#### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

# Stonecrest City Hall - 6:00 PM \**In-Person Meeting*August 2, 2022



#### AGENDA

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Stonecrest will assist citizens with special needs given notice (7 working days) to participate in any open meetings of the City of Stonecrest. Please contact the City Clerk's Office via telephone (770-224-0200).

Citizens wishing to activity participate and make a comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting please submit their request via email address <u>kjackson@stonecrestga.gov</u> by noon the day of the hearing, July 5, 2022. A zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you, or you can also submit comments and questions to the same email address by the same deadline to be read into the record at the meeting.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- **IV. Presentations** Presentation by Senior Planner Keedra Jackson, Planning and Zoning Department on department activities and upcoming cases.
- V. Approval of Minutes Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Summary dated July 5, 2022
- VI. Old Business:

Public Hearing(s):

LAND USE PETITION:

RZ-22-002

PETITIONER:

Nick Faber of IDI Logistics

LOCATION:

2300, 2330, 2368, 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and

1801 Coffee Road

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To rezone subject properties from M (Light Industrial) and M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to M (Light Industrial) for the amendment of zoning conditions CZ-81143: #7, 10, 11, 14, and 17 to allow for the construction of three-building warehouse development to include

truck parking.

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VII. New Business:

LAND USE PETITION:

RZ-22-004

PETITIONER:

592 Lounge, LLC – Calvin Chan

LOCATION:

7301 Stonecrest Concourse, Suite 123

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: To seek a rezoning from the

To seek a rezoning from the C-1 (Local Commercial Business)

Stonecrest Overlay Tier 3 to the C-1, Stonecrest Overlay Tier 1 to

allow for a late-night establishment.

LAND USE PETITION:

RZ-22-005

PETITIONER:

Dossey, LLC, c/o Battle Law PC

LOCATION:

3266 Hayden Quarry Road and 7407 Hayden Quarry Road

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Is seeking to rezone the subject properties from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot) to MR-1 (Medium Density Residential) to develop 55 single-family attached townhomes to be owned fee simple on +/- 6.9 acres of land being Tax Parcel Nos. 16 182 03 001 and 16 182 02 003 having frontage on 3266 and 7407 Hayden Quarry Road.

LAND USE PETITION:

RZ-22-006

PETITIONER: LOCATION:

Wilson, Brock, Irby, LLC. on behalf of Duke Realty Limited Partnership

2975 Evans Mill Road (16 106 01 006) and 6378 East Glen Road (16

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To seek a rezoning from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot) to OD

(Office Distribution) and to seek a comprehensive land use change

from City Center to Light Industrial

VIII. Adjournment

# 2300 & 2301 S Stone Mountain Lithonia Blvd.

- Amendment Application
- Prop Owner Notarized Cert. (6)
- Campaign Disclosure (10)
- Letter of Intent
- Site Plan
- Survey
- Bldg. Photos
- Ariel Parcel Map
- Updated Boundary Description 7-22-2022
- Staff Reports



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orm	Owner's Address: 6515 Marbut Road, Lithonia, GA 30058				
	Phone: 770.482.2995 Fax: Email: daniel92647@gmail.com				
Property	Property Address: 2368 Stone Mountain Lithonia Road, Lithonia, GA 30058 Parcel Size: +/- 1.66 ac				
Prop	Parcel ID: 16-124-01-003				
	Current Zoning Classification: M-2 - Heavy Industrial				
	Requested Zoning Classification: M - Light Industrial				
Applicant Information	Name: Nick Faber				
rms	Address: 1197 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30361				
nfo	Phone: 404.479.1642 Fax:				
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<sup>\*</sup>One sign is required per street frontage and/or every 500 feet of street frontage



#### Applicant/Petitioner Notarized Certification

Petitioner states under oath that: (1) he/she is the executor or Attorney-In-Fact under a Power-of- Attorney for the owner (attach a copy of the Power-of-Attorney letter and type name above as "Owner"); (2) he/she has an option to purchase said property (attach a copy of the contract and type name of owner above as "Owner"); (3) he/she has an estate for years which permits the petitioner to apply (attach a copy of lease and type name of owner above as "Owner").

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Phone: 770.335.3688		
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Signature:		Date:
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Applicant's Name: Kathryn M. Zickert, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP

Applicant's Signature: Date: 03.28.2022

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Notary Public: W. Signature

My Commission Expires: 03.13.1025

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# OOwner Affidavits



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# Campaign Disclosures



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# Letter of Intent

#### FIRST AMENDED LETTER OF INTENT

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Other Material Required by City of Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance

for the

Rezoning Application

of

IDI Logistics, LLC

for

±205.12 acres of land located in Land Lots 124,125, & 132, 16<sup>th</sup> District 2300, 2330, 2368, 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and 1801 Coffee Road

Submitted for Applicant by:

Kathryn M. Zickert
Dennis J. Webb, Jr.
J. Alexander Brock
Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP
1105 W. Peachtree Street, NE
Suite 1000
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
(404) 815-3500

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This Application seeks to rezone an assemblage of five properties from the M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and M (Light Industrial) districts to the M district and amend certain prior conditions of approval to allow the development of a three-building warehouse project. The Subject Property consists of a ±205.12-acre assemblage of five parcels located in Land Lots 124, 125 and 132, 16th District, City of Stonecrest, DeKalb County, Georgia ("Subject Property"). The Subject Property is more particularly located at 2300, 2330, 2368, 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and 1801 Coffee Road (Parcel IDs: 16-125-01-002, 16-125-01-153, 16-124-01-003, 16-132-01-019, and 16-132-01-001). IDI Logistics, LLC (the "Applicant") is proposing a development on the Subject Property consisting of three warehouse buildings totaling ±1,932,122 square feet, parking, and associated site improvements (the "Proposed Development"). The Proposed Development is an allowed use under the current M-2 and M zoning. The Applicant intends to rezone all of the parcels comprising the Subject Property to the M zoning district to create a uniform zoning for the development and allow the consolidation and replatting of the property in the future.1 In addition, the Applicant seeks to amend the conditions of zoning to better align with current design practices and to allow the Proposed Development.<sup>2</sup>

Two of the five total parcels that comprise the Subject Property were rezoned on November 24, 1981, then located in unincorporated DeKalb County, from R-100 (Single Family Residential) to M Light Industrial and M-2 Heavy Industrial zoning district pursuant to zoning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The City of Stonecrest Planning Staff have indicated that the Subject Property will need to have a uniform zoning to allow its consolidation and replatting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The rezoning of the Subject Property may remove and replace the current conditions of zoning. If the City Council elects to readopt the same or similar conditions, the Applicant requests the amendment of certain conditions that would prohibit the Proposed Development.

ordinance Z-81143 (the "1981 Rezoning")<sup>3</sup>. Later the Subject Property became a part of the City of Stonecrest when it was incorporated, however this did not affect the 1981 Rezoning conditions.<sup>4</sup> The 1981 Rezoning was subject to seventeen conditions, including the following which are the subject of the instant application:

- 7. The height of any building located on the site shall not exceed 40 feet.
- 10. All buildings shall use earth tone colors the same being defined as colors which shall attempt to blend with the landscape and foliage located on property.
- 11. The fronts of any and all buildings constructed on the property shall use some brick veneer, stone, wood, or a mixture of some of the same.
- 14. Access to the site shall be limited to the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road or Coffey Road and no streets shall be connected to any existing street or future street which runs, or is to run, through any adjacent residentially zoned property. This paragraph does not apply to Coffey Road.
- 17. A cyclone fence of not less than 6 feet in height shall be placed on the North and West property lines of said property.

