### Agenda Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia September 7, 2021 / 6:00 p.m.

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### Call to Order

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021

### Presentations / Proclamations (None)

#### **Public Comments**

### **Staff Reports**

Financial Update: Robbie Rokovitz Fire Department Report: Greg Brett Police Department Report: Jim Little Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt Community Development Report: Mike Morton

### **Public Hearing**

1. **Item 21-005:** Public Hearing and Action to consider authorizing the Mayor to transmit the Comprehensive Plan update to the Department of Community Affairs.

### **Unfinished Business**

- 1. **Item 21-030:** Ordinance to adopt a new Unified Development Code and to Adopt a Zoning Map, as Amended. *First Read only. No action will be taken.*
- 2. **Item 21-049:** Approval of an amount not to exceed \$139,995 of Hotel Motel Funds for the fabrication and installation of 25 wayfinding signs.

### New Business

1. **Item 21-055:** Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone 46.709 acres from the RL (Rural) District to the HM-LDR (Low Density Residential Hamlet) District – rezoning request from Farmstead at Piney Woods, LLC for property located on the

west side of Piney Woods Church Road, between Rico Road and Hutcheson Ferry Road. *First Read only. No Action will be taken.* 

- 2. **Item 21-056:** Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Business and Occupational Taxes, and to establish the Occupational Tax for Short-Term Rentals.
- 3. **Item 21-057:** Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article XIII, Short-Term Rental Regulations and to establish the fee for Short-Term Rental Permit.
- 4. **Item 21-058:** Resolution declaring certain firearms surplus property and sale of surplus property.
- 5. **Item 21-059:** Approval of purchase of six (6) Scott brand X3 Pro SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus)

### Mayor and Council Comments

Executive Session (None)

Adjourn Meeting

Town Hall Session

### Minutes Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia August 3, 2021 / 6:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were Ruby Foster, Richard Schmidt, Laurie Searle, Camille Lowe, and Troy Bettis. All members were present. Also present was City Attorney Rick Lindsey.

#### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Reed called for a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- 1. Add Fire Department Battalion Chief promotion presentation
- 2. Add Agenda Item 21-054; Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Use and Distribution of Proceeds Generated by the 2021 TSPLOST Referendum
- 3. Move Public Hearing Agenda Item 21-043, Southern Hospitality Concessions alcohol beverage license, before Agenda Item 21-030

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021

*Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2021. Councilmember Lowe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.* 

### Presentations/Proclamations

1. Fire Department Battalion Chief promotion Fire Chief Greg Brett formally promoted Pat McCarragher to Battalion Chief.

### Public Comment

Carla Carrabino, 7525 Old Rico Road – spoke in support of the agreement with CoCo's Cupboard. She has worked with them for several years and said they are a great organization. Their first goal when receiving a stray is to find the owner. If they are unable to locate an owner, the dogs are vaccinated, microchipped, spayed or neutered and then placed in foster care. Dogs also are evaluated and may be put into the Tails of Hope program, which is an intensive service dog training program. This service will be a great benefit to both the city and the dogs.

Anne Dries, 11335 Serenbe Lane – spoke about Agenda Item 21-046, Approval of Concept Plan for Mado Northwest. She said city staff, Serenbe Development and the Homeowners Association (HOA) met to discuss traffic safety and fire lane issues a year ago, and several of the recommended measure have been implemented. She said the current concept plan does not include these measures, and she urged the Council to

either table the concept plan approval until traffic and safety measures are implemented into a revised concept plan or approve the plan contingent on implementing measures into preliminary plats as they are submitted.

#### Staff Reports

#### Financial Update: City Manager Robbie Rokovitz

Mr. Rokovitz reported that a July financial report was not available due to being in the process of changing financial software. American Recovery Act funds were received with the amount being approximately \$619,000. The annual financial audit is currently taking place, and there may be a need for FY2021 budget adjustments once the audit is completed.

#### Fire Department Report: Greg Brett

Chief Brett said that the automatic aid requests from neighboring cities and the frequency of rescues in Cochran Mill Park add to the workload for the department. Additionally, the departments involvement in the movie productions keeps staff busy. He also reported that he continues to press Grady EMS for better response times.

#### Police Department Report: Jim Little

Chief Little reported a significant increase in traffic tickets over last year. The department is participating the in the Governor's Office of Highway Safety "100 Days of Summer Heat", which targets aggressive driving. The process for state accreditation continues. They are at 79 out of 119 proofs required to for accreditation. The Chevrolet Tahoe that was approved for surplus at the July meeting has been sold for \$15,000 via GovDeals.

### Public Works/Parks Report: Darold Wendlandt

*Mr.* Wendlandt reported that city hall renovations are complete. The new right-ofway mowers should be delivered next week. Recently, there has been a lot of illegal dumping happening, and he has been working with the police department on the issue. T-Ball season will open on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Millings from the Estates at Cedar Grove Paving have been used in the parking lot at Cochran Mill Park and the Public Works yard.

### Community Development: Mike Morton

Community Development Director Mike Morton reported that there were a total of 18 building permits, with 10 of them for residential single-family dwellings, issued and 209 inspections conducted in July. There are road closures this week on Campbellton Redwine Road due to filming. Imagine Music Festival will take place next month. The August 12<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission will possibly be cancelled and rescheduled to later in the month.

#### Public Hearing

City Attorney Rick Lindsey read the rules for public hearings.

 Item 21-043: Public Hearing and Action to consider an application for a Special Event Full Pouring License and Special Event Retail Package Sale of Malt Beverages. The name in which the license is to be issued –Southern Hospitality Concessions LLC/Licensee – Damon D'Arienzo. The location of the event – 9445 Browns Lake Road – application is for the Imagine Music Festival being held at Bouckaert Farm on September 17-19, 2021.

City Clerk Dana Wicher presented the item. The application is for a special event full pouring license and a special event malt beverage package license for the Imagine Music Festival. The package license is to allow for package sales to the overnight campers. The applicant was available to answer questions via videoconference.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-043. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 21-043. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Item 21-030:** Public Hearing and Action on an Ordinance to adopt a new Unified Development Code.

Mayor Reed said there would be no action on Agenda Item No. 21-030 because Council, staff, and consultants are still working through some areas of concern.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke:

1. Marianne Reeves, 12100 Garretts Ferry Road – spoke in favor of allowing some sort of commercial on the parkway. She has two large tracts of land on the parkway. She is a long-time resident and her late husband's family came to the area in the 1800s, so she is invested in the community. There is potentially some sort of commercial that would be in keeping with the nature of the community. She asked will there never be any commercial allowed?

There was no other public comment. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion to table Item No. 21-030 until the September 7, 2021 meeting. Councilmember Searle made a motion to table Item No. 21-030. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Item 21-039:** Public Hearing and Action on an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone 256.8 acres from the RL (Rural) District to the HM-MU (Mixed-Used Hamlet) District and for variances to the required zoning district

buffer and to the minimum nonresidential density in the HM-MU (Mixed-Use Hamlet) district – rezoning request and two variance requests from Bear Creek Project One LLC for property located at the corner of Wilkerson Mill Road and Jenkins Road.

Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The proposed rezoning is for 256.8 acres, which includes 256 residential lots and 334,1778 square feet of land area for non-residential development. The applicant is seeking a variance to the buffer requirements, which is requested because of infrastructure built under Fulton County regulations. Also, a variance to the amount of land required for non-residential uses is also being requested. A revised site plan shows 7.67 acres of non-residential land, which is 9.958% of the maximum developable area. The code requires 10%. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval with conditions.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-039. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 12-039. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Item 21-044:** Public Hearing and Action on an Ordinance to fix the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022.

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. Staff recommends setting the millage rate at the rollback rate of 9.46 mills. Mayor Reed said because the city budgets conservatively, there will be no negative impact on the budget.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-044. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 12-044. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

#### New Business

 Item 21-045: Approval of a Concept Plan for Bear Creek Mixed-Use Hamlet – 256.8 Acres at and near the corner of Wilkerson Mill Road and Jenkins Road. *Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The concept plan is for the rezoning approved earlier. It is the first step in the development approval process.*

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-045. Councilmember Lowe made a motion to approve Item No. 12-045. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

 Item 21-046: Approval of a Concept Plan for Mado Northwest, 9.85 acres in the HM-MU (Mixed-Use Hamlet) District – property located at Serenbe Lane and Prom Field Road.

Community Development Director Mike Morton presented the item. The applicant had submitted a preliminary plat for approval, but the Planning Commission felt that the preliminary plat varied too much from the 2006 Concept Plan approved by Fulton County. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary plat contingent on a new concept plan approval by the City Council.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-046. Councilmember Lowe made a motion to approve Item No. 12-046. Councilmember Searle seconded.

Councilmember Searle asked how the concerns brought forth by Ann Dries needed to be addressed. City Attorney Rick Lindsey said the process will follow standard procedures, and the concerns will be addressed later in the process.

Mayor Reed called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Item 21-047: Award bid for the 2021 TSPLOST Project to E.R. Snell in an amount not to exceed \$1,179,256.25.

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. Staff and the city's Engineering consultant recommend awarding the bid for the 2021 TSPLOST project to E.R. Snell in an amount not to exceed \$1,179,256.25. If approved, staff will issue a Notice to Proceed and schedule a preconstruction meeting. The scope of services detail is available on the website.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-047. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 12-047. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

 Item 21-048: Resolution for a Capital Lease Purchase agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association – proceeds of the lease purchase financing to be used to purchase (1) John Deere 6145M Tractor, (2) John Deere 5100E Utility Tractors, and (2) BW10.60 Cutters with chains.

City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. A capital lease was previously approved by Council, but due to the delivery of equipment going beyond 60 days, terms of the lease have changed. The total coast will be \$363,147.85 due to an increase in the interest rate to 2.61%.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-048. Councilmember Schmidt made a

motion to approve Item No. 12-048. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Item 21-049:** Approval of increasing the budget amount to cover additional expenditures associated with the Wayfinding program due to the cost of materials. *City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item. ASI provided a recommendation for signage that was higher than what was budgeted due to the increase in the cost of material and the recommendation by ASI to go with metal materials instead of wood. Staff recommends tabling the item until a quote for wood materials is received.* 

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-049. Councilmember Bettis made a motion to table Item No. 21-049. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

 Item 21-050: Approval of an Agreement with CoCo's Cupboard for Auxiliary Animal Control Services. *City Manager Robbie Rokovitz presented the item.*

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-050. Councilmember Lowe made a motion to approve Item No. 21-050. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Item 21-051:** Resolution declaring surplus property and sale of surplus property – (11) laptops and (4) printers.

Police Chief Jim Little presented the item. Staff is requesting to surplus the old computer equipment. There is not much value to the equipment, so he will reach out to the charter school and Community Brickworks to see if they can use the equipment.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-051. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 21-051. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Item 21-052:** Approval of purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 SSV for the Fire Department in the amount not to exceed \$32,300.

*Fire Chief Greg Brett presented the item. The vehicle will expand the ability to respond to incidents and perform site inspections.* 

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-052. Councilmember Lowe made a motion to approve Item No. 21-052. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Item 21-053:** Approval of purchase of a Polaris ATV in the amount not to exceed \$22,876.23.

Fire Chief Greg Brett presented the item. The ATV will be used for event support and search and rescue operations in Cochran Mill Park.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-053. Councilmember Searle made a motion to approve Item No. 21-053. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously

10. **Item 21-054:** Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Use and Distribution of Proceeds Generated by the 2021 TSPLOST Referendum. Mayor Reed presented the item. The TSPLOST project list was approved at a previous meeting, and the Intergovernmental Agreement should have been attached to the list.

Mayor Reed called for a motion on Item No. 21-054. Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to approve Item No. 21-054. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilmember Bettis said he is still working on scheduling an informational meeting. He is looking for a location that will accommodate about 250 people. The meeting will be an open question and answer format.

Councilmember Lowe said she had been discussing with several neighbors about how huge it was that the city was not increasing property taxes this year.

Councilmember Searle said that she had the opportunity to call 9-1-1 for the first time for a tree blocking the road. The fire department arrived within five minutes, and she appreciates the quick response and service.

Councilmember Schmidt thanked everyone and said there were a lot of questions about the new development code. He said they have made some headway and there will be more discussions. He said a letter needs to be sent to every citizen before Council votes on something like this. He also will put together something for the discussion on the family plots.

Councilmember Foster thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also announced Fall Community Outreach event will be on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Activities include "Touch A Truck", Community Brickworks Library grand opening, and live music, a clown, and arts and crafts.

Mayor Reed announced that, after six or seven years of work, the city now has the keys to the Cedar Grove Community Center and the Cedar Grove music group is back to meeting there. There will be some meetings about programming for the building and we will be working with our neighbors because the City of South Fulton also has some community groups that use the space. He also said he often talks about all the

volunteer work that gets done. There are so many things that would not happen without volunteers. A lot happens when there is a champion for a thing. Our staff also is valuable. We don't have much depth but we are incredibly lucky to have the staff we have.

#### **Executive Session**

*Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to move to into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:35 p.m.* 

*Councilmember Foster made a motion to convene the Executive Session. Councilmember Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.* 

*Councilmember Bettis made motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:50 p.m.* 

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Bettis seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There was no Executive Session.

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

*Councilmember Searle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.* 

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Dana Wicher, City Clerk

Tom Reed, Mayor



6505 Rico Road Chattahoochee Hills Georgia 30268

	Date:	September 7, 2021				
MAYOR Tom Reed	То:	Mayor and City Council				
	From:	Mike Morton, Community Development Director				
CITY COUNCIL	Subject:	Transmission of the Comprehensive Plan update to DCA				
Ruby Foster						
Richard Schmidt		equires cities to transmit their Comprehensive Plans to their Regional				
Laurie Searle	Commission (the ARC, in our case), who then forward the plan to the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Both agencies conduct reviews of the plan.					
Camille Lowe						
Troy Bettis	P					
	The city kicked off the Comp Plan update process at the City Council meeting on February 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Since that meeting we've conducted individual interviews and hosted					
CITY MANAGER	U U	committee meetings, and two city-wide public meetings. The result of this				
Robert T. Rokovitz	work is the	Comp Plan Update draft you have before you.				
transmit it to t		cision is not whether the city should adopt the plan but, rather, whether to to the regional and state reviewers in fulfillment of the state planning				
<u>www.chatthillsga.us</u>	requiremen	ts.				
(770) 463-8881	The goal is to adopt the plan at the by the end of October. In the interim we should					
Fax (770) 463-8550	receive comments from DCA and a recommendation from the Planning Commission.					

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# The City of Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan Update 2021 Draft for Review 8-27-26



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## Acknowledgments

### **City Council**

Tom Reed, Mayor Ruby Foster (District 1) Richard Schmidt (District 2) Laurie Searle (District 3) Camille Lowe (District 4) Troy Bettis (District 5)

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## **Executive Summary**

### Keep It Rural...

The foundation of the Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan is a vision for the future that is deliberately rural. Not rural because suburban development pressure has not yet arrived, but an intentional vision to maintain rural character in the face of the inevitable suburban development pressure. The citizens of Chattahoochee Hills have made a deliberate and bold choice to stand apart from the predominant development pattern of metro Atlanta. The deliberately rural vision encapsulates both a balanced development/non-development pattern and an economic development strategy. By creating a unique place in the region, the city will be



fulfilling an otherwise unmet need to be close to nature and agriculture in what would otherwise become a typical sprawling suburban environment. Mixed-use nodes surrounded by agriculture, rural residential and compatible businesses and industry are the city's primary economic development targets. The rural nature of the community, if protected, will create value for the property owners already here as others come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the city.

City residents recognize that coming development pressure must be channeled into an acceptable form that fits the city's vision and enhances the city's tax base. Therefore the village, hamlet and AG-1 vision for the city (from the Focus Fulton 2025 Plan) was revised into a Town, Village, Hamlet form integrated with traditional rural/agricultural development. The city has determined that the town category is no longer needed to meet the city vision. Outside of the intentionally densely developed mixed-use nodes – Village and Hamlets – the city's rural character will be preserved, with a strong focus on allowing agricultural uses and preservation of the rural public realm and rural vistas that are highly valued by the community.

In maintaining the rural character of the city, the Mayor and City Council are not only following the wishes of the city's citizens, but are also creating a valuable asset that will competitively differentiate the city, improving property values and tax collections as well as quality of life. In Chattahoochee Hills, people will be able to enjoy the rural appeal of the community in perpetuity because the city has made a deliberate choice to preserve and maintain its rural character.

In its current rural state, the city has a very limited tax base. In order for the city to be able to continue to provide acceptable levels of services in the future without significant property tax increases, the property tax base will have to be improved. In order to keep the majority of the city rural while allowing for needed development, that development will be permitted (and concentrated) only in designated development areas. Additionally, the elements that most embody the rural nature of the city, the scenic roadways and viewscapes, will be protected through transportation planning and buffer protection policies, including preserving most of the viewscape on South Fulton Parkway.

This plan calls for promoting a Village and Hamlett pattern of development in order to preserve open space and accommodate anticipated growth. Several specific development patterns are identified:

**Village(s)** – Activity centers that contain most of the elements of a small town, with civic, commercial, and residential uses all linked by a pedestrian-friendly transportation network, in addition to preserved space.

Villages will offer housing, employment, commercial and recreational opportunities.

The Village(s) will be the focal points of new public facilities such as road improvements, utilities, schools, and additional parks and recreational facilities.

Villages will also create preservation throughout the city by buying the development rights.

Hamlet(s) – There are two types of Hamlets: Mixed-Use and Residential. In the Mixed-Use and Residential Hamlets, the

development form will require significant land preservation, with dense, pedestrian-oriented housing nodes. As the name suggests, the Mixed-Use Hamlet will include commercial uses, while the Residential Hamlet may not.

**Crossroads Communities** – An existing/historical community that contains a few commercial uses with closely spaced buildings and houses. The Campbellton crossroads was the subject of a planning study in 2020 and the Rico crossroads will be the subject of continuing planning work, possibly leading to appropriately designed infill development in the form of an historic hamlet reflective of the history of the area.

**Agricultural and Rural Residential** – All of the remaining areas of the City that are to remain in conservation, with very low density residential, conservation or agricultural uses.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a Future Development Map that offers an illustrative view of the city in terms of its character areas and development types. The map is based on the community's vision for the future as developed through the public outreach process, and is intended to reflect the future built environment.

Character areas and development types are identified on the Future Development Map and each is described in the text in terms of the vision for its future, its operation, the regulatory intent, critical factors, and policy themes it achieves.

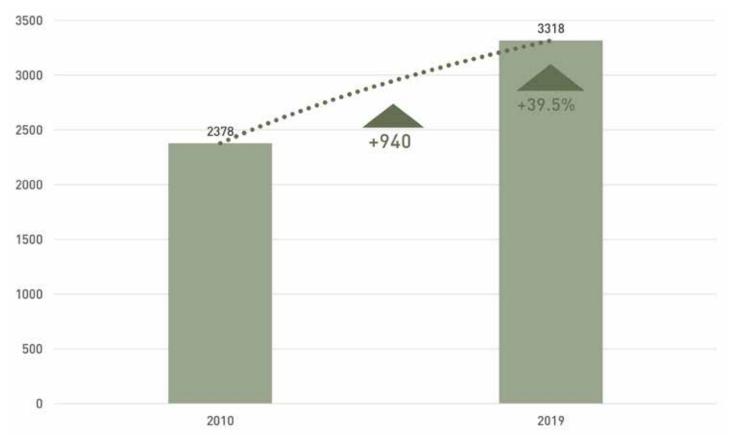
This plan includes a discussion of the issues and opportunities that the city faces, as well as policies to guide decision making. The last chapter of the plan is a Short-Term Work Program that outlines an action plan for the city to realize its vision.

## Data & Demographics

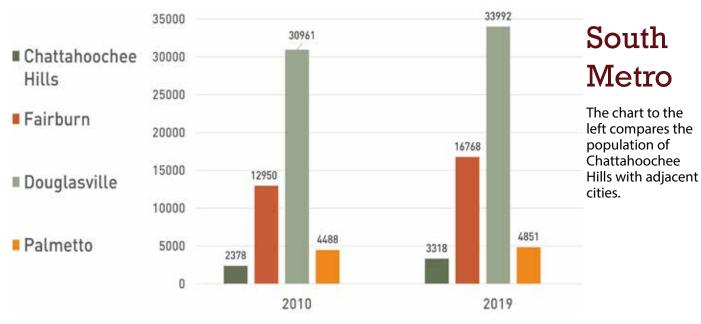


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## Population



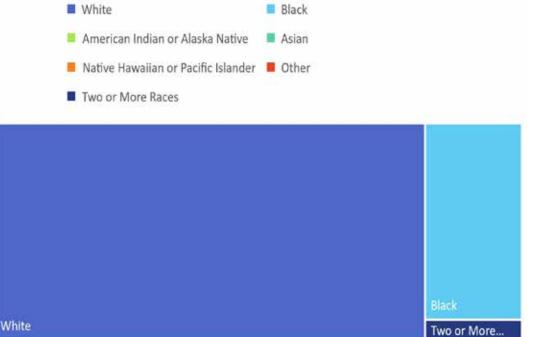
The city of Chattahoochee Hills was officially chartered on December 1, 2007. The first demographic data available for the city comes from 2010, at which point the population was 2,378. The current population is 3318 in 2019. Limited infrastructure and a historic pattern of slow growth may limit some of the forecast projections for this area. When considering issues of future growth, it is important to note that the city's development model encourages opportunities for large cluster-type projects, rather than sprawl. Therefore, a single development project could initiate a significant change in forecast projections compared with historic patterns of development when this area was largely a portion of unincorporated Fulton County.



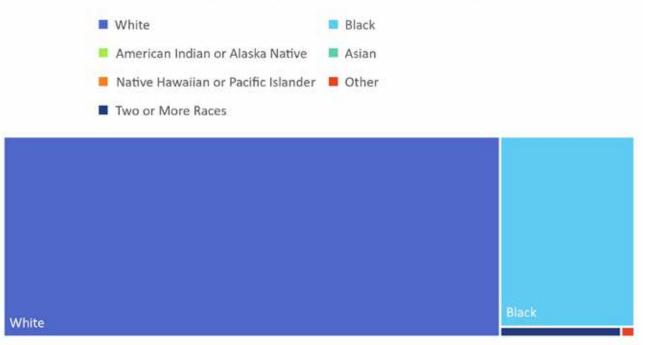
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### Race

## Racial Composition, Chattahoochee Hills, 2010



### Racial Composition, Chattahoochee Hills, 2019



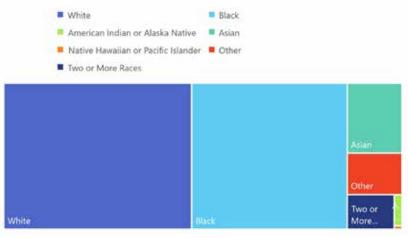
Between 2010 and 2019, Chattahoochee Hill's racial makeup experienced few notable changes.

The proportion of black residents increased by about 3% while the white population decreased by roughly the same amount. The proportion of residents identifying as either Asian or "Two or More Races" increased between 2010 and 2018.

The proportion of residents who identified as Hispanic was 5% in 2010, and increased to 7.6% in 2019.

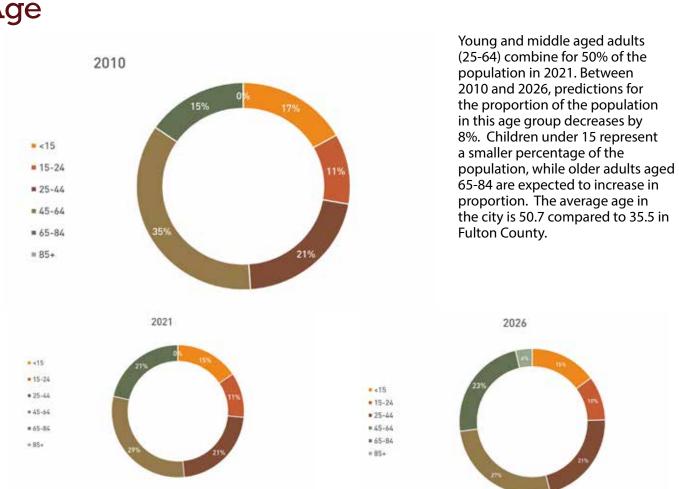
### Race

#### Racial Composition of 10-County Region, 2019



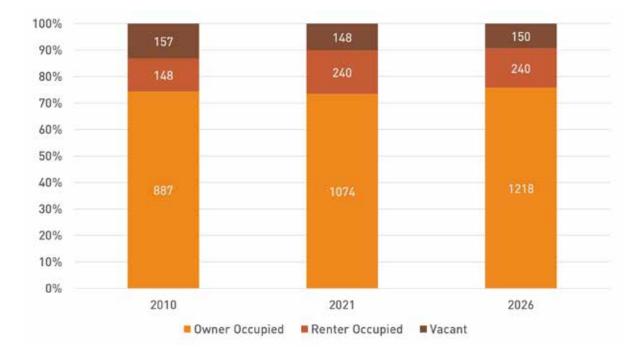
Chattahoochee Hill's racial composition is more homogeneous compared to that of the 10-county metro area as a whole.

