

PLANNING BOARD

Council Chambers Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

Adoption of the Agenda

Planning Board Action Item

The following items will be presented for discussion and recommendations:

- 1. Approval of minutes from the August 5, 2024
- 2. CD 02-2024 Sunset Ridge CD Application Revision

Board of Adjustment Action Item

3. None

Informational Items

- 4. CD 02-2024 Application Packet
- 5. CD 02-2024 Staff Report

Old/New Business

Adjourn

Bessemer City Planning Board

The Bessemer City Planning Board met in regular session on Monday, August 5th, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present:

Chairperson, Bruce Absher, Board Members: Pamela Gladney, Charlene Hill, Bryan Hoffman, Wendy Burgess, Linda Willis and Constantine Tsambouriney. City Staff Present: Development Services Officer, Nathan Hester.

Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

Chairperson Absher called the Planning Board meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum was present (7/7).

Adoption of the Agenda

By motion of Charlene Hill and unanimous vote, the agenda was adopted with no revisions.

Planning Board Action Item

By motion of Bryan Hoffman and unanimous vote, minutes from the August 5th, 2024 Planning Board meeting were adopted.

Conditional District Rezoning 02-2024 City Center CD Application

Development Services Director, Nathan Hester addressed the Board regarding a rezoning request for a conditional rezoning for property located at parcel numbers: 151640, 151644, and 151645. Property owners would like to rezone three parcels of land to accommodate the development of a single-family residential community consisting of 93 units.

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The project parcels are surrounded by two public right of ways, N. 14th St. and Sherwood Drive. Both public right of ways are owned and maintained by the NCDOT. The applicant is proposing to develop the project site into a single-family residential community that will consist of 93 single family units, five public right of ways, sidewalks along one side of the right of way in certain areas, and along both sides in other areas. The community will also consist of ditch sections along both sides of the right of way to assist in the collection of stormwater runoff and a center median with street tree plantings along the main interior roadways.

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Section 4.6. & 3.5.D. – Street Trees of the Bessemer City Land Development Code states that street trees shall be installed along all newly created roadways. Applicant has proposed fifty-three tree plantings along the interior street network and common open space to include the plantings within the median along certain internal roadways.

Section 3.2.A. – Dimensional Standards for Principal Structures states that the minimum lot size for Neighborhood Residential zoning districts shall be 12,000 saft for single family residential lots.

The purpose of the conditional zoning application is to request relief from the curb and gutter requirements to allow for ditch sections along the internal roadway network to collect stormwater. Request relief from the dimensional standards and to allow minimum lots square footage of 8,000 square feet. Request relief from the sidewalk requirements of sidewalk along both sides of the entire internal street network and to allow for sidewalks along both sides within the development where feasible.

Proposal: The Applicants have submitted a Neighborhood Residential Conditional District application proposing to develop a single-family residential community on three parcels of land within the Neighborhood and Rural zoning districts. A summary of the proposal is as follows:

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151644,	35.7	N/A	Vacant	Residential	93	8	4.5	2.6	6 Acres
151645,	7			Single				Acres	
151640				Family					

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Roads: The proposal for the site involves the construction of five internal roadways within the project site. There will be sidewalk along one side of all internal streets and on both sides were

feasible. The developer has applied to install ditch sections along the entire internal street network to collect stormwater. A median planting strip will be constructed on three of the five internal streets. Planned roadways will be constructed to accommodate all public safety apparatuses and solid waste pickup equipment.

Traffic: Per City of Bessemer City Land Development Code, no Traffic Impact Analysis study is required to be conducted due to the projected number of daily trips during peak hour travel times.

- Proposed Trips Per Day form Development: 930
- Proposed New Trips During Peak AM: 65
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<u>Parking</u>: Bessemer City Land Development Code requires two parking spaces per unit minimum. The project consists of three hundred and seventy-six total parking spaces to include a two-car garage, and two outside parking spaces per unit.

<u>Utilities – Water and Sewer:</u> The applicant is proposing the development to be served by City of Bessemer City Water, Sewer, and Natural Gas services.

- The Public Works Director has indicated that there is City utility availability for the sites.
- A wastewater pump station will be required to be installed due to the topography of the site.
- Applicant has committed to providing Natural Gas to the project.
- Applicants will pay the water, sewer tap fees, system development fees, and will be financially responsible for the engineering and construction of utility systems within the development site.

<u>Stormwater Drainage:</u> Stormwater runoff will be managed by ditch roll sections installed along all right of ways within the project site. Stormwater runoff will also be managed by two stormwater retention ponds. The property is subject to adopted stormwater management guidelines and will have to be approved by the Gaston County Department of Natural Resources, as well as the city's third-party engineering firm.

<u>Open Space:</u> The open space requirement for the project is 2.6 acres. The applicant has proposed 2.6 acres of open space to include a walking trail along the stream within the middle of the development. The trail will stub out at the project property lines for future greenway connection. This walking trail will assist the city in providing future greenways throughout the city as proposed with the Pedestrian Plan adopted by City Council in 2022. The applicant has proposed installing benches along the trail and implementing a dog park or fire pit/small grilling area internal to the community.

Land Use Buffer: According to the City of Bessemer City Land Development Code section 3.5.C. no landscaping buffer is required for single family residential land uses adjacent to properties that are existing or zoned for future single family residential land uses. The applicant is proposing a to buffer the development with common open space vegetation plantings.

