

**SUBDIVISION, &
ZONING AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT****Date: October 20, 2022**

<u>NAME</u>	James E. Taylor Property
<u>SUBDIVISION NAME</u>	James E. Taylor – Todd Acres Subdivision
<u>LOCATION</u>	West side of Todd Acres Drive, 2/5± mile North of Hamilton Boulevard, extending to the East side of the C.S.X. Railroad.
<u>CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT</u>	District 4
<u>PRESENT ZONING</u>	R-A, Residential-Agricultural District
<u>PROPOSED ZONING</u>	I-1, Light Industry District
<u>AREA OF PROPERTY</u>	1 Lot / 10.0± Acres
<u>CONTEMPLATED USE</u>	<p>Subdivision approval to create one (1) legal lot of record from two (2) metes-and-bounds parcels; and Rezoning from R-A, Residential-Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industry District.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that any use permitted in the proposed district would be allowed at this location if the zoning is changed. Furthermore, the Planning Commission may consider zoning classifications other than that sought by the applicant for this property.</p>
<u>TIME SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT</u>	Not provided

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

Subdivision: FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review and/or signature by the City Engineer):

- 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. Add legible street names to the vicinity map.

- C. Provide a detail of the NE corner of the PROPOSED LOT to clarify the location of the CMF and the distances along the north property line to the CMF and the ROW line.
- D. Revise the plat to label each lot with its size in acres and square feet, or the furnishing of a table on the Plat providing the same information.
- E. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping, as shown on City of Mobile GIS information, indicates that there is potential for wetlands within the property or properties shown on this plat. Show and label the delineated wetlands, or provide a note stating that the wetlands shown on this plat are scaled from the NWI data and have not been delineated.
- F. Show and label the MFFE (Minimum Finished Floor Elevation) on each lot that contains an AE, V, or X (shaded) flood zone designation. The BFE for this parcel is elevation 25.
- G. Provide an ingress-egress easement for Jackson Lane (PRIVATE ROAD).
- H. Add a note to the SUBDIVISION PLAT stating that as shown on the 1984 aerial the PROPOSED LOT will receive the 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: PROPOSED LOT – NONE.
- I. 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.

Rezoning:

- 1. Any work performed in the existing ROW (right-of-way) such as driveways, sidewalks, utility connections, grading, drainage, irrigation, or landscaping will require a ROW permit from the City of Mobile Engineering Permitting Department (251-208-6070) and must comply with the City of Mobile Right-of-Way Construction and Administration Ordinance (Mobile City Code, Chapter 57, Article VIII).
- 2. A Land Disturbance Permit application shall be submitted for any proposed land disturbing activity with the property. A complete set of construction plans including, but not limited to, drainage, utilities, grading, storm water detention systems and paving will need to be included with the Land Disturbance permit. This Permit must be submitted, approved, and issued prior to beginning any of the construction work.
- 3. Any and all proposed land disturbing activity within the property will need to be submitted for review and be in conformance with Mobile City Code, Chapter 17, Storm Water Management and Flood Control); the City of Mobile, Alabama Flood Plain Management Plan (1984); and, the Rules For Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Storm Water Runoff Control.
- 4. A 25' riparian buffer may be required, during development, along the edge of anything considered by ADEM to be a water of the state.
- 5. Any existing or proposed detention facility shall be maintained as it was constructed and approved. The Land Disturbance Permit application for any proposed construction includes a requirement of a Maintenance and Inspection Plan (signed and notarized by the Owner) for the detention facility. This Plan shall run with the land and be recorded in the County Probate Office prior to the Engineering Department issuing their approval for a Final Certificate of Occupancy.
- 6. The approval of all applicable federal, state, and local agencies (including all storm water runoff, wetland and floodplain requirements) will be required prior to the issuance of a

Land Disturbance permit. The Owner/Developer is responsible for acquiring all of the necessary permits and approvals.

7. The proposed development must comply with all Engineering Department design requirements and Policy Letters.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

COMMENTS

Driveway number, size, location, and design to be approved by Traffic Engineering and conform to AASHTO standards. Any required on-site parking, including ADA handicap spaces, should meet the minimum standards as defined in Section 64-6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance

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 (2012 International Fire Code). Fire apparatus access is required to be within 150' of all commercial and residential buildings. A fire hydrant is required to be within 400' of non-sprinkled commercial buildings and 600' of sprinkled commercial buildings.

