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# **Planning Commission Staff Report**

**Project Type:** Change of Zoning

Meeting Date: November 23, 2020

From: Chris Dietz, Planner

**Location:** 14685 Clayton Rd.

**Description:** P.Z. 08-2020 Straub Lane Estates (14685 Clayton Road): A request for a change in

zoning from 'NU' Non-Urban District to 'R-3' Residence District for an undeveloped 0.90-acre tract of land on the north side of Clayton Road, west of

Straub Lane. (21R441513).

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

Mr. Sudha has submitted a request for a Change of Zoning from a "NU"-Non-Urban District to an "R-3"-Residence District. The request pertains to a 0.9-acre parcel located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Clayton Road and Straub Lane. Future improvements would require approval of a Preliminary Plat, Improvement Plans, and MZAs to verify compliance with all requirements.



Figure 1: Subject Site

#### **HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE**

This site was zoned "NU"-Non-Urban by St. Louis County prior to its incorporation into the City of Chesterfield. In 2005, a petition was filed to change the zoning of the property from "NU" to "R-5" Residence District with a Planned Environmental Unit procedure to accommodate six (6) attached single-family units. The project was subsequently changed to propose two (2) detached single-family units but was ultimately withdrawn. A demolition permit was issued in 2018 to clear the existing house on the site to accommodate the construction of a new single-family home. A Municipal Zoning Approval application was submitted shortly thereafter but was eventually denied due to inactivity by the applicant.

## **LAND USE AND ZONING**

The land use and zoning for the properties surrounding the subject site are as follows:

| Direction | Zoning                                   | Land Use                  |
|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| North     | "R-5"/PEU—Residence District             | Single-Family Residential |
|           | (Planned Environmental Unit)             |                           |
| South     | (City of Ballwin)                        | Single-Family Residential |
| East      | "NU"—Non-Urban Educational (High School) |                           |
| West      | "E-1AC"—Estate District                  | Office                    |

Table 1: "R-3" Surrounding Zoning and Land Use

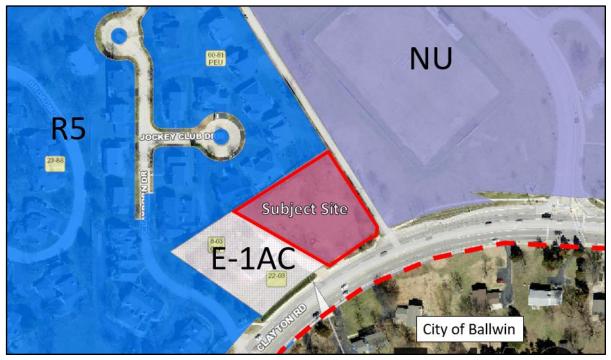


Figure 2: Zoning Map

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The City's Comprehensive Plan designates this site as Suburban Neighborhood, which is characterized primarily by single-family residential use. The image below depicts the site's location in context of the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Plan:



Figure 3: Land Use Map

#### **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

In accordance with City Code, no preliminary plan or "Attachment A" language will be required as this zoning request is for a change to a "straight" (conventional) zoning district. Development criteria for this zoning district require each single-family lot to be at least 10,000 square feet in area with the minimum lot width determined by the size of the lot. Permitted uses will be those established under the "R-3" Residence District that do not require more than 0.90 acres in the City of Chesterfield's Unified Development Code, as shown below:

| Use                     | Minimum Lot Area   |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Dwelling, Single-Family | 10,000 square feet |  |  |
| Day-care Center         | 30,000 square feet |  |  |
| Group Home              | 15,000 square feet |  |  |
| Nursery School          | 15,000 square feet |  |  |
| Public Utility Facility | 10,000 square feet |  |  |

Table 2: Permitted Uses

Structure setbacks for this "R-3" District are defined in the table below:

| Front (from right-of-way) | Side (from property line) | Rear (from property line) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 20′                       | 8'                        | 15′                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                           |                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 3: Structure Setbacks

## **REQUEST**

A Public Hearing further addressing the request will be held at the November 23, 2020 City of Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting. After the completion of the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, Planning Commission may choose to vote on this item if it has no outstanding issues with the request. After the vote is taken by the Planning Commission, this project will be presented before the Planning and Public Works Committee for a recommendation to City Council. Attached please find a copy of the Public Hearing Notice, Survey, and Tree Stand Delineation for further consideration.

