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#### PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Application:	CZ 1962 Jeff-Kat, LLC
Applicant:	Jeff-Kat, LLC 1007 Kings Highway Lewes, De 19958
Owner:	Jeff-Kat, LLC 1007 Kings Highway Lewes, De 19958
Site Location:	1005 Kings Highway, Lewes. Lying on the east side of Kings Highway (Rt. 9), approximately 0.36-mile northeast of the intersection of Kings Highway (Rt. 9) and Gills Neck Road (S.C.R. 267)
Current Zoning:	Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District
Proposed Zoning:	Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District
Comprehensive Land Use Plan Reference:	
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Owner Name	JEFF-KAT LLC
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## Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members From: Christin Scott, Planner I CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney, and applicant Date: April 7, 2022 RE: Staff Analysis for CZ 1962 Jeff-Kat, LLC

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application CZ 1962 Jeff-Kat, LLC to be reviewed during the March 10, 2022, Planning 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 a portion of Tax Parcel 335-8.00-39.00 to allow for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District to a Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District. The property is lying on the east side of Kings Highway (Rt. 9), approximately 0.36 miles northeast of the intersection of Kings Highway (Rt. 9) and Gills Neck Road (S.C.R. 267). The portion of the parcel to be rezoned consists of 1.19 acres +/-.

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 in the plan indicates that the subject property has a land use designation of "Coastal Area." The properties to the south, east, and west of the subject property also contain the Future Land Use Designation of "Coastal Area." Properties to the north and across Kings Highway to the west are located within the municipality of Lewes.

As outlined within the 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Areas are areas that can accommodate development provided special environmental concerns are addressed. A range of housing types should be permitted in Coastal Areas, including single-family homes, townhouses, 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. Appropriate mixed-use development should also be allowed. In doing so, careful mixtures of homes with light commercial, office and institutional uses can be appropriate to provide for convenient services and to allow people to work close to home. Major new industrial uses are not proposed in these areas.

The property is split zoned General Commercial (C-1) Zoning District, Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District and Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Adjacent parcels to the south and east are also zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. The properties to the west on the opposite side Kings Highway (Rt. 9) are zone General Commercial (C-1), Agricultural Residential (AR-1) and located in the town limits of Lewes. The adjacent properties to the north are located within the town limits of Lewes.



The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan outlines Zoning Districts by their applicability to each Future Land Use category. Under Table 4.5-2 "Zoning Districts Applicable to Future Land Use Categories," the Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District is listed as an applicable zoning district in the Coastal Area.

Since 2011, there have been seven (7) Change of Zone applications within a 1-mile radius of the application site. The Change of Zone applications approved include Medium Residential (MR), Commercial Residential (CR-1), Neighborhood Business (B-1), and Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning Districts.

Based on the analysis of the land use, surrounding zoning and uses, a Change of Zone from an Agricultural Residential Zoning District (AR-1) to a Heavy Commercial Zoning District (C-3) could be considered as being consistent with the land use, based on the size, scale, zoning and surrounding uses.

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#### Planning & Zoning Commission Application

#### 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 check applicable) Conditional Use \_\_\_\_ Zoning Map Amendment <u>//</u>\_\_\_

#### Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment

1005 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware

#### **Type of Conditional Use Requested:** N/A (rezoning)

 Tax Map #:
 P/O 335 8.00 - 37:00
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 Size of Parcel(s): 1.23 acres +/

Current Zoning: AR-1	Proposed Zoning: C-3	Size of Building:	
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Land Use Classification: Coastal Area - 2045 FLUM

Water Provider: Lewes BPW / Tidewater

Sewer Provider: Lewes BPW / Sussex County

#### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Jeff-Kat, LLC			
Applicant Address: 113 Draper Drive			
City: Rehoboth Beach	State: DE	ZipCode: 19971	
Phone #:(302) 745-0875	E-mail: jeffatfins@	comcast.net	

#### **Owner Information**

Owner Address: 1019 Kings High	way	
City: Lewes	State: DE	Zip Code: 19958
Phone #:	E-mail:	

Agent/Attorney/Engineer Name: <u>N/A</u>			
Agent/Attorney/Engineer Address:			
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#### Check List for Sussex County Planning & Zoning Applications The following shall be submitted with the application

#### Completed Application

Provide eight (8) copies of the Site Plan or Survey of the property

- Survey shall show the location of existing or proposed building(s), building setbacks, parking area, proposed entrance location, etc.
- Provide a PDF of Plans (may be e-mailed to a staff member)
- o Deed or Legal description

#### Provide Fee \$500.00

- ✓ Optional Additional information for the Commission/Council to consider (ex. architectural elevations, photos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided submit 8 copies and they shall be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.
  - Please be aware that Public Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject site and County staff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign on the site stating the date and time of the Public Hearings for the application.
- N/A DelDOT Service Level Evaluation Request Response

NIA 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.

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#### Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney

	Date:		
Signature of Owner	Date: 922		
Date Submitted:	Fee: \$500.00 Check #:		
Staff accepting application:	Application & Case #:		
Location of property:			
Subdivision:			
Date of PC Hearing:	Recommendation of PC Commission:		
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Signature of Applicant/Agent/Attorney Signature of Owner

Date: 9/27/21

Date: 9-16-2

Parther Mitchell FAMILY LLC For office use only: Date Submitted: Staff accepting application: \_ Location of property:

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Subdivision: Date of PC Hearing: Date of CC Hearing:

Recommendation of PC Commission: Decision of CC:

#### SUMMARY OF REZONING REQUEST

The Applicant is Jeff-Kat, LLC, an LLC owned by Jeff and Kim Hamer. Jeff-Kat is the owner of the Big Oyster Brewpub immediately next door to this property. Jeff and Kim Hamer also own the Fins Restaurants in Rehoboth Beach, and Bethany Beach, along with CLAWS Restaurant in Rehoboth Beach.

This application seeks to rezone this 1.23 acre of land that is part of the Mitchell Farm (Zwaanendael Farm) from its current AR-1 Zoning to C-3 Zoning so that it can be utilized as an improvement and expansion of the brewpub property.

We realize that this is the most recent of several small rezoning applications to add to our property, but this was not by design. For instance, the prior application for lands formerly owned by the First Baptist Church of Lewes resulted from mutual discussions between us and the Church about a sale to fund their construction of a new building elsewhere on their property. Here the expansion area is the result of discussions with the Mitchell Family, LLC about the design of the remainder of their property and how this parcel was a natural addition to our brewpub operations.

The purchase and use of this property is beneficial to Jeff-Kat and the Big Oyster Brewpub because it will allow a better overall configuration and use of the property, including vehicular and pedestrian movement on the site. Right now, vehicular access to the rear of the current brewpub is difficult, at best. By adding this property, it will significantly improve vehicular movement and parking within the entire site. It will also allow for the future expansion of our brewpub operations and uses that support the business.

If this rezoning is approved, it will not adversely affect the neighbors or the neighborhood, and it is very important to continue to be good neighbors with all of them. There will also not be any noise or odors generated by the expansion of operations onto the rezoned property. Traffic patterns and parking within the site will be improved, and this will benefit traffic on Kings Highway by creating more space within the site and eliminate cars waiting to pull in (as sometimes currently occurs).

C-3 Zoning is appropriate for this site for several reasons. C-3 Zoning is consistent with the County's recent approval of C-3 Zoning for the land behind both the Big Oyster Brewery and the portion of the Church property recently acquired by us and rezoned by Sussex County. This rezoning application is an appropriate expansion of the existing C-3 Zoning. The existing brewpub site is zoned C-1. C-1

Zoning is no longer available in Sussex County, and C-3 Zoning is the most compatible for the expansion of the brewpub site. The site is also in the Coastal Area according to the Sussex County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan indicates that C-3 zoning is appropriate in the Coastal Area.

As the owners of The Big Oyster Brewery, we hope that you will look favorably upon this rezoning request.



STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 800 BAY ROAD P.O. Box 778 Dover, Delaware 19903

NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

November 10, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Jeff-Kat, LLC** proposed land use application, which we received on September 27, 2021. This application is for an approximately 48.01-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 335-8.00-37.00). The subject land is located on the east side of Kings Highway (US Route 9) about 450 ft north of the intersection with Gills Neck Road (Sussex Road 267) and the north side of Gills Neck Road about 800 ft east of the intersection with Kings Highway. The subject land is currently zoned AR-1 (Agriculture Residential) with a proposed zoning of C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to build an additional parking lot for a restaurant on Tax Parcel 335-8.00-39.00.

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volumes along Kings Highway from Gills Neck Road to Freeman Highway (Sussex Road 23), is 12,019 vehicles per day. The annual average daily traffic volumes along Gills Neck Road from Kings Highway to Red Tail Road, is 4,186 vehicles per day.

Our volume-based criteria for requiring a traffic impact study (TIS), addressed in Section 2.2.2.1 of the Development Coordination Manual, 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.

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.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 November 10, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

J. William Brochenbrough g

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr. County Coordinator Development Coordination

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Jeff-Kat, LLC, Applicant Sussex County Planning & Zoning David Edgell, State Planning Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination

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

TO:	Jamie Whitehouse
REVIEWER:	Chris Calio
DATE:	3/23/2022
APPLICATION:	CZ 1962 Jeff-Kat, LLC
APPLICANT:	Jeff-Kat, LLC
FILE NO:	ОМ-9.04
TAX MAP & PARCEL(S):	335-8.00-37.00 (p/o)
LOCATION:	Lying on the southeast side of Kings Highway (Rt. 9) and on the north side of Gills Neck Road (SCR 267).
NO. OF UNITS:	Change of Zone from AR-1 to C-3
GROSS ACREAGE:	1.23

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 🛛

No 🗆

- a. If yes, see question (2).
- b. If no, see question (7).
- (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? No If yes, how many? N/A. Is it likely that additional SCCs will be required? Yes If yes, the current System Connection Charge Rate is Unified \$6,600.00 per EDU. Please contact Christine Fletcher at 302-855-7719 for additional information on charges.

