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PLANNING AND ZONING AND COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET Planning Commission Public Hearing Date: January 26th, 2023

Application: C/Z 1974 – Gregory & Patricia White

Applicant: Gregory and Patricia White

955 Beacon Lane Vero Beach, FL 32963

Owner: Gregory and Patricia White

955 Beacon Lane Vero Beach, FL 32963

Site Location: Lying on the northeast side of Vine Creek Road (Rt. 26) approximately

425-feet northwest of the intersection of Vines Creek Road, Atlantic Avenue (Rt. 26), Assurance Avenue and Powell Farm Road (S.C.R. 365).

Current Zoning: Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District

Proposed Zoning: Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District

Proposed Use: Mini-Storage

Comprehensive Land

Use Plan Reference: Coastal Area

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District: Mr. Hudson

School District: Indian River School District

Fire District: Millville Fire Department

Sewer: N/A (Sewer Tier 1)

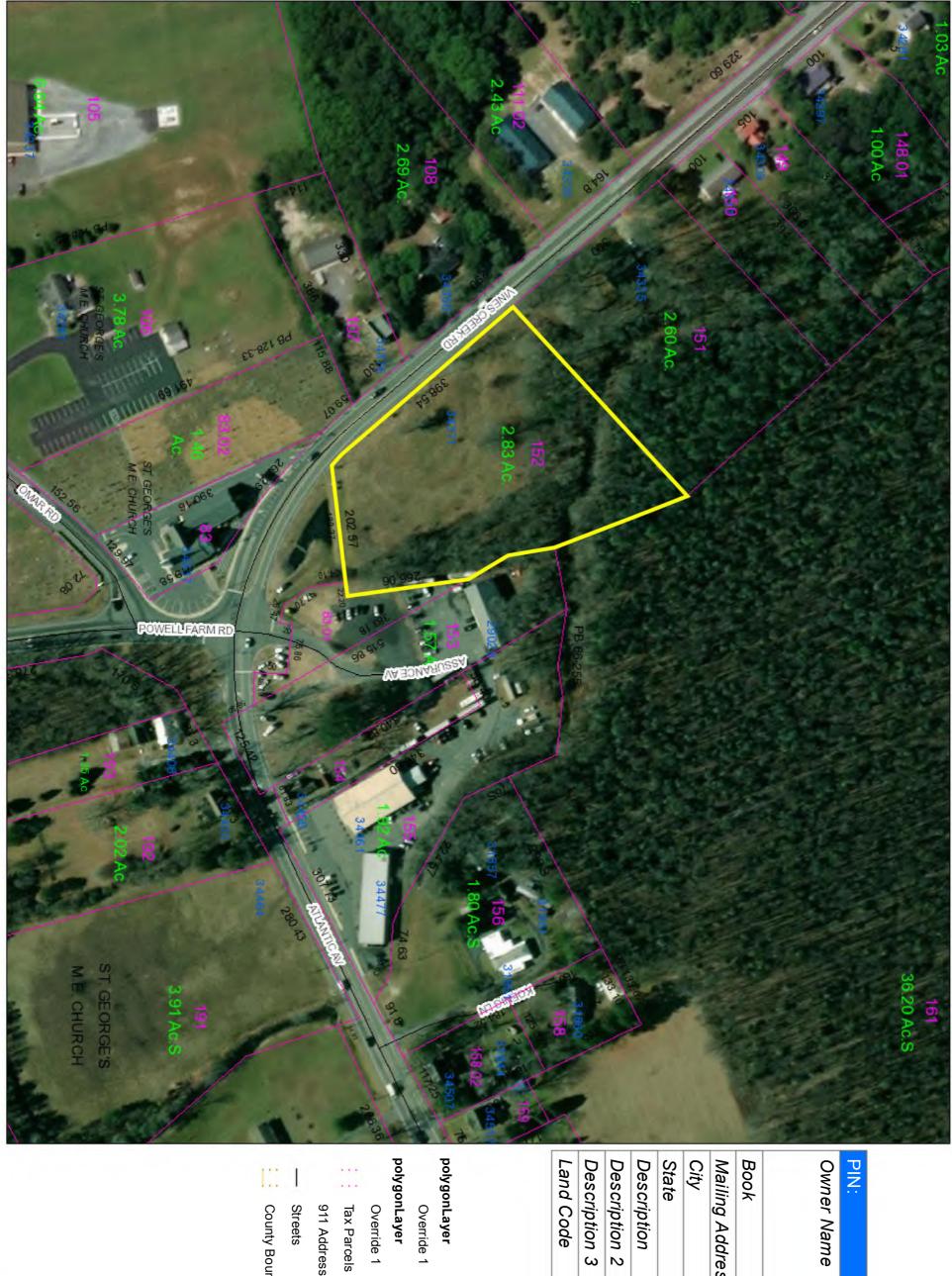
Water: N/A

Site Area: 2.83 acres +/-

Tax Map ID: 134-11.00-152.00









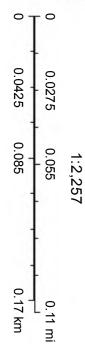
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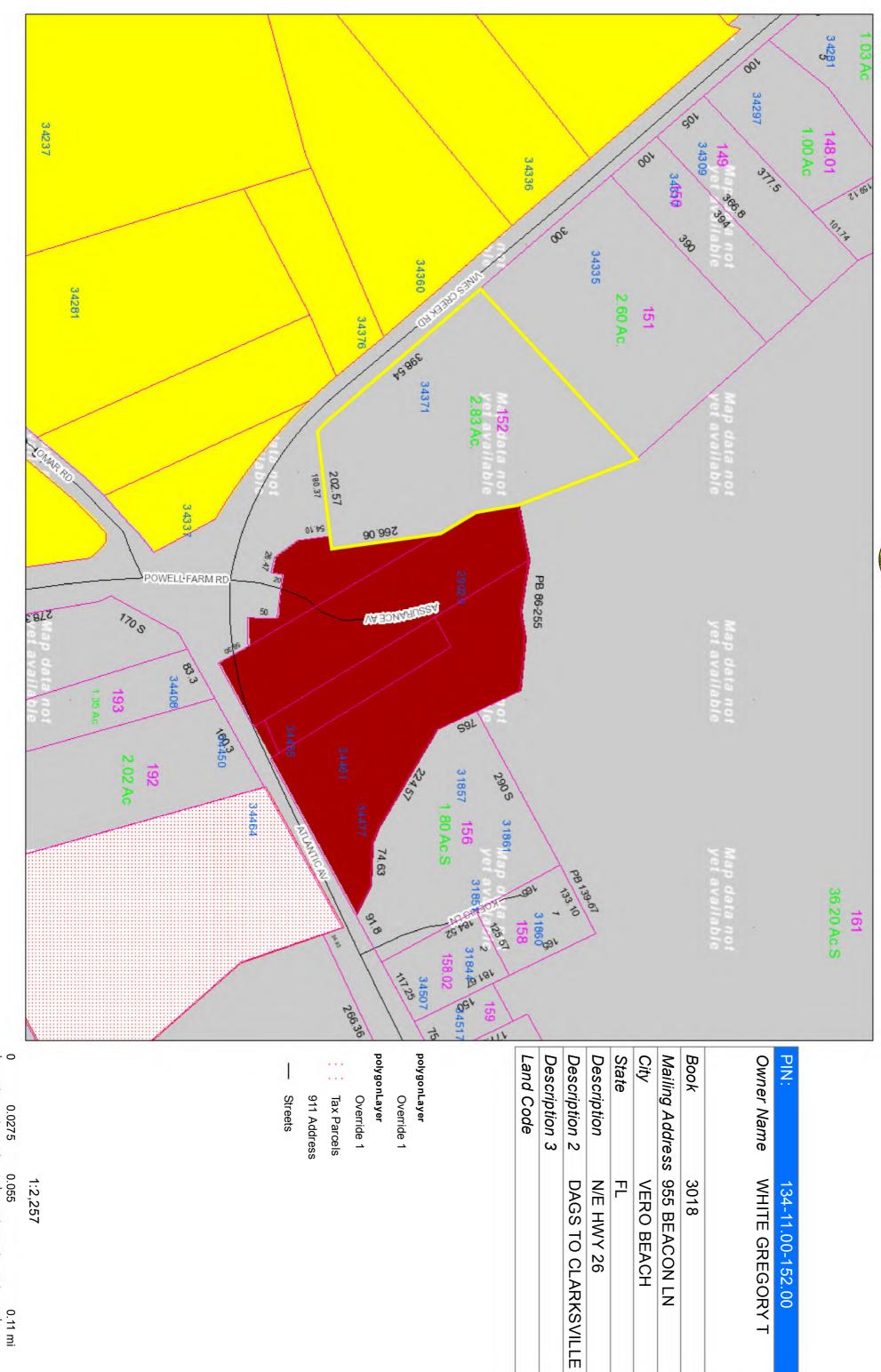
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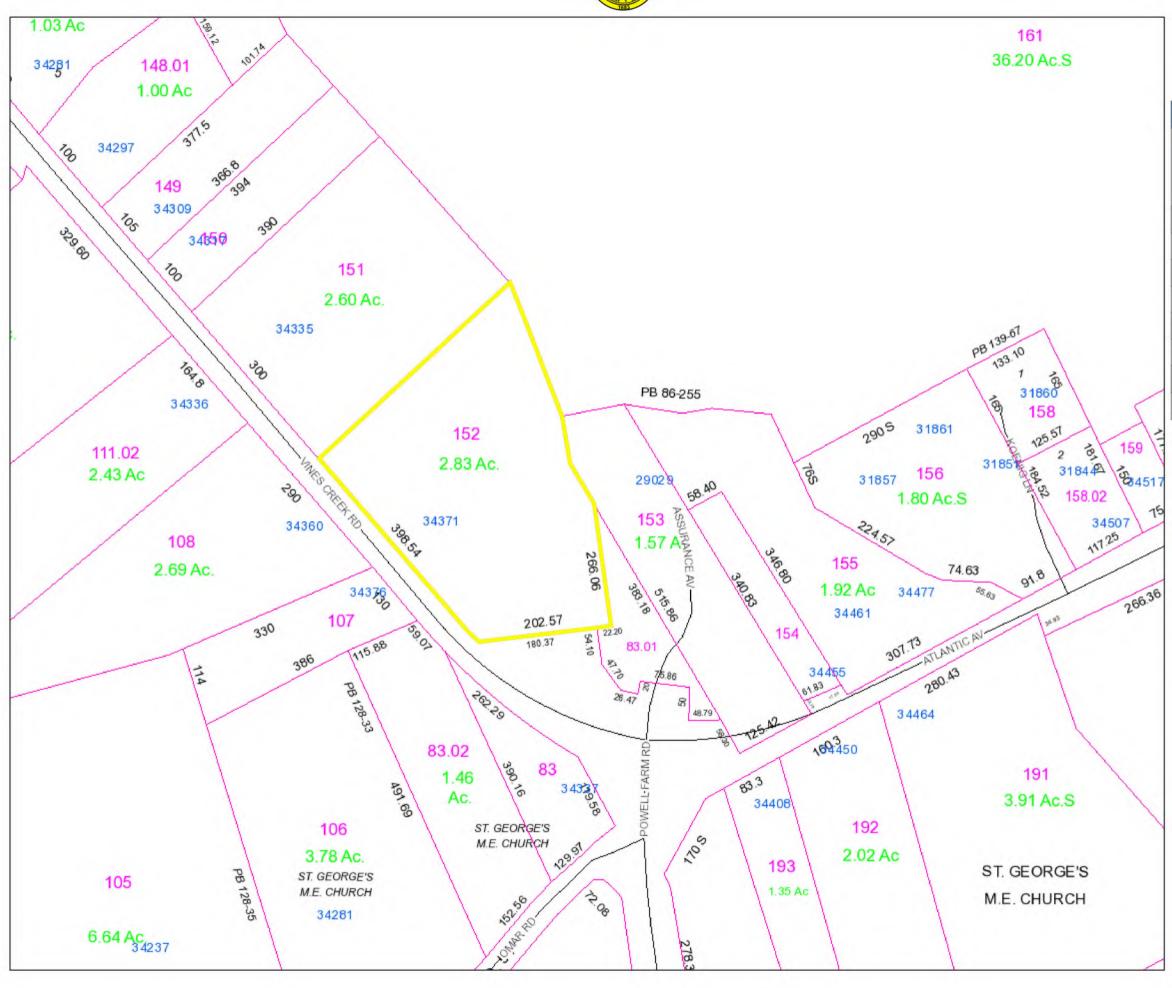
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PIN:	134-11.00-152.00
Owner Name	WHITE GREGORY T
Book	3018
Mailing Address	955 BEACON LN
City	VERO BEACH
State	FL
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Memorandum

To: Sussex County Planning Commission Members

From: Elliott Young, Planner I

CC: Vince Robertson, Assistant County Attorney, and applicant

Date: January 5, 2023

RE: Staff Analysis for CZ 1974 Gregory & Patricia White

This memo is to provide background and analysis for the Planning Commission to consider as a part of application CZ 1974 Gregory & Patricia White to be reviewed during the January 26, 2023, 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 Tax Parcel 134-11.00-152.00 to allow for a change of zone from an Agricultural Residential (AR-1) District to a Heavy Commercial (C-3) District. The property is lying on the northeast side of Vines Creek Road (Rt. 26) approximately 425-feet northwest of the intersection of Atlantic Avenue (Rt. 26), Assurance Avenue and Powell Farm Road (S.C.R. 365). The parcel to be rezoned contains 2.83 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 parcel has a designation of "Coastal Area." The adjoining parcels to the north, west, east, and south also have a Future Land Use Map designation of "Coastal Area".

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 zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. Adjacent parcels to the north, and northwest are zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District. The properties to the south across Vines Creek Road are zoned Medium Density Residential (MR) Zoning District and the parcels to the east are zoned Commercial Residential (CR-1) Zoning District.

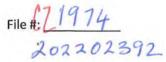
The 2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan Outlines Zoning Districts by their applicability to each Future Land Use category. Under Table 4.5-2 "Zoning Districts Applicable to Future Land



Use Categories," the Heavy Commercial Zoning District (C-3) is listed as an applicable zoning district in the "Coastal Area."

Since 2011, there has been five (5) Change of Zone applications within a 1-mile radius of the application site. The First application being, Change of Zone No. 1738 for a change of zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business). This application was approved by the County Council at their meeting of December 3rd, 2013 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 2331. The Second Application was Change of Zone No. 1789 for a change of zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) to CR-1 (Commercial Residential). This application was approved by the County Council at their meeting of April 5th, 2016 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 2439. The third application was Change of Zone No. 1798 for a change of zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) and CR-1 (Commercial Residential) to