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6/4/25

Mr. Josh Noble  
Coastal Resources Division  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
One Conservation Way, Suite 300  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

Dear Mr. Noble,

Jekyll Seaside Retreat, LLC, located at 150 South Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA 31527 (LAT: 31.040319, LONG: -81.414283) is applying for an SPA Permit to perform landscape improvements in the SPA jurisdiction.

## Basic Project Details:

### Existing Conditions:

The Jekyll Seaside Retreat parcel is 6.892 AC (300, 216 sq. ft.). The parcel is subdivided into 25 lots for proposed single family residences. Eleven (11) of these 25 subdivided residential lots contain **11,247.09 s.f. SPA jurisdiction** where proposed landscape improvement activities shall take place. The proposed activities include:

1. Minor topographic grading
2. Landscape improvements including turf, landscaping, irrigation, and modular concrete paver patios

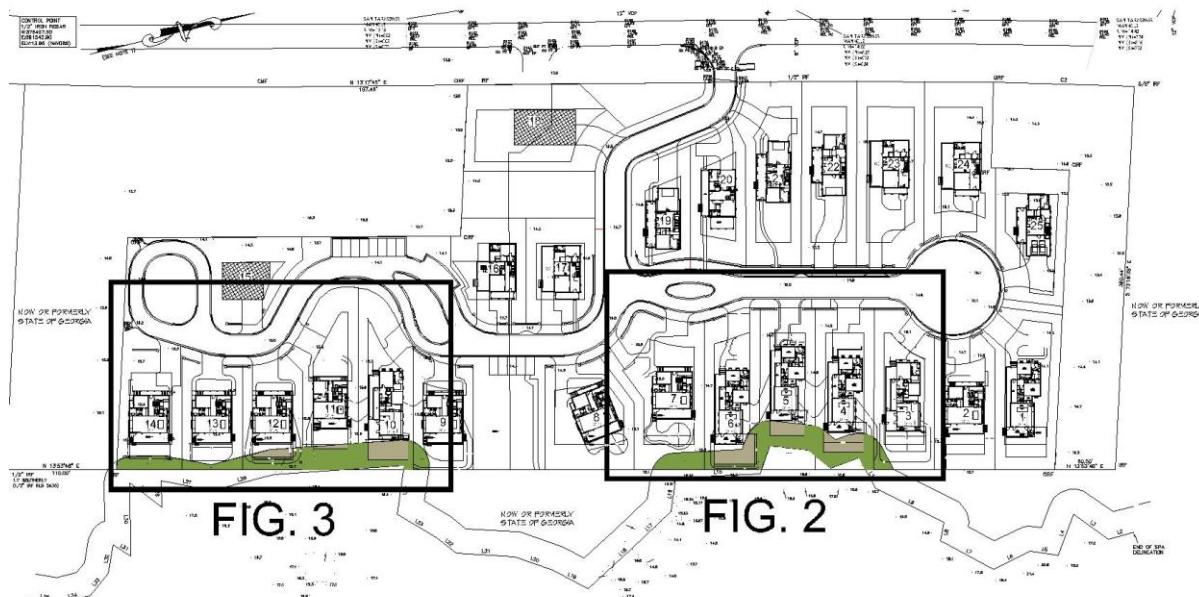
### Existing and proposed conditions upland of the SPA Jurisdiction:

1. The site's proposed land use is a 25 lot single-family-home residential community and associated infrastructure.
2. The proposed homes shall have modular concrete patios, landscaping, turf, and irrigation systems.
3. The site is developed 'horizontally' with existing asphalt roads, concrete curb, subsurface storm drainage, sewer, and water utilities.
4. At the time of this permit application there are no existing homes under construction. Construction shall commence on lots 3, 5, 9, and 17 in February 2025 with the balance of home construction to follow.