A copy of the Z-81143 approval and conditions are attached as Exhibit 1.

In the forty years since the original rezoning, the Subject Property has remained vacant and undeveloped. However, it is in an ideal location for warehouse development and is in an area characterized by similar warehouse development, including the existing Home Depot Flatbed Distribution Center, located just south of the Subject Property at 1810 Coffee Road. The fact that the Subject Property has remained undeveloped is likely due to the 1981 Rezoning conditions. In order to develop the Subject Property, it must be rezoned and the 1981 Rezoning conditions must be modified to bring them into conformance with current conditions and design

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Subject Property was originally a single parcel with mixed zoning districts. The Subject Property was subdivided into its current configuration at some point prior to its incorporation into the City of Stonecrest. 4 The City of Stonecrest Code of Ordinances §1.1.11 notes that any zoning conditions adopted by DeKalb County prior to the adoption of the City's Zoning Ordinance still apply.

practices.

Since 1981, the standard design for light industrial buildings, including warehousing, has evolved to incorporate certain construction technology as well as better design practices. order to accommodate industry-wide changes to loading bay heights, the building height for most modern warehouse facilities exceeds 40 feet, including the Proposed Development's ±48 foot building height. In addition, tilt-up panel construction<sup>5</sup> has become an industry standard for modern warehouse design and concrete block has become less widely used, as envisioned in the 1981 Rezoning conditions. Moreover, the 1981 Rezoning conditions call for a cyclone fence<sup>6</sup> along the property lines, which provides little to no mitigation of visual or other impacts from the Proposed Development. The Applicant's site design will provide additional landscaped buffers in lieu of the cyclone fence. The Applicant will be providing a minimum of a 150-feet of vegetated buffer (the 150-foot buffer will be composed of 75-feet undisturbed and 75-feet landscaped buffers) along the north and west property lines. In areas where the proposed grading will encroach into the 150' buffer the Applicant will replant with landscaping. Finally, the 1981 Rezoning limited access to South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and Coffee Road. Stonecrest Industrial Way, which was not constructed when the 1981 Rezoning was adopted, will provide for a much more efficient and practical route for vehicular access and also ensure the absence of truck traffic in residential areas. As a result of the changes in design practices and site conditions, the Applicant now seeks to modify the above conditions to match the following wording:

<sup>6</sup> Cyclone fence can be used interchangeably with chain link fence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tilt-Up construction features series of concrete panels tilted up into place to form a building's exterior wall. Each panel is temporarily braced until the roof ties the structure together.

- 7. The height of any building located on the site shall not exceed 50 feet.<sup>7</sup>
- 10. All buildings shall use colors in general accordance with the concept elevations.
- 11. The fronts of any and all buildings constructed on the property will be of a tilt-up concrete panel construction with a color in accordance with the elevations referenced in condition #10.
- 14. Access to the site shall be limited to the <u>Stonecrest Industrial Way</u> or Coffey Road<sup>8</sup> and no streets shall be connected to any existing street or future street which runs, or is to run, through any adjacent residentially zoned property. This paragraph does not apply to Coffey Road.
- 17. A <u>75-foot vegetated landscape strip</u> shall be placed on the North and West property lines as generally depicted on the site plan, dated February 28, 2022.

A copy of the concept elevations is attached as Exhibit 2.

The requested rezoning and modification of the conditions will bring the zoning into step with current design practices and allow the development of the Subject Property for an appropriate and fitting use. The Applicant submits this document as a Letter of Intent with regard to its Application, a preservation of the Applicant's constitutional rights, and a written analysis for the proposed rezoning criteria listed in the City of Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Code"), § 7.3.5.

#### II. CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO REZONING

# A. WHETHER THE ZONING PROPOSAL IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY AND INTENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Yes. Typically, rezoning applications seek to permit a new use that is not allowed under the current zoning. The Applicant's proposed warehouse use, however, is already allowed under the current zoning and the rezoning to M allows a uniform zoning across the Subject Property's

The 1981 Rezoning spells the street as "Coffey" Road, however modern maps refer to it as "Coffee" Road.

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  The Applicant is proposing a  $\pm 48$  foot building height, however is requesting a modification to a 50-foot building height incorporate a 2-foot buffer to allow for adjustments in the final grading and building design.

entire assemblage. The fact that the proposed warehouse use is allowed as of right under the current zoning evidences the Proposed Development's alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.

The City of Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038 identifies the Subject Property as being within the Heavy Industrial character area. The Comprehensive Plan identifies the M zoning district as appropriate for the Heavy Industrial character area. See Comprehensive Plan 2038, figure LU-06. The proposed warehouse use supports the stated intent of the Heavy Industrial character area:

The intent of the Industrial Character Area is to identify areas that are appropriate for more intense land uses that are industrial related. This designation consists of heavy and light industrial classifications. These uses shall be located as such to protect residential and commercial areas from potential disturbances generated by industrial land uses. This designation would consist of land used for warehousing, distribution, manufacturing, assembly and processing. (See City of Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038, pg. 175)

Also, the Proposed Development supports the following goals of the Heavy Industrial character area:

- Buffer Protect surrounding areas from the negative impacts of noise and light pollutants.
- Zoning Compatibility Protect existing and zoned undeveloped industrial land from unnecessary intrusion by conflicting land uses.
- Access Management Provide access controls and management standards in compliance with the DeKalb County Transportation Plan.
   (See City of Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan 2038, pg. 178)

The proposed design's incorporation of buffers and landscaping will ensure that any potential disturbances generated by the Proposed Development do not negatively impact the adjacent residential uses to the north and west.

B. WHETHER THE ZONING PROPOSAL WILL PERMIT A USE THAT IS SUITABLE IN VIEW OF THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADJACENT AND NEARBY PROPERTY OR PROPERTIES.

Yes. The Proposed Development will complement the existing industrial development in

the area and will fully mitigate its impacts on the adjacent single family residential to the north and west. Additionally, the Applicant's request will not result in a different use than what is allowed under the current zoning, rather to seek a uniform zoning and to make technical changes to the current conditions to allow an updated design. Also, there is no proposed change in intensity beyond what is allowed under the current M-2 and M zoning districts. In addition, the Applicant is proposing enhanced buffers that are a minimum of 150 feet wide along the northern and western property lines to mitigate any impacts on the adjacent property. See attached as Exhibit 3, the concept sight-line sections illustrating the proposed buffers. As a result, the requested modification will have no bearing on the use and development of adjacent properties and will be a positive improvement in design over what the 1981 Rezoning allows.

# C. WHETHER THE PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ZONING PROPOSAL HAS A REASONABLE ECONOMIC USE AS CURRENTLY ZONED.

The Subject Property could be developed for an industrial development under the current zoning. However, the zoning and the zoning conditions must be amended to allow a more practical development. The Subject Property has remained undeveloped since its 1981 rezoning and will likely remain undeveloped unless the zoning and the prior conditions are brought into conformance with current design and construction practices.

# D. WHETHER THE ZONING PROPOSAL WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EXISTING USE OR USABILITY OF ADJACENT OR NEARBY PROPERTY.

