

<b>Open Space</b> (Per City Code, Cl	napter 25-2, Si	ubchapter B, Articl	e 2, Division 5, Sec	ction 2.3. <sup>2</sup>	
Primary Land Use	Land Use Acreage	Required Open Space	Required Open Space (AC)	Provide Spac	
<b>Nonresidential Tracts</b> Office/Retail/Restaurant/Hotel	25.34	20%	5.07	8	
<b>Residential Tracts</b> Multi-Family	3.69	10%	0.37	0	
Subtotal	29.03	n/a	5.44	8	
Additional Open Space Neighborhood Park	2.37	n/a	2.37	2	
Total	31.4	n/a	7.81	11	

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## **ITEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

MEETING DATE Requested:	September 21, 2016
NAME & NUMBER OF PROJECT:	Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development C814-2014-0120
Owner:	Twelve Lakes, LLC (Jon Ruff)
AGENT:	Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody (Michael Whellan)
LOCATION:	Southwest corner of Mopac Expressway and Spicewood Springs Road (3409, 3420, 3429, 3445, 3520, 3636, 3701, 3721, 3724, and 3737 Executive Center Drive and 7601, 7718, and 7719 Wood Hollow Drive)
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	10
PROJECT FILING DATE:	July 16, 2014
WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT STAFF:	Andrea Bates, 974-2291 andrea.bates@austintexas.gov
PLANNING AND ZONING CASE MANAGER:	Andrew Moore, 974-7604 andrew.moore@austintexas.gov
WATERSHED:	Shoal Creek Watershed (Urban) Desired Development Zone
ORDINANCE:	Watershed Protection Ordinance (current Code)
<b>Request:</b>	Review and consider for recommendation the environmental aspects of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), including code modifications and environmental superiority.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Recommended with conditions.



#### MEMORANDUM

- **TO:** Marisa Perales, Chair, and Members of the Environmental Commission
- **FROM:** Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer Watershed Protection Department
- **DATE:** September 2, 2016
- **SUBJECT:** Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development C814-2014-0120

This summary is being provided to the Environmental Commission as a supplement to the Planning and Zoning Department analysis for Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD). This memo provides an overview of the property's environmental features, the requested modifications to environmental code requirements, and the elements of the project that provide environmental superiority. Staff finds that the proposed development is environmentally superior to what could be built without the PUD.

#### **Description of Property**

Austin Oaks PUD consists of approximately 31.4 acres of land located in northwest Austin, at the intersection of Spicewood Springs Road and Mopac Expressway (see Attachment A – Location Map). The property is comprised of 13 parcels, which are currently zoned limited office (LO), neighborhood commercial (LR), and community commercial (GR). The site is developed with 12 office buildings and associated surface parking lots.

Austin Oaks PUD is located in the Shoal Creek Watershed, which is classified as Urban and is within the Desired Development Zone. The PUD is within the north Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. The property contains two creeks: Foster Branch, which flows west to east across the northeast corner of the PUD, and an unnamed tributary to Foster Branch, which flows south to north just east of Wood Hollow Drive (see Attachment B – Critical Water Quality Zone and Floodplain).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per Land Development Code Section 25-8-91, waterways within an Urban Watershed are not classified. However, per Section 25-8-92, a critical water quality zone (CWQZ) is established along all waterways with a drainage area of at least 64 acres. The boundaries of the CWQZ coincide with the boundaries of the 100-year floodplain calculated under fully developed conditions, provided that the boundary is not less than 50 feet and not more than 400 feet from the centerline of the waterway.

#### Existing Topography/Soil Characteristics/Vegetation

The site's topography generally slopes from the southern property boundary toward Spicewood Springs Road and Foster Branch. Elevations range from approximately 712 to 818 feet above mean sea level. Slopes range between 0 and 15 percent on the majority of the property but increase to over 35 percent in some locations along the creeks and the Spicewood Springs Road frontage. The property has stony, clayey soils.

The property contains a large number of heritage and protected trees, including 63 heritage live oaks, three heritage cedar elms, two heritage Spanish oaks, and two heritage pecans. Most of the heritage and protected trees are located within the surface parking lots, but there are also groves of trees along the creek corridor. Predominant tree species on the site include live oak, cedar elm, and hackberry.

#### **Critical Environmental Features**

An Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) was prepared for the project site by Horizon Environmental Services in August 2015. The ERI identified six critical environmental features (CEFs) within the PUD site: four wetlands, a seep, and a canyon rimrock (see Attachment D – Applicant's Environmental Resource Inventory). The PUD will comply with the current code requirement to provide a 150-foot buffer zone for CEFs; however, some development will be allowed to remain within the CEF buffers pursuant to Land Development Code Section 25-8-25, *Redevelopment Exception in Urban and Suburban Watersheds* ("the redevelopment exception"). See below for a discussion of the redevelopment exception.

#### **Description of Project**

The proposed project contains approximately 20.4 acres of mixed use development, including office, retail, restaurant, hotel, and multifamily residential uses, and 11 acres of parks and open space.

#### **Requested Environmental Code Modifications**

Austin Oaks PUD is subject to the Watershed Protection Ordinance, the City's current environmental regulations. Since the site is currently developed, the applicant has chosen to comply with Section 25-8-25, *Redevelopment Exception in Urban and Suburban Watersheds*. The purpose of the redevelopment exception is to provide an option for redevelopment of older sites that may not meet all of the requirements of Chapter 25-8(A). To comply with the redevelopment exception, a project must meet nine conditions, including providing water quality treatment, not increasing the amount of impervious cover on the site, and not increasing noncompliance with critical water quality zone (CWQZ) or CEF requirements. If the conditions for the redevelopment exception are met, the other requirements of Chapter 25-8(A) do not apply to the project.

The applicant has chosen to use the redevelopment exception for all development within the Austin Oaks PUD. The baseline for evaluating the PUD's environmental superiority is therefore the requirements of Section 25-8-25, rather than all of Chapter 25-8(A).

The proposed PUD includes multiple modifications to code requirements. Most of the proposed modifications change current code standards, which is typical for a PUD. However, the applicant

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is also proposing to memorialize certain code requirements. That means the PUD is not proposing to change current requirements, but it is specifying that current requirements will continue to apply to the property even if the code changes in the future.

