



CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH

**CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**

Council Meeting Room

Regular Session

7:00 PM

**7224 GA HIGHWAY 21
PORT WENTWORTH, GA 31407**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL - CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- 3. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS & ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**
 - A. National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation**
 - B. National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation**
 - C. National Service Dog Month Proclamation**
 - D. Years of Service Recognition**
 - E. Fire Department- ISO 2 Rating Announcement**
 - F. City Manager Update**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGISTERED SPEAKERS**
- 8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes- August 20, 2026**
- 9. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of administrative edits to the 2026-2031 Comprehensive Plan Revision.
 - B. Agreement for Fire Service Automatic Aid
 - C. Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) MOU
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. The City of Port Wentworth proposes to to amend the City of Port Wentworth Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinances.
 - **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - B. Consideration for the approval of a Special Use Permit application, for a drive-through bank, has been submitted by Gaskins and LeCraw as Agent for WMG Development, for "Fifth Third Bank".

PIN # 70906 04044, located in the 4th Council District on Highway 21 and Market Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

- **PUBLIC HEARING**

- C. A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by Gaskins and LeCraw as Agent for WMG Development, for "Fifth Third Bank". PIN # 70906 04044, located in the 4th Council District on Highway 21 and Market Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).
- D. A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by The Sunshine House, for "Foundations Early Learning Center". PIN # 70906 04060, located in the 4th Council District on 205 Mulberry Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Litigation

B. Personnel

C. Real Estate

13. ADJOURNMENT



City Council
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Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Development Services
Category: Resolution
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SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

Approval of administrative edits to the 2026-2031 Comprehensive Plan Revision.

Issue/Item: Approval of administrative edits to the 2026-2031 Comprehensive Plan Revision.

Background:

- In late 2024, the City of Port Wentworth began work on a required 5-year Comprehensive Plan Revision. Stakeholder meetings, public input sessions, and public hearings were held to create a revision that reflects the goals and vision of the City.
- At the April 17, 2025 City Council meeting, Council voted to approved the Comprehensive Plan Revision and submit to the Coastal Regional Commission for transmission to the Department of Community Affairs.

Facts and Finding:

- The Comprehensive Plan Revision must be accepted by DCA by October 31, 2026.
- Sufficient time has passed that the CRC has requested for the City to update the dates on the work program component
- Approval to any change to the revision is necessary, as is a current transmittal letter, signed by the current Mayor

Funding:

Recommendation:

MAY 2025

PORT WENTWORTH 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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Thank you to the community for your active engagement, thoughtful feedback, and invaluable contribution to Port Wentworth's comprehensive plan.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Port Wentworth 2045 Comprehensive Plan presents a clear roadmap to guide the city's development over the next two decades. With unprecedented growth, the plan addresses pressing issues such as infrastructure strain, housing affordability, traffic congestion, and sustainability. Developed with the community, the plan identifies five central priorities: land use, housing, transportation, economic development, and quality of life.

Land use strategies in the plan promote mixed-use developments that reduce car dependency, create walkable neighborhoods, and support vibrant community hubs. The plan identifies Anchor Park as a key civic and recreational center around which future development will be focused. Another key recommendation of the plan discourages industrial encroachment into residential areas and promotes strategic infill and redevelopment. The plan supports diverse housing types, including workforce housing and multifamily options, to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population. These housing efforts are coupled with infrastructure planning to ensure new development aligns with available resources and avoids overextension of services. The transportation element emphasizes improving traffic flow and safety, expanding sidewalks and trails, and supporting transit access. Regional connectivity is also a major goal, especially given the city's location as a key logistics and industrial hub near the Port of Savannah. Environmental concerns are woven throughout the plan, with a focus on conserving natural resources, and building resilience to flooding. New park space and trail systems are prioritized, particularly in areas of high growth that currently lack public amenities.

Implementation of the plan is guided by a Community Work Program that outlines specific actions, timelines, and responsible parties. Ongoing collaboration among city departments, stakeholders, and regional agencies will be crucial to realizing the plan's vision. With thoughtful execution, the Port Wentworth 2045 Comprehensive Plan will support equitable, sustainable, and community-driven growth—ensuring the city remains a great place to live, work, and play well into the future. The Comprehensive Plan provides a forward-looking framework to guide the city's growth, improve quality of life, and preserve its unique identity.



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INTRODUCTION





OVERVIEW

Port Wentworth is a city on the edge of Chatham County. Located on the border of Georgia and South Carolina, Port Wentworth has an important position on the edge of a large metropolitan region. Known for its community, strategic location, and rich heritage, Port Wentworth offers a unique blend of small-town charm and economic opportunity.

This Port Wentworth 2045 Comprehensive Plan update builds upon the foundation established by the previous comprehensive plan which was completed in 2021. The plan is designed to be regularly reviewed and updated, ensuring it remains relevant and responsive to changing conditions, emerging opportunities, and community priorities.

With the rapid growth occurring both in Port Wentworth and across the Savannah region, this plan plays a critical role in helping the City proactively manage development, rather than simply reacting to it. It provides a clear framework to identify the community's highest priorities, ensuring that resident input is not only heard but directly shapes policy decisions, resource allocation, and future investments.

By identifying key action items, the plan helps the City stay focused on what matters most to the community—balancing economic development, quality of life, infrastructure needs, and environmental stewardship—while preparing for the growth residents want to see and ensuring it happens in a way that enhances the character and identity of Port Wentworth.



PLAN PURPOSE

The Georgia Planning Act requires that cities and counties maintain comprehensive plans, which are long term planning tools that help cities plan for all aspects of city management from parks and economic development, to housing and transportation. Comprehensive plans provide a guide for up to twenty years and are required to be updated every five years in the state of Georgia.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) defines minimum requirements that cities and towns must meet Qualified Local Government Status (QLG Status). In Georgia, local governments must update their QLG status through the (DCA) every 5 years. QLG status determines whether a City can participate in a wide variety of State programs. Non-compliance could impact the City's ability to participate in and take advantage of these grants, programs, and other funding. In addition to meeting state requirements, the comprehensive planning process offers a valuable opportunity for the community to reflect on its current conditions, define its goals, and chart a path for future growth that aligns with its desired vision.

This comprehensive plan update is formed from the community and city initiatives and builds from the previous plan that was completed in 2021. The Port Wentworth 2045 Comprehensive Plan is being updated now due to the enormous growth and changes occurring within the city. This update encompasses new city initiatives, the future growth strategy, and the new and evolving community desires.

The Plan begins with an overview of Port Wentworth today, providing insight into the city's current conditions, residents, businesses, key features, and assets. It also reflects the community's aspirations, that were defined through an extensive public and stakeholder engagement process.

This document contains a set of tools that follow the community vision to help create the city that Port Wentworth wants to be. The plan ends with a set of guiding policies and a work program that offer clear actions the city can take to turn these visions into reality.

More than just a document, this plan is designed to be a living resource for city staff and elected officials. It offers clear guidance that leaders can turn to when making decisions, helping ensure those choices align with the community's values and long-term goals — steering Port Wentworth toward a strong, vibrant future.

PURPOSE

VISUALIZE FUTURE



UNDERSTAND NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES



ESTABLISH GUIDANCE FOR DECISIONS



MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION



PLAN PROCESS

The development of this comprehensive plan followed a structured process, combining data analysis, research into Port Wentworth's current conditions, and multi-phase community engagement. The diagram below provides a step-by-step summary of this approach and outlines the key phases of the planning process.



RESEARCH

Analysis of demographic data and evaluation of previous and existing plans helped the planning team develop a comprehensive understanding of the community's conditions.



VISION

This phase of the process identified areas of common interest alongside the community's most pressing needs and key opportunities. These insights formed the foundation for the plan's overarching vision, which sets clear goals and objectives to guide future decision-making



DEVELOP

With the community's needs clearly defined, the planning team began developing the plan and crafted policies that directly support the overarching goals. These policies are designed to steer decision-making and ensure investments align with the shared vision established through the planning process.



DOCUMENT

The planning team compiled a thorough record of the process, supported by narrative text, visual maps, and graphics. These materials also provide implementation tools designed to guide the City in translating the plan into action.



ADOPT

The final step in the process involves coordinating with review agencies and working with the City to formally adopt the Port Wentworth Comprehensive Plan. This included ensuring the plan is both policy-compliant and aligned with local priorities.

CONTEXT

Port Wentworth is located in Chatham County, in southeast Georgia, approximately 11 miles Northwest of downtown Savannah. It was founded in 1733 but wasn't incorporated until 1957. The full history of Port Wentworth is shown in figure 1. The city boundary covers roughly 17.4 square miles (approximately 11,136 acres) and sits along the Savannah River, which forms part of the city's Eastern boundary.

Port Wentworth benefits from direct access to Interstate 95, a major north-south corridor that runs along the city's western boundary, connecting the area to both Savannah and destinations up and down the east coast. US 21, a major local and regional arterial, serves as the city's primary north-south route, linking Port Wentworth to downtown Savannah to the southeast and Effingham County to the north.

Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is located 5 miles southwest of the city, providing both passenger and cargo service. Most importantly, Port Wentworth is located approximately 8 miles northwest of the Port of Savannah, the fourth-busiest container port in the United States and a key driver of industrial development, global trade activity, and job creation across the region.

Port Wentworth is part of the Savannah metropolitan area and plays an important role in the region's residential development, industrial growth, and transportation network. Its location near Savannah, the airport, and the port connects it directly to local, regional, and international economic activity.

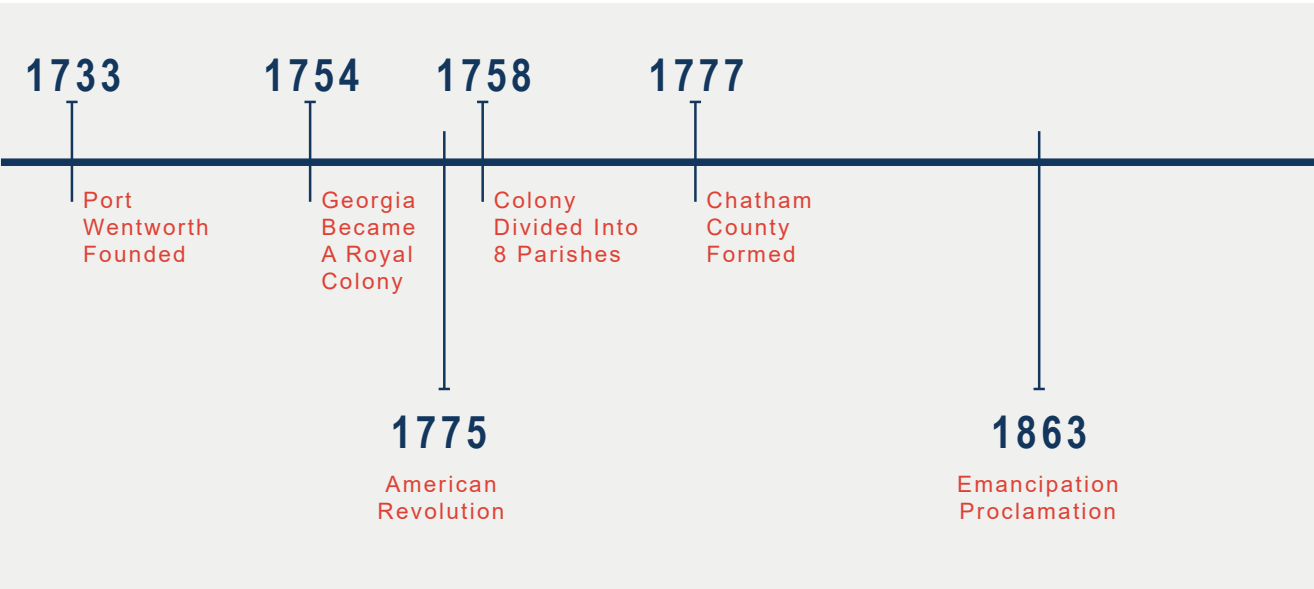


FIGURE 1. HISTORICAL TIMELINE

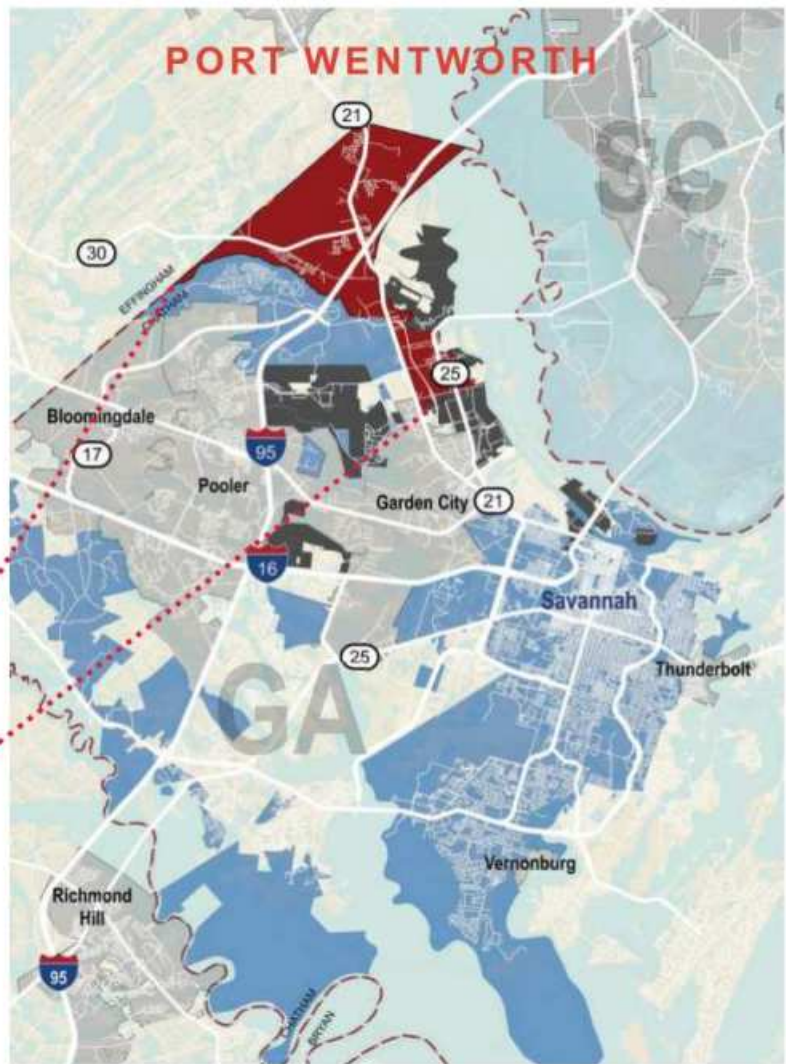
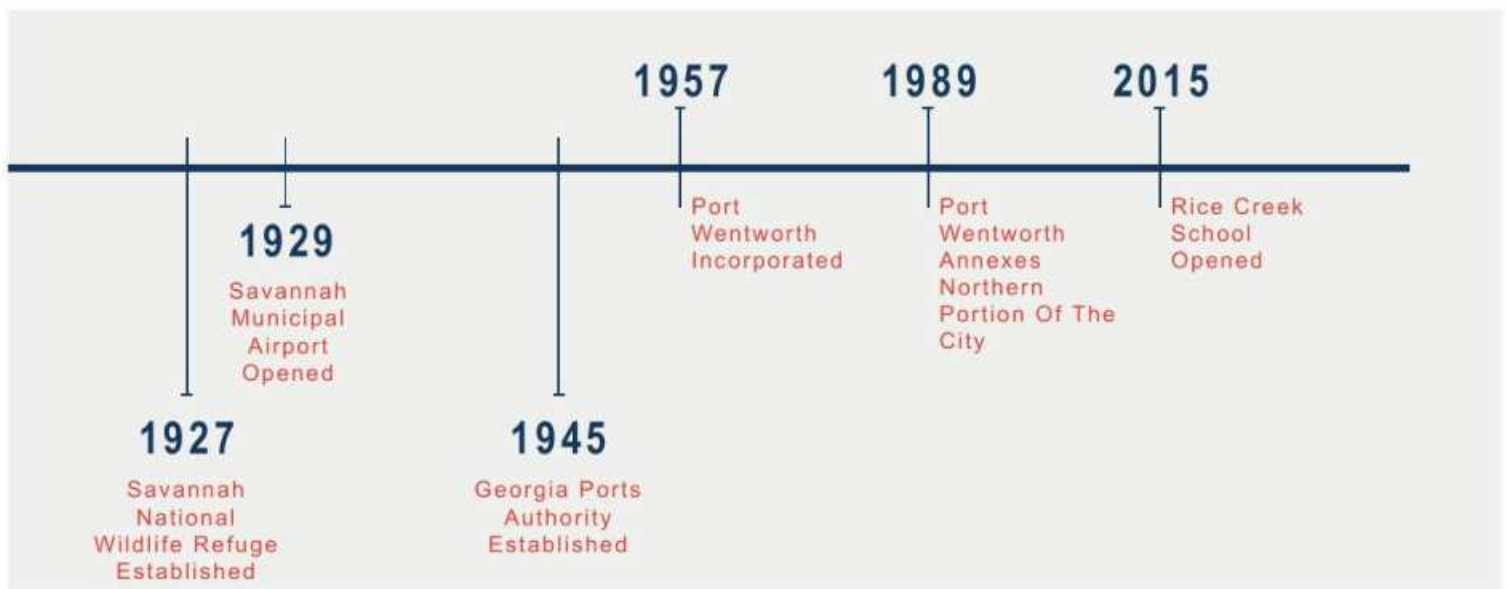


FIGURE 2. CONTEXT MAP





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PORT WENTWORTH TODAY





CURRENT CONDITIONS AND TRENDS

Understanding the future of Port Wentworth depends on understanding the city as it is today. This chapter outlines the existing conditions within Port Wentworth, such as resident demographics, quality of life within the community, land use, economics, and housing trends. Knowledge of these characteristics provides a foundation for future planning and success for the community.



EXISTING PLAN REVIEW

Port Wentworth has been actively planning for a better future. Many of these plans are recent and are incorporated into the comprehensive plan update. Port Wentworth is also a part of the Savannah metro region. Surrounding cities greatly affect Port Wentworth, as does the plans of the County. Past and recent studies are identified to ensure the Port Wentworth 2045 Comprehensive Plan needs and understands existing plans.



**2021 - 2041 PORT
WENTWORTH
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**



**CHATHAM COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN 2040**



**2024 HIGHWAY 21
STREETSCAPE
PLAN**



**2024 DOWNTOWN
STRATEGY REPORT**



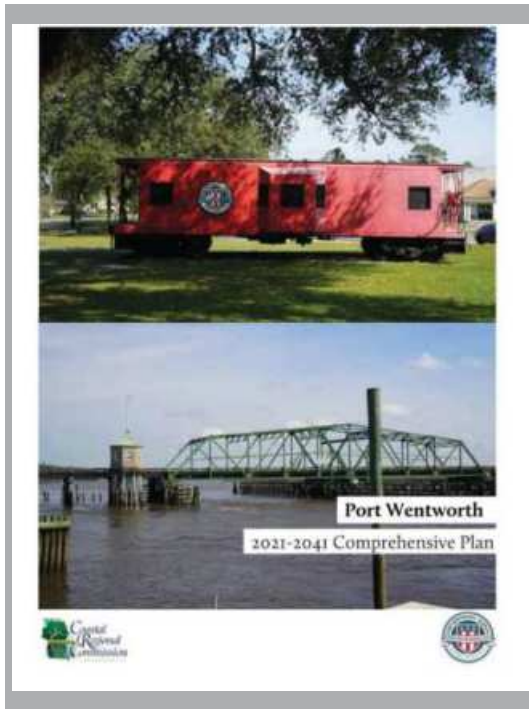
**2024 HOUSING AND
RETAIL STUDY**



**2022 STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**



**2025 CONCEPTUAL
TRAILS PLAN**



2021 - 2041 PORT WENTWORTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

GOALS

Research and utilize all policy tools at its disposal to ensure development keeps with Port Wentworth's character and aligns with the needs of its residents.

- Make new developments pay for themselves to not burden current residents and incorporate greenspace
- Encourage development that will emphasize the existing character of the city and increase the sense of place

Foster the development of a diverse commercial sector.

- Revitalize and reinvest in south PW to attract businesses
- Promote economic development in north Port Wentworth
- Retain and expand current businesses and create new ones that will support the community's job skills

Provide recreational opportunities for its citizens.

- Invest in parks and open spaces and redesign infrastructure to promote safety and accessibility to them

Address traffic congestion.

- Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and new developments to make the necessary changes to improve traffic flow
- Encourage and implement alternative modes of transportation

Provide a reasonable density of housing.

- Encourage development of housing opportunities for residents to have better locations and encourage home ownership
- Remove dilapidated buildings and replace with residential

Provide high quality public services to its residents.

- Match new developments with levels of service needs and capital improvements
- Discourage sprawl

SUMMARY

The Comprehensive Plan 2021-2041 is made up of goals, policies, and strategies to address challenges and opportunities for the City of Port Wentworth. The plan includes a 5-year work program outlining the proposed methods for managing growth, combating blight, improving services and facilities, and preserving access to city resources. The plan provides direction for ensuring the viability of for the future and the preservation of existing character.

Using the SWOT analysis tool they extensively identified needs and opportunities broken down into the following categories: population, economic development, port expansion, historic and cultural tourism, housing, land use, facilities and services, transportation, natural and cultural resources, and conservation.

The vision statement is *"Port Wentworth will adopt a proactive approach to development policy to ensure that citizens fully benefit from new developments, and to preserve its character as a liveable family-oriented city."*



CHATHAM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - PLAN 2040

TRANSPORTATION:

- Enhance neighborhood connectivity for all modes of travel including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists
- Improve accessibility to employment centers, institutions, commercial corridors, and recreational facilities equitably through multi-modal connections, bikeways, trails and greenways
- Maintain and enhance transportation infrastructure that supports local, regional and global economic vitality and competitiveness, productivity and efficiency

HOUSING:

- Improve neighborhood stability and affordability
- Increase supportive housing for special needs populations
- Increase affordable housing options, and decrease homelessness

NATURAL RESOURCE:

- Mitigate flood hazards
- Spread awareness of water, flooding, and hazards
- Protect against climate change impacts and damages
- Protect potable water sources
- Conserve existing tree canopy and scenic views
- Utilize brownfield sites for productive use

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Survey culturally, historically, and architecturally significant sites, buildings, and structures and promote their preservation and public awareness
- Incorporate affordable housing strategies into preservation plans

SUMMARY

The comprehensive plan outlines the vision for the future of unincorporated Chatham-Savannah and serves as a guide for policy changes aimed at improving the County. Its recommendations directly affect Port Wentworth, as they encompass surrounding areas. The plan was reviewed to assess its overall impact on Port Wentworth.

GOALS

LAND USE:

- Encouraging compact/mixed-use development, walkable neighborhoods, increased connectivity and open space preservation
- Utilize small area and corridor plans to protect the character of existing areas and ensure new development is compatible.
- Connect people with places.
- Enhance the character and image of major corridors to create safe, attractive, and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.

- Identify and address potential community health threats to preservation efforts
- Incorporate historic and cultural resources into disaster plans
- Broaden historic preservation efforts to include under-represented communities
- Enhance heritage tourism programs

EDUCATION

- Incorporate soft skills into curriculum
- Create intern and mentorship programs in the public schools in partnership with local businesses
- Anticipate the needs for a growing population and accommodate them to increase education quality
- Promote parental involvement in schools and increase communication between parents, teachers, and school leadership
- Increase literacy

COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Educate the public about mental health in order to reduce stigma and increase awareness of resources
- Invest in community-based resources to increase health equity
- Provide community health services such as recreational opportunities and fitness programs
- Increase access to healthy food for populations who are food-insecure

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Build trust between law enforcement and residents
- Focus enforcement in high crime areas and expand visibility and accessibility of police to residents
- Improve social services and expand behavioral and public health resources

BROADBAND AND FIBER OPTICS

- Ensure all of Chatham County has access to broadband services

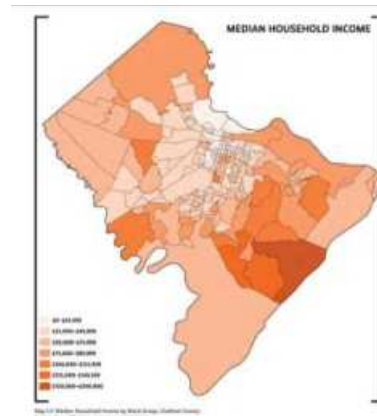
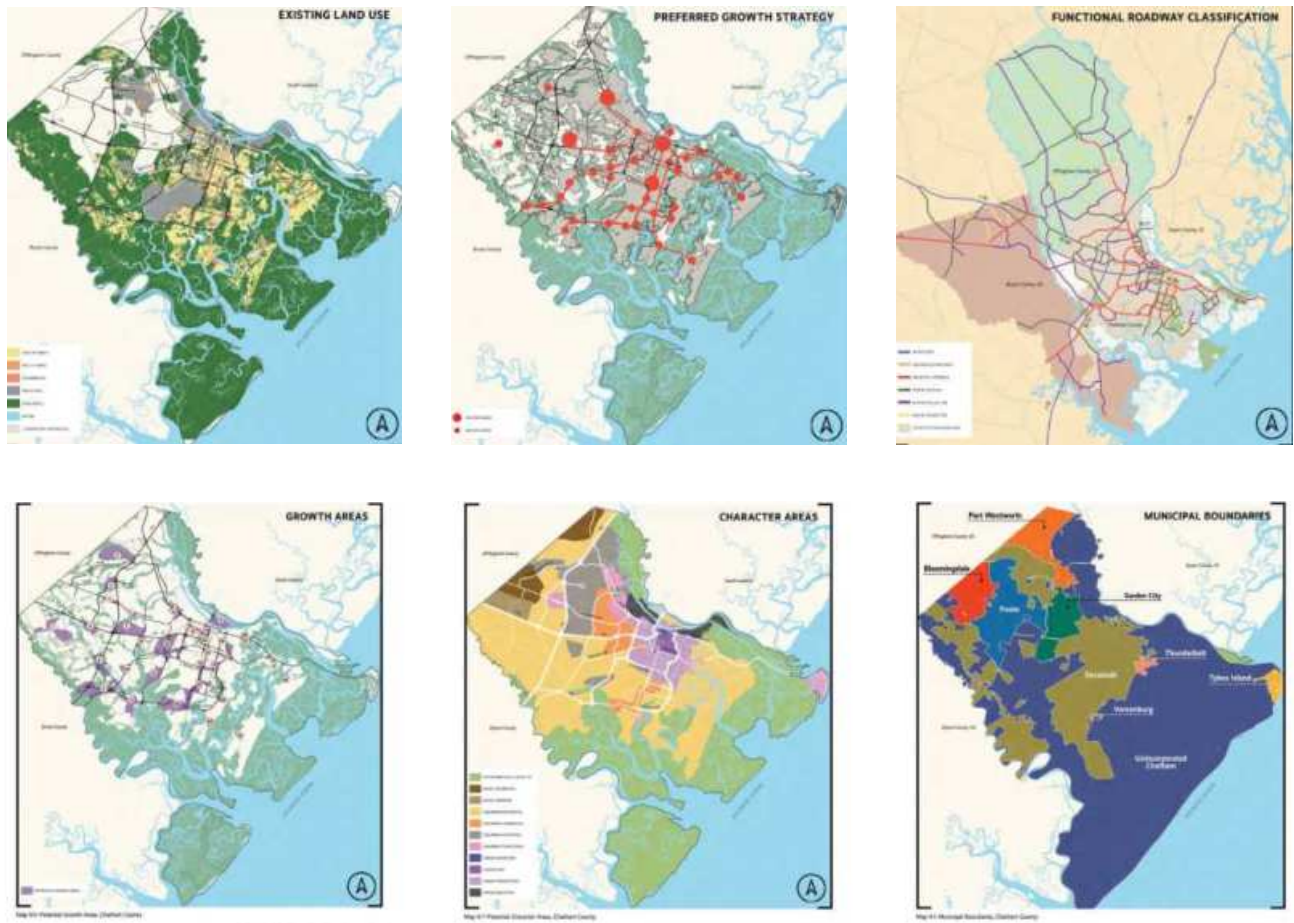
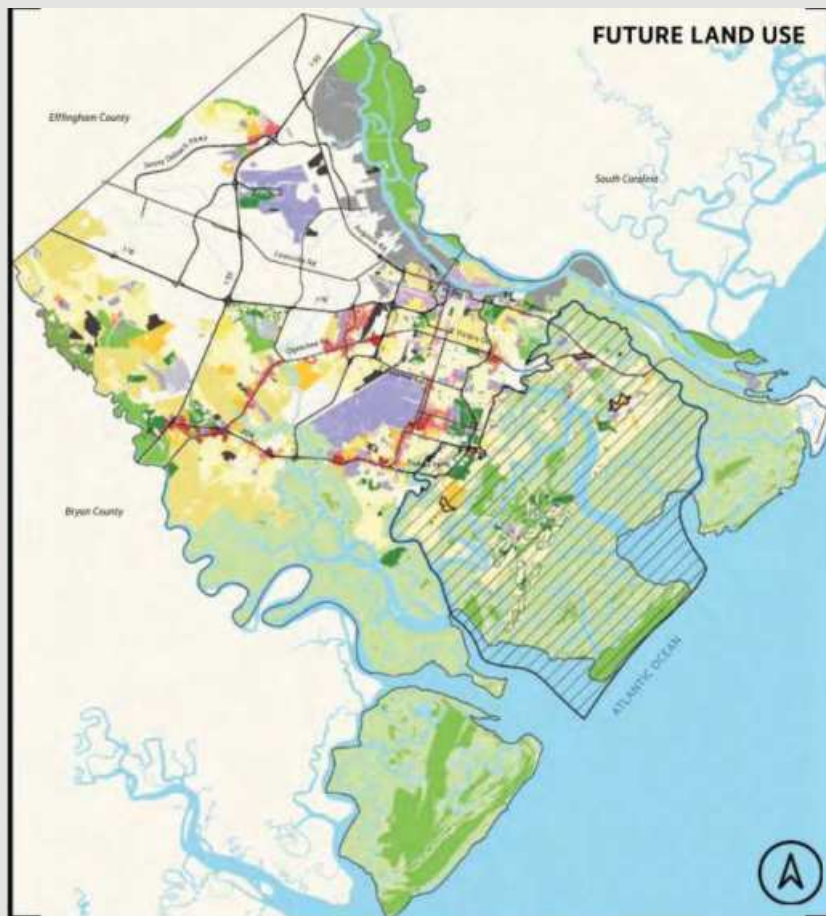


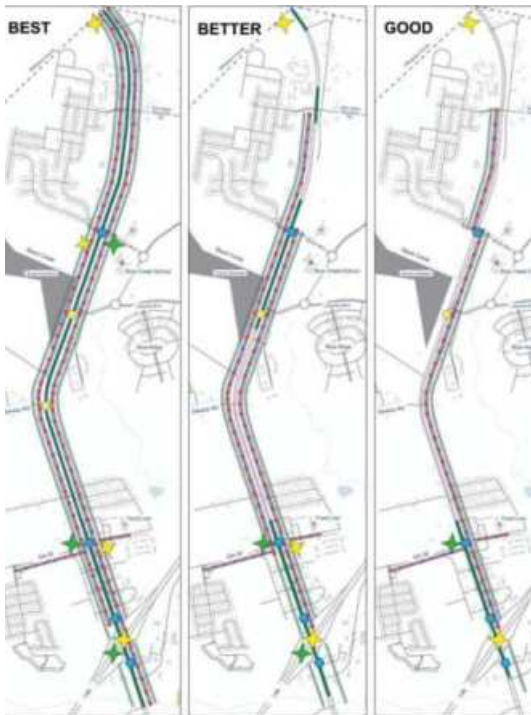
FIGURE 3. CHATHAM COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAPS





LAND USE CATEGORIES

MAP COLOR					
LAND USE	Tidal Marsh	Environmental Overlay	Airport Overlay	Arterial Corridor Overlay	Landfill
	Downtown	Downtown Expansion	Traditional Commercial	Traditional Neighborhood	Civic/Institution
	Commercial Neighborhood	Commercial Suburban	Commercial Regional	Commercial Marine	Industry Light
	Industry Heavy	Residential General	Single Family	Suburban Single Family	Planned Development
	Agricultural/Forestry	Trans/Comm/Utility	Parks & Recreations	Conservation	Conservation Residential
	Surface Mining				



SUMMARY

Highway 21 is the major thoroughfare through Port Wentworth, particularly the northern portion of the city. Highway 21 accommodates more traffic volume than even Interstate 95. This amount of volume presents the traffic flow and safety concerns observed currently and without steps taken to alleviate this congestion, will exacerbate in the future. The high volume of traffic, along with the increased residential and commercial development observed along the corridor also indicates its importance to have multi-modal functions and consequently to provide related facilities and amenities to support that function. Despite the lack of pedestrian facilities along Highway 21, the section between Lakeside Boulevard and Highway 30 carries the most volume of bicycles and pedestrians.

Included in this study is preferred color, pattern, and material palettes generated through public engagement (See page 23). Streetscape planting was highly desired by residents, who felt that current planting and maintenance of the streetscape was one of the more immediate improvements that should be made to the corridor.

2024 HIGHWAY 21 STREETSCAPE PLAN

GOALS

SAFETY

- Sidewalks and multi-use paths
- Increase lighting
- Fencing/barriers to separate traffic
- Intersection improvements
- New signalized intersections and left lane turning movements

CONNECTIVITY

- Connect housing to basic services such as schools, grocery stores, and places of employment
- Connect to existing infrastructure
- Enhancing connections to existing residential and commercial sites

BEAUTY

- Addition of landscape planting, at a minimum along any new sidewalk or pathway infrastructure, but potentially in the medians and intersections

COMFORT

- Lighting, shade trees, and seating elements

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORRIDOR INCLUDE:

- I-95 Overpass Improvements – Lighting and Signage
- Entry Monumentation at Effingham County line and at key points within the I-95 interchange
- Pedestrian bridge enhancements – lighting and signage
- Pedestrian paths with pedestrian lighting and banners.
- Seating at major intersections.
- New ped crossings at Lakeside Blvd.
- Planting - Planted/ornamental medians: Place-Making at the GA-30 intersection
- Enhanced lighting at major intersections

2024 DOWNTOWN STRATEGY REPORT



SUMMARY

The Port Wentworth Downtown Strategy aims to revitalize the city's core by enhancing walkability, economic vitality, and community identity. Key recommendations focus on improving streetscapes, rerouting truck traffic to promote pedestrian-friendly spaces, and attracting new businesses and public amenities. The plan also emphasizes beautification efforts, historical preservation, and strategic redevelopment along South Coastal Highway to create a vibrant and welcoming downtown. Key Recommendations include:

BEAUTIFICATION AND CIVIC PRIDE:

- Public space cleanup
- Mobley Park improvements
- Festival Site improvements
- Scheduled community cleanup events
- Continue bulk pick-up
- Additional Festival Site improvements
- City mobile application
- Holiday parade

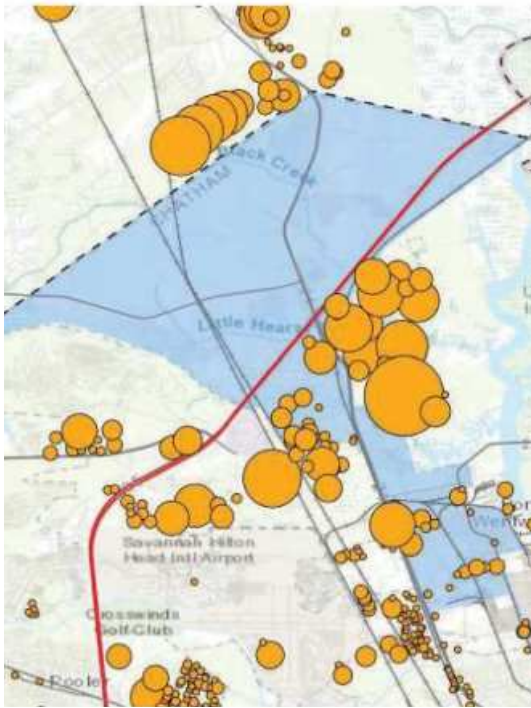
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- History and culture initiative
- Home and business repair program
- Community partnership program
- Public art initiative
- Wayfinding signage

TRANSPORTATION & CONNECTIVITY:

- GDOT rerouting SR 25 off of South Coastal Highway through downtown
- Develop an inventory of regional transportation and connectivity projects
- Improvements and maintenance along Crossgate and Barnsley Roads
- Wayfinding and signage program
- Develop cost estimates
- Improvements along S Coastal Hwy
- Improvements along Bonnybridge Road
- Improvements along Armadale Road
- Explore roundabouts at Bonnybridge, Crossgate, & Grange Roads

DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT

- Evaluate functions of Festival Park
- Update Future Land Use Map and Zoning Districts.
- Cultivate a Downtown Economic Development Strategy
- Streetscape Plan and Guidelines
- Consider development of a Downtown Parks and Open Space Plan
- Conduct funding opportunity analysis
- Explore public-private partnerships
- Fund, design, and implement gateway open space and signage
- Fund and implement public art
- Pursue historic designation opportunities



SUMMARY

Port Wentworth has experienced rapid housing growth, with most homes built after 2010. While downtown consists primarily of older single-family homes, the rest of the city offers a mix of newer housing types. Housing costs are rising in line with national trends, and rental demand is increasing, especially among younger residents. Retail activity is mostly concentrated along I-95, leaving downtown and other areas with limited shopping options. There is a high demand for new housing and retail, particularly as the Hyundai Metaplant is expected to drive further growth.

2024 HOUSING AND RETAIL STUDY

KEY FINDINGS

HOUSING TRENDS

- Downtown primarily features older single-family homes, while the rest of the city has a variety of new housing.
- Most homes in Port Wentworth are new, with an average construction year of 2018.
- The city has 5,400 housing units, mostly single-family detached homes. Port Wentworth is projected to gain 2,500 new housing units by 2033.

HOUSING MARKET & AFFORDABILITY

- Home-ownership in downtown is high (60%), while 40% of the city rents. 99% of renters and nearly two-thirds of homeowners moved in 2010 or later.
- Half of renter households earn less than \$50,000 annually. 75% of homeowners earn between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
- Over 40% of housing demand comes from residents aged 25-34 with incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
- Home values are higher than in Garden City but lower than in Pooler and Savannah.
- Apartment rents are higher than in Garden City and Savannah and similar to Pooler.

RETAIL & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

- Retail is mainly located along I-95, with limited presence downtown.
- Unmet retail demand exists, especially for building materials and general merchandise.
- Commercial real estate is concentrated along Georgia Highway 21 and I-95.

INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Port Wentworth has nearly 8 million square feet of industrial real estate, with over 60 million square feet within a two-mile radius.
- The city's proximity to the Hyundai Metaplant (20 miles away) is expected to drive increased housing demand.



2022 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

GOALS

HIGHLY VISIBLE POLLUTANT SOURCES

- Update the HVPS Inventory on an annual basis.

ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE PLAN

- Review the ERP annually

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Ensure that appropriate City staff obtain the appropriate stormwater education and training.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Maintain, update, and promote website to include Annual MS4 Stormwater Report and relevant educational materials.

POST CONSTRUCTION

- Enforce the use of the Stormwater Management Ordinance, Division 3: Post Construction Stormwater Runoff for development.

LINEAR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- The City will apply the feasibility program to set reasonable criteria for determining when the post construction stormwater design standards are infeasible

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Currently, the City of Port Wentworth has adopted the required Coastal Stormwater Supplement ordinance and design manual

SUMMARY

The City of Port Wentworth received coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit (GAS000210) on April 12, 2022, as required by provisions of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the Federal Clean Water Act. This development of a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), addresses the following program elements:

- Structural and Source Control Measures
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Industrial Facility Stormwater Runoff Control
- Construction Site Runoff Management

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division also required city to expand its SWMP to include Best Management Practices to address the following:

2025 TRAIL PLAN

The Conceptual Trail Plan addresses possible trail connectivity and locations in Port Wentworth. Dividing the City into varied regions, alignments are proposed.

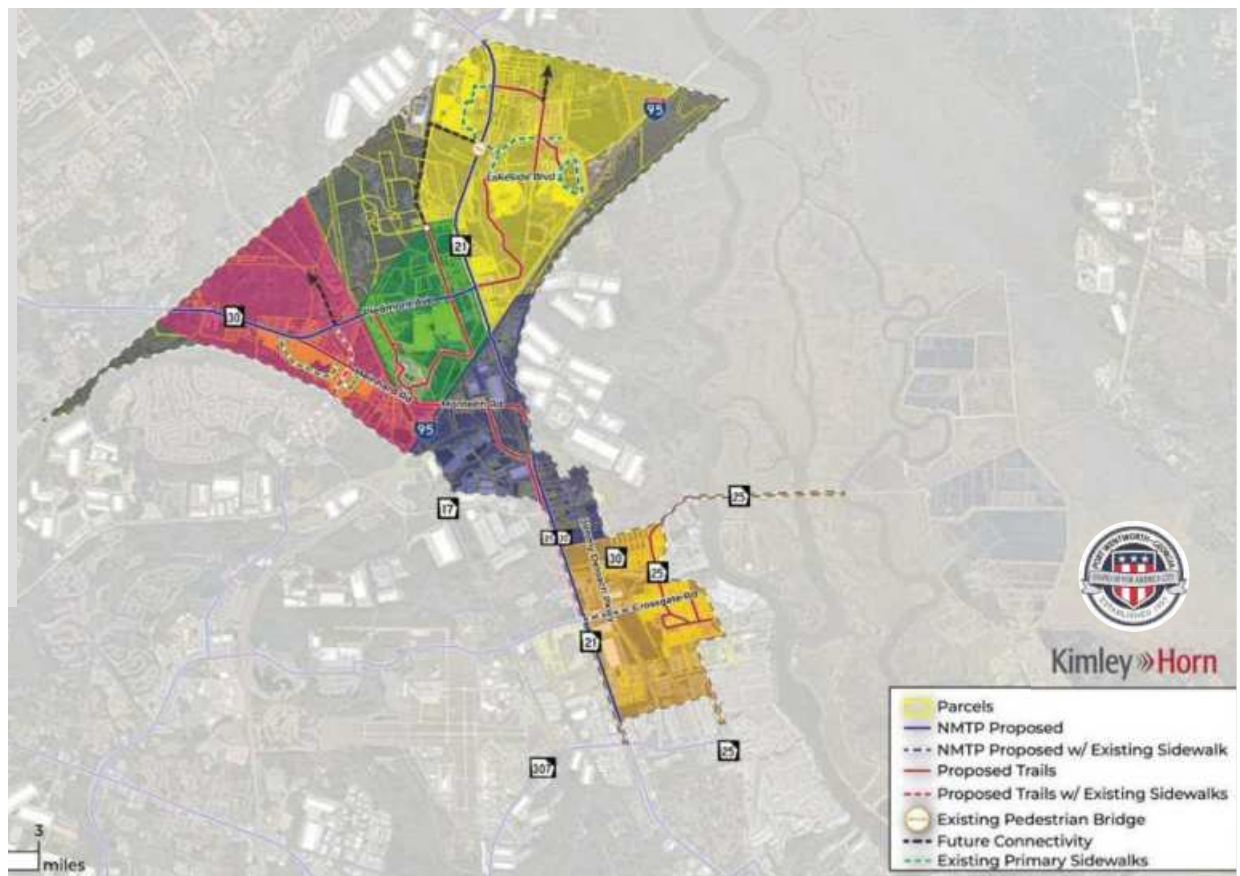
GOALS

- Prioritize a grade-separated facility throughout
- Use existing street network and sidewalk
- Improvements to establish a core route
- Link neighborhoods, recreation and everyday destinations
- Prioritize safety and equity; lighted, off-road, grade separated trails create accessibility and a greater perception of safety for the broadest range of users
- Connect to regional trail systems
- Plan for proper trail maintenance
- Utilize user engagement and feedback in future trail
- Planning phases to optimize routing and prioritization

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

- Link existing trails (see Existing Facilities Map) to recommended trails
- Develop trail improvements alongside traffic calming measures
- Expand existing sidewalks on desired routes to multi-use path widths (10-12') and according to AASHTO Bicycle Facilities Guide
- Off road or behind-the-curb facility (not on-street unless 25 mph neighborhood streets)
- Develop clear and consistent signage throughout the system
- Where necessary, consider potential accessways (i.e. easement, acquisition or shared use agreement) through non-City property





DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

Port Wentworth experienced rapid population growth, starting at 5,030 in 2010 and reaching 13,339 by 2024, representing a 265% increase in population. The annual percent change in Port Wentworth was consistently high, peaking at 9.9% in 2011 and remaining above 3.9% throughout the period, with a notable spike of 9.2% in 2024. In contrast, Chatham County’s population grew at a much slower pace, starting at 265,795 in 2010 and reaching 304,897 by 2024. The annual percent change in Chatham County remained relatively stable, ranging between 0.1% and 1.5%, with the highest growth rate of 1.5% occurring in 2017. The data highlights Port Wentworth’s significant and accelerating growth compared to the more gradual expansion of Chatham County.

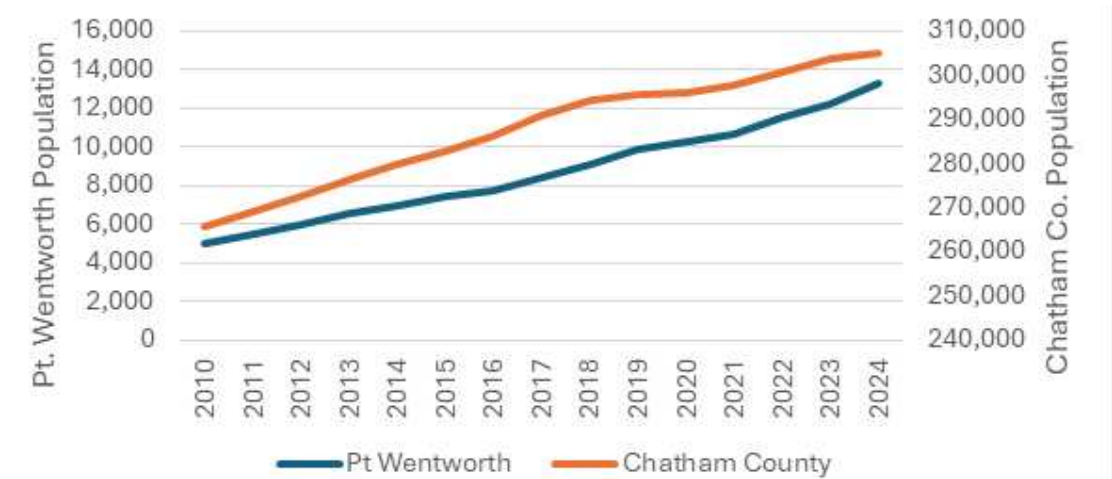


FIGURE 4. ANNUAL POPULATION, 2010 – 2024

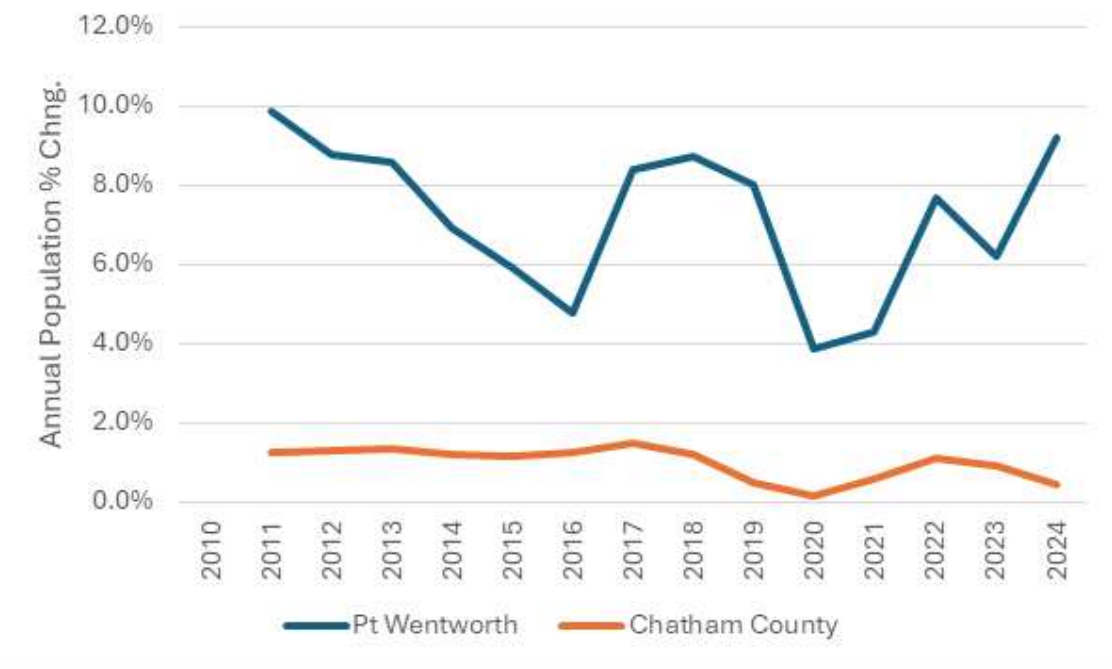


FIGURE 5. ANNUAL POPULATION RATE OF CHANGE, 2010-2024

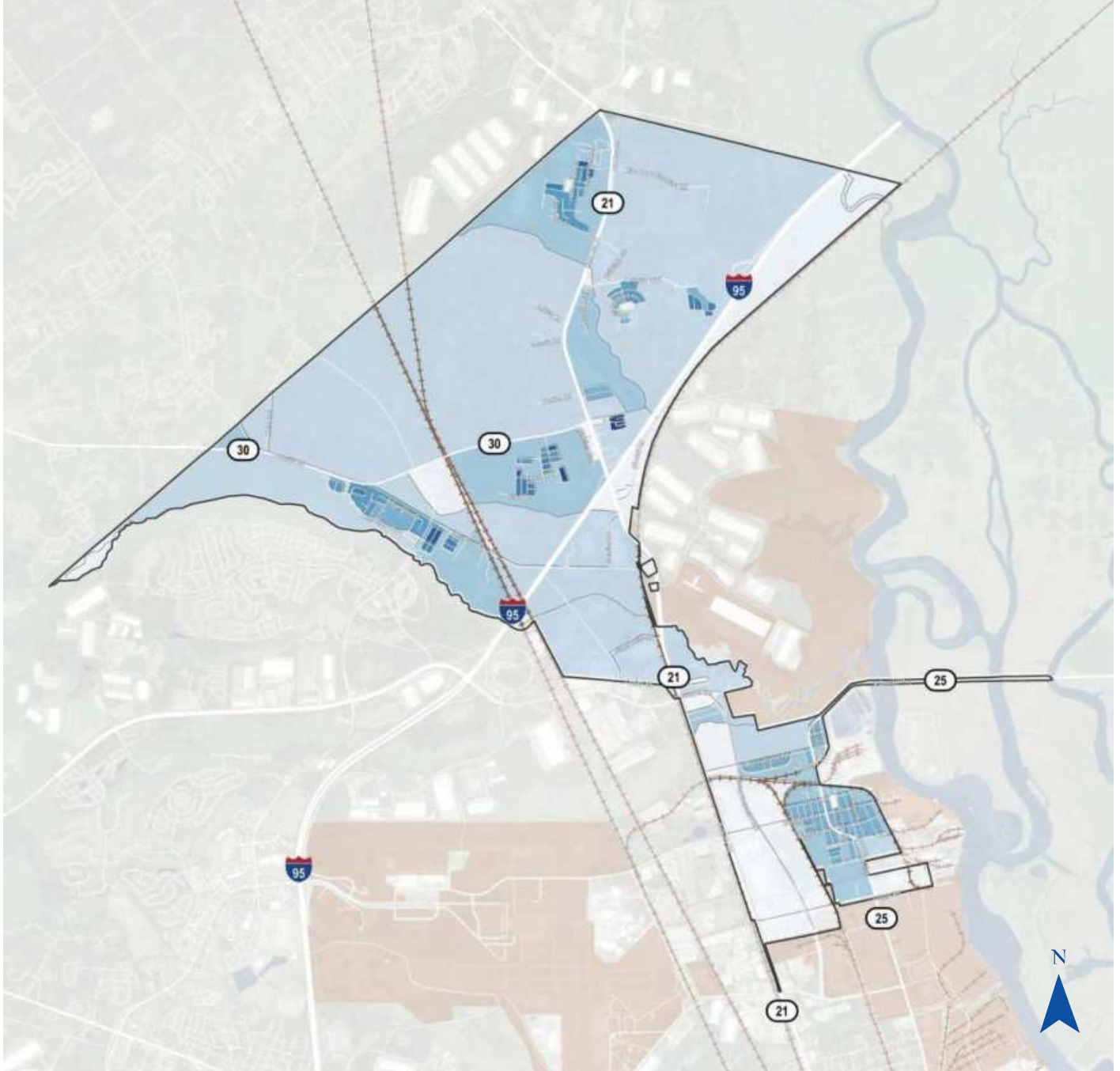


FIGURE 6. POPULATION DENSITY MAP

Population Density (Acres)

- 0
- 0-1
- 1-5
- 5-10
- 10-15
- 15-20
- 20-25
- >25

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

GROWTH

Understanding Port Wentworth's growth patterns is crucial for shaping well-informed recommendations in this comprehensive plan. By analysing past trends and future projections, we can make strategic decisions that support sustainable development, economic vitality, and an enhanced quality of life for residents.

Port Wentworth experienced significant growth in households, starting at 2,036 in 2010 and increasing to 5,013 by 2024, more than doubling over the 14-year period. The growth was steady, with notable increases in 2017 (8.0%) and 2024 (5.6%), reflecting the area's rapid development and population expansion. In contrast, Chatham County saw more gradual growth in households, starting at 103,312 in 2010 and reaching 124,037 by 2024.

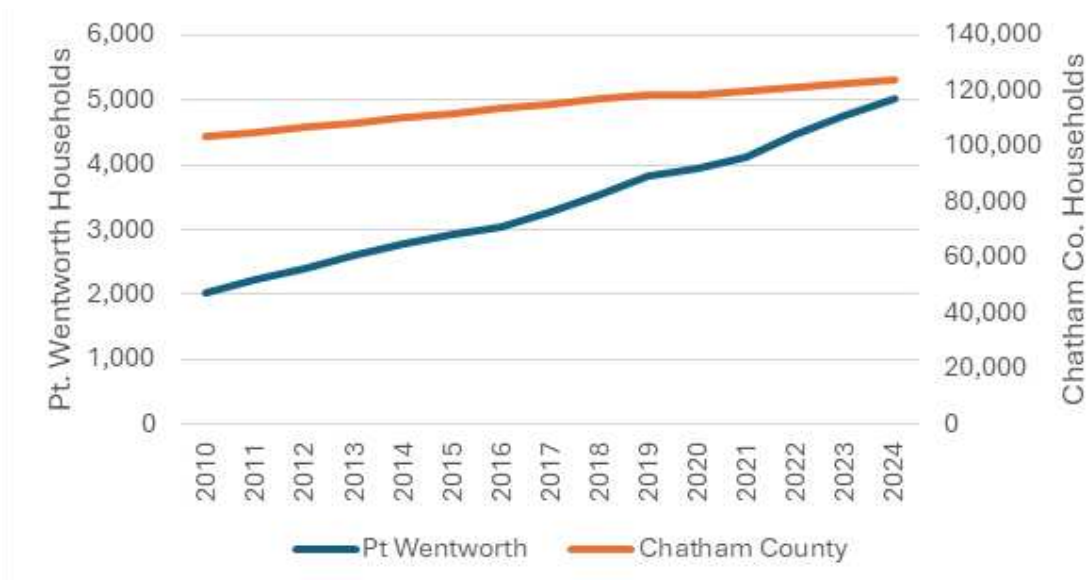


FIGURE 7. ANNUAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

It is expected that suburbanization will continue to increase, as it has over the last 50 years. The current population of Chatham County is 290,550, and is projected to be about 335,211 by 2040 (Source: Chatham2040) Growth away from the urban center has come to Port Wentworth. Here, growth has largely occurred in the northern part of the city, with the population of Downtown remaining relatively stable. The current population of Port Wentworth is 14,468, as of the 2023 Census.

Source: US Census - ACS 2023



The city's population increased by 33% in just three years (2020-2023), more than doubling since 2010. Such rapid growth can strain existing infrastructure, public services, housing, and transportation systems. If not managed properly, it can lead to congestion, overburdened schools, and public services.

CHALLENGE

RAPID POPULATION GROWTH



This growth presents a chance to invest in new infrastructure, attract businesses, and expand public services. Strategic planning could help create sustainable growth areas, improve housing availability, and enhance public spaces.

OPPORTUNITY

AGE

In 2010, the largest age group was 25 - 34 years, making up 20.3% of the population, followed by 35 - 44 years at 13.2%. By 2020, the population grew significantly, with the 25 - 34 group remaining the largest (18.3%), while the 35 - 44 group increased to 15.8%. The 0 - 4 years group, though growing in number, saw a slight decline in percentage share from 8.3% to 7.7%. Projections for 2024 indicate continued growth, with the 25 - 34 group rebounding to 20.0% and the 35 - 44 group maintaining its share at 15.8%. The older population (65+ years) also grew steadily, reflecting an aging demographic, with the 65 - 74 group increasing from 5.2% in 2010 to 5.8% in 2024. Key trends include a growing working-age population (25 - 44 years), a slight decline in the youngest age group's share (0 - 4 years), and a steady rise in the elderly population, highlighting shifts in demographic structure over time.

Age Group	2010		2020		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0-4	445	8.3%	838	7.7%	1,003	7.5%
5-9	402	7.5%	814	7.5%	969	7.3%
10-14	357	6.7%	852	7.8%	882	6.6%
15-19	297	5.5%	738	6.8%	871	6.5%
20-24	401	7.5%	777	7.1%	982	7.4%
25-34	1,090	20.3%	1,987	18.3%	2,670	20.0%
35-44	705	13.2%	1,718	15.8%	2,113	15.8%
45-54	678	12.6%	1,231	11.3%	1,517	11.4%
55-64	457	8.5%	976	9.0%	1,163	8.7%
65-74	278	5.2%	638	5.9%	767	5.8%
75-84	180	3.4%	231	2.1%	310	2.3%
85+	70	1.3%	78	0.7%	92	0.7%

FIGURE 8. AGE OF POPULATION TABLE

HIGH PROPORTION OF YOUNG RESIDENTS



With such a large segment of the population being young, there’s potential for designing neighborhoods that cater to young families, integrating parks, playgrounds, and family-friendly amenities. It could also support policies for long-term growth, as retaining young families will help sustain the economy.

OPPORTUNITY

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

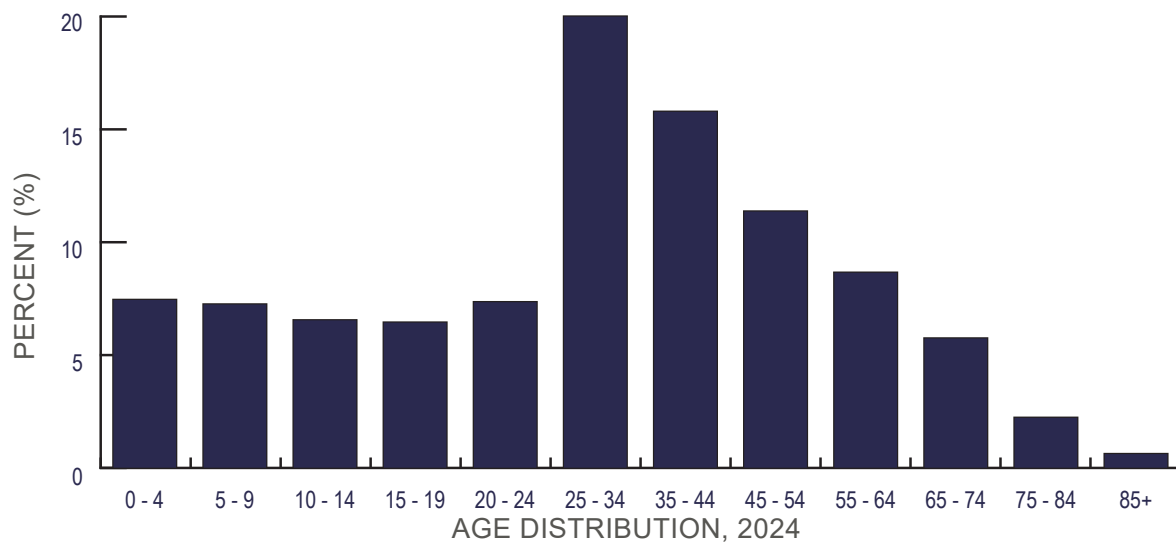


FIGURE 9. AGE OF POPULATION CHART

5.9% of the population is under 5, 26.8% is under 18, and 9% is 65+. 64.2% of the population is between 18 and 65. The median age of Port Wentworth is 32.8 years old, below the median age of 37 in Georgia and 38.5 in the US overall. Younger populations often depend on public services such as educational facilities, job training, transportation, and parks and recreation programming.





HIGH
PROPORTION
OF YOUNG
RESIDENTS

A large youth population means a higher demand for schools, recreational facilities, childcare, and family-centered services. The city will need to ensure adequate capacity in educational facilities and safe spaces for children and teenagers.

CHALLENGE

RACE

In 2010, the White Alone population was the majority at 61.1% (3,275 individuals), but by 2020, its share dropped sharply to 38.5% (4,187 individuals), with a slight further decline to 38.3% (5,110 individuals) projected for 2024. In contrast, the Black Alone population grew substantially, rising from 31.4% (1,683 individuals) in 2010 to 47.3% (5,148 individuals) in 2020 and is projected to reach 46.4% (6,194 individuals) by 2024. The Two or More Races category also saw notable growth, increasing from 2.6% (138 individuals) in 2010 to 7.7% (839 individuals) in 2020 and projected to reach 8.0% (1,065 individuals) by 2024. Additionally, the Hispanic Origin (Any Race) population grew steadily, from 8.2% (441 individuals) in 2010 to 10.2% (1,105 individuals) in 2020, with a projected increase to 10.9% (1,449 individuals) by 2024. Smaller groups, such as American Indian Alone, Asian Alone, and Pacific Islander Alone, also saw modest growth in both numbers and percentages. Key takeaways include a declining share of the White Alone population, a rising share of the Black Alone population, and increasing diversity driven by growth in multiracial and Hispanic populations.