Notably, Chattahoochee Hills is home to a smaller proportion of non-white residents than the metro area.



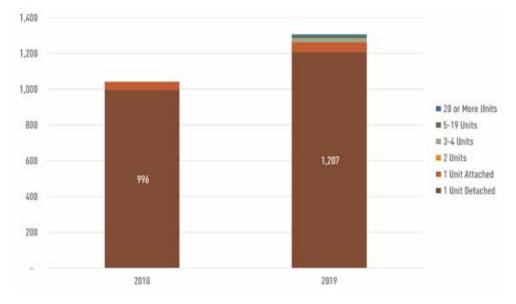
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### **Housing Demand**



Demand in housing is expected to increase, resulting in both an increase in the number of units and a decrease in the vacancy rate. In addition, the hamlet/village model anticipates an increase in a variety of housing units.

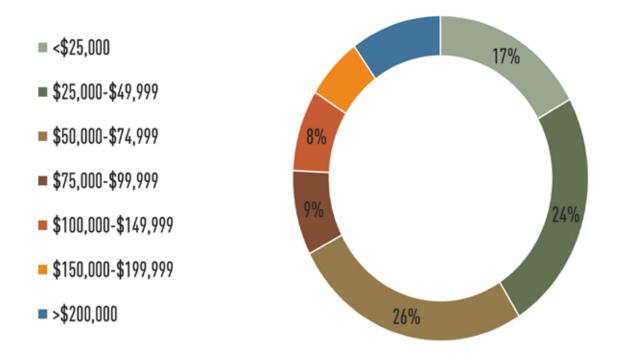
## Housing: Median Sales Price-\$213, 500 Housing Type



Chattahoochee Hills appears to have experienced a moderate shift in the composition of its housing stock. According to ACS data, the city has increased its supply of single-family detached homes as well as its supply of attached and diverse multifamily housing.

Due to the quality of available data, these figures should be considered rough estimates.

### Income



67% of households made less than \$75,000 in 2018. The median income in Chattahoochee Hills is \$60,867.

The charts to the right illustrate industry and workforce.

#### Resident Area Characteristics:

What industries do Chattahoochee Hills residents work in?

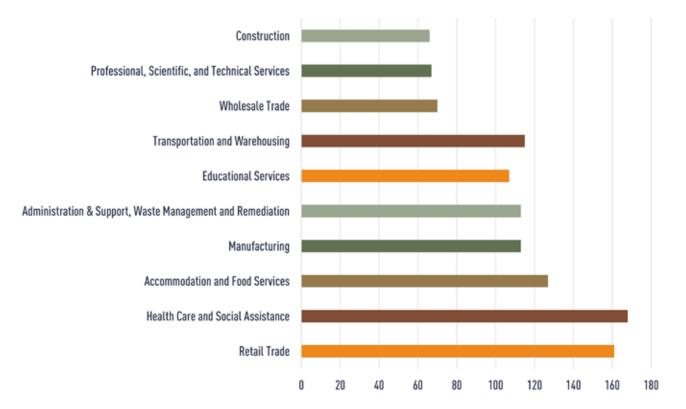
 In terms of employment, the largest industry among the city's residents is Health Care and Social Assistance, followed closely by Retail Trade.

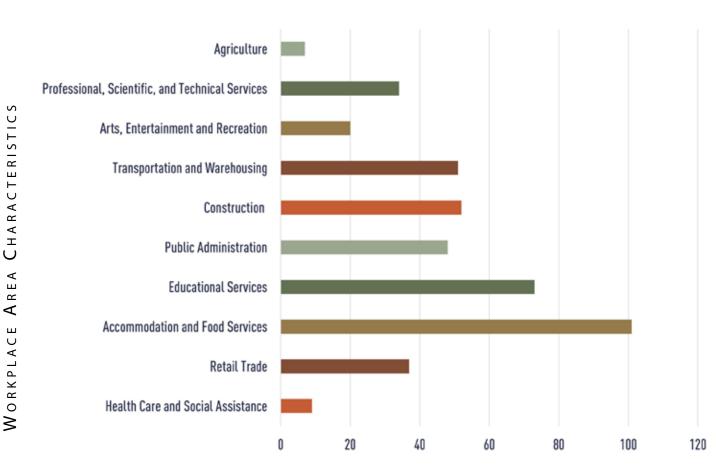
#### Workplace Area Characteristics:

What jobs exist within Chattahoochee Hills?

In terms of employment, the largest industry in Chattahoochee Hills is Accommodation and Food Services, followed by Educational Services.

### Employment





# **Community Vision**

## Deliberately Rural...

The Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan seeks to carry out the wishes of the Chattahoochee Hills community to achieve the balance of keeping the rural character foremost and intact. The city has adopted land control mechanisms that will encourage permanent preservation of landscapes by concentrating specific types of development in preferred areas. This is accomplished by enabling density transfer and establishing buffer requirements and design aesthetics to ensure quality development.

The City of Chattahoochee Hills is both city and country in a location that would ordinarily be a suburban environment anywhere else in the Atlanta metropolitan area. Our future development will take place only in dense mixed-use villages, and in smaller hamlets. The remainder of our city will be deliberately and permanently rural. Not large-lot suburban claiming to be rural, but truly rural, in that all land outside of the Villages and Hamlets will be in agricultural, conservation or very low density residential use. As in the Focus Fulton Plan, the goal is to preserve 60 to 70 percent of the city as open space, including agriculture and forestry lands.

### **Deliberately Rural...**

By maintaining the rural character of the city, the Mayor and City Council are not only following the wishes of the city's citizens, but also creating a valuable asset that will differentiate the city, improving both property values and tax collections, as well as quality of life. Metro Atlanta is overrun with suburban sprawl. Families continually move further out from the center of the city to escape that sprawl. In Chattahoochee Hills, people will be able to enjoy the rural nature of the community in perpetuity because the city has made a deliberate choice to be rural for the time-frame of the Comprehensive Plan and beyond, rather than being temporarily rural only because the suburban sprawl hasn't arrived yet.

In its current rural state, the city has a very limited tax base. In order for the city to be able to continue to provide an acceptable level of services in the future without significant property tax increases, the property tax base will have to be improved. In order to keep the majority of the city rural, development will only be permitted in designated development areas (Villages and Hamlets). This development will be compact traditional development which has been found to be the lowest cost for provision of city services and the highest benefit with regard to property tax revenues. Compact traditional development allows the majority of the city's land to remain rural. Additionally, the other elements that most embody the rural nature of the city, rural roads (both paved and gravel) and rural viewscapes, will be protected.

# Planning in Chattahoochee Hills

The vision for Chattahoochee Hills began to form long before the city was incorporated. In 2000, Fulton County began working with residents on a concept which preferred dense nodal development with a high level of preservation over the typical Atlanta sprawl. This led to the adoption of the Chattahoochee Hill Country Overlay District, a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance, and a Conservation Subdivision Ordinance. Together, these regulations limited development to mixed-use hamlets and conservations subdivisions that preserved 60% of their land, or villages that provided funding for permanent preservation of the rural land outside of the development nodes through the TDR program. The desire to strengthen these programs and to administer them locally was the primary driver behind citizen efforts to create the new city of Chattahoochee Hills in 2007.

### **Creation of the City**

Upon its incorporation in 2007, the City of Chattahoochee Hills adopted Fulton County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. The future land use map included three village sites and designated the remaining land to be agricultural residential (AG-1, with a one acre minimum lot size). However, when the city was incorporated, one of the village sites and two-thirds of another were excluded from the city. About the same time, the economic downturn greatly reduced the development pressure throughout the entire Atlanta region, including the City of Chattahoochee Hills. Though the recession strained the new city's budgets and eliminated all demand for TDRs, it also provided the breathing room the city needed to adopt its first comprehensive plan and development regulations.

### **Developing the First Comprehensive Plan**

The Mayor and City Council appointed a diverse spectrum of stakeholders, including educators, business people, landowners, government officials, and citizens, to a task force to develop the city's first Comprehensive Plan. Members of the task force were divided into five committees based on interests and expertise. The five committees were Public Participation, Natural and Community Resources, Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use and Transportation. Some served on more than one committee.

The Public Participation Committee gathered opinions and information two ways. The first was a mail and online survey. The survey was mailed to all 985 households in Chattahoochee Hills. The combined mail and online survey yielded 432 responses - almost 50% of all households in the community! The second part of the community outreach was a series of five identical meetings held around the city. The 66 attendees in these five meetings participated in a visual preference survey about preferred development types and shared their concerns on topics of Transportation, Development, Natural Resources, Housing, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Coordination, etc.

A consolidated list of these concerns was used by the committees to create the Issues and Opportunities lists in the plan. The committees held workshops with experts and utilized a visioning process, along with other methods, to develop policies to achieve goals set by the committee, and to develop steps to implement each policy.

The City Council adopted that first Comprehensive Plan in the autumn of 2011 and updated the plan in 2016. This document is an update to the 2016 plan. In the five years since that plan was adopted the city has made tremendous progress. Since the original Comprehensive Plan, the Mayor and City Council adopted an all-new zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, TDR ordinance, and sign ordinance to support the vision expressed in the 2011 plan. The city also annexed over 5,000 additional acres and across the Coweta County line.

It is in this new context that the city moves forward with this Comprehensive Plan update, building on the accomplishments of the last five years, and setting the course for the next five years and beyond. Though the city's aim has not changed, the city's leaders appreciate the value in periodically re-evaluating the path ahead to ensure that the city's resources are continually working toward that aim.

### **Community Input Opportunities**

The Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan update process was guided by a Steering Committee comprised of citizens, local business owners, elected officials, and city staff. The Steering Committee met virtually on six (6) occasions, providing direction and feedback at key points in the process. Virtual meetings were necessary because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were additional opportunities for public participation at one (1) virtual and one (1) in-person public meeting as well as a website with a plan specific survey and at two (2) Public Hearings. Meetings were advertised through the city's website, a site specific website, and through posted notices. All PowerPoint presentations, meeting recordings, and associated notices are located in the Appendix (E) for review.

Tuesday February <b>2</b> City Council Public Hearing Comp Plan Kick Off	Tuesday March <b>23</b> Steering Committee Meeting	Thursday April <b>29</b> Steering Committee Meeting	Monday May <b>3</b> Virtual Public Meeting	Tuesday May <b>11</b> Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday May <b>2.7</b> Steering Committee Meeting	Thursday June <b>17</b> Steering Committee Meeting	Tuesday June <b>22</b> In-person Public Meeting	Thursday July <b>22</b> Steering Committee Meeting	Tuesday September 7 City Council Public Hearing

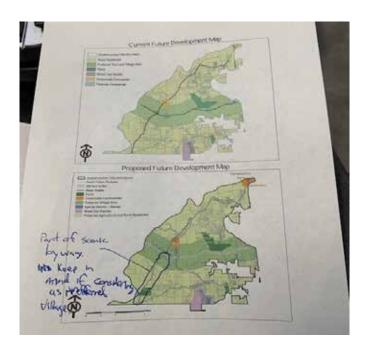














### **Other Plans and Programs**

There are numerous other plans and studies that support the Comprehensive Plan, and are referenced herein. They are identified below.

- Chattahoochee Corridor Plan (1998)
- South Fulton Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan (1998)
- Chattahoochee Hill Country: A Model Sustainable Village LCI (2003)
- Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail Plan (2003)
- City of Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan Community Assessment/ Comprehensive Plan (2010/2016)
- Rico Community Plan (2016)
- City of Chattahoochee Hills Art and Design Master Plan
   (2012)

- City of Chattahoochee Hills Wayfinding Plan
- South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan
  (2013)
- Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Blueprint (2015)
- South Fulton Parkway Access Management Plan
- Master Plan for Campbellton Park (2018)
- Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Land Use Analysis and Recommendations Report (2020)
- Chattahoochee Riverlands Greenway Study (2020)
- Historic Campbellton Crossroads Framework (2020)
  - Beavers House Report (2021)



## Community Issues & Opportunities Land Use and Housing Issues & Opportunities

There is support for the Chattahoochee Hills model that clusters development in Village(s) and Hamlet(s) to preserve the majority of land in the city for rural and low density land uses.

Chattahoochee Hills' unique Zoning Ordinance has fostered developments such as Serenbe and protects the rural character.

Chattahoochee Hills' unique Zoning Ordinance requires that the development Community to rethink traditional development patterns.

There is concern for the expansion of commercial uses in areas that are traditionally agricultural and residential. Ensure that any non-residential development that occurs outside of a Village or Hamlet model (such as Crossroads Communities) is limited in scale and subject to design controls that will integrate with surrounding uses.

There is a need for economic development opportunities to support the tax base of the city. Continue to identify opportunities to incentivize the development models that are preferable in Chattahoochee Hills, encourage clustering in Villages and Hamlets and discouraging traditional patterns of sprawl.

Ensure that conservation and preservation are implemented alongside planning and promoting the development model for the city.

There are opportunities to think broadly about ways to develop the potential for tourism, while protecting the rights and privacy of residents and property owners.

There is a need to ensure that rural community values are reflected in development codes, particularly related to dark skies, signage, and development controls outside of Village(s) and Hamlet(s).

The comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance should protect and encourage the continuance of rural and agricultural uses.

There is a concern that there is a lack of attainable housing in both the rental and ownership markets.

The Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program is an incentive for both property owners and developers and an equity tool.

South Fulton Parkway connects the city to the rest of the region, but encroaching warehouse/other undesirable development patterns threaten quality development in Chattahoochee Hills.

There is an opportunity to re-imagine and better define South Fulton Parkway.

### Land Use and Housing Policies

Protect the South Fulton Scenic Byways as a scenic, environmental and economic asset for the community.

Use development regulations and the transfer of development rights (TDR) ordinance to accomplish the city's future development and conservation strategy.

Zoning regulations should focus on form, rather than use, where appropriate and enforce dense nodal development.

Village and Hamlet will be the only allowed non-rural development types in the city's zoning ordinance. Traditional suburban style development will not be allowed.

Future Development must respect the area's historic and cultural significance.

Use the Comprehensive Plan to build on and refine the vision for Chattahoochee Hills.

Use the Village and Hamlet development pattern to channel development pressure in to desired areas and forms to create the city's tax base.

Village and Hamlet development types will be separated from rural areas by visual buffers of undisturbed or restored vegetation.

### **Transportation Issues & Opportunities**

There is a concern for issues of maintenance of roads and bridges in the city, though limited city revenues pose a challenge for funding.

The design of road improvements should be sensitive to the rural context of the city.

The heavy use of some roads by the cycling community presents both opportunities and challenges.

Heavy truck traffic on certain roads poses safety concerns for some residents and may become worse because of new warehouse development outside the city limits. Freight and rail patterns will also intensify and may impact the quality of life.

Though the city is still primarily rural, there are opportunities to develop bicycle and pedestrian corridors in desired locations. There are established bicycle corridors well known by the cycling community known as silk and dirty sheets.

There is a need for transportation for the disabled and elderly in the community.

The city has the opportunity to work with GDOT to develop the character of South Fulton Parkway and other state routes.

### **Transportation Policies**

Existing rural roads will not undergo any improvements that will change the character of the road.

Support appropriate recommendations of existing planning studies, such as the South Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the GDOT Access Management Plan for South Fulton Parkway, Campbellton Crossroads Master Plan, Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance Land Use Analysis and Recommendations Report, and the MARTA Feasibility Study.

Developers must build all the roads to support their developments.

City bridges must have adequate sufficiency ratings.

Very light traffic and free flow conditions fit the rural vision for the community, therefore the minimum Level of Service (LOS) acceptable for city roads is C.

## Economic Development and Intergovernmental Coordination Issues & Opportunities

A balance is sought between limiting density and development while allowing modern amenities, services and conveniences.

Limited revenues and resources may hinder the city's ability to deliver services desired by some residents.

Limited infrastructure may hinder the city's ability to attract development prospects that would be desirable for the community.

There is a desire to preserve agriculture and agriculturally-oriented uses as a part of the city's economic development strategy.

City government should be business friendly within the context of the envisioned Chattahoochee Hills development pattern.

City government should foster greater awareness of development potential that can be expected in both the near term and long term, based on the existing development codes and other conditions within the community.

The City should take advantage of the lucrative and growing movie, technology, and healthcare industries.

Fulton County and city of Atlanta are partners to provide much needed water and sewer for targeted development in Villages and Hamlets. The city has a relationship with both entities and should continue to engage.

The City of Chattahoochee Hills is often perceived as a city that "punches above its weight class." The city should promote this perception and work to improve the perception of South Fulton County.

Coordinate with federal, state, local, and non-profit partners.

### Economic Development and Intergovernmental Coordination Policies

The Village and Hamlet development pattern will channel development pressure into desired areas and forms to create the city's tax base.

The city will support and welcome new businesses that fit the Chattahoochee Hills vision.

The comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance should encourage the protection of agricultural areas and uses.

The city will continue to participate in joint planning efforts with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that businesses locating in the area are appropriate to the location.

The city will encourage that infrastructure is appropriately located within the city.

Infrastructure location policies will be defined in the appropriate code sections to guide the development of utilities in the city.

# Natural and Cultural Resources Issues & Opportunities

Accomplishing preservation and conservation goals should be a priority within the community.

City government should assume a leadership role in fostering the community's conservation and preservation priorities, but support will be needed through collaborative efforts with many partners, including civic associations, land developers, private property owners, and interested citizens.

Preserving the rural character of the community and promoting the rural identity of the community are important values to residents.

Create opportunities for access to the Chattahoochee River.

Implement the Chattahoochee Riverlands Greenway Study.

Use parks, protected greenspace and vistas to promote economic development.

Preserve the city's historic resources.

Utilize the planning work created by the Historic Preservation Commission (Appendix D).

Natural, cultural, and historic resource planning will provide a roadmap to address needs, future use, and implementation.

Fiscal constraints may negatively impact the preservation of city-owned resources. The city should pursue outside funding to assist in preservation work.

Ensure the protection of wildlife habitat within the city, as well as uses such as hunting and fishing that depend on wildlife preservation.

People are attracted to Chattahoochee Hills because of its natural, historic, and scenic qualities, but tourism and special events must be planned and managed in a way that are not burdensome to residents.

New development will provide a large amount of additional greenspace and provides opportunities for passive and active recreational uses.

-The City will develop a written management plan for all city-owned historic and cultural resources. Consideration will also be given to the context of specific resources, such as location in a public park, in determining recommendations for the management plan.

-The City will engage in partnerships that promote common interests for the stewardship of the historic and cultural resources of the community.

### Natural and Cultural Resources Policies

The city will coordinate with property owners to create voluntary preservation and conservation mechanisms for natural, scenic and historic resources in the city.

The city will work to ensure that conservation activities accomplish goals of maintaining environmental quality (such as riparian corridors, wildlife habitat, water quality, etc) beyond simply the preservation of open space.

The community plays a key role in identifying and supporting resources worthy of historic designation or historic preservation efforts.

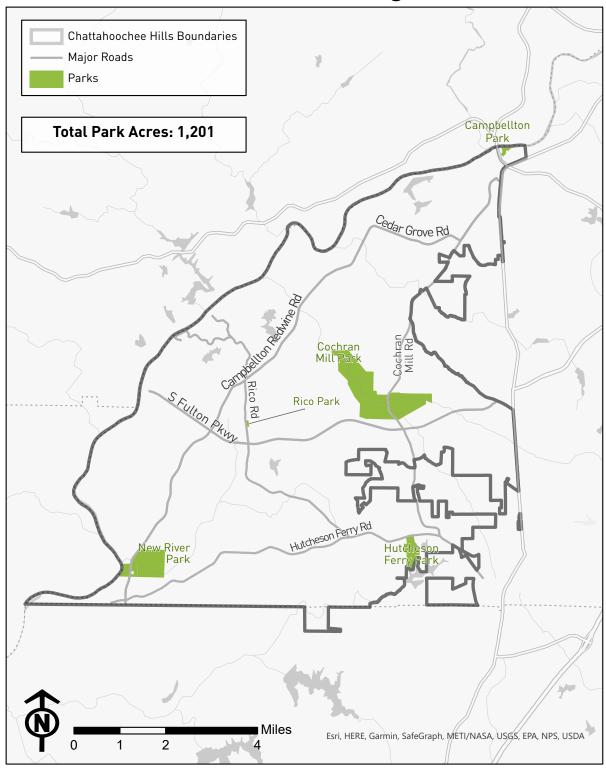
The city will insure that the impacts of tourism, special events, and rural recreational uses that draw visitors are balanced with the quality of life expected by residents.

The city will continue to maintain its current recreation offerings, while looking for opportunities to expand recreation uses by developing new sites, as feasible.

The city will ensure that zoning and development controls maintain the environmental quality of the community while directing new growth to desired locations.

The city will develop zoning use limitations to conserve and preserve required green/open spaces.

### Parks in Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia



## Community Facilities and Services Issues & Opportunities

There is a desire for greater access to broadband and internet services throughout the city.

There is a concern about the perception of K-12 educational options.

There is an opportunity to support other educational resources to improve performance and perception.

The Charter School is an asset for the community, but it only serves a small portion of students from the city of Chattahoochee Hills.

In addition to K-12 education, there is an opportunity to promote other educational programs for all residents in the areas of leadership and agriculture.

The city currently does not provide any utilities for residents, such as water, sewer, garbage collection or recycling.

There is a need for water and sewer to support and incentivize new development in desired areas.

Emergency services do a good job with limited resources, but there are concerns about meeting the long-term needs for equipment, facilities and personnel.

There historically has been very little discussion in the community about providing social services. Currently a non-profit is contracted to provide some services, such as the local food pantry.

Consideration should be given to the needs of the aging population in the city.

The city has a small but effective staff.

A community center is desired for residents to gather.

## **Community Facilities and Services Policies**

The city will ensure that the provision of community facilities to meet the needs of new residents are constructed concurrent with new development in Villages and Hamlets.

The city will encourage opportunities for creating a balanced revenue stream to support city functions.

The city will explore the creation of a financial model that helps decision-makers understand the impact that different types of development will have on delivering community services.

The city will work to improve education opportunities for the residents of Chattahoochee Hills.

The city will maintain automatic-aid and mutual-aid agreements with adjacent jurisdictions to provide services to community residents.

### Broadband



Data Source: Georgia Broadband Center and Federal Communications Commission, 2017

The map above clearly shows hat the City of Chattahoochee Hills is underserved. The lack of service was indicated by the Steering Committee and the public. This deficiency needs and is being addressed.

The city is actively working with carriers and other partners to address this need to remain competitive in the region.

#### Key Explanation:

The Georgia Broadband Map project represents a location-level methodology that precisely maps the availability of broadband services to every home and business in the State, which includes all 159 counties.

The map is created by overlaying: (1) all the locations of homes and businesses in the State of Georgia, and (2) broadband provider service availability for those locations within the State.

Broadband services are defined by the State as a minimum of 25Mbps down and 3Mbps up in speed. When 20% of homes and businesses in a census block cannot subscribe to these services, the entire census block is deemed unserved.

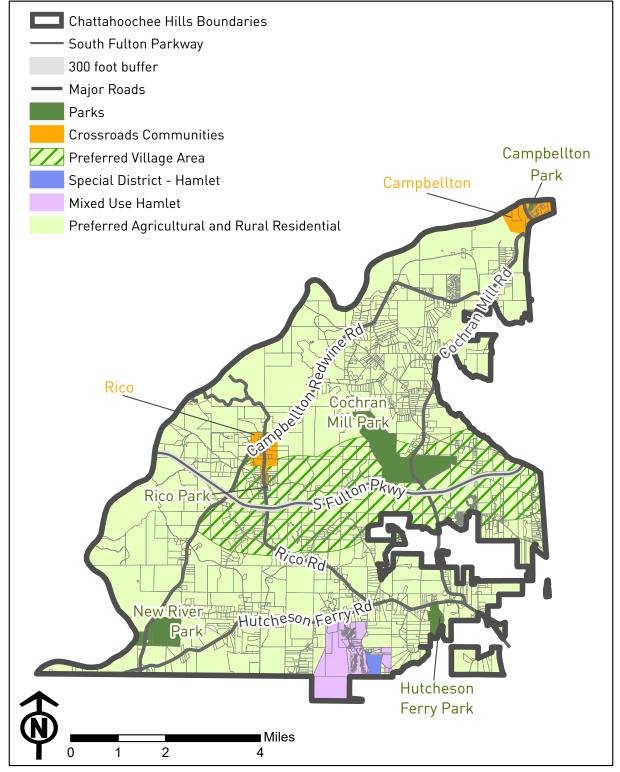
# Future Development Strategy

In order to fulfill its vision of remaining deliberately rural in the face of the development pressure that is sure to come, the city must channel that pressure into desirable patterns and locations. The city has identified a handful of development patterns that are desirable to both preserve large amounts of land and to allow for the economic development patterns that is critical for the city's future. The rural character of the city will be embodied most distinctly in its agricultural and forest land, and will be supported by the development that takes place in well-defined nodes. Each of these areas will have a distinct character that was laid out by the task force.