Attachments: Public Hearing Notice

Survey

Tree Stand Delineation

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CHESTERFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Chesterfield will hold a Public Hearing on November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the recommendations of the President, the Governor, and the CDC, the meeting will be conducted virtually at https://zoom.us/j/93803827652 or call in at (312) 626-6799 and enter meeting ID 938 0382 7652.

Said Hearing will be as follows:

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#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

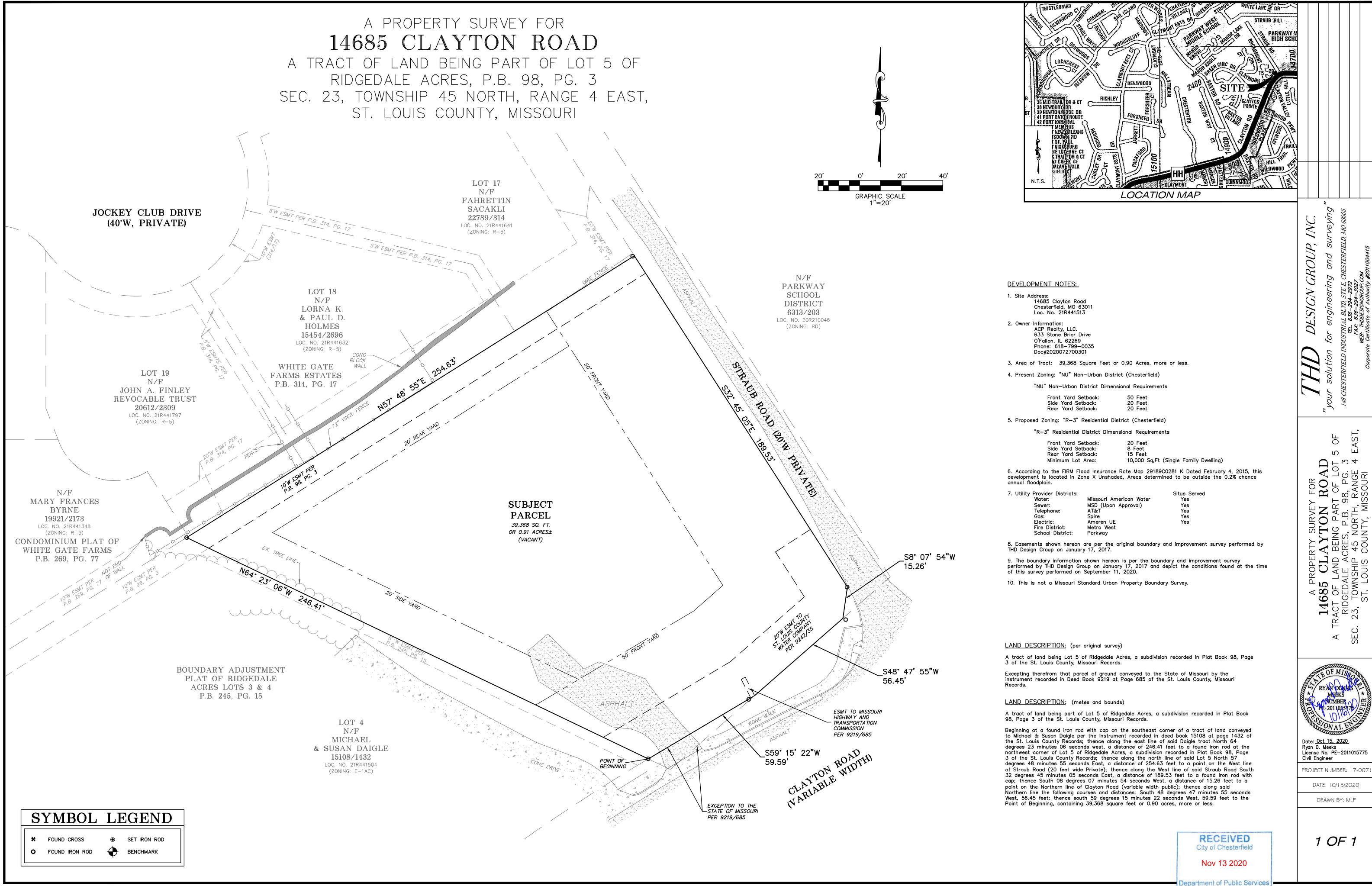
A tract of land being part of Lot 5 of Ridgedale Acres, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 98, Page 3 of the St. Louis County, Missouri Records.