(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? N/A
- (8). Comments: Click or tap here to enter text.
- (9). Is a Sewer System Concept Evaluation required? **Yes, Contact Utility Planning** at 302-855-7370 to apply
- (10). Is a Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement Required? Yes
- (11). <u>All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design</u> <u>standards.</u>

UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman Sr. Manager of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E. Lisa Walls Christine Fletcher



#### STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION

January 13, 2022

Mr. Cliff Mumford Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. 1 Park Ave. Milford, DE 19963

RE: PLUS review 2021-12-04; Jeff Kalt/Big Oyster

Dear Mr. Clark,

Thank you for meeting with State agency planners on December 15, 2021 to discuss the Jeff Kalt/Big Oyster project. According to the information received, you are seeking review of a proposed rezoning of 1.23 acres from AR-1 to C-3 along Kings Highway in Sussex County.

Please note that changes to the plan, other than those suggested in this letter, could result in additional comments from the State. Additionally, these comments reflect only issues that are the responsibility of the agencies represented at the meeting. The developers will also need to comply with any Federal, State, and local regulations regarding this property. We also note that as Sussex County has governing authority over this land the developers will need to comply with any and all regulations/restrictions set forth by the County.

#### Strategies for State Policies and Spending

- This project is located in Investment Level 1 according to the *Strategies for State Policies and Spending*. Investment Level 1 reflects areas that are already developed in an urban or suburban fashion, where infrastructure is existing or readily available, and where future redevelopment or infill projects are expected and encouraged by State policy.
- It is noted that this parcel is within the Coastal area according to the Sussex County Comp plan and C-3 is allowable within the Coastal area. The PLUS application was for the rezoning only. If this parcel is rezoned, any development that meets the PLUS criteria must be submitted to PLUS for review

122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South – Haslet Armory · Third Floor · Dover, DE 19901 Phone (302)739-3090 · Fax (302) 739-5661 · www. stateplanning.delaware.gov PLUS review 2021-12-04 Page 2 of 5

#### **Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements**

#### Department of Transportation - Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109

- DelDOT has no comments on the subject rezoning but offers the following comments as information about what DelDOT will require if the County grants the rezoning and a developer subsequently submits a plan.
  - Because the parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on a road that is part of the Federal Aid Primary Road System, that is Kings Highway (US Route 9), it is subject to outdoor advertising regulations found in CFR 23 §131 and 17 Del. C. §1101-1120. Accordingly, the applicant should expect the following requirements:
    - No new billboards, variable message boards, or electronic changing message sign(s) anywhere on or off Kings Highway. Any such structure or fixture shall be 660 feet away, i.e., any closest byway right-of-way edge.
    - No off-premises advertising on the property for others within 660 feet of Kings Highway, e.g., displaying on-site the bank/financial institution funding the project or the contractor building the project.
    - Along Kings Highway, the applicant would not be permitted to advertise or direct information about themselves on other private property.
  - The site access on Kings Highway must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at <u>http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes</u>.
  - Pursuant to Section P.3 of the <u>Manual</u>, a Pre-Submittal Meeting is required before plans are submitted for review. The form needed to request the meeting and guidance on what will be covered there and how to prepare for it is located at <u>https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?</u> 08022017.
  - Section 1.7 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses fees that are assessed for the review of development proposals. DelDOT anticipates collecting the Initial Stage Fee when the record plan is submitted for review and the Construction Stage Fee when construction plans are submitted for review.
  - Per Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) are warranted for developments generating more than 500 vehicle trip ends per day or 50 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day. DelDOT will assess the need for a TIS when a plan is presented for development of the subject land.

#### PLUS review 2021-12-04 Page 3 of 5

Section 3.5 of the <u>Manual</u> provides DelDOT's requirements with regard to connectivity. The requirements in Sections 3.5.1 through 3.5.3 shall be followed for all development projects having access to state roads or proposing DelDOT maintained public road for subdivisions. If possible, an interconnection should be negotiated with Henlopen Properties, LLC (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-37.00) from whom the subject land is being acquired and, again if possible, with the First Baptist Church (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-40.00) and Lane Builders (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-38.00). Doing so would have the benefits of better managing left turns along Kings Highway and affording those parcels access to Gills Neck Road.

### **Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480**

• The project proposes to rezone a 1.2-acre parcel from AR-1 to C-3. DNREC reviewers have no concerns or comments at this time regarding the proposed rezoning.

#### State Historic Preservation Office - Contact Carlton Hall 736-7400

- There are no known archaeological sites or National Register listed properties on the parcel.
- There is low archaeological potential for this parcel. There is no freshwater source a favorable distance of the parcel, and therefore there is unlikely to be prehistoric archaeological sites within the project area. There are two known historic structures that were once on the parcel (S01048, S01049). However, both are no longer extant. Despite known historic occupation of the parcel, historic aerials and topographic maps show a lot of development of the parcel. There are not likely to be intact archaeological deposits because of this past disturbance, and therefore there is low potential for historic archaeological sites on the parcel.

#### **Recommendations/Additional Information**

This section includes a list of site-specific suggestions that are intended to enhance the project. These suggestions have been generated by the State Agencies based on their expertise and subject area knowledge. These suggestions do not represent State code requirements. They are offered here to provide proactive ideas to help the applicant enhance the site design, and it is hoped (but in no way required) that the applicant will open a dialogue with the relevant agencies to discuss how the suggestions can benefit the project.

#### **Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109**

The parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on part of the Historic Lewes Byway. Therefore, the applicant should expect the following requirements:

• Byways signs may be required along both roads as part of the plan review process.

#### PLUS review 2021-12-04 Page 4 of 5

- There is an adopted Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road Master Plan for future roadway and right-of-way improvements. This plan can be viewed at <a href="https://www.deldot.gov/Programs/byways/pdfs/lewes\_cmp/KHGN\_MasterPlan\_0">https://www.deldot.gov/Programs/byways/pdfs/lewes\_cmp/KHGN\_MasterPlan\_0</a> <a href="mailto:92616finalrx.pdf">92616finalrx.pdf</a>. The Master Plan was undertaken in consideration of implementation with DelDOT, the Historic Lewes Byway Committee, City of Lewes, Sussex County, and other key stakeholders.
- Improvements to Kings Highway, from Dartmouth Drive to Freeman Highway, to be designed and built consistent with that Master Plan, are funded in DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 for Preliminary Engineering in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, Right-of-Way Acquisition in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 and Construction beginning in Fiscal Year 2026.
- A typical cross section for future roadway and right-of-way improvements in consideration of context sensitive design solutions for Byway Transportation Corridors has been conceptually recommended for future implementation.
- Landscaping or landscaping buffers and/or vegetation screening is strongly encouraged with the project along both Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road.
  DelDOT has a suggested list of native and low maintenance vegetation plantings and will require its use for plantings in the right-of-way. Landscaping efforts undertaken or partially undertaken in State right of way will require written agreements with DelDOT regarding maintenance responsibility.
- The applicant may be asked to work with or provide updates to the Lewes Byway Committee and per implementation of the Master Plan and byways coordination. The applicant may contact the Byways Chair, Ms. Mary Roth at <u>mroth@delawaregreenways.org</u> or (302) 302-655-7275.
- The proposed outparcel has a slightly different acreage from that shown on the plan presented by Henlopen Properties, LLC. DelDOT understands that this difference has since been resolved.

Following receipt of this letter and upon filing of an application with the local jurisdiction, the applicant shall provide to the local jurisdiction and the Office of State Planning Coordination a written response to comments received as a result of the PLUS process, noting whether comments were incorporated into the project design or not and the reason, therefore. PLUS review 2021-12-04 Page 5 of 5

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-3090.

Sincerely,

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David L. Edgell, AICP Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

CC: Sussex County City of Lewes





#### ARCHITECTS • ENGINEERS • SURVEYORS

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February 23, 2022

David L. Edgell, State of Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination 122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South Haslet Armory – Third Floor Dover, DE 19901

Attn: David L. Edgell, AICP Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

RE: PLUS review 2021-12-04; Jeff Kat/Big Oyster Comment Response Letter Tax Parcel No.: 3-35-8.00-39.00 DBF #3007A002.B01

Dear Mr. Edgell,

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with representatives of the various agencies at the PLUS meeting held on December 15, 2021. This letter is in response to comments received from State Planning Coordination dated. We offer the following in response to those comments:

#### Strategies for State Policies and Spending

• This project is located in Investment Level 1 according to the Strategies for State Policies and Spending. Investment Level 1 reflects areas that are already developed in an urban or suburban fashion, where infrastructure is existing or readily available, and where future redevelopment or infill projects are expected and encouraged by State policy.

We recognize that the project is in an Investment Level 1 area, which is designated for growth.

