

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 2018

TO: Planning Commissioners

CC: Mayor Tab Bowling; Wally Terry; Herman Marks;
Tony Powell; Tom Polk; Carl Prewitt; Planning Staff

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

January 23, 2018

Pre-meeting – 2:15 p.m. (Annex)

Meeting – 3:15 p.m. (Council Chambers)

Agenda Planning Commission

City of Decatur, AL

January 23, 2018

Time: 3:15 PM

City Council Chambers

Commissioners: **Kent Lawrence**, *Chairman*; **Gary Borden**, *Vice Chairman*; **Daniel Culpepper**, *Secretary*; **Chuck Ard**; **Frances Tate**; **Joseph Wynn**; **Nell Standridge**; **Eddie Pike**; **Myna Burroughs**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- December 19, 2017

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Request

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A. 1314-18

(West side of Danville Rd. north of Vestavia Dr)

1-7-10

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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C. 3378-18	Certificate to Subdivide (Northeast side of Busby Rd. SW and east of Day Rd. SW)	3/17-18
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E. 3380-18	Certificate to Subdivide (North of Vestavia Pvt Drive SW and west side of Danville Rd. SW)	3/21-22
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SITE PLAN REVIEWS

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| A. 565-18 | Alabama Farmers Co-Op
(North of Market St. NE and east of 6 th Avenue NE) | 4/24
see plat |
| B. 566-18 | Storage Units
(North of Lenwood Rd. SE and west of Highway 31 S) | 4/25
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BOND REVIEWS

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| A. 2172-97 | Certificate to Subdivide
(South of Longview Dr. SW and east of Danville Rd. SW) | 5/26
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4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

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| A. 003-18 | Adoption of One Decatur Comprehensive Plan
(North of Market St. NE and east of 6 th Avenue NE) | 5/27-28 |
| B. 566-18 | Storage Units
(North of Lenwood Rd. SE and west of Highway 31 S) | 5/29-32 |

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Zoning Committee
January 16, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning

1314-18

Applicant: Ricky Wilhite

Zoning: AG2

Owner: Francisco Hernandez

Acreage: 3.08 Acres

Request: To rezone 3.08 acres from AG2 (agricultural zone) to B1 (neighborhood commercial zone)

Location: West side of Danville Rd. north of Vestavia Dr.

Recomm:: The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday January 16 at 11:00. City Hall was in the process of closing due to the weather so comments on this rezoning were requested by phone. We spoke with both Mr. Waye and Chairman Lawrence. This rezoning is not in conformance with the current landuse plan which recommends residential or the proposed One Decatur Future Landuse map which recommends low density residential. There is also a concern about the sight distance with the hill and the curve in this area. We do not have dedicated right of way for Vestavia Dr. on the west side of Danville Rd. The committee recommends that the property not be approved for a B1 zoning.

END PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes
Subdivision Committee
January 19, 2018

Certificates

3376-18 Certificate to Consolidate and Subdivide

Applicant: Pugh Wright McAnally
Owner: Michael S. Abbott

Zoning: AG-1 & R-1, Agric & SF Res
Acreage: 3.97 acres

Request: Consolidate a 1.93 acre tract, a .92 acre tract and a 1.12 acre tract into two (2) tracts of 2.22 acres and 1.75 acres

Location: North side of Hunterwood Drive SE and east of Hickory Hill Rd. SE

- Conds:
1. Submit signed letter from applicant requesting consolidation & subdivision
 2. Provide copy of deed showing property ownership
 3. Payment of recording fees
 4. Provide a stamped and sealed survey with GPS coordinates for recording
 5. Verify septic tank approvals for new tracts

Pt. of Info:

1. ***Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.***
2. ***Confirm pool and garage location in relation to property lines.***

Recomm: Approval with stated conditions.

3377-18 Certificate to Subdivide

Applicant: Pugh Wright McAnally
Owner: LKLee, LLC Same

Zoning: R-1, SF Residential
Acreage: 4.43 acres

Request: Subdivide 4.43 acres into two tracts of 3.04 acres and 1.39 acres

Location: South of Burningtrees Mountain Rd. SE and east side of Indian Hills Rd. SE

- Conds:
1. Submit signed letter from applicant requesting subdivision
 2. Provide copy of deed showing property ownership
 3. Payment of recording fees
 4. Provide a stamped and sealed survey with GPS coordinates for recording
 5. Verify/obtain septic tank approval for Unit 2
 6. Extend electric easement all the way through Unit 2 to the back property line

Pt. of Info: Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.

Recomm: Approval with stated conditions.

3378-18 Certificate to Subdivide

Applicant: Lee Greene
Owner: Marguerite Liverett

Zoning: AG-1, Agricultural
Acreage: Approx 23.6 acres

Request: Subdivide 23.6 acres into two tracts of 18.52 acres and 5.08 acres

Location: Northeast side of Busby Rd. SW and east of Day Rd. SW

- Conds:
1. Submit signed letter from applicant requesting subdivision
 2. Provide copy of deed showing property ownership
 3. Payment of recording fees
 4. Dedicate 30' easement (15' either side) along the existing power line

Pt. of Info: Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.

Recomm: Approval with stated conditions.

3379-18 Certificate to Consolidate and Subdivide

Applicant: Athens Land Surveying
Owner: Gillespie and Conner

Zoning: R-2, SF Residential
Acreage: 1.55 acres

Request: Consolidate Lots 74, 75 & 76 of Braswell Subdivision into one tract of 1.55 acres and subdivide into two tracts of .93 acres and .62 acres

Location: South of Modaus Rd. SW and east side of Thoreau Ave SW

- Conds:
1. Payment for recording fee

Pt. of Info: Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.

Recomm: Approval with stated condition.

3380-18 Certificate to Subdivide

Applicant: Rickey Wilhite
Owner: Francisco Hernandez

Zoning: AG-2, Agricultural
Acreage: 3.08 acres

Request: Subdivide 3.08 acres into two tracts of .78 acres and 2.30 acres

Location: North of Vestavia Pvt Drive SW and west side of Danville Rd. SW

- Conds:
1. Verify/obtain septic tank approvals for Tracts 1 and 2
 2. Revise survey to show ***Vestavia Private Drive*** and relocation of existing electric line

Pt. of Info: Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.

Recomm: Approval with stated condition.

3381-18 Certificate to Subdivide

Applicant: J.W. Kennedy & Assoc
Owner: Express Oil/Eyster/Barran.

Zoning: M-1A, Expressway Commercial
Acreage: 1.2 acres

Request: Subdivide .15 acres from .67 acre tract and consolidate with a .53 acres to make two (2) tracts of .68 acres and .52 acres

Location: Northeast of Beltline Rd. SW and south of Clarkview St. SW

- Conds:
1. Provide letter from applicant requesting subdivision
 2. Provide copy of deed showing ownership of property
 3. Payment of recording fees
 4. Provide stamped and sealed survey for recording
 5. Show State Plane Coordinates on survey

Pt. of Info:

1. ***Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.***
2. ***Applicants Eyster/Barran to consolidate landlocked property with existing property***

Recomm: Approval with stated conditions.

Site Plan Review

565-18 Alabama Farmers Co-Op

Applicant: Pugh Wright McAnally
Owner: : Alabama Farmers Co-Op

Zoning: M-2, Heavy Industry
Acreage:

Request: Site plan approval for the construction of a commercial warehouse building

Location: North of Market St. NE and east of 6th Avenue NE

Conds: None

Pt. of Info: Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.

Recomm: Approval.

566-18 Storage Units

Applicant: Pugh Wright McAnally
Owner: Jimmy Cai

Zoning: B-2, Gen Business
Acreage: 1.81 acres

Request: Site plan approval for the construction of warehouse storage

Location: North of Lenwood Rd. SE and west of Highway 31 S

Conds: None

Pt. of Info:

- 1. Any relocation of utilities will be at the owner's expense.***
- 2. Verify BOZA permit for rear yard setback***

Recomm: Approval

Bond Review

2172-97 Certificate to Subdivide

Applicant: Stephen Koslow
Owner: Same

Zoning: B-2, Gen Business
Acreage: .72 acres

Request: Bond review for the extension of sewer (250') to Tract 2 (LOC Amt: \$30,000 –
LOC Expires 3/24/18)

Location: South of Longview Dr. SW and east of Danville Rd. SW

Recomm: Extend Letter of Credit until such time as development occurs or construct the sewer

END CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 003-18

Our community has been working on developing a comprehensive plan. Many, many people have chosen to attend or get involved in the One Decatur Initiative. Whether as part of a Stake Holders meeting or as part of the Steering Committee or as a participant at one of the meetings over 1,000 people have at some point touched the plans formation. We would like to ask the commission to adopt the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan in its entirety and to ask the City Council to do the same.

Resolution 004-18

This Resolution supports the City of Decatur becoming a member of the Road to Zero Coalition. It asks the Council to support pursuing membership. The coalition began in 2016 with the goal of ending fatalities on our nation's roads by 2050. Tens of thousands of people die on US roadways every year and after a decade of decline these numbers are increasing again. The coalition believes that this is an attainable goal based a few driving principles.

- Traffic fatalities and injuries are preventable.

