

Hello Mayor Copenhaver,

I have several reasons why I'm writing this letter.

*First, I'd like to inform you that as of today Monday, December 4, 2023, I still have NOT received my FOIA Request that I submitted to Mr. Bill Campbell on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. It's been over 2-weeks now.

My FOIA request was to attain a copy of the letter that was sent by the City to the property owner located at 915 Southwest Drive, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. The property owner had to pay a fine for the breach of our Tree Ordinance.

I am also waiting for an explanation or clarification from Mr. Campbell on how "I twisted the facts to make City employees look unprofessional, as written in an email I received.

*Second, NO Grading or Tree Removal Permit should be granted UNTIL further investigation is done on Mr. Sid Pickle's property at Savannah Hills Apartment for the following reasons:

-During my meeting on Monday, November 6th with Tony Thomas and Monica Percy, I wanted to see the tree report/survey report that Mr. Pickle was required to submit to be in compliance with our Tree Ordinance for Phase 5 of his apartment complex.

-I was anticipating a detailed report indicating how many trees were on the property, the size of the trees and the types of the trees.

-What a complete DISAPPOINTMENT when I viewed the 2 enclosed documents- The Phase 5 and Phase 6/7 Tree report/survey.

*Currently in construction: None of the 6 units of Phase 4 have start, the final plans were recently approved and only 3 of the 14 buildings in Phase 5 are standing.

SO This is all what Jonesboro's Tree Ordinance consists of?

*We might as well not even have a Tree Ordinance. Especially when the replacement ratio is 5 to 1 or even 3 to 1. Then, we replace 5 mature trees with one \$24.99 tree from Home Depot.

Very disappointing.

-Phase 5 indicates 3 little markings for the 3 Significant trees that were removed.

-Then it's complete opposite for Phase 6&7!

-Phase 6 and 7 looks like someone had fun with a spirograph circle and marker and started filling in the space!

-During the time that Mr. Pickle was grading and clearing trees from Phase 5, I told both Tony and Monica that it seemed like I was calling someone with the City almost everyday because Mr. Pickle was plowing down trees all day, all night and on weekends.

-I called Darrel Smith, Craig Light, Michael Morris and even, Brian Richardson frequently to report that more trees were coming down.

-Apparently, there is NO ONE person in charge of overseeing our Tree Ordinance.

-If there is an individual responsible to monitor this Ordinance for the City for Citizens and Developers, who is it?

-Tony Thomas confirmed that the City received many other calls concerning the plowing down of the trees during Phase 5 of the Savannah Hills Apartment Complex.

-I not only have my phone records of just my calls made, but photos of this property before the plowing had started.

*Please look at the PHASE 5 Tree Ordinance Report(enclosed)that was submitted by the Developer, Mr. Pickle and the Engineer, Michael Boggs.

-In the upper right-hand corner, it states that 3 SIGNIFICANT TREES WERE REMOVED. JUST 3!

*NOW look at the PHASE 6 and 7 Tree Ordinance Report(enclosed) that was submitted by the Developer and the Engineer.

-In the upper right-hand corner, it states that there are 186 SIGNIFICANT TREES on the property will be removed.

-One problem with that number is that I can see 186 trees just from my back window that are on Mr. Pickles property.

-Tony Thomas told me that.....“WE” must trust the Developer and the Engineer because they put their SEALED STAMP on each of these documents with their initials.
-And that means that we should TRUST them.

Our City has all these Ordinances to regulate development. These are stringent rules and regulations/requirements from the City to the Developers.

-If they are NOT monitored and followed, by everyone, what good are they?

-Monica was going to look further into this matter and get back with me.
I have not heard back from her yet.

-There were many more than 3 Significant Trees removed on Phase 5.

-NOW, there’s 186 Significant trees(at least) that have to be removed in order to for Mr. Pickle can begin Phase 6&7.

