Route One to C-2, Medium Commercial District.

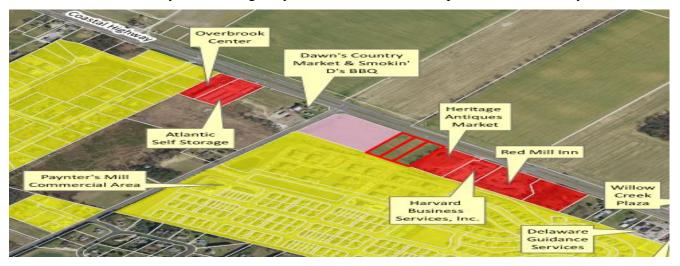


2. The applicant is Alice P. Robinson, Trustee with Mrs. Alice Robinson representing the family properties. The subject properties have been in the Robinson family for over 100-years as well as farmlands across Route One.

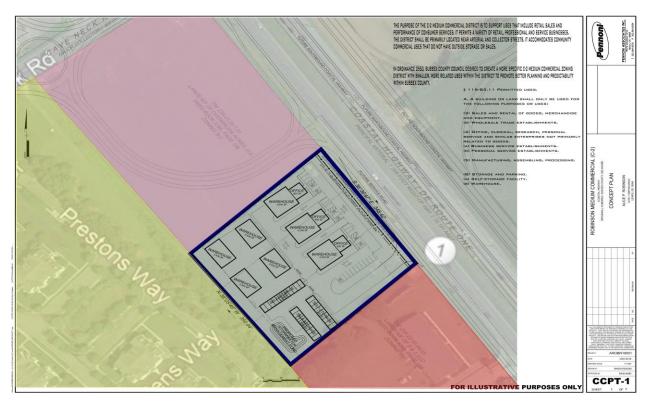
3. The properties are identified on the tax maps of the Sussex County Department of Finance as Tax Map No. 235-23.00 Parcels 54.01, 54.05, and 54.02.



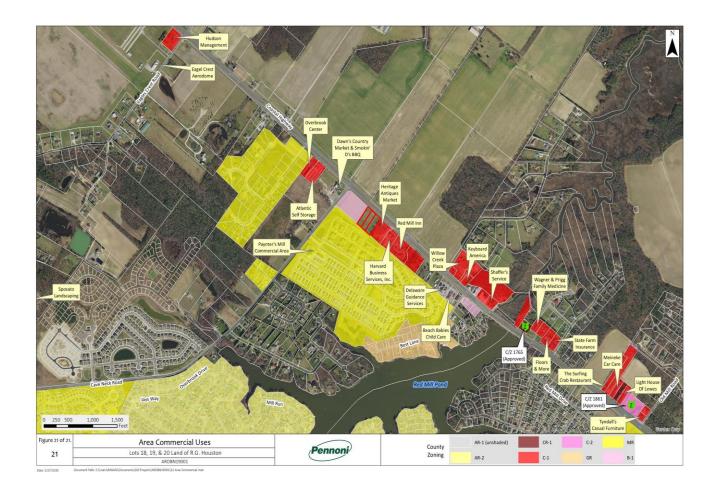
- 4. The properties are bordered on:
 - a. North by vacant B-1 zoned lands.
 - b. South by Heritage Antiques Market Zoned C-1
 - c. West by Paynter's Mill Mixed Use Single Family, Multi Family, Commercial Community
 - d. East by Coastal Highway, DE Route One a Principal Arterial Roadway



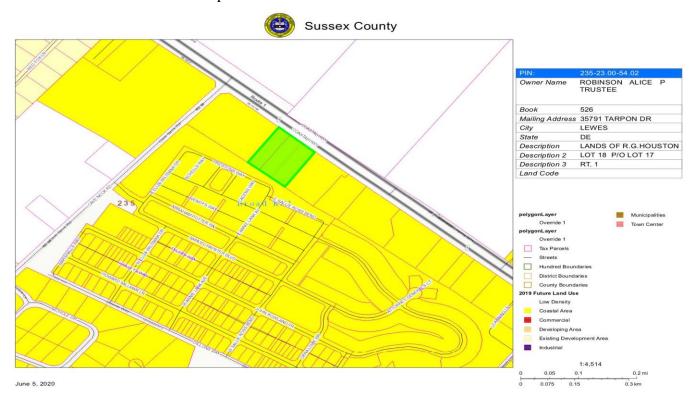
- 5. The purpose of the C-2 Medium Commercial District is to support uses that include retail sales and performance of consumer services. It permits a variety of retail, professional and service businesses. The district shall be primarily located near arterial and collector streets. It accommodates community commercial uses that do not have outside storage or sales.
- 6. In Ordinance 2550, Sussex County Council desired to create a more specific C-2 Medium Commercial zoning district with smaller, more related uses within the District to promote better planning and predictability within Sussex County.
- 7. The granting of this application for the commercial rezoning will allow the Robinson Family to create a medium commercial complex that will provide for service and construction trades to have a small office and storage area as well as smaller self-storage areas for residential purposes, centrally located, within a growth area of the county.