The following summarizes the proposed modifications to environmental requirements:

- **25-2-1008**(A), *Irrigation Requirements* Section 25-2-1008(A) is modified to apply to the PUD overall rather than on a parcel-by-parcel basis.
- Environmental Criteria Manual (ECM) Section 2.4.3, *Buffering* The buffering requirements are modified to allow plants (excluding trees) used as buffering elements on Parcels 1 and 4 to be planted in a permeable landscape area at least three feet wide, rather than eight feet wide as currently required.
- **25-7-32**, *Director Authorized to Require Erosion Hazard Zone Analysis* An analysis was performed and the erosion hazard zone was identified with the PUD application. Additional analysis shall not be required for any future development applications.
- 25-7-61(A)(5), *Criteria for Approval of Development Applications*, and Drainage Criteria Manual 1.2.2.A and D, *General* The analysis of additional adverse flooding impact shall be based on the PUD boundaries rather than parcel boundaries.
- **25-8-25(B)(1) and (3)**, *Redevelopment Exception in Urban and Suburban Watersheds* – Sections 25-8-25(B)(1) and (3) (impervious cover and trip limits) shall apply to the PUD overall rather than on a parcel-by-parcel basis.
- **25-8-641(B)**, *Heritage Tree Removal Prohibited* Thirteen heritage trees identified on the applicant's Exhibit F Tree Plan may be removed without an administrative or land use commission variance as required by current code.
- ECM Section 3.3.2.A, *General Tree Survey Standards* The tree survey submitted with the PUD, dated November 22, 2013, may be used for 25 years instead of five years as currently required. Applications filed after November 22, 2038 will require a new tree survey.
- ECM Section 3.5.4, *Mitigation Measures* Tree mitigation credit shall be granted for removing existing impervious cover from the critical root zone of preserved trees.
- The PUD will memorialize the following code requirements:
  - **25-8-25**, *Redevelopment Exception in Urban and Suburban Watersheds*, except as modified above;
  - Impervious cover calculations exclude multi-use trails open to the public and located on public land or in a public easement, pursuant to 25-8-63(C)(2), *Impervious Cover Calculations*;
  - Hard surface trails, pedestrian bridges, and utility lines are allowed in the CWQZ pursuant to 25-8-261, *Critical Water Quality Zone Development* and 25-8-262, *Critical Water Quality Zone Street Crossings*;
  - Water quality facilities may be covered, decked, or buried (and landscaped) pursuant to **ECM Section 1.6.2.E**, *Subsurface Ponds*;

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• Green water quality controls are allowed pursuant to ECM Section 1.6.7, *Green Storm Water Quality Infrastructure*.

#### **Proposed Environmental Superiority Elements**

The project is proposing to provide the following environmental superiority elements (please see the applicant's Exhibit D – Tier 1 and Tier 2 Compliance Summary for additional details):

- 1. The PUD will provide at least 11.01 acres of open space, which is 41% higher than the 7.81 acres required based on the proposed land uses.
- 2. The PUD will exceed the minimum code requirements for landscaping. The PUD will exceed the requirements related to street yard trees as follows:
  - a. 75% of planted street yard trees shall be from the Preferred Plant List, rather than 60%;
  - b. Planted trees shall be no less than eight feet in initial height and no less than three inch caliper, rather than six feet in height and 1.5 inch caliper.
  - c. No more than 30 percent of planted trees will be from the same genus or species, rather than 50 percent.

In addition, the PUD will require that a minimum of 75 percent of plant materials, excluding turf and plantings within dedicated parkland, be native to Central Texas or included in the Grow Green Native and Adapted Landscape Plants guide. The PUD will also prepare and implement an Integrated Pest Management plan for the property.

- 3. The PUD will preserve a minimum of 75 percent of all caliper inches of heritage and protected trees (calculated together) and a minimum of 75 percent of all native caliper inches (including trees one inch in diameter at breast height or larger).
- 4. The PUD will limit impervious cover to 58 percent across the entire property, which is eight percent below the maximum that would otherwise be allowed by code. Under the redevelopment exception, the project could maintain but not increase the amount of impervious cover on the site, which is currently 66 percent. The project is proposing to decreasing impervious cover from 66 percent to 58 percent. In addition, the project is limiting impervious cover to 50 percent within 300 feet of Spicewood Springs.
- 5. The PUD will provide superior flood mitigation by providing a minimum of 20,000 cubic feet of additional on-site flood detention. The detention will be provided by either laying back the west creek bank, as shown on the applicant's Exhibit J Creek Plan, or creating a non-structural, vegetated detention area along the east bank.
- 6. The PUD will restore riparian vegetation in degraded CWQZ and CEF buffer areas. The project shall remove approximately 1.65 acres of existing, non-compliant impervious cover from the CWQZ and CEF buffers. The areas shall be restored to "good" condition based on the functional assessment methodology in Appendix X of the ECM.
- 7. The PUD will improve the degraded riparian area by laying back the west creek bank on Parcels 4 and 5, as shown on the applicant's Exhibit J – Creek Plan. The project will create an inundation area that will also be restored to "good" condition based on the functional assessment methodology in Appendix X of the ECM.

8. The PUD will provide a 40 percent increase in undeveloped CWQZ and a 33 percent increase in undeveloped CEF buffers. The project will remove approximately 1.65 acres of existing impervious cover from the CWQZ and CEF buffers, which would be allowed to remain under the redevelopment exception. This results in a 95 percent reduction in impervious cover within the CWQZ, a 58 percent reduction in impervious cover within the canyon rimrock/seep buffer, and a 74 percent reduction in impervious cover within the wetland buffers.<sup>2</sup>

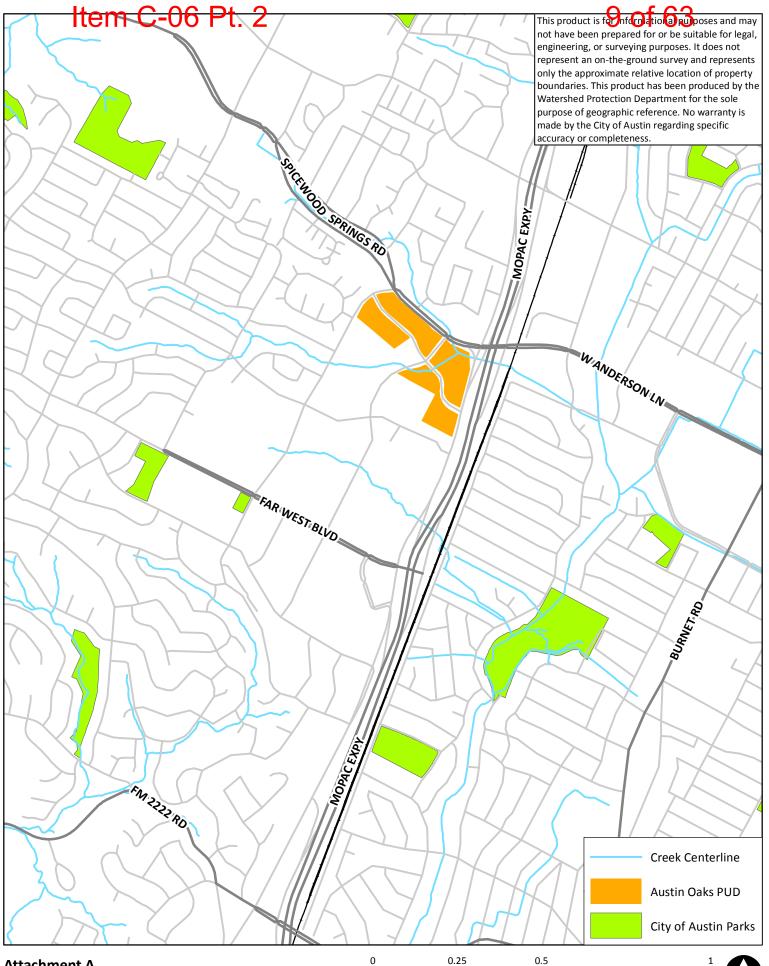
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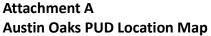
Based on the superiority elements described above, staff finds that the proposed development is environmentally superior to what could be built without the PUD.

