

Case # BZA-09-25-00895

Charleston County BZA Meeting of October 6, 2025

Applicant: Adrien Green of Grantham Homes LLC

Property Owner: Richard A Hocker

Property Location: 2862 Maritime Forest Drive – Johns Island

TMS#: 203-12-00-126

Zoning District: Planned Development (PD-27E, Kiawah River

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Request:

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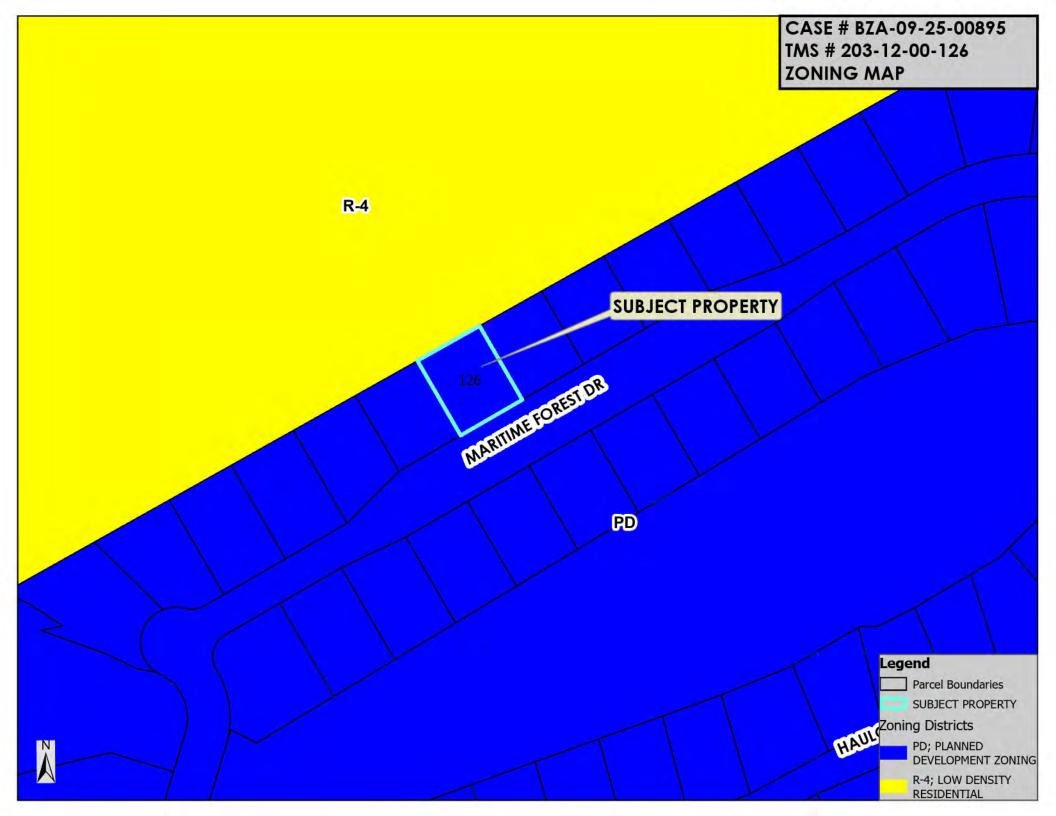


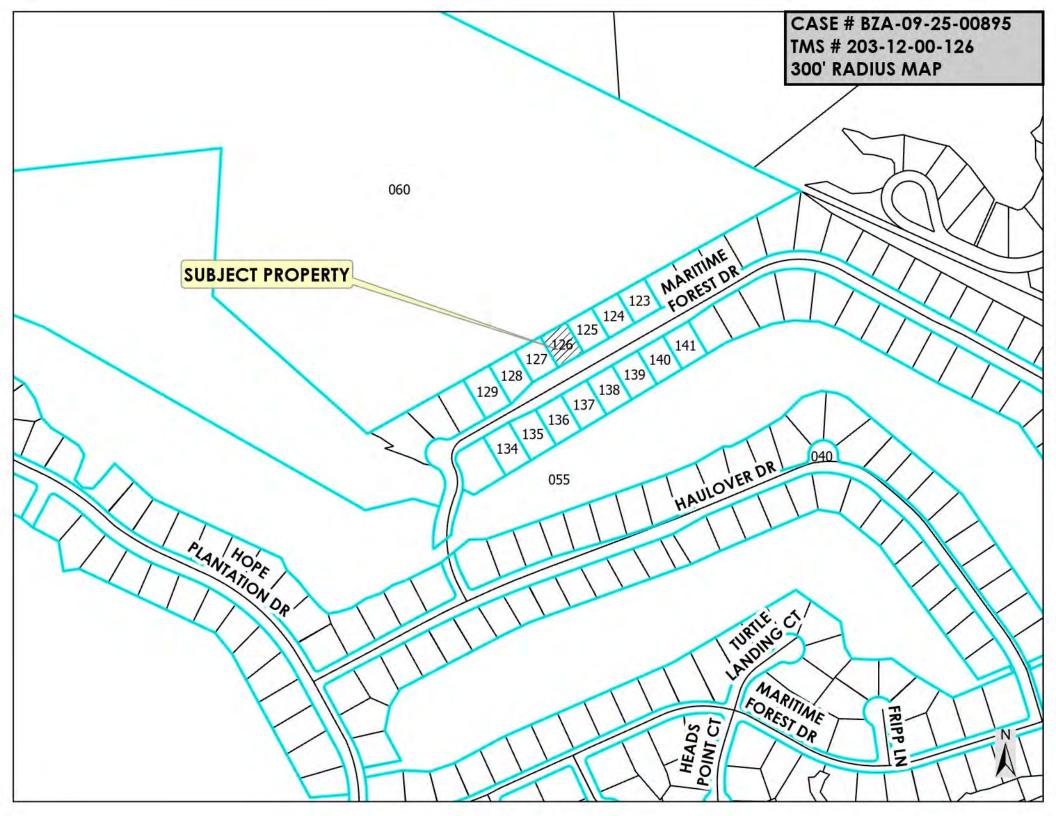
CHAPTER 9 | DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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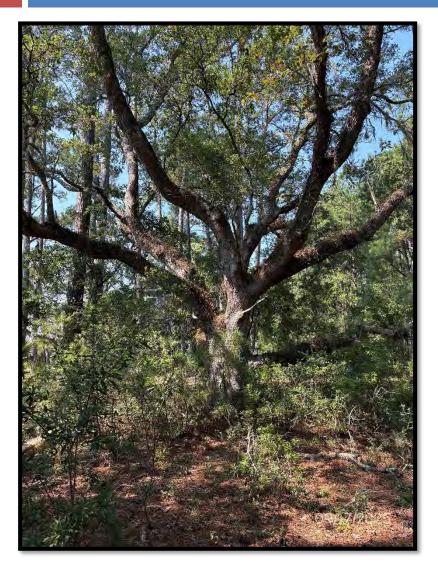
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Response:

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Response:

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Response: The variance does not allow a use that is not permitted in this zoning district, nor does it extend physically a nonconforming use of land or change the

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§3.10.6(7): Granting of the variance does not substantially conflict with the

Comprehensive Plan or the purposes of the Ordinance;

Response: Granti

Granting of the requested variance does not appear to substantially conflict with the Comprehensive Plan or the purposes of the Ordinance. The proposed use, a single-family residence, is consistent with the intent of the Kiawah River Estates Planned Development Zoning District and the surrounding residential character of the neighborhood. While tree protection is a key policy goal, the allowance of the variance would enable reasonable use of the property in harmony with the community's residential land use designation. In addition, the proposal would preserve the existing 36" DBH Grand Live Oak located near the eastern property line. If the Board chooses to approve this request, staff recommends consideration of conditions to mitigate the removal of the 45" DBH Live Oak Tree. The applicant's letter of intent further states, "The variance request has no effects to Charleston County Comprehensive plan, as the request is to remove a tree which hinders the utility of the lot." Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

Board of Zoning Appeals' Action:

According to Article 3.10 Zoning Variances, Section §3.10.6 Approval Criteria of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), (adopted July 18, 2006), The Board of Zoning Appeals has the authority to hear and decide appeals for a Zoning Variance when strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship (§3.10.6A). A Zoning Variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board of Zoning Appeals makes and explains in writing their findings (§3.10.6B Approval Criteria).

In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building or structure as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare (§3.10.6C).

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions or deny Case # BZA-09-25-00895 [Variance request to remove a 45" DBH Grand Live Oak tree to accommodate the construction of a proposed single-family residence at 2862 Maritime Forest Drive (TMS # 203-12-00-126), located on Johns Island in Charleston County] based on the BZA's "Findings of Fact", unless additional information is deemed necessary to make an informed decision. In the event the BZA decides to approve the application, Staff recommends the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall mitigate the removal of the 45" DBH inches by either (a) submitting a mitigation plan for review and approval indicating the installation of canopy trees no smaller than two and one-half (2.5) inches in caliper equaling inch per inch replacement, (b) by depositing funds into the Charleston County Tree Fund as described in Sec. 9.2.6 of the ZLDR, or (c) a combination of both (a) and (b). The allotted mitigation shall be in place prior to its removal.
- 2. Tree barricades constructed of chain link fencing shall be installed around all **protected trees within 40' of disturbance prior to any construction, pursuant to** Sec. 9.2.4 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations.
- 3. The applicant shall retain a Certified Arborist to monitor and treat all Grand Trees within **40' of disturbance through the duration of construction. The applicant shall provide a** copy of the Tree Preservation Plan to Zoning Staff for review and approval prior to Zoning Permit approval for construction.

ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Property Information			
Subject Property Address:2862 MARITIME FOR	EST DR		
Tax Map Number(s): 2031200126			
Current Use of Property: Vacant lot residential	lot		
Proposed Use of Property: New build residentia	al home		
Zoning Variance Description:			
Applicant Information (Required)			
Applicant Name (please print): Grantham Home	es LLC		
Name of Company (if applicable): Grantham H	omes LLC		
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:		Zlp Code:
Email Address:	1	Phone #:	
Applicant Signature:			Date: 08/12/2025
Representative Information (Complete of	only if applicable. Attorney, Build	er, Engineer, Sur	veyor etc.)
Print Representative Name and Name of Comp	oany: Jim Morrissey		
Malling Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	Code:
Emall Address:		Phone #:	
Designation of Agent (Complete only If th	e Applicant listed above is not th	e Property Owne	er.)
I hereby appoint the person named as Applica	nt and/or Representative as my	our) agent to rep	present me (us) in this application.
Property Owner(s) Name(s) (please print): RI	CHARD A HOCKER		
Name of Company (if applicable, LLC etc.):			
Property Owner(s) Mailing Address			
	State: Zip Code		Phone #:
Property Owner(s) Email Address:			
Property Owner(s) Signature: RICHAR	D A HOCKER		Date: 8/19/2025 11:20:36 AM E
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Description of Request

Please describe your proposal in detail. Y	'ou may attach a separate sh	eet if necessary.	Additionally, you m	nay provide any
supporting materials that are applicable t	o vour request (photographs.	letter of support.	etc.)	

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Appli	cant's response to Article 3.10 Zoning Variances, §3.10.6 Approval Criteria
the a	g Variances may be approved only if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that the proposed use meets all 7 pproval criteria. In evaluating your request, the members of the board will review the answers below and the case record. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.
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This request does meet the criterion.
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KIAWAH RIVER ESTATES

4530 Hope Plantation Drive Johns Island, SC 29455

May 15, 2025

Re: 2862 Maritime Forest Dr Johns Island, SC 29455 -

Architectural Review Committee - Conditional Approval

Good morning

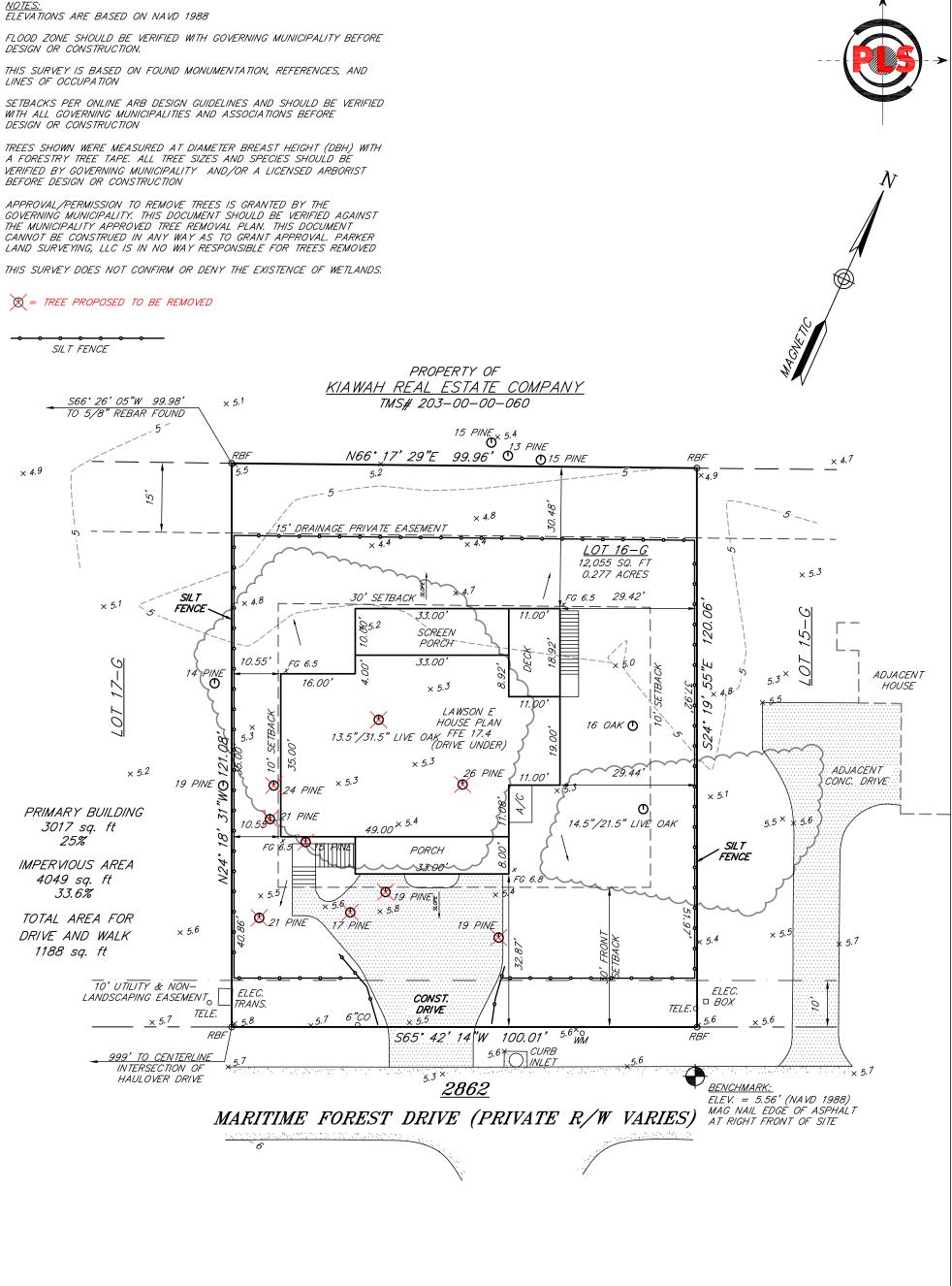
This is the official notification that the Kiawah River Estates (KRE) Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has reviewed and conditionally approved the plan for a proposed build at 2862 Maritime Forest Drive.

