# HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: City of Cornelia Annexation of 28	3.71 acres (Parcel 112C019)
DATE: March 7, 2024	(X) RECOMMENDATION
	( ) POLICY DISCUSSION
BUDGET INFORMATION:	( ) STATUS REPORT
ANNUAL- N/A	( ) OTHER
CAPITAL- N/A	.,

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: March 18, 2024** 

**PURPOSE:** As required by Georgia law, the City of Cornelia has notified Habersham County of a proposed annexation application consisting of a single parcel totaling 28.71 acres. The Board of Commissioners have an opportunity to object if you feel the proposed annexation creates some issue with the potential land use or service issues. If objecting, the County must notify Cornelia within forty-five (45) days and we'd enter an arbitration process. Staff has reviewed the application and has an objection. The proposed annexation would create an unincorporated island.

**BACKGROUND / HISTORY:** The City of Cornelia is legally obligated to provide an opportunity for the Board of Commissioners to object to the proposed annexations.

FACTS AND ISSUES: Staff has reviewed the proposed annexation and find the following:

- a. The proposed annexation does create an unincorporated island. There are three county properties fronting Elrod Street which would become an island. State law would allow the annexation if a 50' strip of unincorporated land is maintained along Elrod Street.
- b. The annexation is contiguous to the existing City of Cornelia.
- c. The proposed use of the property is as a multi-family residential development.
- d. The proposed zoning of R-2 zoning is consistent with the recommended Suburban Transition character area in the Comprehensive Plan. Multi-family residential is one of the recommended land uses in Suburban Transition.
- e. The property is currently within the LI, Low Intensity District in the County. LI would not allow the proposed use.
- f. There are concerns about the County being responsible for maintenance in front of the three county houses on Elrod Street if the annexation is approved as submitted. I recommend an agreement with Cornelia to maintain the road in from of those three houses if approved.
- f. The BOC must vote for objection only and it must be based on a "material increase in burden" related to:
  - (a) Proposed change in zoning or land use;
  - (b) Proposed increase in density; or
  - (c) Infrastructure demands related to the proposed change in zoning or land use.

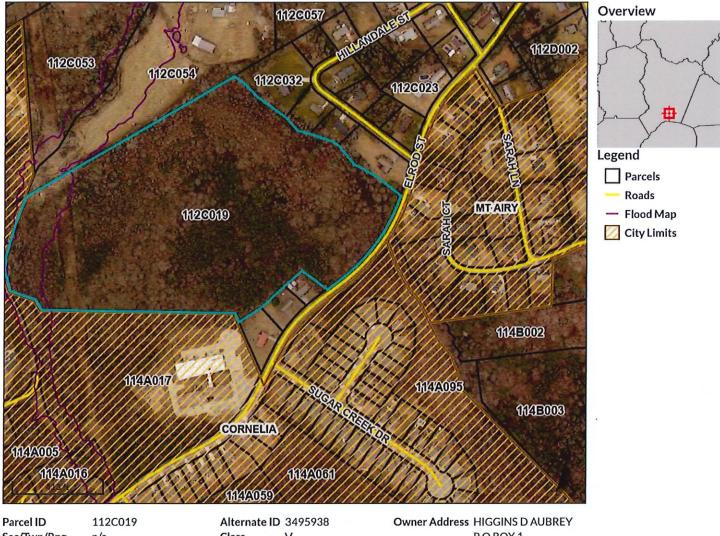
**OPTIONS:** The Board of Commissioners could act on these applications as follows:

- 1. Vote to have no objections to the proposed annexations.
- 2. Vote to have objections to one or more of the annexation applications by stating the objection is based on a material increase in burden as described above.
- 3. Take no action, thus having no objections.
- 4. Commission defined alternative.

**RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:** Motion to object to the proposed annexation of Map Parcel 112C019 due to the creation of an unincorporated island as recommended by staff.

DEPARTMENT: Prepared by: Mike Beecham	
Director	
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:	
County Manager	DATE:

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Sec/Twp/Rng n/a Property Address ELROD ST

Class 28.71 Acreage

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CORNELIA GA 30531-0000

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10-148 ELROD RD 130-619 **Brief Tax Description** 

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### City of Cornelia

Jessie Owensby PO Box 785 Cornelia, Ga. 30531

Telephone: 706-778-8585 Fax: 706-778-8585 Ext. 280

Email: dmanager@cornelia.city

To: The Board of County Commissioners of Habersham County CC: Planning Director, Mike Beecham 130 Jacobs Way, Suite 130 Clarkesville, GA 30523 March 5, 2024

#### Dear Commissioners:

Please be advised that the City of <u>Cornelia</u>, Georgia, by the authority vested in the Mayor and the Council of the City of <u>Cornelia</u>, Georgia by Article <u>6</u> of Chapter 36, Title 36, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, intends to annex the property hereinafter described by ordinance at a regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council.