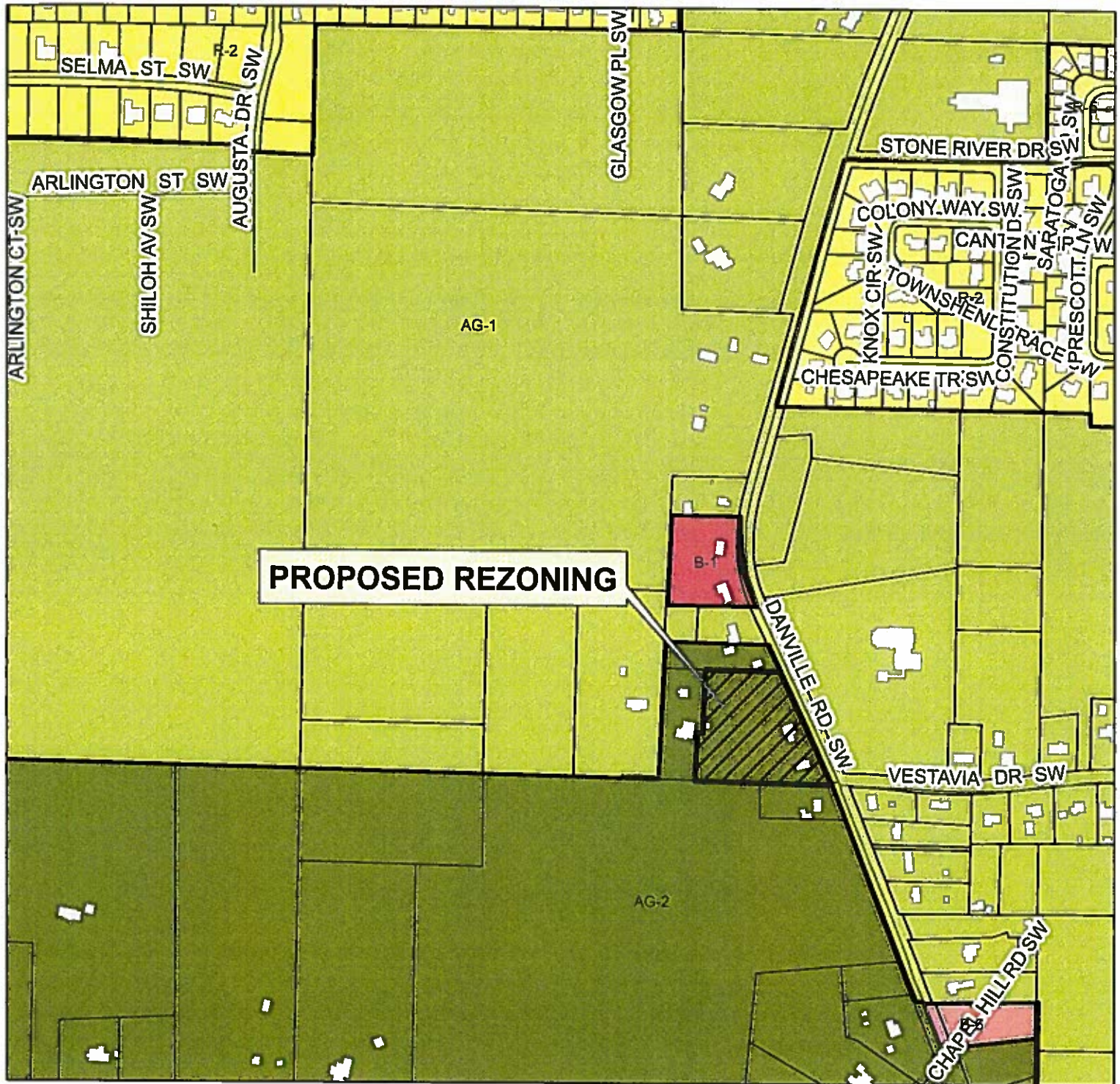
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- A futures with zero traffic deaths is more certain than ever with the emergence of automated vehicles and the Safe Systems transportation approach
- A coordinated effort that brings together multiple stakeholders with the same goal can achieve more than individual organizations working independently.


We believe in this program and our state and federal government seem to also as there are some grants available to help achieve this. We would like to be one of the first if not the first city in Alabama to join the coalition.

REZONING REQUEST NO. 1314-18

FROM AG-2 TO B-1 3.08 ACRES



Legend

-  Ownership
-  Buildings
-  Corporate Limits
-  SUBJECT PROPERTY

LOCATION MAP

APPLICANT : FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

PROPERTY ZONED AG-2



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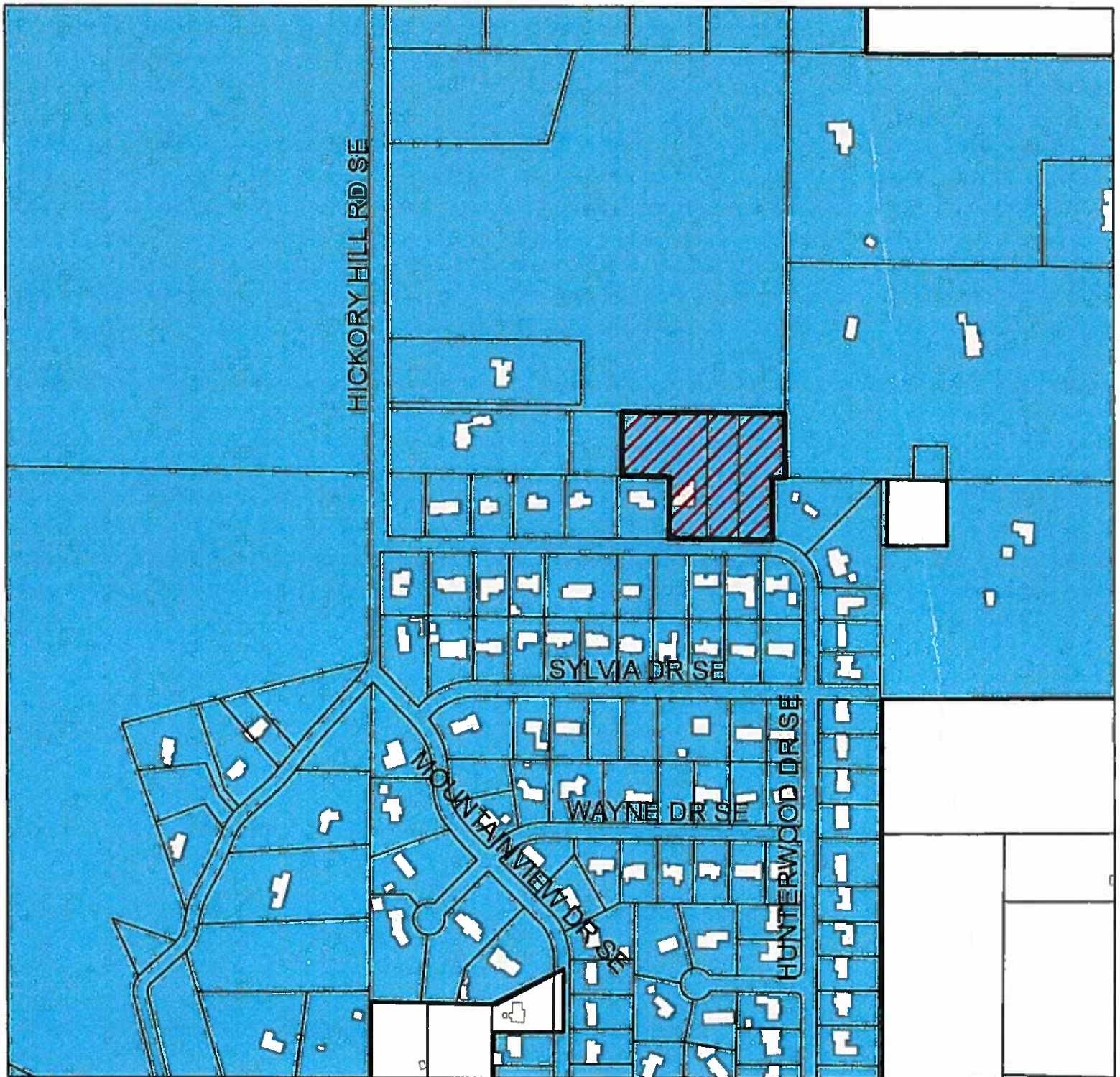
ZONING COMPARISONS

SECTION	AG 2	B1
USES PERMITTED	<p><i>Uses permitted:</i> All uses permitted and regulated in an AG-1 agricultural district.</p> <p>Any use permitted or permitted on appeal in an R-1 Residential District and subject to all district requirements of an R-1 District as specified in section 25-10.</p>	<p><i>Uses permitted:</i> Off-premises sale of beer and table wine; neighborhood retail stores and markets, including the following types: food, general merchandise, apparel; furniture; household and hardware; radio and television; drugs and sundries; jewelry and gifts; florists; sporting goods; pet shops, photograph studios and photo retail sales. Neighborhood services including the following types: Dry cleaning and laundry pickup stations; customer operated laundrettes and customer operated dry cleaning establishments; filling stations, provided, however, that gasoline storage above ground in excess of five hundred (500) gallons is prohibited; barber and beauty shops; shoe repair; offices, banks; post offices; event venues; playgrounds; parks; public building (i.e., municipal, county, state or federal, including public schools and libraries); public utilities; churches and similar places of worship; dancing and music academies; nurseries, kindergartens, or day care for children; parking lots.</p>
USES PERMITTED ON APPEAL	<p><i>Uses permitted on appeal:</i> Manufacturing, storage and processing of natural resources indigenous to Decatur, roadside stands, provided no part of the structure of good display encroaches upon a public right-of-way or dedicated street, livestock sales, event venues, antique or craft shop and any use permitted on appeal in an AG-1 Agricultural District and subject to the</p>	<p><i>Uses permitted on appeal:</i> Restaurants; any uses permitted or permitted on appeal in an R-4, Residential District as subject to all district requirements of said district as specified in section 25-10 of this Code.</p>





SECTION	AG 2	B1
	same requirements and conditions set forth for the uses permitted on appeal in AG-1 Agricultural District, when these uses, in the opinion of the board of zoning adjustment will not impair an existing or potential future neighborhood and permitted subject to such conditions as the board may require to preserve and protect the character of district and otherwise promote the purpose of this chapter.	
USES PROHIBITED	<i>Uses prohibited:</i> Residential, commercial and industrial uses not specifically permitted or permitted on appeal.	<i>Uses prohibited:</i> Businesses licensed under the Deferred Presentment Services Act and/or, Pawnshop Act and/or, Dealers in Gold or Precious Items Act; and any use not permitted or permitted on appeal.
PARKING	<i>Off-street parking:</i> See § 25-16. <i>Off-street loading and unloading:</i> Same as for an AG-1 agricultural district.	<i>Off-street parking:</i> See § 25-16. <i>Off-street loading and unloading:</i> Shall use required rear or side yard for loading and unloading.
MINIMUM LOT AREA	<i>Minimum lot size:</i> Minimum required lot area—15,000 square feet.	<i>Minimum lot size:</i> It is the intent of this section that lots of sufficient size be used for any business or service use to provide adequate parking and loading space in addition to the space required for the other normal operations of the business or service.
MINIMUM BUILDING AREA		None given
MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK	Minimum required lot width at building line—100 feet. <i>Minimum yard size:</i> Front, 20 feet;	<i>Minimum yard size:</i> Front 25 feet;

SECTION	AG 2	B1
MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK	rear, 45 feet;	rear 20 feet;
MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACKS	sides, 15 feet; except any structure used for the housing of livestock of any kind shall not be located closer than 100 feet to any property line or line of a district other than an agricultural district	side, not specified, except on a lot adjoining along its side lot line a lot which is in a residential district, there shall be a side yard not less than eight (8) feet wide
MINIMUM FEET AT BUILDING LINE		
MAXIMUM HEIGHT	<i>Maximum height: 35 feet or 2½ stories</i>	<i>Maximum height: 45 feet or 3 stories.</i>

