

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

From: Matthew Sampa, Planner I

Date: June 07, 2024

Subject: Revised ORD 2052/AFD 24-1 Application for Withdrawal of Land from the AFD at 701

Bishop Rd.

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Property Location	701 Bishop Road		
Tax Parcel Numbers	137-T A 1		
Parcel(s) Size	36.058		
Present Zoning District	RR-1 Rural Residential 1		
Proposed Use	Single-family homes		
Adjacent Zoning District	North:	RR (Montgomery County)	
	East:	RR-1 Rural Residential 1	
	South:	RR-1 Rural Residential 1	
	West:	RR-1 Rural Residential 1	
Adjacent Uses	North:	Single Family Sub-Urban (Montgomery County)	
	East:	Single-family residential	
	South:	Single-family residential	
	West:	Single-family residential; Agriculture	
Current Acreage in AFD	36.058		
Acreage to be Withdrawn	3.036		

REQUEST & BACKGROUND

This request is to remove 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Rd. for the development of single-family homes on three proposed lots along Treetop Ridge Road. The parcel currently consists of one single-family home on a single, 36.058 acre parcel.

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Town, with frontage on Bishop Road and Treetop Ridge Road in Montgomery County. A small portion of the parcel is located outside of Town limits, and therefore, is not included in the AFD withdrawal. More information about this portion of land, and the proposed subdivision can be found later in the staff report.

The application, staff GIS maps, including maps showing the location of the request, and neighborhood meeting notes are attached.

FORMATION AND PURPOSE OF AFD

The Blacksburg Town Code makes provisions for the creation of agricultural and forestal districts within the Town, as allowed by the Code of Virginia (Title 15.2, Chapter 43, 1950 as amended). Chapter 3 of the Blacksburg Town Code states:

It is the policy of the Town to conserve and protect and to encourage the development and improvement of the Town's agricultural and forestal lands for the production of food and other agricultural and forestal products. It is also the policy of the Town to conserve and protect agricultural and forestal lands as valued natural and ecological resources which provide essential open spaces for clean air sheds, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, as well as for aesthetic purposes.

The Town has an existing Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) that is designed to meet these policy goals by protecting agricultural lands and encouraging agricultural uses. The district was created in 1981 and consisted of approximately 406 acres across several parcels with different land owners. Lands within the AFD have a tax valuation based on the agricultural or forestal land uses which is less than the assessed value if the property were assessed at a residential rate. This is a financial benefit to the property owner, especially in consideration of large parcel size where taxes may be costly. The AFD also provides protections for the landowners from zoning regulations that may otherwise prohibit agricultural or forestal uses, but also prohibits more intensive development than a single-family home and related agricultural outbuildings. Property owners who have land-use value taxation from the County automatically receive the tax benefit from the Town as well. Eligible properties include those whose primary use is agriculture or forestry.

Taxation issues must be addressed upon withdrawal of land from the AFD. Upon termination of a district or withdrawal or removal of any land from a district, land that is no longer part of a district shall be subject to and liable for roll-back taxes as are provided in State Code § 58.1-3237. The Town's Finance Department calculates tax rates and determines the roll-back taxes if applicable.

Properties may be added to the AFD at designated times, or withdrawn from the AFD at any time. There are criteria for additions to, or withdrawals from the district. In consideration of the removal of land from the AFD, the Town or County cannot prohibit a landowner from withdrawing all or part of their land from the district, but the evaluation should consider the effect on the entire district. Using the stipulations in Town of Blacksburg Code § 3-201, the withdrawal of land from the district cannot render the entire district inconsistent with these requirements.

Recent AFD Withdrawal Applications

In August of 2021, the Town began the process for the required review for continuance of the district and notified all landowners within the AFD to determine if there were requests from owners for land to be removed from the AFD. All current AFD landowners received notification of the process and the exit period was advertised in *The Burgs* and via Blacksburg Citizens Alert. At the time, one property owner requested a withdrawal of 35.25 acres for the Northside Park/Givens Farm subdivision, which was actively under construction. The Town Council approved the request for the withdrawal of land via Ordinance 1973. At the same time, the Town Council also approved Ordinance 1974, which continued the district for another 10 years, to be reviewed again in 2029.

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In March of 2022, the Town received an application to withdraw 40.34 acres at 1900 Toms Creeks Road for the Berewick subdivision, which had previously been rezoned from RR-1 Rural Residential to PR Planned Residential. The Town Council approved the request for the withdrawal of land via Ordinance 1992.

FOR CONSIDERATION

The current request is to remove approximately 3 acres of land from the AFD for the purpose of further subdividing the applicant's 36 acre parcel into four total parcels – 3 new 1.5 acre lots along Treetop Ridge Rd. and the existing structure retained on the remaining 33 acres. The larger existing lot will have frontage on both Treetop Ridge Rd. and Bishop Rd. Through the approval of the subdivision and AFD withdrawal, the applicant wishes to accommodate the future development of single family homes on the three proposed lots.