8. The proposed rezoning to C-2 for Mrs. Robinson is in the vicinity of other commercial zoned property and uses and will not diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood; will not create a public nuisance; or result in an increase in public expenditures



9. In the 2019 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan – the area for the proposed rezoning for Mrs. Robinson's commercial property is identified to be in a Coastal Area which is a Growth Area. The Sussex Plan seeks to encourage the County's most concentrated forms of new development to Growth Areas, including most commercial development.



- 10. The Sussex Plan suggests that each application should be reviewed on its own merit and does not have a negative impact on the surrounding area or the county in general. Some of the stated goals within the plan for new commercial zoning is to:
 - a. Promote growth and development in areas where capital facilities and infrastructure are already available and adequate to support the growth [The property is located within a Tier One Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District as well as within tidewater Utility Water CPCN District].

- b. Promote commercial development in designated commercial, office, and industrial areas in a scale/intensity/distance appropriate to adjacent residential neighborhoods [The property is adjacent to Paynter's Mill and High Density Mixed Use Residential Planned Community on smaller lots and multi-family that would benefit with self-storage close to where they live; in addition, office and light commercial uses are appropriate within the Coastal Area].
 - c. Engage in planning that considers the efficient location of public services and infrastructure while establishing future public sewer service areas that will help preserve open space by promoting orderly growth rather than unplanned sprawl [Both water and sanitary sewer are already located adjacent to the property. These properties in this location with a commercial zoning, will prohibit any unplanned sprawl that the Comprehensive Plan is discouraging].
 - d. Coordinate with DelDOT on road improvements and other transportation projects [A potential concept of the property takes into account access from what DelDOT is proposing as a service road that will connect to the over pass being considered for the Cave Neck Road Coastal Highway intersection. All Access improvements will be coordinated with all DelDOT sections for safe access to and from the properties. Although DelDOT did not require a traffic impact study as a part of this rezoning, the applicant understands that the property is subject to the Corridor Capacity Preservation Program and thus the C-2 Medium Commercial zoning and the uses permitted will minimize the any kind of high-volume traffic access to and from the property].

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Coastal Areas are areas that can accommodate development provided special environmental concerns are addressed. Retail and office uses are appropriate but larger shopping centers and office parks should be confined to selected locations with access along arterial roads; Delaware Route One/Coastal Highway being a Principal Arterial. Light commercial, office and institutional uses can be appropriate to provide for convenient services and to allow people to work close to home.

11. The 2015 Strategies for State Policies and Spending Map identifies the area as Investment Level 2 and 3. This area is intermingled within a fast-growing area within the county and is adjacent to other Level 2 areas. The priorities in these Areas are for DelDOT to focus on regional movements between towns and other population centers. All infrastructure needs will be funded by the applicant.

Additional public infrastructure that will benefit the community, such as, road improvements and access improvements will be coordinated by the applicant.

- 12. There are no wetlands on the property; the property is located in a Flood Zone X Unshaded; there are no historical or natural features on the property; stormwater will be onsite and use infiltration as its primary BMP for handling stormwater runoff; the properties are not in any Groundwater Protection Zones; the properties are not in any Wellhead Protection Area and there are no existing wooded areas on site that will need to be disturbed.
- 13. The proposed rezoning meets the general purpose of the Zoning Ordinance being located in an appropriate location meeting the purpose of this district and the future land use plans, strategies and objectives of the comprehensive plan that promotes growth and development through community design, mobility, utilities, transportation and economic development in an area where a general mixture of commercial and service activity now exists, which is essential and desirable for the general convenience, orderly growth, prosperity and welfare of the County.