A central feature of the community's vision is the permanent preservation of a majority of the city's land. It is an indispensable part of remaining deliberately rural. The preservation goal is achieved through several methods. First, the most intense land uses- the Village(s) and the Hamlets- all include significant open space preservation requirements within those developments. Second, density bonuses are available to developers who preserve larger portions of their land. Finally, the city has a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program that allows individual landowners to receive money for placing a conservation easement on their property, thus permanently preserving it. These development rights may be sold to the other land owners who will apply them on their own property to increase the amount of development allowed. Alternatively, the TDR program allows an organization (such as a government or land bank) that is interested in preserving targeted properties to purchase development rights. These institutionally-owned development rights may be subsequently sold into a Village or Hamlet development, increasing its developable density just as a direct transfer would. In any case, the development rights are purchased in a market environment, allowing the landowner to receive the full financial benefit of the development opportunity they are foregoing.

## Future Development Map

### Proposed Future Development Map



## **Future Development Map**

Future Development Map. The Future Development Map represents a general understanding of the preferred locations for various development types, as defined in the planning phase. The Character Areas shown identify the broad character of the landscape, and the Development Types represent the range of possible long term uses in the various areas. This was originally conceived by the Land Use and Transportation Committee and reinforced by a consensus of the entire comprehensive plan task force. The map is meant to be a guide to understand future development within Chattahoochee Hills, embracing smart growth principles, protecting the natural resources of the area, and promoting economic development that fits with the "deliberately rural" concept. The character areas and development types do not automatically change zoning districts or regulations; rather they are meant as a guide for decision making over time, based on an overall desire to keep a majority of the city as it is (rural) while focusing on the development in the Village(s) and various Hamlets and embracing growth of businesses that fit in with the vision for the city.

The use of character areas and development types in planning acknowledges the visual and functional differences between the various areas in Chattahoochee Hills. They help guide future development through policies and implementation strategies that are tailored to each area of the city. They can be used to define areas that (1) presently have unique or special characteristics that need to be preserved; (2) have potential to evolve into unique areas; (3) require special attention because of unique development issues. In some cases, different character areas are defined by existing land use and future land use in order to highlight appropriate transitions as the community evolves. The city's Character Areas and Development Types are described and defined individually in the following pages.

## **Character** Areas

**Character Areas**. Character Areas define the geography of Chattahoochee Hills, identifying the broad character of the landscape, including areas where limited growth is desirable, and areas where more intense development is preferable. Policies do not supersede standards and regulations in the Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Ordinance, Development Regulations and other ordinances as adopted by the Mayor and City Council. There are two Character Areas in Chattahoochee Hills: Preferred Agricultural and Rural Residential Areas and Preferred Village Areas.

## **Development Types**

**Development Types**. Development Types include the elements that define a type of land use, what is affecting that character, its vision for the future, and the types of polices that need to be in place to achieve that vision. Definitions for the policy themes and fact sheets are included for each development type, and they are closely tied to zoning and development categories. However, policies do not supersede standards and regulations in the Chattahoochee Hills Zoning Ordinance, Development Regulations and other ordinances as adopted by the Mayor and City Council. There are seven development types in Chattahoochee Hills: Agricultural and Rural Residential; Farmette; Crossroads Communities; Hamlet (Mixed Use, Residential, and Special District); and Village.

The Future Development Map and its character areas were developed as part of the Comprehensive Plan to:

- Provide a strong link between the community's vision, goals, and land use policy.
- Provide qualitative guidance to the development community.
- Guide future rezoning, special use, and development decisions.
- Lay the groundwork for the new zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, urban design guidelines and any other necessary changes to development regulations.
- Encourage and promote quality development and redevelopment.
- Define the vision for the various areas of the city.
- Be used as a tool in securing funding for projects.

## Agricultural and Rural Residential Area

CHARACTER AREA

**Vision.** The Preferred Agricultural and Rural Residential Character Area is primarily rural preservation and agriculture, with houses on large lots, occasionally interspersed with hamlets. Any residential development would be large lot. This Character Area can include several development types, including Hamlets, Farmettes, and the Agricultural and Rural Residential development type.

Agriculture, Rural Residential, Farmettes, and Hamlets can go in either Character Area. Villages can only go in the Preferred Village area.





## Preferred Village Area

#### CHARACTER AREA

**Vision.** The Preferred Village area is where the most intense development in the city will take place. The commercial core of any Village development will be located in this Character Area. Any Development Type could be allowed in this Character Area, but it is likely to remain mostly rural. Though it will be the location for the most intense development in the city, the buffering and open space requirements built into these Development Types, along with the separation requirements make it quite likely that vast areas of the Preferred Village Character Area will retain its rural character.



## **Agricultural and Rural Residential**

**Vision.** All agricultural uses at the intensity level of the traditional family farm are allowed. These are considered to be in keeping with the rural character desired by citizens. Large scale or agribusiness uses may not be located in the Agricultural and Rural Residential Character Area. Industrial uses and uses associated with large scale farming and agribusiness, such as industrial slaughterhouses should be located in the Village(s) or Hamlet(s).

Small scale, traditional, and craft-style extensions of agricultural activities are encouraged, as is agritourism. Residential users should exist in harmony with these agricultural and rural uses. The owners of these parcels may wish to subdivide their land among family members, while retaining a portion of the land for their own use.

**Operation.** Agricultural and forestry uses and traditional small farm structures are allowed by right. One house and one accessory residential unit will be allowed per lot, all on septic or individual systems.

Large parcels may be divided into farmette lots with a minimum size of 20 acres, with a provision to allow long-time property owners to create and transfer a limited number of smaller lots to close family members. A single curb cut per road frontage is preferred. If this is not possible, curb cuts should be limited to one per 1000 feet of road frontage, with mailboxes clustered per Postal Service Regulations. This process is exempt from required traffic and drainage studies and tree surveys. Existing smaller lots will be allowed to exist in perpetuity.

**Regulatory Intent.** The Agricultural and Rural Residential Character Area is a preservation of traditional agricultural uses. It is intended to support and encourage traditional farms, small farms, and sustainable farming methods, as well as traditional craft, agritourism, and existing large-lot residential uses.

The intent of the farmette type of development is to maintain the rural character of Chattahoochee Hills, while still allowing for some residential development. Through measures such as limiting curb

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### Know Your Agricultural and Rural Residential

- Upholds the historic use of the land
- Maintains rural character
- Owners may sell the development rights and continue to farm the land
- Leverages the local food and farm-totable trends
- Traditional agriculturally related businesses allowed by right
- Supports agritourism, such as u-pick, horseback riding, wineries, farm tours, etc
- No large scale agribusiness, such as concentrated feeding lots, industrial slaughterhouses, processing plants, feed yards, etc.
- Traditional small farm structures are allowed by right
- Traditional rural business uses of accessory structures are allowed
- The minimum lot size is 20 acres
- Private, unpaved roads allowed
- Minimize curb cuts





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cuts, requiring shared internal roads, clustering mailboxes along the street, and visually buffering when possible, the farmette subdivision regulations seek to minimize aesthetic impact. The process allows a land owner to provide lots for close family members while maintaining the bulk of the property in its current state and avoiding some of the regulatory burden of a more intense development type.

Large 20 acre lots are intended to provide separation between houses and a sense of space and at least a semblance of rural isolation for their residents. Specifying septic and restricting sewer reinforces the rural character of the area and ensures a minimum separation between houses. 20 acre lot minimums also lend themselves to small scale agriculture and equestrian uses, which are consistent with the rural character envisioned by the community.

The limitation on curb cuts and requirements for internal roads are intended only to discourage direct access to individual subdivided lots. These provisions are not intended to create a very-large-lot version of a suburban residential pod inside a superblock. Rather, connectivity is encouraged; internal roads should allow through traffic and connect with neighboring properties where possible.

#### **Critical Factors**

- Preservation
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Sustainability

#### **Policy Themes**

- Agricultural Protection
- Rural Conservation
- River Protection
- Scenic Corridor
- Watershed Protection





## Crossroads Community DEVELOPMENT TYPE

**Existing.** Crossroads Communities are historic settlements found at intersections of one or more roads in a rural setting that have the appearance of a small village. They generally consist of a nucleus of landmark buildings and businesses such as churches, general stores and schools, surrounded by outlying residential development. There are six crossroads communities in the city of Chattahoochee Hills: Rivertown, Rico, County Line/Redwine, Goodes, Friendship and Campbellton. Each has its own distinct history, yet they also all share a connectedness due to their close proximity and through the families and people of the area who lived, went to school, worked and worshiped in them.

**Rico Vision.** Rico was identified by citizens in the 2011 planning process as an area which they would like to study further, specifically targeting the development of a master plan which would address architectural design and the types of economic development feasible for this sort of community. To ensure that development is desired by the affected community members, input from the community will be required before the development of any master plan begins. If the local community decides that they would like

### Know Your Crossroads Community

- Historic Community
- Maintain Historic Character
- May offer housing, employment, and commercial opportunities
- A community must have a discernible historic footprint to be considered for a development Master Plan
- The Community will develop a Master Plan for development
- All new development will conform to Master Plan requirements

to pursue development, all new construction must be true to the historic character of the community. Commercial development would be limited in size and scale. New development should be mixed-use in nature, with the possibility of a business owner living above their commercial space. Buffer requirements would be revised to allow new development to have road frontage, keeping consistent with historical development patterns, while limiting the external impact.

**Campbellton Vision:** The Campbellton Crossroads Community was studied in 2020. The master planning effort, funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission, was a joint, collaborative project between the cities of Chattahoochee Hills and South Fulton.

The plan recommends five(5) strategies including historic preservation, infrastructure improvements, transportation & multi-modal improvements, development & conservation, and urban form & regulatory guidelines. Catalyst sites were also identified including the intersection, Campbellton Crossroads Multi-Use Trail, the Community Arts & Cultural Event Space, and Campbellton Park.

**Rico and Campbellton** were identified for consideration of a master plan and new development because of the discernible historic footprint and existing documentation of the historic character of these communities. As the planning for these communities begins to turn into action, the Goodes Crossroads Community is next in line for consideration.

#### **Appropriate Uses:**

- Low intensity historically appropriate mixed use
- Small scale commercial
- Residential
- Civic

#### **Policy Themes:**

- Development Node
- Historic Preservation

#### **Rico Community Vision**

Through a series of meetings in the Rico Community a picture has begun to form of what additional development in the historic Rico Crossroads Community might look like. Guided by residents of Rico and other community members, three meetings were held to consider the future of the neighborhood. The group discussed the area's history and its boundaries, identified favorite and least favorite features, and worked out some broad outlines of what the future holds and how the planning process should proceed. Emphasis was placed on the role of the community in directing this process.

The community has indicated that it is interested in considering additional infill development and has provided some guidance regarding the form such development might take, as well as the locations where such development might be allowed. Additional community input will be sought in order to turn these ideas into reality. The community still will provide input on rules regarding the footprint of new development, its relationship to neighboring properties and to the street, acceptable height, bulk and floor areas of new construction, and possibly identify allowable or preferred uses, architectural styles, building materials, street improvements, parking and pedestrian amenities, and other characteristics of potential infill development that will determine its success in the eyes of the residents.







#### **Campbellton Community Vision**

The cities of Chattahoochee Hills and South Fulton partnered with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to conduct a robust community engagement process and develop a master plan for the Campbellton Community. Three (3) public meetings and 13 stakeholder interviews were conducted and 2,000 postcards were sent..

Vision Statement: Historic Campbellton is a thriving crossroads community nestled along the Chattahoochee River welcoming visitors from the region. Its rethought layout straddles two cities and is responsive to the past but charts a new, sustainable course for its future. Campbellton is a model community that protects the rural heritage of the South Fulton area designed with consideration for walkability, complementary architectural form, and community placemaking.

#### **Master Plan Design Principles:**

Balance development with environmental sustainability and historic sensitivity.
Preserve the rural character of Campbellton and the surrounding area.

- -Celebrate and honor the history of the area. -Create a cohesive and vibrant hamlet full of character and charm.
- -Create community opportunities for residents and visitors to thrive economically, socially, and recreationally.

-Improve transportation safety and mobility throughout the Crossroads area.

Three (3) districts-Community Hamlet, Transitional, Rural Living-were developed with zoning recommendations.

Transportation and mobility improvements recommendations include right sizing roads, streetscape typologies, operational improvements, and mobility improvements.

Catalyst sites-the Intersection, Campbellton Crossroads Multi-use Trail, Community Arts and Cultural Event Space, Campbellton Park-were identified and implementation measures for each are identified.









### Village DEVELOPMENT TYPE

**Vision**. The Village is intended to draw away the development that would have occurred elsewhere within the city, thereby allowing the rural character to be preserved throughout most of the city. The Village would be a fine-grained mix of uses, including residential, office, commercial, light industrial and civic.

Villages are 500 or more acres in size, and are visually screened from surrounding roadways by the rural protection buffer. Commercial development will represent no more than 40% of the units in the village, composed of smaller businesses such as professional offices, dry cleaners, coffee shops, small bookstores or groceries, etc., which will be able to support most of the daily needs of residents. Uses within the core of the development will be mixed at a very fine grain, and a great deal of attention will be given to the connectivity of pedestrian routes so that the area will be walkable. Buffers along South Fulton Parkway will contribute toward the preservation of rural character surrounding this development node. Limited visibility through the buffer to the commercial area may be considered at the time of plan approval.

**Operation**. In order to qualify as a Village, a development must be at least 500 acres. A Village must be at least 5 miles from any other Village and 10% of its total area must be permanently protected as open space with an additional 5% of civic space as defined by the zoning ordinance.. A Village may be located anywhere along South Fulton Parkway that these conditions may be met.

A dense mix of uses is allowed throughout the Village. The density required in the Village is higher than currently entitled under existing Rural zoning. In order to achieve this increased density, development rights from elsewhere in the city must be applied. These rights can be transferred from other land in the city of Chattahoochee Hills through the TDR program.

Buildings in the Village should be expected to address the street, with lot sizes based on building type or street type, and minimal front and side yard requirements. Block lengths should be limited. Sidewalks will be provided throughout, with pedestrian or multi-use paths providing connections and recreational; opportunities through the open space where appropriate.

Numerous connections between Village streets and existing city roads are important, but these connections should not be used as the primary access point. The majority of traffic should enter and exit onto South Fulton Parkway.

### Know Your Village

- Minimum Size: 500 acres
- 10 percent must be preserved as open space with an additional 5% dedicated to civic space;; density bonuses are available for additional land preservation
- Mixed use and walkable
- Will offer housing, employment, commercial, industrial and civic uses
- Visually buffered from existing roads and neighboring properties except for a small window to the commercial core
- Development is clustered and permanently delineated from the preserved open space
- Limit block size to promote walkability and route choice
- Provide bonus for providing public infrastructure
- Require some public benefit from preserved open space
- Require dedication of easements for multi-use path right-of-way to improve connectivity throughout the city
- Consider methods to accommodate future growth and connectivity through the buffers
- A street plan is required
- Funds land preservation in the rest of the city through the TDR program

Preserved open space in the Village must be permanently delineated from the developed land by a right-of-way or some other method.

Neighboring property owners may be allowed to submit plans to be included in the Village.

**Regulatory Intent**. The intent of the Village is to concentrate development within the city and to provide a location for commercial and social life. The open space preservation requirement will serve to:

- Conserve sensitive land
- Provide wildlife habitat corridors
- Provide stormwater detention and filtering
- Provide opportunities for residents and guests to benefit from interacting with nature
- Provide some buffering from neighborhood property
- Provide parks and recreational and gardening opportunities for village residents and guests
- Provide opportunities for small-scale farming and forestry operations

The transfers of development rights, whether internal to the Village or from outside the Village serve not only to provide additional density in the Village, they also provide a mechanism for preserving open space throughout the city, supporting the vision of Chattahoochee Hills as a rural community.

Reduced block lengths support the goal of walkability and provide route choices for motorists and opportunities for onstreet parking. The inclusion of sidewalks and paths also will support the goal of walkability. Within the Village, walking and biking should be seen as the most convenient and desirable way to get around. This would allow reduced parking requirements in addition to exercise and recreational opportunities for residents.

Multiple connections to city roads provide numerous benefits. They reduce congestion by removing traffic burden from individual roads, provide route alternatives, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and reduce pollution. These connections will also support the character of the Village as an actual Village and not a suburban mixed-use pod. Use of the connection to South Fulton Parkway should be encouraged through its design, the use of wayfinding signage, and the fact that it will be the most convenient access to the bulk of the metropolitan area.

Accessory dwelling units are encouraged within the Village to provide variety in housing type and price-point and to support lifecycle housing/lifelong community.

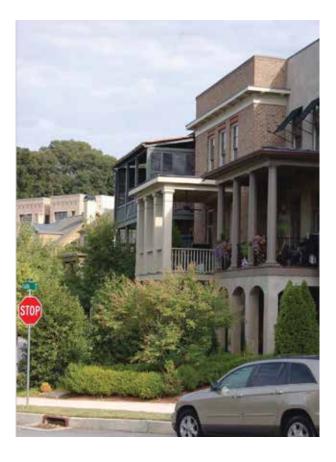
#### **Critical Factors**

- Block size
- Open Space Preservation









- Walkability
- Mix of Uses
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Density Bonuses
- Connectivity
- Sustainability
- Growth

#### **Policy Themes**

- Development Node
- Historic Preservation

## Mixed Use Hamlet DEVELOPMENT TYPE

**Vision.** The vision for Chattahoochee Hills prior to incorporation as a city included three Villages along with multiple Hamlets, designed to concentrate development into specific areas as a mechanism to maintain the current rural development patterns throughout the bulk of the city.

The Mixed-Use Hamlet development type will provide the city with a smaller version of the Town and Village character areas. The hamlet's small scale is especially suited for pedestrians, so the character area is intended to create close-knit, walkable communities. To ensure walkability, the different land uses must be carefully considered and mixed to ensure the layout and design suit pedestrian needs. Development should be tightly clustered on the property, providing a clear demarcation between the development and the preserved open space.

**Operation.** The minimum size of a Mixed-Use Hamlet is 200 acres. 65% of the land must be preserved as open space with an additional 5% of civic space as defined by the Zoning Ordinance, concentrating development in nodes and centers within the development. 25% of the development must be commercial. Residents will have access to some small scale retail, but will have to leave the Hamlet to get to certain items that may only be found in larger commercial establishments.

Since connectivity is vital, block sizes and the design of the public rights-of-way will be critical. Block sizes should be limited. Boundaries between private property and open space should be marked with some form of right-of-way. Streets in the more densely developed portions of hamlets should have sidewalks or paths and street trees to protect the pedestrian realm.

Because a Hamlet is smaller than a Town or Village, access to South Fulton Parkway is not required. Access to Mixed-Use Hamlets may be provided from smaller paved roads. Unlike a Town, Village or Parkway Commercial District, a Mixed Use Hamlet can be located anywhere within the City, and will include buffers in its design criteria.

Preserved open space in the Mixed-Use Hamlet must be permanently delineated from the developed land by a right-of-way or some other method.

Mixed Use Hamlets will probably require central water service, but sewage can be managed through the city, community, or privately.

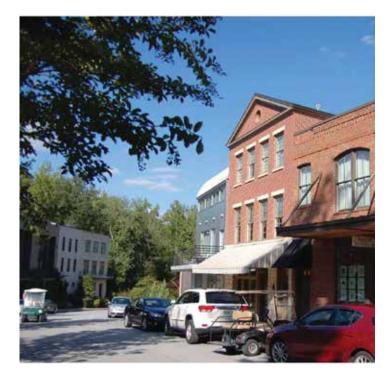
### Know Your Mixed Use Hamlet

- Minimum Size: 200 acres
- 65 percent must be preserved as open space with an additional 5% dedicated to civic space ; density bonuses are available for additional land preservation
- Mixed use and walkable
- Offers housing, employment, and commercial opportunities
- Visually buffered from existing roads and neighboring properties
- Provides both vehicular and pedestrian connections to neighboring properties where possible, otherwise provides easements or right-of-way for future connections
- Development is clustered and permanently delineated from the preserved open space
- Limit block size to encourage connectivity and walkability
- Provide bonus for providing public infrastructure
- Require some public benefits from preserved open space
- Consider methods to accommodate future growth through the buffers
- A street plan is required

**Regulatory Intent.** The commercial space requirement will provide residents access to certain everyday necessities, but is not intended to fulfill all of their needs.

Visual buffers will ensure that the rural character of the city is maintained while allowing for growth and development. By requiring a visual buffer the development will be hidden from individuals driving by while allowing property owners to develop their property fully.

By limiting block sizes and regulating the design of the public rights of way, pedestrian activity is encouraged,



increasing resident interaction and reducing the need for automobile use.

#### **Critical Factors**

- Block size
- Open Space Preservation
- Walkability
- Mix of Uses
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Density Bonuses
- Connectivity
- Sustainability
- Growth

#### **Policy Themes**

- Development Node
- River Protection
- Scenic Corridor
- Watershed Protection



## Residential Hamlet DEVELOPMENT TYPE

**Vision.** The Residential Hamlet development type is based upon the Chattahoochee Hill Country Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.

A Residential Hamlet must permanently preserve 75% of its land as open space. Like the Mixed-Use Hamlet Development Type, a Residential Hamlet must be walkable. Development should be tightly clustered on the property, providing a clear demarcation between the development and the preserved open space.

**Operation.** The lot sizes within the development type will vary, depending on whether the development is going to utilize community sewer or individual septic systems.

Residential Hamlets will preserve 75% of the property as open space, with and additional 5% of civic space and density bonuses available for increased levels of preservation. A full visual buffer from city roadways will be required in order to maintain the rural character of Chattahoochee Hills.

Residential Hamlet may have up to 5% commercial use.

Since connectivity is vital, block sizes and the design of the public rights-of-way will be critical. Block sizes should be limited. Boundaries between private property and open spaces should be permanently delineated by a right of way or some other method. Streets in the more densely developed portions of Hamlets should have sidewalks or paths and street trees to protect the pedestrian realm. Light imprint development practices should be employed.

**Regulatory Intent.** Residential Hamlets will be designed to look rural, rather than suburban. Visual buffers will ensure that the rural character of the city is maintained while allowing for growth and development. By requiring a visual buffer the development will be hidden from the individuals driving by while allowing property owners to develop their property fully.

By limiting block sizes and regulating the design of the public rights of way, pedestrian activity is encouraged, increasing resident interaction and reducing the need for automobile use.

The Residential Hamlet development type should stand out from typical suburban patterns by clustering development, clearly delineating open space, carefully designing frontages to deemphasize the automobile, supporting walkability, and activating open space with rural amenities.

### Know Your Residential Hamlet

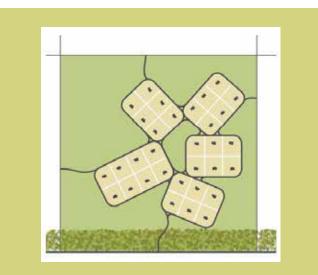
- Minimum Size: 100 acres
- Maximum Size: 300 acres
- 75 percent must be preserved as open space; with an additional 5% of civic space
- Development is clustered and permanently delineated from the preserved open space
- Pedestrian friendly
- Limited or no commercial uses
- Visually buffered from existing roads and neighboring properties
- Provides both vehicular and pedestrian connections to neighboring properties where possible, otherwise provides easements and right of way for future connections
- Limit block size to encourage connectivity and walkability
- Provide bonus for providing public infrastructure
- Require some public benefits from preserved land
- Consider methods to accommodate future growth through the buffers
- A street plan is required

**Critical Factors** 

- Block size
- Open Space Preservation
- Walkability
- Mix of Uses
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Density Bonuses
- Connectivity
- Sustainability
- Growth

**Policy Themes** 

- Development Node
- River Protection
- Scenic Corridor
- Village Center
- Watershed Protection



RESIDENTIAL HAMLET

- 1.5 acre lot minimum
- No commercial development allowed
- Minimum 75% of property preserved as open space, with an additional 5% of civic space



## Transportation

Project Num- ber	Project Loca- tion	Category	Description	Jurisdiction	Total Cost Estimate
R-185	Rico Road at At- lanta Newnan Road	Intersection Operations	Roundabout	Chattahoochee Hills	\$1,379,216
R-123	South Fulton Parkway at Co- chran Mill Road	Intersection Operation	Intersection Improvements	Chattahoochee Hills	\$1,185,525
M-11	South Fulton Parkway from I-285 to Chatta- hoochee River	Multi-use Trail	10' Multi-use Trail parallel to road but with large buffer in between	College Park, Union City, Chattahoochee Hills, Unincor- porated Fulton County	\$7,614,000
ASP-FS-222	SR 154 from SR 166 to US 29	Roadway Wid- ening	Roadway Wid- ening	Palmetto, Chat- tahoochee Hills, Unincorporated Fulton County	\$98,200,000
R-124	South Fulton Parkway at Old Rico Connector Road	New Intersec- tion	Intersection Improvements	Chattahoochee Hills	\$296,631
R-125	South Fulton Parkway at Rico Road	Intersection Operation	Intersection improvements	Chattahoochee Hills	\$1,186525
R-126	South Fulton Parkway at Campbell- ton-Redwine Road	Intersection operation	Intersection improvements	Chattahoochee Hills	\$1,186525
R-153	South Fulton Parkway at Co- chran Mill Road	Grade separa- tion	Construct a tight diamond interchange	Chattahoochee Hills	\$17,150,760
PT-7	South Fulton Parkway at Campbell- ton-Redwine Road to Harts- field Jackson Airport	Transit	South Fulton Parkway Ex- press Bus	Chattahoochee Hills, Unincor- porated Fulton County	\$203,102,800

Project R-123 is the only project in Chattahoochee Hills identified for short term implementation.