#### Attachments

- A Location Map
- B Critical Water Quality Zone and Floodplain
- C Site Photos
- D Applicant's Environmental Resource Inventory

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  In Exhibit D – Tier 1 and Tier 2 Compliance Summary, the applicant states that five additional superiority elements – items a, i, j, p, and u – are also being met. Staff does not agree with the applicant's analysis, and these five items were not considered in staff's review for environmental superiority.

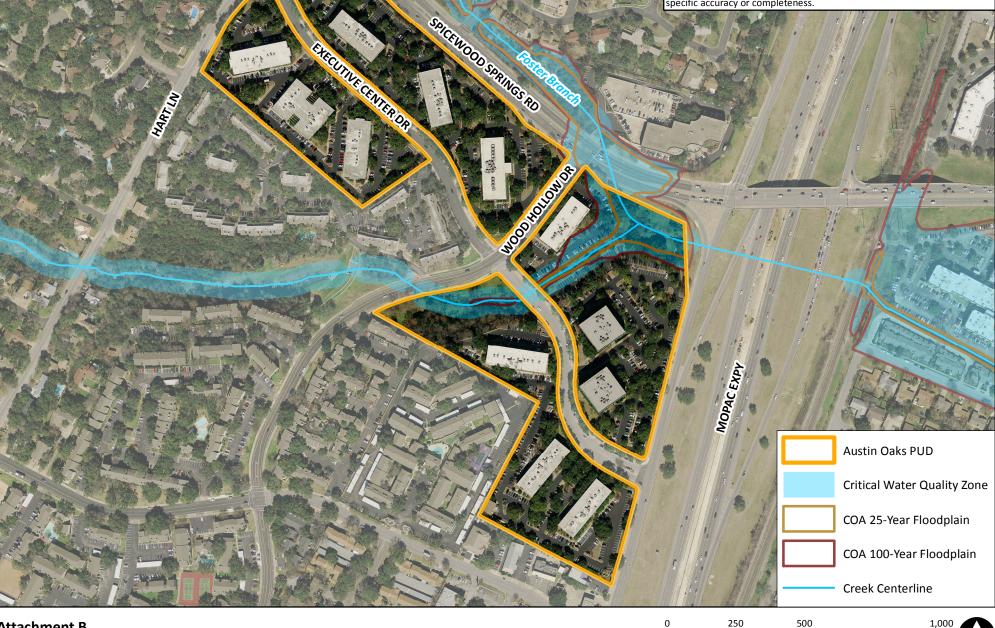








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## Attachment C Austin Oaks PUD Site Photos



View of creek and parking lots within the CWQZ and CEF buffer



Portion of west creek bank area to be restored





Canyon rimrock CEF







#### **Environmental Resource Inventory**

Case No.: (City use only)

For the City of Austin

Relating to the Land Development Code (LDC) Section 25-8, Title 30-5, ECM 1.3.0 & 1.10.0 Effective October 28, 2013

- 1. SITE/PROJECT NAME: Austin Oaks Property
- 2. COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID (#'s):
- 3. ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT: Spicewood Springs Road and MOPAC
- 4. WATERSHED: Shoal Creek Watershed
- 5. THIS SITE IS WITHIN THE (Check all that apply):

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone* (See note below) XYES NO
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone* □YES X NO
Edwards Aquifer 1500-ft Verification Zone*
Barton Springs Zone <sup>∗</sup> □YES ⊠ NO
*(as defined by the City of Austin – LDC 25-8-2)

Note: If the property is over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge zone, the Hydrogeologic Report and karst surveys must be completed and signed by a Professional Geoscientist Licensed in the State of Texas.

- 6. DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATION?.... []YES\*\* [XNO] If yes, then check all that apply:
  - $\Box$  (1) The flood plain modifications proposed are necessary to protect the public health and safety;
  - (2) The floodplain modifications proposed would provide a significant, demonstrable environmental benefit, as determined by a functional assessment of floodplain health as prescribed by the Environmental Criteria Manual, or
  - (3) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary for development allowed in the critical water quality zone under Section 25-8-261 or 25-8-262 of the LDC.
  - (4) The floodplain modifications proposed are outside of the Critical Water Quality Zone in an area determined to be in poor or fair condition by a functional assessment of floodplain health.

\*\* If yes, then a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see Section 1.7 and Appendix X in the Environmental Criteria Manual for forms and guidance) unless conditions 1 or 3 above apply.

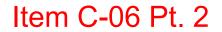
7. IF THE SITE IS WITHIN AN URBAN OR SUBURBAN WATERSHED. DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE A UTILITY LINE PARALLEL TO AND WITHIN THE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ZONE?

\*\*\*If yes, then riparian restoration is required by Section 25-8-261(E) of the LDC and a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see Section 1.5 and Appendix X in the Environmental Criteria Manual for forms and guidance).

8. There is a total of 6 (#'s) Critical Environmental Feature(s)(CEFs) on or within150 feet of the project site. If CEF(s) are present, attach a detailed **DESCRIPTION** of the CEF(s), color PHOTOGRAPHS, the CEF WORKSHEET and provide DESCRIPTIONS of the proposed CEF buffer(s) and/or wetland mitigation. Provide the number of each type of CEFs on or within 150 feet of the site (Please provide the number of CEFs):

(#'s) Spring(s)/Seep(s)

ریت ی کونان (#'s) Point Recharge Feature(s) (#'s) Canyon Rimrock(s) <u>4</u> (#'s) Wetland(s) 0 (#'s) Bluff(s)



Note: Standard buffers for CEFs are 150 feet, with a maximum of 300 feet for point recharge features. Except for wetlands, if the standard buffer is <u>not provided</u>, you must provide a written request for an administrative variance from Section 25-8-281(C)(1) and provide written findings of fact to support your request. <u>Request forms for administrative variances from requirements stated in LDC 25-8-281 are available from Watershed Protection Department.</u>

9. The following site maps are attached at the end of this report (Check all that apply and provide):

All ERI reports must include:

- Site Specific Geologic Map with 2-ft Topography
- ☑ Historic Aerial Photo of the Site
- ⊠ Site Soil Map
- ☑ Critical Environmental Features and Well Location Map on current Aerial Photo with 2-ft Topography

Only if present on site (Maps can be combined):

- Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone with the 1500-ft Verification Zone (Only if site is over or within 1500 feet the recharge zone)
- Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone
- □ Water Quality Transition Zone (WQTZ)
- ☑ Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ)
- □ City of Austin Fully Developed Floodplains for all water courses with up to 64-acres of drainage
- 10. **HYDROGEOLOGIC REPORT –** Provide a description of site soils, topography, and site specific geology below (*Attach additional sheets if needed*):

**Surface Soils** on the project site is summarized in the table below and uses the SCS Hydrologic Soil Groups\*. If there is more than one soil unit on the project site, show each soil unit on the site soils map.

Soil Series Unit Names, Infiltration Characteristics & Thickness										
Soil Series Unit Name & Subgroup**	Group*	Thickness (feet)								
Tarrant soils and Urban land, 0 to 2 percent slopes, (TeA)	В	0.3 to 1.2								
Tarrant soils and Urban land, 5 to 18 percent slopes, (TeE)	В	0.3 to 1.2								
Volente soils and Urban land, 1 to 8 percent slopes, (VuD)	С	0.2 to 4.6								

\*Soil Hydrologic Groups Definitions (*Abbreviated*)

- A. Soils having a <u>high infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- B. Soils having a <u>moderate</u> <u>infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- C. Soils having a <u>slow infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- D. Soils having a <u>very slow</u> <u>infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.