REMARKS

The applicant is requesting Subdivision approval to create one (1) legal lot of record from two (2) metes-and-bounds parcels; and Rezoning from R-A, Residential-Agricultural District, to I-1, Light Industry District.

The site has been given a Heavy Industry (HI) land use designation, per the Future Land Use Plan and Map, adopted on May 18, 2017 by the Planning Commission. The Future Land Use Plan and Map complements and provides additional detail to the Development Framework Maps in the Map for Mobile, adopted by the Planning Commission at its November 5, 2015 meeting.

This designation applies to larger parcels primarily devoted to high-impact industrial activity which is preferably removed from residential and commercial uses. Light industry, industrial business or heavy commercial lands may separate heavy industry from other land uses.

Heavy industrial areas include collection, treatment, and manufacturing processes which use raw materials, are distinguished by the presence of noise, vibration, and/or odors, and benefit from easy access to a multimodal freight transportation network. Certain types of heavy industry are characterized by low building coverage and activities that rely on large areas of outdoor storage of raw material stockpiles and/or waste-product disposal areas, storage tanks, pipelines, and transportation yards to handle the transfer of heavy materials. The outdoor storage areas should be screened as much as possible by the nature of the stored materials.

Land designated as HI may be underdeveloped due to the presence of wetlands on portions of the parcel. In these cases, the wetlands may serve to buffer surrounding uses from the potential impacts of the heavy industrial use. Undeveloped areas of HI parcels that have tree cover may be used as buffering between the heavy industrial use and other uses. Where buffers do not exist naturally, they should be provided as spelled out in the zoning and subdivision regulations. Open areas reserved for dredge disposal are also designated as HI and may contain wetlands.

In Mobile, port terminal facilities, docks, shipyards, drydocks, etc., are mostly owned by the State of Alabama. Although not subject to local zoning, these facilities are shown as heavy industrial uses in the FLUM.

It should be noted that the Future Land Use Plan and Map components of the Map for Mobile Plan are meant to serve as a general guide, not a detailed lot and district plan. In many cases the designation on the new Future Land Use Map may match the existing use of land, but in others the designated land use may differ from what is on the ground today. As such, the Future Land Use Plan and Map allows the Planning Commission and City Council to consider individual cases based on additional information such as the classification request, the surrounding development, the timing of the request, and the appropriateness and compatibility of the proposed use and, where applicable, the zoning classification.

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.

The site fronts Todd Acres Drive, a minor street without curb and gutter, and an existing compliant right-of-way of 100-feet, making no dedications necessary. Jackson Lane, an existing, unpaved, private road goes through a portion of the property, and connects to otherwise land-locked parcels. No right-of-way width is provided for Jackson Lane, nor is it depicted as an ingress/egress easement. If approved, an ingress/egress easement should be depicted to accommodate Jackson Lane.

The plat does not indicate a minimum building setback line along Todd Acres Drive. Therefore, the plat should be revised to indicate at least a 25-foot minimum building setback line along Todd Acres Drive. The lot size is labeled on the preliminary plat in acres only, and should be provided in square feet and acres on the Final Plat, or a table should be furnished on the Final Plat providing the same information, if approved.

Regarding access management, a note should be placed on the Final Plat stating the Traffic Engineering comments, if approved.

The applicant submitted the following concerning the Rezoning:

The purpose of this application is to rezone the subject parcels from R-A Residential to I-1 Light Industry. The new property owner intends to establish headquarters for a Tree Services Business.

The subject parcels are currently under contract to be purchased from the current owner, James E. Taylor. The purchase of the land is contingent upon an approved rezoning application.

Due to this fact, an exact time schedule for development cannot be determined at this time.

The subject property and surrounding property are largely raw undeveloped timber land. This along with the property approximately 700 feet to the South of the subject property currently being zoned I-1 make this rezoning desirable.

The applicant states that the proposed use for the site is to accommodate a tree service business, but did not submit a proposed site plan. An office for a tree service would be allowed in a B-1, Buffer Business District, however in order to store vehicles, equipment, materials and supplies a minimum of I-1, Light Industry zoning district is required, as requested by the applicant. It should be noted that if a storage yard is proposed to be located on the site, it must be enclosed with an eight-foot tall solid wall or fence.

The property is bounded by R-A, Residential-Agricultural District property on all sides. As such, if approved, any development will be required to maintain a compliant residential buffer on all sides.