C-1 (General Commercial). This application was approved by the County Council at their meeting of June 21st, 2016 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 2457. The fourth application was Change of Zone No. 1840 for a change of zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) to CR-1 (Commercial Residential). This application was approved by the Sussex County Council at their meeting of January 30th, 2018 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 2544. The fifth and last application was for Change of Zone No. 1980 for a change of zone from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial). This application was approved by the County Council at their meeting of June 7th, 2022 and was adopted through Ordinance No. 2857.

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 (C-3) Zoning District could be considered as being consistent with the land use, based on size and scale, with area zoning and surrounding uses.



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

Site Address of Conditional Use/Zoning Map Amendment 34371 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro, DE 19939	Type of Application: (please check app Conditional Use	olicable)	
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Completed Application	
 Survey shall show the parking area, propo 	the Site Plan or Survey of the property he location of existing or proposed building(s), building setbacks, sed entrance location, etc. ans (may be e-mailed to a staff member) ription
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architectural elevations, ph	mation for the Commission/Council to consider (ex. otos, exhibit books, etc.) If provided submit 8 copies and they um of ten (10) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.
subject site and County sta	c Notice will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the ff will come out to the subject site, take photos and place a sign and time of the Public Hearings for the application.
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PLUS Response Letter (if re	quired)
The undersigned hereby certifies that the plans submitted as a part of this application.	ne forms, exhibits, and statements contained in any papers or tion are true and correct.
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STATE OF DELAWARE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NICOLE MAJESKI SECRETARY

January 27, 2022

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 **Gregory T. White and Patricia P. White** proposed land use application, which we received on January 20, 2022. This application is for an approximately 2.83-acre parcel (Tax Parcel: 134-11.00-152.00). The subject land is located on the north side of Vines Creek Road (State Route 26) about 250 ft north of the intersection with Omar Road (Sussex Road 365). The subject land is currently zoned AR-1 (Agriculture Residential), with a proposed zoning of CR-1 (Commercial Residential).

Per the 2019 Delaware Vehicle Volume Summary, the annual average daily traffic volumes along the section of Vines Creek Road from Omar Road to Stephen Drive, is 11,632 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.

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Mr. Jamie Whitehouse Page 2 of 2 January 27, 2022

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 Ms. Annamaria Furmato, at <u>Annamaria.Furmato@delaware.gov</u>, if you have questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

T. William Brockenbrough, Jr.

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County Coordinator

Development Coordination

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cc: Gregory T. White and Patricia P. White, 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
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SUSSEX COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW DIVISION C/U & C/Z COMMENTS

TO:

Jamie Whitehouse

REVIEWER:

Chris Calio

DATE:

12/29/2022

APPLICATION:

CZ 1974 Gregory and Patricia White

APPLICANT:

Gregory and Patricia White

FILE NO:

NM-1.03

TAX MAP &

PARCEL(S):

134-11-152.00

LOCATION:

Lying on the northeast side of Vines Creek Road (Rt.26), approximately 425 feet northwest of the intersection of Vines Creek Road, Atlantic Ave.(Rt. 26), Assurance Ave. and Powell

Farm Road (SCR 365).