The Proposed Development will not adversely impact the surrounding properties. Any impacts from the requested increase in height will be offset by the incorporation of additional

buffers. Also, the proposed façade conditions will allow a more aesthetically pleasing and modern design. Furthermore, the modifications will update the Proposed Development's access to the adjacent roadways. The current zoning conditions require the proposed truck traffic to access either Stone Mountain Lithonia Road, which is not adjacent to the Subject Property, or Coffee Road, which is a small residential/rural road, neither of which are feasible given the location of the Subject Property and the surrounding development. For example, accessing South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road will require access over property that the Applicant does not control, including railroad right-of-way. Instead, the requested modification will provide direct access to Stonecrest Industrial Way and funnel truck traffic to the nearby roadways in the same manner as the truck traffic from the adjacent Home Depot Distribution Center. This access also directs truck traffic away from Coffee Road and the adjacent residential subdivision, thereby eliminating impacts on the adjacent residences. As a result, the requested modifications will not adversely impact the use or usability of the adjacent property, and is anticipated to have a positive effect.

E. WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER EXISTING CONDITIONS OR CHANGING CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY'S USE AND DEVELOPMENT THAT PROVIDE SUPPORTING GROUNDS FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF THE ZONING PROPOSAL.

Yes. The Proposed Development is intended as a uniform construction and the Applicant anticipates combining the parcels together for its development. The combination plat will require the rezoning of all the parcels to a uniform M zoning. Also, as noted above, the 1981 Rezoning conditions must be amended to bring them into conformance with modern design

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Applicant is also anticipating the replatting of the parcels after its development to allow more logical property lines that match the Proposed Development's layout.

practices and allow reasonable access to the right-of-way. Design and construction standards have changed since the 1981 Rezoning and as a result the conditions have become outdated.

The requested modifications will bring the conditions into conformance with current standards to allow a practical, modern development.

F. WHETHER THE ZONING PROPOSAL WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT HISTORIC BUILDINGS, SITES, DISTRICTS, OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

The proposed modification will not adversely impact any historical resources. According Georgia's Natural, Archaeological and Historic Resources GIS (GNAHRGIS) maps, the project site is not on a historic or archaeological registry.

G. WHETHER THE ZONING PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN A USE THAT WILL OR COULD CAUSE AN EXCESSIVE OR BURDENSOME USE OF EXISTING STREETS, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, UTILITIES, OR SCHOOLS.

No. The proposed zoning will not increase the density or square footage of warehouse allowed under the current zoning. The requested rezoning and modifications to the conditions concern only certain architectural, buffering, and access requirements. As a result, the requested rezoning will not have any net increase on traffic, transportation facilities, or utilities. Additionally, the proposed warehouse use is non-residential and will have no impact on schools. Finally, utilities are available to serve the site.

#### IV. PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

As agent for the owners of the property, the Applicant respectfully submits that the current zoning classifications and zoning conditions of the Subject Property established in the City of Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance, to the extent that they prohibit the proposed development,

are unconstitutional, and constitute an arbitrary, irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the property owners in violation of the due process and equal protection rights of the property owner guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. Further, the failure to approve the rezoning and zoning mfodification would constitute a taking of the owner's private property without just compensation and without due process in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

The Applicant also respectfully submits that the City Council's failure to approve the requested rezoning would be unconstitutional and would discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Property Owner and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Opponents to this request, if any, lack standing; have failed to exhaust administrative remedies; and have waived their rights to appeal by failing to assert legal and constitutional objections.

#### VI. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rezoning at issue

be approved. The Applicant also invites and welcomes any comments from Staff or other officials of the City of Stonecrest.

This 4th day of May, 2022.

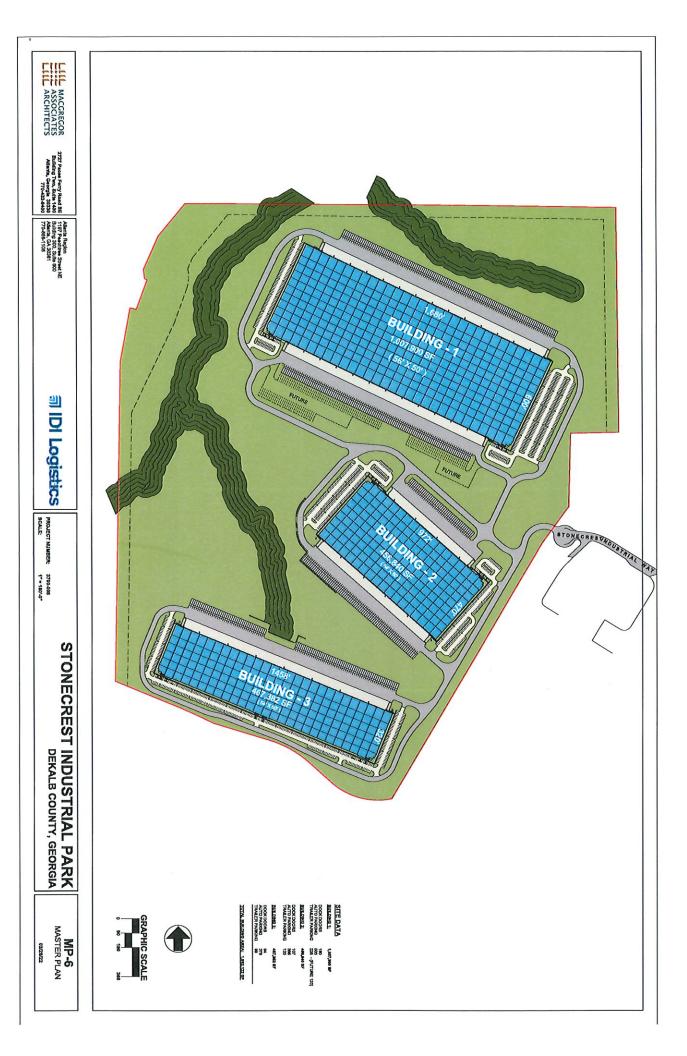
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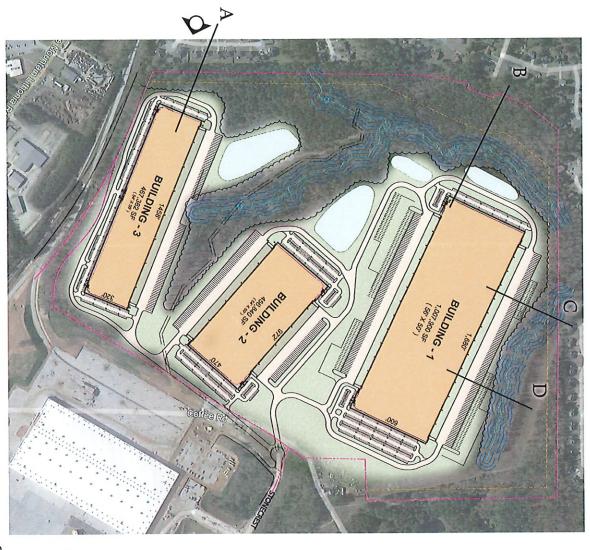
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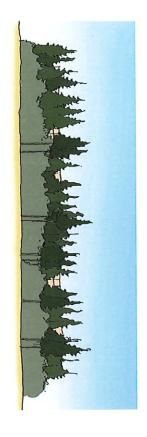
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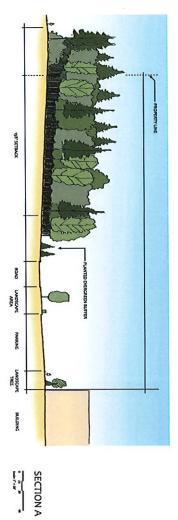