**Proposed Footprints:**

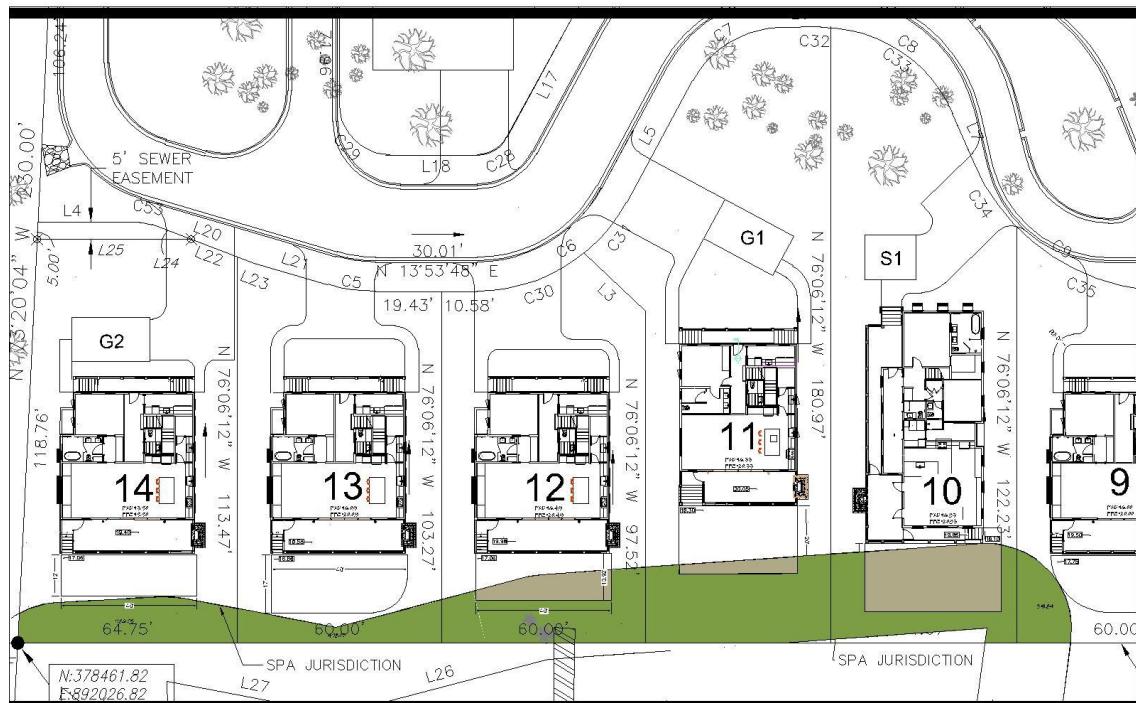
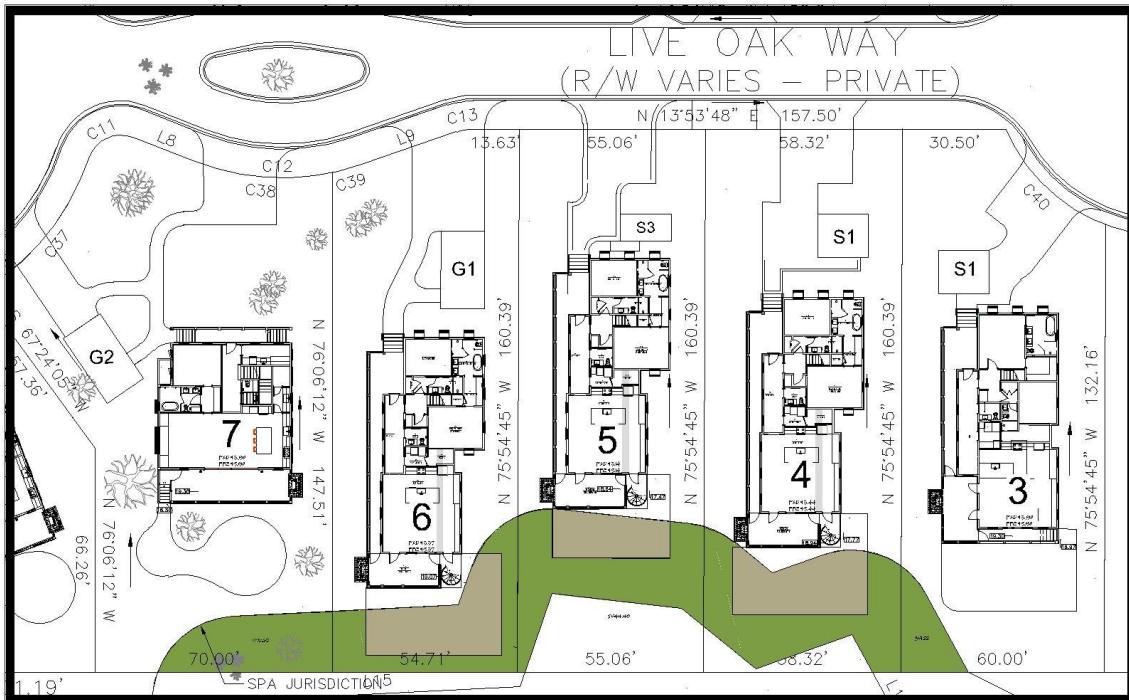
The following images illustrate proposed footprints of proposed improvements. Figure 1 illustrates the entire Seaside Retreat parcel with keyed enlargements of permit activity areas on lots 3-7 (Figure 2) and lots 9-14 (Figure 3). Table 1 tabulates the jurisdictional impacts.

