



Agenda Item # 2

SUB-003223-2025

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DETAILS

Location:

South side of River Forest Road, 0.64± mile South of
Alba Club Road

Subdivision Name:

Oak Bend Estate Subdivision

Applicant / Agent:

George & Wendy Davis

Property Owners:

George & Wendy Davis

Current Zoning:

R-1, Single-Family Residential Suburban District

Future Land Use:

Low Density Residential

Applicable Codes, Policies, and Plans:

- Unified Development Code
- Subdivision Regulations
- Map for Mobile Comprehensive Plan

Proposal:

- Subdivision approval to create one (1) legal lot of record from two (2) existing metes-and-bounds parcels.

Considerations:

1. Subdivision approval with nine (9) conditions.

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OAK BEND ESTATE SUBDIVISION



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SITE HISTORY

The subject site was originally platted as Lots 30 and 31, River Forest Subdivision in 1937, prior to the establishment of the Planning Commission, while the area was still in the County. Since that time, division of the property has occurred without Planning Commission approval such that the property now has two (2) metes-and-bounds descriptions. Development of the property requires full compliance with current regulations, including the Subdivision Regulations, hence the application at hand.

The site was annexed into the City of Mobile in 1956.

The site has never been before the Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

STAFF COMMENTS

Engineering Comments:

FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review):

- A. Provide all of the required information on the SUBDIVISION PLAT (i.e. signature blocks, signatures, certification statements, written legal description, required notes, legend, scale, bearings and distances) that is required by the current Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- B. Show and label the BFE (Base Flood Elevation) on each lot that contains a V or VE flood zone designation.
- C. Add a note to the SUBDIVISION PLAT stating that as shown on the 1984 aerial photo LOT 1 will receive historical credit of existing (1984) impervious area towards stormwater detention requirement per Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, Storm Water Management and Flood Control) as follows: LOT 1 – NONE.
- D. Email a pdf copy of the FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT and LETTER OF DECISION to the Permitting Engineering Dept. for review at land.disturbance@cityofmobile.org prior to obtaining any signatures. No signatures are required on the drawing.

Traffic Engineering Comments:

Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards.

Urban Forestry Comments:

Property to be developed in compliance with state and local laws that pertain to tree preservation and protection on both city and private properties [Act 929 of the 1961 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature (Acts 1961, p. 1487), as amended, and City Code Chapters 57 and 65]. Private removal of trees in the right-of-way will require approval of the Mobile Tree Commission. Removal of heritage trees from undeveloped residential sites, developed residential sites in historic districts, and all commercial sites will require a tree removal permit.

Fire Department Comments:

All projects within the City Limits of Mobile shall comply with the requirements of the City of Mobile Fire Code Ordinance (2021 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all non-sprinklered commercial buildings and within 300' of all sprinklered commercial buildings. Fire water supply for all commercial buildings will be required to meet the guidance of Appendices B and C of the 2021 International Fire Code. The minimum requirement for fire hydrants is to be within 400' of non-sprinkled

commercial buildings, within 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings, and within 100' of fire department connections (FDC) for both standpipes and sprinkler systems.

Planning Comments:

The purpose of this request is to create one (1) legal lot of record from two (2) existing metes-and-bounds parcels. The site is served by public water and sanitary sewer services.

The site has frontage along River Forest Drive, a minor street without curb and gutter with an 80-foot wide right-of-way; therefore, no additional dedication should be required. As on the preliminary plat, the right-of-way width of River Forest Drive should be retained on the Final Plat, if approved. The 25-foot minimum front yard setback line should also be retained on the Final Plat, if approved. The 10-foot side yard setback lines should be removed from the Final Plat.

The lot size exceeds the minimum size requirements of the Subdivision Regulations for lots served by public water and sanitary sewer in an R-1 Suburban District and, if approved, the lot size label in both square feet and acres should be retained on the Final Plat; or a table should be furnished on the Final Plat providing the same information.

The proposed lot exceeds the maximum depth limits of Section 6.C.3. of the Subdivision Regulations. However, as such lots are typical of the area, a waiver of that section may seem appropriate.