NO. OF UNITS:

Up zoning from AR-1 to C-3 for Mini Storage

GROSS

ACREAGE:

2.83

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 \square

- 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 **Denise Burns** 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). All residential roads must meet or exceed Sussex County minimum design standards.

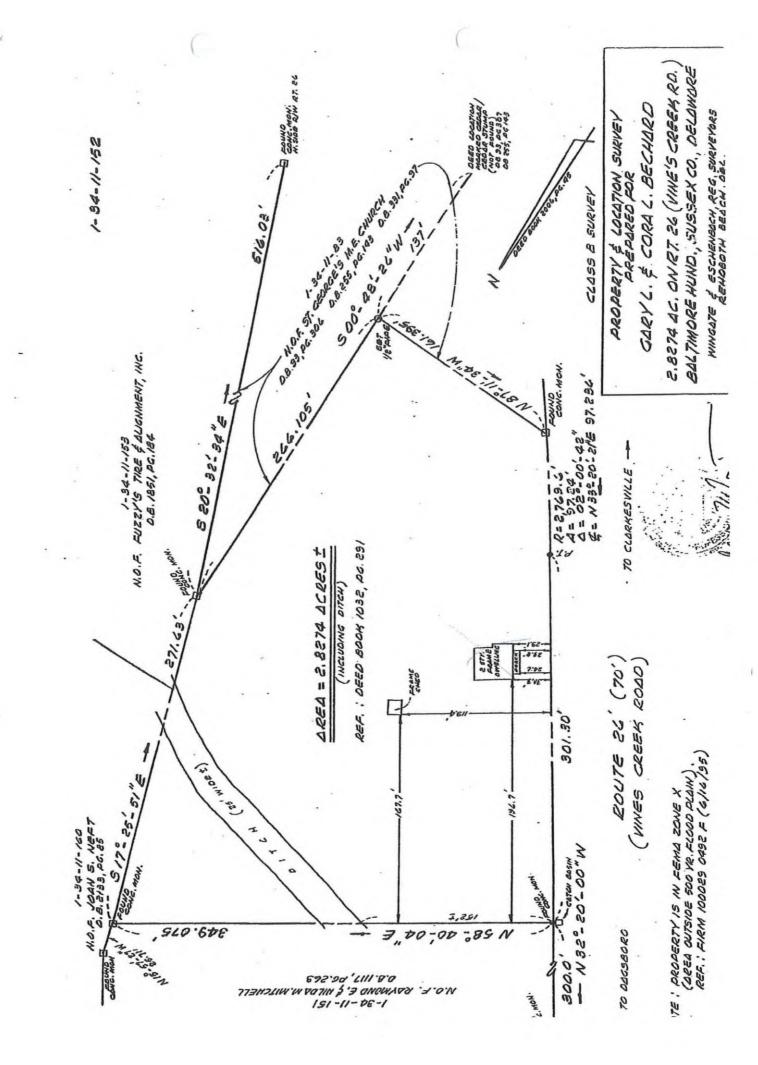
UTILITY PLANNING & DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL:

John J. Ashman

Director of Utility Planning & Design Review

Xc: Hans M. Medlarz, P.E.

Lisa Walls Denise Burns



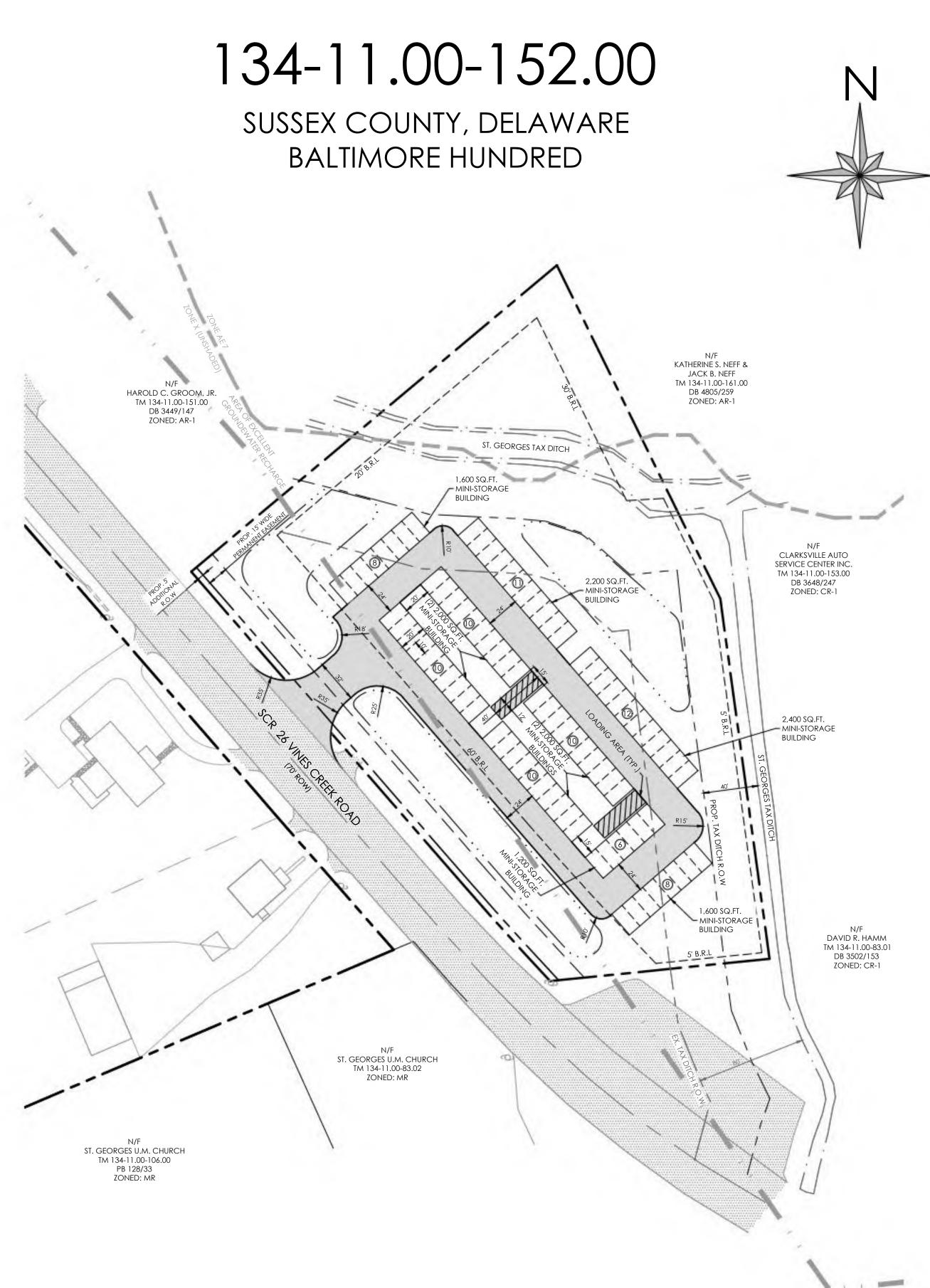
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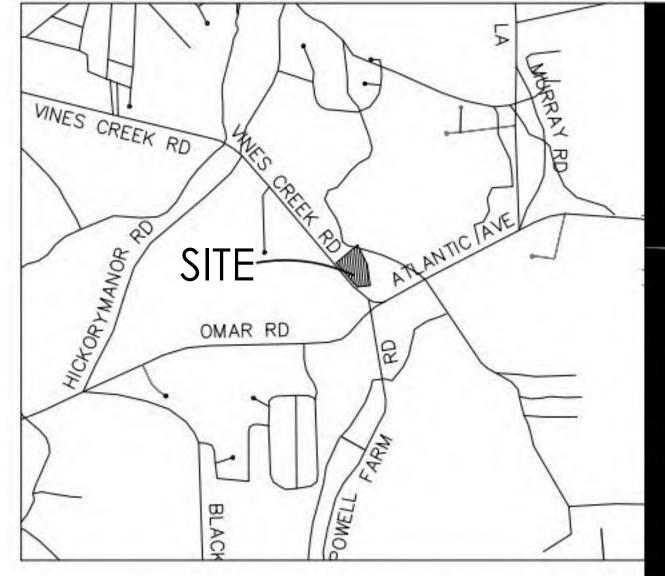


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Mini Storage	2400	1	12
Mini Storage	2200	1	11
Mini Storage	2000	4	10
Mini Storage	1600	2	8
Mini Storage	1200	1	6
Total Bldg. Sq.ft	17000	Total Units	85

