## OAK FOREST MOBILE HOME PARK

#### **REZONING APPLICATION**

#### Located in:

### **Montgomery County, Virginia**

Project Number: 459.2

Date: December 2, 2019 Revised: December 31, 2019 Revised: February 21, 2020



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Address/Location: (Describe 070 Hightop Road	e in relation to	nearest intersection)			
Parcel ID Number(s):		ting Zoning:		Acreage:	
6-(A)-99	A-1 A	gricultural District	6.79		
Property Owner(s): Dak Forest MHC, LLC		Existing Use: Undeveloped			
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Existing Proffers: (Please at	tach applicabl	e proffers and rezoning	case number)		
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3. Proposed Uses (check a					
☐ Residential				and Commercial)	
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Total Multi-Family # of Units:		Commerci	Commercial uses		
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Application Request: (Please check one) ☐ Condit	tional Rezoning 🛮 🗹 Rez	oning	
Applicant Information: (PLEASE PRINT – if addition		dditional sheets)	
Owner of Record (attach separate page for add'l owners):		NA 24060	
Oak Forest MHC, LLC	PO Box 2427, Christiansburg, VA 24068		
Telephone:	Email:		
Applicant Name: Owner Contract Purchaser/Lessee	Address:		
Telephone:	Email:		
Representative Name and Company:	Address:		
Gay and Neel, Inc.	1260 Radford Street, Christia	nsburg, VA 24073	
Telephone:	Email:		
(540) 381-6011	info@gayandneel.com		
Property Description:			
Location or Address: (Describe in relation to nearest inters	section)		
1070 Hightop Road	,		
Parcel ID Number(s):	Acreage:	Existing Zoning:	
66-(A)-99	6.79	A-1 Agricultural District	
Comprehensive Plan Designation:	Existing Use:		
Urban Expansion	Undeveloped		
Description of Request: (Please provide additional informa	ition on attached sheet if necessary	<i>'</i> )	
Proposed Zoning (Include Acreage ): PMR - 6.79 Acres			
Proposed Use:			
Mobile Home Park			
I certify that the information supplied on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. In a employees of Montgomery County and State of Virgin and reviewing the above application.	addition, I hereby grant pern	nission to the agents and	
Owner 1 Signature		Date	
Owner 2 Signature (for add'l owners please attach sepa	arate sheet)	Date	
Applicant Signature		Date	
Representative/Agent Signature		Date	

#### **REZONING APPLICATION JUSTIFICATION**

#### Section 10-54(1)(k)(4), Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

- 4. Zoning Map Amendments. If the application is for a reclassification of property to a different zoning district classification on the Zoning Map, the applicant shall address all the following in its statement of justification or plat unless not applicable. The Planning Commission shall give reasonable consideration to the following matters:
- a) Whether the proposed zoning district classification is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

RESPONSE: On page 44 of the Comprehensive Plan, the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Policy Map indicates that the area is designated to be Urban Expansion. As indicated on page 24 of the Comprehensive Plan, Urban Expansion is intended to accommodate approximately one third of the County's expected growth. Proceeding with this rezoning will allow more residents to acquire housing in Montgomery County.

b) Whether there are any changed or changing conditions in the area affected that make the proposed rezoning appropriate.

RESPONSE: The parcel that is being proposed to PMR, is currently bordered on two sides by Oak Forest Mobile Home Park, which is also PMR. Rezoning this parcel would extend the Mobile Home Park thus strengthening the community by allowing new residents to be apart of the Oak Forest Mobile Home Park and providing an opportunity for the park to become more diverse. Additionally, with the close proximity to Blacksburg and the lack of affordable housing in Blacksburg, this project will serve to provide affordable housing closer to the jobs available in Blacksburg.

c) Whether the range of uses in the proposed zoning district classification are compatible with the uses permitted on other property in the immediate vicinity.

RESPONSE: As previously mentioned in Statement Response B, the parcel is currently surrounded by Oak Forest Mobile Home Park. Rezoning this parcel would allow for the expansion of the park.

d) Whether adequate utility, sewer and water, transportation, school and other facilities exist or can be provided to serve the uses that would be permitted on the property if it were rezoned.

