

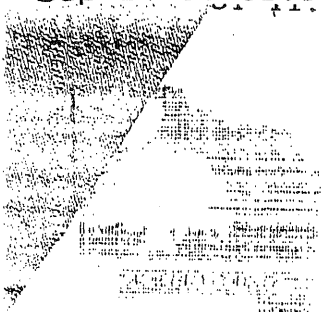
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July 11, 2001

Bedez Massey, Planner
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Dear ~~Ms. Massey~~ ^{Bedez} ~~Massey~~:

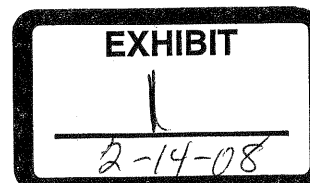
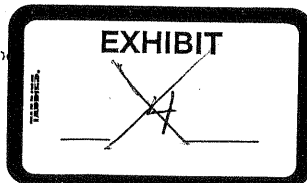
Subject: Blues Creek Subdivision, Unit 5, Phase 1

I have reviewed the Design Plat for the Blues Creek Subdivision, Unit 5, Phase 1. The submitted plan is identical with the Conceptual Development Plan for this unit and phase that was reviewed by the county's Development Review Committee.

Further, with respect to denoted "conservation" areas, it is consistent with terms agreed to by the owner/developer, the county, and the Suwannee River Water Management District in a settlement regarding wetland violations in another unit and phase of the subdivision.

You will note that the proposed layout of NW 80th Avenue includes a minor encroachment within 35 feet of a small, isolated wetland located just west of Lot 10. Mr. Ralph Eng, the project engineer, has quantified this buffer encroachment at 0.03 acres. Though not in Phase 1, you also will notice minor wetland buffer encroachments associated with a proposed road extension located southeast of Lot 10. Mr. Eng has quantified these encroachments as totaling 0.10 acres. Given the larger context area of wetlands and relict sinkholes that are provided with buffers in excess of 35 feet, we concluded that there was a net gain in environmental benefit over alternative designs to provide access to uplands south of the current project area. To further minimize impacts, I have discussed with Mr. Eng the desirability of providing an oversized culvert under the proposed road passing between the two easternmost wetlands in an effort to enhance connectivity for small vertebrates and invertebrates to an existing drainage easement and conservation areas beyond.

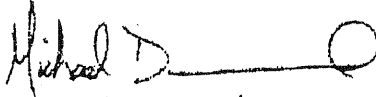
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I will attend the meeting on July 12th to assist city staff and the Development Review Board in their deliberations. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Michael Drummond
Senior Environmental Planner

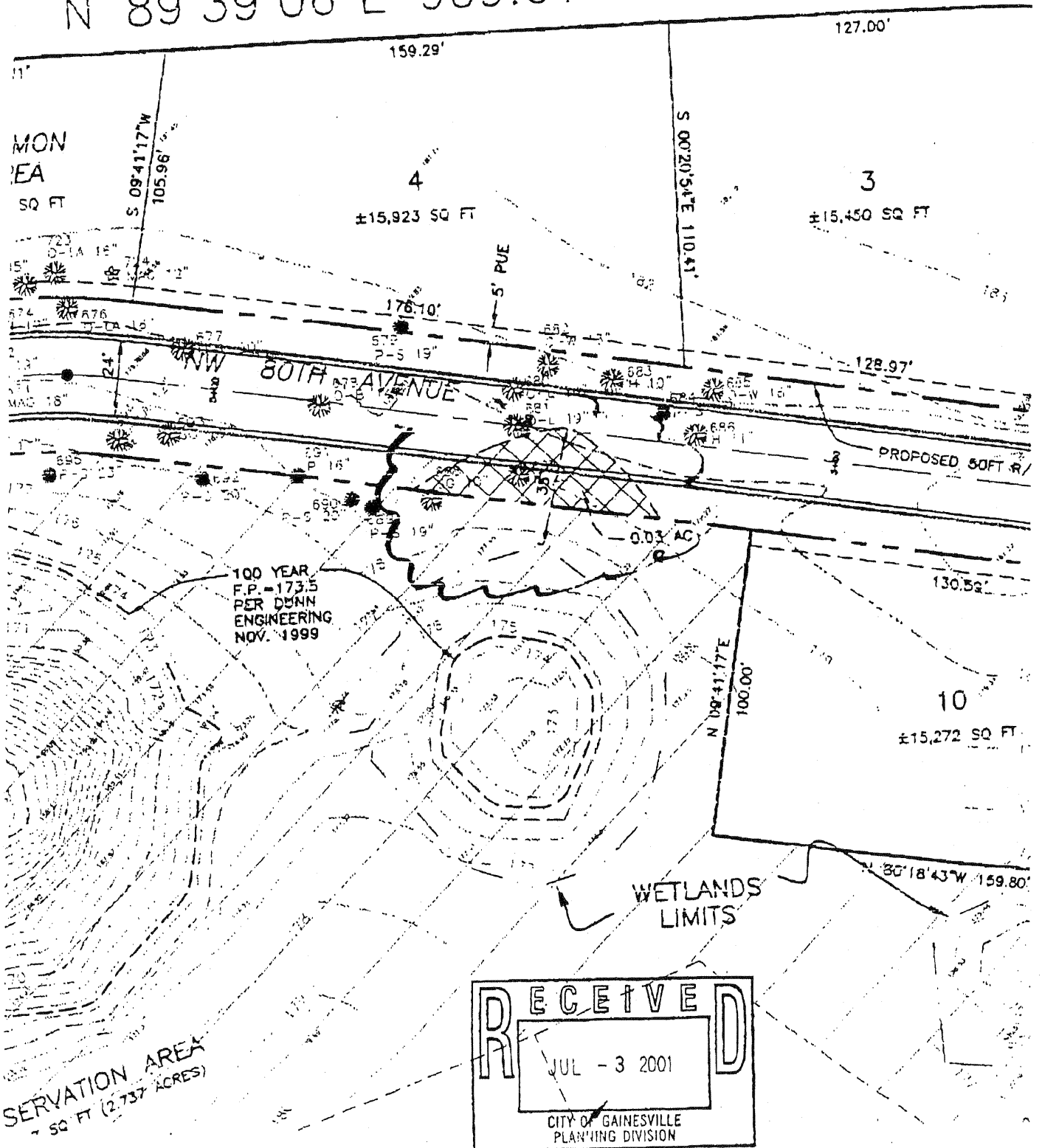
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cc: Rick Melzer
Ralph Eng