## Transportation

Project Num- ber	Project Loca- tion	Category	Description	Jurisdiction	Total Cost Estimate
FS-209	Cochran Mill Park to Phillips Road	Multi-Use Trail	South Fulton Scenic Byway Multi-Use Trail- Phase I	Chattahoochee Hills	\$587,437
20	Hutchinson Ferry Road from Tombs St. to Phillips	Bicycle Lanes	4' Bicycle Lanes	Chattahoochee Hills. Palmetto	\$3,592,098
1579	SR 92/Camp- bellton Fairburn Road from Fairburn Camp- belllton Road to Bethlehem Road	Sidewalks	Sidewalk In- stallation	Chattahooch- ee Hills, South Fulton	\$3,119,444
1508	Resurfacing	Resurfacing	Resurface roadways based on GDOT's Pave- ment Manage- ment System	Chattahooch- ee Hills, South Fulton	\$66,834,167
1595/1596	SR 92	Sidewalks	Sidewalks both side of Church Street and Fairburn Campbellton Road	Chattahoochee Hills	\$1,561,112
226	Freight Corri- dors in South- ern Fulton Region	Signal Up- grades	Raise signal heads or add signal on side	All jurisdictions	\$750,000
176	SR 14/South Fulton Parkway	Roadside bar- rier/guardrail	Install roadside barrier/guard- rail	Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, South Ful- ton, Union City	\$6,729,031
1061	From Buford Dam to Chatta- hoochee Bend State Park	Multi-use Trail	200 miles	Chattahooch- ee Hills, South Fulton,Unincor- porated Fulton County	\$37,405,983
109	SSR 14South Fulton Parkway from SR92 to Cambellton Redwine Road	Transit Expan- sion	Bus Rapid Transit	Chattahoochee Hills, South Ful- ton, Union City	\$145,000,000

## Transportation

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216	Southern Ful- ton Region	Roadway	South Fulton Scenic Byway Multi-Use Trail- Phase I	Chattahoochee Hills	\$587,437	
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## **Historic Preservation**

Since the last Comprehensive Plan Update in 2016, the city has taken steps to better plan for the stewardship of historic and cultural resources in the city. Principal among these is the appointment of a Historic Commission to carry out the activities identified in the enabling legislation for historic preservation adopted as a part of the City Code of Ordinances in 2019.

The city has facilitated the acquisition of several properties with historic sites. In addition to their value as historic context for the city, these sites also have long term economic development value in the city. At the time of the 2016 Plan update, existing city owned sites with historic value include:

- Cochran Mill Park
- City Hall/ Old Rico School
- Beavers House/ Campbellton Park

Since that time, the City has acquired the following sites:

- St. Paul AME Cemetery
- Scout Hut (former Smith's Grocery)
- Varner House/ Chattahoochee Riverlands Park

Generally the city has acquired historic sites with documentation of long term management responsibilities for the site. In three instances, visioning documents were developed after-the-fact.

- The Campbellton Park Master Plan
- The Chattahoochee Riverlands Concept Plan
- Hutcheson Ferry Park (no known extant historic resources are on this site)

In the instance of the St. Paul AME cemetery, the ordinances authorizing acquisition clearly state that the city makes no guarantee of any resources to be allocated to the site.

The Historic Commission has prioritized preservation activities for city-owned historic sites. Much of the activity since its inception has been an effort in documenting the significance of all resource of these sites – principal buildings, outbuildings, landscape features, etc. – so as to define those elements that are critical to their preservation. This is important to determine a path forward for their use and maintenance, as well as to prioritize resources to be allocated to these sites.

This process also adds context to the "Deliberately Rural" vision of the city insofar as it begins to provide substantive details to those elements of the natural and built environment that contribute to the city's vision of remaining deliberately rural. Much of the city vision is understood in the abstract as consensus among those who choose to live here. But as the city courts new development and population increases, it will be necessary to point to the documentation that describes relevant resources that comprise that character.

To this end, the following documents have been initiated by the Historic Commission since the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update:

- Cochran Mill Park Interpretive Master Plan
- Beavers House Historic Structure Report (compiled by Georgia State University)
- Varner House Historic Landscape Survey

This adds to the library of other documents that provide context and direction the city's historic and cultural features, including:

- The South Fulton Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan
- The South Fulton Scenic Byway Context Document
- National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property designation for the Roscoe-Dunaway National Historic District
- National Register of Historic Places Individual Property designation for the John Beavers House National Historic Site
- Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation of the John Beavers House
- Fulton County Property Record Cards for Historic Resources on file with the State Historic Preservation Office

Authoritative local history resources include:

- Douglas County, Georgia From Indian Trail to Interstate 20 by Fannie Mae Davis
- Palmetto, A Town and Its People by F.E. Steed
- South Fulton Historic Video Trail by the Old Campbell County Historical Society

The City also completed a Master Plan for the Campbellton area in 2020. Though the Campbellton Master Plan was primarily designed to guide land use and transportation improvements, the recommendations on historic preservation are a valuable tool for the Commission.

The 2016 Comprehensive Plan consolidated references on many resources from these various sources into one place. This documentation is a valuable tool for the Chattahoochee Hills Historic Commission. The 2016 Comprehensive Plan also identified that the City should create plans for the stewardship of historic and cultural resources. These previous efforts at documentation, along with the work of the Historic Commission since the 2016 plan, all support the development of this Historic Preservation plan element of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. All of the documents referenced herein are incorporated by reference in the comprehensive planning framework for the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

## Report of Accomplishments

#### **Key to Terminology:**

Items that are **Completed** have been finished within the 5-Year reporting period prior to this Comprehensive Plan Update.

Items that are **Underway** have been initiated or have had partial progress made as of the end of the 5-Year reporting period prior to this Comprehensive Plan Update. They have been carried over into the new 5-year reporting period for this Comprehensive Plan Update.

Items that are **Postponed** are still priorities for the community, and have been carried over into the new 5-Year reporting period for this Comprehensive Plan Update.

Items that are **Cancelled** will not be carried over into the new 5-Year reporting period for this Comprehensive Plan Update. Generally, these are items that are broad policy statements or routine city operations, and they have been identified appropriately as such. The city has come a long way since its incorporation and the adoption of its first Comprehensive Plan. The costs of standing up a new city led to large deficits in the city's formative years. By the time the first Comprehensive Plan was adopted, the city had accumulated over \$1.5 million in debt. At the time of this plan update, the city is not only operating in the black, but it has paid down the accumulated debt and built up a reserve fund. The city's parks are also important to the community. The residents banded together and bought over 1,200 acres of parkland for the city. Since then, the city has improved the parks with the help of volunteers, donations, and grant funding.

ID #	Project	Status	Comments
1	Engage Grants Writer	Completed	The city engaged Mary Norman of Alliances4good, LLC.
2	Adopt Groundwater Recharge Area Protection Ordinance	Postponed	The city is still interested in pursuing this ordinance. The city is working on defining staff time and resources to complete this task.
3	Develop Sustainable Local Agriculture Plan	Completed	Plan completed by Taproot.
4	Develop Historic Resources Plan	Underway	Created a Historic Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission and staff will continue to work on priority projects to develop and overall Historic Resources Plan.
5	Develop Cultural Resources Plan	Completed	The city completed two reports: GDEcD Tourism Product Development Report and "Emerging Opportunities" Report.
6	Develop Rural Paved and Gravel Road Standards	Underway	The subdivision regulations are being revised and incorporated in a Unified Development Code. Fulton County Standard Details form the base framework for the engineering standards. Further investigation to preserve the character of the roads will be investigated and defined.
7	Review planning tools that may accomplish the conservation and preservation goals of the city	Underway	Chattahoochee Hills Conservancy is being reactivated. The city has named a panel to complete and revise the TDR program.
8	Research transit options for the elderly and disabled	Completed	Opportunities offered by Fulton County Senior Services
9	Economic Development Feasibility Study	Cancelled	The city no longer intends on pursuing this study. The city is focusing on economic development in other STWP items such as education, branding, tourism, and broadband.
10	Develop Branding Program for Chatt Hills	Underway	The Wayfinging Program design, GDEcD Tourism Product Development Report, and Taproot report completed. The city will continue it branding efforts utilizing the work referenced.
11	Develop Capital Improvements Program	Cancelled	City is no longer planning to

12	Impact fee study for transportation, fire, police and parks	Cancelled	City is no longer planning to implement Impact Fees
13	Participate in the development of a joint multi- jurisdictional vision along South Fulton Parkway	Completed	The South Fulton Parkway Corridor Plan was produced in December 2016.
14	Undertake a small area visioning study for Campbellton	Completed	The Historic Campbellton Crossroads Framework Plan was adopted in February 2021.
15	Continue to refine the vision for Rico and consider the development of an overlay district or similar	Underway	A ULI mTAP study was conducted in 2021. Further work by a Georgia Tech planning studio is scheduled for Fall 2021.
16	Research policies on the location of utilities and infrastructure and develop recommendations for the update of appropriate development codes	Postponed	Incorporated into the new STWP.
17	Develop opportunities to further citizen/ community educational opportunities about the vision and model of development in Chattahoochee Hills	Completed	City began conducting City Council district meetings at which development issues are discussed among other topics. The city began publishing a newsletter to provide further public information.
18	Determine if the Chattahoochee Hill Country Greenway Trail is feasible as currently planned, or if the resources could be used for other similar purposes	Underway	Exploring two separate sites, one in response to the Campbellton plan, the other in its original alignment.
19	Expand the current Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan and promote awareness of its recommendations to the community	Underway	Masterplans completed for Rico Park, Hutcheson Ferry Park, and Campbellton Park. The Chattahoochee Riverlands study incorporates the city's new River Park land and refines a portion of the trails plan.
20	Explore options for a creating a Development Authority in the city of Chattahoochee Hills	Cancelled	The city is no longer interested in pursuing this.
21	Develop Design Guidelines for the Parkway Commercial Zoning District	Cancelled	Parkway Commercial zoning district is being eliminated by City Council
22	Pursue funding for a revised/ updated LCI study in Chattahoochee Hills	Completed	This project was combined with and became the Campbellton study.

## Short Term Work Program

2	Adopt Groundwater Recharge Area Protection Ordinance				x	x	Community Devel- opment	General Fund
4	Develop Historic Resources Plan	x	×	x	x	x	City Staff, Historic Commission with Support from Com- munity Associations and Interested Citizens	General Fund and Grants
6	Develop Rural Paved and Grav- el Road Standards		x	x	x		Community De- velopment, Public Works	General Fund
7	Review planning tools that may accomplish the conserva- tion and preservation goals of the city	x	x	x			Community Devel- opment, Community Associations, Inter- ested Citizens	General Fund
10	Develop Branding Program for Chattahoochee Hills	x	x	x			Interested Citizens	General Fund
New	Pursue an Independent Outfitter for Kayak/Bike Other Recreational Items	x	x	x	x	x	Community Devel- opment	General Fund
New	Study affordable Housing Options	x	x				Community Develop- ment and Consultant Services (possible)	General Fund
New	Explore options to increase tourism	x	x	x	x	x	Community Devel- opment and ARC Community Choices	General Fund and Grants
New	Investigate options to improve broadband	x	x	x	x	x	Community Devel- opment, Planning Commission	General Fund
New	Engage with Atlanta/Fulton County for infrastructure lead- ing to Villages and Hamlets	x	x	x			Community De- velopment, Parks Commission	General Fund
New	Review and update the South Fulton Scenic Byway Corridor	x	x	x	x	x	Community Devel- opment, Historic Preservation Com- mission	General Fund, Grants
New	Pursue a community center, location and scope	x	x	x	x	x	City Manager, Com- munity Development	General Fund

ID #	Project	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Responsible Party	Cost
15	Continue to refine the vision for Rico and consider the development of an overlay district or similar	x	x	x			Community Develop- ment and Consultant Services (possible)	General Fund
16	Research policies on the location of utilities and infra- structure and develop recom- mendations for the update of appropriate development codes		x	x	x		Community Devel- opment and ARC	ARC Community Choices
18	Determine if the Chattahooch- ee Hill Country Greenway Trail is feasible as currently planned, or if the resources could be used for other similar purposes	x	x	x			Community De- velopment, Parks	General Fund
19	Expand the current Parks, Recreation and Trails Plan and promote awareness of its recommendations to the community	x	x	x	x		Community De- velopment, Parks Commission	General Fund
New	Work with the Chattahoochee Hill Country Conservancy to solidify the Transfer of Devel- opment Rights (TDR) Program	x	x				Community Devel- opment, Planning Commission	General Fund
New	Pursue opportunities to sup- port improved performance and perception of educational options	x	x	x	x		City Council, City Manager, Communi- ty Development	General Fund
New	Pursue funding for road and	x	x	x			City Manager, Public Works, community	Grants
New	Research and explore incorpo- rating a signage program for historic and cultural sites in the context of the overall wayfind- ing program for the city	x	x				Community Devel- opment, Historic Preservation Com- mission	General Fund and Grants
New	Improve the availability of data to the City's website that includes information about historic and cultural sites	x					Community Devel- opment, Historic Preservation Com- mission	General Fund
New	Begin developing mainte- nance and operations plans for all city-owned historic sites	x	x	x	x	x	Community Develop- ment, Public Works Historic Preservation Commission	General Fund
New	Explore budgeting funds to complete a citywide survey of historic resources		x	x		x		General Fund and

## Appendix A <sup>The City's First</sup> A Vision for the State of Georgia

For much of the past century, American comprehensive planning has produced a development pattern that is understood as suburban. In concept, suburban development patterns were intended to provide the best of rural and urban living in a healthy and productive environment for all citizens. As the suburban model spread, however, it became clear that a number of unintended consequences had emerged. Commuters came to rely heavily on the automobile; uses were disconnected from each other; and the rural and the native landscapes were replaced with highly dispersed, infrastructure-intense development. As Georgia moves into the twenty-first century, there is an opportunity to address many of these challenges in the way we comprehensively plan in the state.

Historically, comprehensive planning focused on the physical development of communities. This is clearly indicated in the original language of the City Planning Enabling Act, provided by the Hoover Commission, and produced by Congress in 1929. In this vision, the primary act of city building, whether for a new city or an expanding existing township, was the creation of the physical public realm. This act deals specifically with the conversion of land into a framework of streets and infrastructure, public spaces and public buildings, and block and lot configurations. The framework, particularly the configuration of streets and blocks, provides a long-term structure for changing patterns of land use, building form and building occupancies. How this structure is designed is vital to the performance of a jurisdiction. Small yet easily developable blocks are the key to creating a city that not only allows, but promotes, public activity through its walkability. The formation of such a public framework is the first step toward livability, sustainability, and adaptability, all within the context of a strong community. The strategic projection of a public framework has a long history in the constitution of enduring cities, form the Roman use of the 'cardo' and 'decumanus' (the main streets at the core of every Roman town) to Oglethorpe's plan for Savannah, or the Commissioners' Plan of 1811 for the city of Manhattan. These plans all passed from regulatory documents to long-lived and much loved constructed places, and have all survived adaptations over the course of time.

In Georgia, this sort of comprehensive planning can drive the makeup and expansion not only of cities and towns, but also of non-urban areas - places that historically have been understood as rural. Rural planning is just as important as urban planning, and in many ways more so. As with the creation of a city, there are also physical elements of a rural the district or area that create a framework that determines the character of future development. Much of the United States, especially as it spread westward, was planned at a very high level through the Land Ordinance of 1785. The system of townships and ranges was used to dimensionally determine the patterns of development and land transfer for everything from capital cities to ranches and farmland, and those patterns, in places, have defined that development for generations after the plans were laid.

Chattahoochee Hills has an opportunity to provide a model for bridging the urban and the rural as a strategy for supplanting the suburban development model. The vision incorporates the best of rural living with the best of town and urban living, but without confusing and combining the two. Each type of development has its own characteristics and gualities that make it livable, sustainable, adaptable and accessible. But the rules for each are not always the same, and the physical elements of each require different approaches. The vision of the Chattahoochee Hills Comprehensive Plan is to provide a model for the state as it moves forward with comprehensive planning in the coming decades, and to provide a model for planning that addresses the differences and similarities between the rural and urban environments. And along with this, the vision for Chattahoochee Hills provides a strategy to transition between the two without losing the value and the values of each.

## Planning in Chattahoochee Hills

The vision for Chattahoochee Hills began to form long before the city was incorporated. Fulton County played a key role in laying the groundwork for the unique Chattahoochee Hill Country community's development concepts through the implementation of creative zoning and land use regulation. Beginning in 2000, Fulton County began working with residents in a grass roots initiative that created the Chattahoochee Hill Country, an area bound together by a concept which preferred development in dense nodes with a high level of permanent land preservation over the more typical suburban sprawl seen in the Atlanta area. In 2002, Fulton County amended its Land Use Plan, officially designating the 40,000-acre area known as the Chattahoochee Hill Country, and also adopted the Chattahoochee Hill Country Overlay District, which established the mixed-use hamlet and village zoning districts and the corresponding goal of permanently preserving at least 60% of the land.

In 2003, the County adopted a Transfer of Development Rights Ordinance, which provided for the permanent protection of land driven by the development of villages, consolidating development there using development rights transferred from the surrounding farm and forestlands. The first hamlet development was approved by the County in 2004. In 2005, Fulton County adopted the Chattahoochee Hill Country Conservation Subdivision Ordinance, making conservation subdivisions the only other development mode allowed in the Chattahoochee Hill Country. In 2006, Fulton County recorded for the two Transfer of Development Rights transactions in the State of Georgia.

The desire to permanently strengthen these programs and to administer them locally was the primary driver behind citizen efforts to incorporate the Chattahoochee Hill country area into a city. That incorporation took place in 2007, creating the new city of Chattahoochee Hill Country, which later changed its name to Chattahoochee Hills.

#### The First Comprehensive Plan

Upon its incorporation in 2007, the City of Chattahoochee Hills adopted Fulton County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. A portion of the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, Focus Fulton 2025, specifically addressed the special needs of the area of Chattahoochee Hills, creating an overlay zoning district that called for preservation of a minimum of 60% of the area in a relatively undisturbed state, with development concentrated in villages and hamlets located in specific areas. The future land us map included three villages (informally called Center Town, Friendship Village and Foxhall Village) located in Chattahoochee Hills and the remaining land to be agricultural residential (AG-1, one acre minimum lot size). The 'Friendship Village' village was approved as a DRI by ARC under Fulton County in 2005.

When the city was created in the State legislature, the city limits were drawn differently than originally intended, with the northeast quadrant excised. In addition, the neighboring city of Palmetto annexed some property in the east of the proposed city at the behest of the developer. The boundary changes removed one of the villages (Foxhall) entirely, along with two thirds of another (Friendship). Foxhall Village, now in the City of Palmetto, was approved as a DRI by ARC in 2006. The conceptual village known as Center Town, on land owned by Carl Bouckaert, remained in the city. Despite losing one and two thirds of its presumed village sites, the city kept the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan, although there was immediate recognition that some elements of the plan might need to be amended to accommodate the changes in the boundaries. Since formation of the city, the downturn in the economy has greatly reduced the development pressure experienced throughout the entire Atlanta region, including the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

The assets that make the community attractive for development – a large, physically attractive, contiguous and almost entirely undeveloped area with a highly sustainable development plan located only 25 minutes from the world's largest airport – remain, however, and the city is likely to experience intense development pressure in coming years.

In the three years since the adoption of Focus Fulton, the leadership and citizens of Chattahoochee Hills have consistently demonstrated their willingness and their passion for "The Plan"; for raising the bar for preservation of rural land and lifestyles, and for promoting responsible and sustainable development. The most prominent example of preservation-oriented development in the community is Serenbe, the first phase of which has been substantially completed. Serenbe serves as a nationally recognized, award-winning example of outstanding land conservation, agricultural integration, planning and implementation.

It is the intent of this Community Agenda to build upon the spirit that was established in Focus Fulton, to identify problem areas, and to encourage even higher standards to create and to maintain a sustainable community for the citizens of Chattahoochee Hills. The Community agenda identifies short and long-term planning strategies for the City of Chattahoochee Hills that supports that community vision. These planning strategies are intended to help guide the pattern of development within the city while supporting the character guidelines for specific areas of the community. The goals and policies expressed in the Community Agenda identify how the City of Chattahoochee Hills will address demands associated with future anticipated population and work force growth while supporting the overall vision for the city.

#### **Refining the Vision**

A diverse spectrum of stakeholders was appointed by the Mayor and City Council to develop the Community Agenda. Experience in public involvement has shown that lasting solutions are best identified when all segments of a community – individuals, elected officials, the business community, potential developers, and civic organizations – are brought together in a spirit of cooperation. That was certainly the case in Chattahoochee Hills.

The broad based participation in developing the Community Agenda will help ensure that it will be implemented, because many in the community are involved in its development and thereby become committed to seeing it through.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Task Force**

Beginning in December of 2008, the Mayor and City Council began recruiting citizens to work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was discussed at City Council and Planning Commission Meetings, information was posted on the City's website and information about the Comprehensive Plan was reported in the weekly Reader, the weekly on-line newspaper for Chattahoochee Hills. The Comprehensive Plan Task Force is the body that interpreted the input of the community and created the Community agenda of the Comprehensive Plan. The task force was created through appointments from the Mayor and City Council and citizens volunteering. There were originally 45 people (fully 2% of the city's entire population) appointed to the task force. While some were unable to participate fully due to other commitments, the task force added members over time as citizens came forward to volunteer their time to the effort to maintain its broadbased community input level.

The task force was guided by three facilitators, two of whom are professional planners (consultant and city planner), and the President of the Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association, who served as the Citizen Chair. City staff was included in the task force for the professional knowledge that they bring to the process. For out of five of the members of the Chattahoochee Hills Planning Commission were also included in the task force because planning is the focus of their positions on this appointed board. (The Chairman of the Planning commission elected not to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force due to his work schedule.)

Because of the community's strong planning history, there are a number of community organizations working in the City of Chattahoochee Hills. The following appointees to the Comprehensive Task Force represent various community organizations.

Nancy Green-Leigh, CHCA Sustainable Development Committee

Alan Merrill, Chairman, Chattahoochee Hill County Conservancy

Tom Reed, President, Chattahoochee Hills Civic Association

Laurie Searle, Scenic Byway Committee

The local business community and education community were also targeted for involvement in the Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Sandra Storrar, Realtor

Dr. George Brown

Andy Hanna, Builder

Sandra Huffmaster, Educator

Clifford Blizzard, Educator

Judy Henderson, Chattahoochee Hills Community Library, Educator

The Mayor and City Council also invited the largest landowners in the City to participate in the process because of the impact that those parcels will have once they are developed. They are:

Mark Hennessey, Hennessey Properties

Stacy Patton, Minerva

Carl Bouckaert, Bouckaert Properties

Brook Cole, Merrill Trust

Steve Nygren, Serenbe

Citizen Representative were selected to be part of the process based on interest and willingness to serve the city. The citizens serving on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force included (but were not limited to):

Paul Alford

Ken Langley

Margaret Clime

Wendy McGhee

Gene Griffith

Tara Muenz

Nehemiah Haire

Dan Sanders

Don Harrelson

Michael Harris

**Rick Sewell** 

Allen Shropshire

Monte Harris

Bob Simpson

Members of the Task Force were divided into five committees based on interests and expertise. The five committees were Public Participation, Natural and Community Resources, Economic Development, Housing, and Land Use and Transportation. Many of the citizens and stakeholders served on more than one committee.

#### **Public Participation**

The Public Participation Committee comprised of Gene Griffith, Mark Prater, Tom Reed, Laurie Searle, Sandra Storrar, and Dana Wicher had the important task of reaching out to the community to gather opinionbased information to guide the development of the Community Agenda. This was done in two ways. First was through a mail and online survey. The survey was mailed to all 985 households in Chattahoochee Hills. The combined mail and online survey yielded 432 responses – representing almost 50% of all households in the entire city! The results of the survey were presented to the entire task force.