Please provide a copy of the Charleston County permit once received so a KRE ARC Building permit can be issued.

We look forward to this addition in our community.

Kind Regards,

Chad Rouse ARC



PREPARED FOR GRANTHAM HOMES

PLOT PLAN SHOWING LOT 16, BLOCK G "KIAWAH RIVER ESTATES" HOPE PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, PHASE VI, TMS #203-12-00-126

LOCATED ON JOHNS ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, SC

SCALE: 1" = 20' DATE: MAY 2, 2025 REFERENCE: PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK EG, PAGE 654 LOT MAY BE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS N

LOT MAY BE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS NOT OBVIOUS OR APPARENT TO THE SURVEYOR.

PROPERTY APPEARS TO LIE IN FLOOD ZONE AE (ELEV 11), 45019C 0785 K, REVISED JANUARY 29, 2021

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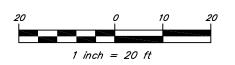
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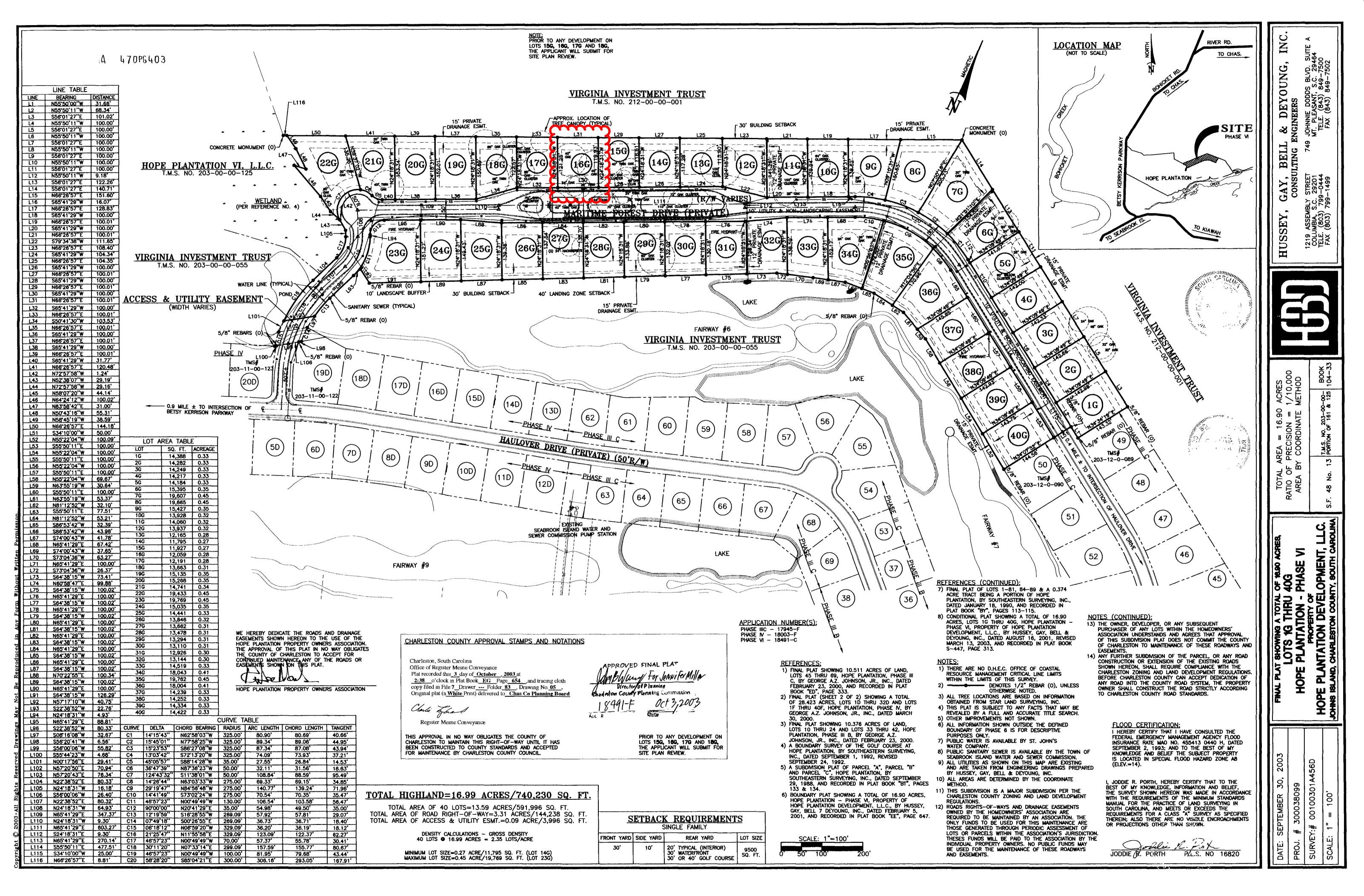
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PARKER LAND SURVEYING, LLC 5910 GRIFFIN STREET, HANAHAN, SC 29410 TEL.: (843) 554-7777 THIS PLOT PLAN IS FOR PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION USE. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A LAND SURVEY, WAS NOT PREPARED FOR RECORDATION, AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DEEDING OF PROPERTY. NO GROUND SURVEY WAS PERFORMED.