**FIGURE 1:**



**TABLE 1:** Jurisdictional impacts of modular concrete patio and landscape

Lot #	Total Lot Area (sf)	Total SPA Jurisdiction Area (sf) in the subject parcel	Patio (sf)	Landscape (sf)	Site Coverage Patio %	Site Coverage Landscape%	Total Site Coverage %
Lot 3	9095	351.22	0.00	351.22	0.00%	3.86%	3.86%
Lot 4	9352	1723.44	677.34	1046.1	7.24%	11.19%	18.43%
Lot 5	8833	1586.94	494.41	1092.53	5.60%	12.37%	17.97%
Lot 6	8563	1360.27	728.73	631.54	8.51%	7.38%	15.89%
Lot 7	11911	770.62	0.00	770.62	0.00%	6.47%	6.47%
Lot 9	6467	341.84	0.00	341.84	0.00%	5.29%	5.29%
Lot 10	8771	1403.18	757.48	645.7	8.64%	7.36%	16.00%
Lot 11	9722	1311.66	134.79	1176.87	1.39%	12.11%	13.49%
Lot 12	6359	1132.90	300.01	832.89	4.72%	13.10%	17.82%
Lot 13	6365	478.09	0.00	478.09	0.00%	7.51%	7.51%
Lot 14	7366	786.93	0.00	786.93	0.00%	10.68%	10.68%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>92804</b>	<b>11247.09</b>	<b>3092.76</b>	<b>8154.33</b>	<b>3.33%</b>	<b>8.79%</b>	<b>12.12%</b>



**Construction methods, materials, and access** - All construction access shall occur from the applicant's property. The work shall be performed with power hand tools. Any native vegetation impacted by construction activity shall be replaced in like kind. All areas that are disturbed shall be replaced with beach quality sand and planted back with like kind-native species. Construction materials shall be 4000 psi modular concrete pavers and beach quality sand. Best Management Practices (BMPs) shall be used and no unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris shall be placed, disposed of, or stored in the jurisdictional areas.

**Intended Use** – The proposed landscape improvements are intended to stabilize the soil and sand surrounding the newly constructed homes as well as to provide a suitable surface for the use and enjoyment of the homes. The landscaping is intended to discourage foot traffic through the dune field to and from the beach.

**Size** – The total footprint of construction improvements in the SPA jurisdiction consists of 3,092.76 s.f. of concrete paver patio and 8154.33 s.f. of landscaping for a total of 11,247.09 s.f. Individual lot footprints are tabulated on page 2, Table 1.

