



Memorandum

TO: Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission

FROM: Jessie Hillman, AICP, Principal Planner

DATE: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: **7-A-24-HPA** Agenda Item #36

Level II Certificate of Appropriateness for 3.73 acres of excess disturbance in the

Hillside Protection Overlay at 5233 McIntyre Rd, Parcel ID 060PA025

Article 8.9: HP Hillside Protection Overlay Zoning District

Article 16.8.A.4 & B.4: Overlay Districts – Certificates of Appropriateness, Purpose and Applicability & Process for the HP Overlay Zoning District

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Deny the applicant's Level II Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request because the sole basis for excess disturbance is development intent, and there are no extenuating circumstances on the property that make compliance a challenge.

BACKGROUND:

The Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan was adopted by the City of Knoxville in 2011 to provide the vision and means for protecting hillsides and hillside development, while minimizing offsite environmental damage. The basis for the plan stems from a recognition that forested ridges and hillsides are a defining characteristic of the region's natural heritage and a primary contributor to maintaining long term property values, clean air and water, and wildlife protection.

The plan is codified in Knoxville's Zoning Ordinance in Articles 8.9 and 16.8, which provide the regulatory framework and enforcement procedures for maintaining the HP Overlay District. Article 8.9 describes standards for how the overlay is to be applied and delineates disturbance and density limitations based on the severity of slopes. Disturbance is defined in the Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan as, "any activity that results in a change in existing soil, topography, or vegetation."

Article 16.8 describes how disturbance limitations are enforced via a COA, which is administered by Planning staff. However, if a COA request requires a deviation from the applicability and/or disturbance standards of Article 8.9, the Planning Commission is to evaluate whether the request is to be approved, approved with conditions, or denied (Article 16.8.B.4.d).

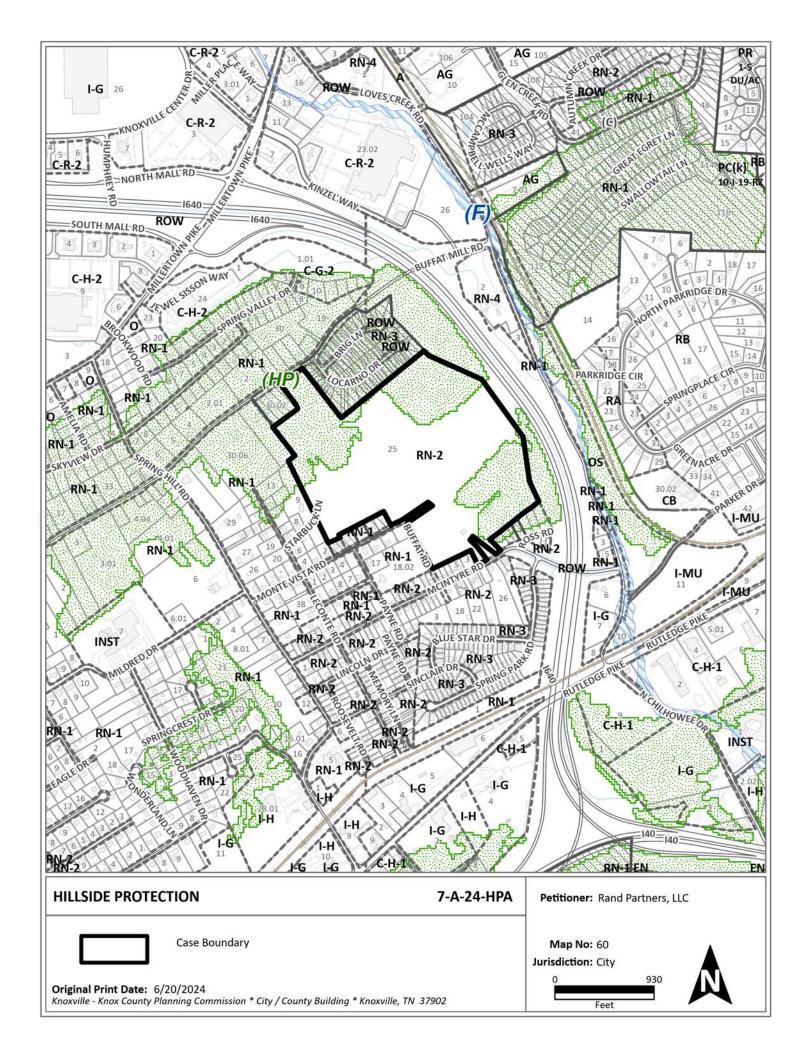
SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The applicant submitted a concept plan for 290 single-family lots on a 70.68-acre property that was reviewed by the Planning Commission May 11, 2023. The property is almost entirely forested with mature trees. Condition #7 for approval of the concept plan was that compliance with the land disturbance requirements within the HP (Hillside Protection Overlay) zone district be confirmed during the design plan phase.