Race and Ethnicity	2010		2020		2024	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White alone	3,275	61.1%	4,187	38.5%	5,110	38.3%
Black alone	1,683	31.4%	5,148	47.3%	6,194	46.4%
American Indian alone	13	0.2%	37	0.3%	51	0.4%
Asian alone	92	1.7%	136	1.3%	217	1.6%
Pacific Islander alone	7	0.1%	7	0.1%	12	0.1%
Some other race alone	152	2.8%	524	4.8%	690	5.2%
Two or more races	138	2.6%	839	7.7%	1,065	8.0%
Hispanic origin (any race)	441	8.2%	1,105	10.2%	1,449	10.9%

FIGURE 10. RACE AND ETHNICITY TABLE

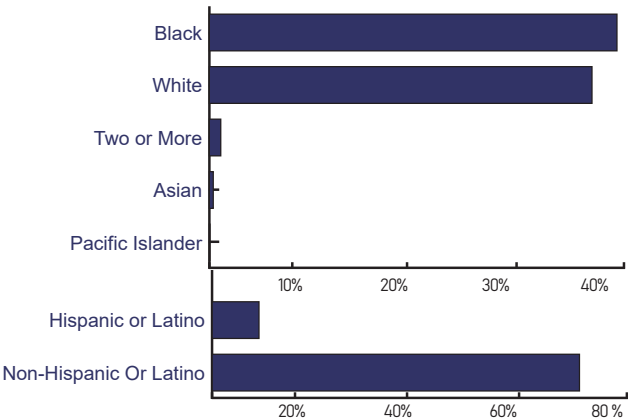


FIGURE 11. RACE AND ETHNICITY CHART

The population diversity provides a rich cultural fabric that could be promoted through inclusive community planning. Multilingual public services, culturally diverse spaces, and policies that promote equity in economic development could strengthen the community.

What does Ethnicity mean? Hispanic or Latino on the US Census is an ethnicity, and may be of any race. Because of this, they are also included in another applicable race category.

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

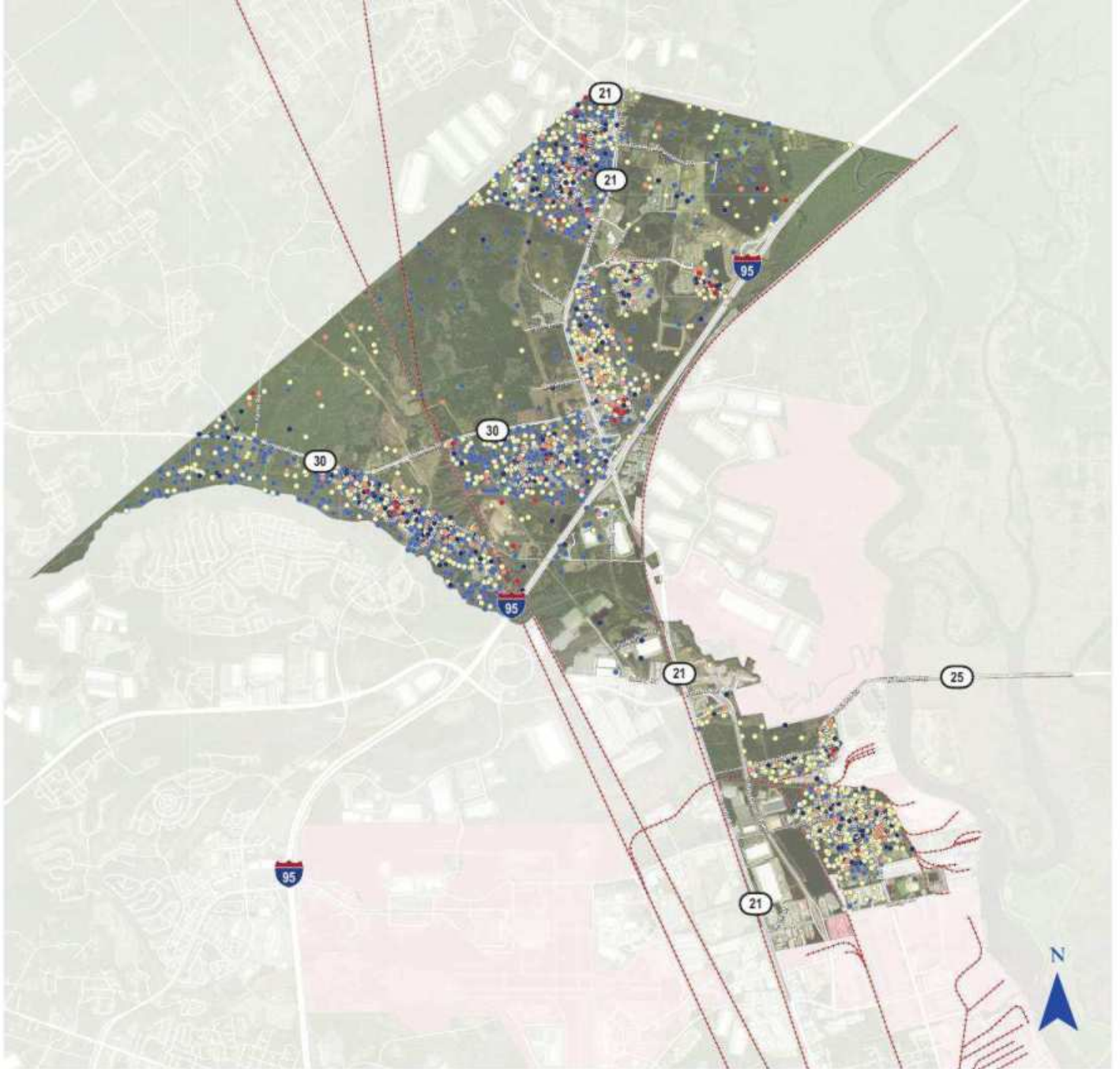


FIGURE 12. RACE AND ETHNICITY IN PORT WENTWORTH

Race

1 Dot = 3 Persons

- Asian
- Other
- 2 or More
- White
- Black/African American

This dot map demonstrates the diversity of Port Wentworth, and also illustrates the areas of greater density and housing. The mixed distribution of the dots show that the city is highly integrated. Based on US Census data, Race and Ethnicity in the City are distributed as follows:

- 49.1% Black
- 41.6% White
- 11.1% Hispanic of Latino, by ethnicity
- 1.5% Two or More
- 0.6% Asian
- 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

EDUCATION + TECHNOLOGY

Rice Creek Elementary School is the only school with the city boundary. Other schools nearby include Groves High and Godley Station School. Chatham County residents over age 25 in had a higher level of educational attainment than the U.S. average from 2014–2018. Ninety-three percent (93.0%) of residents had at least a high school diploma or high school equivalent, and 41.7% held a bachelor's degree or higher.

In Port Wentworth, 86.9% of residents are high school graduates are higher, and 30.2% have a bachelor's degree or higher (2019-2023). This is slightly lower than the overall averages for Chatham County, where 34.7% of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, and 88.2% have a high school diploma. Investments in higher education and vocational training could help raise income levels and job opportunities.

Access to broadband is another key component to enhance educational opportunities in the city. The Georgia Broadband Program supports online learning, helps with homework, and gives teachers the tools they need to succeed. It also promotes equal opportunities for students in rural and underserved areas and supports lifelong learning for adults. Specifically, broadband allows students to attend virtual classes, complete and submit homework online, enables teachers to plan lessons and communicate, reduces the digital divide in rural communities, and provides access to job training and online education for adults. The following page illustrates broadband access for Port Wentworth.





FIGURE 13. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Education Attainment, 2022

1 Dot = 3 Persons

- Less than 9th grade
- High school graduate (includes e
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

 School

BROADBAND ACCESS

Nearly 98% of households in Port Wentworth have a computer, and 84.1% have broadband access, demonstrating good digital infrastructure but room for improvement in connectivity for under served households. The only areas of the city with limited access are located in industrial zones and between railroad lines. Downtown Port Wentworth has access but lower speeds than the rest of the city, Investments can be made to enhance broadband speeds to this existing downtown.

According to the FCC, 100% of the city has some access to internet service, when including mobile options. There are numerous companies that service each area of Port Wentworth but areas of Uptown, Central, and Downtown Port Wentworth have different options and different speeds. The amount of options keeps the prices competitive and provides residents access to different amenities. The types and options for each zone are described below.

DOWNTOWN

Fixed Broadband Availability

- HughesNet – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 5 Mbps
- Starlink – NGSO Satellite – Down: 220 Mbps – Up: 25 Mbps
- Xfinity – Cable – Down: 2000 Mbps – Up: 200 Mbps
- AT&T – Licensed Fixed Wireless – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 6 Mbps (*business only*)
- Verizon – Licensed Fixed Wireless – Down: 10 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps (*business only*)
- Viasat Inc – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 4 Mbps (*business only*)

Mobile Broadband Availability

- AT&T – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR - Down: 7 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps
- Project Genesis – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps
- Southern Linc – 3G/4G LTE
- T-Mobile – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps
- Verizon – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps

CENTRAL

Fixed Broadband Availability

- HughesNet – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 5 Mbps
- Starlink – NGSO Satellite – Down: 220 Mbps – Up: 25 Mbps
- T-Mobile – Licensed Fixed Wireless – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 20 Mbps
- Verizon – Licensed Fixed Wireless – Down: 300 Mbps – Up: 20 Mbps
- Xfinity – Cable – Down: 1200 Mbps –

Up: 35 Mbps

- Viasat Inc – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 4 Mbps (*business only*)

Mobile Broadband Availability

- AT&T – 3G – 4G LTE – 5G-NR – Down: 7/35 Mbps – Up: 1/3 Mbps
- Project Genesis – 3G – 4G LTE – 5G-NR – Down: 7/35 Mbps – Up: 1/3 Mbps
- Southern Linc – 3G – 4G LTE
- T-Mobile – 3G – 4G LTE – 5G-NR – Down: 7/35 Mbps – Up: 1/3 Mbps
- Verizon – 3G – 4G LTE – 5G-NR – Down: 7/35 Mbps – Up: 1/3 Mbps

UPTOWN

Fixed Broadband Availability

- Hotwire Communications – Fiber – Down: 1000 Mbps – Up: 200 Mbps
- HughesNet – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 5 Mbps
- Starlink – NGSO Satellite – Down: 220 Mbps – Up: 25 Mbps
- T-Mobile – Licensed Fixed Wireless – Down: 0.2 Mbps – Up: 0.2 Mbps
- Viasat Inc – GSO Satellite – Down: 100 Mbps – Up: 4 Mbps (*Business-only*)

Mobile Broadband Availability

- AT&T – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps / 35 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps / 3 Mbps
- Project Genesis – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps / 35 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps / 3 Mbps
- Southern Linc – 3G/4G LTE
- T-Mobile – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps / 35 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps / 3 Mbps
- Verizon – 3G/4G LTE/5G-NR – Down: 7 Mbps / 35 Mbps – Up: 1 Mbps / 3 Mbps



FIGURE 14. BROADBAND SPEED

Broadband Speed

> 200 = Faster Speeds

< 50 = Slower Speeds

Base Features

→ Railroad

Waterbody

City Boundary



STRONG DIGITAL
INFRASTRUCTURE

Nearly 98% of households have a computer and 84.1% have broadband internet access. This level of digital connectivity can support initiatives for smart city planning, e-governance, and remote working opportunities, helping the city become a more connected and efficient urban environment.

Opportunity: Expanding this infrastructure could help attract tech-savvy businesses and remote workers, diversify the economy, and improve public service delivery through online platforms.



STRENGTHS

INCOME

In 2023, 15% of the population lived in poverty, with 9% in deep poverty making under \$24,999 per year. Approximately 14% of Chatham County live in poverty which is well under the national average. Only 0.1% of the population over 65 was in poverty, indicating that poverty primarily affects younger residents.

In 2023, 3.9% of households received Food Stamp/SNAP benefits, while only 0.2% received Supplemental Security Income (SSI). No households received cash public assistance. Programs to support lower income residences will be needed to increase opportunities within the city.

FIGURE 15. HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

Households by Income	2024	
	Number	Percent
<\$15,000	132	2.6%
\$15,000-\$24,999	313	6.2%
\$25,000-\$34,999	321	6.4%
\$35,000-\$49,999	572	11.4%
\$50,000-\$74,999	953	19.0%
\$75,000-\$99,999	1339	26.7%
\$100,000-\$149,999	962	19.2%
\$150,000-\$199,999	115	2.3%
\$200,000 +	306	6.1%

FIGURE 16. MEDIAN, AVERAGE, PER CAPITA INCOME

Households by Income	2024
	Number
Median household income	\$77,675
Average household income	\$91,996
Per capita income	\$34,578



Source: US Census - ACS 2023

The median household income of downtown Port Wentworth is within the \$60,000-\$79,999 range, and the northern portion of the city’s median household income is above \$80,000. These two areas are bisected by a commercial industrial zone, resulting in the area listed as “no data.”

The overall median household income in Port Wentworth is \$77,675 with 15% of residents are persons in poverty. (US Census, 2019-2023)

FIGURE 17. HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK

	2023
Metric	Number
Total population for whom poverty status is determined	11,035
People in poverty	1,650
People in deep-poverty	998
Both in poverty and over 65	7
Percent of Total, 2023*	
People in poverty	15.0%
People in "deep-poverty"***	9.0%
Both in poverty and over 65	0.1%

FIGURE 18. HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

	2023
Metric	Number
Total Households, 2023	3,928
Households receiving:	
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	8
Cash public assistance income	0
Food Stamp/SNAP	153
Percent of Total, 2023	
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	0.2%
Cash public assistance income	0.0%
Food Stamp/SNAP	3.9%



15% of the population lives in poverty, and median household income is **\$61,409**, which is moderate but may not stretch far given rising housing costs. There’s a clear need for more economic development initiatives to create well-paying jobs and support lower-income families.

CHALLENGE

POVERTY AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES



Programs aimed at job training, attracting higher-wage industries, and promoting small businesses could reduce the poverty rate and improve overall economic stability. Encouraging local entrepreneurship, especially among minority communities (given the 44 minority-owned firms), could also help address disparities.

OPPORTUNITY

DISABILITY

The disability data for Port Wentworth reveals significant variations across different age groups and types of disabilities. The highest prevalence of disability is observed in the 65 to 74 years age group, with 29.2% of individuals reporting a disability. This is followed by the 75 years and over age group at 14.4%, and the 18 to 34 years age group at 13.9%. The data indicates that hearing difficulty affects 1.2% of the population, vision difficulty 0.9%, cognitive difficulty 6.0%, ambulatory difficulty 7.5%, self-care difficulty 3.3%, and independent living difficulty 2.8%. These statistics highlight the need for targeted support and resources for the elderly population, as well as specific interventions for various types of disabilities to improve the quality of life for affected individuals.

FIGURE 19. DISABILITY STATUS BY AGE AND DISABILITY TYPE, 2023

Age	Prevalence in Port Wentworth	Disability Type	Prevalence in Port Wentworth
Under 5 years	0.0%	Hearing Difficulty	1.2%
5 to 17 years	9.2%	Vision Difficulty	0.9%
18 to 34 years	13.9%	Cognitive Difficulty	6.0%
35 to 64 years	12.5%	Ambulatory Difficulty	7.5%
65 to 74 years	29.2%	Self-Care Difficulty	3.3%
75 years and over	14.4%	Independent Living Difficulty	2.8%



Source: US Census - ACS 2023

EXISTING CONDITIONS OVERVIEW

Existing conditions and trends of present-day Port Wentworth were evaluated based on primary plan elements. These trends include: land use, transportation, housing, economics, and quality of life.



LAND USE

The existing land use plan and zoning are included in this review to identify how the population growth will affect future land use strategies. Currently uptown Port Wentworth is mostly undeveloped and prime for growth.



HOUSING

The majority of Port Wentworth is defined by single family homes. The majority of all residents live in uptown Port Wentworth and a small percentage live in downtown Port Wentworth.



TRANSPORTATION

Existing roads, traffic patterns, freight routes, and plans are incorporated to identify transportation needs. The primary routes within Port Wentworth are I-95 and US 21 which are state routes and the only options bisecting the city.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Port Wentworth's economy includes logistics, warehousing, distribution, and industrial development. The massive growth of the region has opened up new opportunities for economic growth moving forward.



QUALITY OF LIFE

The quality of Life elements evaluated in this plan include environmental considerations, recreation opportunities, utilities connections, and more.



LAND USE

Currently, the majority of Port Wentworth is undeveloped but there are numerous plans for future growth. The old character areas map as shown in Figure 20 no longer fits the future needs of the city and doesn't meet community desires.

Currently Port Wentworth is separated into two main areas Downtown and Uptown as shown in Figure 22. Downtown Port Wentworth is established with mostly single family homes and industrial areas. It is adjacent to the Port of Savannah and surrounded by railroads. Uptown Port Wentworth is separated by US 21 and Railroads. Industrial development is contained to the East of the railroad and stops at US 21. New master planned communities are being developed East of US 21 and west of the railroad.

The center where US 21 and I-95 meet is a new district centered around Anchor Park as shown in Figure 22. This new development meets community desires to bring more community serving amenities into the city and limit industrial growth.

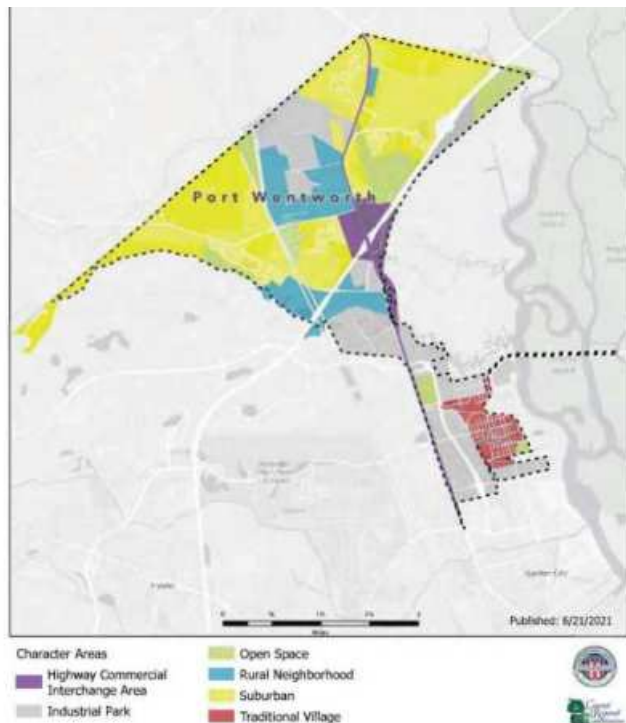


FIGURE 20. 2021 COMP PLAN CHARACTER AREAS



FIGURE 21. EXISTING AERIAL IMAGE

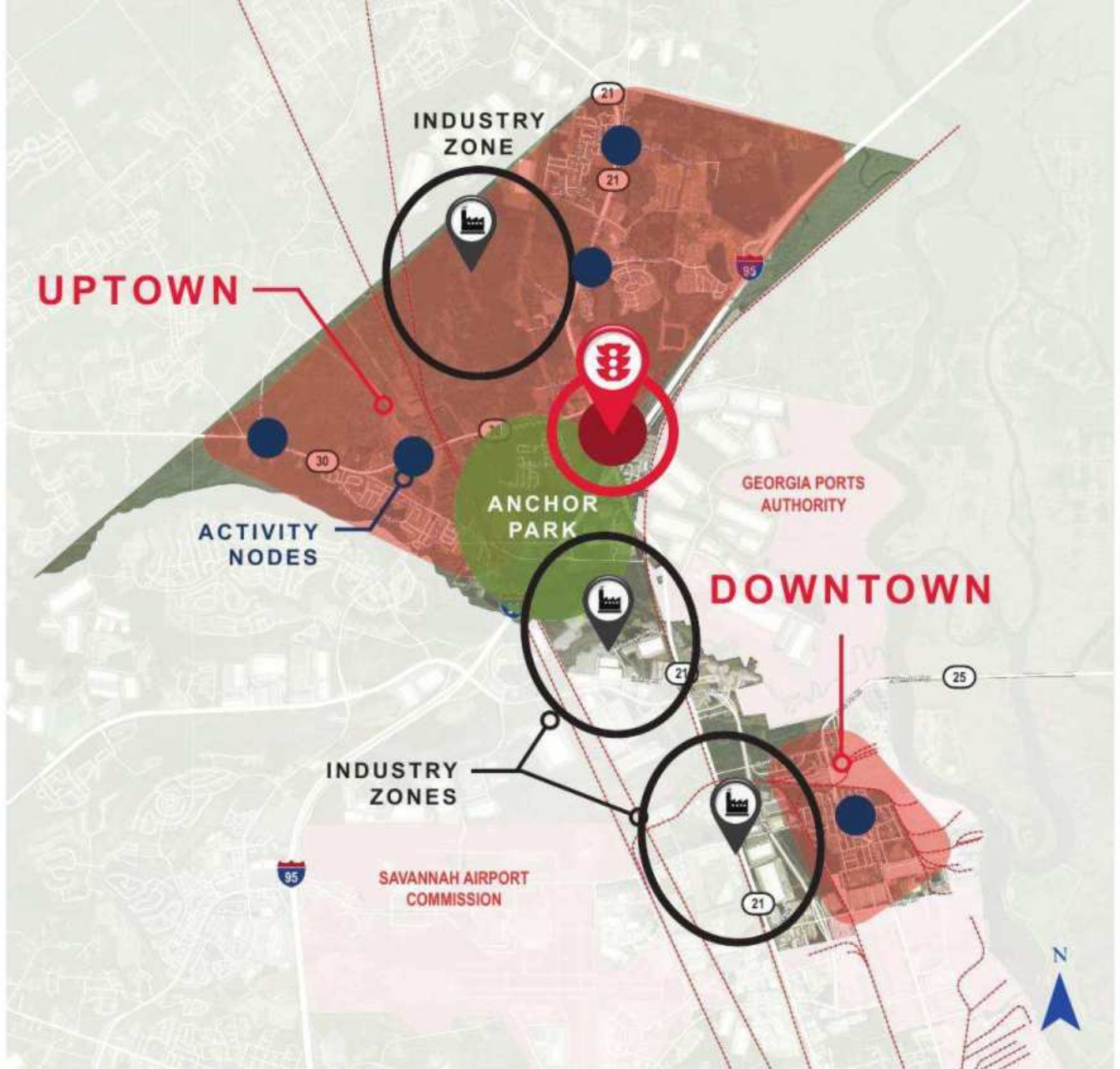


FIGURE 22. CITY LAND USE AREAS



FIGURE 23. OVERLAY DISTRICT

OVERLAY DISTRICT

Anchor Park is currently under construction and will add 150 acres of parkland to Uptown Port Wentworth. The park will include sports facilities such as pickleball, softball, baseball, and soccer. Additionally, the park will include an ice hockey arena. The arena will host the Ghost Pirates hockey team and is expected to bring increased tourism and engagement with Port Wentworth. Alongside the ice rink, the development will include a restaurant and an amphitheater.

Alongside this new development, an overlay district for the area has been proposed. The goal of this district is to bolster the tourism potential of area surrounding the arena. The new code will encourage hospitality, entertainment, dining, and event-friendly development and seeks to make the area even more of a destination.

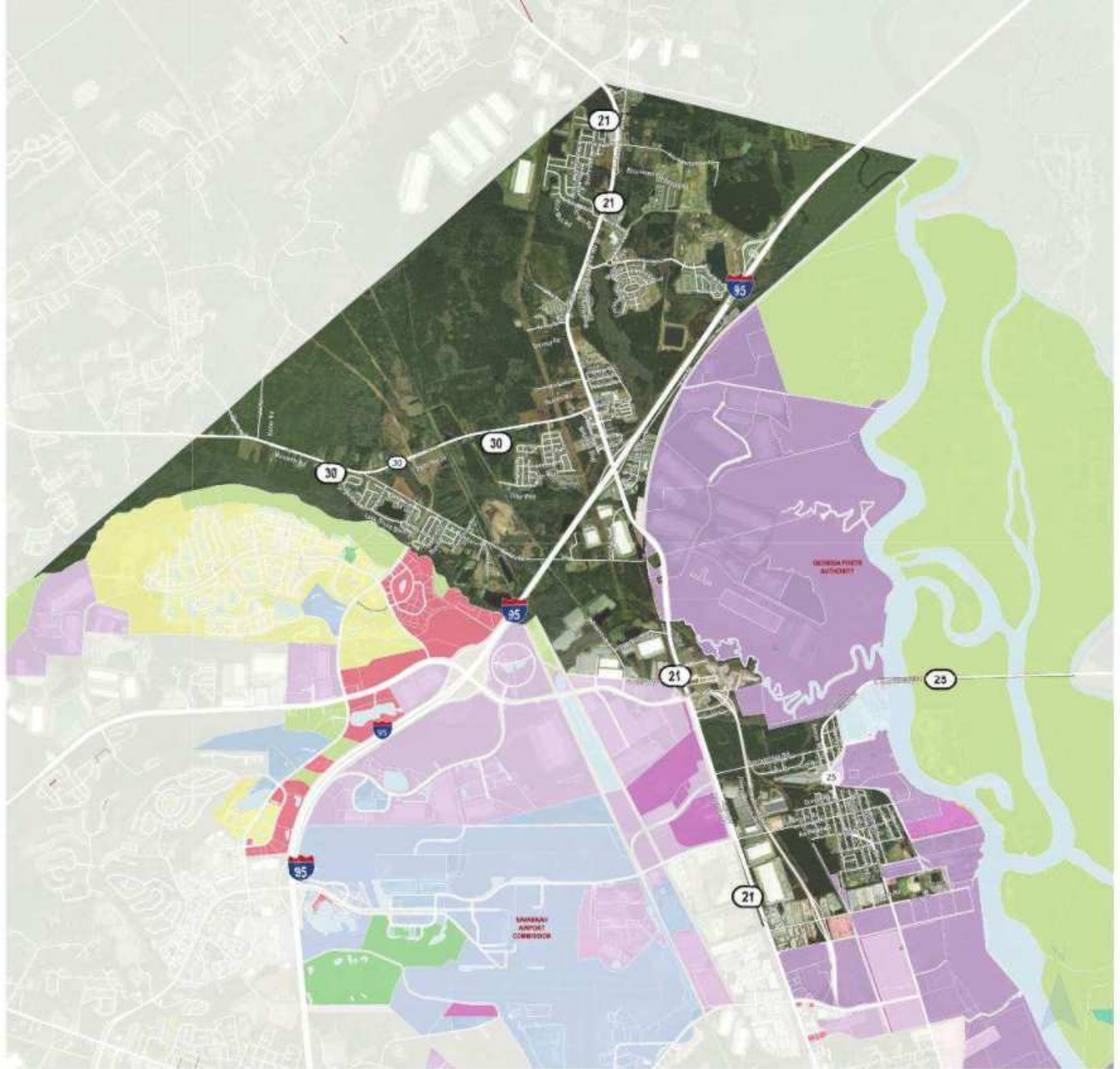


FIGURE 24. COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE

COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE (FLU)

Port Wentworth is bounded by industrial land uses. There is also a large area of conservation along the Savannah River and the International Airport along I-95. Adjacency to these resources creates unique pressures, as these land uses impact development within Port Wentworth. Mitigating negative impacts from industrial, while capitalizing on the benefits, will be critical.

Future Land Use

- | | |
|---|---|
| ■ Agriculture/Forestry | ■ Downtown- Expansion |
| ■ Civic/Institutional | ■ Industry- Heavy |
| ■ Commercial- Marine | ■ Industry- Light |
| ■ Commercial- Neighborhood | ■ Marsh |
| ■ Commercial- Regional | ■ Parks/Recreation |
| ■ Commercial- Suburban | ■ Residential- General |
| ■ Conservation | ■ Residential- Single Family |
| ■ Downtown | ■ Residential- Suburban Single F |
| ■ Downtown- Expansion | ■ Right of Way |
| ■ Industry- Heavy | ■ Transportation/Communication/I |
| | ■ Water |

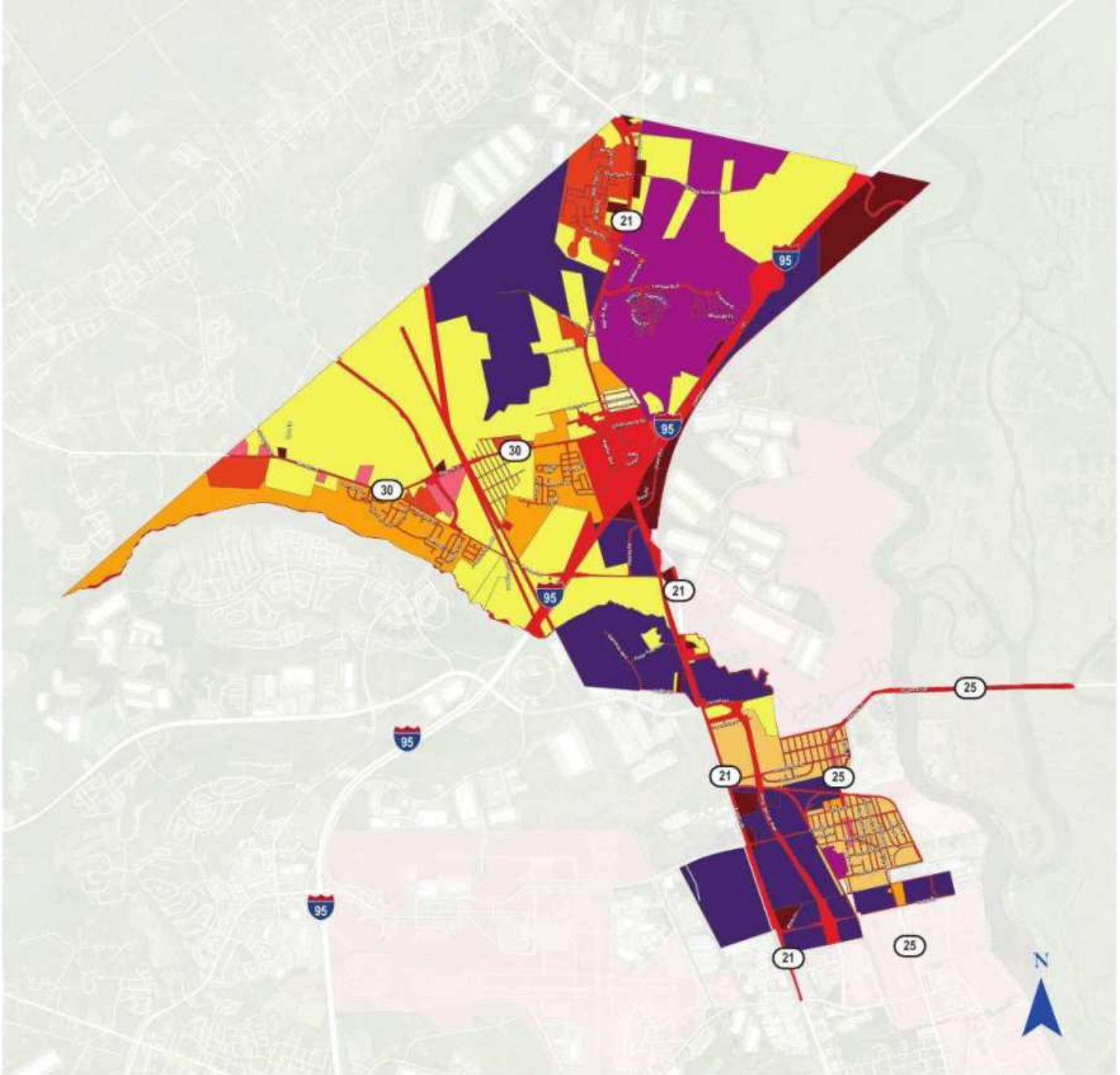


FIGURE 25. CURRENT ZONING MAP

Legend

Port and Airport

ZONING

General Commercial

Industrial

Highway Commercial

Mixed Residential

Multi-Family Residential

Neighborhood Commercial

Old Town Residential

Planned Unit Development

Single-Family Residential

Suburban Single-Family Residential

Other

ZONING

The zoning map was recently updated in Port Wentworth to meet the needs of the fast growing city.

Of the over 10,300 acres within the City of Port Wentworth, over half is zoned for residential, with 5,643 acres. The largest portion of the residential zoning is Single-Family Residential, with over one-third of the city being zoned for this district. The bulk of that district is in the northern half of the city, while the commercial districts are focused along Interstate 95 and US 21. The Industrial zoning district is focused around the port and surrounding areas along US 21, as well as along the northern edge of the city. Old Town Residential is focused in the residential areas downtown. A large section of land is zoned for Planned Unit Development in the northeast corner of the city, reflecting the newly-built and planned to be built residential areas.

There are three nodes of industrial development, distributed through the three regions of Port Wentworth - downtown, uptown, and the transition zone. These zones center around US 21. These industrial zones also contribute to the highway commercial area as resources for the industrial areas and freight movement.

LAND OWNERSHIP

The majority of the land in Port Wentworth is privately owned land. However, there are pockets of state and city owned property scattered throughout the city.

A large area in Uptown Port Wentworth is the location of a water treatment area. Port Wentworth owns some property in Downtown and along US 21, including a historic church. There is limited city owned land east of the railroad.

Currently city-owned land includes parks, recreation centers, and historic buildings, such as the historic church. Cities often purchase land to enact infrastructure for the community, such as roads, parks, schools, and other community resources.



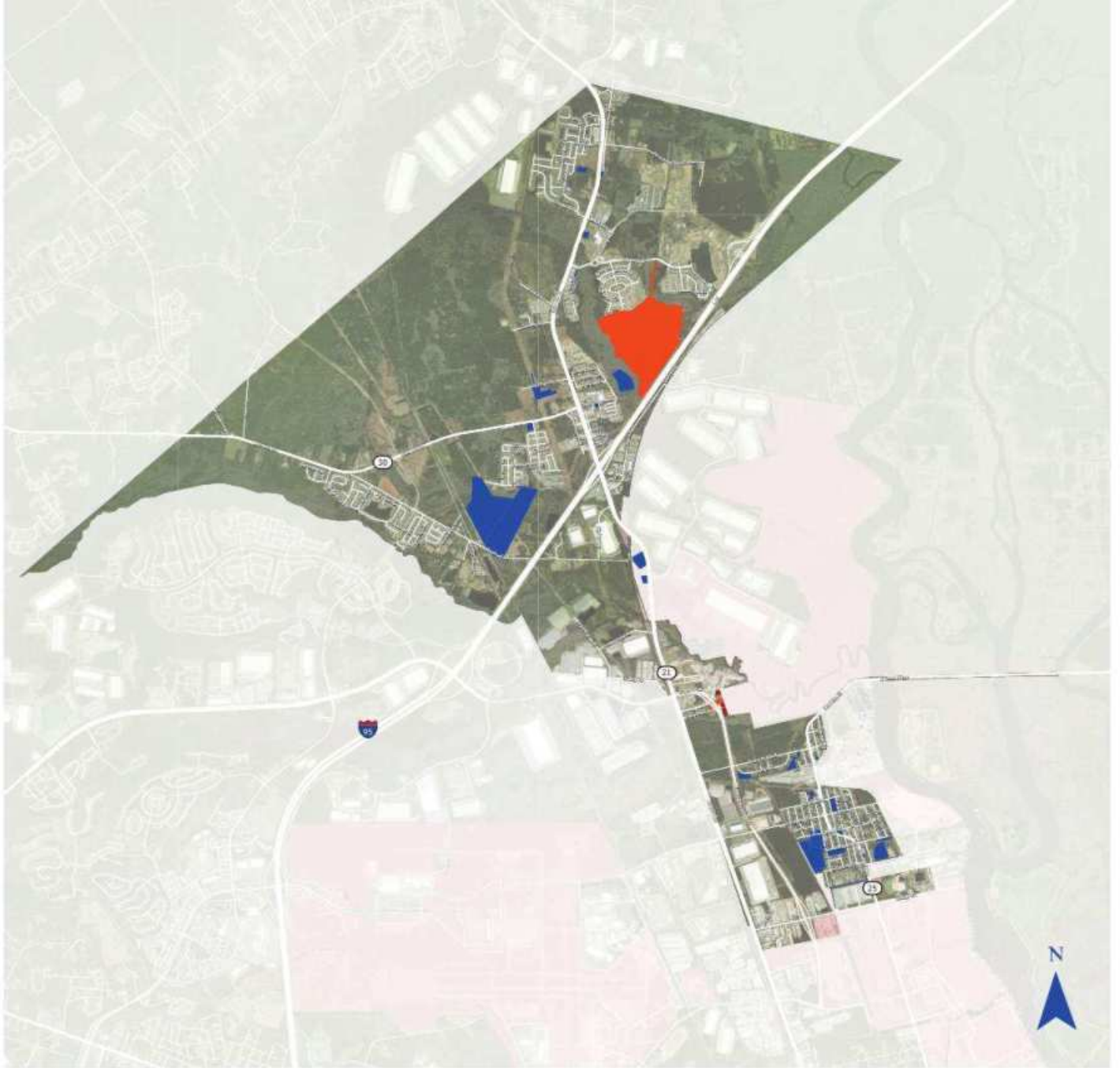


FIGURE 26. LAND OWNERSHIP

Legend

- Port and Airport
- City-Owned
- County-Owned
- State-Owned



HOUSING

Housing in Port Wentworth is primarily concentrated around Downtown and along the highways in Uptown, as shown in Figure 29. The majority of homes are single-family residences, with newer developments mainly located in uptown. While homeownership is more prevalent in Uptown, Downtown features a mix of owner-occupied and rental housing.

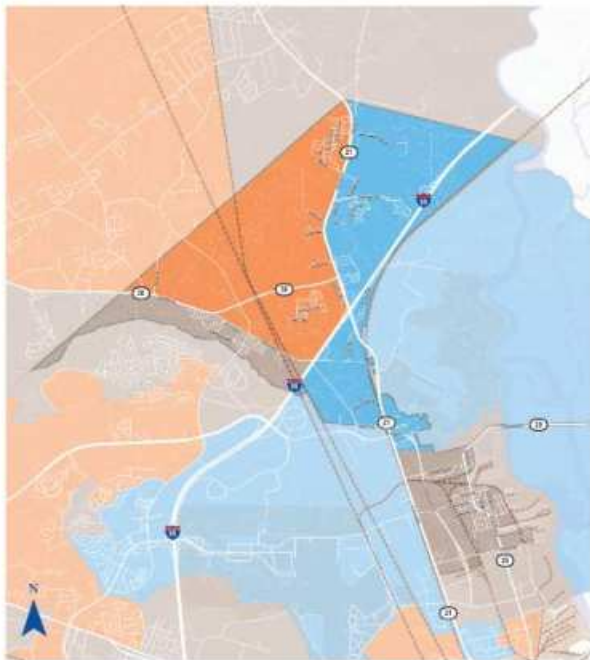


FIGURE 28. OWNER VS RENTER OCCUPIED

Occupancy, 2022

- High Percent Renter Occupied
- High Percent Owner Occupied
- Mixed Percent Owner and Renter Occupied

The total number of housing units is 4,424. Port Wentworth has areas of contrast in owner vs renter occupation, as seen at the blue and orange areas divided by Highway 21. Grey areas have a mix of renter and owner occupation.

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

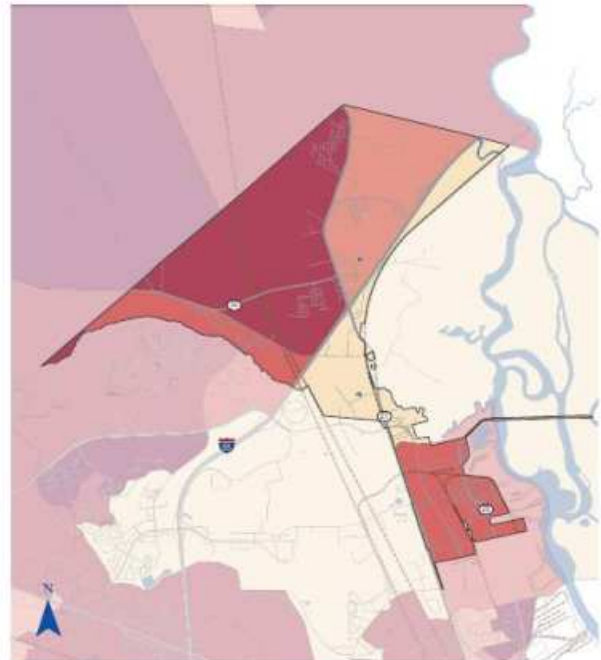


FIGURE 27. PERCENT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING

Percent Owner Occupied, 2022

- < 26%
- 27% - 50%
- 51% - 60%
- 61% - 85%
- 86% - 100%

The north of Port Wentworth has the highest percent of owner occupied housing. This is in line with the trend that the northern portion has a higher median income.



FIGURE 29. RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

Legend

Residence Density, 2022

5 Residences/Sq. Mi.

1,717

Base Features

— Railroad

— Port and Airport

— Waterbody

— City Boundary

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Figure 31 provides an overview of housing status, detailing the distribution of total housing units, occupied units, and vacant units. Out of 4,854 total housing units, 91.0% (4,419 units) are occupied, while 9.0% (435 units) remain vacant. Among the occupied units, 66.0% (2,917 units) are owner-occupied, indicating that a majority of residents own their homes, while 34.0% (1,502 units) are renter-occupied. This data highlights a housing market where the vast majority of units are occupied, with homeownership being the predominant living arrangement.

Status	Number	Share
Total Units	4,854	100.0%
Occupied	4,419	91.0%
Owner	2,917	66.0%
Renter	1,502	34.0%
Vacant	435	9.0%

FIGURE 31. HOUSING TENURE AND OCCUPANCY

Type	Owner	Renter
Occupied Units	2,917	1,502
1, detached	2,795	408
1, attached	122	136
2	0	0
3 or 4	0	27
5 to 9	0	185
10 to 19	0	427
20 to 49	0	143
50 or more	0	169
Mobile home	0	7
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0

FIGURE 30. TYPE OF UNITS OCCUPIED BY TENURE, 2023

Among 2,917 owner-occupied units, the vast majority are single-family detached homes (2,795 units), with a small portion being single-family attached homes (122 units). In contrast, renter-occupied units (1,502 units) show greater diversity in housing types. While single-family detached homes (408 units) and single-family attached homes (136 units) are common, renters also occupy larger multi-unit structures, such as buildings with 5 to 9 units (185 units), 10 to 19 units (427 units), 20 to 49 units (143 units), and 50 or more units (169 units). Additionally, a small number of renters live in mobile homes (7 units). The data highlights a clear distinction: owners predominantly live in single-family detached homes, while renters are more likely to reside in larger multi-unit building.

Vacant housing in Port Wentworth is located in areas with more limited investment. Increased investment in areas with vacancy may increase the value of property in the areas and promote greater occupation of these properties.

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

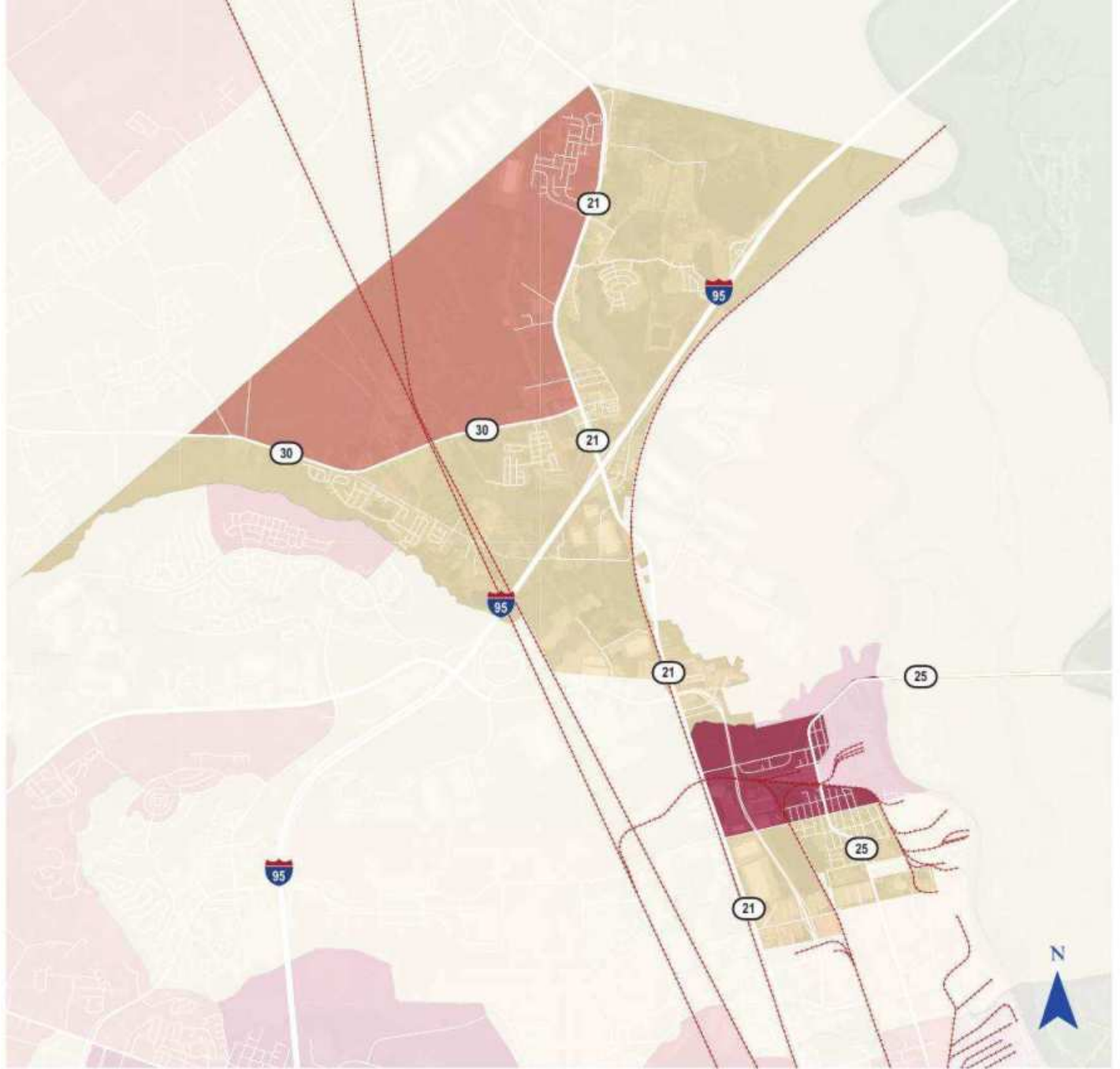


FIGURE 32. VACANT HOUSING

OccupancyStatus_Census_2022
Percent Vacant, 2022

- 0 - 5%
- 6 - 14%
- 15 - 28%
- 29 - 48%
- 49 - 74%

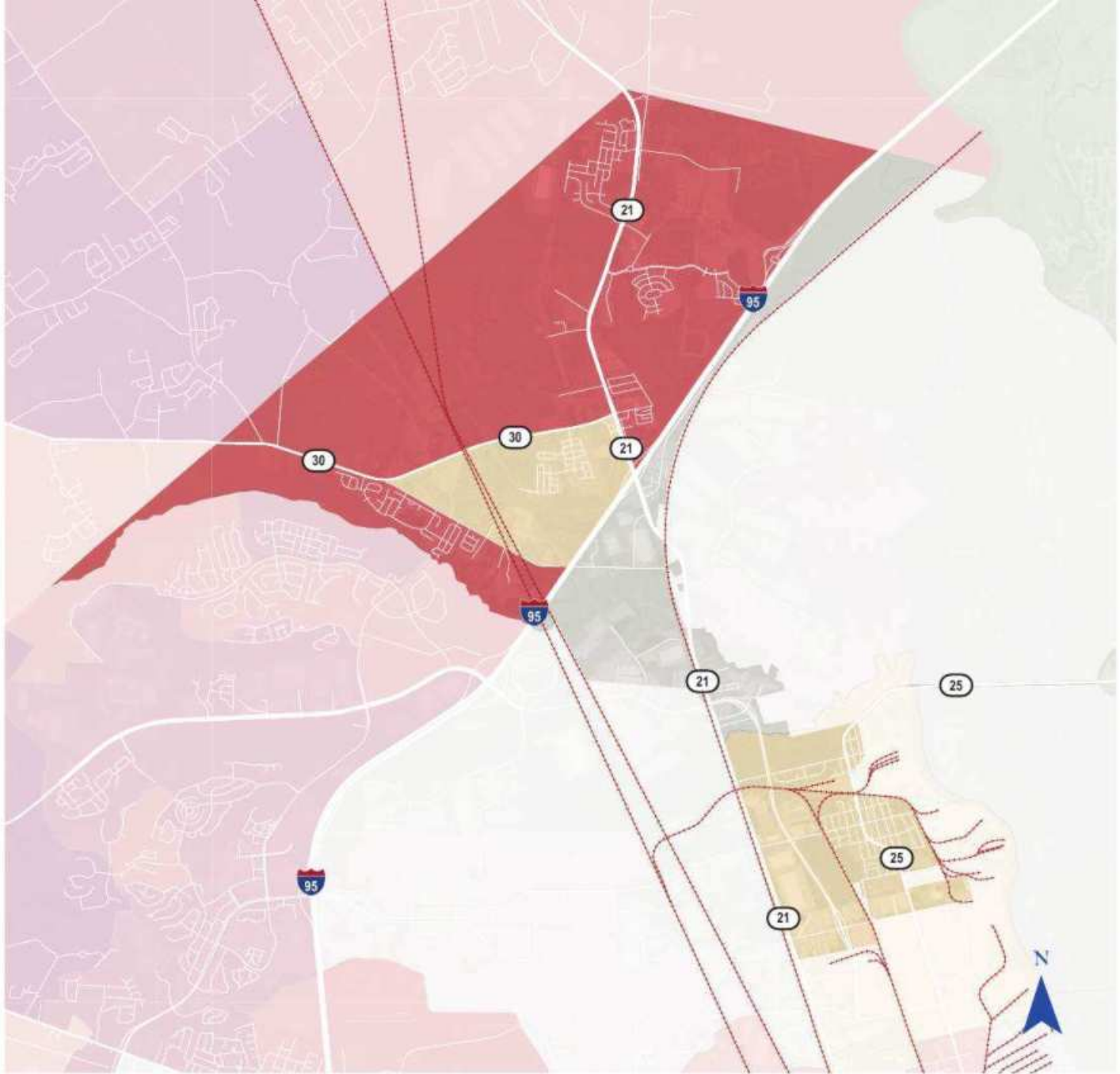


FIGURE 33. MEDIAN HOME VALUE

MedianHomeValue_ACS_2022



Source: US Census - ACS 2023

HOME VALUE

While owner-occupied housing units increased from 1,412 in 2010 to 2,208 in 2020, they are projected to decline to 1,969 by 2024. In contrast, renter-occupied housing units have grown dramatically, from 631 in 2010 to 3,044 in 2024, indicating a significant shift toward rental housing in the area. The median age of the population has remained consistent, increasing only slightly from 32.0 in 2010 to 32.4 in 2024, suggesting a stable, relatively young demographic profile. Overall, the data highlights a rapidly growing community with a shifting housing market dynamic, as rental housing becomes increasingly prevalent. The number of households and families has also increased, with the average household size remaining relatively stable at around 2.6. The housing market has shifted, with a notable increase in renter-occupied units compared to owner-occupied units.

SUMMARY	2010	2020	2024
POPULATION	5,360	10,878	13,339
HOUSEHOLDS	2,043	4,055	5,013
FAMILIES	1,378	2,761	3,181
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE	2.58	2.67	2.65
OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	1,412	2,208	1,969
RENTER OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS	631	1,847	3,044
MEDIAN AGE	32.0	32.1	32.4

FIGURE 35. COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Since 2020, the median sales price in Port Wentworth increased approximately 71.8%, rising from \$181K in 2020 to \$311K in 2024. Approximately 26% of homeowners are cost burdened. During this same period, the median sales price in Chatham County increased by 49.8% from \$241K in 2020 to \$361K in 2024. The median monthly mortgage payment in 2023 was \$1,426 in Port Wentworth, while the median gross rent was slightly higher at \$1,465.

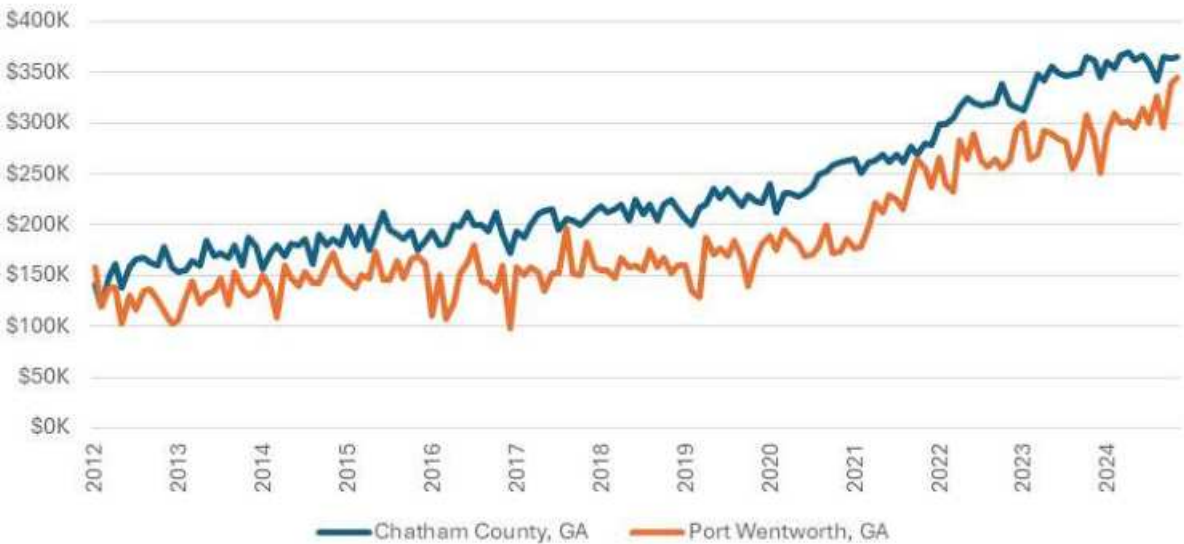


FIGURE 34. MONTHLY MEDIAN SALES PRICE, JAN 2021 TO NOV 2024

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Affordability Metric	Value
Owner-occupied mortgaged homes, 2023	1,892
Cost >30% of household income	497
Specified renter-occupied units, 2023	1,502
Rent >30% of household income	704
Median monthly mortgage cost, 2023	\$1,426
Median gross rent, 2023	\$1,465

FIGURE 36. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS, 2023

Approximately 26.3% of owner occupied households spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs, indicating a significant portion of homeowners face financial strain. For renters, the situation is more severe. Approximately 47% pay more than 30% of their income on rent, underscoring a widespread affordability crisis among renters. Additionally, 25% of renter households pay between 30% to 49% of their income for housing (unaffordable), while 23% pay more than 50% (severely unaffordable). These figures reveal that renters are disproportionately burdened by housing expenses compared to homeowners, pointing to a need for policies addressing housing affordability and income disparities in the area.

Household Income	Actual Households at Income Level	Estimated Occupied Housing Units Affordable at Income Level	Housing Shortage/Surplus
<\$15k	92	8	-84
\$15k <\$35k	164	28	-136
\$35k <\$50k	382	32	-350
\$50k <\$75k	251	242	-9
\$75k <\$100k	289	267	-22
\$100k <\$150k	280	602	322
\$150k+	44	323	279

FIGURE 37. RENTAL HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

There's a shortage of affordable housing units for households earning less than \$75,000. There are approximately 890 households below this income level, while, when assessing the number of units affordable to these households, there were only 310 units. Ultimately, there is a need for approximately 580 affordable units to alleviate the high cost burden.

Source: US Census - ACS 2023

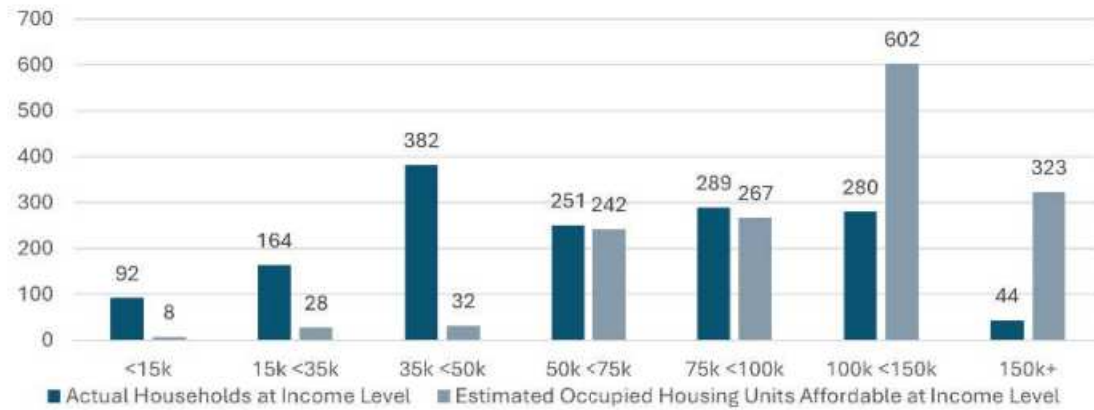


FIGURE 39. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS, 2023

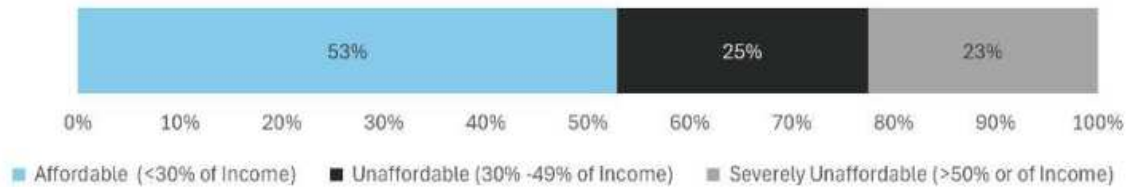


FIGURE 38. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS, 2023

HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY
AND STABILITY

Housing affordability is a concern, with the median rent at **\$1,465** and median home value at **\$168,100**. Additionally, the owner-occupied rate is 62.5%, which is somewhat average. With rising population density (676.9 people per square mile) and housing demand, affordable housing could become an even bigger challenge.

CHALLENGE

There's an opportunity to address this by incorporating affordable housing policies, supporting mixed-use developments, and ensuring that housing supply keeps pace with demand. Given the stable population (76.1% live in the same house year to year), ensuring housing for long-term residents while accommodating newcomers is essential.

OPPORTUNITY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

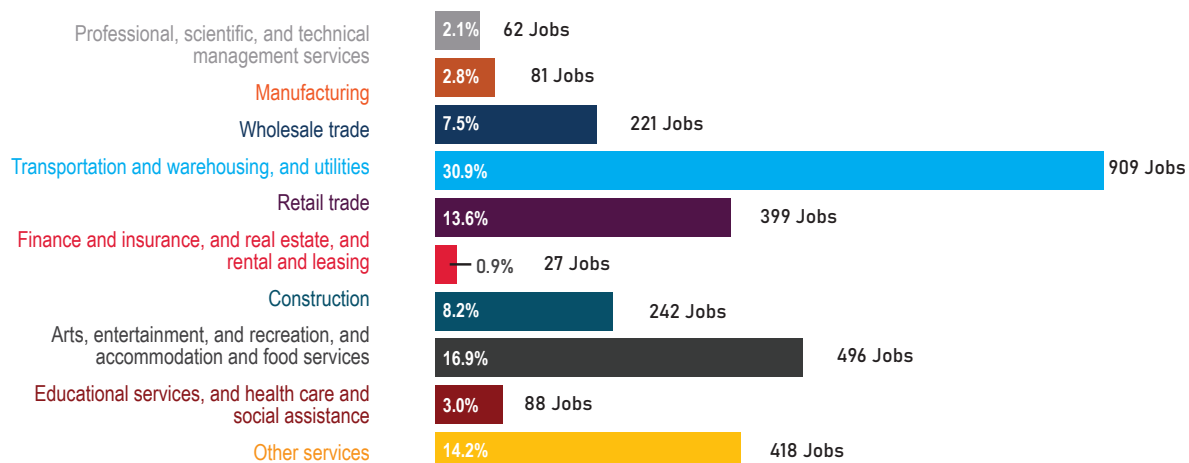
The economy of Port Wentworth is very strong due to its geographical location in the Savannah Metropolitan Area. Industry and tourism are major driving factors of the economics of the region.

INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYERS

Figure 41, shows higher densities of jobs clustered around industrial areas. Bright clusters illustrate higher density locations for work and highlight key job centers to connect services like transit or multi-modal access.