The site shares a 20-foot Alabama Power Company easement with the adjacent site to the West. Therefore, a note should be required on the Final Plat, if approved, stating that no structure may be placed or constructed within any easement without the permission of the easement holder.

SUBDIVISION CONSIDERATIONS

Standards of Review:

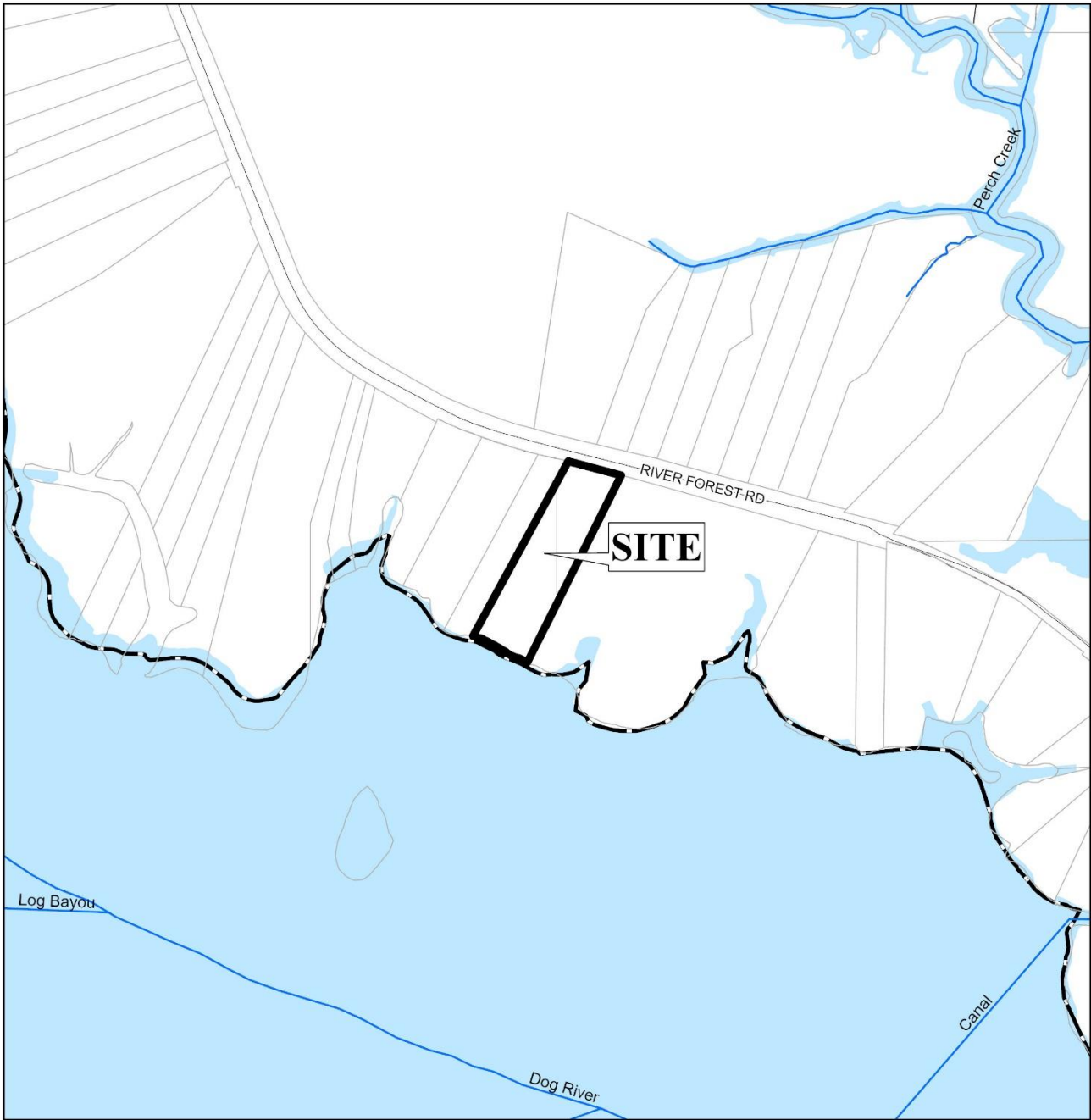
Subdivision review examines the site with regard to promoting orderly development, protecting general health, safety and welfare, and ensuring that development is correlated with adjacent developments and public utilities and services, and to ensure that the subdivision meets the minimum standards set forth in the Subdivision Regulations for lot size, road frontage, lot configuration, etc.