• It is noted that this parcel is within the Coastal area according to the Sussex County Comp plan and C-3 is allowable within the Coastal area. The PLUS application was for the rezoning only. If this parcel is rezoned, any development that meets the PLUS criteria must be submitted to PLUS for review Big Oyster- PLUS Comment Response February 23, 2022 Page 2

#### Acknowledged.

#### **Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements**

#### **Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109**

- DelDOT has no comments on the subject rezoning but offers the following comments as information about what DelDOT will require if the County grants the rezoning and a developer subsequently submits a plan.
  - Because the parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on a road that is part of the Federal Aid Primary Road System, that is Kings Highway (US Route 9), it is subject to outdoor advertising regulations found in CFR 23 §131 and 17 Del. C. §1101-1120. Accordingly, the applicant should expect the following requirements:
    - No new billboards, variable message boards, or electronic changing message sign(s) anywhere on or off Kings Highway. Any such structure or fixture shall be 660 feet away, i.e., any closest byway right-of-way edge.
    - No off-premises advertising on the property for others within 660 feet of Kings Highway, e.g., displaying on-site the bank/financial institution funding the project or the contractor building the project.
    - Along Kings Highway, the applicant would not be permitted to advertise or direct information about themselves on other private property.

#### No billboards or signs are proposed.

- The site access on Kings Highway must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at <u>http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes</u>.
- Pursuant to Section P.3 of the <u>Manual</u>, a Pre-Submittal Meeting is required before plans are submitted for review. The form needed to request the meeting and guidance on what will be covered there and how to prepare for it is located at <u>https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?0</u> <u>8022017</u>.
- Section 1.7 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses fees that are assessed for the review of development proposals. DelDOT anticipates collecting the Initial Stage Fee when the record plan is submitted for review and the Construction Stage Fee when construction plans are submitted for review.

We are aware of DelDOT's design and submittal requirements and will follow DelDOT procedures when a site plan is needed.

- Per Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) are warranted for developments generating more than 500 vehicle trip ends per day or 50 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day. DelDOT will assess the need for a TIS when a plan is presented for development of the subject land.
- Section 3.5 of the <u>Manual</u> provides DelDOT's requirements with regard to connectivity. The requirements in Sections 3.5.1 through 3.5.3 shall be followed for all development projects having access to state roads or proposing DelDOT maintained public road for subdivisions. If possible, an interconnection should be negotiated with Henlopen Properties, LLC (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-37.00) from whom the subject land is being acquired and, again if possible, with the First Baptist Church (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-40.00) and Lane Builders (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-38.00). Doing so would have the benefits of better managing left turns along Kings Highway and affording those parcels access to Gills Neck Road.

The church did not want interconnection to this site. Interconnection to Henlopen Properties is provided through an easement that was recently recorded as part of the Big Oyster Expansion. Coordination of future interconnection has been made with Henlopen Properties. An interconnection to Lane Builders is difficult due to the layout of buildings and parking on that site.

#### **Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480**

• The project proposes to rezone a 1.2-acre parcel from AR-1 to C-3. DNREC reviewers have no concerns or comments at this time regarding the proposed rezoning.

Acknowledged.

#### State Historic Preservation Office – Contact Carlton Hall 736-7400

• There are no known archaeological sites or National Register listed properties on the parcel.

Acknowledged.

• There is low archaeological potential for this parcel. There is no freshwater source a favorable distance of the parcel, and therefore there is unlikely to be prehistoric archaeological sites within the project area. There are two known historic structures that were once on the parcel (S01048, S01049). However, both are no longer extant. Despite known historic occupation of the parcel, historic aerials and topographic maps show a lot of development of the parcel. There are not likely to be intact archaeological deposits because of this past disturbance, and therefore there is low potential for historic archaeological sites on the parcel.

Acknowledged.

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#### **Recommendations/Additional Information**

This section includes a list of site-specific suggestions that are intended to enhance the project. These suggestions have been generated by the State Agencies based on their expertise and subject area knowledge. **These suggestions do not represent State code requirements.** They are offered here to provide proactive ideas to help the applicant enhance the site design, and it is hoped (**but in no way required**) that the applicant will open a dialogue with the relevant agencies to discuss how the suggestions can benefit the project.

#### **Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109**

The parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on part of the Historic Lewes Byway. Therefore, the applicant should expect the following requirements:

- Byways signs may be required along both roads as part of the plan review process.
- There is an adopted Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road Master Plan for future roadway and right-of-way improvements. This plan can be viewed at <u>https://www.deldot.gov/Programs/byways/pdfs/lewes\_cmp/KHGN\_MasterPlan\_0</u> <u>92616finalrx.pdf</u>. The Master Plan was undertaken in consideration of implementation with DelDOT, the Historic Lewes Byway Committee, the City of Lewes, Sussex County, and other key stakeholders.
- Improvements to Kings Highway, from Dartmouth Drive to Freeman Highway, to be designed and built consistent with that Master Plan, are funded in DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 for Preliminary Engineering in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, Right-of-Way Acquisition in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 and Construction beginning in the Fiscal Year 2026.
- A typical cross-section for future roadway and right-of-way improvements in consideration of context-sensitive design solutions for Byway Transportation Corridors has been conceptually recommended for future implementation.
- Landscaping or landscaping buffers and/or vegetation screening is strongly encouraged with the project along both Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road. DelDOT has a suggested list of native and low maintenance vegetation plantings and will require its use for plantings in the right-of-way. Landscaping efforts undertaken or partially undertaken in State right of way will require written agreements with DelDOT regarding maintenance responsibility.
- The applicant may be asked to work with or provide updates to the Lewes Byway Committee and per implementation of the Master Plan and byways coordination. The applicant may contact the Byways Chair, Ms. Mary Roth at <u>mroth@delawaregreenways.org</u> or (302) 302-655-7275.

This rezoning is for a portion of land that does not front on Kings Highway. We are aware of the future DelDOT project to widen Kings Highway and the Byways program. In the future if landscaping is considered the owner will consult with the Lewes Byways Committee.

• The proposed out parcel has a slightly different acreage from that shown on the plan presented by Henlopen Properties, LLC. DelDOT understands that this difference has since been resolved.

Correct.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (302) 424-1441 or via email at <u>cdm@dbfinc.com</u>.

Sincerely, DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL, INC.

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Cliff Mumford, P.E. Associate

CC: Jeff Hamer, Jeff-Kat, LLC

# Jeff-Kat,LLC. Rezoning RE-ZONING APPLICATION Sussex County, Delaware 3007A002.A01 **FEBRUARY 2022** L Site ITASS LACE Gills Neek Road



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#### Jeff-Kat, LLC. Rezoning Project Information

#### A. Land Use & Zoning

- 1. The Owner's name is Jeff-Kat, LLC.
- 2. The Applicant is Jeff-Kat, LLC.
- 3. The property is located at 1007 Kings Highway in Lewes, Delaware.
- 4. The property is currently zoned AR (Agricultural / Residential).
- 5. The property is located in the Level 1 Area of the 2015 State Strategies Map.
- 6. The property is located within the Coastal Area per the Comprehensive Plan.

#### B. Land Utilization

- 1. The total acreage of land to be rezoned is approximately 1.19 + acres of land.
- 2. The land to be rezoned was used for agricultural purposes.

#### C. Environmental

- 1. The property does not contain federal wetlands as indicated on the National Wetland Inventory Map.
- 2. The project is not located in the floodplain.
- 3. There are no known archaeological sites or National Register-listed properties on the parcels of land.

#### D. Traffic

- 1. A Support Facilities Report was completed for this project.
- 2. A Traffic Impact Study is not required for the rezoning according to DelDOT.

#### Jeff-Kat, LLC. Rezoning Data Sheet

<b>Owner / Developer:</b>
Applicant:
Engineer:

Jeff-Kat, LLC Jeff-Kat, LLC Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

#### **Project Description**

Physical Location:1007 Kings Highway, Lewes, DelawareTax Parcel #:3-35-8.00-39.00 (part of)Acreage:1.19 +\- AcresCurrent Zoning:AR-1Proposed Zoning:C-3Land Use:Big Oyster Brewery Operations

#### **Minimum Zoning Requirements**

	<u>AR-1</u>	<u>C-3</u>
Front Yard Setback:	30'	60'
Side Yard Setback:	15'	5'
Rear Yard Setback:	20'	5'

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File #: <u>C21962</u>

Application:

#### **Planning & Zoning Commission Application**

#### **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 check applicable)

Conditional Use \_\_\_\_ Zoning Map Amendment 🖌

#### Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment

1005 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware

**Type of Conditional Use Requested:** N/A (rezoning)

Tax Map #: P/O 335 8.00 37.00

Current Zoning: <u>AR-1</u> Proposed Zoning: <u>C-3</u> Size of Building:	
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Land Use Classification: Coastal Area - 2045 FLUM

Water Provider: Lewes BPW / Tidewater Sewer Pr

Sewer Provider: Lewes BPW / Sussex County

Size of Parcel(s): 1.23 acres +/-

#### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Jeff-Kat, LLC		
Applicant Address: 113 Draper Drive		
City: Rehoboth Beach	State: DE	ZipCode: <u>19971</u>
Phone #: <u>(302) 745-0875</u>	E-mail: jeffatfins@comcas	st.net