The second part of the community outreach was a series of meetings held around the city to get more survey responses, perform an additional visual preference survey and to gather any other feedback from the community regarding the physical development of the city in the next 20 years. Five outreach meetings were held around the city during the last two weeks of March and first week of April. Four meetings were held at local churches and one at the Serenbe Institute within Serenbe. The meetings were advertised through all four church bulletins, the Chattahoochee Hills Weekly Reader (a weekly community e-mail newsletter), an e-mail blast to all residents with e-mail addressed on file at City Hall and through flyers posted at Smith's Grocery Store (the only grocery store in Chattahoochee Hills) and at the Blue Eyed Daisy Bakeshop in Serenbe.

The format of all of the meetings was the same. There was a visual preference survey given to inform the Land Use and Transportation Committee about preferred development types. There were walls with signs posted on them. Each sign was the same "Tell us your concerns about \_\_\_\_\_" with all of the required topics of each of the chapters of the Community Agenda inserted. One wall sign read "Tell us your concerns about Transportation," another about Development, another about Natural Resources, Housing, Economic Development, Intergovernmental coordination, etc. next to each of the signs were five by eight inch Post-it notes where participants could write their concerns and stick them to the wall.

The consolidated list of concerns for each topic was presented to the committee working on that part of the Community Agenda. These comments were used to create the issues and opportunities lists in the Community Assessment. There were 66 attendees in the five outreach meetings.

#### **Committee Structure**

Each committee received a report of the survey results, the visual preference survey results and list of residents' concerns along with the Community Assessment and other supplemental information. The committees utilized a visioning process; held workshops with experts in their subject areas, or engaged in a full-scale charrette process. Each committee completed their work by developing policies to achieve goals set by the committee, and steps to implement each policy.

#### Natural, Cultural and Community Resources Committee

The Natural, Cultural and Community Resources Committee addressed topics from the Natural and Cultural Resources element, the Community Facilities and Services element and the intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Community Assessment. This committee was the first topic-based committee to begin work, holding their first meeting in June, 2010. Member of the committee include:

Paul Alford

Rocky Reeves

Clifford Blizard

Laurie Searle

Sandra Huffmaster

Bob Simpson

Judy Henderson

**Clay Stafford** 

Alan Merrill

Hugh Tyer

Tara Muenz

Dana Wicher

Stacy Patton

#### **Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee addressed the Economic Development element of the Community Assessment. Unlike the Natural and Community Resources Committee, there was very little Chattahoochee Hills specific data available to inform their work. This committee was the second topic-based committee to begin work in June, 2010. Members of the committee included:

Paul Alford Steve Nygren Nancy Green Leigh Stacy Patton Alan Merrill Rocky Reeves Wendy McGhee Dana Wicher

#### **Housing Committee**

The Housing Committee addressed the Housing element of the Community Assessment. There was very little Chattahoochee Hills specific Census housing data available for the committee to review. This group had speakers from the Georgia Tech City Planning program and the Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Division to assist the committee in its work. This committee was the third topic-based committee to begin work in July 2010. Members of the committee include:

- Steve Dray
- Andy Hannah
- Michael Harris
- Nancy Green Leigh
- **Rick Sewell**
- Allen Shropshire
- Bob Simpson
- Dana Wicher

#### Land Use and Transportation Committee

The Land Use and Transportation Committee addressed the Land use and Transportation elements of the Community Assessment. This committee dealt with a great deal of information in the Community Assessment and also had to consider the work of the other topic based committees. This committee was the last topicbased committee to begin work in August 2010. Member of the committee included:

Dr. George Brown Alan Merrill Carl Bouckaert Steve Nygren Margaret Clime Larry Parrott **Brook Cole** Stacy Patton Steve Dray Tom Reed Gene Griffith **Rocky Reeves Michael Harris** Laurie Searle Don Harrelson **Dan Sanders Monty Harris Bob Simpson** Ken Langley Sandra Storrar Nancy Green Leigh **Hugh Tyer** Wendy McGhee

## Appendix B

In 1977, The Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Planning designated three roads within the City of Chattahoochee Hills as Georgia Scenic Byways. A Georgia Scenic Byway is any designated highway, street, road, or route which significantly features certain intrinsic qualities, such as scenic, historic, natural, cultural, archaeological, and recreational, that should be protected or enhanced.

The South Fulton Scenic Byways represents the triangular-shaped core of the city and is comprised of State Road #70 (Cedar Grove Road, Campbellton Redwine Road) on the west, Cochran Mill Road on the east, and Hutcheson Ferry Road on the south equaling a total length of 29.76 miles. This effort to designate these roadways emerged from community input in the update of the 2010 Fulton County Comprehensive Plan. Through this designation, the loop throughout the rural and pastorals section of the city help protect the green space and community resources along the road.

Students from the Heritage Preservation Master's Degree Program at Georgia State University conducted an inventory and evaluation of the qualities of the Scenic Byways which revealed road sections with tree canopies (containing a mixture of oak hardwoods and pine species), wooded parcels, pasture, farms, scenic vistas, and outcroppings. To help enhance these characteristics of the Scenic Byways, a Corridor Management Plan was created through the Fulton County Public Works Department in 1998 which is carried out by the local government and the members of the Corridor Management Plan Committee.

In fact, to help discourage land use adjacent to the byways property owners in the area developed a land use plan and development standards to protect the rural character and the three main scenic vistas. Both of these were adopted by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in 2002. The land use plan directs development along three main villages and for the protection of the land through transfer of development rights. Transfer of Development Rights allows landowners to sell development rights from their land to a developer or other interested party who can use these rights to increase the density of development at another designated location. The development standards require a 100 foot natural undisturbed buffer to protect the view from the scenic byways.

### Historic and Cultural Resources Along the South Fulton Scenic Byway

In the Fulton County Historic Resources Survey, seventy-eight structures were surveyed along Hutcheson Ferry Road, Cochran Mill Road, and S.R. 70, Campbellton-Redwine Road and Cedar Grove Road. Of these, 55% (42 structures) may be eligible to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Most of the resources surveyed were, or are used as residences (85%). Other resource types include churches, stores, a masonic lodge, and a historic marker. Several outbuildings are along both S.R. 70 and Cochran Mill Road; most notably the barn located north of the CCC marker in Campbellton, the outbuildings of a dairy located where Cedar Grove Road makes a sharp turn south, and the barn at the intersection of Rivertown and Cochran Mill, contribute to the scenic and rural qualities of these roads.

Noted in The Scenic Byways Historic Context Report, Fulton County Environment and Community Development Department, 2007

<sup>1</sup> "Georgia Scenic Byway Program Frequently Asked Questions," (Fulton County Department of Public Works – Transportation Division, 1998), 1. <sup>2</sup> South Fulton Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan" (Fulton County Department of Public Works - Transportation Division, 1998) 2.

## **Historic Land Use and Structures**

From the late eighteenth and early centuries during the occupation of the area by the Creek tribes, through the period of white settlement in the 1820s and up until the 1950's, the nutrient rich, loamy soil made farming the primary income producing activity in the City of Chattahoochee Hills. The rolling landscape bears evidence of old plow farming methods and natural hedges. Fences of various materials help provide boundary markers between properties. Although many of the old family farms and plantations are no longer in operation, most are still owned by longtime residents of the area or the descendants of original settlers.

Most of the historic agricultural buildings extant in the area are remnants from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century periods of farming. Today, most of these buildings are used for purposes other than for which they were originally intended, such as for storage or as a garage. In general, they depict vernacular characteristics with their simple frame structures, local constructed, and exhibiting little or no academic style. Common accessory building types include well houses, cattle barns, corncribs, and farmhouses. As part of the farming community, a number of saddlebag (along Cedar Grove Road in Rivertown), single, and double pen houses, used as rental properties for tenant farmers who worked the land of larger property holders can be found throughout the city of Chattahoochee Hills and are important to note. The condition of these agricultural buildings varies considerably.

Use of Structures Along the Scenic Byways				
Use	Number			
Single Family	70			
Church	б			
Store	2			
Governmental	1			
Business	1			
Mill	2			
Marker	1			
School	2			
Lodge	1			
Total	86			



Jones Yates House - Italianate style house



Redwine Plantation - Plantation Plain style house

# **Crossroads Communities**

Crossroads communities are generally found at the intersection of one or more roads in a rural setting and have the appearance of a small town or village. They usually consist of a nucleus of landmark buildings and businesses such as churches, general stores, and schools, surrounded by outlying residential development. Within the City of Chattahoochee Hills, there are six crossroads communities: Campbellton, Rivertown, Rico, County Line/Redwine, Goodes, and Friendship.

Although each of these communities has its own distinct history, they all share a connectedness due to their close proximity, historic ferry crossings, and through the families and people who helped establish the area and city. A major business that helped facilitate this connectedness was the general store.

A general store worked as a retail business that supplied the local crossroads communities with a variety of goods and services. Because of the rural nature of Chattahoochee Hills, these stores were vernacular (a style of building concerned with function and domestic use), single pen (or one room), frame structures, built during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In some cases these commercial buildings also acted as post offices or added gas filling stations. These businesses became a core of the community for local and national information and for social gatherings among its residents. Examples of commercial buildings located near Rico are the Barnes Store (intersection of Rico Road and Campbellton-Redwine Road), Reeves Store (6875 Rico Road), and in Friendship the Cook Caldwell Store (6265 Cochran Mill Road).



The site of the Old Campbell County Courthouse

## Mills

There are two culturally and historically significant mills in the city: Wilkerson Mill and Cochran Mill.

Wilkerson Mill represents a type of commercial building associated with industry and manufacturing. Located on Little Bear Creek, off Wilkerson Mill Road, the threestory, timber frame gristmill is the only standing mill in Fulton County. The construction of this building features Greek Revival architectural elements and dates back to 1867. Wilkerson Mill was part of a commercial enterprise that processed local farmer's corn and wheat produce. The building's machinery operated on hydro energy and remained in use until the 1960s. At the time of construction, grist milling was a common and profitable business, not only in Campbell County, but also throughout the region and the state of Georgia.

That is why in 1890 Berry Winn Cochran, Senior built a gristmill, also known as Cochran Mill, powered by an upstream lock and dam on Big Bear Creek. The stone wall and steel frame bridge ruins of the Cochran Mill, located in the now 900 acre, county owned Cochran Mill Park at the intersection of Cochran Mill Road and Upper Wooten Road, are all that remain of the three mills built by the Cochran family during the mid to late nineteenth century along Little and Big Bear Creeks. Cheadle Cochran, the patriarch of the Cochran family, came to Campbell County in the late 1820s and built a lumber mill. His son, Berry, built the gristmill and a third mill on a five-foot dam across the ledge from the second mill. The mill unfortunately burned down in 1974 and a flood in 1994 washed away parts of its foundation.

## **Homes and Farms**

Most of the historic structures that make up the City of Chattahoochee Hills are houses and farmhouses with their accessory buildings or outbuildings. The majority of the city's significant buildings were built in the century between 1880 and 1980. Some of the most prevalent house types include: gabled ell cottages, central hallways, Georgia cottages, bungalows, and ranch houses.

Historic houses in Chattahoochee Hills represent a broad pattern in the area's history. The houses have a wide date range of construction (1830s through the 1960s) and a variety of popular architectural styles. However, many have elements of a style or vernacular interpretation found in historic rural communities throughout Georgia. Those homes associated with families that have played a large role in shaping the political, economic or social life of the community may also qualify for the National Register of Historic Places.



6285 Cochran Mill Road - Craftsman Bungalow



8570 Hearn Road - Linear Ranch

House Ty	House Types on the Scenic Byways					
Туре	Associated Years	Number				
Single Pen	1850-1900	0				
Double Pen	1870-1930	1				
Saddlebag	1830s-1930	0				
Central Hall	1830-1930	9				
Side-Gabled Cottage	1895-1930	0				
Gabled Wing Cottage	1875-1915	5				
Georgian Cottage	1850-1890	1				
New South Cottage	1890s-1920s	1				
Pyramid Cottage	1910-1930	2				
Bungalow	1900-1930	4				
Plantation Plain House	1820-1850	2				
Ranch	1930-1960	13				
Split Level	1950s-1970s	0				
Total		38				

Building Styles on the Scenic Byways					
Style	Associated Years	Number			
No Style		38			
Greek Revival	1840s-1860s	8			
Folk Victorian	1870s-1910s	5			
Italianate	1850s-1870s	1			
Gothic Revival	1850s-1880s	1			
Neoclassical Revival	1890s-1930s	1			
English Vernacular	1920s-1930s	1			
Craftsman	1910s-1930s	14			
Ranch	1930s-1960s	3			
Total		72			

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# **Community Buildings**

Landmark buildings are those structures that have played a central role in the social political or religious development of the area and generally include schools, churches, libraries and meeting or social halls. In the study area, four types of these community landmark buildings are evident.

The first examples are that of meeting or social halls. Rico Lodge, located at 6800 Rico Road, was built sometime in the 1890s and has served as a Masonic meeting hall, a general store and a post office over the years. Another example of a fraternal/ political meeting hall is the Campbellton Lodge No76 F&AM/ Old Campbellton Lodge, which was built in 1848 on the southwest corner of Old highway 92 and Church Road in the Campbellton Community. This lodge represents one of Campbellton's earliest community landmark buildings and it served as a post office, general store and Masonic Lodge.

Other landmark buildings include schools such as the Old Rico School located at 6440 Rico Road. This is one of the last remaining school houses build under the Old Campbell County Government. It was build sometime in the 1880s and is one story with some Greek Revival elements and a hipped roof. Another school located in the Rico community is the New Rico School, right across the street from the Old Rico School at 6505 Rico Road, which was building following the consolidation of Campbell, Milton and Fulton counties in 1932. This building now serves as the City Hall for Chattahoochee Hills. Rico School is a brick masonry veneer school design with neoclassical elements, including recessed porches, brick quoins and a hipped roof.

There are a number of local churches through the city, including Providence Baptist Church in Rico, Campbellton Baptist Church and Campbellton United Methodist Church in Campbellton, New Hope United Methodist Church and Sardis Baptist Church near Goodes, Vernon Grove Church on Vernon Grove Road and Friendship Baptist Church in the Friendship Community. All of these churches were built in the early to mid-twentieth century.

Another important resource is the stone monument located on the site of the old Campbell County Courthouse building at the northeast corner of Cochran Road and Old Highway 92. The monument was jointly erected in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration and United Daughters of the Confederacy to commemorate the lost courthouse building and the reunion of 30 survivors form Company A 21st regiment of Georgia.



Friendship Community - General Store



**Rico Community School** 

# Cemeteries

Cemeteries help represent the cultural heritage of Chattahoochee Hills because they give insight to the settlement pattern of the city when it was still a part of Campbell County. They document settlers, founding families and their descendants. They help shed light on the rural life in the community through traditions passed down through generations. And they serve as tangible markers of the historic spatial settlement patterns.

Because of the nature of the cemeteries in a rural community locating them can be difficult consider many were located on family land that may now be overgrown or wooded. Few were ever document and may only be known by locals. And graves marked with fieldstones may have been cleared over the years.

In 2009, the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society began a project to identify and document all of the cemeteries within the city of Chattahoochee Hills, as well as cemeteries of historical significance in adjoining historic Campbell County. As of March 2010, 34 cemeteries have been identified and recorded on a public website.

Four types of cemeteries predominate: church, community, family and primitive. Church cemeteries dates back to the late 1800s, with the oldest identified as the Plney Woods Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery on Kite Road. Within this cemetery, there are approximately 50 visible graves. Within the City of Chattahoochee Hills, nine church cemeteries have been identified and five are actively supported by churches; four are abandoned.



Cemetery on Campbellton-Redwine Road

Church Cemeteries

- Andrews Chapel UMC
- Campbellton Baptist
   Church
- Campbellton United
   Methodist Church
- Friendship Baptist Church
- Liberty Mill Methodist
   Church
- Macedonia Church
- New Hope UMC
- Piney Woods Baptist Church
- Rivertown UMC
- St. Paul AME Church
- Verson Grove Baptist Church

**Community Cemeteries** 

- Old Rico Community
- Rico Cemetery
- Tommy Lee Cook Road

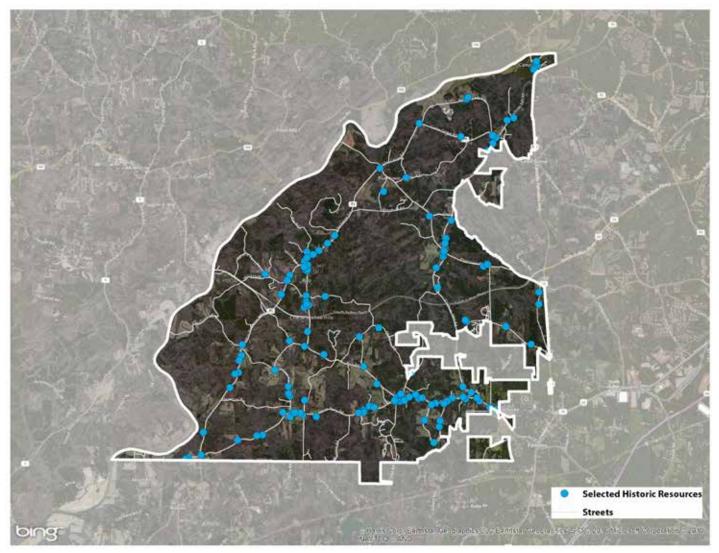
#### **Primitive Cemeteries**

Cochran Mill Park

**Family Cemeteries** 

- Astin
- Bryant
- Camp
- Condor
- Duggan
- Jackson
- Lassetter
- Phillips
- Richardson
- Terry-Tanner
- Varner
- Watkins
- Whiteside Road
- Zellars

Cemeteries documented by the Chattahoochee Hills Historical Society and recorded at www.chatthillshistory.com/cemeteries.



Selected Historic Resources, City of Chattahoochee Hills, Fulton County, Georgia

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
	ľ	Γ	Campbellton	1
Resource Name	Date of Con- struction	Address	History	Source/ Reference
John Beaver House	1828	8655 Cochran Road	Home of justice John Fluker Beavers, one of the first settlers	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			"On Monday, April 20, 1829, in the Bea- vers Home at Campbellton, Judge Walter T. Colquitt, presiding, the first session of the Supreme Court was held."	Douglas County Geor- gia: From Indian Trail to Interstate 20
			The Beavers House was built about 1828 and faced the town square. The house was probably used for meetings of the Justice of the Inferior and Superior Court and county elections until the courthouse was built.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
			The John F. Beavers House at 8655 Co- chran Road (c. 1828) is an extant example of architecture from the period of early settlement of the county and town. A wood-frame dwelling with a central hallway and Green Revival Elements, the Beavers House was the home of Justice John Fluker Beavers, a Clerk of the infe- rior Court (later Ordinary Court) and a Campbell County Commissioner. Beavers moved to Fairburn in 1896 and in 1920, the W.F. Lee family purchased the house and farmed the surrounding area until 1970. In 1986, Lance and Talitha Fountain Bought and restored the property. The Beavers House was added to eh National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Fulton County purchased for protection purpos- es the Beavers House and surrounding 16 acres, including the site of the ferry crossing, in May 2003 with Georgia Com- munity Greenspace fund.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			John Beaver House - wood frame dwell- ing with central hallway and Greek revival elements; originally a two-room house with end chimneys facing southwest toward the town of which it was then a part, it was later reoriented so that is main entrance is to the southeast with an added Greek Revival portico, a central hall, as well as a wing that creates a more traditional Southern Image	National Register Listing

	Narrative of Select Historic Resources in Historic Communities; Sources Noted				
Campbellton Baptist Church	1900-1909	8660 Campbell- ton Fairburn Road	In the 1829 records of the "Yellow River Baptist Association" is recorded the newly constituted Campbellton Baptist Church being received into the association	Douglas County Geor- gia: From Indian Trail to Interstate 20	
	1898		Campbellton Baptist Church was founded in 1829. The present building constructed in 1898 is located across the street from courthouse square. In 1948, church offic- es were constructed on the front of the church. A steeple was erected in 1950 and on the right side of the building five Sun- day school rooms were added. In 1960, a large construction project on the left side of the church consisted of four Sunday school rooms and a fellowship hall with kitchen. In 1980 vinyl siding was added.	South Fulton Historical	
			The Campbellton Baptist Church (c. 1900-1909) is located at 8660 Camp- bellton-Fairburn Road (SR 92); however the front of the building faces the old courthouse square. The congregation was organized in 1829 and the original church site and cemetery, where members of the Austell, Bullard, and Collins families were buried are located just to the north of the Beavers' House. The present structure in- cluding a front steeple, rear addition and large east wing. The original, two story building exhibits no discernible archi- tectural style. It is wood framed with a rectangular plan and moderately pitched front gable roof. The symmetrical, front facade is two rooms wide and has a three- bay plan with a central door and portico with 1/1 double hung windows on each side. The church was originally covered with clapboard siding, however white vinyl siding was added in the 1980s. A cemetery is stationed to the right of the church on a slight downhill.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context	
Campbellton United Methodist Church	1916	8650 Campbell- ton Fairburn Road	"Quarterly conference records show that the church was organized in 1830, and was in the then LaGrange District of the Georgia Conference, 36 years before the state divided into the North and South Georgia Conferences in 1866."	Douglas County Geor- gia: From Indian Trail to Interstate 20	

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Reso	ources in Historic Communities; Sources No	oted
	1911		building program began. A two-story Sunday school building was constructed with a fellowship hall, well and pump, and kitchen and gas heaters. In the 1960s, improvements consisted of enclosing the open front area, installing central air and heating, a steeple bell, church office, paved parking and other conveniences, including new replacement of the slatted pews with good, old, solid pews then later with upholstered pews.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
				South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Campbellton Lodge No. 76	1848	SW Corner of old Hwy 92 and Church Road	One of campbellton's earliest community landmark buildings. Once served as a	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources No	oted
				South Fulton Historical Trail Video
			On September 4, 1848, the first official meeting of Free and Accepted Masons was held at Campbellton."	Douglas County Geor- gia: From Indian Trail to Interstate 20
Campbellton Acad- emy	Organized 1829		First School in Campbell County; The Campbellton Academy and many other commercial and domestic buildings, such as the Latham House were either demol- ished or deteriorated over time.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Latham House	1829, with additions		Greek Revival House in poor condition; According to Fulton County staff, house has been demolished	Georgia Historic Resourc- es Survey
			Inde such as the Latham House were	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Stone Monument/ Campbell County Courthouse	1936	Old Courthouse Site	In 1936, a granite marker was placed on the old original Campbell County courthouse site commemorating the courthouse and the annual reunion of Confederate veterans of Company A 21st Georgia Regiment. The courthouse square and site is on present day Church Street off 92 HWY.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
			In 1835, a two-story brick courthouse was erected on the square. The courthouse at Dahlonega was a prototype of the Campbellton Courthouse. It also housed the sheriff, coroner, surveyor, and the courtAbout 1912, the courthouse was demolished.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video

