

Public Hearing: YES ☒ NO ☐

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 and 6

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the land use plan from Light Industrial (LIND) character area to Suburban (SUB) character area, at 1670 Henrico Road.

PETITION NO: N7-2026-0824 LP-26-1248110

PROPOSED USE: Suburban (SUB) character area.

LOCATION: 1670 Henrico Road, Conley, Georgia 30288

PARCEL NO. : 15 046 01 004

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PURPOSE:

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the land use plan from Light Industrial (LIND) character area to Suburban (SUB) character area.

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: (June 2026) Full-Cycle Deferral.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (July 2026) Three-Cycle Deferral.

PLANNING STAFF: (08.13.2026 BOC) **Withdrawal without Prejudice**_07.30.2026

STAFF ANALYSIS: The Applicant is seeking to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to change the land use character area of 1670 Henrico Road parcel from Light Industrial (LIND) to Suburban (SUB); For this July Cycle case, a companion case has been filed, (2026-0826), to also change the land use character area of 1734 Henrico Road. DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability has also filed a deferred companion case (2026-0150) to change two other parcels' land use from LIND to SUB. Along with this, companion rezoning case (2026-0151) applicant is proposing to rezone properties from M (Light Industrial) zoning district to R-100 (Residential Medium Lot- 100) zoning district to allow a single-family residential development. This current County FLUM initiative is in response to the past March Cycle deferred case (2026-1050) LP-26-1247932. Staff recommended a *"Two-Cycle Deferral"* to the July 2026 zoning agenda for that application. The proposed residential development was stated to result in an intermingling of residential land uses and industrial land uses; this is inconsistent with DeKalb 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the subject changes. Deferred case (2026-1050) LP-26-1247932, proposed a list of factors in support of residential development that included: • The proposed residential development in line with the 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan's goal of "Housing Variety and Choice". This development will help bring in "new and diverse housing types will help the County meet market demands and support continued growth." (p.14). • The land use change would provide adjacent residents on Pius Drive, Wanda Way, and Dees Drive with a greater buffer from industrial land use. It would eliminate the potential for a new industrial development to come in directly bordering their properties. Opposition to residential development included issues of encroachment of industrial truck parking lot to residential areas with no proper transitional buffers of land, proposing negative impacts on health of residents. Staff recommendations was to present to Board of Commissioners to change the FLUM of all four LIND parcels on the North side of Henrico Road (Map 2.) to SUB. Changes would provide a physical buffer on all three side between the residential uses

and the surrounding Industrial uses: Henrico Road to the south, 675 to the West and I-285 to the North. Surrounding Property Analysis: This section will outline adjacent and surrounding land use designations of this case's properties along with property history. Please refer to Map 1 for adjacent and surrounding (half a mile from properties illustrated within circle) land use where grey is LIND and yellow is SUB. • Adjacent lot to the North of 1670 Henrico Road is LIND. • Adjacent lot to the East of 1670 Henrico Road is LIND. • Adjacent lot to the West of 1670 Henrico Road is the right of way of I-675 • Adjacent lot to North of 1734 Henrico Road is SUB. • Adjacent lot to the East of 1734 Henrico Road is SUB. • Adjacent lot to the West of 1734 Henrico Road is LIND. • Southern land use of both properties is LIND. Lots half a mile from the proposed cases: to the North, majority SUB. To the East, majority SUB. To the South, a mix of LIND and SUB. To the west, majority I-675 interstate and LIND properties. Property History: • 1670 Henrico Road: Current illegal truck parking identified as Auto Service Garage under the Tax Commissioner website. • 1734 Henrico Road: Truck parking and residential units. A letter has been addressed to owner outlining explanation of zoning and current use of property. Please see attached letter for clarification. Surrounding Properties: Surrounding the properties half-a-mile South - 4060 Koppers Court-owner's existing truck parking use is identified as legal non-conforming based on a letter explaining the non-conforming status of the property. Because of the right of way buffer South of Henrico, intrusion of LIND uses should not be an issue in this case. Compatibility with 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan: The 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan identifies the subject sites as LIND. The existing land uses on the properties are inconsistent with this designation; however, the current and surrounding development patterns support reconsideration of the LIND classification. In other words, what is occurring on the properties today does not align with the current land use designation. At 1670 Henrico Road, the existing use is illegal truck parking, while 1734 Henrico Road contains residential units along with illegal truck parking on the same lot. According to the Comprehensive Plan, preferred uses within LIND include "warehouse distribution, wholesale trade, automotive, and entertainment" (Unified Plan 2050, p. 25). None of these recommended uses align with the current conditions on the sites. The proposed amendment from LIND to SUB, along with allowing single-family residential development, would create a more appropriate transition between established residential areas and nearby industrial or transportation-related uses. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan also states that "new and more intense development will be focused within activity centers, nodes, and corridors" (Unified Plan 2050, p. 4). Amending these properties to SUB would limit future expansion of intensive industrial uses in an area that already contains residential development. A land use amendment to SUB would also create more consistency with surrounding parcels. Protecting the character and integrity of existing single-family neighborhoods requires appropriate buffering and transitions. In this case, changing the land use designation to SUB would provide a greater buffer from nearby industrial uses. Buffers are also important for reducing negative externalities associated with truck parking, particularly environmental impacts on nearby residents. According to Miller et al. (2007, p. 53), carbon emissions from idling trucks in designated hotspots can present environmental concerns for surrounding communities. While Staff initially recommended approval of the proposed rezoning, Staff recommends ***"Withdrawal without Prejudice"*** of this land use plan amendment at this time, in consideration of a community-led small area planning initiative currently underway for the Bouldercrest corridor. Review and consideration of the community-led Small Area Plan is anticipated in 2027 and will provide a more comprehensive policy framework for evaluating zoning and land use transitions in this area.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (July 2026) Three-Cycle Deferral 8-0-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Costello for a three-cycle deferral to the January 2027 zoning agenda.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: (June 2026) Full-Cycle Deferral (7-0-0) to allow time for a Small Area Plan (SAP) to be adopted so that the proposal can be reviewed against the SAP goals and recommendations.