Light discussion ensued amongst Board members and City Staff. Board members inquired about the curb and gutter, HOA, natural gas availability to homeowners, and pricing of each unit. The development will be called Sunset Ridge. The Sunset Ridge design team, Development Solutions

Group spoke to these items and stated that they would be working closely with current property owners to ensure design quality. This property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kiser. The Kiser family has stated that they would like to see a design build that leaves a nice legacy, and something that the city can be proud of. There are 5 different floor plans and 3 elevations. Brookline builders are set to complete the project. A new lift station will have to be installed to keep up with the new residential demand of the development.

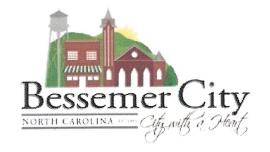
By motion of Bryan Hoffman and unanimous vote, the rezoning request was recommended to be presented to City Council for consideration at their next Regular Meeting.

Old/New Business

Light discussion was held regarding the next scheduled meeting. Due to the holiday, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd.

<u>Adjourn</u>	
By motion of Constantine Tsambouriney and u	manimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM
Bruce Absher, Chairperson	Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk

Item 2.



132 W. Virginia Ave. Bessemer City, NC 28016 (704) 629 – 5542 Ext. 1003 Staff Only:
Date Rec'd: 06/14/2024
Rec'd by: N. Hester
Case #: CD 02-2024

LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FORM

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1. Application Type	<u> </u>	<u>Fee</u>		<u> </u>	<u>Fee</u>
• Sketch Plan/Plat (Major Sub):			• Conditional Zoning (CZ)		700.00
• Preliminary Plat (Major Sub):		Mary Control of the C	• Special Use Permit (SUP)		
• Final Plat (Major Sub):			• Text Amendment		
• Major Site Plan			Minor Site Plan		
Construction Documents:			• Minor Subdivision Plat		
• Recombination Plat			• General Rezoning		
• Other:			Fee Total:		700.00
2. Project Information Date of Application: O6/14/24 Name of Project: Sunset Ridge Single Family Location: Sherwood Drive and N. 14th St Property Size (acres): 35.77 # of Units/Lots: 93 Current Zoning: NR and R Proposed Zoning: CZ Current Land Use: Single Family Proposed Land Use: Single Family					
Tax Parcel Number(s): 151644, 151645 and 151640					
Square Footage: N/A					

3. Contact Information		Item 2.
Owner, Applicant, or Developer Development Solutions Group, LLC Address 11121 Carmel Commons Blvd #360 City, State Zip Charlotte, NC 28226 Telephone 704-543-0760	Agent(s) (Engineer, Architect, Etc.) LC3 Consulting Address 320 Inland Cove Court City, State Zip Clover, SC 29710 Telephone 803-415-4866	
Email kent@olsondvelopment.com	Email kcrowe@lc3consulting.com	
4. The following items may also be required to be conside apply on this list:	red part of a complete application, please check all t	hat
Signed "Original" application		
Project Fee(s) – See Fee Schedule		
Written Summary/Description of Request can be on conon-residential space, or density and number of units/lots for residescribe any variations proposed from the Land Development C		
Property Survey (at least one copy), including existing be in diameter), and other natural features.	buildings, topography, wetlands, streams, vegetation (trees	over 18"
Site/sketch plan (at least one copy), may contain multiple architect. Shall include locations of buildings and/or lots, streets watershed/storm water information, associated storm water meaninformation from adjoining lots	e pages and must be drawn to scale by an engineer or lands, parking, proposed grading, landscaping/screening, open sures, and proposed utilities and lighting. Shall also include	space,
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Digital Files of all items listed above		
	Last Update: 07/06/2021	

Date: 06/14/2024



CONSULTING

June 14, 2024

Bessemer City 132 W. Virginia Ave Bessemer City, NC 28016

RE: Rezoning Request

Dear Planning Board, Council and Staff:

LC3 Consulting, on behalf of Development Solutions Group, hereby requests the rezoning of parcel numbers 151644, 151645 and 151640. We request that the property be rezoned from R and NR to CZ to allow for the development of 93 single family homes as depicted on the provided rezoning drawings. One existing home is to remain and be platted separately.

The parcel is approximately 35.77 acres and we have requested a unit count of 93 units (2.6 units/acre).

We have requested to install ditch section roads instead of curb and gutter. We are proposing to install a center median along a portion of the main road as a concession for not installing the curb and gutter. We will also propose a trail to connect the eastern and western property boundaries for future tie-in from adjacent properties.

Please let me know if you need further clarification.

Sincerely,

Kyle J. Crowe, PE



June 14, 2024

Bessemer City 132 W. Virginia Ave Bessemer City, NC 28016

RE: Preliminary Traffic Analysis for Sunset Ridge Single Family Homes

Dear Planning Board, Council and Staff:

LC3 Consulting has done a preliminary analysis of the impact anticipated to the surrounding traffic for this project and have determined the following based on the current edition of the ITE:

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Due to the threshold requiring a TIA has not been met per City Code, a traffic impact study is not required.

