

City of Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission
Staff Report – RZ 25-11 Kathleen Street and Pacific Road
300 S. Church Street/Municipal Center
For Consideration by Planning Commission on June 24, 2025

REQUEST: To consider a rezoning of one tract of land containing 13.86 +/- acres

PURPOSE: A request to consider recommendation to Council for a rezoning from “AG-1”, agricultural district, to “RS-7”, single-family residential district.

APPLICANT: Fisher Arnold, 404 Creath Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401

OWNER: Phillips Family Investments, LLC, 3406 Stadium Blvd., Jonesboro, AR 72404

LOCATION: Kathleen Street and Pacific Road (Parcel # 01-144232-00110)

SITE DESCRIPTION: **Total Size:** Approx. 13.86 acres
Street Frontage: Approx. 1034 feet along Kathleen Street

Existing Development: Vacant

SURROUNDING CONDITIONS:

ZONE	LAND USE
North	AG-1 - Vacant
South	AG-1 - Vacant
East	R-1 - Vacant
West	Railroad Tracks & I-2 - Vacant

HISTORY: Vacant

ZONING ANALYSIS:

City Planning Staff has reviewed the proposed Zone Change and offers the following findings:

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map:

The Current/Future Land Use Map recommends this location as a **High Intensity** Growth Sector.

High Intensity:

A wide range of land uses is appropriate in the high intensity zone, from multi-family to fast food to Class A office space to outdoor display/highway oriented businesses like automotive dealerships, because they will be located in areas where sewer service is readily available and transportation facilities are equipped to handle the traffic.

Typical Land Uses:

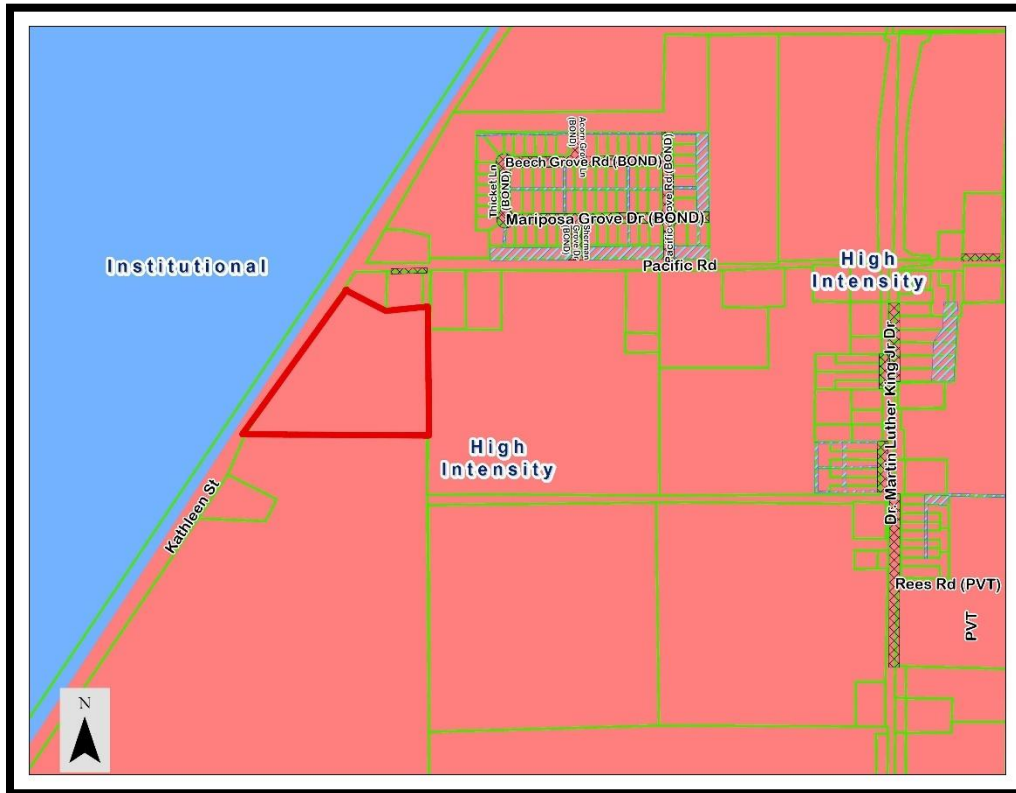
- Regional Shopping Centers
- Automotive Dealerships
- Outdoor Display Retail
- Fast Food Restaurants
- Multi-family
- Service Stations
- Commercial and Office
- Call Centers
- Research and Development
- Medical
- Banks
- Big Box Commercial
- Hotel