\*\*Subgroup Classification – See <u>Classification of Soil Series</u> Table in County Soil Survey.

#### **Description of Site Topography and Drainage** (Attach additional sheets if needed):

Topographically, the site is approximately 700 feet above mean sea level (USGS, 1988). Drainage on the subject site occurs primarily by overland sheet flow in a west-to-east direction, towards Foster Branch of Shoal Creek.

#### List surface geologic units below:

Geologic Units Exposed at Surface									
Group	Formation	Member							
Fredericksburg Group	Undivided (Kfr)	N/A							
Fredericksburg Group	Edwards Limestone (Ked)	N/A							

#### Brief description of site geology (Attach additional sheets if needed):

The subject site is underlain by Fredericksburg Group, undivided (Kfr) and Edwards Limestone (Ked) (UT-BEG, 1995).

The Fredericksburg Group is an undivided mixture of Edwards Limestone (Ked), Comanche Peak Limestone (Kc), Keys Valley Marl (Kkv), Cedar Park Limestone (Kcp), and Bee Cave Marl (Kbc).

The Edwards Limestone is a thinly to massively bedded, hard to soft, cherty, fossiliferous, fine-grained limestone and dolomite that commonly have red clay and calcite associated with solution features, such as caves and collapsed zones. The Edwards Limestone is known to form caves and voids.

**Wells**– Identify all recorded and unrecorded wells on site (test holes, monitoring, water, oil, unplugged, capped and/or abandoned wells, etc.):

There are <u>0</u>(#) wells present on the project site and the locations are shown and labeled

- \_0\_ (#'s)The wells are not in use and have been properly abandoned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (#'s)The wells are not in use and will be properly abandoned.
- (#'s)The wells are in use and comply with 16 TAC Chapter 76.

There are <u>2</u> (#'s) wells that are off-site and within 150 feet of this site.

11. **THE VEGETATION REPORT** – Provide the information requested below:

Brief description of site plant communities (Attach additional sheets if needed):

The subject site is situated within the Blackland Prairie vegetational area of Texas (Gould, 1975).

There is woodland community on site  $\square$  VES  $\square$  NO *(Check one).* If yes, list the dominant species below:

Woodland species									
Common Name Scientific Name									
plateau live oak	Quercus fusiformis								
hackberry	Celtis laevigata								
cedar elm	Ulmus crassfolia								
Chinese tallow	Triadica sebifera								

There is grassland/prairie/savanna on site ......  $\Box$  YES  $\boxtimes$  NO (*Check one*). If yes, list the dominant species below:

Grassland/prairie/savanna species								
Common Name	Scientific Name							

There is hydrophytic vegetation on site  $\square$  VES  $\square$  NO *(Check one).* If yes, list the dominant species in table below *(next page):* 

Hydrophytic plant species						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status				
black willow	Salix nigra	FACW				
common spikerush	Eleocharis palustris	OBL				
common rush	Juncus effusus	OBL				

A tree survey of all trees with a diameter of at least eight inches measured four and onehalf feet above natural grade level has been completed on the site.

 $\Box$ YES  $\boxtimes$  NO (Check one).

#### 12. **WASTEWATER REPORT –** Provide the information requested below.

Wastewater for the site will be treated by (Check of that Apply):

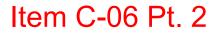
- $\Box$  On-site system(s)
- City of Austin Centralized sewage collection system
- Other Centralized collection system

Note: All sites that receive water or wastewater service from the Austin Water Utility must comply with Chapter 15-12 of Austin City Code and wells must be registered with the City of Austin

The site sewage collection system is designed and will be constructed to in accordance to all State, County and City standard specifications.  $\blacksquare$ YES  $\square$  NO (*Check one*).

Calculations of the size of the drainfield or wastewater irrigation area(s) are attached at the end of this report or shown on the site plan.  $\Box$ YES  $\Box$  NO  $\boxtimes$  Not Applicable (*Check one*).

Wastewater lines are proposed within the Critical Water Quality Zone?  $\Box$  YES  $\boxtimes$  NO *(Check one).* If yes, then provide justification below:



Is the project site is over the Edwards Aquifer?  $\boxtimes$  YES  $\square$  NO *(Check one).* 

If yes, then describe the wastewater disposal systems proposed for the site, its treatment level and effects on receiving watercourses or the Edwards Aquifer.

City of Austin already supplies wastewater disposal for the site.

13. One (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy of the completed assessment have been provided.

Date(s) ERI Field Assessment was performed:	7-25-2014	6-14-2015	
		Date(s)	

My signature certifies that to the best of my knowledge, the responses on this form accurately reflect all information requested.

James Killian, PG

Print Name , Iulla Amile

Signature Horizon Environmental Services, Inc.

Name of Company

512-328-2430

Telephone james\_killian@horizon-esi.com

Email Address

August 3, 2015

Date

For project sites within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, my signature and seal also certifies that I am a licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas as defined by ECM 1.12.3(A).



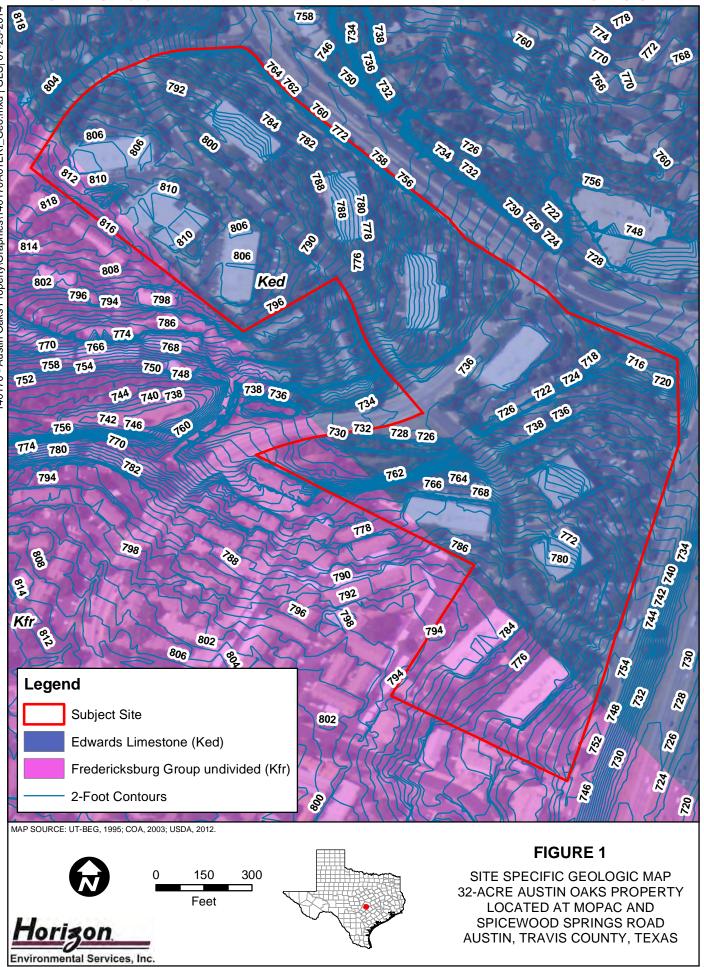
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# City of Austin Environmental Resource Inventory - Critical Environmental Feature Worksheet