CERTIFICATE TO CONSOLIDATE AND SUBDIVIDE NO.3376-18



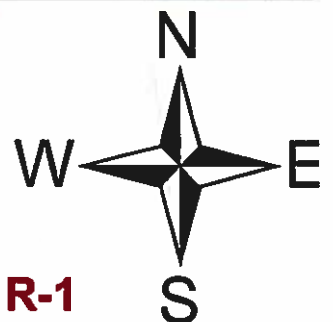
Legend

-  Ownership
-  Buildings
-  Corporate Limits
-  **SUBJECT PROPERTY**

LOCATION MAP

**APPLICANT: MICHAEL S. ABBOT
AND CAROLYN ABBOT**

PROPERTY ZONED AG-1 AND R-1

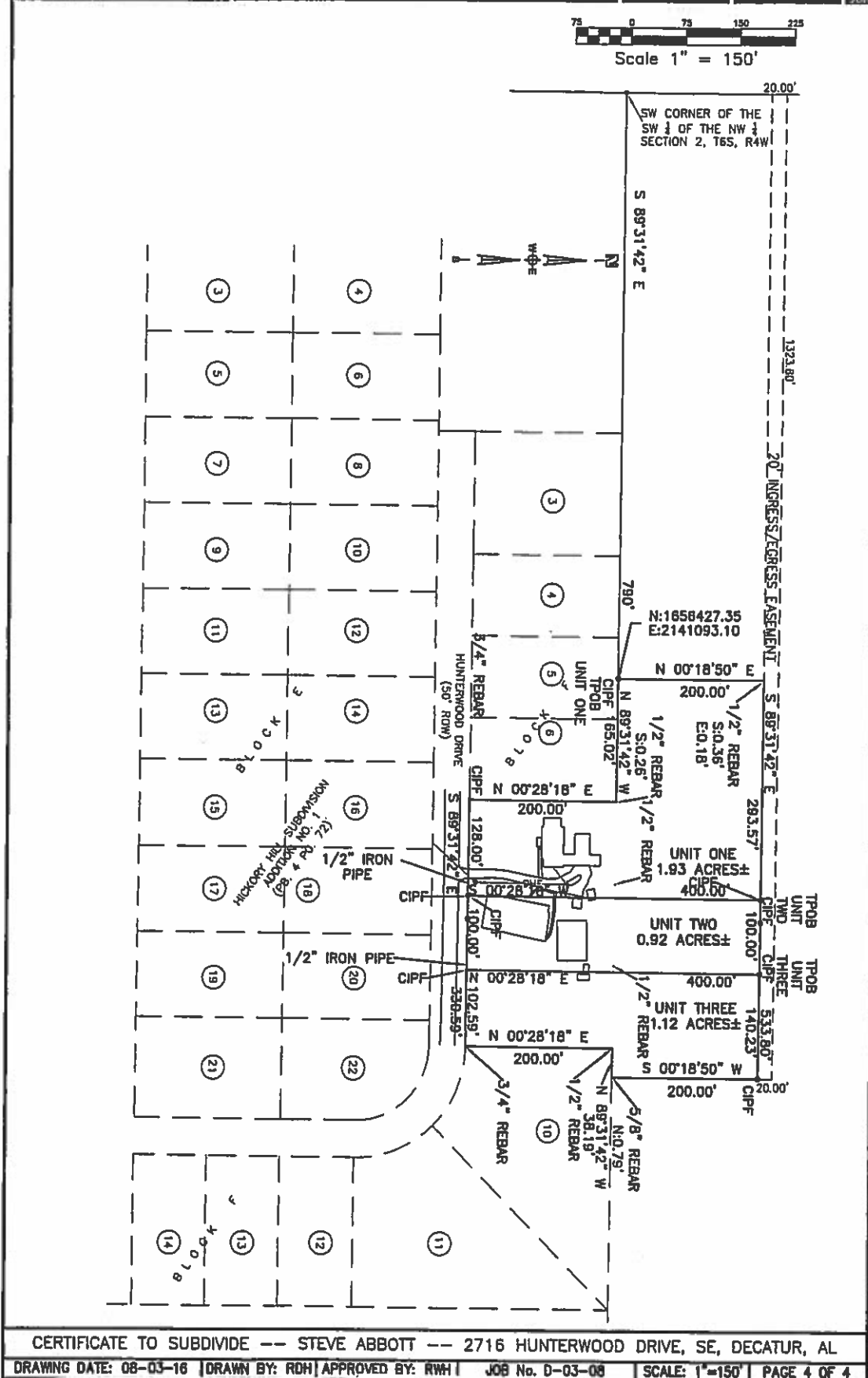


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PUGH WRIGHT MCANALLY
 CIVIL ENGINEERS

310 8TH AVENUE NE | DECATUR, ALABAMA 35601 | POST OFFICE BOX 2419 | 35602

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CERTIFICATE TO CONSOLIDATE AND SUBDIVIDE NO. 3376-18

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MCANALLY**
CIVIL ENGINEERS

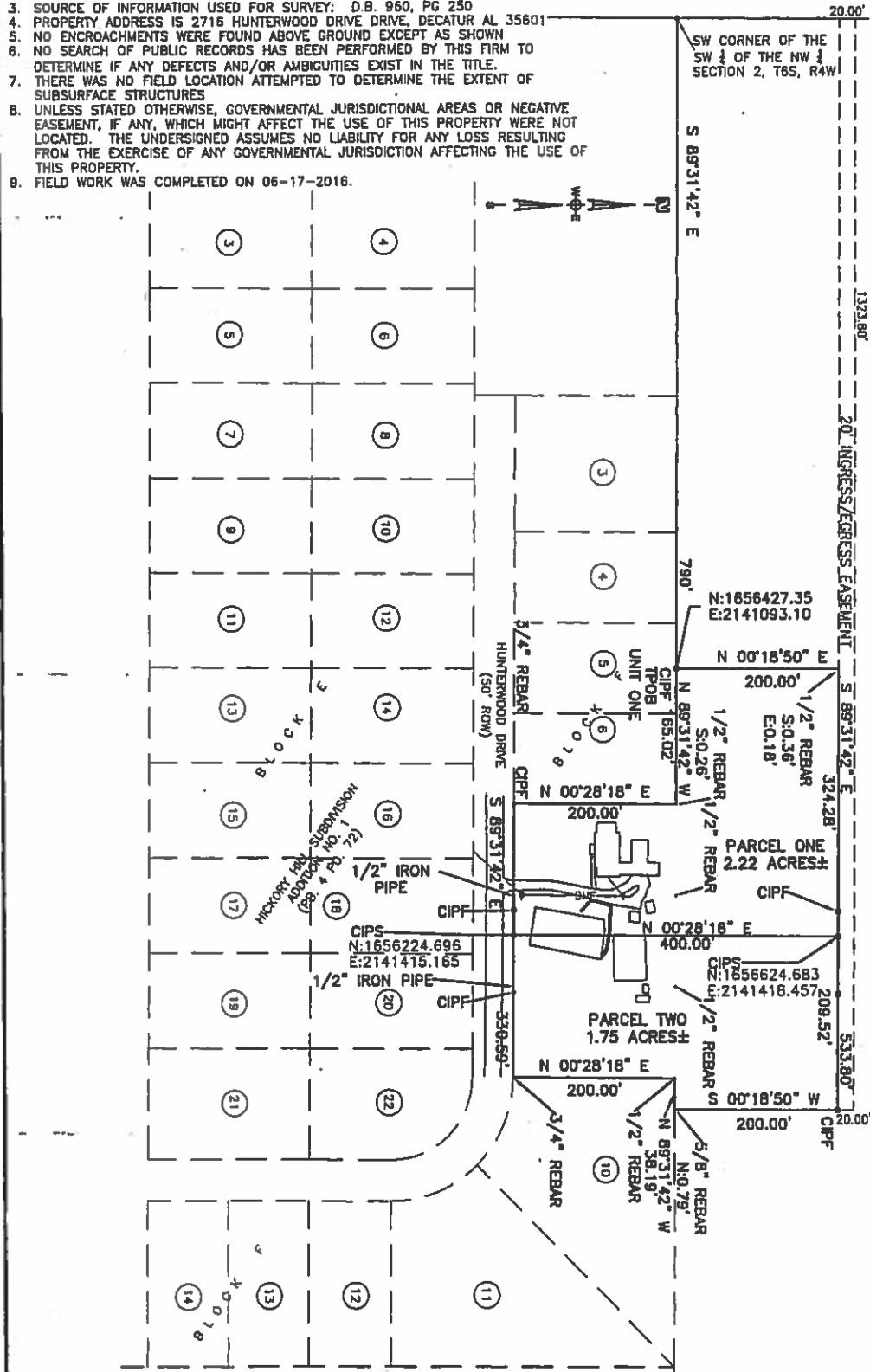
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GENERAL NOTES