#### **Owner Information**

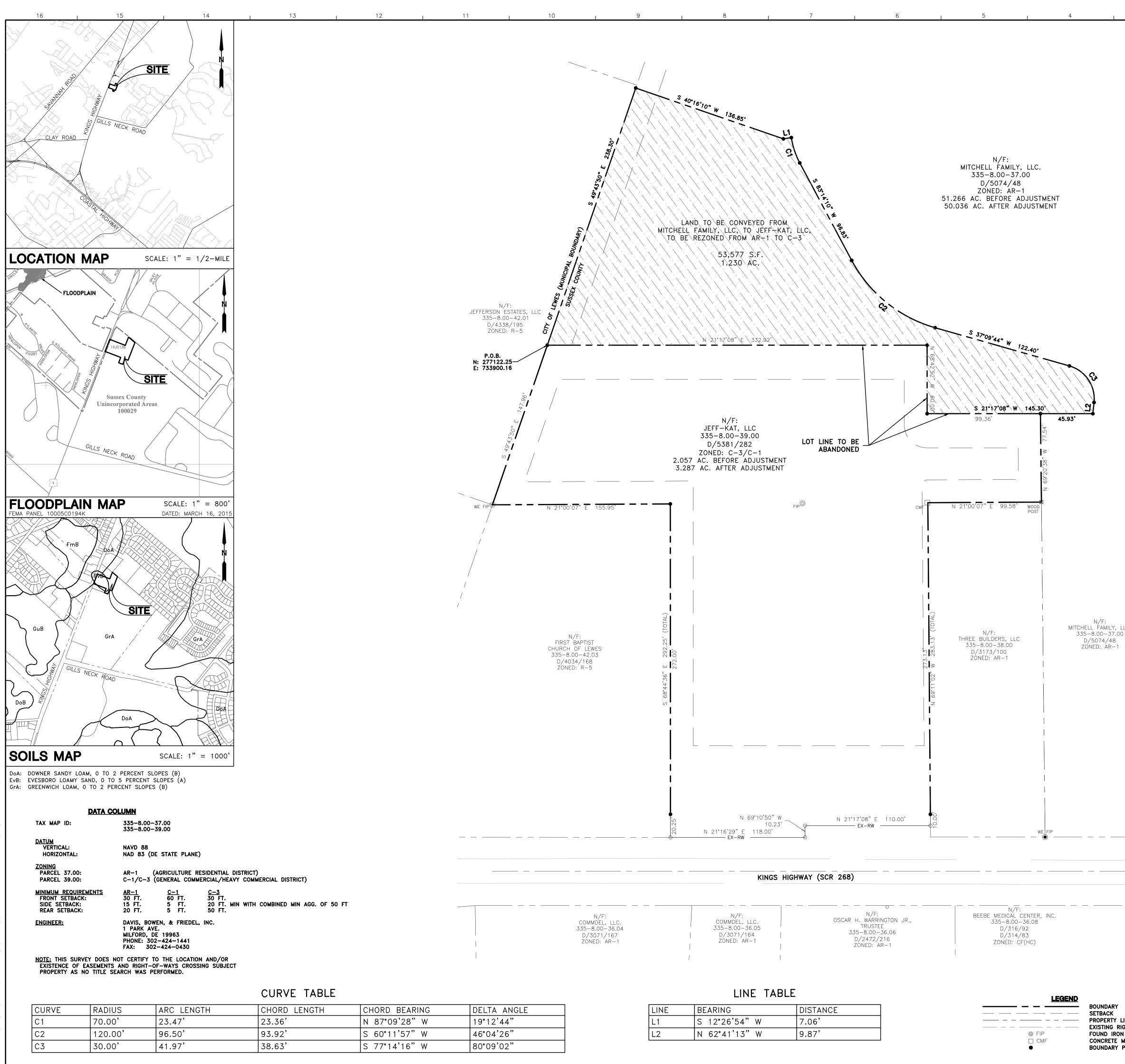
Owner Name: Mitchell Family, LLC		
Owner Address: 1019 Kings Highway		
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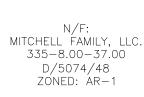
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MITCHELL FAMILY, LLC. 1019 KINGS HWY. LEWES, DE 19958

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JEFF-KATT, LLC. 55 BAY REACH REHOBOTH BEACH, DE 19971

#### ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL, INC

by CLIFTON D. MUMFORD, P.E.

I, CLIFTON D. MUMFORD, P.E., HEREBY STATE THAT I AM A REGISTERED ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON HAS BEEN PREPARED UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF REPRESENTS GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES AS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE. CNS. 10635

