THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING : AND ZONING SERVICES

COUNCIL VARIANCE APPLICATION

Department of Building & Zoning Services

Scott Messer, Director 757 Carolyn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43224

Phone: 614-645-7433 * www.bzs.columbus.gov

Application Number: CV 17-099	Date Received: 5/24/17
Application Accepted by:	Fee: 41280
Comments: Assigned to Shannon Rine, 614-645-2209	3 (in conjunction with
Spine@columbus.gov	rezoning)
LOCATION AND ZONING REQUEST:	
Certified Address (for zoning purposes only): 6261 Wight Road	zip: 43/10
Is this application being annexed into the City of Columbus? Select one: YES NO If the site is currently pending annexation, Applicant must show documentation adoption of the annexation petition. Parcel Number for Certified Address: 010 - 274898 (POCTO)	
Check here if listing additional parcel numbers on a separate page.	
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	d upon Rezone the
APPLICANT:	
Name: Homewood Corporation Phone Number: 6/2	4560/488 Ext.: —
Address: 2700 E Dulelen Granville Rd City/State: Col	8, Dluo zip: 4323,
Email Address: fallia e Comeklaw. Com Fax Numb	er:
PROPERTY OWNER(S) Check here if listing additional property owners on a sep	parate page
Name: Media H. Sillestos, 12. Phone Number:	Ext.:
c/o Laura Macgregor Comek, ESQ	
Address: City/State: City/State:	Zip:
Email Address: Same as Below Fax Numb	er:
ATTORNEY / AGENT (Check one if applicable): Attorney Agent	,
Name: Lauva Malgregor Comele, ESQ Phone Number: 61	4 520 1488 Ext.: -
Address: 300 E. Broad St. Suite 450 City/State: Co	ls, Oluo zip: 4323/
Email Address: Laura & Comeklaw Com Fax Number	er:
SIGNATURES (All signatures must be provided and signed in blue ink)	
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PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE DV	
ATTORNEY / AGENT SIGNATURE	
My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the be-	st of my knowledge. Lynderstand that the
City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that provided by me/my firm/etc. may delay the review of this application.	t any inaccurate or inadequate information



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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

Chapter 3307 of the Columbus Zoning Code

Section 3307.10 Variances by City Council

- A. Permit a variance in the yard, height, or parking requirements of any district only in conjuction with a change in zoning or a use variance and only where there are unusual and practical difficulties or unusual hardships in the carrying out of the zoning district provisions due to an irregular shape of lot, topography, or other conditions, providing such variance will not seriously affect any adjoining property or the general welfare.
- **B.** Permit a use of the property not permitted by the Zoning District established on the property if such use will not adversely affect the surrounding property or surrounding neighborhood and if Council is satisfied that the granting of such variance will alleviate some hardship or difficulty which warrants a variance from the Comprehensive Plan.

Before authorizing any variance from the Zoning Code in a specific case, City Council shall first determine that such variance will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to the adjacent property, unreasonably increase the congestion of public streets, increase the danger of fires, endanger the public safety, unreasonably diminish or impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Columbus.

In granting a variance pursuant to this section, Council may impose such requirements and conditions regarding the location, character, duration, and other features of the variance proposal as Council deems necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code and to otherwise safeguard the public safety and welfare.

I have read the foregoing and believe my application for relief from the requirements of the Zoning Code contains the necessary hardship, will not adversely affect surrounding property owners and will comply with					
the variance requested as detailed below:	Please				
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Signature of Applicant				Date	5-15-17

STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP (COMPANION COUNCIL VARIANCE)

APPLICATION:

CV17-044

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

6261 Wright Road

PROPERTY SIZE:

75.7 +/- Acres

CURRENT DISTRICT:

TND (NC, NE) and R, Rural,

PROPOSED DISTRICTS:

PENDING

PUD-8, Planned Unit Development

CPD, Commercial Planned Development

OWNER:

George A. Skestos, Tr. Homewood Corporation

APPLICANT:

c/o Laura MacGregor Comek, Esq.

c/o Laura MacGregor Comek, Esq. Laura MacGregor Comek Law, LLC

300 E. Broad St., Ste 450 Columbus, OH 43215 <u>laura@comeklaw.com</u>

DATE OF STATEMENT:

May 24, 2017

SPECIAL PERMIT CODE:

3389.032 Animal Shelter/Kennel

Introduction: The subject property site ("Site") was annexed in 2001, and a large portion of the annexed territory was zoned TND (residential) back in 2001. The 6 +/- acres at the corner of Gender and Wright Roads retained the R Rural zoning.