RESPONSE: The existing Mobile Home Park has adequate utility, sewer, and water access. The existing S.U.P on the Mobile Home Park provides a school bus stop along the entrance to Maddy Drive.

e) The effect of the proposed rezoning on the County's ground water supply.

RESPONSE: The proposed development will feature no lots with well water, thus resulting in no impact to the ground water supply.

f) The effect of uses allowed by the proposed rezoning on the structural capacity of the soils.

RESPONSE: USGS Soils Data has been collected and is included. From the soil survey, which showed predominantly B soils, it was determined that the area would be adequate for the development.

g) The impact that the uses that would be permitted if the property were rezoned will have upon the volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and traffic safety in the vicinity and whether the proposed rezoning uses sufficient measures to mitigate the impact of through construction traffic on existing neighborhoods and school areas.

RESPONSE: The proposed expansion is relatively minor in comparison to the overall existing mobile home park. The proposed expansion access point is close to Hightop Road and no significant negative impacts are anticipated.

h) Whether a reasonably viable economic use of the subject property exists under the current zoning.

RESPONSE: There currently are no viable economic opportunities available for the parcel under the current zoning of A1. There is no available frontage on Hightop Road, this precludes the ability to develop the property with a new public road. With rezoning, a private road could connect the existing private road that serves Oak Forest Mobile Home Park.

I) The effect of the proposed rezoning on environmentally sensitive land or natural features, wildlife habitat, vegetation, water quality and air quality.

RESPONSE: The land proposed is general upland with no sensitive land, natural features, gravesites, endangered species, wetlands or other sensitive features.

j) Whether the proposed rezoning encourages economic development activities in areas designated by the Comprehensive Plan and provides desirable employment and enlarges the tax base.

RESPONSE: N/A

k) Whether the proposed rezoning considers the needs of agriculture, industry, and businesses in future growth.

RESPONSE: N/A

I) Whether the proposed rezoning considers the current and future requirements of the community as to land for various purposes as determined by population and economic studies.

RESPONSE: The proposed rezoning would provide housing to serve the overall population growth of the County.

m) Whether the proposed rezoning encourages the conservation of properties and their values and the encouragement of the most appropriate use of land throughout the County.

RESPONSE: With the existing mobile home park adjacent to the parcel, the rezoning is the most appropriate use of the parcel. If not rezoned, the parcel is unlikely to ever be developed and will not be able to meet its goal in the Comprehensive Plan as Urban Development.

n) Whether the proposed rezoning considers trends of growth or changes, employment, and economic factors, the need for housing, probable future economic and population growth of the county.

RESPONSE: With the impending growth of Montgomery County, it is crucial that all affordable housing options are considered. This rezoning will fill the need for housing thus allowing the County to grow accordingly.

o) The effect of the proposed rezoning on the provision of moderate housing by enhancing opportunities for all qualified residents of Montgomery County.

RESPONSE: The rezoning will serve a demographic in Montgomery County that is not served elsewhere.

p) The effect of the rezoning on natural, scenic, archaeological, or historic features of significant importance.

RESPONSE: N/A

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<u>PLU 1.8 Urban Expansion Areas:</u> These are areas adjacent to the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg and the City of Radford that are planned for a broad range and mix of uses at urban development densities and intensities. Urban Expansion areas are served by or planned for central sewer and water service and will serve as natural expansion areas for uses occurring within town and cities boundaries.

Discussion – The project is closest to the Town of Blacksburg and will have public sewer and public water provided by the Montgomery County PSA.

<u>PLU 1.8.3 Urban Expansion Area Land Use: a.</u> Urban Expansion Areas are the preferred location for new residential development.

Discussion – The project lies within the preferred area of residential expansion.

<u>PLU 1.8.3 Urban Expansion Area Land Use: b.</u> Urban Expansion will accommodate a full range of residential unit types and densities.

Discussion – The project will provide much needed affordable housing to the residents of Montgomery County. The proximity to Blacksburg which has a lack of affordable housing units makes this project an ideal compliment to the existing housing stock in Blacksburg.

<u>PLU 1.8.5 Urban Expansion Area Facilities and Utilities: a.</u> Urban Expansion Areas are or will be served by public sewer and water service provided by the County or by the towns and the City, by mutual agreement.