For the proposed withdrawal from the AFD, the Planning Commission is asked to evaluate the application based on the following criteria as set forth in the Town Code Section 3-210 (ref: Code of Virginia §§ 15.2-4314, 15.2-4311):

- No request for withdrawal from the district shall serve to terminate the district in its entirety (Code of Virginia §15.2-4314).
 - The withdrawal of this property will not affect the integrity of the district as a whole.
 The criteria for district size and distance of other parcels are not negatively affected by this request.
- At any time after the creation of a district under this chapter, any owner of land lying in such
 district may file a written request to withdraw all or part of his or her land from the district for
 good and reasonable cause. Code of Virginia §15.2-4314 shall govern the procedure and criteria
 for review of the application, and the effects of any such withdrawal.
 - The property owner wishes to withdraw from the AFD to accommodate future development plans. A request for minor subdivision of the subject area is currently under administrative review. The request consists of three newly subdivided 1.522 acre parcels with frontage on Treetop Ridge Road.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The AFD Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 3rd, 2024. Five committee members were in attendance, and unanimously voted in favor of the withdrawal request.

Members of the Coal Bank Ridge community were also in attendance. During the public comment portion of the meeting, they expressed concern over the number of lots being subdivided on the Burger property, and how the proposed subdivision may conflict with restrictions contained in a deed that was signed by the Burgers and the Coal Bank Ridge HOA in 2003. However, staff has confirmed with the Town Attorney that the process of withdrawing land from the AFD is **not** a mechanism through which private deed covenants may be enforced; the court system has to resolve issues regarding deed restrictions.

Summary

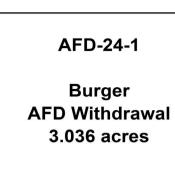
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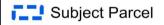
Agricultural and Forestal District and make a recommendation to Town Council based on the criteria set forth in Town Code Section 3-210, referenced from Code of Virginia §§ 15.2-4314, 15.2-4311. Based on this criteria, staff has determined that the withdrawal will not affect the integrity of the district as a whole, and the purpose for withdrawal is for good and reasonable cause.

ATTACHMENTS

- Staff GIS maps
- AFD Committee to PC memo
- AFD-24-01 Burger Withdrawal Request Application



