

DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

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Planning Commission Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: Thursday, March 30th, 2023

STAFF ANALYSIS

| Case No.: | SLUP 23-1246256 | Agenda #: 2023-0115 |
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| Address: | 4434, 4450, 4466 Memorial Drive and 187 Northern Avenue Decatur and Avondale Estates, GA | Commission District: 04 Super District: 06 |
| Parcel ID(s): | 15-252-01-002, 15-252-01-005, 15-2 | 52-01-007, 15-252-01-008 |
| Request: | Request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow for a convenience store with accessory fuel pumps within a RC (Regional Center) character area and within a C-2 (General Commercial) Zoning District. | |
| Property Owner(s): | RTS Hospitality LLC, Advanta Ira Administration LLC, Beagle Family Investments, LLLP, Chandra Murar Investments | |
| Applicant/Agent: | Quick Trip Corporation, c/o Battle Law, P.C. | |
| Acreage: | Approximately 2.145 acres | |
| Existing Land Use: | C-2 | |
| Surrounding Properties: | North: C-2 East: I-285 South: Memorial Drive West: C-1 (Local Commercial) | |
| Comprehensive Plan: | RC- Regional Center | Consistent Inconsistent X |

Staff Recommendation: Denial.

The application is for a SLUP to allow accessory fuel pumps (related to a convenience store) as required by Section 27-4.1 and the property's location within a Regional Center activity center. The submitted site plan, dated 08/01/22, shows a 5,312 square foot convenience store with four fuel islands, four fuel pumps each, and fifty (50) parking spaces. No required variances were identified during a cursory review of the conceptual site plan. No transitional buffers are required for this use due to the surrounding land uses and zoning districts.

The subject parcels are located at the western intersection of Memorial Drive and Interstate 285. Three (3) properties are vacant and one (1), 187 Northern Avenue, is developed with a one-story liquor store, Avondale Package Store. The surrounding area is commercially developed; the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner and Voter Registration Offices are to the west, DeKalb County Sherriff's Office, Jail and other county office are to the south across Memorial Drive. The property is partially bound to the east by I-285. The property directly

to the north of the subject parcels is an existing Citgo convenience store with accessory fuel pumps and to the east is a bail bondsman, 24 Fast Bail Bonds of DeKalb. Thanks to feedback from the community, Staff has learned that the southwestern corner of the site houses the Tom Scott Memorial Garden, dedicated to a former DeKalb County Tax Commissioner and State Senator. Although the applicant stated this memorial would be relocated onsite, it is not clearly shown on the site plan submitted to staff.

The site plan shows the package store, bail bondsman, and existing convenience store with fuel pumps remaining after the construction of the new convenience store with fuel pumps. The parcel is zoned C-2 and is within a Regional Center activity center. The parcel is included in the *Kensington Station Livable Center Initiative* report and in the *Memorial Drive Revitalization Plan*.

The submitted site plan will need significant revision based on comments from DeKalb County Transportation. The submitted plan shows two access points from Northern Avenue:

Eliminate right in/right out access point on Northern Ave. Only one access point allowed on Northern Ave. No access allowed from Memorial Drive.

The requested SLUP is not consistent with the *Kensington Station Livable Center Initiative*, the *Memorial Drive Revitalization Plan* or the *Comprehensive Plan*.

The Kensington Station Livable Center Initiative report provides a compilation of future land use patterns and transportation improvements designed to create a more pedestrian friendly and transit-oriented environment in the study area (page 33). The plan shows the subject parcels at the edge of an area that would serve as a Regional Employment Center with high density office space and increased pedestrian and vehicular connections, the study states:

The "Employment Center" could include a high-density office development and associated conference center. Density should be concentrated towards Mountain Drive and Memorial Drive, thinning as development moves north. New multi-family development at the north of the site would assist in the transition from high-density office to the adjacent Avondale Crossing Apartments.

Additionally, the subject parcels are on the edge of the study area of the *Memorial Drive Revitalization Plan*. The plan recommends rezoning commercial properties such as this one to MU-4 or MU-5 (Mixed- Use High or Very High Density) to promote healthy, high density redevelopment.

Approval of this SLUP would allow redevelopment of one corner of the envisioned Employment Center as a gas station, while leaving intact the package store, bail bondsman, and existing convenience store with fuel pumps; types of development identified by the community in the *Memorial Drive Revitalization Plan* as undesired. This proposed development would undermine attempts to redevelop the area with a new internal street grid and high-density office space and residences as envisioned in the LCI Study.

The *Comprehensive Plan* identifies this location as part of the Kensington MARTA Station Regional and Employment Center; one of only three Regional Centers in DeKalb County. The plan states (page 35):

"The intent of the Regional Activity Center is to promote the concentration of intensity, development and regional serving activities in a centralized location that allows for a variety of uses, reduces dependency on automobile travel, and promotes walkability and increased transit usage. These areas include the highest intensity residential, commercial, office, and higher-education facilities allowed within DeKalb County and serve as regional destinations for employment, shopping, and services."