Considerations:

Based on the preceding and with a waiver of Section 6 C.3. of the Subdivision Regulations, if the Subdivision request is considered for approval, the following conditions could apply:

1. Retention of the 80-foot right-of-way width of River Forest Drive on the Final Plat;
2. Retention of the 25-foot minimum front yard setback line along River Forest Drive on the Final Plat;
3. Removal of the side yard setback lines from the Final Plat;
4. Retention of the lot size label in both square feet and acres, or the furnishing of a table on the Final Plat providing the same information;
5. Placement of a note on the Final Plat stating that no structure may be constructed or placed within any easement without the permission of the easement holder;
6. Compliance with all Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
7. Placement of a note on the Final Plat stating all Traffic Engineering comments noted in this staff report;
8. Compliance with all Urban Forestry comments noted in this staff report; and,
9. Compliance with all Fire Department comments noted in this staff report.

LOCATOR ZONING MAP

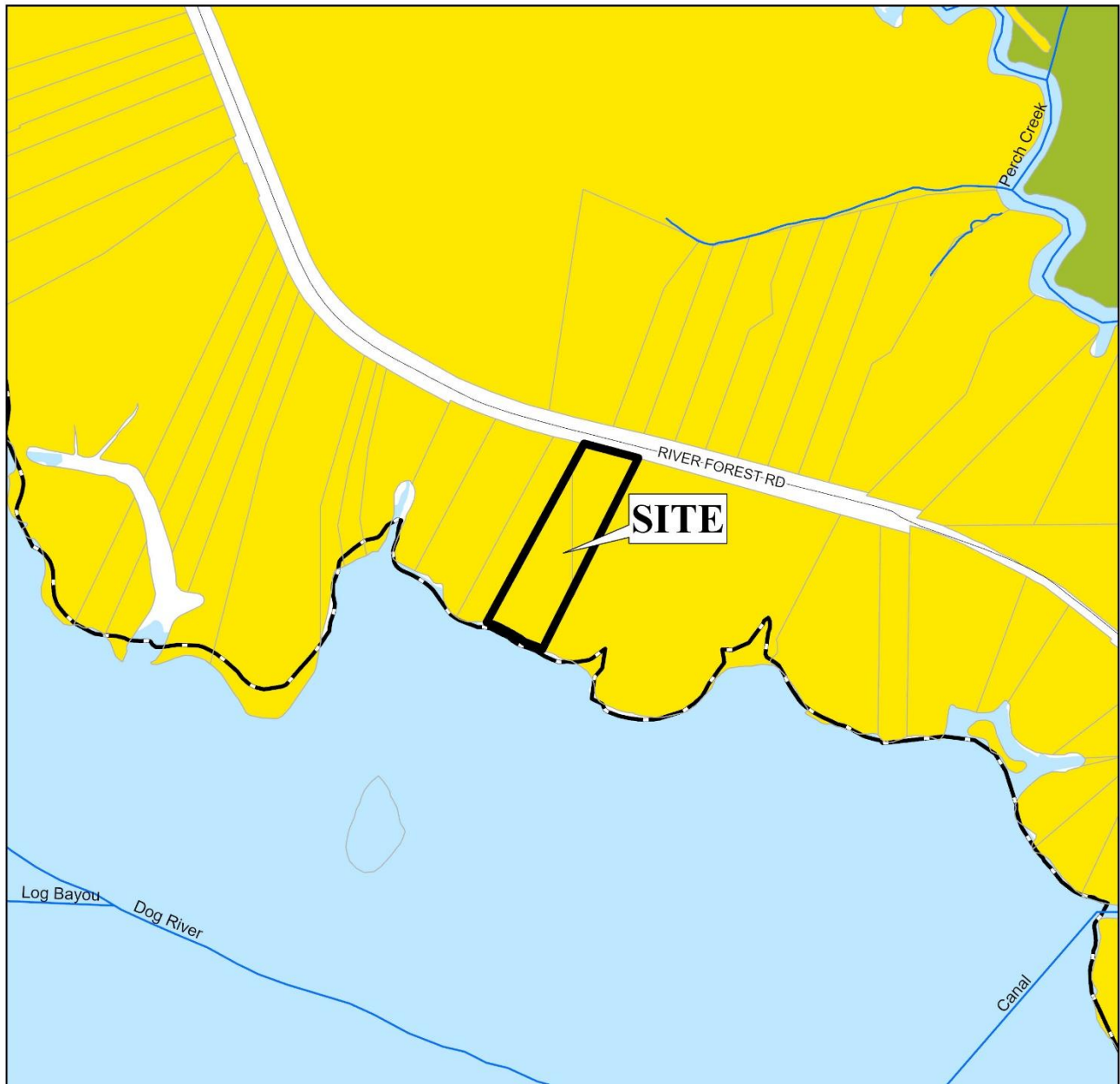


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FLUM LOCATOR MAP



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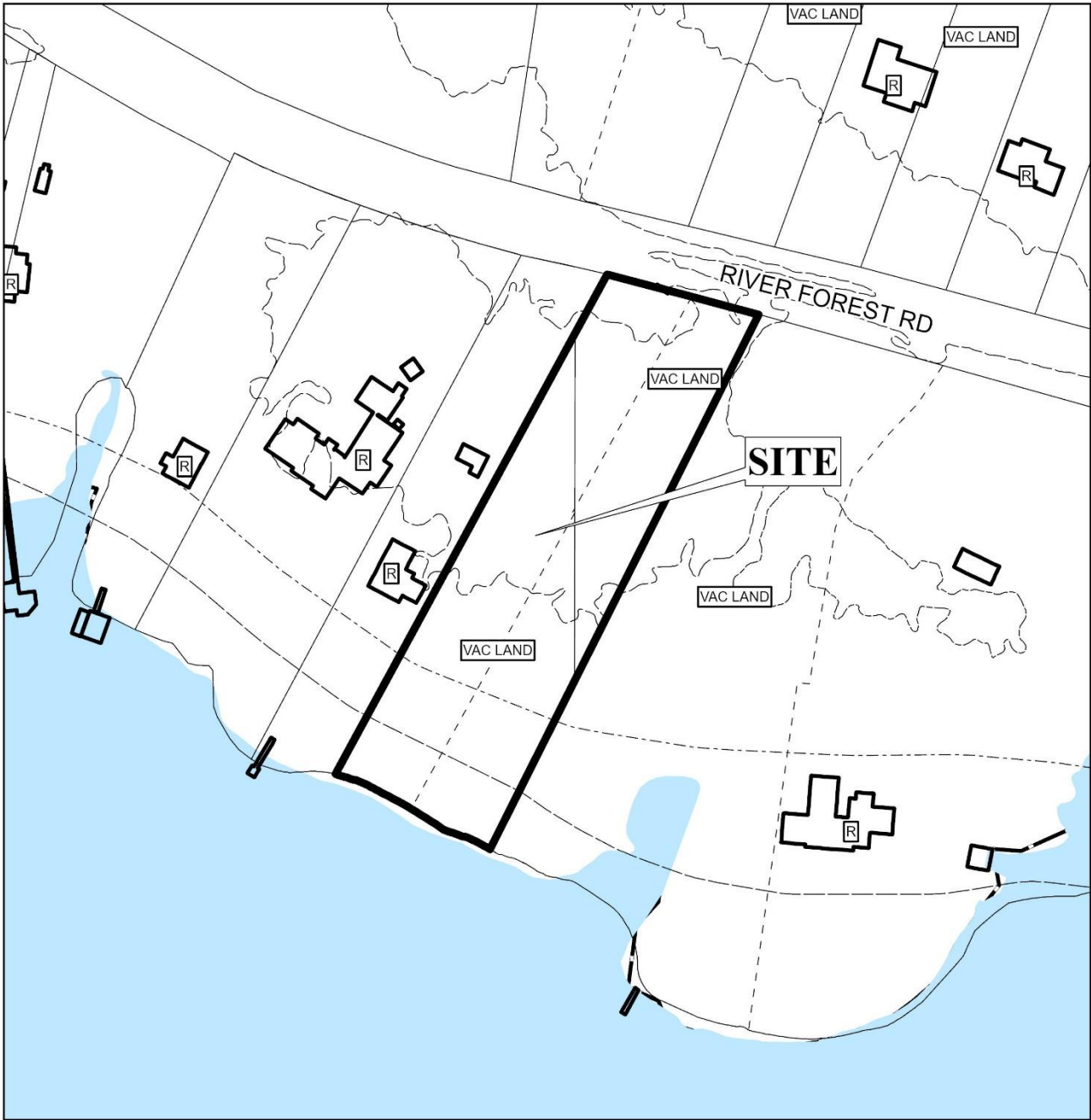
APPLICANT Oak Bend Estate Subdivision