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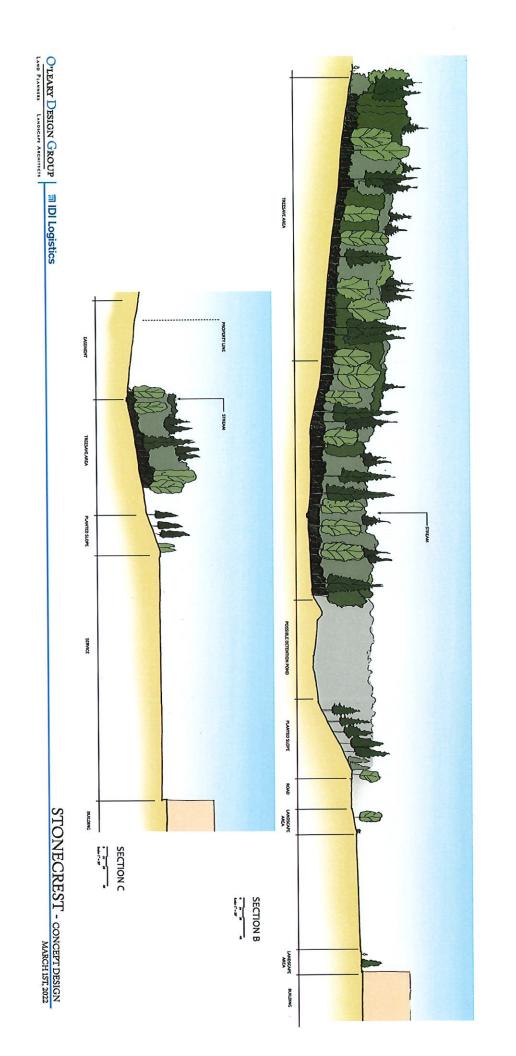




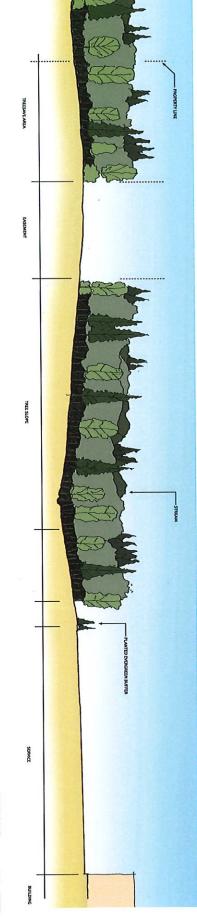
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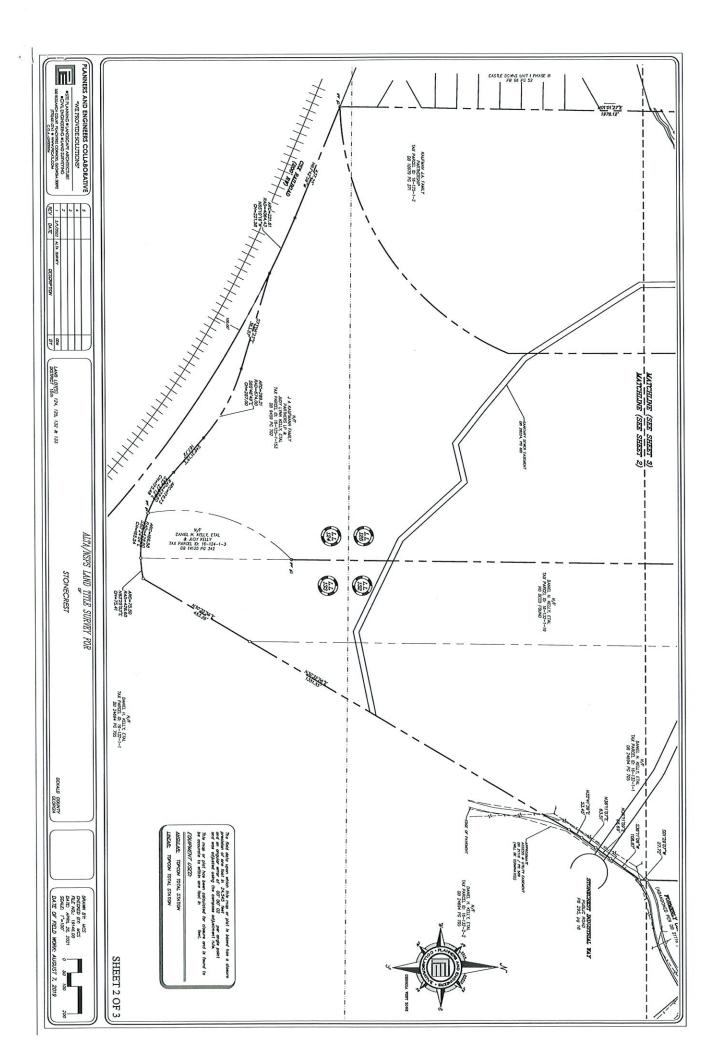
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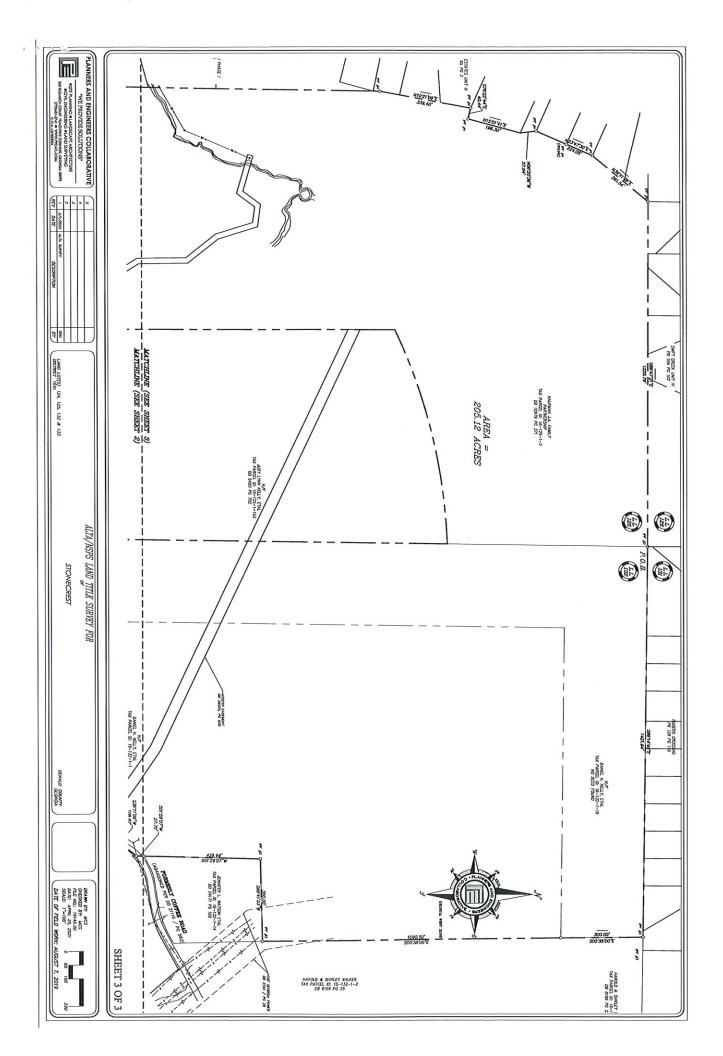
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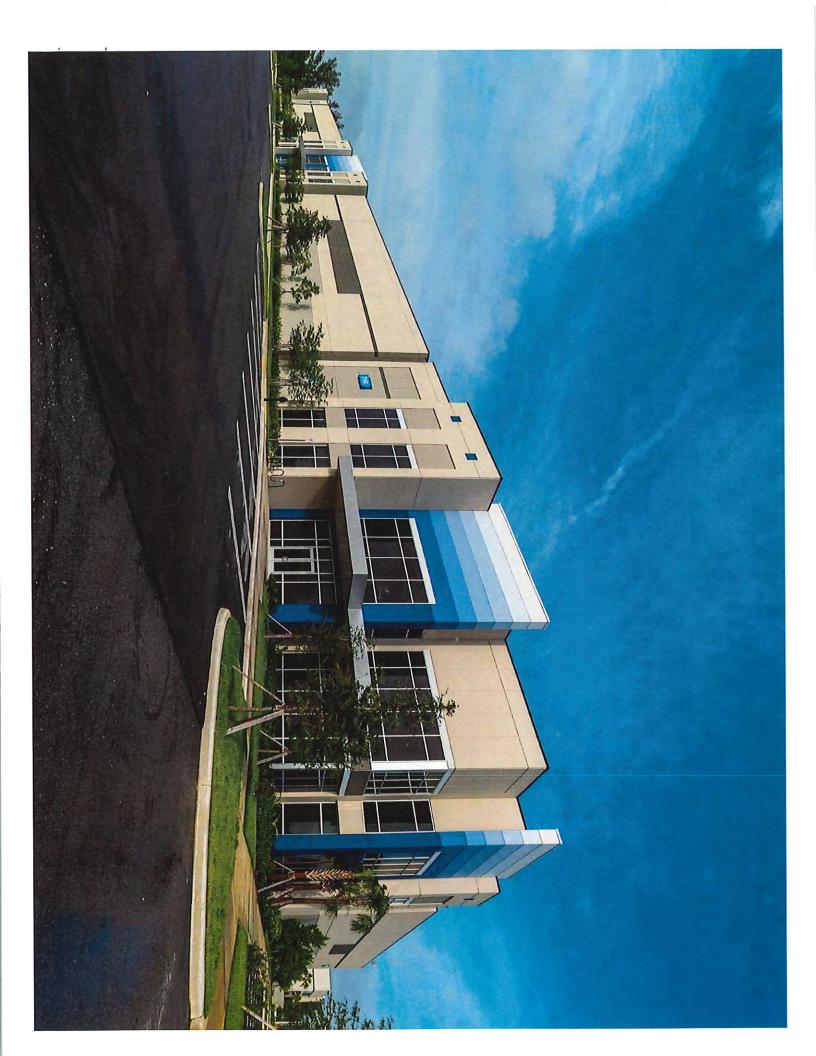
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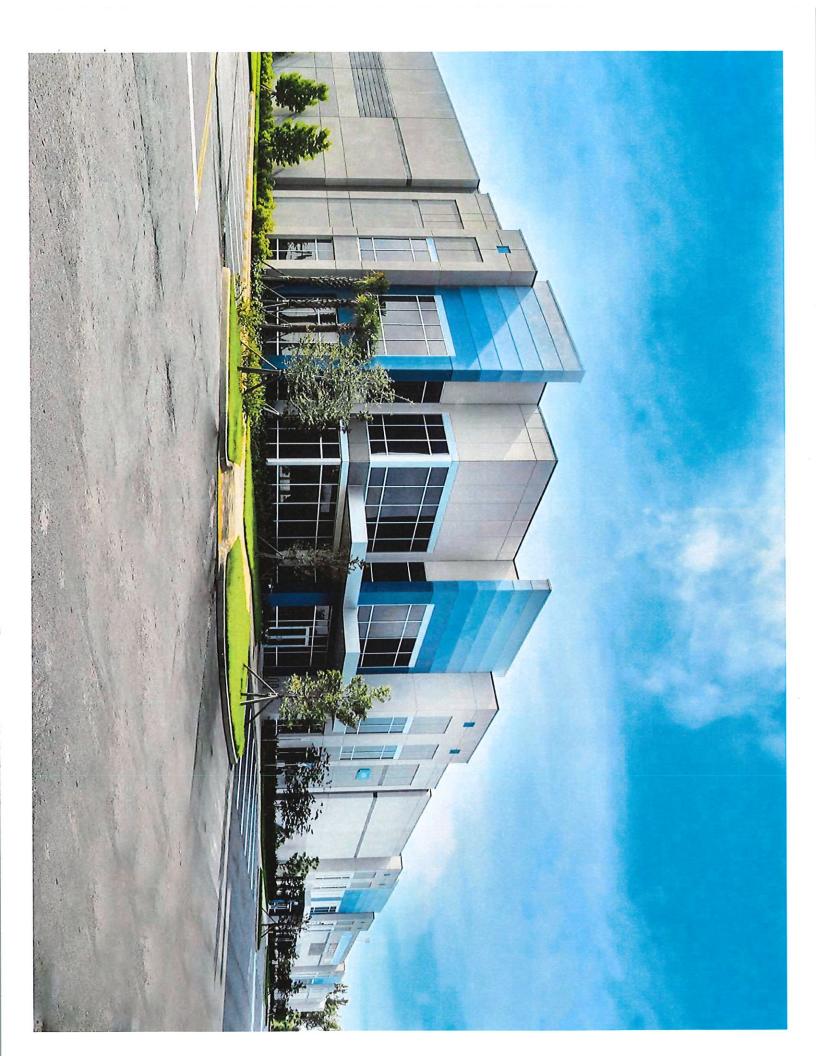