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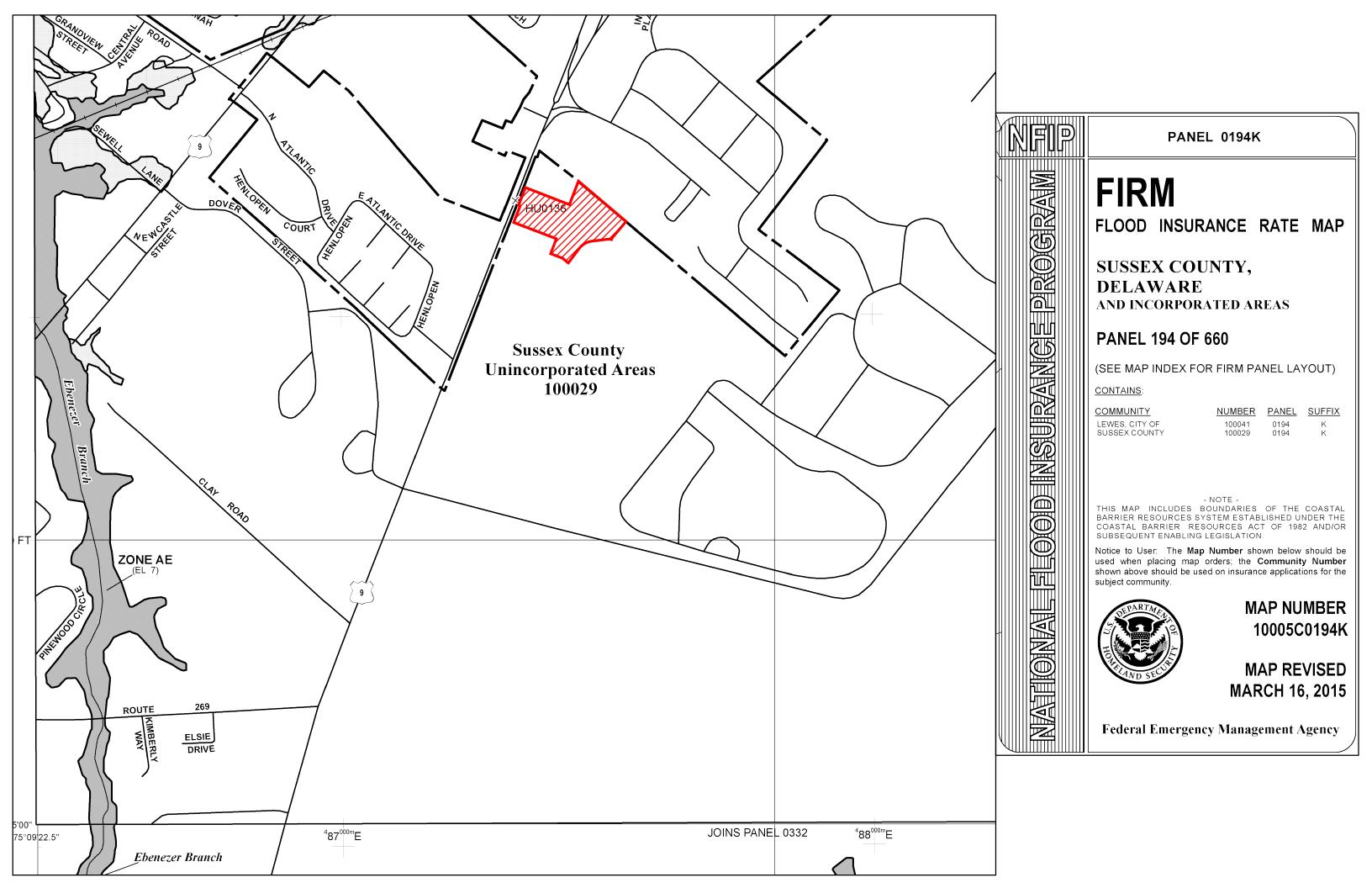
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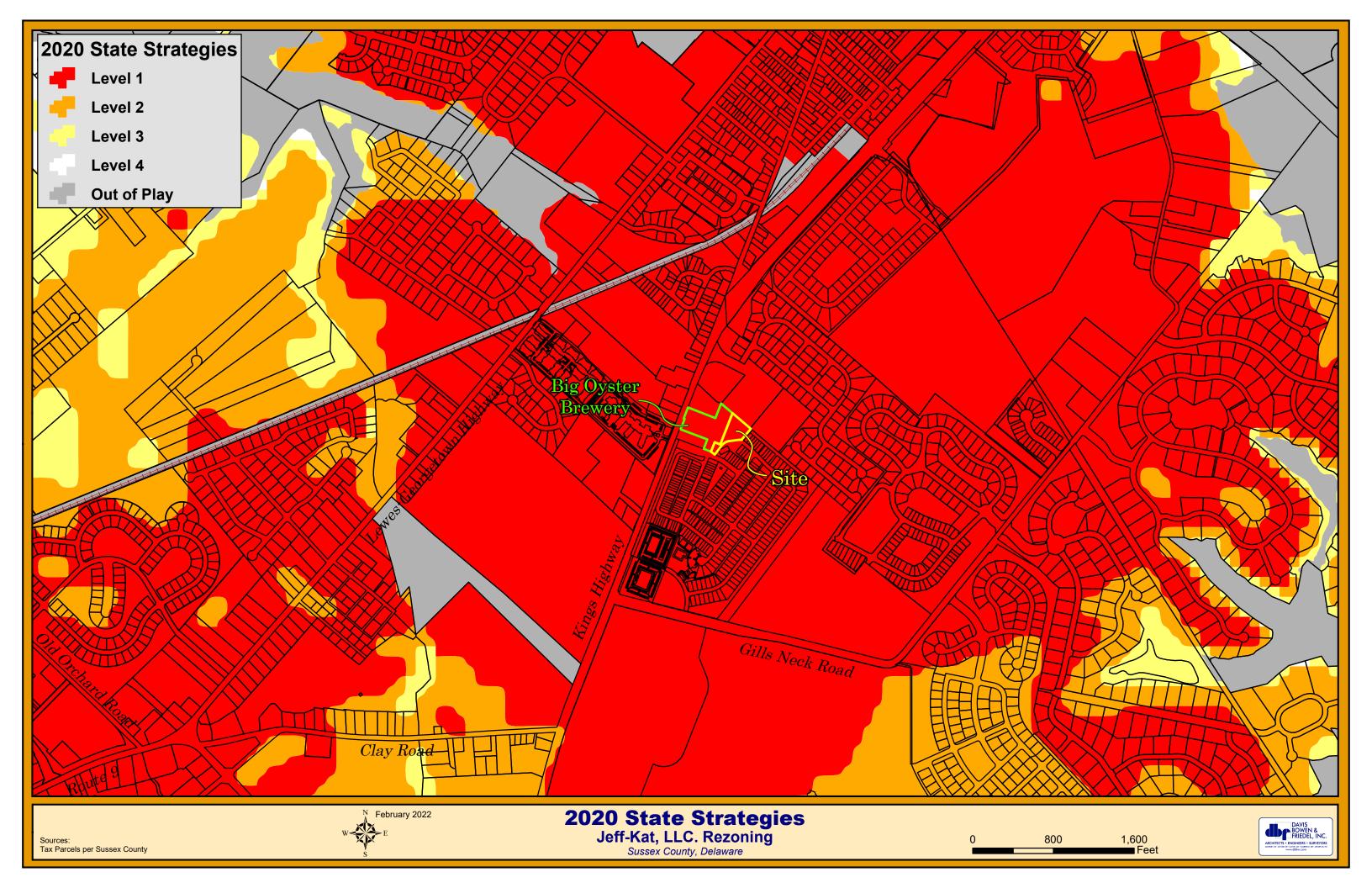
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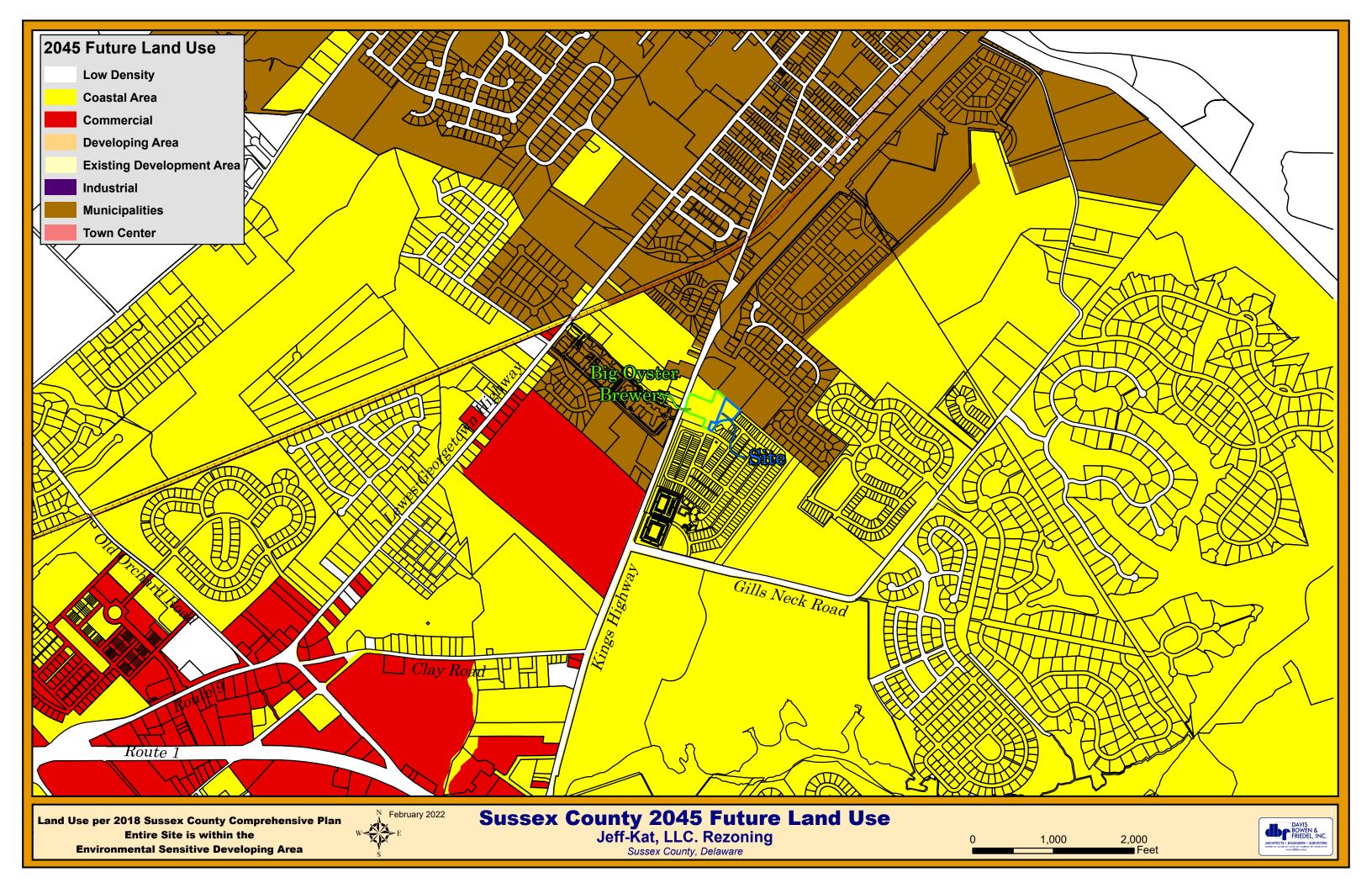
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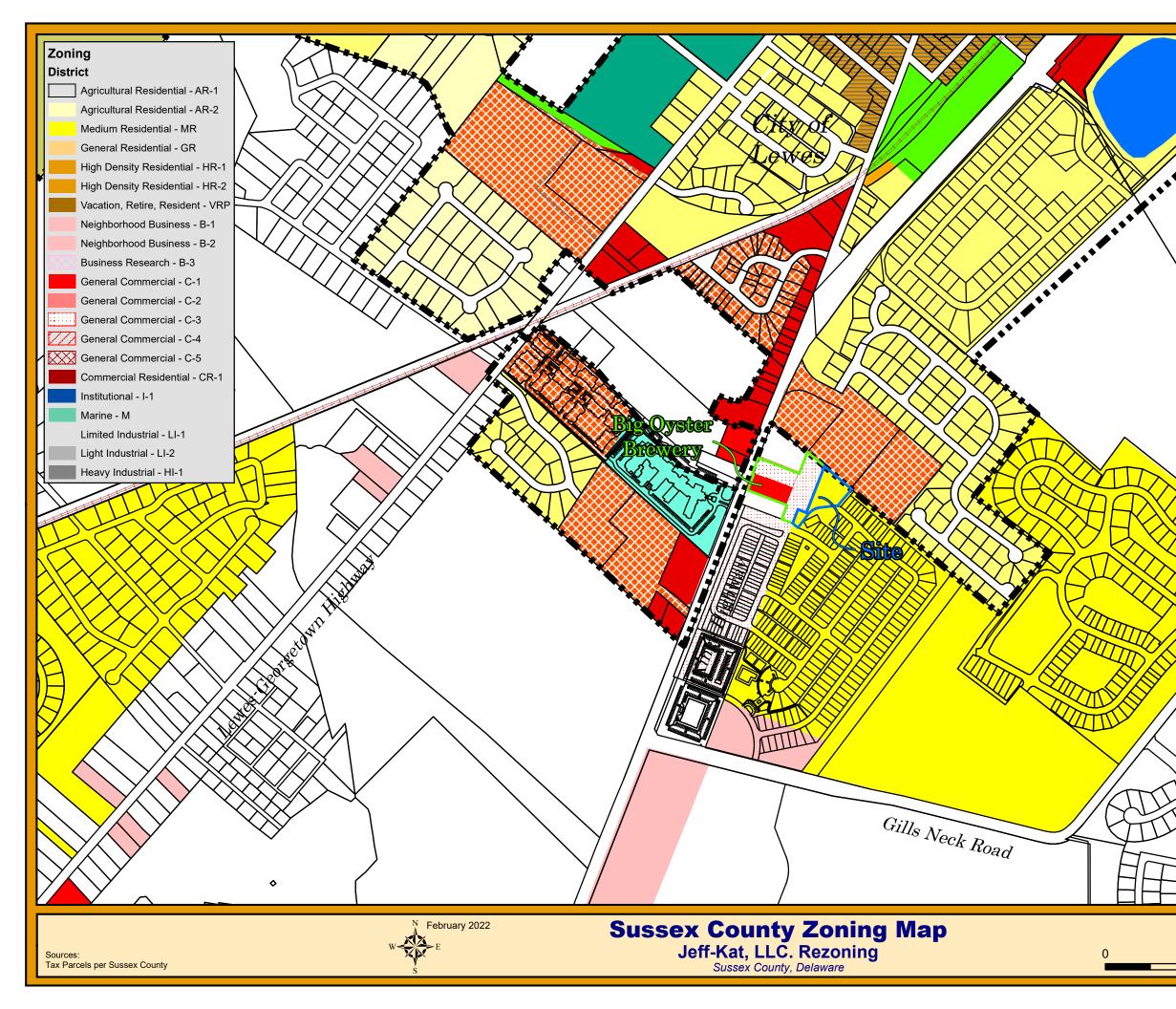
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TAX PARCEL NO.: P/O 3-35-8.00-37.00 as extension of 3-35-8.00-39.00

PREPARED BY & RETURN TO:

Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze, P.A. 19354C Miller Road Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 File No. 228-21/VGR

