



CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – SITE DESIGN

AGENDA DECEMBER 7, 2022

A meeting of the BZA-SD will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, First Floor, 2 George Street.**

The following written comments will be provided to the board members 24 hours in advance of the meeting and also be acknowledged into the record and summarized. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person to speak in order for comments to be fully heard.

Application information will be available at www.charleston-sc.gov/bza-sd in advance of the meeting. Please check the website on the meeting date to view any withdrawn or deferred agenda items.

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Board of Zoning Appeals - Site Design (BZA-SD)
Public Comments
December 7, 2022 Meeting

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First Name	Last Name	Address	Submitted Comment	Date/ Time Submitted
Agenda Item A-3: Fenwick Hall Allee				
Patty	Djordjevic	3407 Acorn Drop Ln	These developments have already been approved by the city of Charleston. The developers knew what the rules were regarding trees and should not be allowed to request variances. The city needs to hold firm on the regulations. The much bigger and horribly neglected issue is the lack of road infrastructure for the current population of Johns Island, even without the planned addition of hundreds of homes. There should be a moratorium on building until the roads can safely handle the amount of traffic on the island.	Dec 5 2022 8:05AM
Russ	Pritchard	2626 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island SC 29455	If the developer is not willing to meet any of the recommendations, application should be denied.	Dec 5 2022 8:30AM
Monika	Bubacz	2050 Sea Island Sea Estates Dr, Johns Island	Please do not remove the grand trees. Make the developer change plans so the trees are protected.	Dec 5 2022 8:46AM
Andrea	Shirey	2611 Starfish Dr.	I advocate that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is inline with staff's recommendations to reduce the number of building lots, or that the requests be denied.	Dec 5 2022 10:50AM

Pamela	Lapp	1905 Edwins Crossing	Please do not permit the developers to remove the grand trees. The project was approved based on what they submitted and they should not be able to come back and request changes that would not have passed initially. The developer is not willing to make any should not be able to take down grand trees.	Dec 5 2022 10:29AM
Diane	Lehder	306 PALM WARBLER RD	The developer's unwillingness to compromise after meeting with the community is unacceptable. I urge you to defer a decision in this matter until the developer submits a revised proposal more in line with staff's recommendations.	Dec 5 2022 10:39AM
Susan	Leggett	3063 Gregg Ct, Johns Island, SC 29455	The staff has made recommendations regarding the removal of grand trees as well as the reduction of impervious space by the remaining grand trees, but the developer evidently has not made changes. When the staff makes recommendations, they should be complied with unless there is a good reason not to. If the developer's only reason to avoid compliance is economic, the request should be denied. Why have a staff at all if their recommendations have no impact? It is very disheartening for a community member to see development standards weakened.	Dec 5 2022 10:02AM
Lauren	Chapman	60 Fenwick Hall Allee Apt 925 Johns Island, SC 29455	At the previous BZA meeting, staff presented the developer with ideas on how to save the trees while also providing more green space for the residents. This would involve reducing the number of building lots. The developer did engage with the community but the developer told them they would make no changes. I advocate that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is in line with the community and the staff's recommendations or that the requests be denied.	Dec 5 2022 8:55AM
James	Bishop	2668 Starfish Drive, Johns Island 29455	The current construction of apartment complexes along Maybank between the Stono Bridge and River Road is inability of the planning committee to make wise decisions concerning the development of Johns Island. The traffic at the intersection of Maybank and River Road is already a major problem and further development is only going to acerbate the problem. I am against all cutting of grand trees, especially the live oaks. It takes hundreds of years for these trees to reach the grand category and to remove them in the interest of economics is a crime in my opinion. Johns Island is rapidly becoming so urbanized that its beauty is no longer a consideration when considering a place to live.	Dec 5 2022 11:35AM
Julie	Rogers	2235 Shoreline Dr	This density must stop. Our island is suffering. Less trees and living , more pavement and cars and people. Please build fewer or around or leave the tree areas as natural park locations for the neighborhoods. Too much already and you're letting more happen. Our children won't know how beautiful this place was. Maybank off of the Stono river bridge to River Road is a travesty that it's open with no more beautiful canopy. Sad to drive through.	Dec 5 2022 2:56PM

mary	osusky	4041 Gift Blvd Johns Island SC 29455	If the developer has not decreased the number of trees they would like to remove after engaging with the community, I think you should deny their request for the removal of any grand trees. Removal of grand trees for developers to develop more property is unacceptable.	Dec 5 2022 4:23PM
Wanda	Kilroy	114 Milton Dr Goose Creek SC 29445	Please do not allow development to take over what makes Johns Island so special for everyone. We will never be able to replace these grand trees in our lifetime. This is my HOME.	Dec 5 2022 4:55PM
Robin	Dyess	3431 Plow Ground Rd	Just say NO! This developer did engage the community but said no changes would be made. They do NOT care about our beloved Johns Island or the people. Please, as representatives of the people of Johns Island..and Charleston's legacy DENY this type of ego centered developer! Preserve for our children and grandchildren what matters most.. life giving trees. They cannot be replaced! They cannot defend themselves! Protect them! Ty for your service!	Dec 5 2022 5:04PM
Joanna	Catravas	2710 Starfish Dr	Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Dr. Joanna Catravas, PharmD, BCMTMS	Dec 5 2022 6:20PM

