## GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Rezoning Case REZ-2022-08

Regular Meeting (x)

Work Session (x)

DATE OF MEETING: March, 2022 Recommendation (x)

Policy/Discussion ()

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A Report ( )

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

ACTION REQUESTED ON: REZ-2022-08 Hallabrook

3263 Old Clyattville Road (0092 039B)

R-A to PD, Well and Septic, ~15.6 acres

#### HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This request represents a change in zoning on the subject property from E-A (Residential Agricultural) zoning to PD (Planned Development) zoning. The general motivation in this case is for the applicant to utilize the property as an Event Facility/Venue, primarily for weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, corporate events, community gatherings, etc. The subject property possesses road frontage on Old Clyattville Road, a major collector, and is within the Urban Service Area and Suburban Character Area.

Aspects of this case worthy of consideration include: 1) The nature of the request as it pertains to a rural setting, 2) Current trends of event venues in rural areas, 3) Surrounding agricultural use of lands.

The TRC considered the request and is supportive of the following Staff-recommended conditions:

- 1. The property may be used only for:
  - a. Uses permitted in the Residential Agricultural (R-A) zoning district, and
  - b. An event facility where the operation of an event facility is limited to meetings, retreats, celebrations, and weddings for groups no larger than the fire code allows for the proposed buildings/area. Outdoor performances by bands or ensembles that are accessory to a meeting, retreat, celebration, or wedding shall be allowed. The hours of operation of the event facility shall be limited to 8am to 10pm, including adherence to the Lowndes County Noise Ordinance (Nov. 2011).
- 2. Unless otherwise noted on the LCBOC approved site plan, the use of the property shall be subject to all standards applicable to properties in the R-A zoning district.
- 3. Exterior lighting shall be shielded to avoid direct illumination of adjacent properties.

OPTIONS: 1. Approve	2. Approve with Conditions	3. Table	4. Deny
DIVISION: Planning & Zoning		Staff: JD Dillard Planning & Zoning Staff	
Recommendation by the C	ommission:		

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Lowndes County Georgia Mr. JD Dillard, County Planner 327 N. Ashley Street Valdosta, GA 31601

Re: Letter of Intent regarding: Application for Rezoning

Property Map/Parcel No.: 0039 039B & a portion of 0092 039 (the "Property")

<u>Property Address</u>: 3263 Old Clyattville Road <u>Property Owner</u>: Palmetto Holdings, LLLP Rezoning Request for: Palmetto Holdings, LLLP

Dear Mr. Dillard:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as the Letter of Intent required by Lowndes County in connection with the above-referenced Rezoning Request, which is further explained below. William P. Langdale, Jr. of Langdale Vallotton, LLP, as the owner and authorized Agent respectfully submits the Application on behalf of the property owner, Palmetto Holdings, LLLP ("Palmetto").

Palmetto seeks to rezone the Property from RA to PD, which meets the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, as discussed in further detail below. The Property is located off of the Old Clyattville Road, a county paved road, and is currently zoned as RA. Palmetto plans to use this Property as a multipurpose venue.

The Property consists of 15.620 acres and is part of a larger tract of 180 acres, more or less, which is and has been for more than 30 years used for a pecan plantation. Palmetto acquired the pecan plantation more than 10 years ago. When Palmetto acquired the Property there was a beautiful home, barn, lake and other amenities located on the Property, which was the property of the late Jimmy Dowling and the home of the late Harry Roberts. The site which is the subject of this application is perched on a hill overlooking the lake and nestled in pecan trees and is one of the most serene and beautiful sites in Lowndes County.

Being surrounded by our pecan plantation and with the intense nature of pecan farming, this isolated Property is not suitable for residential use; therefore, since we acquired the Property, we have used it for political gatherings, family reunions, weddings, and other special events. The Property has been perfect for this use given the location and existing amenities on the Property and the fact there are no fulltime residents on the Property who may consider necessary and normal pecan operations a nuisance.

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Because of the above-mentioned qualities, we plan to improve the home and existing facilities on the Property so events can be comfortably held indoors while preserving the pristine views. This property is uniquely suited for this purpose being located on a paved road close to I-75, the airport, and Wild Adventures.

The proposed rezoning meets the Comprehensive Plan goals and policies, including but not limited to the following:

- Goal 3, Policy 3.4 and 3.7 This proposed rezoning would be consistent with this Goal and these policies because the Property will be used for an affordable and accessible meeting place.
- Goal 5, Policy 5.2 and 5.11 This proposed rezoning would be consistent with this Goal and these policies in that the Property is being used in the most efficient manner and the use is in an area where the needed infrastructure services are available.
- Goal 6, Policy 6.3 and 6.12- The proposed rezoning would be consistent with this Goal and these policies because the use is a good use of existing land and protects and will preserve flood plains, wetlands, ground water recharge areas, or other environmentally sensitive areas.