**THIS DEED**, made this  $15^{11}$  day of December, 2021,

- BETWEEN -

**MITCHELL FAMILY, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, of 20773 Atlanta Road, Seaford, DE 19973, party of the first part,

- AND -

**JEFF-KAT, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, of 1007 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and 00/100 (\$10.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys unto the party of the second part, and its heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Sussex County, State of Delaware:

ALL that piece or parcel of land, hereinafter described, situate, lying and being on the southeasterly side of Lands now or formerly of Jeff-Kat, LLC, and being located in Lewes & Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, being part of the northerly corner of Parcel 37.00, as shown on a plat entitled "Lot Line Adjustment and Rezoning Plan", completed by Davis Bowen & Friedel, Inc., dated June 2021, recorded in Plot Book <u>358</u>, Page <u>18</u>, and being particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at point formed by northerly corner of lands now or formerly of Mitchell Family LLC., and said point is the easterly corner of lands now or formerly of Jeff-Kat LLC., as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County and the State of Delaware; said beginning point being coordinated on the Delaware State Grid System as North: 277,122.25 feet, East: 733,900.16 feet; thence; (1) leaving said lands of Jeff-Kat LLC., and running by and with lands now or formerly of Jefferson Estates LLC., South 49 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds East 238.30 feet to a point, thence running; (2) through subject property the following 8 courses, South 40 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds West 136.85 feet to a point, thence running; (3) South 12 degrees 26 minutes 54 seconds West 7.06 feet to a point, thence running;

(4) by and with a curve to the left having a radius of 70.00 feet, and arc length of 23.47 feet, a chord bearing of North 87 degrees 09 minutes 28 seconds West, and a chord length of 23.36 feet to a point, thence running; (5) South 83 degrees 14 minutes 10 seconds West 96.83 feet to a point, thence running; (6) by and with a curve to the left having a radius of 120.00 feet, and arc length of 96.50 feet, a chord bearing of South 60 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds West, and a chord length of 93.92 feet to a point, thence running; (7) South 37 degrees 09 minutes 44 seconds West 111.21 feet to a point, thence running; (8) North 50 degrees 42 minutes 39 seconds West 47.19 feet to a point at lands now or formerly of Jeff-Kat LLC., thence running; (9) by and with said lands of Jeff-Kat LLC. the following 3 courses, North 21 degrees 17 minutes 08 seconds East 99.36 feet to a point, thence running; (10) South 68 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds East 332.92 feet to the point and place of beginning; CONTAINING 1.195 acres of land, more or less.

Said lands to be combined with and become part of existing lands of Jeff-Kat, LLC, known as Sussex County Tax Parcel No. 3-35-8.00-39.00.

**SUBJECT** to any and all restrictions, reservations, conditions, easements and agreements of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County, Delaware.

**BEING** a part of the same lands conveyed unto Mitchell Family, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, by deed from L.W. & J.T. Mitchell Family Limited Partnership, dated June 11, 2019, and recorded June 12, 2019, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County, Delaware, in Deed Book 5074, Page 48.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the said Mitchell Family, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, has caused its name to be hereunto set under seal by Robert P. Mitchell, Manager of Mitchell Family, LLC, the day and year first above written.

MITCHELL/FAMILY, LLC (SEAL) By: Robert P. Mitchell, Manager

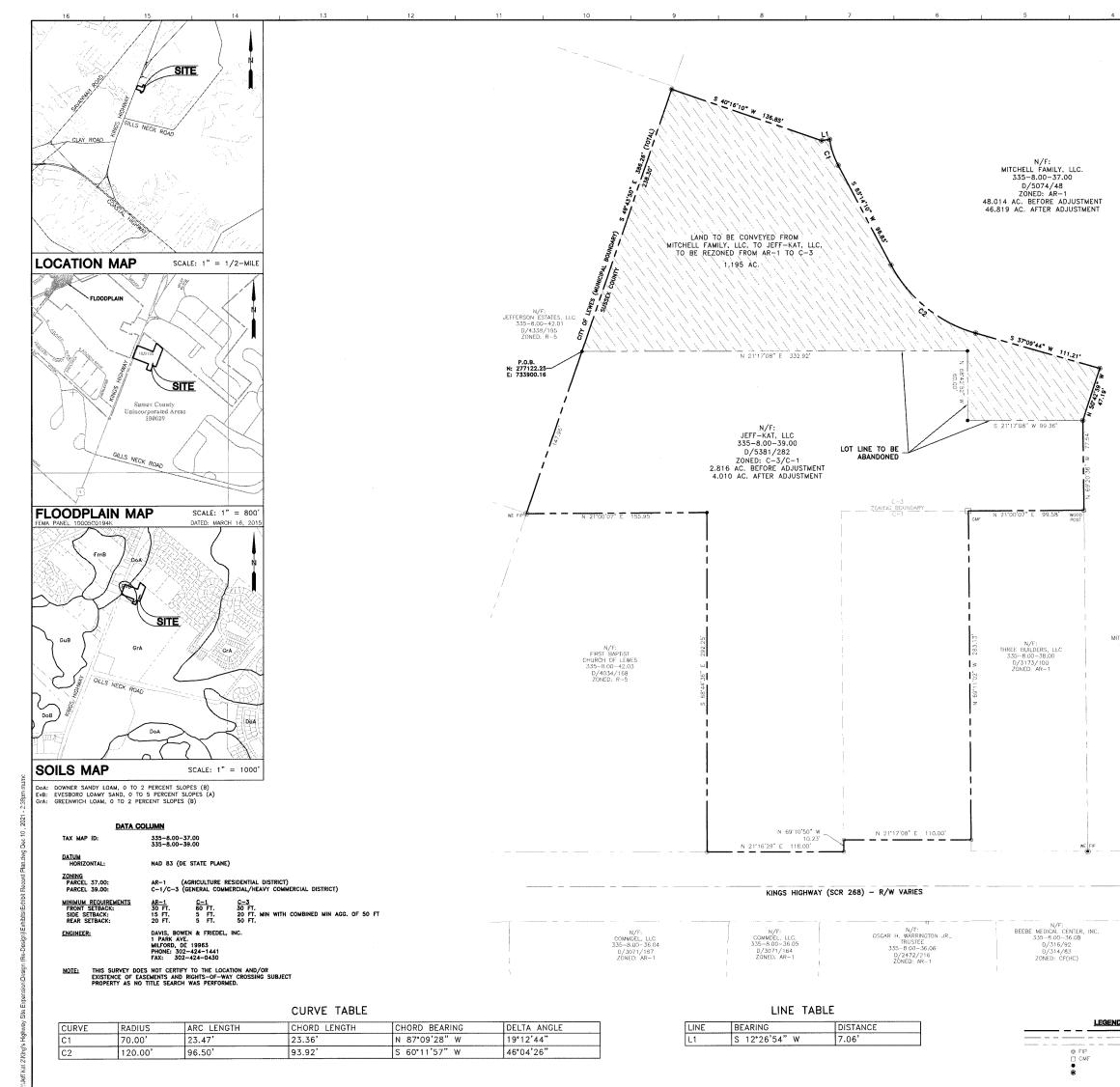
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**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this  $15^{14}$  day of December, 2021, personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, Robert P. Mitchell, Manager of Mitchell Family, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, party to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture to be his/her act and deed and the act and deed of said limited liability company.

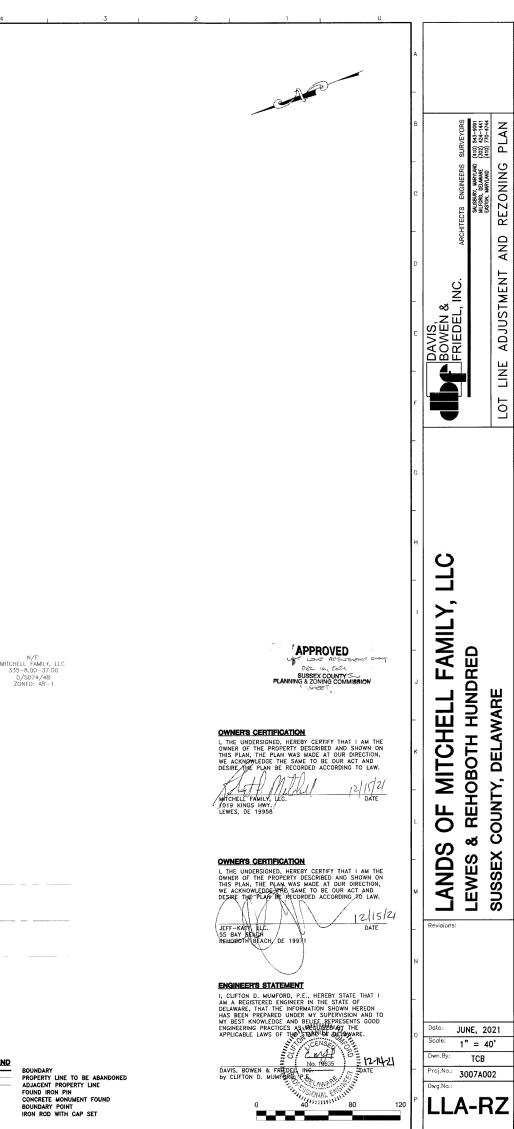
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#### LANDS OF

#### JEFF-KAT, LLC.

#### PART OF TAX PARCEL 335-8.00-39.00

February 28, 2022

ALL that piece or parcel of land, hereinafter described, situate, lying and being on the southeasterly side of Lands now or formerly of Jeff-Kat LLC., and being located in Lewes & Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, being part of the easterly portion of Parcel 39.00, as shown on a plat entitled "Lands of Mitchell Family, LLC." completed by Davis Bowen & Friedel, Inc., dated June 2021 and recorded in plat book 358 page 18 as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County and the State of Delaware; said piece or parcel being more particularly described as follows:

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STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 800 BAY ROAD P.O. BOX 778 DOVER, DELAWARE 19903

NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

November 10, 2021

Mr. Jamie Whitehouse, Director Sussex County Planning & Zoning P.O. Box 417 Georgetown, DE 19947

Dear Mr. Whitehouse:

This letter is to revise and replace our letter of earlier today, which incorrectly described the location of the subject land.