Discussion – This project will be served by both public sewer and public water provided by the Montgomery County PSA.

<u>ENV 2.1 Private Open Space:</u> Encourage the preservation of the rural and agricultural character of private land within the County through cooperative efforts with local landowners.

Discussion – The project currently dedicates more than 50% of the area to open space, which is substantially more than the required 15% for this zoning district.

HHS 2.1 Affordable Housing: Montgomery County should promote affordable housing and liveable neighborhoods and communities.

Discussion – This project promotes this goal by providing an additional 20 affordable housing units for residents of the county adjacent to the Town of Blacksburg which is lacking in affordable housing opportunities.

HSG 1.2 Manufactured Housing and Housing Parks: Actively encourage the development and maintenance of livable manufactured housing parks in order to facilitate a community ethos.

Discussion – The Oak Forest Mobile Home Park is one of the nicest mobile home parks in Montgomery County. It provides public utilities, named street system for 911 response, a playground, as well a community bus stop for children. This project would seek to add to this Mobile Home Park and provide more affordable housing opportunities for the county.

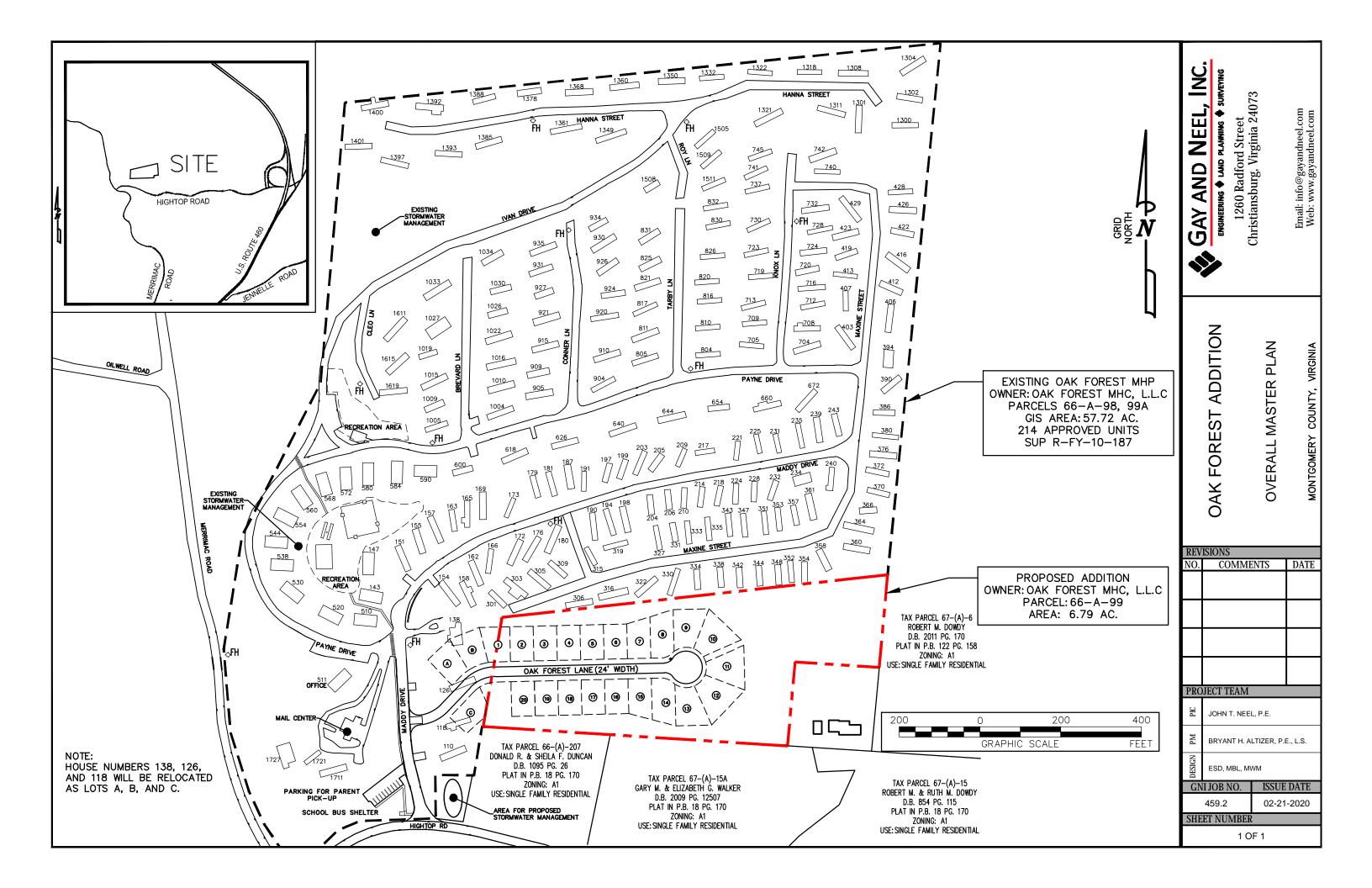
<u>SFY 1.4.2 Street Signs and Housing Numbers:</u> Work with county departments e.g. General Services (street signs) and Building Inspector (house numbers) to ensure that new structures can be easily located in the field by emergency and law enforcement personnel.