Figure 40 illustrates the various types of industries present in Port Wentworth. The largest sector is transportation and warehousing, which makes up over 30% of the city's employment. After the industrial sectors, service-based industries—such as arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services—represent the next highest share of employment in the area

FIGURE 40. EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

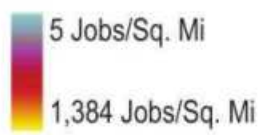


Source: Bureau of Labor and Statistics



FIGURE 41. EMPLOYMENT DENSITY

Employment Density, 2022



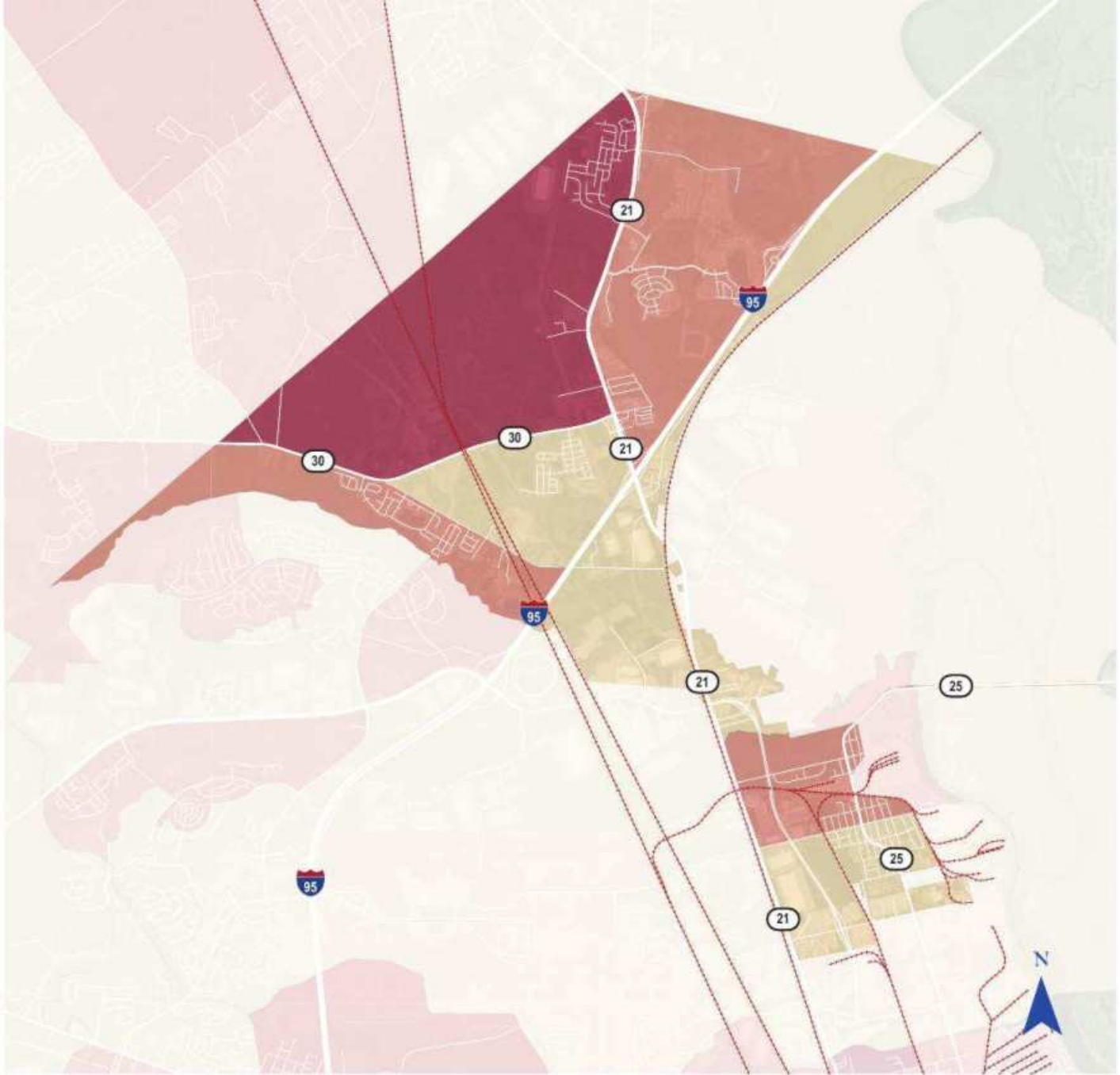


FIGURE 42. UNEMPLOYMENT

Percent Unemployed, 2022

- 0 - 3%
- 4 - 10%
- 11 - 18%
- 19 - 28%
- 29 - 65%

UNEMPLOYMENT

Port Wentworth has a relatively low unemployment rate as of June 2023, at 4.4%, below the national average of 6.0%. Unemployment has gone down since 2013, when Port Wentworth had an unemployment rate of 8.7%. However, 4.4% is a slight increase from 2022, with an unemployment rate of 3.2%.

Source: Demographic Statistics Last Ten Calendar Years, City of Port Wentworth's annual comprehensive financial report.



Transportation and warehousing accounted for \$148 million in receipts/revenue in 2017, showing the city's reliance on the logistics industry, tied to its proximity to the Port of Savannah.

INTERESTING FACT



While this industry is a strong economic driver, over-reliance on logistics and transportation could be risky, especially if the industry faces disruption. Diversifying the economy into sectors such as technology, healthcare, and retail is important for long-term resilience.

CHALLENGE

ECONOMIC
RELIANCE ON
LOGISTICS AND
WAREHOUSING



The presence of strong logistics infrastructure is an asset. Strategic land-use planning, zoning for industrial expansion, and workforce development can help further bolster this sector while mitigating traffic and environmental impacts.

OPPORTUNITY

BUDGET

The explosive population growth experienced over the past decade or so has both benefited the city's budget and caused expenses to increase. Between 2014 and 2024, there have been significant changes in both revenues and expenses. Total revenues have increased by 160%, with notable growth in unrestricted investment earnings, which skyrocketed by 7448%, and business taxes, which rose by 224%. Sales taxes also saw a substantial increase of 217%, reflecting a robust economic environment. On the expenses side, general government expenses surged by 534%, and interest on long-term debt increased by 849%, indicating higher borrowing costs or increased debt levels. Public safety expenses grew by 233%, highlighting a greater investment in community safety. Overall, the data shows a dynamic fiscal landscape with substantial growth in both revenue streams and expenditure categories, underscoring the need for careful financial management to sustain this growth.

FIGURE 43. CITY REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Revenues	2014	2024	% Change
Charges for Services + Capital Grants	6,921,177	15,515,315	124%
Property taxes	\$2,137,730	\$4,657,959	118%
Sales taxes	\$1,544,295	\$4,895,588	217%
Selective sales and use taxes	\$875,057	\$2,072,352	137%
Business taxes	\$358,333	\$1,159,647	224%
Unrestricted investment earnings	\$26,204	\$1,977,905	7,448%
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	\$76,021	100%
Miscellaneous	\$103,721	\$792,744	664%
Total revenues	\$11,966,517	\$31,147,531	160%
Expenses	2014	2024	% Change
General government	\$490,656	\$3,110,785	534%
Public safety	\$2,775,757	\$9,241,284	233%
Public works	\$1,304,589	\$3,135,276	140%
Judicial	\$124,347	\$567,152	356%
Culture and recreation	\$427,733	\$914,369	114%
Housing and development	\$504,696	\$1,487,149	195%
Interest on long-term debt	\$9,931	\$94,223	849%
Water, sewer, and sanitation	\$3,139,537	\$5,919,630	89%
Total expenses	\$8,777,246	\$24,469,868	179%

Source: City Of Port Wentworth's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

On a per capita basis, revenues and expenses have increased. Total revenues increased by 36%, with unrestricted investment earnings experiencing a remarkable growth of 3848%, indicating a significant boost in investment returns. Business taxes and sales taxes also saw substantial increases of 69% and 66%, respectively, reflecting a growing business environment and consumer spending. On the expenses side, general government expenses surged by 232%, and interest on long-term debt increased by 396%, suggesting higher borrowing costs or increased debt levels. Public safety expenses grew by 74%, highlighting a greater focus on community safety. Overall, the data indicates a dynamic fiscal landscape with moderate growth in revenue streams and a significant rise in expenditure categories, emphasizing the importance of strategic financial planning to manage this growth effectively.

FIGURE 44. CITY REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER CAPITA

Revenues	2014	2024	% Change
Charges for Services + Capital Grants	\$992	\$1,163	17%
Property taxes	\$306	\$349	14%
Sales taxes	\$221	\$367	66%
Selective sales and use taxes	\$125	\$155	24%
Business taxes	\$51	\$87	69%
Unrestricted investment earnings	\$4	\$148	3,848%
Gain on sale of capital assets	\$0	\$6	NA
Miscellaneous	\$15	\$59	300%
Total revenues	\$1,715	\$2,335	36%
Expenses	\$2,014	\$2,024	% Change
General government	\$70	\$233	232%
Public safety	\$398	\$693	74%
Public works	\$187	\$235	26%
Judicial	\$18	\$43	139%
Culture and recreation	\$61	\$69	12%
Housing and development	\$72	\$111	54%
Interest on long-term debt	\$1	\$7	396%
Water, sewer, and sanitation	\$450	\$444	-1%
Total expenses	\$1,258	\$1,834	46%

FUTURE LAND USE - MARKET VALUE

The future land use (FLU) data reveals significant insights into the distribution and valuation of different land categories. Residential land stands out with the highest total fair market value of \$1,011,933,890 and an assessed value per acre of \$154,359, indicating its substantial economic importance. Industrial land, while covering fewer acres than conservation land, boasts a high total fair market value of \$664,460,426 and a notable fair market value per acre of \$270,400, reflecting its critical role in economic activities. Commercial land, with 1,484 acres, also shows strong economic potential with a total fair market value of \$199,476,415. Interestingly, institutional land, despite its smaller area, has a high fair market value per acre of \$643,189, highlighting its significant value. Conservation land, covering the largest area, emphasizes the importance of environmental preservation with a fair market value of \$164,765,640. Overall, the data underscores the diverse economic contributions of different land uses, with residential and industrial lands being particularly valuable.

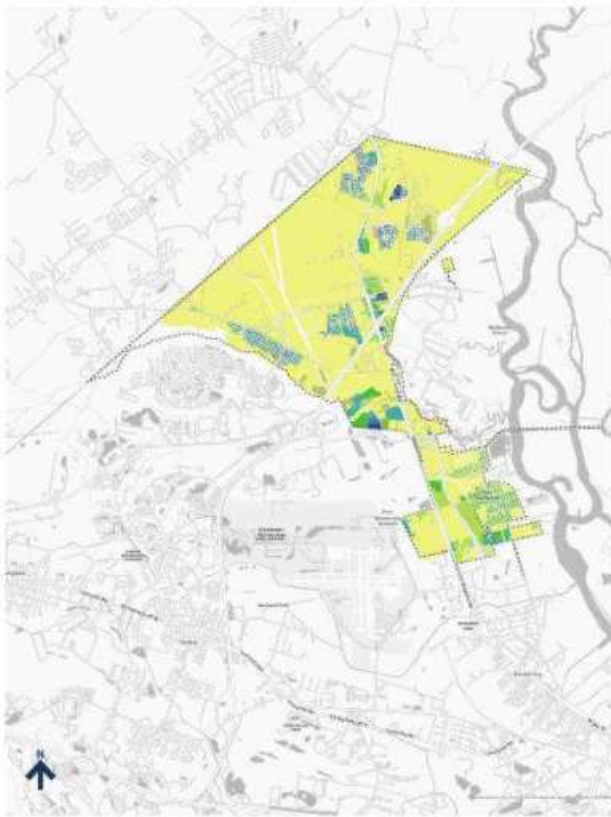


FIGURE 45. LAND VALUE BY ACRE

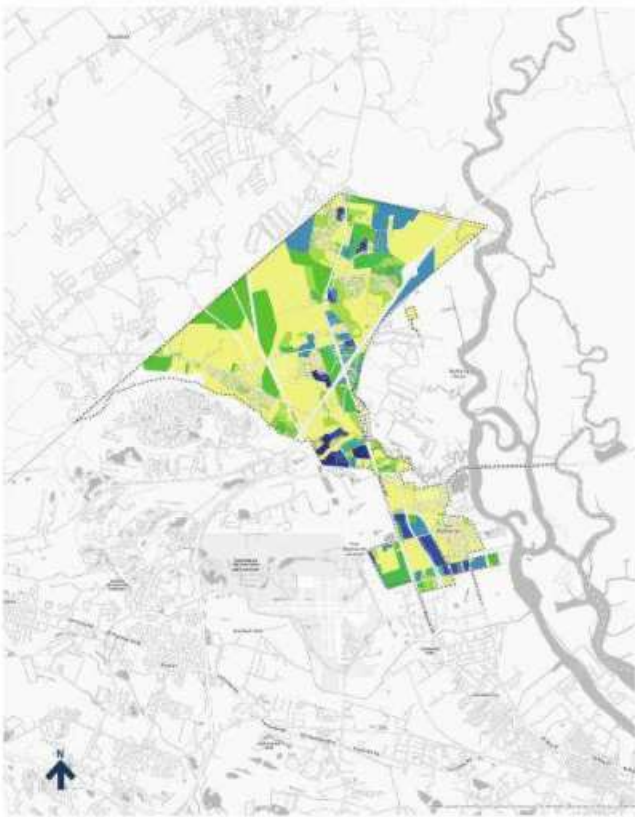
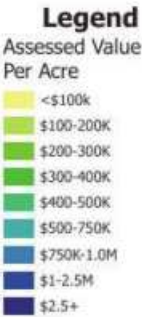


FIGURE 46. TOTAL ASSESSED LAND VALUE



FIGURE 47. ZONING, ASSESSED VALUE, AND FAIR MARKET VALUE, PER ACRE

FLU	Acres	Assessed Value	Total Fair Market Value	Assessed Value/Acre	Fair Market Value/Acre
Civic/Government	6	\$0	\$4,756,700	\$0	\$810,341
Commercial	1,484	\$72,436,222	\$199,476,415	\$48,809	\$134,411
Conservation	3,689	\$53,532,456	\$164,765,640	\$14,511	\$44,663
Industrial	2,457	\$169,153,957	\$664,460,426	\$68,837	\$270,400
Institutional	93	\$86,149	\$59,829,473	\$926	\$643,189
Mixed Use	2,373	\$26,028,502	\$76,241,340	\$10,969	\$32,130
Park	1,239	\$951,368	\$4,125,420	\$768	\$3,329
Residential	2,606	\$402,213,502	\$1,011,933,890	\$154,359	\$388,352
NA	7,204	\$0	\$10,877,100	\$0	\$1,510

Source: Chatham County Board of Assessors



TRANSPORTATION

Port Wentworth is served by a variety of transportation modes. Interstate 95 cuts through the city, running south along the Georgia coast and northeast into South Carolina. There are also several state routes that run through Port Wentworth, including US 30, US 21, and US 25. In total, Port Wentworth's road network is over 108 miles long. Figure 49 illustrates the functional classification for each road. US 21, a principal arterial, divides the northern portion of Port Wentworth and bounds the downtown portion. Arterials, Highway, and Freeways dominate the transportation in Port Wentworth, with a minor local road presence.

Port Wentworth is also served by multiple railroad lines. The Savannah and Atlanta Railroad, the Central of Georgia Railroad, Norfolk Southern, and CSX all have rail lines that run through the city. Between these four lines, Port Wentworth has over 17 miles of railroad, making it an important aspect of both the city's infrastructure and economy.



FIGURE 48. ROAD OWNERSHIP

Roadway Ownership

- State DOT
- County Highway Agency
- City or Municipal Highway Agency

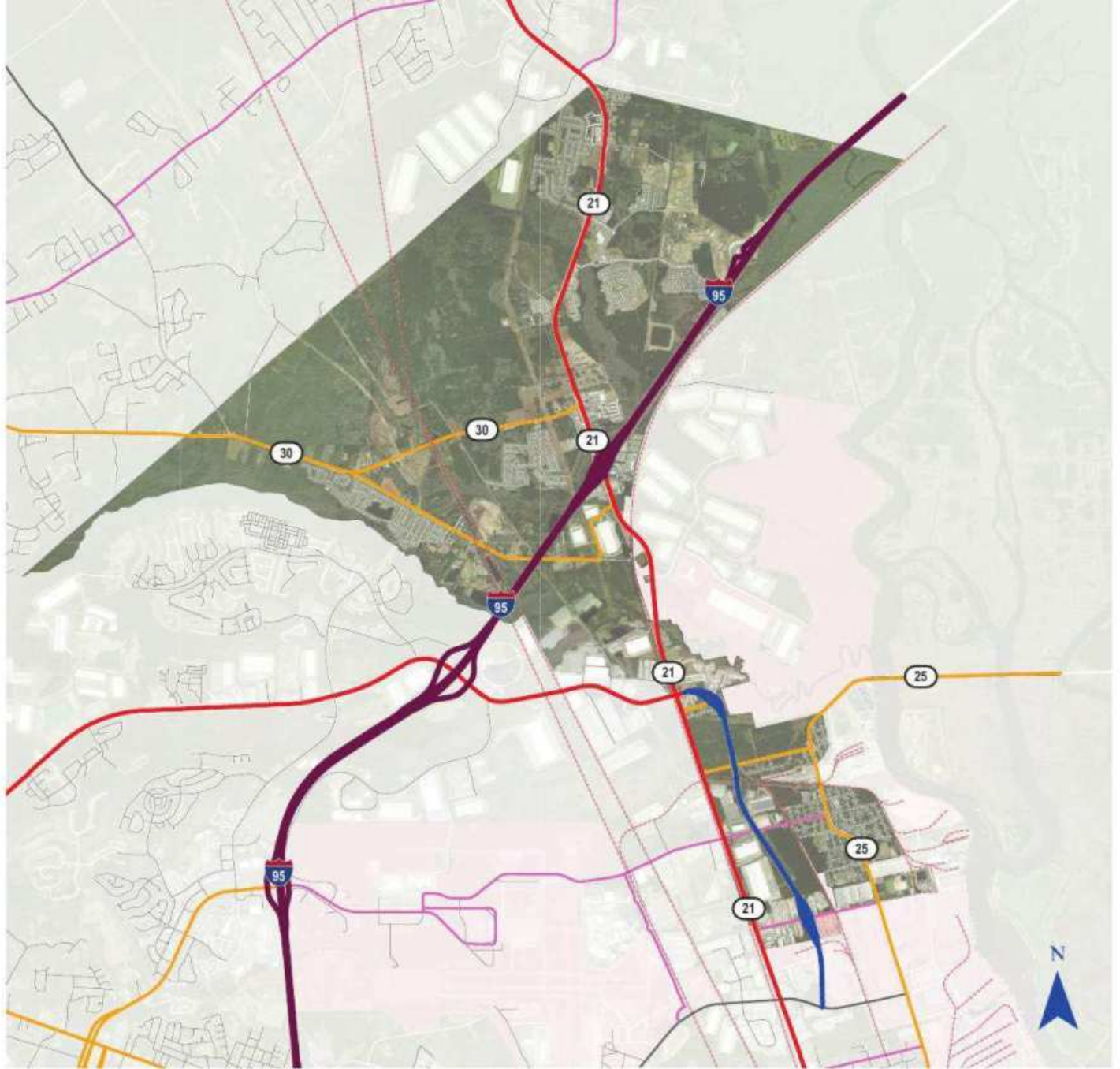


FIGURE 49. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Functional Classification

- Interstate Highway
- Other Freeways and Expressways
- Principal Arterials
- Minor Arterials
- Major Collectors
- Minor Collectors
- Local Roads

TRAFFIC

Mobility concerns was one of the top priorities heard throughout the public engagement process. There are major pinch points of traffic at the intersection of the highways. When reviewing the average daily traffic numbers, freight is a major reason for the congestion. Throughout Port Wentworth are the impacts of high levels of traffic along US-21. There are even more vehicles on US 21 than I-95, and almost half of daily traffic is from freight.

The major roads that are congested are GDOT roads. Because of this, coordination with GDOT will be needed to enhance the streetscape, reduce crashes, and lessen the impacts of the high volume on residents.

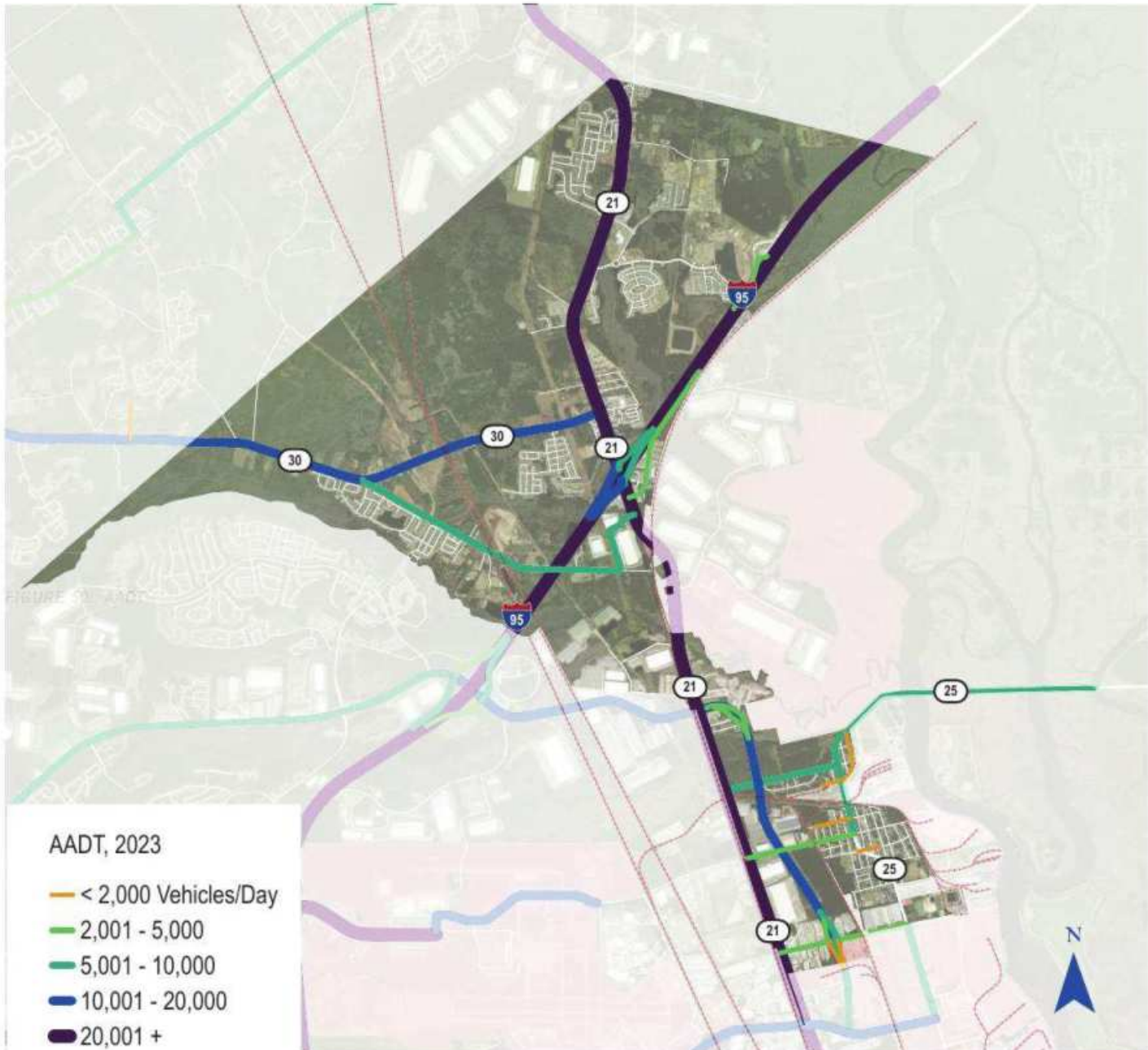


FIGURE 51. AADT - AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC

Other major roads that receive high traffic volumes are Jimmy Deloach Parkway and Highway 30. As uptown Port Wentworth continues to grow traffic will become an even greater concern. Developing more local roads will be key to enhanced connectivity in the region.

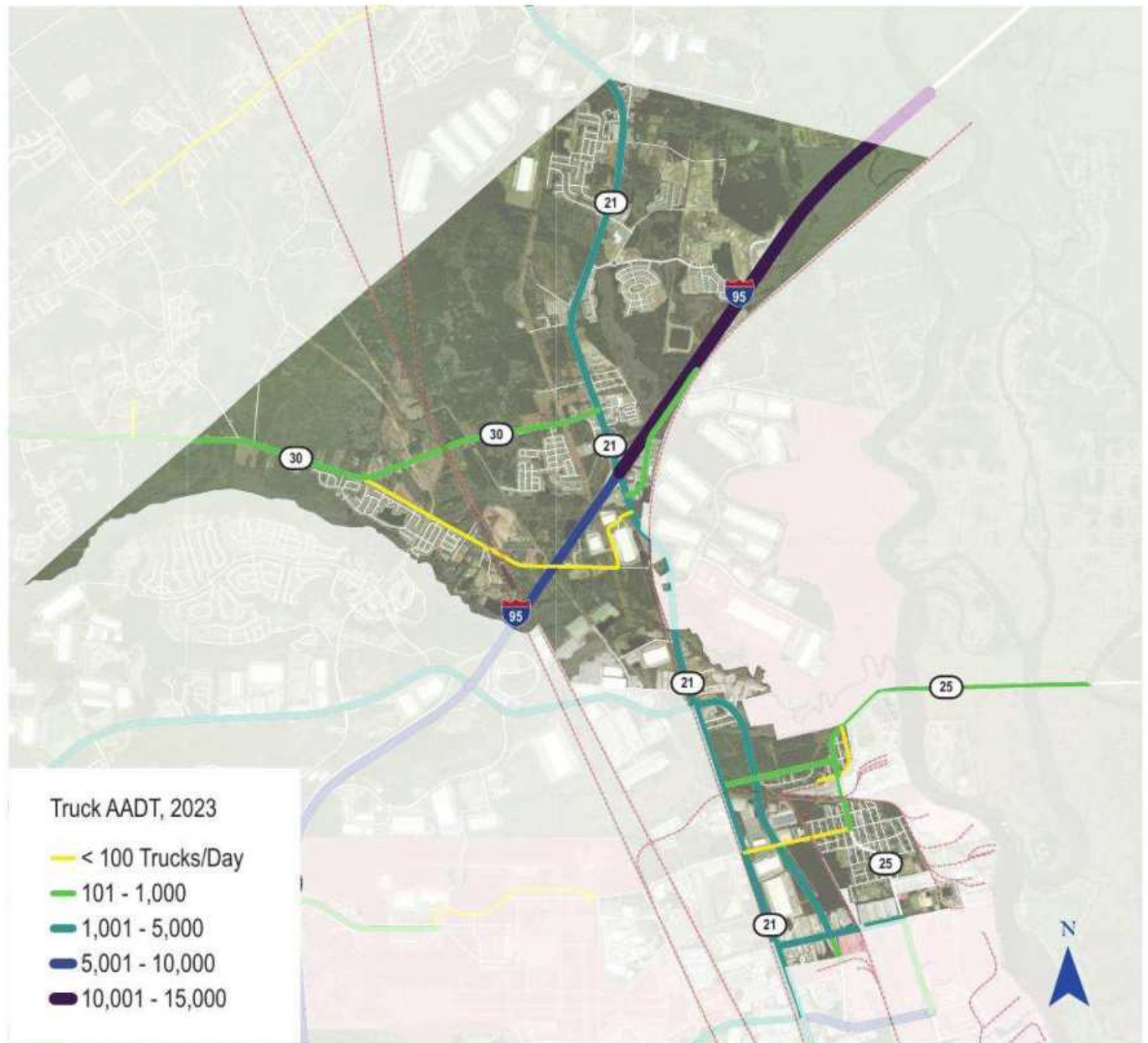


FIGURE 52. FREIGHT AADT

MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT

The new 2025 Greenway and trails plan identifies proposed trail corridors to support the local needs and connect to regional networks. Currently there are no trail networks within the city. The trails map shows US 21 as a primary corridor connecting uptown and downtown Port Wentworth.

A regional bus route runs through Port Wentworth providing access to Downtown Savannah as well as the Savannah Airport. The bus route ran by CATs, is a regional route that connects to the airport. There are no transit routes that service uptown Port Wentworth.

Multi-modal transit needs expansion as Port Wentworth expands. Increasing interconnectivity and multi-modal transit in Port Wentworth would contribute to alleviating the increasing traffic and vehicular pressure on the city. As the population increases, providing walkability and access to services through trails and sidewalks. Bus routes also support more vulnerable sections of the population, such as the elderly and disabled. These services and amenities improve quality of life and social mobility.



FIGURE 53. BUS ROUTE





FIGURE 54. PROPOSED TRAILS PLAN

Multi-Modal

- Future Connectivity
- - Proposed Trails + Sidewalks
- - Proposed Trails
- - NMTP Sidewalk
- - NMTP Proposed

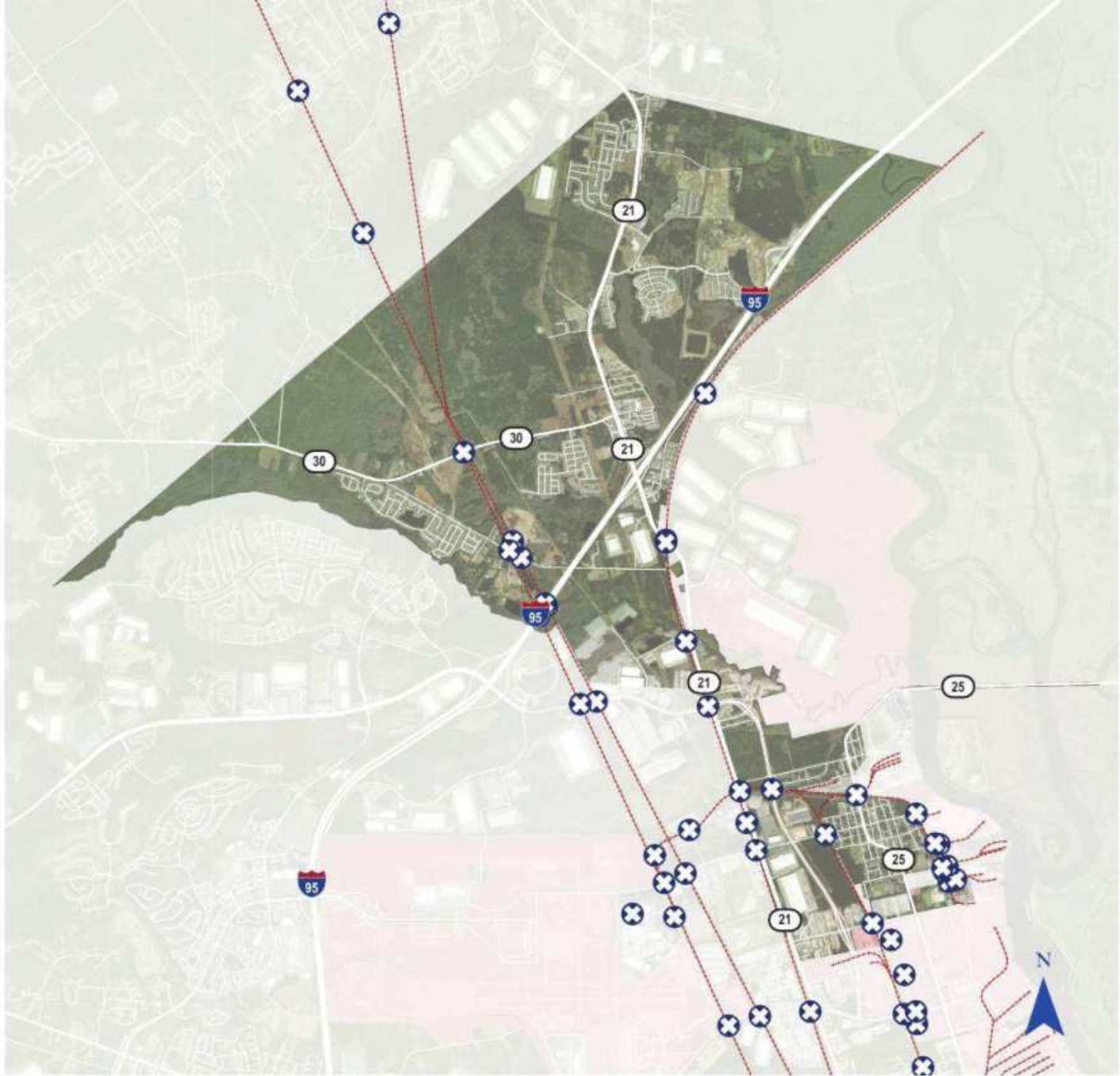


FIGURE 55. INTERMODAL NETWORK

Legend

- Railroads
- Port and Airport
- ✕ Railroad Crossing

INTERMODAL NETWORK

Multiple modes of transport are adjacent to the City of Port Wentworth. The Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport and Port Terminal frame the city and provide river and air access. Proximity to the port increases both railroad and freight usage.

Railroad lines pass through multiple regions of Port Wentworth, and defines a portion of the city boundary. These lines divide the community and separate the city into two "regions." Railroads limit the amount of intersections and sidewalks that can connect the areas of Port Wentworth. Current crossings are illustrated in figure 54.

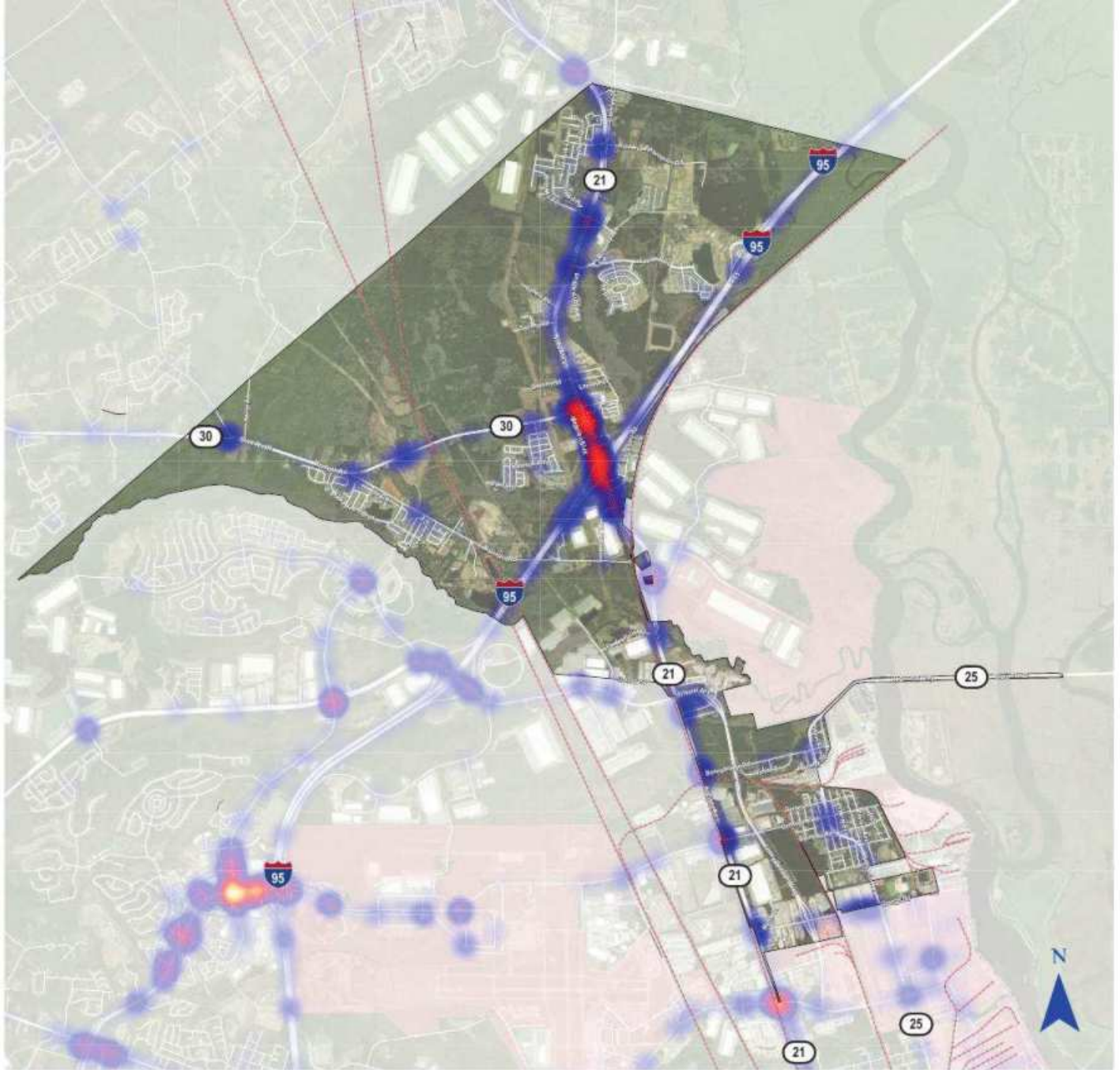


FIGURE 56. CRASH DENSITY

CRASH DENSITY

Crash density reveals areas with greater crashes; this demonstrates areas of greater danger for pedestrians, drivers, and any person travelling through that area. In Port Wentworth, the greatest amount of crashes is along Highway 21, by the intersection of Interstate 95 and Highway 30. There are also more crashes at intersections along Highway 21.

Reducing crashes can reduce mortality and increase economic capability of the city. As these intersections have high volumes, increasing safety will benefit a large population. Coordination with GDOT will be needed for these safety improvements.

Legend

Crash Density, 2019-2023

Fewer Crashes

More Crashes

Base Features

Railroad

Port and Airport

Park

Waterbody

Wetland

HOW PEOPLE TRAVEL

Transportation to work is dominated by vehicular travel - namely single passenger vehicles. However, some individuals do rely on other modes of transport to work. Multiple people reported they walked to work - and some reported "other." Those who walked are centred around the north eastern portion of the city.

Tourism to the Savannah area influences patterns of travel in Port Wentworth as many visitors may pass through the area to visit Savannah or the Savannah Wildlife Refuge. Tourists often use I-95 for travel throughout the area. The influx of visitors and freight puts higher demand on transportation infrastructure. Increased multi-modal transit capability such as public transportation, walking, and biking can reduce pressures and congestion in the area.

Figure 57 illustrates the primary routes for freight, local, and tourist traffic. This illustrates that the majority of primary connector roads are utilized by freight and tourism and cause congestion for residents within the city limits.

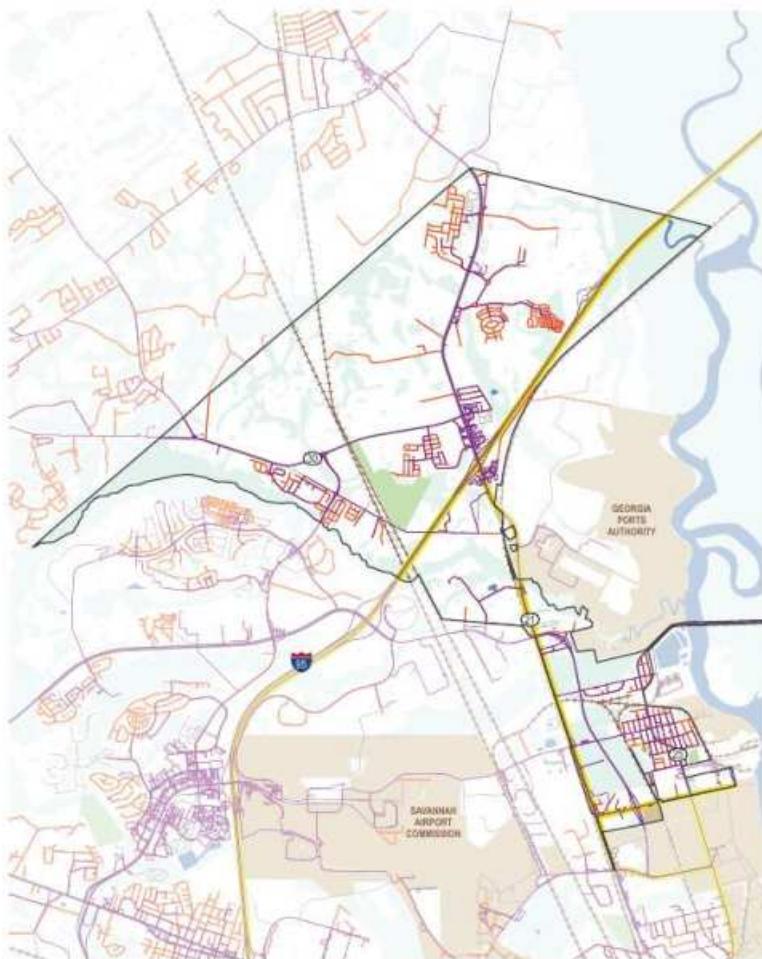


FIGURE 57. FREIGHT, LOCAL, AND TOURIST ROAD USE

Legend

- Visitor Trips (Replica, 2024)
- Local Roads
- Freight Corridor

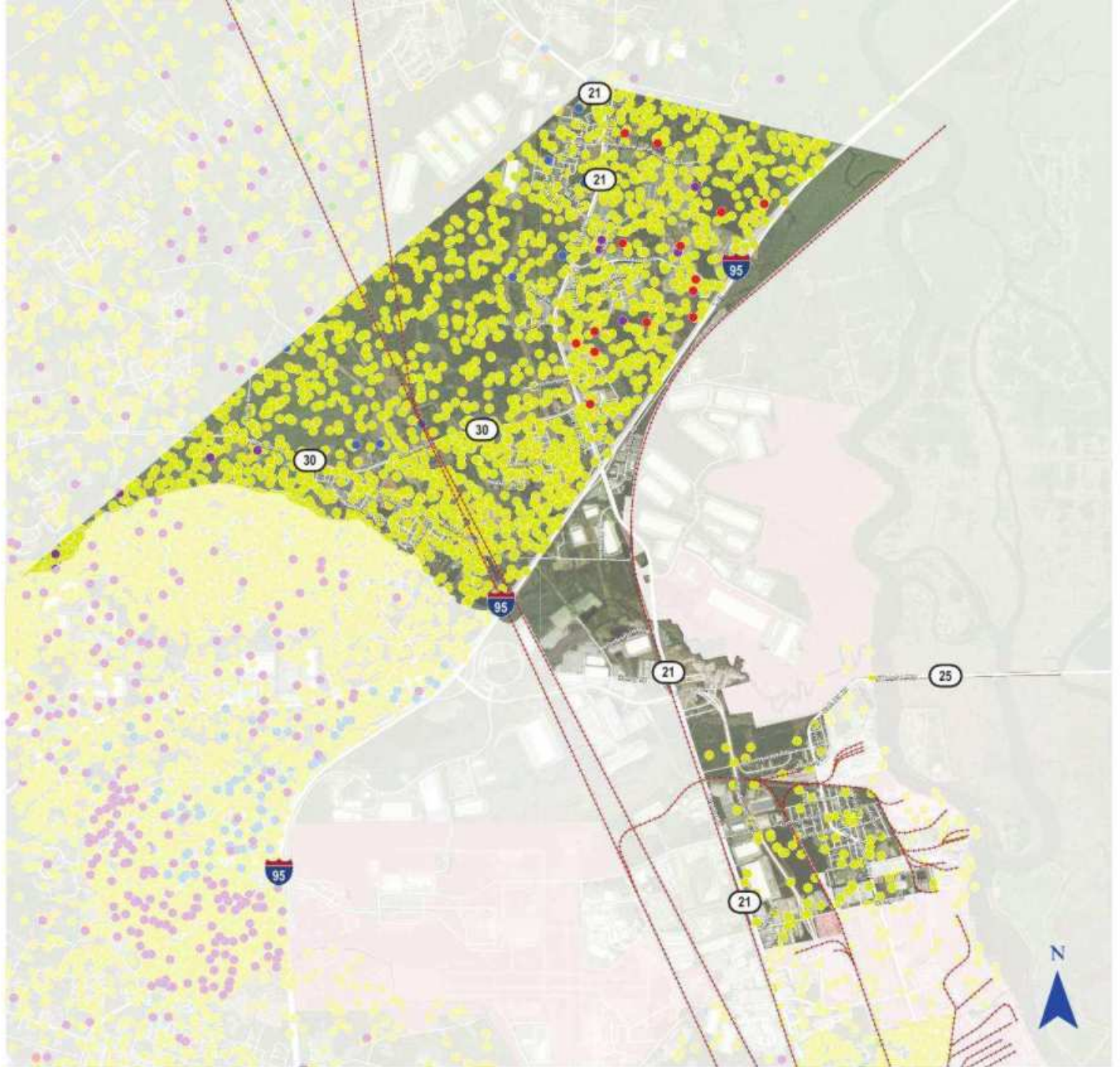


FIGURE 58. TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Transportation to Work, 2022

1 Dot = 3 Persons

- Walked
- Worked from home
- Bicycle
- Public transportation (excluding taxicab)
- Taxicab
- Motorcycle
- Other means
- Car, truck, or van



QUALITY OF LIFE

There are numerous quality of life considerations within Port Wentworth. Major quality of life components include: environmental concerns, utility access, recreational amenities, schools, and services.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Port Wentworth offers several community facilities that support recreation, education, and social activities for residents and visitors. In 2023, the city opened the Computer Learning and Innovation Center (CLIC), providing technology training and workforce development. The Community Center is available for public rental, serving as a space for events and gatherings.

Outdoor amenities include the Houlihan Boat Landing, which offers a boat launch ramp for fishing and boating, and the Tommy Thomas Pavilion, equipped with picnic tables, grills, and electricity for outdoor events. Additionally, the 150-acre Anchor Park, currently under development, will serve as a major recreational hub with green space, sports facilities, and community gathering areas.



ENVIRONMENTAL

There are numerous environmental concerns and opportunities within the city. The adjacent industrial land, contaminated water, and EPA sites have impacts on the city. The Savannah River, the existing large tree canopy, and wetlands and floodplains can mitigate the negative impacts and environmental concerns.

UTILITIES

There is currently adequate access to needed facilities within Port Wentworth. Electrical is provided by Georgia Power, there are a variety of options for natural gas, and broadband service is available in over 85% of the city.

SCHOOLS

Port Wentworth is part of the The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. The city currently does not have a high school and students have to be bussed to the county school to attend high school.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Major sections of Port Wentworth are covered in floodplain. This impacts all future development and can have an impact on existing neighborhoods. Half of Port Wentworth is currently undeveloped and the majority of the city is covered in mature trees. As the city continues to develop, the reduction of tree canopy will have a significant impact on quality of life. When the trees are removed, the air quality and micro climate are affected. As shown in figure 59, the developed areas are much hotter and more uncomfortable. As Port Wentworth continues to grow preservation standards will be key to allow development while maintaining quality of life.



FIGURE 59. HEAT ISLAND SEVERITY

Urban Heat Island Severity



Urban Heat Island is found in areas with larger amounts of impervious surface. With a large amount of future development expected in Port Wentworth, this effect will likely increase as more land is developed.

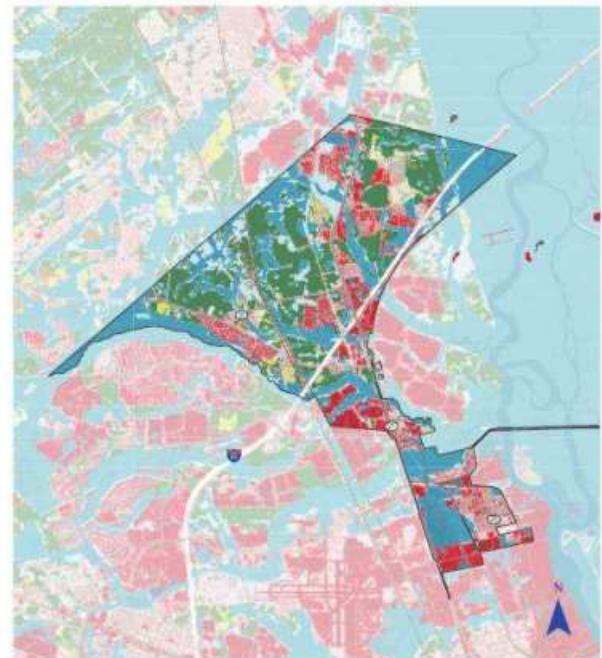
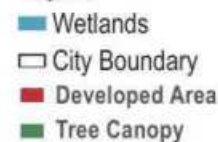


FIGURE 60. LANDCOVER

Legend



The land cover of Port Wentworth is changing as development increases. To the east of the city is the preserve, and to the south Savannah's developed core. Water bodies, wetlands, and the existing road systems influence the land development pattern of Port Wentworth.

Marshes and wetlands cover a significant portion of Port Wentworth's landscape. The St. Augustine Creek running along the southern border, contributes to much of the wetland area. Isolated wetland and marsh areas are dispersed throughout the city, likely formed as a result of the region's low-lying topography and poor natural drainage. Low areas of wetlands can also be found in the southern half of the city around the industrial zones. Georgia regulates wetlands through laws and programs such as the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) and the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act (ESA). Georgia's goal as stated in the wetland program plan is "no net loss" of wetlands. The amount of marsh and wetlands impacts the amount of developable land the city has, making it important to identify and properly plan for future development.

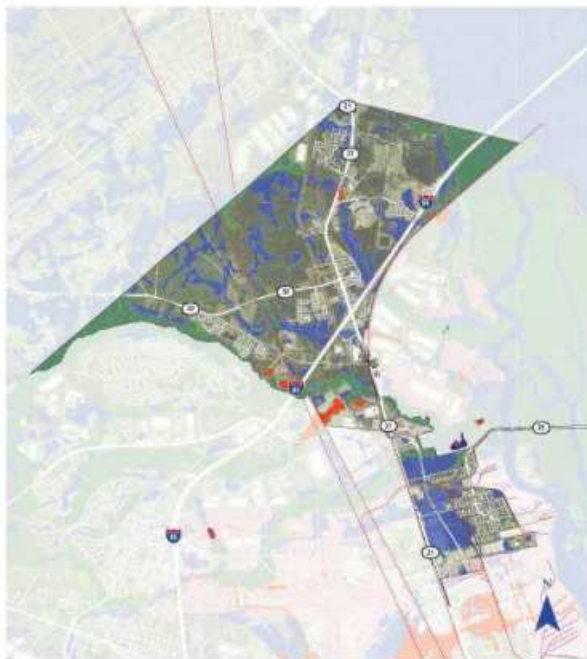


FIGURE 61. WETLAND AND SENSITIVE HABITAT

- Port Wentworth Boundary
- Marsh_(NHD)
- Wetlands
- Port and Airport
- Sea Level Rise (2-foot)

A large portion of Port Wentworth is wetland due to its ecology and proximity to the Savannah River. Wetlands are one of the most productive ecosystems, reducing flooding and providing habitat for diverse flora and fauna. Wetlands are a protected ecosystem and can limit the intensity of development in an area.

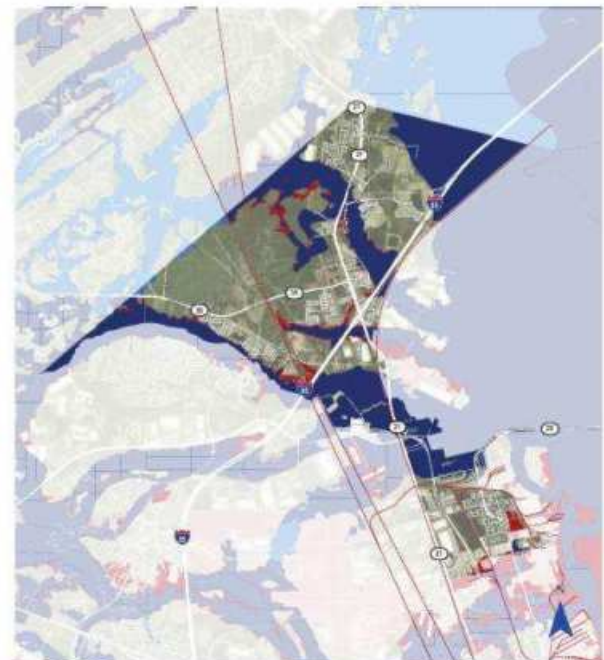


FIGURE 62. FLOODPLAIN

- City Boundary
- FloodHazard_CMRA_2024
- Flood Zone
- A
- AE
- X

The floodplain divides Port Wentworth, and can impact potential new developments in Uptown. The floodplain demonstrates what areas of the city will be inundated based on the severity of the rain or storm event and will affect insurance rates and development opportunities. New construction is generally not permitted within the floodplain.

With its close proximity to the Savannah River and the Atlantic Ocean, Port Wentworth has numerous environmental concerns and opportunities. The proximity to industrial also has considerations as industrial uses often have conflicting needs from the needs of wetlands and the local ecosystem. As development of Port Wentworth continues, plans should account for the environmental systems in Port Wentworth. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) maintains a comprehensive "303(d) list" for Chatham County and Savannah. At present, several waterways in Chatham County are being monitored and assessed for potential improvements in water quality. It is important to coordinate with regional initiative and monitor potential hazards as the city continues to grow.

Water accessibility is a key component of infrastructure that will be needed as Port Wentworth continues to grow. Per the Coastal Permitting Plan, Port Wentworth is located in a "red zone," meaning restrictions were placed for groundwater withdrawals from the Floridan aquifer in order to manage saltwater intrusion. Recommended short-term water quantity management practices are shown below.

- Replacing groundwater with surface water
- Replacing Red Zone groundwater withdrawals with groundwater withdrawals outside the Red and Yellow zones
- Continue study of potential for aquifer storage and recovery
- Optimization of all aquifers and continued monitoring and modelling to assess ongoing aquifer management practices
- Water reuse
- For the Red Zone "T-shaped plume" near Brunswick, avoid additional pumping in the area of the "T-shaped plume"

With the population density rising and housing developments increasing, there's likely more pressure on green spaces and environmental sustainability. The city should consider how to balance development with the preservation of natural resources and parkland.



CHALLENGE

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS



FIGURE 63. CONSERVATION AREAS

Legend

- Railroads
- Port Wentworth Boundary
- Port and Airport
- Conservation Areas

Conservation Areas protect important ecosystems and improve the quality of life in an area. Not only critical to reduce flooding, by conserving critical ecosystems, the city can establish a unique character and protect endangered flora and fauna.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS



Implementing sustainable urban planning practices, such as green building codes, preserving open spaces, and enhancing public transportation, will be essential to ensure the city's growth is environmentally friendly.

OPPORTUNITY



FIGURE 64. IMPAIRED WATER BODIES

Impaired Water Bodies Assessment

- Assessment Pending
- Not Supporting
- Supporting

St. Augustine Creek is represented by the green line, and currently qualifies as "supporting" or meeting water quality standards. The Savannah River is currently "non-supporting," or an impaired water body.

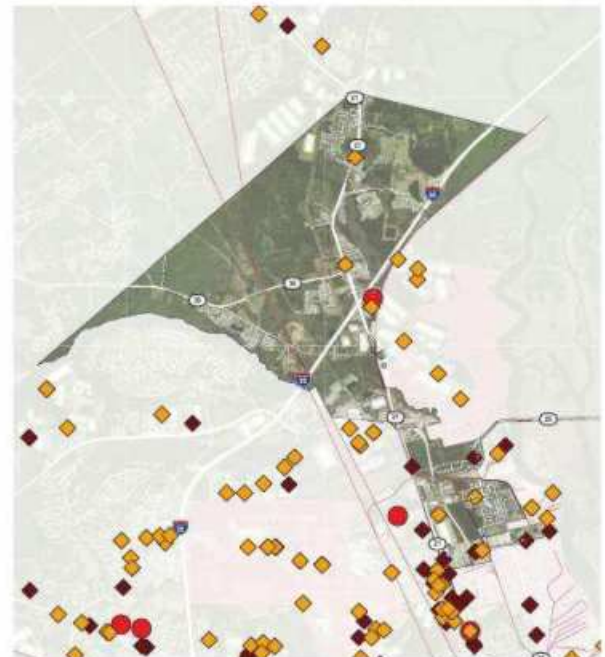


FIGURE 65. SUPERFUND SITES

Legend

- ◆ Active Hazardous Waste Site
- Superfund Site
- ◆ Inactive Hazardous Waste Site
- ◆ Active Hazardous Waste Site
- Railroads
- Port Wentworth Boundary

There are active and inactive hazardous waste sites in Port Wentworth, as well as a superfund site. A superfund site is an abandoned contaminated area with improperly managed hazardous waste.

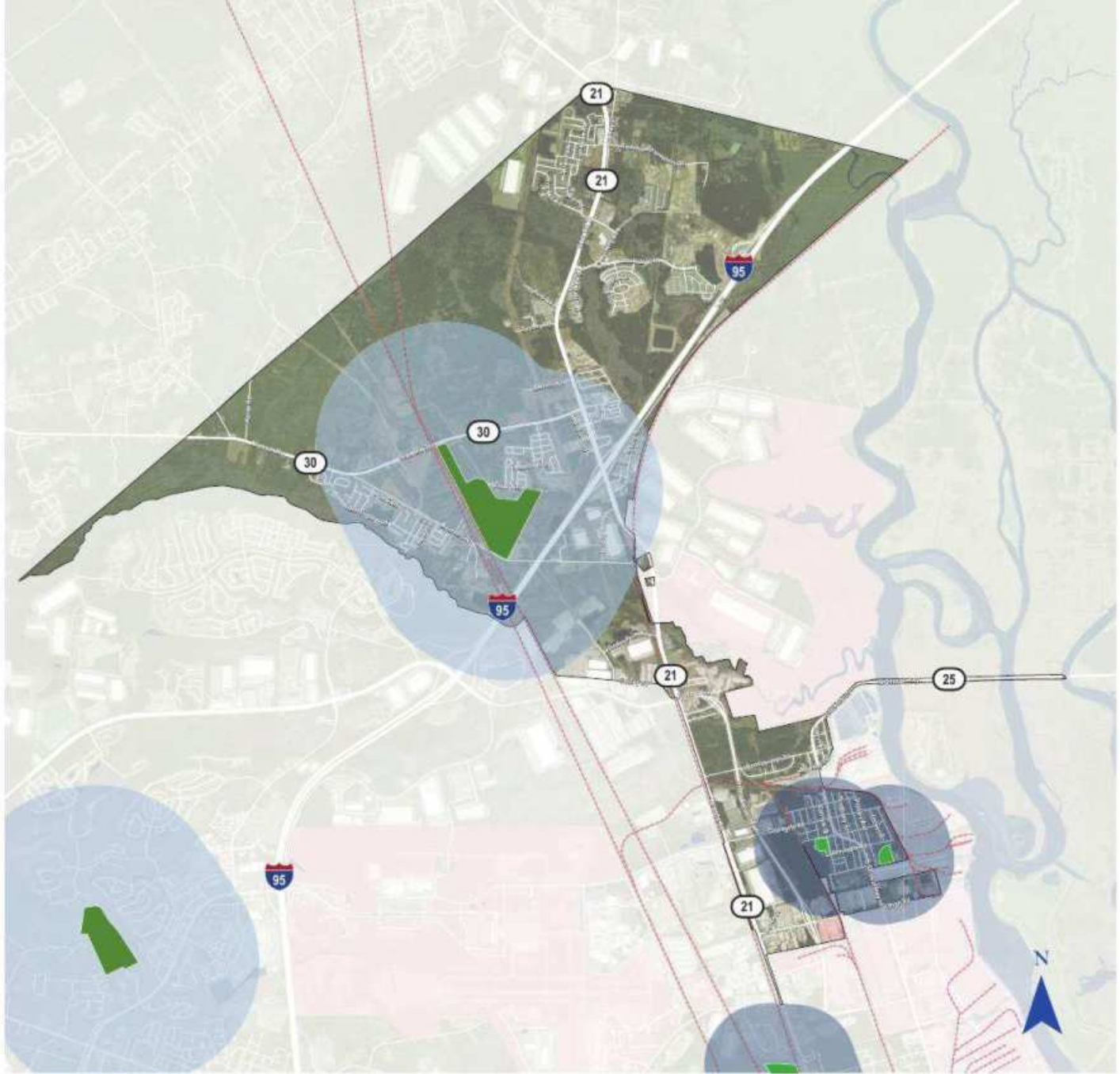


FIGURE 66. PARK INVENTORY AND PARK ACCESS

- Railroads
- Port Wentworth Boundary
- Port and Airport
- Community Park
- Regional Park
- Neighborhood Park
- 0.25-Mile Buffer
- 0.5-Mile Buffer
- 1-Mile Buffer

PARKS AND RECREATION

Port Wentworth currently maintains two primary recreational facilities: the Port Wentworth Recreation Complex and the Port Wentworth Soccer Fields. Anchor Park, the new facility in Uptown is currently under development. Both existing parks are concentrated in the Downtown area, resulting in a equitable access across Port Wentworth. Despite the planned addition of the new park, significant portions of Uptown will remain outside a one-mile service radius, which is a commonly used benchmark for recreation accessibility. Given that the majority of residential growth and urban development is occurring in the Uptown area, additional parks will be required to ensure equitable distribution and to meet level of service standards for recreational amenities.

Anchor Park is currently under construction and will add 150 acres of parkland to Uptown Port Wentworth. The park will include sports facilities such as pickleball, softball, baseball, and soccer. Additionally, the park will include amphitheater, and an ice hockey arena.

While there are only three parks within the city's boundary, there are a few outside that are still in close proximity. The Pooler Recreation Complex and Bazemore Park are both relatively close by, but are not operated by Port Wentworth.

Currently, there are no existing trails within the City of Port Wentworth. However, a network of planned trails is outlined in the 2025 Trails Master Plan. While unpaved trails are available nearby in the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, they are only accessible by car and offer limited connectivity to the community. Developing additional trails—especially paved, multi-use paths that support biking and active transportation—would greatly enhance connectivity, recreational opportunities, and the overall quality of life for residents.





03

PORT WENTWORTH TOMORROW





COMMUNITY VISION

Public engagement was used to reveal what matters most to the community—balancing economic development, quality of life, infrastructure needs, and environmental stewardship. This section illustrates the vision and plan to create the future of Port Wentworth that the community wants to see.



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Engagement Plan included two public open houses, a steering committee, pop-up events, and an online interactive tool to gain input from the community. Promotions were sent out through email blasts, news articles, posts to social media, text messages, and event pages. This report contains a summary of the community findings and a full list of all engagement tasks can be found in the Appendix.