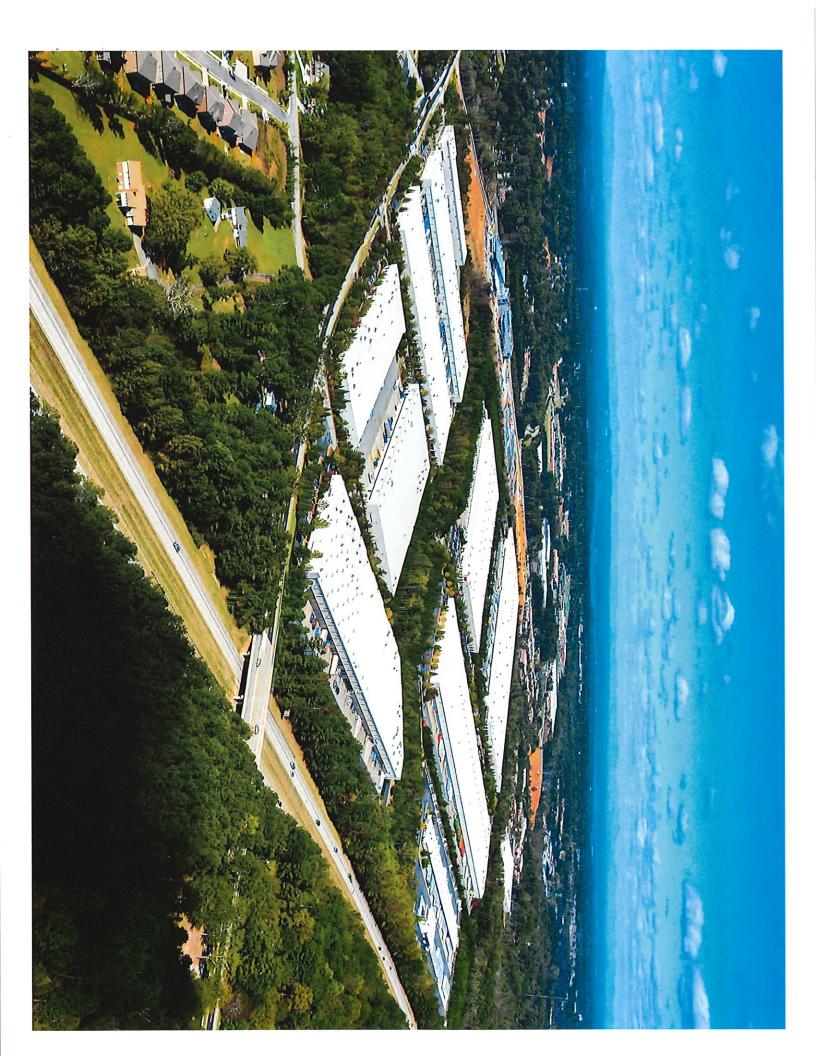
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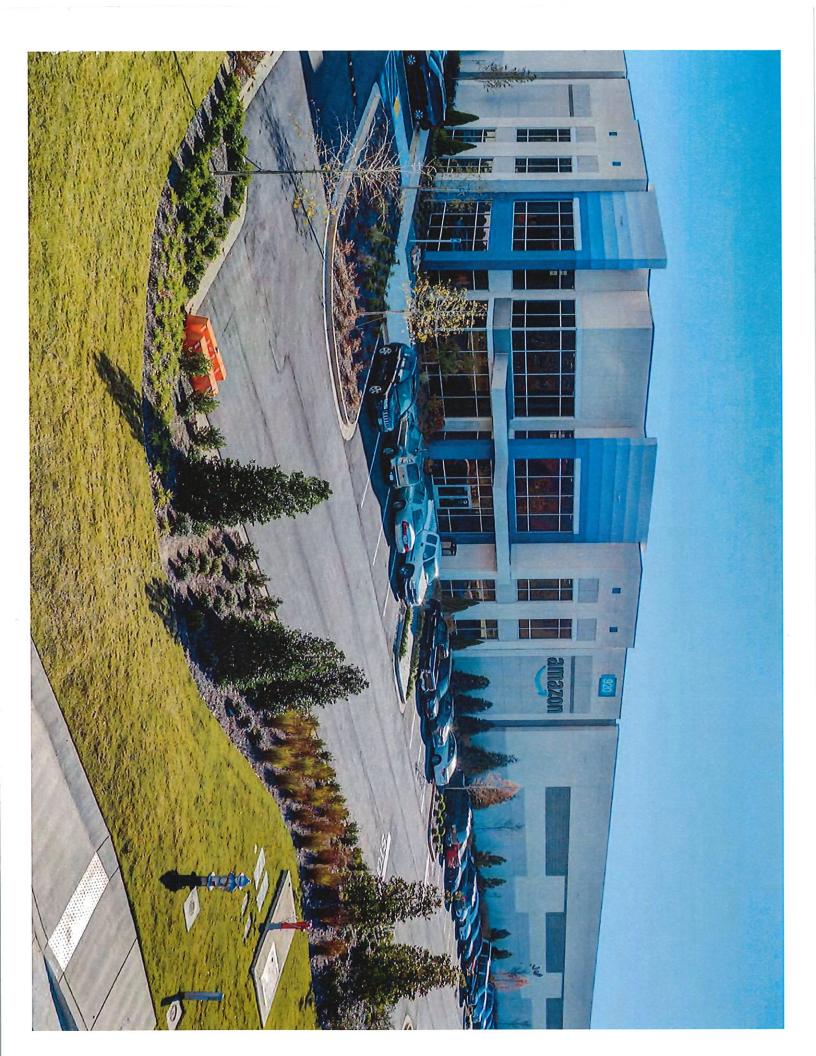