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City of Bessemer City, North Carolina Conditional District Rezoning Staff Report

Planning Board Agenda Item August 5, 2024 City Council Agenda Item September 9, 2024

Applicant: Development Solutions Group

Request:

To review and make a recommendation on the rezoning of three parcels of land to accommodate a single-family residential development.

Background Information:

Development Solutions Group has worked with the current property owners of Gaston County Tax Identification Numbers: 151640, 151644, and 151645 to purchase the properties and develop a single-family residential project upon the site. Parcel number 151645 is currently zoned Neighborhood Residential and is located within the city limits of Bessemer City. Parcel numbers 151644 and 151640 are currently zoned Rural (R) and are not located within the city limits of Bessemer City but are within the city's extra territorial jurisdiction. All three parcels of land are currently vacant. The applicant has applied to rezone all three parcels to Neighborhood Residential Conditional District with the intent to voluntarily annex tax parcels 151640 and 151644 into the Bessemer City limits.

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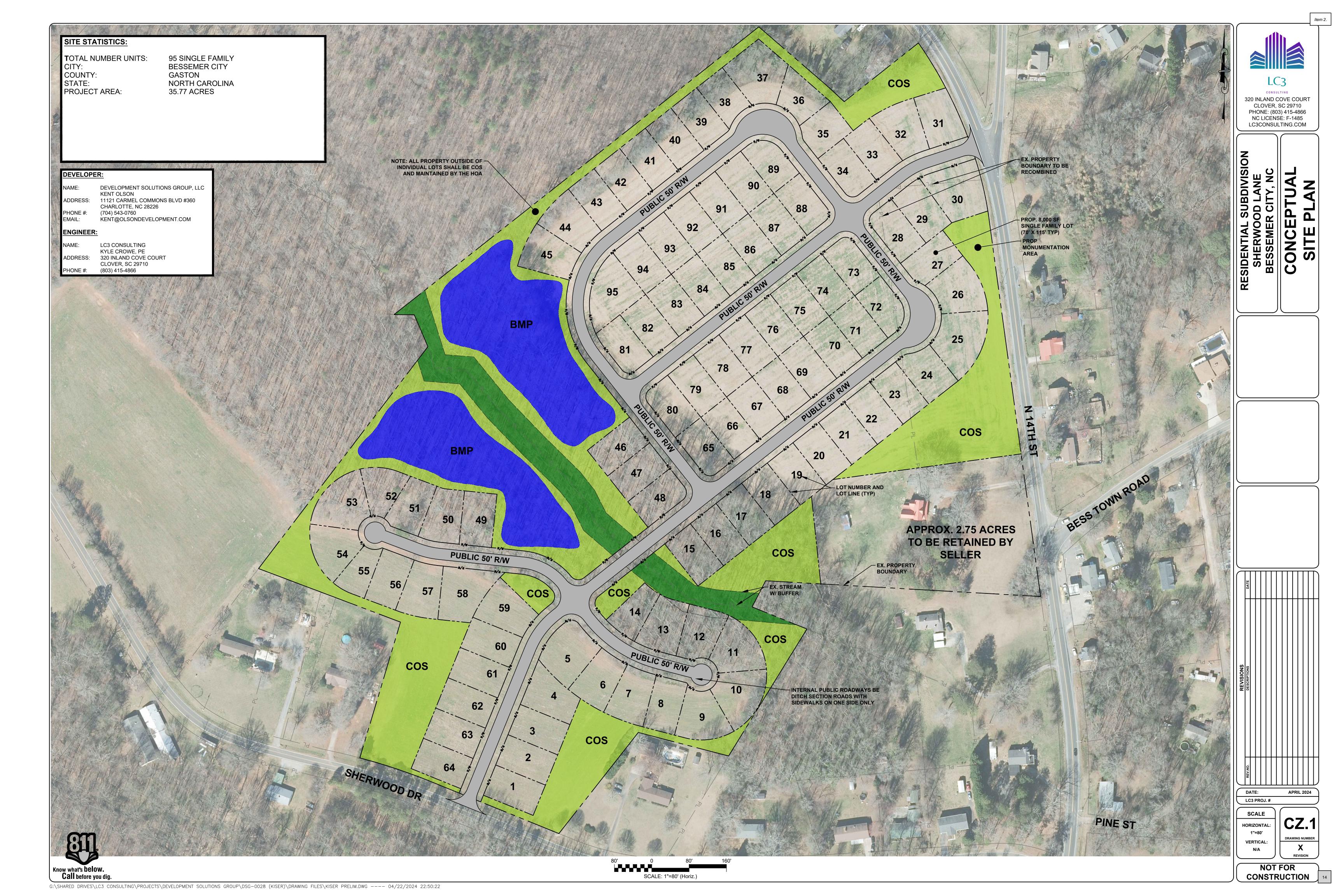
are existing or zoned for future single family residential land uses. The applicant is proposing a to buffer the development with common open space vegetation plantings.