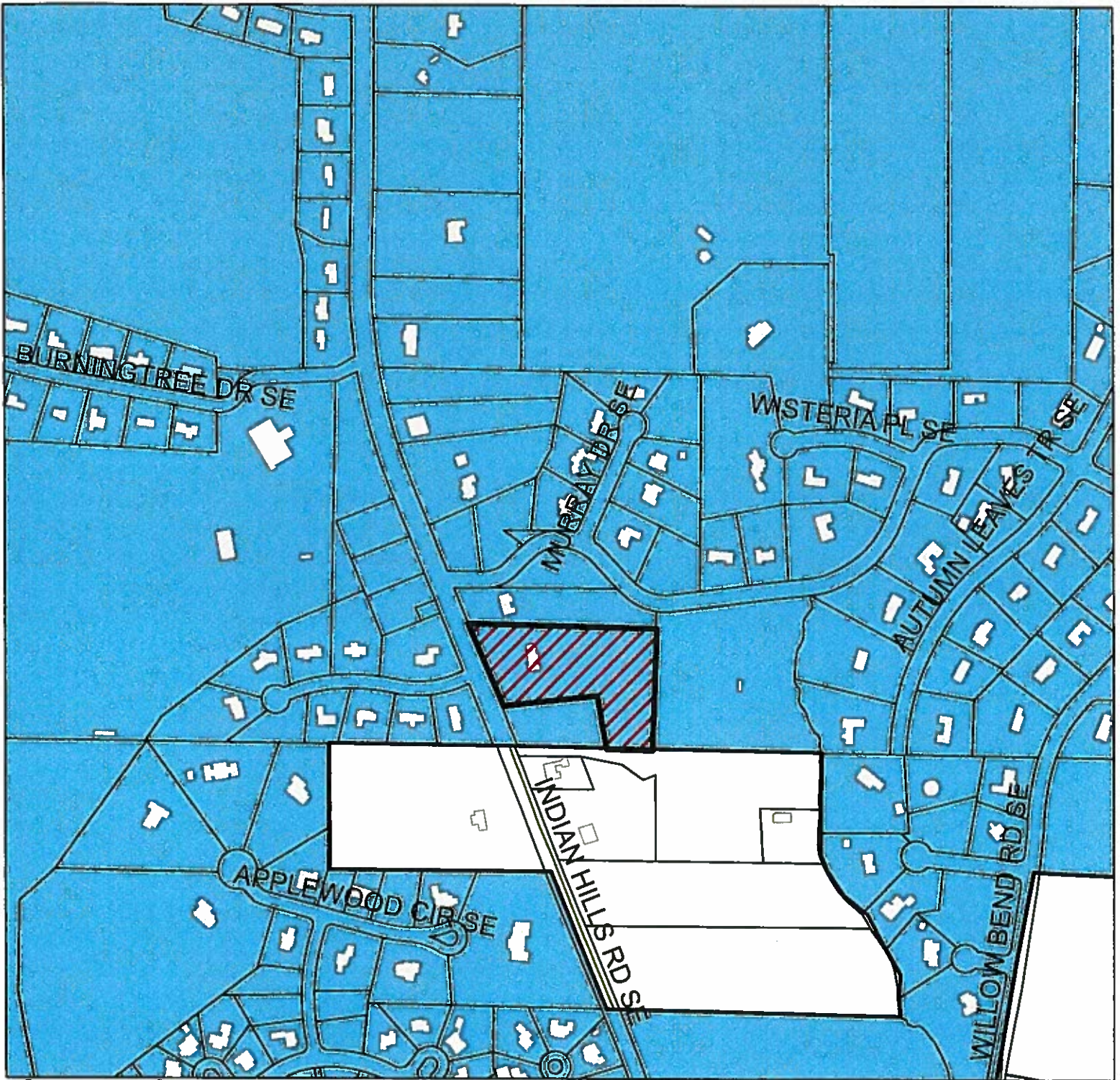
1. NORTH REFERENCE IS ALABAMA STATE COORDINATE GRID--WEST ZONE (NAD1983).
2. ALL MEASUREMENTS SHOWN ARE TO U.S. STANDARDS AND ARE FIELD MEASUREMENTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN.
3. SOURCE OF INFORMATION USED FOR SURVEY: D.B. 960, PG 250
4. PROPERTY ADDRESS IS 2716 HUNTERWOOD DRIVE, DECATUR AL 35601
5. NO ENCROACHMENTS WERE FOUND ABOVE GROUND EXCEPT AS SHOWN
6. NO SEARCH OF PUBLIC RECORDS HAS BEEN PERFORMED BY THIS FIRM TO DETERMINE IF ANY DEFECTS AND/OR AMBIGUITIES EXIST IN THE TITLE.
7. THERE WAS NO FIELD LOCATION ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF SUBSURFACE STRUCTURES
8. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONAL AREAS OR NEGATIVE EASEMENT, IF ANY, WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE USE OF THIS PROPERTY WERE NOT LOCATED. THE UNDERSIGNED ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS RESULTING FROM THE EXERCISE OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTION AFFECTING THE USE OF THIS PROPERTY.
9. FIELD WORK WAS COMPLETED ON 06-17-2016.







BOUNDARY SURVEY -- STEVE ABBOTT -- 2716 HUNTERWOOD DRIVE, SE, DECATUR, AL

DRAWING DATE: JAN 2018 | DRAWN BY: DDP | APPROVED BY: RWH | JOB No. S-04-18 | SCALE: 1"=150' | PAGE 3 OF 3

CERTIFICATE TO SUBDIVIDE NO.3377-18



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-  Buildings
-  Corporate Limits
-  **SUBJECT PROPERTY**

LOCATION MAP

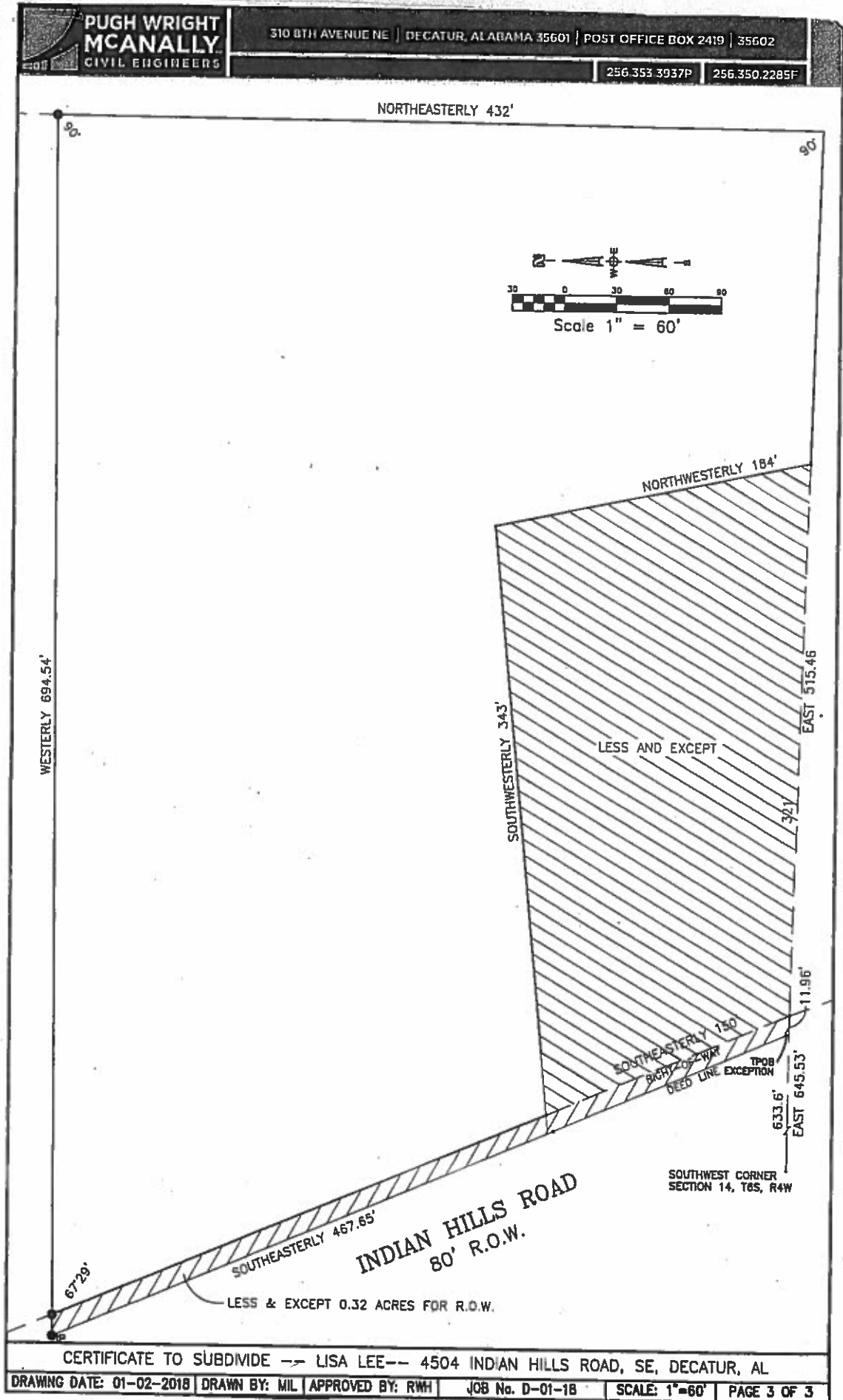
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PROPERTY ZONED R-1