AFD Parcels if Withdrawal **Approved**



Corporate Limits

Parcels

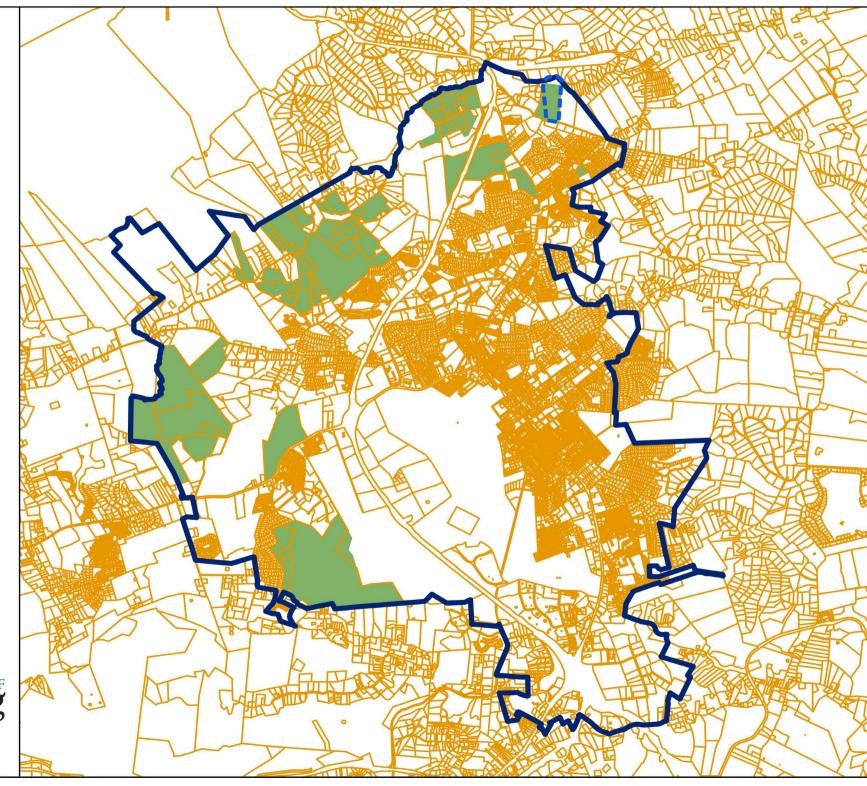
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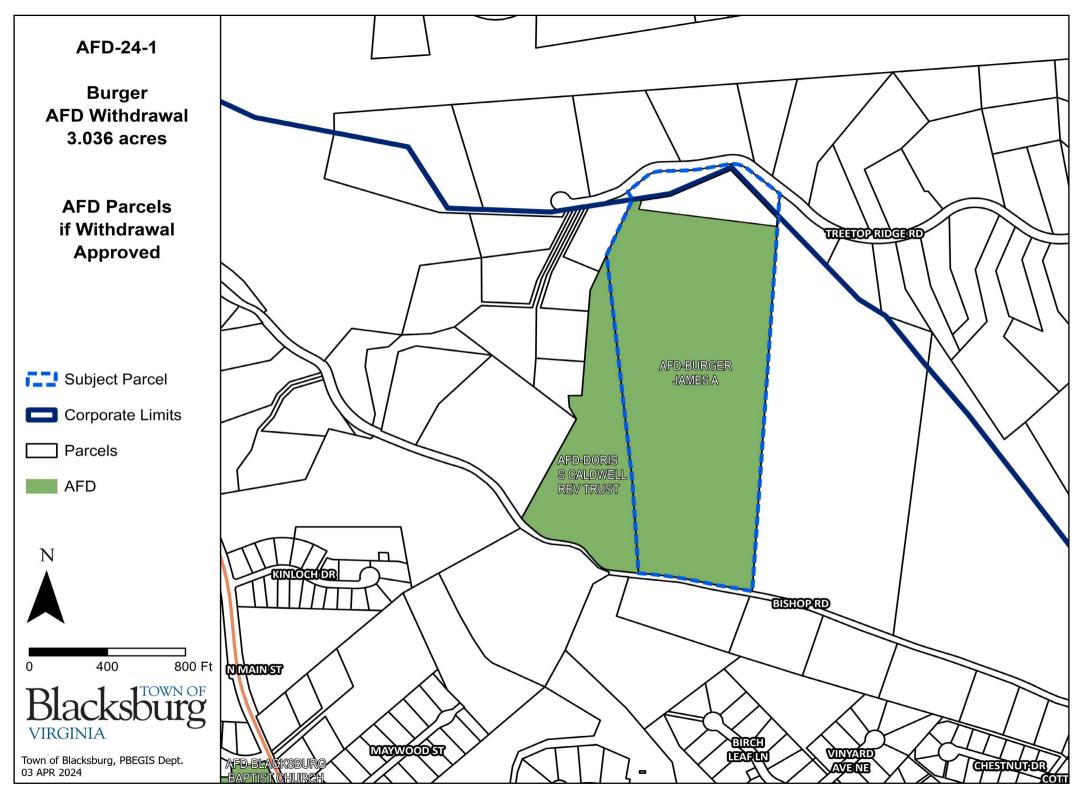