Staff Recommendation:

1. Recommend that City Council rezone requested parcel to Neighborhood Residential Conditional District (CCCD).

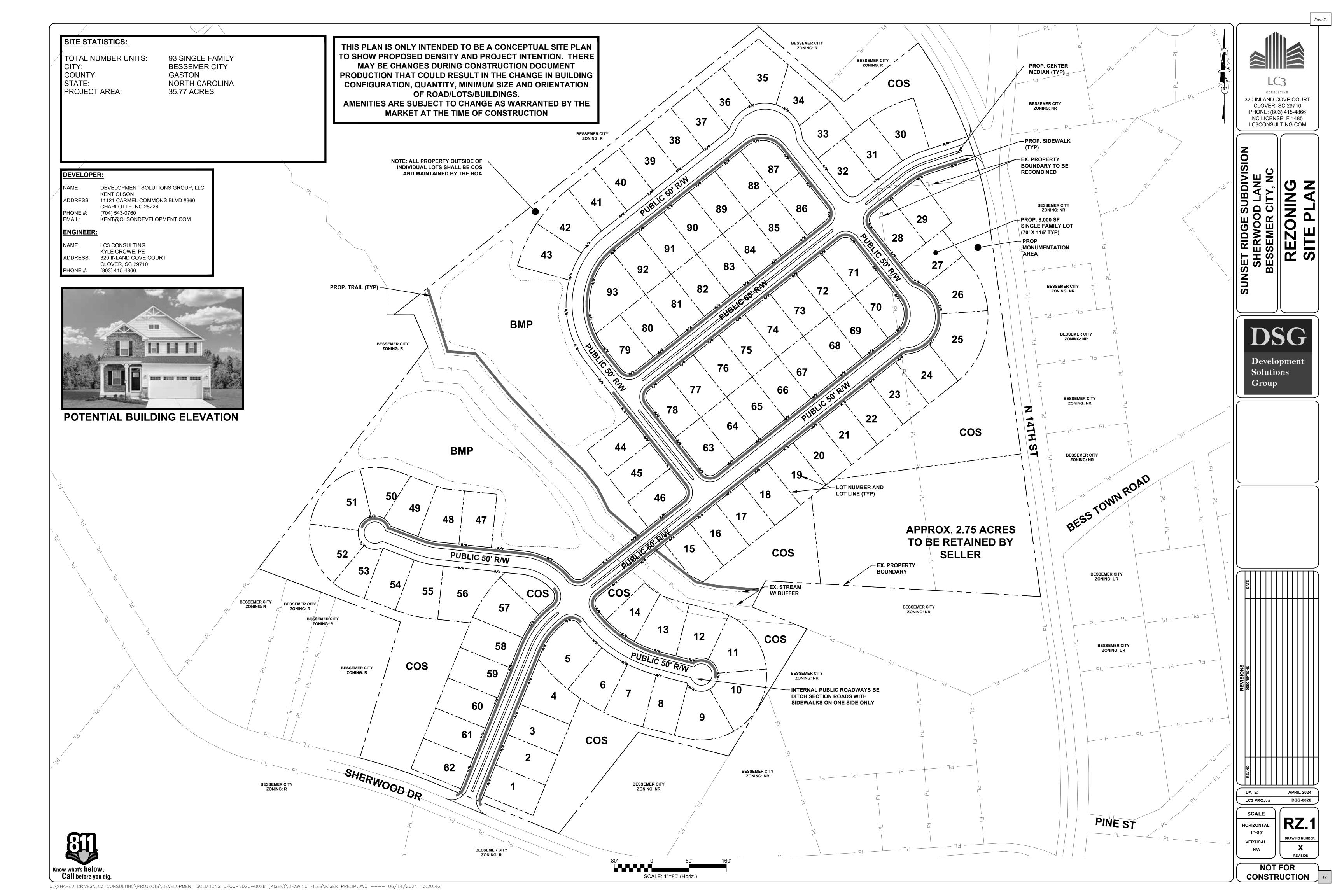