PROPERTY LINE WITH
PROPERTY CORNER.
MONUMENT FOUND
AS DESCRIBED

RBF = 5/8" REBAR FOUND







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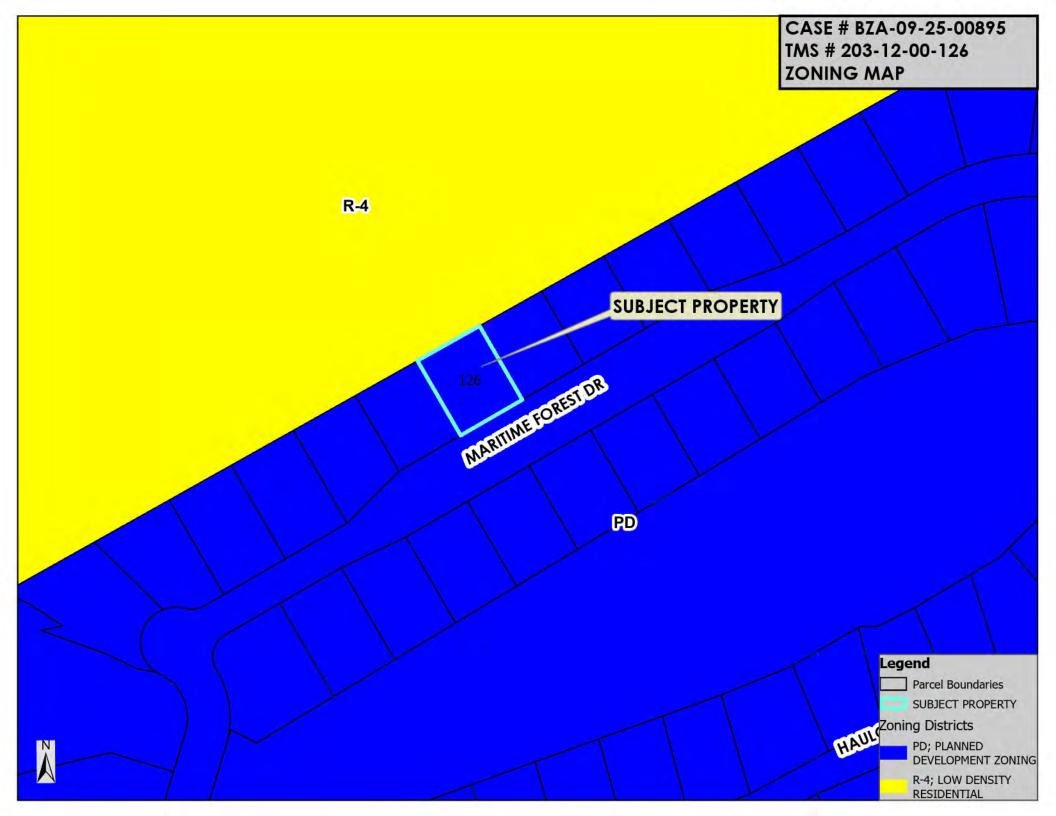