REQUEST Subdivision

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| Low Density Residential | Neighborhood Center - Traditional | Light Industry | Water Dependent |
| Mixed Density Residential | Neighborhood Center - Suburban | Heavy Industry | |
| Downtown | Traditional Corridor | Institutional | |
| District Center | Mixed Commercial Corridor | Parks, Open Space | |



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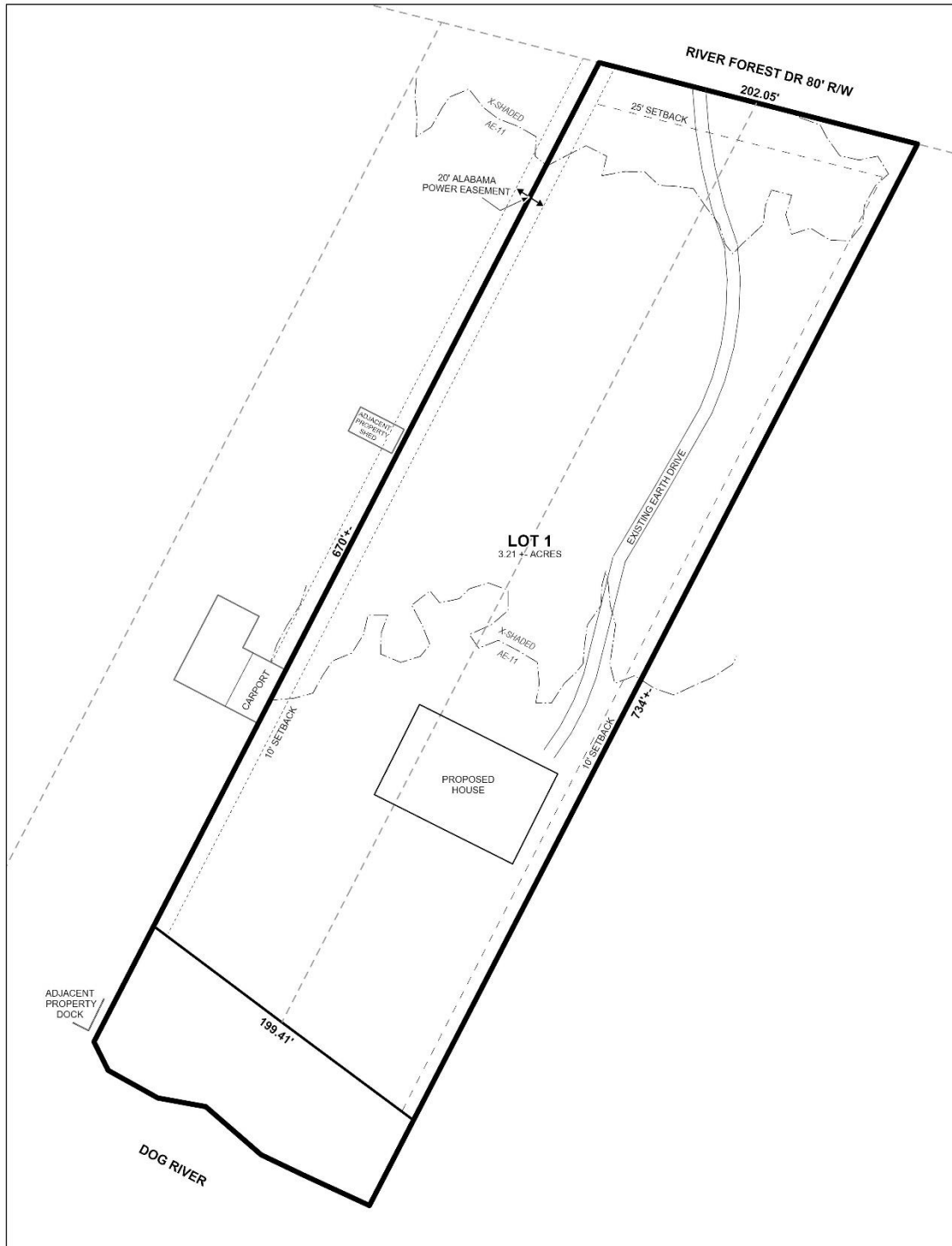


