

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: June 19, 2018****APPLICANT NAME**Alabama Benin Trade & Cooperative Forum /
Dr. Sharon Ingram**LOCATION**3809 Moffett Road
(South side of Moffett Road, 715 ± feet east of Moffett
Court)**REQUEST**Removal of large oak in the right-of-way along Moffett
Road**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 7

PRESENT ZONING

B-1, Buffer Business District

HEALTH OF TREESome die-back is occurring, there is damage at the base of
the trunk, and bracket fungi is present on living branches**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

N/A

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

No comments received.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

None.

MAWSS

N/A

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting removal of a large live oak in the right-of-way along Moffett Road. The tree appears on a 1971 survey prepared by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) as a 36-inch oak. The tree was not measured by staff during a site visit, but it appears to have a trunk approximately 60 inches in diameter, with a canopy spread of approximately 80 feet.

Based upon a site visit, the tree does appear to be experiencing some die-back, with between one-third and one-half of the canopy affected.

The tree is within a 10-foot wide by 100-foot long planting area, with Moffett Road on one side of the planting area, and paved parking on the other side of the planting area. There are no powerlines in proximity of the tree. Given the existing conditions, it is unlikely that the health of the tree will improve – if anything, it will continue to be stressed. However, with proper trimming, the die-back can be removed and the remainder of the tree saved for a period of time.

Because of the tree's proximity to Moffett Road, an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) facility, any work in the right-of-way will require approval by ALDOT, and may additionally require an ALDOT permit if the blocking of traffic lanes is necessary for the trimming or removal of the tree. ALDOT may additionally have concerns regarding any proposed replantings, thus should replanting be considered, it should be subject to approval by ALDOT.

It is the policy of the Commission that when removals are approved, replanting at a two to one ratio is to be required. While the Right Tree Right Place document has not been finalized and adopted by the City, given the limited planting area and the proximity to Moffett Road, any replantings should be trees that fall within the group that would fit within the limited planting area. As an alternative, the Commission may consider a donation to the tree bank.

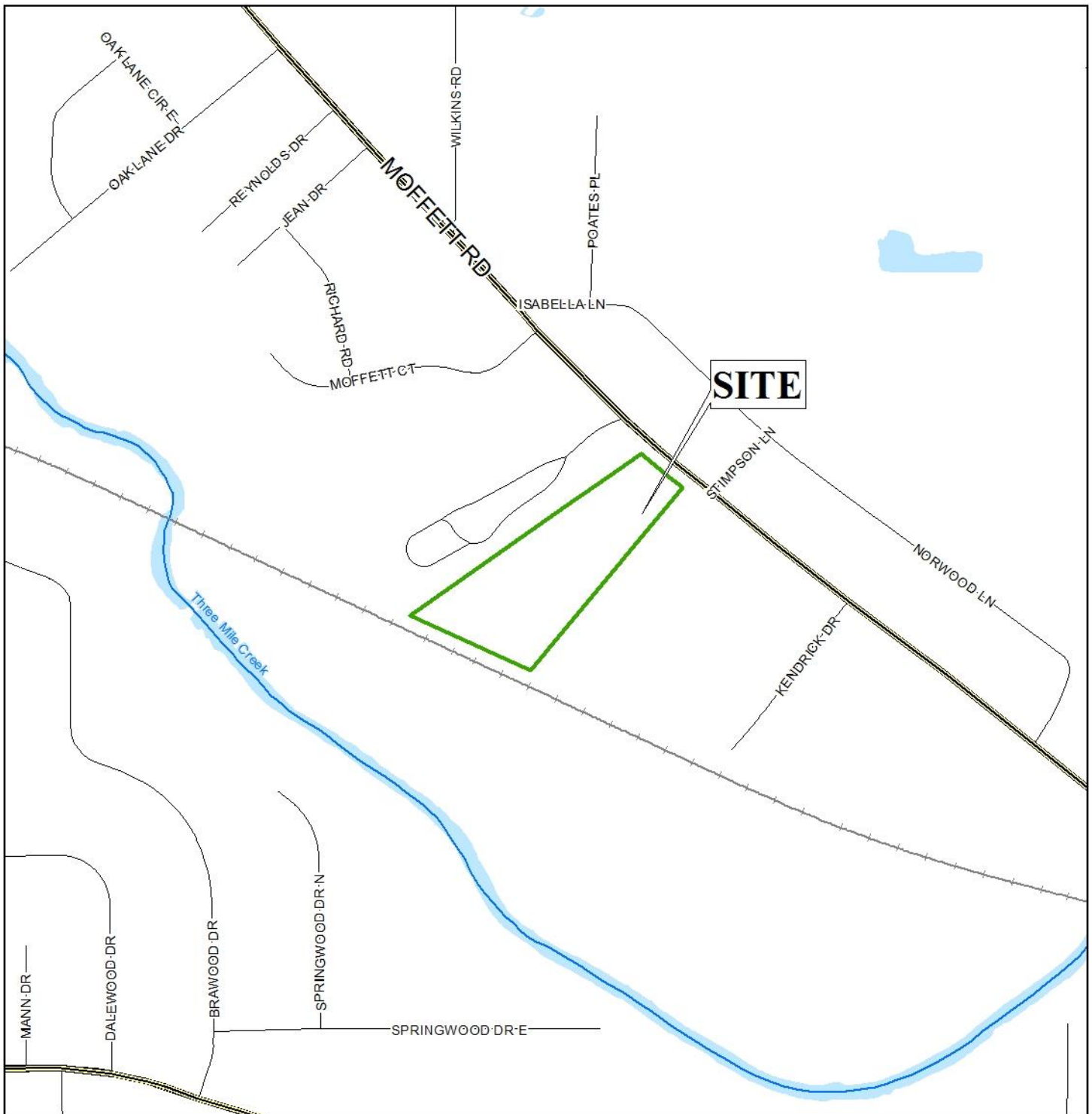
Finally, it should be noted that as of the time of the preparation of this report, no evidence of ownership of the property by the applicant nor the approval of the current property owner has been received by staff. Thus, if no documentation is received by the meeting, the Commission may wish to either holdover the request or deny the request.