<p>Ryan</p>	<p>LFevre</p>	<p>2710 Starfish Dr</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Ryan Lefevre</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:30PM</p>
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<p>Donna</p>	<p>LeFevre</p>	<p>1408 Nancy Island Dr, Johns Island, SC 19455</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Doanna LeFevre</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:33PM</p>
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<p>Robert</p>	<p>LeFevre</p>	<p>1408 Nancy Island Dr, Johns Island, SC 19455</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Robert LeFevre</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:36PM</p>
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<p>Angie</p>	<p>Rouvas</p>	<p>2718 McFadden Way</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Angie Rouvas</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:41PM</p>
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John	Tsahakis	2718 McFadden Way	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, John Tsahakis</p>	Dec 5 2022 6:42PM
Kendall	Mckoy	2953 plow ground rd	<p>We own the property adjacent to the proposed neighborhood. We have concerns about removing so many grand trees and would like it on record that we are opposed to the plan</p>	Dec 5 2022 6:46PM

Betsy	La Force	131 Spring Street	Dear City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals Members, My name is Betsy La Force, and I am the Senior Project Manager for Communities and Transportation at the Coastal Conservation League. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for agenda item A-3: Fenwick Hall Allee PUD. This project is located near Maybank Highway and River Road. The developer is requesting the removal of 21 grand trees, including 14 live oaks, and to "allow a reduced impervious construction setback near the bases of the grand trees". At the previous BZA-SD meeting on July 6, staff provided a clear explanation of several ideas on how to modify the site plan in order to save the grand trees slated for removal while also providing more greenspace for the residents, a win-win. The board ultimately voted to defer the application until the developer had a chance to meet with the representatives from the community, including those who attended the meeting to express their concerns such as the Coastal Conservation League and the Johns Island Task Force, and hopefully take those concerns and ideas into consideration for a modified site design with further avoidance of grand trees. The applicant did reach out and connect with the community as instructed, but unfortunately was not willing to make any changes to their site plan or the number of grand trees slated for removal. As such, the Coastal Conservation League respectfully requests that the applicant's request to remove these 21 grand trees be deferred until they submit a revised request that is in line with staff's recommendation. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Sincerely, Betsy La Force Coastal Conservation League	Dec 5 2022 6:49PM
Laura	Dell'Aiera	6013 rainbow trout drive	We must address the issue on Johns island with overcrowding and careless building. This request to remove the natural beauty that the island offers is just one piece of that carelessness and could be the first move we make in protecting what's left of our island. We realize that business must be considered but let's do this logically and without destroying the island. Construction and tree removal should be halted until a plan for infrastructure and environmental protections are executed (not just theorized).	Dec 5 2022 8:06PM
Keiko	Miura	60 Fenwick Hall Allee	I am a resident of Johns Island for nearly 20 years. I would like the developers to recognize what makes Johns Island beautiful and unique is these oak trees. I am against for allowing the developers chopping down the oak trees for their convenience.	Dec 5 2022 9:01PM
Cindy	Darnell	3259, WALTER DR 29455	We advocate that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is inline with staff's recommendations or that the requests be DENIED! No further requests he permitted.	Dec 5 2022 9:36PM