Section 64-9. of the Zoning Ordinance states that the intent of the Ordinance and corresponding Zoning Map is to carry out the comprehensive planning objective of sound, stable and desirable development. While changes to the Ordinance are anticipated as the city grows, the established public policy is to amend the ordinance only when one or more of the following conditions prevail: 1) there is a manifest error in the Ordinance; 2) changing conditions in a particular area make a change in the Ordinance necessary and desirable; 3) there is a need to increase the number of sites available to business or industry; or 4) the subdivision of land into building sites makes reclassification of the land necessary and desirable.

As the subject site is indicated as a Heavy Industry (HI) land use designation, per the Future Land Use Plan and Map, the proposed use would be in keeping with that classification. Additionally, application #8 is in the immediate area and consists of a rezoning request to I-2, Heavy Industry, thus indicating there may be changing conditions within this area which make a change in the Ordinance necessary and desirable.

RECOMMENDATION

Subdivision: Based upon the preceding, this application is recommended for Tentative Approval, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) retention of the existing Todd Acres Drive right-of-way;
- 2) revision of the plat to indicate at least a 25-foot minimum building setback line along Todd Acres Drive;
- 3) provision 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;

- 4) compliance with the Engineering comments: (FINAL PLAT COMMENTS (should be addressed prior to submitting the FINAL PLAT for review and/or signature by the City Engineer): 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. Add legible street names to the vicinity map. C. Provide a detail of the NE corner of the PROPOSED LOT to clarify the location of the CMF and the distances along the north property line to the CMF and the ROW line. D. Revise the plat to label each lot with its size in acres and square feet, or the furnishing of a table on the Plat providing the same information. E. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping, as shown on City of Mobile GIS information, indicates that there is potential for wetlands within the property or properties shown on this plat. Show and label the delineated wetlands, or provide a note stating that the wetlands shown on this plat are scaled from the NWI data and have not been delineated. F. Show and label the MFFE (Minimum Finished Floor Elevation) on each lot that contains an AE, V, or X (shaded) flood zone designation. The BFE for this parcel is elevation 25. G. Provide an ingress-egress easement for Jackson Lane (PRIVATE ROAD). H. Add a note to the SUBDIVISION PLAT stating that as shown on the 1984 aerial the PROPOSED LOT will receive the 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: PROPOSED LOT – NONE. I. 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.);
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- 8) completion of the Rezoning process prior signing the Final Plat.

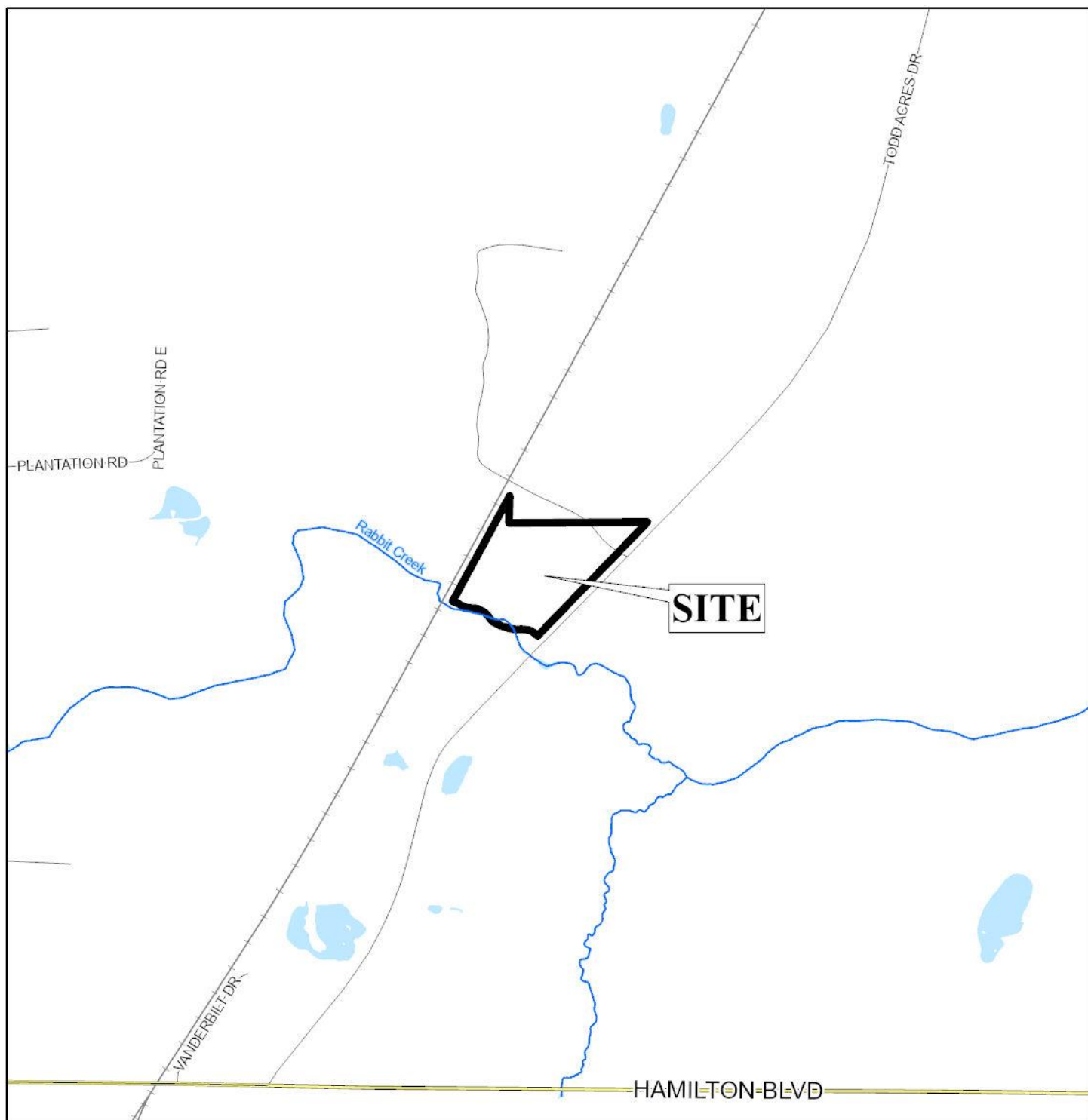
Rezoning: Based on the preceding, this application is recommended for Approval for the following reasons:

- a) changing conditions in a particular area make a change in the Ordinance necessary and desirable.

The approval should be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) completion of the Subdivision process; and
- 2) full compliance with all municipal codes and ordinances.

LOCATOR MAP



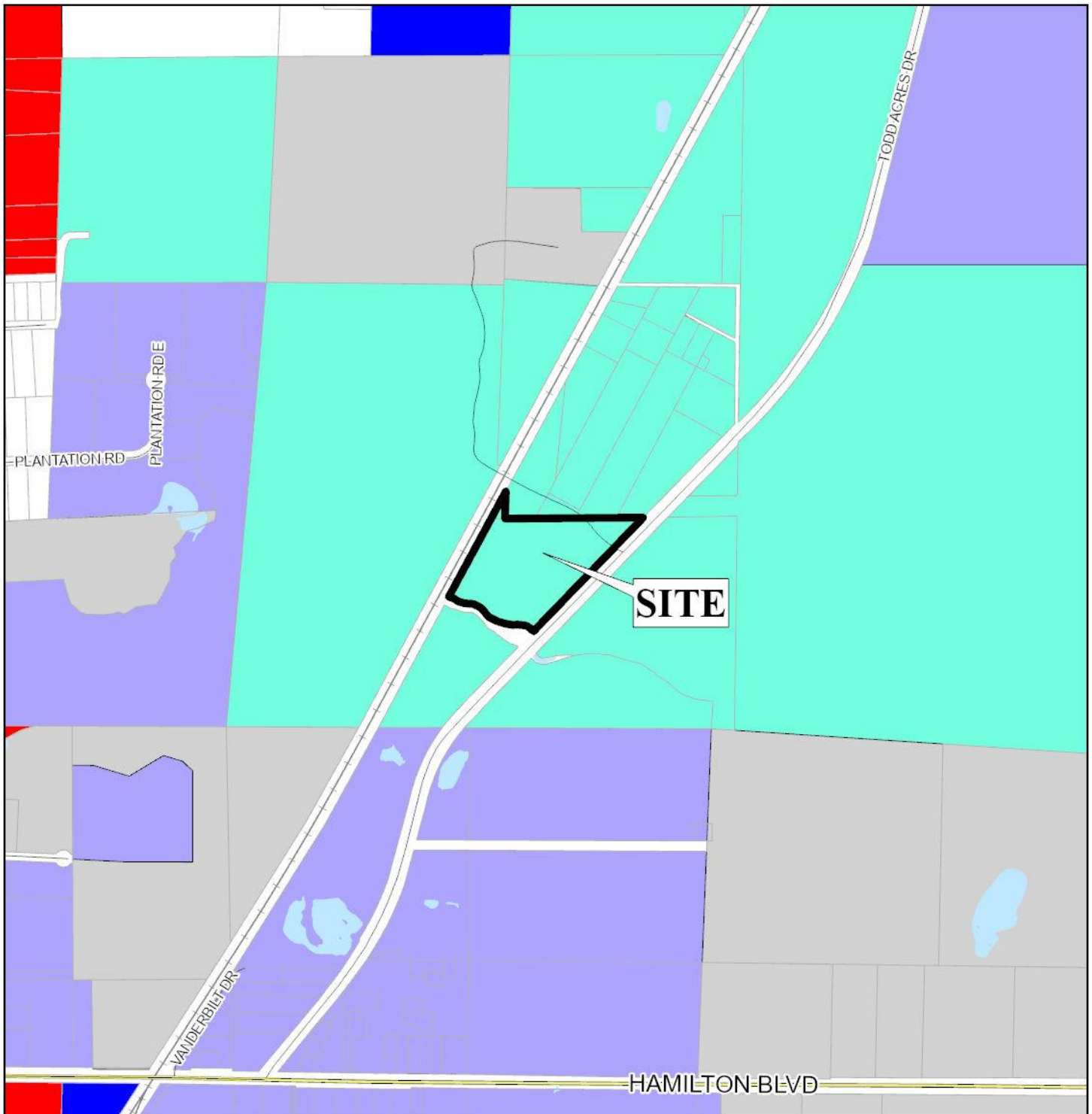
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LOCATOR ZONING MAP