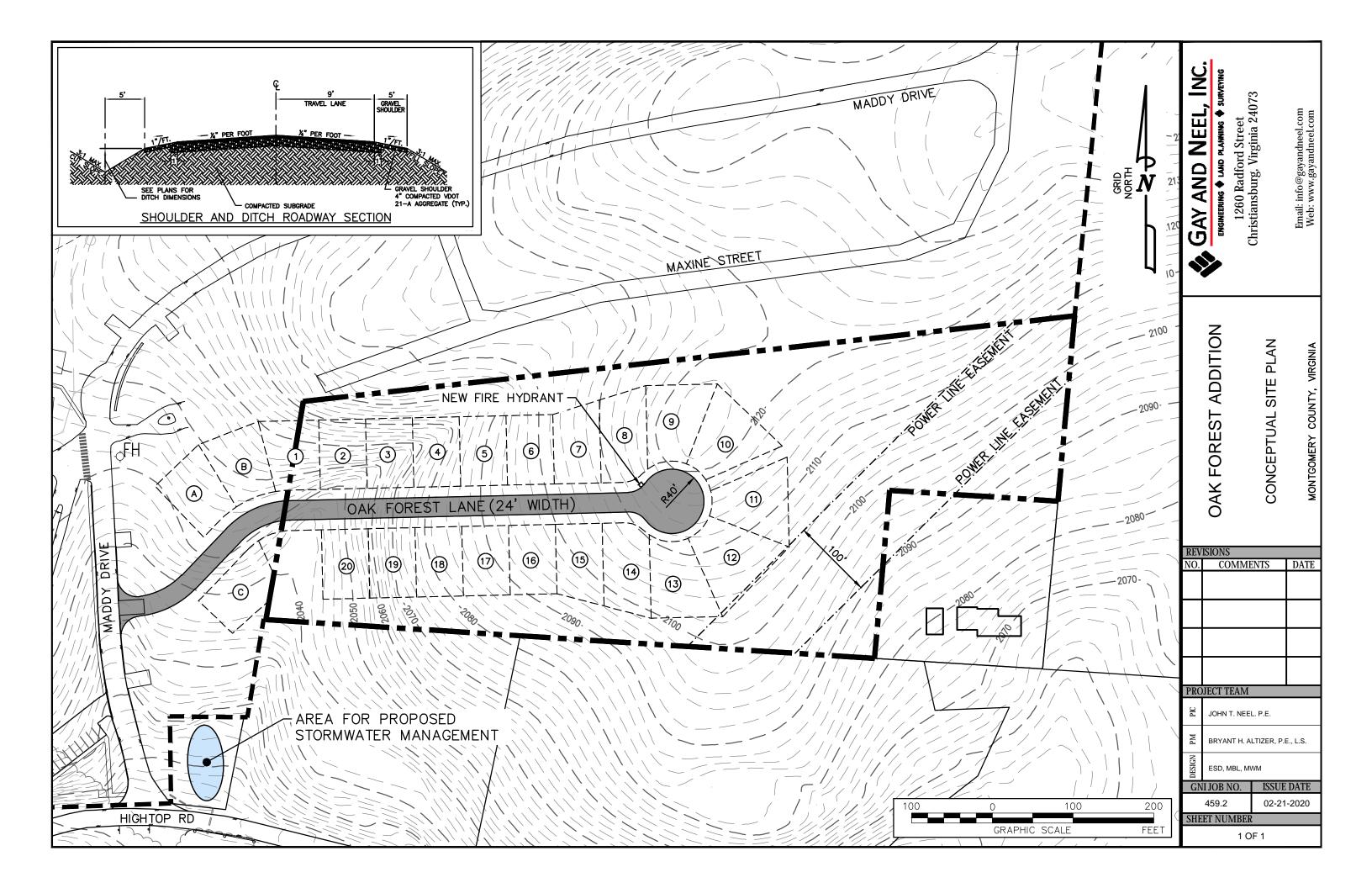
Discussion – This project will include a new named street and numbers for all the new units so that emergency services and law enforcement can easily locate residents in need of assistance.