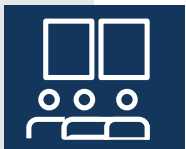
PUBLIC HEARING

The initial public hearing was held to kick off the Comprehensive Plan on November 4th, 2024. The second public hearing was held on March 20th.



STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee helped guide the development of the plan and met two times before each public meeting.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Two public open houses were held to invite the community to review segments of the plan throughout the project.



POP-UP EVENTS

One pop-up event was held at the economic outlook event held by the Port Wentworth Development Authority on December 4th 2024.



WEBSITE + SURVEY

The website was published on December 3rd and hosted all elements of the project including: timeline, materials, and an interactive section to solicit feedback throughout the plan.



PUBLIC HEARING 1

The initial public hearing was held on November 4th and introduced the project to the city. The public notice was posted on October 20th to the website. The hearing included the introduction to the project, timeline for the project, and linked the website information for everyone to stay updated on progress and provide feedback.



PUBLIC HEARING 2

The second public hearing was held on March 20th. This public hearing presented the draft plan and website information where the public could view and provide comments. The hearing also presented a timeline for when the public review period would be over and when the final plan would be submitted to DCA.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee was comprised of a diverse group that represented the community, business owners, developers, surrounding municipalities, and city officials. This group helped to direct the focus of the plan through two steering committee meetings. The first meeting identified the direction and goals of the plan. The second meeting reviewed the needs and opportunities of Port Wentworth and finalized the goals and vision of the community.

Participants included members from all areas of the community. Twenty-four stakeholders were invited to be apart of the committee and eight people participated in the group. Below are the list of active steering committee members.

- George Ward
- Rosemary Ghigliotti
- Charlene Middleton
- Amanda Beard
- Jeannine Dueno
- Talisa Rolon
- Lauree Morris
- Avril Roy-Smith

PARTICIPANTS

Who is included in the development of the Plan?

Elected Officials

Role is to review, adopt, and implement the plan.

Steering Committee

Diverse committee made up of residents, businesses, and organizations that help the planning team with the development of the plan.

The Community

All residents and nearby communities that will provide input and insight to guide the plans development.

The Planning Team

Consists of City staff and the consultant team that facilitates and documents the planning process.

Regulatory Agencies

Reviews the plan to ensure minimum standards are met.





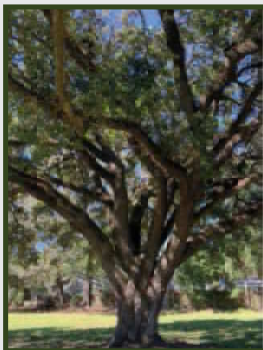
STEERING COMMITTEE 1

On November 18th, 2024 the first stakeholder meeting was held. This meeting reviewed the project purpose, project timeline, existing conditions, and developed the draft goals of the plan to guide the vision.



STEERING COMMITTEE 2

On February 11th, 2025, the second steering committee was held. This meeting reviewed all engagement findings, finalized the vision and goals, and evaluated all needs and opportunities to ensure all areas of the city were identified.



EXISTING PLANS

Plans being reviewed to incorporate into Comprehensive Plan

1. Downtown Master Plan
2. Streetscape Plan
3. Stormwater
4. Housing
5. Previous Comp Plan
6. Greenway/Trail Master Plan

VISION STATEMENT

"Port Wentworth will adopt a proactive approach to development policy to ensure that citizens fully benefit from new developments, and to preserve its character as a livable family-oriented city."

BRAINSTORM VISION STATEMENT





OPEN HOUSE 1

DATE: DECEMBER 3RD

LOCATION: CLIC

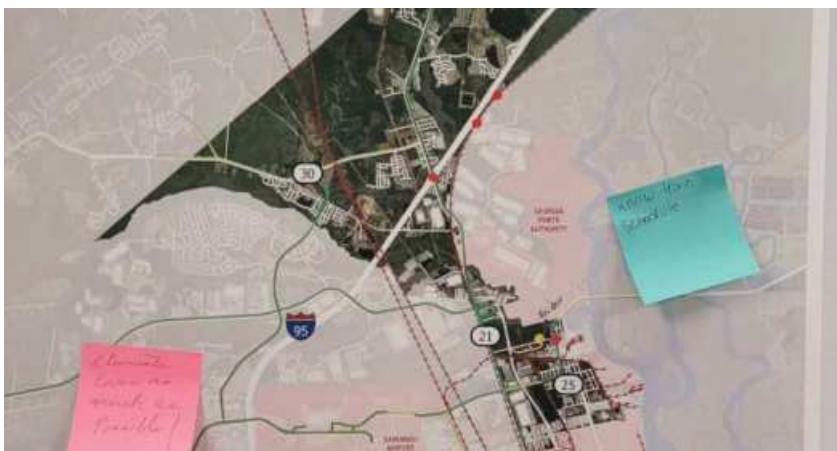
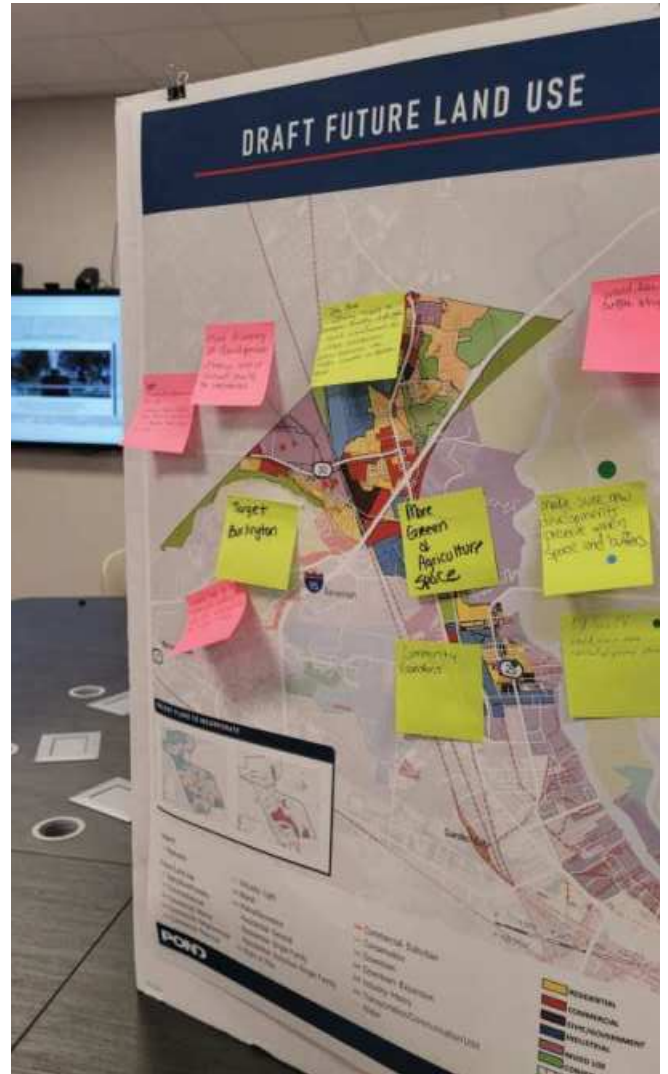
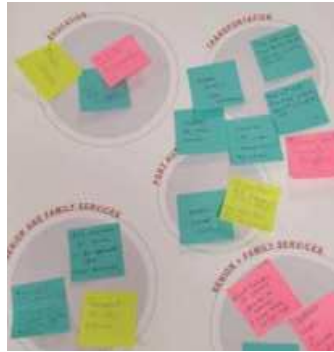
TIME: 5PM - 7PM

The first Open House for the Port Wentworth Comprehensive Plan Update was held on December 3rd of 2024. Approximately 15 people attended the meeting. The majority of the attendees lived in uptown Port Wentworth and a few residents lived downtown. Potential was the key theme heard from this Open House.

The Open House focused on gathering input on the goals and needs of the city and a draft future land use plan was presented. Many attendees noted that Port Wentworth is full of opportunities. From the location, proximity to Savannah, the port, and amount of available land have been noted as opportunities the city can utilize to grow and enhance the city.

Key themes include:

- Moving forward
- Build services for the community
- Capitalizing on regional assets
- Enhancing local vibes





POP-UP

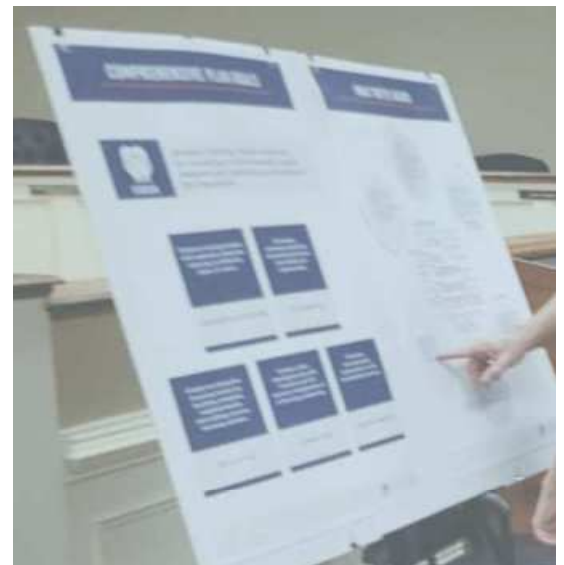
DATE: DECEMBER 4TH

LOCATION: GA TECH

SAVANNAH CAMPUS

TIME: 11AM - 1PM

The pop-up event was held in conjunction with the Urban Synergy Panel that discussed a new blueprint for City evolution. The event was held at the Georgia Tech Savannah Campus from 11am - 1pm and a booth was set up during the check-in period to allow attendees to review the plan and sign up for updates. Over 100 people attended the event and half of all attendees stopped to learn about the Comprehensive Plan Update process.



OPEN HOUSE 2

DATE: FEBRUARY 4TH

LOCATION: CLIC

TIME: 5PM - 7PM

The second Open House for the Port Wentworth Comprehensive Plan Update was held on February 4th, 2025. Approximately 5 people attended the meeting. All of the attendees lived in uptown Port Wentworth. Environmental concerns were the key theme heard from this Open House.

Key themes include:

- Trail connections and access to conservation areas.
- Traffic and Intersection / safety enhancements
- ADU's and housing options
- Small business opportunities
- High School
- Preservation of natural resources



WEBSITE + SURVEY

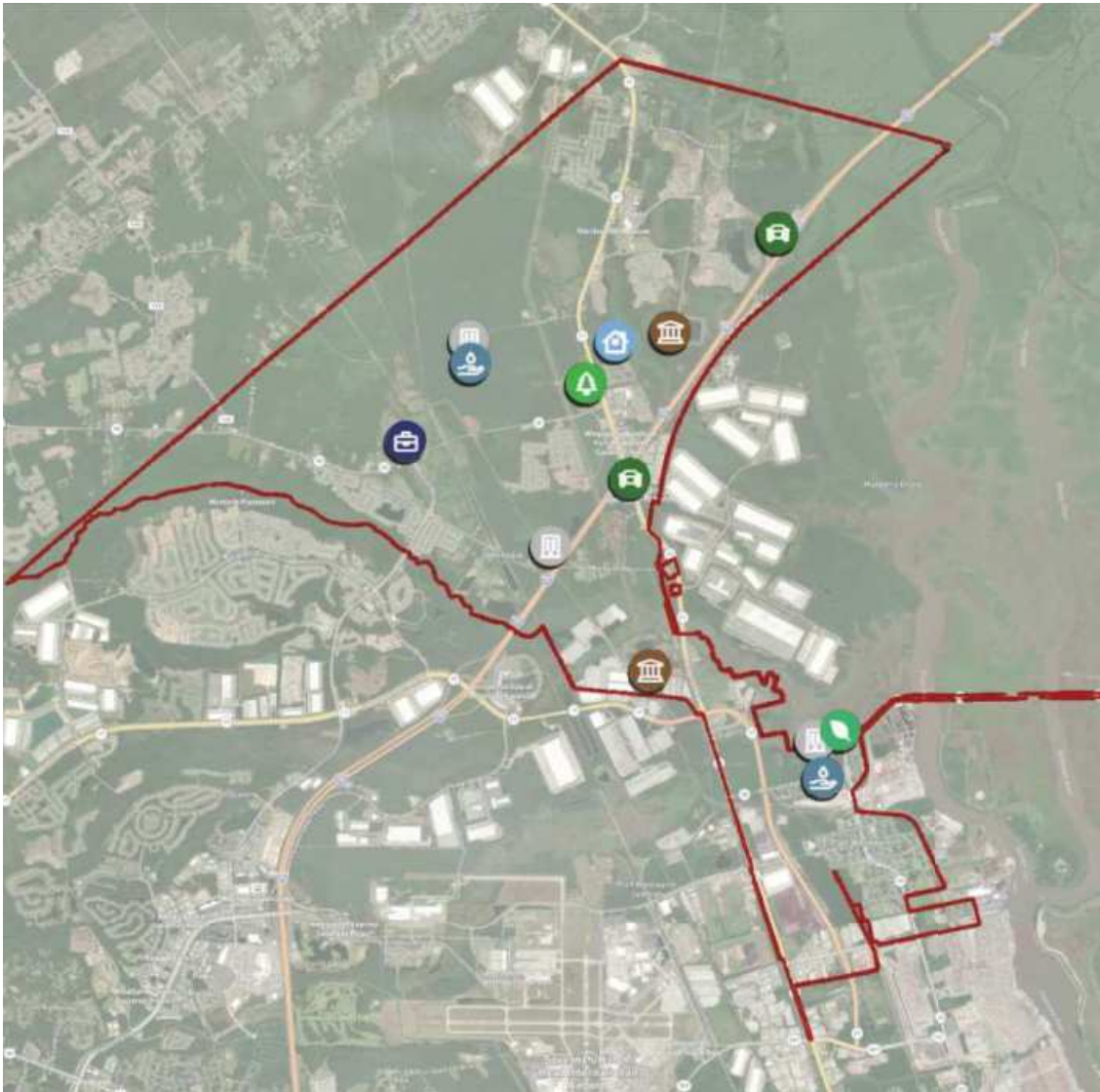


FIGURE 67. ONLINE MAP SURVEY RESPONSES

The website was live starting at the first public hearing on November 4th. The website contained information about the plan, contact information for city staff, timeline for the plan, and a feedback area to provide comments on areas the community wanted to see addressed.

The map survey was open from December 3rd - January 10th and there were 24 visitors to the feedback page. There was also an additional comment section provided for input on the goals and vision for the plan. The primary feedback focused on traffic and safety concerns on multiple roads throughout the community. The majority of the comments focused on I-95, US 30, and US 21. Additional comments discussed the environmental impacts of new development and desire to preserve land. Housing and infrastructure was also identified as a top priority as the city was growing. Affordability was a key concern that the community wanted to be addressed as the city develops.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Throughout the process advertisements for the Comprehensive Plan Update went out on a regular basis to promote community engagement in the plan. Information went out through:

- Posts to the Website
- Flyers handed out to local businesses, communities, and posted in city hall.
- Posted on website
- Social Media Posts
- Television Ads
- Event Facebook Pages
- Text Messages
- E-Blasts
- Discussions with members in the community while on site visits

The full list of advertisements are attached in the appendix.



VISION AND GOALS

Community members who contributed to this process communicated their enthusiasm for the opportunities of Port Wentworth. The main focus from the community is to add community serving amenities as the city continues to grow. This feedback was reflected and guided the development of the draft vision and goals.

FIGURE 69. COMMUNITY RESPONSES



The draft vision and goals have been developed using input from several forms of community engagement. There have been two public open houses, an online survey, coordination with city staff, as well as the first of multiple steering committee meetings. The project was promoted using various digital forms of ads, flyers and an interactive website. We asked for feedback regarding future land use, transportation, and comprehensive plan goals. After collecting all the data and distilling the comments and suggestions, the community determined that the vision and goals shall be as follows:



VISION

Develop a thriving resilient community by connecting to the surrounding regional networks and capitalizing on the potential of Port Wentworth.

Enhance transportation with separate networks catering to different types of users.

TRANSPORTATION



Encourage economic growth by diversifying business and commercial opportunities that support and augment the community.

ECONOMICS



Incorporate neighborhood amenities and increase housing options for the community.

HOUSING



Integrate the optimal blend of land uses to establish districts that support residents and businesses.

LAND USE



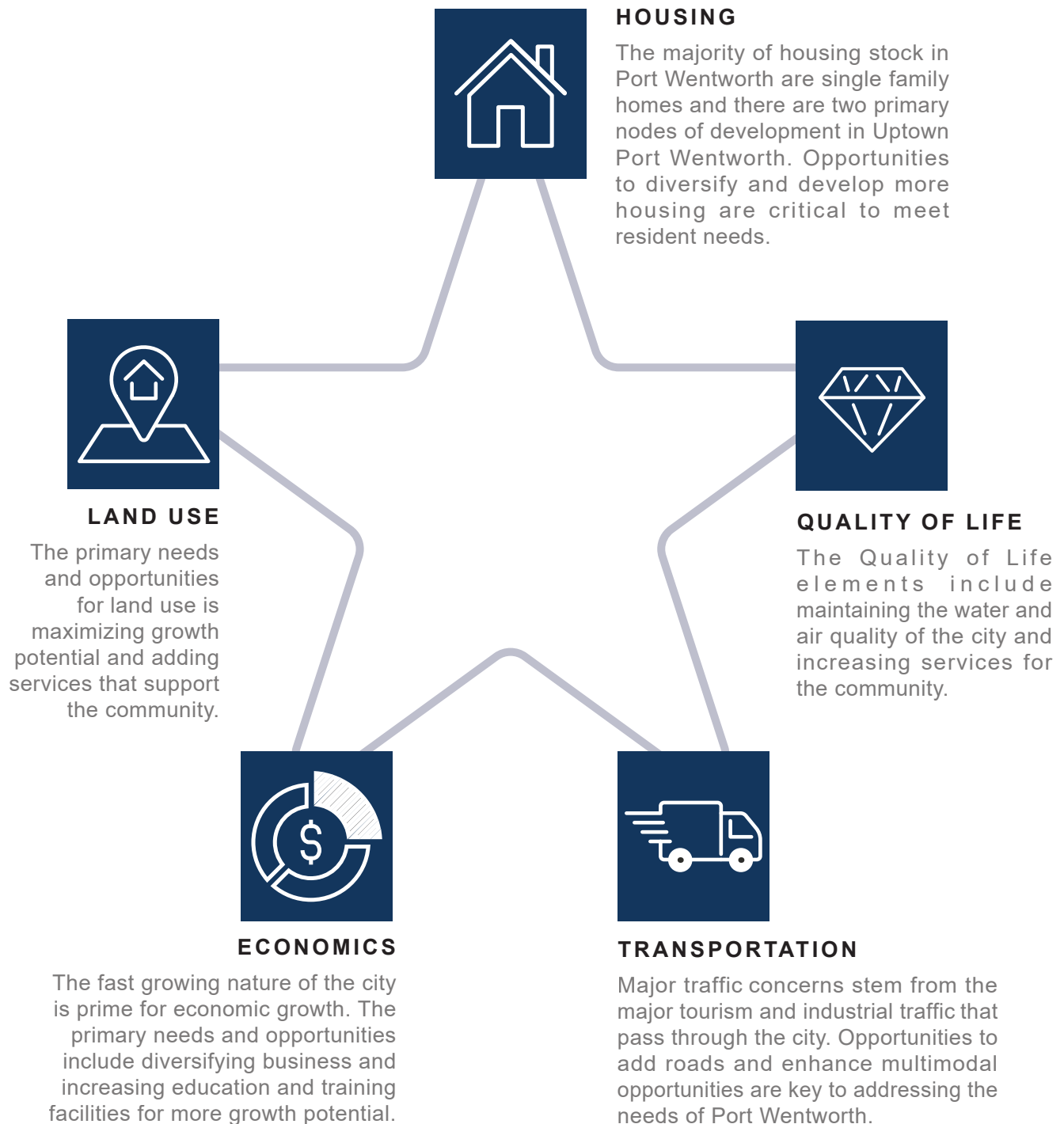
Encourage environmental preservation in the development process and enhance community services.

QUALITY OF LIFE



NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

All identified needs and opportunities were carefully evaluated within their respective categories, recognizing that each one is interconnected and influences the others. Given the rapid growth experienced in Port Wentworth, several key areas emerged as primary needs and opportunities essential for maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for residents. These focus areas will help guide the City's efforts to address growth-related challenges while preserving community character and ensuring long-term sustainability.





LAND USE

NEEDS

1. Develop a diversity of places in the Uptown Port Wentworth district to connect neighborhoods.
2. Revitalize developments in Downtown
3. Capitalize on industrial core
4. Protect undeveloped land and maintain environmental quality
5. Create central hub for community
6. Buffer industrial uses from community neighborhoods
7. Expand community amenities
8. Evaluate land use policies regularly to ensure it is meeting goals.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Add mixed-use developments to enhance access for neighborhoods
2. Incentivize local business in downtown core
3. Increase businesses opportunities related to the industrial land - for example: technology hubs, etc.
4. Establish conservation areas along the edges of the community connected to the regional system
5. Create an overlay district around Anchor park
6. Enhance planting buffer requirements for new industrial development
7. Strategically choose and purchase city-owned land for future community resources

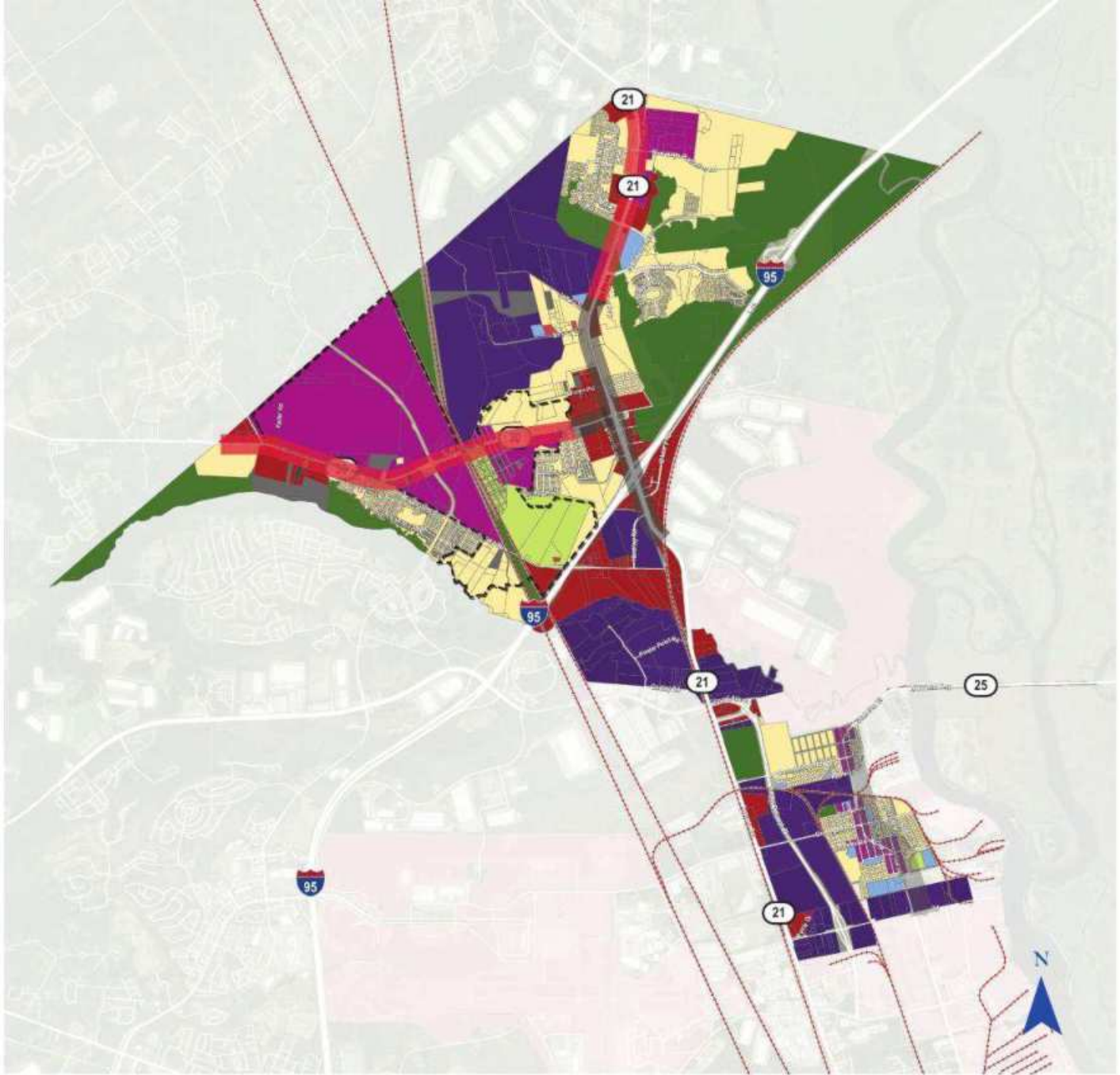


FIGURE 70. FUTURE LAND USE MAP

FLUM

- Commercial
- Conservation
- Industrial
- Mixed Use
- Park
- Residential
- Civic / Government
- Mixed-Use Corridor
- Commercial Corridor

FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES

The Future Land Use Plan is a key component of the Comprehensive Plan, by providing a long-term vision for how land should be developed and preserved to support sustainable growth. The future land use map is a tool that guides development and policy decisions by the City's Elected Officials that are consistent with the vision and goals set out by the community. By guiding land use decisions, this plan helps communities balance economic development, environmental protection, and infrastructure investments while preventing unnecessary sprawl and promoting efficient land use. It outlines designated areas for residential, commercial, industrial, greenspace, and mixed-use development. Additionally, the Future Land Use Plan aids in coordinating transportation, utilities, and public services to support anticipated growth, ultimately shaping a community that meets the evolving needs of residents and businesses. The categories included are:

RESIDENTIAL

Zoning Districts: R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, PUD

Residential areas are designated for dwellings of all types, with emphasis placed on single-family lots both independently developed and within a subdivision. Higher density residential zoning districts may be considered to serve as transitional zoning between industrial, commercial, or mixed use and lower density residential use.

MIXED USE

Zoning Districts: PUD, C-1

Mixed Use areas are designated to promote balanced, self-contained, versatile communities. Mixed Use areas are geared toward residential use and the lower intensity services and retail which support them. Emphasis is placed on interconnectivity, multi-use buildings, or walkability between uses and, ideally, mixed use areas. Additional amenities for passive or active recreation and greenspace should be strongly considered.

COMMERCIAL

Zoning Districts: C-1, C-2, C-3, PUD

Commercial areas are designated for businesses to provide goods, services, and potential future civic functions. Surrounding land use and area designation should be taken in to account when determining appropriate intensity and scope of activity. Commercial may serve as transitional use between residential and high intensity or industrial land use. PUD narratives should be scrutinized for appropriateness and clear identification of the intended intensity and scope of commercial areas.

INDUSTRIAL

Zoning Districts: I-1, PUD

Industrial areas are designated for high intensity uses such as manufacturing, warehousing, transportation, and other uses which necessitate clear separation from residences, recreation, or most civic/institutional uses for reasons of safety, aesthetics, or noise and odor control.

CIVIC/GOVERNMENT

Zoning Districts: Any

Civic/Government areas are designated for locations which are under city or CCPS ownership and/or active use. These properties serve as city operations, public service, education, and recreation facilities.

CONSERVATION

Zoning District: Any

Conservation areas are those which are vital areas of natural resources, serve as buffers or locations of importance to water resources, are largely undevelopable due to geography or size, or have been previously identified as protected areas. Conservation areas should be first considered for preservation, education, or passive recreation. If development is to occur, it should be of the lowest intensity possible to achieve the project and conditioned to preserve and promote existing habitat.

PARK

Public open spaces dedicated to recreation and leisure, such as playgrounds, greenways, sports fields, and nature reserves. Parks enhance community well-being and provide gathering spaces.

MIXED USE CORRIDOR

Zoning Districts: R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, C-1, C-2, PUD

Mixed Use corridors are areas along high visibility, well-travelled roads which are geographically removed from the city center. Commercial use is focused towards major right of ways, is of lower intensity, and geared towards neighborhood services. Larger parcels intended for residential development are subdivided to produce a commercial or mixed use component on main road frontage. Development should occur in a way which achieves a macrocosm of the goals of a Mixed Use area.

COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

Zoning Districts: C-1, C-2, C-3, PUD

Commercial corridor areas are designated for larger, higher intensity business use, in or near the city center. These properties have frontage, or are part of a larger commercial development with frontage on heavily travelled and well intersected roads.



FUTURE LAND USE

The City recently developed a Future Land Use Map to reflect its rapid growth and evolving community priorities. This plan builds upon that Map by incorporating community input to ensure it aligns with long-term goals and local needs.

Key Components include:

- **Limiting Industrial Growth** – While industrial areas provide essential services, the community has expressed a desire to prevent further expansion beyond what is currently planned. The updated land use map restricts new industrial development west of the railroad and incorporates buffer zones between existing and planned industrial areas.
- **Building Around Anchor Park** – Development will be strategically planned to enhance the area surrounding Anchor Park, creating a focal point for community activities and green space.
- **Enhancing Downtown** – Strengthening the downtown core is essential for implementing the Downtown Master Plan. This includes expanding mixed-use development to support increased housing, neighborhood retail, and local businesses, fostering a vibrant and walkable city center.
- **Creating Mixed-Use Districts** – A newly established land use category, mixed-use districts will help meet community needs by integrating residential, commercial, and service-oriented spaces. These areas will provide neighborhood-scale retail and denser housing options, ensuring that essential services are within walking distance of residential areas.
- **Expanding Conservation Areas** – In response to strong community feedback on environmental preservation, conservation land has been designated to safeguard natural resources and maintain the city's overall quality of life while allowing for sustainable growth.

This Future Land Use Plan reflects the community's vision for balanced growth, ensuring development supports economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and a high quality of life for all residents. As part of the implementation process, zoning updates will be necessary to align regulations with the new land use designations, ensuring that development follows the community's vision.





TRANSPORTATION

NEEDS

1. Alleviate congestion by reducing reliance on US 21 and I-95
2. Beautify downtown streetscapes
3. Reduce freight impacts
4. Increase connectivity to surrounding communities
5. Connect neighborhoods
6. Increase capacity for new development in uptown Port Wentworth
7. Increase multi-modal options for Port Wentworth
8. Improve traffic flow
9. Regularly connect with regional transportation agencies to coordinate growing needs of Port Wentworth.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Expand alternative routes to increase transportation options
2. Enhance streetscape guidelines
3. Divert freight traffic around community neighborhoods
4. Expand major thoroughfares and work with GDOT to increase capacity
5. Connect all new developments together with local roads
6. Add access roads along I-95 – separate traffic and open up roads to development
7. Implement trails plan and evaluate micro-mobility options for city
8. Develop transportation strategy to accommodate growth



HOUSING

NEEDS

1. More housing diversity
2. Maintain existing housing quality
3. More affordable housing options
4. More rental options need for cost burdened renters

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Increase diversity of housing for sale or for rent
2. Invest in existing neighborhoods
3. Public / Private Partnership for housing affordability
4. Limit rent increases



ECONOMICS

NEEDS

1. Diversify economic opportunities within the city
2. Provide more local jobs
3. Capitalize on regional location
4. Support industrial core

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Increase business and commercial centers catering to the local community
2. Increase job training and education opportunities
3. Infill businesses that support tourism and can attract tourists traveling through the region
4. Provide supplemental services such as technology centers to the industry sector to grow more local opportunities.



QUALITY OF LIFE

NEEDS

1. Provide park access for all Port Wentworth residents
2. Increase park programming and community resources
3. Increase connections to open space areas
4. Preserve environmental quality of city
5. Enhance education and training opportunities
6. Enhance water quality and access for residents
7. Support and amenities for families are needed
8. High School is needed
9. Foster community with seniors through senior programs and activities
10. Expand access to healthcare facilities
11. Ensure LOS for all community facilities are keeping up with growth

OPPORTUNITIES

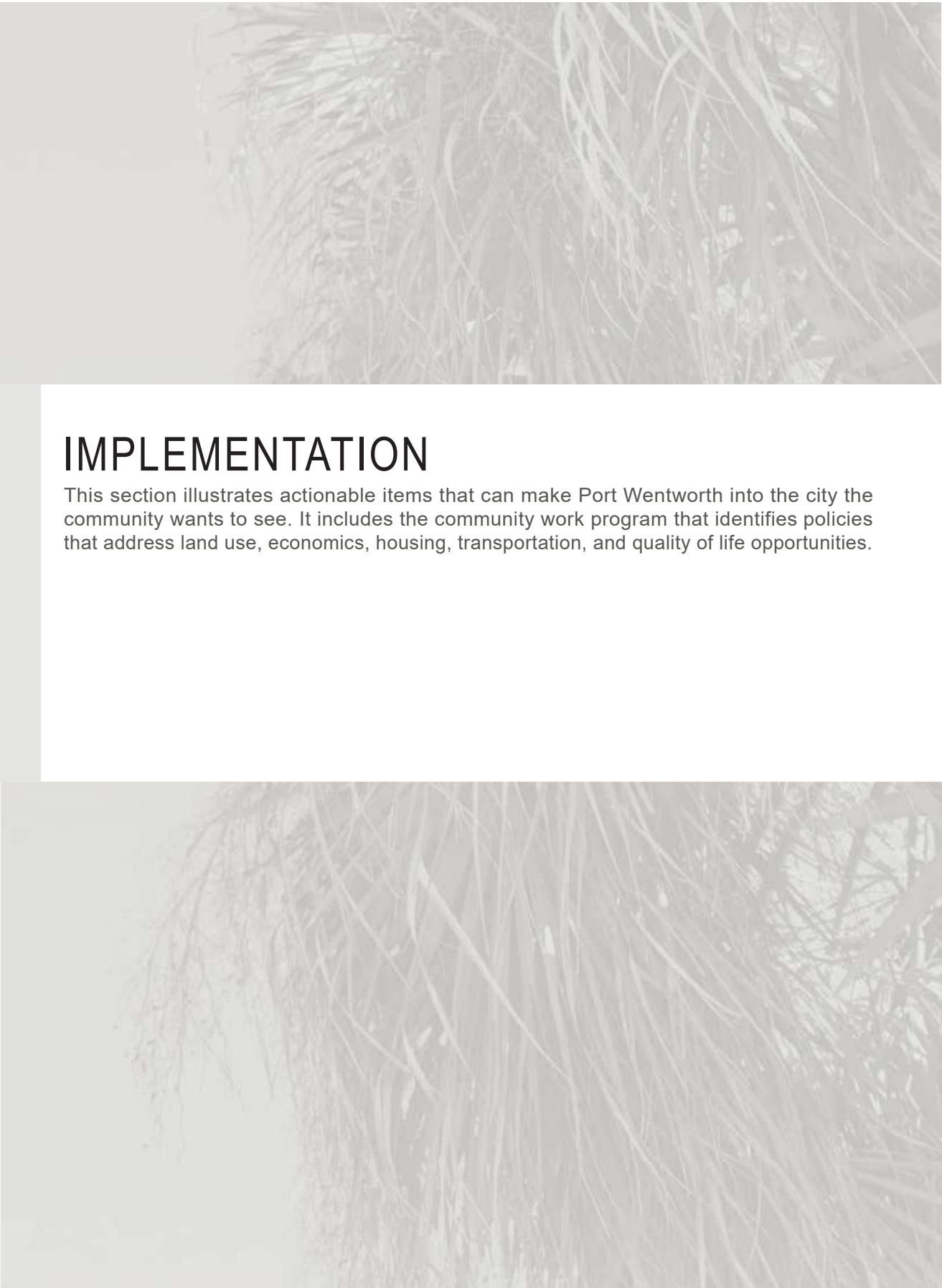
1. Complete Parks and Recreation Master Plan
2. Add programs in existing centers to support community needs
3. Plan access routes to existing natural areas when planning new development
4. Enhance tree preservation standards and open space requirements for new development
5. Develop job centers, training facilities, trade schools, and work programs to develop skills and job access.
6. Implement stormwater plan
7. Develop family oriented services and programs.
8. Increase Broadband access in downtown and by the areas of Anchor Park that are not served by high speed access.



04

IMPLEMENTATION





IMPLEMENTATION

This section illustrates actionable items that can make Port Wentworth into the city the community wants to see. It includes the community work program that identifies policies that address land use, economics, housing, transportation, and quality of life opportunities.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM



LAND USE

The Land Use items identify key policy recommendations that can help Port Wentworth develop places people need in the community.



TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation program defines areas in the network that can be enhanced to reduce congestion.



HOUSING

The Housing program elements defines areas that can increase housing options within the city.



ECONOMICS

The Economics recommendations defines what is feasible to enhance growth opportunities within the city.



QUALITY OF LIFE

The Quality of Life elements are identified to enhance the quality of life in the community as the city continues to grow.

★	Item	Description	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Cost	Source of Funds	Responsible Agency
			Years							
			26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31			
	Land Use									
LU NEED 2	LU 1	Implement downtown master plan	x	x	x	x		Staff Time		Economic Development Department/ City Planning
LU OPP 2	LU 2	Update zoning to ordinance as an implementation tool for the Comprehensive Plan	x	x	x	x	x	100k	General Funds	City Planning and Development Services
LU NEED 8	LU 4	Ensure zoning ordinances allow for future land use plan to be implemented and are consistent with city regulations.	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
LU OPP 9	LU 6	Establish Overlay Districts	x					Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
LU NEED 7	LU 9	Evaluate programming for city owned facilities			x	x	x	Staff Time		City Administration
LU OPP 1	LU 10	Develop mixed use design guidelines to establish character of new land use guidelines	x	x				Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
LU NEED 4	LU 12	Add open space requirements for all new developments, including industrial		x	x			Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
TR OPP 5, 8	LU 13	Coordinate Land Use and transportation policies to ensure transportation decisions support land use objectives	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
LU NEED 2	LU 14	Implement a vacant structure demolition program.			x	x	x			City Planning and Development Services
	Transportation									
TR OPP 7	TR1	Investigate micro mobility in the area for the new communities not serviced by transportation in uptown Port Wentworth			x	x	x			Public Works
TR OPP 7	TR2	Coordinate multi-modal opportunities with regional organizations	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning, Public Works
TR OPP 2	TR3	Implement Highway 21 streetscape plan		x	x	x	x	Staff Time	General Funds	City Planning, Economic Development, Public Woks
EN OPP	TR4	Corrdinate with MPO on sea level rise to evaluate impact						Staff Time		Public Works
TR OPP 2	TR5	Develop a complete streets manual			x	x	x		General Funds	Public Works
TR OPP 2	TR6	Add street tree requirements		x				Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
TR OPP 1	TR7	Widen crossgate to accomodate truck traffic and implement connectivity standard for neighborhood			x	x	x		General Funds	Public Works

* Continuing element from previous Plan

★	Item	Description	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	Cost	Source of Funds	Responsible Agency
			Years							
	Transportation									
TR NEED 9	TR9	Actively participate in the Coastal Region (CORE) MPO meetings to coordinate with regional transportation initiatives	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
TR NEED 9	TR10	Coordinate with MPO to adequately reflect projected growth in the regional travel demand model	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning, Public Works
TR OPP 1	TR11	Connect Monteith to Jimmy DeLoach				x	x		General Funds	
TR OPP 5	TR12	Promote local road connectivity by evaluating interparcel access requirements as a part of the ongoing zoning updates		x	x			Staff Time		City Planning, Development Services
TR OPP 7	TR13	Implement trail plan		x	x	x	x	Staff Time	General Funds	City Planning, Public Works
TR NEED 5	TR14	Requirement for new development to require to include appropriate pedestrian infrastructure	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning, Development Services
TR OPP 2	TR15	Develop standard wayfinding signage in city wide signage plan				x	x	Staff Time		City Planning, Development Services
TR NEED 9	TR16	Coordinate intersection enhancement I-95 and US-21		x	x	x		Staff Time	General Funds	GDOT, Transportation
TR NEED 9	TR17	coordinate with regional MPO about operational strategies to fix US-21 & 17 freight	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		GDOT, Transportation
TR OPP 7	TR20	Develop trail and greenway corridors with all new development north of 30	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
TR NEED 9	TR21	Evaluate widening needs for US-30		x				Staff Time		GDOT, Transportation
TR OPP 8	TR22	Initiate a municipal prioritization plan for roadway maintenance and improvements that aligns with CORE MPO MTP guidance.		x	x			Staff Time		City Planning, Public Works
	Housing									
H NEED 3	H1	Evaluate an inclusionary zoning policy as a way to increase the supply of affordable housing	x	x	x			Staff Time		City Planning Department
H OPP 3	H2	Evaluate public/private partnerships to add affordable housing through ground leases, land banking, or additional funding.		x	x	x		Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
H OPP 4	H3	work with local advocacy groups to establish policies that limit rent increases		x	x			Staff Time		City Planning Department
H OPP 1	H4	Diversify housing options to allow for more housing choice through mixed use zoning category			x			Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
H OPP 3	H5	Streamline the entitlement and approval process		x	x			Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
H NEED 3	H6	Coordinate with metropolitan area to align city housing needs with regional initiatives.	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services

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			26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31			
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	Economics									
E OPP 1	EC1	Create a downtown development organization		X	X	X	X	Staff Time		City Economic Development Department
E OPP 2	EC2	Develop a network to align employers, training partners, education facilities, and job seekers to connect qualified workers to jobs			X	X	X	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
E NEED 1	EC3	Identify existing and proposed businesses in targeted redevelopment areas		X				Staff Time		Economic Development
	EC4	Communicate development and economic initiatives to community and promote transparency	X	X	X			Staff Time		Economic Development and City Planning
E OPP 1	EC5	Prioritize economic strategies for city growth by developing a city wide economic strategic plan		X	X	X		\$150k		
E NEED 1	EC6	Develop a retail and buisness and retention and recruitment strategy		X	X			\$100k		City Economic Development Department
	EC7	Make all data readily accessible to all city staff and officials.	X	X				Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
	Quality of Life									
	QL1	Develop city wide wayfinding and signage plan			X	X	X	\$75k	General Funds	City Planning and Development Services
TR OPP 4	QL2	Develop gateways along highway 21			X	X			General Funds	City Planning and Development Services
	QL3	Develop public art program				X	X	Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
QL OPP 1	QL4	Develop Parks & Recreation Master Plan		X	X			\$85k	General Funds	City Planning and Development Services
QL NEED 8	QL5	Work with County to update population projections to properly identify needs for new school	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time		City Planning
QL NEED 9	QL6	Foster community with seniors through senior programs & activities	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time		Parks and Recreation
QL OPP 6	QL7	Implement stormwater master plan	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time		Public Works Department
QL NEED 11	QL8	Evaluate waste water facilities		X	X			Staff Time		Public Works Department
QL NEED 4	QL9	Enhance Development Regulations to contain open space requirements in all new developments		X				Staff Time		City Planning and Development Services
QL OPP 8	QL10	Enhance Broadband speed in downtown and by anchor park			X	X		Staff Time		Public Works Department
	QL11	Promote tourism through new Anchor Park Development	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time		Economic Development
QL NEED 4	QL12	Protect from environmental distasters by coordinating with agencies & update regulations regularly	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time		Public Works Department
QL NEED 6	QL13	Develop a stormwater utility to fund implementation of the NPDES Phase I SWMP, drainage analysis, and capital programs				X	X			City Planning and Development Services
QL NEED 11	QL14	Determine the capacity and level of service for City services and infrastructure. Update CIP annually.	X	X	X	X	X	\$50k		
	QL15	Ensure public safety by hiring and maintaining equipment needed for each department.	X	X	X	X	X			Public Works Department



Reflects the specific needs and opportunities each work plan item relates to



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APPENDIX

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RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Record of Accomplishments updates progress on Port Wentworth’s Community Work Program from the 2021 Comprehensive Plan. This section describes the started, on-going, cancelled, and concurring actions that have been completed in the last 5 years.



City of Port Wentworth Report of Accomplishments 2021 - 2025		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Economic Development		
Develop an Urban Redevelopment Plan	Underway	Overlay Districts in development to prioritize development initiatives. Work Plan item LU6 Estimated Completion by 2026
Support Señora Guadalupe Festival in the Fall and coordinate with Garden City on festival implementation (Dec 12)	Canceled	Event was paused in 2020.
Support Stand Up For America Day festivities	Completed	This is a yearly tradition.
Implement the Master Plan for Old Port Wentworth	Completed	Downtown Master plan was completed in 2024
Create and maintain an inventory of potential infill and redevelopment commercial properties	Completed	Inventory initiated in 2024.
Implement vacant structure demolition program.	On Going	This is an ongoing activity. Work Plan item LU14
Explore the creation of a City sponsored neighborhood clean-up program to include targeted neighborhood clean ups.	Completed	Neighborhood clean-up program initiated in 2022.
Implement impact fee ordinance	Completed	Completed in 2024
Complete annual capital improvement elements for impact fees	Completed	Included in this document
Create a signage theme with a unified color scheme and install Wayfinding signage throughout the City	Underway	Streetscape Plan Completed in 2024. Implementation and design of gateways and signage expected to be completed by 2030. Work Plan Item TR3 and QL1.
Develop and implement a business recruitment and retention program	On Going	This is an ongoing activity. Work Plan Item EC6.
Promote tourism in Port Wentworth	On Going	New Anchor Park Development with activity to bring in tourism is under construction. Additional items and services regularly occurring all the time. Work Plan item QL11.
Housing		
Identify and rezone land in or near the downtown district for the purpose of multi-family development	Completed	Downtown was rezoned to approve habitat for humanity development - shift to attainable housing. Downtown Master Plan also completed that allows more development.
Land Use		
Develop a downtown revitalization strategy.	Completed	Downtown Master Plan Completed in 2024
Review and update Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with this Plan.	On Going	This is an ongoing activity. Work Plan Item LU2.
Ensure that any future development of the ED Zone is compatible with surrounding land uses and consistent with the City's regulations.	On Going	This is an ongoing activity. Work Plan Item LU4
Develop design standards for the Old Port Wentworth Master Plan Development to ensure that infill development is compatible in the Traditional Village area.	Completed	Downtown Master Plan Completed in 2024
Develop a zoning category for conservation land and rezone undevelopable wetlands as appropriate	Underway	Conservation areas identified in FLUM. Zoning to be updated to reflect. Expected to be completed 2026. Work Plan Item LU2.

Hire a full time planner	Completed	City planner hired in 2023.
Implement and Enforce landscaping/tree standards	Completed	Zoning ordinance revision updated in 2023.
Identify areas to be preserved as rural residential areas	Canceled	New community goals has shifted focus to enhancing community resources and increasing housing options.

Transportation

Work with the MPO to help facilitate construction of the Effingham Parkway	Completed	Under construction, will be completed by 2026
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QUALITY OF LIFE

Natural and Cultural Resources

Pursue opportunities for historic preservation and commemoration	Completed	City planner evaluating with regular zoning review.
Develop and implement a Parks & Recreation Masterplan that addresses recreational facilities, public spaces, and greenspace acquisition and includes programming for all ages	Underway	Parks and Recreation Masterplan identified as need. Expected to be completed by 2030. Work Plan item QL4.
Consider the development of a stormwater utility to fund implementation of the NPDES Phase I SWMP, drainage analysis, and capital programs	Underway	This is an ongoing activity. Work Plan item QL13.
Adopt basin-specific provisions in the stormwater ordinance to address capacity limitations in the downtown basin (based on the results of the masterplan.)	Completed	Stormwater Management Program developed in 2022.

Facilities and Services

Perform a study to determine the capacity and level of service for City services and infrastructure	Underway	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL14
Utilize the results of this study when permitting new development	Completed	This activity is accomplished through zoning updates.
Perform aid to construction study for water, sewer, and stormwater	Underway	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL14.
Sewer pipe replacement	Completed	Proposal out to rehab system. Expected completion 2030.
Create a CIP list based on the City's Capital Budget and keep it updated	Completed	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL14.
Perform a labor wage/rate study	Underway	Utilizing SEDAs 2024 study now and will develop own soon. To be included in Work Plan item EC6.
Upgrade/purchase new fire protection equipment	On Going	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL15.
Acquire property and construct a new Fire Station in North Port Wentworth	Completed	Fire Station nearing completion at north end of Anchor Park, land identified for a station at Hwy 21 & Saussy (proposed)
Purchase new police cruisers and equipment	On Going	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL15.
Implement Stormwater Masterplan priority projects	Completed	Masterplan is finished and projects in development.
Identify opportunities to loop water system	On Going	This will be a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL7.
Evaluate the potential for blending water systems	Underway	Proposals in motion. Expected completion 2030. Work Plan item QL7.
Implement street improvements	On Going	This will be a yearly activity.
Acquire property and construct a sports complex	Completed	Anchor Park is under construction

Install generator in City Hall	Completed	Working on grant to complete. Expected completion 2029
Purchase turning target system and judgemental pistol simulation system for police department	Underway	This is a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL15.
Explore locations for dog parks within or near existing residential areas of city	Canceled	To be re-visited in parks and recreation master plan.
Explore options to develop a recreational facility or tourist center on the city property near the water tower near Berrien Road	Completed	New community hub identified as Anchor Park. Downtown master plan also identified activity centers for enhancement. Parks and Recreation Master Plan to identify needs.

Other Activities		
Identify and implement goals from the Blueprint that apply to Port Wentworth	On Going	This will be a yearly activity. Work Plan Item QL12.
Coordinate with CEMA on disaster preparedness exercises	On Going	This will be a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL12.
Deter development within the high risk flood areas of the City	On Going	This will be a yearly activity. Work Plan item QL12.
Prepare and adopt a resolution in support of the Chatham County Blueprint	Completed	Ongoing coordination to implement blueprint recommendations.

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APPENDIX

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUPPLEMENT

- Public Hearing #1
- Steering Committee Outreach and Meetings
- Open House 1 Information
- Open House 2 Information
- Website Summary
- Pop-Up Event
- Outreach Advertisements



Steering Committee Outreach

In the beginning of the project the City made an extensive list to reach out to the numerous groups represented in Port Wentworth. 24 people were contacted to participate and xx members were able to take part in the process. Members represented community organizations, elected representatives, the local business community, developers, engineers, city staff, and long time residents.

Invited Stakeholders for Comp Plan Update include:

- Gabby Nelson - Councilmember
- Artlise Alston-Cone - Councilmember
- Shawn Randerwala – Councilmember/Rice Hope Resident
- Rosemary Ghigliotti – City Staff/Rice Creek Resident
- Amanda Beard – City Staff/Property Owner
- Kevin Smith – Engineer (Thomas & Hutton)
- Rusty Windsor - Engineer (Kimely Horn)
- Murray Marshall - Developer
- George Ward - Developer
- Chris Hayes – Developer
- Charlene Middleton – Planning Commissioner
- Sean Register – Business Owner/Planning Commission
- Jason Williams – Business Owner
- Talisa Rolon – Newport Subdivision
- Averil Roy-Smith – Lakeside Subdivision
- Lauree Morris – Downtown Resident
- Fr. Pablo Migone – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
- Pastor Drew Whaley - North Salem Baptist
- Tomeca McPherson – Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce
- Steve Candler – Effingham County
- Brandt Herndon – Effingham County Industrial Development Authority
- Jonathan Trego – Garden City
- Charles Akridge – City of Bloomingdale

* Highlighted are the members who were able to participate

Steering Committee Meeting #1 Presentation

November 18, 2024



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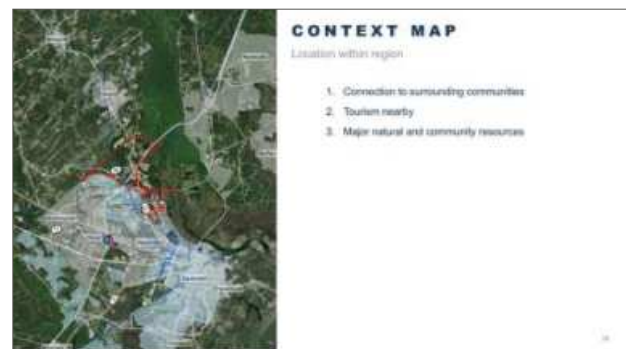
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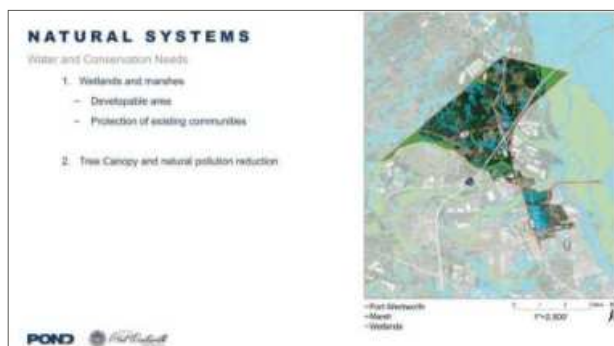
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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. Attend a public open house
2. Engage online
3. Encourage your neighbors, friends, and colleagues to participate
4. Stay tuned for announcements

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VISIT PROJECT WEBSITE

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<https://www.pond.com/p/2045>

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Open House #1 Boards

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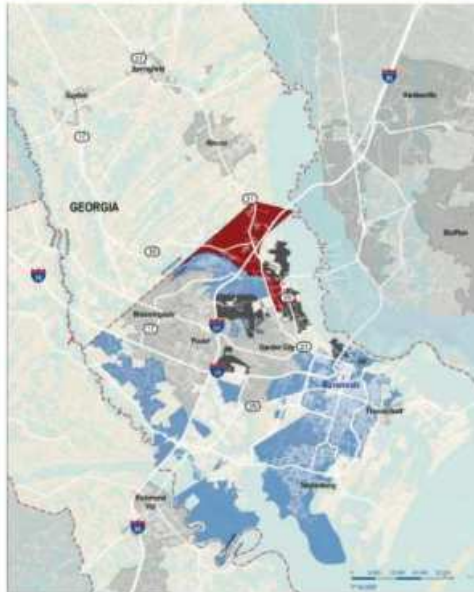
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



A comprehensive plan is a long term plan that guides future development, land use, and investment for a city. It is developed by the community and identifies strategies to achieve community goals. The City of Port Wentworth will be updating the plan through the spring of 2025. Stay involved throughout the process!

CONTEXT

PIN WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK, OR PLAY!



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DESCRIBE PORT WENTWORTH

WHAT IS PORT WENTWORTH TO YOU?



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN PORT WENTWORTH?

Create a place where people want to stay, invest, live, and visit. - Place-making and Branding - Reactivation - Branding for town based on historic assets	Foster the development of a diverse economic sector - Add services for locals - Add restaurants and businesses that bring people into town - Add employment options for community
Create a unique identity to expand opportunity in Port Wentworth - Unique businesses that aren't elsewhere - Support small business development	Have a central core for the community. - Overlook to shop, eat, and spend the weekend - Have all businesses connected and create a vibrant place
Create a Family Friendly community - Parks - Schools - Safe Connected Neighborhoods	Provide high quality public services and infrastructure to meet community needs - Transit - Electricity - Water Management

What are other items you would like to see addressed in this plan?

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS

DESCRIBE NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PORT WENTWORTH



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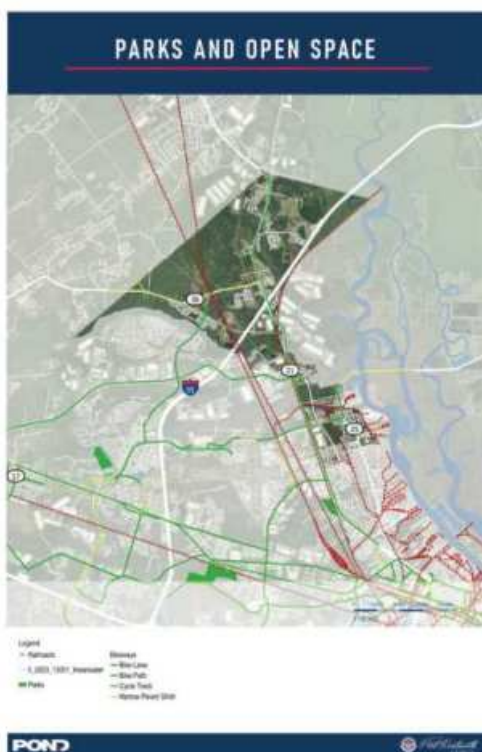
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DESCRIBE NEEDS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PORT WENTWORTH



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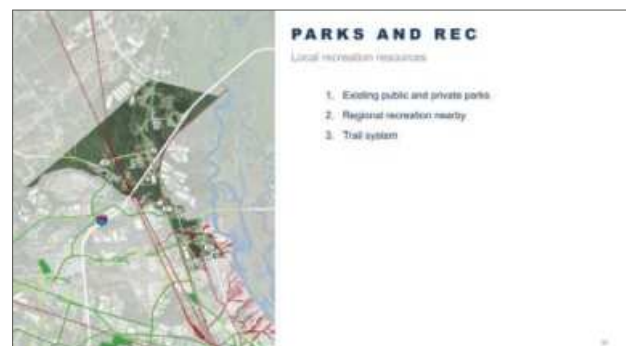
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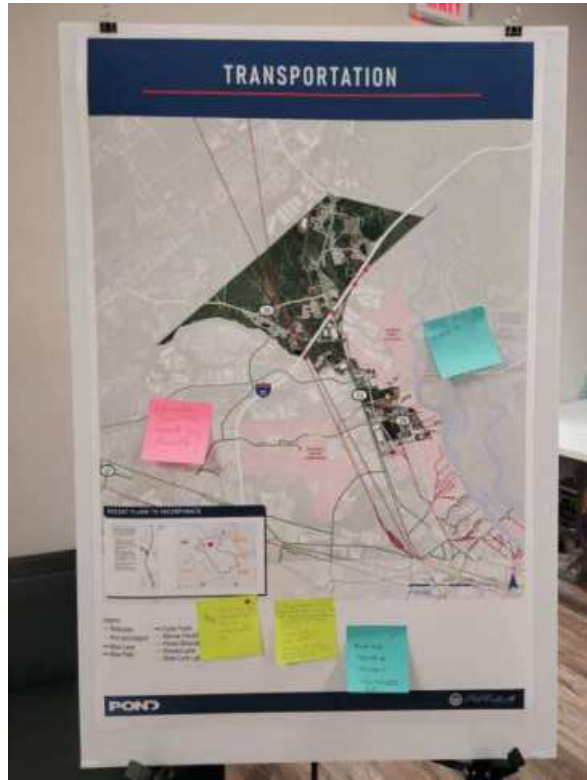
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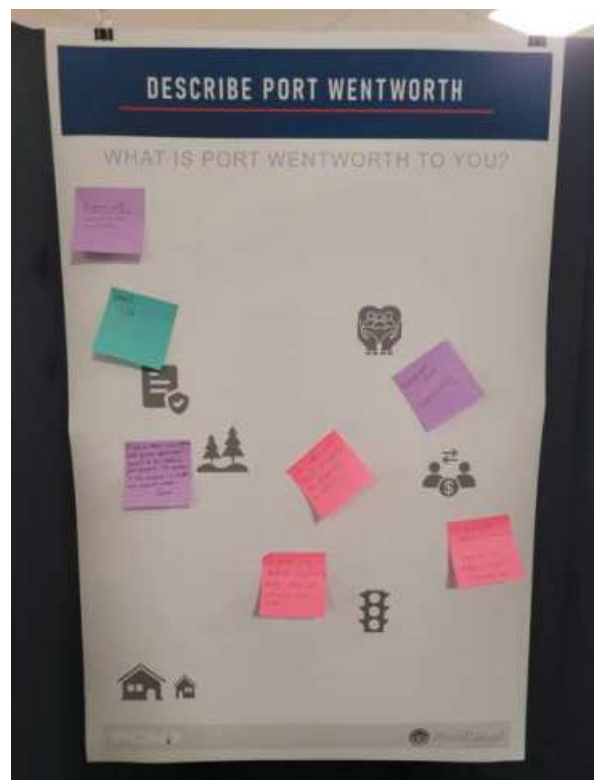
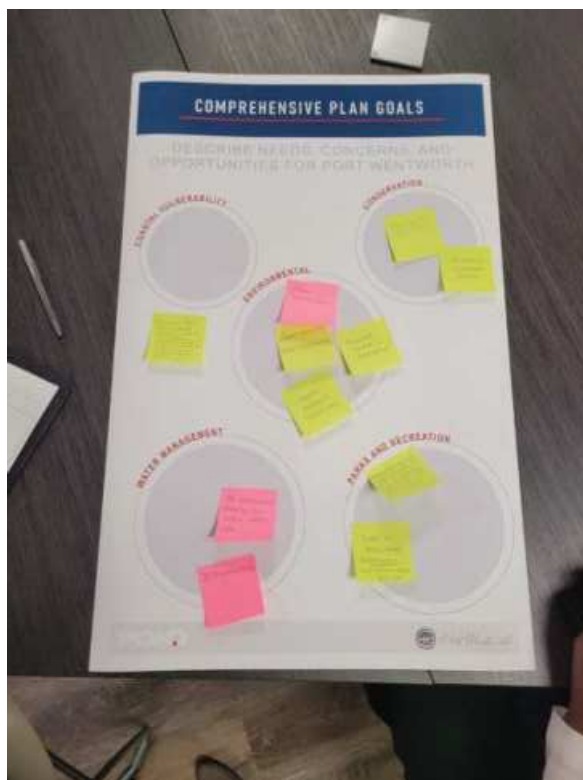
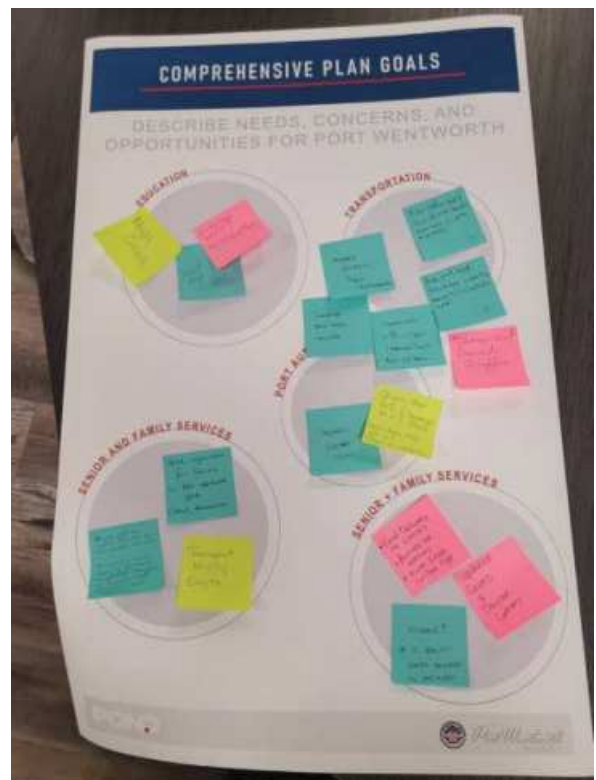
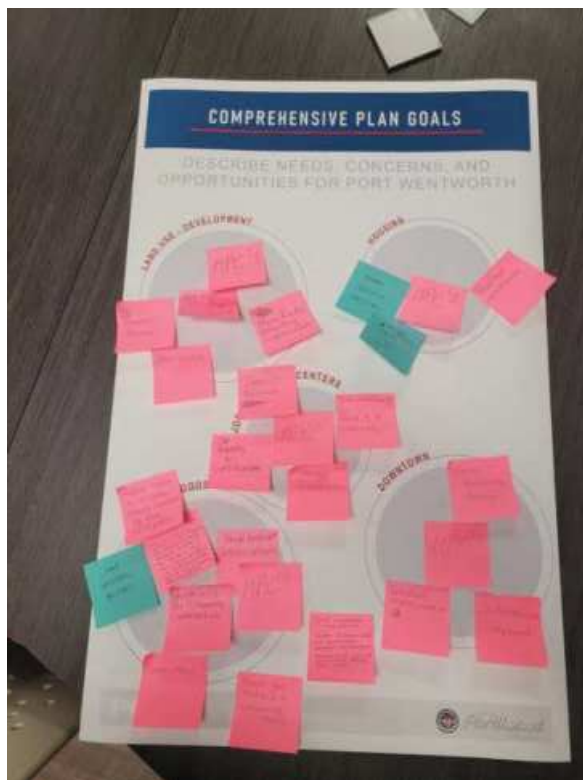


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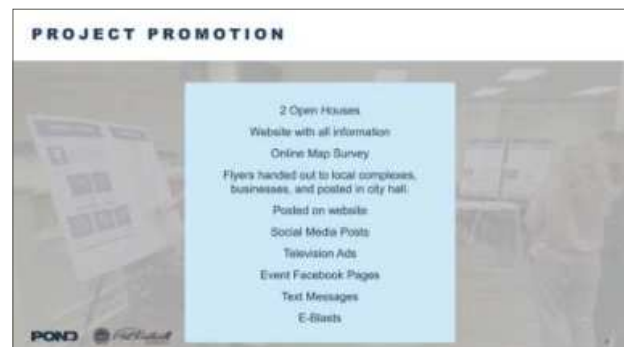
TIMELINE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Public Hearing 1 Page Review Committee Assessment Specialized Meeting 1 2025 Plan Goals Accountability Engagement	Setting Committee Report Public Hearing 2 Draft Committee Work Program May City Council Draft Financials Report	Draft POF Draft Revenue/Spill Report Draft Request Outline	POB Public Open House 1 Subcommittee Planning 2 Finalized Draft Request and Appropriations Finalize Plan Recommendations Draft Work Program	Draft Comp Plan Submit Public Hearing 3	Public Review Period Staff to Plan Approve Submit to OCA	Final Update to Plan Final Plan Submit City Council Adoption

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



PROJECT PROMOTION

- 2 Open Houses
- Website with all information
- Online Map Survey
- Flyers handed out to local complexes, businesses, and posted in city hall
- Posted on website
- Social Media Posts
- Television Ads
- Event Facebook Pages
- Text Messages
- E-Blasts

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COMMUNITY FINDINGS - ONLINE

There were 24 visitors to this website. Below is a summary of online feedback:

- Concern for safety at the Road Area
- Traffic at the I-85 interchange
- Desire to conserve environment and trees, and about lots of trees
- Multiple comments about a desire for affordable housing
- Coastal and Cerritos water occurrence
- Traffic and congestion on 21 and 30
- Road safety concerns
- East-West Connector for Downerlink
- Desire for water treatment facility
- Flooding on Bonny Bridge
- Interest in a park above 30

An aerial photograph of a suburban area, likely Downerlink, with a red line outlining a specific region. Several colored markers (blue, green, yellow, orange) are placed on the map, corresponding to the locations mentioned in the community findings list. The markers are distributed across the outlined area, with a higher concentration in the central and southern parts. The surrounding area shows residential streets, trees, and some commercial buildings.