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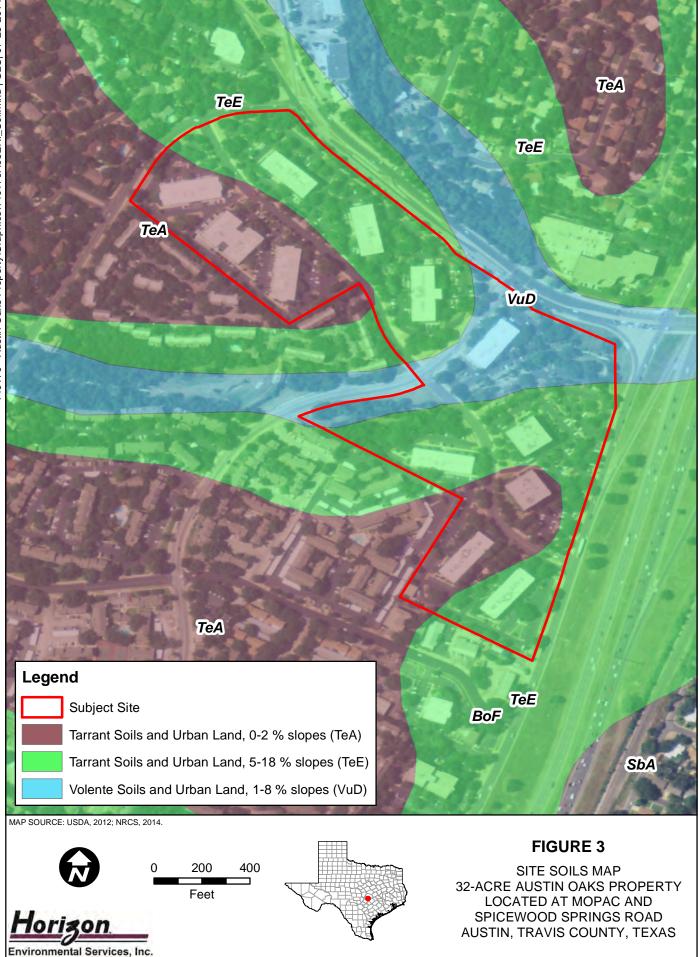
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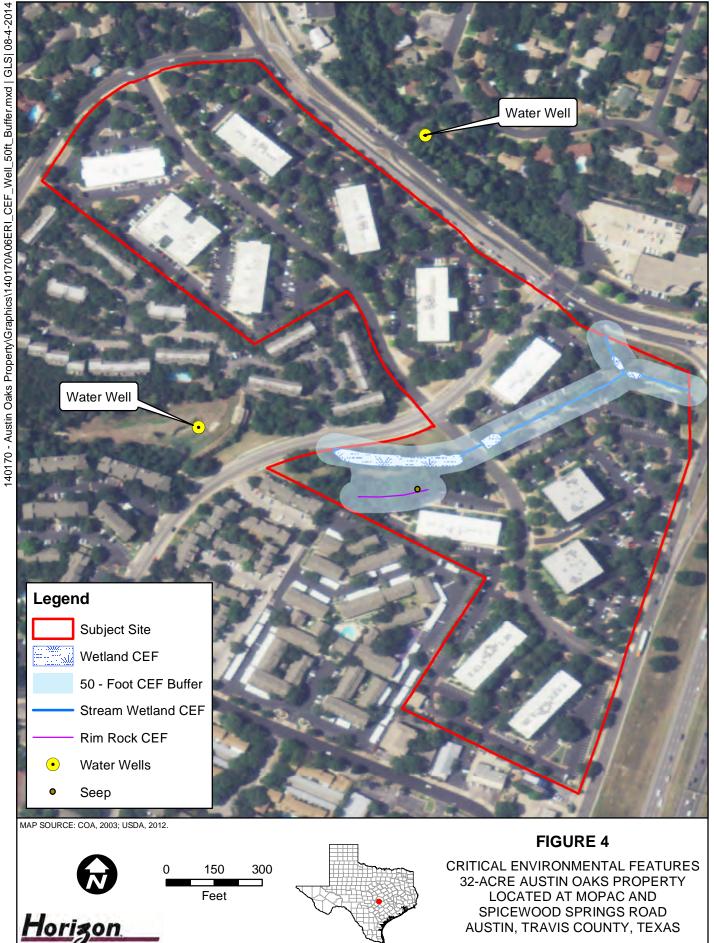
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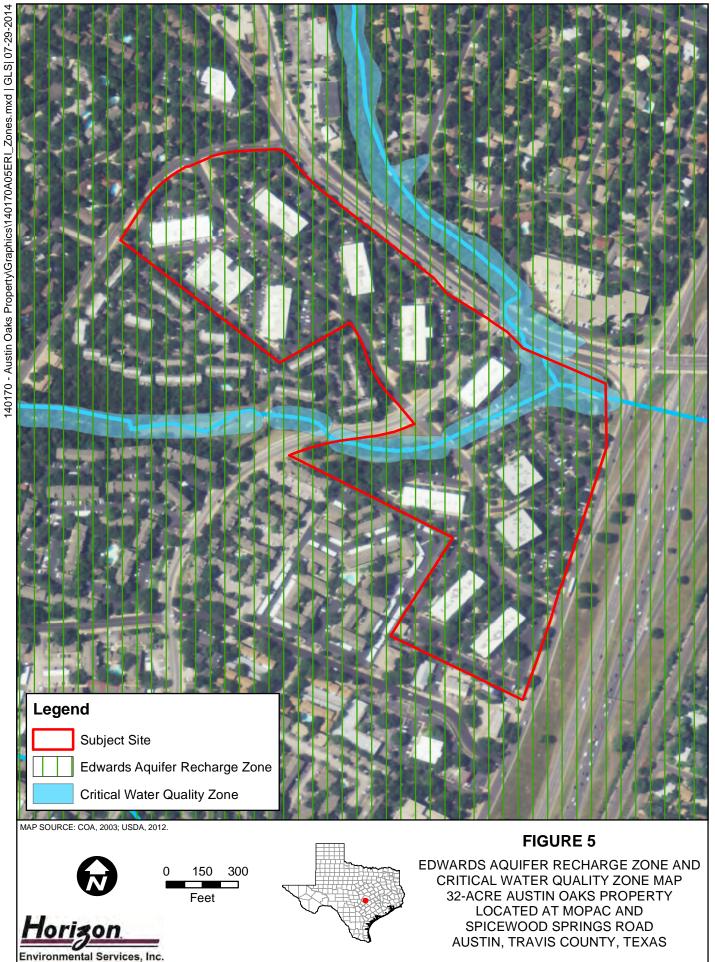


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### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MAIN MOTION 20161005 008A**

**Date:** October 5, 2016

Motion by: Hank Smith

Seconded by: Michael Moya

Subject: Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development, C814-0120

#### **RATIONALE:**

**Whereas**, this project provides an opportunity to enhance environmental protections and provide much needed affordable housing and mixed use development in an area that has been mainly traditional office development since the 1970's; and