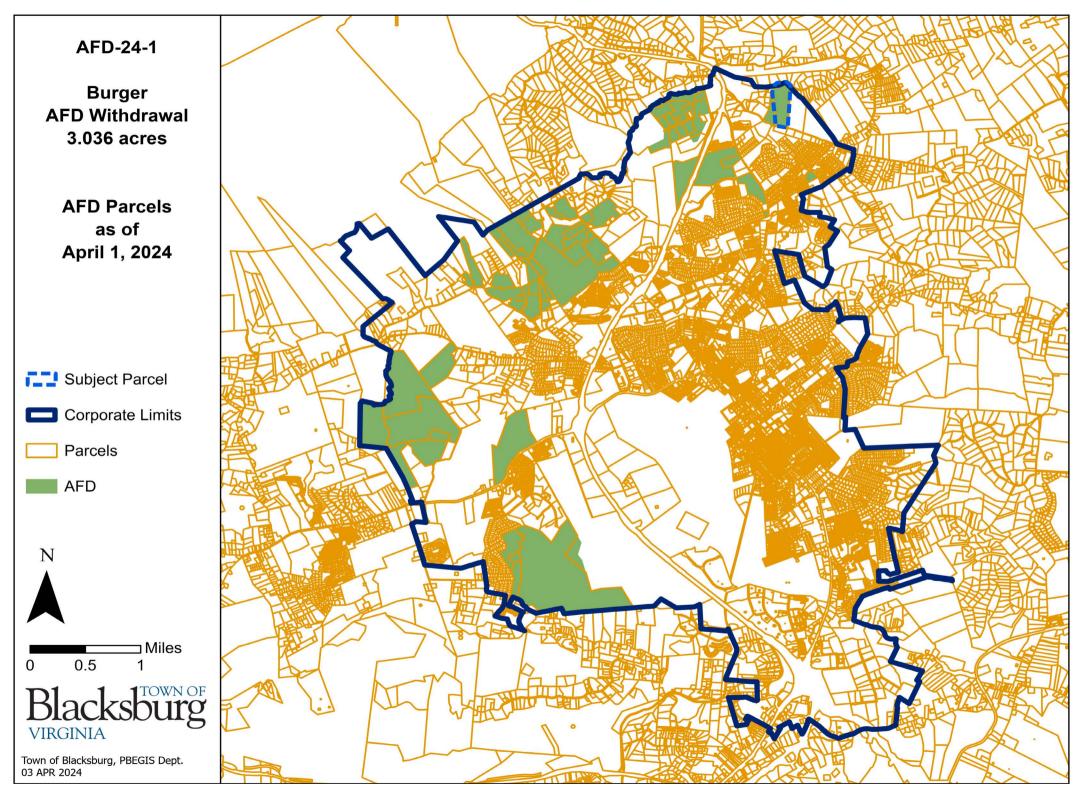
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