# Aerial Parcel Map



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Stonecrest Parcels 2020 Imagery

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Thence leaving said stream South 89 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 596.77' to an iron pin, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract having an area of 2200893 square feet, 50.023 acres.



#### Planning Commission August 2, 2022 / Mayor and City Council Meeting August 22, 2022

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Petition Number:** 

RZ-22-002

Applicant:

Nick Faber, IDI Logistics

Owner:

James W. Kelly, Jr. and Daniel H. Kelly

**Project Location:** 

2300, 2330, 2368 and 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Rd and 1801

Coffee Rd.

Parcels:

16-125-01-002, 16-125-01-153, 16-124-01-003, 16-132-01-019, and 16-

132-01-001).

District:

District 1

Acreage:

188.140 +/- acres

**Existing Zoning:** 

M (Light Industrial) / M-2 (Heavy Industrial)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

M (Light Industrial)

Comprehensive Plan Community:

**Area Designation** 

HIND (Heavy Industrial)

**Proposed Development/Request:** 

The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject properties from M and

M-2 for the development of three warehouse building

**Staff Recommendations:** 

Approval/Conditional

**Planning Commission** 

Deferred for 60 days at the June 7th meeting

**City Council** 

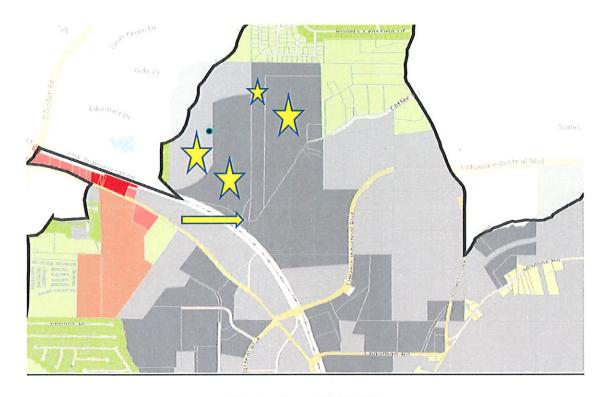
Deferred back to Planning Commission for due to incorrect legal ad,

property deed and survey

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#### Zoning Map



Zoning Case: RZ-22-002

Address: 2300, 2330, 2368, 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Rd and 1801 Coffee Rd.

Current Zoning: M (Light Industrial) and M-2 (Heavy Industrial)

Proposed Zoning: M (Light Industrial)



**Subject Property** 



# PLANNING COMMISSION Aerial Map



#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

#### Location

The subject properties are located at 2300, 2330, 2368, 2376 South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and 1801 Coffee Road (Parcel IDs: 16-125-01-002, 16-125-01-153, 16-124-01-003, 16-132-01-019, and 16-132-01-001). The Subject Property consists of a ±188.140-acre assemblage off five parcels located in Land Lots 124, 125 and 132, 16th District, City of Stonecrest, DeKalb County, Georgia ("Subject Property").

The property is bounded by Deshon Estates to the west, by The Villas at Rogers Crossing to the north and Home Depot to the southeast. Located to the south is CRX Transportation Services.

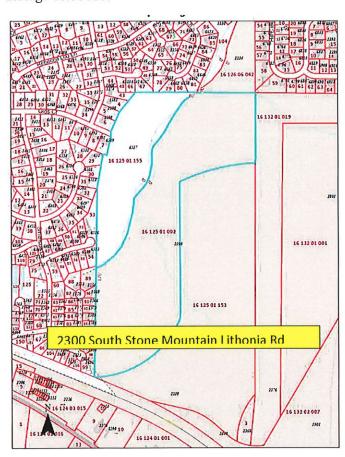






#### Background:

The applicant is requesting to rezone the 188.140 +/- acres of the subject property from M (Light Industrial) District and M-2 (Heavy Industrial) District to M (Light Industrial) District to allow the development of a three-building warehouse project. Subject Property consisting of three warehouse buildings totaling ±1,932,122 square feet, parking, and associated site improvements. The Applicant intends to rezone all parcels comprising the Subject Property to the M zoning district to create a uniform zoning for the development and allow the consolidation and replatting of the property in the future. In addition, the Applicant seeks to amend the conditions of zoning to better align with current design practices and to allow the Proposed Development. On May 20, 2022, staff was advised by DeKalb County GIS there was a subdivision of Parcel # 16 125 01 002. Parcel 16 125 01 002 have total of 50.61 AC and newly created parcel 16 125 01 155 total acreage 18.08 AC.