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Information on this Public Hearing may be found on the City's website at http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/public-notice.html or by contacting Planner Chris Dietz at 636.537.4745 or via e-mail at cdietz@chesterfield.mo.us. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing.





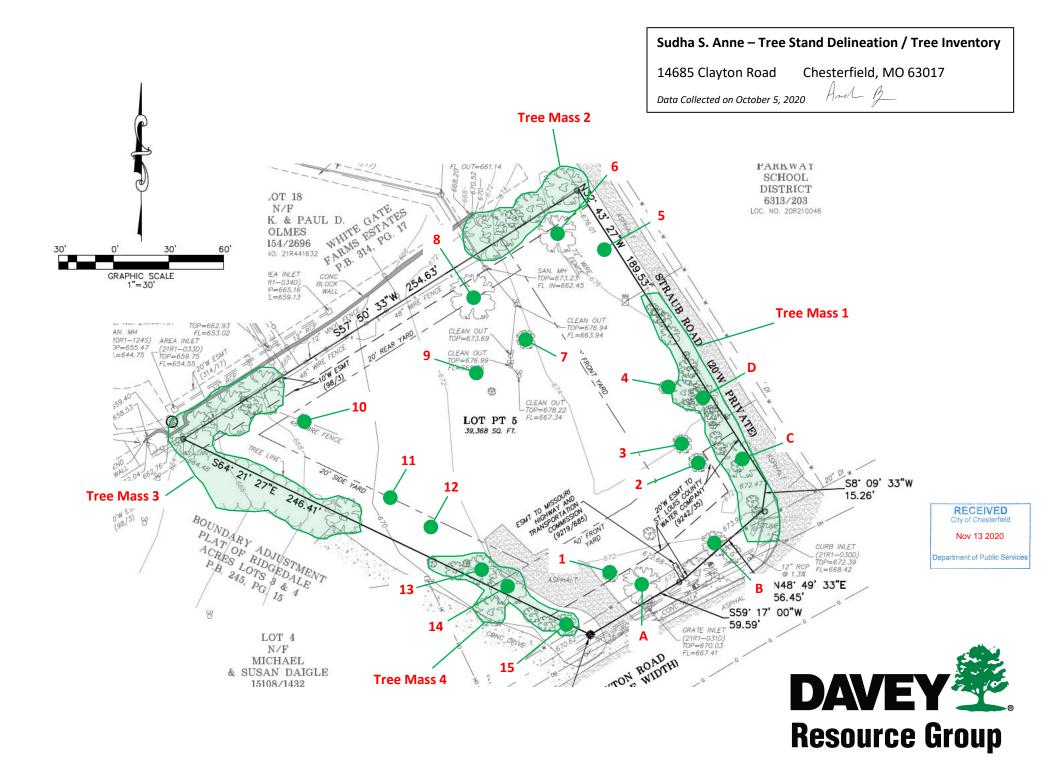
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Date: <u>Oct 15, 2020</u> Ryan D. Meeks License No. PE-2011015775