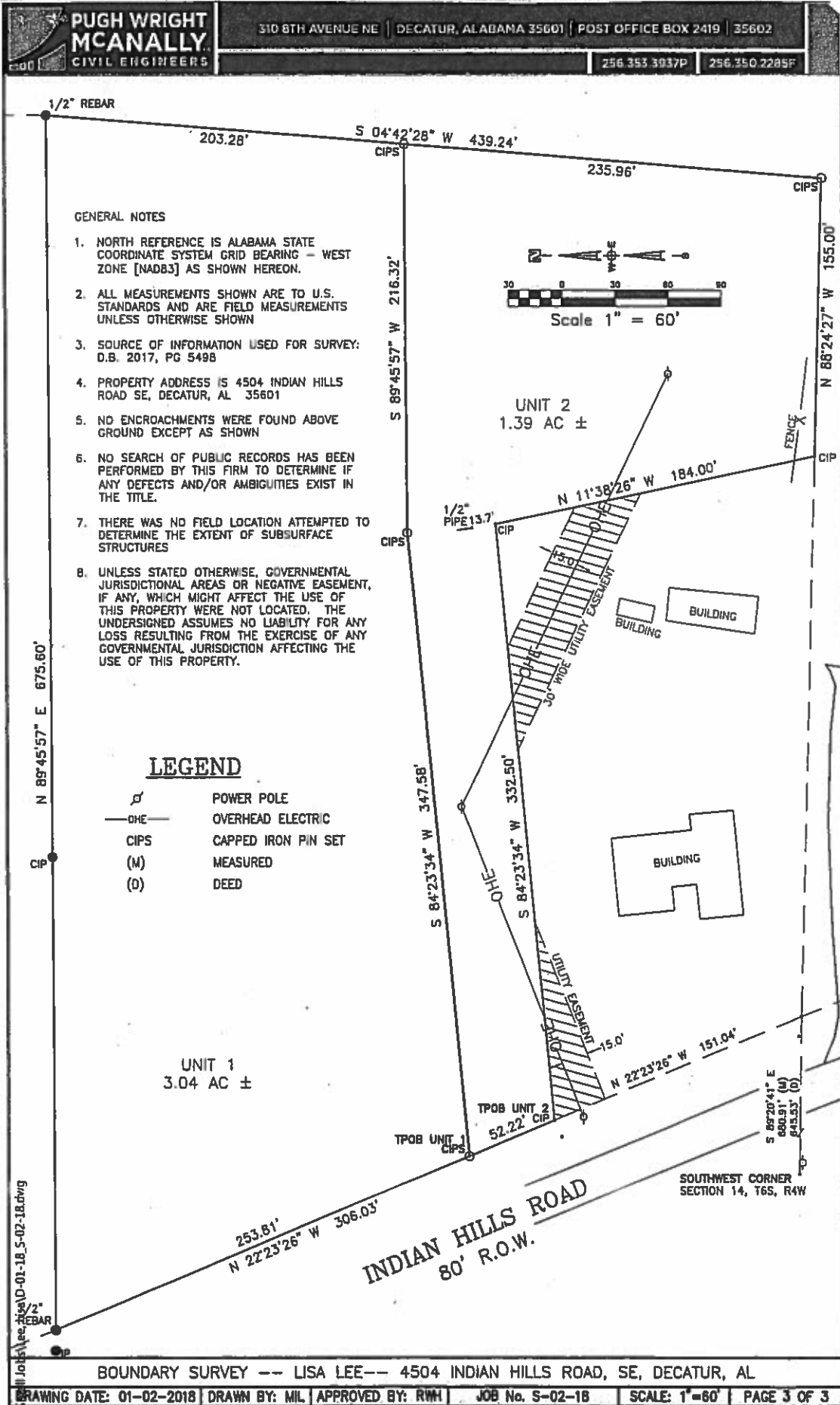


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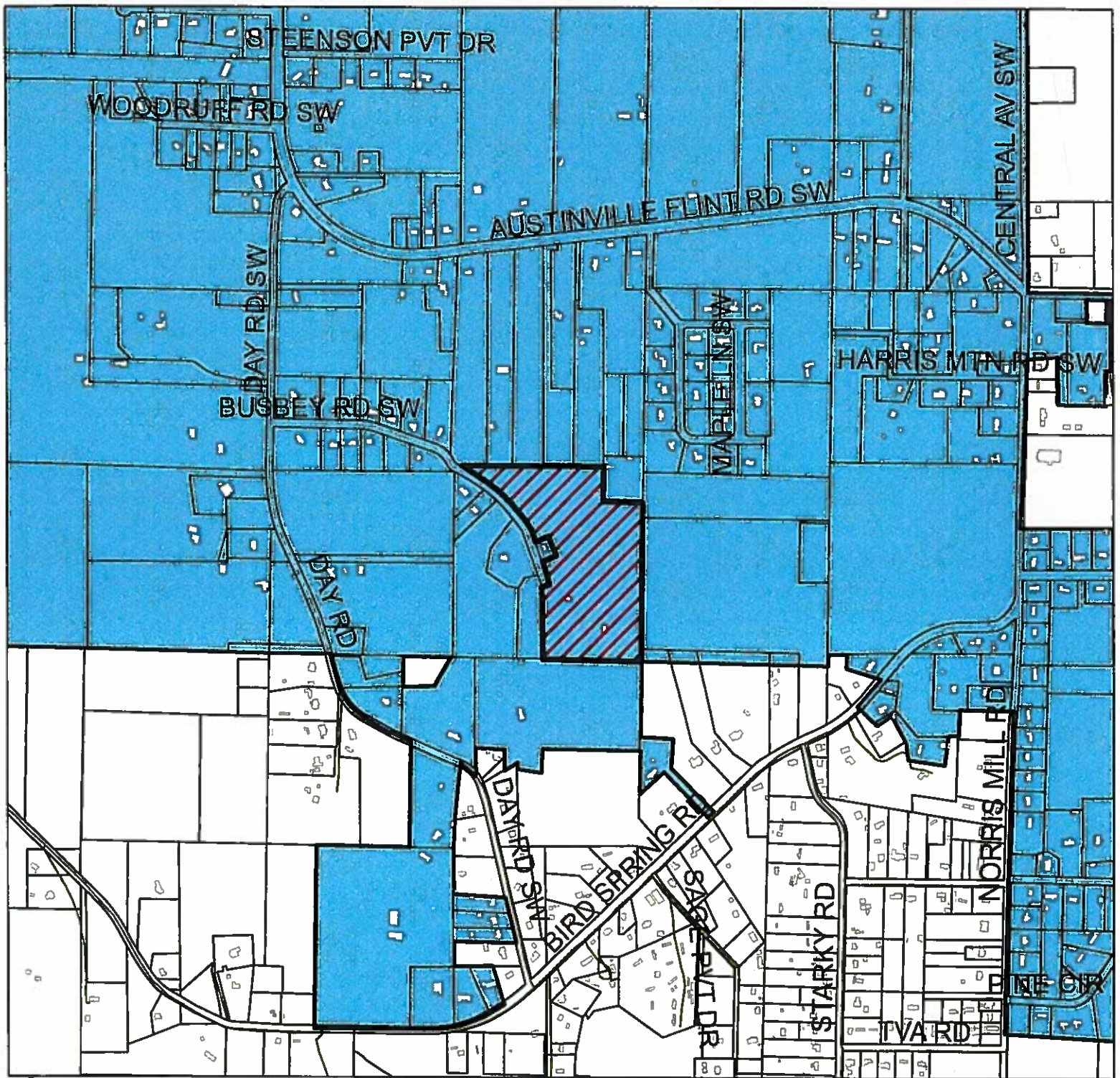
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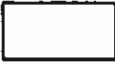



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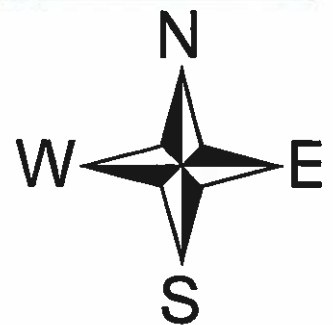
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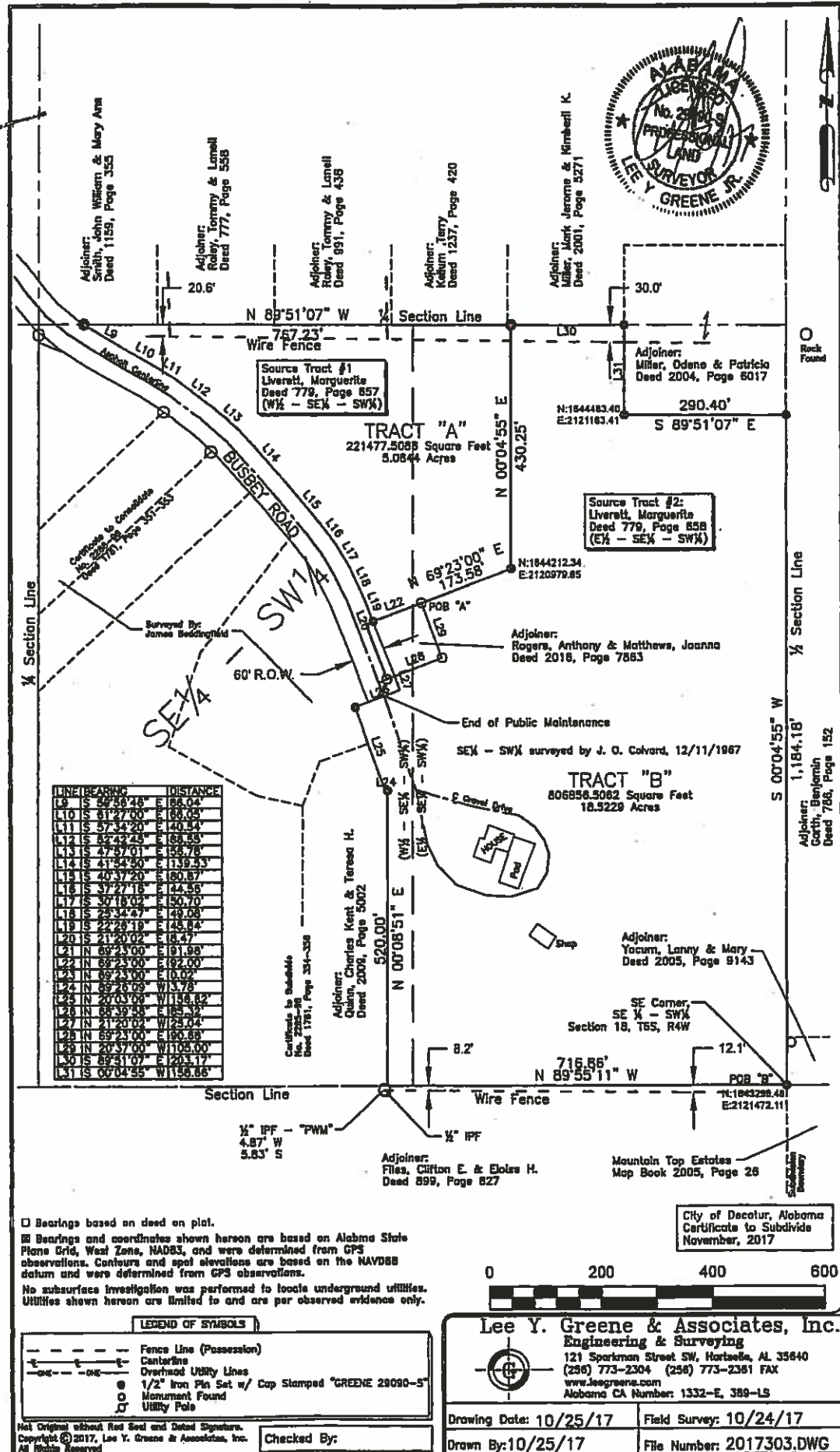
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PROPERTY ZONED AG-1