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN EXHIBIT

WHITE MINI-STORAGE





VICINITY MAP

SITE DATA

OWNER/DEVELOPER: GREGORY WHITE
955 BEACON LANE
VERO BEACH, FL 32963

CONTACT: GREGORY WHITE

303 NORTH BEDFORD STREET
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947
PHONE: 302-297-9215
CONTACT: JIM ERIKSEN, PE
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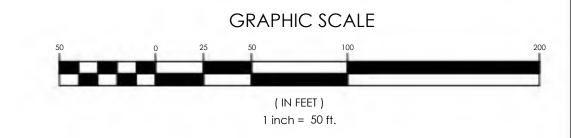
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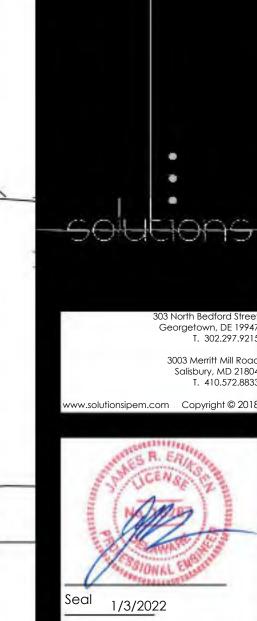
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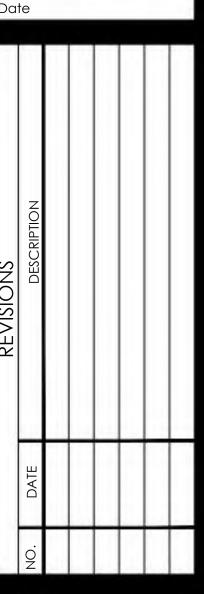
GROSS SITE AREA = 2.83 AC ± (123,227 SF)
 TOTAL BUILDING AREA = 0.39 AC ± (17,000 SF)
 PAVEMENT AREA = 0.48 AC ± (20,962 SF)
 TOTAL IMPERVIOUS AREA = 0.87 AC ± (37,962 SF)

- FLOOD ZONE: PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN FLOOD ZONE AE (EL7) SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD, BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS DETERMINED. FLOOD ZONE X UNSHADED AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% CHANCE FLOODPLAIN, PER FIRM MAP NUMBER 10005C0495K, MAPS REVISED MARCH 16, 2015.
- WATER SUPPLY: N/A
- SANITARY SEWER: N/A
- BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TRUE NORTH LAND SURVEYING DATED 1/27/2022 AND LAND TECH LAND SURVEYING, LLC DATED 12/28/2005. ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON NAVD 88 AND COORDINATES ARE BASED ON DELAWARE STATE PLANE, NAD83.
- AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS ARE NOT PROPOSED FOR THIS STRUCTURE.
- TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: NFPA TYPE V (000)
- ALL FIRE LANES, FIRE HYDRANTS, AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS SHALL BE MARKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS AND AS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS.
- A LOCK BOX CONTAINING KEYS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO THE BUILDINGS ARE REQUIRED. CONTACT THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF FOR ORDERING INFORMATION AND LOCATION OF THE BOX ON THE BUILDING.
- EXISTING USE: VACANT LOT
- PROPOSED USE: MINI-STORAGE FACILITY
- PORTIONS OF SITE ARE WITHIN EXCELLENT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREAS.
 TOTAL AREA W/IN EXCELLENT GW RECHARGE = 97,713 (+/-) SQFT
 TOTAL IMPERVIOUS AREA W/IN EXCELLENT GW RECHARGE = 33,446 (+/-)
 PERCENT IMPERVIOUS W/IN EXCELLENT GW RECHARGE = 34.2% (+/-)

NOTE: PLAN IS CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE







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STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING COORDINATION

December 16, 2022

Jim Eriksen Solutions IPEM 303 North Bedford Street Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: PLUS review – 2022-11-09; White Mini-Storage Parcel 152

Dear Mr. Eriksen:

Thank you for meeting with State agency planners on November 16, 2022 to discuss the proposed plans for the White Mini-Storage on Parcel 152. According to the information received, you are seeking review of a rezoning and site plan for mini storage on a parcel zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) with proposed zoning of C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

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 is the 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 within Investment Levels 2, 3, and 4 according to the 2020 Strategies for State Policies and Spending.

Based on its location in a Level 2 and Level 3 investment area, this project may be consistent with the 2020 Strategies for State Policies and Spending. Investment Level 2 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and state plans in the near-term future. Investment Level 3 reflects areas where growth is anticipated by local, county, and state plans in the longer-term future, or areas that may have environmental or other constraints to development. Investment Level 4 indicates where State investments will support agricultural preservation, natural resource protection, and the continuation of the rural nature of these areas. New development activities and suburban development are not supported in Investment Level 4. These areas are comprised of prime agricultural lands and environmentally sensitive wetlands and wildlife habitats, which should be, and in many cases have been preserved.

Because development within an Investment Level 4 is inconsistent with the 2020 Strategies for State Policies and Spending, the Office of State Planning is opposed to development in the Level 4 area. Therefore, the applicant should concentrate the development of this parcel to the Level 2 and Level 3 area and remove any development within the Level 4 area.

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According to Sussex County, commercial storage facilities may be appropriate as a Conditional Use in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District given specific site considerations. To rezone this property for a use that may be allowed under a conditional use would open this land to a wide range of new uses including heavy commercial and manufacturing uses that are of a greater scale and intensity than the proposed storage facility if the storage units do not come to fruition, The county should determine if the uses allowed under the proposed zoning are appropriate for this area.

Code Requirements/Agency Permitting Requirements

Department of Transportation – Contact Stephen Bayer 302-760-4834

- The site access on Vines Creek Road (Delaware Route 26) must be designed in accordance with DelDOT's <u>Development Coordination Manual</u>, which is available at http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml?dc=changes.
- Pursuant to Section 1.3 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 https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/pdfs/Meeting_Request_Form.pdf?08022017.
- Section 1.6 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses principles for the location of site entrances. DelDOT anticipates requiring the developer to align the site entrance with the entrance proposed by PLUS application 2022-11-10, White's Property Parcels 107 & 108 on the southwest side of Delaware Route 26, Tax Parcels: 134-11.00-107.00 and 134-11.00-108.00
- Each segment of State maintained road is assigned a Functional Classification in accordance with the States Functional Classification Map. Definitions of these classifications are found in Sections 1.6.4 to 1.6.8 of the Manual. The existing design of the road is not required to meet the design standards of the functional classification at the time the classification is assigned. All access designs shall meet the standards set forth in the Manual for the assigned functional class of the frontage road and/or affected segment of road. The developer is responsible for improving the segment of road along their site's frontage to meet the design standards of the road's functional class.
 - Questions regarding the requirement to improve the site frontage should be directed to the Sussex County Review Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Hickman. Mr. Hickman may be reached at Kevin.Hickman@delaware.gov or (302) 760-2461.

- 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 Manual, 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. Using the 11th edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual, DelDOT estimates that the subject development, consisting of 17,000 square feet of mini warehousing space, would generate 25 vehicle trip ends per day and estimates the weekday morning and evening peak hour trip ends at 2 and 3, respectively. Therefore, a TIS would not be required.
- As necessary, in accordance with Section 3.2.5 and Figure 3.2.5-a of the Manual, DelDOT will require dedication of right-of-way along the site's frontage. By this regulation, this dedication is to provide a minimum of 40 feet of right-of-way from the physical centerline of Delaware Route 26. The following right-of-way dedication note is required, "An X-foot wide strip of right-of-way from the centerline is hereby dedicated in fee simple to the State of Delaware, acting by and through the Delaware Department of Transportation."
- In accordance with Section 3.2.5.1.2 of the Manual, DelDOT will require the establishment of a 15-foot wide permanent easement across the property frontage. The location of the easement shall be outside the limits of the ultimate right-of-way. The easement area can be used as part of the open space calculation for the site. The following note is required, "A 15-foot wide permanent easement is hereby dedicated in fee simple to the State of Delaware, acting by and through the Delaware Department of Transportation."
- Referring to Section 3.4.2.1 of the <u>Manual</u>, the following items, among other things, are required on the Record Plan:
 - A Traffic Generation Diagram. See Figure 3.4.2-a for the required format and content.
 - Depiction of all existing entrances within 450 feet of the proposed entrance on Delaware Route 26.
 - Notes identifying the type of off-site improvements, agreements (signal, letter) contributions and when the off-site improvements are warranted.
- Section 3.5.4.2 of the <u>Manual</u> addresses requirements for Shared Use Paths (SUP) and sidewalks. For projects in Level 1 and 2 Investment Areas, installation of paths or sidewalks along the frontage on State-maintained roads is required.