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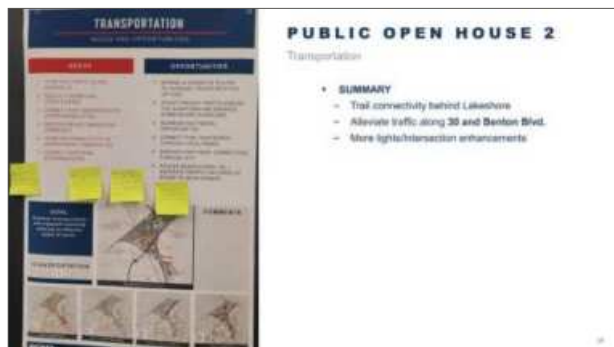
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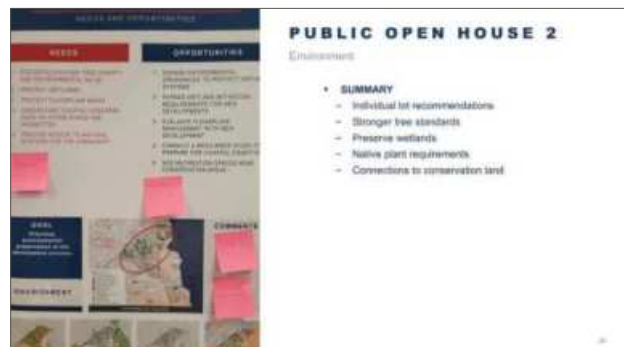
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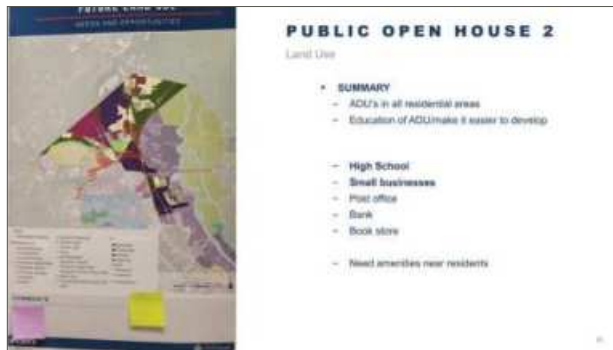
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HOUSING

Incorporate neighborhood amenities and increase housing options for the community.

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NEEDS + OPPORTUNITIES

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LAND USE
Needs and Opportunities

NEEDS

1. Develop a diversity of places in the Uptown Port Wentworth district to connect neighborhoods.
2. Revitalize developments in Downtown.
3. Capitalize on industrial core.
4. Protect undeveloped land and maintain environmental quality.
5. Create central hub for community.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Add mixed use developments to enhance.
2. Incentivize local business in downtown core.
3. Increase business opportunities related to the industrial land - example: technology hubs, etc.
4. Establish conservation areas along the edges of the community connected to the regional system.
5. Create an overlay district around Anchor park.

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LAND USE OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL	LAND USE	COMMENTS
Create a well-developed city with historic and full service components of a thriving community.		
		
		
		
		

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FUTURE LAND USE
Select the optimal land use.

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Amalgamate the optimal blend of land uses to establish districts that support residents and businesses.

1. Prioritize flexibility in uptown developments.
2. Enhance downtown opportunities with greater buffers from industrial uses.
3. Allow new residential to have proximity to services.
4. Buffer industrial uses from existing neighborhoods.

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TRANSPORTATION
Needs and Opportunities

NEEDS

1. Alleviate traffic along highway 21.
2. Beautify downtown streetscapes.
3. Connect Port Wentworth to surrounding cities.
4. Reduce freight impacts on community.
5. Increase connectivity to surrounding communities.
6. Connect neighborhoods.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Expand alternative routes to increase transportation options.
2. Divert freight traffic around the downtown and enhance streetscape guidelines.
3. Increase multimodal opportunities.
4. Connect Port Wentworth through local roads.
5. Enhance east-west connections through city.
6. Access roads along I-95 - separate traffic and open up roads to development.

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TRANSPORTATION

GOAL	TRANSPORTATION	COMMENTS
Enhance transportation with separate networks catering to different types of users.		Looking at traffic with new development.
		
		
		
		

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HOUSING
Needs and Opportunities

NEEDS

- More housing diversity.
- Maintain existing housing quality.
- More affordable housing options.
- More rental options need for cost burdened renters.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increase diversity of housing for sale or for rent.
- Invest in existing neighborhoods.
- Public / Private Partnership for housing affordability.
- Limit rent increases.

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL
 Create an attractive housing market by linking corporate neighborhoods and adding diverse housing options.

COMMENTS

HOUSING

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ECONOMICS

Needs and Opportunities

NEEDS

- Diversify economic opportunities within the city.
- Provide more local jobs.
- Capitalize on regional location.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increase business and commercial centers.
- Increase job training and education opportunities.
- Attract businesses that support tourism and can attract tourists that are traveling through the region.

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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

GOAL
 Encourage economic growth by diversifying business and commercial opportunities.

COMMENTS

ECONOMICS

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QUALITY OF LIFE

Needs and Opportunities

NEEDS

- Continue to develop and prioritize a connected regional trail network.
- Provide park access for all Port Wentworth residents.
- Increase park programming and resources.
- Increase greenspace and recreation variety.
- Foster community with seniors through senior programs and activities.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Implement greenway plan.
- Add parks in areas not served by parks.
- Add programs in existing centers to support community needs.
- Use abundant natural areas to provide greater access nature and trails.

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NEXT STEPS

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NEXT STEPS

STEP 01
 Draft Recommendations

STEP 02
 Draft Work Plan

STEP 03
 Draft Report

STEP 04
 Public Hearing 1
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 Final Plan Update

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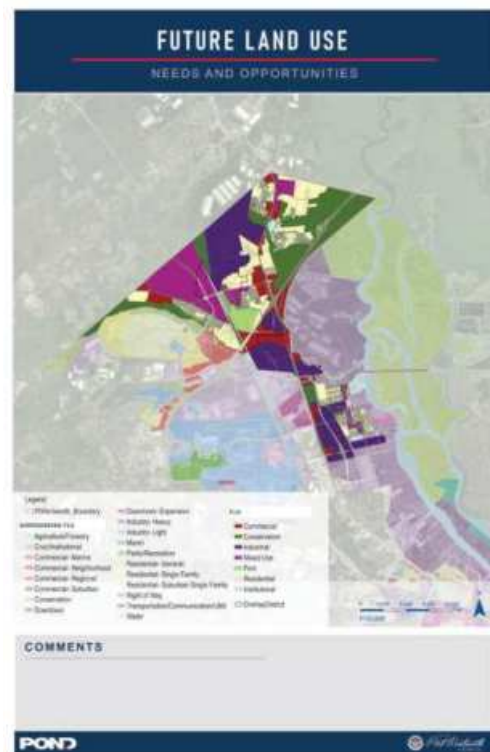
Pop-Up Event

The pop-up event was held after the first Public open house. It presented findings from the first open House, the draft FLU, and provided flyers and information to the website for more information. Over 100 people attended.



Open House #2 Analysis Boards

February 4, 2025



LAND USE

NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NEEDS	OPPORTUNITIES
1. DEVELOP A DIVERSITY OF PLACES IN NORTHERN DISTRICT TO CONNECT TO NEIGHBORHOODS. 2. INCREASE DEVELOPMENTS DOWNTOWN. 3. CAPITALIZE ON INDUSTRIAL CORR. 4. PROTECT UNDEVELOPED LAND AND MAINTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. 5. CENTRAL HUB FOR COMMUNITY.	1. ADD MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS TO ENHANCE 2. INCENTIVISE LOCAL BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN CORE. 3. INCREASE BUSINESSES OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO THE INDUSTRIAL LAND - EXAMPLE: TECHNOLOGY HUBS, ETC. 4. ESTABLISH CONSERVATION AREAS ALONG THE EDGES OF THE COMMUNITY CONNECTED TO THE REGIONAL SYSTEM. 5. CREATE AN OVERLAY DISTRICT AROUND NEW CENTRAL PARK.

GOAL
 Create a well-developed city with aesthetic and full service components of a thriving community.

COMMENTS

LAND USE

POND

ECONOMICS

NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NEEDS	OPPORTUNITIES
1. DIVERSIFY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN CITY 2. PROVIDE MORE LOCAL JOBS 3. CAPITALIZE ON REGIONAL LOCATION	1. INCREASE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL CENTERS 2. INCREASE JOB TRAINING AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES 3. INFILL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT TOURISM AND CAN ATTRACT TOURISTS TRAVELING THROUGH THE REGION.

GOAL
 Encourage economic growth by diversifying business and commercial opportunities.

COMMENTS

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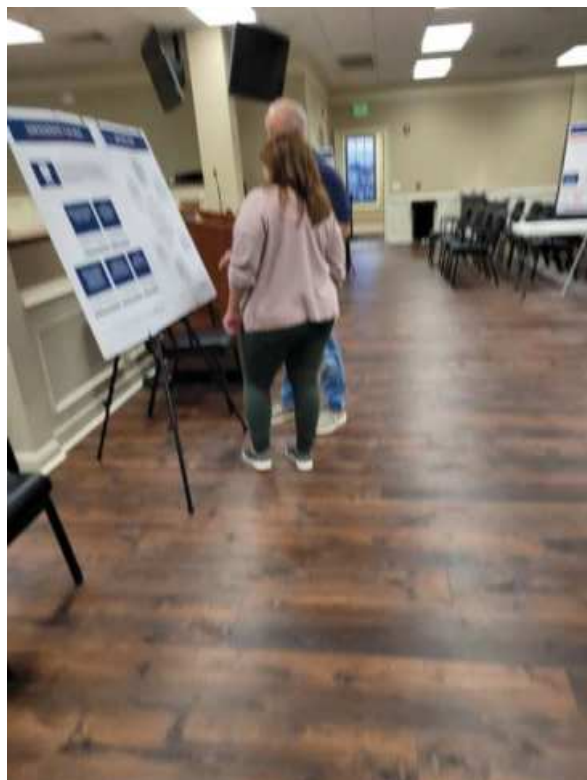
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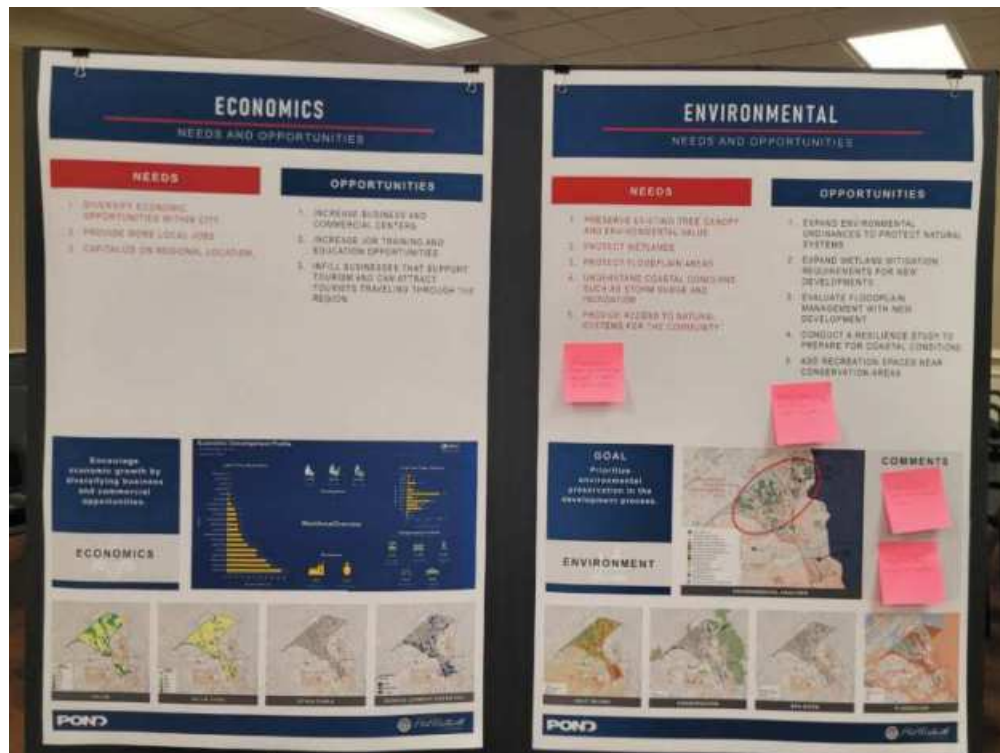
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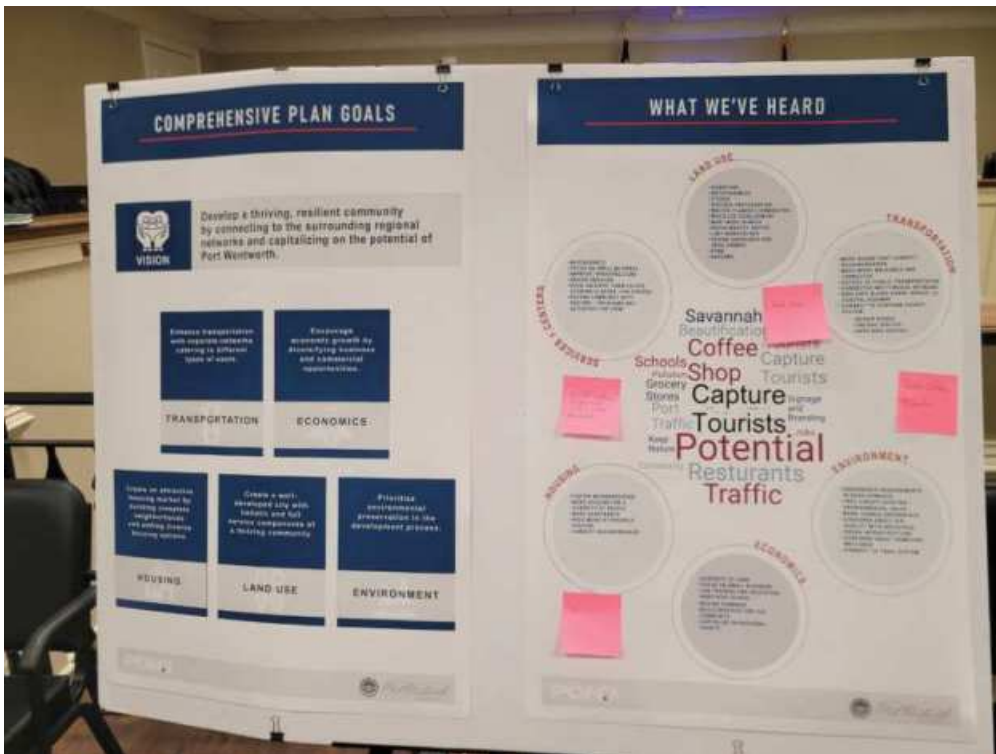


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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC YOU ARE HERBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Port Wentworth, Georgia will hold a public hearing on March 20, 2025, at 7:00pm to provide a draft of the Port Wentworth Comprehensive Plan Update. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the draft plan to the community and provide opportunities for comment. The plan will be posted on the Comprehensive Plan Update website for review and comment until April 4, 2025. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing.

The comments will then be addressed throughout April and the plan to be submitted to the Coastal Regional Commission will be presented to City Council April 17, 2025, at 7:00pm, during the regular meeting.

Comments should be directed to: KDunnigan@portwentworthga.gov

The draft plan will be located: <https://app.maptionnaire.com/p/2rsigupb6s4a>

These meetings will be held at the City Hall 2nd Floor Council Chambers at 7224 Highway 21, Port Wentworth GA 31407.

Public Hearing Notice 1

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CITY OF POOLER
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
Pooler is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on a petition for the City of Pooler, a Georgia Municipal Corporation, requesting to amend the City of Pooler Code of Ordinance Chapter 20- Buildings and Building ...

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CITY OF BLOOMINGDALE
CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bloomington City Council will conduct a Public Hearing regarding a Conditional Use request for the following petitioner: Polque-Patel is petitioning to subdivide ...

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Debtor's and Creditor's Status
State of Georgia
Richmond County
All persons having claims against the Estate and his estate, are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and ...

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC YOU ARE HERBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Port Wentworth, Georgia will hold a public hearing on November 4th, 2024 at 6:00pm in room 101 to receive comments for the creation of the Port Wentworth Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process in be used to develop the plan, opportunities for public participation in development of the plan, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing.

The plan will be developed November 2024 - Summer 2025. There will be a public open houses during the plan development and a website where all information will be posted and feedback can be gathered. The plan will follow all Department of Community Affairs Regulations and address:

- Community Goals
- The Needs And Opportunities Of The City
- Community Work Program
- Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, And Quality Of Life Elements
- Capital Improvement Program

This meeting will be held at the City Hall 2nd Floor Council Chambers at 7224 Highway 21, Port Wentworth GA 31407.

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CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE REPORT

Public Open House #1 – Dec. 3, 2024 – 5-7PM – CLIC
Public Open House #2 – Feb. 4, 2025 – 5-7PM – City Hall

Social Media:

- Facebook Event Page – Nov. 20, 2024
 - Going: 2
 - Interested: 15
- Facebook Event Page – Jan. 18, 2025
 - Going: 5
 - Interested: 50
- Post #1 – Nov. 20, 2024
 - Views: 2,194
 - Reach: 951
 - Interactions: 14
- Post #2 – Nov. 25, 2024
 - Views: 860
 - Reach: 411
 - Interactions: 8
- Post #3 – Nov. 26, 2024
 - Views: 848
 - Reach: 518
 - Interactions: 9
- Post #4 – Dec. 2, 2024
 - Views: 465
 - Reach: 239
 - Interactions: 7
- Post #5 – Dec. 3, 2024
 - Views: 622
 - Reach: 330
 - Interactions: 5
- Post #6 – Jan. 16, 2025
 - Views: 13,348
 - Reach: 8,692
 - Interactions: 196
- Post #7 – Jan. 27, 2025
 - Views: 609
 - Reach: 354
 - Interactions: 8
- Post #8 – Feb. 4, 2025
 - Views: 401
 - Reach: 242
 - Interactions: 5

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- Text Message – Nov. 20, 2024
 - Received: 921
- Email – Nov. 20, 2024
 - Received: 2,195
- Email – Nov. 21, 2024
 - Received: 2,194
- Text – Dec. 2, 2024
 - Received: 918
- Text – Jan. 20, 2025
 - Received: 911

City of Port Wentworth's Post

City of Port Wentworth
January 27 at 11:55 AM

Reminder, Port Wentworth!

Public Open House #2 is just around the corner! Drop by to learn about the Comprehensive Plan update, share your feedback, and ask questions—it's YOUR chance to help shape the future of OUR city.

📅 February 4, 2025
🕒 5 PM - 7 PM
📍 City Hall (7224 GA-21, Port Wentworth, GA)

Make your voice heard and be part of Port Wentworth's growth! Learn more by visiting app.maptomake.com/p/9ds2i6fy6v4.

#PortWentworth #PublicOpenHouse #ComprehensivePlan



Public Open House #2

Port Wentworth is updating its comprehensive plan!

This is an open house/drop-in format. Anyone can come throughout the night to learn about the process, provide feedback to direct goals, and ask questions to staff.

Date: February 4, 2025 **Time:** 5pm - 7pm **Location:** City Hall

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:08 PM • 1,000 likes

Public Open House #2
City of Port Wentworth

Details

35 people responded

Event by City of Port Wentworth

City of Port Wentworth

Duration 2 hr



City of Port Wentworth
November 20, 2024

You're invited! Join us for **Public Open House #1** as Port Wentworth updates its Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-term plan to guide the city's growth and resources. This is the first open house of the process, and it's a drop-in format—come by anytime throughout the evening to:

- Learn about the planning process
- Share your feedback on city goals
- Ask questions directly to our staff

The open house will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 5 PM to 7 PM at CLIC, 2 Magnolia Blvd, Port Wentworth, GA. Your voice matters – help us shape the future of Port Wentworth! Visit app.maptomake.com/p/9ds2i6fy6v4 to learn more.

#PortWentworth #OpenHouse #ComprehensivePlan



ENGAGEMENT FLYER

Posted at city hall, handed out at open houses, pop-up events, and local businesses/complexes. Posted on website and sent to steering committee.



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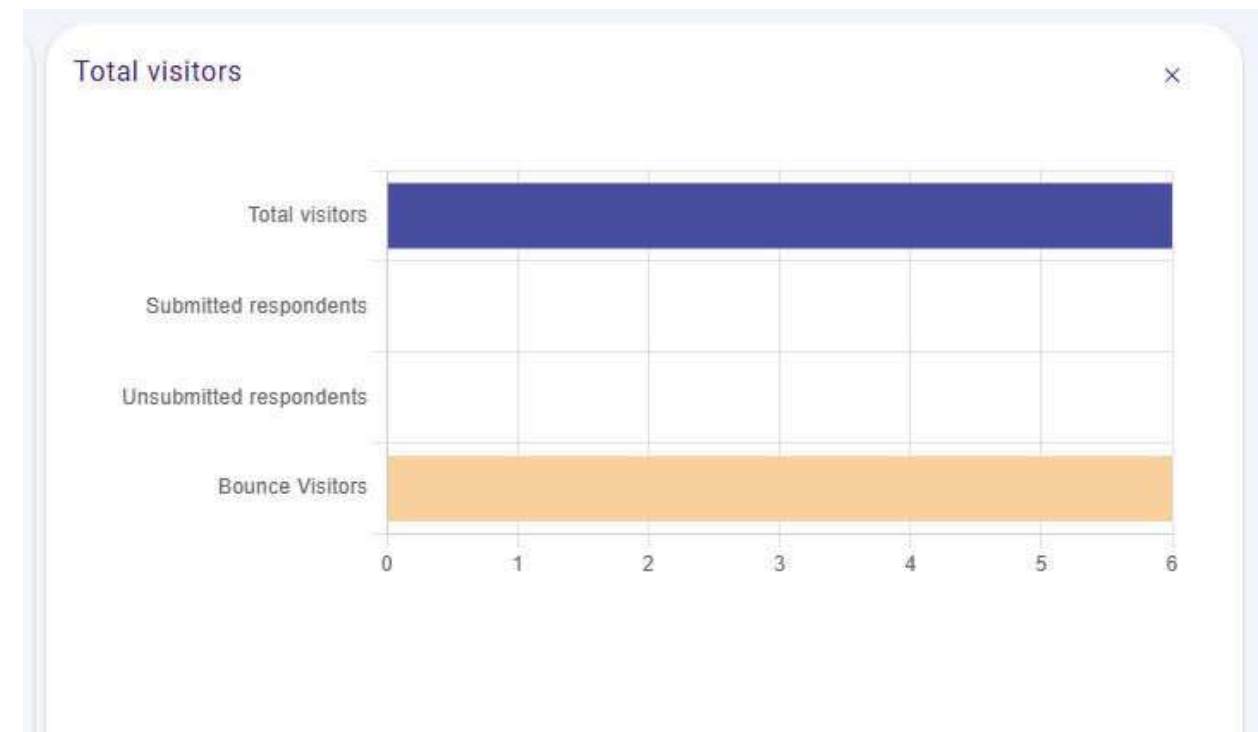
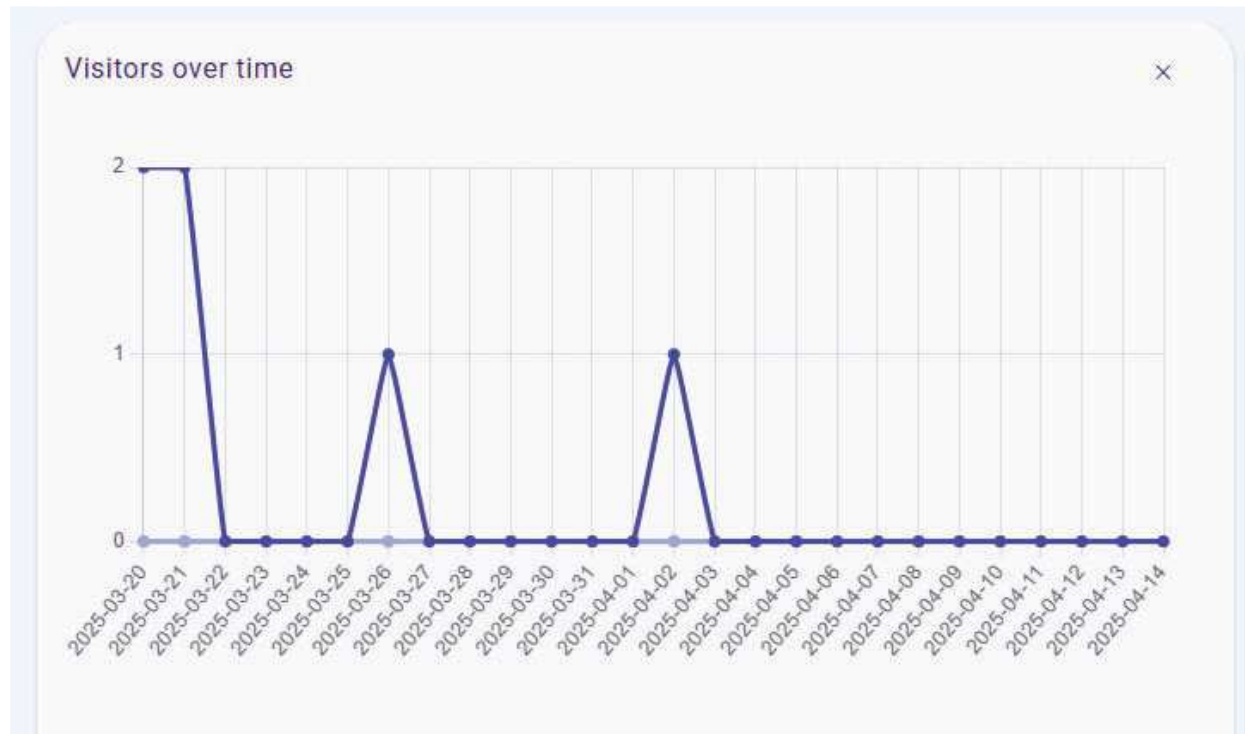
A comprehensive plan is a long term plan that guides future development, land use, and investment for a city. It is developed by the community and identifies strategies to achieve community goals. The city of Port Wentworth will be updating the plan through the spring of 2025. Stay involved throughout the process!



FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

April 15, 2025

The website received 6 visitors during the public comment period on the final plan but no comments. The public comment period was open from March 20th - April 6 and social media posts were sent out to remind residents to comment during this time.





APPENDIX

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COMPLIANCE WITH REGIONAL WATER PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CRITERIA



COMPLIANCE WITH REGIONAL WATER PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING CRITERIA

The City of Port Wentworth is in the Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Region. The Coastal Georgia Regional Water Planning Council prepared an updated Regional Water Plan in June 2023 that has been adopted by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD).

The City of Port Wentworth Public Works Department complies with National and State standards set forth by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Georgia State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The Department also follows recommendations set forth in the Regional Water Plan through a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) that addresses structural and source control measures, illicit discharge detection and elimination, industrial facility stormwater runoff control, and construction site runoff management.



CITY OF
Port Wentworth
GEORGIA



City Council
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Fire Department
Category: Agreement
Prepared By: Zahnay Smoak
Department Head:

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

Agreement for Fire Service Automatic Aid

Issue/Item: Entering into an automatic aid agreement between the City of Pooler, Garden City, Bloomingdale and Port Wentworth for the purpose of fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials, technical rescue, and supportive services.

Background: Port Wentworth Fire Department, Pooler Fire department, Bloomingdale Fire department, and the Garden City Fire department have determined that it is to the advantage and benefit of the citizens of Pooler, Port Wentworth and Garden City to render supplemental, fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous material, technical rescue incident and/or support assistance to the other Fire Departments located in Chatham County, and likewise such Fire Departments will in turn assist listed Fire Department in the event of a fire, emergency medical, hazardous material, or technical rescue incident or other local emergency, and to take part in joint training exercises

Facts and Finding:

The Parties have defined specific response areas within their respective fire districts that are mutually beneficial for assisting each other through automatic aid, these areas will be referred to as the "response area." This Agreement can be modified to add or remove response areas, provided that any changes receive written approval from all Parties.

The extent of Automatic Aid provided shall be determined through mutual agreement between the Fire Chief or designated representative of each Fire Department. These agreements will be documented in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) response plan.

There shall be no liability imposed on any Party or its personnel for failure to respond to an incident due to resource limitations or as a result of any act or omission in good faith to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

Recommendation: Approval of the Automatic Aid Agreement between the City of Port Wentworth and Pooler, Garden City, and Bloomingdale Fire effective November 1, 2026.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICE AUTOMATIC AID

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 1st_____day of November 2026 by and between the CITY of POOLER, GEORGIA, PORT WENTWORTH, GEORGIA, BLOOMINGDALE GEORGIA and GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, all municipal corporations of the State of Georgia (which are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Pooler Fire Department, Port Wentworth Fire department, Bloomingdale Fire department and the Garden City Fire department maintains staff for the purpose of fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous material, technical rescue, and support services; and

WHEREAS, Pooler Fire Department, Port Wentworth Fire department, Bloomingdale Fire department, and the Garden City Fire department have determined that it is to the advantage and benefit of the citizens of Pooler, Port Wentworth and Garden City to render supplemental, fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous material, technical rescue incident and/or support assistance to the other Fire Departments located in Chatham County, and likewise such Fire Departments will in turn assist listed Fire Department in the event of a fire, emergency medical, hazardous material, or technical rescue incident or other local emergency, and to take part in joint training exercises; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parties hereto to enter into this Agreement for Automatic Aid pursuant to the 1983 Constitution of the State of Georgia, Article IX, Section I 1, Paragraph 3, and the Official Code of Georgia Annotated O.C.G.A 36-69-1, et. seq., "The Georgia Mutual Aid Act."

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the Parties hereunto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - AUTOMATIC AID AND FIRST RESPONSE

Paragraph 1.0 The Parties have defined specific response areas within their respective fire districts that are mutually beneficial for assisting each other through automatic aid, These areas will be referred to as the "response area." This Agreement can be modified to add or remove response areas, provided that any changes receive written approval from all Parties.

Paragraph 1.1 In the event of any fire, emergency medical, hazardous material, or technical rescue incident, or other local emergency occurring in the response area, the Parties shall have first responder responsibilities, and automatically respond based on preset response plans and may furnish such fire, emergency medical, hazardous material, technical rescue, and/or support services as may be reasonably required to cope with such emergency to the limitations hereinafter set forth in this Agreement.

Paragraph 1.2 The extent of Automatic Aid provided shall be determined through mutual agreement between the Fire Chief or designated representative of each Fire Department. These agreements will be documented in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) response plan.

Paragraph 1.3 The dispatcher of the primary department will simultaneously dispatch the fire department resources of the assisting department as outlined in the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system's predetermined response plan, without the need for additional request or approval. This process ensures that resources from all departments are automatically deployed to incidents as pre-arranged, facilitating faster and more coordinated responses.

Paragraph 1.4 Each Party within the designated response district shall ensure that appropriate apparatus and personnel are in place to enable automatic dispatch of resources from the other Party in accordance with this agreement. All Parties agree to respond automatically when an incident occurs, without requiring direct communication or additional requests. This agreement also allows either Party to provide Automatic Aid when requested by a third-party entity, as long as the request aligns with the pre-established response protocols outlined in this agreement.

Paragraph 1.5 Personnel who respond will work under their own supervisors and with their own equipment to the extent possible.

Paragraph 1.6 All general direction relative to the work will be given by the appropriate personnel of the Party receiving the aid.

Paragraph 1.7 It is further agreed that, to the extent necessary as determined and agreed upon by the Fire Chiefs for each Party, the Parties will participate in joint annual training exercises as required by Insurance Service Office (ISO) to promote a basic standardization of operations.

Paragraph 1.8 Each Party shall retain primary responsibility for determining the most appropriate response resources to be utilized within its jurisdiction; however, standardization for common incident types is desirable and the acknowledged goal of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 - LIABILITY

Paragraph 2.0 There shall be no liability imposed on any Party or its personnel for failure to respond to an incident due to resource limitations or as a result of any act or omission in good faith to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

Paragraph 2.1 For purposes of this Agreement, each Party's employees shall be deemed to be the employees and agents of that Party only, and under no circumstances shall any employee be deemed to be an employee or agent of any other entity or the other Party.

Paragraph 2.2 All damages or repairs to any equipment or apparatus shall be the responsibility of the Party that owns such equipment or apparatus, provided however that compensation for damages to equipment or apparatus that occurs during a natural disaster, a state of emergency, as declared by a local, state, or federal governing authority, or any other incident for which state or federal aid is provided to the Party requesting aid, shall be distributed to the Party providing aid in proportion to the level of actual involvement incurred while providing automatic aid. In the event of a specific incident where the Party having jurisdiction within its geographical boundaries may be able to recover the costs of mitigating an accident from a third party who is legally responsible for causing the incident, the costs incurred by the

Party providing aid may be reimbursed to that agency to the extent that costs exceeding the costs incurred by the Party having jurisdiction are recovered from said responsible third party; in such case, the Party providing aid being reimbursed its costs from such excess funds.

Paragraph 2.3 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of either Party's sovereign immunity, any individual's qualified immunity, official immunity, or any other immunity or exemption from liability provided for by law.

ARTICLE 111 - COMPENSATION

Paragraph 3.0 Except as provided for in Paragraph 2.2 above, no Party under this Agreement will be required to pay any compensation to the other Party under this Agreement for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

Paragraph 3.1 The mutual advantage and protection afforded by this Agreement is considered adequate consideration to all Parties.

Paragraph 3.2 Each Party to this Agreement shall comply with workers compensation laws of the State of Georgia without any cost to the other Party.

Paragraph 3.3 Each Party shall pay the salaries, benefits, and all other compensation of its own personnel without cost to the other Party.

ARTICLE IV - RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Paragraph 4.0 Except as provided for in Paragraph 2.2 above, and to the extent allowed by law, each Party to this Agreement hereby knowingly waives, covenants not to sue, and agrees to hold harmless, the other Party for and from any and all claims which it may have or may acquire that in any way that relate to or may arise out of the provision of automatic aid activities outside its jurisdiction while rendering assistance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - INJURIES TO PERSONNEL

Paragraph 5.0 Any damage or other compensation which is required to be paid to any fire department employee by reason of his/her injury occurring while his/her services are being utilized pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole liability and responsibility of the Party regularly employing that person.

ARTICLE VI - NO BENEFIT TO THIRD PARTIES

Paragraph 6.0 This Agreement shall not be construed as, or deemed to be, an agreement for the benefit of any third party or parties, and no third party or parties shall have any right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever.

ARTICLE VII - TERM OF AGREEMENT

Paragraph 7.0 This Agreement shall commence upon its approval by the respective governing bodies of the Parties and shall continue until December 31 of that calendar year. This Agreement shall be renewed annually by the Parties on January 1st, and each year thereafter unless and until such time as written notice of termination or notification is received by either Party at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the first term or any renewal term thereafter. Pursuant to Georgia law, this Agreement cannot extend beyond fifty (50) years.

Paragraph 7.1 Notwithstanding the above, either Party to this Agreement may terminate the Agreement by giving no less than ninety (90) days written notice to the other Party and upon the running of ninety (90) days from such written notice, this Agreement shall be terminated.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDBY OF EQUIPMENT

Paragraph 8.0 Each Party agrees and acknowledges that it will be the responsibility of each Party to provide the backup coverage necessary for its own fire department.

ARTICLE IX - ADMINISTRATION

Paragraph 9.0 It is agreed by each of the Parties that for the purpose of liaison and administration, the Fire Chief of both Parties shall be jointly responsible for administration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE X - CONSTRUCTION

Paragraph 10.0 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall be construed as modifying the respective rights and obligations of the Parties under any other automatic aid agreement as specifically provided by the laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE XI - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

Paragraph 11.0 This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties and no modification thereof shall be binding unless evidenced by a subsequent signed written agreement.

Paragraph 11.1 This Agreement shall be the sole instrument for the provision of automatic aid for emergency services between the Parties.

Paragraph 11.2 This Agreement is intended to work in concert with any and all other existing agreements between the Parties which address similar issues relating to the provision of cooperative

mutual aid emergency services. Should the terms of this Agreement conflict with the provisions of any other existing agreement between the Parties, the terms of this Agreement shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XII - SEVERABILITY OF TERMS

Paragraph 12.0 In the event any part or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XIII - GOVERNING LAW

Paragraph 13.0 This Agreement shall be governed in all respects as to the validity, construction, capacity, or otherwise, by the laws of the State of Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, acting by and through their duly authorized officers, have caused their hands and seals to be hereunto affixed, the day and year first above written.

POOLER, GEORGIA

By:

Attest:

GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA

By:

Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, City Manager

Attest: _____

PORT WENTWORTH, GEORGIA

By:

Attest:

BLOOMINGDALE, GEORGIA

By:

Attest: _____

FIRE CHIEFS

Pooler Fire Chief Wade Simmons

Port Wentworth Fire Chief Lance Moore

Bloomingtondale Fire Chief Ferman Tyler

Garden City Fire Chief Michael Dick



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Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Administration
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Prepared By: Zahnay Smoak
Department Head:

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Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) MOU

Issue/Item: The city has been awarded a grant from GRPA, which requires the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to receive the funds.

Background: The GRPA awards only a limited number of grants each year because the grant is highly competitive. The city recreation staff compiled and submitted a comprehensive grant package, which was selected above dozens of other municipalities.

Facts and Finding: The GRPA award, one of the highest accolades in the field, recognizes outstanding programs that demonstrate innovation, impact, and community engagement. The City of Port Wentworth Parks and Recreation Department excelled with an exceptional grant package outlining its plan to foster community connections and promote active lifestyles through a diverse range of initiatives. The city has been awarded \$12,500 to further its work in the community and provide opportunities for those who may otherwise be precluded from participating due to socioeconomic hardships.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

Georgia Recreation and Park Association – BOOST Program
2026-2027 MOU & Assurances for Contractors Receiving State Funding in
partnership with GSAN

Georgia Recreation and Park Association, Inc.
2026-2027 Boost Memorandum of Agreement (MOU)

Georgia Recreation and Park Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “**GRPA**”), a Georgia non-profit corporation with its principal place of business located at 1285 Parker Road SE, Conyers, Georgia 30094-5957, enters into this Memorandum of Understanding (“**MOU**”) with **City of Port Wentworth** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Contractor**”) in the total amount of **12,500** to provide comprehensive out-of-school time services under the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU.

The Contractor agrees to deliver professional services that meet the general scope of work required for the GRPA BOOST Program, as described here:

- Operate comprehensive afterschool and/or summer programming that expands and improves high-quality learning and supports for K-12 students in the Contractor’s local community
- Prepare students for success in the present and ready students for new learning
- Jump-start underperforming students into learning new concepts
- Create opportunities for struggling students to learn alongside their more successful peers
- Address students’ comprehensive needs through the shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and communities
- Acknowledge and address non-academic factors that impact academic outcomes while expanding learning opportunities
- Create environments where students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.
- Directly support learning acceleration and whole child approaches to positive youth development
- Learning acceleration, such as literacy and numeracy instruction, STEAM, and college readiness.
- Healthy eating & physical activity
- Expand access to serve more youth, with an emphasis on children who typically do not have access to these programs.
- Reduce barriers to participation to ensure access for all.
- Increase programmatic quality and expand or enhance supports/services offered.
- Combat learning loss and meet students’ well-being and connectedness, such as mentoring, problem solving, and team building.

As a condition of this MOU, the parties agree as follows:

1. Use of Funds.

The overall purpose of the services provided under this MOU is to support learning acceleration, academic development, connectedness, and well-being of Georgia’s students, utilizing a whole child approach (<https://gadoe.org/whole-child-supports/>). Funds will be expended only in accordance with this MOU and as specified as allowable expenses (**no single expenditure may exceed \$4,999.99**) in the **GRPA RFP** and/or in any approved budgets. This funding cannot be utilized for any capital items. Any changes in the implementation of the contracted services will require the prior written approval of GRPA.

2. Contract Period, Invoicing & Payment.

The contract period for this MOU **August 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027 for ASP and June 1, 2027 - July 30, 2027 for SE (“Contract Period”)**, subject to the terms contained in this MOU. The Contractor shall invoice GRPA as set forth by GaDOE and GSAN for services provided during the Contract Period. GRPA will pay the Contractor’s invoice within 30 days **with the condition that GRPA must first successfully receive those funds from GaDOE through a separate process (Please remember the first Drawdown request may take longer to receive as stated in the Original GSAN RFP).**

Drawdown Deadlines: Once GSAN provides GRPA with our final drawdown schedule it will be shared with contractors. Grantees must draw down a minimum percentage of funds for incurred or proposed expenses based on the outlined schedule above.

While grantees must draw down a minimum of 25% at each drawdown deadline, grantees may draw down a higher percentage with adequate justification in expense narratives. If grantee draws down funds ahead of the minimum schedule it does not change the total amount awarded. YOUR AGENCY ENTIRE EXPENDITURES FOR ASP OR SE ARE NOT FULLY REIMBURSABLE.

3. GRPA BOOST Project Administrator: The GRPA BOOST Statewide Program Administrator (Craig Sowell) in Consultation with the GRPA Executive Director (Steve Card) will manage this Statewide Project. The GRPA BOOST Statewide Program Administrator shall

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2026-2027 MOU & Assurances for Contractors Receiving State Funding in
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direct the Program and control the manner of its performance. If the GRPA BOOST Statewide Program Administrator is no longer employed by GRPA or becomes unable or unwilling to complete the Program for any reason, the GRPA Executive Director will be the point of contact. The Contractor shall establish persons to be accountable at the local level for all funds paid under this MOU and communicate regularly and in a timely manner with the appropriate GRPA Staff. Failure to communicate and provide required reporting in a timely manner may jeopardize current and/or future funding under the GRPA Statewide BOOST Program.

4. **Reports:** The Contractors agrees to abide by any programmatic or fiscal reporting deadlines established by GRPA/GaDOE/GSAN to effectively administer the Program. Required reporting shall include financial reporting for the period covered; narrative description of provided activities, dosage, duration and detailed information on Program objectives and outcomes. Other information may be required by GRPA to maintain Program compliance. The Contractor must complete the Evaluation Form and Final Reports as required. The Final Report for each year of the Program shall be set by GRPA/GaDOE/GSAN and due by set deadlines. GRPA may add supporting materials (i.e., news articles, evaluation reports, etc.) if such materials help to convey the significance of the work completed under this Program. Observation and inspection visits may be unannounced or scheduled from various partners of the GRPA BOOST Program.

5. **Accounts & Recordkeeping:**

The Contractor will be responsible for their own bookkeeping and submittal of reports to GRPA by deadlines required for drawdown of funds. Books and records may be requested by GRPA or GRPA's grantor, Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), at any time during the Contract Period. Contractor shall maintain books and records regarding the Program and the funds provided under this MOU and make them available for inspection, subject to any limitations imposed by applicable law. GRPA and Contractor shall maintain copies of any records and reports under the Program for a period of at least (7) years after the Contract Period ends (or according to Georgia Secretary of State Record Retention Policies).

6. **Assurances, Warranties, & Representations:**

The Contractor named in this MOU is a recipient of BOOST 2.0 State of Georgia funds in the GRPA BOOST Program, which utilizes relief funds provided by the Georgia General Assembly as administered by GaDOE & GSAN. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is the primary grantee. As the contractor providing purchased services to the State-wide subgrantee (GRPA), you are bound to the assurances contained in this document; these assurances will be in effect for the period of the contract agreement. **Failure to be in compliance with any aspect of the contract agreement, including these assurances or aspect of the contract award, may result in the delay, reduction, or termination of said agreement and accompanying funds.**

These assurances are integral to this MOU; by signing this MOU, the Contractor agrees to the assurances. The contractor hereby assures that it will comply with the following:

	Assurances
1.	The signatory for these assurances certifies that he/she/they has the authority to bind the Contractor. The program assurances must be signed and submitted with the application (see additional document).
2.	Commit to and participate in GSAN's Assess, Plan and Improve continuous quality improvement framework.
3.	Adhere to the Financial Requirements and invoicing draw down deadlines.
4.	Adhere to all applicable licensing and/or exemption rules and regulations from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning https://www.decal.ga.gov/ccs/rulesandregulations.aspx .
5.	Participate in any data collection that is required for the use of this funding. ○ The Contractor will submit reports to the Subgrantee as may reasonably be required. The Contractor will maintain such fiscal and programmatic records and provide access to those records, as necessary, for the Subgrantee to perform its duties. ○ The Contractor will adhere to all service evaluation requirements, reporting deadlines and data certification processes established by the Subgrantee for the purpose of the annual summative evaluation, formative assessment and summer evaluation reports.
6.	Unannounced, on-site monitoring visits conducted by GaDOE/GSAN/GRPA staff or their subcontractor at any time during the program
7.	Submit a report at the end of each grant period to GRPA as required by GSAN/ GaDOE.

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8.	Respond within provided deadlines to program implementation monitoring activities, such as site visits and financial audits.
9.	The application must be completed by the entity that maintains full responsibility and therefore is the operator of the program, regardless of any partnership, volunteer, or subcontract arrangements.
10.	Make every reasonable effort to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. This includes making all materials available in accessible formats (e.g., printed, digital and web-based information).
11.	Complete the Georgia Department of Education Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy https://www.afterschoolga.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/GaDOE-Conflict-Of-Interest-Disclosure-Policy.pdf (see additional document).
12.	Contractor certifies that neither it nor its related corporations and vendors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State/Federal department or agency.
13.	The Contractor certifies that it will have information available regarding its services that can be provided to community stakeholders upon request.
14.	The Contractor certifies the instruction and content offered are secular, neutral, and non-ideological.
15.	The services will take place in a safe and easily accessible facility. Acknowledge and abide by all Program Quality and Safety Requirements as outlined in the GSAN RFP (section X page 11)
16.	The services will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications.
17.	Prior to any material change affecting the purpose, administration, organization, budget, or operation of the contracted services, the Contractor agrees to submit an appropriately amended application or project description to the Subgrantee for approval.
18.	The Contractor agrees to notify the Subgrantee, in writing, of any change in the contact information provided in its application.
19.	The Contractor will use fiscal control and sound accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of and account for State/federal funds paid to the Contractor to perform its duties.
20.	The Contractor will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of services provided by or for the Subgrantee, the Georgia Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Education, or other State or Federal officials.
21.	The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all applicable liability insurance requirements are met and will submit proof of minimum liability transportation insurance to the Subgrantee within 60 days if requested.
22.	The Contractor certifies that state and national criminal background checks will be conducted annually for any and all individuals acting on behalf of the Contractor including regular volunteers, employees, contractors, relatives, etc. prior to their employment, whether or not they have direct contact with students. In addition, the Contractor agrees to develop and utilize written policies on how the criminal background check results will be used in hiring and volunteer practices.
23.	The Contractor will comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
24.	Contractor will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on a basis of disability.
25.	In accordance with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace and Community Act Amendments of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Contractor understands that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance, marijuana, or dangerous drug is prohibited at geographic locations at which individuals are directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to BOOST Program.

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Additionally, all Contractors agree to the following quality standards for services provided. Note that nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing legal requirements established for individuals with access to minor children, including but not limited to those related to camps, employee criminal background checks, and any relevant licenses and permits. All subcontracted/partner staff must meet the same requirements as if they were actual staff of the Contractor.

- In addition to safety training, all staff must receive training on safe operations, hand hygiene, cleaning, and disinfecting), infection control requirements, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state guidelines and protocols.
- Directors in charge of programs must be 21 years of age and responsible for the day-to-day operations of the program. Teacher/Lead Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age, and the assistant caregiver/aide may be 16 years of age. There shall be a designated staff person in charge, who is 18 years of age or older, always on site when the afterschool or summer program is in operation. No caregiver/aide who is 16 or 17 years of age shall be solely responsible for children.
- Any Contractor whose program includes activities at a waterfront or swimming area, whether as a regular part of their service location or as an off-site educational service trip, must have at least one person with current evidence of having successfully completed a training program in lifeguarding offered by a water-safety instructor certified by the American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA or other recognized standard-setting agency for water safety instruction. Such person may be a program staff member or an employee of a water facility (e.g., local swimming pool) and be at least 18 years of age.
- Programs must maintain the continuous supervision when students are participating in water-related activities (such as swimming, fishing, boating, or wading) as follows:
water activities in water less than two (2) feet deep *continuous supervision must be provided in accordance with normal staff child ratios
- Age of Children - Staff: Child Ratio
 - Four (4) year olds 1:18
 - Five (5) year olds 1:20
 - Six (6) years and older 1:25
- Water activities in water over two (2) feet deep:
 - Age of Children Staff: Child Ratio
 - Four (4) yrs and older who cannot swim a distance of fifteen (15) yards unassisted 1:6
 - Four (4) yrs and older who can swim a distance of fifteen (15) yards unassisted 1:15
- At least one additional staff member above the required staff to child ratios for any water-related activity (such as swimming, fishing, boating, or wading) shall be available to rotate among the age groups as needed when any of the following circumstances are present:
 - most of the children in a group are not accustomed to or are afraid of the water
 - most of the children in a group comprised of children who cannot swim 15 yards unassisted cannot touch the bottom of the water facility without submerging their heads
 - the water facility is particularly crowded or the children have special needs which impact on their ability to participate safely in the water-related activity.
- Contractor must maintain a staff to child ratio of at least 1:20 for children aged five years with a maximum group size of 40 and at least 1:25 for children aged six years and older with a maximum group size of 50. The ratio of staff to children shall always be maintained. The staff to child ratios for a mixed-age group shall be based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent (20%) of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. The ratio of staff to children, as specified in this subsection, shall always be maintained, including during all outings and trips except for structured activities offered exclusively for school age children.
- Prior to the start of the contracted service, the Contractor's administrators shall develop a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the program's location. The organization will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and will include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. Such plan shall include assurance that the Contractor's personnel will not impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.
- The Contractor shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly,

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and tornado and other emergency drills will be conducted every six months. The Contractor shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years.

GRPA Agency Contractor represents and warrants to GRPA, Inc.:

- a. This MOU is the legal and binding obligation to GRPA, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other applicable laws.
- b. GRPA Contractor confirms that it is an organization that is currently recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") as governmental (City/County) entity or Authority.
- c. The Program and the use of funds will comply with the objectives set forth in this MOU and other BOOST requirements, as well as all applicable laws, rules, and regulations to which the GRPA is subject.
- d. GRPA contractor agencies shall maintain insurance with responsible and reputable companies in such amounts and covering such risks as is prudent and is usually carried by entities engaged in operations similar to that of GRPA and shall furnish to GRPA Inc. with evidence of compliance upon request. To the extent permitted by law, GRPA contractor agencies hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless GRPA Inc. from and against, and in respect to, all losses, expenses, costs, obligations, liabilities, and damages, including interest, penalties and reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, that GRPA Inc. may incur as a result of any negligent or willful acts or omissions of GRPA Agency or any of its agents or employees.

7. No Lobbying:

GRPA Contractor agrees that no portion of the funds provided under this MOU will be used for any of the following: (i) to lobby or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; (ii) to influence outcome of any specific public election or participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or conduct, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive; or (iii) to distribute funds to any entity or individual, other than as detailed in the Application.

8. Compliance: See above Assurances.

9. Additional Obligations of GRPA Contractor:

In consideration of the contractual funding herein, CONTRACTOR shall provide GRPA with the elements set forth above and attached herein and incorporated herein by reference.

10. Miscellaneous:

- a. No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, on the part of GRPA, Inc., any right under this MOU shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.
- b. This MOU shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- c. In the event that any provision or any part of a provision of this MOU shall be finally determined to be superseded, invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable pursuant to applicable laws by an authority having jurisdiction, such determination shall not impair or otherwise affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of the remaining provisions or parts of provisions thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the unenforceable provision or part were deleted.
- d. GRPA Contractor understands that there is no commitment by the GRPA, Inc. to supply any further support for the Program. GRPA, Inc. considers each request on an individual basis, and that this MOU is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for further support.
- e. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto. No oral representations or other agreements have been made by the parties except as stated herein. The MOU may not be changed in any way except as herein provided, and no term or provision hereof may be waived except in writing signed by a duly authorized officer or agent. The titles of any paragraph of this MOU are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to limit, restrict, or alter the content, meaning or effect thereof.

11. Standard Terms and Conditions: This MOU is subject to the above.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date(s) written below.

GEORGIA RECREATION AND PARK
ASSOCIATION, INC

GRPA BOOST AGENCY CONTRACTOR:

[Organization Name:]

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



City Council
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Development Services
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Katie Dunnigan
Department Head: Katie Dunnigan

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

The City of Port Wentworth proposes to to amend the City of Port Wentworth Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinances.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Issue/Item: The City of Port Wentworth proposes to to amend the City of Port Wentworth Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinances.

Background: Proposed changes are necessary to the improvement and refinement of specific items in Sections:

2.60.B.3 - Similar Land Uses
24.90, 6.60 - Wireless Communication Towers
24.30, 7.950, - Detention Centers
7.140 - Manufactured Homes

Facts and Finding: At the September 8, 2026 meeting, Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this item.

Funding:

Recommendation:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH
ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to modify the City’s ordinances; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council is tasked with the authority to adopt and provide for such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations which it deems necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and well-being of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Wentworth is granted the power to provide such comprehensive city planning for development by zoning, subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems necessary and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Wentworth desires to update its Zoning Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that while in regular session THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The Code of Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, is amended as follows:

I. Similar Land Uses

- a. Amend Sec. 2.60.B.3. – Similar Land Uses of the City’s Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

“Once a similar use is determined, the proposed use shall comply with any conditions and review procedures applicable to that use, including rezoning (if applicable) and compliance with the specific use requirements of this ordinance, as applicable. In addition, the proposed use shall be considered a Special Use and require a Special Use Permit, pursuant to Sec. 14.10, et seq. herein.

II. Wireless Communications Towers

- a. Amend Sec. 24.90 – Definitions V, W, X, Y, Z to add the new definition, as follows:

Wireless Communications Tower. A tower, pole, or similar structure of any size which supports wireless telecommunications equipment, transmission or reception, and is utilized by commercial, governmental, or other public or quasi-public users, above ground in a fixed location, free standing, guyed, or on a structure. This definition does not include

communication towers for amateur radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which are exempt from local zoning restrictions.

- b. Amend Sec. 6.60 Utilities & Services to add subsection C to read as follows:
- C. *Wireless Communications Tower.* A Wireless Communications Tower is permitted in each zoning district as an Essential Public Service, and requires a Special Use Permit in accordance with Article 14.

III. Detention Center, Private

- a. Amend Sec. 24.30 – Definitions D, E, F to add the new definitions, as follows:

Detention Center, Private. A facility, including but not limited to, a correctional or penal institution, operated by a private or nongovernmental person or entity where persons are incarcerated or otherwise involuntarily confined for purposes of execution of a punitive sentence imposed by a court, or detention pending a trial, hearing, or other judicial or administrative proceedings.

Detention Center for Unaccompanied Minors. A facility operated by a private or nongovernmental person or entity intended to house unaccompanied, undocumented minors in the custody of the federal government.

- b. Add new Sec. 7.950 – Detention Centers to read as follows:

Section 7.950 – Detention Centers

- A. *Applicability and Intent.* These standards are intended to regulate Detention Centers and to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and establish regulations to prevent secondary effects and reduce additional resource strain from such activities.
- B. *Location Requirements.*
 - 1. No Detention Center, either Private or for Unaccompanied Minors, shall be operated in a facility not initially planned, constructed, and approved for such use.
 - 2. No Detention Center, either Private or for Unaccompanied Minors, shall be located within two thousand (2,000) feet of the exterior boundary of any residential or commercial zoning district, place of worship, K-12 school, library, day care center, public community center, park, fairground, recreation center, and publicly owned or maintained building or roadway opened or for use by the general public.

IV. Manufactured Homes

- a. Amend and replace Sec. 7.140 – Manufactured Home Community to read in its entirety, as follows:

Section 7.140 – Manufactured Homes

A. *Manufactured Home Communities, Spaces and Placement.*

1. Each space shall contain a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet and shall be at least fifty (50) feet wide.
2. Each space shall abut on a driveway or other access with unobstructed access to a street.
3. Each manufactured home shall be placed upon a space so that:
 - a. There is a minimum of forty (40) feet between mobile homes;
 - b. It is not located within two hundred (200) feet of an exterior boundary of the manufactured home community;
 - c. It is not located within one hundred (100) feet of a public right-of-way;
 - d. It does not obstruct any roadway, walkway, or easement;
 - e. It is not located within forty (40) feet of any internal street or drive.
4. Internal access drives shall meet all Fire Department and other Public Safety requirements for maneuverability.

B. *Manufactured Home, Single.*

1. A single manufactured home shall require a minimum of five (5) acres.
2. A single manufactured home shall be placed so that:
 - a. It is not located within two hundred (200) feet of an exterior boundary;
 - b. It is not located within one hundred (100) feet of a public right-of-way;
 - c. It does not obstruct any roadway, walkway, or easement;
 - d. It is not located within forty (40) feet of any internal street or drive.
3. A single manufactured home shall comply with all current and applicable building codes, site plan, and inspections as required by code, ordinance, and law.
4. A single manufactured home shall only be permitted in R-1 zoning, and shall required a Special Use Permit.