	Narrative of S	Select Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			and the reunion of the thirty survivors from Company A 21st Regiment of Georgia. The confederate veterans from Campbellton gathered there after the Civil War at the bequest of Elizabeth Camp, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel TC Glover. This reunion would service as the inspiration for later gatherings of Confed- erate and Union veterans during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1		Rico	I
Barnes Store	1910-1920	Rico Road at Campbellton Redwine Road	General store and evidence of gas pumps; wood frame; 2 room with full width ve- randah and a side-gabled roof	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Reeves Store	1900-1909	6875 Rico Road	Single dwelling and general store; single story, wood frame gabled ell cottage with partial width front verandah and rear stoop	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
The Green House	1860-1869		John Barfield, an Irish immigrant, pur- chased the property site in 1836; sold to the green family in 1881 and sold to J.K. Langley in 1903. The Melears purchased the house in 1955. 1 1/2 story wood frame gabled ell farmhouse; a number of historic agricultural outbuildings found on the property including a barn, smoke- house, corn crib and hay barn.	
	1900-1909	6205 Kite Road	Double pen house	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1930-1939	6390 Kite Road	Bungalow	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1880-1889	6485 Rico Road	Gabled-ell cottage w/craftsman elements	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
Buran-Shannon House	1840-1849	6530 Rico Road	central hallway type w/ Greek Revival element; wood frame; 3 bayed façade w/ full width front porch supported Doric columns	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1900-1909	6105 Campbell- ton-Redwine Road	Georgian Cottage	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Shell House	1860-1869	6875 Campbell- ton-Redwine Road	Built by reverend Stephen p. shell, char- ter member of the New Hope Methodist Church and circuit rider; 2 story, planta- tion plain, wood farm house ; side-gabled roof; 5 bay plan with full width first story verandah; six outbuildings include a shed, well house, chicken coop and three smaller barns	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Providence Baptist Church		6402 Campbell- ton-Redwine Road	Its history traces back to the original Piney Woods Primitive Baptist Church in 1852; rural vernacular church; wood frame with front gabled roof; 5 bay façade with steeply pitched pyramidal roof belfry tower on the right side and small, second- ary gable roof on the left side	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			In the 1830s, Piney Woods Baptist Church was built about one-half mile from Redwine Road. In 1856, several mission- ary-minded members constituted Provi- dence Baptist Church and a new framed church was erected. Later a cemetery was started near the church. In the nine- teen-teens, a steeple and vestibule were added and later converted into two Sun- day school rooms. Three Sunday school rooms were constructed on the rear in 1925. In 1948, more Sunday school rooms were added, the heating system changed, and memorial windows installed. In 1947, the educational building was erected and the sanctuary renovated in 1978.	
Rico Lodge	1890-1899	6800 Rico Road	Used as a masonic lodge and commercial storefront on the first floor; also a post office; 2 story front gabled roof and full- width 2 story verandah; 3 bay façade with central doorways on both floors	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of S	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			Rico Masonic Lodge #633 was chartered October 30, 1912. On August 12, 1976 the lodge merged with Capitol View Lodge #640 at 6800 Rico Road. The lodge was on the second floor and a store on the first floor. Rico Civic Club was founded in 1938 and was active in road improvements, bridges, and fire protection. Restoration of the old Masonic building was complet- ed in the late 1970s and is used for com- munity events. Boy Scout Troop #7717, with Scout Master Earl Reeves, presently meets in the building.	
Old Rico School	1880-1889	6440 Rico Road	Last remaining school house built under the old Campbell County government; single story, wood frame with Greek Re- vival elements and a hipped roof; central hallway plan and 2 rooms deep	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			In the early 1900s, the four room, wooden school was constructed across Rico Road form the Methodist Church. Two other small schools were merged into Rico; this building was used until 1933. The Gurley Family acquired the school and converted into a single-family residence. The house was renovated in 1992-93 with CDBG funds. This building may be the only origi- nal remaining Campbell County school building.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
Rico School	1933	6505 Rico Road	Built following the consolidation of Campbell, Milton and Fulton counties in 1932, elementary classes were moved to this building; brick masonry veneer school designed in an Italian Renaissance Revival style with arched recessed porch- es, brick quoins and a hipped roof; 5 classrooms	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			School was closed in 1980 and is used as the City Hall for Chattahoochee Hills today. After the consolidation of Campbell County into Fulton county, a new brick school with seven grades was erected in 1933. Grades 1-7 were taught. A large addition was constructed in 1961. Due to a change in county school policy, the school was closed in June 1980. In the 1980s Fulton County leased the building and purchased it in 1994.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video

	Narrative of Select Historic Resources in Historic Communities; Sources Noted				
Rico Methodist Church	1900s		The Rico Methodist Church was founded in 1902. All materials, labor, and cost were either donated or subscribed. The new building was debt free. The building fea- tured a belltower on the right front and a similar room on the left of the church. In 1937, the Rural Electric Administration building brought electricity to Rico and it was installed in the church. In 1950, a kitchen was added. In 1960, a dining hall and restrooms were constructed. Using movable partitions, the dining hall could be converted to Sunday school rooms. Many modern conveniences and im- provements were added in the 1970-1980 period.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video	
		River	town (Cross Anchor)		
Jones Yates House	1870-1879	5088 Rivertown Road		South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context	
			The Yates family came to the area about 1837. In the 1870s, W.P. Yates built the two-story Italian villa on the southeast corner of Rivertown Road at Campell- ton-Redwine Road. He lost the property in the 1893-95 financial panic. In 1895, Jethro Jones was the high bidder for the property which included a post office, cotton gin, 267 acres of land, and six tenants. Jethro and his son Joseph prospered. A grist mill was added and a one-story brick addition was built on the back of the house. In the 1920s, a sec- ond story was added. In the early 1900s, a general store was built on Rivertown Road across the street from the house and Joe Jones operated the store until about 1948.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video	

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			1894. The Jones ran the cotton gin, post	
	1890-1899	10775 cedar grove road	Naddienad house	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1880-1890	Rivertown road; west of S.R. #70	Saddlebag house	
		City Lir	ne/ Redwine Plantation	
Redwine Plantation Home	1840	13125 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Reawines married in 1871 Jarming	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			operated the plantation, farmed cotton	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Corridor Manage- ment Plan

	Narrative of S	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			and a weather vane. The barn's design is	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Corridor Manage- ment Plan
			plantation plain w/Greek revival ele- ments; formal boxwood gardens and distinct, cupola-topped barn	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			-	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Phillips House	1840	13175 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Family obtained the land through the 1827 land lottery and first operators of the nearby hutches on ferry crossing	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			2 attendant agricultural buildings and cemetery also on the property; gabled-ell cottage	
			Located opposite the Hutcheson-Red- wine homeplace; gabled ell cottage with rear ell addition; family cemetery con- taining 10 graves; conveys the New South landscaping through eh stone retaining wall and hardwood trees; several out- buildings; I-shaped plan has been altered with the addition of siding and a picture window	National Register Listing
Varner House	1880-1889	8661 Campbell- ton-Redwine Road		South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			Varner complex contains residential structure, nonhistoric outbuildings, and a family cemetery; residential structure re- puted to contain a log structure beneath the current siding; the cemetery is the most elaborate in the district; the site of a former ferry on the property; an origi- nal boat structure is reputed to be intact beneath the waters of the Chattahoochee River	National Register Listing
			Goodes	I
Old Keith Property	1890-1899	8190 Rico Road	William Keith was the postmaster in 1893	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			Gabled ell house located on a large farm with pecan groves, orchards, and horse fields. There are 3 outbuildings on the property including a shed, blacksmith shop, and car garage	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			About 1895, George Keith opened a general store on Hutcheson Ferry Road at Atlanta-Newnan Road. Mr. Keith was also the postmaster. The store stocked ladies and men's ware, Ken groceries, household items, Hook cheese, and stick candy for the kids and grown-ups. Also farm-relat- ed equipment. The store, as all country general stores of the era, served as a com- munity social center. The store continued until Mr. Keith's death in 1958. Because none of the family were old enough to operate the store, it closed.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
Keith Property	1910-1919	10395 Hutches- on Ferry Road	1 1/2 story, side gabled bungalow	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1900-1909	10340 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Central hallway house	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1900-1909	10380 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Central Hallway House	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1890-1899	10450 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Central Hallway house	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1910-1919	10500 Hutches- on Ferry Road	Gabled Ell Cottage with 3 outbuildings	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources No	oted
	1920s	10555 Hutches- on Ferry Road and 8090 At- lanta-Newman Road	Pyramidal Cottage	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Old Shell House	1900-1909	Near the inter- section with Capps Ferry Road	Internet ell cottade and chicken coop	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Robinson House	1880-1889			South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1	L	A 1 story central hallway house with a side gabled roof and 2 story secondary dwelling. A barn and a well house are also on the property.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Wilson House	11850-1859	8475 Hearn Road		South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
		9990 Hutcheson Ferry Road and Hearn Road	Double pen house	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Barnes House (Now Serenbe Bed and Breakfast)	1905	10950 Hutches- on Ferry Road	New South Cottage	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			There is also a pecan grove, barns, and tenant houses on 800 acres worth of land	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
New Hope United Methodist Church	1937	7875 Atlan- ta-Newnan Road		South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1936		,	
Sardis Baptist Church	1927	8400 Sardis Road	Vernacular style front gabled structure with a central steeple and a 3 bayed sym- metrical façade	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Se	elect Historic Res	ources in Historic Communities; Sources N	oted
			Sardis Baptist Church was established in 1875. The first church building was locat- ed in the southeast corner of Hutcheson Ferry Road and Sardis Road. The church was renovated in 1904 and a well dug in 1923. After the old church burned in 1926, a new church was constructed across Sardis Road in 1927. Mr. Peak, a member, supervised construction with volunteer church member labor. The church was debt free when complet-	South Fulton Historical
Cook-Goodes House	1860-1869	6250 Cochran Mill Road	Friendship 1 1/2 story central hallway house with a side gabled roof. There are 7 outbuildings on the property including storage sheds, metal barn/shed, chicken coop, 2 chick- en houses, machinery shed, and wood storage shed	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Cook Family Home	1920-1929	6285 Cochran Mill Road		South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
	1880-1889	5950 Cochran Mill Road	Central hallway house with Greek Revival elements, a full-width front porch with a small secondary dwelling and a stor- age shed on the property. There is a well house and chicken coop across the street.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
Cook Caldwell Gen- eral Store	1890-1899	6265 Cochran Mill Road	Single extant commercial building	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context
			This is a wood frame, 1 room wide and deep building with a 3 bayed symmetrical front façade with 2 windows flanking a central doorway and a full-width porch with pent roof	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context

	Narrative of Select Historic Resources in Historic Communities; Sources Noted					
	1900s		In the early 1900s Homer H. Cook built a general store on the southwest corner of Cochran Mill Road at Rivertown Road. He operated the store until his death in 1954. Mr. Cook's sister, Mrs. Jewel Caldwell, continued operation of the store until her death.	I rall video		
Friendship Baptist Church	1940	6090 Cochran Mill Road	Congregation dates to 1877	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context		
			1 story, full-height, triangular front gabled porch with an oculus window in the pediment and 4 columns with a historic cemetery on the property	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context		
	1942			South Fulton Historical Trail Video		
Cochran Mill	1890	Cochran Mill Park	The park consists of 900 acres and with- in the park are the stone wall and steel frame bridge that are all that remain of the 3 mills built by the Cochran family	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context		
			Cheadle Cochran came to the county during the late 1820s and built a lumber mill on Little Bear Creek. He became a state senator from 1822 to 1837 and was the main proponent of establishing rural mail routes throughout Georgia. His son built a gristmill and built the third mill on a five-foot damn across the ledge from the second mill. in 1903, Berry Cochran, Jr. attached a small generator plant to the mill and supplied electricity to Palmetto from 1909 until 1918.			

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	840s	Cochran Mill Park was established in 1967 by Fulton County. It embraces 800 acres of woodlands, wetlands, recreation, and six miles of scenic trails that wind all over the woodlands and wetlands of Big Bear and Little Bear Creeks. It is believed Teetle Cochran built the grist mill on Little Bear Creek in the 1840s. Upon Teetle's death in 1854, son Owen took over the mill and operated it until his death. The mill operated almost continuously until it closed in the 1960s. After the mill closed in the late 1960s, vandals began destroy- ing the building and dynamited the dam. Presently all that is left of the mill are the two stone pillars that supported the large water wheel. One of the Cochran broth- ers, Barry Cochran, built a grist mill on the north side of Big Bear Creek in 1870. It can be reached by a half-mile trail from the Owen Cochran Mill. The mill ground corn and wheat.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video
		Throughout the life of the mill, the mill pond above the dam was also a mecca for swimming recreation. A wooden bridge some fifty feel above the dam served as a swimming platform. Friendship Baptist Church used the mill pond in the sum- mer to baptize converts. The creek at this point cascaded down some seventy-feet over a granite spill-way to a pool below. The water slide became famous through- out the community. The granite surface below the dam resembles a two-step slide, both steps about thirty-five feet in length. The first gently curved to a steeper decline about fifteen feet and leveled off. Then a second slope of about twenty-five feet and a steeper curve into the pool at the base of the granite. The second slope was the favorite. The swim- mer positioned himself in the stream of water running over the slope and a wild ride to the pool below.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video

	Narrative of Select Historic Resources in Historic Communities; Sources Noted						
			About 1939, another dam was con- structed several hundred feet below the original dam. The mill was completely surrounded by water and was demol- ished by vandals in 1972. A pavilion was built in the center of the man-made lake and it too was later demolished. In 1967, Fulton County purchased the mill as part of Cochran Mill Park.	South Fulton Historical Trail Video			
Wilkerson Mill	1867	9595 Wilkerson Mill Road	Intact gristmill and the only standing mill in Fulton County.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context			
			The earliest recording account of the structure is from a deed, dated 1870, that conveys a half interest in the mill business and seven acres of land from William S. Mosely to William Wilkerson. The mill and its machinery were updated at the turn of the century by Mr. W.F. Bearden and later sold to the Denton Family in the early 1900s. The Dentons operated Wilkerson Mill for most of the twentieth century until they were forced to sell the property following the elder Denton's death in the 1960s.	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context			
			The mill is 3 stories in height, has minimal Greek Revival elements and is construct- ed of heavy hewn-frame beams with unpainted, weatherboard siding. It has front gabled roof with incomplete gable returns.				
The Denton Family Home	1920-1929	Located up a small path, clos- er to the road at 9595 Wilkerson Mill Road	10  militi-appled crattemap hilbdalow	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context			
			The property's current owners operate a nursery named Wilkerson Mill Gardens out of the old Denton home	South Fulton Scenic By- ways Historic Context			

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# Appendix C

### Historic Preservation Commission Priorities (2021)

At the December 2020 Meeting of the Chattahoochee Hills Historic Commission, Commission members identified the following priorities for 2021, in addition to those that were already ongoing.

- -Continue to collaborate with the City's Parks Commission and Planning Commission. In areas of overlap among the Commissions, the Historic Commission has worked to provide feedback in collaboration with other City Commissions to help inform the city's leadership. The Historic Commission continues to engage with planning staff in advance of each Planning Commission meeting to identify areas where our expertise may be helpful. Recommendations are discussed by the Historic Commission, and if deemed appropriate, are transmitted to staff to include in their report. At the request of city staff, the Historic Commission worked with the Parks Commission to make recommendations on metal detecting in city parks and to complete the report that is a required mitigation measure of the RTP grant.
  - -Review and facilitate the recommendations of the Campbellton Master Plan. Historic Commission members participated as community stakeholders in the public meetings for the Campbellton Master Plan. Upon adoption of the Plan by the City Council, the Historic Commission has begun to review plan recommendations to identify areas where the Commission may help with implementation.
  - -Cochran Mill Park Interpretive Plan. As a condition of mitigation imposed by SHPO on the RTP grant received for Cochran Mill Park, the Historic Commission has worked to complete the required documentation for the plan. A draft that was satisfactory to the Parks Commission, City Council and SHPO was completed and submitted. Based on feedback, the Historic Commission is incorporating final recommendations. Actions to implement the recommendations of the plan, including further archaeological investigations and a public history day are under discussion, and will be presented to Mayor and Council.
- -Beavers House Historic Structure Report. The Historic Commission is working with faculty and students in the Heritage Preservation Program of

Georgia State University to complete a Historic Structures Report on the Beavers House. This report will provide much needed detail on how the physical form of the building was altered over time. It is anticipated that this will be the basis of a preservation plan for the structure that will allow the city to make decisions on the elements of the house worthy of preservation and those that may reasonably be altered.

- City owned historic properties. Historic Commission members continue to work to document important elements of city-owned historic sites. In addition to the work previously identified at Cochran Mill Park and the Beavers House, Commission members will begin to document landscape features of cityowned sites that may contribute to the historic integrity of each site. Historic Commission members toured all city owned historic sites in the fall of 2020 and anticipate a tour of extant historic features in Cochran Mill Park that are not visible from the marked trails.
- -We will complete a map of City owned greenspace and historic resources. We discussed adding the historic cemeteries.
- Records Research. The Historic Commission is actively working to develop relationships with local history repositories to further the research and detail that is known about historic sites significant to the city.

In addition to the priorities identified above, the Historic Commission welcomes the opportunity to weigh in on issues where our knowledge can inform other aspects of city governance. At the request of city staff or leadership, we will gladly continue to provide feedback on any area where our input is sought.

# Appendix

Public Engagement (Document 2)



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# Date:September 7, 2021To:Mayor and City CouncilFrom:Mike Morton, Community Development DirectorSubject:Proposed Zoning Map and Unified Development Code (UDC) –<br/>FIRST READ

#### This is a first read only - No action at this meeting

#### **Background**

The for the last several months, the City Council has been discussing adoption of a Unified Development Code (UDC) that incorporates zoning, subdivision regulations, signs, and Transferrable Development Rights. These topics are currently covered in separate chapters of the city code (Chapters 35, 26, and 22, and Chapter 14, Article II, respectively).

In the course of those discussions, Council has chosen to eliminate the HM-SD (Hamlet Special District) from the zoning ordinance. The city's zoning map currently includes three HM-SD districts that will have to be rezoned to another zoning district. They are:

- HM-SD1 Rico Crossroads District (Smith's Store)
- HM-SD2 Campbellton Crossroads District (Charlie's Store)
- HM-SD3 Sanctuary Special District

#### The Proposal

Due to these changes and the overhaul of the structure of the zoning ordinance into a unified development code, the city should re-adopt its zoning map with the three zoning changes included. The ordinance that has been under consideration to adopt the UDC has been amended to include the re-adoption of the map. The ordinance and proposed map are attached here.

The proposed zoning map is the same as the current zoning map except for the three current HM-SD districts. The proposed map shows the following changes:

- HM-SD1 becomes HC-1 (Rico Historic Crossroads)
- HM-SD2 becomes HC-2 (Campbellton Historic Crossroads)
- HM-SD3 becomes HM-MU (Hamlet0Mixed-Use)

The existing HC district in Campbellton will also receive the HC1 designation to create a single HC district for the area.

Like any rezoning action, the proposed adoption of the zoning map requires two reads. Though the proposed UDC has had two reads, this is the first read for the re-adoption of the map.

#### **UDC Discussion**

Further discussion on the UDC will take place on at a special joint work session of the City Council and the Planning Commission on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This discussion will include the latest revisions to the UDC language, including

- Some language regarding the creation of Historic Crossroads districts in Section 3.5 has been cleaned up, since some of it was relevant only for Special District Hamlets, which are no longer in the draft.
- Sections 5-2 through 5-9 have been reordered to flow more logically, but no edits to the text have been made except for 5-5.
- Section 5-5 has been updated to mirror the text that Doug Cloud provided.
- A new section 11-6 has been added to allow family lots. Also, a note was added to 4-12(B) to indicate that family lots can be created over time and aren't subject to the "once and done" provision like other farmette minor subdivisions.

#### Additional Action:

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. City Council will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### Attachments:

Adoption Ordinance Zoning Map

#### AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND TO ADOPT A ZONING MAP, AS AMENDED, FOR THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES <u>RELATED THERETO</u>

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattahoochee Hills has engaged consultants from TSW to undertake the task of reviewing its development code; and

**WHEREAS,** this task has involved stakeholder interviews, code review, writing and rewriting; and

**WHEREAS,** the consultants from TSW have recommended improvements to the City's development regulations, ultimately reorganizing them into a new Unified Development Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has conducted two public hearings, one with the Planning Commission and the second with the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** notice has been published in the newspaper, and notices have been placed on the City's website; and

**WHEREAS,** after debate, discussion, and citizen input, the Mayor and City Council have approved the new Unified Development Code for the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia;

**WHEREAS**, upon the approval of the Unified Development Code, the Mayor and City Council have approved the Zoning Map, as amended.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS that:

**Section 1:** That the current chapters 22 (*Signs*), 26 (*Subdivision and Land Development*), and 35 (*Zoning*), along with Chapter 14, Article II (*Transferable Development Rights*) of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the attached ordinance which shall be known as Appendix A: City of Chattahoochee Hills Unified Development Code; and

**Section 2**: That all conditions adopted by City Council through previous zoning amendments, zoning map amendments, variances, and special use permits shall be unaffected but shall continue unabated by this ordinance; and

Section 3: That the attached Zoning Map, as amended, is adopted as the Zoning Map for the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and

Section 4: That the within ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption; and

**Section 5:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

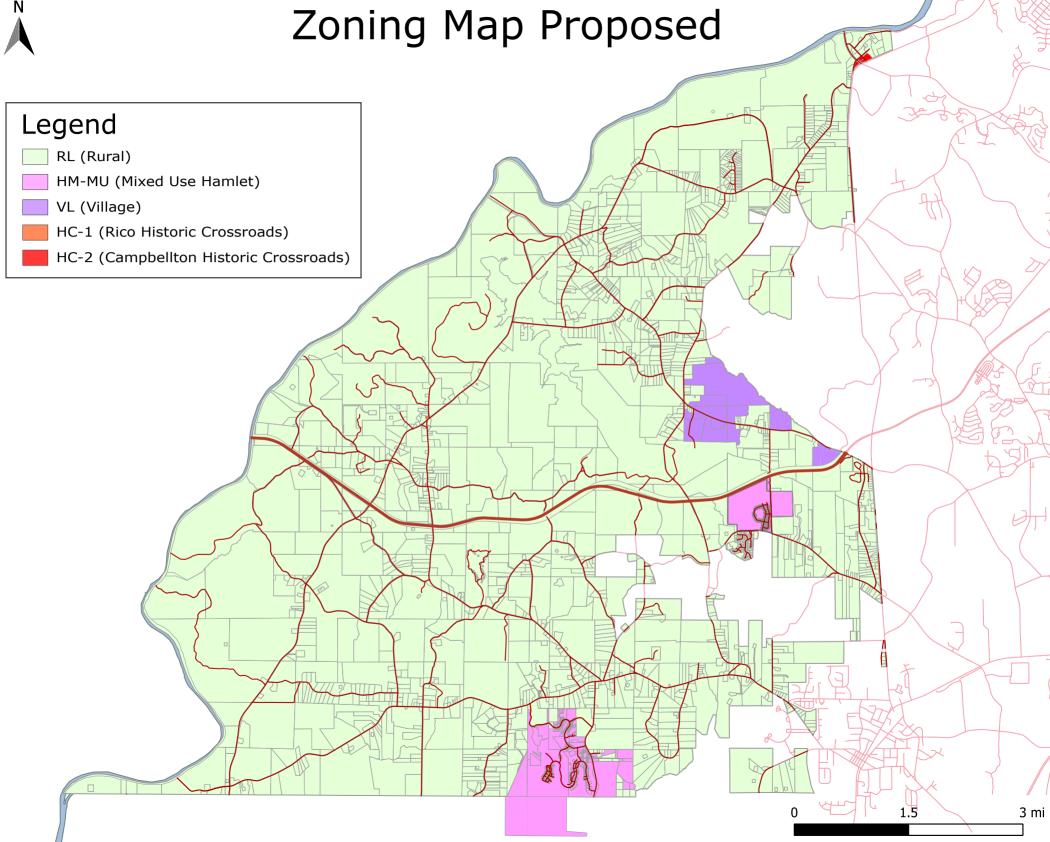
#### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON

ORDAINED this the 5th day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Tom Reed, Mayor

Dana Wicher, City Clerk (Seal)



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City of Chattahoochee Hills	City of Chattahoochee Hills	
Rokovitz Rob	6505 Rico Rd	
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Email: robbie.rokovitz@chatthillsga.us		

Valid Until	09/30/2021	Revision Date	08/20/2021	Lead Time	9 - 10 Weeks	SR	David Bodzy
F.O.B.	Job Site	<b>Revision No</b>	2	Ship Method	Installed	РМ	Bryan Fielden
Terms	Progress billing						

No.	Item	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extension
1.	ST PG.1 - Primary Gateway Signage	ASI Standard Legacy Series L400	1	Each	7,340.00	7,340.00
		Single Sided				
		5'-9" x 9'-6" x 6" - ST PG.1 (Cabinet and breakformed cap)				
		3"deep, fabricated all aluminum non-illuminated cabinet, painted MP 30116				
		Black Umber. Cabinet face to have single sided graphics/copy Cabinet to				
		have 6" square aluminum tubing accents and posts (1/8th" wall). Direct				
		burial. Fabricate .090 breakformed aluminum top/cap for cast stone base,				
		Size of breakformed piece 2"x27.5"x9'6", painted MP 30116 Black Umber.				
		To include L100 CNC cut 1/2" thick Aluminum letters (various heights) serif				
		style font, painted MP32071 Wonder White. Copy to read: "WELCOME TO				
		CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS est. 2007".				
2.	ST PG.1 - Primary Gateway	Foundation work. Dig one 15' x 4' x 12"	1	Each	13,120.00	13,120.00
	Stonework	#4 rebar cage and pour, Dig holes and set				
		8" CMU block and all Labor for base and column				
		Stacked stone work. Labor and all Materials for base and column				
		Clean site and haul off trash				
		Travel time				
3.	ST SG.1- Secondary Gateway	ASI Legacy L200 Series	6	Each	4,738.00	28,428.00
	Signage					
		Single Sided				
		6'-0" x 10'-3" x 6"- ST SG.1 (Posts and Panels)				

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		3" deep panel with (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts				
		with decorative cap. Posts painted & Panel painted MP 30116 Black				
		Umber.Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.				
		To include L100 CNC cut 1/2" thick Aluminum letters (various heights) serif				
		style font, painted MP32071 Wonder White. Copy to read: "WELCOME TO				
		CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS est. 2007".				
		Corten Base Cover - Legacy fabricated base cover to be fabricated in 2 pieces.				
4.	ST PD - Primary Directional Signage	ASI Infinity Series	5	Each	2,898.00	14,490.00
		Double Sided				
		7'-2" x 6'-5" x 6"-				
		3" deep internal framing cabinet structure .125" panels. Panels to have				
		DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th"				
		wall). Double sided panels with graphics. Posts with with decorative cap.				
		MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.				
		Special event .125" panel to be breakformed and attached using tamper				
		resistant screws, painted 2 standard colors.				
5.	ST PDa - Primary/ Secondary Hybrid Signage	ASI Infinity Series	2	Each	4,532.00	9,064.00
		Double Sided				
		12'-4 1/2" x 6'-5" x 6"- (1 cabinet & projecting blade from post)				
		3" deep internal framing cabinet structure, 1 cabinet to be projecting blade				
		from post with attached Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated				
		white125" panels to mount to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs.				
		Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound				
		post (1/8th" wall). Double sided panels with graphics. Posts with with				
		decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted.				
		Break-away attachments.				
6.	ST SD - Secondary Directional Signage	ASI Infinity Series	3	Each	2,240.00	6,720.00
		1 Double - 2 Single Sided				
		13'-6" x 4'-0" x 6"-				
		3" deep internal framing cabinet structure with attached Infiniti Series				
		perforated panel powder coated white125" panels to mount to perforated				
		panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl				
		graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with with				
		decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted.				
		Break-away attachments.				