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- Section 3.5 of the Manual 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 streets for subdivisions. DelDOT anticipates recommending that the County require an interconnection to the commercial property to the west of the parcel, Tax Parcels: 134-11.00-83.01 and 134-11.00-153.00.
- In accordance with Section 3.8 of the <u>Manual</u>, storm water facilities, excluding filter strips and bioswales, shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the ultimate State rightof-way along Delaware Route 26.
- In accordance with Section 5.2.9 of the <u>Manual</u>, the Auxiliary Lane Worksheet should be used to determine whether auxiliary lanes are warranted at the site entrances and how long those lanes should be. The worksheet can be found at http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml.
- In accordance with Section 5.4 of the <u>Manual</u>, sight distance triangles are required and shall be established in accordance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. A spreadsheet has been developed to assist with this task. It can be found at http://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/index.shtml.
- In accordance with Section 5.14 of the <u>Manual</u>, all existing utilities must be shown on the plan and a utility relocation plan will be required for any utilities that need to be relocated.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control - Contact Clare Quinlan 302-735-3480

Disclaimer Clause: Staff from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) reviewed the project submitted for PLUS review. The absence of comments regarding specific resources does not indicate that there are not additional constraints or environmental issues on site, nor does it indicate DNREC support of a project.

DNREC reviewers have no objections to the proposed rezoning.

Any future development should not take place on Level 4 lands within the Delaware State Strategies. Development should be restricted to lands within Levels 2 and 3.

Comments related to the proposed site plan are included below.

Concerns Identified Within the Development Footprint

Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands

Maps from the Statewide Wetlands Mapping Project indicate the potential presence of non-tidal wetlands on the site. The application indicates that wetlands have not been delineated. The application does not propose direct impacts to the wetlands.

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Requirements:

- Include mapped wetland boundaries on site plans.
- If the site design changes and dredge or fill of wetlands or subaqueous lands becomes necessary, permitting and/or authorization requirements may apply.
- A delineation of waterways and wetlands may be required, to be completed by a qualified professional hired by the landowner. For a list of consultants and engineers who can conduct wetland delineations, please visit the DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section link:

http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/wr/Documents/WSLS/Consultant%20List.pdf

Federal Contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Dover Office) at (267) 240-5278.

Website: https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Contacts/

State Contact: DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section at (302) 739-9943.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/water/wetlands-subaqueous/

Special Flood Hazard Area

According to the newest Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), a small portion in the northern area of this parcel is situated within a Special Flood Hazard Area, specifically within the mapped 100-year floodplain (1% annual chance of flooding). The Special Flood Hazard Area identified on the site lies within zone AE. In lands contained within the 100-year floodplain, the National Flood Insurance Program's floodplain management regulations must be enforced through the local floodplain ordinance, which can have higher standards. Structures and features such as roadways and portions of storage buildings are proposed within the floodplain.

Requirements:

• The applicant must comply with the local floodplain ordinance and regulations applicable to development or construction within the 100-year floodplain. In determining the boundary of the floodplain, use the most recent FIRM maps available, which can be found at https://floodplanning.dnrec.delaware.gov/

Contact: DNREC Shoreline and Waterway Management Section at (302) 739-9921. Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/waterways/floodplains/

Stormwater Management

This application proposes greater than 5000 square feet of land disturbing activities, therefore, this project will be subject to Delaware's *Sediment and Stormwater Regulations*.

Requirements:

- A Sediment and Stormwater Plan must be developed, then approved by the appropriate plan review agency prior to any land disturbing activity taking place on the site. For this project, the plan review agency is the Sussex Conservation District.
- Additionally, to address federal requirements, construction activities that exceed 1.0 acre
 of land disturbance require Construction General Permit coverage through submittal of an
 electronic Notice of Intent for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction
 Activity. This form must be submitted electronically
 (https://apps.dnrec.delaware.gov/enoi/, select Construction Stormwater General Permit)
 to the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, along with the \$195 fee.
- Schedule a project application meeting with the appropriate plan review agency prior to moving forward with the stormwater and site design. As part of this process, you must submit a Stormwater Assessment Study.

Plan review agency contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219.

Website: https://www.sussexconservation.org/

General stormwater contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921.

E-mail: DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/

Tax Ditches

The Main Prong and Prong 2 of the St. Georges Tax Ditch lie on the northern and eastern portions of the site. Tax ditches are man-made channels created to move normal water flow off agricultural lands. These channels have associated tax ditch Rights-of-Way (ROW) that are utilized for access as well as sediment and debris disposal during maintenance. Tax ditch ROWs vary by channel size and location. The Main Prong and Prong 2 of the St. Georges Tax Ditch both have 80-foot to Centerline (CL) ROWs extending into the project boundary.

Requirements:

 Proposed structures or construction lies within the existing tax ditch ROW. To reduce or change existing tax ditch ROWs, a Court Order Change must be submitted by the DNREC Drainage Program. The associated Land Development Project Review Request form is attached, as well as the aerial drainage map.

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- Contact the DNREC Drainage Program to discuss the on-site tax ditch ROWs prior to the project application meeting with the appropriate plan review agency for construction stormwater management.
- Permanent obstructions including, but not limited to, stormwater management facilities, buildings, sheds, streets, wells, and septic systems are not allowed within the tax ditch ROWs.
- Existing tax ditches on the property must be surveyed and compared to tax ditch design specifications for effective function. The channel should be cleared or excavated prior to the construction of the project if needed.
- All precautions should be taken to ensure the project does not hinder any off-site drainage upstream or create any off-site drainage problems downstream due to increases in stormwater.

Contact: DNREC Drainage Program at (302) 855-1930.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/

Tax Ditch Mapper: de.gov/taxditchmap

Tax Ditch guidelines: https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Documents/Tax-

Ditch-Land-Development-Guidelines.pdf

Excellent Groundwater Recharge Area

An Excellent Groundwater Recharge Area is located on most of the site. These areas have soils that are conducive to water infiltrating downward from surface water into groundwater. Preservation of these areas is important for replenishing groundwater supplies and ensuring drinking water for future generations.

Requirements:

• The applicant must comply with all county and municipal requirements for construction and uses in Excellent Groundwater Recharge Areas.

Contact: DNREC Source Water Assessment and Protection Program at (302) 739-9945. Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/water/supply/ground-water-protection/

Wastewater Disposal Systems - Small Systems

A small systems wastewater disposal system (septic) is proposed for this site.

Requirements:

 A Site Evaluation must be performed by a Delaware licensed Class D Soil Scientist to determine the type of disposal system allowed under current regulations and site conditions. A list of licensed Class D soil scientists can be found at the following website: https://data.delaware.gov/Energy-and-Environment/Class-D-Site-Evaluator-Licensees-Based-on-Licenseed/6vjq-34rp

Contact: DNREC Commercial and Government Services Section for projects proposed in

Sussex County at (302) 856-4561.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/water/groundwater/septic-systems/

Delaware Emergency Management Agency - Contact Phillip Cane 302-659-2325

Proposed Project Parcel Flood Concern

• The majority of this parcel is located within an area of **Minimal Flood Concern of 1000** years or greater; however, the northern portion falls within a 1% or 100-year floodplain.



Parcel Status within County Evacuation Zone Location

The parcel is located within Sussex County's Evacuation Zone A.



State Historic Preservation Office - Contact Carlton Hall 302-736-7400

- There are no archaeological sites or historic properties on the parcel.
- The DE SHPO has record of a historic house (S02487) on the parcel that was demolished at some point in the early to mid-2000's. We have no information for the house that would indicate the age of the dwelling. Regardless, this dwelling could indicate potential for historic archaeological deposits to be present on the parcel.
- Furthermore, the area has high potential for the existence of precontact archaeological resources. This is due to the project area containing several environmental factors that would have been conducive to human occupation, some of which include a risen and stable landform, well drained soils, and immediate access to fresh water.
- Lastly, as the area contains high archaeological potential and disturbance in the parcel seems minimal, this office is requesting that archaeological survey be completed prior to any ground disturbing activity.
- If any project or development proceeds, the developer should be aware of the Unmarked Human Burials and Human Skeletal Remains Law (Del. C. Title 7, Ch.54).

Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office - Contact Duane Fox 302-739-4394

This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute any type of approval from the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office.

At the time of formal submittal, the applicant shall provide; completed application, fee, and three sets of plans depicting the following in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations (DSFPR):

Fire Protection Water Requirements

• This site shall comply with Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulation 702, Chapter 6, Fire Flow Table 1, to include 15 foot setback for exposure hazards on the same property and 15 foot minimum set back from all property lines.

Fire Protection Features

- All structures over 10,000 sq. ft. aggregate will require automatic sprinkler protection.
- Buildings greater than 10,000 sq. ft., 3-stories or more, over 35 feet, or classified as High Hazard, are required to meet fire lane marking requirements.

