



**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK IN
ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE OAK GROVE SLAVE CEMETERY AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 172464, YORKSHIRE DRIVE, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ALAMANCE.

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160D, Article 9, Part 4 of the General Statutes of North Carolina (NCGS), have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission has taken into full consideration all the statements and information presented during their May 14, 2024 meeting and during a public hearing on June 11, 2024, on the question of designating the property known as the Oak Grove Slave Cemetery as a Local Historic Landmark property; and,

WHEREAS, the property known as the Oak Grove Slave Cemetery was deemed by the Historic Properties Commission to be a significant local historic property because of its contribution to the history of the Village of Alamance and to the County and the significant historical impact that the descendants of the slaves buried here have had on the county.; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commission of Alamance County, North Carolina that:

Section 1. That the property known as the Oak Grove Slave Cemetery is hereby designated as a "Local Historic Landmark" pursuant to NCGS Chapter 160D, Article 9, Part 4 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The description of said property is more particularly described as follows:

Oak Grove Slave Cemetery – Parcel ID 172464, Yorkshire Drive, Burlington, NC 27215 in the Village of Alamance (Otherwise labeled “Open Space Parcel B” on the plat recorded at Book 77, Page 87 with the Alamance County Register of Deeds

The Oak Grove Slave Cemetery is the resting place for approximately 40 enslaved African Americans belonging to the 19th century Holt family. Descendants of the enslaved people who are buried in the cemetery have gone on to significantly affect the regional development of Alamance County and the surrounding areas. The deceased have a variety of life stories that have contributed to the national discourse about the struggle for civil rights.

The formerly enslaved peoples' accomplishments include establishing the Springdale A.M.E. Church, establishing one of the first schools to train African American teachers in the community, helping with the development and dying the original Alamance Plaid design, being appointed as the County's first black deputy sheriff, and efforts to quell Ku Klux Klan activities in this area by giving testimony to the United States Senate. (see Vincent, 2009 pp. 35-6; 41-2; Troxler & Vincent, 1999, p.327)

Section 2. That said property may not be materially altered, restored, moved, or demolished without the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Alamance County Historic Preservation Commission in accordance with the U.S. Department of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Alamance County Historical Preservation Commission's Architectural and Historic District Design Standards on file with the County Planning Department. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said property may be denied or delayed pursuant to NCGS 160D-949 if the State Historic Preservation Officer determines the property to have statewide significance as defined in the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said property that does not involve a change of design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the making of emergency repairs, nor to prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or removal of any such feature when the Director of Inspections or similar Official(s) certifies to the Alamance County Historic Preservation Commission that such action is required for the protection of the public health and public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owner from making any use of the property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

Section 4. That a suitable sign or plaque may be posted indicated that said property has been designated a "Local Historic Landmark" in accordance with NCGS 160D-945.

Section 5. That the owners of said property featuring the Oak Grove Slave Cemetery be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the Office of the County Clerk, County Inspections Department, Alamance County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

Section 6. That this ordinance entitles said owners of said property to qualify for preferential tax treatment on the basis of fifty percent (50%) of the true value of the property as determined pursuant to NCGS 105-285 and 286 or 105-287.

Section 7. That which is designated as historic property shall be subject to NCGS Chapter 160D, Article 9, Part 4, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2024.

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

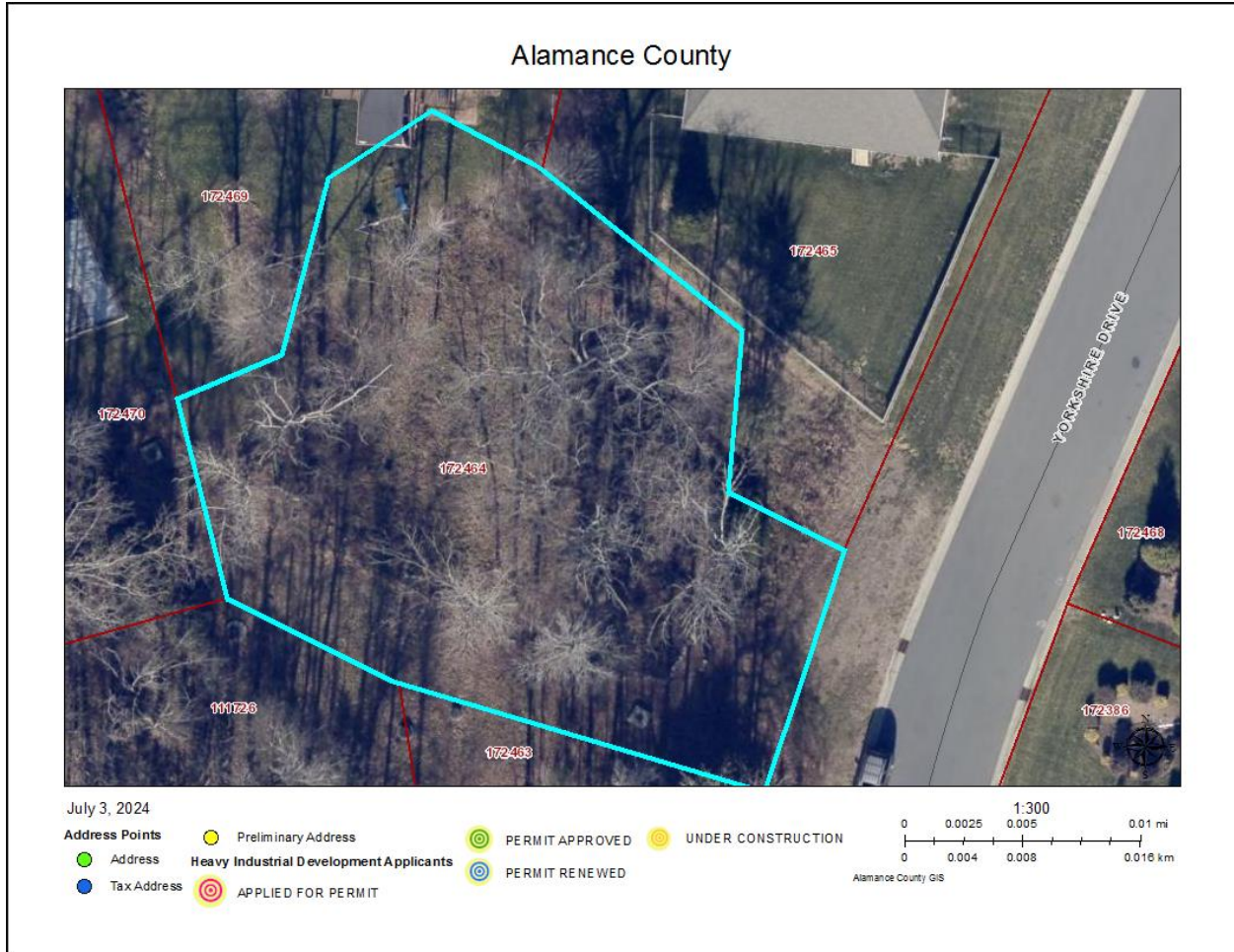
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Exhibit A
PID 172464



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