Approval of this SLUP would not increase the concentration or density of services, retail, offices, or residences and would only provide a service that is already offered on an adjacent parcel. Additionally, this applicant (Quick Trip Corporation) received a SLUP for accessory fuel pumps at a convenience store only ~3,000 feet away in February 2021, further reducing the need for this service. The large parking area (50 spaces) associated with the convenience store appears more suited for a suburban-style development and would not be appropriate at a location designated for the "highest intensity" commercial facilities allowed within DeKalb County.

Therefore, after review of criteria H and N of Section 27-7.4.6, staff recommends disapproval of this application.



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COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

| Case No.: SLUP-23-1246256 | |
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| Parcel I.D. #: | |
| Address: 4434, 4450 & 4466 MEMORIAL DRIVE | |
| DECATUR, GA 30032 | |
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| WATER: | |
| Size of existing water main: 16"Cl | (a X equate/inadequate) |
| Distance from property to nearest main: Adjacent | |
| Size of line required, if inadequate: | |
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| SEWER: | |
| Outfall Servicing Project: Indian Creek | |
| Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes (X) No () If no, dis | stance to nearest line: |
| Water Treatment Facility: Snapfinger | () adequate () inadequate |
| Sewage Capacity; 36 (MGPD) | Current Flow: 28 (MGPD) |
| COMMENTS: | |
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Signature: Yola Lewis

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Amendments will not be accepted after 5 working days after the filing date. Date Received: Application No.: APPLICANT NAME: QuikTrip Corporation c/o Battle Law, P.C. Daytime Phone #: __404-601-7616 ______ Fax #: ____404-745-0045 Mailing Address: 3562 Habersham at Northlake, Building J, Suite 100, Tucker, GA 30084 E-mail: ____mlb@battlelawpc.com and inb@battlelawpc.com OWNER NAME: Please see attached Exhibit A more than one owner, attach contact information for each owner) Daytime Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Mailing Address: E-mail: SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LOCATION: 4434, 4450 and 4466 Memorial Drive, Decatur 30032 and 187 Northern Ave, Avondale Estates 30002 , DeKalb County, GA, _____ District(s): ____15 ____ Land Lot(s): ___252 ____ Block(s): ___01 ___ Parcel(s): __002, 005, 007 & 008 Acreage or Square Feet: _____ Commission District(s): 4 & 6 ____ Existing Zoning: C-2 Proposed Special Land Use (SLUP): Fuel Pumps associated with a convenience store I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Development Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application. QuikTrip Corporation Agent: X Signature of Applicant: By: Owner: Printed Name: Fru Title: Ral Estare gro Jest Manager (Check One) Printed Name of Applicant: Notary Signature and Seal:

DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability



Lee May Interim Chief Executive Officer Andrew Baker Director



SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(SUBMIT 4 COMPLETE, COLLATED SETS OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS)

| 1. Mandatory Pre-Application Conference with Planning & Sustainability staff. Pre- be completed in pre-application meeting. Please call (404) 371-2155 to schedule p | |
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| 2. Hold a Community Meeting with surrounding neighborhood associations and resid advance of date, time, and location of meeting. Provide documentation (e.g., mesheets, letter(s) from homeowners associations). | |
| 3. Application Form. Form must be completely filled out and be the first page of page | cket. |
| 4. Notarized Authorization Form , if the applicant is not the owner of the subject proportion a. is signed and notarized by all owners of the subject property; b. contains the mailing address and phone number of any applicant or agent or represent the owner(s) of the subject property; and c. includes a warranty deed, if ownership is less than 2 consecutive years. | |
| 5. Written Legal Description of subject property, in metes and bounds. | |
| 6. Boundary Survey (showing existing buildings, structures, and improvements), pre within the past ten years by a professional engineer, or land surveyor registered in the and is consistent with the plat(s) on Official Tax Record. Applicant shall certify that Survey is complete and currently accurate. Site plans shall be drawn to scale show development or redevelopment projects, proposed buildings, structures, and improvement include the following: a. Complete boundaries of subject property including curb cuts, internal verifacilities, and sidewalks; b. Location of buildings, structures, setback lines, buffer lines, and parking; c. Location of any 100-year floodplains, streams, and stream buffer lines; d. Notation of the total acreage or square footage of the subject property; e. Landscaping, trees, open space, and undisturbed buffers; f. Notation of building square footages and heights, residential density calcand proposed lot coverage, required and proposed parking, and open space, and undisturbed buffers; g. Four copies of site plans: 1. Full-size site plans (at least 11" x 17"): 4 copies, folded. 2. Site plan reduced to 8 ½" x 11". 4 copies | the State of Georgia to the Boundary owing all proposed vements. Site plans inicular circulation culations, existing |
| _ 7. Building Elevations, renderings or details of materials proposed for compliance to | o Article 5. |
| 8. Letter of Application identifying the proposed zoning classification, the reason fo | |
| request, the existing and proposed use of the property, and detailed characteristics use (e.g., floor area, height of buildings, number of units, mix of unit types, hours conclude any statement of conditions agreed upon by the applicant. | |
| 9. Written documented, detailed analysis of the impact of the proposed zoning map a respect to each of the standards and factors specified in Article 7.4. | mendment with |
| _ 10. Campaign disclosure statement, if applicable, to be filed in compliance with State | a law. |
| 11. Application fee - \$400.00 . Payable to DeKalb County. | |
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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

If subject property is made up of parcels located on opposite sides of a public street, a separate application is required for each parcel.