The entire 75 +/- acre tract is currently being rezoned, and the 6 +/- acres of R Rural is planned for CPD Commercial Development with C4 and C5 commercial uses.

The zoning received preliminary approvals from City staff and Greater South East Area Commission, pending a final traffic study review (which has been submitted).

The Site is bordered on the west by Gender Road and across Gender Rd by a large unincorporated area with housing, World Harvest Church to the northwest, unincorporated single family lots and R Rural, metro parks to the north, by R Rural to the east and to the south by PUD 8.

The overall Site has approximately 20 acres of open space/parkland (not including storm water management areas) for both active and passive recreational opportunities for the residential development areas.

Recently, while finalizing the zoning process, the owner and applicant thought to consider a specific use, a charitable project, within a portion of the proposed CPD Commercial Development, specifically a private dog shelter.

The dog shelter use is a permitted commercial use, however, the outside dog runs are only permitted in the M or MI district – thus a Council Variance is needed.

Also, dog runs outdoors require a special permit, which application was filed contemporaneous herewith.

Attached to this application for Council Variance is:

- 1. a copy of the zoning site plan,
- 2. landscape detail plan,
- 3. concept site plan, and
- 4. zoning text with conditions for landscaping, development standards for fencing, etc.
- 5. Also attached is the concept building rendering.

The Applicant has committed to these plans. They are referred to as concept because they are subject to minor revisions and alterations that might be determined through final design and engineering. However, the applicant has done preliminary engineering and preliminary architectural plans, such that these concepts substantially reflect the layout and design of the proposed private dog shelter.

DOG SHELTER CONCEPT:

The proposed dog shelter will be private, not open to the public. The owner/applicant are working with the Capital Area Humane Society (CAHS) to establish this facility as a 'holding location' for dogs and stray litters that are routinely received (mostly from south and south east Ohio).

Functionally, the purpose of this shelter is to perform preliminary operations on new dogs. They are quarantined for a period of time. During that time – AVERAGE STAY IS 5 DAYS – they are evaluated for general health issues, general immunization and spay/neutering, behavioral issues/adoptability. They are then taken to the CAHS for adoption.

The benefit to CAHS is space and timing. In short, the initial evaluations and quarantine functions are difficult to accommodate with the adoption function/process. In short, quarantined dogs take up space that could be used for dogs that are ready to adopt. Adding this preliminary evaluation site will allow the CAHS to function more effectively with the end result to have more, healthy dogs adopted!

Then entire process is dog-centric. The CAHS staff will be overseeing the functional operations of the location. There are between 10-15 employees total. There are 3-4 shipments per week of dogs.

The site layout controls the operations. There is gated access only for staff and shipments. Again, this site is NOT open to the public. Dogs are transported in shuttles, and are loaded / unloaded INDOORS.

There are designated (fenced) play areas for ON LEASH activities, where green space, trees and other landscape features are provided.

Regarding dog runs, it is important that dogs be let to run without leashes for exercise and monitoring of behaviors. These runs are completely screened by walls (100% opacity). There are not enclosed, so that they dogs get outside time/exercise. There are 5 on each side of the building. Again, all activities are dog centric and monitored, such that there are no dogs un attended.

This location will not have signage, will be fenced (decorative metal fence 6 feet high with complementary 4 foot horse fencing (meshed) around the green on leash play areas).

In addition, there is extensive landscaping proposed. There are street trees continuous along the Wright Road frontage and along the commercial access drive from Wright Road into the CPD area. As between the commercial and residential sub areas, there are 3 evergreens and 2 deciduous trees per 100 feet. There is a residential setback built into the plan, in addition to the commercial setback area.

All animal waste materials are stored indoors and get private pick ups 2-3 times per week.

Regular municipal trash will be located in a dumpster and screened per code.