The Department has completed its review of a Service Level Evaluation Request for the **Jeff-Kat, LLC** proposed land use application, which we received on September 27, 2021. This application is for an approximately 1.23 portion of a 48.01- acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 335-8.00-37.00). The subject land is landlocked but would have access through Tax Parcel 335-8.00-39.00 on the east side of Kings Highway (US Route 9) about 2,000 ft north of the intersection with Gills Neck Road (Sussex Road 267). The subject land is currently zoned AR-1 (Agriculture Residential) with a proposed zoning of C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volumes along Kings Highway from Gills Neck Road to Freeman Highway (Sussex Road 23), is 12,019 vehicles per day.

Our volume-based criteria for requiring a traffic impact study (TIS), addressed in Section 2.2.2.1 of the Development Coordination Manual, 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.

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.



Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 November 10, 2021

Please contact Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at (302) 760-2710, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

J. William Brochonbrough, J.

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr. **County Coordinator Development Coordination** 

#### TWB:afm

**Enclosure:** 

cc:

Jeff-Kat, LLC, Applicant Elliot Young, Sussex County Planning & Zoning David Edgell, Coordinator, Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues Todd Sammons, Assistant Director, Development Coordination Scott Rust, South District Public Works Manager, Maintenance & Operations Steve McCabe, Sussex County Review Coordinator, Development Coordination Derek Sapp, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Kevin Hickman, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination Brian Yates, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination John Andrescavage, Subdivision Manager, Development Coordination James Argo, South District Project Reviewer, Maintenance & Operations Claudy Joinville, Project Engineer, Development Coordination Annamaria Furmato, Project Engineer, Development Coordination



#### ARCHITECTS • ENGINEERS • SURVEYORS

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February 23, 2022

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Attn: David L. Edgell, AICP Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

RE: PLUS review 2021-12-04; Jeff Kat/Big Oyster Comment Response Letter Tax Parcel No.: 3-35-8.00-39.00 DBF #3007A002.B01

Dear Mr. Edgell,

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with representatives of the various agencies at the PLUS meeting held on December 15, 2021. This letter is in response to comments received from State Planning Coordination dated. We offer the following in response to those comments:

#### Strategies for State Policies and Spending

• This project is located in Investment Level 1 according to the Strategies for State Policies and Spending. Investment Level 1 reflects areas that are already developed in an urban or suburban fashion, where infrastructure is existing or readily available, and where future redevelopment or infill projects are expected and encouraged by State policy.

We recognize that the project is in an Investment Level 1 area, which is designated for growth.

• It is noted that this parcel is within the Coastal area according to the Sussex County Comp plan and C-3 is allowable within the Coastal area. The PLUS application was for the rezoning only. If this parcel is rezoned, any development that meets the PLUS criteria must be submitted to PLUS for review Big Oyster- PLUS Comment Response February 23, 2022 Page 2

#### Acknowledged.

#### **Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements**

#### **Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109**

- DelDOT has no comments on the subject rezoning but offers the following comments as information about what DelDOT will require if the County grants the rezoning and a developer subsequently submits a plan.
  - Because the parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on a road that is part of the Federal Aid Primary Road System, that is Kings Highway (US Route 9), it is subject to outdoor advertising regulations found in CFR 23 §131 and 17 Del. C. §1101-1120. Accordingly, the applicant should expect the following requirements:
    - No new billboards, variable message boards, or electronic changing message sign(s) anywhere on or off Kings Highway. Any such structure or fixture shall be 660 feet away, i.e., any closest byway right-of-way edge.
    - No off-premises advertising on the property for others within 660 feet of Kings Highway, e.g., displaying on-site the bank/financial institution funding the project or the contractor building the project.
    - Along Kings Highway, the applicant would not be permitted to advertise or direct information about themselves on other private property.

#### No billboards or signs are proposed.

- The site access on Kings Highway must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at <u>http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes</u>.
- Pursuant to Section P.3 of the <u>Manual</u>, a Pre-Submittal Meeting is required before plans are submitted for review. The form needed to request the meeting and guidance on what will be covered there and how to prepare for it is located at <u>https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting\_Request\_Form.pdf?0</u> <u>8022017</u>.
- Section 1.7 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses fees that are assessed for the review of development proposals. DelDOT anticipates collecting the Initial Stage Fee when the record plan is submitted for review and the Construction Stage Fee when construction plans are submitted for review.

We are aware of DelDOT's design and submittal requirements and will follow DelDOT procedures when a site plan is needed.

- Per Section 2.2.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) are warranted for developments generating more than 500 vehicle trip ends per day or 50 vehicle trip ends per hour in any hour of the day. DelDOT will assess the need for a TIS when a plan is presented for development of the subject land.
- Section 3.5 of the <u>Manual</u> provides DelDOT's requirements with regard to connectivity. The requirements in Sections 3.5.1 through 3.5.3 shall be followed for all development projects having access to state roads or proposing DelDOT maintained public road for subdivisions. If possible, an interconnection should be negotiated with Henlopen Properties, LLC (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-37.00) from whom the subject land is being acquired and, again if possible, with the First Baptist Church (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-40.00) and Lane Builders (Tax Parcel 335-8.00-38.00). Doing so would have the benefits of better managing left turns along Kings Highway and affording those parcels access to Gills Neck Road.

The church did not want interconnection to this site. Interconnection to Henlopen Properties is provided through an easement that was recently recorded as part of the Big Oyster Expansion. Coordination of future interconnection has been made with Henlopen Properties. An interconnection to Lane Builders is difficult due to the layout of buildings and parking on that site.

#### **Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Beth Krumrine 735-3480**

• The project proposes to rezone a 1.2-acre parcel from AR-1 to C-3. DNREC reviewers have no concerns or comments at this time regarding the proposed rezoning.

Acknowledged.

#### State Historic Preservation Office – Contact Carlton Hall 736-7400

• There are no known archaeological sites or National Register listed properties on the parcel.

Acknowledged.

• There is low archaeological potential for this parcel. There is no freshwater source a favorable distance of the parcel, and therefore there is unlikely to be prehistoric archaeological sites within the project area. There are two known historic structures that were once on the parcel (S01048, S01049). However, both are no longer extant. Despite known historic occupation of the parcel, historic aerials and topographic maps show a lot of development of the parcel. There are not likely to be intact archaeological deposits because of this past disturbance, and therefore there is low potential for historic archaeological sites on the parcel.

Acknowledged.

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#### **Recommendations/Additional Information**

This section includes a list of site-specific suggestions that are intended to enhance the project. These suggestions have been generated by the State Agencies based on their expertise and subject area knowledge. **These suggestions do not represent State code requirements.** They are offered here to provide proactive ideas to help the applicant enhance the site design, and it is hoped (**but in no way required**) that the applicant will open a dialogue with the relevant agencies to discuss how the suggestions can benefit the project.

#### **Department of Transportation – Contact Bill Brockenbrough 760-2109**

The parcel to which the subject land is being added fronts on part of the Historic Lewes Byway. Therefore, the applicant should expect the following requirements:

- Byways signs may be required along both roads as part of the plan review process.
- There is an adopted Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road Master Plan for future roadway and right-of-way improvements. This plan can be viewed at <u>https://www.deldot.gov/Programs/byways/pdfs/lewes\_cmp/KHGN\_MasterPlan\_0</u> <u>92616finalrx.pdf</u>. The Master Plan was undertaken in consideration of implementation with DelDOT, the Historic Lewes Byway Committee, the City of Lewes, Sussex County, and other key stakeholders.
- Improvements to Kings Highway, from Dartmouth Drive to Freeman Highway, to be designed and built consistent with that Master Plan, are funded in DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 for Preliminary Engineering in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, Right-of-Way Acquisition in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 and Construction beginning in the Fiscal Year 2026.
- A typical cross-section for future roadway and right-of-way improvements in consideration of context-sensitive design solutions for Byway Transportation Corridors has been conceptually recommended for future implementation.
- Landscaping or landscaping buffers and/or vegetation screening is strongly encouraged with the project along both Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road. DelDOT has a suggested list of native and low maintenance vegetation plantings and will require its use for plantings in the right-of-way. Landscaping efforts undertaken or partially undertaken in State right of way will require written agreements with DelDOT regarding maintenance responsibility.
- The applicant may be asked to work with or provide updates to the Lewes Byway Committee and per implementation of the Master Plan and byways coordination. The applicant may contact the Byways Chair, Ms. Mary Roth at <u>mroth@delawaregreenways.org</u> or (302) 302-655-7275.

This rezoning is for a portion of land that does not front on Kings Highway. We are aware of the future DelDOT project to widen Kings Highway and the Byways program. In the future if landscaping is considered the owner will consult with the Lewes Byways Committee.

• The proposed out parcel has a slightly different acreage from that shown on the plan presented by Henlopen Properties, LLC. DelDOT understands that this difference has since been resolved.

Correct.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (302) 424-1441 or via email at <u>cdm@dbfinc.com</u>.

Sincerely, DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL, INC.