Tom	Darnell	3259 Walter Drive Johns Island SC 29455	We cannot continue to cut down our history here on Johns Island in the name of money. They need to revise this request. It has to be communicated to landowners and developers that if you want to develop the property you better have a plan on saving a larger percentage of grand oaks and historical property. The answer the politicians will give you is you can't tell property owners what they can do with their property. We've been doing it for years it's called restrictive zoning.	Dec 5 2022 9:41PM
Jessica	Murphy	60 Fenwick hall allee unit 826 Johns island SC 29455	I am opposed to the removal of the trees and grand oaks for this project. The developer has been offered other solutions to save the trees and has made zero changes and is not willing to work with the community on a fair solution. The animals already have no habitat left.	Dec 5 2022 10:44PM
John	Caster	549	Developer does not seem to have considered any ideas submitted for preservation and green space. This lack of regard for the community compels me to recommend denying request.	Dec 6 2022 6:33AM
lily	Rogers	2235 shoreline drive, Johns Island SC	I've grown up on Johns Island and have vivid memories driving home surrounded by nothing but beautiful trees and wildlife. Now it is nothing but apartment buildings and license plates from New Jersey. I hate seeing how our tiny island is turning into a place for people to live instead of a place for the trees to thrive. I am now 18 years old and drive myself to school, it takes me over 50 minutes to get to school downtown, most of my drive is sitting still at the light on River and Maybank. As most of you probably know colleges require an essay to be admitted, my essay was about the respect I have for the large, beautiful trees I am surrounded by on the once beautiful island. I am asking you to please let these trees live on so that in the future the kids being raised on Johns Island may experience the respect I learned for the natural world. Thank you	Dec 6 2022 8:20AM
Patricia	Luck	2701 Pinelogs Lane, Johns Island, SC 29455	I respectfully ask that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is in line with staff's recommendations or that the requests be denied. Our grand trees cannot be replaced once they're gone and we need to preserve as many of these trees as we can. Many developers are not from here and they really have no concern about the damage they are doing to our island. Please protect these trees!	Dec 6 2022 8:21AM

James	Stanton	3309 Cottage Plantation Rd	As I understand, the developer is requesting the removal of 21 grand trees, including 14 live oaks, and "to allow a reduced impervious construction setback near the bases of grand trees". I believe that the developer was presented with ideas on how to save the trees while also providing more greenspace for the residents. This would involve reducing the number of building lots. The developer did engage with the community but the developer told them they would make no changes. I believe that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request or that the requests be denied. Live Oaks are the heart of Johns Island, and once removed they are gone forever. These trees are an invaluable part of the lowcountry ecosystem.	Dec 6 2022 9:39AM
Christopher	Jackson	5016 Gum Tree Ln Johns Island SC 29455	The developer engaged but made no changes to plans . That is not acceptable nor responsible. We need to send them back to the drawing board to make changes that the Johns Island Counsel has suggested . Responsible growth is not only for us but future generations.	Dec 6 2022 11:03AM
John	Zlogar	5528 Frisco Lane, Johns Island	Submitted on behalf of the Johns Island Task Force. As directed by the BZA when this case previously came before the BZA, the applicant called us to discuss their case. Unfortunately, they told us they would not make any changes to their request. We were disheartened that they did not actually seek any input from us or we assume anyone else in the community. This in stark contrast to the community engagement we have seen from other developers. We recommend that the applicant's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is in line with staff's recommendations that saves many of the trees while also providing more greenspace for the residents or that the requests be denied. Regards, John Zlogar Chair, Johns Island Task Force	Dec 6 2022 11:26AM
Steve	Green	2156 River Rd	My wife and I oppose any grand tree removal on the Fenwick Hall Allee property. It is just so the developer can maximize the number of lots. I have been a resident of River Rd for 40 years, within a mile of this Maybank Hwy. property, and the developers knew when they bought the property that there were many grand trees! The trees are the heart of Johns Island and are the reason people move here; to be in nature and not on as asphalt island. Please respect the long-time residents, and DENY the grand tree removals on this property! The developers will be long gone and we will be left with a huge scar on the island that will never heal!	Dec 6 2022 11:32AM

Agenda Item A-3 & A-4: Fenwick Hall Allee and Plowground Road & River Road				
Joseph	Robinson	60 Fenwick Hall Allee Unit 222 Johns Island SC 29455	Regarding agenda items A-3 (Fenwick Hall Allee PUD) and A-4 (the Wooddale PUD) the developer's requests to remove the requested trees should either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is inline with staff's recommendations or that the requests be denied.	Dec 5 2022 1:17PM
Mary	Bennett	3976 Humbert Road	I am opposed to the removal of any grand trees. We need our trees. The trees are our first line of defense against flooding and global warming. The removal of trees so developers can increase their profits is unacceptable. River Road's trees are being destroyed at an alarming rate so the City of Charleston can build homes on Johns Island. Instead how about build homes on the peninsula so your workers can live where they work and take advantage of public transportation.	Dec 5 2022 1:48PM
Dan	Rivers	2675 Starfish Dr	The appeal of Johns Island are the grand oaks and the nature. I am not anti-development but why do we have to keep putting cookie cutter- completely cleared lots up. I think a developer should have to keep all the grand oaks on a property. People love Johns Island for this reason and by letting all these cookie cutter communitites wipe them out, it takes away from the appeal. Thank you for listening.	Dec 5 2022 10:43AM
Suzanne	McGurk	4096 E Amy Lane	Please deny the request to remove trees the violate current guidelines. The developers knew the rules when they started planning and should work within the policy that saves the irreplaceable Live Oaks and Grand Trees. Trees are a very valuable deterrent to flooding due to the amount of water then consume. Our infrastructure needs these trees.	Dec 5 2022 10:04AM
Karen	Norval	2362 Brinkley Road	I ask that continued pressure be placed upon both developers to retain the trees. At the Fenwick property, already a nightmare, the answer must be no. (Did developer never even CONSIDER traffic and roads?) , and at Plowground use the trees wisely and build around them. I wish my developer had done the same.	Dec 5 2022 8:57AM
Courtney	Vujtech	379 green winged teal, Johns island	Please do not allow the developers to destroy this many trees. We already have water problems on Johns island and this will creat more. No matter how much drainage we put in nature will always win. This new development may not have a drainage problem but it will creat problems for surrounding homes. The amount of development in these areas is becoming too dense. Our roads, sewers, and electrical grid are very stressed. These trees and the natural beauty is why many people moved here. If we destroy the beauty and keep building massive apartments and home developments you could be in a development anywhere in the US. Meaning the trees and marsh and animals is what makes us u inquest and beautiful. All this destruction is devistating.	Dec 5 2022 7:40AM