Other than the 10 outdoor dog runs (5 each side of the building), which are monitored, the site operates like a C4 commercial use, with significantly reduced traffic impacts (reduced from any commercial use of this same size/scale).

Lighting, is planned for compatible styling, cut off down in type and not more than 14 feet where within 50 feet of the residential area. Lighting will be limited.

SUPPORT - CRITERIAL FOR APPROVAL

In short, the Columbus City Code contains general requirements that outdoor dog runs be located in the M or M district, and that they receive a special permit.

The factors to be considered for a Council Variance include:

Is the variance substantial?
 Response: This variance is not substantial when taken in context. The alternative would be to seek rezoning of 3 acres to the M district adjacent to residential, which

is seen as unnecessary and not intended to introduce industrial uses to the area. IN fact, the use of dog shelter is permitted in the commercial CPD, it is only the limited outdoor runs that trigger the variance. As set forth below, the runs are only 10 (5 each side of building), are 100% opaque, are more than 50 feet from residential units and are buffered by significant landscaping inside decorative fencing. The business operation reflects 'best practices' in animal care and is dog centric.

- 2. Does the variance alter the essential character of the area?
 Response: Interestingly, this area retains a certain rural character, especially along Wright Road, and despite the build up of residential and commercial areas along Gender Road. The proposed building has a 'barn' appearance.
- 3. Is there an adverse effect on adjacent property owners?
 Response: We believe that the building, use, private nature of access and operations do not have an adverse effect on adjacent owners. This use is actually a buffer between residential units and commercial to the east and south. To the north, this is a rural area, such that the barn use and front door (residential looking building) is presented. Parking is to the rear, and otherwise the street scape is created through the zoning.
- 4. Is there an adverse effect on the delivery of governmental services?

 Response: There is no effect on governmental services. The uses (commercial) require private refuse.
- 5. Did the owner/applicant purchase the property with knowledge of the limitations? Response: yes, and this effort is intended to create compatibility among uses, including small scale outdoor areas for the dogs.
- 6. Can the variance request be obviated?
 Response: No, the outdoor activity (albeit limited in area) is important for good dog/animal care and healthy exercise activities.

Here, the owner/applicant seeks approval of the special permit, and has filed a companion Council Variance to allow the outdoor runs in the future CPD district.

This request is not significant and will not result in a detriment to the public good. The context here is intense commercial uses that abut residential. This use will be somewhat of a buffer between those uses and will include heightened development standards, discussed below.

Also, given the care/structure of functional operations proposed for this facility, this investment will be almost anonymous in the landscape as between commercial and residential. There are only 10 runs, 5 on each side of the building. They are completely screened from view. The dogs are monitored and scheduled for evaluations, scheduled for exercise time. There are no unattended animals. There is additional landscaping, setbacks and decorative fencing.

[Contrast this use with typical commercial activity, including parking, loading and unloading, differing hours of operation and on site activities. Those are not present with this use/facility]

The facility in general is private, so there are no public visitors, no public access and no unauthorized persons on site, access being ONLY from a secure gated access point.

This request has no effect on the delivery of governmental services. The unique features of a dog shelter require private trash services. Again, the site has low traffic and is seen as a reduction in traffic from typical commercial uses.

The area retains a rural character, despite the significant build up of Gender Road. This site is incorporated into the overall zoning plan, and includes a building rendering that retains the rural character, while still fronting the road (parking to read) and is seamlessly incorporated into the landscape/street scape.

The dog runs are ancillary to overall functions of the shelter. All activities are supervised and the operation is a MUCH NEEDED community service.

Lighting will not encroach neighboring properties and the main hours of operation are 7-6 pm, with 24 hour presence by reduced staff to retain supervision and care for the dogs.

For these reasons, the owner and applicant respectfully request approval of the Council Variance to permit the dog shelter with outside runs in the CPD district.