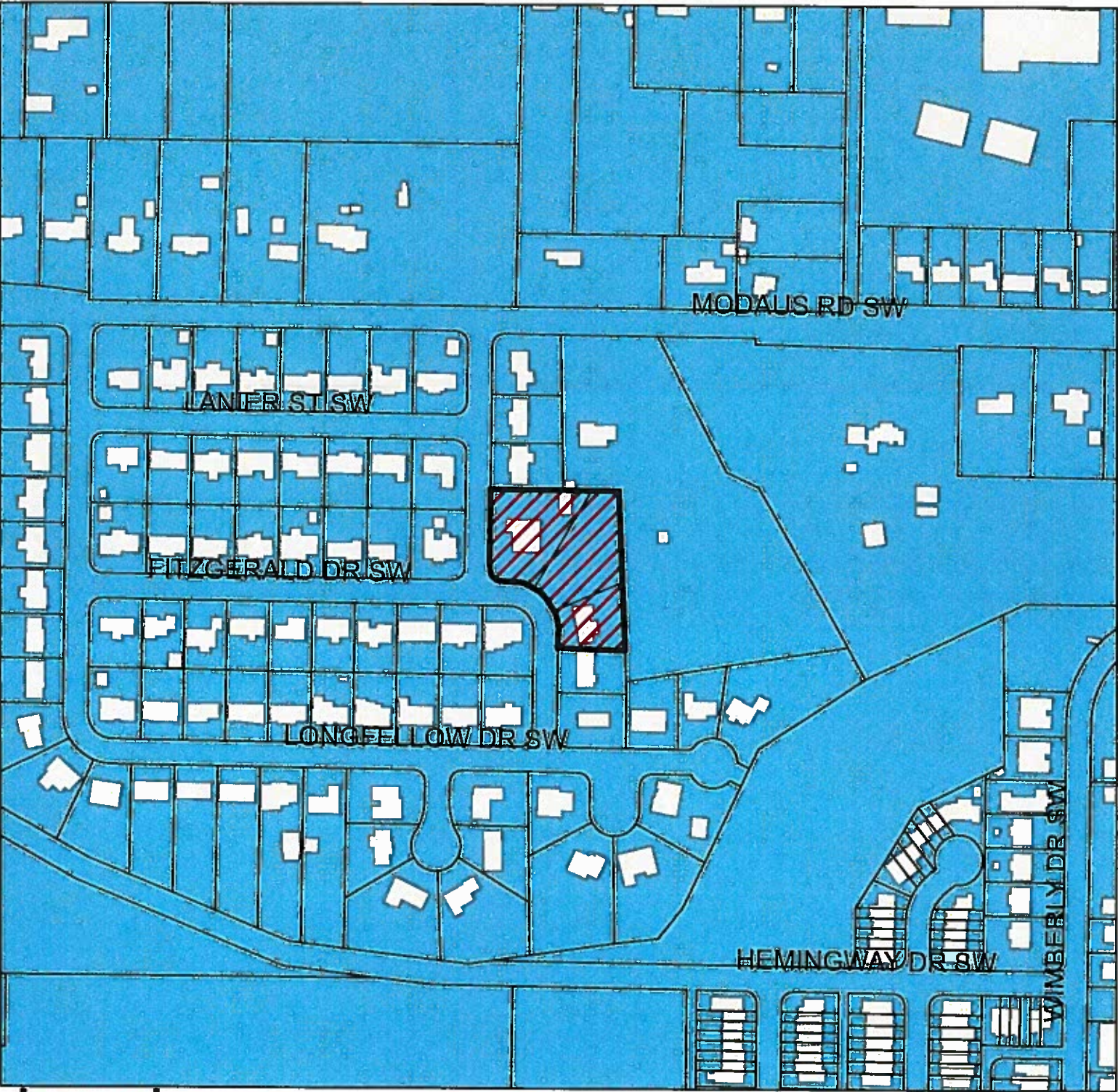


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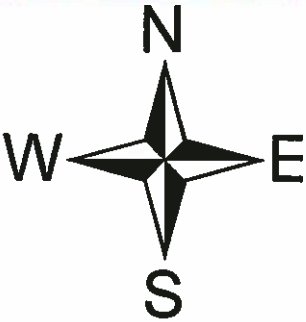


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- Corporate Limits
- SUBJECT PROPERTY

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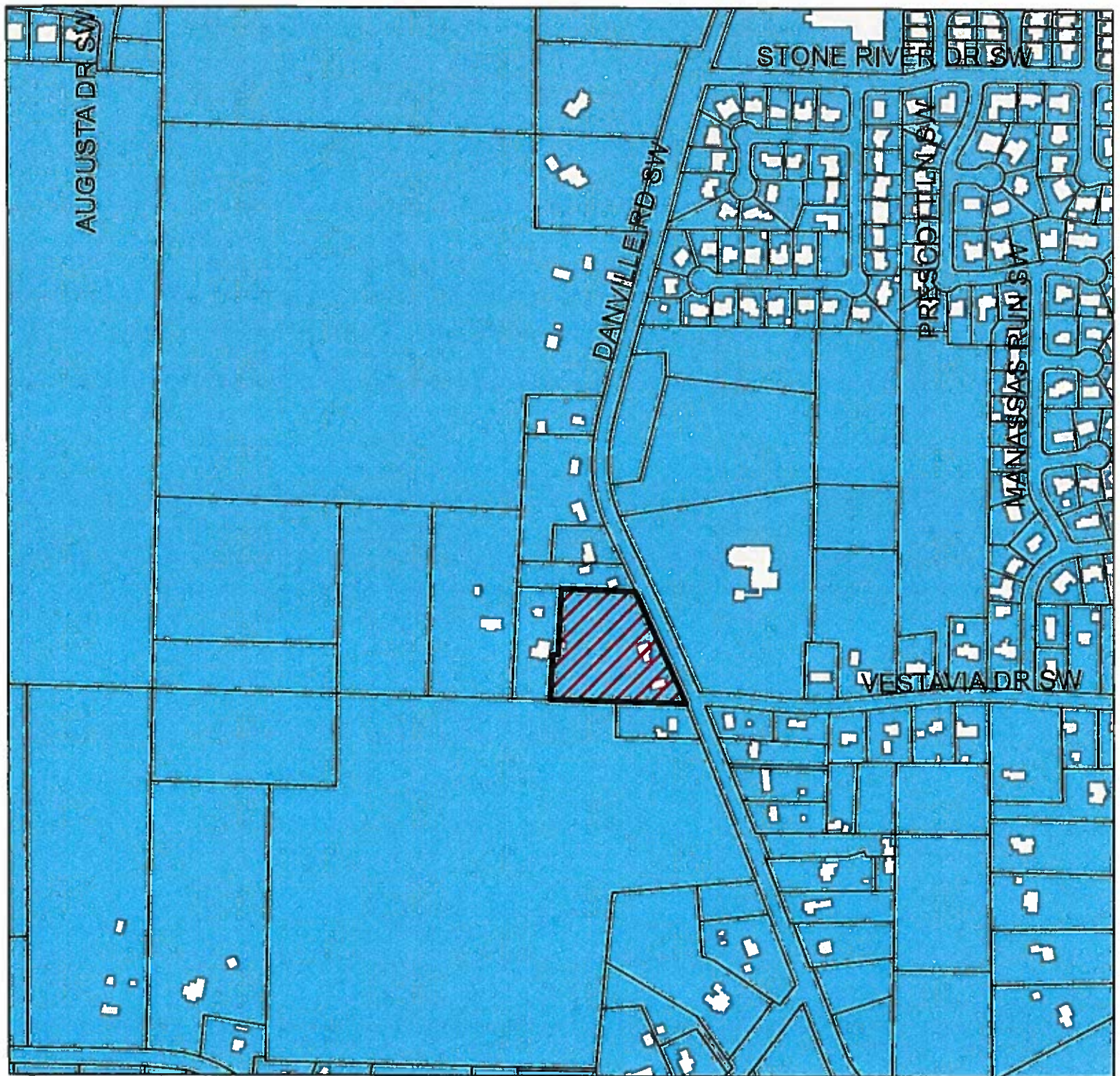
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LANCE AND TERESA CONNER**
PROPERTY ZONED R-2







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CERTIFICATE TO SUBDIVIDE NO.3380-18



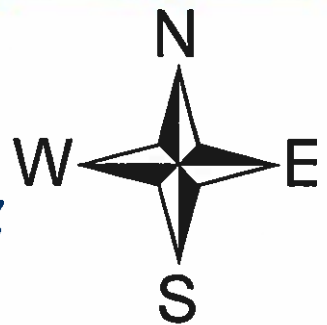
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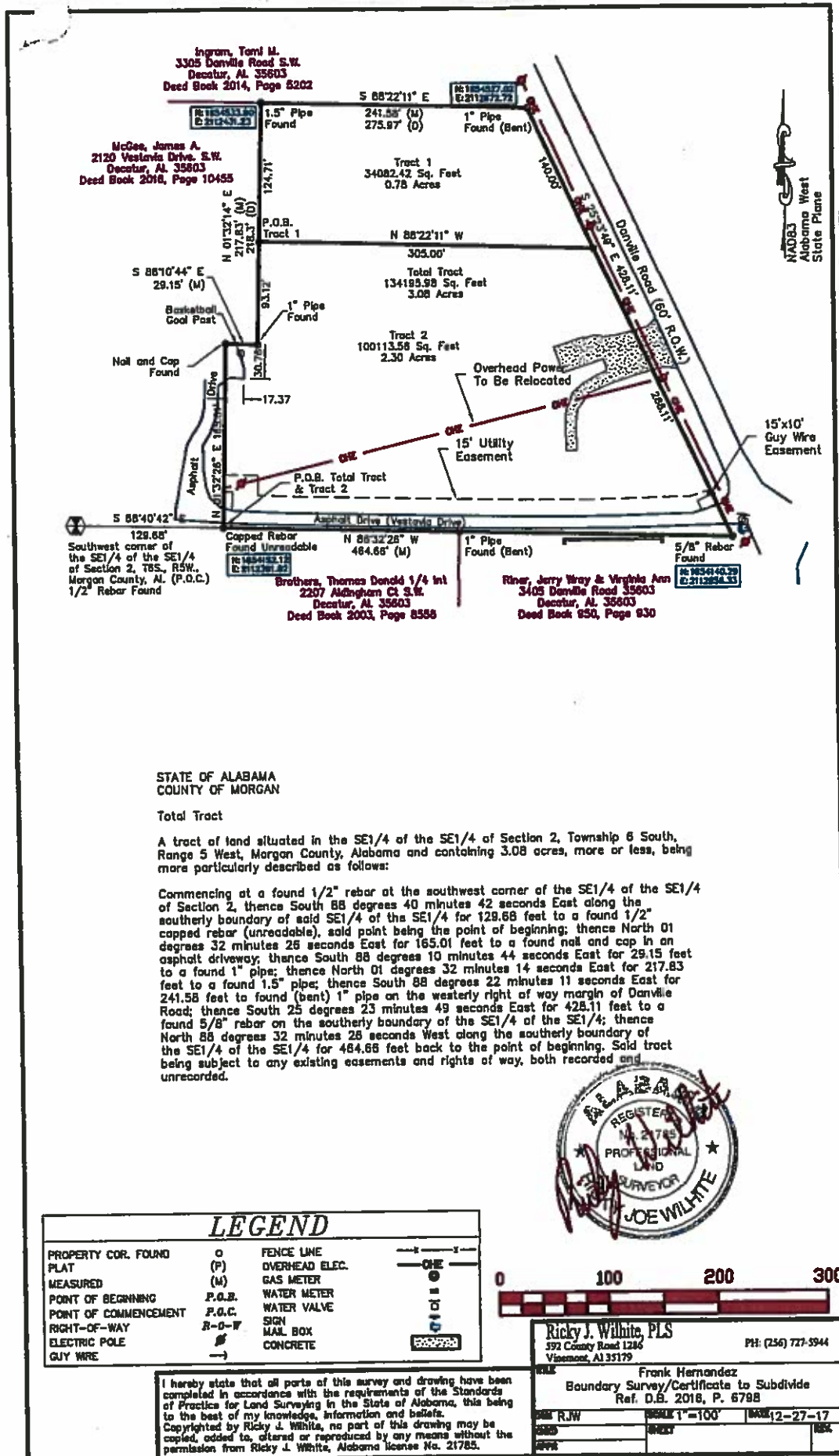
APPLICANT: FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

