#### GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Rezoning Case REZ-2022-07 Regular Meeting (x)

Work Session (x)

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2022 Recommendation (x)

Policy/Discussion ( )

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A Report ( )

FUNDING SOURCE: ( ) Annual ( ) SPLOST ( ) Capital (X) N/A

ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2022-07 Hayden Park

Camelot Crossing & Val Del Rd (0072 0061)

R-1 to C-G, PD, R-10, County Utilities, ~150 acres

### HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from R-1 (Low Density Residential) zoning to C-G (Commercial General) on ~63 acres, PD (Planned Development) zoning on ~28 acres, and R-10 (Suburban Density Residential) on ~55 acres. The general motivation in this case is for the applicant to create a mixture of residential and commercial sites for development in various stages. The subject property is within the Urban Service Area and Community Activity Center Character Area, and possesses road frontage on Val Del Road, a major collector, and Camelot Crossing, a local road.

The minimum lot size for C-G zoning on County Utilities is 10,000sf, with a minimum lot width of 80 feet; identical to the R-10 zoning proposed on the northern portion. Parking for Office and Commercial Businesses is based on gross floor area, between 2-300 sf depending on each use, while restaurants are determined by occupancy load and employees. For reference, the C-H parcels to the south are approximately 1 acre each.

The property is within a medium groundwater recharge area, and contains large areas of wetlands, which act as natural dividers between the proposed zoning districts.

Per Comprehensive Plan Guidance, the proposed zonings are recommended as part of the development strategy to "include a relatively high-density mix of retail, office, services, and employment," while the "residential development should reinforce the town center through locating higher density housing options adjacent to the town center, targeted to a broad range of income levels, including multi-family [developments]."

Staff finds the request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and existing land use patterns, and the TRC noted that before a final Certificate of Occupancy can be issued for the PD portion, a secondary point of ingress/egress must be established.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve 2. Approve with Conditions 3. Table 4. Deny

DIVISION: Planning & Zoning Staff: JD Dillard

Planning & Zoning Staff

Recommendation by the Commission:

#### Letter of Intent for Rezoning Application

I respectfully request the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners to rezone the subject property from R-1 (Residential Single-Family, minimum 1.0-acre lots) to P-D Planned Development (mixed-use), R10, and CG.

The reason for the request is to develop the property for a creative and unique mix of residential, office and retail uses. Such a mix is not covered by a single zoning category in the Lowndes County Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). The P-D zoning was created specifically for this purpose, as described in the ULDC as follows:

"2.01.07 Planned Development Districts: PD, Planned Development and PD-R, Rural Planned Development. These districts are intended for the development of a combination of residential, office, and limited commercial uses. These districts are established to encourage creative and resourceful projects that include compatible, interrelated uses and related public facilities unified by a development plan and tailored to either an urban or rural setting."

My intent is to develop the property per the site plan included, in phases, over time, as demand merits. The subject is especially suited for a mixed-use development of this type. There are multiple positive reasons to support such a development in this area, as follows:

- Located in the crosshairs of a significant growth pattern in the northern suburban area of Valdosta-Lowndes County.
- Excellent and easy access to and from multiple major highways including North Valdosta Road, Old U.S. Hwy. 41, and Val Del Road.
- ±1,000' frontage on Val Del Road; direct access to Camelot Crossing, a public right-of-way that connects directly to North Valdosta Road; Less than two miles away is I-75, Exit 22 with its rebuilt, expanded interchange.
- Lowndes County water-sewer utilities are at or very close to the site, with adequate capacity according to County officials. All other utilities, services and required infrastructure are in place and available.
- There is a shortage of residential, office and retail development in this large sub-market. Within a few miles of this site are multiple new residential developments, with more on the way. New homes being built nearby are sold even before they're finished. The existing commercial development in Camelot Crossing is almost completely built-out. Residents in north Lowndes must travel many miles to find adequate commercial services and amenities. This new development will meet this pent-up demand.
- We're in a new era with newer generations demanding new types of development that have been built
  elsewhere but not here yet. This includes "Town Village" lifestyle shopping centers replacing the old
  traditional enclosed Malls; new, unique types of residential living including high-tech smaller cluster or
  townhomes on smaller lots, better-suited for singles and small families, mixed in and around on-site
  amenities and recreational areas for residents, their families and pets; and distinct, high-tech, executive
  small-office suites that are built better, newer and safer than traditional older office buildings; with much
  greater appeal to younger workers moving up.
- This development will create significant, multi-million-dollar economic benefits to the community over many years, including: significant new revenues from property and sales tax revenues, and utility payments; millions spent locally for construction labor and materials as each section is phased in; new employment payrolls; and another draw for new residents to move to this community.
- Lowndes County has been wise to pro-actively invest in infrastructure here, anticipating and preparing for new growth. This development will help create a positive return on that investment for many years.