Respectfully sabmitted,

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Attorney for Owner and Applicant

THE CITY OF COLUMBÚS ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

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AFFIDAVIT (See instruction sheet)	Application Number: CV17-044			
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN Being first duly cautioned and sworn (1) NAME	MacGregor Comele, ESQ			
of (1) MAILING ADDRESS 300 E Broad St., Suite 450				
deposes and states that (he/she) is the applicant, agent, or duly au				
name(s) and mailing address(es) of all the owners of record of the property located at (2) per ADDRESS CARD FOR PROPERTY 626 Wight Load, Columbus, Onio 43/10				
for which application for a rezoning, variance, special permit or graphics plan was filed with the Department of Building and Zoning Services, on (3)				
(THIS LINE TO BE FIL	LED OUT BY CITY STAFF)			
SUBJECT PROPERTY OWNERS NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS (4) AUVA CONTROL CONTRO	ge A. Slustos, Tv. c/o Jauva M ^{al} Gregor Comelle O E. Broad St., Brufe 450 Cumplus, Onio 43215			
APPLICANT'S NAME AND PHONE #	newood Corporation			
(same as listed on front application)	614 360 1488			
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within 125 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property for which the application was filed, and all of the owners of any property within 125 feet of the applicant's or owner's property in the event the applicant or the property owner owns the property contiguous to				
the subject property (7)				
[7] Check here if listing additional property owners on a separate page.				
(8) SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT				
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 24th day Rev Mount h. Les	THE ALL STATES			
(8) SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	Commission Expires			
Notary Seal Here	Marian R. Geer Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires 11-02-18			
This Affidavit expires six (6) months with the Care of notarization.				

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> World Harvest Church Scott Lee Or Current Resident PO Box 38 Brice, OH 43109-0038

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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subject of this application.

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City of Columbus Zoning Plat



ZONING NUMBER

W17-044

The Zoning Number Contained on This Form is Herein Certified to Obtain Zoning, Rezoning, and Variances, and is NOT to be Used for the Securing of Building & Utility Permits

Parcel ID: 010274898, 010265712

Zoning Number: 6261

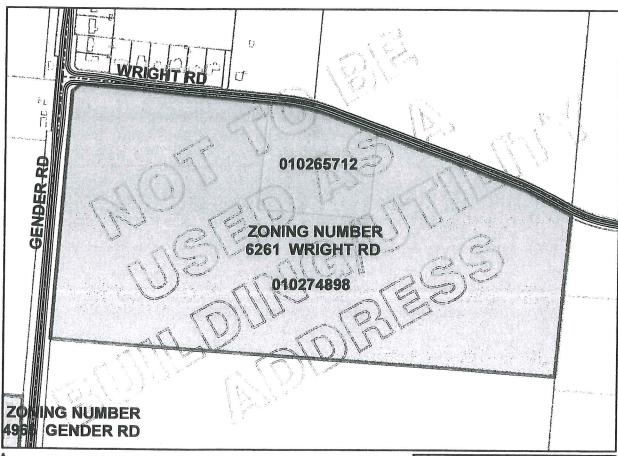
Street Name: WRIGHT RD

Lot Number: N/A

Subdivision: N/A

Requested By: LAURA M COMEK LAW LLC (LAURA COMEK)

Issued By: ______ Date: 8/24/2016





FRANK D. WILLIAMS, ADMINISTRATOR DIVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT COLUMBUS, OHIO SCALE: 1 inch = 500 feet

GIS FILE NUMBER: 72439

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ZONING DESCRIPTION SUBAREA 1 6.52 ACRES

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Franklin, City of Columbus, in Section 12, Township 11, Range 21, Congress Lands, being part of that tract of land conveyed to George A. Skestos Jr. IRT One by deed of record in Instrument Number 201402130018764 (all references are to the records of the Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio) and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a northwesterly corner of said Skestos tract, in the southerly right-of-way line of Wright Road;

Thence South 84° 38' 24" East, with said southerly right-of-way line, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point;

Thence North 05° 25' 56" East, crossing the right-of-way of said Wright Road, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point in the centerline of said Wright Road;

Thence South 84° 38' 24" East, with said centerline, a distance of 221.92 feet to a point;

Thence crossing said Skestos tract the following courses and distances:

South 04° 19' 34" West, a distance of 431.12 feet to a point;

South 49° 19' 34" West, a distance of 170.83 feet to a point;

North 85° 40' 26" West, a distance of 284.85 feet to a point;

North 04° 19' 34" East, a distance of 25.41 feet to a point; and

North 85° 37' 16" West, a distance of 156.50 feet to a point in the easterly right-of-way line of Gender Road;