**Whereas**, staff has determined this proposed PUD to be superior to traditional zoning and that all Tier 1 requirements are being met and that extensive Tier 2 open space, Environmental and drainage benefits are being proposed; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Department finds the Austin Oaks PUD is superior to traditional zoning;

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#### **VOTE 3-4-3**

- For: H. Smith, Moya, Grayum
- Against: Perales, Maceo, Neely, Thompson
- Abstain: None
- Recuse: None
- Absent: Creel, Guerrero, B. Smith

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FIRST SUBSTITUTE MOTION 20161005 008A**

**Date:** October 5, 2016

Motion by: Peggy Maceo

Seconded by: Pam Thompson

Subject: Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development, C814-0120

#### **RATIONALE:**

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#### **VOTE 4-3-3 (Motion fails for lack of six votes)**

For:Perales, Maceo, Neely, ThompsonAgainst:H. Smith, Moya, GrayumAbstain:NoneRecuse:NoneAbsent:Creel, Guerrero, B. Smith

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SECOND SUBSTITUTE MOTION 20161005 008A**

**Date:** October 5, 2016

Motion by: Mary Ann Neely

Seconded by: Marisa Perales

Subject: Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development, C814-0120

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#### **VOTE 2-3-3** (Motion fails for lack of six votes)

For:Neely, PeralesAgainst:Moya, Grayum, H. SmithAbstain:Maceo, ThompsonRecuse:NoneAbsent:Creel, Guerrero, B. Smith

#### **EXHIBIT N. Austin Oaks Affordable Housing Program**

- A. In order to meet the City's affordable housing goals and to ensure long-term affordability, the Landowner and the Landowner's successors and assigns (collectively referred to as the "Landowner") agree to the following:
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    - a) The Rental Affordability Requirement period for each multifamily development with Affordable Rental Units (the "Affordable Development") begins on the date a final certificate of occupancy is issued for each Affordable Development.
    - b) Affordable Rental Units must be made available in a proportional product unit mix as reflected by all the multifamily rental housing units located within the Affordable Development.
    - c) Each lot or site sold or developed for use as an Affordable Development shall be subject to a restrictive covenant using the form shown in Exhibit XX (subject to revision) or agreed upon by the Director of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) and Landowner at the time of the sale or development and recorded in the official public records of the county where the Affordable Development is located.
    - d) For purposes of complying with the Rental Affordability Requirement, up to 50% of the total of the required Affordable Rental Units may be provided to households in which one of the members is employed by the Austin Independent School District, so long as their income does not exceed 120 percent of the median family income of the Austin metropolitan statistical area for ownership units or rental units.
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a) The Affordable Ownership Units constructed on any site shall have substantially similar

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- b) The Affordable Ownership Units must be made available in a proportional product unit mix as reflected by all the owner-occupied residential housing units located within the Austin Oaks PUD.
- c) Affordable Ownership units must:
  - i) Be sold to an income eligible household at 80 percent of or below median family income;
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  - iii) Contain restrictions that will cap the equity gain to the homeowner that can be realized upon resale of the affordable unit. The resale formula will be set by the director of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office, and may change from time to time; and
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- B. The Landowner agrees to enter into an agreement with the City of Austin that ensures compliance with Part XX of this PUD ordinance.
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- D. The Landowner shall file a written report with the Director of the City's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office, or their designee on the number and location of each Affordable Ownership Unit and Affordable Rental Unit meeting the Affordable Housing Requirements within the Austin Oaks PUD (the "Affordability Report") in a format approved by the City. The initial Affordability Report shall be filed within 15 calendar days following March 31 or September 30 next following the date of recordation of a plat with residential units or site plan with residential units within the Austin Oaks PUD and be continuously filed on a semi-annual basis until the project is fully built out and sold.
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## **EDUCATIONAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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N.S.S.	CASE #: <u>C814–2014-0120</u>									
	NEW SINGLE	FAMILY		MULTIFAMILY						
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# SF UNITS:		STUDENTS PER UNIT ASSUMF Elementary School:	TION Middle School:	High School:						
# MF UNITS	: 277	STUDENTS PER UNIT ASSUME								

#### **IMPACT ON SCHOOLS**

The district-wide student yield factor (across all grade levels) is 0.23 per apartment. Using this district-wide average, the 277 multifamily development is projected to add approximately 64 students across all grade levels to the projected student population. However, because the development is proposing 75% one bedroom apartments, the number of students from this development is likely to be lower than the projected district-wide average of 64. It is estimated that of the 64 students, 34 will be assigned to Doss Elementary School, 10 to Murchison Middle School, and 20 at Anderson High School.

The current enrollment of 920 at Doss Elementary places the percent of permanent capacity at 169%, significantly above the target range of 75-115%. The projected increase in enrollment by SY 2019-20 coupled with the additional students from the proposed development would increase the percent of permanent capacity to 179% (64 percentage points above the target range), assuming the mobility rates remain the same. The school community and administration are currently discussing intervention strategies to address overcrowding at Doss.

Murchison Middle School is currently above the target range of permanent capacity by enrollment at 122%. The projected increase in enrollment by SY 2019-20 coupled with the additional students from the proposed subdivision would increase the percent of permanent capacity to 154%, assuming the mobility rates remain the same. The school community and administration would need to discuss intervention strategies to address overcrowding at Murchison MS.

The percent of permanent capacity by enrollment for SY 2019-20, including the additional students projected with this development, would be within the target range of 75-115% for Anderson HS (108%), assuming the mobility rates remain the same.





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#### **TRANSPORTATION IMPACT**

Doss ES, Murchison MS and Anderson HS are located within 2 miles of the proposed development; therefore students would not qualify for transportation unless a hazardous route condition was identified.

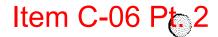
#### SAFETY IMPACT

The construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Greystone Drive would increase the level of safety for student walkers.

Date Prepared: 06/11/2015

**Director's Signature:** 

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#### DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Doss		RATING: Met Standard
ADDRESS: 7005 Northledge		PERMANENT CAPACITY: 543
% QUALIFIED FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH:	12.70%	MOBILITY RATE: +1.4%

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Population	5- Year Projected Population (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Population (with proposed development)
Number	907	925	959
% of Permanent Capacity	167%	170%	177%

ENROLLMENT (with mol	oility rate)		
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Enrollment	5- Year Projected Enrollment* (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Enrollment* (with proposed development)
Number	920	938	972
% of Permanent Capacity	169%	173%	179%

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Murchison		RATING: Met Standard
ADDRESS: 3700 North Hills Drive		PERMANENT CAPACITY: 1,113
% QUALIFIED FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH:	27.51%	MOBILITY RATE: +10.7%

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Population	5- Year Projected Population (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Population (with proposed development)
Number	1,229	1,543	1.553
% of Permanent Capacity	110%	139%	140%

ENROLLMENT (with mo	bility rate)		
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Enrollment	5- Year Projected Enrollment* (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Enrollment* (with proposed development)
Number	1,361	1,709	1,719
% of Permanent Capacity	122%	154%	154%