Density: Multi-family 8-14 Dwelling Units per acre

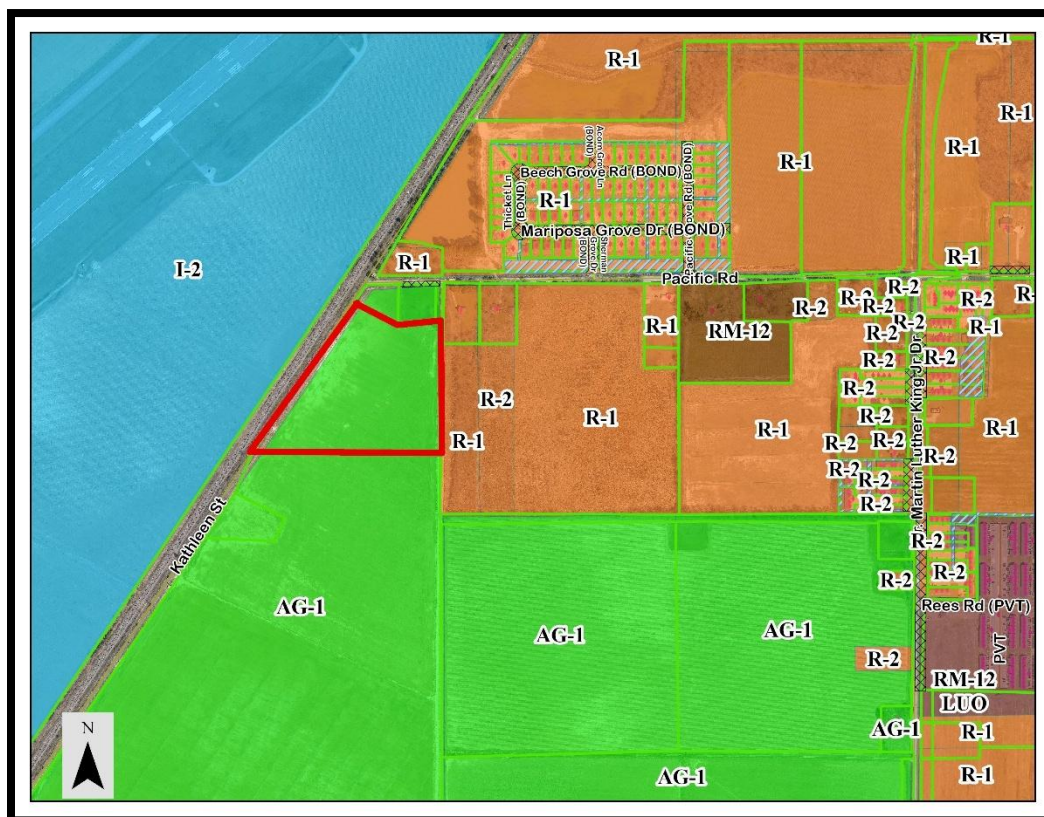
Height: 150 feet

Traffic: This will be located along arterial streets with high traffic volume.