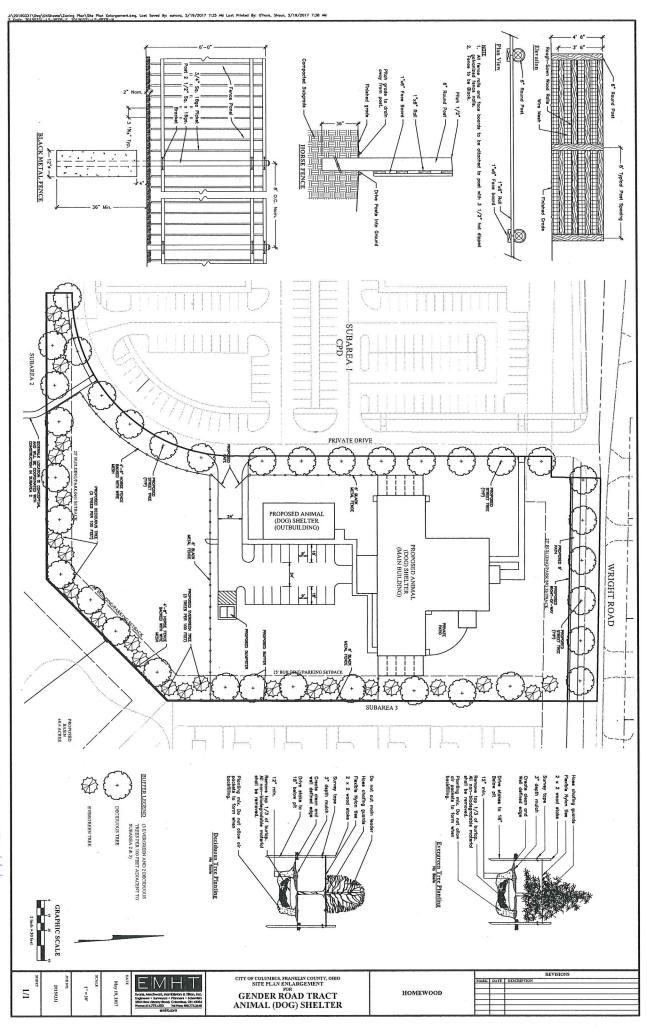
Thence North 04° 19' 34" East, with said easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 450.25 feet to a point;

Thence North 52° 14' 09" East, with said easterly right of way line, a distance of 53.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6.52 acres of land, more or less, of which 0.13 acre is located within the presently occupied right-of-way of Wright Road.