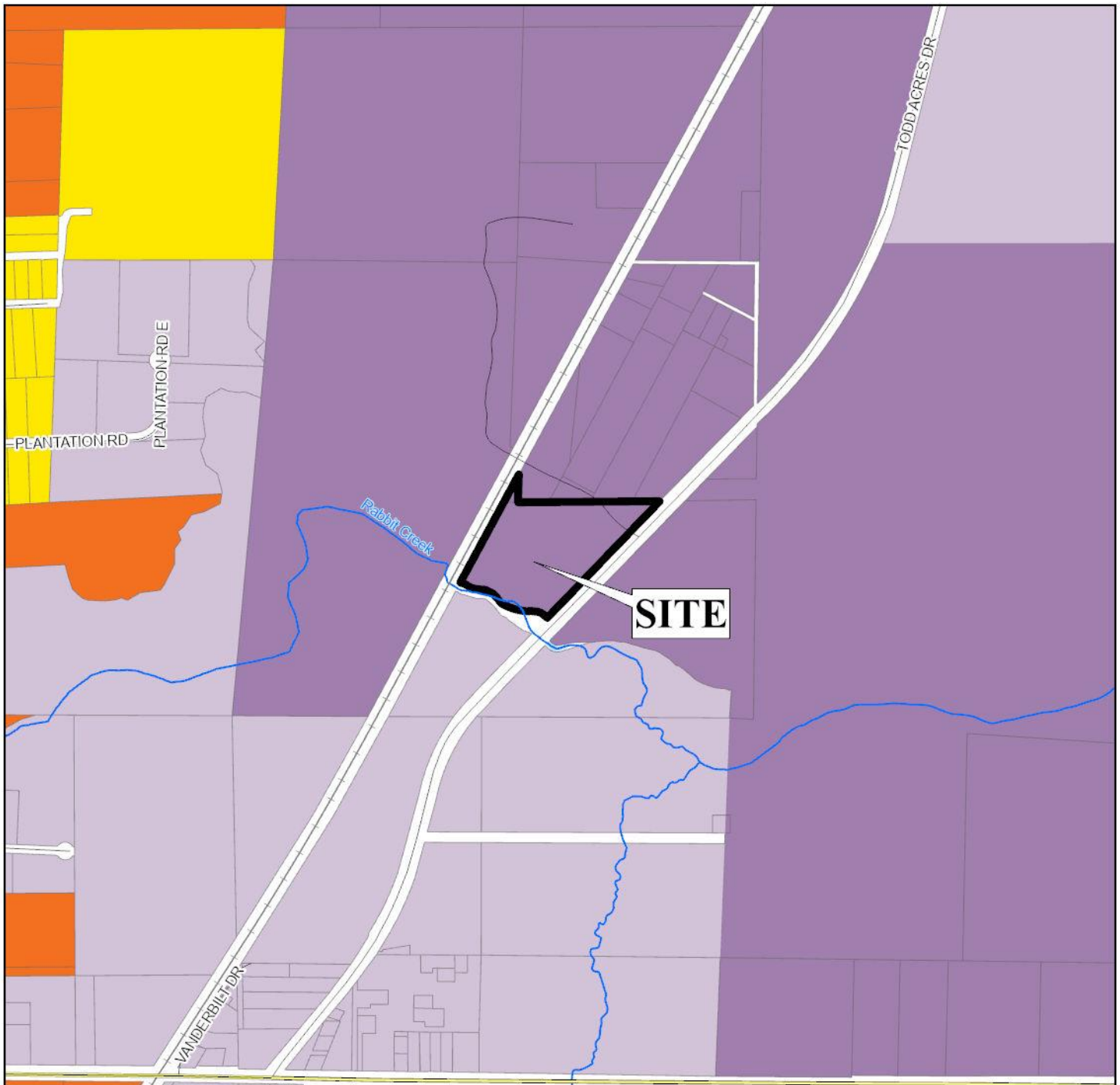
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FLUM LOCATOR MAP