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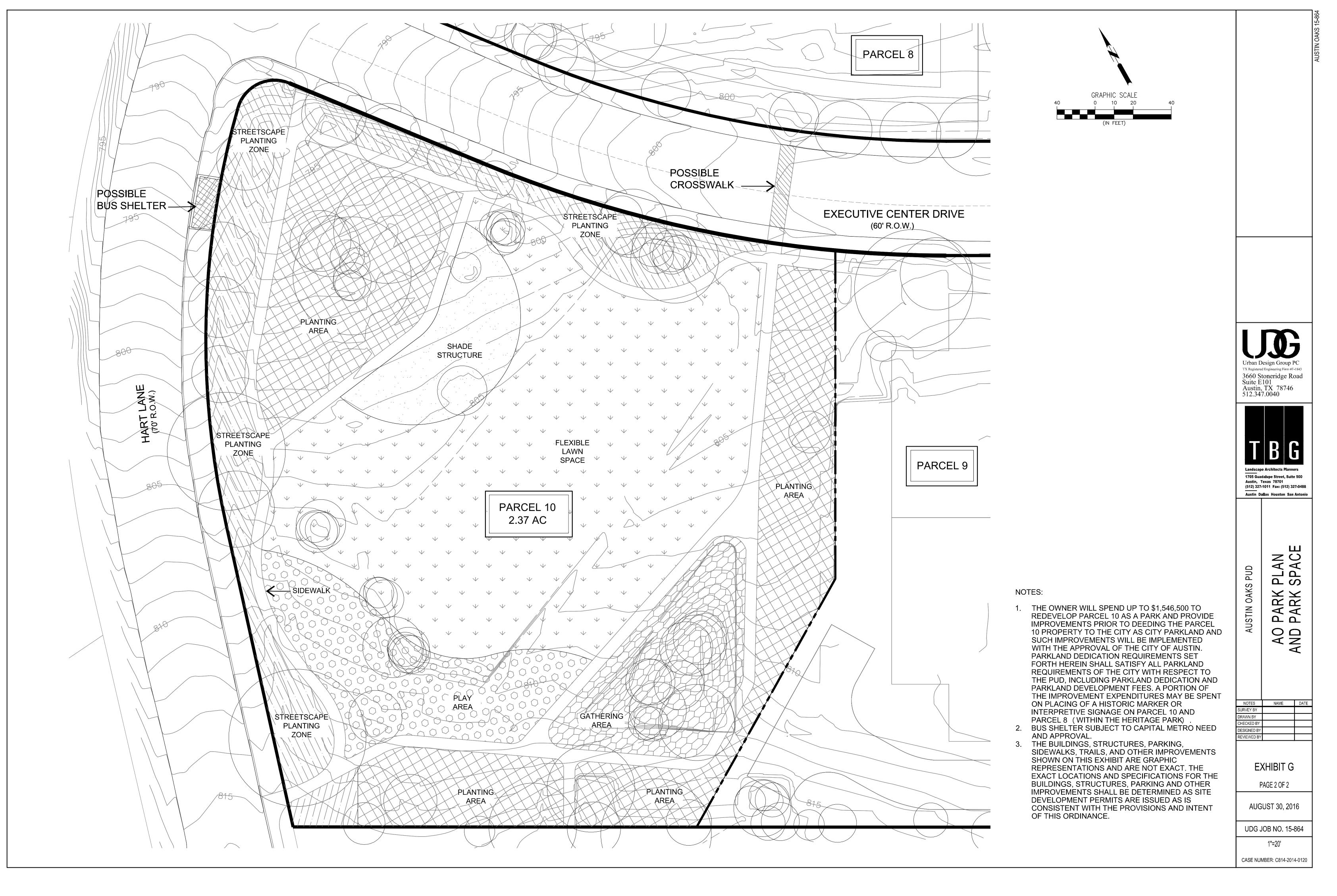
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HIGH SCHOOL: Anderson	RATING: Met Standard
ADDRESS: 8403 Mesa Drive	PERMANENT CAPACITY: 2,373
% QUALIFIED FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH: 26.74%	MOBILITY RATE: +8.5%

<b>POPULATION</b> (without r	mobility rate)		
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Population	5- Year Projected Population (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Population (with proposed development)
Number	2,063	2,336	2,356
% of Permanent. Capacity	87%	98%	99%

ENROLLMENT (with mo	bility rate)		
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	2014-15 Enroliment	5- Year Projected Enrollment* (without proposed development)	5-Year Projected Enrollment* (with proposed development)
Number	2,239	2,535	2,555
% of Permanent Capacity	94%	107%	108%

\*The 5-Year Projected Enrollment (with and without the proposed development) is an estimate calculated with the assumption that the stated mobility rates (transfers in and out of the school) remain the same over the 5-year period. These estimates are for the sole purpose of the Educational Impact Statement and should not be used for any other purposes.



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Dear Commissioners:

We have lived in the Westover Hills neighborhood for almost 45 years. When we moved in the only way to reach our house was via Balcones Dr. and Hyridge Dr. there was no Mopac or Steck Ave. and Mesa did not extend far enough North to serve us. Basic services such as a grocery store, pharmacy, and fire station were miles away at the Balcones—2222 intersection. So we have watched this community develop; and, so far, we have considered most of the development to be beneficial for the area, even including the existing development at the intersection of Mopac and Spicewood Springs Rd. We feel very differently, however, about the proposed redevelopment of that large tract of land and therefore request—urge really—that you **to** reject this proposal.

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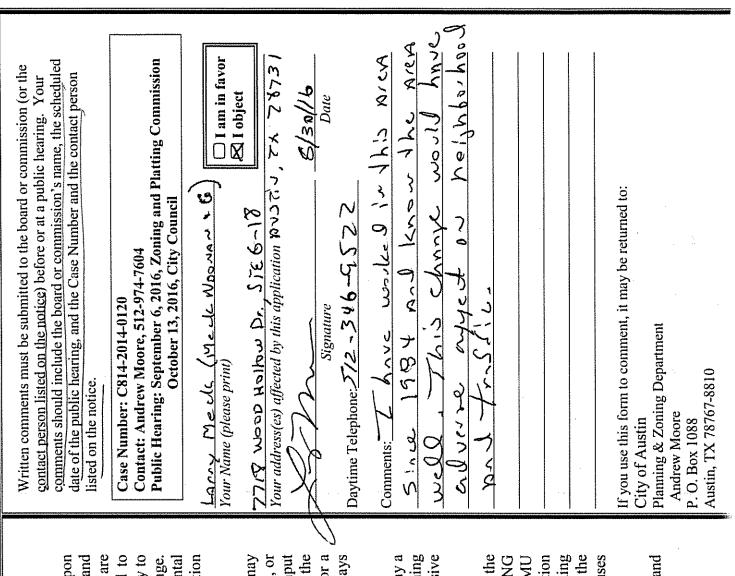
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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

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	- BC; Weber, Thomas - BC; Rojas, Gabriel - BC; Evans, Bruce - BC; Lavani, Sunil - BC; Harris, Susan - BC;
	<u>Guernsey, Greg: Rusthoven, Jerry: Lesniak, Chuck; Mars, Keith; Moore, Andrew</u>
Subject:	I object to the Austin Oaks PUD in its current form: are they developing or flipping the property?
Date:	Friday, September 23, 2016 3:59:32 PM

As someone who lives within one-half mile of the proposed Austin Oaks PUD, I object strongly to the current plans for the property. Nothing in their plan offers superiority over current uses. Among my reasons are these:

- The applicant proposes to use questionable methods to decide which Heritage and Protected trees on the site to cut down. This may result in the significant loss of healthy trees.
- There is no Land Use Plan attached to the new material, nor are certain estimates required by the city's PUD ordinance included in the submission.
- The applicant continues to use height estimates that may allow them to argue for buildings even taller than eight stories when the Site Plan is discussed.
- Negotiations are not yet final to determine how much the applicant should pay to mitigate the estimated 19,648 trips per day that the PUD will generate, compared to the current 4,086.
- The applicant is asking for Cocktail Lounge and Medical Office uses, both of which may increase traffic counts above the estimated 19,648 trips per day.