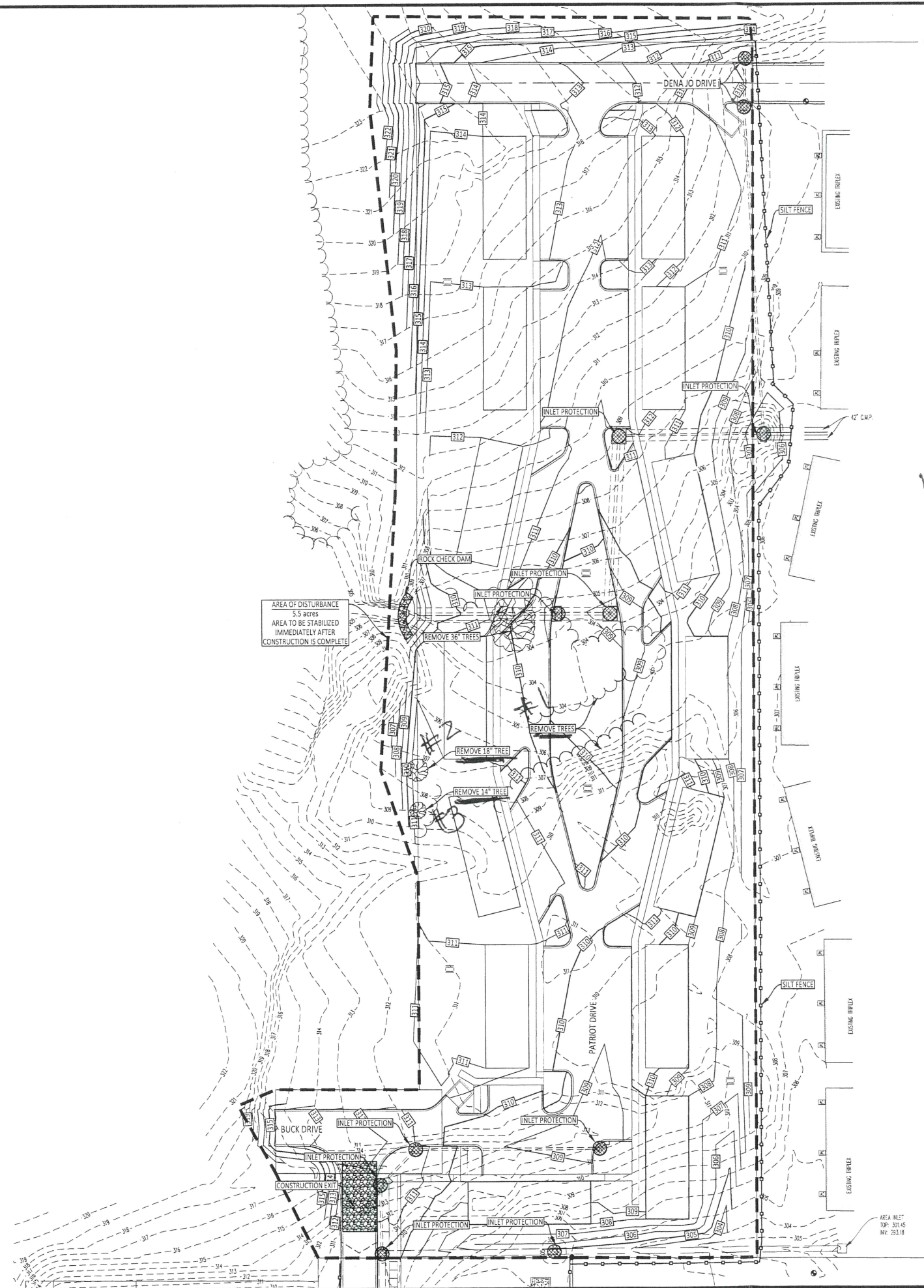
-Something is JUST NOT right with BOTH of these Tree Reports that have been submitted.

Until further facts are proven for BOTH of these Phases, to make sure that our regulations and requirements have been followed, Mr. Pickle should NOT be granted/awarded a grading permit or a tree removal permit for Phase 6 & 7.

If there should be a fine placed because of a breach of our Tree Ordinance, then we will have a base price per tree with the example of what the owner on Southwest Drive paid per tree for breaching the regulations of our Tree Ordinance.

Thank you
Patti Lack 

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Phase 5

- NOTES:
- THREE (3) SIGNIFICANT TREES REMOVED.
 - SIGNIFICANT TREES THAT ARE IN THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS ARE REMOVED AT A RATIO OF EVERY 5 REMOVED ARE TO BE REPLACED WITH 1 TREE.
 - SIGNIFICANT TREES THAT ARE OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AREA THAT ARE REMOVED AT A RATIO OF 1 REMOVED ARE TO BE REPLACED 5 TREES.



VICINITY MAP
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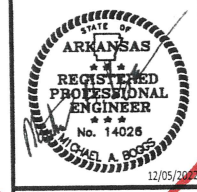
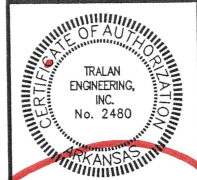
1. 3 Significant trees removed
 2. Significant trees that are in the construction limits are removed at the ratio of Every 5 Removed are to Be Replaced with 1 Tree
 3. Significant trees that are out of the construction area are removed at a ratio of 1 removed are to Be Replaced 5 Trees