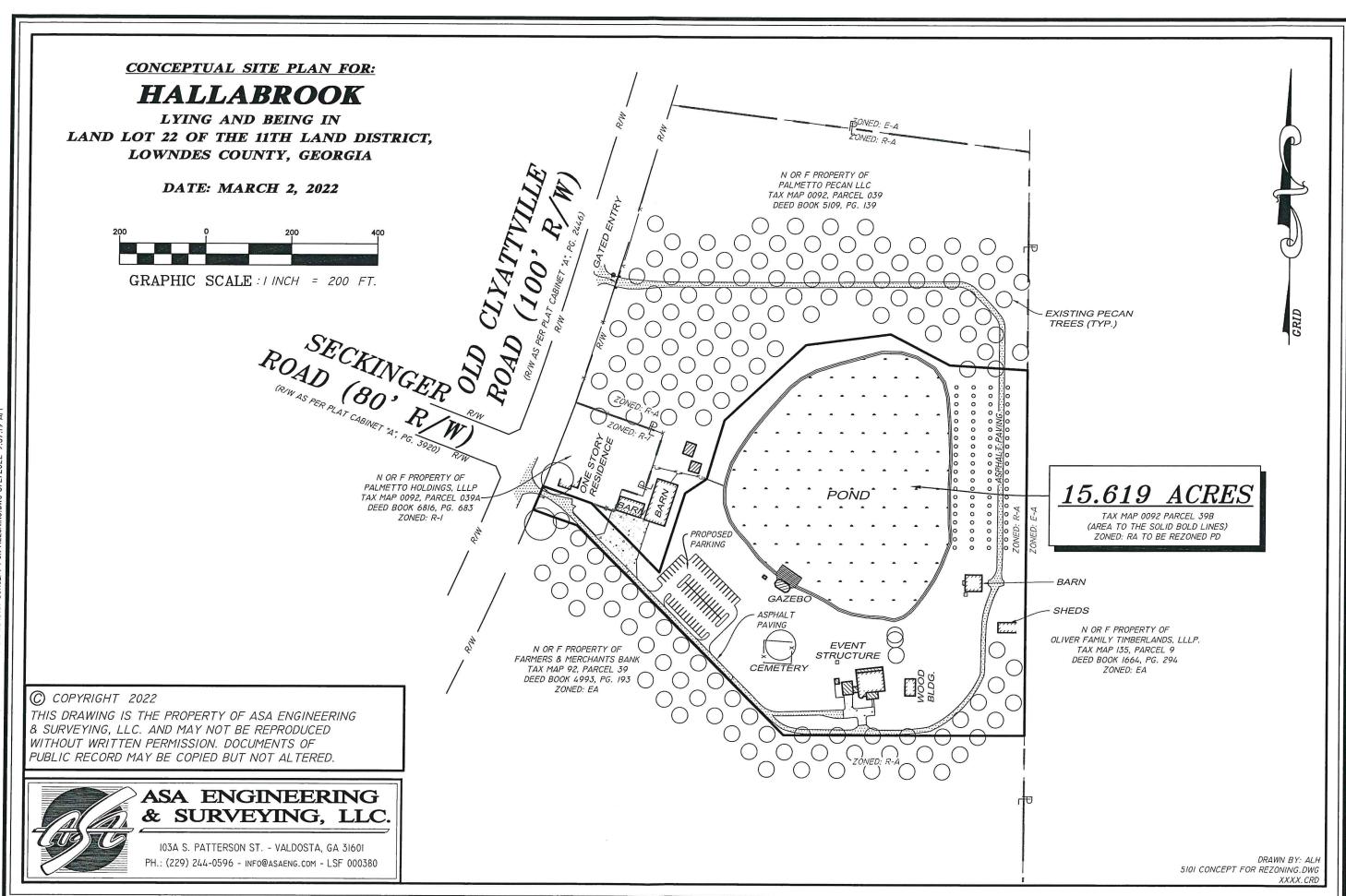
Enclosed herewith is the Rezoning Application, as well as additional required documentation. Should you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you both on this matter.

Very truly yours,

ANGUALE VALLOTTON, LLP

. William P. Langdale, Jr.