Two of the five total parcels that comprise the Subject Property were rezoned on November 24, 1981, then located in unincorporated DeKalb County, from R-100 (Single Family Residential) to M Light Industrial and M-2 Heavy Industrial zoning district pursuant to zoning ordinance Z-81143. Although the subject property was incorporated under the jurisdiction of the City of Stonecrest when it was incorporated, this did not eradicate the 1981 Rezoning conditions. Zoning conditions stay with the land.



The 1981 Rezoning was subject to seventeen conditions, the following conditions are what the applicant is seeking to amend:

- 1. The height of any building located on the site shall not exceed 40 feet. (#7)
- All buildings shall use earth tone colors the same being defined as colors which shall attempt to blend with the landscape and foliage located on property. (#10)
- The fronts of all buildings constructed on the property shall use some brick veneer, stone, wood, or a mixture of some of the same. (#11)
- 4. Access to the site shall be limited to the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road or Coffey Road and no streets shall be connected to any existing street or future street which runs, or is to run, through any adjacent residentially zoned property. This paragraph does not apply to Coffey Road. (#14)
- 5. A cyclone fence of not less than 6 feet in height shall be placed on the North and West property lines of said property. (#17)

The applicant is proposing modern warehouse facilities that will exceed 40 feet in height (48 feet). In addition, tilt-up panel construction has become an industry standard for modem warehouse design and concrete block has become less widely used, as envisioned in the 1981 Rezoning conditions. Furthermore, the 1981 Rezoning conditions call for a cyclone fence along the property lines. The Applicant's site design will provide additional landscaped buffers in lieu of the cyclone fence. The applicant will be providing a minimum of a 150-feet of vegetated buffer (the 150-foot buffer will be composed of 75-feet undisturbed and 75-feet landscaped buffers) along the north and west property lines. In areas where the proposed grading will encroach into the 150' buffer the Applicant will replant with landscaping. Lastly, the 1981 Rezoning requires access to South Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and Coffee Road. The applicant is proposing to utilize Stonecrest Industrial Way areas. the Applicant now seeks to modify the above conditions to match the following wording:

- 7. The height of any building located on the site shall not exceed 50 feet.
- 10. All buildings shall use colors in general accordance with the concept elevations.
- 11. The fronts of any and all buildings constructed on the property will be of a tilt-up concrete panel construction with a color in accordance with the elevations referenced in condition.
- 14. Access to the site shall be limited to the Stonecrest Industrial Way or Coffey Road and no streets shall be connected to any existing street or future street which runs, or is to run, through any adjacent residentially zoned property. This paragraph does not apply to Coffey Road.
- 7. A 75-foot vegetated landscape strip shall be placed on the North and West property lines as generally depicted on the site plan, dated February 28, 2022.



	1,007,900	
<b>BUILDING 1:</b>	SF	
DOCK DOORS	180	-
<b>AUTO PARKING</b>	503	
TRAILER		
PARKING	228	(FUTURE 120)
	456,840	
<b>BUILDING 2:</b>	SF	
DOCK DOORS	107	-
AUTO PARKING	386	
TRAILER		
PARKING	120	
	467,382	
<b>BUILDING 3:</b>	SF	
DOCK DOORS	94	-
<b>AUTO PARKING</b>	379	
TRAILER		
PARKING	99	
Total Auto Parking:	1268	
Total Trailer		
Parking:	447	(FUTURE 120)
Total Loading Docks:	381	•
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Required Parking (W	/arehouse)	ì
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Min. 1 space per 2,500 sf of Floor Area

Max. 1 space per 500 sf of Floor Area

Max. I space per 500 5	Floor Area	Min Parking Req.	Max. Parking
BUILDING 1	1,007,900	403.16	2015.8
BUILDING 2	456,840	182.74	913.68
<b>BUILDING 3</b>	467,382	186.95	934.76

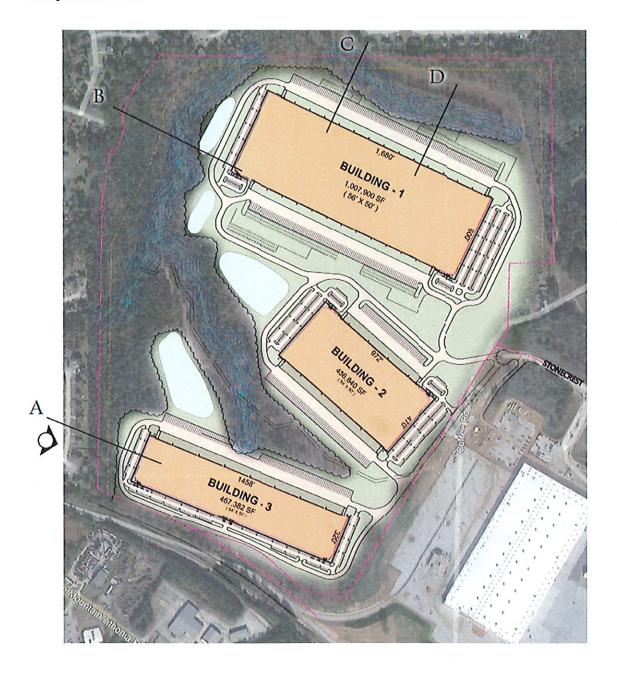
Required Loading (Warehouse) 3 spaces up to 99,000 sf + 1 space per additional 10,000 sf

additional 10	,000 31	
	Floor	Min Loading
	Area	Spaces
BUILDING		
1	1,007,900	93.79
BUILDING		
2	456,840	38.68
BUILDING		
3	467,382	39.74

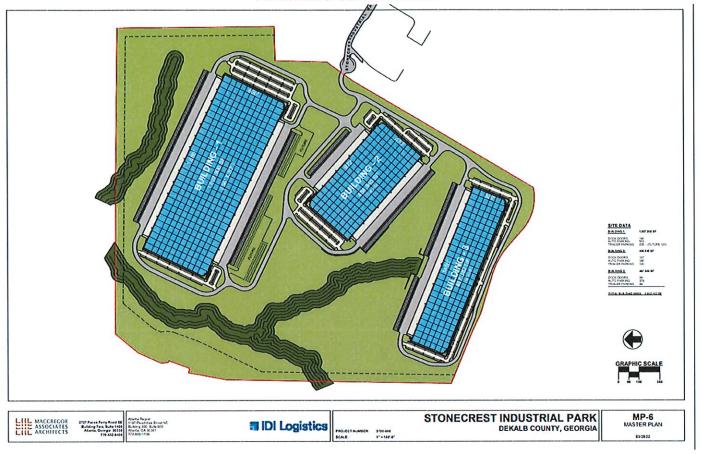
Article 6, Section 6.1.5- "One space for each 500 square feet of floor area"



#### Conceptual Site Plan







#### **Public Participation**

Community Planning Information Meeting was on May 24, 2022. There were no surrounding property owner to speak in opposition of the rezoning petition.



#### STANDARDS OF REZONING REVIEW

Section 7.3.4 of the Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance list eight factors to be considered in a technical review of a zoning case completed by the Community Development Department and Planning Commission. Each element is listed with staff analysis.

 Whether the proposed land use change will permit uses that are suitable in consideration of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.