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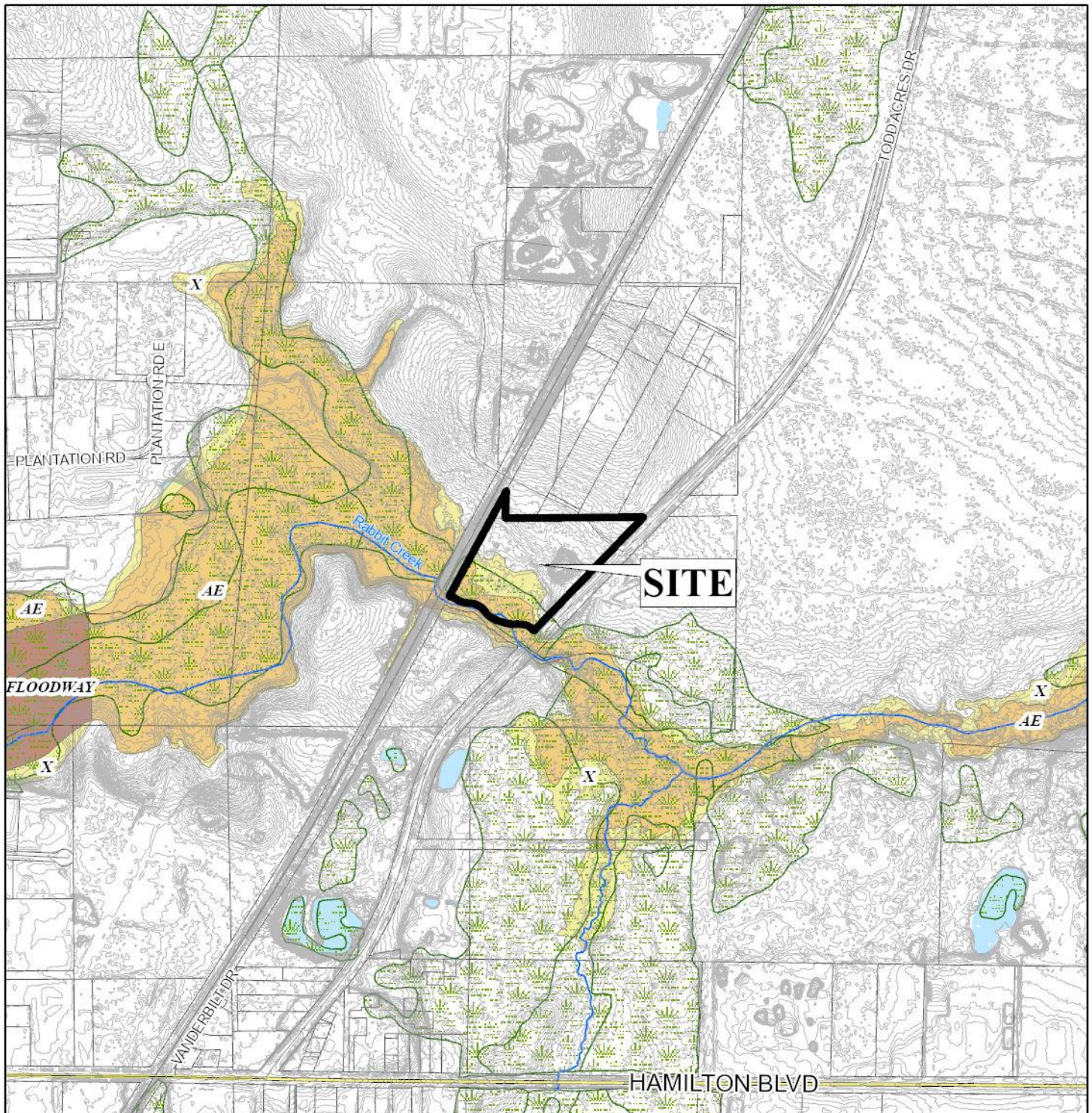
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Layer2