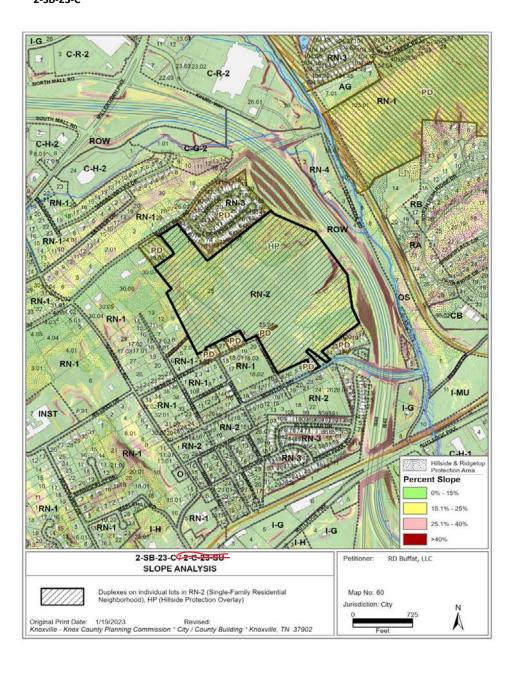
The slope analysis for this property permits 19.13 acres of disturbance within the 28.02 acres of the lot that are in the HP district. In other words, approximately 70% of the HP area can legally be disturbed. There are 42.5 acres of the property that are not within the HP district and can be entirely disturbed.

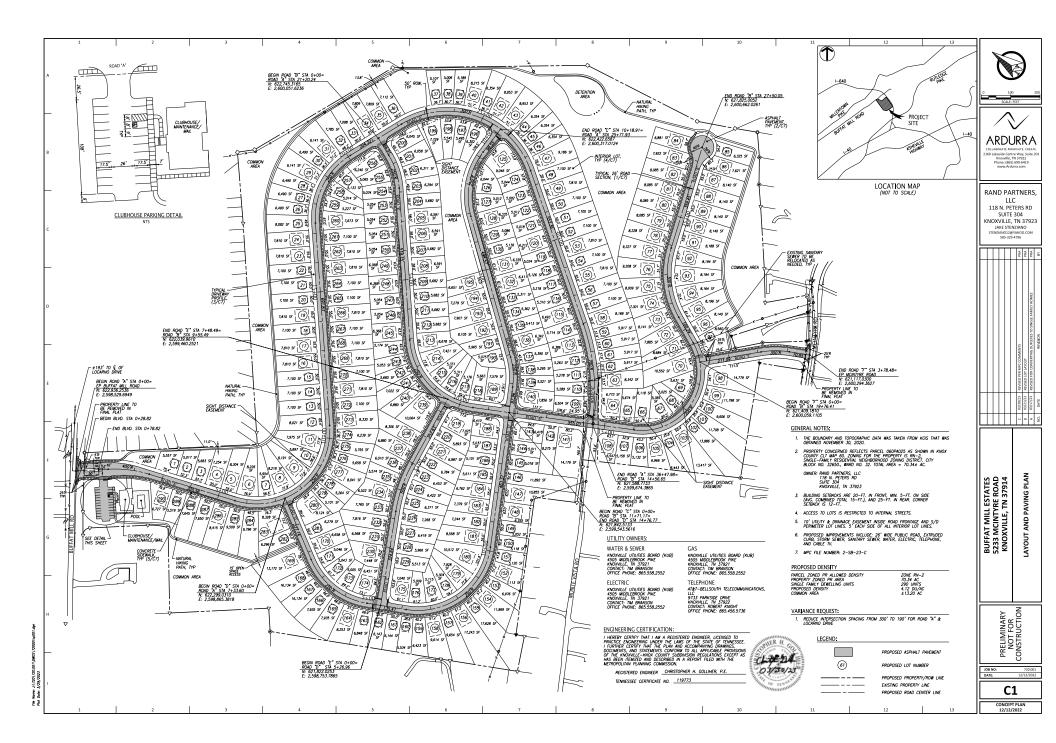
During the design plan phase, it was discovered that the stormwater detention facility for the site was undersized and more detention was needed in order to accommodate the proposed extent of land disturbance and impervious surface creation. This expansion of the stormwater facility resulted in this request to disturb 22.86 acres within the HP district. This request exceeds the disturbance budget by approximately 3.73 acres or 11.5%