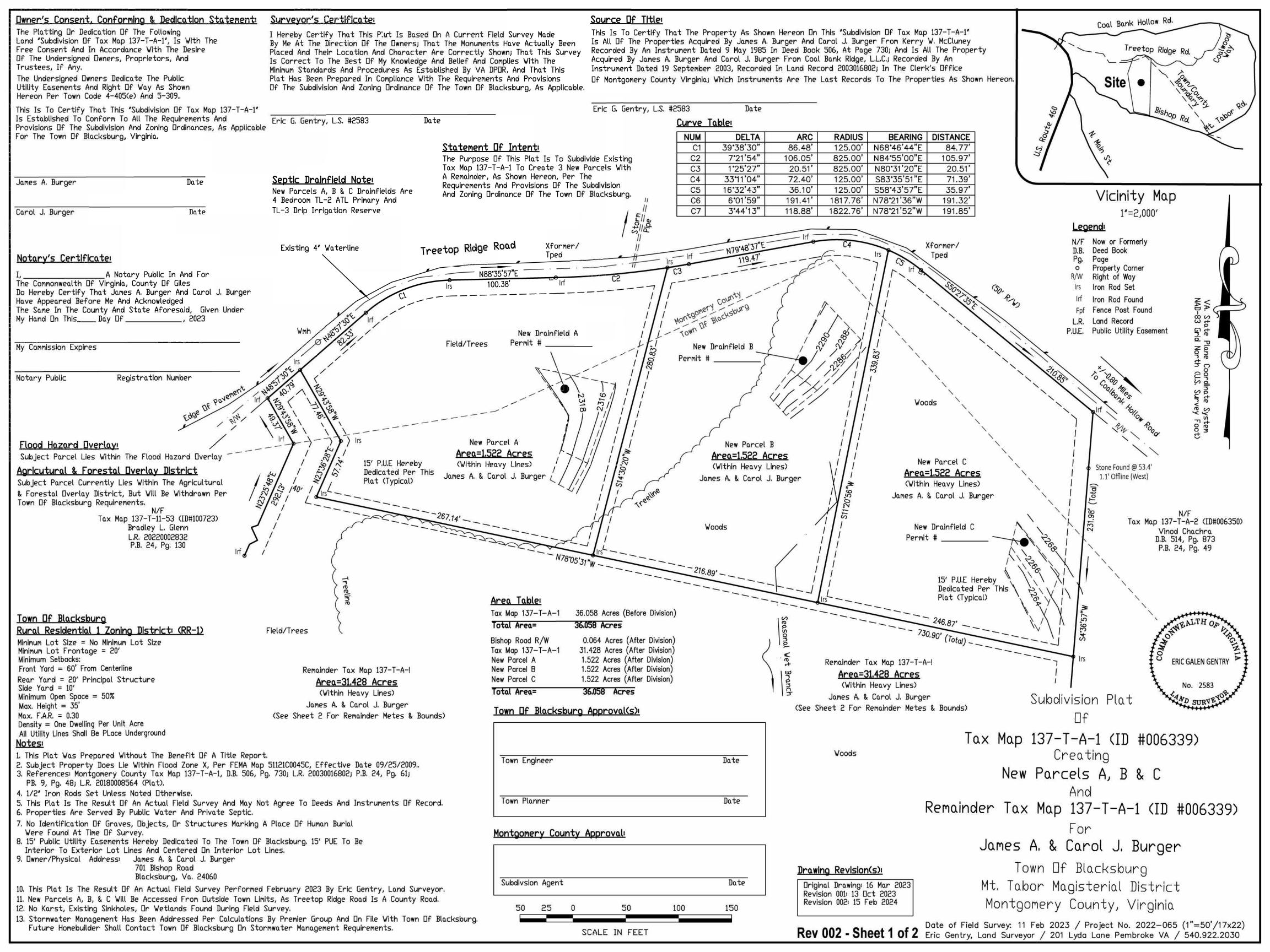
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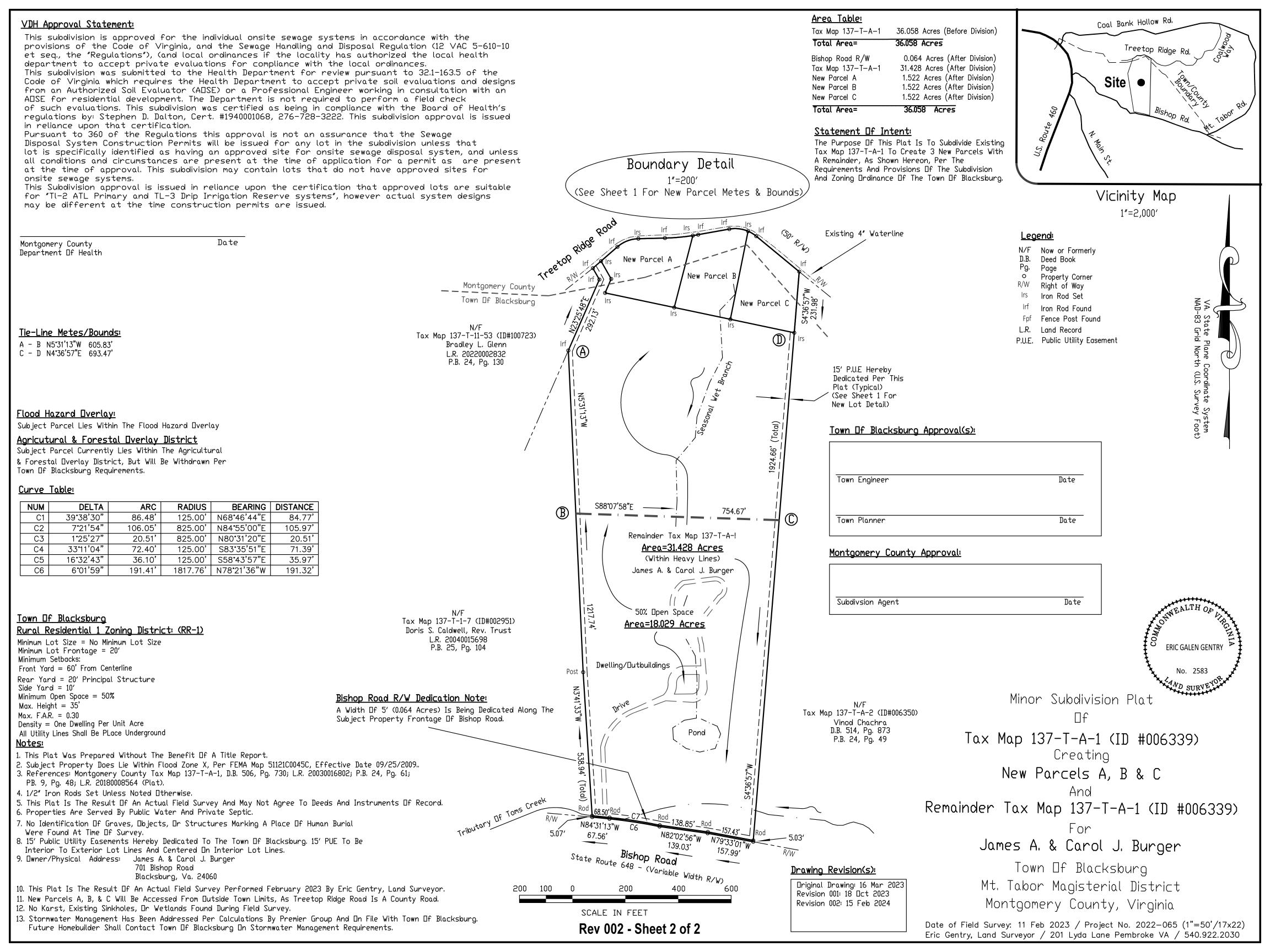