I also recall, from the charrette, that the applicant said they did not build or manage hotels or residential properties, so they would sell the two parcels designated for those uses to other companies. They also said that medical offices were a subspecialty, one they did not deal with. So if they are granted that use, will they sell off another piece of the property to yet another company? This leads me to wonder: is the applicant a developer or a flipper? What's going to be left if they keep selling off parcels?

Please consider these factors and realize that this high-density, high-rise proposal is not in keeping with the predominantly residential character of the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you – Kathryn Cramer, 3700 Orrell Court, Austin TX 78731

Kathryn Cramer

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	Bruce - BC; Lavani, Sunil - BC; Harris, Susan - BC
Cc:	Guernsey, Greg; Rusthoven, Jerry; Lesniak, Chuck; Mars, Keith; Moore, Andrew

Thursday, September 15, 2016 10:01:34 AM

To members of the ZAP Commission,

Austin Oaks project

I would like to urge you to not support the development of the Austin Oaks tract with near the intensity proposed by the developers. Such a development is simply not suitable right up against a calm residential neighborhood. For example, it appears the developer is claiming 19,648 trips per day from the project by the year 2024.

If we reckon these to occur over an 8 hour business day that is close to one per second! Moreover, if there is appreciable night time use because there is/are restaurants or cocktail lounges, such traffic intensity seems crazy for that area. Already in the morning we can have to sit through two or more lights on Spicewood and Mopac. It is hard to imagine how increased car, but especially truck, traffic will not be greatly disruptive

to a residential environment. Also, the planned development of housing there with the influx of more children to Doss/Murchison seems ridiculous since those schools can hardly handle the kids already there. Doss just added the new portables, but this is no way to manage a school. And it appears that the development as planned will be quite detrimental to a large number of trees in the area. Finally, it seems that much of the dollar cost of mitigating

these issues (traffic management adjustments, schooling...) would not be borne by the developer but by us, the taxpayers.

You, that is the City, need not create various zoning and environmental exemptions that allow this intense development to move forward.

There are plenty of thinly developed already commercial areas which could be better developed. You don't have to impose such vigorous development of Austin Oaks on us.

Thank you for your understanding, David Goldstein 7700 Chimney Corners Drive 78731

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Guernsey, Greg; Rusthoven, Jerry; Lesniak, Chuck; Mars, Keith; Moore, Andrew
Austin Oak PUD
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:51:25 PM

As a business owner and resident in the Northwest Hills area I am very concerned about the following issues with the Austin Oaks PUD application:

- The applicant proposes to use questionable methods to decide which Heritage and Protected trees on the site to cut down. This may result in the significant loss of healthy trees.
- There is no Land Use Plan attached to the new material, nor are certain estimates required by the city's PUD ordinance included in the submission.
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I urge you to deny the application until all of the issues are addressed. The traffic increases will adversely affect my business at 3818 Spicewood Springs Rd Ste 201. And, tall looming buildings at this beautiful wooded site are not appropriate for our family neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet C Hagy

Janet C. Hagy, CPA Hagy & Associates, P.C. 3818 Spicewood Springs Rd. Suite 201 Austin, TX 78759 512-346-3782 Fax 512-346-7307 Email: jhagy@hagycpa.com

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From:	Adrienne Lallo
To:	Maceo, Peggy - BC; Guerrero, Linda.h - BC; Neely, Mary Ann - BC; Thompson, Pam - BC; Smith, Brian - BC;
	Moya, Michael - BC; Creel, Andrew - BC; Smith, Hank - BC; Grayum, Richard - BC
Cc:	Gallo, Sheri; Guernsey, Greg; Rusthoven, Jerry; Lesniak, Chuck; Mars, Keith; Moore, Andrew
Subject:	Austin Oaks
Date:	Sunday, September 18, 2016 2:45:25 PM

Dear Environmental Commission Member,

While we support the concept of containing sprawl in Greater Austin, we also believe that dense development should preserve successful, safe neighborhoods. In the main, Northwest Hills is one such community.

We like this part of Austin because it isn't flashy, attracts families that are interested in education, and values the gifts of senior citizens, judging by the people who live on our wonderful block, just off Hart Lane.

Unfortunately, commercial development along Far West Blvd. is mainly unattractive impervious cover. We have affordable housing units on Wood Hollow Dr. that have been allowed to fall out of compliance with City Code. It makes us wonder if the neighborhood can sustain further development.

For the past three years, we've listened as Spire Realty and anti-PUD community members work toward compromise. Now the matter is in your hands.

As you weigh the choices before you, please consider:

• Air quality and the health of children and adults with chronic conditions are compromised by cars idling at "failing intersections." Without sufficient traffic mitigation, intersections in the area's surrounding neighborhoods will fail.

As a corollary, what role can Austin Oaks play in encouraging area residents to become more savvy commuters to other employment centers in Austin?

• A combination of heritage, protected and new trees is best. Young trees consume more carbon dioxide than fully mature trees. However, it takes them years to contribute to shade cover and they also are more dependent on water. Please make sure that Austin Oaks is a model of sustainable land use and pursues LEED designation.

• If the plans are based on junk information and vagaries, the developer will be within its rights to maximize profit based on junk information and vagaries.

Please hold the Austin Oaks PUD application to the highest standards, not to deter smart development for Austin, but to send a strong message to developers that they had better bring their A game. In the end, it is the developers who will prosper from their holdings in our community. Residents, on the other hand, will have to put up with air, noise, light and material pollution, and the likelihood of eroded property values.

Adrienne and Ed Lallo 7504 Stonecliff Dr. in the Northwest Oaks III subdivision of Northwest Hills Austin, Texas 78731

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	<u>Susan - BC; Guernsey, Greg; Rusthoven, Jerry; Lesniak, Chuck; Mars, Keith; Moore, Andrew</u>
Subject:	PUD proposed for Austin Oaks
Date:	Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:26:11 PM

Hello,

I am gravely concerned that the proposed PUD to replace Austin Oaks Business Park is a serious mistake. It seems that the new development would need to be called North Austin Skyscrapers–NO Oaks! Traffic congestion, the terrain, and building height concerns all suggest this project does not fit in North Austin. We don't want this development. We don't need this development. We won't be able to adapt to the drastic changes this development will make in this highly congested intersection at MOPAC and Anderson Lane. The developer's numbers are all suspect and require intense scrutiny by all responsible City jurisdictions. Austin Oaks is not a business park that needs to be replaced. Sincerely, Ron W. Coldiron

6509 Marblewood Dr. Austin, TX 78731 Former NWACA Board Member