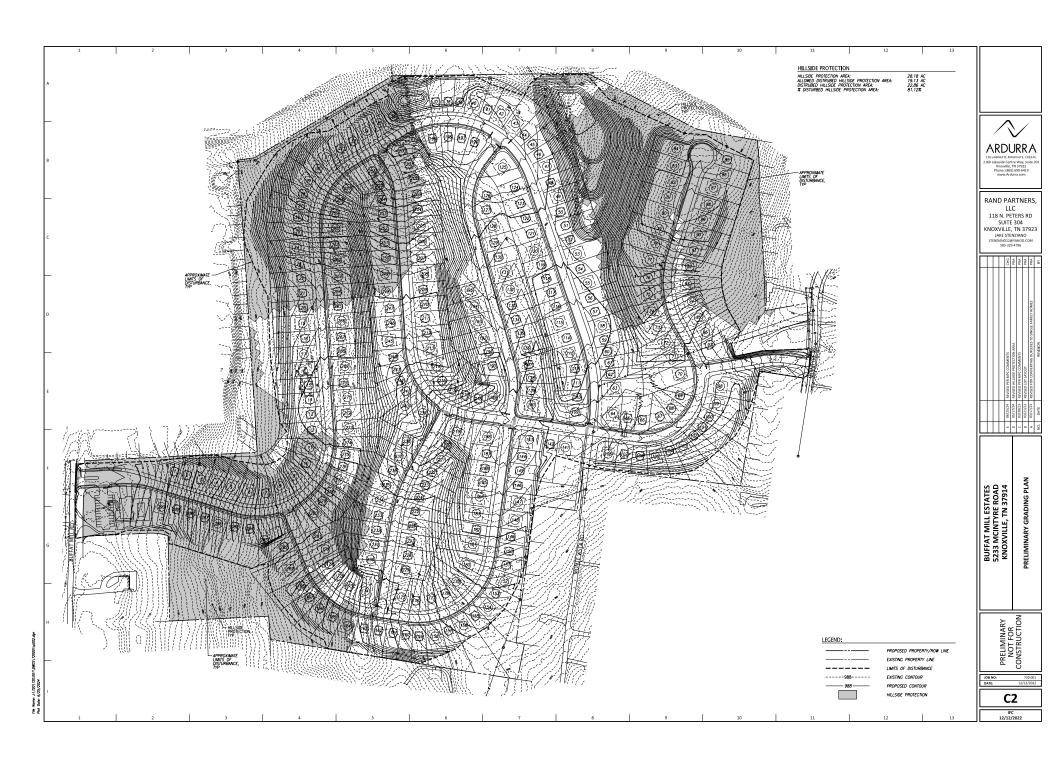
There is no hardship specific to the property which prevents compliance with disturbance standards, and complying with the standards does not deprive the owner of reasonable use of their land. Rather than exceed the disturbance budget, the development plan should be right-sized to ensure that no more than 19.13 acres are disturbed within the HP district.