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



ENVIRONMENTAL LOCATOR MAP



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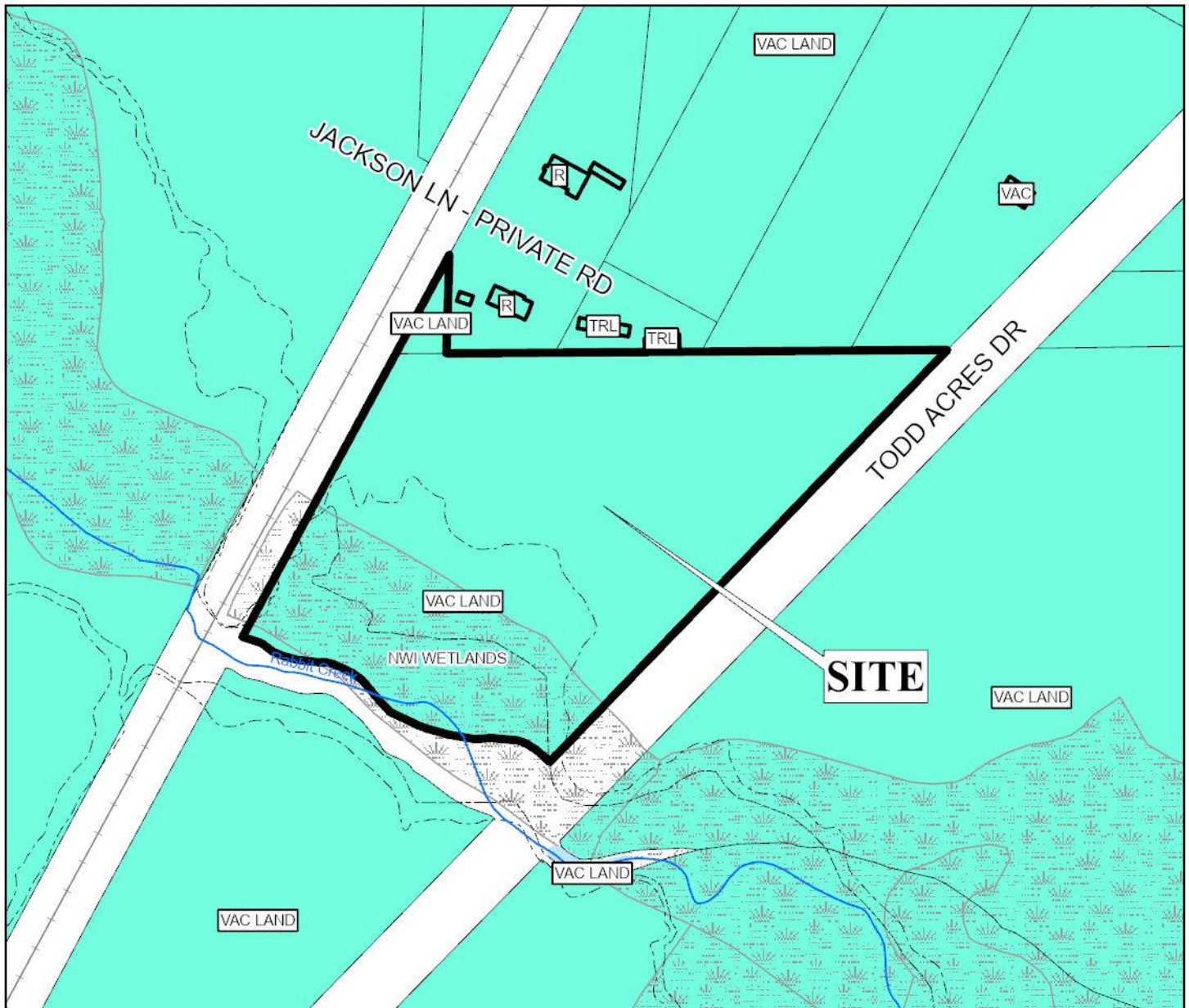
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PLANNING COMMISSION VICINITY MAP - EXISTING ZONING



The site is surrounded by residential units to the north, and vacant land.