Land Use Map



Zoning Map

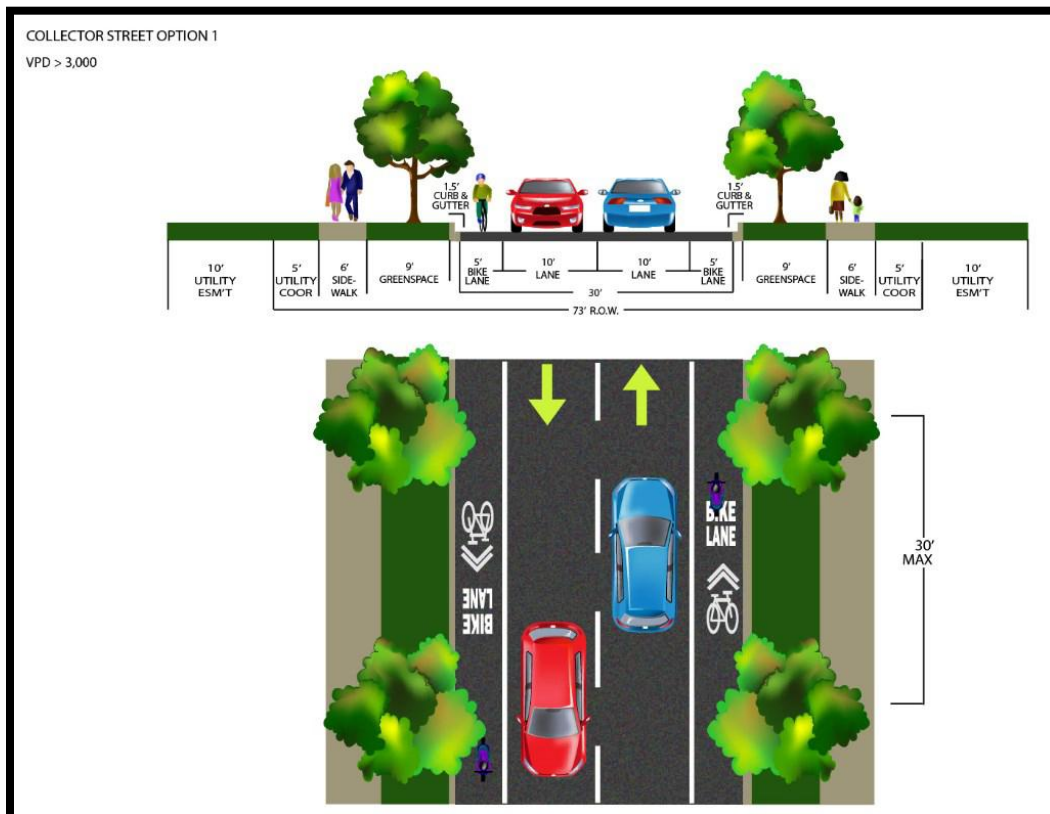
Master Street Plan/Transportation

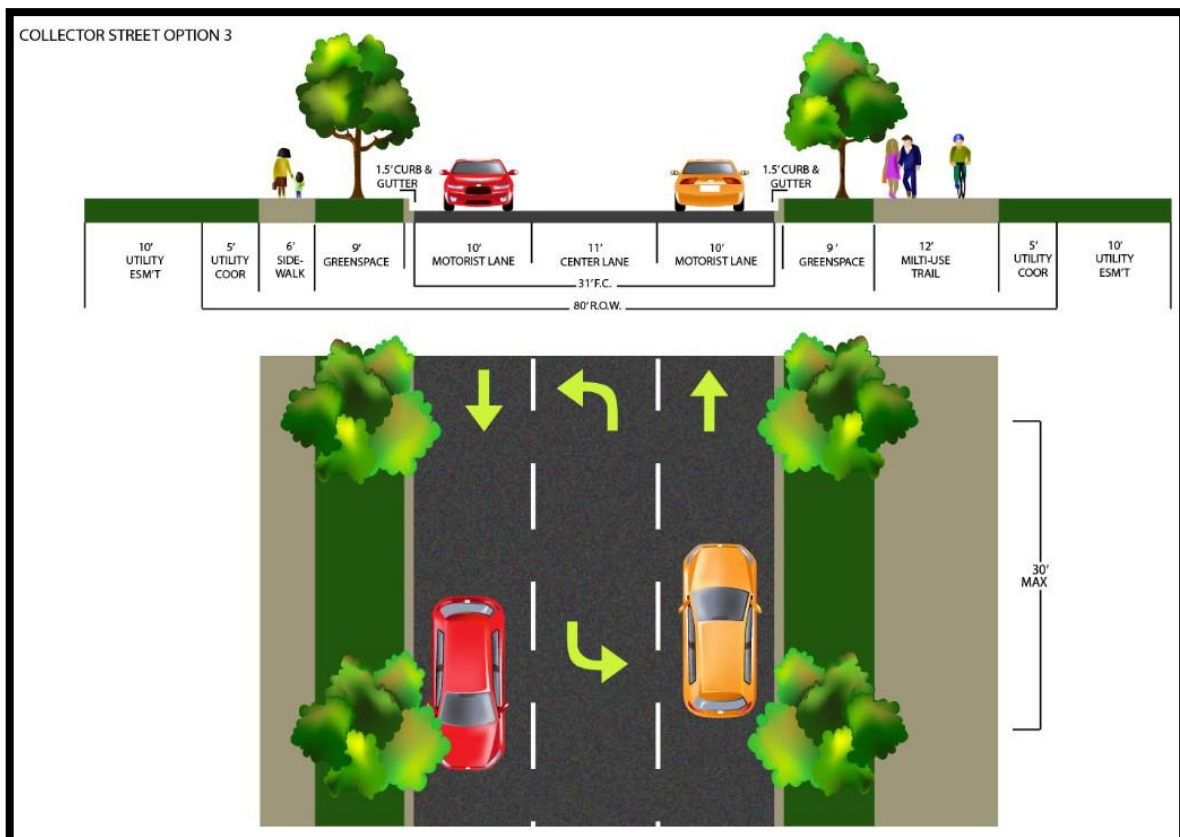
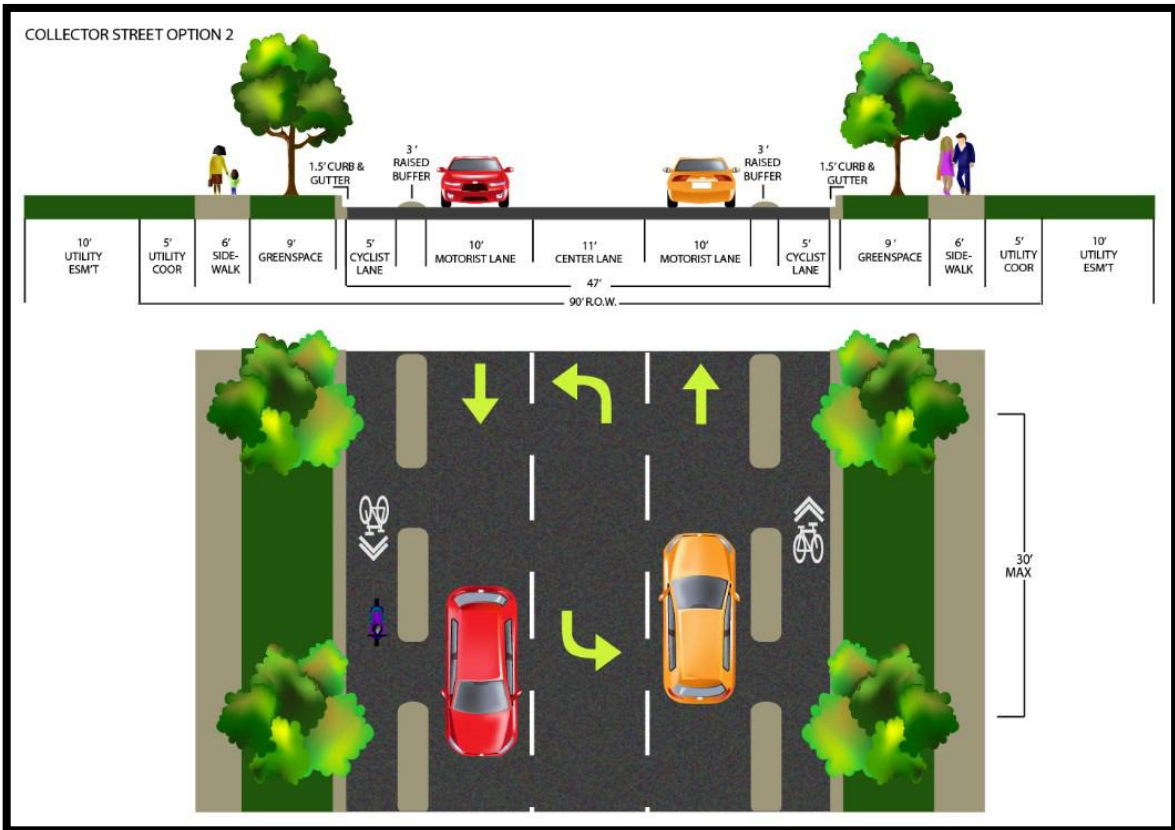
The subject property will be served by Kathleen Street. The Master Street Plan classifies this road as a Collector.

Collectors provide for traffic movement between arterials and local streets. They carry moderate traffic volumes over moderate distances and have a higher degree of property access than arterials.

FUNCTION: A Collector Street is the traffic connection from Local Streets to Arterials, with the secondary function of providing access to adjoining property. The Collector system should not be continuous but should direct traffic to Arterials. This class of road is generally at a spacing of a quarter mile. At the time of the subdivision, the exact location and additional need for Collectors will be determined by the MAPC upon advice of the City Staff.







DESIGN: Cross-section selection shall be based on anticipated traffic volume and speed limit, or traffic impact analysis, if applicable. Design in accordance with AASHTO policy on Geometric design of highways and streets (current edition).





Approval Criteria- Chapter 117 - Amendments:

The criteria for approval of a rezoning are set out below. Not all the criteria must be given equal consideration by the MAPC or City Council in reaching a decision. The criteria to be considered shall include, but not be limited to the following.