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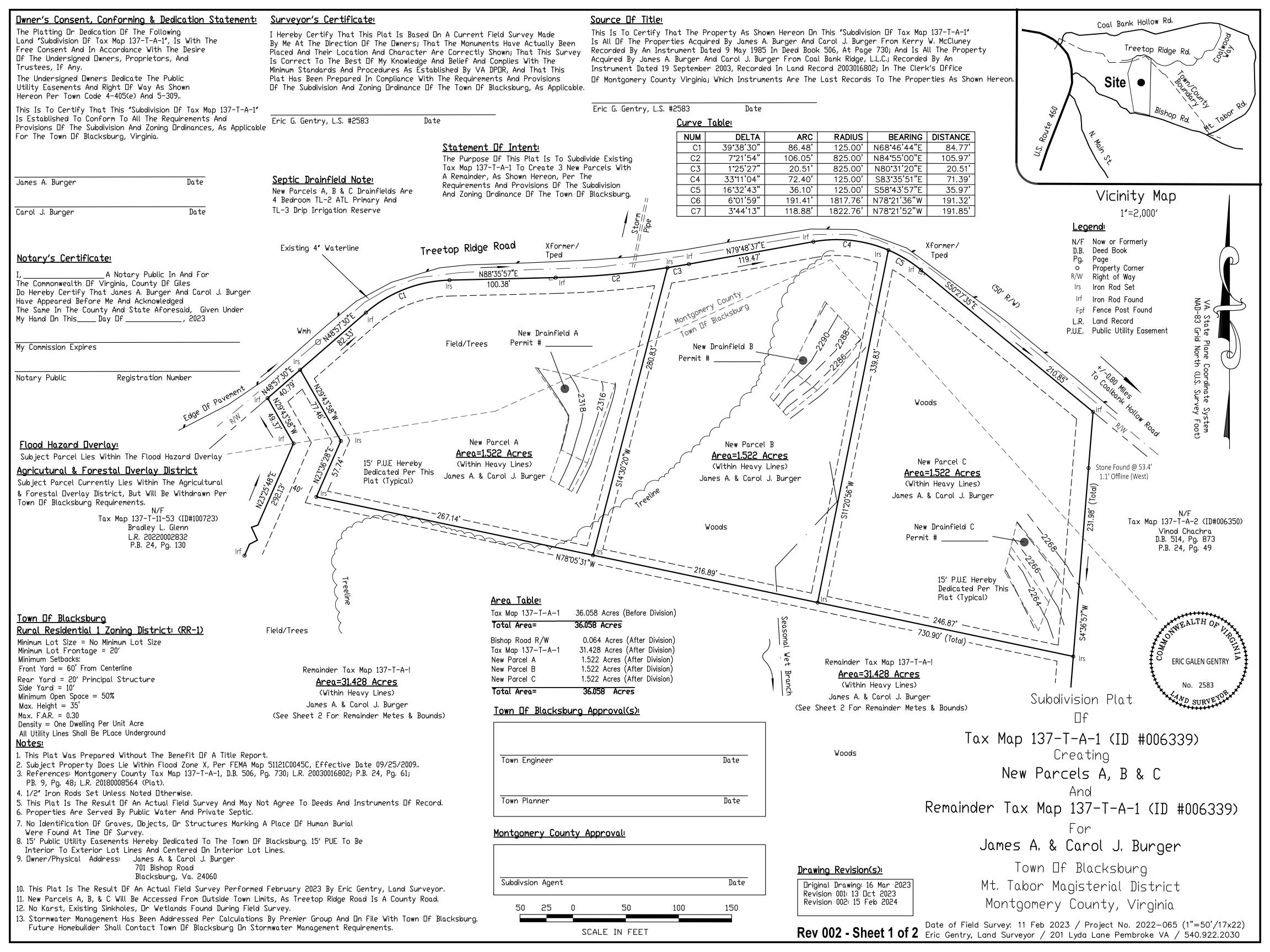