Cheryl	Murphy	535 Seabrook Farm Rd	John's Island is faced with the issue of overbuilding without the proper infrastructure. While overbuilding the quality of life is suffering. Traffic and traffic fatalities, destroying trees and wetlands are major. Oncerns for residents. Please stop issuing building permits and destroying John's Island.	Dec 5 2022 10:09AM
Helen	Clark	2628 Starfish Dr. Johns Island	The Wooddale PUD project originally called for the removal of 171 grand trees and has been reduced to removal of 143 grand trees. Please do not approve until developer agrees to save ALL grade A and B live oaks. This destruction of so many trees has already changed the look of Johns island and these trees cannot just be replaced they take yrs and yrs to grow. They may be our last stand to combat complete flooding all over Johns Island. All along Maybank Hwy where developing had stripped all these grand trees there is standing water in areas that never used to flood. Currently Charleston County is trying to figure out how to clean out of neighborhood (Shoreline Farms) drainage system which was required by the county to drain into the Stono Rivet in the early 80's and has never been maintained. Building should not continue without restrictions and infastructure. This is insane!	Dec 5 2022 2:38PM
Kori	Borneman	2622 COQUINA DR Johns Island,SC 29455	As a homeowner on JZI I ask that you reconsider the removal of so many live oaks. The oak trees are part of what makes JZI home to me. Please please please don't change my home.	Dec 5 2022 5:20PM
Jaime	Carr	60 Fenwick Hall Allee #533 Johns Island , SC	For the Wooddale PUD, I advocate that the developer save all grade A and B live oaks. For the Fenwick Hall Allee PUD, I advocate that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is inline with staff's recommendations or that the requests be denied.	Dec 5 2022 7:24PM
Alexis	Stroble	2770 Bohicket Rd	(A-4) I appreciate the developer meeting with the community BUT more protection should be required for grade A&B Oaks (A-3) request denied or developers should submit to staff recommendations	Dec 5 2022 7:32PM
Alison	Vaughan	3396 Trumpet Road Johns Island	Please do not allow any further destruction of our grand trees-especially live oaks. These grand trees are what give Johns Island and the greater Charleston area it's unique lowcountry charm and what sets our natural setting apart. When are we going to say enough is enough and have the courage to preserve our natural beauty (what draws folks here in the fist place) over profit. We have allowed far too much ill planned development already. The destruction of these grand trees would be tragic in the face of striking an environmental balance. The line in the sand must be drawn, it's a quality of life issue.	Dec 5 2022 9:22PM

Jessica	Murphy	60 Fenwick hall allee unit 826 Johns island SC 29455	I am opposed to the removal of the trees and grand oaks for this project. The developer has been offered other solutions to save the trees and has made zero changes and is not willing to work with the community on a fair solution. The animals already have no habitat left.	Dec 5 2022 10:44PM
Pamela	Cisneros	2495 Eden Forest Road, Johns Island, SC	I ask that these requests be denied until the developers work creatively to find a way to save ALL grade A and B live oaks. Our beloved grand oaks are a big part of what makes Johns Island and the Charleston region so special. By continually ignoring or bypassing variances from Section 54-327, the lifestyle, sustainability and comfort of ALL of Johns Islands residents are being put at risk. Developers being allowed over and over to compromise our ecosystem for their own self-serving short-term gain is untenable. These developers need to take the long-term view more seriously and work toward finding a solution that is workable for all residents, not just themselves. If all it takes is a request to violate the grand tree removal restrictions and paying lip service to community comments, then there is no point to having the restrictions in the first place. The Board is encouraged to insist that developers take the time required to get creative and figure out new ways to achieve their goals while also preserving the character and vital natural resources of our region. Leaving a couple grand oaks at the entrance to a neighborhood as homage to what they have destroyed is not acceptable.	Dec 6 2022 10:25AM
Jennifer	Mills	2904 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	Kudos to Wooddale PUD developer for reducing the number of trees they want to take down, but neither developer seems to understand the appeal of Johns Island is the natural beauty INCLUDING the grand trees. I am disappointed in both developers but especially the Fenwick Hall Allee PUD developer for wanting to maintain lots by reducing the set backs from the bases of the trees. We need to respect the space these grand trees need to maintain their health. Please reconsider both PUD plans to reduce the impact on the number of grand trees that will be removed. If you just keep clearing the island, then we could be anywhere and not on Johns Island. Those of us that live here live here bc we want this environment. You are not growing smart with what is on the table.	Dec 6 2022 11:21AM