December 6, 2022

RE: A Proposed Rezoning, Special Land Use Permit, and Variance at 3505 Cascade Road

Dear Property Owner:

We would like to invite you to join our Zoom Video Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm to discuss a proposed special land use permit for properties located at 4450, 4466, 4434 Memorial Drive, and 137 Northern Avenue. My client, QuikTrip Corporation, is seeking a special land use permit for these properties to allow for the development of a gas station and convenience store.

Below are the meeting instructions. There are multiple ways for you to join the meeting, including via your computer, tablet, or cell phone, with or without video. If you are unable to make it, but would like to learn more, please contact our office at (404) 601-7616 ext. 2 or email us at bdc@battlelawpc.com and we will send you a summary of the meeting.

When: December 21, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting at https://otago.zoom.us/join:

Meeting ID: 872 6346 5756

Password: 694004

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please contact our offices if you have any questions regarding the meeting.

Sincerely,

Michèle L. Battle



Zoom Step by Step Instructions

Go to https://otago.zoom.us/join and Enter the Meeting ID and Password that you have been provided with in the appropriate field and click "Join" (the meeting ID will be a 9 digit or 10 digit number)

If joining from a mobile Device

If you are joining from a mobile device (Android smartphone/tablet, Apple iPhone/iPad) then it will simply prompt you to download the Zoom Cloud Meeting app from the App/Play Store.

If joining from a computer

When entering a Zoom meeting for the first time from a computer you may need to download a small application file. This process is easy to complete on all commonly used browsers. Google Chrome should automatically download the file.

Just before Entering the meeting you will be prompted to enter a display name. This name is simply to identify you in the meeting.

Join Audio via Computer

You will then be prompted how you wish to join your audio. If you wish to join audio via the telephone, follow the instructions further down, otherwise simply select Join Computer by Audio

Join Audio via Telephone

Dial in as using the number provided, however after entering the Meeting ID, you will be prompted to enter your Participant ID/Password. Simply enter this number followed by # and the video audio will then be synchronized.

Raising Your Hand

As the non-speaker if you wish to ask a question or make a point during the meeting it's good protocol to use the "Raise Hand" facility.

If the tool bar is not showing at the bottom of the Zoom window, place your cursor over the Zoom window so it appears and select the "Participants" icon.

A window listing other participants will appear, there is also a "Raise Hand" icon, click the icon to make it known to the Host that you would like to raise your hand.

If you wish to lower your hand, click the "Lower Hand" icon that will have replaced the "Raise Hand" icon.

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To leave a meeting from Zoom on your desktop, select "End Meeting" then "Leave Meeting."

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Exhibit A

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2MDS INVESTMENTS LLC

2424 PIEDMONT RD NE 195 NORTHERN AVE BEAGLE FAMILY INVESTMENTS LLLP 1675 RIVERSIDE RD 129 S 129 11TH STREET

ATLANTA GA 30324 ROSWELL GA 30076 NASHVILLE TN 37206

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JAROGETI@KKGPC.COM pandrews@itsmarta.com AVONDALE ESTATES GA 30002 SANZENTINC@YAHOO.COM AND HAND DELIVER



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

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| Date: 12/_2/_/2022 | |
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SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

| Date: 12/ <u>/</u> 7/2022 | |
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SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