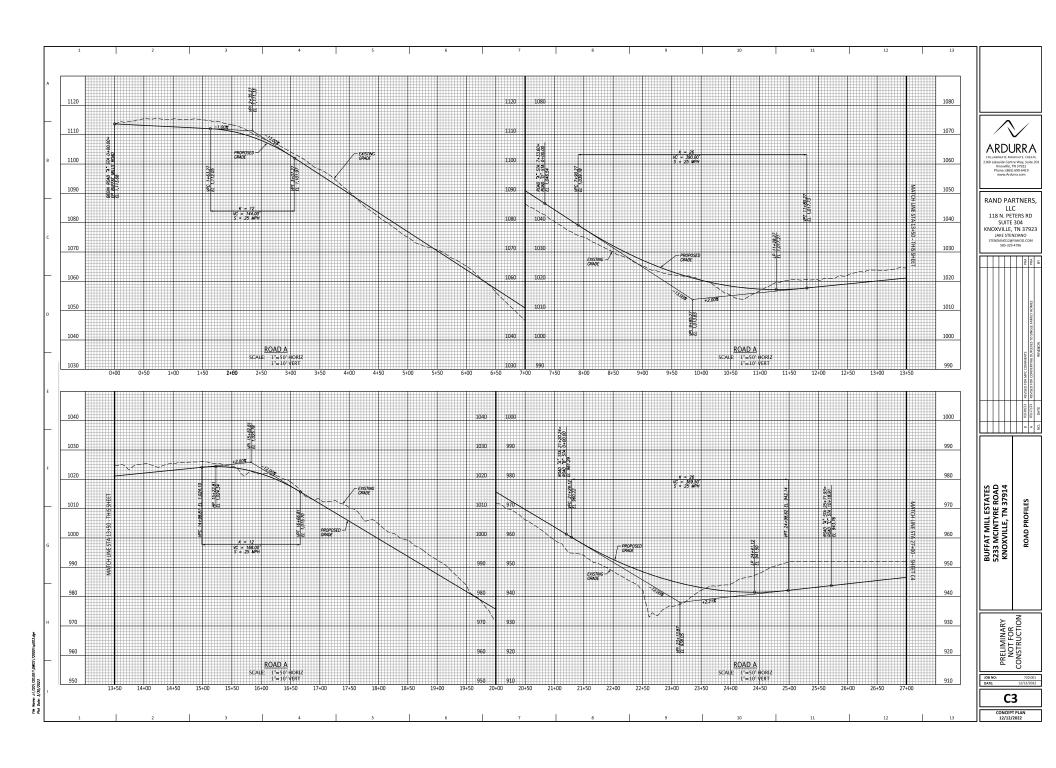


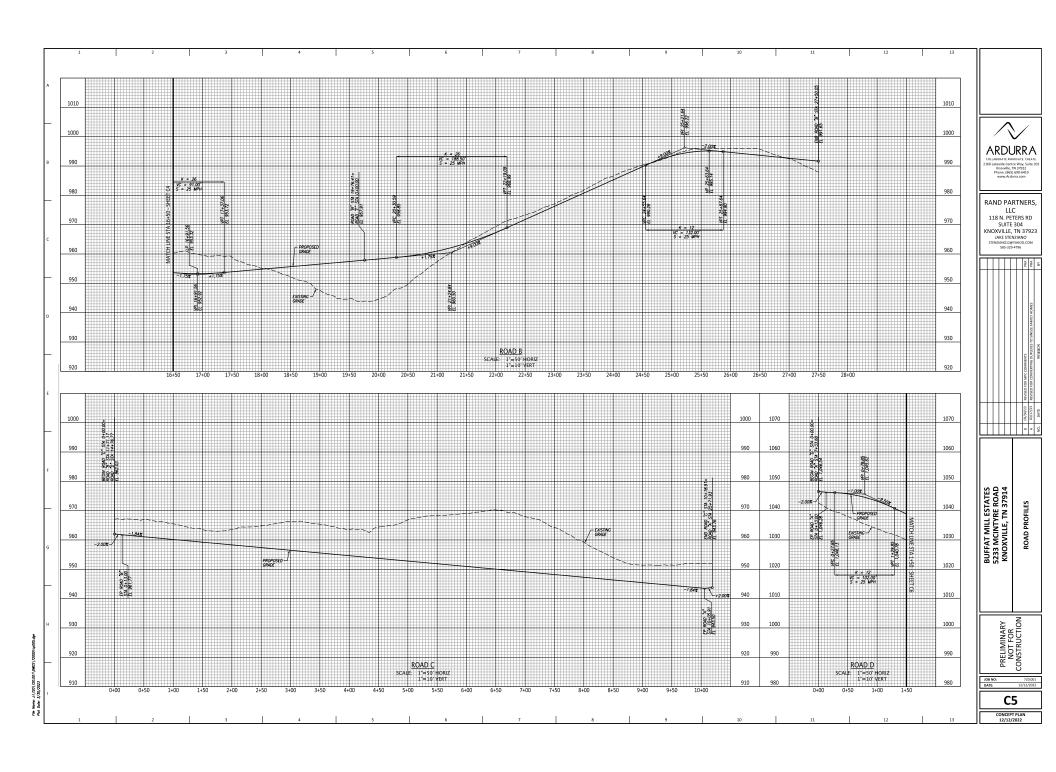
CATEGORY	ACRES	RECOMMENDED DISTURBANCE BUDGET (Percent)	DISTURBANCE AREA (Acres)
Total Area of Site	70.52		
Non-Hillside	42.50	N/A	
0-15% Slope	11.74	100%	11.74
15-25% Slope	13.90	50%	6.95
25-40% Slope	2.03	20%	0.41
Greater than 40% Slope	0.35	10%	0.04
Ridgetops			
Hillside Protection (HP) Area	28.02	Recommended disturbance budget within HP Area (acres)	19.13
		Percent of HP Area	0.7