This letter has been sent to you by certified mail, return receipt requested, within five (5) business days of acceptance of an application for annexation, a petition for annexation, or upon the adoption of a resolution for annexation by the City of <u>Cornelia</u>, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-36-6 and O.C.G.A. § 36-36-9 and after receipt of the application for zoning pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-111.

The property to be annexed is parcel 112C019 located along Elrod street (34. 5225917, -83.5190989), which is 28.71 acres, and is currently zoned LI.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-7 and O.C.G.A. § 36-36-9, you must notify the governing authority of the City of <u>Cornelia</u>, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, of any county facilities or property located within the property to be annexed, within five (5) business days of receipt of this letter.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-4 a public hearing on zoning of the property to be annexed as (insert zoning classification) will be held (insert time and place). If the county has an objection under O.C.G.A. § 36-36-113, in accordance with the objection and resolution process, you must notify <u>Jessie Owensby, Community Development Director,</u> within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of this notice.

Sincerely,

Jessie Owensby City of Cornelia Community Development Director



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#### **APPLICATION TYPE**

Variance:	Conditional Use:	Rezo	oning:	Annex	kation: _	X
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Address 7000 Pea	achtree Dunwoody Rd, Sui	te 4-100 A	tlanta	State	SA Zip _	30328
Telephone # (770	) 481-0855 ext. 100	Cell Ph	one # <u>( <sup>404</sup> )</u> 5	543-0855	***************************************	
Fax # (678 ) 638-4	1230	E-Mail	grh@grhc	o.com	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Property Owner(s	:: D. Aubrey Higgins					
Address P.O. Box	1	_ City _Co	rnelia	State(	GA Zip_	30531
Telephone # ( <sup>706</sup> )	776-6000	Cell Phor	ne <u>(<sup>706</sup>) <sup>706-4</sup></u>	99-9000		
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Action Requested:	Annexation into the City o	f Cornelia w	ith conforming	R-2 zoning		
Cite Pertinent Sect	ion (s): O.C.G.A. 36-36-6		·			
Existing Use: Vaca	nt Land					
Proposed Use: Multi-Family Residential						

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#### PROPERTY OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

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	3/1/2024

**Developers Signature** 

Date of Signature



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#### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM Required for all Zoning Procedures

#### Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:

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Address 7000 Pe	achtree Dunwoody Rd, Sui	te 4-100 Atlanta	StateGA;	Zip30328
	481-0855 ext. 100			
	4230	E-Mailgrh@		
Property Owner(s	): D. Aubrey Higgins			
Address P.O. Box	:1	CityCornelia	State GA	Zip30531
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Parcel ID 112C019 Sec/Twp/Rng n/a Property Address ELROD ST Alternate ID 3495938 Class V Acreage 28.71 Owner Address HIGGINS D AUBREY
P O BOX 1
CORNELIA GA 30531-0000

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Brief Tax Description 10-148 ELROD RD 130-619

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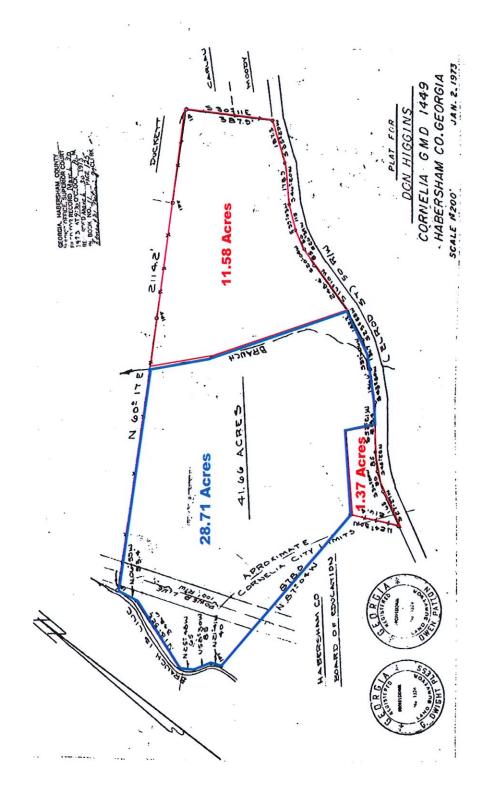
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### **Legal Description**

The site to be annexed is reflected in the tax card for Parcel 112C019 shown as 28.71 acres.	This is
a portion of the 41.66 acre tract of land described within the Deed filed March 30, 1973 attack	ched.



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