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R-A	R-3	T-B	B-2	B-5	MUN	SD-WH	T5.1
R-1	R-B	B-1	B-3	I-1	OPEN	T3	T5.2
R-2	H-B	LB-2	B-4	I-2	SD	T4	T6



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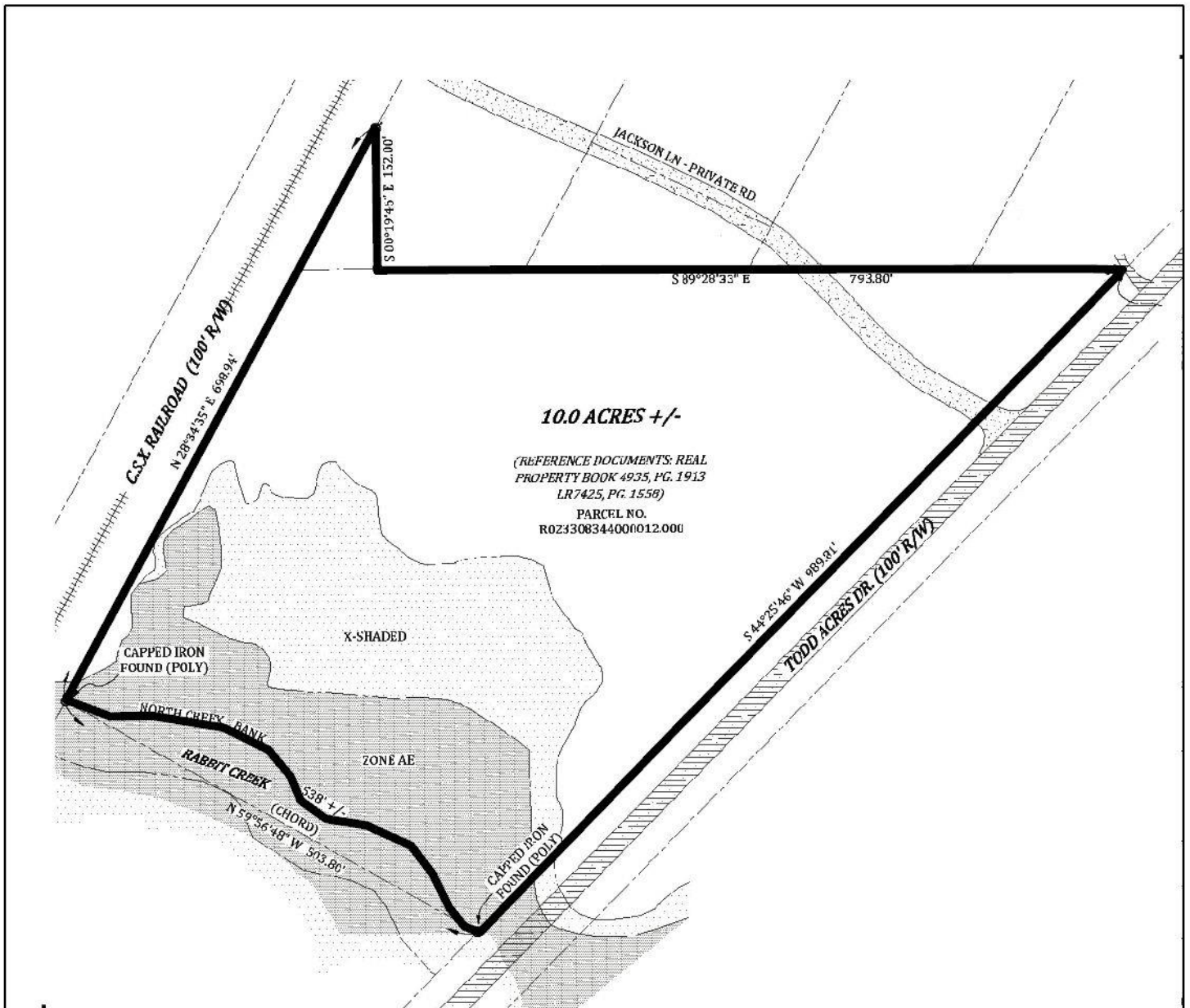
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SITE PLAN



The site plan illustrates the proposed lot, flood zones, and area to be rezoned.

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