Christopher	Cisneros	2495 Eden Forest Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	I ask that these requests are not approved until the developers find a way to save ALL grade A and B live oaks. These grand oaks are vital to the Johns Island ecosystem and living environment. Ignoring or bypassing variances from Section 54-327 puts ALL Johns Island residents' lifestyle, sustainability, and comfort at risk. Allowing developers to compromise our ecosystem only for their short-term gain and business goals is untenable. Developers need to adhere to the long-term view of our island with more care for the future of our collective home. Responsible and creative development is of primary importance, and there are many good examples in the Lowcountry, and other states and countries with booming populations. Workable, mindful solutions are always attainable, provided developers are held to the highest standards that meet ALL project considerations impacting the existing environment and community. Grand tree removal restrictions must be enforced. Otherwise, there is no point in having limits in the first place.	Dec 6 2022 11:40AM
Scott	Wallinger	600 Quay Circle - Unit 615, Charleston, SC 29412	This isn't just a Fenwick Hall or Woodpile issue. Policy is to protect grand trees. Grand tree removals should be addressed at the beginning of project, like marsh filling, and require mitigation for any removals. Currently, developers have gone through all of the design and planning expenses and then seek permission to remove grand trees. They should be required in advance to protect grand live oaks and pay a penalty in mitigation if any are allowed to be removed. Removing grand trees, especially live oaks, is essentially driven by the motive to maximize profit from a development without regard to the policy to retain grand trees, and if policy is to protect and retain grand trees it should not be lenient in granting permission when a developer can go back to the drawing board!	Dec 6 2022 12:13PM

Agenda Item A-4: Plowground Road & River Road

Becky	Mohr	2258 Shad Dr.	The City Zoning Ordinance should be changed. It is improper, unethical, and beyond irresponsible to continue approving housing development plans on Johns Island without acknowledging and ameliorating: 1) the absolutely ridiculous and dangerous traffic situations all over the island, 2)the decimation of functioning and life-preserving habitat of flora and fauna on Johns Island, 3)the clear and present danger of climate change and increased stress on natural storm water management systems, and 4)Johns Island Property Owners whose peace of mind and property values are under threat	Dec 5 2022 1:29PM
Russ	Pritchard	2626 Bohicket Rd Johns Island SC 29455	Protect the grand oaks	Dec 5 2022 8:32AM
Monika	Bubacz	2050 Sea Island Estates Dr, Johns Island	Please save all grade A and B live oaks. They will add value to the neighborhood and the island.	Dec 5 2022 8:49AM
Andrea	Shirey	2611 Starfish Dr.	The developer needs to save all grade A and B live oaks	Dec 5 2022 10:47AM
Pamela	Lapp	1905 Edwins Crossing, Johns Island	The developer needs to save all of the grand a and b live oaks. They can't be replaced. The developers should not plan neighborhoods that do not meet the requirements and then expect to be able to rezone or get variances. The tree canopy is important and we are not willing to sacrifice it.	Dec 5 2022 10:34AM
Christopher	Murray	2114, Mimorette Lane	Hello, Thanks for reading my feedback. We simply cannot allow these grand trees to be removed. It's a sin, we have been gifted this wonderful island and nature and we are selling it to the highest bidder. Please, please, please do not allow this. We are stewards of this land and we cannot in good faith or conscious allow this destruction, for a quick profit. There is already a traffic and transport burning issue here, and River Rd is heavily impacted. We should not be building anything else in this area. Thanks, Chris.	Dec 5 2022 12:42PM