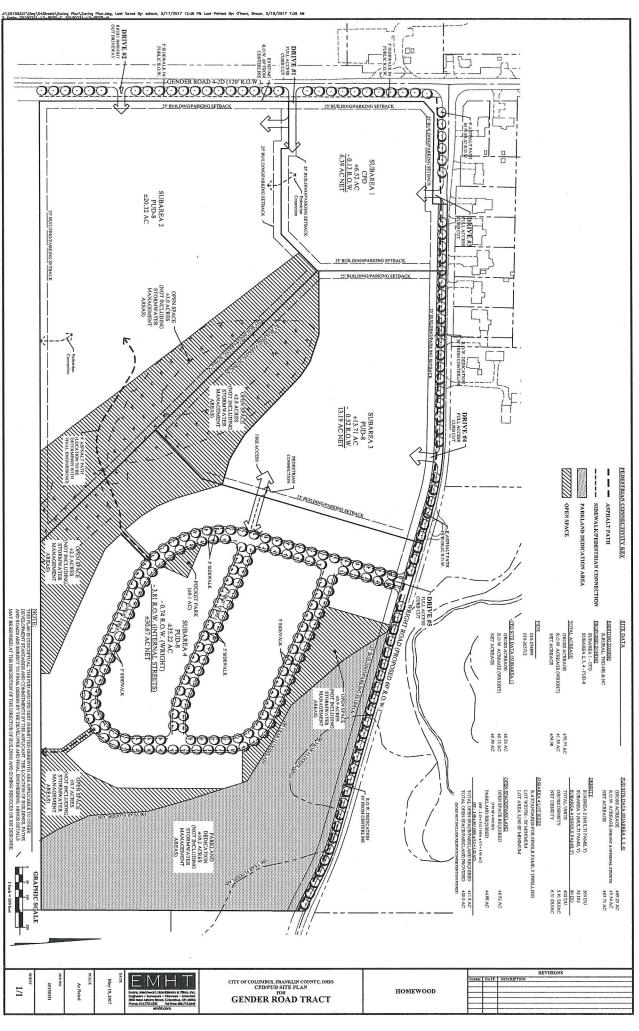
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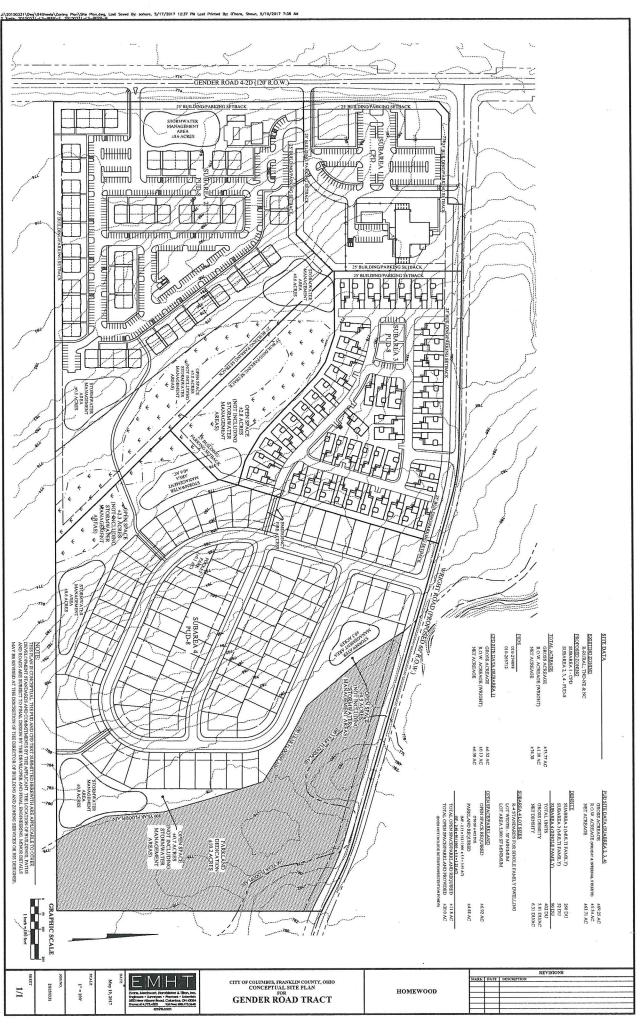
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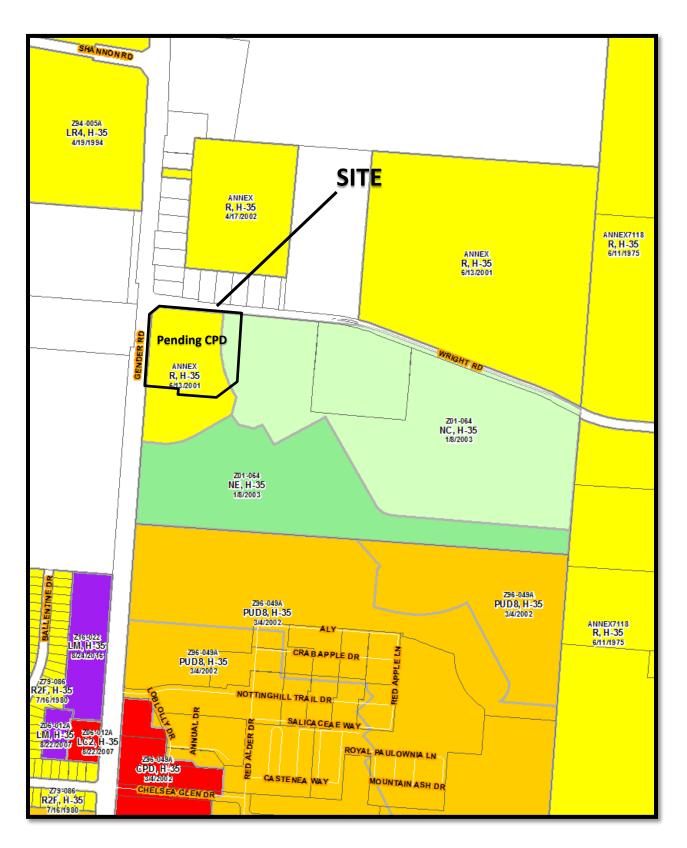