- Show Fire Department Connection locations (Must be within 300 feet of fire hydrant), and detail as shown in the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.
 - Show Fire Lanes and Sign Detail as shown in the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.
 - Proposed building may be required to meet the Large Area Building requirements from Regulation 702, Chapter 5 of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.
 - All mini-storage buildings greater than 2,500 square feet in area and where any of the
 individual storage units are separated by less than a 1-hour fire resistance—rated barrier
 shall require an automatic sprinkler system be installed throughout.

Mini-Storage Building is defined as a storage occupancy partitioned into individual storage units, with a majority of the individual units not greater than 750 square feet in area, and that are rented or leased for the purposes of storing personal or business items where all of the following apply:

- (1) the storage units are separated from each other by less than a 1-hour fire resistance rated barrier,
- (2) the owner of the facility does not have unrestricted access to the storage units, and
- (3) the items being stored are concealed from view from outside the storage unit.

Accessibility

- All premises, which the fire department may be called upon to protect in case of fire, and
 which are not readily accessible from public roads, shall be provided with suitable gates
 and access roads, and fire lanes so that all buildings on the premises are accessible to fire
 apparatus. This means that the access road to the subdivision must be constructed so fire
 department apparatus may negotiate it.
- Any dead-end road more than 300 feet in length shall be provided with a turn-around or
 cul-de-sac arranged such that fire apparatus will be able to turn around by making not
 more than one backing maneuver. The minimum paved radius of the cul-de-sac shall be
 38 feet. The dimensions of the cul-de-sac or turn-around shall be shown on the final
 plans. Also, please be advised that parking is prohibited in the cul-de-sac or turn around.

- The use of speed bumps or other methods of traffic speed reduction must be in accordance with Department of Transportation requirements.
- The local Fire Chief, prior to any submission to our Agency, shall approve in writing the use of gates that limit fire department access into and out of the development or property.

Gas Piping and System Information

Provide type of fuel proposed and show locations of bulk containers on plan.

Required Notes

- Provide a note on the final plans submitted for review to read "All fire lanes, fire hydrants, and fire department connections shall be marked in accordance with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations"
- Proposed Use
- Alpha or Numerical Labels for each building/unit for sites with multiple buildings/units
- Square footage of each structure (Total of all Floors)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Construction Type
- Maximum Height of Buildings (including number of stories)
- · Note indicating if building is to be sprinklered
- · Name of Water Provider
- Letter from Water Provider approving the system layout
- Provide Lock Box Note (as detailed in DSFPR) if Building is to be sprinklered
- · Provide Road Names, even for County Roads

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 in order 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 these suggestions can benefit the project.

Department of Transportation - Contact Stephen Bayer 302-760-4834

 The applicant should expect a requirement that any substation and/or wastewater facilities will be required to have access from an internal driveway with no direct access to Delaware Route 26.

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- The applicant should expect a requirement that all PLUS and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comments be addressed prior to submitting plans for review.
- Please be advised that the Standard General Notes have been updated and posted to the DelDOT website. Please begin using the new versions and look for the revision dates of March 21, 2019 and March 16, 2022. The notes can be found at https://www.deldot.gov/Business/subdivisions/

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Contact Clare Quinlan 302-735-3480

Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands

 As proposed for this project, do not disturb wetland areas. Wetlands are a critical part of our natural environment. They reduce the impacts of flooding, absorb pollutants, and improve water quality. Wetlands provide habitat for animals and plants and many contain a wide diversity of life, supporting plants and animals that are found nowhere else.

Federal Contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Dover Office) at (267) 240-5278. Website: https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Contacts/

State Contact: DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section at (302) 739-9943.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/water/wetlands-subaqueous/

Removal of Mature Forest

The preliminary plan proposes the elimination of approximately 0.2 of 0.8 acres of forest on the site. analysis of historical data indicates that the forest area located on the site has likely maintained some degree of forest cover since 1937 and could be considered mature forest. Mature forests possess the potential for rare, threatened, or endangered species that rely on this type of habitat.

- Removing forested areas for development should be avoided to the greatest extent possible.
 Forests filter water for improved water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, absorb nutrients, infiltrate stormwater, moderate temperatures, and store atmospheric carbon which would otherwise contribute to climate change.
- To reduce impacts to nesting birds and other wildlife species that utilize forests for breeding, it is recommended that tree clearing not occur from April 1st to July 31st. Likewise, avoid mowing open space areas and grass filter strips during the same timeframe, as various species of birds utilize these areas for nesting sites.

Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife, Species Conservation and Research Program at (302) 735-3600.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/conservation/

Sea Level Rise

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The northern portion of this site is vulnerable to permanent inundation from sea level rise. By 2050, mean sea levels are projected to rise by 0.7 - 1.9 feet; by end of century sea levels are projected to increase by 1.7 - 5.0 feet. In addition to permanent inundation, as mean sea levels rise, the frequency and severity of tidal flooding events is expected to increase.

In areas within 5 feet of mean sea level, avoid construction of permanent structures and
infrastructure. All infrastructure and structures on the site should incorporate the effects
of sea level rise through the expected lifespan of the structures. This may include
increasing freeboard of structures, ensuring that critical infrastructure is elevated to
withstand future sea level rise, construction of flood control measures, and incorporating
green infrastructure for flood control.

Contact: DNREC Climate and Sustainability Section at (302) 735-3480.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/coastal-programs/planning-training/adapting-to-

sea-level-rise/

Special Flood Hazard Area

 Locate all structures outside of the floodplain. If this is not possible, the developer should consider designing structures to a higher standard to avoid potential future flood damage and loss.

Contact: DNREC Shoreline and Waterway Management Section at (302) 739-9921.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/waterways/floodplains/

Key Wildlife Habitat

The non-tidal coastal plain stream on this property, Clarksville Branch, is mapped as a Key Wildlife Habitat in the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan because it is part of a large wetland complex that can support an array of plant and animal species across the landscape.

- Key Wildlife Habitat should be conserved to the maximum extent practicable and negative impacts should be minimized.
- Maintain an upland buffer of at least 100 feet, comprised of the existing vegetation or planted with Delaware native species of trees, shrubs, grasses, or wildflowers.

Contact: DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife, Species Conservation and Research Program

at (302) 735-3600.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/conservation/

Stormwater Management

 Where the site and soil conditions allow, integrate runoff reduction techniques including infiltration basins, bioretention (rain gardens), filter strips, and pavers to encourage onsite stormwater infiltration and reduce runoff. 1550

 For improved stormwater management, preserve existing trees, wetlands, and passive open space.

Plan review agency contact: Sussex Conservation District at (302) 856-2105 or (302) 856-7219.

Website: https://www.sussexconservation.org/

General stormwater contact: DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 739-9921.

E-mail: DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/

Tax Ditches

- All existing ditches on the property should be evaluated for function and cleaned, if needed, prior to the construction of the project.
- Environmental permits or exemptions may be required by the County Conservation
 District (Standard Plan), the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program (eNOI/NOT),
 Army Corp of Engineers, and/or DNREC Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section prior
 to clearing and/or excavating ditch channels.

Contact: DNREC Drainage Program at (302) 855-1930.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/drainage-stormwater/

Tax Ditch Mapper: de.gov/taxditchmap

Tax Ditch guidelines: https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Documents/Tax-

Ditch-Land-Development-Guidelines.pdf

Water Quality (Pollution Control Strategies)

This site lies within the Indian River Bay Watershed. Surface water quality in this watershed does not meet Federal and/or State Water Quality Standards and a Pollution Control Strategy is in place for this watershed.

- Implement vegetated buffers with a width of at least 100 feet around all water features on or adjacent to the site.
- Reduce impervious surfaces on the project site by eliminating areas of impervious pavement and/or using pervious pavement where practicable.

- Reduce stormwater runoff by integrating infiltration basins, bioretention (rain gardens), filter strips, and by preserving existing trees, wetlands, and passive open space.
- Reduce the necessity for nutrient application by maintaining open space as meadow or
 forest planted exclusively with native plants. Native plants are well-suited to our climate
 and require limited maintenance.

Contact: DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship's Watershed Assessment Section at

(302) 739-9939.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/

Excellent Groundwater Recharge Area

• For Excellent Groundwater Recharge Areas, limit impervious surfaces to no more than 20% of the entire area designated as having excellent recharge.

Contact: DNREC Source Water Assessment and Protection Program at (302) 739-9945. Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/water/supply/ground-water-protection/

Additional Sustainable Practices

- Consider using renewable energy infrastructure such as solar or geothermal to reduce energy costs and further reduce pollution created from offsite generation. Grant funds and incentives are available for Delmarva Power customers through the DNREC Green Energy Fund, which includes several funding types through the state's major electric utilities (https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/renewable/assistance/).
- Include space for recycling dumpsters within the preliminary site design stage. These can be placed adjacent to trash dumpsters.
- Incorporate nonmotorized connectivity and install bicycle racks where feasible to help facilitate non-vehicular travel modes.
- Use efficient Energy Star rated products and materials in construction and redevelopment. Energy efficient appliances use less energy over time. This saves consumers and businesses money, while also helping to reduce pollution from power generation.
- Use structural paint coatings that are low in Volatile Organic Compounds to help protect air quality. Air pollution from new construction is generated through the use of maintenance equipment, paints, and consumer products like roof coatings and primers.
- Use recycled materials, such as reclaimed asphalt pavement, to reduce heat island effects on paved surfaces, prevent landfill waste, and lower material costs.