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R-A	R-3	B-1	B-2	B-5	ML	I-2	OPEN	T-3	T-5.2
R-1	R-B	T-B	B-3	CW	MH	PD	SD	T-4	T-6
R-2	H-B	LB-2	B-4	MM	I-1	MUN	SD-WH	T-5.1	



DETAIL SITE PLAN



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ZONING DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE MATRIX																
			LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)	MIXED DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MXDR)	DOWNTOWN (DT)	DISTRICT CENTER (DC)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - TRADITIONAL (NC-T)	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - SUBURBAN (NC-S)	TRADITIONAL CORRIDOR (TC)	MIXED COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR (MCC)	LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI)	HEAVY INDUSTRY (HI)	INSTITUTIONAL LAND USE (INS)	PARKS & OPEN SPACE (POS)	DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT (DW)	WATER DEPENDENT USES (WDWRU)
RESIDENTIAL - AG	R-A													□		
ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-1	■					■		■					□		
TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE	R-2	■					■		■					□	○	
MULTIPLE-FAMILY	R-3	○	■				■	■						□	○	
RESIDENTIAL-BUSINESS	R-B		○				■		■					□	○	
TRANSITIONAL-BUSINESS	T-B		○			■	■	■	■					□		
HISTORIC BUSINESS	H-B				■		■		■					□		
VILLAGE CENTER	TCD						■	■						□		
NEIGH. CENTER	TCD						■	■						□		
NEIGH. GENERAL	TCD						■							□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-6				■									□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.1				■		■		□					□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-5.2				■		■							□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-4				■		■		□					□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	T-3				■		■							□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DDD	SD-WH										○	○		□		
DOWNTOWN DEV. DD	SD	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○		□		
BUFFER BUSINESS	B-1		□				□	■	■	■				□	○	
NEIGH. BUSINESS	B-2		○				□	■	■	■				□	○	
LIMITED BUSINESS	LB-2		○				□	■	■	■				□	○	
COMMUNITY BUSINESS	B-3					■				■			○	□	○	
GEN. BUSINESS	B-4				■					■			○	□	○	
OFFICE-DISTRIBUTION	B-5									■	■			□	□	
LIGHT INDUSTRY	I-1										■			□	□	□
HEAVY INDUSTRY	I-2											■		□		□

Zoning District Correspondence Matrix

- Directly Related
- Elements of the zoning category are related to the future LU category, but with qualifications (such as a development plan with conditions)
- Land use category is appropriate, but the district does not directly implement the category (e.g., open space in an industrial district)

Residential Land Use

LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR)

This designation applies to existing residential neighborhoods found mostly west of the Beltline or immediately adjacent to the east side of the Beltline.

The primary land use in the LDR districts is residential and the predominant housing type is the single-family housing unit, detached or semi-detached, typically placed within a street grid or a network of meandering suburban streets. The density in these districts ranges between 0 and 6 dwelling units per acre (du/ac).

These neighborhoods may also contain small-scale, low-rise multi-unit structures at appropriate locations, as well as complementary retail, parks and civic institutions such as schools, community centers, neighborhood playgrounds, and churches or other religious uses if those uses are designed and sited in a manner compatible with and connected to the surrounding context. The presence of individual ancillary uses should contribute to the fabric of a complete neighborhood, developed at a walkable, bikeable human scale.