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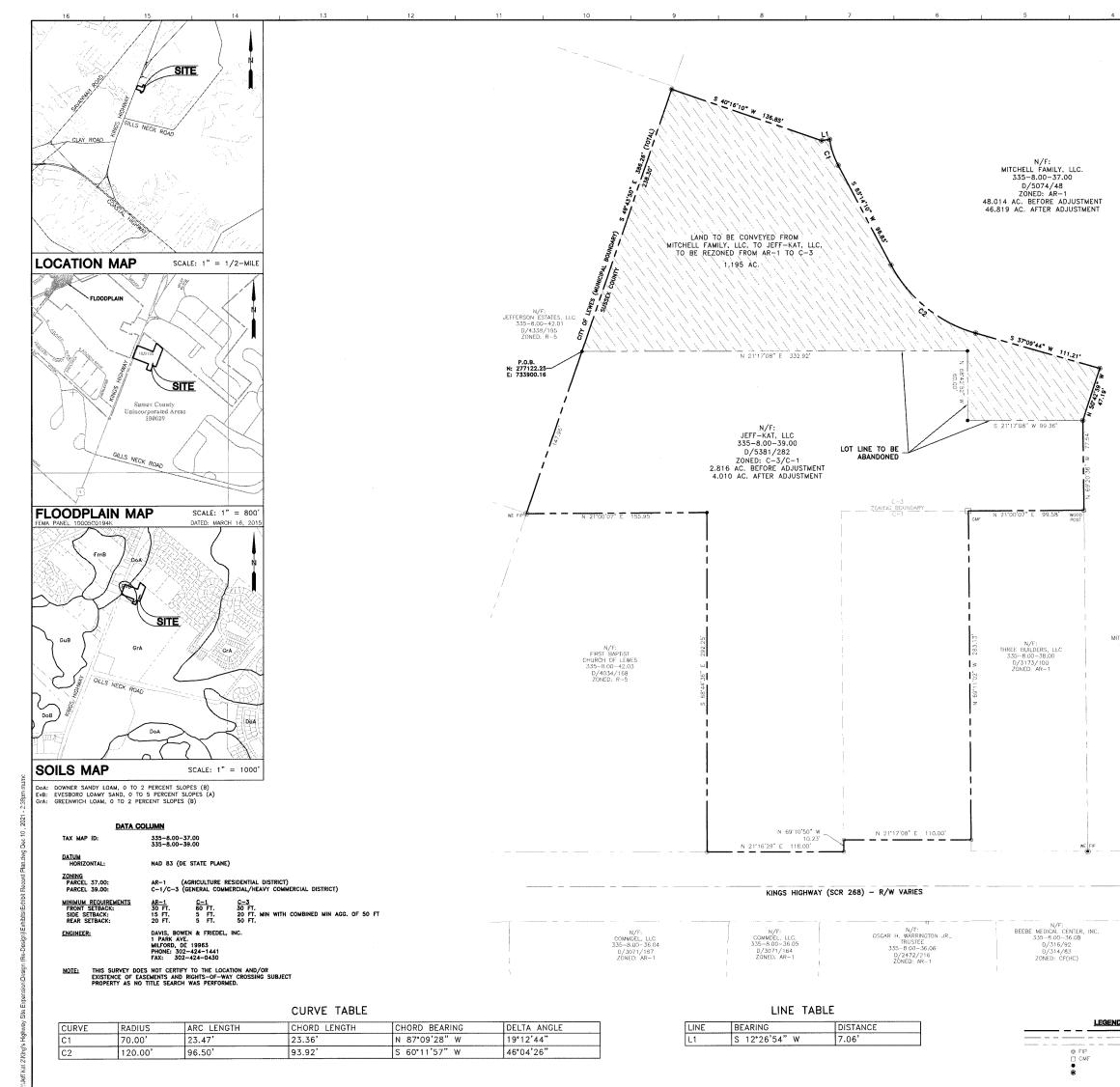
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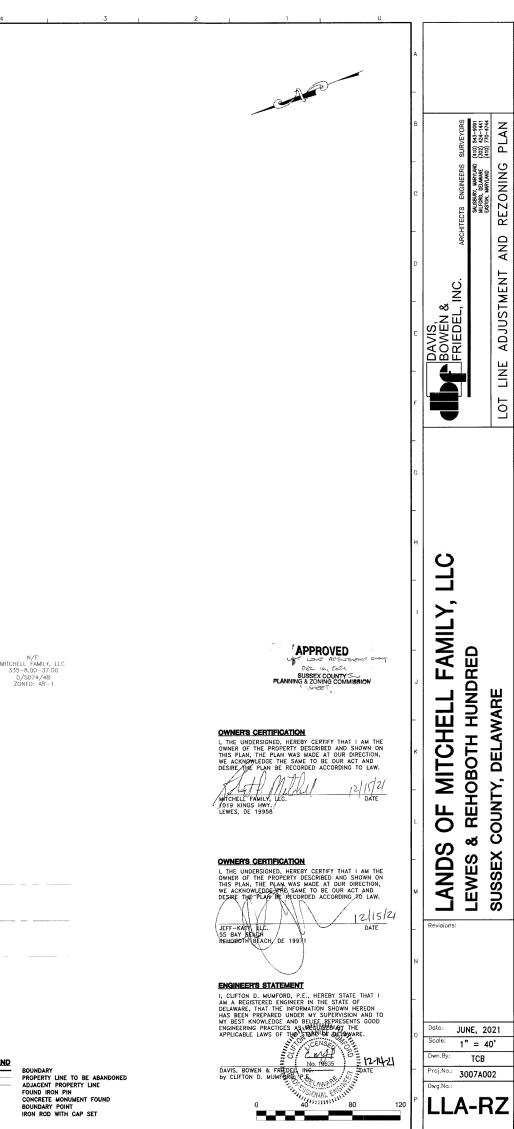
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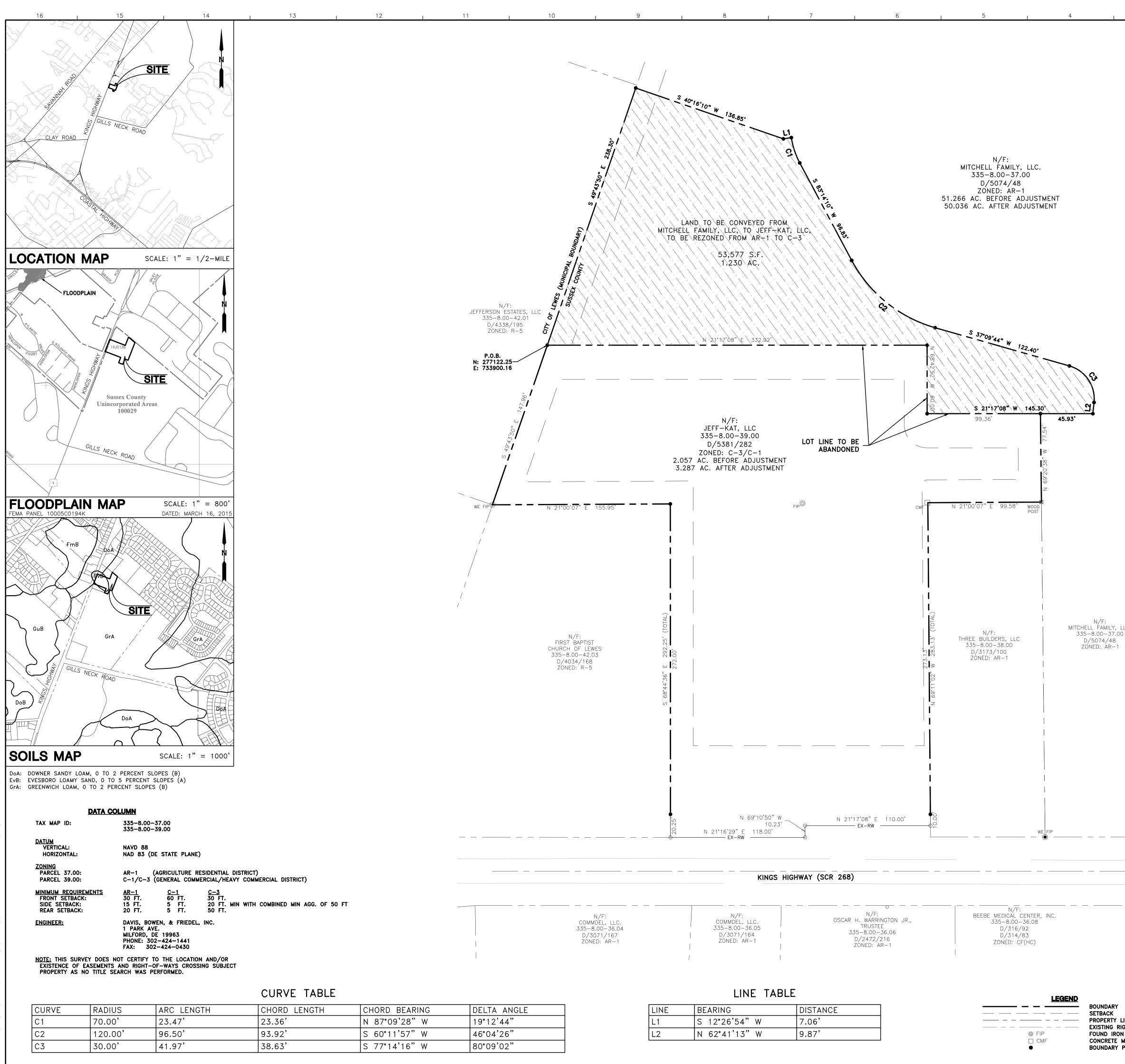
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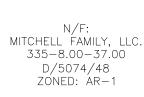
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