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No.	Item	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extension
7.	ST SDa - Secondary Directional Signage -Doublel Blade	ASI Infinity Series	4	Each	3,830.00	15,320.00
		Double Sided				
		13'-6" x 4'-0" x 6"- Double Blade				
		3" deep internal framing cabinet structure, double blade, with attached				
		Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated white125" panels to mount				
		to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective				
		vinyl graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with				
		with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted.				
		Break-away attachments.				
8.	ST CL - City Limits Signage	ASI Infinity Series	3	Each	3,480.00	10,440.00
		Double Sided				
		13'-6" x 5'-0" x 6"-				
		3" deep internal framing cabinet structure with.125" panel to mount to				
		frames. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum				
		outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116				
		Black Umber. Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.				
9.	Shipping and Handling	Shipping and Handling	1	Lot	4,250.00	4,250.00
10.	Sign Staking & UPC	Sign Staking & UPC	1	Lot	2,400.00	2,400.00
11.	Shop Drawings Resubmit	Shop Drawings & Submittals: Custom artwork graphics; and/or graphics	1	Lot	1,428.00	1,428.00
		time to touch-up or create vector format production artwork				
		Engineering				
12.	Exterior Installation	Exterior Installation & post staining	1	Lot	26,995.00	26,995.00
				Sub	ototal	139,995.00
		* Tax Ex	cempt # S	ales tax Exe	empt	0.00
				Total (U	ISD)	139,995.00

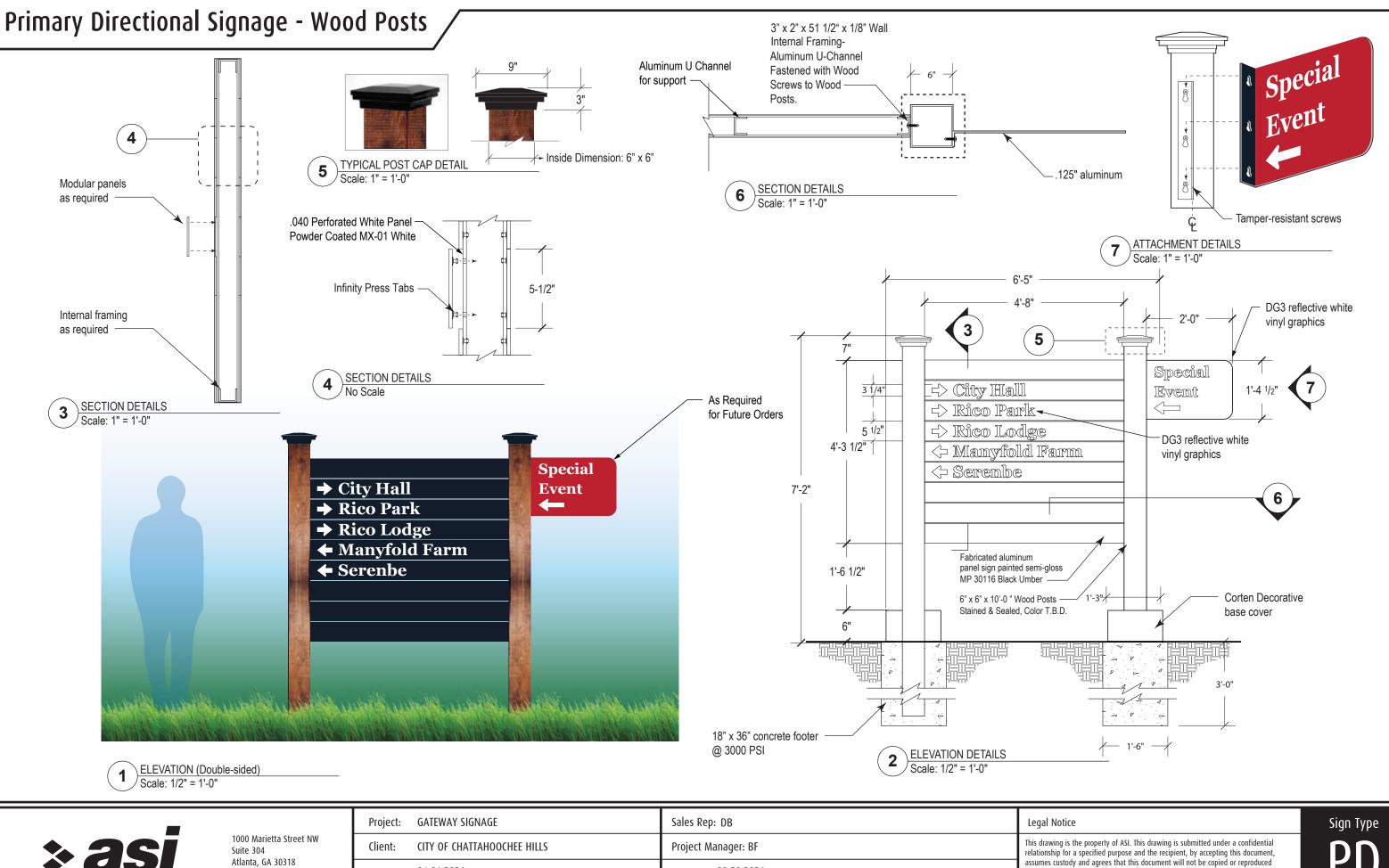
#### Quote Valid Until: September 30, 2021

By signing below, I approve and authorize this quote and acknowledge that I have read and agree to the attached terms and conditions.

 David Bodzy
 08/20/2021

 Submitted by
 Date

 Print Name



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Project:	GATEWAY SIGNAGE		Sales Rep: DB	Legal Not	
Client:	CITY OF CHATTAHOOCH	IEE HILLS	Project Manager: BF		
Date:	06.01.2021		Revision: 08.20.2021	assumes cust in whole or ir person expect	
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> #4 rebar cage and pour, Dig holes and set 8" CMU block and all Labor for base and column

Clean site and haul off trash

Travel time

Stacked stone work. Labor and all Materials for base and column



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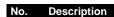
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3. ST SG.1- Secondary Gateway Signage ASI Legacy L200 Series

#### Single Sided

6'-0" x 10'-3" x 6"- ST SG.1 (Posts and Panels)

3" deep panel with (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with decorative cap. Posts painted & Panel painted MP 30116 Black Umber.Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.

To include L100 CNC cut 1/2" thick Aluminum letters (various heights) serif style font, painted MP32071 Wonder White. Copy to read: "WELCOME TO CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS est. 2007".

Corten Base Cover - Legacy fabricated base cover to be fabricated in 2 pieces.

#### 4. ST PD - Primary Directional Signage

ASI Infinity Series

#### Double Sided

#### 7'-2" x 6'-5" x 6"-

3" deep internal framing cabinet structure with attached Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated white. .125" panels to mount to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Double sided panels with graphics. Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber.Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments. Special event . 125" panel to be breakformed and attached using tamper resistant screws, painted 2 standard colors.

#### 5. ST PDa - Primary/ Secondary Hybrid Signage

ASI Infinity Series

#### Double Sided

12'-4 1/2" x 6'-5" x 6"- (1 cabinet & projecting blade from post) 3" deep internal framing cabinet structure, 1 cabinet to be projecting blade from post with attached Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated white. .125" panels to mount to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (2) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Double sided panels with graphics. Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber.Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.



WELCOME TO CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS

Each 5,690.00 28,450.00





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Unit Price

6,680.00

Extension

40,080.00

Qtv

6

5

UOM

Each

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Unit Price

5,413.33

Extension

16,239.99

UOM

Each

Qtv

3

5

Each

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#### No. Description

6. ST SD - Secondary Directional Signage ASI Infinity Series

1 Double - 2 Single Sided

#### 13'-6" x 4'-0" x 6"-

3" deep internal framing cabinet structure with attached Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated white. .125" panels to mount to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.

#### 7. ST SDa - Secondary Directional Signage -Doublel Blade ASI Infinity Series

#### Double Sided

13'-6" x 4'-0" x 6"- Double Blade

3" deep internal framing cabinet structure, double blade, with attached Infiniti Series perforated panel powder coated white. .125" panels to mount to perforated panel using Infiniti press tabs. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.

#### 8. ST CL - City Limits Signage

ASI Infinity Series

#### Double Sided

13'-6" x 5'-0" x 6"-

3" deep internal framing cabinet structure with.125" panel to mount to frames. Panels to have DG3 reflective vinyl graphics. (1) 6" sq. aluminum outbound post (1/8th" wall). Posts with with decorative cap. MP 30116 Black Umber. Flange plate mounted. Break-away attachments.

9.	Shipping and Handling Shipping and Handling	1	Lot	4,900.00	4,900.00
10.	Mobilizations Exterior Mobilizations for Installations & Break away systems	3	Each	3,355.00	10,065.00
11.	Sign Staking & UPC Sign Staking & UPC	1	Lot	1,980.00	1,980.00



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27,750.00

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Subtotal	216,998.19
* Tax Exempt # Sales tax Exempt	0.00
Total (USD)	216,998.19
Quote Valid Until: September 30, 2021	

By signing below, I approve and authorize this quote and acknowledge that I have read and agree to the attached terms and conditions.

David Bodzy Submitted by	07/16/2021 Date	Approved by	Date
		Print Name	



6505 Rico Road Chattahoochee Hills Georgia 30268

MAYOR Tom Reed

#### CITY COUNCIL

Ruby Foster Richard Schmidt Laurie Searle Camille Lowe Troy Bettis

#### CITY MANAGER Robert T. Rokovitz

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Date:	September 7, 2021
То:	Mayor and City Council
From:	Mike Morton, Community Development Director
Subject:	Farmstead at Piney Woods rezoning – First Read

This is a first read only. No action at this meeting

## **Rezoning Request**

Kenneth J. Lemm, of Farmstead at Piney Woods, LLC has requested a rezoning of 256.8 acres from RL (Rural) to HM-LDR (Low Density Residential Hamlet) to create a new residential hamlet.

## **Property Description**

The property is 46.7 acres that lies on the west side of Piney Woods Church Road (gravel) between Rico Road and Hutcheson Ferry Road. It is zoned RL and has about 850 feet of frontage along Piney Woods Church Road and is about 1500 feet deep along its northern boundary and about 2000 feet deep on its south side.

Two lots are inset in the subject property. One is a two-acre lot on Piney Woods Church Road owned by the applicant LLC, but not included in this rezoning application. The other is a six-acre flag lot to the south that also fronts Piney Woods Church Road, but insets into the rear portion of the subject property.

The property is mostly clear, with a pond, several tree lines, and several barns and some fencing. It has a hill at the center, with an elevation of about 970 feet, dropping to 940 feet at the road, and below 900 feet along the rear (western) boundary. The low point is around 880 feet near the pond in the northwest corner.

To the east across Piney Woods Church Road, lie several single-family homes on wooded two- to four-acre lots. To the south are three four- to seven-acre single-family residential lots that front Hutcheson Ferry Road. To the west are a 1.7-acre lot fronting Hutcheson Ferry Road and an undeveloped 11-acre lot in the Muscogee subdivision. And to the north is a cleared 10.5-acre property with a single-family home.

## **Discussion**

The applicant seeks a rezoning of 46.7 acres to create a new Low Density Residential Hamlet. The plan shows six residential lots that are roughly one acre each, along with 40.7 acres (87.15% of the site) of open space common area.

The application meets the zoning requirements for minimum district size, maximum density, minimum and average buffer depth, and minimum open space.

## Zoning Action Review Standards

According to Section 1.5.9 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Director, the Planning Commission and the City Council shall consider the following standards governing the exercise of the Zoning power whenever deliberating over any changes to the Official Zoning Map pursuant to this Zoning Ordinance.

- 1. Whether the Zoning Proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of utilities, public facilities or Schools;
- 2. Whether the Zoning Proposal will result in a Use which will or could cause City Thoroughfares or transportation facilities to be unable to meet the transportation policies of the Comprehensive Plan due to excess traffic congestion;
- 3. Whether the Zoning Proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan;
- 4. 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.
- 5. The existing uses and Zoning of nearby Property;
- 6. The extent to which Property values are diminished by their particular Zoning restrictions;
- 7. The extent to which the possible reduction of Property values of the subject Property promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public;
- 8. The relative harm to the public as compared to the Hardship imposed upon the individual Property owner;
- 9. The suitability of the subject Property for the Zoning proposed;
- 10. Consistency with any adopted county and City wastewater treatment plans, including the feasibility and impacts of serving the Property with public wastewater treatment service and, if an alternative wastewater treatment method is proposed, whether such wastewater treatment method will have a detrimental impact on the environment or will negatively affect other public concerns;
- 11. The length of time the Property has been vacant as zoned, considered in the context of land Development in the vicinity of the Property;
- 12. Whether the Zoning Proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and Development of adjacent and nearby Property;
- 13. Whether the Zoning Proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby Property;
- 14. Whether the Property to be affected by the Zoning Proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;
- 15. In instances involving district expansion, whether the proposed change is supported by the Home Owner Associations or official neighborhood associations within the expanding district; and
- 16. In instances involving Developments of Regional Impact, whether the proposed change is supported by ARC and/or GRTA.

#### **Further Review**

Staff will provide further analysis along with a set of recommended conditions ahead of the public hearings.

#### **Concept Plan**

A concept plan must be approved by the City Council before any development can occur on the property. The application materials submitted with the rezoning application indicate the intended use of the property. Staff expects a formal concept plan application will be included on the October City Council agenda along with the public hearing for this rezoning proposal.

#### **Additional Action**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this application on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The public hearing before the City Council is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

This is a first read only

<u>Attachments:</u> Rezoning Ordinance Application materials

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE 46.709 ACRES FROM THE RL (RURAL) DISTRICT TO THE HM-LDR (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HAMLET) DISTRICT

**WHEREAS,** Farmstead at Piney Woods, LLC is the owner of certain property within the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** Farmstead at Piney Woods, LLC has submitted an application, to rezone approximately 46.709 acres from RL (Rural) District to the HM-LDR (Low Density Residential Hamlet) District; and

**WHEREAS,** the City has conducted public hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, notice has been published in the newspaper and signs have been posted as required on the property containing the date, time, place and purpose of the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council have approved of the application to amend the zoning map; and

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS that:

**Section 1:** The property described in the attached Exhibit "A" be rezoned to HM-LDR (Low Density Residential Hamlet) to create a new hamlet;

Section 2: That the within rezoning shall become effective upon its adoption; and

**Section 3:** All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this rezoning are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**ORDAINED** this the X day of X, 2021.

Approved:

Tom Reed, Mayor

Attest:

Dana Wicher, City Clerk (Seal)

## **Legal Description**

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 44 of the 8th District, City of Chattahoochee Hills, Fulton County, Georgia, also being known as 0 Piney Woods Church Rd., Parcel ID #08-130000441475, Fulton County records and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a monument known as Fulton County GPS Monument, Object ID 285, Station F392 at coordinates N: 1289487.419, E: 2120905.995, thence;

S 35° 29' 44" E a distance of 3695.15' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, thence;

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 10° 24' 02" E a distance of 132.16' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 02° 53' 02" E a distance of 54.80' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 00° 46' 18" W a distance of 167.00' more or less to a point on the Western right-ofway line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 03° 18' 11" E a distance of 57.83' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 07° 39' 21" E a distance of 21.58' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

N 85° 50' 30" W a distance of 282.29' more or less to a point, thence;

S 06° 07' 04" E a distance of 295.79' more or less to a point, thence;

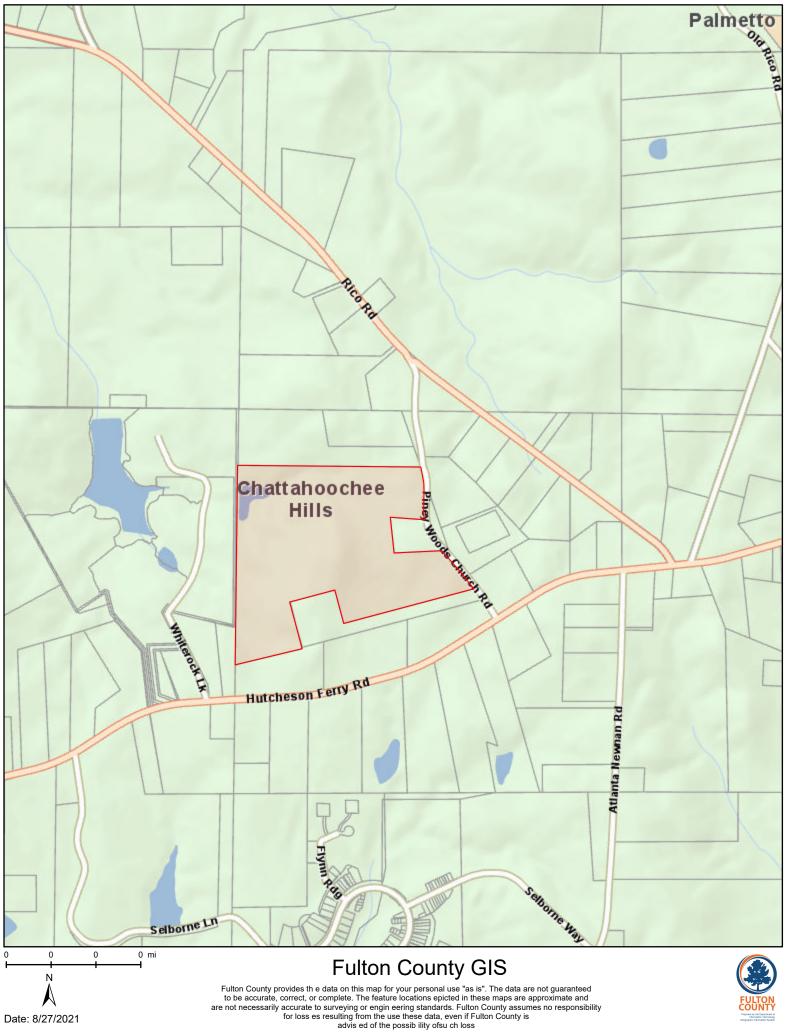
N 87° 23' 57" E a distance of 393.39' feet more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 41° 59' 33" E a distance of 177.30' more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

Southerly, along the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), S 39° 16' 50" E a distance of 234.93' more or less to a ½" rebar found on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), thence,

S 75° 22' 50" W a distance of 1119.85' more or less to a ½" rebar found, thence; N 14° 38' 29" W a distance of 285.00' more or less to a ½" rebar found, thence; S 75° 20' 34" W a distance of 385.08' more or less to a ½" rebar found, thence; S 14° 39' 26" E a distance of 385.00' feet more or less to a point, thence; S 75° 28' 08" W a distance of 568.07' more or less to a 1⁄2" rebar found, thence; N 00° 58' 38" E a distance of 522.32' feet more or less to a point, thence; N 00° 58' 38" E a distance of 917.47' feet more or less to a point, thence; N 00° 58' 38" E a distance of 205.66' feet more or less to a 1⁄2" rebar found, thence, S 89° 01' 43" E a distance of 449.49' feet more or less to a point, thence, S 89° 01' 43" E a distance of 847.39' feet more or less to a point, thence, S 89° 01' 43" E a distance of 215.04' feet more or less to a point, thence, S 89° 01' 43" E a distance of 215.04' feet more or less to a point on the Western right-of-way line of Piney Woods Church Road (60' right-of-way per DB 408, PG 15), said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract or parcel of land containing 46.709 acres more or less as shown on a survey prepared by ON POINT Surveying and Mapping, Inc. prepared for "Farmstead at Piney Woods, LLC" dated 07/22/21.



Date: 8/27/2021

## **REZONING APPLICATION**

for:

## FARMSTEAD AT PINEY WOODS

#### NARRATIVE:

The property, located on Piney Woods Church Road, consists of 46.709 acres, and is currently used for agricultural uses. The property includes two barns as well as an open air pole ban.

The existing barn closest to Piney Woods Church Road is rumored to be over a century old and, from its highly visible location, proudly displays one of the "Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail" quilts. This barn is currently in need of extensive repair; sagging and failing roof materials, broken windows, rotting siding and windows, and crumbling foundations. The owners of the property intend to repair and refurbish the barn to serve as a maintenance/storage building for the proposed vegetable garden plots, crop plantings, and future orchards.

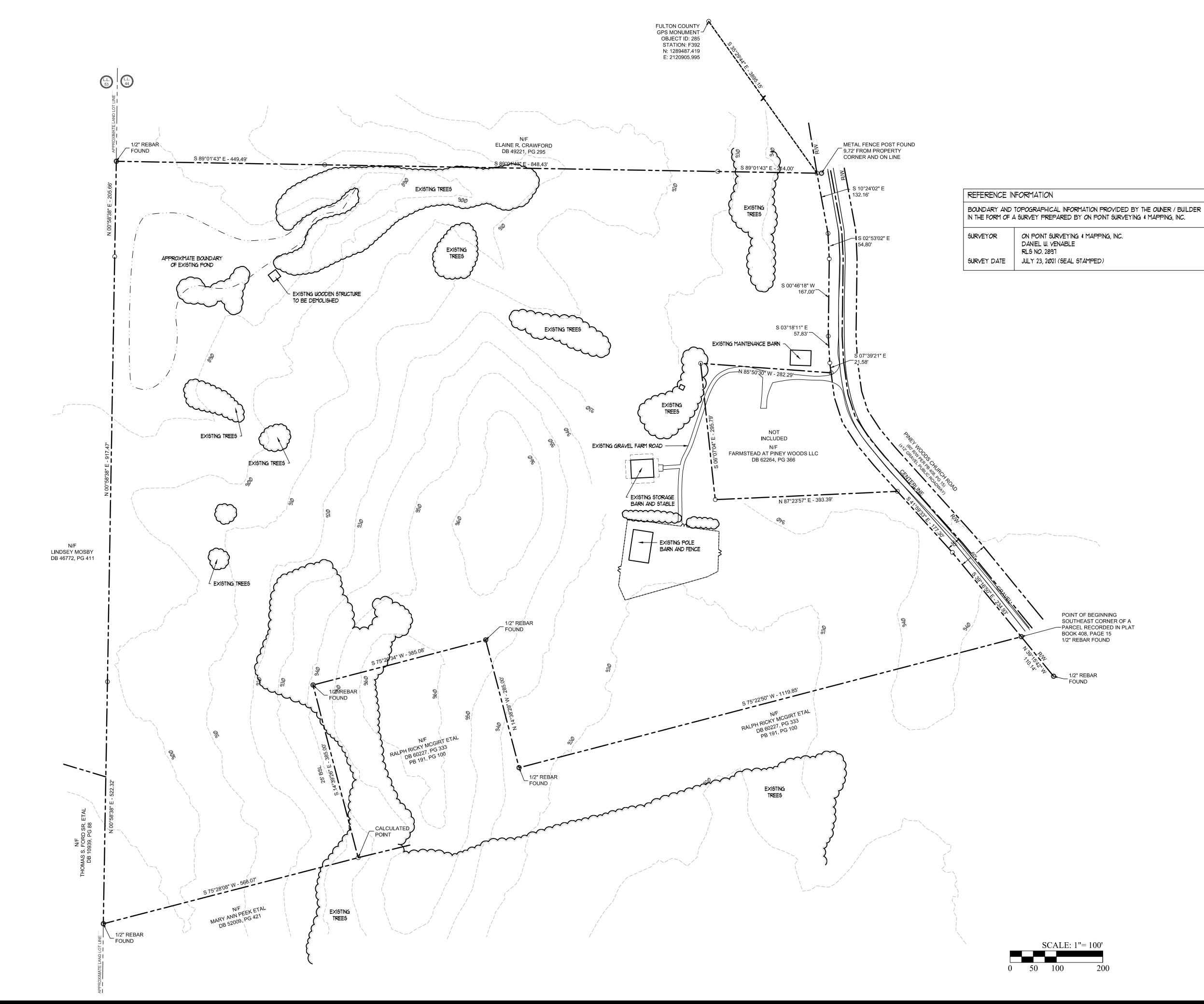
Another existing barn, more central to the property, is more recent in construction, and has been used as storage and stables in the past. The owners of the property propose this structure to be part of Lot 6 as shown on the Rezoning Plan, and to be refurbished as a clubhouse for the new subdivision. This clubhouse, together with the open space will be owned by the future HOA for Farmstead at Piney Woods for the use and enjoyment of the remaining (5) proposed residential lots. The existing pole barn is proposed to remain for storage of equipment necessary for maintenance of the proposed common/ open space. A dilapidated wooden structure currently sits near the existing pond and will be removed.