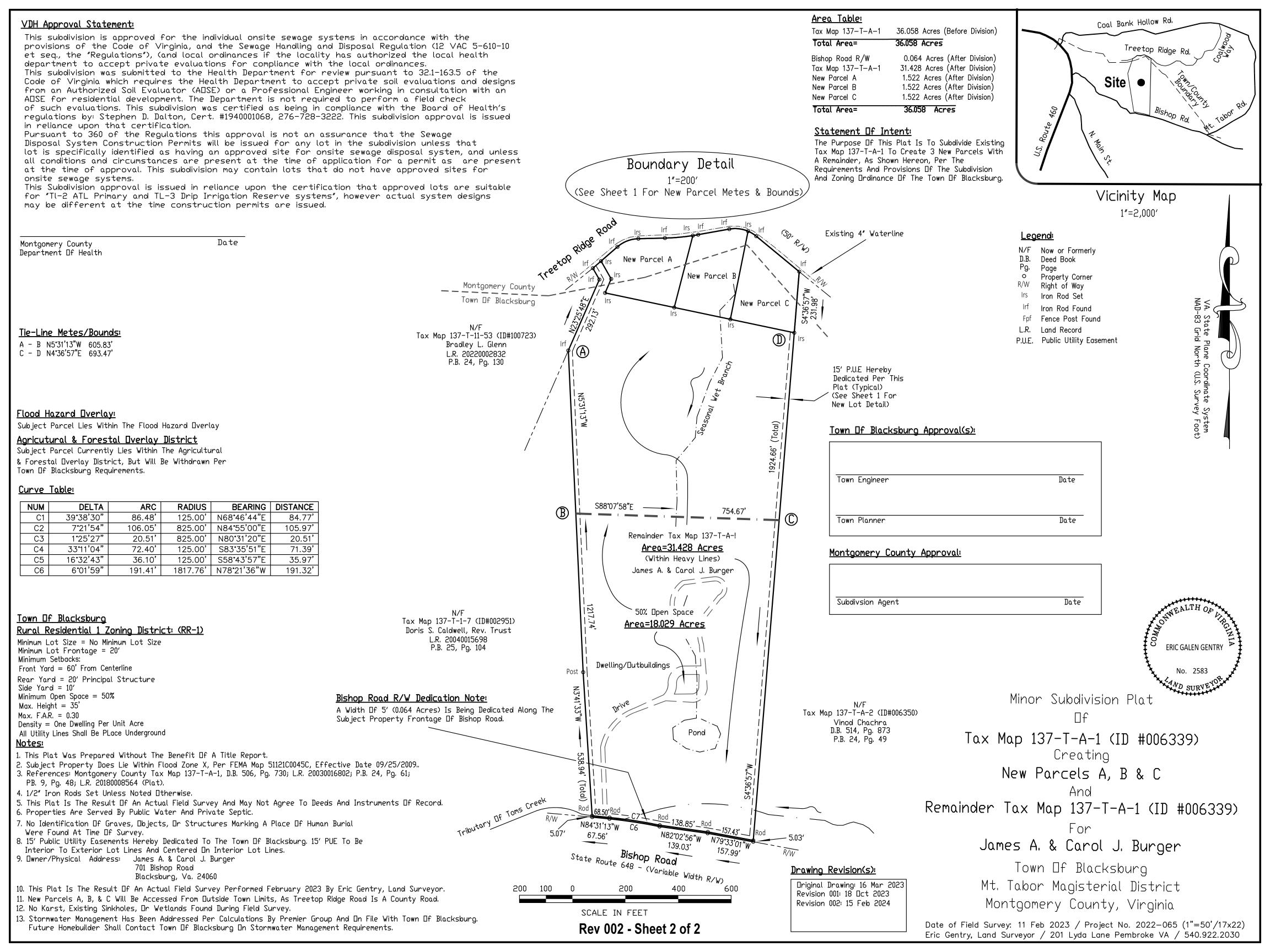














PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION

This consent is required for all Planning, Building, and Engineering applications. A completed copy must be included with every application, if the applicant is not the property owner.

If the Property Owner is a corporation/other legal entity, then the corporation/other legal entity should be listed as the owner. In such cases, proof of signature authority must be attached as well. If the Property is owned by multiple entities (as in a family trust, or otherwise co-owners), a signed consent form is required to be completed by each individual.

The Property Owner may designate a representative for the application review process.

- The Owner or Representative is solely responsible for the accuracy of the application documentation (electronic and paper forms/drawings/exhibits/narratives, etc.).
- The Owner or Representative is solely responsible for the accuracy and coordination of the submitted application documentation (electronic and paper forms/drawings/exhibits/narratives, etc.) to the Town or other jurisdictions requiring permit approval.
- The Owner or Representative is solely responsible for scheduling any required inspections and approvals prior to the commencement of the use and/or the completion of improvements to the property.

AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER(S)

	, James A Burger, Carol J. Burger or the
	authorized representative(s) listed below are submitting this Application, and am solely responsible for
	its accuracy and completeness. I understand that incomplete or inaccurate applications can lead to a
	delay in review and processing. I further confirm that I am the owner of the property at
	701 Bishop Road , (Parcel IDs
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	fully aware of the Town's application fee(s) and procedural requirements, and I hereby consent to this
	application.
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\	Property Owner Signature Date
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION*
	I,Eric G. Gentry, LS
	confirm that I am the authorized representative for this Application and understand the requirements as
	noted above. Digitally signed by Eric G. Gentry, LS DN: C=US.
	Eric G. Gentry, LS ==egenty100@gmail.com, 0=Eric Gentry Lard Surveyor, CN="Eric G. Gentry Lard Surveyor, CN=
	Authorized Representative Signature Date

*Only used when someone other than the property owner is submitting the application.

D.B. 506 PG. 730

May, 1985, by and between KERRY W. McCLUNEY, TRUSTEE for Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust of Allegheny Radiology, Inc., party of the first part; and JAMES A. BURGER and CAROL J. BURGER, his wife, as tenants by the entirety with right of survivorship as at common law, parties of the second part;

WITNESSETH:

DOLLARS (\$10.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part does hereby bargain, sell, grant and convey with GENERAL WARRANTY and ENGLISH COVENANTS of Title unto the said James A. Burger and Carol J. Burger, his wife, as tenants by the entirety with right of survivorship as at common law, all that tract of land situate in the Town of Blacksburg, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, described as follows:

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia, containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, and being Tract No. One of the Jacob Bishop Farm as shown by a Map dated December 8, 1933, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Will Book 14, at Page 498.

BEING all the same real estate conveyed to

Kerry W. McCluney, Trustee for Defined Benefit Pension Plan
and Trust of Allegheny Radiology, Inc. from First National
Bank of Bluefield, Trustee under Agreement with Allegheny
Radiology Pension and Profit Sharing Plan, by Deed dated the
23rd day of December, 1980, which Deed is of record in the
aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 444, Page 646.