PROPERTY ZONED AG-2

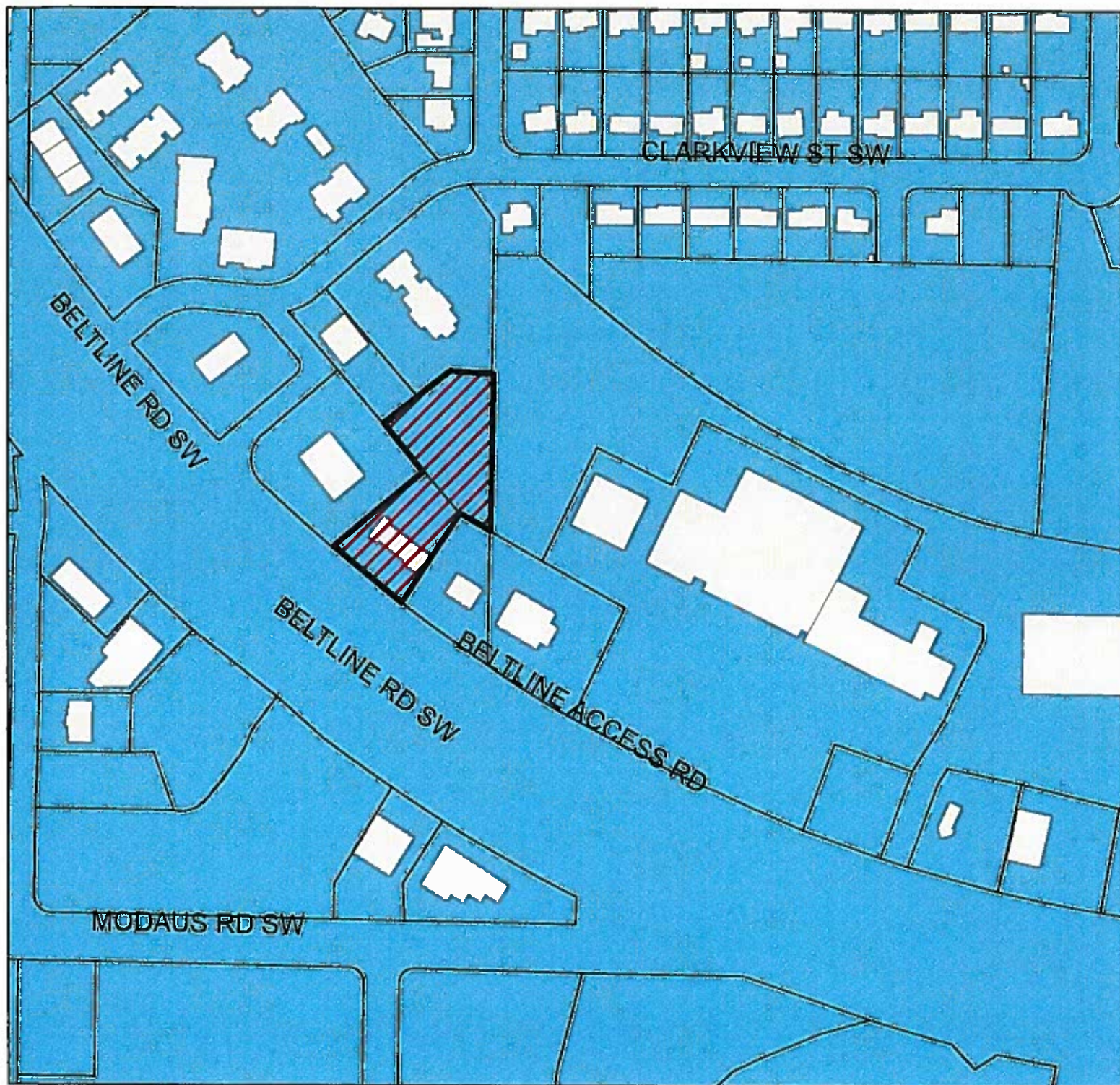


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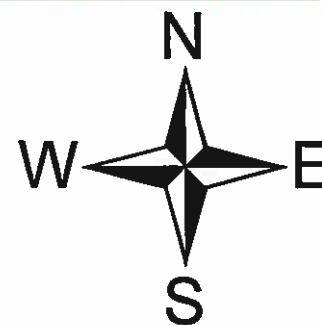
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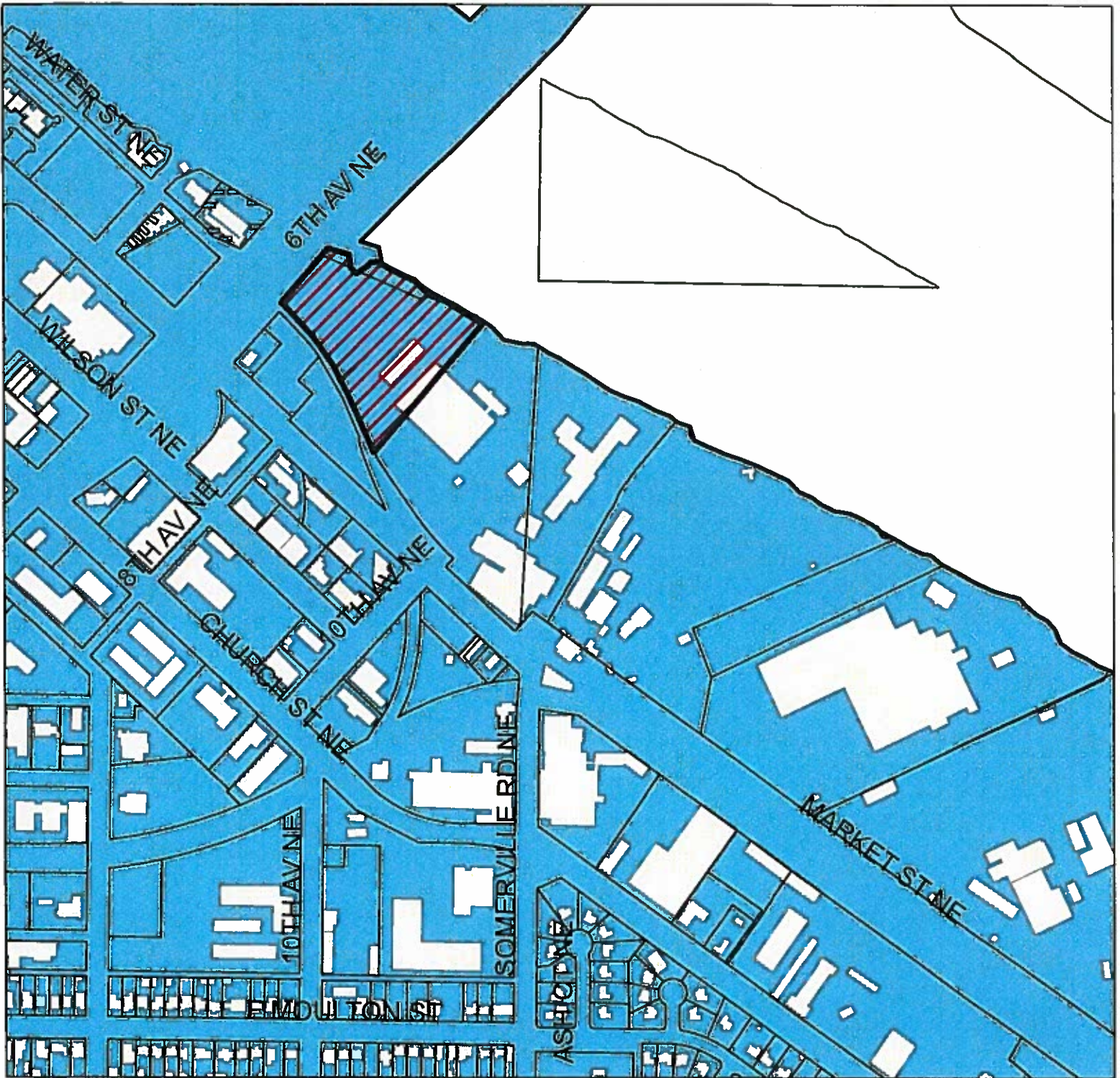
**APPLICANT: EXPRESS OIL
AND EYSTER/BARRAN**

PROPERTY ZONED M-1A







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SITE PLAN NO. 565-18



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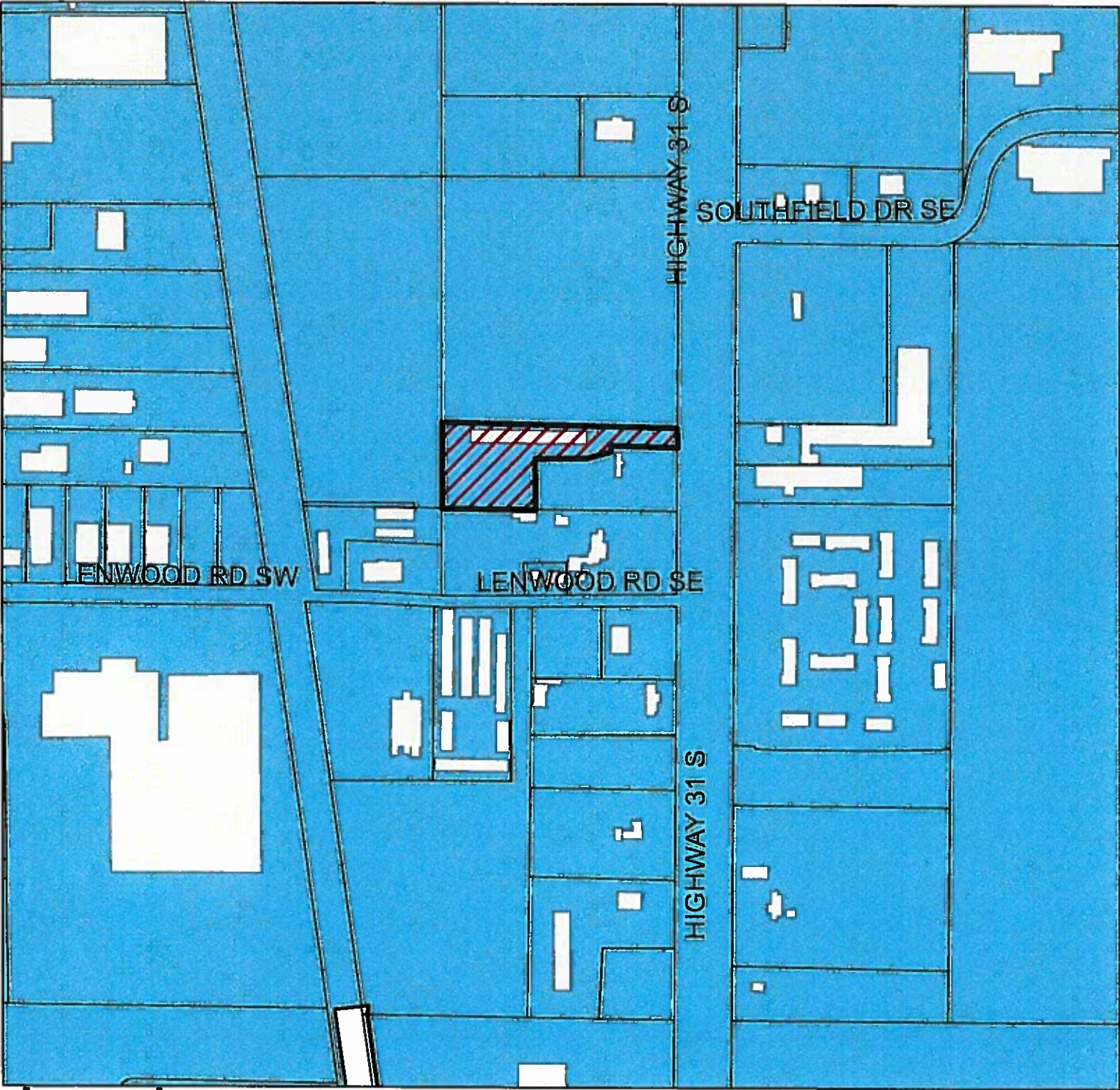
APPLICANT: ALABAMA FARMERS CO OP