Contact: DNREC Division of Climate, Coastal & Energy at (302) 735-3480.

Website: https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/

Delaware Emergency Management Agency - Contact Phillip Cane 302-659-2325

Population

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- The county's population density of **265.60** per square mile is based on the US 2020 Census report, an increase from 2010 at **208.90** persons per square mile.
- The specific census block(s) the project is located on has a total population of 158, though, with development, this will undoubtedly change.
- The adjacent blocks aggregate, bringing the area to a total population of 1853.

FEMA National Risk Index

• The FEMA National Risk Index is an online mapping application that identifies communities most at risk of 18 natural hazards: Avalanche, Coastal Flooding, Cold Wave, Drought, Earthquake, Hail, Heat Wave, Hurricane, Ice Storm, Landslide, Lightning, Riverine Flooding, Strong Wind, Tornado, Tsunami, Volcanic Activity, Wildfire, and Winter Weather. The FEMA National Risk Index is calculated by multiplying the Expected Annual Loss times the Social Vulnerability and dividing that by the Community Resilience.

Expected Annual Loss

- × Social Vulnerability
- + Community Resilience
- = Risk Index
- According to FEMA's National Risk Index, the parcel(s) is considered relatively moderate for overall natural hazard risks.
- Community Resilience is a consequence reduction risk component and a community risk
 factor that represents the ability of a community to prepare for anticipated natural
 hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand/recover rapidly from disruptions.
 Social Vulnerability is a consequence-enhancing risk factor that represents the
 susceptibility of social groups to the adverse impacts of natural hazards.
- Its community resilience and social vulnerability are rated as relatively moderate.

Renewable Energy Commitment

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- Regarding energy use and consumption, the parcel utilizes **electricity** as the predominant fuel for heating purposes.
- DEMA strongly encourages the use of renewable energies and high-efficiency appliances and utilities. Regarding utilities, DEMA suggests incorporating 90% series furnaces/HVAC systems; the closer to 99%, the better, as well as A/C units of 20 Seer or greater. DEMA recommends using tankless water heaters, and battery backup systems for sump pumps to reduce potential water damage from power failure.
- Lastly, DEMA encourages the integration of modern and emerging technologies, such as
 the potential for electric vehicles in garages/parking lots, green roofs where applicable
 and allowable, and the like.
- DEMA recommends and encourages the County Evacuation Zone Location to be made publicly available to businesses and patrons through signs, pamphlets, or other means.

Other Recommendations/Information

• Though the majority of the parcel is not within the floodplain, it does appear that the northern section of the storage facility may fall within that 100 year floodplain. DEMA does not support nor encourage building or constructing any facility, utility, home, or the like in a 100 year floodplain. However, if construction proceeds anyway, we strongly encourage the use of any and all flood mitigation measures to reduce potential future losses from same. These include wet/dry flood proofing, moving all essential buildings/utilities above Base Flood Elevation plus freeboard, using mold preventative substances, and any other feasible measures. Lastly, mortgages within a 100-year floodplain do require a specific flood insurance policy under NFIP.

Delaware State Fire Marshall's Office - Contact Duane Fox 302-739-4394

 Preliminary meetings with fire protection specialists are encouraged prior to formal submittal. Please call for appointment. Applications and brochures can be downloaded from our website: www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov, technical services link, plan review, applications or brochures.

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 pre-application process, noting whether comments were incorporated into the project design or not and the reason, therefore.

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

Sincerely,

David L. Edgell, AICP

Director, Office of State Planning Coordination

Attachments:

St. Georges Tax Ditch Map

Tax Ditch Land Development Project Review Request Form

Sussex County Planning and Zoning Comments

Sussex County Engineering Comments

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PLUS 2022-11-09 St. Georges Tax Ditch Web Map





DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship, Drainage Program

Program, john.inkster@state.de.us, Esri Community Maps Contributors,



Division of Watershed Stewardship Drainage Program 21309 Berlin Rd., Unit 6 Georgetown, DE 19947

Tax Ditch Land Development Project Review Request Form

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Division of Watershed Stewardship Drainage Program 21309 Berlin Rd., Unit 6 Georgetown, DE 19947

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Please specify Tax Ditch Channel(s) affected, existing and requested tax ditch rights-of-way extents whenever applicable, using the space below. (REQUIRED)

Based on the options selected above, additional information may be requested.

Submit all forms to the DNREC Drainage Program
Via email: DNREC_drainage@delaware.gov
Subject Line: Tax Ditch- Land Development Request

For questions about this form please call the Tax Ditch Program at 302-855-1930.

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Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) Meeting Meeting will be conducted on-line and in person Room 133, Haslet Armory 122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., South

 $\textbf{Please see} \ \underline{\texttt{https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/}} \ \textbf{for link to on-line access}$

November 16, 2022

Applicants should arrive at least 15 minutes before their appointed time. Times are approximate and are subject to change.

Public comment will be heard at the end of each PLUS application after the State Agencies have shared their comments with the applicants. Each person wishing to comment on the application under review will have up to 3 minutes.

I. 8:30 AM **Pre-Meeting Discussion – PLUS Reviewers**

II. 9:00 AM Review and Discussion: 755 Governor Lea Road (2022-11-01)

County: New Castle Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: 755 Governor Lea Road, New Castle.

Project: Review of a site plan for the construction of seven warehouses totaling

84,840 sf on 15.6 acres zoned HI (Heavy Industrial).

III. 9:30 AM Review and Discussion: Jamison Corner Commerce Center (2022-11-03)

County: New Castle Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: Jamison Corner Road & US Hwy. 301

Project: Review of a site plan for the construction of three warehouses and one self-

storage facility on 25 acres zoned BP (Business Park).

IV. 10:00 AM Review and Discussion: Leander Lakes III (2022-11-06)

County: Kent Municipality: Dover

Location: Part of 2285 Forest Avenue, Dover

Project: Review of a site plan for the construction of 200 dwelling units on 25 acres zoned RM-2 (Medium Density Residence Zone) & COZ-1 (Corridor Overlay Zone 1).

V. 10:30 AM Review and Discussion: 422 S. Erin Avenue (2022-11-07)

County: Kent Municipality: Felton

Location: 422 S. Erin Avenue, Felton.

Project: Review of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to revise the Future Land Use Map from the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for Parcel #8-0-129.17-01-3.00-0001 from

Residential to Commercial.

VI. 10:45 AM Review and Discussion: Long Family of Sussex County (2022-11-04)

County: Sussex Municipality: Selbyville

Location: West side of US Route 13 and east of Cypress Road.

Project: Review of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to revise the Future Land Use

Map for two parcels from Shopping Business or Trade to Residential.

The proposed project is located within the City/Town/Growth and Annexation Area of the Town of Selbyville. The Sussex County Engineering Department does not have comments for this project.

For questions regarding these comments, contact Chris Calio, Sussex County Engineering Department at (302) 854-5088

Review and Discussion: Coy Investments, LLC – Sullivan's Landscaping (2022-11-05)

County: Sussex Municipality: Selbyville

Location: South side of Cemetery Road and East of Cypress Road.

Project: Review of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to revise the Future Land Use

Map for two Parcels from Residential to Shopping, Business or Trade.

The proposed project is located within the City/Town/Growth and Annexation Area of the Town of Selbyville. The Sussex County Engineering Department does not have comments for this project.

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VII. 11:15 AM LUNCH

VIII. 12:15 PM Review and Discussion: Dagsboro Thorogoods Solar 1 (2022-11-02

County: Sussex Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: Southeast side of Thorogoods Road, approximately 1800 feet east of US 113. **Project:** Review of a site plan for a community solar project on 25 acres zoned AR-1.

The project is within a Tier 2 area for wastewater planning. Sussex County does not currently have a schedule to provide sanitary sewer to these parcels. The Sussex County Engineering Department recommends the project receive wastewater service from a public utility or municipality.

For questions regarding these comments, contact Chris Calio, Sussex County Engineering Department at (302) 854-5088

IX. 12:45 PM Review and Discussion: Ash Property (2022-11-08)

County: Sussex County Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: 20565 & 20581 John J. Williams Highway.

Project: Review of a proposed rezoning to rezone two parcels from AR-1 to C-3 for

mini-storage on 2.3 acres.

The proposed project is located within a Tier 1 area within the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District and connection to the sewer system is mandatory.