Valdosta and Lowndes County are ready for the next generation of community amenities to serve existing residents and attract new ones. This new planned site will lead the way to meet that need. I appreciate the opportunity to partner with Lowndes County to create a new, unique and exciting mixed-use development.

Thank you for your consideration. Charlie Hand





LOCATION

<u>MAP</u>

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PROPOSED

DEVELOPMENT

CAMELOT CROSSING

VALDOSTA, GA 31602

CAIRO, GA 39827

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN OVERALL

PROJ. No.:	22-002	DRAWN BY:	jj
DWG NAME:	CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN.dwg	CHECKED BY:	jj
SCALE:	1" = 200 '	DATE: 2 FEB	2022

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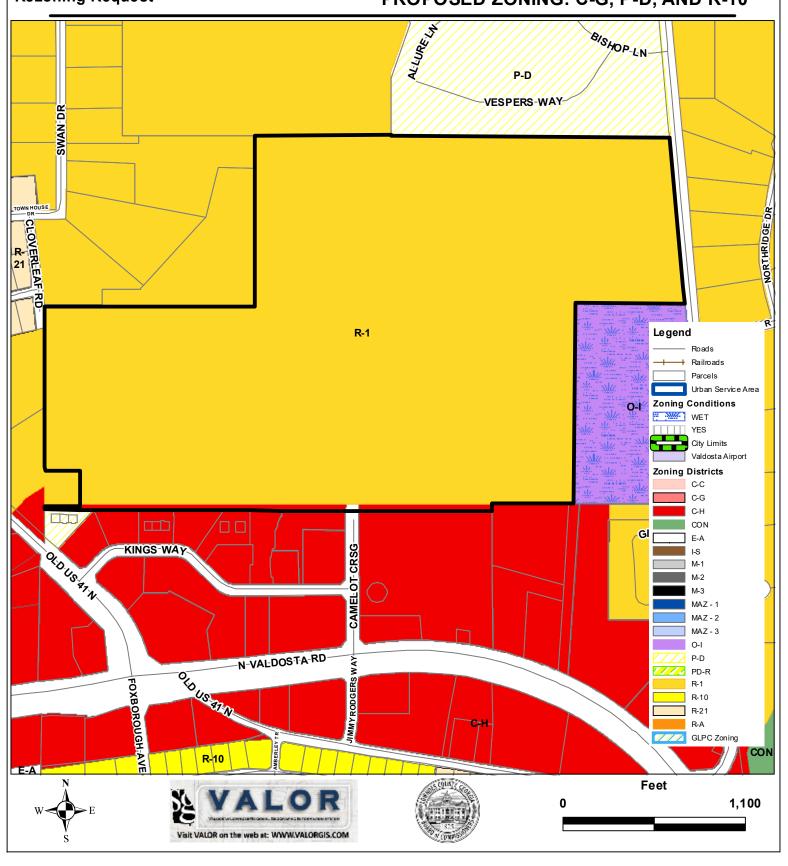