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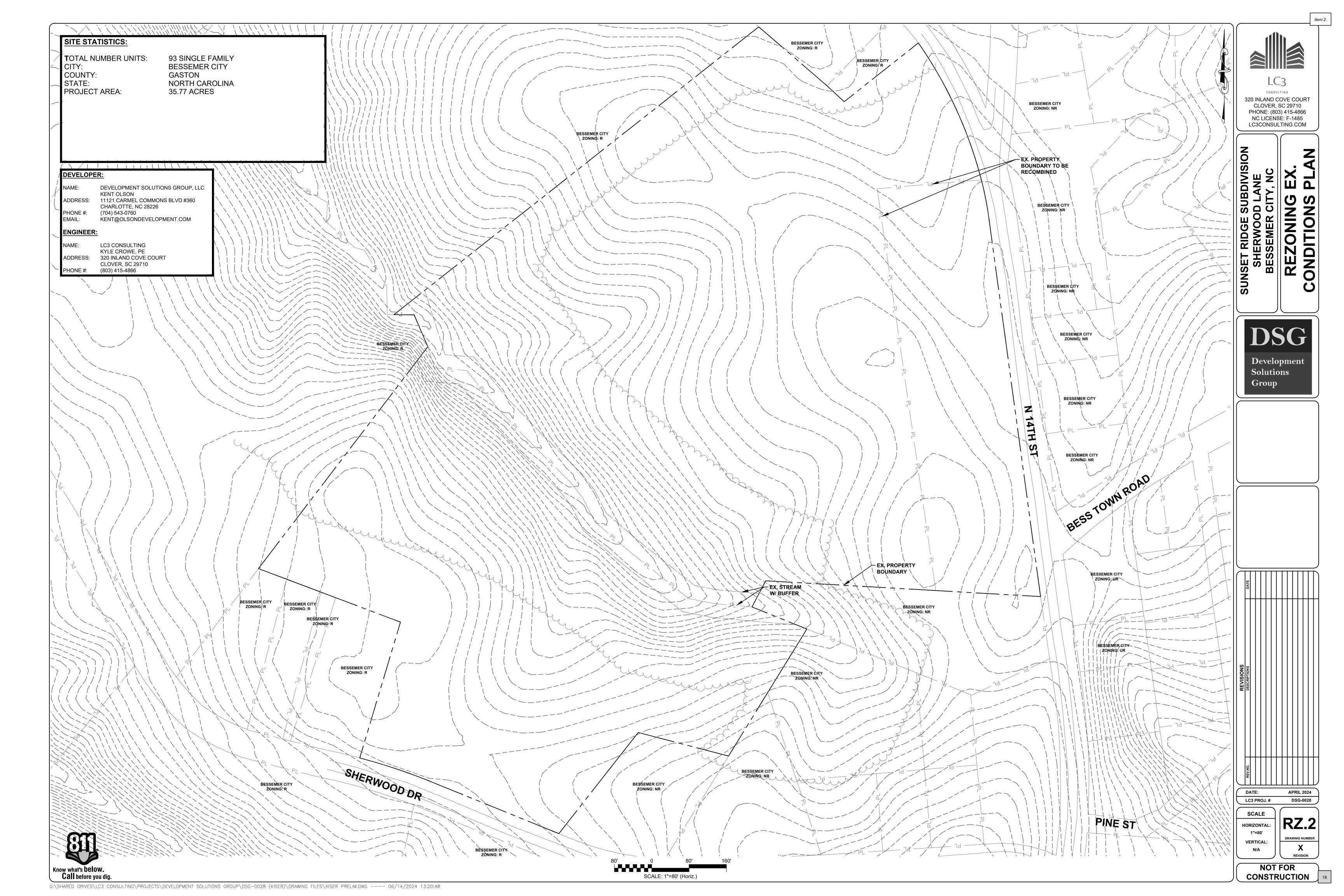
- 1. Sunset Ridge Application Packet.
- 2. Recommended Effective Date: September 9th, 2024