Diane	Lehder	306 PALM WARBLER RD	The community appreciates the developer's proposed concessions, however, the county should require all grade A and B live oaks are spared.	Dec 5 2022 10:34AM
Gene	Witchger	Bohicket Road	Appreciate the developer moves to date. Would like the board to require developer to retain more of the Grand Trees. This development continues to push the UGB south on Johns Island. I would like to see the BZA require a higher standard as the UGB is compromised. Additional road upgrades for the development need to be better thought out. I don't agree with a light on either end of Plow Ground	Dec 5 2022 11:47AM
Kate	Ostergard	2662 Coquina Drive Johns Island	We advocate that the developer's requests to remove the trees either be deferred until they submit a revised request that is inline with staff's recommendations or that the requests be denied. Developers are ruining the rural nature of Johns Island, not to mention the impact these additional homes are going to put on the already gridlock traffic situation on River Road at certain times of the day including early morning hours when people are trying to get to work and kids to school as well as evening hours when people are trying to get home. Why is infrastructure not being addressed before more building is allowed? God forbid, there is natural disaster that we have to evacuate for because at this point we would never get off this island!!	Dec 5 2022 10:22AM
Kristen	Meierer	2482 River Road, Johns Island, SC 29455	Please follow the information learned from the Dutch dialogues and don't let these developers rip out all of our old growth forests. Please require them to save all of the grand oaks.	Dec 5 2022 10:20AM
Jenni	Hesterman	2315 Oyster Catcher Court Johns Island SC 29455	I am against the mass removal of 143 trees for more construction on Johns Island. Not only are we losing the natural beauty of our island due to these developments, but deforestation deprives the forest of portions of its canopy, which blocks the sun's rays during the day and retains heat at night. This disruption leads to more extreme temperature swings that can be harmful to plants, birds, animals and insects. Especially during our hot summers! So there is a ripple effect, it's not just about the trees. We are already seeing a massive loss of honey bees, which are important pollinators for famers, for instance. Deforestation also causes the forest to dry out and can compound drought and lead to wildfires. As the recent fire at the apartment complex under construction shows, a fire in a an area with wood buildings can be catastrophic. Please force the builders to be more creative with their projects, to incorporate trees, instead of just tearing everything down so they can have an open field to build in. Thank you for listening.	Dec 5 2022 10:04AM

William	Baker	1715 Emmets Road, Johns Island, SC	I am strongly opposed to the removal of 192 Grand Trees as proposed by the developer of the Wooddale PUD. I can remember after the last two tropical storms we have had the intense flooding in that area. And it just doesnt take a tropical storm to impact this area. High tides, seasonal rains, etc. cause this area to flood. Having those grand trees is the best defense against further flooding. They absorb a large amount of water and protect the area from further damage. When you add the number of impervious surfaces that are scheduled to be built (roads, roofs, driveways), you are going to make a bad situation worse by removing these trees.	Dec 5 2022 9:15AM
James	Bishop	2668 Starfish Drive, Johns Island 29455	The continued development of Johns Island is a disaster for those who cherish woodland and a rural way of life. Two developments along River Road south of Maybank totally cleared all trees and constructed houses so close together that neighbors can shake hands from opposing windows. Such developments prevent groundwater recharge and increases traffic problems in excess of what the infrastructure can tolerate. The proposed development near River and Plow Ground Roads obviously wishes to clear the grand trees so the houses can be packed in without having to build around the nuisance trees. I encourage the City Council to protect all grand trees without exception. The rural beauty of Johns Island has been tarnished by these soulless, high density, single family developments. The infrastructure simply cannot tolerate additional traffic, and there is far too much ugliness on Johns Island already. There needs to be a moratorium on additional development.	Dec 5 2022 11:24AM
julie	Rogers	2235 Shoreline Dr	We MUST preserve the natural beauty of our island. Do not cut these trees!	Dec 5 2022 2:46PM
mary	osusky	4041 Gift Blvd Johns Island SC	It is admirable that the developer decided to reduce their request to remove grand trees from 171 trees to 143 trees, however I think you should require they save all Grade A & B live oaks. The developers excuse that they need to remove the trees because of the challenges on the site including Burden Creek, wetlands and the number of grand trees, is not a good excuse to remove all those trees. The challenges of creek, wetlands and trees did not recently occur. Those challenges were present when the property was purchased, so the developer should not expect permission to remove grand trees to fix those challenges now. Developer should change their site plan to accommodate the trees, not expect the city to allow them to destroy all those trees.	Dec 5 2022 4:37PM

Robin	Dyess	3431 Plow Ground Rd	These trees will NEVER be replaced in our lifetime. This developer should have to create a planned development that will preserve most of these trees! It is proposed that one large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people. Trees also store carbon dioxide in their fibers helping to clean the air and reduce the negative effects that this CO2 could have had on our environment. Allowing this makes NO sense if the committee is truly taking the greater good of the community of Johns Island, and those who will love here, into consideration. As well as the greater good of tourism... visitors always say they come for the trees! Please do Do NOT allow this! TY	Dec 5 2022 4:55PM
Wanda	Kilroy	114 Milton Dr Goose Creek SC 29445	How many more trees will be destroyed, never to be replaced in our lifetime? Please do not allow this desecration of our Lowcountry by the removal of these grand trees! Thank you for your help.	Dec 5 2022 5:02PM
Joanna	Catravas	2710 Starfish Dr	Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable--why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Dr. Joanna Catravas, PharmD, BCMTMS	Dec 5 2022 6:27PM