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## **Zoning Location Map**

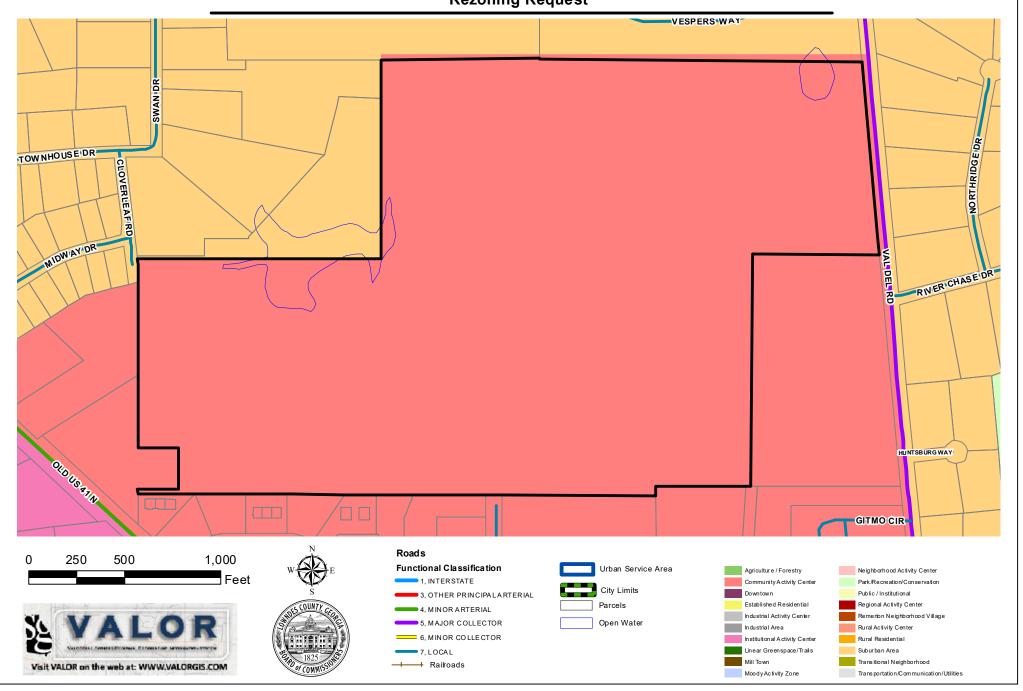
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## **Future Development Map**





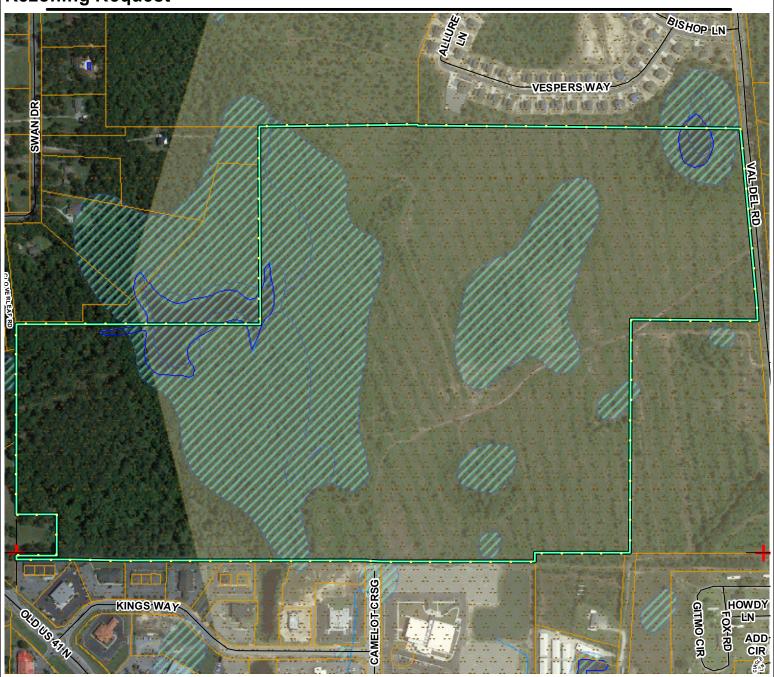
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## **WRPDO Site Map**

### Legend



## HAYDEN PARK Rezoning Request









200 400 800 Feet