As shown in the table below, the subject property is surrounded by industrial and residential development. \* Please see the map below table

ADJACENT ZONING AND LAND USE		
	Zoning	Zoning Land Use
Adjacent: North	RSM(Residential Small Lot) District	Single-family (The Villas at Rogers Crossing)
Adjacent: East	M (Light Industrial) District	Industrial (Home Depot Flatbed Distribution)
Adjacent: South	M (Light Industrial) District	Industrial (CSX Transportation)
Adjacent: West	R-100 (Med Residential) District and RSM (Residential Small Lot) District	Residential (Deshong Estates Subdivision)



#### Zoning Criteria, Analysis and Comments

 Whether the proposed land use change will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties.

The existing land use is Heavy Industrial and will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent of nearby property or properties. The current zoning of the property is the recommended zoning classification for the proposed land use and would be similar to adjacent property and properties.

• Whether the proposed land use change will result in uses which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

There is one full-access point proposed on Stonecrest Industrial Way within the cul-du-sac, which it is planned to connect to Lithonia Industrial Boulevard. Lithonia Industrial Boulevard provides connection to the regional truck route Rock Chapel Road which is a Regional Thoroughfare and Regional Truck Route. The project is expected to generate a total of 2,012 daily new car trips and 1,036 daily new truck trips. The Transportation Impact Study does not recommend any roadway improvement conditions of approval.

• Whether the amendment is consistent with the written policies in the comprehensive plan text and any applicable small areas studies.

The proposed use of a warehouse facility is in accordance with the written polices in the Stonecrest comprehensive plan. The land use designation for the subject properties is HIND, Heavy Industrial.

• Whether there are potential impacts on property or properties in an adjoining governmental jurisdiction, in cases of proposed changes near county or municipal boundary lines.

On March 17, 2022, A DRI review of a proposal to construct 1,904,300 SF of industrial space on a 138.12 site on Stonecrest Industrial Way in the City of Stonecrest in Dekalb County. Currently the entire site is forested with significant stream and wetland areas. Three one-story industrial space buildings are proposed: Building 1 with 445,500 SF; Building 2 with 456,840 SF; and Building 3 with 1,002,000 SF. A total of 1,286 car parking spaces and 780 truck/trailer spaces are included. The local DRI review trigger is an application for a land disturbance permit. There will be one phase with build-out expected in 2024.

The site is currently entirely wooded. Additional retention of existing trees on the site would be desirable and in keeping with regional goals regarding carbon sequestration and climate change/heat island effect mitigation. The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design, e.g., pervious pavers, rain gardens, vegetated swales, etc., in parking areas and site driveways, and as part of any improvements to site frontages. Approximately 33

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acres of the site are shown as not disturbed on the site plan. This includes site boundary buffer and stream buffer areas. There may be potential opportunities for linking these fragmented undeveloped areas with adjacent undeveloped or protected areas to ensure their maintenance and productive use.

• Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the affected land areas which support either approval or denial of the proposed land use change.

There are existing conditions affecting the use and development of the proposed warehouse facility as to why the applicant is seeking a rezoning to amend conditions Z-81143. The current zoning of the property (M) is a permitted zoning classification of warehouse and truck parking.

• Whether there will be an impact on historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources resulting from the proposed change.

There are currently no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources on the subject property, therefore there will be no impact on historic buildings.

#### STANDARDS OF REZONING REVIEW

Section 7.3.5 of the Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance list eight factors to be considered in a technical review of a zoning case completed by the Community Development Department and Planning Commission. Each element is listed with staff analysis.

 Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.

Yes. The Proposed Development will complement the existing industrial development in the area and will fully mitigate its impacts on the adjacent single family residential to the north and west. Additionally, the Applicant's request will not result in a different use than what is allowed under the current zoning, rather to seek a uniform zoning and to make technical changes to the current conditions to allow an updated design. Also, there is no proposed change in intensity beyond what is allowed under the current M-2 and M zoning districts. In addition, the Applicant is proposing enhanced buffers that are a minimum of 150 feet wide along the northern and western property lines to mitigate any impacts on the adjacent property. See attached as Exhibit 3, the concept sight-line sections illustrating the proposed buffers. As a result, the requested modification will have no bearing on the use and development of adjacent properties and will be a positive improvement in design over what the 1981 Rezoning allows.

• Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan.

The subject property is located within the Heavy Industrial character area of the Stonecrest Comprehensive Plan. The character area intends to lend to both industrial and single-family dwellings in unincorporated DeKalb



County. The proposed zoning change and development of residential development would be in keeping with the policy and intent of the comp plan.

 Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The property is currently zoned M, which permits the development of a light industrial use such as warehousing. The property is also located in residential/industrial area where industrial uses are heavily present. The property does have reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

 Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties.

The proposed zoning proposal is not anticipated to have a negative impact on the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties. Staff believes the applicant has shown good faith by reaching out to staff several months in advance to discuss the proposed project and has conducted independent meetings with the surrounding community.

• Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which gives supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

There are existing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal. The current zoning is the same proposed zoning classification.

 Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

There are currently no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources on the subject property.

• Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use that will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The zoning proposed would not cause excessive burdensome; however limited existing infrastructure in these areas will constrain the amount of additional growth that is possible. Transportation improvements are needed within these Developing Suburbs, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth. No EV charging stations are proposed; inclusion of some EV charging stations would be supportive of regional EV infrastructure development plans.

Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources.

The zoning proposal will not adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources.



#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends APPROVAL/CONDITIONS of RZ-22-002. The conditions are the following:

- 1. The applicant shall provide a minimum of 250 feet buffer of natural vegetation between the adjacent residential dwellings along the western and southern property line and 200 feet with 50 feet disturbed and replanted for the northern side (Rogers Lake Crossing) of the property line.
- 2. The applicant shall dedicate the conservation areas to the City of Stonecrest
- 3. The applicant shall supply at least 4 EV parking spaces
- 4. A 50 foot undisturbed, buffer shall be provided along the Western property line South of Lot 31 Block D of Deshong Estates to the Railroad Right-of-way, as shown on said site plan.
- 5. The applicant shall provide a landscape plan for the entrance off of Coffey Road or either Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road.
- 6. Any and all roadways, proposed streets, or industrial boulevards found within the site shall be grassed to the edge of the right-of-way, said right-of-way to be not less than 60 feet.
- 7. All surface water retention facilities shall be designed to 10% above requirements as set forth in the DeKalb County Code.
- 8. The height of any building shall not exceed 50 feet in height.
- Rear yard loading and unloading shall be prohibited on all buildings constructed on property which is adjacent to Deshong Estates.
- 10. No building locatedon property adjacent to Deshong Estates shall have exposed concrete block.
- 11. All lighting on buildings located on property adjacent to any existing R-100 zoned property shall be focused and directed toward the building and away from said existing R-100 property.
- 12. Internal lit signs are prohibited on the property
- 13. No lights shall be located above the roofline of any building
- 14. All lights shall be of concealed source type so that the illumination therefrom shall be controlled in a particular direction away from Deshong Estates and Rogers Lake Crossing
- 15. Signs above the roofline are prohibited
- 16. Access to the site shall be limited to the Stonecrest Industrial Way or Coffey Road and no streets shall be connected to any existing street or future street which runs, or is to run, through any adjacent residentially zoned property. This paragraph does not apply to Coffey Road.
- 17. There shall be no discharge of any sewage or waste water into Swift Creek.
- 18. There shall be a cyclone fence of not less than 6 feet in height shall be placed on the North and West property lines of said property in addition to the 75 foot vegetation buffer.
- 19. There shall be a Performance Bond submitted by the applicant in the amount of
- 20. Side walks?