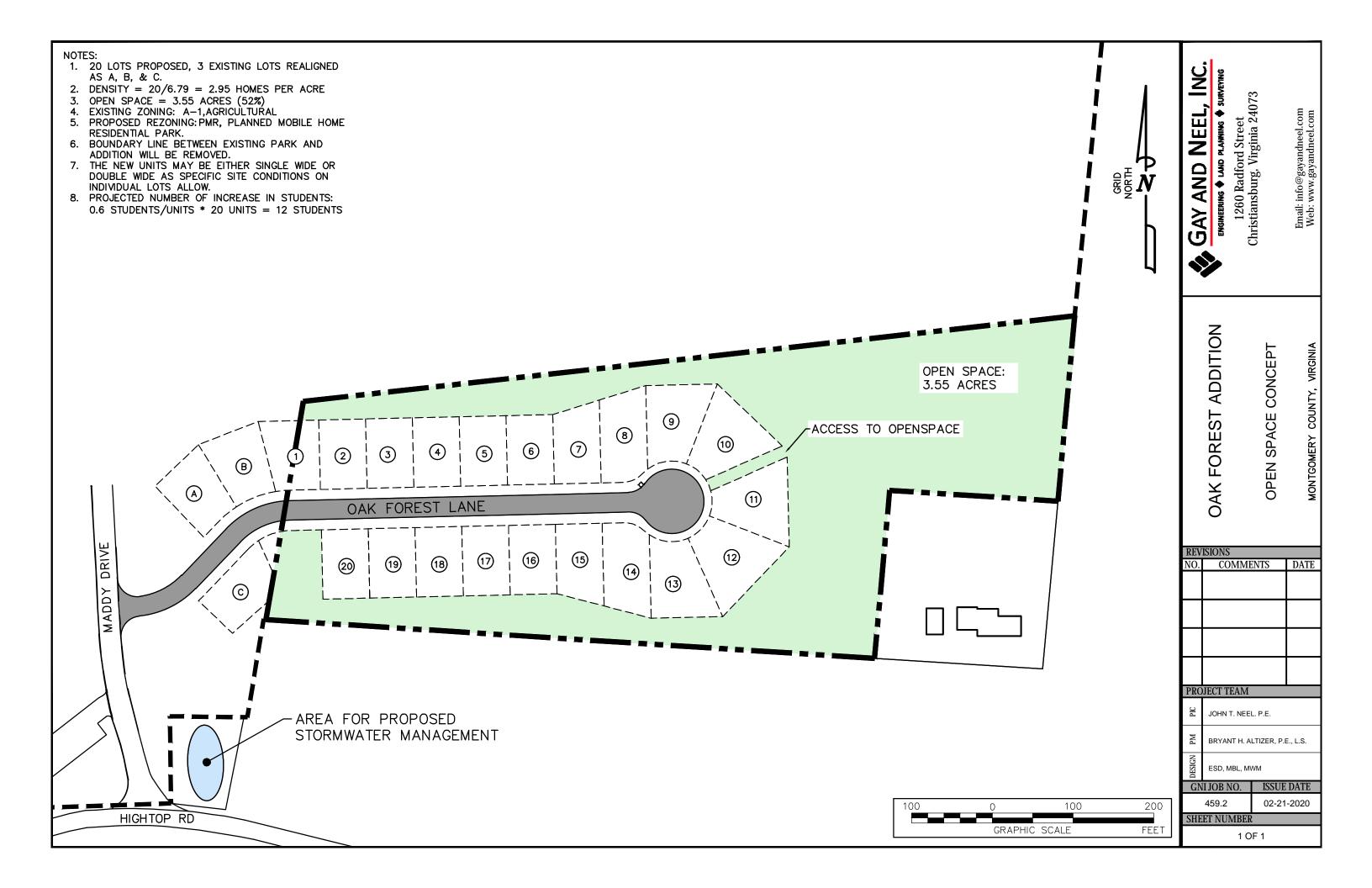
#### **Conclusion:**

With Christiansburg and Blacksburg readily expanding, there is a need for more affordable, well maintained housing to accommodate the continued growth. This addition to the Oak Forest Mobile Home park is an important step in furthering the growth and urbanization of this area. It will provide housing to help accommodate the growth of these areas by adding an additional 20 mobile home units.

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## OAK FOREST MOBILE HOME PARK

#### **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

#### Located in:

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## **Special Use Permit Application Checklist**

The applicant shall submit ten (10) copies of all required materials listed below. Applications will **NOT** be accepted without the following attachments:

- Application Form (pg 10). The application form must be signed by all of the property owners. If ownership is in the name of any type of legal entity or organization including, but not limited to, a name of a corporation, partnership, or association, or in the name of a trust, or in a fictitious name, a document acceptable to the County must be submitted certifying that the person signing the application has the authority to do so. If the application is submitted by an agent of the owner, the agent shall sign the application as well.
- Comprehensive Plan Justification. References should be made to the Comprehensive Plan Policy sections in the text portion of the plan. The Comprehensive Plan map provides an overview of the future land use policy areas, but does not provide a guide to the specific land use policies adopted by Montgomery County.

Land use policies are articulated in the Planning and Land Use portion of <u>Montgomery County, 2025</u> (chapter 2). available at the Planning & GIS Services Department or on the web. If the proposed development, rezoning, or special use permit is located in a village or village expansion area not covered by an adopted village plan, then the proposal needs to be consistent with the overall Comprehensive Plan.