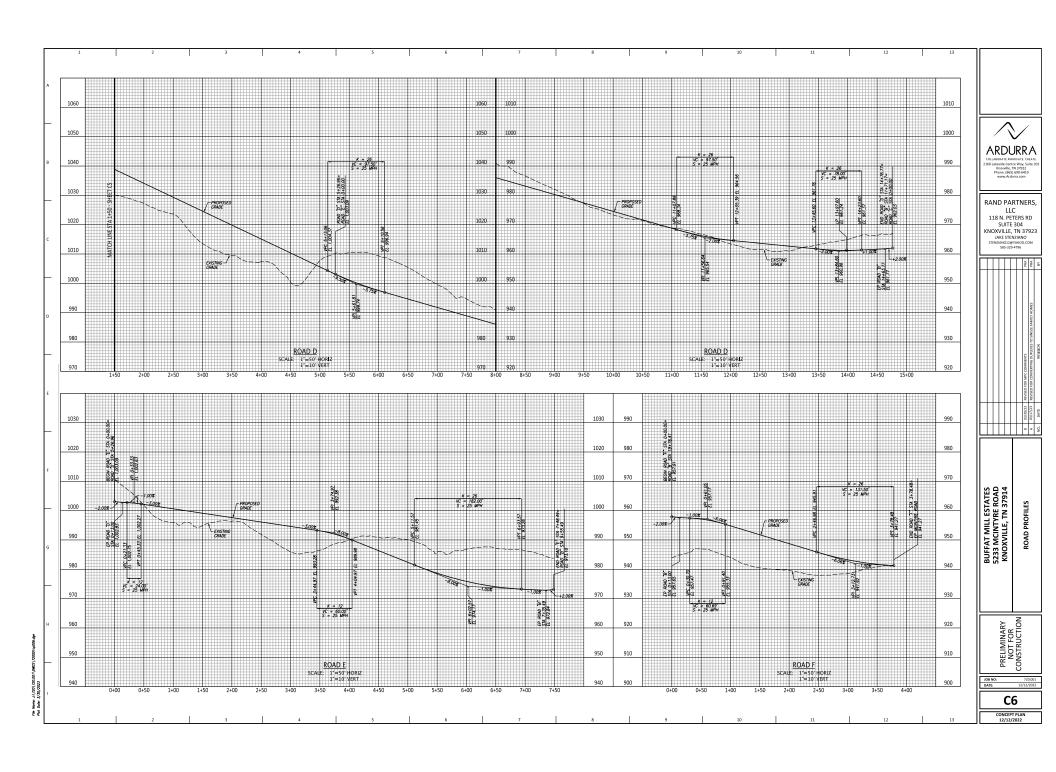


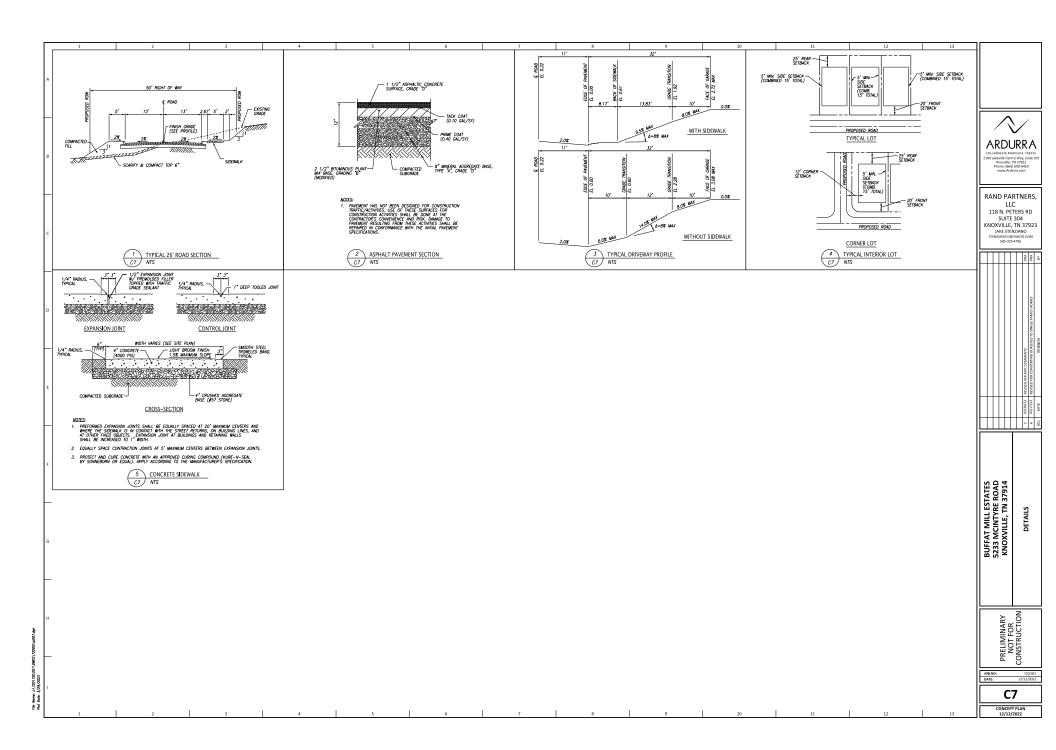












Project Name: Buffat Mill Subdivision

Date: June 25, 2024

Variances Requested:

1. Increase the allowable hillside protection disturbance from 19.13 acres to 22.86 acres.

The existing topography of the site creates a drainage swale that accounts for ~80 acres of a watershed that flows down to the TDOT ROW. The low area on the site is the practical place for the detention basin. Due to the large drainage area and the inability to bypass the offsite drainage, the pond size gets large quickly. To fit an appropriately sized pond into this area, more of the southern slope needs to be disturbed than originally anticipated. This additional area resulted in the increase in hillside protection disturbance. An alternative of excavating more of the northern slope was looked at since it was being disturbed anyways, but the geotechnical report showed heavy rock in that area that would not be feasible for deep excavations. The most practical solution is to extend the disturbance into the southern slolpe resulting in the need for a variance for extra hillside protection allowance.



Development Request

		DEVELOPMENT	SUBDIVISION	ZONING
Di	20010	Development Plan	☐ Concept Plan	☐ Rezoning
PL	annin	☐ Planned Development	☐ Final Plat	☐ Plan Amendment
KN	OXVILLE I KNOX COUNTY	☐ Use on Review / Special Use		Sector Plan
