**REZONING:** 

RZ-2019-002

# CITY OF SUWANEE REZONING ANALYSIS

CASE NUMBER:

RZ-2019-002

**REQUEST:** 

C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO

R-140 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY

DISTRICT)

LOCATION:

713 EVA KENNEDY ROAD

TAX ID NUMBER:

7-237-004

ACREAGE:

**2.79 ACRES** 

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DETACHED

**DWELLING** 

APPLICANT/OWNER:

TIMOTHY ROMAN

3491 KIRKWELL PLACE SUWANEE, GA 30024

CONTACT:

TIMOTHY ROMAN

330-286-9299

RECOMMENDATION:

**APPROVAL** 

#### **PROJECT DATA:**

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial District) to R-140 (Residential Single-Family District) to allow for the construction of a detached single-family house. The subject property is approximately 2.79 acres located on Eva Kennedy Road.

The applicant intends to build one approximately 2,400 square foot single family home on the subject property. He would also like to start gardening and potentially sell some of his produce. Farming is an allowed use within the R-140 zoning district. The applicant proposes to make use of an existing gravel utility service driveway off Eva Kennedy Road to access the site. He indicates that several trees will be planted along the front of the house and between the house and a stream located on the eastern corner of the property.

#### **DEVELOPMENT COMMENTS:**

The following comments are provided to make the applicant aware of certain pertinent issues. This list is not exhaustive of all potential issues.

The applicant is seeking rezoning to the (Residential Single-Family District) R-140 zoning district. A stream is located on the eastern corner of the property. This stream requires a 50-foot undisturbed buffer, supplemented by an additional 25-foot no impervious surface setback. The proposed construction may require a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to encroach into the stream buffer to allow for the home to be situated in a manner that matches other homes located along Eva Kennedy Road.

The project would be served by the City of Suwanee Water System. The system can handle the addition of a single family residence.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

The applicant requests a rezoning of the subject property from C-2 (General Commercial District) to R-140 (Residential Single-Family District). The subject property is located along Eva Kennedy Road and is approximately 2.79 acres. The property is encumbered by a number of challenges including a creek, powerline easement, sanitary sewer easement, and drainage easement all of which crisscross the property minimizing the amount of developable land. The parcel, however, can support the construction of one single-family home.

An approximately 150-foot powerline easement runs along the northern portion of the property, a stream is located at the eastern corner of the property, and a 20-foot drainage easement running east to west bisects the center of the property. The property is currently undeveloped and partially wooded.

The parcel is located along Eva Kennedy Road and is surrounded by a mixture of uses and zoning districts. To the north is a commercial development with several parcels located on Silver Peak Parkway zoned C-2 (General Commercial District). These adjacent, commercially zoned properties are occupied by a general contractor, land surveyor, music academy, and a preschool. To the east are several single-family homes zoned R-100 (Residential Single-Family District). To the west is a large approximately twelve-acre tract with a single-family dwelling and a pond, zoned M-1 (Light Industry District). To the south is an undeveloped parcel with two streams bisecting it, zoned R-75 (Single-Family Residence District). The proposed use of the property as a single-family home is consistent with surrounding uses.

The proposed use as a single-family residence is in character with nearby uses and zoning districts and would not compromise the aesthetic of nearby properties. The subject property is located in the Historic Old Town Character Area, and the 2040 Comprehensive Plan states, "Historic Old Town will be characterized by a mixture of old and new quaint smaller scale development integrated into the existing traditional fabric" (2040 Comprehensive Plan, p.16). The plan further states "the growth strategy for Old Town should be carefully-crafted, creative infill responding to and enhancing the historic scale and unique small-town character of Old Town." (2040 Comprehensive Plan, P.17). The Future Land Use Plan calls for single family residential uses on the property. The proposed single-family dwelling is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and exemplifies this contextual infill strategy by adding a similarly scaled home in line with the scale and character of the Old Town area.

In conclusion, the request to rezone the property from C-2 to R-140 to allow for the construction of a single-family dwelling is appropriate. The proposal is consistent with both the surrounding single-family residential uses and the 2040 Comprehensive plan. As such, the Planning Department recommends **APPROVAL** of **RZ-2019-002**.

### Standards Governing Exercise of Zoning Power

Pursuant to Section 2006 of the City of Suwanee Zoning Ordinance, the City finds the following standards are relevant in balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the unrestricted use of property and shall govern the exercise of the zoning power therewith.

A. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;

The proposed single-family dwelling is compatible with surrounding single-family homes.

B. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing uses or usability of adjacent or nearby property;

It is unlikely that the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing uses of adjacent or nearby property.

C. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;

The subject property has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

D. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools;

Approval of the request would not result in excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

E. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Land Use Plan;

The proposal is consistent with the recommendation of the Future Land Use Plan for single-family residential.

F. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal;