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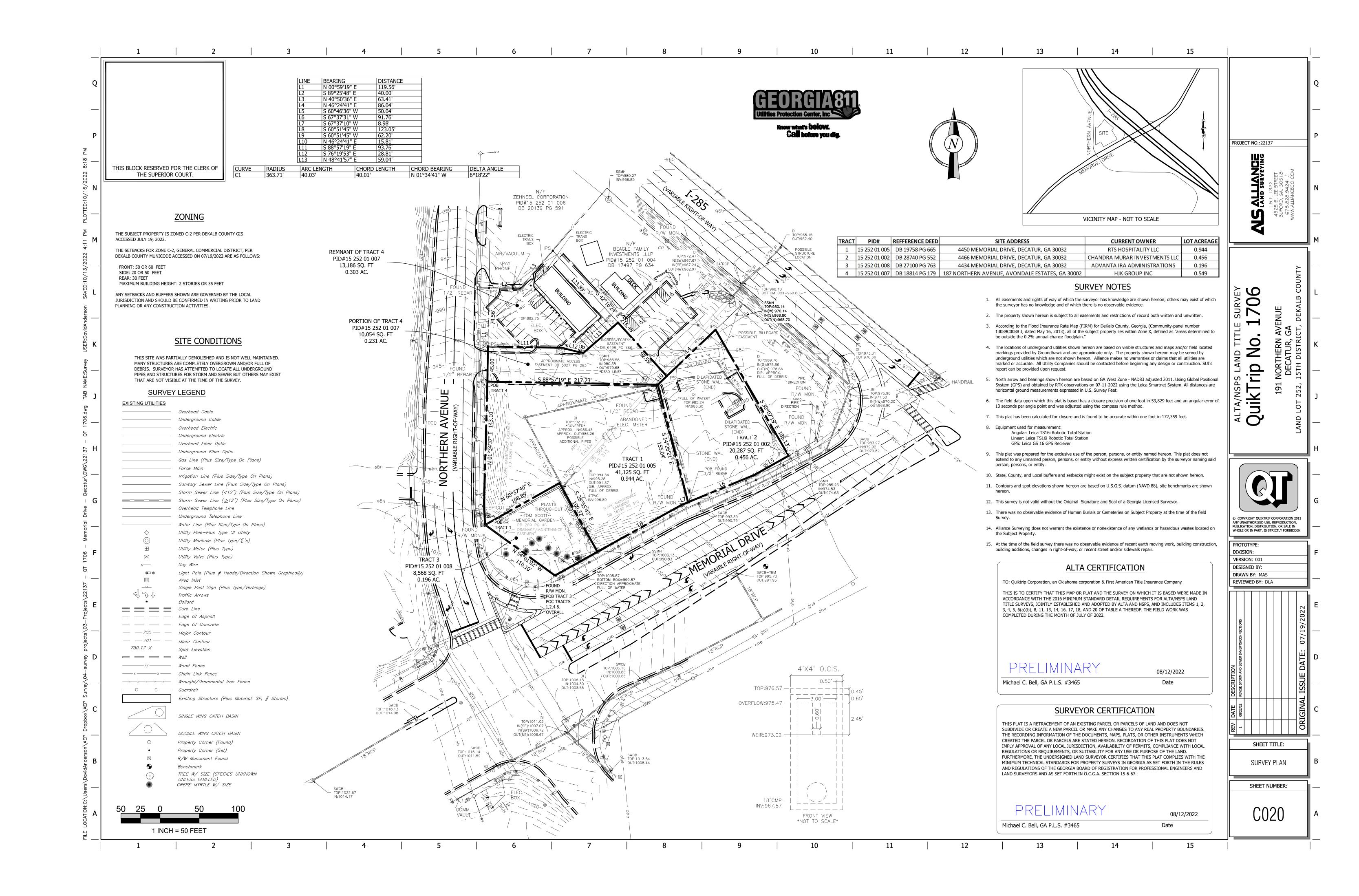
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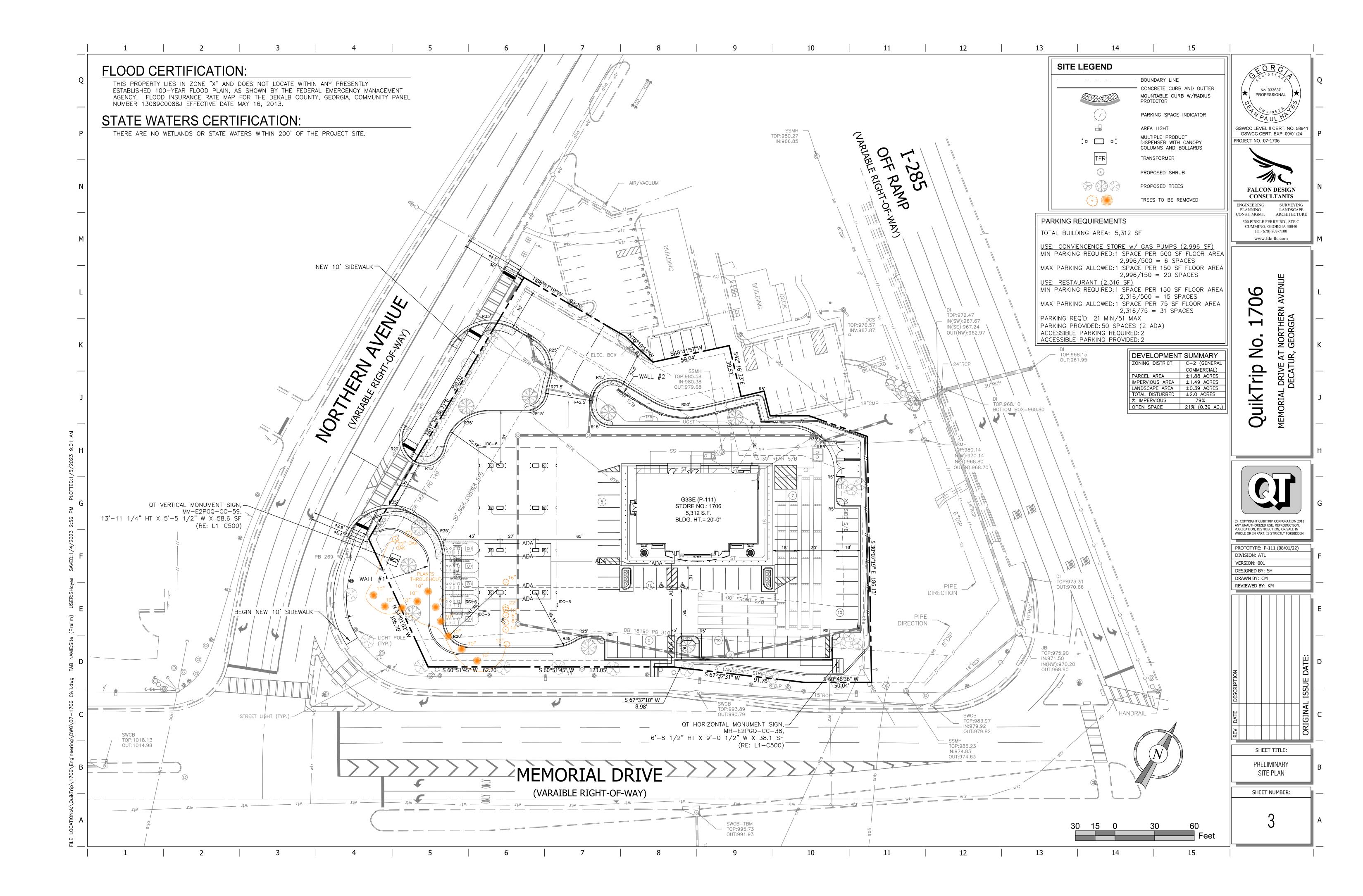