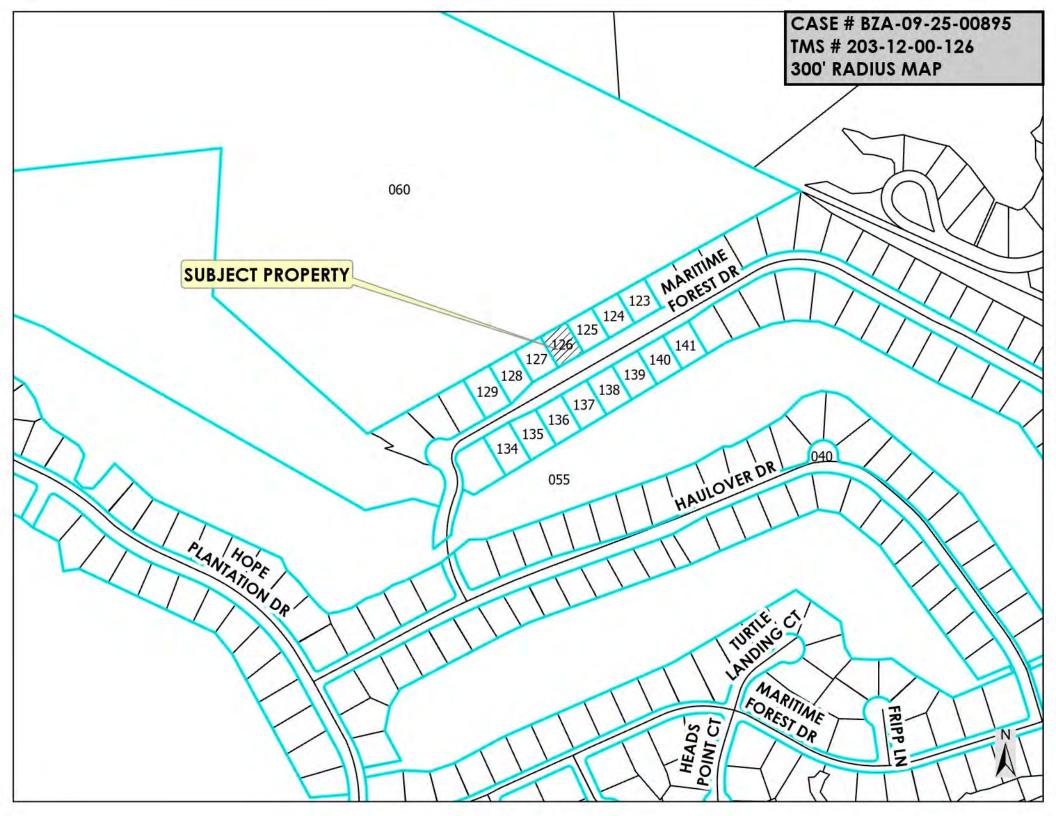
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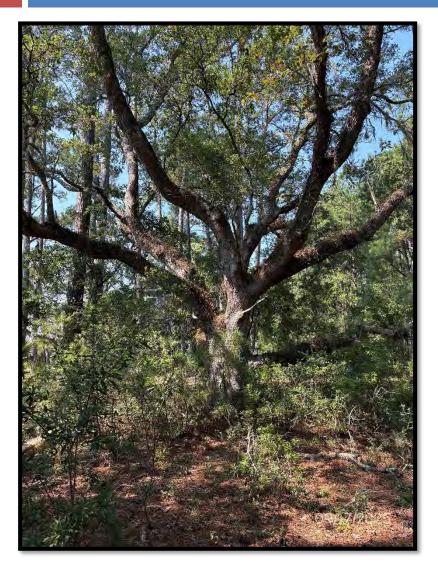
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§3.10.6(6): The need for the variance is not the result of the applicant's own actions;

The need for this variance appears to result from the location of existing Grand Trees on the property, rather than from actions of the applicant or property owner. The 45" DBH Live Oak is centrally located within the lot and restricts the buildable area, creating a hardship that is not self-imposed. The **applicant's letter of intent states**, "No, this variance request isn't by result of our own actions, this lot has a 'D grade' 45-inch live oak that is located on the lot, and effects the ability to meet the minimum sq ft requirements set forth by the HOA." Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

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§3.10.6(7): Granting of the variance does not substantially conflict with the

Comprehensive Plan or the purposes of the Ordinance;

Response: Granti

Granting of the requested variance does not appear to substantially conflict with the Comprehensive Plan or the purposes of the Ordinance. The proposed use, a single-family residence, is consistent with the intent of the Kiawah River Estates Planned Development Zoning District and the surrounding residential character of the neighborhood. While tree protection is a key policy goal, the allowance of the variance would enable reasonable use of the property in harmony with the community's residential land use designation. In addition, the proposal would preserve the existing 36" DBH Grand Live Oak located near the eastern property line. If the Board chooses to approve this request, staff recommends consideration of conditions to mitigate the removal of the 45" DBH Live Oak Tree. The applicant's letter of intent further states, "The variance request has no effects to Charleston County Comprehensive plan, as the request is to remove a tree which hinders the utility of the lot." Therefore, the request may meet this criterion.

Board of Zoning Appeals' Action:

According to Article 3.10 Zoning Variances, Section §3.10.6 Approval Criteria of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), (adopted July 18, 2006), The Board of Zoning Appeals has the authority to hear and decide appeals for a Zoning Variance when strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would result in unnecessary hardship (§3.10.6A). A Zoning Variance may be granted in an individual case of unnecessary hardship if the Board of Zoning Appeals makes and explains in writing their findings (§3.10.6B Approval Criteria).

In granting a variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach to it such conditions regarding the location, character, or other features of the proposed building or structure as the Board may consider advisable to protect established property values in the surrounding area or to promote the public health, safety, or general welfare (§3.10.6C).

The Board of Zoning Appeals may approve, approve with conditions or deny Case # BZA-09-25-00895 [Variance request to remove a 45" DBH Grand Live Oak tree to accommodate the construction of a proposed single-family residence at 2862 Maritime Forest Drive (TMS # 203-12-00-126), located on Johns Island in Charleston County] based on the BZA's "Findings of Fact", unless additional information is deemed necessary to make an informed decision. In the event the BZA decides to approve the application, Staff recommends the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall mitigate the removal of the 45" DBH inches by either (a) submitting a mitigation plan for review and approval indicating the installation of canopy trees no smaller than two and one-half (2.5) inches in caliper equaling inch per inch replacement, (b) by depositing funds into the Charleston County Tree Fund as described in Sec. 9.2.6 of the ZLDR, or (c) a combination of both (a) and (b). The allotted mitigation shall be in place prior to its removal.
- 2. Tree barricades constructed of chain link fencing shall be installed around all **protected trees within 40' of disturbance prior to any construction, pursuant to** Sec. 9.2.4 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations.
- 3. The applicant shall retain a Certified Arborist to monitor and treat all Grand Trees within **40' of disturbance through the duration of construction. The applicant shall provide a** copy of the Tree Preservation Plan to Zoning Staff for review and approval prior to Zoning Permit approval for construction.

ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION Charleston County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Property Information			
Subject Property Address:2862 MARITIME FOR	EST DR		
Tax Map Number(s): 2031200126			
Current Use of Property: Vacant lot residential	lot		
Proposed Use of Property: New build residentia	al home		
Zoning Variance Description:			
Applicant Information (Required)			
Applicant Name (please print): Grantham Home	es LLC		
Name of Company (if applicable): Grantham H	omes LLC		
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:		Zlp Code:
Email Address:	1	Phone #:	
Applicant Signature:			Date: 08/12/2025
Representative Information (Complete of	only if applicable. Attorney, Build	er, Engineer, Sur	veyor etc.)
Print Representative Name and Name of Comp	oany: Jim Morrissey		
Malling Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	Code:
Emall Address:		Phone #:	
Designation of Agent (Complete only If th	e Applicant listed above is not th	e Property Owne	er.)
I hereby appoint the person named as Applica	nt and/or Representative as my	our) agent to rep	present me (us) in this application.
Property Owner(s) Name(s) (please print): RI	CHARD A HOCKER		
Name of Company (if applicable, LLC etc.):			
Property Owner(s) Mailing Address			
	State: Zip Code		Phone #:
Property Owner(s) Email Address:			
Property Owner(s) Signature: RICHAR	D A HOCKER		Date: 8/19/2025 11:20:36 AM E
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Description of Request

Please describe your proposal in detail. Y	'ou may attach a separate sh	eet if necessary.	Additionally, you m	nay provide any
supporting materials that are applicable t	o vour request (photographs.	letter of support.	etc.)	

Removal of "D grade 45 inch live oak within the building footprint of proposed new home construction.

Appli	cant's response to Article 3.10 Zoning Variances, §3.10.6 Approval Criteria
the a	g Variances may be approved only if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that the proposed use meets all 7 pproval criteria. In evaluating your request, the members of the board will review the answers below and the case record. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.
1.	Are there extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the subject property? Explain:
a cor	the "D grad" live oak creates an extraordinary condition as the lot can't be built on as the tree take up as iderable amount of space needed to meet the minimum Square footage required by the CCR's of the aborhood. Within phase IV the heated square footage is 2400 sqft.
2.	Do these conditions generally apply to other property in the vicinity or are they unique to the subject propert Explain:
	conditions are unique to this property as we have a "D grade live Oak that effects the buildable space of the lo properties near by do not face these challenges.
3.	Because of these extraordinary and exceptional conditions, would the application of this Ordinance to the subject property effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property? Explain:
	s, if the ordinance was to stay in place this lot wouldn't have any utility whatsoever - effectively leaving s lot un-buildable.

4. Will the authorization of a variance be a substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good? Will the character of the zoning district be harmed if this variance is granted? Explain:
The approval of this variance wouldn't harm the character of the community, as it would allow for a newly constructed and HOA approved home to be built, only added to the character of the community.
5. The BZA shall not grant a variance the effect of which would be to allow the establishment of a use not otherwise permitted in a zoning district, to extend physically a Nonconforming Use of land, or to change the zoning district boundaries shown on the Official Zoning Map. The fact that property may be utilized more profitably if a Zoning Variance is granted shall not be considered grounds for granting a Zoning Variance. Does the variance request meet this criterion?
This request does meet the criterion.
6. Is the need for the variance the result of your own actions? Explain:
No, this variance request isn't by result of our own actions, this lot has a "D grade" 45inch live oak that is located on the lot, and effects the ability to meet the minimum sqft requirements set forth by the HOA.
7. Does the variance substantially conflict with the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan or the purposes of the Ordinance? Explain
The variance request has no effects to Charleston County Comprehensive plan, as the request is to remove a tree which hinders the utility of the lot.
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KIAWAH RIVER ESTATES