DATE: 10/15/2020

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| Tree #                  | Species                 | Common Name  | DBH | Condition<br>Rating | Monarch<br>Tree | Department of Public Services  Notes |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1                       | Ginkgo biloba           | Ginkgo   | 11" | Fair                | No              |                                      |  |
| 2                       | llex opaca              | American holly   | 14" | Fair                | No              | Basal wounding                       |  |
| 3                       | Sassafras albidum       | Sassafras  | 9"  | Fair                | No              | Basal wounding                       |  |
| 4                       | Fraxinus americana      | White ash  | 8"  | Fair                | No              | EAB susceptibility                   |  |
| 5                       | Liquidambar styraciflua | Sweetgum   | 5"  | Fair                | No              | Rock fill soils over root collar     |  |
| 6                       | Acer saccharinum        | Silver maple   | 28" | Fair                | Yes             | Multi-stemmed codominant             |  |
| 7                       | Liriodendron tulipifera | Tuliptree  | 17" | Dead                | No              | Removal                              |  |
| 8                       | Morus spp.              | Mulberry   | 14" | Dead                | No              | Codominant, removal                  |  |
| 9                       | Magnolia x soulangiana  | Saucer magnolia  | 20" | Fair                | Yes             | 3-stem codominant, large Magnolia    |  |
| 10                      | <i>Ulmus</i> spp.       | Elm  | 16" | Dead                | No              | Removal                              |  |
| 11                      | Picea glauca            | White spruce   | 4"  | Fair                | No              |                                      |  |
| 12                      | Picea glauca            | White spruce   | 3"  | Fair                | No              |                                      |  |
| 13                      | Nyssa sylvatica         | Blackgum   | 18" | Fair                | No              |                                      |  |
| 14                      | Fraxinus americana      | White ash  | 20" | Fair                | Yes             | EAB susceptibility                   |  |
| 15                      | Quercus macrocarpa      | Bur oak  | 14" | Fair                | No              | Overhead powerline conflict          |  |
| Α                       | Betula nigra            | River birch  | 18" | Poor                | No              | Removal                              |  |
| В                       | Pyrus calleryana        | Callery pear   | 10" | Fair                | No              | Invasive species, removal            |  |
| С                       | Celtis occidentalis     | Hackberry  | 26" | Fair                | Yes             | Poor powerline pruning               |  |
| D                       | Celtis occidentalis     | Hackberry  | 22" | Fair                | Yes             |                                      |  |
| Tree Mass 1             |                         | Mostly elm, ash, sassafras, and hackberry in the 6"-10" DBH size class. Some small white pine ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> ) noted on the south end of the grouping. |     |                     |                 |                                      |  |
| Tree Mass 2 Tree Mass 3 |                         | Honeysuckle, grapevine, and dead snags. Nothing of significance.   |     |                     |                 |                                      |  |
|                         |                         | Honeysukcle and grapevine - heavy infestation. Elm and silver maple on the adjacent property.  |     |                     |                 |                                      |  |
| Tree Mass 4             |                         | Black cherry, blackgum, white ash, hackberry, and a honeysuckle understory. All trees, unless noted above, are less than 12"                                   |     |                     |                 |                                      |  |

**General Observations:** 

Tree Mass 4

DBH.

The tree population on this property is comprised of mostly native species and is relatively diverse in species and size class. The overall condition is "Fair" - nothing was noted to be in "Good" or better condition. Most of the tree masses should be able to be retained in the event this land is developed, as they are thin and along the property boundary only. Any honeysuckle and grape within the property boundary should be eradicated before the tree masses are entirely engulfed. Though 5 "Monarch" trees were noted, none of them fit significant criteria based on the City definition except size.