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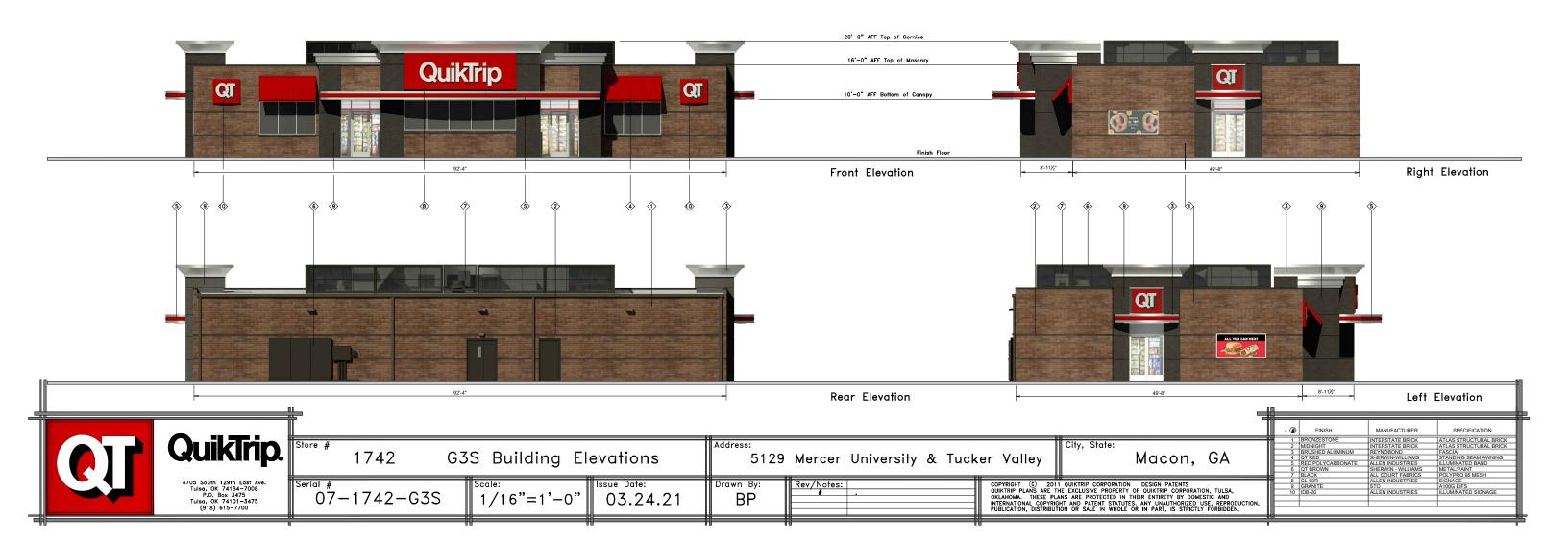
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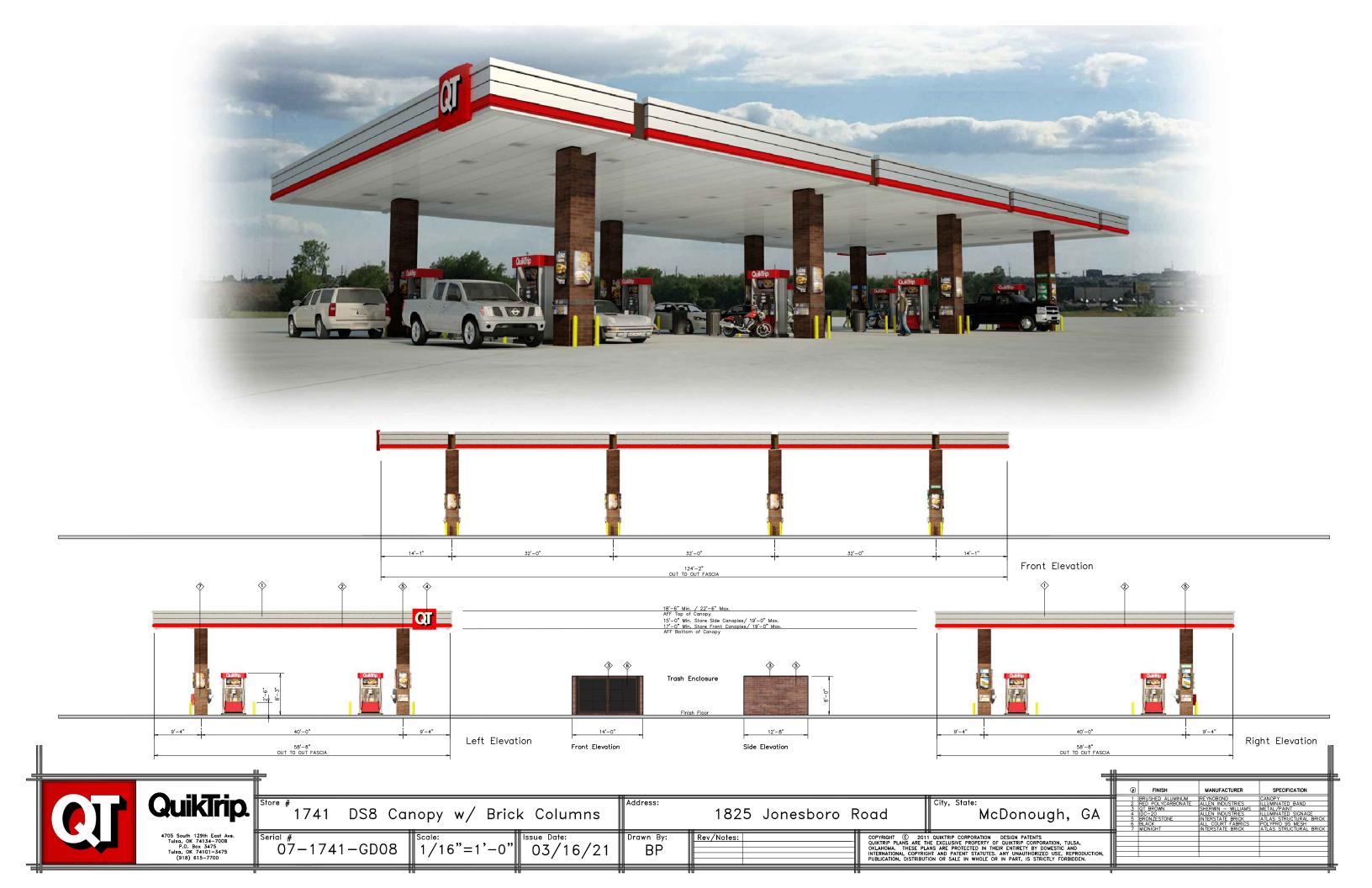
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STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Other Material Required by Dekalb County Zoning Ordinance