C. *Manufactured Home, Replacement*

1. Notwithstanding sections A and B above, when there is a replacement of a preexisting manufactured home with a new home, such replacement of the preexisting home shall be considered a non-conforming use.

State Law reference O.C.G.A. § 36-66-7

2. When there is an attempted replacement of preexisting manufactured home, subsection C.1. above shall not apply when:
 - a. The use of the manufactured home has been discontinued for 12 months or longer, then such use shall be considered abandoned and not subject to nonconforming status. The owner or applicant seeking replacement has the burden to show such discontinuation was justifiably outside of their control;

b. In order and necessary for the safety of life and property, any replacement manufactured home shall comply with all current and applicable building codes and inspections as required by code, ordinance, and law as if it were new and not a replacement manufactured home;

c. The replacement manufactured home would result in a change from the lawful nonconforming use as a single-family dwelling to any other type of dwelling;

d. The replacement manufactured home results in an obstruction to a shared driveway or shared sidewalk providing vehicular or pedestrian access to other homes and uses, unless the property owner makes modifications to such shared driveway or shared sidewalk that extinguishes such obstruction or the effects of such obstruction;

V. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

VI. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and adoption.

SO ORDAINED this the _____ day of _____, 2026

Approved:

Tracy Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Zahnay Smiley, City Clerk

First reading: _____ (date)

Second reading: _____ (date)



City Council
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

Meeting: 09/17/26
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AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

Consideration for the approval of a Special Use Permit application, for a drive-through bank, has been submitted by Gaskins and LeCraw as Agent for WMG Development, for "Fifth Third Bank". PIN # 70906 04044, located in the 4th Council District on Highway 21 and Market Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

PUBLIC HEARING

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Background:

- The subject property fall within the PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial) zoning district.
- Commercial uses within PUDs fall under C-2 zoning standards.
- Banks are permitted uses within C-2, under the definition found in Sec. 25.70.F.1 -*Financial Services*. Table 4.30 of the Zoning Ordinances states that General offices and Services with drive-throughs must obtain a Special Use permit.
- At the September 8, 2026 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this item.

Facts and Finding:

- A Fifth Third bank is an appropriate and permitted use on the proposed site.
- A drive through is a usual and expected service for a bank.
- All bank traffic will access via an easement off Market Blvd. No access is proposed on Highway 21.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

City of Port Wentworth Special Use Permit Application

Please type or print legibly. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to fully answer any of the following sections. Incomplete applications will not be scheduled for required hearings until deficiencies are corrected. Submit completed application and required documentation to the Development Services Department at 7224 Highway 21, Port Wentworth GA 31407. A Pre-Development Meeting with Development Services will be required prior to accepting the application. Application must be filed 20 business days prior to the Planning Commission meeting at which they are to be considered.

1. Subject Property

Street Address(es): 7896 Hwy 21, Port Wentworth, GA

Property Identification Number(s) (PINs) (Attach a boundary survey, recorded or proposed plat, tax map or scaled plot plan to identify the property boundary lines:
70906 04044

Total acreage of subject property: 1.60 ac

Existing land use(s): Vacant

Zoning Classification: PUD

2. Application History

Have any previous applications been made for a special use permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide date of previous application: _____

3. Special Use Permit Review Criteria

Describe the purpose of the requested special use permit. Please refer to review standards in Sec 14.40 of the City of Port Wentworth Zoning Ordinance.

The special use permit is requested to allow the use of a bank with a drive-thru which requires a SUP for this property (per table 4.30 of the Port Wentworth Zoning Ordinance)

4. Property Owner Information

Name(s): WMG Development / Garrett Niemerg

Mailing Address: 270 West Plant Street, STE # 210

City, State, Zip: Winter Garden, FL 34787

Telephone: 217-821-8619

E-Mail Address: gniernerg@wmgdevelopment.com

5. **Applicant Information, if different from Property Owner** (requires a Letter of Authorization Form)

Name(s): Gaskins + LeCraw / Amy Wilby

Mailing Address: 3475 Corporate Way, Suite A

City, State, Zip: Duluth, GA 30096

Telephone: 678-257-1902

E-Mail Address: awilby@gaskinslecraw.com

6. **Items Require to be Submitted with this Application.**

- A. Filing Fee. The non-refundable filling fee must be paid at time of submittal with either a Check, made payable to The City of Port Wentworth, or credit card. Fees are subject to change.
- B. Survey. A scaled or dimensioned boundary survey, tax map, plot plan, or sketch showing the subject property.
- C. Legal Description. A legal description of the land by lot, block, and subdivision designations, or if none, by metes and bounds.
- D. Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Gifts form.
- E. If property owner and applicant are not the same, Authorization of Property Owners Form.
- F. Electronic copy (PDF) of entire submittal package on either a Flash Drive or digital download emailed to designated representative.
- G. List of adjacent property owners within 300 feet of subject property. Include Names, PIN #'s and Mailing Address.

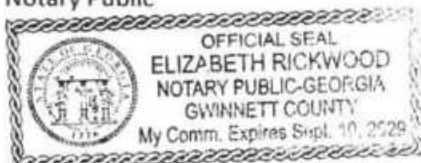
7. **Certified Application**

By my signature below, I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of the application. I acknowledge that I understand and have complied with all of the submittal requirements and procedures, and that this application is a complete application submittal. I further understand that an incomplete application submittal may cause my application to be deferred to the next submittal deadline. I hereby authorize the staff of the City of Port Wentworth to inspect the premises of the subject property. I understand that the approval of an application for a Special Use Permit by the Mayor and Council does not constitute a waiver from any applicable local, state, or federal regulations.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
3 day of August, 2026



Notary Public




Signature of Applicant

AUTHORIZATION OF PROPERTY OWNER

I swear that I am the owner of the property which is the subject matter of the attached application, as is shown in the records of Port Wentworth, Georgia.

I authorize the person named below to act as applicant in the pursuit of a variance or for the rezoning of this property.

Name of Applicant: Gaskins + LeCraw / Amy Wilby

Address: 3475 Corporate Way, Suite A, Duluth, GA 30096

Telephone Number: 678-257-1902

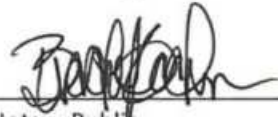


Signature of Owner

Personally appeared before me

JONATHAN BEUMLEVE

who swears that the information contained in this authorization is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.



Notary Public

7/31/2020

Date



DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

(Required by Title 36, Chapter 67A, Official Code of Georgia Annotated)

Reference: Application filed on 3rd day of August, 202026, for a Special Use

Permit for the property described as follows:

The special use permit is requested to allow for the use of a bank with a drive-thru which requires an SUP for this property (per table 4.30 of the Port Wentworth Zoning Ordinance

Withing the two years preceding the above filing date, the applicant has made campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more to each member of the City Council of the City of Port Wentworth who will consider the application and is listed below. List (1) the name and official position of the local government official and (2) the dollar amount, description and date of each campaign contribution.

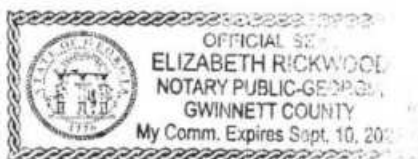
I hereby depose and say that all statements herein are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of Applicant

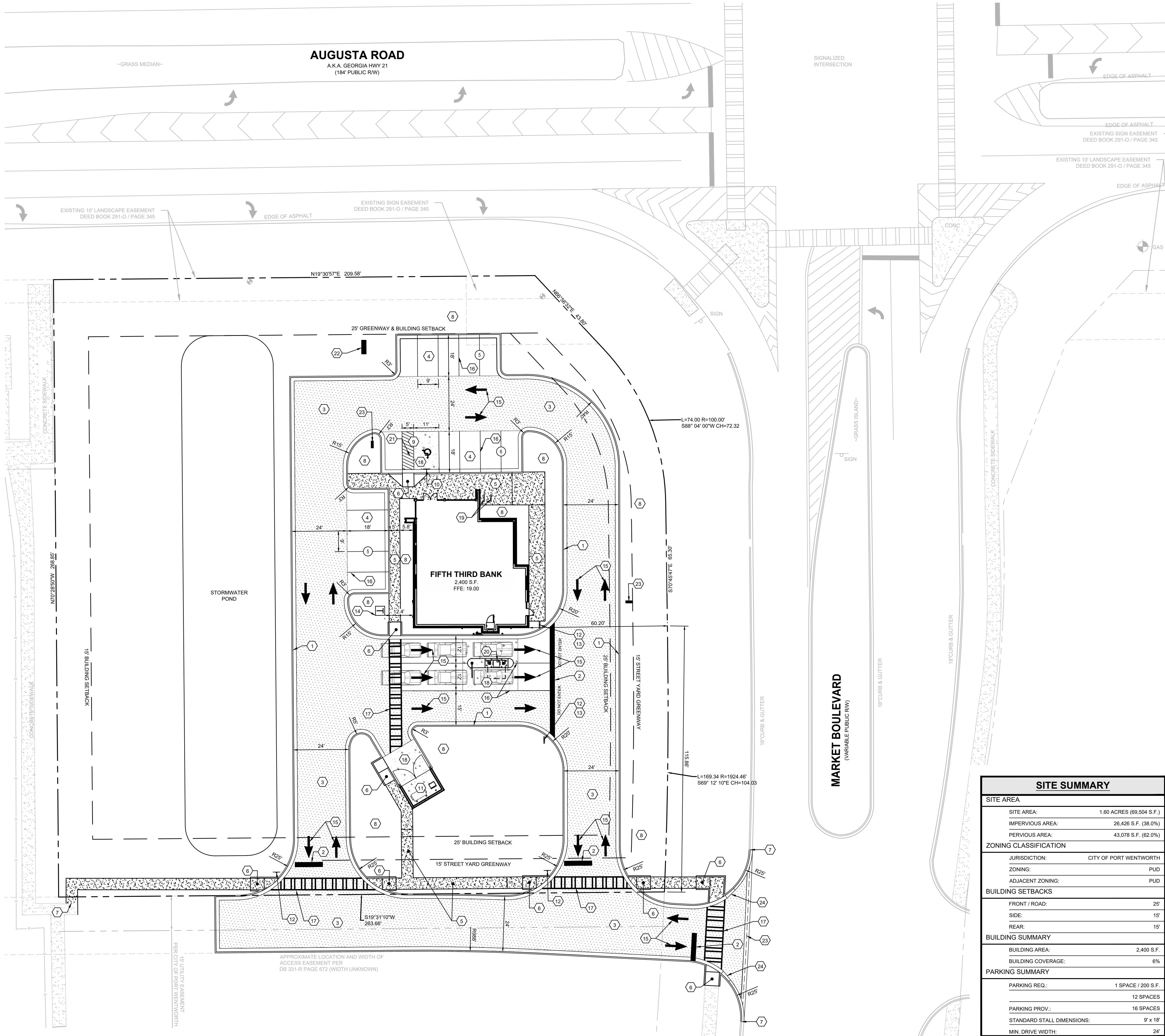
Sworn to and subscribed before me this

3 day of August, 2026


Notary Public



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- GENERAL SITE NOTES
- 1) ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO THE FACE OF CURB UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE.

2) ALL TREES SHALL HAVE PROPER PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION UNLESS APPROVED PLANS INDICATE OTHERWISE.

3) BOUNDARY & TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY BY GEOSURVEY, DATED 05.04.2026. BENCHMARK IS NOTED ON SURVEY.

4) FLOOD PLAIN IS NOT PRESENT ON THIS SITE AS SHOWN ON THE FEMA FIRM MAP NUMBER 13051C0030G, DATED 08.16.2018.

5) 1 HANDICAP SPACE IS REQUIRED TO BE VAN ACCESSIBLE WITH A MINIMUM 96" WIDE ACCESS AREA.

6) ACCESSIBLE PARKING AREAS, INCLUDING AISLES, SHALL SLOPE NO MORE THAN 2% IN ANY DIRECTION.

7) THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FROM ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS IN ORDER TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED OFFSITE WORK, INCLUDING, STORM DRAINAGE, CURB AND GUTTER AND PAVEMENT TIE-INS AND GRADING.

8) REFERENCE ARCH PLANS FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE, SITE SIGNAGE, BUILDING DIMENSIONS, ETC.

9) ALL NEW PAVEMENT SHALL MEET OR EXCEED GEOTECHNICAL SPECIFICATION. SEE REPORT PREPARED BY ECS SOUTHEAST, LLC, DATED 05.11.2026.

KEY NOTES	
1	24" CURB & GUTTER, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAIL
2	24" WHITE STOP BAR, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAIL
3	HEAVY DUTY PAVEMENT, SEE SHEET C-7.1 FOR PAVEMENT SPECIFICATIONS
4	STANDARD DUTY PAVEMENT, SEE SHEET C-7.1 FOR PAVEMENT SPECIFICATIONS
5	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAIL
6	GDOT STANDARD ADA RAMP WITH DETECTABLE WARNING, SEE SHEET C-7.1 FOR DETAIL
7	CONTRACTOR TO TIE INTO AND MATCH EXISTING CURB & GUTTER
8	LANDSCAPE AREA, SEE SHEET L-1.0 FOR LANDSCAPE PLANTING DESIGN
9	ADA PARKING AREA, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAIL(S)
10	ADA PARKING SIGN, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAIL
11	DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE, REFER TO ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR DETAILS
12	STOP SIGN (R1-1), SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR MOUNTING DETAIL
13	DO NOT ENTER SIGN (R5-1), SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR MOUNTING DETAIL
14	CONCRETE TRANSFORMER PAD PER UTILITY OWNER'S REQUIREMENTS
15	TYPICAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS
16	4" WIDE SINGLE SOLID WHITE LINE (SSWL)
17	STRIPED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK PER GDOT STANDARD DETAIL
18	HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE PAVEMENT, SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR PAVEMENT SPECIFICATIONS
19	BIKE RACK(S), SEE SHEET C-7.0 FOR DETAILS
20	DRIVE THRU EQUIPMENT / SIGNAGE, REFER TO ARCH PLANS FOR DETAILS
21	45 DEGREE STRIPES 2" ON CENTER (TYP.) COLOR TO MATCH STRIPING FOR SPACES
22	PROPOSED MONUMENT SIGN, DESIGNED AND PERMITTED BY OTHERS
23	PROPOSED DIRECTIONAL SIGN, DESIGNED AND PERMITTED BY OTHERS
24	2" WIDE CONCRETE VALLEY GUTTER
25	TAPER FROM 18" CURB & GUTTER TO 24" OVER 5'

PAVEMENT LEGEND

*CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT JOINT PLAN TO GEOTECH FOR REVIEW/ APPROVAL PRIOR TO PAVING

CONCRETE PAVEMENT
(SEE GEOTECH REPORT BY ECS SOUTHEAST, LLC, DATED 05.11.2026)

HEAVY DUTY PAVEMENT
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100 PEACHTREE STREET NW - SUITE 1450, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

PROJECT

FIFTH THIRD BANK - PORT WENTWORTH, GA

7896 HIGHWAY 21
PIN: 70906 04044
PORT WENTWORTH, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

SEAL:

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

No. PE036681

TIMOTHY KYLE SHARP

7/30/2026

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SCALE & NORTH ARROW:

NORTH ARROW

0' 10' 20' 40'

SCALE: 1" = 20'

DESIGN INFO:

DRAWN BY: JOA

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JOB #: 75670004

DATE: 07.31.2026

SITE PLAN

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City Council
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Development Services
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Katie Dunnigan
Department Head: Katie Dunnigan

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by Gaskins and LeCraw as Agent for WMG Development, for "Fifth Third Bank". PIN # 70906 04044, located in the 4th Council District on Highway 21 and Market Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

Issue/Item: A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by Gaskins and LeCraw as Agent for WMG Development, for "Fifth Third Bank". PIN # 70906 04044, located in the 4th Council District on Highway 21 and Market Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

Background:

- The applicant requests approval for the Concept Site Plan for "Fifth Third Bank".
- The submitted site plan shows a one-story, 2,400 square foot building. Access is proposed at a single point via existing easement, off Market Blvd.

Facts and Finding:

- A requisite neighborhood meeting was held August 17, 2026. No citizen concerns were presented.
- The Concept Site Plan has been evaluated by Staff and found to meet City Ordinances.
- At the September 8, 2026 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this item.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

Site Plan Review Application

Site Plan Type (Check One): ☒ General / Concept ☐ Specific Development
Site Plan Address: 7896 Highway 21, Port Wentworth, GA
PIN #(s): 70906 04044
Zoning: PUD Estimated Cost of Construction: \$ TBD
Type of Construction: VB / Commercial Development
Project Name: Fifth Third Bank

Applicant's Name: Gaskins + LeCraw / Amy Wilby
Mailing Address: 3475 Corporate Way A, Duluth, GA 30096
Phone #: 678-257-1902 Email: awilby@gaskinslecraw.com

Owner's Name (If Different from Applicant): WMG Development / Garrett Niemerg
Mailing Address: 270 West Plant Street, STE # 210
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Phone #: 217-821-8619 Email: gniernerg@wmgdevelopment.com

I hereby acknowledge that the above information is true and correct.

Amy Wilby
Applicant's Signature

08/03/2026
Date

[Signature]
Owner's Signature (If Different from Applicant)

7/31/2026
Date

Please see page 2 for required submittal checklist

Site Plan Review Application Submittal Checklist

Documentation below is required for a complete submittal.

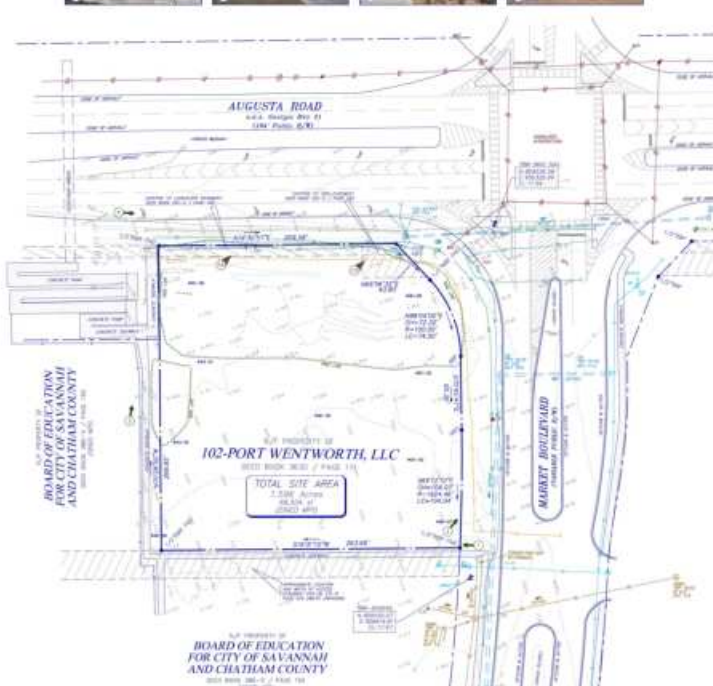
- ☒ Signed and Completed Application
- ☒ 3 Full size sets of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- ☒ 3 half size (11" X 17") sets of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- ☒ 2 copies of hydrology reports (if applicable)
- ☒ Names, mailing address, and PIN number of all property owners within 250 feet of all property lines
- ☒ 1 8 ½" X 11" of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- ☒ PDF of entire submittal on a flash drive or download link ONLY (NO CD'S)
- ☒ Other Engineering details or reports may be required once submittal has been received.
- ☒ If property owner and applicant are not the same, Authorization of Property Owner form.
- ☒ Site plan review fee check (*Please refer to the "Business User Fee Schedule" for the current year.*)
 - Concept / General - Site Plan Fee + Admin Fee = Total
 - Specific - Site Plan Fee + Admin Fee = Total

Additional Fee Statement: If engineer review cost to the City exceeds the site plan review fee that is paid at the time of initial application submittal, you may be required to pay additional review cost.

I have read and agree to the above additional fee statement

Amy Wilby
Applicant's Signature

08/03/2026
Date

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for their continued strong support and that it would not be a difficult decision to make. The company was also pleased that the state government was a partner in the project and shared the same goals and objectives. The company is pleased to have been able to contribute to the state's economic development.

This year is a milestone in my working career as I changed to new role and position in the company. I am grateful to have my change to my new position. I have been working in the company for 10 years and I have learned a lot from my colleagues and my superiors. I have been working in the company for 10 years and I have learned a lot from my colleagues and my superiors. I have been working in the company for 10 years and I have learned a lot from my colleagues and my superiors.

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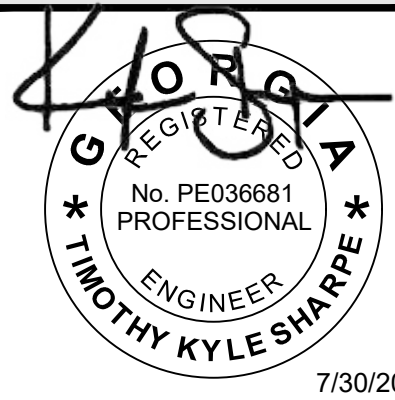
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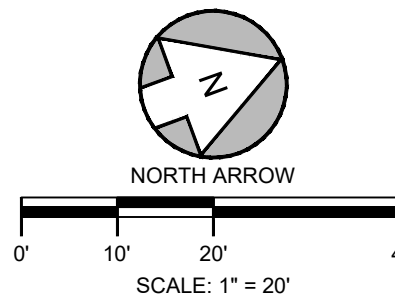
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THE HYDROLOGY STUDY FOR THIS SITE IS PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM THIS PLAN. STUDY TITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT" AND SUBMITTED ON 07/31/2026 BY GASKINS + LECRAW. 15-4. NON-EXEMPT ACTIVITIES SHALL NOT BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE 25 OR 50 FOOT UNDISTURBED STREAM BUFFERS AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF WRESTED VEGETATION OR WITHIN 25 FEET OF THE COASTAL MARSHLAND BUFFER AS MEASURED FROM THE JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION LINE WITHOUT FIRST ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY VARIANCES AND PERMITS. ALL AREAS OF IMPACT ARE NOTED AND DELINEATED WITHIN PLANS. 17-5. AMENDMENTS/REVISIONS TO THE ES&PC PLAN WHICH HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON BMPs WITH A HYDRAULIC COMPONENT MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL. 19-6. THE ESCAPE OF SEDIMENT FROM THE SITE SHALL BE PREVENTED BY THE INSTALLATION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AND PRACTICES PRIOR TO LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES. 20-7. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. IF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROVED PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE EROSION CONTROL, ADDITIONAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED TO CONTROL OR TREAT THE SEDIMENT SOURCE. 21-8. ANY DISTURBED AREA LEFT EXPOSED FOR A PERIOD GREATER THAN 14 DAYS SHALL BE STABILIZED WITH MULCH OR TEMPORARY SEEDING. 23-9. THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE BMPs WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED TO BE EQUIVALENT OR SUPERIOR TO CONVENTIONAL BMPs AS CERTIFIED BY A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL MAY BE ALLOWED (UNLESS DISAPPROVED BY EPD OR THE GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION). PLEASE REFER TO THE ALTERNATIVE BMP GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOUND AT WWW.GSWCC.ORG. 40-10. BMPs HAVING DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN THE FIELD AT LEAST THREE TIMES UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE BMP PROCESS AND HAVING BEEN TESTED MUST BE PLACED ON AN EQUIVALENT BMP LIST (PLEASE REFER TO APPENDIX A-2 OF THE "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" LATEST EDITION). 3-11. LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN 50 ACRES AT ANY ONE TIME WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE. IF EPD APPROVES THE REQUEST TO DISTURB 50 ACRES OR MORE AT ANY ONE TIME, THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST 4 OF THE BMPs LISTED IN APPENDIX 1 OF THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN CHECKLIST. 10-12. WASTE MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE DISCHARGED TO WATERS OF THE STATE, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY A SECTION 404 PERMIT. LAND DISTURBANCE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY SEQUENCE THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCES ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE ORDER SHOWN, UNLESS INCLEMENT WEATHER, SITE CONDITIONS, REVISIONS, PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE, ETC., DICTATES A DEVIATION FROM THIS SCHEDULE. IF A DEVIATION IS UNDERTAKEN OR ANTICIPATED, THE ENGINEER SHALL BE NOTIFIED AND THE CHANGE OF SEQUENCE SHALL BE RECORDED IN THE DAILY LOG. PHASE 1 - CLEARING & GRUBBING PLAN 1. OBTAIN AND POST COPY OF LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT ON SITE. 2. SET UP A PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE AT THE SITE WITH THE OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, CONTRACTOR, PROJECT DESIGN TEAM, AND COUNTY/CITY INSPECTOR TO REVIEW THE EROSION CONTROL AND SITE WORK CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENTS. 3. SET UP A DAILY INSPECTION LOG FOR THE BMP INSPECTIONS TO BE KEPT IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRAILER. 4. CONSTRUCT THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES/EXITS AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. 5. DELINEATE BUFFERS AND TREE PROTECTION LIMITS WITH TREE PROTECTION FENCING AS SHOWN ON PLANS. 6. FLAG AND STAKE PROPERTY LINES AND PROPERTY CORNERS, AS NECESSARY. 7. INSTALL ALL SILT FENCE AS SHOWN ON PHASE I EROSION CONTROL PLAN (ECP). 8. CLEAR AND GRUB ROUTES TO AREAS FOR TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT STRUCTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP). 9. INSTALL ROCK FILTER DAMS IN NATURAL SWALES, AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS, WITH MINIMAL DISTURBANCE TO THE ADJACENT AREA. 10. CONSTRUCT ALL OTHER STRUCTURAL BMPs SHOWN ON THE PHASE I ECP. 11. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONDUCT CLEARING AND GRUBBING FOR REMAINING AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL CLEARED MATERIAL TO BE HAULED OFF SITE OR STOCKPILED FOR CHIPPING OR TUB GRINDING, OR BURNING, IF PERMITTED. PHASE 2 - GRADING AND TEMPORARY VEGETATION PLAN 1. APPLY TEMPORARY VEGETATION (D51/D52) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS AND NOTES IN THESE DOCUMENTS FOR CLEARED AREAS. 2. CONSTRUCT ALL STRUCTURAL BMPs SHOWN ON THE PHASE II ECP WHERE COMPLETION OF ROUGH GRADING IS NOT NECESSARY FOR INSTALLATION (I.E. AT TOE OF SLOPES, OTHER AREAS NOT TO BE AFFECTED BY ROUGH GRADING). 3. COMMENCE WITH ROUGH GRADING ON SITE. INSTALL STRUCTURAL AND VEGETATIVE BMPs AS SHOWN ON PLANS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTES AS ROUGH GRADING FOR EACH AREA IS COMPLETED. 4. INSTALL PERMANENT DETENTION POND(S), IF APPLICABLE, AS SHOWN. 5. CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AS NECESSARY FOR PROPER SITE DRAINAGE AND CONVEYANCE TO THE PERMANENT DRAINAGE LOCATIONS AS SHOWN ON THE PHASE II ECP. INSTALL ALL OUTLET PROTECTION BMPs CONCURRENT WITH DRAINAGE OUTFALLS. 6. INSTALL INLET PROTECTION (S2) AT ALL INLET STRUCTURES. USE S2D-F OR S2D-BG AS SHOWN ON DETAILS. 7. AS SLOPES ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED, SPREAD FERTILIZER AND GRASS SEED ALONG WITH RECOMMENDED MULCHING AS SOON AS FINAL GRADE IS ACHIEVED TO HELP STABILIZE THESE SLOPES. 8. CONSTRUCT DIVERSION DIKES(D) WITH DOWN DRAINS (Dn1) AS NEEDED AND AS SHOWN ON THE PHASE II ECP. CONSTRUCT FILTER RIGGS (F) AROUND EACH TEMPORARY DOWN DRAIN INLET. 9. RESEED MATTERING AND SOIL INCLINATIONS TO PERMANENT GRASSING TO ALL FINISHED SLOPES. COMMENCE FINAL GRADING OF ALL ROADS, PARKING LOTS AND BUILDING PADS. PHASE 3 - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & PERMANENT VEGETATION PLAN 1. INSTALL ALL SANITARY SEWER LINES AND REMAINING STORM DRAINS WITH OUTLET PROTECTION (S), LEVEL SPREADERS (LV), AND OTHER NECESSARY STRUCTURAL BMPs AS SHOWN ON THE PHASE III ECP. 2. INSTALL INLET PROTECTION (S2) AT ALL INLET STRUCTURES. S2D-BG MAY BE INSTALLED ON INLET STRUCTURES WITH STRUCTURE TOPS IN PLACE. 3. SMOOTH GRASSES AND PERMANENTLY VEGETATE DISTURBED AREAS AT COMPLETION OF PIPE CONSTRUCTION. 4. INSTALL AGGREGATE BASE FOR ALL ROADS, PARKING LOTS, AND BUILDING PADS. 5. INSTALL CURB & GUTTER FOR ROADS AND PARKING LOTS. 6. AFTER A CURING TIME OF NO LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, CURBS SHALL BE BACKFILLED AND SHOULDERS SHALL BE SMOOTH GRASSING AND TEMPORARILY VEGETATED OR MULCHED. (D51/D52) SHALL BE USED FOR GRASSING. 7. INSTALL UTILITIES IN ALL THE SHOULDERS. APPLY TEMPORARY VEGETATION TO AREAS DISTURBED BY UTILITY CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN NOTES. 8. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS AS SHOWN ON PLANS. AFTER A CURING TIME OF NO LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, REMOVE FORMS AND APPLY MULCH OR VEGETATION TO DISTURBED AREAS. 9. PAVE ALL STREETS. APPLY FINAL STABILIZATION TO ANY REMAINING AREAS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PERMANENTLY VEGETATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTES IN THESE PLANS. 10. ALL PERIMETER POND(S) AND PERIMETER SILT FENCING TO REMAIN THROUGHOUT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO BE DONE BY OTHERS. AT COMPLETION OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, ALL AREAS ARE TO BE PERMANENTLY VEGETATED. 11. REMOVE TEMPORARY SEDIMENT POND(S) AND OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURAL BMPs FOLLOWING FINAL STABILIZATION AND WHEN PERMANENT VEGETATIVE COVER IS ESTABLISHED ON 80% OF THE SURFACE. USE PERMANENT VEGETATIVE BMPs TO STABILIZE BACKFILL FROM REMOVAL OF STRUCTURAL BMPs. 12. AS SOON AS CONCRETE BUILDING PADS ARE POURED, ALL AREAS AROUND AND BETWEEN THESE PADS AND THE STREETS/PARKING LOTS SHALL BE TEMPORARILY VEGETATED. 13. AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, PERMANENT LANDSCAPING SHALL BE INSTALLED ALONG ALL STREETS AND THROUGHOUT THE SITE TO PROTECT THE LAND AND HELP MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF SEDIMENT RUNOFF INTO STATE BUFFERS OR ONTO ADJACENT PROPERTIES. 14. DEVELOPER TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF TERMINATION.		STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES THAT MAY BE INSTALLED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS TO CONTROL POLLUTANTS IN STORM WATER DISCHARGES THAT WILL OCCUR AFTER CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. 1. STORM WATER DETENTION STRUCTURES (INCLUDING WET PONDS) 2. STORM WATER RETENTION STRUCTURES 3. FLOW ATTENUATION BY USE OF OPEN VEGETATED SWALES AND NATURAL DEPRESSIONS 4. INFILTRATION OF RUNOFF ON-SITE 5. SEQUENTIAL SYSTEMS (WHICH COMBINE SEVERAL PRACTICES) 6. STRUCTURAL MEASURES SHOULD BE PLACED ON UPLAND SLOPES TO THE DEGREE ATTAINABLE 7. THE INSTALLATION OF THESE DEVICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SECTION 404 OF THE CWA 8. THE ES&PC PLAN ONLY ADDRESSES THE INSTALLATION OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES, AND NOT THE ULTIMATE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH STRUCTURES AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE SITE HAS UNDERGONE FINAL STABILIZATION. 9. OPERATORS ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES PRIOR TO FINAL STABILIZATION AND ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AFTER AND/OR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE SITE. 10. VELOCITY DISSIPATION DEVICES SHALL BE PLACED AT DISCHARGE LOCATIONS AND ALONG THE LENGTH OF ANY OUTFALL CHANNEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A NON-EROSIVE VELOCITY FLOW FROM THE STRUCTURE TO A WATER COURSE SO THAT THE NATURAL PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND FUNCTIONS ARE MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED (E.G. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE HYDROLOGICAL REGIME OF THE RECEIVING WATER(S)). 11. INSTALLATION AND USE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE APPROACHES AND PRACTICES THAT MIMIC NATURAL PROCESSES AND DIRECT STORMWATER WHERE IT CAN BE INFILTRATED, EVAPOTRANSPIRED OR RE-USED WITH SIGNIFICANT UTILIZATION OF SOILS AND VEGETATION RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL HARDCAPE COLLECTION, CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE STRUCTURES ARE ENCOURAGED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PRACTICES OR APPROACHES INCLUDE PERMEABLE OR POROUS PAVING, VEGETATED SWALES INSTEAD OF CURBS AND GUTTERS, GREEN ROOFS, TREE BOXES, RAIN GARDENS, CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS, INFILTRATION PLANTERS, VEGETATED MEDIAN STRIPS, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF RIPARIAN BUFFERS AND FLOWING REDUCTION IN SITE DISTURBANCE AND IMPERVIOUS AREA. 12. DESIGN INFORMATION ON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PRACTICES AND OTHER WAYS TO MANAGE STORMWATER CAN BE FOUND IN THE GEORGIA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL AND COASTAL STORMWATER SUPPLEMENT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE FOUND AT THE USEPA WEBSITE. POLLUTION CONTROL NOTES 1. WASTE MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE DISCHARGED TO WATERS OF THE STATE, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY A SECTION 404 PERMIT. 1A. ALL TRASH AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS WILL BE COLLECTED AND STORED IN A METAL DUMPSTER. 1B. THE DUMPSTER WILL MEET ALL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS. 1C. THE DUMPSTER TRASH WILL BE EMPTIED AS NECESSARY AND TRASH WILL BE HAULED AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL REGULATIONS. 1D. NO CONSTRUCTION WASTE WILL BE BURIED ONSITE, UNLESS ALLOWED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. 2. OFF-SITE VELOCITY TRACKING OF DIRT, SOLS, AND SEDIMENTS AND THE GENERATION OF DUST SHALL BE MINIMIZED OR ELIMINATED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICAL. THE FOLLOWING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE SITE AS APPROPRIATE: CONSTRUCTION EXITS(S), MULCHES (DS1), VEGETATIVE COVER (DS2), SPRAY-ON ADHESIVES (TACKIFIERS OR BINDERS), TILLAGE, IRRIGATION, BARRIERS, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, PERMANENT VEGETATION (DS3), TOPSOILING, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION ROAD STABILIZATION. 3. HAZARDOUS WASTES 4. ALL HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS WILL BE DISPOSED OF IN A MANNER SPECIFIED BY LOCAL, STATE &/OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND BY THE MANUFACTURER OF SUCH PRODUCTS. THE JOB SITE SUPERINTENDENT, WHO WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHEETING, SHALL FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN THESE PRACTICES: MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHE	
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INITIAL PHASE EROSION CONTROL BMP INSTALLATION			
INTERMEDIATE PHASE EROSION CONTROL BMP INSTALLATION			
FINAL PHASE EROSION CONTROL BMP INSTALLATION			
INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SEDIMENT BASIN/TRETTIT			
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FINAL STABILIZATION/PERMANENT AS REQ'D AT 30 DAY INTERVALS			
REMOVE SEDIMENT CONTROL STRUCTURES			
FINAL CLEAN-UP			
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RECORD KEEPING A REPORT SHALL BE MADE AFTER EACH INSPECTION SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS. THE INSPECTOR MUST RECORD ANY DAMAGE OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE CONTROL MEASURES ON THE PROVIDED REPORT FORM. THE OPERATOR SHALL REPAIR ANY DAMAGE AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AND NO LATER THAN (7) SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE INSPECTION. THE PLANS MUST BE KEPT CURRENT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE TO REVISE THE ES&PC PLANS.			

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GEORGIA DESIGN PROFESSIONAL											
I CERTIFY THAT THE PERMITTEE'S EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PROVIDES FOR AN APPROPRIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REQUIRED BY THE GEORGIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT AND THE DOCUMENT "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" PUBLISHED BY THE GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED, PROVIDES FOR THE SAMPLING OF THE RECEIVING WATER(S) OR THE SAMPLING OF STORM WATER OUTFALLS AND THAT THE DESIGNED SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND SAMPLING METHODS IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL NPDES PERMIT NO. GAR 100001." I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF THE LAW THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED AFTER A SITE VISIT TO THE LOCATIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN BY MYSELF OR MY AUTHORIZED AGENT, UNDER MY SUPERVISION." UPON THE INSTALLATION OF THE PHASE 1 EROSION CONTROL MEASURES, I WILL VISIT THE SITE TO PERFORM THE INSPECTION CERTIFICATION WITHIN 7 DAYS, ONCE NOTIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR AND CERTIFY THE INSTALLATION OF PHASE 1 BMPs. <table><tr><td></td><td>7/30/26</td><td>036681</td></tr><tr><td>GEORGIA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL (SIGN)</td><td>DATE</td><td>GEORGIA PE#</td></tr></table> TIMOTHY KYLE SHARPE GEORGIA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL (PRINT) 0000065749 GEORGIA EROSION CONTROL LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION 3							7/30/26	036681	GEORGIA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL (SIGN)	DATE	GEORGIA PE#
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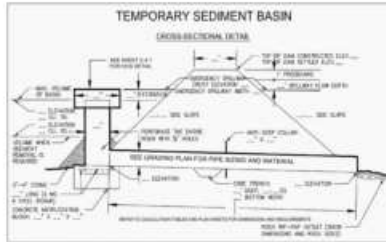
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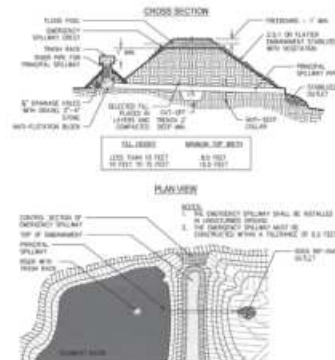


Figure 10-1

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I, **DAVID L. GASKINS**, a duly Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the design and construction of the temporary sediment basin shown on this plan and section was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia.

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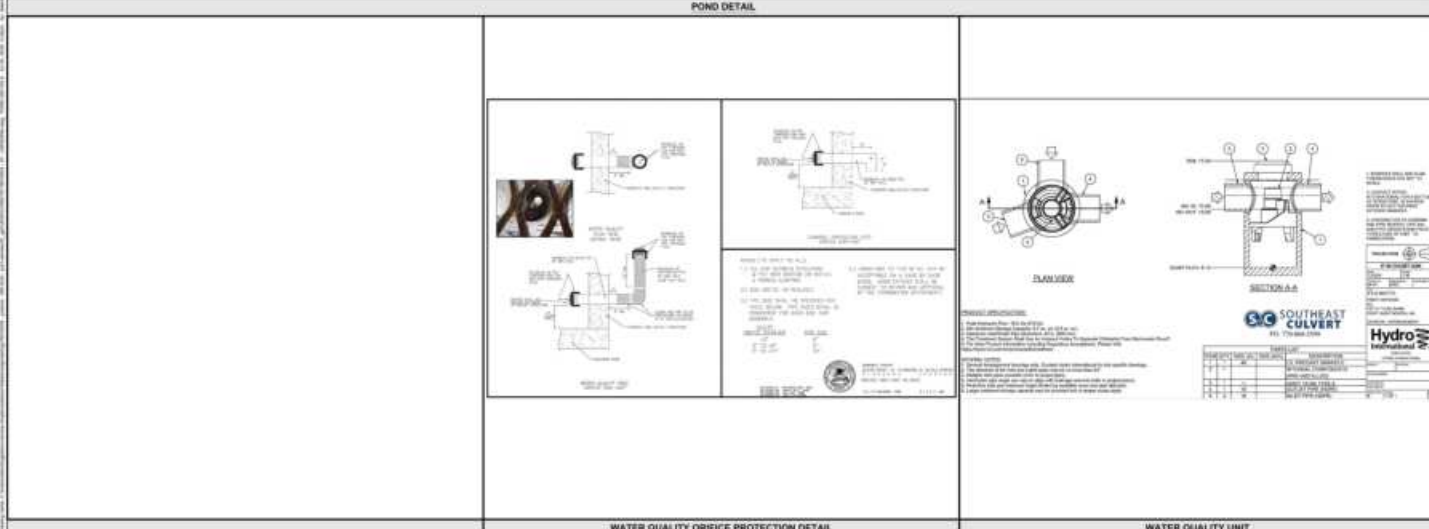
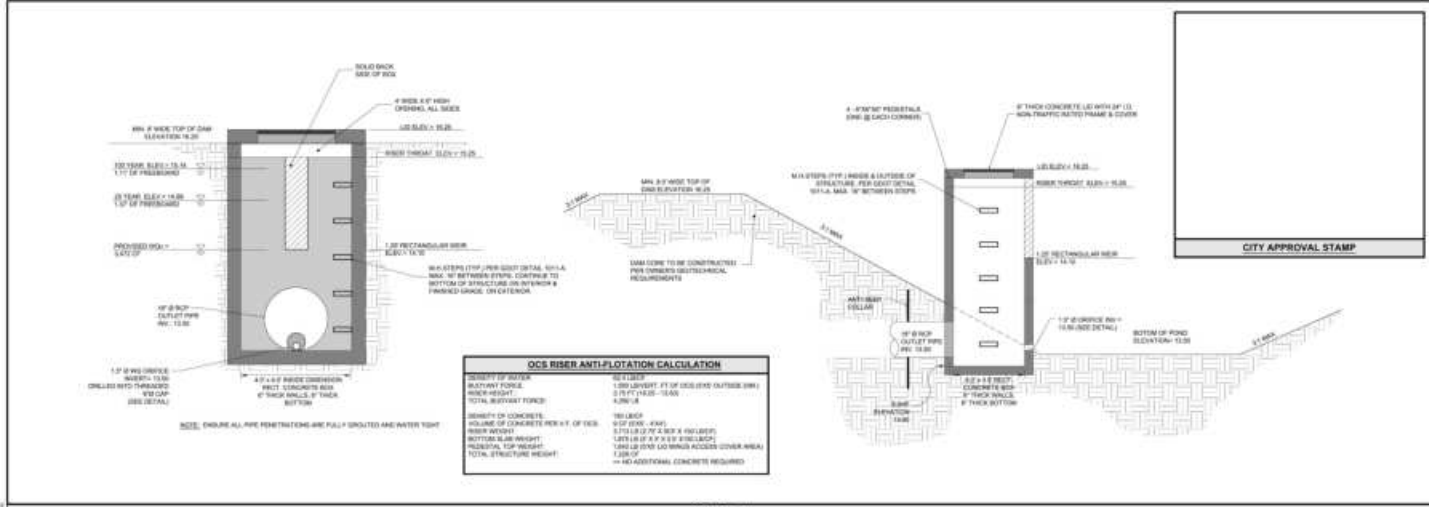
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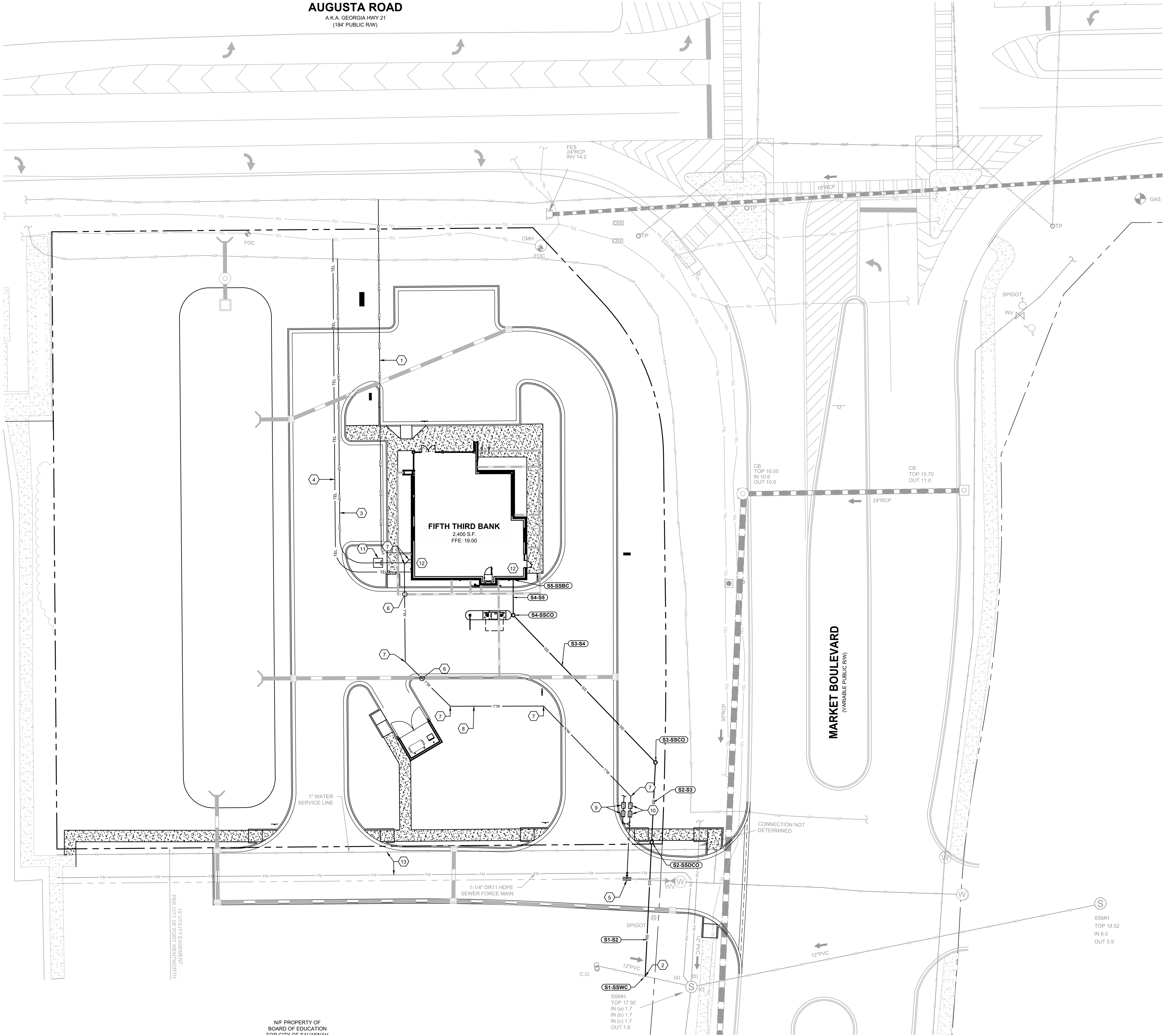
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GENERAL UTILITY NOTES

- 1) CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY OWNER/DEVELOPER AND ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY IF FIELD CONDITIONS DIFFER FROM DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS.
- 2) LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN IS BASED ON A SURVEY BY GEOSURVEY, DATED 05.04.2026. APPROPRIATE UTILITY COMPANIES SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR VERIFICATION OF LOCATIONS PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.
- 3) MAINTAIN 10' HORIZONTAL SEPARATION BETWEEN WATER AND SEWER LINES.
- 4) REFER TO ARCH/MEP PLANS FOR ON SITE UTILITY CONDUITS FOR SITE LIGHTING, ETC. AND UTILITY ENTRY AND EXIT LOCATIONS
- 5) VERTICAL DEPTH OF ALL DRY AND PRESSURIZED UTILITIES IS UNKNOWN. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY OWNER AND ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY IF ANY CONFLICTS ARE FOUND.

KEY NOTES

- 1) UNDERGROUND GAS SERVICE, CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE WITH UTILITY PROVIDER FOR EXACT LOCATION AND CONTINUATION
- 2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION VIA WYE CONNECTION TO EXISTING LATERAL. CONTRACTOR TO CONFIRM EXISTING INVERT ELEVATION AND SHALL NOTIFY ENGINEER IF FIELD CONDITIONS DIFFER FROM DESIGN CONDITIONS.
- 3) UNDERGROUND POWER SERVICE, CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE WITH UTILITY PROVIDER FOR EXACT LOCATION AND CONTINUATION
- 4) UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE SERVICE, CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE WITH UTILITY PROVIDER FOR EXACT LOCATION AND CONTINUATION
- 5) PROPOSED TAPPING SADDLE AND VALVE
- 6) CONTRACTOR TO BEND WATER LINE AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE VERTICAL CLEARANCE
- 7) HORIZONTAL PIPE BEND
- 8) 1" PVC DOMESTIC WATER LINE
- 9) 1" DOMESTIC WATER METER AND RPZ BACKFLOW PREVENTER PER UTILITY PROVIDER STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS
- 10) 1" IRRIGATION WATER METER AND RPZ BACKFLOW PREVENTER PER UTILITY PROVIDER STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS
- 11) PROPOSED TRANSFORMER PAD PER UTILITY PROVIDER STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS
- 12) REFER TO ARCH PLANS FOR ALL LOCATIONS AND INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
- 13) APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF EXISTING FORCEMAIN AND WATER LINE. CONTRACTOR TO ADJUST EXISTING LINES TO ENSURE A MINIMUM COVER OF 36". CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH CITY OF PORT WENTWORTH PUBLIC WORKS AND DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES PRIOR TO ANY WORK PERFORMED ON EXISTING WATER LINE AND FORCEMAIN

STRUCTURE TYPES

SSCO: CLEANOUT
SSBC: BUILDING CONNECTION
SSWC: WYE CONNECTION
SSMH: MANHOLE
SSDCO: DROP CLEANOUT

CAUTION

THE UTILITIES SHOWN ARE SHOWN FOR THE CONTRACTORS CONVENIENCE ONLY. THERE MAY BE OTHER UTILITIES NOT SHOWN ON THESE PLANS. THE ENGINEER ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOCATIONS OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, AND IT SHALL BE THE CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY THE LOCATIONS OF ALL UTILITIES SHOWN AS WELL AS THOSE NOT SHOWN WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS. ALL DAMAGE MADE TO EXISTING UTILITIES BY THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.

SANITARY PIPES

NAME:	SIZE:	LENGTH:	SLOPE:	INV UP:	INV DOWN:	MATERIAL:
S0-S1	12"	20.63	1.00%	1.91 (S1-SSWC)	1.70 (S0-SSBC)	PVC
S1-S2	4"	58.57	2.00%	3.74 (S2-SSDCO)	2.57 (S1-SSWC)	PVC
S2-S3	4"	34.80	3.00%	10.22 (S3-SSCO)	9.18 (S2-SSDCO)	PVC
S3-S4	4"	89.17	3.00%	12.90 (S4-SSCO)	10.22 (S3-SSCO)	PVC
S4-S5	4"	15.39	5.00%	13.67 (S5-SSBC)	12.90 (S4-SSCO)	PVC