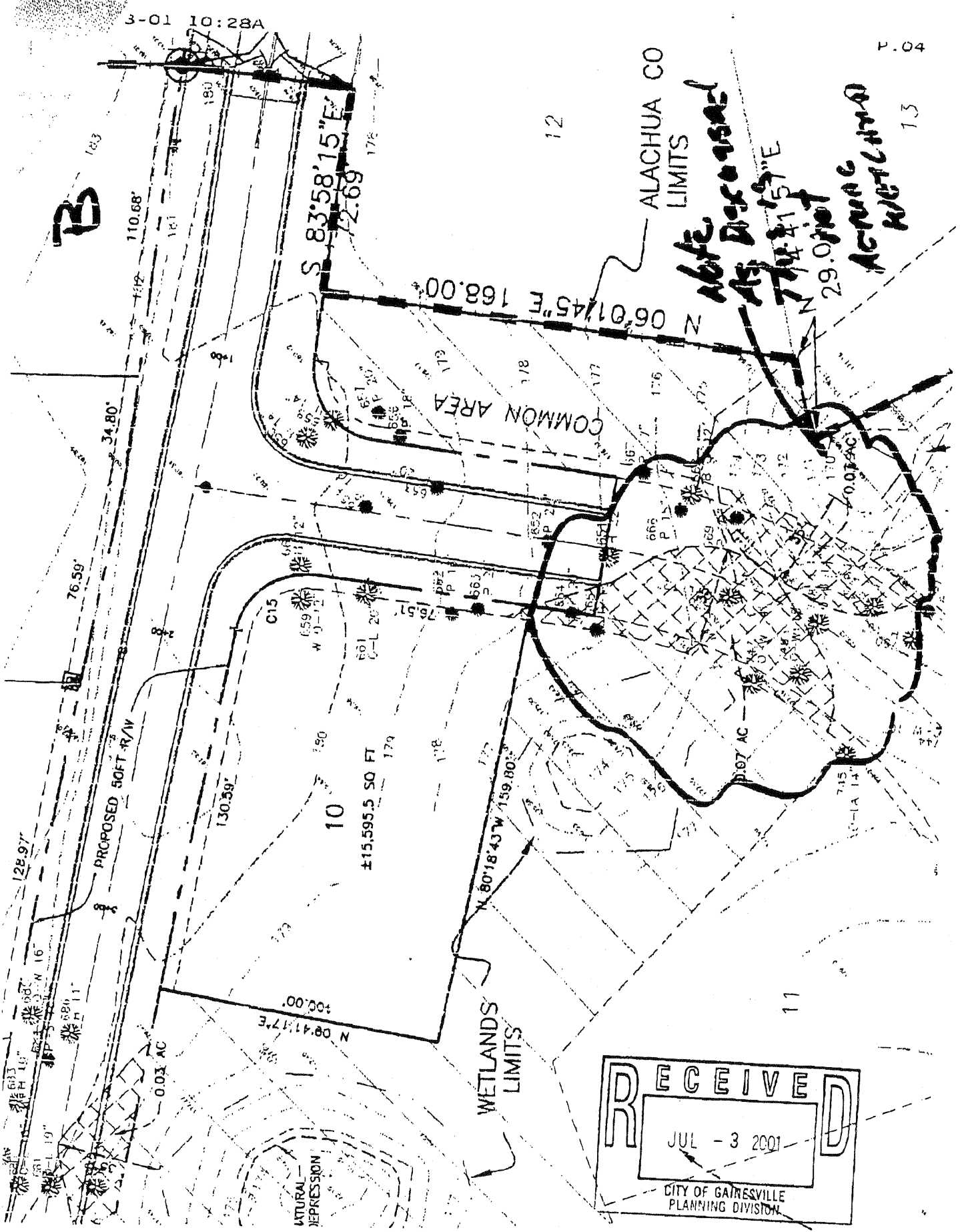
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