PROPERTY ZONED M-2



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SITE PLAN NO. 566-18



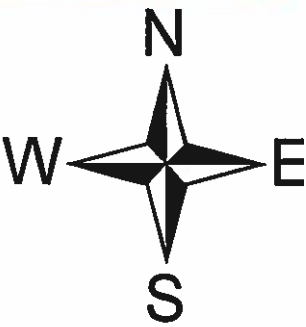
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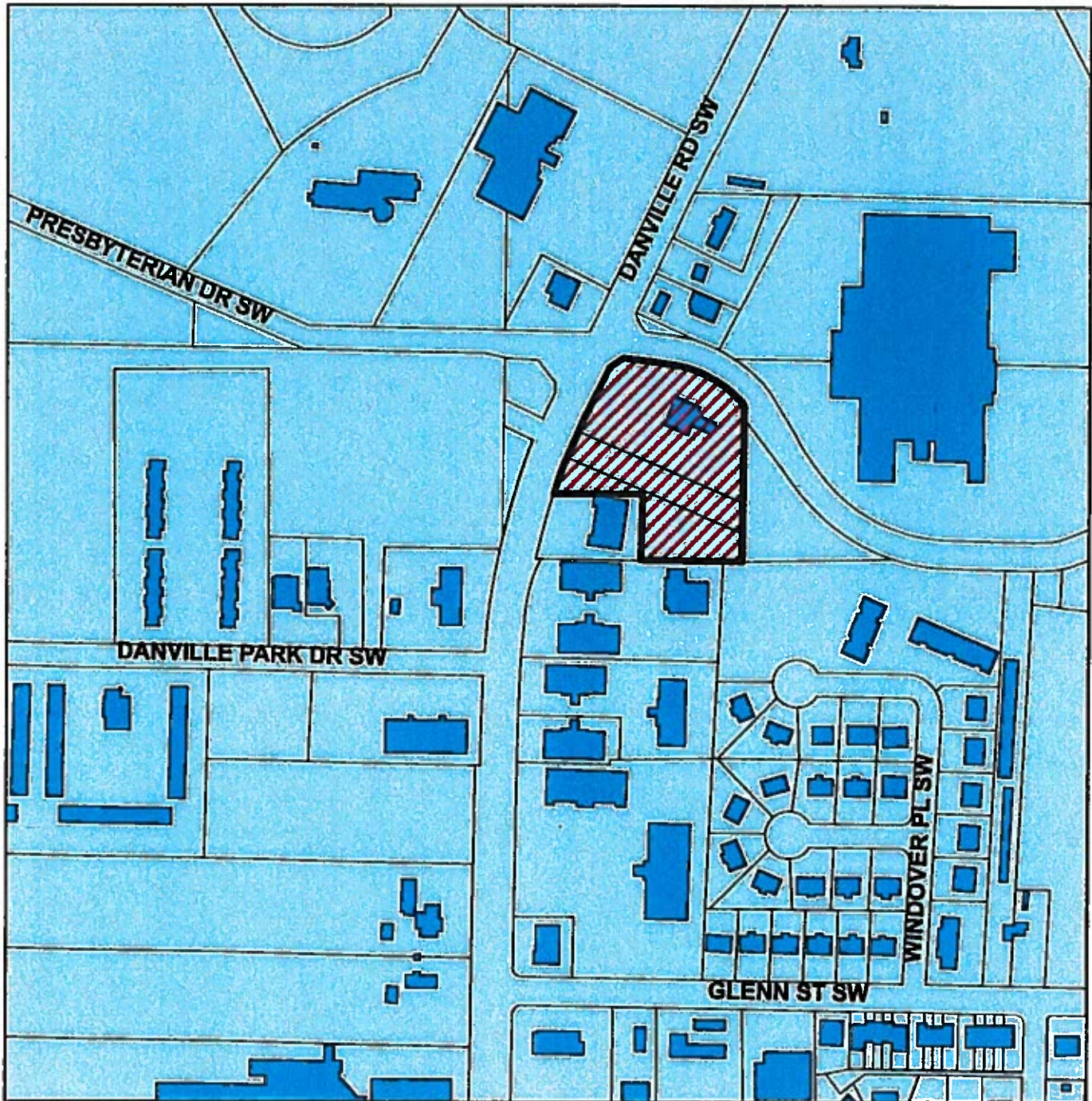
APPLICANT: JIMMY CAI

PROPERTY ZONED B-2



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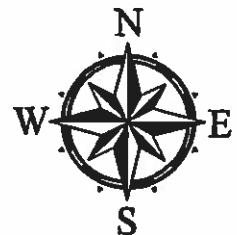
BOND REVIEW
CERTIFICATE 2172-97



LOCATION MAP





PREPARED BY THE CITY OF DECATUR
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

APPLICANT: STEPHEN KOSLOW



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Legend

-  bldg
-  Ownership
-  corplim
-  SUBJECT PROPERTY

ZONED B-2

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RESOLUTION NO. 003-18

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur has undertaken to advance the community in an open collaborative community based way; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur did select a steering committee from a group of 198 applicants to guide and develop the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, members of the Decatur community participated in five Listen and Learn Meetings, the Summit on the Future, numerous stake holder meetings and interviews, and the Choices Open house; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 residents, committee members, and stakeholders have worked for the past year and a half to create a comprehensive and achievable plan that addresses the economic, social and cultural enrichment of the community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these meetings and interviews the One Decatur Planning effort has developed a vision for the City's future; and

WHEREAS, the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan including the implementation actions captures the reality and the aspirations of a proud and forward thinking community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur is committed to supporting the voice and work of the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as brought forth and recommended by the community, and the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Decatur City Planning Commission adopts for implementation the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan in its entirety

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Planning Commission recommends the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan to the Decatur City Council for adoption

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

City of Decatur, Alabama Planning Commission

By: _____

Its Chairman

City of Decatur, Alabama

By: _____
Planning Commission Member

City of Decatur, Alabama

By: _____
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

Whereas, The Planning Commission is authorized and empowered to make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the city

Whereas, The Planning Commissions priority is the implementation of the One Decatur Comprehensive Plan

Whereas, The One Decatur Comprehensive Plan has this action statement in the Mobility section. A well maintained, smart and sustainable transportation system that offers strong regional and internal connectivity, provides attractive and safe options for cycling, walking and public transportation, and supports desirable development and a strong economy.

Whereas, The Road to Zero Coalition was started in October 2016 the goal is safe mobility for all people and eliminating traffic fatalities on our roadways by 2050.

Whereas, the Road to Zero Coalition furthers the One Decatur Action Statement

Now Therefore Be It Resolved the City of Decatur Planning Commission supports the City of Decatur joining the Road to Zero Coalition

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____,
2018.

City of Decatur, Alabama Planning Commission

By: _____

Its Chairman



About the Road to Zero

Launched in 2016 as a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Safety Council, the Road to Zero Coalition has the goal of ending fatalities on our nation's roads by 2050.

Tens of thousands of people die on U.S. roads every year, and the fatality trend is going in the wrong direction. After a decade of record declines, traffic fatalities are increasing. To reverse this trend, the Road to Zero Coalition, made up of over 450 member organizations, promotes proven lifesaving strategies and leads the development of a new scenario-based vision on how to achieve zero traffic deaths based on evidence-based strategies and a systematic approach to eliminating risks.

Zero traffic deaths sounds like a lofty goal, but it is attainable based on a few driving principles:

- Traffic fatalities and injuries are preventable
- A future with zero traffic deaths is more certain than ever with the emergence of automated vehicles and the Safe Systems transportation approach
- A coordinated effort that brings together multiple stakeholders with the same goal can achieve more than individual organizations working independently

The Road to Zero includes in the discussion representatives of roadway, behavioral and vehicle safety, and also nonprofit groups, public health officials and technology companies – dozens of organizations working together to develop a coordinated approach to highway safety.

To accomplish its goals, the Road to Zero Coalition awards Safe System Innovation Grants. U.S. DOT funds these grants with \$1 million each year for three years. In addition to the Coalition members, the Road to Zero is led by a Steering Group, which includes NSC as Chair, NHTSA, FHWA and FMCSA as advisory members, and 16 additional organizations. The full Steering Group list includes:

- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- National Safety Council
- American Automobile Association (AAA)
- American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (AHS)
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)
- Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA)
- Global Automakers

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Road to Zero Key Messages

The following language may be helpful in any communications your organization distributes about the Road to Zero.

- **Cars are safer than ever, but drivers are not.**
National Safety Council estimates that motor vehicle deaths have increased 14% in the last two years – the largest two-year percentage increase in deaths in 53 years.¹ Technology advancements have made our cars safer than ever before, but drivers continue to make critical mistakes, leading to 94% of all crashes.²
- **The Road to Zero Coalition is a coordinated, data-driven response to the increase in roadway deaths.**
Road to Zero was founded in 2016 with a clear goal: End all fatalities on U.S. roadways in the next 30 years. Since October 2016, more than 450 organizations, individuals and companies have joined the Road to Zero Coalition. Membership is free.
- **Every single death is preventable and zero is the only acceptable number.**
A future with zero traffic deaths is more certain than ever with the emergence of automated vehicles and the Safe Systems transportation approach – developed by traffic safety professionals in Australia and closely aligned with other proven strategies in Sweden (*Vision Zero*) and the Netherlands (*Sustainable Safety*).
- **Reaching zero deaths will take all of us.**
Education, enforcement, legislation, infrastructure improvements, and technology advancements all play a role in ending motor vehicle deaths. The Road to Zero Coalition includes organizations focused on all of these areas.
- **Safe System Innovation Grants**
The Road to Zero Coalition offers annual grants to advance traffic safety efforts. The U.S. DOT has committed \$1 million a year for three years to fund Safe System Innovation Grants to qualifying organizations that can clearly explain how their program will reduce motor vehicle fatalities within a set timeframe. More information about Safe System Innovation Grants is available at nsc.org/roadtozero.

¹ According to NSC estimates from 2014 to 2016

² According to NHTSA



- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Intelligent Car Coalition (ICC)
- Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)
- Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
- National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
- Vision Zero Network (VZN)