SANITARY STRUCTURES

NAME:	TYPE:	STATION:	RIM:	INV IN: (PIPE)	INV OUT: (PIPE)
S0-SSBC	EXISTING CONNECTION	0+00.00	17.40	1.70 (S0-S1)	
S1-SSWC	WYE CONNECTION	0+20.63	17.66	2.57 (S1-S2)	1.91 (S0-S1)
S2-SSDCO	DROP CLEANOUT	0+79.09	17.99	9.18 (S2-S3)	3.74 (S1-S2)
S3-SSCO	CLEANOUT	1+13.89	17.00	10.22 (S3-S4)	10.22 (S2-S3)
S4-SSCO	CLEANOUT	2+03.06	18.24	12.90 (S4-S5)	12.90 (S3-S4)
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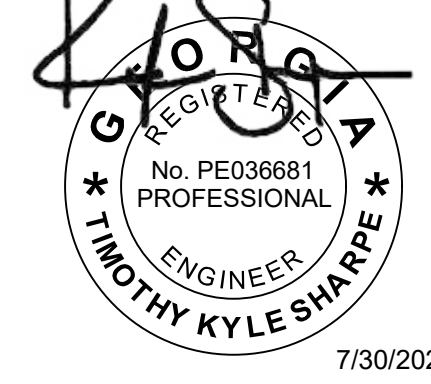
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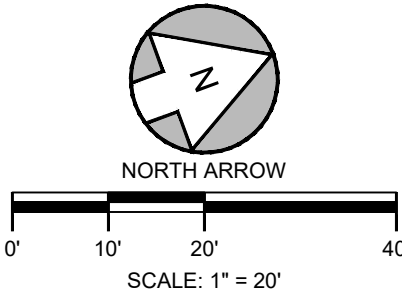
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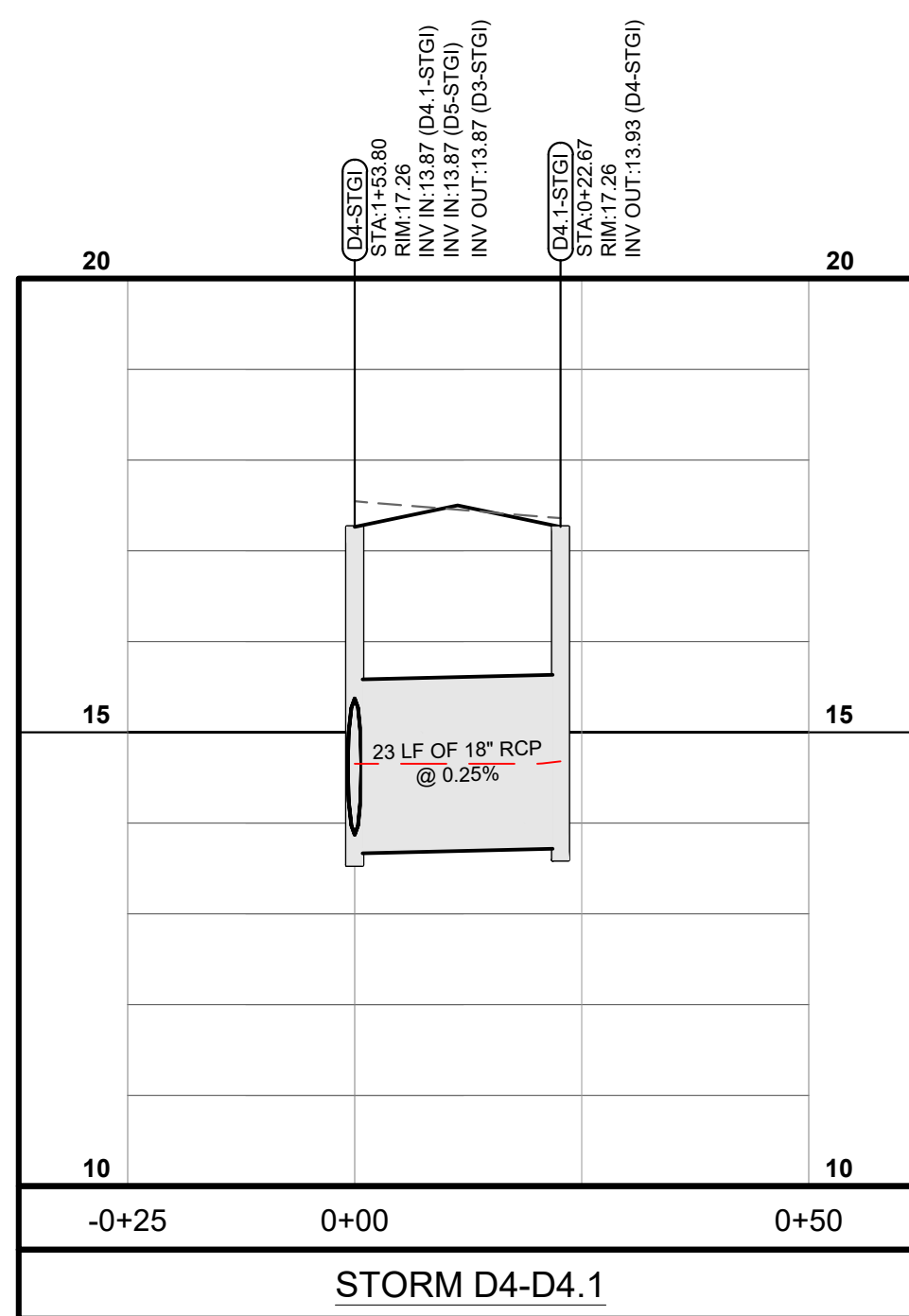
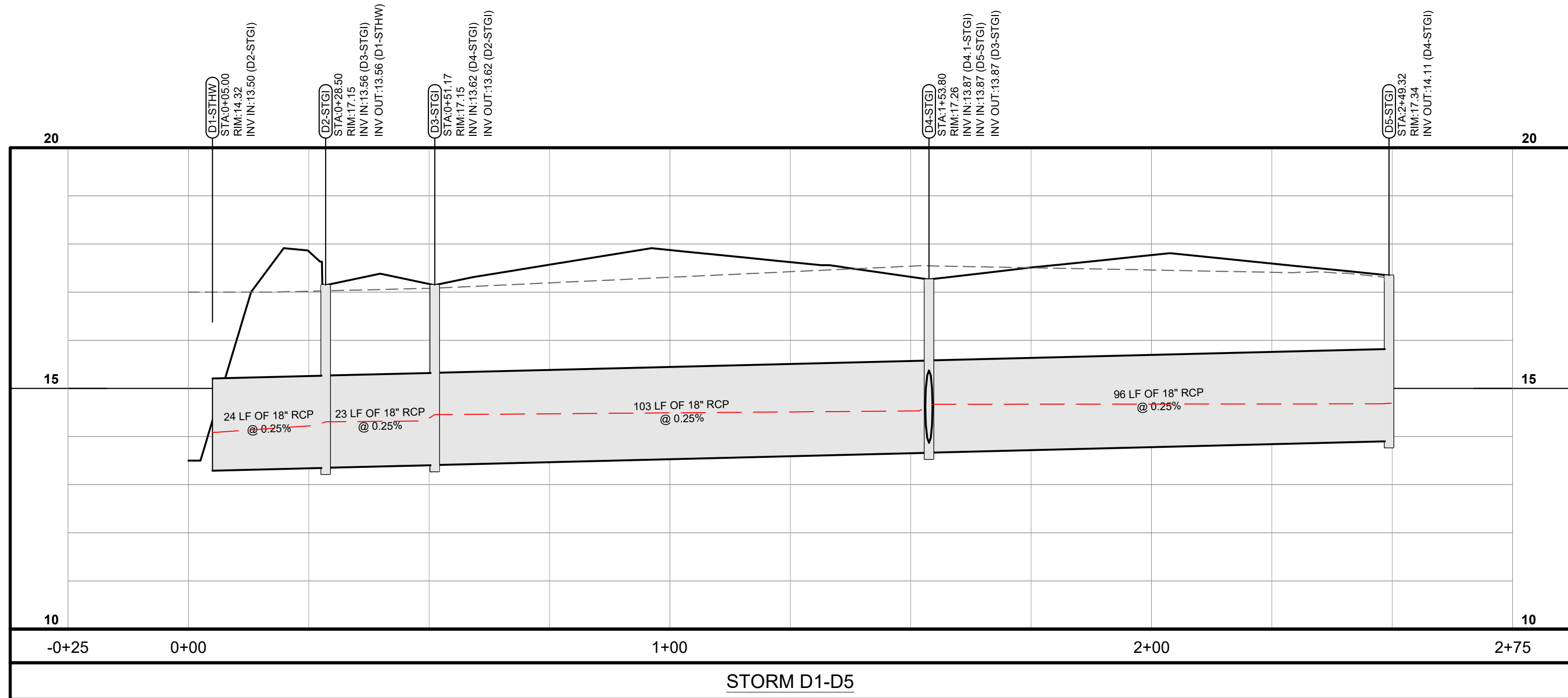
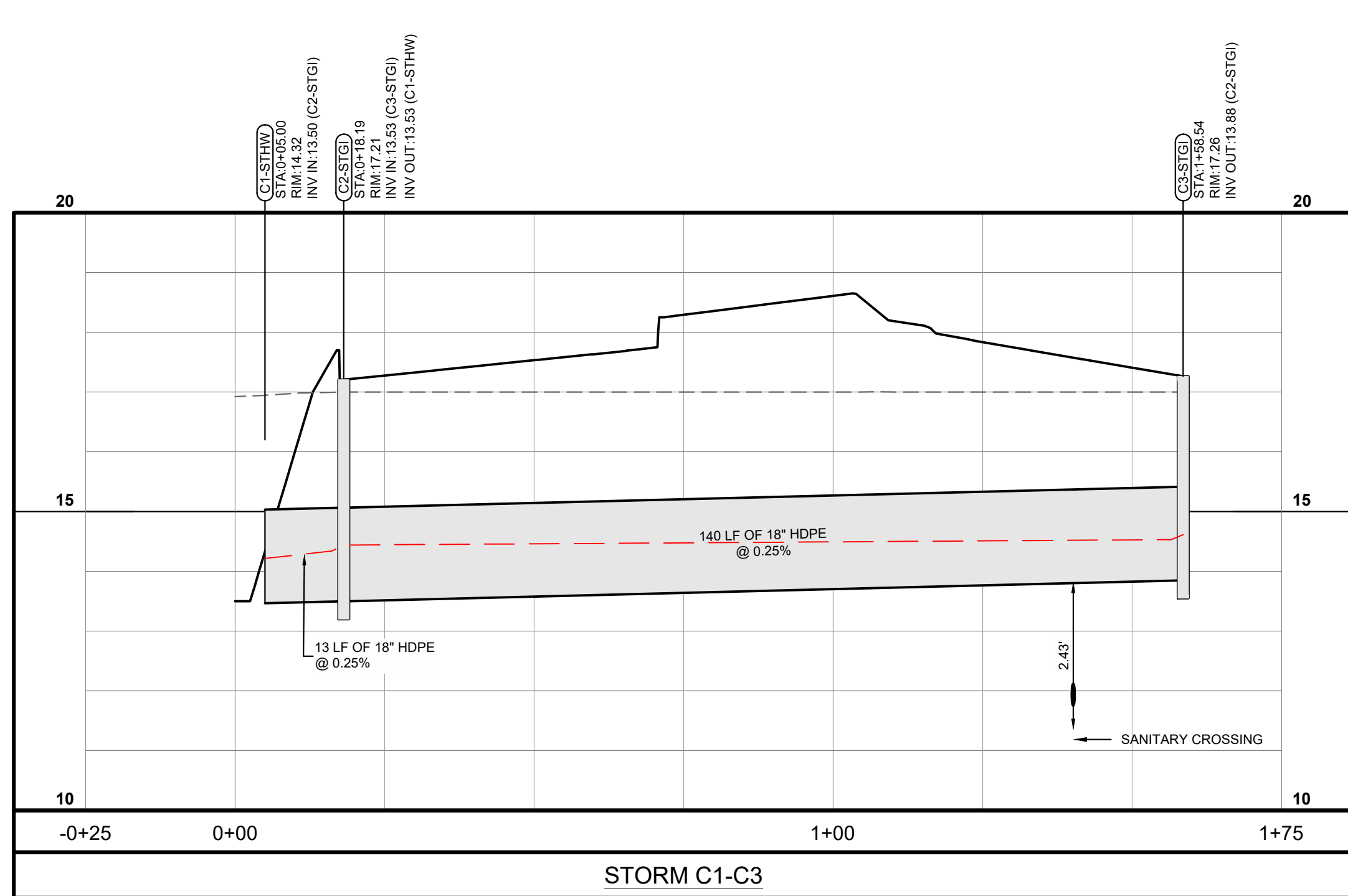
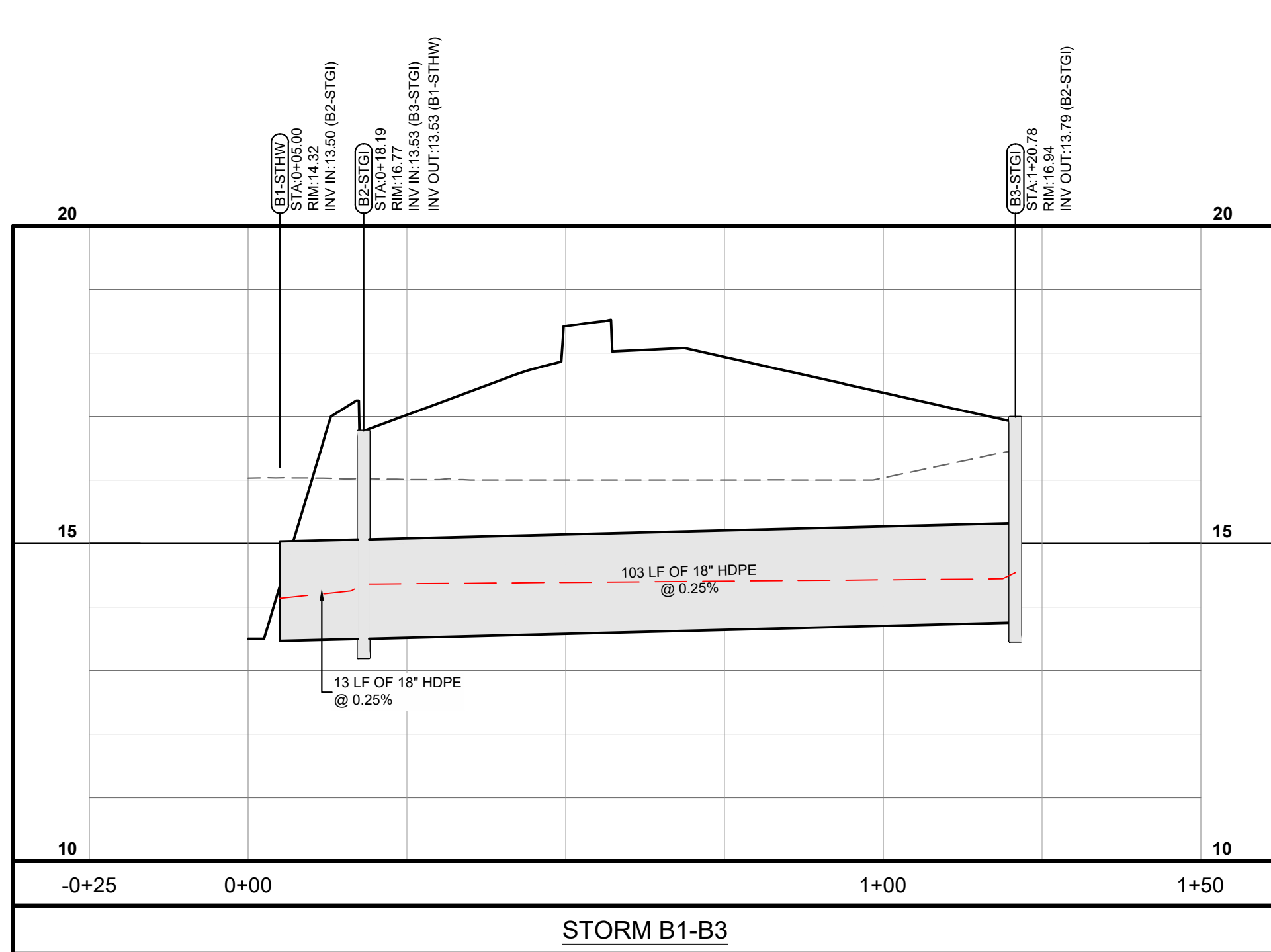
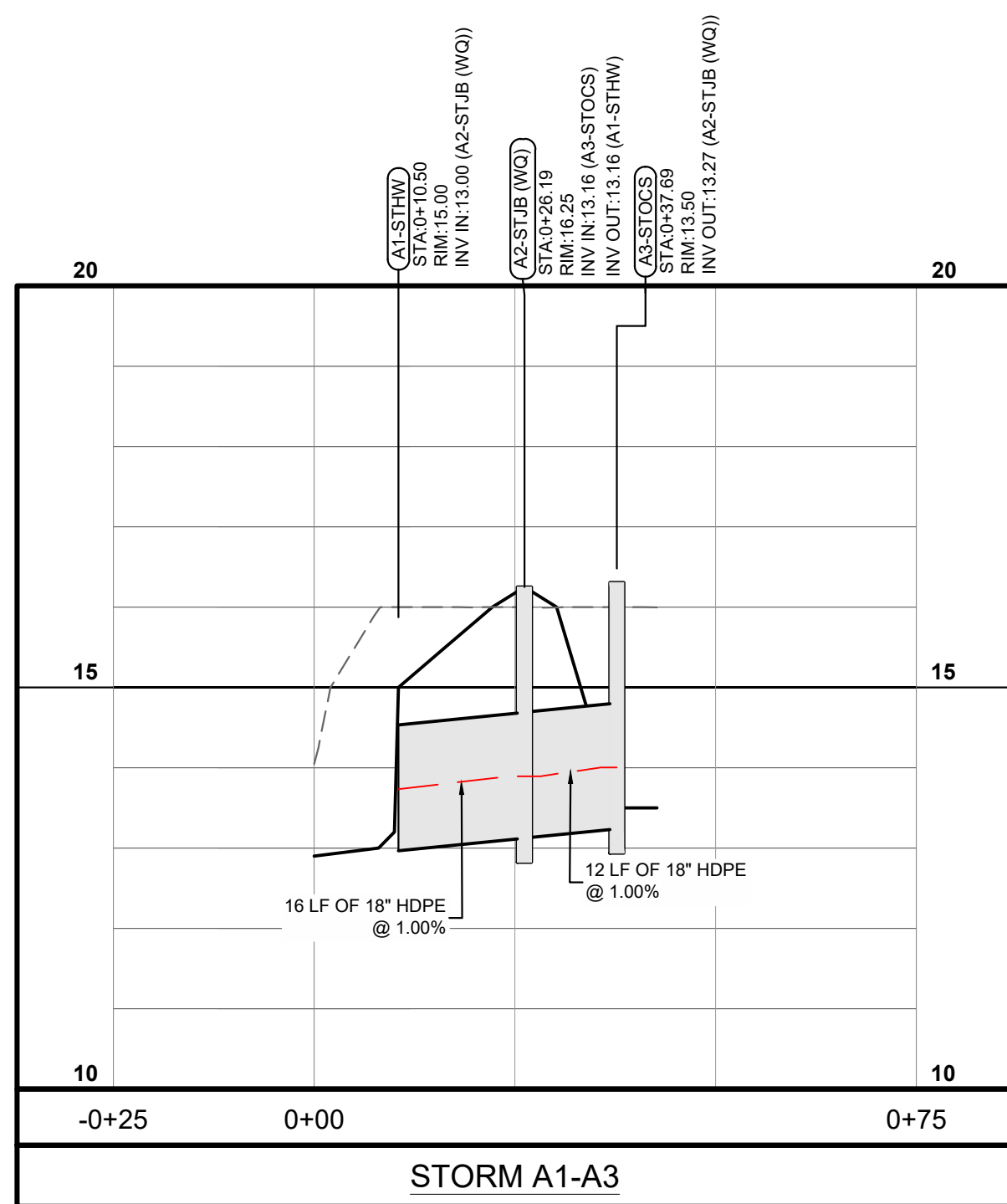
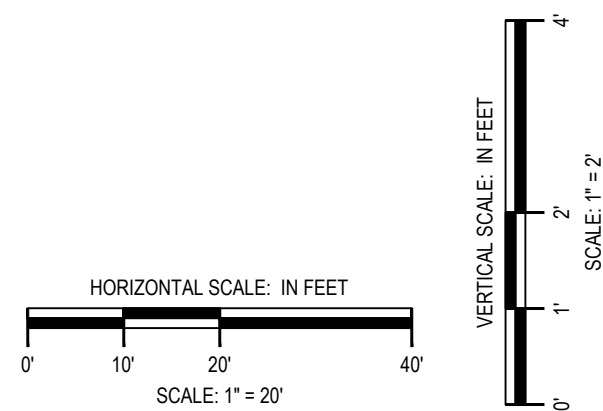
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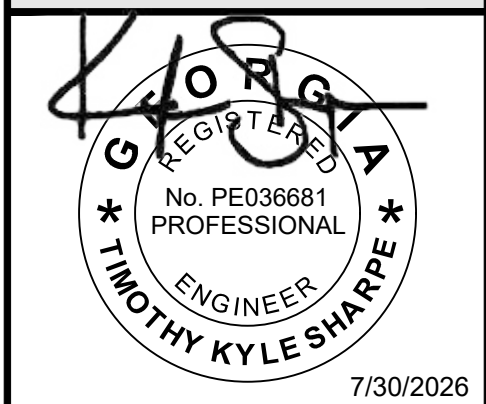
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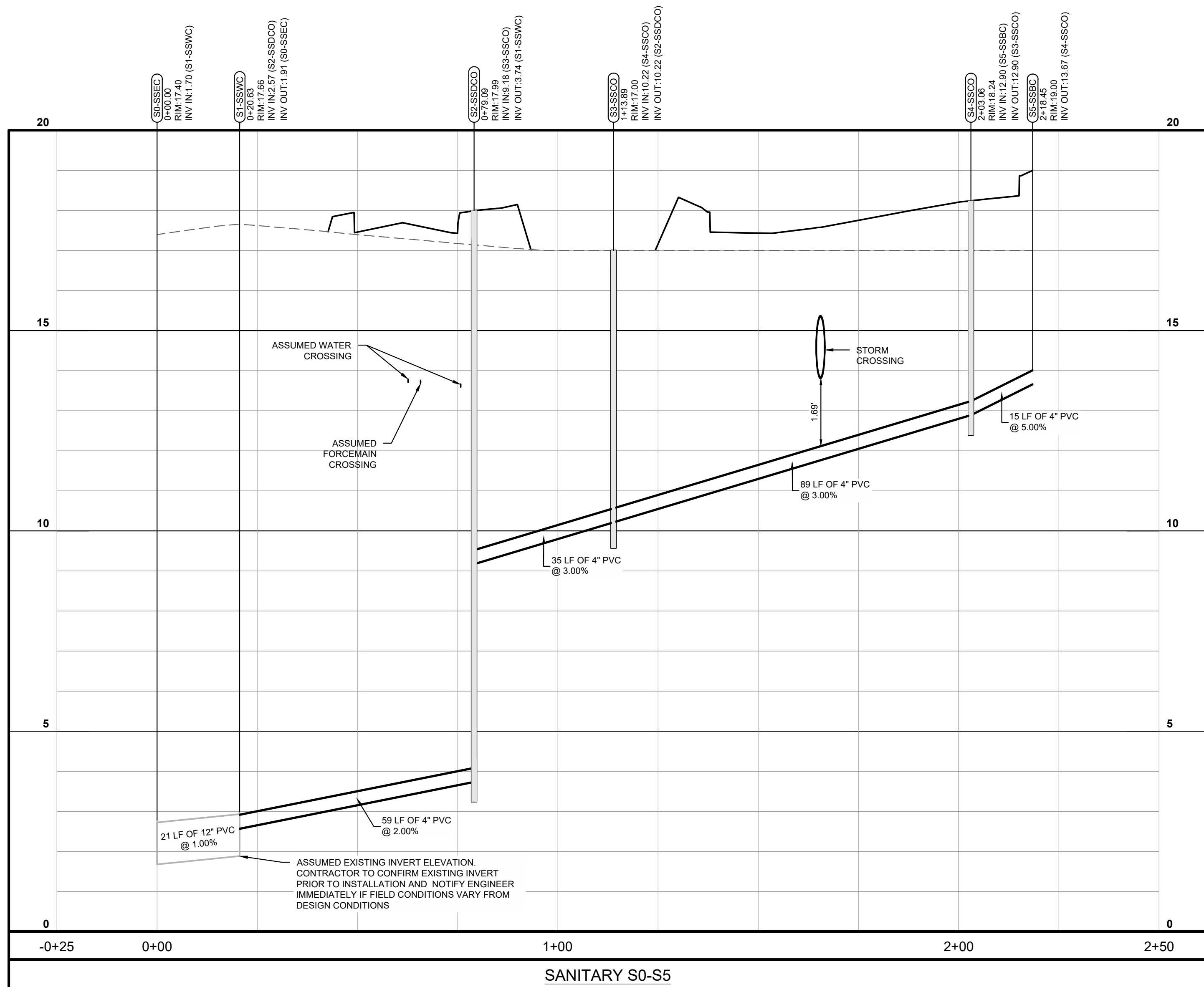
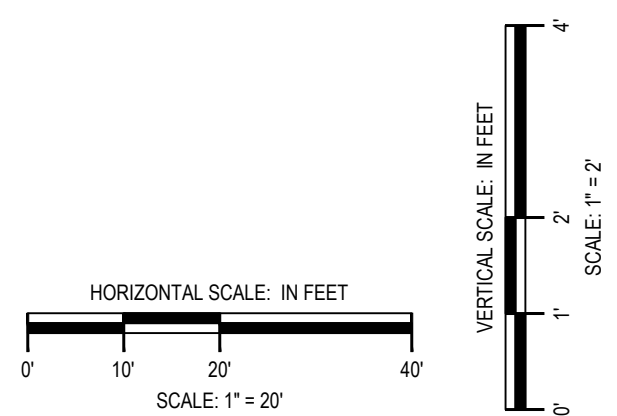
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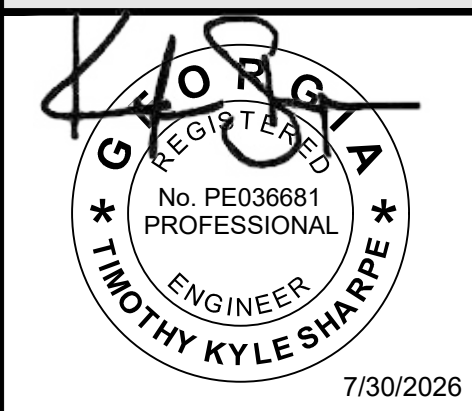
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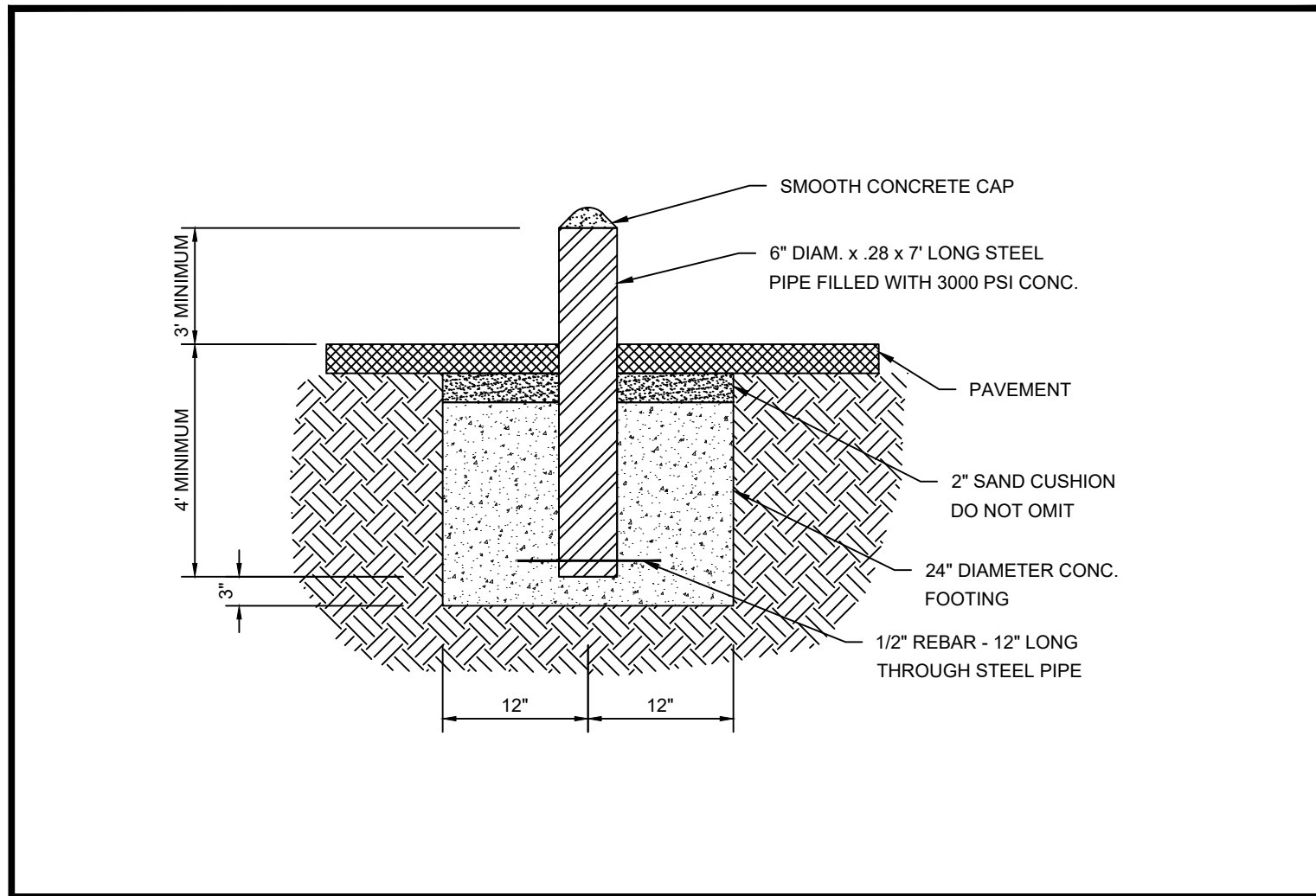
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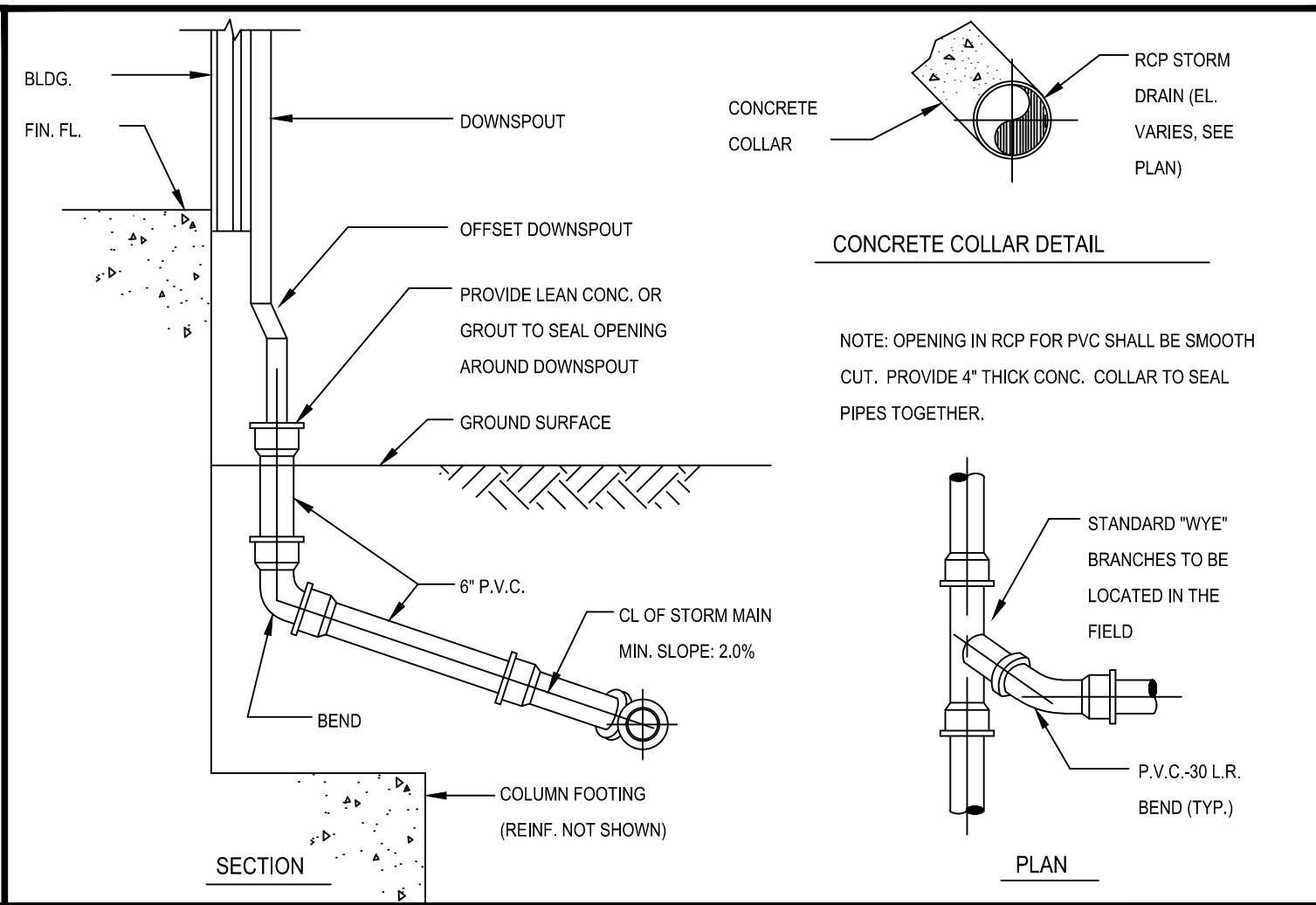
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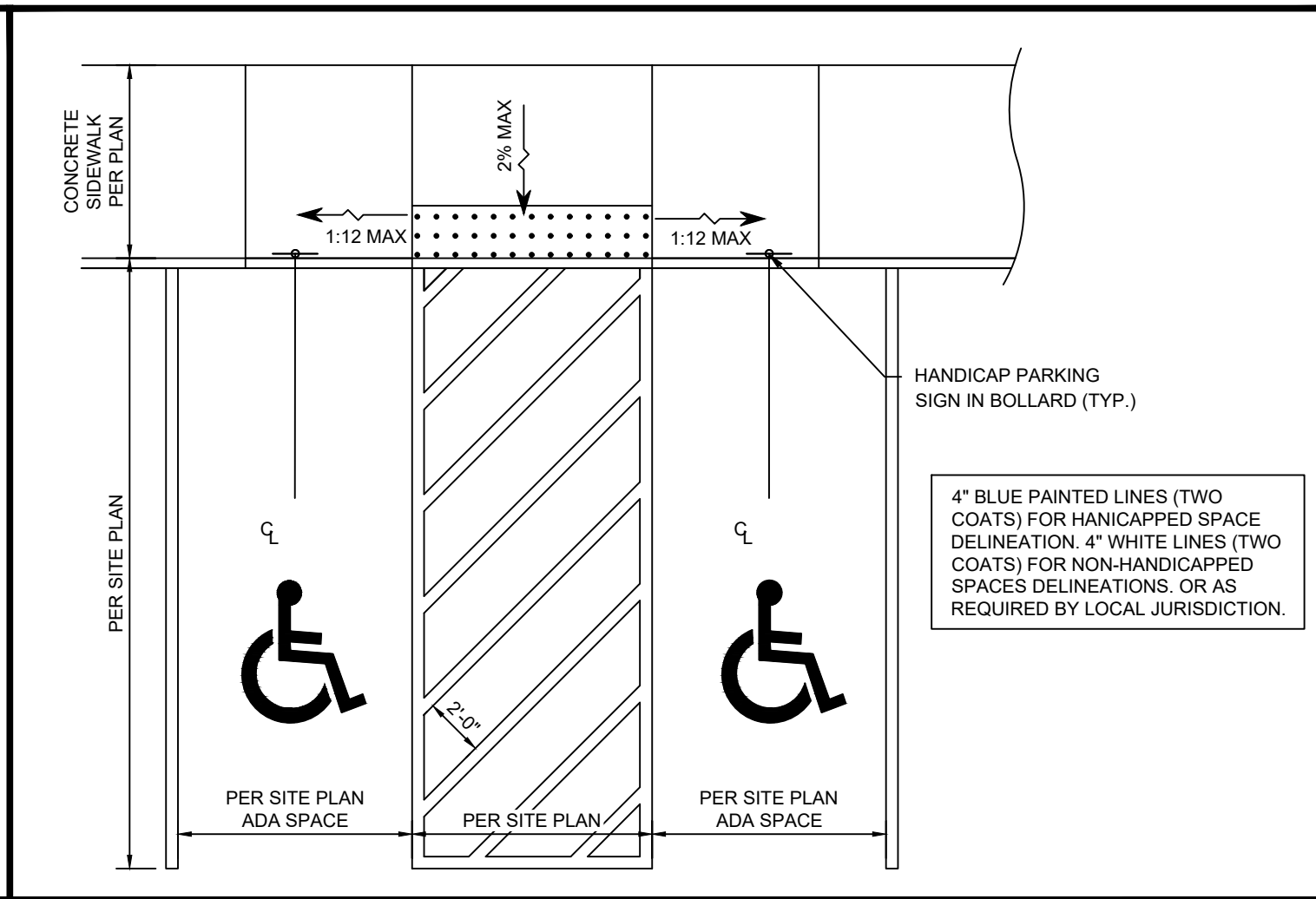
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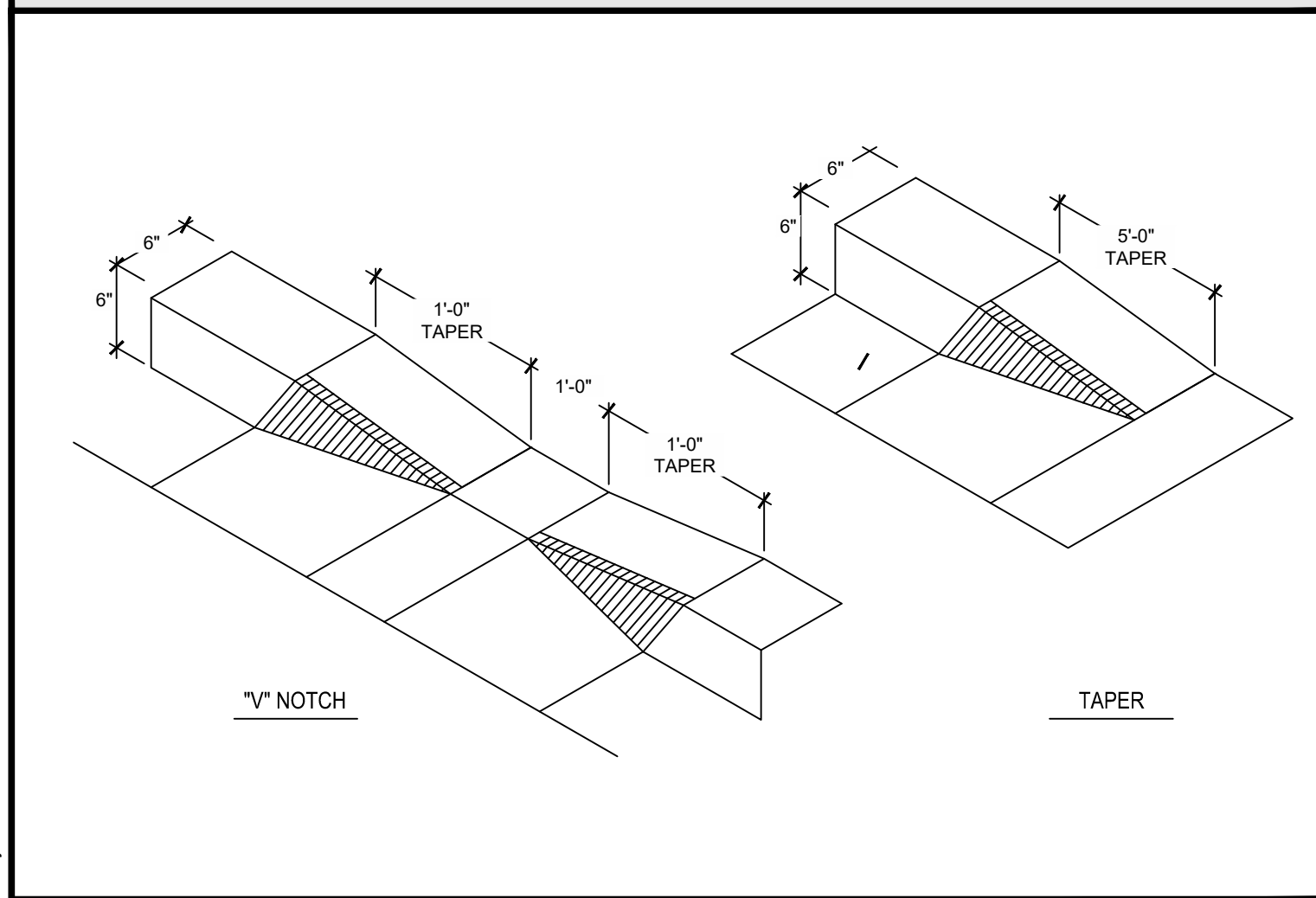
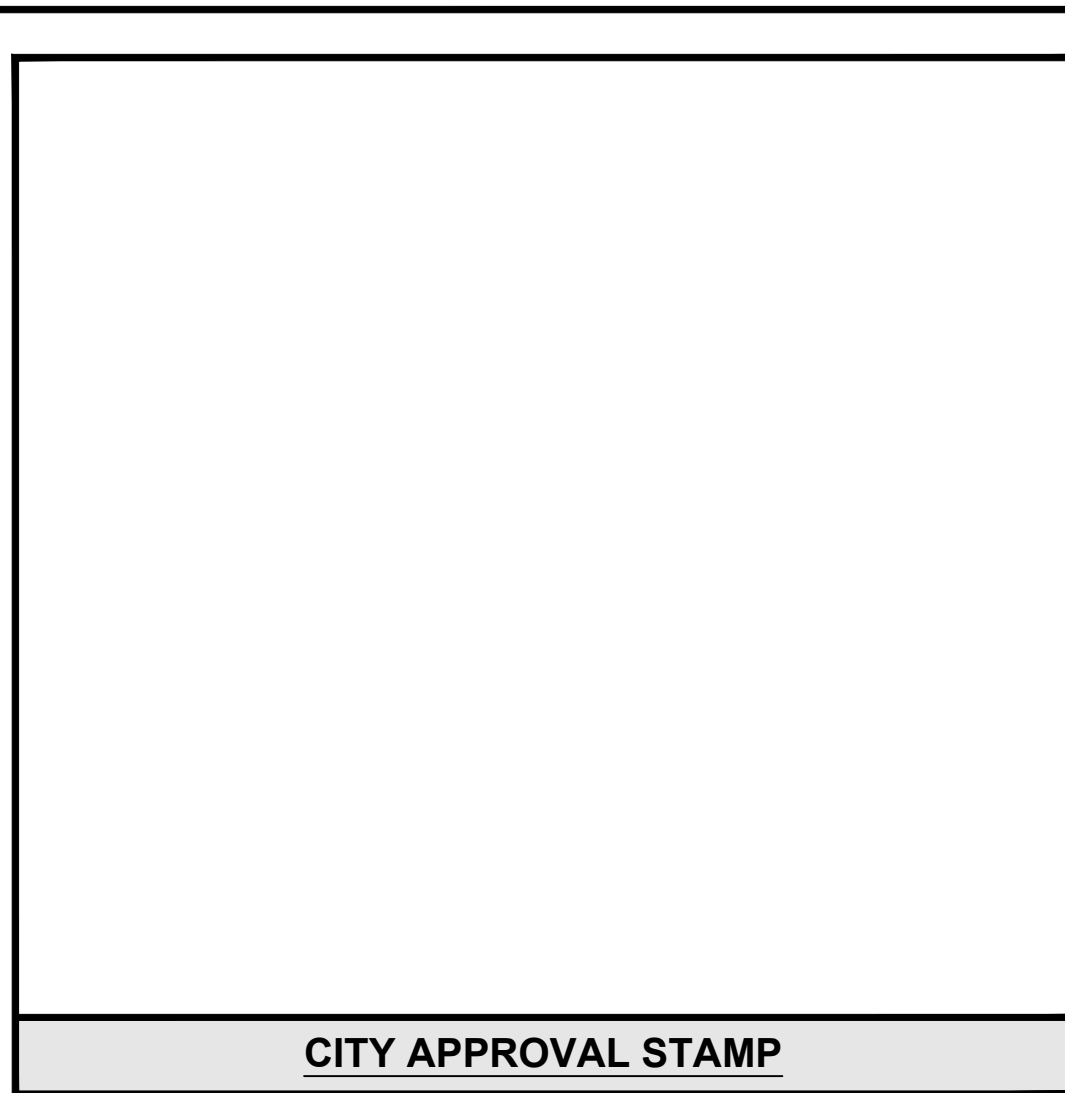
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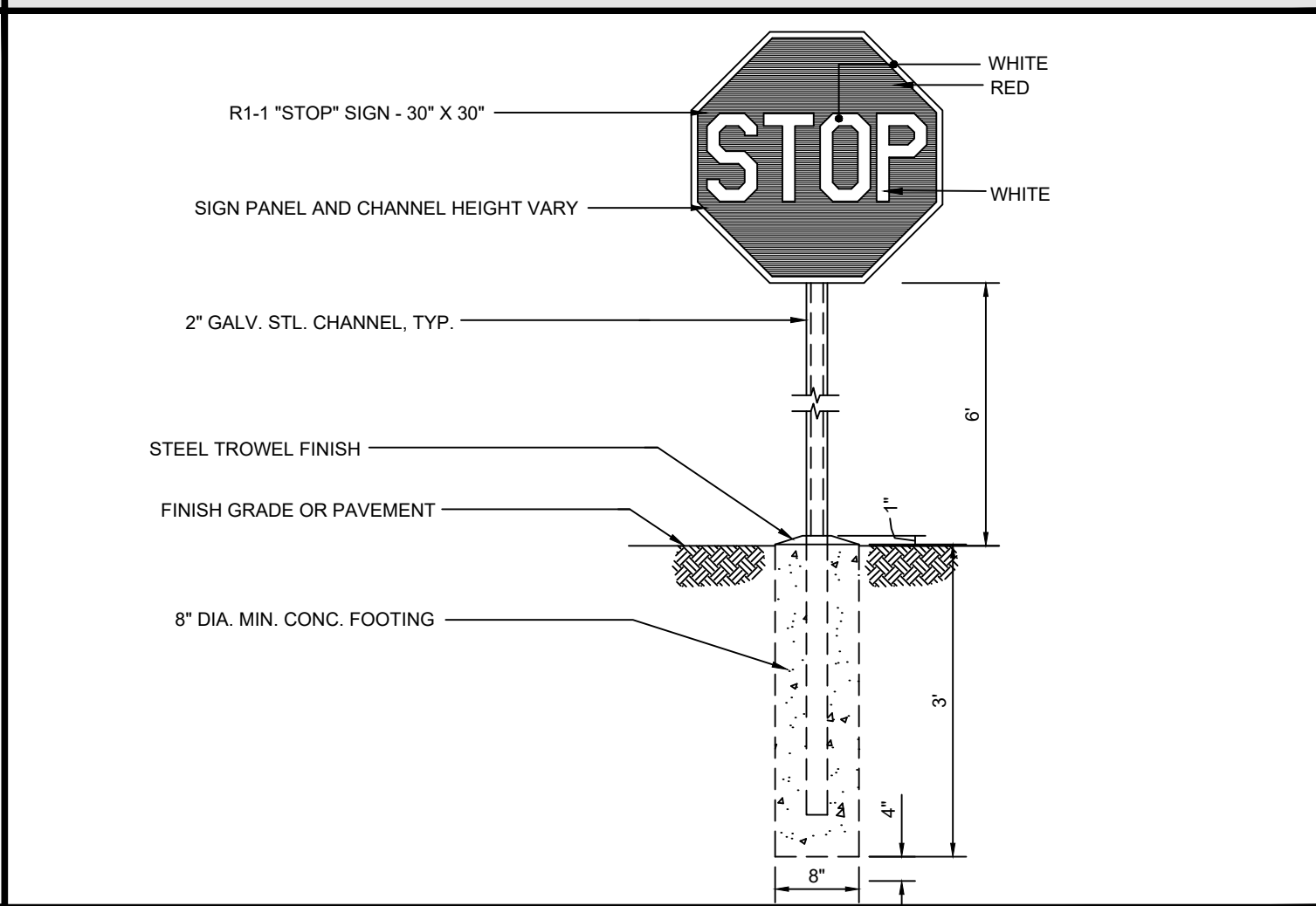
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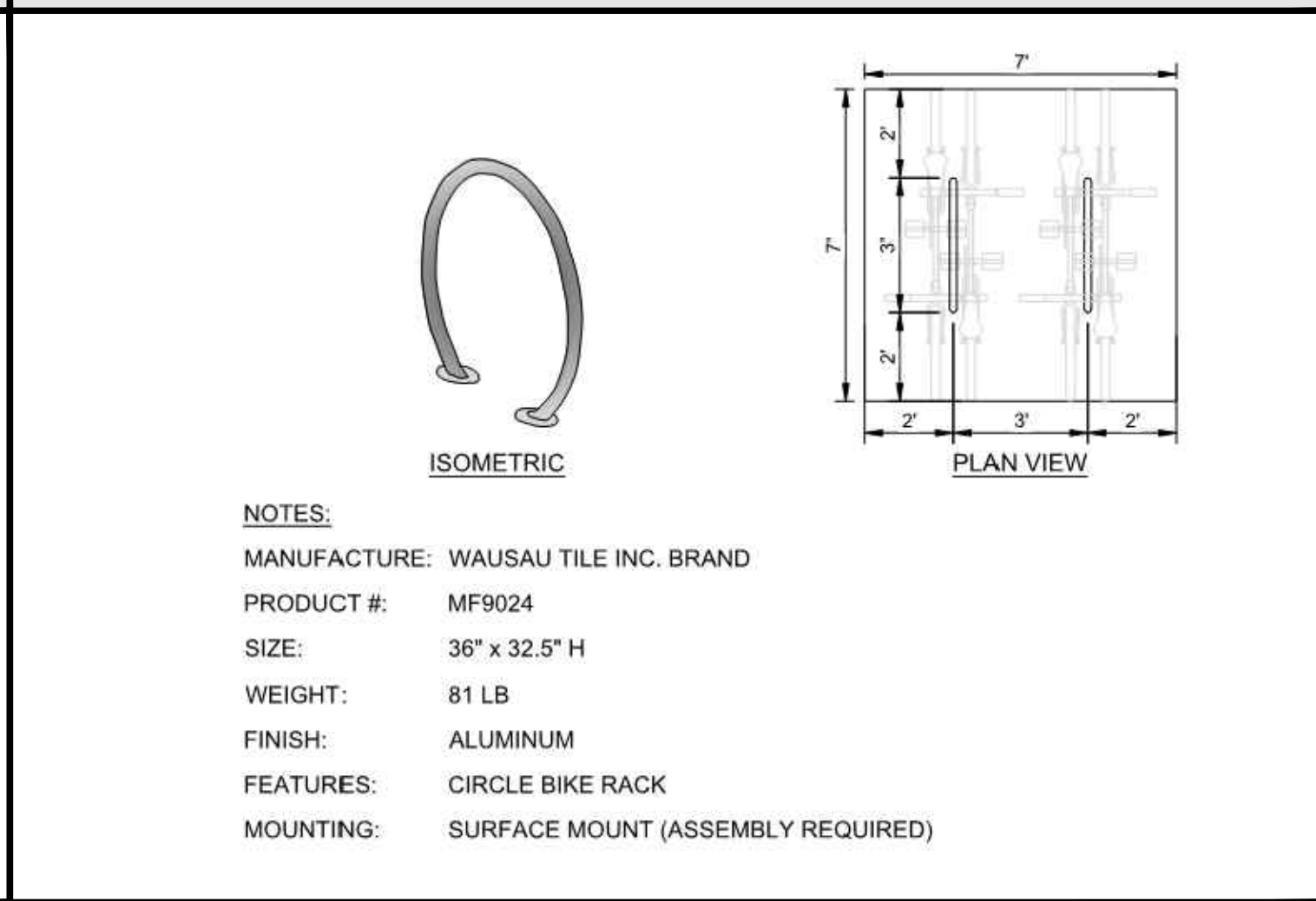
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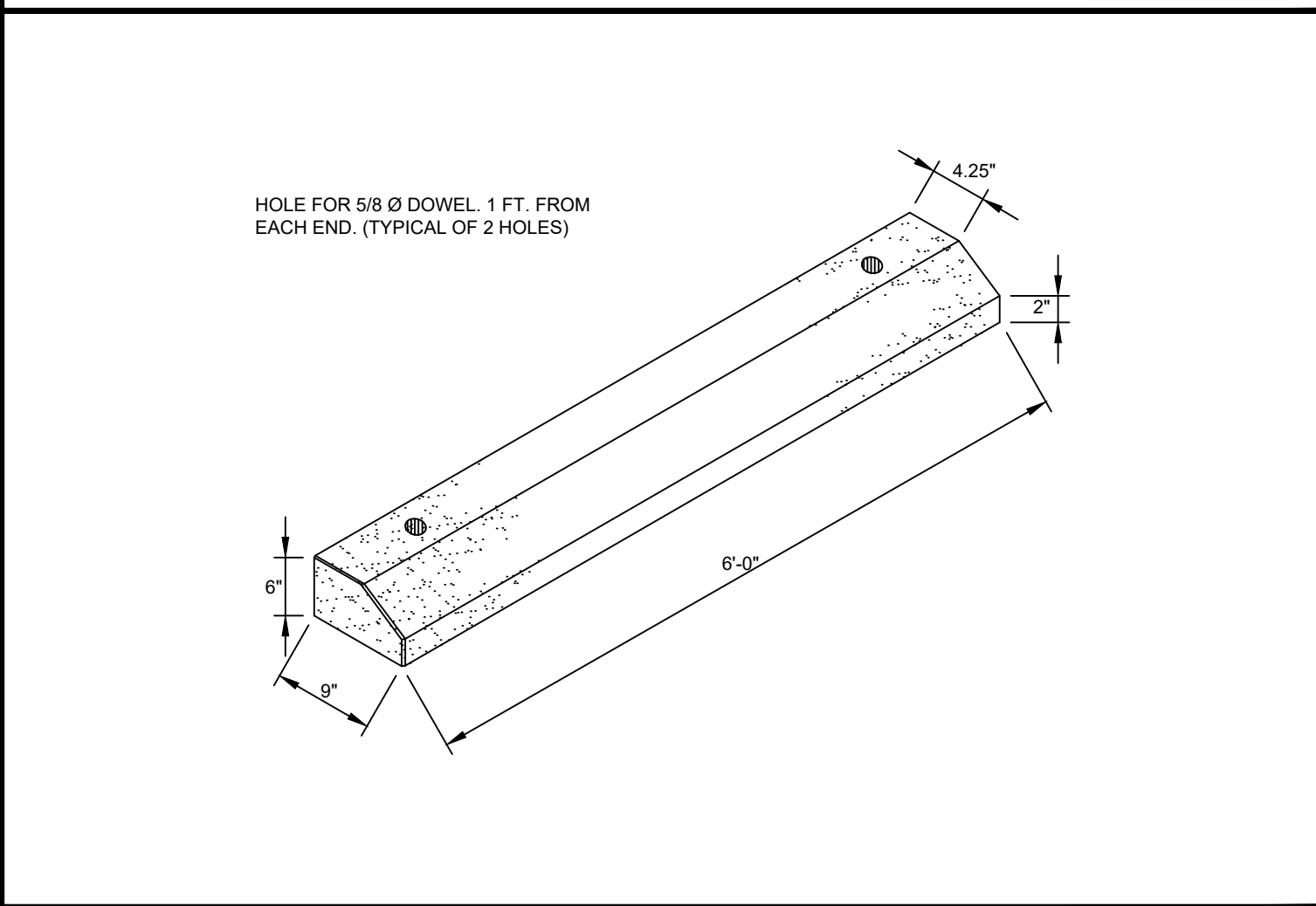
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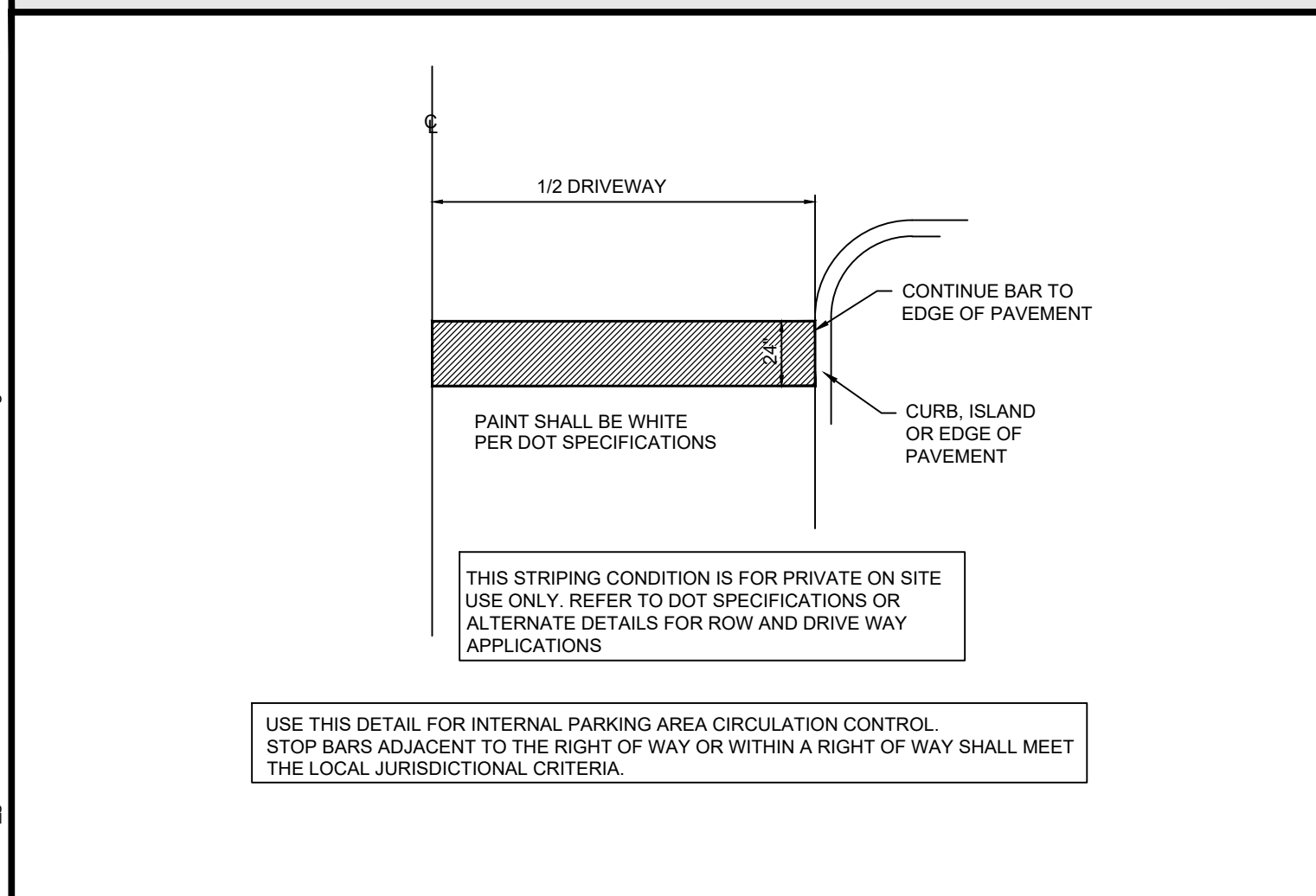
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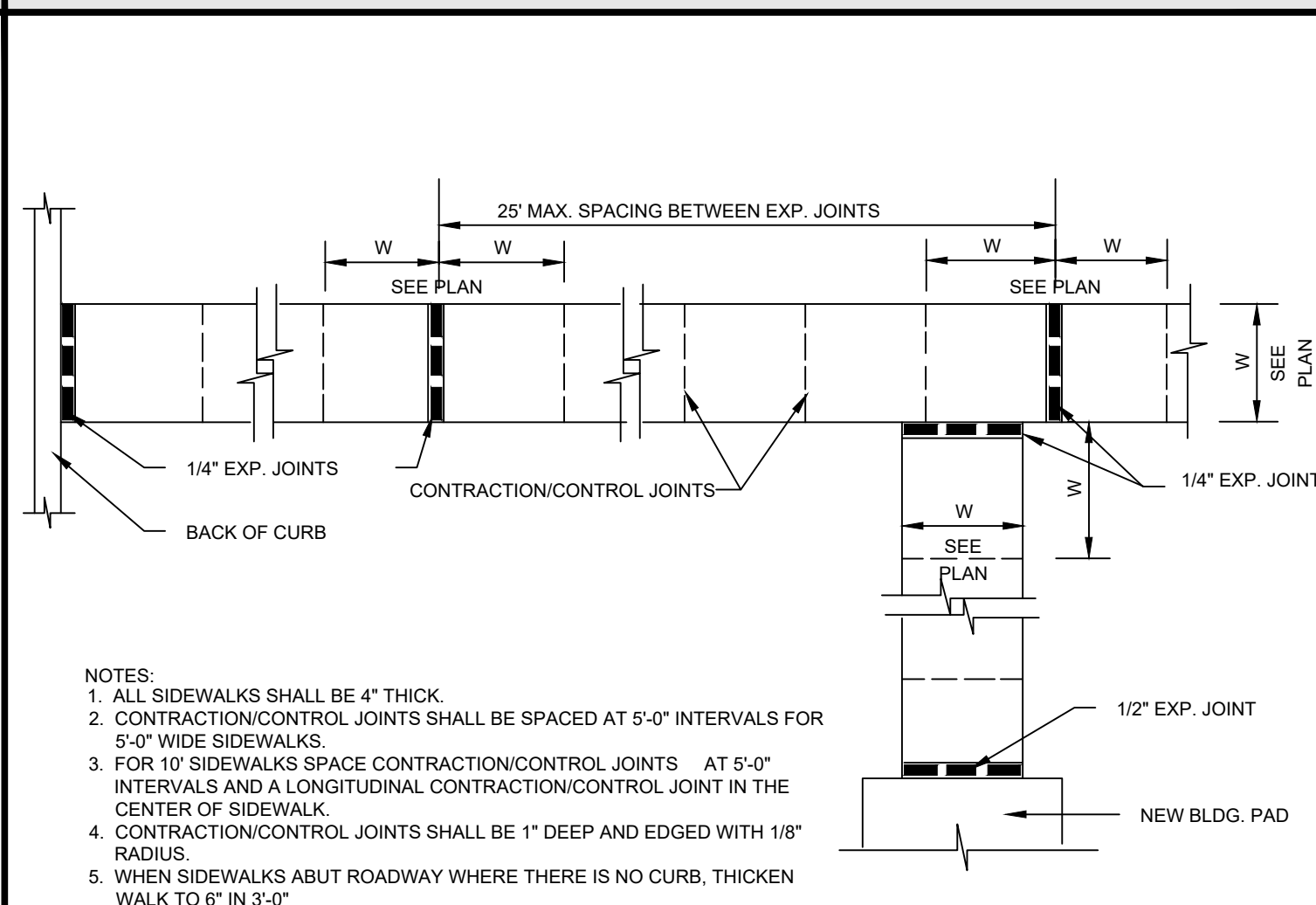
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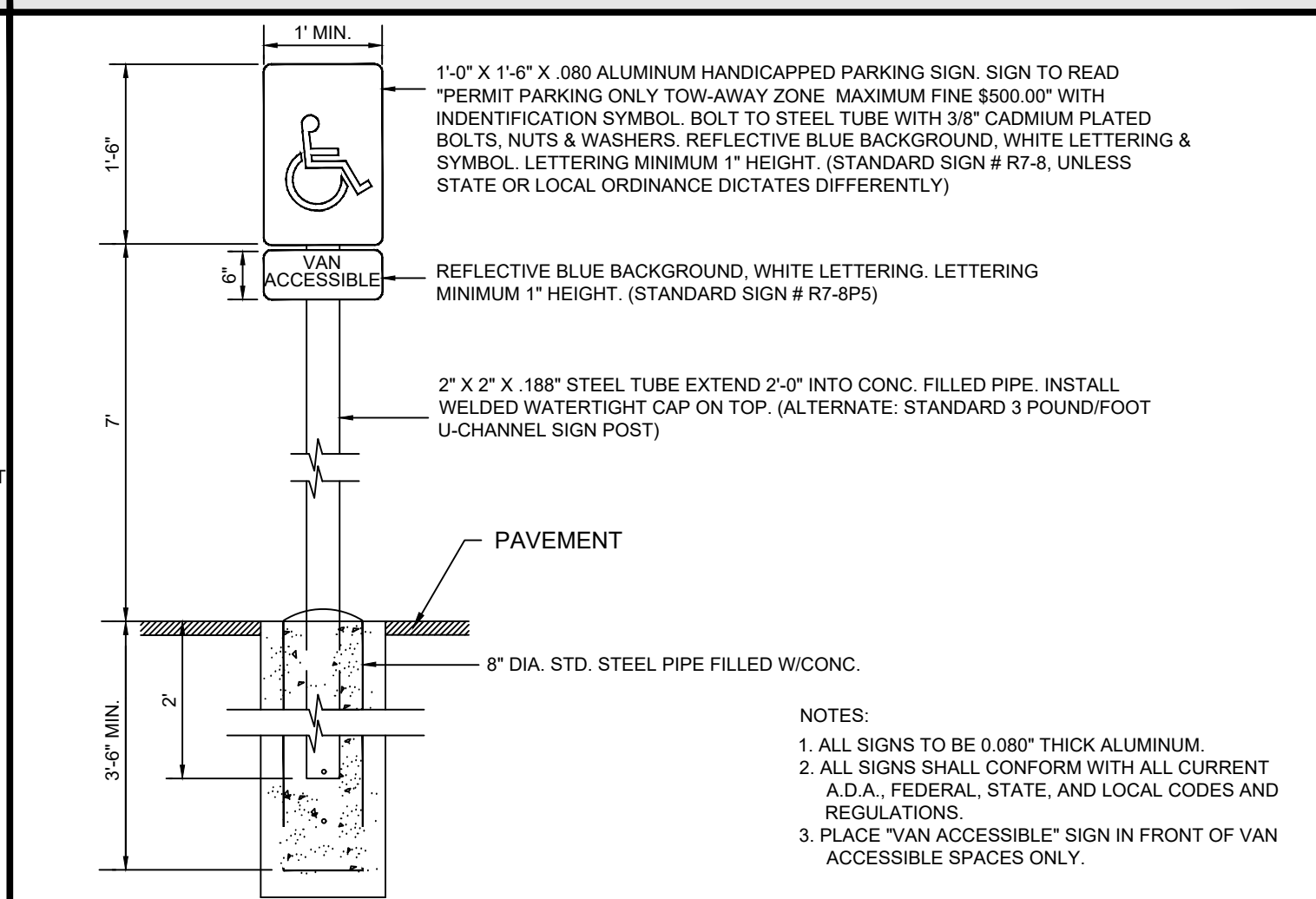
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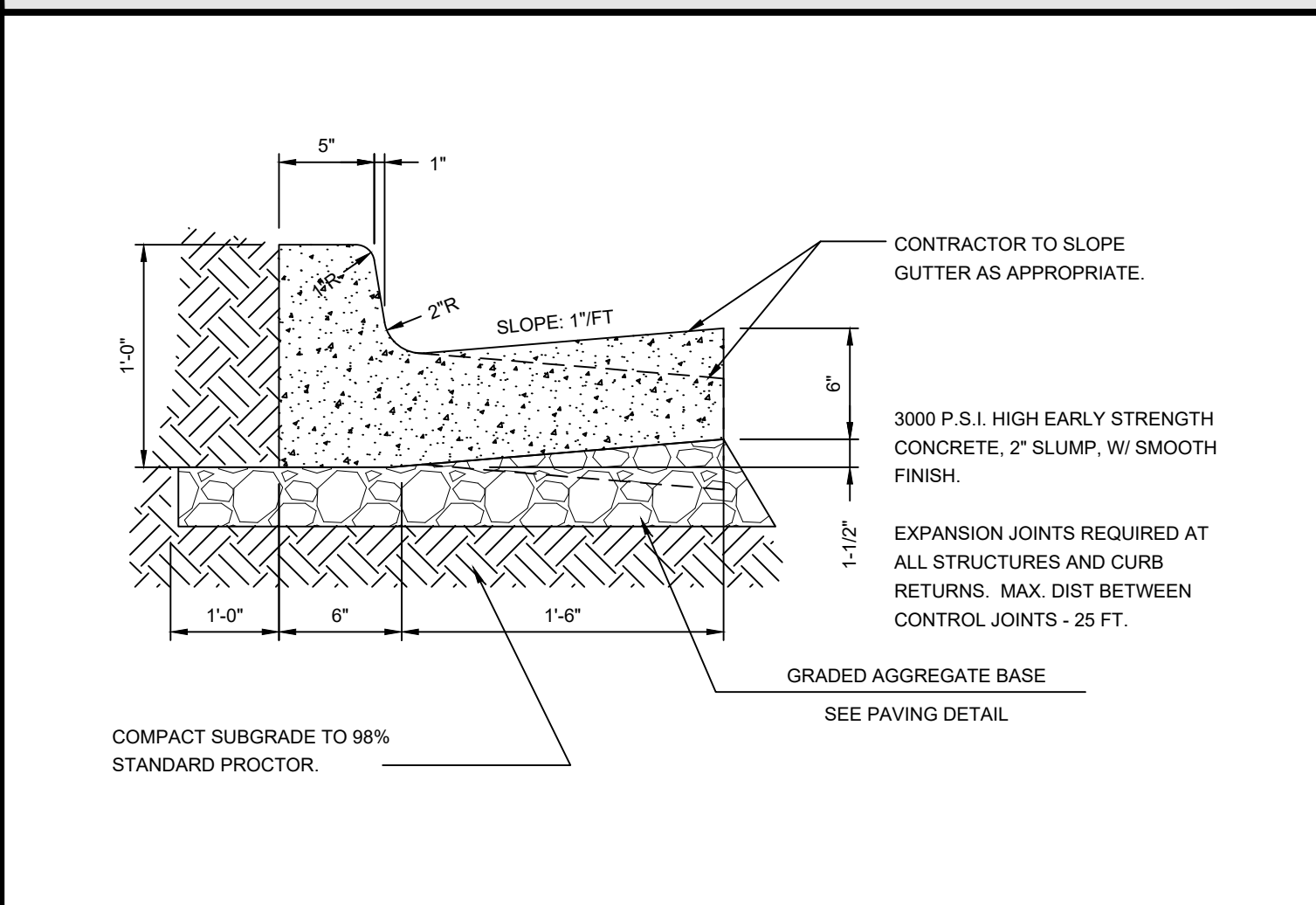
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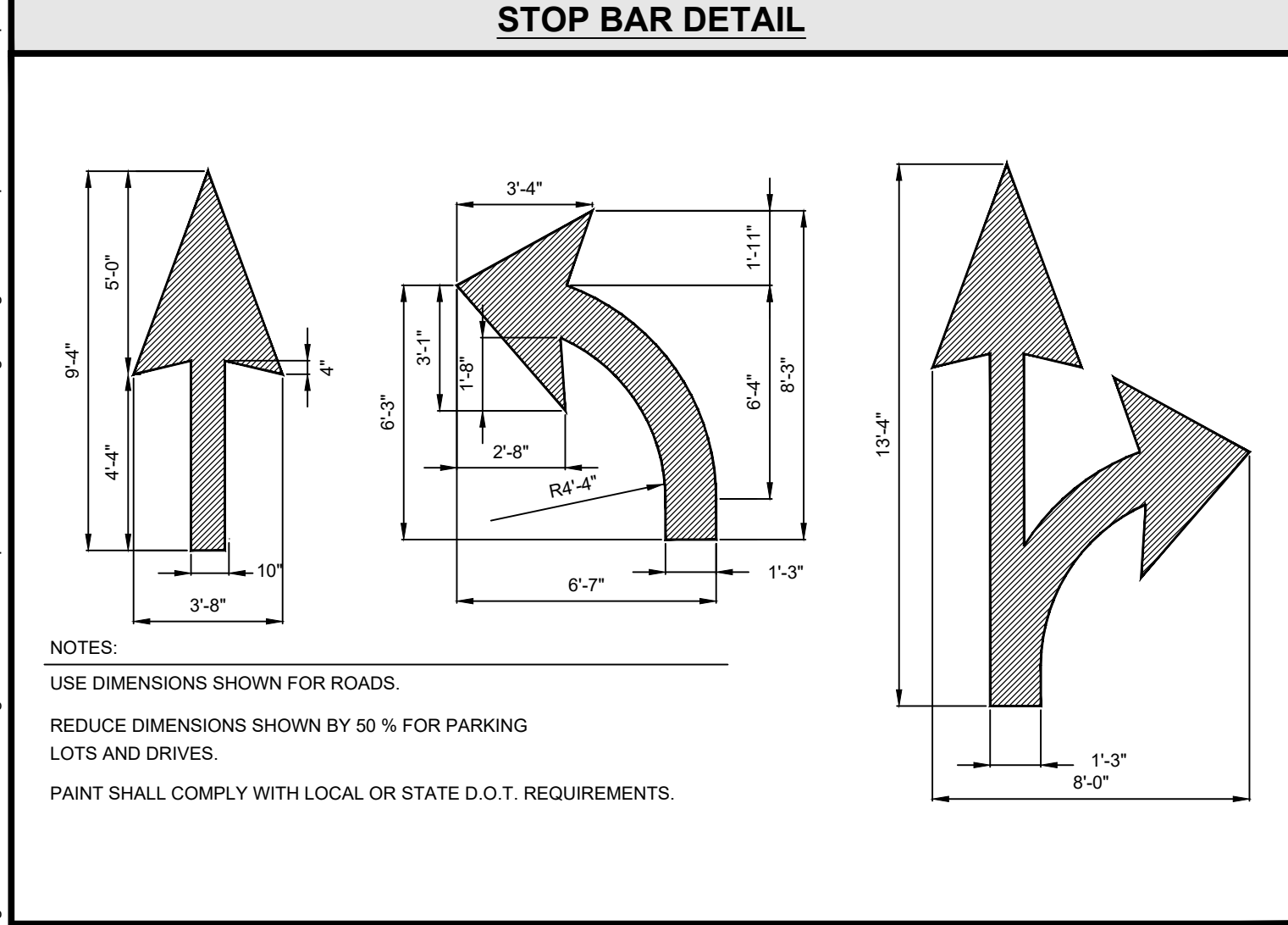
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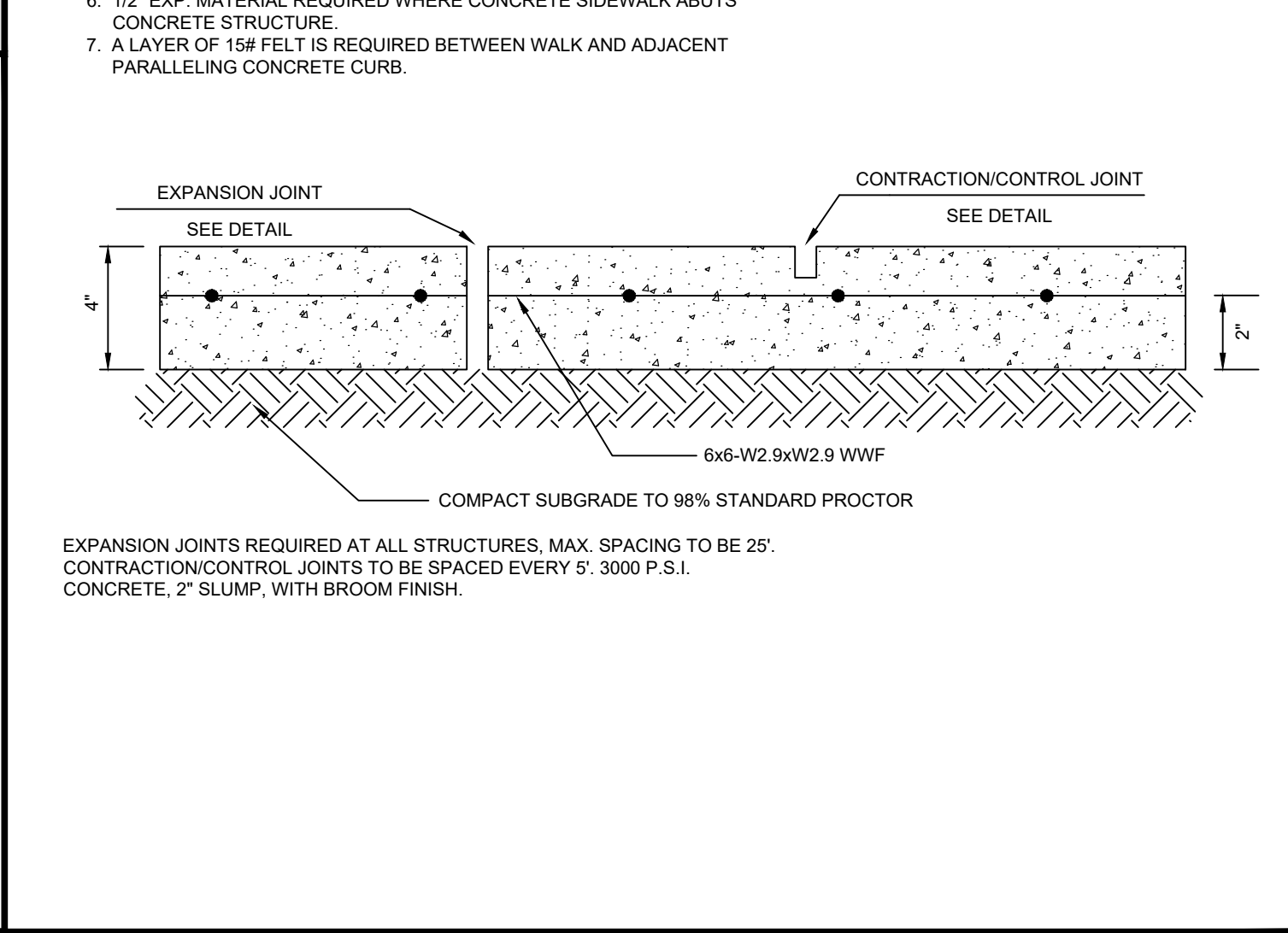
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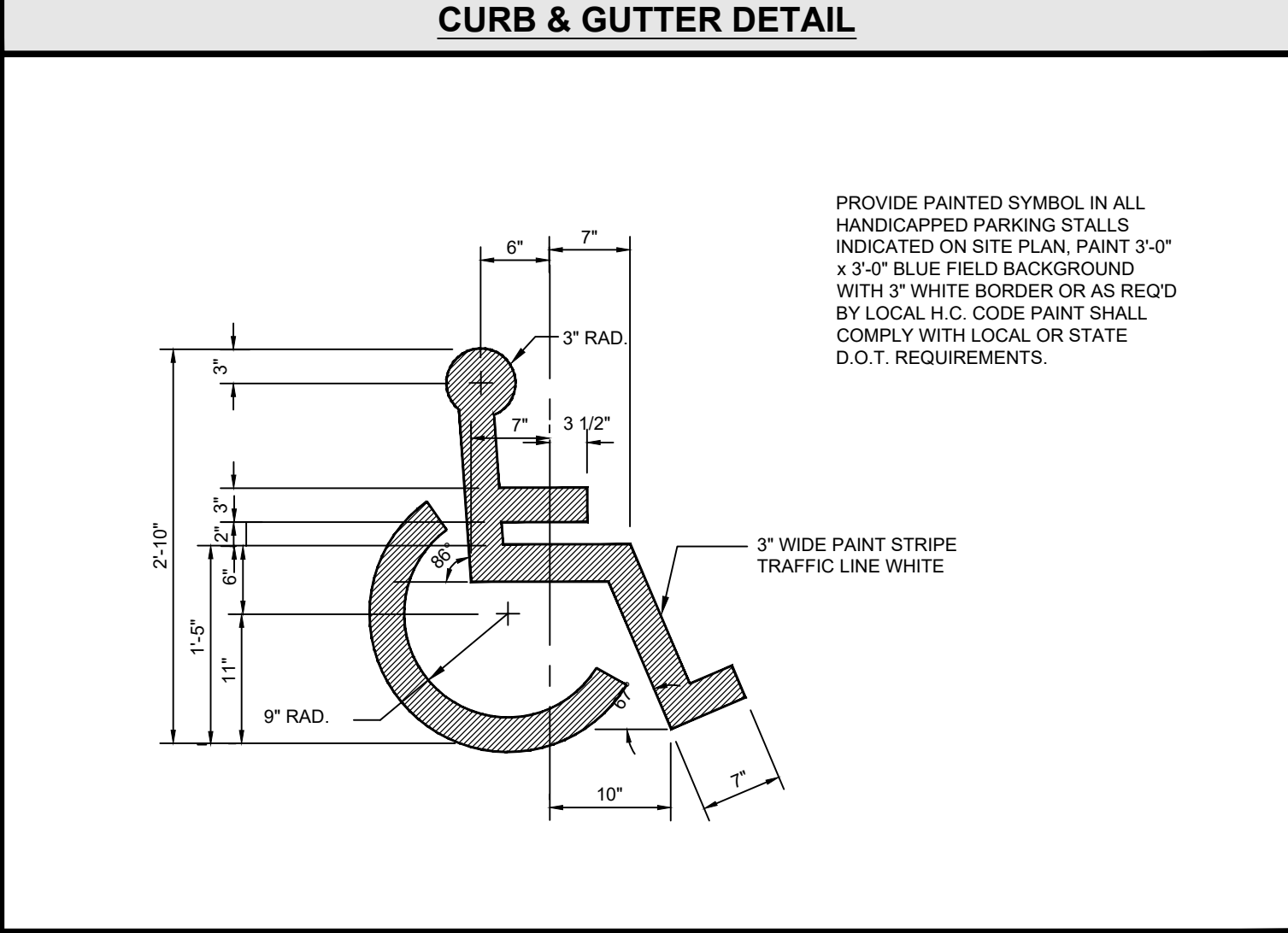
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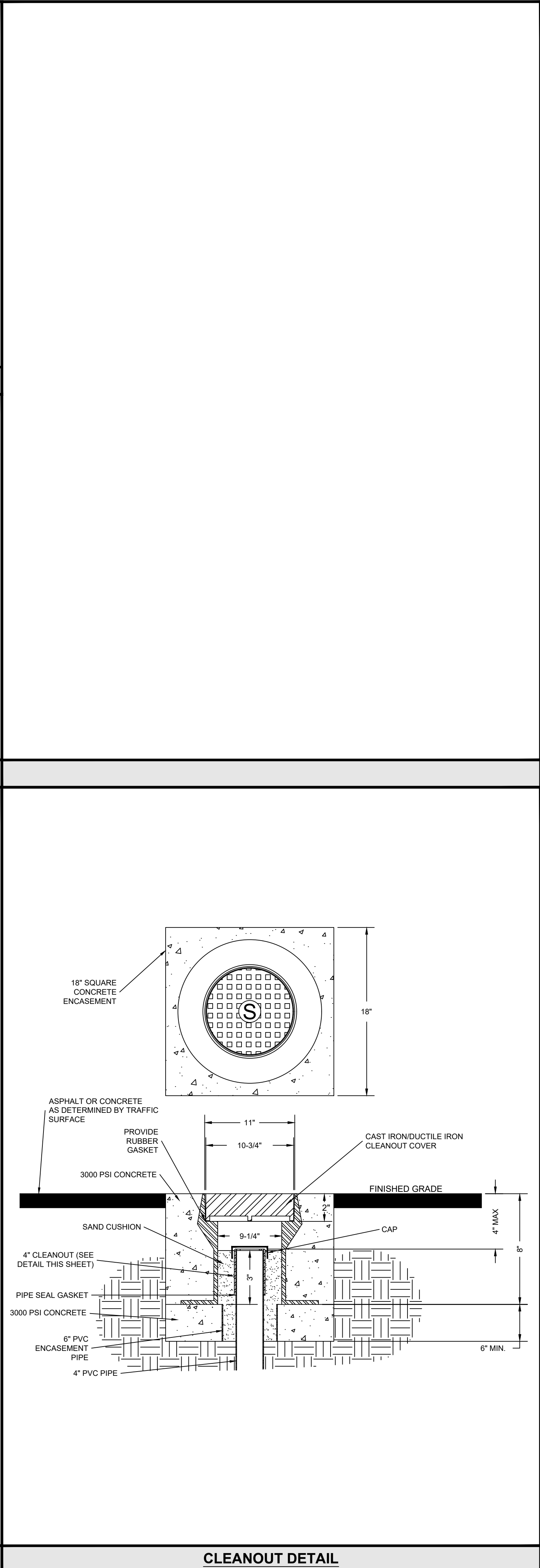
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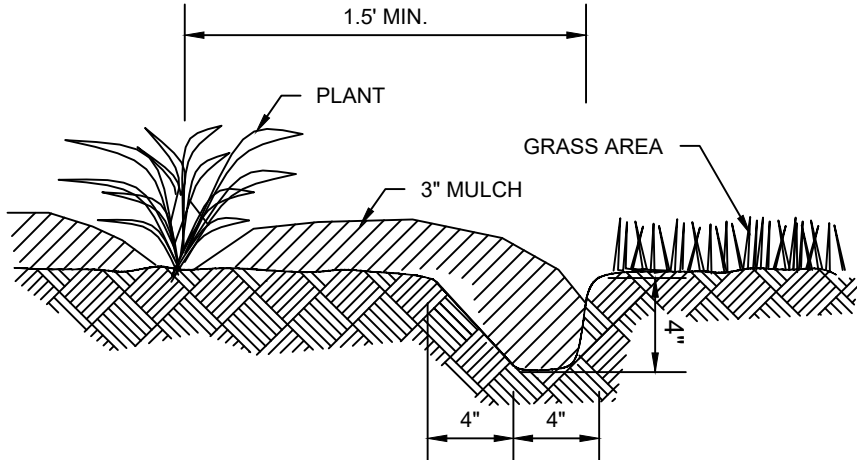
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1. CONTRACTOR SHALL LOCATE UTILITIES AND SERVICES IN AND AROUND THE SITE PRIOR TO START OF WORK.
2. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO AVOID DAMAGE TO EXISTING STRUCTURES, PAVING, AND UTILITIES.
3. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO ON-SITE UTILITIES, STRUCTURES, OR PAVING RESULTING FROM IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION. REPAIRS SHALL BE COMPLETED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
4. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFORMING TO ALL CODES AND ORDINANCES RELEVANT TO THE WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT.
5. ALL WORK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OWNER.
6. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATERIALS AND LABOR TO FULLY EXECUTE AND GUARANTEE, AS REQUIRED, ALL WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, AND ALSO AS PER INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND THE OWNER.
7. CONTRACTOR SHALL USE ONLY NEW, COMMERCIAL GRADE MATERIAL.
8. AUTOMATIC CONTROL CLOCK WILL BE LOCATED ON-SITE BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OWNER.
9. IRRIGATION DESIGNER SHALL LAYOUT SYSTEM TO MINIMIZE CONFLICTS WITH THE LOCATION OF PROPOSED PLANT MATERIALS (AS SHOWN ON THE PLANTING PLAN) AND OTHER SITE AMENITIES.
10. ALL MAIN LINES SHALL BE INSTALLED A MAXIMUM OF 2' FROM THE BACK OF CURBS WHERE POSSIBLE. LATERALS LINES SHALL BE INSTALLED LIKEWISE WHERE POSSIBLE.
11. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST THE RADIUS AND ARC OF EACH HEAD TO MINIMIZE "OVERTHROW" AND TO ELIMINATE "DRY SPOTS." OVERTHROW ONTO PAVED AREAS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.
12. ELECTRIC SUPPLY WILL BE STUBBED-OUT AT CONTROL CLOCK LOCATION BY OTHERS. THE IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS FROM CONTROL VALVES TO THE CONTROL CLOCK.
13. THE ENTIRE SYSTEM SHALL BE UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED BY THE IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR AGAINST ALL DEFECTIVE WORK AND MATERIALS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF TOTAL ACCEPTANCE.
14. THE IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE AT TIME OF COMPLETION FOR PROVIDING "AS-BUILT" DRAWINGS, TO INCLUDE LOCATIONS OF ALL VALVES (MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC) WITH TRIANGULATED MEASUREMENTS TO EACH LOCATION AS WELL AS ANY DEVIATIONS IN LOCATION OF PIPING AND HEADS AS REPRESENTED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
15. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR TO HAVE ALL PLANTING AREAS MARKED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
16. ALL MAINLINES AND LATERAL LINES SHALL BE CLASS 200 PVC.
17. ALL SLEEVES SHALL BE SCHEDULE 40 PVC.
18. CONTRACTOR SHALL SUPPLY: TWO QVC KEYS AND MATCHING HOSE SWIVELS; TWO OF EACH TYPE OF IRRIGATION HEAD; AS-BUILT IRRIGATION PLAN; AND LAMINATED DIAGRAM OF IRRIGATION ZONES.
19. LAWN, SHRUBS/TREES, AND FLOWERS SHALL EACH BE ZONED SEPARATELY.
20. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY WATER SUPPLY G.P.M. AND P.S.I. PRIOR TO SYSTEM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