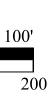
The property would currently be suited for (4) lots under the current zoning as a farmette subdivision requiring a minimum of 29.0 acres. Although the proposed rezoning to HM-LDR would potentially allow a total of (9) residential lots, the rezoning applications requests permission for just (6) lots, one of which will be used for the existing, newly refurbished barn. All proposed lots will be 1.0 acres in size, maximizing the land available for common/open space.

Of the proposed (5) remaining residential lots proposed, (3) of these are situated on the western side of the natural ridge running north- south through the property, thus minimizing the view of future houses from Piney Woods Church Road. The remaining (2) homesites proposed are a minimum of 500 feet from the right of way of Piney Woods Church Road, a distance which will preserve the rural character of the area. Homesite #1 has been purposely positioned to preserve the existing pair of very large trees.

A buffer of 150' in width is provided around all perimeter property lines with the exception of the northern and western property lines of the property at 8115 Piney Woods Church Road, where the buffer is proposed to be eliminated in favor of the existing barns located in these areas, and as approved by the owners of 8115 Piney Woods Church Road.

The proposed residential lots will be accessed via a shared driveway as shown on the rezoning plat, with a single access point on Piney Woods Church Road to minimize the appearance of numerous driveways from the rural road. A 20' wide no access easement is proposed along the southern portion of the western right of way line of Piney Woods Church Road as shown on the rezoning plan. Additionally a 20' no access easement is proposed for the first 50' of the northern end of the property along Piney Woods Church Road as shown on the rezoning plan.





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SHEET NO: L000 for:

## FARMSTEAD AT PINEY WOODS

<u>GENERAL</u>: The property, located on Piney Woods Church Road, consists of 46.709 acres, and is currently used for agricultural uses. The property includes two barns as well as an open air pole ban. There is also a dilapidated structure at the north-western edge of the property by the man-made, spring-fed lake. This structure will be removed.

EXISTING BARN #1: The existing barn closest to Piney Woods Church Road is rumored to be over a century old and, from its highly visible location, proudly displays one of the "Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail" quilts. This barn is a clear reminder of the agricultural heritage of the locale and this particular site. This barn is currently in need of extensive repair; sagging and failing roof materials, broken windows, rotting siding and windows, and crumbling foundations. The owners of the property intend to repair and refurbish the barn to serve as a maintenance/ storage building for the proposed vegetable garden plots, crop plantings, and future orchards. Immediately to the north of this existing barn, at the Piney Woods Church Road frontage, is a flat terrace which may indicate previous garden/ crop use, or possibly the location of a previous or additional building. The owners of the property intend to retain this flat, open area for vegetable garden/fruit orchard plantings, further enhancing the agricultural feel of the frontage area.

EXISTING BARN #2: Another existing barn, more central to the property, is more recent in construction, and has been used as storage and stables in the past, as well as a family recreation area. The owners of the property propose this structure to be part of Lot 6 as shown on the Rezoning Plan, and to be refurbished as a clubhouse for the new subdivision. This clubhouse, together with the open space will be owned by the future HOA for Farmstead at Piney Woods for the use and enjoyment of the remaining (5) proposed residential lots.

EXISTING POLE BARN: Just south of the Existing Barn #2, and visually separated by a row of mature evergreens and scattered crape myrtles, the existing pole barn is proposed to remain for storage of equipment necessary for maintenance of the proposed common/ open space. The large flat area to the east of the pole barn is rumored to have been utilized for horse shoes and similar activities. Similar to the area around Existing Barn #1, the owners of the property intend to use this ara for agricultural purposes.

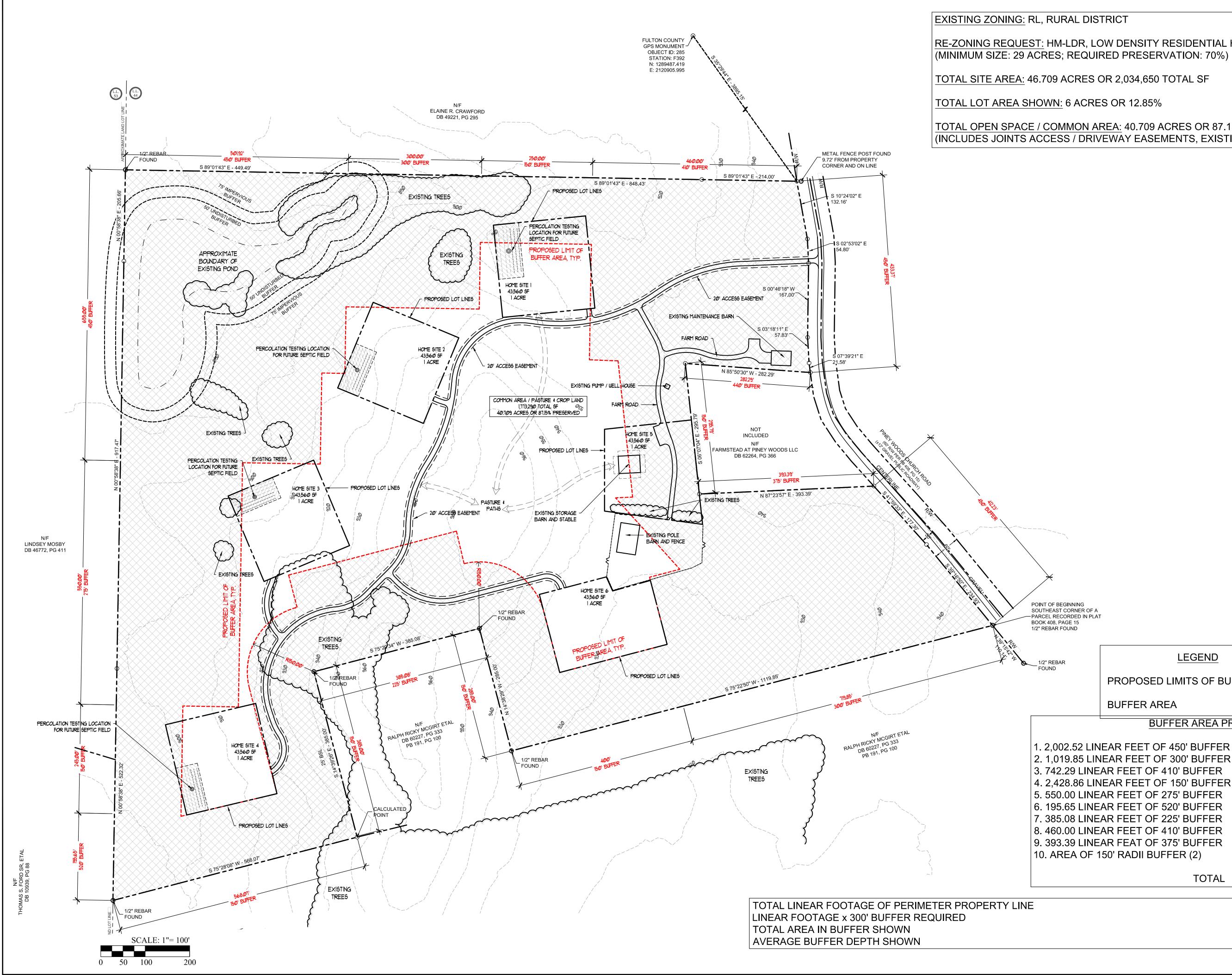
EXISTING STRUCTURE BY LAKE: A dilapidated wooden structure currently sits near the existing pond and will be removed.

<u>LAKE</u>: At the northwest corner of the property, there exists an approximately 1.5 acre, springfed, man-made lake. The development proposed by this rezoning will preserve the lake and the existing trees in this area to maintain and ensure the health of the lake. All proposed residential construction will, at a minimum, respect all state and local buffers required.

<u>TREE COVER</u>: Along the frontage of Piney Woods Church Road, old, mature pecan trees suggest a one-time orchard. The owners of the property have engaged the services of a respected tree arborist to analyze the health of the trees and to begin an on-going maintenance schedule to ensure the health and vitality of the trees. At the upper end of the existing, spring-fed lake, a dense tree cover exists. These trees will remain untouched to preserve the health of the spring and provide screening for the adjacent property to the north. In addition, a pair of large oak trees stand in the area to the west of the proposed Home Site #1. This Home Site has been located so as to ensure no impact to these large trees. Additional trees located randomly throughout the property will be saved. Along the southern property line in the area of the adjacent property's barn a stand of existing trees will be preserved. A portion of the shared driveway serving Home Sites #3 and #5 will carefully cut through this area with minimal grading and disturbance to the existing trees. There appears to be some evidence of rock outcropping in this area.

<u>EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY</u>: Much of the property has been used of agricultural and livestock uses in the recent past. A natural ridge runs generally north-south through the property, with areas of approximately 20% slope in some areas. This ridge provides a visual buffer from Piney Woods Church Road for Home Sites #2, #3 and #5 which are shown located on the downhill, western side of this natural ride. This area is a part of the proposed open space and will be used for passive recreation only.

ADJACENT USES: The adjacent properties along Piney Woods Church Road are currently zoned RL and are used for agricultural and residential uses.



**RE-ZONING REQUEST: HM-LDR, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL HAMLET** (MINIMUM SIZE: 29 ACRES; REQUIRED PRESERVATION: 70%)

TOTAL SITE AREA: 46.709 ACRES OR 2,034,650 TOTAL SF

TOTAL OPEN SPACE / COMMON AREA: 40.709 ACRES OR 87.15% (INCLUDES JOINTS ACCESS / DRIVEWAY EASEMENTS, EXISTING BARNS, AND EXISTING LAKE)

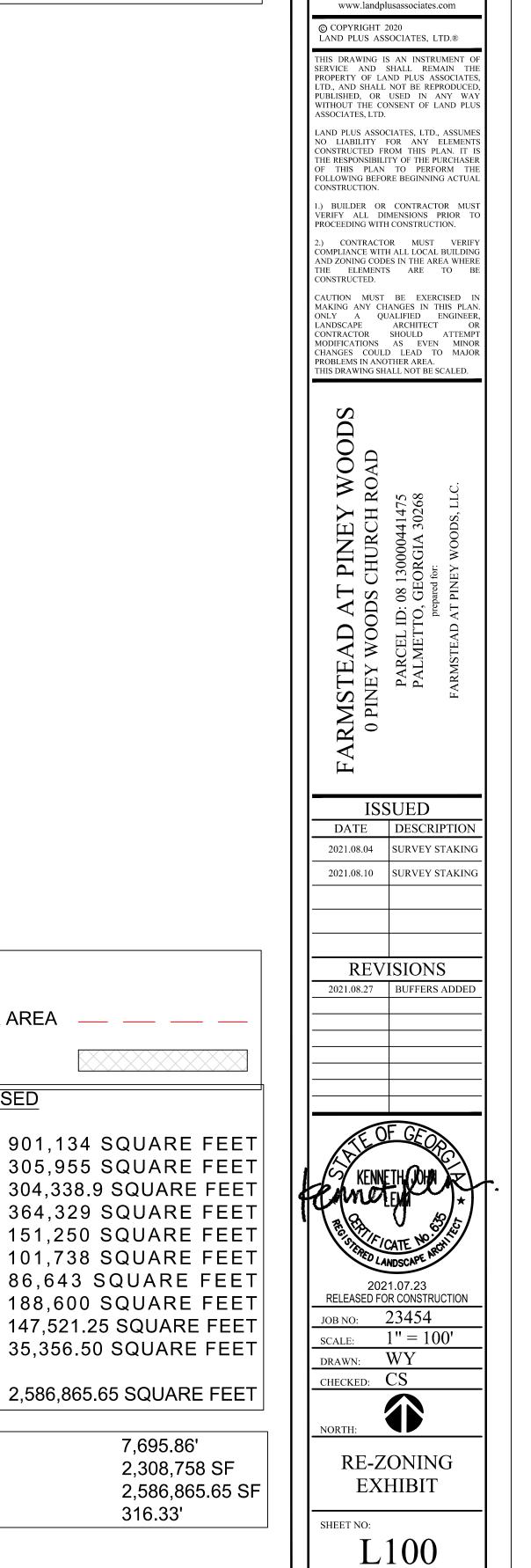
LEGEND

PROPOSED LIMITS OF BUFFER AREA

**BUFFER AREA PROPOSED** 

TOTAL

**BUFFER AREA** 



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**REZONING REVIEW STANDARDS- NARRATIVE** 

for:

## FARMSTEAD AT PINEY WOODS

- 1. Whether the Zoning Proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive burdensome use of utilities, public facilities or Schools: The Zoning Proposal will not result in a use or cause an excessive burdensome use of utilities, public facilities, or schools. The proposed single family home sites will be served by individual, private wells and on-site sewage disposal (septic tanks) and will not impact existing utilities. The Zoning Proposal does not propose the (9) new lots as might otherwise be allowed by this zoning change. Instead, the proposal proposes a total of (6) new lots. As (4) lots would be permitted with the existing RL zoning, the additional (2) lots- one of which will serve as the HOA clubhouse for use by the residents- will not adversely impact existing facilities or schools.
- 2. Whether the Zoning Proposal will result in a Use which will or could cause City Thoroughfares or transportation facilities to be unable to meet the transportation policies of the Comprehensive Plan due to excess traffic congestion: The Zoning Proposal will not have a negative effect on the existing City thoroughfares or transportation facilities. A shared driveway will serve the proposed home sites and common areas, with a single access point from Piney Woods Church Road, minimizing the need for additional curb cuts or entrance points along the existing road.
- 3. Whether the Zoning Proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan: The Zoning Proposal seeks to preserve the agricultural and native feel of the surrounding area through the careful placement of home sites for minimal disturbance to the existing land and minimal impact on the view shed from neighboring properties and the existing road frontage. The preservation of common open space for agricultural and passive recreation uses further preserves the rural feel of the area.
- 4. 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: The applicants are unaware of any existing or changing conditions which would support either approval or disapproval of the Zoning Proposal. The proposed uses are in keeping with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan, and impact on existing utilities and thoroughfares are minimal.
- 5. *The existing use and Zoning of nearby Property:* The surrounding properties along Piney Woods Church Road are zoned RL and are used for both agricultural and residential uses. The uses in this Zoning Proposal are in keeping with the surrounding property uses.
- 6. The extent to which Property values are diminished by their particular Zoning restrictions: The current zoning restrictions would permit a total of (4) single family home sites, with a total of 29.0 acres in individual home sites. The applicants believe the flexibility permitted by the Zoning Proposal- namely land set aside for open space- will increase property values while protecting the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and protecting neighboring Property Owners.

- 7. The extent to which the possible reduction of Property values of the subject Property promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public: The Zoning Proposal is similar in use to current neighboring properties and promotes the health, safety, and morals or general welfare of the public.
- 8. The relative harm to the public as compared to the Hardship imposed upon the individual *Property owner:* Inasmuch as the proposed uses envisioned in the Zoning Proposal are the same as current uses in the surrounding properties, the Zoning Proposal does not harm the public. Additionally, proposed buffers and home site placement protect neighboring properties. Limiting access to the existing road to a single entry point, along with the portion of the property being set aside as open area, further protects the public.
- 9. *The suitability of the subject Property for the Zoning proposed:* As the property, and the surrounding properties, have been used for agricultural and residential uses in the past, the Zoning Proposal is similarly suitable for the use of the property. As prior pasture land, the existing trees and vegetation on the property are clustered in areas which will not be disturbed by the proposed construction of homes or the use of the common areas for agricultural or passive recreation.
- 10. Consistency with any adopted county and City wastewater treatment plans, including the feasibility and impacts of serving the Property with public wastewater service and, if an alternative wastewater treatment method is proposed, whether such wastewater treatment method will have a detrimental impact on the environment or will negatively affect other public concerns: The proposed home sites in this Zoning Proposal will be served by individual, on-site sewage disposal (septic tanks) and will not impact public wastewater treatment plants.
- 11. The length of time the Property has been vacant as zoned, considered in the context of LAND Development in the vicinity of the Property: Prior to September, 2020, when the applicants purchased the property, the property was used for livestock and other agricultural uses. Since September, 2020, there have been no livestock on the property.
- 12. Whether the Zoning Proposal will permit a use that us suitable in view of the use and Development of adjacent and nearby Property: The Zoning Proposal proposes uses (residential and agricultural) in keeping with the existing uses of the surrounding properties.
- 13. Whether the Zoning Proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby Property: The Zoning Proposal proposes uses in keeping with the uses of the surrounding properties and will not adversely affect the usability of the surrounding lands. Additionally, proposed buffers, tree preservation, and ,minimal disruption of existing topo will further ensure no adverse effect on surrounding properties.
- 14. Whether the Property to be affected by the Zoning Proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned: The Zoning Proposal does not seek to change the economic use of the property.
- 15. In instances involving district expansion, whether the proposed change is supported by the Home Owner Associations or official neighborhood associations within the expanding district: N/A
- **16**. In instances involving Development sof Regional Impact, whether the proposed change is supported by ARC and/or GRTA: N/A

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAXES AND TO ESTABLISH THE OCCUPATIONAL TAX FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS FOR THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS, GEORGIA

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council has enacted an ordinance governing short-term rental businesses in the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council seek to establish the amount of the short-term rental occupation tax; and

**WHEREAS:** The current Section 10-22 needs to be modified and updated to reflect how the business and occupation taxes are set each year.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia ordain that Chapter 10, Article II (*Business and Occupation Taxes*) be amended with the following ordinance which is hereby adopted and approved as part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia.

**Section 1.** Article II (*Business and Occupation Taxes*) is amended by deleting Sec. 10-22 in its entirety and substituting the following language as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, every business and practitioner subject to this article shall pay a tax based on the gross receipts of such business (the "occupation tax").

(b) The gross receipts fee schedule, as adopted by the City Council each fiscal year during the budget resolution and adoption, shall be followed in the calculation of the occupational tax. The fees shall be based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code of the business.

(c) Home based business (limit of two nonresident employees or six employees total) may pay a flat rate fee as adopted by the City Council each fiscal year during the budget resolution and adoption.

(d) Businesses not generating gross receipts at the business location in the city, such as but not limited to call centers and warranty service centers, shall pay a rate based on the number of employees performing work at the business location in the city as adopted by the City Council each fiscal year during the budget resolution and adoption. The number of employees shall be computed on a full-time position basis and a full-time position equivalent basis. For the purpose of the calculation, an employee who works 40 hours or more weekly shall be considered a full-time employee and the average weekly hours of employees who work less than 40 hours weekly shall be added and such sum shall be divided by 40 to produce full-time position equivalents.

(e) During fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) short-term rental businesses shall pay an occupation tax based on the gross receipts fee schedule adopted by the City Council for other businesses not exempted or otherwise provided in this article. Effective July 1, 2022, the rate of

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the occupation tax shall be as adopted by the City Council each fiscal year during the budget resolution and adoption.

(f) All businesses and occupations, other than those practitioners listed in section 10-28, shall be assessed a nonrefundable administrative fee for handling and processing business occupation tax registrations, which is a component of the occupation tax for new and existing businesses and is separately identified in the registration process.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia.

**SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021.

Approved:

Tom Reed, Mayor

Attest:

Dana Wicher, City Clerk (Seal)

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE XIII, SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS, GEORGIA

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council has enacted an ordinance governing short-term rental businesses in the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Council seek to establish the amount of the short-term rental occupation tax; and

**WHEREAS:** The current Section 10-361 (Definitions) needs to be modified in regards to the definition of "Short-Term Rental Permit".

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia ordain that Chapter 10, Article XIII (*Short-Term Rental Regulations*) be amended with the following ordinance which is hereby adopted and approved as part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia.

**Section 1.** Article XIII (*Short-Term Rental Regulations*) is amended by deleting the definition of "Short-Term Rental Permit" found in Sec. 10-361 in its entirety and substituting the following language as follows:

"Short-Term Rental Permit" means an annual permit that allows the use of a privately owned residential Dwelling as a Short-Term Rental Unit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The annual fee for the permit shall be established and set by the Mayor and Council.

**Section 2.** The Short-Term Rental Permit Fee shall be \$100.00 for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Thereafter, the fee shall be established and set by the Mayor and Council in the Fee Schedule adopted when the annual budget is adopted.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia.

**SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE** this <u>day of September</u>, 2021.

Approved:

Tom Reed, Mayor

Attest:

Dana Wicher, City Clerk (Seal)

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIREARMS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia has several firearms in possession of the Police Department that have been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, none of the firearms has a value in excess of \$500.00 and cannot be used by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, under the constraints of O.C.G.A. \$17-5-54(g)(1)(A), all such sales of firearms shall be to persons who are licensed as firearms collectors, dealers, importers, or manufacturers who are authorized to receive such firearms under the terms of their license; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to declare the subject firearms as surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council instruct the Chief of Police to exchange the surplus firearms for a credit with Ed's Public Safety in Stockbridge, Georgia, a licensed firearms dealer, to offset future purchases of weaponry or other gear for the City Police Department.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia as follows:

**Section 1:** The firearms listed on the attached Exhibit "A" are abandoned, not needed for municipal purposes, and hereby considered surplus; and

**Section 2:** The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to exchange the surplus firearms for a credit with Ed's Public Safety in Stockbridge, Georgia to offset future purchases of weaponry for the City.

**RESOLVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

Mayor: \_

Tom Reed

Attest:

Dana Wicher, City Clerk (Seal)

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### **Surplus Firearms List**

Glock 22—Serial number VBW559—40 Cal. Sarslimaz—Serial number T110216G00782—9mm Bersa Thunder—Serial number D98113—380 Cal. Glock 42—Serial number AASA584—380 Cal, Smith & Wesson M&P—Serial number HUN8521—9mm Glock 21—Serial number SMU060—45 Cal. Glock 23—Serial number PX216U5—40 Cal. Witness p.s.—Serial number EA26506—9mm Marlin—Serial number 26370491—22 Cal. Anderson—Serial number 21029160—556 Cal. Armi-Galesi-Brescia—Serial number 340774—6.35 Cal Glock 19—Serial number BPLF490—9mm ROHM—Serial number 1182531—22 Cal.

## Chattahoochee Hills Requisition Cover Sheet

#### I. SECTION I

Description of Req	uest: <u>purchase of si</u>	i <u>x (6) Scott brar</u>	nd X3 Pro SCBA	(self-cor	tained breathing apparatus.
Department:	FIRE			Date:	08 - 26 - 2021
Fund (check one):	General	<u> </u>	Capital		Grant
Budget Account:	CAPITAL (FIRE)				
:	Requisition Total:	<u>\$ 35,330.82</u>	Vendor	Munici	pal Emergency Services
	Quote #2:				
	Quote #3:				
Budgeted Item: <u>X</u>	<u>ves</u>	no			
II. SECTION II					
Please check the p	urchasing method u	sed:			
3 Verbal Quot	tes (\$2,500 - \$7,500)				
3 Written Que	otes (\$7,500 - \$15,00	00)			
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Piggy Ba	ck another Municipa	lity (copy of co	ntract attached)		
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State Cor	ntract #		,		
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APPROVED BY:		17	s //		
Department Direct	or:	TOr	IT I	Date: <u>0</u>	8-26-2021
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City Manager:	J. V. fe		Date:	0813	3012)



6505 Rico Road Chattahoochee Hills Georgia 30268

## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Mayor Tom Reed and Members of City Council Robert Rokovitz, City Manager
- FROM: Greg Brett, Chief Fire, EMS & Emergency Management
- DATE: Thursday, August 26, 2021
- SUBJECT: "Sole Source" purchase of budgeted capital item (SCOTT AIR PACKS X 6 ... \$35,330.82, MES Q# T1446710)

Municipal Emergency Services (MES) is 3M/Scott manufacturing's appointed Georgia sales distributor. All Scott purchases for Chattahoochee Hills Fire Rescue are required to occur through MES.

Purchase of Scott brand self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is necessary to allow all existing (Scott SCBA inventory of Chattahoochee Hills Fire Rescue) components to interchange. Scott product design is "proprietary" and not interchangeable with other equipment types.

MAYOR Tom Reed

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## Quote

Date
Quote #
Expires
Sales Rep
PO #
Shipping Method

02/16/2021 QT1446710 07/29/2022 Adams, Jeremy L

FedEx Ground

BIII TO CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILL CTY FD 6615 RICO ROAD

6615 RICO ROAD CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS GA 30268 United States

#### Ship To CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE HILL CTY FD 6505 RICO ROAD, SUITE A CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS GA 30268 United States

 Subtotal
 35,330.82

 Shipping Cost (FedEx Ground)
 0.00

 Total
 \$35,330.82

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current local tax information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.