RECOMMENDATION **Based on the preceding, it is recommended that the Commission consider all relevant facts and make a decision based upon those facts.**

Should the Commission consider approving the removal request, the following conditions are offered:

1. Obtaining of approvals / permits as necessary from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for any work in the right-of-way or for any activities that may require lane closure, prior to any work to trim or remove the tree;
2. All work to be performed by a licensed and bonded arborist, at the owner's expense;
3. Stump to be ground and neutral ground to be restored, including placement of sod or other vegetative groundcover;
4. If replanting is approved by ALDOT, two understory trees in the right-of-way in front of the site shall be provided, at the owner's expense, species and location to be coordinated with the Right Tree Right Place list and the City Arborist;

MOBILE TREE COMMISSION LOCATOR MAP



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1 inch = 500 feet



MOBILE TREE COMMISSION VICINITY MAP



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1 inch = 167 feet



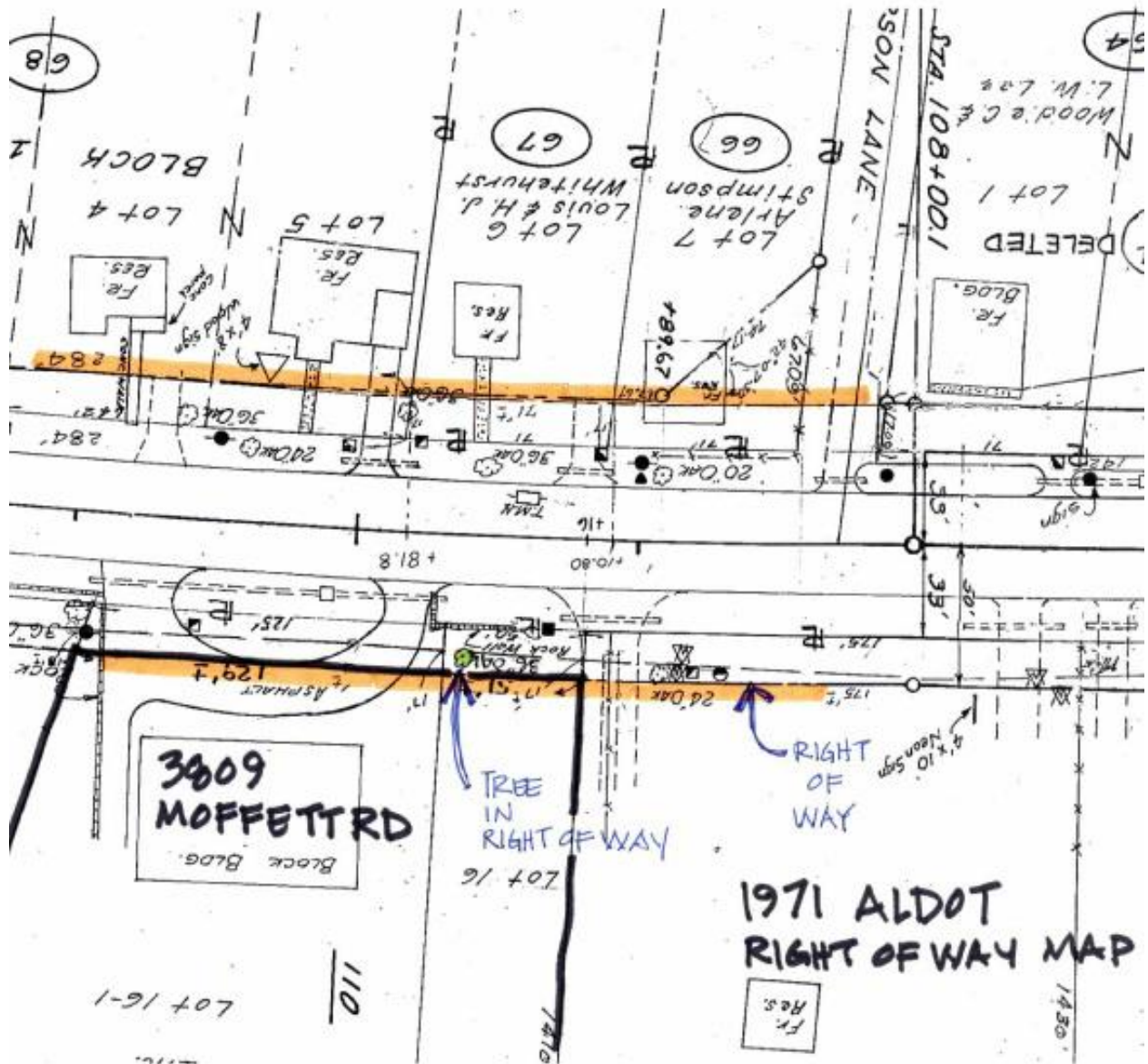
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