Planning Commission Hearing Date: July 7, 2026
Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

STAFF ANALYSIS

CASE NO.:	LP-26-1248110	File ID #: 2026-0824
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Parcel ID(s):	15 046 01 004	
Request:	Amend the future land use of two parcels from Light Industrial (LIND) character area to Suburban (SUB) character area.	
Property Owner(s):	Hmng Real Estate LLC.	
Applicant/Agent:	Planning & Sustainability Director	
Acreage:	5.40	
Existing Land Use:	LIND	
Surrounding Properties:	North: LIND South: LIND East: LIND West: I-675, LIND	
Comprehensive Plan:	☒ Consistent Inconsistent	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: WITHDRAWAL

Case Background:

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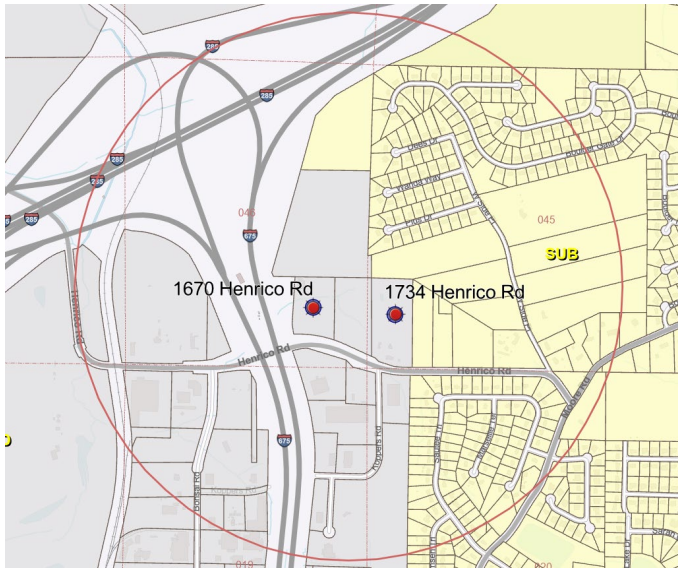
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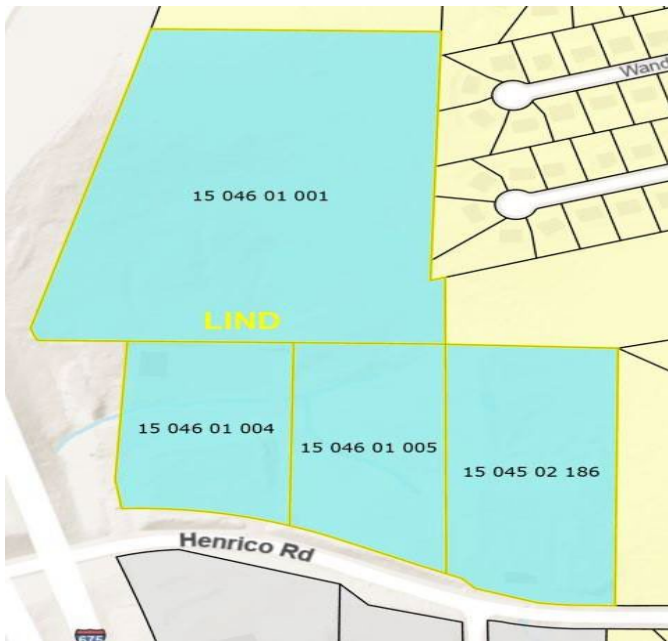
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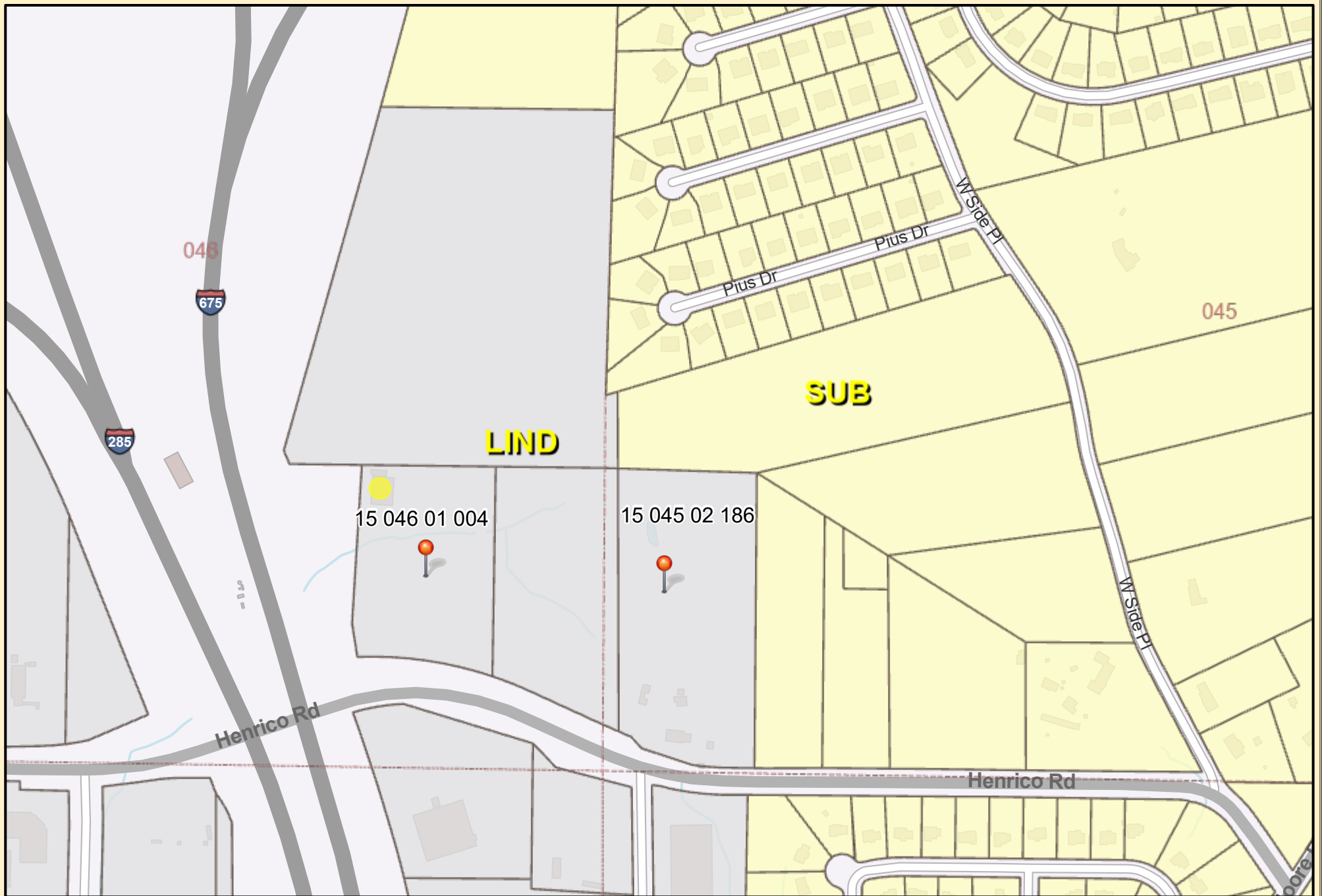
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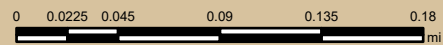
Map1



Map2



ArcGIS Web Map



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