There are no other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

#### REZONING APPLICATION

AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF CITY OF SUWANEE, GEORGIA APPLICANT INFORMATION\* OWNER INFORMATION\* NAME: Timothy L ROMAN NAME: Same ADDRESS: 3491 KIRKWELL PL ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_ SUWANEE, GA 30024 PHONE: 330-286-9299 PHONE: CONTACT PERSON: Same CONTACT PHONE: Same EMAIL ADDRESS: Limothy L. ramanogmail aufax NUMBER: \_\_ n/a PROPERTY INFORMATION PRESENT ZONING DISTRICT(S): <u>C2</u> REQUESTED ZONING DISTRICT <u>R-140</u> PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Have TAX PARCELNUMBER(S): 7237004 ADDRESS OFPROPERTY: 713 EUA KENNEDY RD TOTAL ACREAGE: 2.78 PUBLIC ROADWAY ACCESS: FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: NO. OF LOTS/DWELLING UNITS:\_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF BUILDINGS/UNITS:\_\_\_ DWELLING UNIT SIZE (SQ. FT.): 2400 TOTAL GROSS SQUARE FEET: CHRISTY CARTWRIGHT NOTARY PUBLIC CERTIFICATIONS I hereby certify that the above and attached information is true and correct. I am also aware that the above and attached information is true and correct. I am also aware that the above are that the above and attached information is true and correct. I am also aware that the above are the space of the correct and the above are the space of the correct and the correct are the correct and the correct are the correct and the correct aware that the above are the correct aware that the correct are the correct are the correct are the correct are the correct aware that the correct are the correct are the correct are the correct are the correct aware that the correct are the correct ar 2004 no reapplication on the same land which has been denied by the City Council shall be control. Expired 1017 18: 2022 months from the date of last action unless said time period is waived by the Council. In no case shall a reapplication be acted upon in less than 6 months from the date of last action by the Council. I am also aware that pursuant to Section 2003 of the Zoning Ordinance any and all conditions which may be attached to the property shall be binding on the property and all subsequent owners. Signature of Applicant Imothy L K Signature of Notary \* If Additional Applicant or Owner Information is Needed Please Complete Additional Application Form(s) CITY OF SUWANEE USE ONLY Date Received:\_\_\_\_\_ Case No.:\_\_\_\_ Accepted By:\_\_\_\_\_

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# **REZONING APPLICANT'S RESPONSE**

# STANDARDS GOVERNING EXERCISE OF THE ZONING POWER

Pursuant to section 2006 of the 1998 Zoning Ordinance, the city council finds that the following standards are relevant in balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property and shall govern the exercise of the zoning power.

Please respond to the following standards in the space provided or use an attachment as necessary:

development of adjacent and	will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and nearby property:
home in a	format similar to adjacent properties.
nearby property:	development perfectly matches the use or perfectly.
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	apporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning
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# Letter of Intent

Dear Suwanee City Council,

My name is Tim Roman and I've resided just outside the City of Suwanee in the MorningView area for 6 years. My family has participated in many of the wonderful events the city has hosted, my daughter attends school at Shadowbrook Church, and I do my banking and get my hair cut in Town Center. Suwanee is my home.

When I found the Eva Kennedy property for sale it seems I saw what most people didn't. With all the encumberments it was easy to write it off as unbuildable or only suited for odd commercial uses. What I saw instead was a homesite with sidewalks linking it to Town Center, a grocery store, beautiful parks and our friends' homes. A place where my daughter could grow up playing outside and learning to garden with her father.

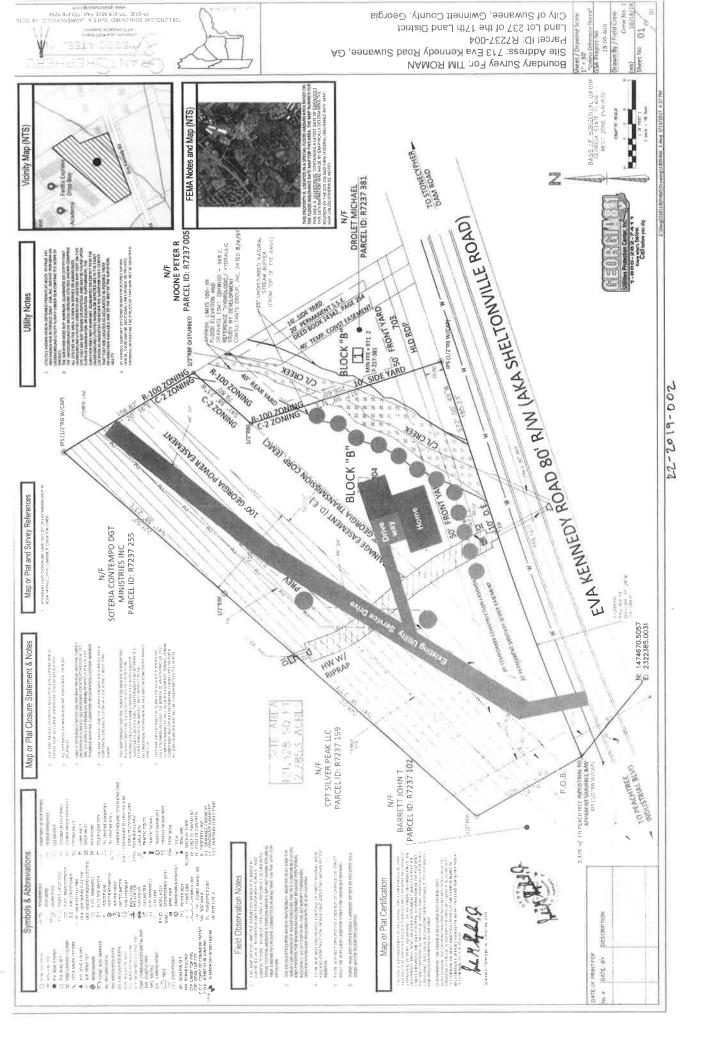
The tract totals 2.78 acres and is currently zoned C2. It appears to be left over from the development of parcels on Silver Peak Parkway off Peachtree Industrial Rd. The site is immediately adjacent to other single-family homes.

This proposed development is for my personal residence. One single-family home totaling approximately 2500 sqft. This is consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for the Historic Old Town area which envisions "carefully-crafted infill", detached single-family homes, and development "sensitive to the existing lot character and tree cover."

I appreciate your consideration of this rezoning request and I look forward to contributing more to the city in the future.

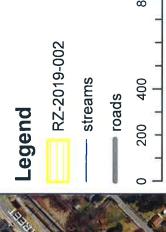
Sincerely,

Timothy L Roman





# Location Map RZ-2019-002



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