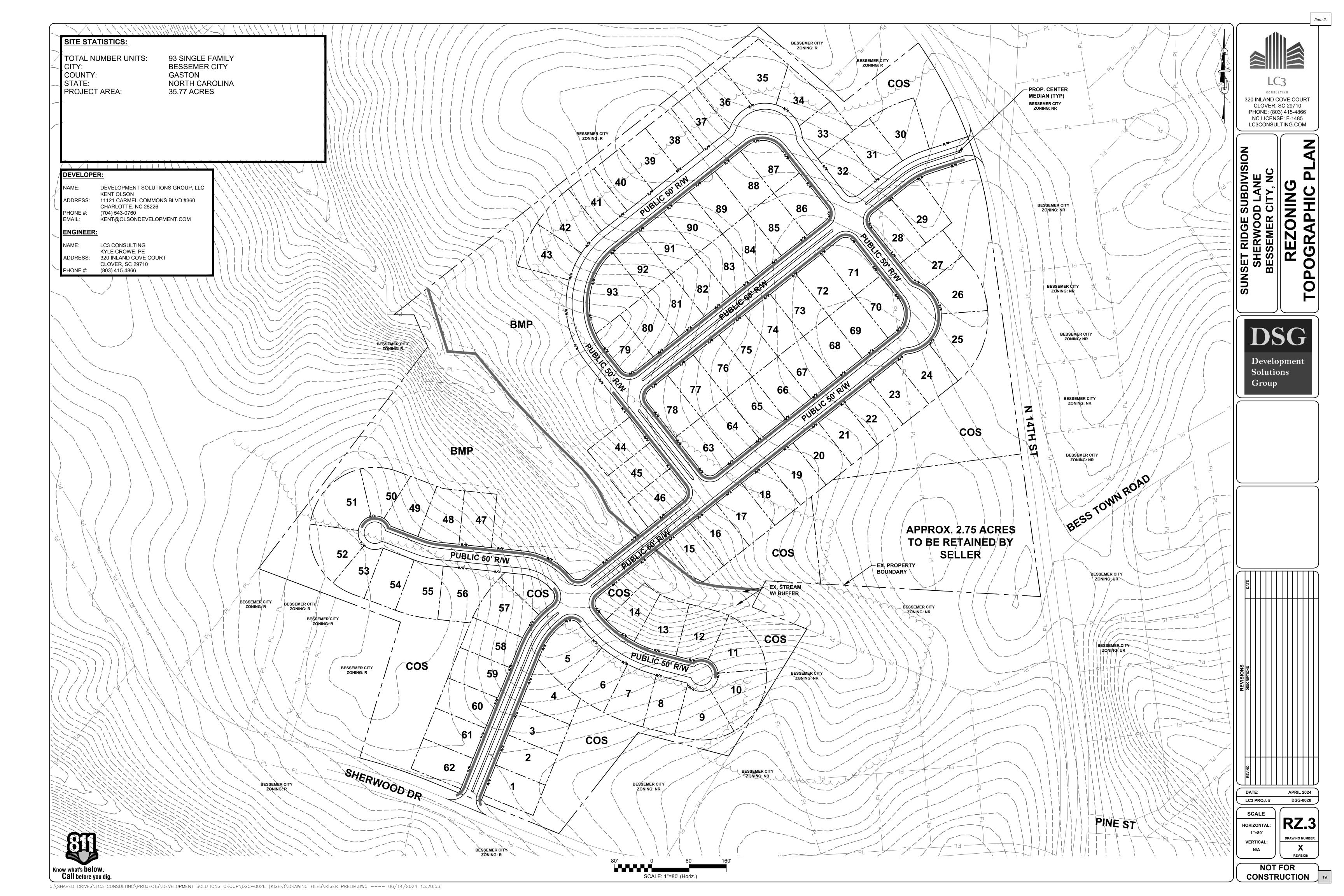


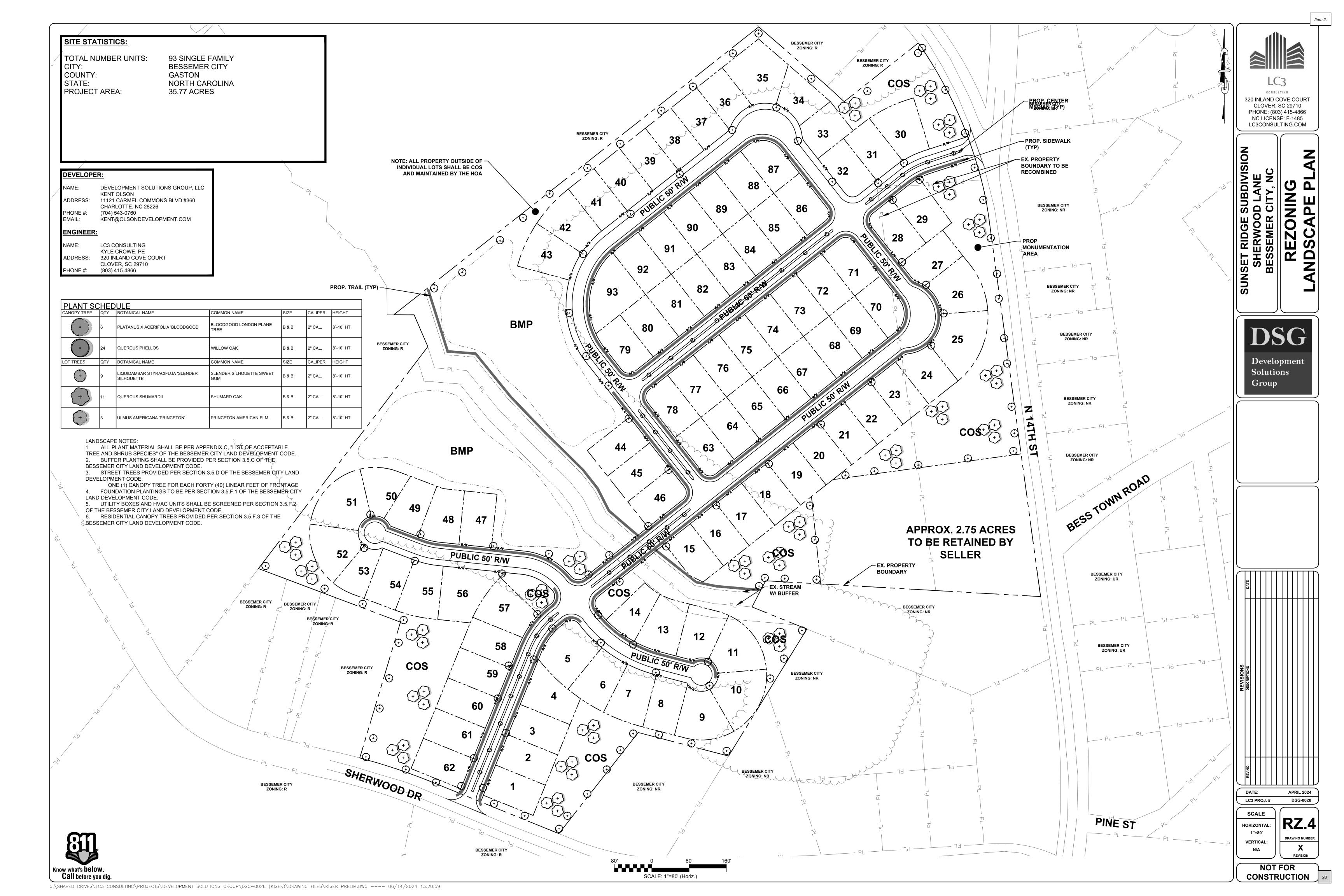


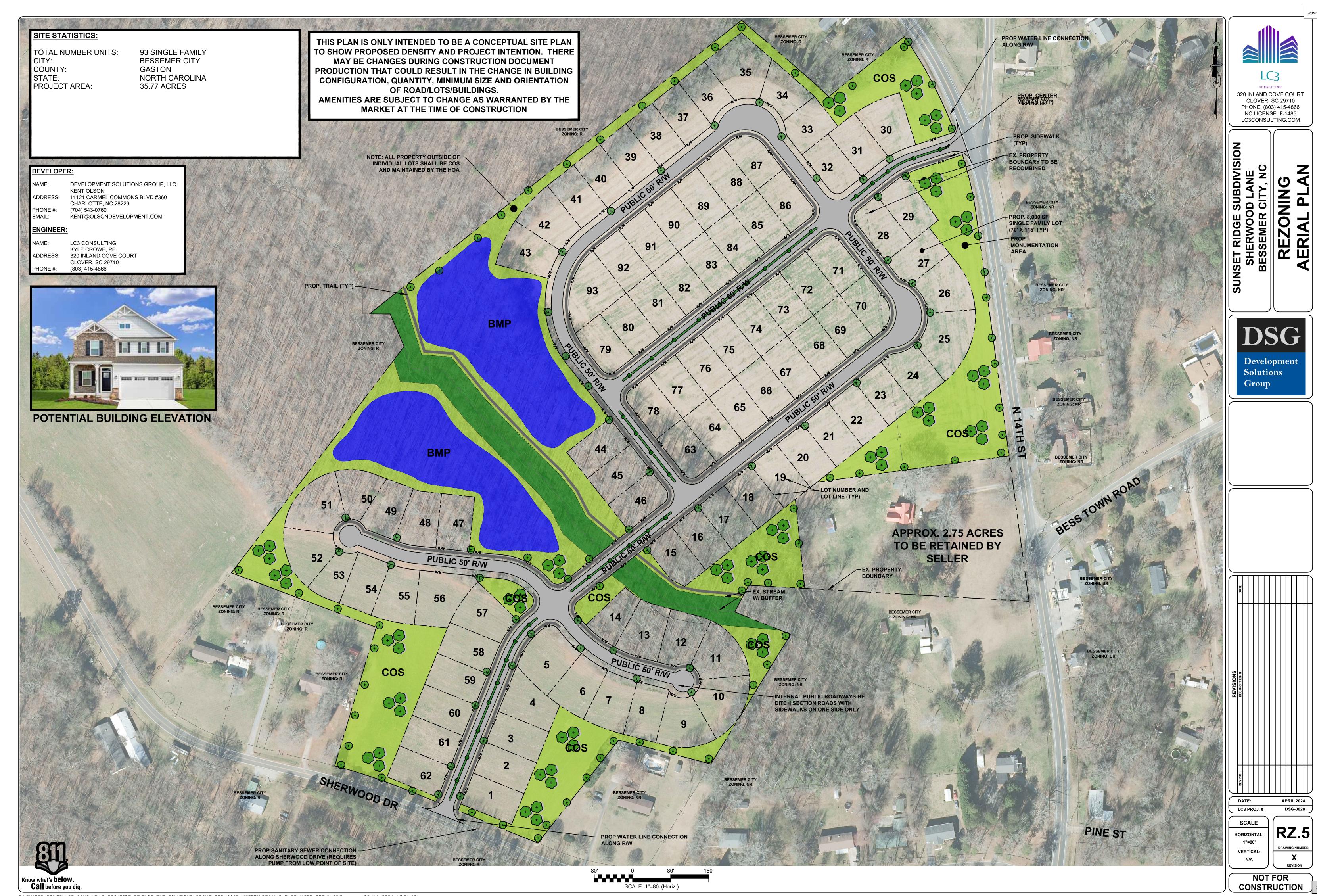


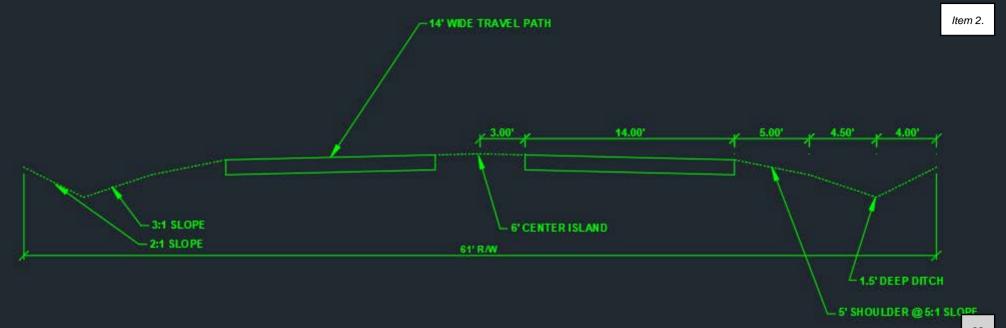
















PLAN CONSISTENCY & STATEMENT OF REASONABLENESS ZONING MAP AMENDMENT September 9th, 2024

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-605 the City of Bessemer City Council hereby approves and adopts the following Plan Consistency and Statement of Reasonableness for the rezoning of the Tax Parcels included with development application CD 02-2024 within the City limits and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of Bessemer City, North Carolina as noted and depicted on the proposed Official Zoning Map.