		✓ Hillside Protection COA		☐ City OYP / County
		• Thiside Protection COA		Comp Plan
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Applicant	Name		Affiliation	
5/23/202	4	6/13/2024	7-A-24-HPA	
Date Filed	I	Meeting Date (if applicable)	File Number(s)	
CORRE	SPONDENCE	All correspondence related to this application	should be directed to the app	proved contact listed below.
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Name / Co				
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Address				
865-251-5	5341 / cgolliher@ard	durra.com		
Phone / E	mail			
CURRE	NT PROPERTY IN	IFO		
RD Buffat	t, LLC	118 N Peters Rd Suite 304 Kno	cville TN 37923 58	5-329-4796
Owner Na	ame (if different)	Owner Address	Ov	vner Phone / Email
5233 MCI	NTYRE RD			
Property A	Address			
60 P A 02	5		70	.37 acres
Parcel ID		Part of	f Parcel (Y/N)? Tr	act Size
	Utilities Board	Knoxville Utilities	Board	
Sewer Pro	ovider	Water Provider		Septic (Y/N)
STAFF	USE ONLY			
Southeas	t side of Buffat Mill	Rd, west side of Interstate 640		
General Lo	ocation			
✓ City	Council District 4	RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborho (Hillside Protection Overlay)	od), HP Agricultur	e/Forestry/Vacant Land
County	District	Zoning District	Existing L	and Use
East City	LDR (Lo	w Density Residential)	N/A (With	nin City Limits)
Planning S	Sector Land U	se (City)/Place Type (County)	Growth P	olicy Plan Designation