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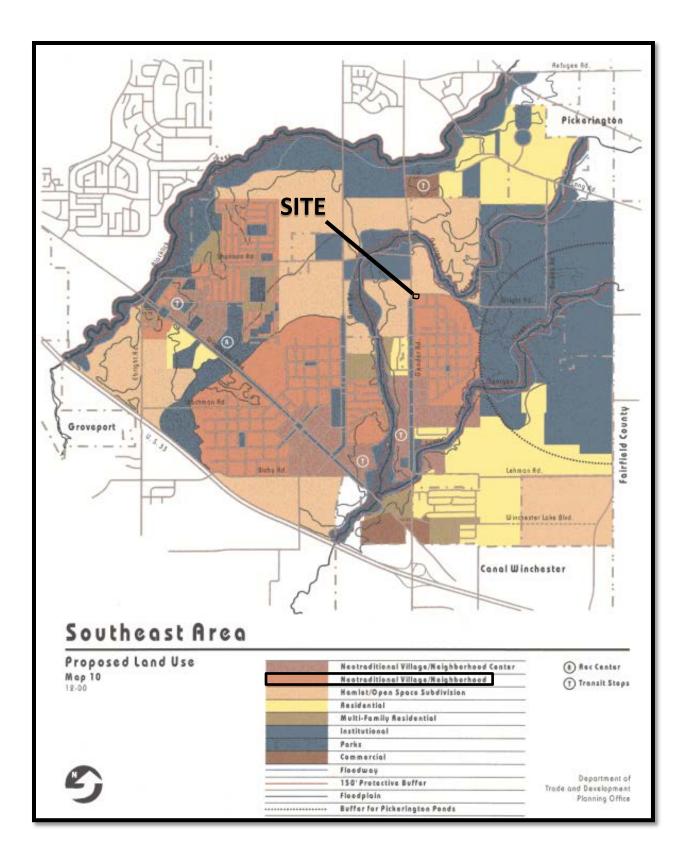


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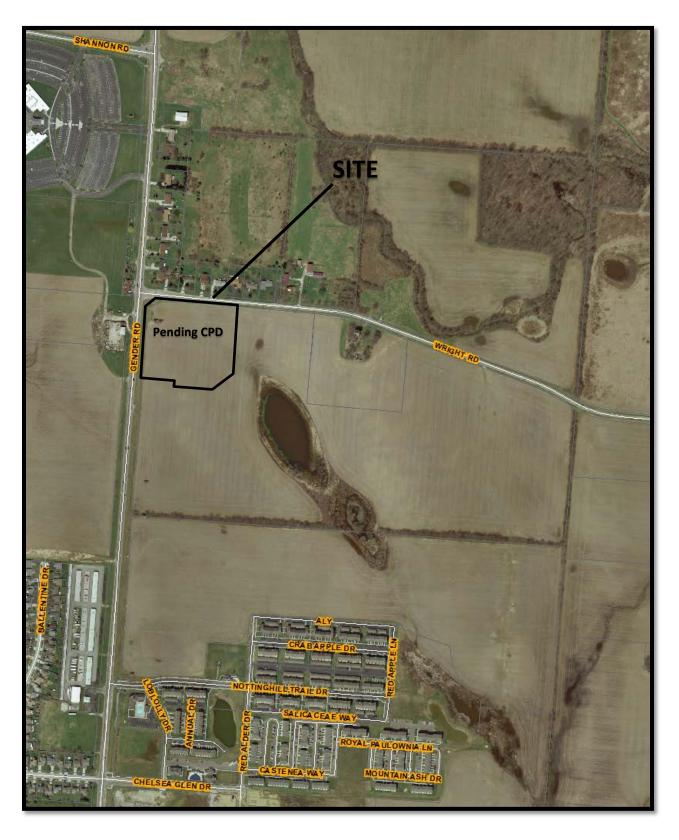




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