WARREN S. NEILY, JR. ATTOSNEY & COUMSELLOS AT LAW BLACKBURN, VA. 26000 P. O. 202 44 The party of the first part does further bargain, sell, grant and convey, with GENERAL WARRANTY and ENGLISH COVENANTS of Title, unto the said James A. Burger and Carol J. Burger, his wife, as tenants by the entirety with right of survivorship as at common law, all the coal and all the rights incident to the mining of same or the exploration for same, on and under the tract of land herein conveyed; and

BEING the same rights conveyed to the party of the first part from Kerry W. McCluney and Fay C. McCluney, his wife, by Deed dated the 23rd day of December, 1980, which Deed is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 444, Page 646.

WITNESS the following signature and seal:

KERRY W. MCCLUNEY, TRUSTEE for Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust of Allegheny Radiology, Inc.

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, to-wit:

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of May, 1985, by Kerry W. McCluney, Trustee for Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Trust of Allegheny Radiology, Inc.

My Commission expires: 3.6 21, 1989

NOTARY PUBLIC

VIRGINIA: In the Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County

20t Ray of May 1985 The foregoing instrument was this day precented in said Office and with certificate annexed admitted to record at office of Virginia in the amount of imposed by Sec. 58-54.1 of the Code of Virginia in the amount of \$58.00 have been paid to this office.

Teste:

JOHN B. MYERS, JR., Clerk

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Instrument Control Number 03016802

Commonwealth of Virginia Land Record Instruments Cover Sheet - Form A

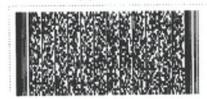
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(City, State, Zip)

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Customer Case ID



THIS DEED is made and entered into this 19th day of
September, 2003, by and between <u>COAL BANK RIDGE, LLC</u>, a Virginia
limited liability company, Grantor, and JAMES A. <u>BURGER</u> and CAROL
J. <u>BURGER</u>, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of
survivorship as at common law, Grantees.

WITNESSETH:

(\$10.00) cash in hand paid by the Grantees to the Grantor, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor does hereby bargain, sell, grant and convey, with Modern English Covenants and General Warranty of Title, unto the said JAMES A. BURGER and CAROL J. BURGER, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship as at common law; that is to say, that should either of the Grantees predecease the other, then and in that event, the entire interest of every kind and description in said property shall pass to and be vested in the survivor, all that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Mt. Tabor Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, being more particularly described as follows:

PB 24 pg 61 BEING all that certain 0.799 acre tract as more particularly shown and described on that certain plat of survey entitled "Plat of Property Line Adjustment Between Coal Bank Ridge, L.L.C. and James A. and Carol J. Burger," dated September 19, 2003, and revised on September 22, 2003, designated AHV Project Number 2002042, and made by Bryant H. Altizer, Land Surveyor, of Altizer, Hodges, & Varney, Inc., Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, a copy of which plat of survey is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

Part of Tax Map #28-A-40, 41.

AND BEING a part of the property acquired by Coal Bank Ridge, LLC by Deed dated the 14th day of August, 2002, from William M. Deemer and James C. Deemer, which Deed is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 2002011245.

This conveyance is made subject to the following restrictions which shall be deemed to run with the land and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives of the Grantor and Grantees:

- Grantees may create no more than three (3) lots which have frontage on Treetop Ridge Road as shown on the aforesaid plat.
- 2) Grantees may connect no more than three (3) lots to the water line that is in the public utility easement along Treetop Ridge Road and which water line will be owned by the Town of Blacksburg.
- 3) Each lot with frontage on Treetop Ridge Road or with access via Treetop Ridge Road shall be subject to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions of Coal Bank Ridge, LLC (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof), and the owners of said lots shall join the Coal Bank Ridge Homeowners' Association and shall pay dues to said association. Lots developed on Grantees' land which do not access the public road via Treetop Ridge Road and do not obtain water from the Treetop Ridge Water Line are not subject to the requirement that they join the Coal Bank Ridge Homeowners' Association, nor are they subject to the Coal Bank Ridge covenants, conditions, and restrictions.
- 4) Any lot created by Grantees which fronts on Treetop Ridge Road shall not be sold until seventy percent (70%) of the lots in Coal Bank Ridge Subdivision are sold (36 of the 52 lots being developed), OR at any time prior to three (3) years from the date of the recording of this Deed, whichever event shall first occur.

The Grantees join in this Deed to acknowledge and affirm their acceptance of the restrictions herein.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee

DATE: April 12, 2024

SUBJECT: ORD 2052/AFD-24-1--Withdrawal of 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and

Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road (Tax Map No. 137-T A 1, Parcel # 006339) by James

and Carol Burger (property owner).

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Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee Recommendation:

APPROVAL of ORD 1992/AFD 22-0001-a request for withdrawal of land from the district at 701 Bishop Road.

For: Freyman; Pall; Piscura; Watson; Wilsie

Against: Abstain:

Absent: Fraser; Herndon; Houska; Kaiser; Swift; Walker

In so recommending approval of ORD 2052/AFD-24-1, the AFD Committee finds the request for withdrawal from the AFD to be in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and to have minimum adverse impact on the surrounding neighborhood or community.