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DEVELOPMENT REQUEST					
☐ Development Plan ☐ Plann	☐ Planned Development ☐ Use on Review / Special Use			Related City I	Permit Number(s)
✔ Hillside Protection COA		☐ Residential ☐ Non-res	idential		
Home Occupation (specify)					
Other (specify) Single-family resi	dential subdivisio	n			
SUBDIVSION REQUEST					
				Related Rezo	oning File Number
Proposed Subdivision Name					
Unit / Phase Number		Total Number of Lo	ots Created		
Additional Information					
Attachments / Additional Requi	rements				
ZONING REQUEST					
Zoning				Pending Pl	lat File Number
Change Proposed Zoning					
☐ Plan					
Amendment Proposed Plan De	esignation(s)				
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STAFF USE ONLY					
PLAT TYPE ☐ Staff Review ☐ Planning	g Commission		Fee 1		Total
	; commission		\$500.00		
ATTACHMENTS Property Owners / Option Hold	ers 🗌 Varian	ce Request	Fee 2		
☐ Amendment Request (Compreh					
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT	ΓS				
Use on Review / Special Use (Co	oncept Plan)		Fee 3		
☐ Traffic Impact Study☐ COA Checklist (Hillside Protection	an)				
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AUTHORIZATION					
		ue and correct: 1) He/she/it is the ow	ner of the pro	perty, AND 2) th	e application and
all associated materials are being	submitted with his Rand Partr				5/23/2024
Applicant Signature	Please Prin				Date
Phone / Email					
	RD Buffat,				5/23/2024
Property Owner Signature	Please Prin	t			Date

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Rand Partners, LLC				
Applicant Name			Affiliat	ion
05/20/2024	07/11/24			2-SB-23-File Number(s)
Date Filed	Meeting Date (if ap	plicable)		'-A-24-HPA
CORRESPONDENCE	All correspondence related to th	is application should be d	directed to the ap	pproved contact listed below.
☐ Applicant ☐ Propert Christopher H. Gollihe		roject Surveyor Eng	gineer 🗌 Arch	itect/Landscape Architect
Name		Company		
2160 Lakeside Centre	Way Suite 201	Knoxville	TN	37922
Address		City	State	ZIP
865-251-5341	cgolliher@ardur	ra.com		
Phone	Email	11011		
CURRENT PROPERTY	INFO			
RD Buffat LLC	118 N. Pe	eters Road STE 304 k	(noxville, TN	585-329-4796
Property Owner Name (if di	fferent) Property O	wner Address		Property Owner Phone
5233 McIntyre Road K	noxville, TN 37914	060PA	025	
Property Address		Parcel ID		
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Sewer Provider	Wa	ater Provider		Septic (Y/N)
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General Location			Tract Siz	ze
City County District	Zoning District	Existin	g Land Use	
Planning Sector	Land Use / Place		Growth	Policy Plan Designation

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Other (specify)				
SUBDIVISION REQUEST				
			Related Rezoning	File Number
Proposed Subdivision Name				
Unit / Phase Number	cels Divide Parcel			
		lumber of Lots Created		
☐ Attachments / Additional Requirements				
ZONING REQUEST				
☐ Zoning Change			Pending Plat Fil	e Number
Proposed Zoning				
☐ Plan Amendment Change				
Proposed P	lan Designation(s)			
Proposed Density (units/acre)	Previous Rezoning Requests			
Other (specify)				
STAFF USE ONLY				
PLAT TYPE		Fee 1		Total
☐ Staff Review ☐ Planning Commissi	on	1		5-5-6-5
ATTACHMENTS		Fo. 3		
☐ Property Owners / Option Holders ☐		Fee 2		
Amendment Request (Comprehensive P	lan)			
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ☐ Use on Review / Special Use (Concept PI	(an)	Fee 3		
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☐ COA Checklist (Hillside Protection)				
AUTHORIZATION				- III
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