Criteria	Explanations and Findings	Comply Y/N
(a) Consistency of the proposal with the Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map	The proposed district rezoning is not consistent with the Adopted Land Use Plan. Residential single-family zones are not included in the high intensity growth sector. The current zone is not consistent with the Land Use Plan either.	
(b) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of Chapter 117-Zoning.	The proposal will achieve consistency with the purpose of Chapter 117, with compliance of all District standards.	
(c) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.	Compatibility is achieved with this rezoning considering the surrounding area includes residential zoning.	
(d) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment;	Without the proposed zoning map amendment, this property cannot be utilized as a residential subdivision.	
(e) Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property;	With proper planning there should not be any adverse effects caused by the property.	
(f) Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets, drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services	Minimal impact if rezoned.	

Staff Findings:

Applicant’s Purpose

The proposed area is currently classified as “AG-1”, agricultural district. The applicant is applying for a rezoning to allow a residential subdivision at this location.

Rezoning this property is not consistent with the *Jonesboro Comprehensive Plan* and the *Future Land Use Plan*.

Chapter 117 of the City Code of Ordinances/Zoning defines RS-7 as follows:

RS-7—Single-family residential district; minimum 6,222 sq. ft. lot required.

Departmental/Agency Reviews:

The following departments and agencies were contacted for review and comments. Note that this table will be updated at the hearing due to reporting information that will be updated in the coming days:

Department/Agency	Reports/ Comments	Status
Engineering	No issues were reported	
Streets/Sanitation	No issues were reported	
Police	No issues were reported	
Fire Department	No issues were reported	
MPO	No issues were reported	
Jets	No issues were reported	
Utility Companies	No issues were reported	CWL
Code Enforcement	No issues were reported	

Conclusion:

The Planning Department Staff finds that the requested zone change submitted for the subject parcel should be evaluated based on the above observations and criteria of Case RZ 25-11; a request to rezone property “AG-1”, agricultural district, to “RS-7”, single-family residential district. The following conditions are recommended:

1. The proposed site shall satisfy all requirements of the City Engineer, all requirements of the current Stormwater Drainage Design Manual and Flood Plain Regulations regarding any new construction.
2. A final site plan subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Planning Department, prior to any redevelopment of the property.
3. Any change of use shall be subject to Planning Department approval in the future.

Respectfully Submitted for Planning Commission Consideration,
The Planning and Zoning Department

Sample Motion:

I move that we place Case: RZ 25-11 on the floor for consideration of recommendation by MAPC to the City Council with the noted conditions, and we, the MAPC find that to rezone property from “AG-1”, agricultural district, to “RS-7”, single-family residential district, will be compatible and suitable with the zoning, uses, and character of the surrounding area.

MAPC RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS: PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JUNE 24, 2025

RZ-25-11 Rezoning: Kathleen Street and Pacific Road

Fisher Arnold is seeking a rezoning on behalf of Phillips Family Investments LLC for 13.86 acres located at Kathleen Street and Pacific Road. The current zoning is AG-1, agricultural district and the requested zoning is RS-7, single family residential district.

Lonnie Roberts (Chair): Do we have the proponent for this item?

Garrett Dunham (Proponent): Garrett Dunham with Fisher Arnold, on behalf of Phillips Family Investments. This land was purchased in order to provide a second egress to the subdivision just to the east. So, we are rezoning it just so we can incorporate that into the larger plan. It'll be phase two of the subdivision that was previously submitted and approved at the previous meeting.

Lonnie Roberts: City Planner, staff comments on this one?

Derrel Smith: Yes, sir. We would recommend approval with the following conditions, that the proposed site shall follow all requirements of the city engineer, all requirements of the current stormwater drainage design manual, and floodplain regulations regarding any new construction. A final site plan, subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted, reviewed, and approved by the planning department prior to any redevelopment of the property. Any change of use shall be subject to the planning department approval in the future.

Lonnie Roberts: Okay so with this rezoning request, is there anyone here to give public input? Or is there anyone with questions? If not, I'll open up for commissioners, any questions or comments?

COMMISSION ACTION:

Mr. Dennis Zolper made a motion to approve Case RZ: 25-11, as submitted, to the City Council with the stipulations that were read by the Planning Department:

1. The proposed site shall satisfy all requirements of the city engineer, all requirements of the current storm water drainage design manual, and floodplain regulations regarding any new construction.
2. A final site plan subject to all ordinance requirements shall be submitted to, reviewed, and approved by the planning department, prior to any redevelopment of the property.
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The motion was seconded by Jimmy Cooper.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: 7 – Dennis Zolper, Jimmy Cooper, Monroe Pointer, Jeff Steiling, Kevin Bailey, Paul Ford, & Jim Little

Nay: 0