For Special Land Use Permit

Pursuant to

Dekalb County Zoning Ordinance

Of

QuikTrip Corporation c/o Battle Law, P.C.

for

2.145+/- **acres of Land**Tax Parcel Nos. 15 252 01 005, 15 252 01 002, 15 252 01 008, 15 252 01 007

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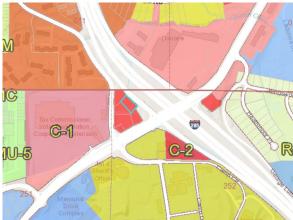


I. LETTER OF INTENT

The applicant, (QuikTrip Corporation) is requesting a Special Land Use Permit on 2.145 +/-acres of land to develop a new QT gasoline service station with a new convenience store. The Subject Property is located at 191 Northern Avenue, Decatur, Georgia, and consists of four (4) parcels of land further known as parcels: 15 252 01 005, 15 252 01 002, 15 252 01 008, 15 252 01 007. The Subject Property is currently zoned C-2 per Dekalb County's GIS and Official zoning map.

The Subject Property is an ideal location for the development of a QuikTrip, due to its proximity to the I-285 exit 10 ramp and road accessibility on Memorial Drive and Northern Avenue. The proposed development provides ample opportunity to redevelop the site and allow a Grade-A business to operate within 200 feet of a major interstate.





Map 1.A – Aerial Map

Map 1.B – DeKalb County Zoning Map

This document is submitted as a Statement of Intent regarding this Application, the preservation of the Applicant's constitutional rights, and an application of the criteria provided in the Steinberg Act to provide a rigorous analysis of the proposed rezoning and land use amendment. A surveyed plat and conceptual site plan of the Subject Property has been filed contemporaneously with the Application, along with other required materials.

II. DEKALB COUNTY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT CRITERIA

A. Adequacy of the size of the site for the use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located;

The size of the site for the use contemplated is adequate and land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking,



transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.

The C-2 zoning district requires parcels to be a minimum of 30,000 square feet with setbacks that vary according to which land use designation the parcel falls into. In this case, the Subject Property is 80,03.4 square feet, well in excess of the minimum. Additionally, all setback requirements under the C-2 district are met for both Memorial Drive (a major arterial road) and Northern Avenue. Because the Subject Property abuts only other C-2 parcels, no transitional buffer is required.

Article 6 section 6.1.3 lays out the parking regulations for all uses in the County. For "Convenience Store with gas pumps," section 6.1.3 requires a minimum of "one (1) space per five hundred (500) square feet of floor area." This proposed convenience store will be 5,312 square feet. So, eleven (11) (rounding up) spaces are required. The Applicant has provided more than forty (40) spaces as well as three (3) ADA compliant spaces.

Therefore, The size of the site for the use contemplated is adequate and land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.

B. Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district, and whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use;

The proposed use is compatible with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district. The proposed use will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.

The Subject Property is at the corner of Memorial Drive and Northern Avenue, but also abuts an off-ramp of I-285. Only two properties immediately abut the Subject Property, and both are to the north. One property is used as a liquor store and the other is used for bonds. There are various institutional uses across Memorial Drive and Northern Avenue including the DeKalb County Jail, the DeKalb County Recorder's Court, and the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office. None of the nearby uses are incompatible with the proposed QT convenience store and fuel pumps.

Furthermore, a QT convenience store and fuel pump station is compatible with other uses in the C-2 district as convenience stores and fuel pump are permitted. In this case, the Applicant must seek a Special Land Use Permit because the Subject Property is in the Regional Center land use



designation. However, this does not change the fact that the proposed use remains compatible with other uses in the district.

The proposed convenience store and fuel pump will not have any adverse impacts upon any adjoining land uses by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration. While the proposed QT convenience store and fuel pumps will attract traffic from I-285, the traffic will not create congestion. The patrons of the QT will have plenty of on-site parking as well as space to avoid blocking access to the other buildings. Additionally, the site plan included with this application shows two access points. The one closest to I-285 is a right-in, right-out only and provides access to the Subject Property without ever coming close to disrupting the other abutting businesses. The second access point will be a shared driveway that patrons of the QT can use to exit and turn left out of the establishment. This set up creates a traffic flow that will not impede any other the other businesses.

Therefore, the proposed use is compatible with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district. The proposed use will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.

C. Adequacy of public services, public (or private) facilities, and utilities to serve the proposed use;

There are adequate public services, public (or private) facilities, and utilities to serve the proposed use.

D. Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether or not there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area;

The public street on which the use is proposed to be located is adequate and there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area.

The Subject Property fronts on Memorial Drive, Northern Avenue, and an I-285 off-ramp. Memorial Drive is a Major Arterial Road, Northern Avenue is a Collector, and I-285 is a Freeway. The majority of the traffic visiting the Subject Property will come from either Memorial Drive or I-285. Drivers traveling west will be able to take advantage of the deceleration lane on Memorial Drive (shown on the attached site plan) and turn onto Northern Avenue. This same traffic flow applies to drivers coming from Memorial Drive. Then, those drivers traveling west will be able to use the right-in access point to access the Subject Property. Those same drivers will be able to exit via Northern Avenue and then take a right back onto



Memorial Drive. Drivers getting back onto I-285 can take a left onto Memorial Drive thanks to the traffic light at the intersection of Northern Avenue and Memorial Drive.

Therefore, the public street on which the use is proposed to be located is adequate and there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area.

E. Adequacy of ingress and egress to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in the event of fire or other emergency;

There is adequate ingress and egress to the Subject Property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon.

The site plan attached proposes two ingress-egress points. The first is a right-in, right-out only off of Northern Avenue before the existing full-service access point a bit further north. The second is the very same existing full-service access point that currently services the liquor store and bonds building. The access point closest to I-285 is the right-in, right-out only and provides access to the Subject Property without ever coming close to disrupting the other abutting businesses. The second access point will be a shared driveway that patrons of the QT can use to exit and turn left out of the establishment. This set up creates a traffic flow that will not impede any other the other businesses.