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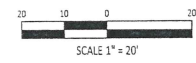
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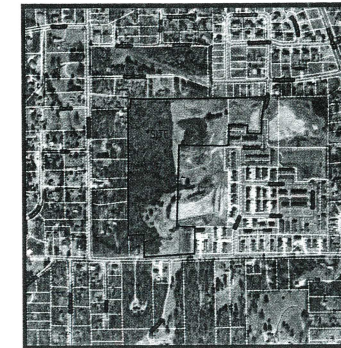
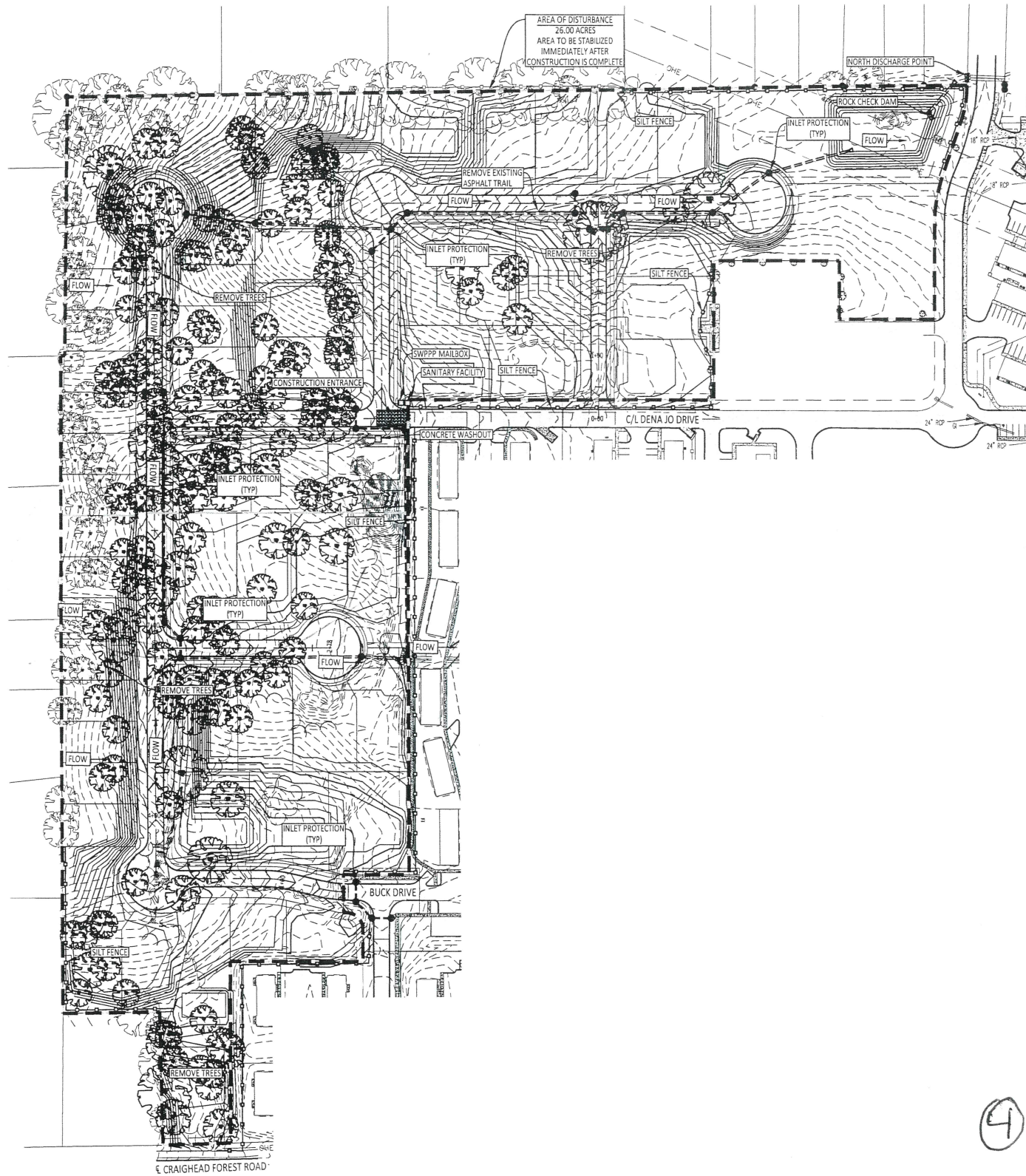
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Phase 6+7



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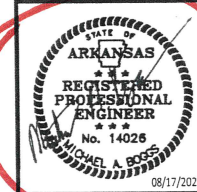
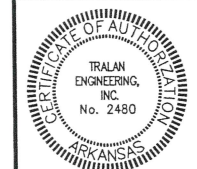
- NOTES:
- ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX (186) SIGNIFICANT TREES REMOVED.
 - SIGNIFICANT TREES THAT ARE IN THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS ARE REMOVED AT A RATIO OF EVERY 5 TREES REMOVED ARE REPLACED WITH 1 TREE.
186 SIGNIFICANT TREES (1) REPLACEMENT TREE/5 SIGNIFICANT TREES = 37 REPLACEMENT TREES
 - SIGNIFICANT TREES THAT ARE OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AREA THAT ARE REMOVED AT A RATIO OF 1 TREE REMOVED ARE REPLACED WITH 5 TREES.

- 186 Significant trees Removed.
- Significant trees IN are replaced by 5 to 1 Ratio
- 186 Significant trees (1) Replaced for significant trees = 37 Trees!
- OUT of construction = 1 to 5!

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