<p>Ryan</p>	<p>LeFevre</p>	<p>2710 Starfish Dr</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Ryan LeFevre</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:32PM</p>
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Betsy	La Force	131 Spring Street	<p>Dear City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals Members, My name is Betsy La Force, and I am the Senior Project Manager for Communities and Transportation at the Coastal Conservation League. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for agenda item 4: Plowground & River Road, also known as Wooddale. We have been following this development located at the intersection of Plow Ground and River Road on Johns Island since its inception, and we understand the challenges that come with developing a large, forested old growth property that is densely populated with flora and fauna. This property, while in the City of Charleston, is located outside of the urban growth boundary in the rural area of Johns Island. Therefore, we feel strongly that every effort should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to grand trees and to create a conservation subdivision that truly speaks to protecting the community character of this part of the sea island. We appreciate the efforts the applicants have made to cluster much of the development on higher ground and leave large portions of the tract as open natural spaces. When this application was last before the BZA on July 6, seeking a variance to remove a total of 171 protected trees on site, the Conservation League along with two other members from the Johns Island community spoke and requested that the Board defer both applications for Fenwick Hall Allee and Wooddale to allow the developers time to meet with the community, hear their concerns, and revise their site plans to further avoid and minimize impacts to grand trees. We would like to reiterate our appreciation to the Board for that decision to defer both applications and direct the applicants to meet with the community. As a result, we sat down with the team at Thomas & Hutton to review the details of their site plan and discuss opportunities for further avoidance of grand trees. We would like to acknowledge Thomas & Hutton for connecting with the community, being receptive to concerns, and modifying their site plan to further reduce grand tree impacts on site. While we sincerely appreciate the improvements that have been made since the initial BZA-SD submittal on July 6, reducing the total number of grand trees slated for removal from 171 to 124, we believe additional efforts can be made to modify the geometry of the lot and road lines to preserve the remaining grade B live oaks slated for removal. We respectfully request that the Board consider granting this variance request with the condition that the few remaining grade B grand live oaks be avoided. (continued below)</p>	Dec 5 2022 6:36PM
Betsy	La Force	131 Spring Street	<p>We believe total avoidance of healthy grand oaks on this site would make this development project a model example of thoughtful site design and collaboration to point to for years to come. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Sincerely, Betsy La Force Coastal Conservation League</p>	Dec 5 2022 6:36PM

Donna	LeFevre	1408 Nancy Island Dr, Johns Island, SC 19455	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Donna LeFevre</p>	Dec 5 2022 6:36PM
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<p>Robert</p>	<p>LeFevre</p>	<p>1408 Nancy Island Dr, Johns Island, SC 19455</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Robert LeFevre</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:38PM</p>
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<p>Angie</p>	<p>Rouvas</p>	<p>2718 McFadden Way</p>	<p>Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, Angie Rouvas</p>	<p>Dec 5 2022 6:43PM</p>
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John	Tсахakis	2718 McFadden Way	Johns Island is one of, if not the largest barrier island in the United States. From an ecological standpoint, they exist to protect the mainland from extreme weather such as hurricanes. As documented, such storms have increased in severity and frequency over the last decade. Barrier islands themselves have safeguards to protect themselves--drainage from these storms being one mechanism. Removal of ANY live oaks would risk the ecological impacts of the island and the mainland, not mentioning putting the residents of Johns Island in danger. These trees take many years to grow, so it is not as if they will be replaced overnight. Additionally, any man made drainage systems are outdated, unkept and unreliable-- why place our residents' safety in poor infrastructure alone? Additionally, it is this resident's opinion that the construction companies knew what they were getting when they agreed to develop the land. This request reads lazy and uninterested in the island they so desperately want to build on. If they could not handle what was already in place, they should have purchased elsewhere. It is not for the residents to suffer long term damage because some multi-million dollar company wants to make their life easier, and walk away later when the damage is done. And lastly, River Road is designated a scenic highway. Part of what makes it a scenic highway, is the trees that line it. Movies have been filmed here, books inspired and multiple Netflix series which depend on the aesthetic and authenticity that only the current landscape offers. To allow companies with no ties to the island (or future) to take away our soul and a main economic driver, is negligent. I hope the committee reads and appreciates the concerns of the Johns Island residents and makes the correct decision to DENY this. Kind Regards, John Tsahakis	Dec 5 2022 6:44PM
Laura	Dell'Aiera	6013 rainbow trout drive	We must address the issue on Johns island with overcrowding and careless building. This request to remove the natural beauty that the island offers is just one piece of that carelessness and could be the first move we make in protecting what's left of our island. We realize that business must be considered but let's do this logically and without destroying the island. Construction and tree removal should be halted until a plan for infrastructure and environmental protections are executed (not just theorized).	Dec 5 2022 8:04PM
Dawn	Bell	13101 Whisper Creek Dr.	Would like to see proposal from developer to save all grade A and B live oaks. These trees are iconic to this region and can't be lost.	Dec 6 2022 6:29AM