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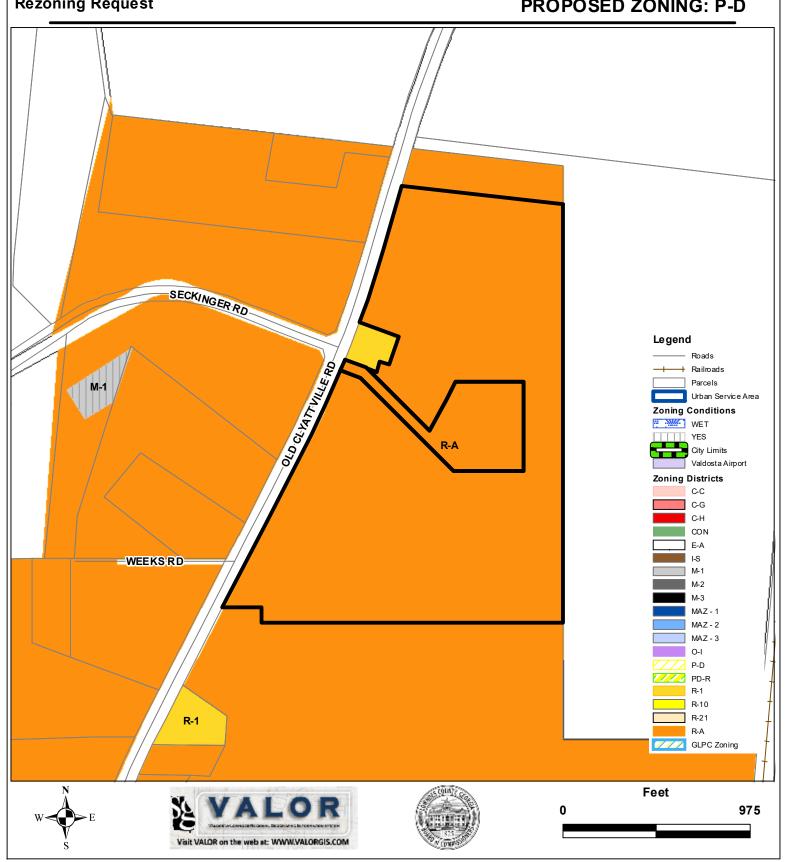
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## **Zoning Location Map**

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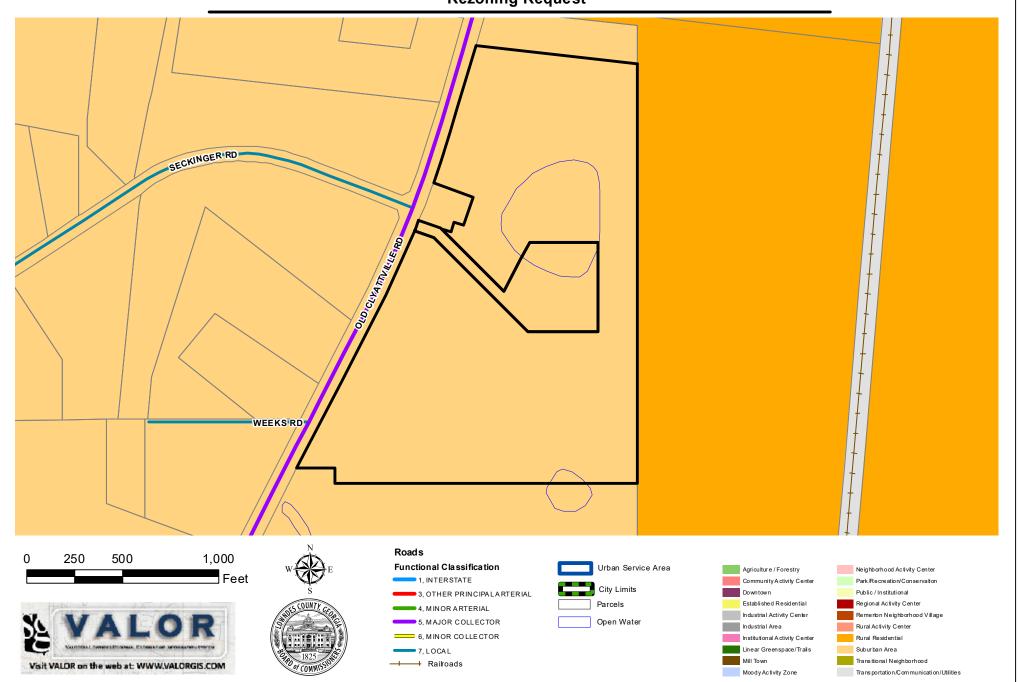
**CURRENT ZONING: R-A PROPOSED ZONING: P-D** 



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### **Future Development Map**

## LANGDALE VENUE Rezoning Request



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## **WRPDO Site Map**

### Legend



# LANGDALE VENUE Rezoning Request









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