A "Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement" is required for new projects. Sussex County Code, Chapter 110, requires that the Engineer and/or Developer request a Sewer System Concept Evaluation (SSCE) from the Utility Planning & Design Review Department for the project by providing the parcel(s) estimated equivalent dwelling units (EDU) for the project, along with payment of a \$1,000.00 fee for the evaluation and must be approved prior to approval of construction plans. The fee is

to be payable to Sussex County Council. The Department will review the parcel(s) and EDU, confirm capacity, provide the connection point and define any additional parcels that must be served as part of the project. Should it be determined that a pump station is required for the project, additional information may be requested. This information will be conveyed to the engineer and/or developer. The Department will use this information when reviewing construction drawings to verify that the correct connection point is used, and all required parcels are served.

The proposed development will require a developer installed collection system in accordance with Sussex County standards and procedures.

One-time system connection charges will apply. Please contact the Utility Permits Division at 302 855-7719 for additional information on charges.

For questions regarding these comments, contact Chris Calio, Sussex County Engineering Department at (302) 854-5088

X. 1:00 PM Review and Discussion: White Mini-Storage Parcel 152 (2022-11-09)

County: Sussex Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: Northeast side of Vines Creek Road, approximately 611 feet west of

intersection with Omar Road.

Project: Review of a rezoning and site plan to change the zoning from AR-1 to C-3 for

mini-storage on 2.3 acres.

The proposed project is located within a Tier 1 area within the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District and connection to the sewer system is mandatory.

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Review and Discussion: White Mini-Storage Parcels 107 & 108 (2022-11-10)

County: Sussex Municipality: Unincorporated

Location: Southwest side of Vines Creek Road, approximately 611 feet west of

intersection with Omar Road.

Project: Review of a rezoning and site plan to change the zoning from MR to AR-1 with a Conditional Use for mini-storage on 3.64 acres.

Parcel 107 is located within a Tier 1 area within the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District and connection to the sewer system is mandatory.

A "Use of Existing Infrastructure Agreement" is required for new projects. Sussex County Code, Chapter 110, requires that the Engineer and/or Developer request a Sewer System Concept Evaluation (SSCE) from the Utility Planning & Design Review Department for the project by providing the parcel(s) estimated equivalent dwelling units (EDU) for the project, along with payment of a \$1,000.00 fee for the evaluation and must be approved prior to approval of construction plans. The fee is to be payable to Sussex County Council. The Department will review the parcel(s) and EDU, confirm capacity, provide the connection point and define any additional parcels that must be served as part of the project. Should it be determined that a pump station is required for the project, additional information may be requested. This information will be conveyed to the engineer and/or developer. The Department will use this information when reviewing construction drawings to verify that the correct connection point is used, and all required parcels are served.

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Parcel 108 is located within a Tier 2 area and is contiguous to the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District. Annexation and connection to the sewer system is required.

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The proposed development will require a developer installed collection system in accordance with Sussex County standards and procedures.

One-time system connection charges will apply. Please contact the Utility Permits Division at 302 855-7719 for additional information on charges.

The agenda items times are approximate and subject to change. This agenda is subject to change to include additional items or the deletion of items, which arise at the time of the meeting.

III. Review and Discussion: White Mini-Storage Parcel 152 (2022-11-09)

Location: East side of Vines Creek Road (Route 26) approximately 600 feet west of the intersection with Omar Road (S.C.R. 54).

Project: Review of a proposed rezoning from (AR-1) to (C-3) to accommodate a proposed commercial storage facility on a parcel comprised of 2.83 acres +/-.

Sussex County Department of Planning & Zoning Comments

The applicant is required to participate in a pre-application meeting with the County. Please contact the Planning and Zoning Department to schedule a pre-application meeting with staff to discuss the proposed project by calling (302)855-7878 or you may reach out to Michael Lowrey at michael.lowrey@sussexcountyde.gov.

Following submission to the County, staff will review the Preliminary Site Plan, where more detailed comments will be provided to the Applicant. At the PLUS stage of review, staff wish to limit comments to high-level comments only.

Please note that the following are informal staff comments, and do not prejudice any decision that the Sussex County Planning & Zoning Commission may wish to make as part of any application submitted to the Department.

Tax Parcel ID(s): 134-11.00-152.00

Zoning: The parcel is currently zoned Agricultural Residential (AR-1). The proposed Heavy Commercial (C-3) permits the proposed commercial storage and multifamily uses by-right. Staff note that no office square footage indicated and no parking is provided on the plan. If any office use is included at the site, the provision of parking would be required under (§115-162).

Proposed: The project proposes a change of zone from (AR-1) to (C-3) to accommodate improvements including (17,000) square feet of commercial storage, an access road, loading areas, and related improvements on a (2.83) acre parcel. The Applicant has submitted an accompanying application for a PLUS review of a separate site immediately adjacent across Vines Creek Road that proposes a zoning change from (MR) to (AR-1) with a proposed Conditional Use application to allow for similar storage facility use. It is unclear why differing zoning proposals have been submitted for the same storage use on opposite sides of Vines Creek Road. Commercial storage facilities may be appropriate as a Conditional Use in the Agricultural Residential (AR-1) Zoning District given specific site considerations. Staff note that although the proposed use is permitted by-right in Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District, this change would introduce a wide range of new uses on the parcel. Many of which, including the varied commercial and manufacturing uses permitted by-right in (C-3), are commonly of a greater scale and intensity than the proposed commercial storage.

Density: N/A



Applicability to Comprehensive Plan: The project lies within the Growth Area and is categorized as "Coastal Area" (per the 2018 Comprehensive Plan). Coastal Areas are growth areas that the County encourages only the appropriate forms of concentrated new development, especially when environmental features are in play (2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-9). The Coastal Area designation is intended to recognize the characteristics of both anticipated growth and ecologically important and sensitive characteristics (2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-15). The Plan also notes that larger scale non-residential uses in Coastal Areas "should be confined to selected locations with access along arterial roads" and noting that more intense uses should be "near major intersections" (2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-15). The Heavy Commercial (C-3) Zoning District is listed as an Applicable Zoning District within the Coastal Area according to Table 4.5-2 "Zoning Districts Applicable to Future Land Use Categories" as listed within Sussex County's 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update (2018 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan, 4-25).

Open Space Provisions: While code may not provide detailed requirements for open space with this type of development, staff note that the location and design of stormwater management may be challenging due to the Tax Ditch ROWs on the site.

Interconnectivity: The Commission desire to see interconnectivity between proposed developments in order to prevent only one-way-in, one-way-out access in the event that an emergency should occur on the property in the future. The site is situated adjacent to commercial development to the south and staff encourage the Applicant to include design options that include connection to current or future uses adjacent to the south at the intersection of Vines Creek Road & Omar Road.

Transportation Improvement District (TID): The proposed project is not located within the Henlopen TID.

Agricultural Areas: The site is located within the vicinity of parcels which appear to be actively farmed. Please include on any plans submitted the Agricultural Use Protection notice located in ($\S99-6(G)(1)$) of the County Code. This language shall also be included within any subsequent deed restrictions, leases, or agreements of sale for the property.

Forested Areas: The Applicant notes that there are presently (0.8) acres of existing forest on the site and that (0.2) acres will be removed. Therefore, the site is retaining (0.6) acres of forested area. Staff appreciate efforts to conserve as many mature trees as possible on the project site. Staff note many of the existing trees on the northern portion of the parcel are within the existing Tax Ditch ROW. While a buffer is not required under the (M) District Code, the Planning & Zoning Commission may desire to see buffers included in the design in a future site plan review.

Wetlands/Waterways: The Application notes that there are (0.12) acres of non-tidal wetlands present on the site. Please note, the wetland buffer requirements under Sussex County Code were recently updated and code requires that "established natural forests and nonforest meadows predominated by noninvasive species shall be retained" (§115-



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193(D)(2)(a)). Any proposed plan for the site will be required to meet all the wetland buffer standards included in (§115-193).

The Plan includes structural improvements encroaching into the Ditch ROW. Staff note extensive Tax Ditch ROWs on the site and proposed reductions to the Tax Ditch areas from (80) feet to (40) feet. Any changes to the tax ditch right-of-way (ROW) on the parcel require DNREC approval via a request for a Court Order Change (COC).

Site Considerations (Flood Zones, Tax Ditches, Groundwater Recharge Potential etc.): The property is located within Flood Zone "AE" as indicated in the Applicant's Plan. This is accurate according to current data available to Sussex County Planning & Zoning. The site is located within areas of "excellent" and "good" Groundwater Recharge according to Sussex County GIS data. Please note this on any plans in order to comply with the provisions of Chapter 89 "Source Water Protection" of the Sussex County Code (§89-7). The Plan indicates a proposed impervious coverage of (0.87) acres which is approximately (30%) of the (2.83) acre parcel. Please note, within the Excellent Recharge Area portion of the site, an environmental assessment report is required for any development proposing impervious cover greater than 35% and less than 60% (§89-6(F)(2)). Staff note that the site is not within a wellhead protection area.