Allison	Bowden	970 Harbortowne Road, Charleston, SC 29412	I teach a semester of botany at Ashley Hall School. One of my students sent this Action Alert to me today. She told me that her family wrote comments against the removal of these grand trees. This was such an awesome reminder of the importance of preserving that which is so difficult to replace. She pleaded with me, as her botany teacher, to submit comments too. Not only do younger generations marvel at these grand trees but they serve as the foundation for the sea island ecosystems. You cannot replace these old oaks. It would take decades and possibly hundreds of years. The development that is occurring on Johns Island is already destroying green space (green space does not consist of grass and exotic landscaping). Very little thought is going into what is being lost ecologically. It is so interesting how what attracts people to our coast will no longer be if this type of destruction continues. And what was once a unique and biodiverse environment will be sterile. I ask that you let the natural cycle of these maritime forests occur. It is not our responsibility to manage them. I ask that you leave these trees so that my student, and other organisms, can enjoy them for years to come. Let's do what is best for the island and not what is best for our wallets. As a long-time resident of the low country, it is so sad to see all of this natural beauty disappear. Thank you for your time and consideration.	Dec 6 2022 9:15AM
James	Stanton	3309 Cottage Plantation Rd	I understand that the developer did engage with the community and as a result have made changes to their original plans. I understand that they are now requesting the removal of 143 rather than 171 grand trees. While I appreciate the engagement and changes I believe that we should preserve and save all grade A and B live oaks. Once these trees are gone, there is no bringing them back. These trees are the heart of Johns Island and invaluable to the lowcountry ecosystem.	Dec 6 2022 9:35AM
Christopher	Jackson	5016 Gum Tree Ln Johns Island SC 29455	I urge you to be responsible and from this day forward fair to the current residents and future residents of Johns Island. Growth is inevitable but responsible growth is now need. I stand with the Johns Island council in suggesting ALL grade A&B grand trees be saved. While I would like to say no other trees on the island should ever be cut down I do know that is not possible. We need to find common ground and that common ground is responsible development for the existing roads and infrastructure. While not totally eliminating this project we need to focus on an acceptable growth and saving A&B grade trees is a start.	Dec 6 2022 10:58AM

Steve	Green	2156 River Rd	My wife and I OPPOSE any grand tree removal on the Wooddale property. It is just so the developer can maximize the number of lots or additional roads. I have been a resident of River Rd for 40 years, within a mile of this River/ Plowground Road property, and the developers knew when they bought the property that there were many grand trees! The trees are the heart of Johns Island and are the reason people move here; to be in nature and not on as asphalt island. Please respect the long-time residents, and DENY the grand tree removals on this property! The developers will be long gone and we will be left with a huge scar on the island that will never heal!	Dec 6 2022 11:26AM
John	Zlogar	5528 Frisco Lane, Johns Island	Submitted on behalf of the Johns Island Task Force. After the deferral when this case was previously scheduled to come before the BZA, the applicant met with us and other community groups to discuss their case. We want to thank them for their community interaction and for reducing the number of trees that need to be removed, including all grade A live oaks and some of the grade B live oaks. We feel they actually listened to the community and changed their plans according. That said, we believe additional design work can be performed to save the remaining grade B live oaks. We recommend that the BZA defer this case to allow time for the applicant to continue to work with staff to save all grade B live oaks. Regards, John Zlogar Chair, Johns Island Task Force	Dec 6 2022 11:39AM
Miscellaneous Comments				
Barrie	Tyler	1703 Clark Hills Circle	Developer is refusing to make changes to accompany less tree destruction. With 3 new developments on John's Island where land was skimmed of trees we need to accommodate saving as many trees during construction of this project	Dec 5 2022 8:37AM
Apostle Millicent	Traeye Middleton	6728 Maybank Highway Wadmalaw Island SC 29487	Selection is not allowing me to choose, this is a request to allow me to speak at the meeting scheduled on the December 7th, 2022. I will be asking for another deferment on the removal of the Grand Oak Tree and protected trees, giving the Community more time to go over zone plans.	Dec 6 2022 10:56AM