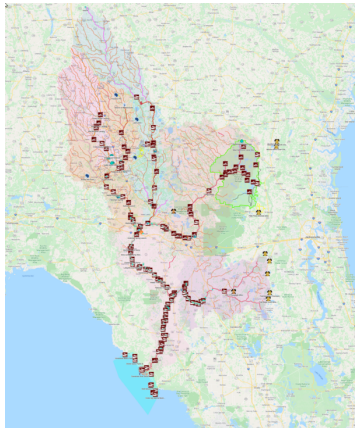


August 28, 2023

To: Greater Lowndes Planning Commission (GLPC),
Lowndes County Commission <commissioner@lowndescounty.com>
Cc: County Planner J.D. Dillard <jdillard@lowndescounty.com>

Re: **Please keep Quarterman Road in agriculture and forestry**

Dear Commissioners,



I write to ask the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission to recommend denial of the rezoning for 2.5-acre lots on Quarterman Road, and to ask the Lowndes County Commission to deny that rezoning.

All of Quarterman Road, and everything between the Withlacoochee River and Cat Creek, is in an Agriculture/Forestry/Conservation Character Area, which should be preserved.

All of Quarterman Road (except for the grandfathered-in subdivision and a few associated lots at the northwest corner) is Estate Agricultural (E-A) zoning, with minimum five acre lots, which fits the predominant agriculture and forestry use of most of the land on Quarterman Road.

The subject property of proposed rezoning REZ-2023-04 Chase, 6119 Quarterman Rd., 0022 102, ~17.8 acres, has wetlands on it according to the WRPDO Map the county submitted, with more wetlands directly across the road, as well as Toms Branch, to which that property drains. Those wetlands and that creek are also visible on the attached VALORGIS map.

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Inserting numerous house lots onto that property, with clearcutting and impervious surface for driveways and roofs, would cause more runoff.

This case is similar to the two previous ones on Miller Bridge Road and for the proposed Dollar General at GA 122 and Skipper Bridge Road: inappropriate rezoning in a rural agricultural and forestry area with wetlands.

I ask you to do with REZ-2023-04 what you did in those two previous cases. I ask the Planning Commission to recommend denial. And I ask the County Commission to deny the rezoning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sara Jay Jones, President
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Attachment:

- VALORGIS map of zoning and wetlands



VALORGIS Map of Zoning and Wetlands