- 1) Said zoning change is **consistent** with the goals and values established by the City Council adopted in 2023.
 - a. The City Council created a mission and vision statement that included the following six values: 1. Accountability, 2. Ethics, 3. Community Dependability, 4. Honesty, 5. Respect, 6. Open-Mindedness. These rezoning's are consistent with these values.
 - b. The City Council created a mission and vision statement that included the following five goals: 1. Promote a desirable place to live and work that provides a healthy quality of life, 2. Ensure a safe and secure community for residents and visitors, 3. Invest in a high quality infrastructure to support a thriving and diverse economy, 4. Provide opportunities for citizen engagement and promote volunteerism, 5. Foster organizational sustainability that embraces innovation and creativity. These rezoning's are consistent with these goals.
- 2) Said rezoning is **consistent** with the City of Bessemer City 2020 Vision Plan and the City of Bessemer City Planning and Economic Development Comprehensive Land Use Vision Map adopted by the City Council in 2019. The proposed rezoning's are:
 - a. Consistent with the existing adjacent land uses as designated on the official land use map.
- 3) The proposed map amendments would not be detrimental to the city and ETJ.
 - a. The physical conditions that make the rezoning's reasonable are:
 - Provides Residential and Economic Development growth opportunities with new development in areas that are currently zoned to accommodate the applicable use.
 - b. Rezoning is in the best interest of the public to increase and maximize property values to provide for future infrastructure and amenities.

Therefore, the requested rezoning's are **reasonable** and **in the public interest**.

Upon a motion that the application is **consistent** with the Bessemer City Planning and Economic Development Comprehensive Land Use Vision.

Read, approved and adopted this the 8th day of July, 2024.

ATTEST	CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER CITY
	BY
Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk	Becky S. Smith, Mayor
APPROVED AS TO FORM	
David Smith, City Attorney	



PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FOR ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.:	3.b	MEETING DATE:8-5-2024
·	ng of Parcels #1516400, 151644, 151645 from N istrict for single-family residential development	_
BACKGROUND INFORM	MATION: See Informational Packet.	
STAFF RECOMMENDA	TION:	
Approve development	as submitted.	
BOARD ACTION TAKEN	<u>l:</u>	



Memoradum

To: Bessemer City Planning Board

From: Joshua Ross, MPA, City Manager

Date: August 27, 2024

Subject: CD 02-2024 Project Review #2

Development Solutions Group (DSG) contacted City Staff during the week of August 19, 2024, requesting the City's consideration on additional areas of relief for their project, Sunset Ridge Major Subdivision Project as follows:

• Relief from Chapter 3 Design Standards, Section 3.3.F. Garage and Carports, Item 2:

• Attached garages or garage buildings shall be located in the side or rear yard only. Attached garage buildings that front a public street shall be and recessed a minimum of six feet from the front façade.

The developer requested that a condition of the following to apply to the Sunset Ridge Major Subdivision Project:

• C Condition to Install/Provide Natural Gas Utility and Appliances

 Developer shall extend City of Bessemer City natural gas, water, and sewer utilities to and through the site, to all single-family homes, at their expense. The development will be served by City utilities: natural gas, water, and sewer. The developer will upfit new homes with natural gas for heating and appliances.

This request promoted City Council's direction, by consensus, to send this project back to the Planning Board for review prior to the Council holding a Public Hearing and voting on the rezoning request from Rural/Neighborhood Residential (R &NR) to Neighborhood Residential- Conditional District (NR-CC).

Along with this memo is a draft "Exhibit A" Areas of Relief and Condition of Approval that would be included as part of the rezoning request presented to City Council next month (September 9, 2024).



DRAFT EXHIBIT A

Exhibit A Areas of Relief and Conditions of Approval Sunset Ridge Major Subdivision (CD-02-2024)

- 1. The proposed development shall follow the requirements of the City of Bessemer City Land Development Code with the added relief of:
 - a. <u>Sidewalks-</u> relief from installing sidewalks on both sides of new streets within the subdivision as indicated on the site plan. This includes approximately [X] amount of linear feet within the subdivision without sidewalks. The Bessemer City Land Development Code (LDC) requires sidewalks on both sides of streets in Major Subdivisions (Chapter 4, Section 4.5).
 - b. <u>Curb and Gutter-</u> relief from installing curb and gutter on both sides of new streets within the subdivision as indicated on the site plan. This includes approximately [X] amount of linear feet within the subdivision without curb and gutter. This developer would install drainage ditches instead. The Bessemer City Land Development Code (LDC) requires curbs and gutters on both sides of the street in Major Subdivisions (Chapter 4, Section 4.4).
 - c. <u>Garage Setback</u>- relief from the six-foot garage setback requirement from front facing garages (Chapter 3, Section 3.3).
- 2. The following conditions will be applied to the development and agreed to by the developer with the vote of the City of Bessmer City Council to approve the rezoning:
 - a. <u>Design Standards</u>- the development is required to abide by specific design standards as follows:
 - i. [insert design standards requested by the Kiser Family]
 - b. <u>Natural Gas Utility</u>- Developer shall extend City of Bessemer City natural gas (along with water and sewer utilities) to and through the site to all new single-family homes, at their expense. The development will be served by City utilities: natural gas, water, and sewer. The developer will upfit new homes with natural gas for heating and appliances.
- 3. The developer is responsible for all system development fees.
- 4. The developer shall extend the City of Bessemer City utilities and within the site, at their expense. The development will be served by City utilities: water and sewer.
- 5. All off-site utility easements, if necessary to provide utilities to the site, must be obtained by the developer, at their expense, prior to approval of construction plans, issuance of permits, or commencement of construction.
- 6. Conditional Zoning approval is valid for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of approval.