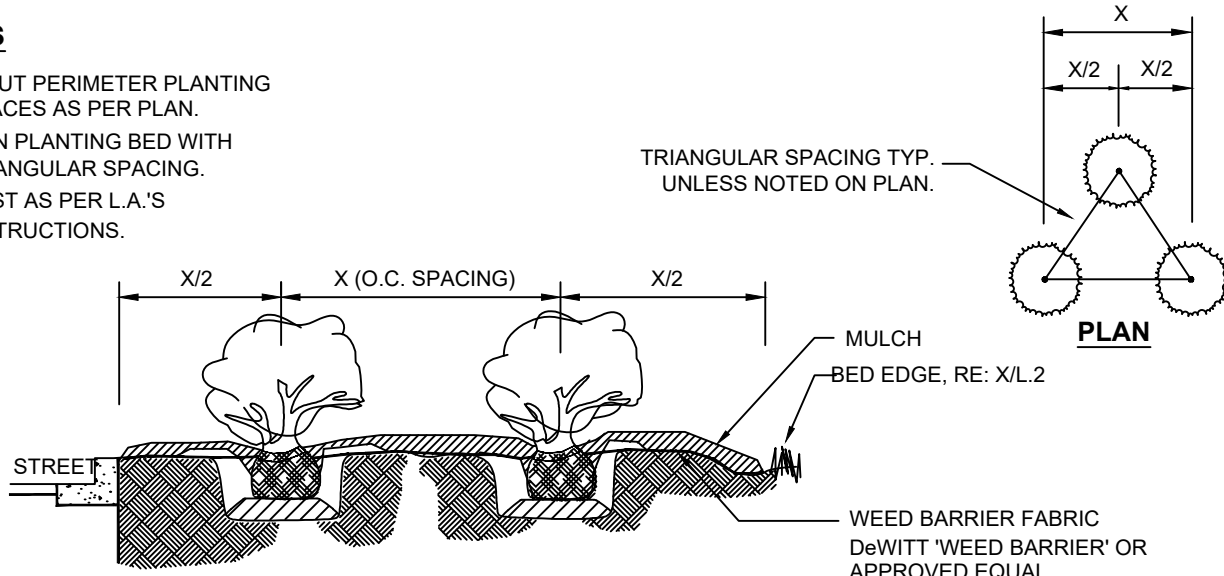


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- LAYOUT PERIMETER PLANTING SPACES AS PER PLAN.
- FILL IN PLANTING BED WITH TRIANGULAR SPACING.
- ADJUST AS PER I.A.'S INSTRUCTIONS.

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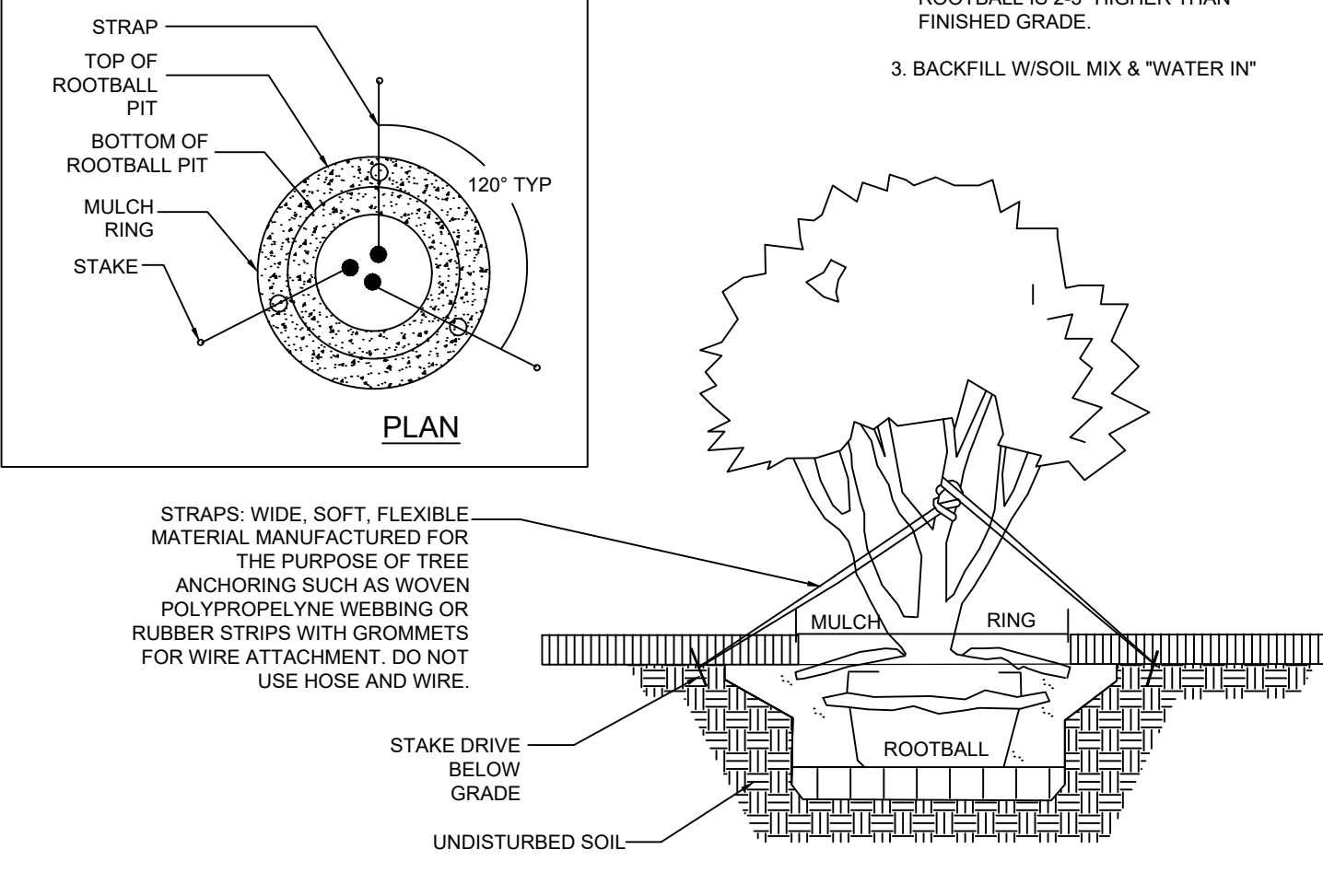


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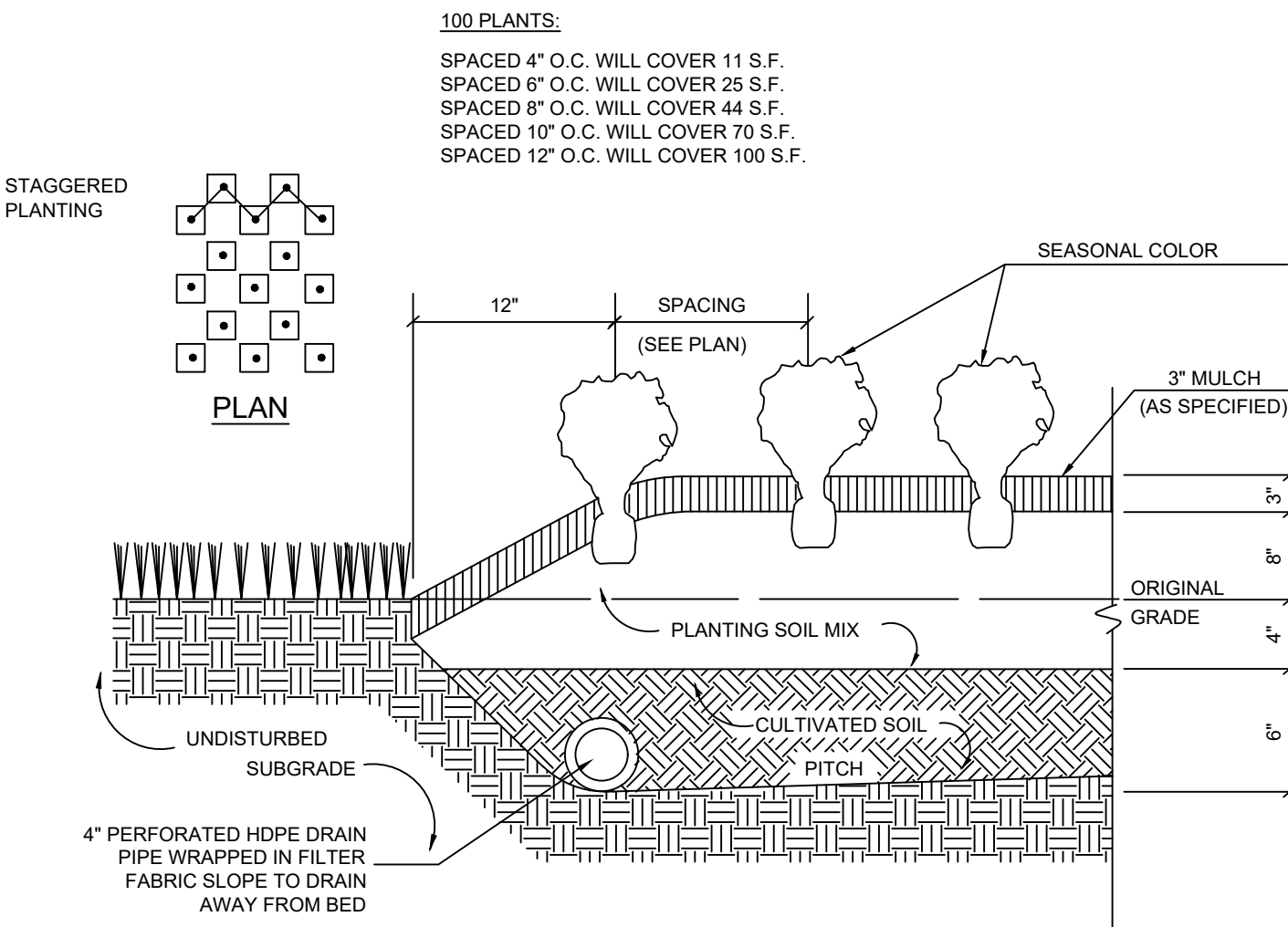
- ATTACH GUYS TO THE CENTRAL LARGEST TRUNK.
- SPACE STAKES EVENLY AROUND ROOTBALL PIT SUCH THAT WIRES DO NOT COME IN CONTACT WITH ANY TRUNK OR BRANCH.

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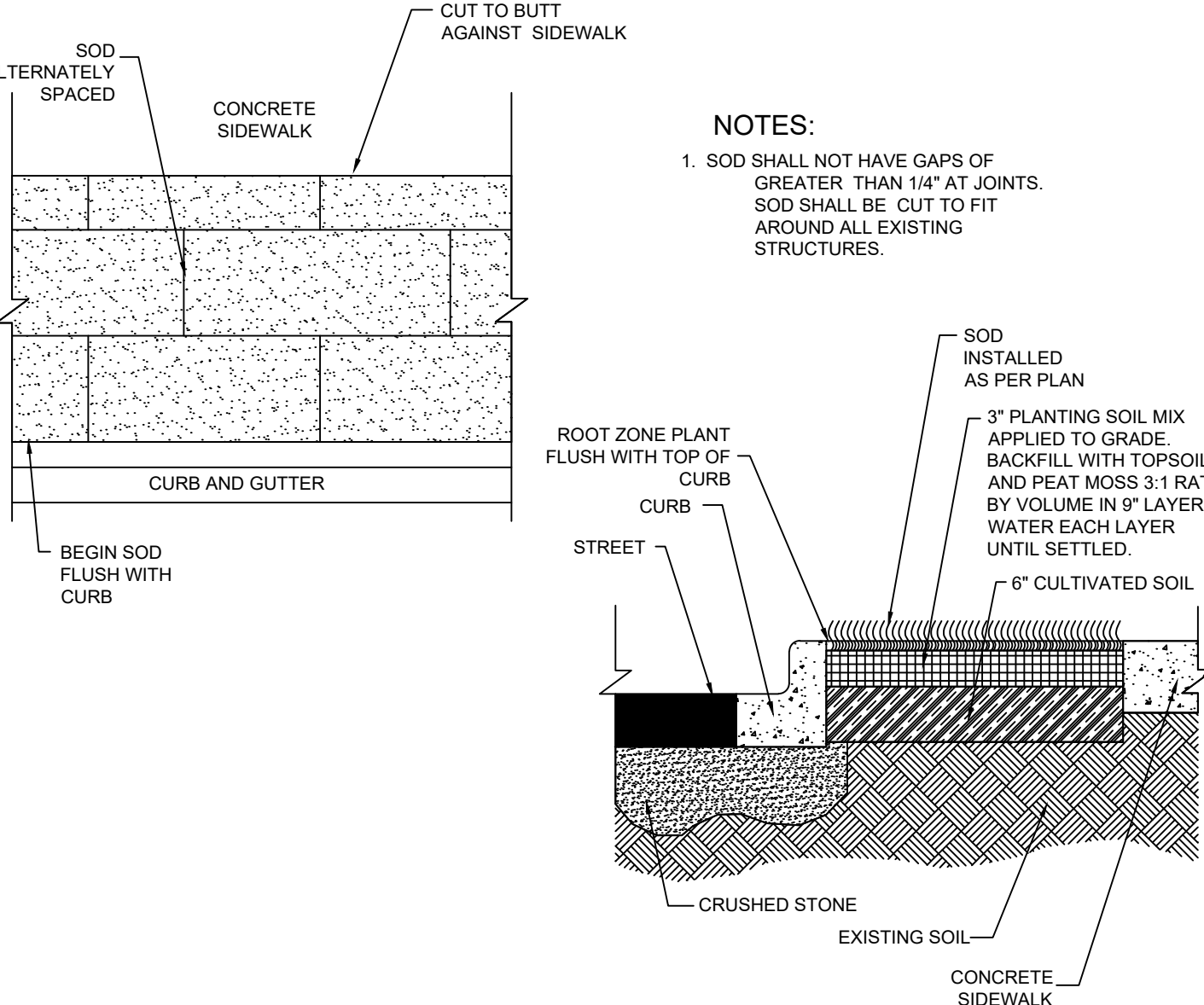
- EXCAVATE ROOTBALL PIT.
- ADD EXCAVATED SOIL & TAMP. SET TREE SUCH THAT TOP OF ROOTBALL IS 2-3" HIGHER THAN FINISHED GRADE.
- BACKFILL W/SOIL MIX & "WATER IN"



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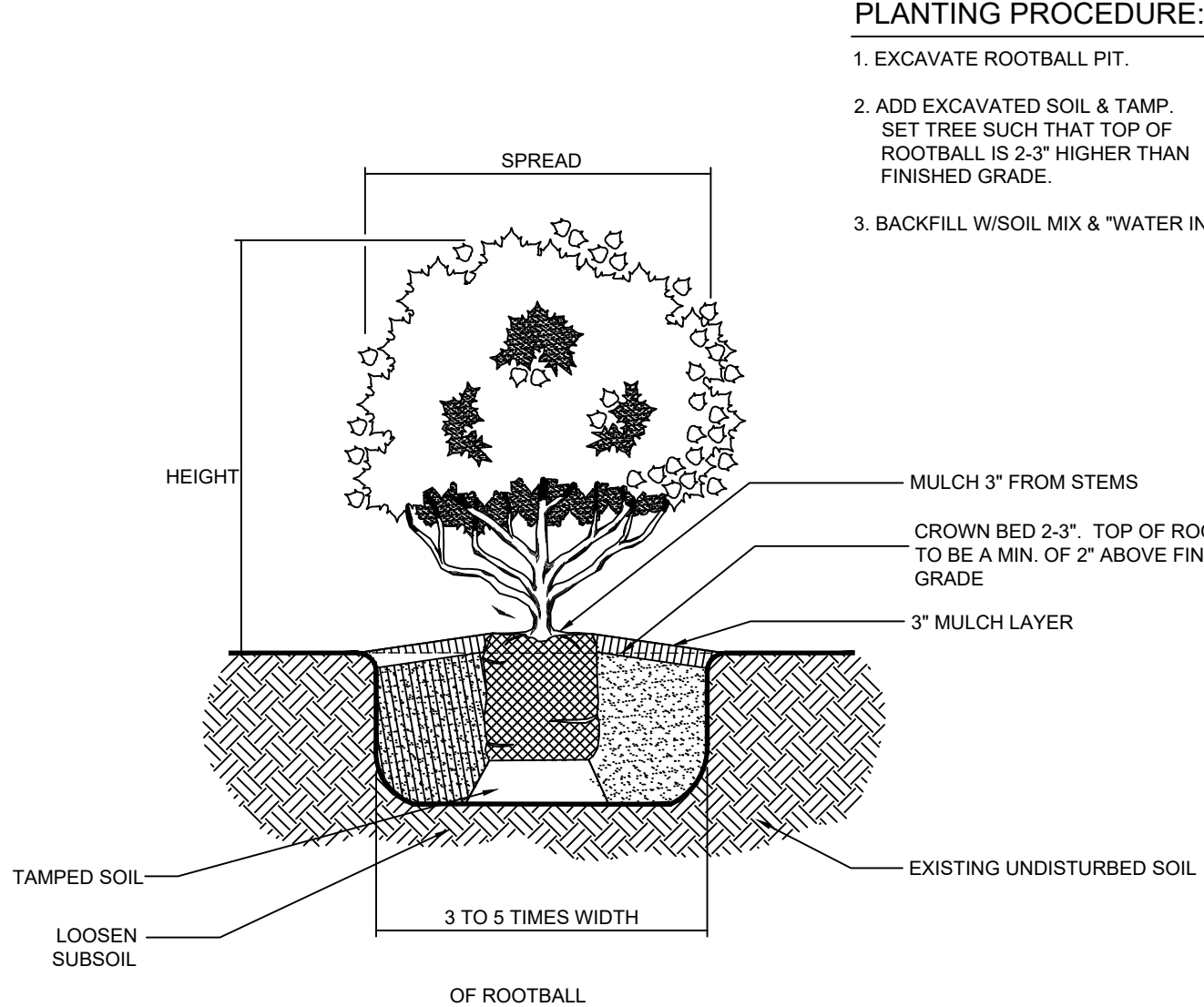


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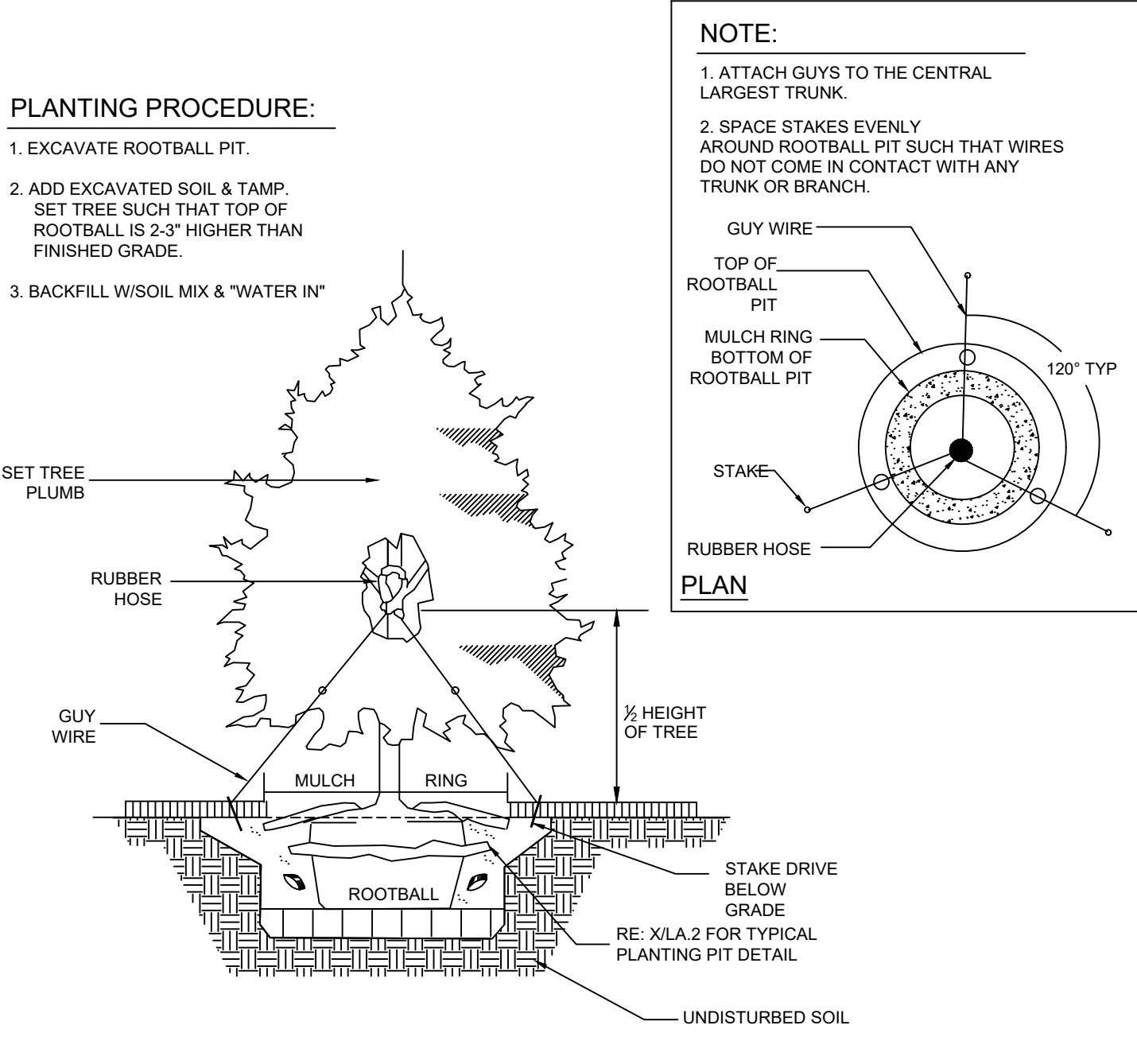


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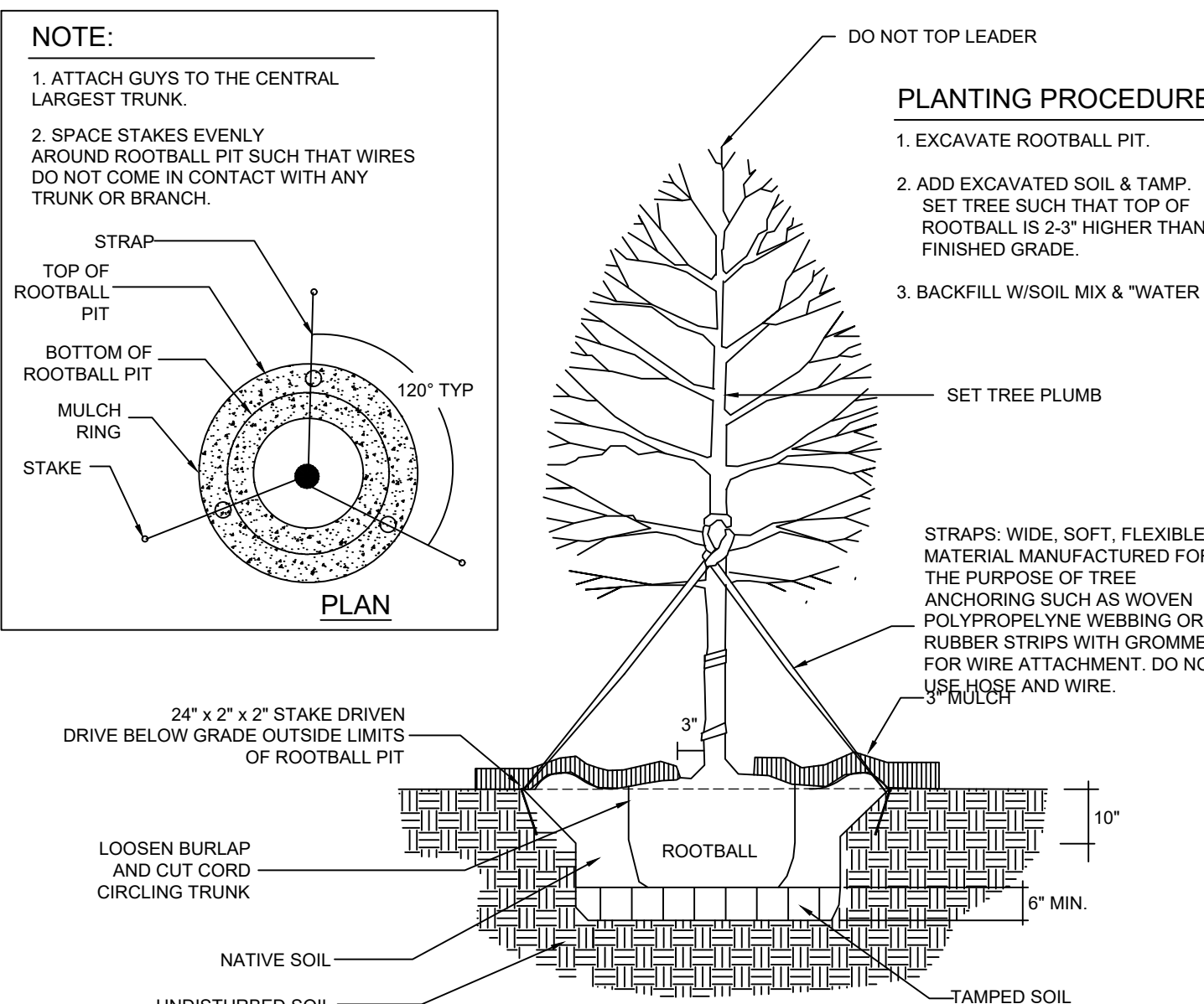


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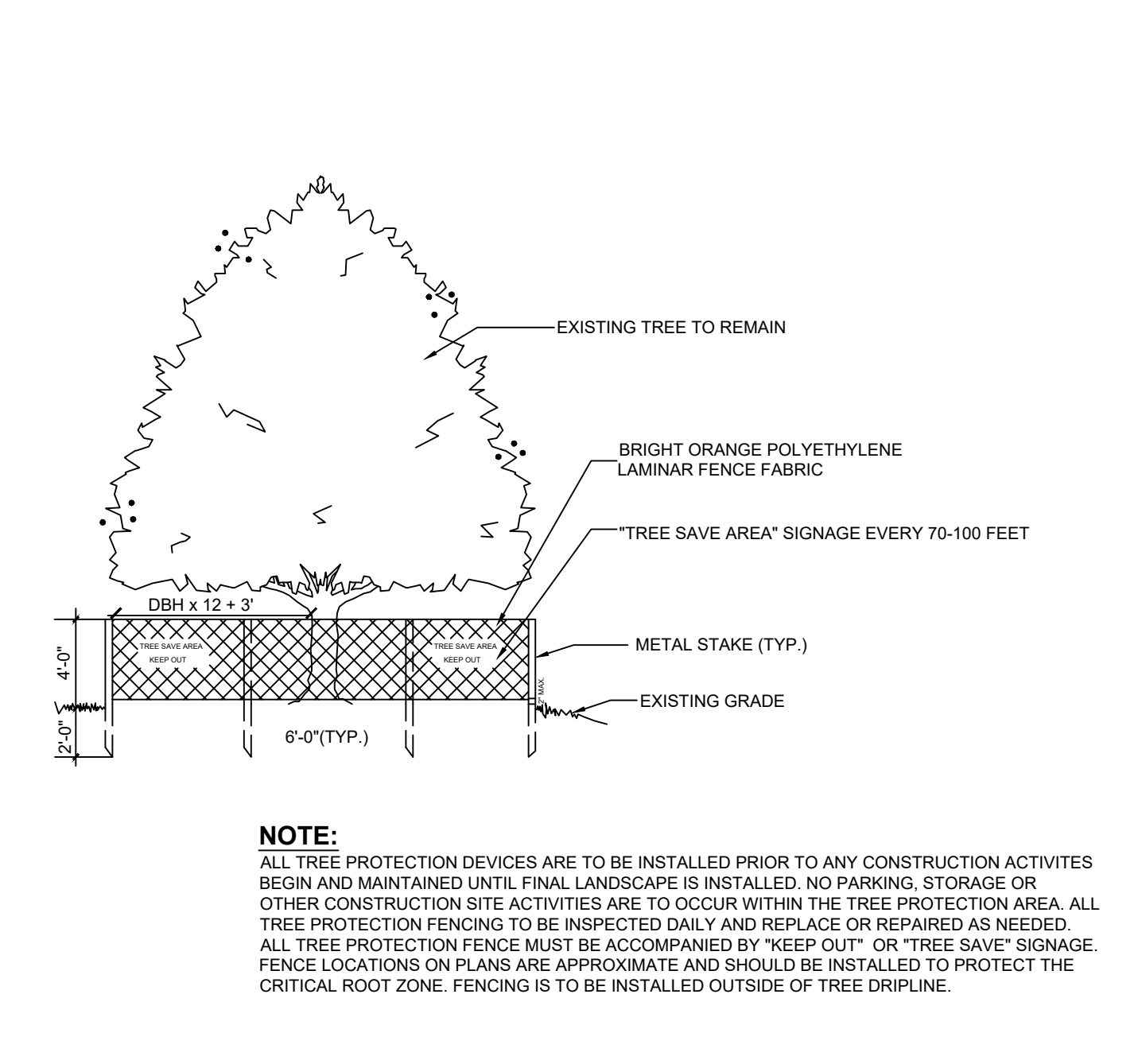


EVERGREEN TREE PLANTING DETAIL

MULTI-TRUNK TREE PLANTING DETAIL



TYPICAL TREE PLANTING DETAIL



TREE PROTECTION DETAIL

GENERAL LANDSCAPE NOTES

- ALL PLANT MATERIAL MUST BE HEALTHY, VIGOROUS, & FREE OF PESTS AND DISEASE.
- ALL PLANTS MUST BE CONTAINER GROWN OR BALLED & BURLAPPED.
- ALL TREES MUST HAVE A FULL HEAD, STRAIGHT TRUNK, SINGLE DOMINANT LEADER, & MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PLANT LIST.
- ALL PLANTS ARE SUBJECT TO REJECTION BY THE OWNER BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER INSTALLATION.
- STAKE TREES, IF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WARRANT. (I.E. WIND OR STEEP SLOPES)
- ALL PLANTS & PLANT BEDS MUST BE COMPLETELY MULCHED WITH 3" OF CLEAN, ORGANIC MULCH (PINESTRAW, WOOD CHIPS).
- PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES & SHALL AVOID DAMAGE TO ALL UTILITIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE WORK. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING ANY & ALL DAMAGE TO UTILITIES, STRUCTURES, SITE APPURTENANCES, ETC. WHICH OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO OWNER.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL QUANTITIES SHOWN ON PLANS, BEFORE PRICING WORK. CONTRACTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF ANY DISCREPANCIES.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WATERING, SPRAYING, MULCHING, MOWING, FERTILIZING, ETC.) ALL PLANTED AREAS AND LAWNS UNTIL THE JOB IS ACCEPTED IN FULL, BY THE OWNER.
- THE OWNER WILL CONTRACT FOR A PROGRAM OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE ONE (1) YEAR GUARANTEE PERIOD UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLETELY GUARANTEE ALL PLANT MATERIAL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING AT THE DATE OF TOTAL ACCEPTANCE AND SHALL PROMPTLY MAKE ALL REPLACEMENTS BEFORE OR AT THE END OF THE GUARANTEE PERIOD (AS PER DIRECTION OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT).
- THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT WILL APPROVE THE STAKED LOCATION OF ALL PLANT MATERIAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- DO NOT ALLOW AIR POCKETS TO FORM WHEN BACKFILLING.
- WATER TREES AFTER PLANTING.
- MAINTAIN ORIGINAL GRADE OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE GRADE AT THE TREE BASE.
- DO NOT BREAK ROOT BALL.
- SET TRUNKS PLUMB.
- ALL DUG TREES IN LEAF SHALL BE ACCLIMATED FOR TWO WEEKS UNDER A MIST SYSTEM, AT THE NURSERY SOURCE, PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- ANY PLANT MATERIAL WHICH DIES, TURNS BROWN, DEFOLIATES OR FAILS TO GERMINATE PRIOR TO TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK SHALL BE PROMPTLY REMOVED FROM THE SITE & REPLACED WITH MATERIAL OF THE SAME SPECIES, QUANTITY, SIZE AND MEETING ALL PLANT LIST SPECIFICATIONS AT NO COST TO THE OWNER.
- STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE LATEST EDITION OF "AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR NURSERY STOCK" REPRESENT GUIDELINE SPECIFICATIONS ONLY AND CONSTITUTE MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANT MATERIAL OF THE SAME SPECIES, QUANTITY, SIZE AND MEETING ALL PLANT LIST SPECIFICATIONS.
- IF SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL TOPSOIL IS AVAILABLE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BACKFILL THE PARKING LOT ISLANDS WITH 100% TOPSOIL. PLANTERS SHALL BE FREE OF DELETERIOUS MATERIAL AND SOIL SHALL BE SUITABLE FOR PLANTING. ALL ROCKS AND DEBRIS SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PLANTING BEDS, INCLUDING SODDED AREAS, PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
- THE CONTRACTOR HAS THE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HANDLING OF ALL SURPLUS EXCAVATED MATERIALS INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF ANY EXCESS MATERIALS FROM THE PROJECT SITE. THE CONTRACTOR SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT DUE TO THE SEQUENCE OF THE WORK, HE MAY NEED TO RETAIN SELECT EXAGGERATED MATERIALS ON SITE TO MEET LATER NEEDS OF THE PROJECT. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AS TO ANY DECISIONS MADE TO HAUL OFF EXCESS MATERIAL OR TO RETAIN MATERIAL ON SITE FOR LATER USE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE THE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING ADEQUATE, SUITABLE MATERIAL ON-SITE TO REPLACE UNSUITABLE MATERIAL OR TO OTHERWISE CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE & DISPOSE OF ALL PLANT MATERIAL EXISTING ON SITE THAT DOES NOT CONFORM WITH THE LANDSCAPE PLAN. ALL LANDSCAPED AREAS SHALL BE TREATED AS SPECIFIED ON THE LANDSCAPE PLAN OR AS DIRECTED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. THIS SHALL INCLUDE ALL GRASS AREAS USED FOR EROSION CONTROL PURPOSES.
- GRASS ALL DISTURBED AREAS (INCLUDING RIGHT-OF-WAY), UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, AREAS TO BE SODDED SHALL BE CLEANED OF ALL STONES AND DEBRIS, RAKED SMOOTH AND CONFORM TO PROPOSED GRADES. IF SODDED, SOD SHALL BE ROLLED TO PROVIDE A CONSISTENTLY EVEN SURFACE.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL DESIGN AND INSTALL AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE: 100% COVERAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPRINKLER HEAD MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS.

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City Council
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

Meeting: 09/17/26
Department: Development Services
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Katie Dunnigan
Department Head: Katie Dunnigan

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID)

DOC ID:

A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by The Sunshine House, for "Foundations Early Learning Center". PIN # 70906 04060, located in the 4th Council District on 205 Mulberry Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

Issue/Item: A request for approval of a Concept Site Plan has been submitted by The Sunshine House, for "Foundations Early Learning Center". PIN # 70906 04060, located in the 4th Council District on 205 Mulberry Blvd, zoned PUD (Rice Hope - Commercial).

Background:

- The applicant requests approval for the Concept Site Plan for "Foundations Learning Center" a daycare and early learning facility.
- The submitted site plan shows a one-story, 12,000 building and multiple playgrounds. Access is proposed at a single point off the Mulberry Blvd round about.

Facts and Finding:

- A requisite neighborhood meeting was held June 29th. No citizen concerns were presented.
- The Concept Site Plan has been evaluated by Staff and found to meet City Ordinances.
- At the September 8, 2026 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation:

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



TO: Katie Dunnigan, CZI
Director of Planning and Zoning
7224 Highway 21
Port Wentworth, GA 31407

DATE: August 5, 2026

PROJECT NAME: Foundations Early Learning Center (FELC-258)

PROJECT NO: 26047

METHOD OF TRANSMITTING: Email

NO OF SETS	DATE	DESCRIPTION
	08/05/26	Cover Letter
		Site Plan Review Application (Pages 1 and 2)
		List of Names - Neighborhood Meeting
		Attendee List - Neighborhood Meeting
		Site Plan
		Landscape Plan

COMMENTS:

NOTE: Site plan review check sent under separate mailing via Applicant, Jerod Mann,
The Sunshine House

DELIVERY CONFIRMATION:

PRINT NAME:

SIGNATURE:

SENT BY NAME: Amy Kanarr Naugle, PE, PMP

EMAIL: anaugle@g3engineering.org

August 5, 2026

City of Port Wentworth
7224 GA Highway 21
Port Wentworth, Georgia 31407

Dear Ms. Dunnigan,

Attached, for your review, are site plan documents for the Foundations Early Learning Center proposed for Lot D Mulberry Ave. Per Section 13.40 of The City of Porth Wentworth code, a neighborhood meeting was held on Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 7224 GA Highway 21 Port Wentworth, Georgia 31407. Those attending the meeting are noted on the attached List of Attendees. There were no comments received during the meeting to be incorporated into the site plan.

Foundations Early Learning Center is a modern, purpose-built early education school designed to provide dependable care, state of the art learning, and a strong sense of belonging for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The school includes 11 thoughtfully designed classrooms and three age-appropriate playgrounds, each planned to support safe, engaging, and developmentally aligned play. Secure indoor and outdoor environments allow children to explore, learn, and grow through a play-based STEAM curriculum that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and school readiness. Families benefit from reliable scheduling options, daily communication through a mobile app, and a warm, community-oriented atmosphere that supports child development. With intentional classroom design, dedicated outdoor learning spaces, and rigorous safety standards, this Foundations school will serve as a high-quality early learning hub that strengthens the surrounding community and meets the evolving needs of working families.

Sincerely,



Amy Kanarr Naugle, PE, PMP
Wilmington Assistant Branch Manager

G3 Engineering & Surveying
6329 Oleander Drive, Suite 100 Wilmington, NC 28403

Site Plan Review Application

Site Plan Type (Check One): ☒ General / Concept ☐ Specific Development

Site Plan Address: Lot D Mulberry Ave. Port Wentworth GA 31407

PIN #(s): 70906-04060

Zoning: PUD Estimated Cost of Construction: \$ N/A

Type of Construction: _____

Project Name: Foundations Early Learning Center (FELC - 258)

Applicant's Name: The Sunshine House, Jerod Mann, VP of Development

Mailing Address: 601 E. McBee Ave. Suite 201
Greenville, SC 29601

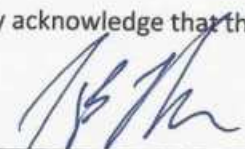
Phone #: 864-990-1820 ext. 742 Email: jmann@sshouse.com

Owner's Name (If Different from Applicant): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I hereby acknowledge that the above information is true and correct.


Applicant's Signature

7/27/26
Date

Owner's Signature (If Different from Applicant)

Date

Please see page 2 for required submittal checklist

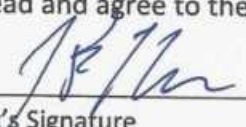
Site Plan Review Application Submittal Checklist

Documentation below is required for a complete submittal.

- ☒ Signed and Completed Application
- ☐ ² Full size sets of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- N/A ☐ 3 half size (11" X 17") sets of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- N/A ☐ 2 copies of hydrology reports (if applicable)
- ☒ Names, mailing address, and PIN number of all property owners within 250 feet of all property lines
- N/A ☐ 1 8 1/2" X 11" of site plan civil drawings or concept plan (depending on type of site plan)
- ☒ PDF of entire submittal on a flash drive or download link ONLY (NO CD'S) *email Katie*
- N/A ☐ Other Engineering details or reports may be required once submittal has been received.
- N/A ☐ If property owner and applicant are not the same, Authorization of Property Owner form.
- ☒ Site plan review fee check (*Please refer to the "Business User Fee Schedule" for the current year.*)
→ *sent under separate mail*
 - Concept / General - Site Plan Fee + Admin Fee = Total
 - Specific - Site Plan Fee + Admin Fee = Total

Additional Fee Statement: If engineer review cost to the City exceeds the site plan review fee that is paid at the time of initial application submittal, you may be required to pay additional review cost.

I have read and agree to the above additional fee statement


Applicant's Signature

7/29/26
Date

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Wednesday July 28, 2026
Foundations Early Learning Center (FELC-258)
Lot D Mulberry Ave.
Port Wentworth, GA

Location: City Hall Port Wentworth

List of Attendees

	Name	Address	Email
1	Jamie Tait	191-Folk Tri	
2	Adam Alder	37 Arrow Head	
3	Steve Davis	city Manager	
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8	Amy Naugle	- Rep for Engineer	
9	Jerod Mann	- VP of Development The Sunshine House	
10	Brent Edgerton	- KW Commercial	
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Greenland Developers Inc
5829 Clyo Kildare Rd
Newington GA 30446

PARID: 70906-04026
Board of Education
208 Bull Street
Savannah GA 31401

PARID: 70906-04057
Freeup Storage Port Wentworth LLC
17301 W Colfax Ave Ste 120
Golden CO 80401

PARID: 70906 04077
BEP Rice Hope LLC
100 Lakeside BLVD
Port Wentworth GA 31407

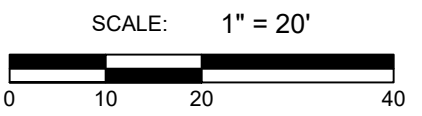
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Buck Island LLC and BEP Land Investors
100 Lakeside BLVD
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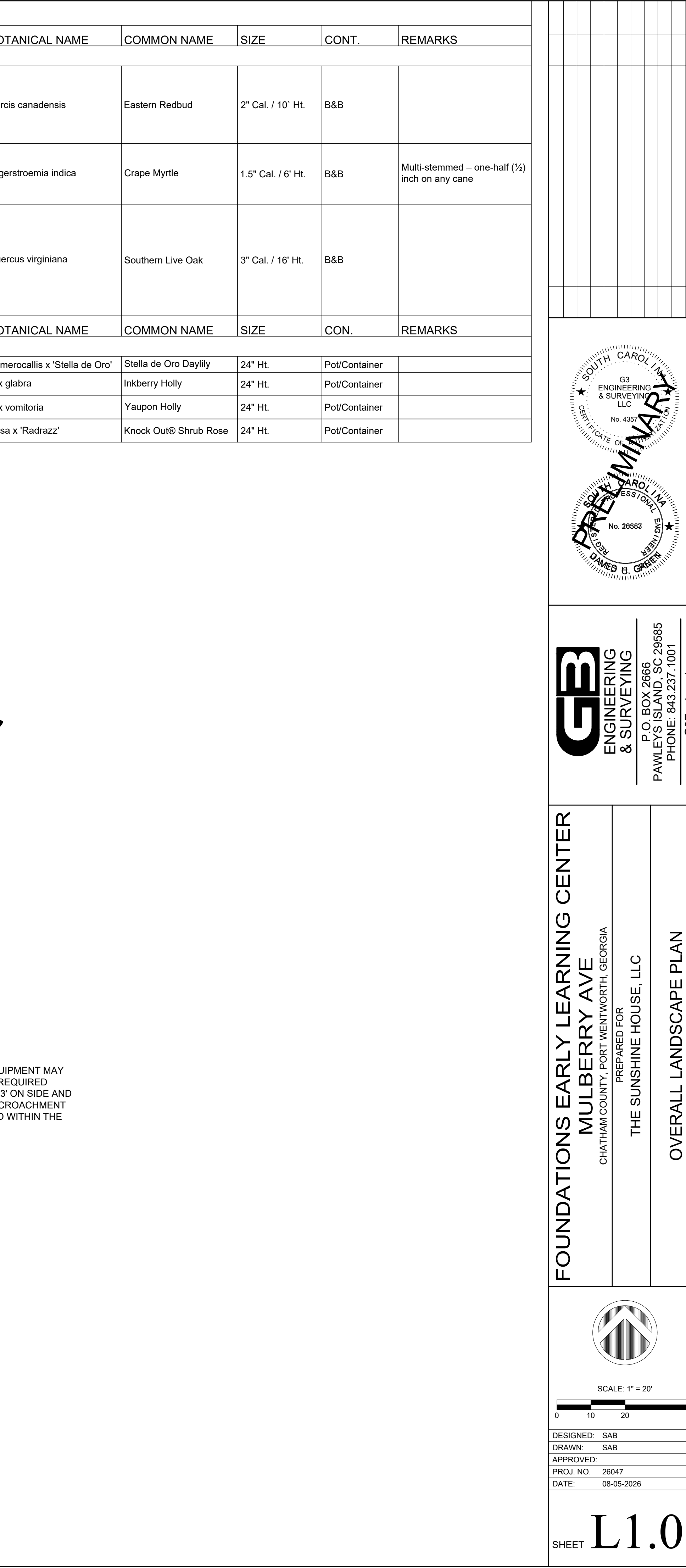
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