**Villages and Village Expansion Areas**. If the proposed development, rezoning, or special use permit is located in a village or village expansion area covered by an adopted Village Plan, the proposal needs to be consistent with both the overall county Comprehensive Plan and with the village plan.

Information that must be addressed concerning the County Comprehensive Plan when submitting special use permit applications includes:

- a) Compliance with required lot minimums, district minimums, and availability of water and sewer
- b) Describe, in specific detail, how the request fits with the land use policies included under the appropriate land use policy area. There are seven land use policy areas: Resource Stewardship (PLU 1.2), Rural (PLU 1.3), Rural Communities (PLU 1.4), Residential Transition (PLU 1.5), Villages (PLU 1.7), Village Expansion Areas (PLU 1.6), and Urban Expansion Areas (PLU 1.8). Each area has specific policies covering land uses, community design, and community facilities and utilities.
- c) If the proposed request requires an E and S permit (land disturbance of more than 10,000 square feet) or with large areas of impervious surface (paved parking areas, etc.), the proposal will need to address groundwater, surface water, and stormwater runoff concerns included in the Environmental Resources Chapter. (ENV6.5, ENV5.6)
- Concept Development Plan. Required for all special use permit requests. A concept plan is an initial plan, which shows the general nature of the land use change or development, which is intended. It differs from the final site plan, or, plot plan, which is required prior to the issuance of zoning approval and a building permit.

The level of needed detail may vary depending on the nature, size and complexity of the proposed project; however, the following items shall be addressed with a concept plan submittal:

#### **Existing Site Features:**

a) Name of all landowners, applicant (if different), developer, engineer/ party preparing the plans.

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- b) Date, revision date(s), scale and north point of plan.
- c) Lot size in acres and/or square feet, property lines and dimensions and any easements.
- d) Zoning and existing use of property and all adjoining properties.
- e) All existing buildings, and streets and/or other adjacent improved or unimproved rights-of-way.
- f) All existing physical features such as tree cover, natural watercourses, recorded drainage easements, and 100-year floodplain limits.