Therefore, there is adequate ingress and egress to the Subject Property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon.

F. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use;

The proposed use will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use.

The abutting liquor store closes at 11:00pm according to its website and the bonds building is open twenty-four (24) hours a day according to its website. The proposed convenience store and fuel pumps will not be any more disruptive by reason of hours of operation than either the liquor store or the bonds office. Even if it is open for twenty (24) hours a day.

Therefore, the proposed use will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use.



G. Whether the proposed use is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located.

The proposed use is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning classification in which the use is proposed to be located.

H. Whether the proposed use is consistent with, advances, conflicts, or detracts from the policies of the comprehensive plan.

The proposed use is consistent with the policies of the comprehensive plan.

I. Whether there is adequate provision of refuse and service areas.

There is adequate provision of refuse and service areas.

J. Whether the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should be limited in duration.

The length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should not be limited in duration. Limiting the duration for which the special land use permit is granted would not create any benefit. The proposed convenience store and fuel pumps would be located in an ideal location, right off of the I-285 Freeway for drivers to use to easily access fuel. Limiting the duration of the special land use permit would unduly burden QuikTrip and risk the benefits the DeKalb County residents would gain by having a new QT convenience store and fuel pump on the Subject Property.

Therefore, the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should not be limited in duration.

K. Whether the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings; and whether the proposed use will create any shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building as a result of the proposed building height;

The size, scale, and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the Subject Property and in relation to the size, scale, and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings. The proposed use will not create any shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building as a result of the proposed building height. The C-2 zoning district limits the height of buildings two (2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet. The attached site plan shows that the new Convenience store will be only twenty (20) feet in height. The bonds office is two-stories, though the



Applicant does not have the exact height of the building. The liquor store is one store with a façade that extends above the ceiling. These buildings will be right in line with the proposed twenty (20) foot building.

Therefore, the size, scale, and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the Subject Property and in relation to the size, scale, and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings.

L. Whether the proposed use will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources;

The proposed use will not adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources. The Subject Property is vacant, not located in a historic district, not located on a historic site, and does not have any archaeological resources that the Applicant is aware of.

M. Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit;

The proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations. Section 4.2.28 applies to convenience stores and fuel pumps. That section lays out a number of regulations that apply to the building and fuel pump design, lighting, and distances from property lines. The attached site plan satisfies all of the requirements under 4.2.28 including the regulations that apply to all fuel pumps and those applying to fuel pumps associated with convenience stores.

N. Whether the proposed use would be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole, as expressed and evidenced during the review process;

The proposed use will be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant hereby requests that the application submitted to the DeKalb County Planning and Zoning Department at issue be approved. The Applicant also invites and welcomes any comments from Staff or other officials of DeKalb County so that such recommendations or input might be incorporated as conditions of approval of this Application.



IV. NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ALLEGATIONS AND PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The portions of the DeKalb County Ordinance Zoning Ordinance, facially and as applied to the Subject Property, which restrict or classify or may restrict or classify the Subject Property so as to prohibit its development as proposed by the Applicant are or would be unconstitutional in that they would destroy the Applicant's property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and would be in violation of the Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

The application of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to the Subject Property which restricts its use to any classification other than that proposed by the Applicant is unconstitutional, illegal, null, and void, constituting a taking of Applicant's Property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States denying the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the Applicant in violation of the due process and equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

A refusal by the DeKalb County to amend the land use and rezone the Subject Property to the classification as requested by the Applicant would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any Special Land Use Permit of the Subject Property subject to conditions which are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting Applicant's utilization of the property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Subject Property to an unconstitutional classification and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

A refusal to allow the proposed rezoning and future land use amendment in question would be unjustified from a fact-based standpoint and instead would result only from constituent opposition,



which would be an unlawful delegation of authority in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution.

A refusal to allow the land use amendment and rezoning in question would be invalid inasmuch as it would be denied pursuant to an ordinance is not in compliance with the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A Section 36-66/1 et seq., due to the manner in which the Ordinance as a whole and its map(s) have been adopted.

The existing land use designation and/or zoning classification on the Subject Property is unconstitutional as it applies to the Subject Property. This notice is being given to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-11-1 to afford the County an opportunity to revise the Property to a constitutional classification. If action is not taken by the County to rectify this unconstitutional land use designation and/or zoning classification within a reasonable time, the Applicant is hereby placing the County on notice that it may elect to file a claim in the Superior Court of DeKalb County demanding just and adequate compensation under Georgia law for the taking of the Subject Property, diminution of value of the Subject Property, attorney's fees and other damages arising out of the unlawful deprivation of the Applicant's property rights.

Amended and Restated on the 4th Day of January 2023.

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