4530 Hope Plantation Drive Johns Island, SC 29455

May 15, 2025

Re: 2862 Maritime Forest Dr Johns Island, SC 29455 -

Architectural Review Committee - Conditional Approval

Good morning

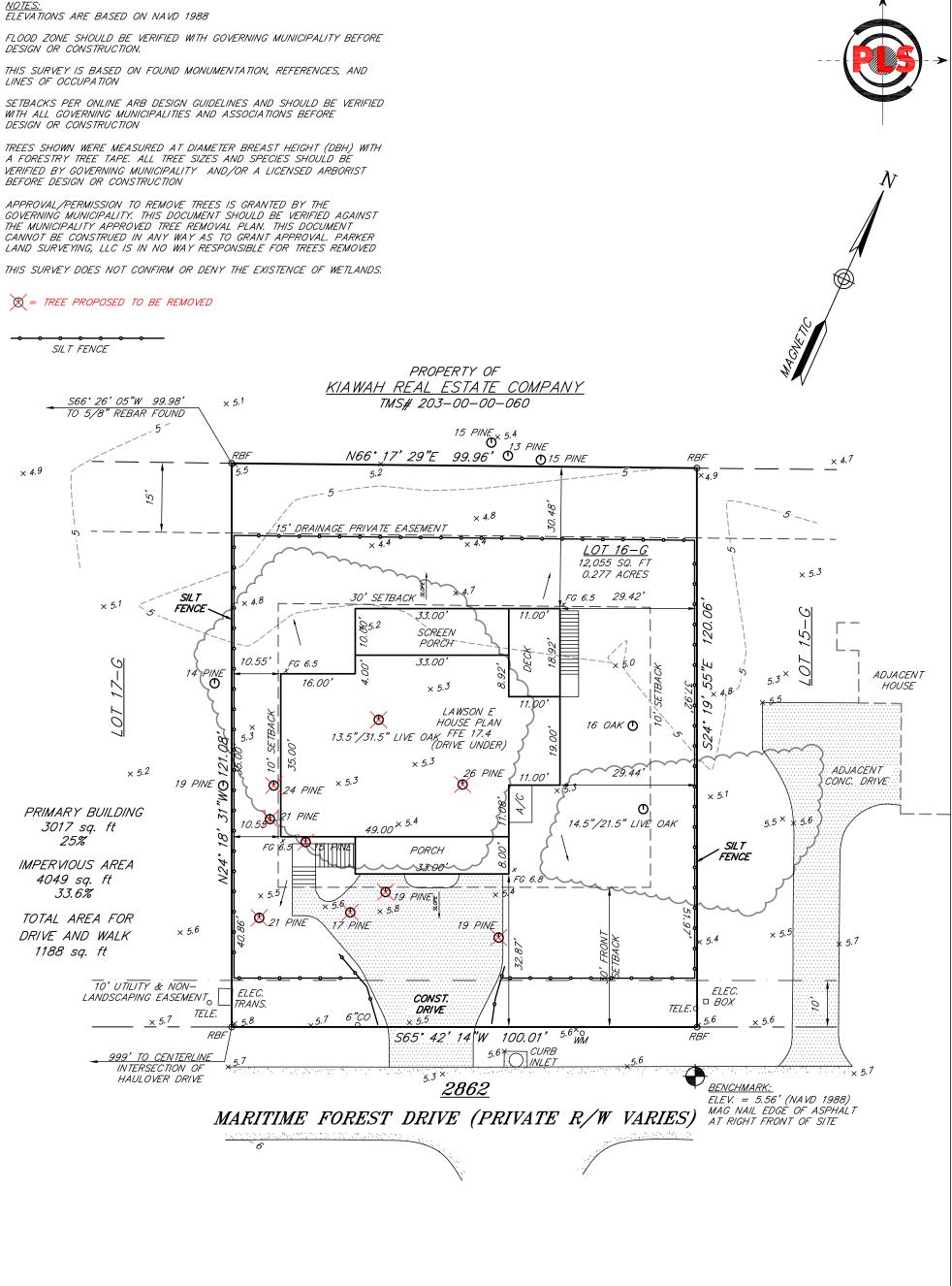
This is the official notification that the Kiawah River Estates (KRE) Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has reviewed and conditionally approved the plan for a proposed build at 2862 Maritime Forest Drive.

Please provide a copy of the Charleston County permit once received so a KRE ARC Building permit can be issued.

We look forward to this addition in our community.

Kind Regards,

Chad Rouse ARC



PREPARED FOR GRANTHAM HOMES

PLOT PLAN SHOWING LOT 16, BLOCK G "KIAWAH RIVER ESTATES"
HOPE PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, PHASE VI, TMS #203-12-00-126

LOCATED ON JOHNS ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, SC

SCALE: 1" = 20' DATE: MAY 2, 2025 REFERENCE: PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK EG, PAGE 654 LOT MAY BE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS N

LOT MAY BE SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS NOT OBVIOUS OR APPARENT TO THE SURVEYOR.

PROPERTY APPEARS TO LIE IN FLOOD ZONE AE (ELEV 11), 45019C 0785 K, REVISED JANUARY 29, 2021

FLOOD ZONE SHOULD BE VERIFIED WITH GOVERNING MUNICIPALITY BEFORE CONSTRUCTION. FEMA REVISION CHECK: 5/2/2025

ELEVATIONS SHOWN SRE BASED ON NAVD 88 DATUM, FINISHED GRADES ARE ASSUMED

HP-G-16-PP DTC

PARKER LAND SURVEYING, LLC 5910 GRIFFIN STREET, HANAHAN, SC 29410 TEL.: (843) 554-7777 THIS PLOT PLAN IS FOR PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION USE. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A LAND SURVEY, WAS NOT PREPARED FOR RECORDATION, AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DEEDING OF PROPERTY. NO GROUND SURVEY WAS PERFORMED.

PROPERTY LINE WITH
PROPERTY CORNER.
MONUMENT FOUND
AS DESCRIBED

RBF = 5/8" REBAR FOUND