#### **Proposed Site Features:**

- g) Location of proposed access areas, loading zones, SWM facilities and streets or other rights-of-way.
- h) Structures: dimensions, use and the general types of exterior materials.
- i) Outside lighting: general location, height and type, and shielding.
- j) General landscaping plan. Existing trees and shrubs are recommended to be maintained wherever possible.
- k) General location and type of screening (fences, walls, vegetation), signs and trash enclosures.

<b>√</b>	<b>Filing Fee.</b> The application fee shall be paid when the application is submitted. Fees are determined by the current fee schedule. Contact Planning & GIS staff for assistance calculating fees. Checks should be payable to "Treasurer of Montgomery County".
	Please note: In addition to the application fee, an invoice will be sent to the applicant/owner for fees associated with legal advertisements as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
<b>√</b>	<b>Digital Submission of Application and all exhibits.</b> Applications will not be considered complete until digital items are received. An Adobe PDF document format is preferred for compatibility.
	Ensure all applicable items identified in "Special Use Permit Requirements" (pg 11) are

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Telephone: 540) 381-6011		1260 Radford Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073  Email: info@gayandneel.com			
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Discussion – This project meets the county's desire for urban growth. The project is within an Urban Expansion district, identified to accommodate one third of the county's expected growth and will connect to an existing Mobile Home Park. The site is currently served by public water and sewer.

<u>PLU 1.8 Urban Expansion Areas:</u> These are areas adjacent to the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg and the City of Radford that are planned for a broad range and mix of uses at urban development densities and intensities. Urban Expansion areas are served by or planned for central sewer and water service and will serve as natural expansion areas for uses occurring within town and cities boundaries.

Discussion – The project is closest to the Town of Blacksburg and will have public sewer and public water provided by the Montgomery County PSA.

<u>PLU 1.8.3 Urban Expansion Area Land Use: a.</u> Urban Expansion Areas are the preferred location for new residential development.

Discussion – The project lies within the preferred area of residential expansion.

<u>PLU 1.8.3 Urban Expansion Area Land Use: b.</u> Urban Expansion will accommodate a full range of residential unit types and densities.

Discussion – The project will provide much needed affordable housing to the residents of Montgomery County. The proximity to Blacksburg which has a lack of affordable housing units makes this project an ideal compliment to the existing housing stock in Blacksburg.

<u>PLU 1.8.5 Urban Expansion Area Facilities and Utilities: a.</u> Urban Expansion Areas are or will be served by public sewer and water service provided by the County or by the towns and the City, by mutual agreement.

Discussion – This project will be served by both public sewer and public water provided by the Montgomery County PSA.

<u>ENV 2.1 Private Open Space:</u> Encourage the preservation of the rural and agricultural character of private land within the County through cooperative efforts with local landowners.

Discussion – The project currently dedicates more than 50% of the area to open space, which is substantially more than the required 15% for this zoning district.

HHS 2.1 Affordable Housing: Montgomery County should promote affordable housing and liveable neighborhoods and communities.

Discussion – This project promotes this goal by providing an additional 20 affordable housing units for residents of the county adjacent to the Town of Blacksburg which is lacking in affordable housing opportunities.

HSG 1.2 Manufactured Housing and Housing Parks: Actively encourage the development and maintenance of livable manufactured housing parks in order to facilitate a community ethos.

Discussion – The Oak Forest Mobile Home Park is one of the nicest mobile home parks in Montgomery County. It provides public utilities, named street system for 911 response, a playground, as well a community bus stop for children. This project would seek to add to this Mobile Home Park and provide more affordable housing opportunities for the county.

<u>SFY 1.4.2 Street Signs and Housing Numbers:</u> Work with county departments e.g. General Services (street signs) and Building Inspector (house numbers) to ensure that new structures can be easily located in the field by emergency and law enforcement personnel.

Discussion – This project will include a new named street and numbers for all the new units so that emergency services and law enforcement can easily locate residents in need of assistance.

#### **Conclusion:**

With Christiansburg and Blacksburg readily expanding, there is a need for more affordable, well maintained housing to accommodate the continued growth. This addition to the Oak Forest Mobile Home park is an important step in furthering the growth and urbanization of this area. It will provide housing to help accommodate the growth of these areas by adding an additional 20 mobile home units.

**EXHIBITS** 