<b>Table 2:</b>	
<b>Item</b>	
<b>Total sq. ft. of the property</b>	<b>300,216</b>
<b>Total sq. ft. of proposed project footprint</b>	<b>92,804</b>
<b>Total sq. ft. of the jurisdictional area</b>	<b>229,649</b>
<b>Total sq. ft. of proposed project in jurisdictional area</b>	<b>11247.09</b>

**Design Standards** - This project meets and/or exceeds all applicable design criteria:

- o Construction impacts are minimal and temporary (see construction methods above).
- o Areas shall be completely restored if disturbed (see construction methods above).
- o The project maintains the normal functions of the sand-sharing system in minimizing damage from storms, waves, and erosion for this property and neighboring properties
- o This project exceeds the requirement to retain at least 1/3 of the parcel in its naturally vegetated and topographic condition. See table.

**Description of Alternatives Considered** – Alternatives considered to this proposal include: Building the proposed homes in the SPA jurisdiction, a bike bath proposed by the JIA in the dynamic dune field, and elevated wood porches. In the end, the proposal outlined in this application proved to minimize the size and nature of jurisdictional impacts while considering best public interests.

**Landfill/Hazardous Waste Statement** – The Georgia Hazardous Sites list indicates this area is NOT over a hazardous site or landfill. <https://epd.georgia.gov/hazardous-site-inventory>

**Public Interest Statement** – Each of the following public interests are considered:

- No unreasonably harmful or increased alteration of the dynamic dune field or submerged lands, or function of the sand-sharing system will be created.
- The granting of this permit and completion of the applicant's proposal shall not unreasonably interfere with the conservation of marine life, wildlife, or other resource
- The granting of this permit shall not unreasonably interfere with access, recreation use, and enjoyment of public properties impacted by the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and we anticipate construction efforts to begin as soon as we receive permission to proceed from your agency.

Kind regards,

Jeff Homans  
Landscape Architect  
Land Design Associates, Inc.

Enclosures:

1. Signed SPA Permit Application
2. Signed Revocable License Request
3. Application Fee
4. Site Plans and Construction Drawings
5. Ground Lease
6. Plat
7. Zoning Letter and Signed Drawings From Local Government (#4)
8. Hurricane Certification Letter
9. Checklist
10. Authorized Signatory Verification Letter

**From:** [Ronald Slade](#)  
**To:** [Beth Byrnes](#); [Jeff Homans](#)  
**Cc:** [Josh Noble](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Seaside Retreat SPA Permit Application #2 (patios)  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2025 2:45:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi Beth,  
Jeff is traveling, but our understanding is that only native vegetation will be planted within the SPA jurisdiction so no turf or sod other than native vegetation will be planted within the SPA 25' Jurisdiction.

Per your input we will be providing the landscape planting plans during the 30-day waiting period for your review. Are these specifics accurate to what you are requiring?

Thank you kindly,  
Ron

Ron Slade, ASLA  
912.580.7719

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**From:** Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2025 2:41:01 PM

**To:** Jeff Homans <[jeff@jeffhomans.com](mailto:jeff@jeffhomans.com)>

**Cc:** Noble, Josh <[josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov)>; Ronald Slade <[rslade7777@gmail.com](mailto:rslade7777@gmail.com)>

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Any landscaping within SPA jurisdiction will need to consist of native coastal vegetation or seashore paspalum. Artificial turf would be considered a permanent impact. A special condition in any permit for vegetation will of course require a landscape plan to be submitted to DNR for approval prior to any work.

Thank you for the clarification.

Beth Byrnes  
Coastal Permit Coordinator  
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**From:** Jeff Homans <[jeff@jeffhomans.com](mailto:jeff@jeffhomans.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 9:47 AM  
**To:** Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)>  
**Cc:** Noble, Josh <[josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov)>; Ronald Slade <[rslade7777@gmail.com](mailto:rslade7777@gmail.com)>  
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Thank you very much for the update.

On Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 1:45 PM Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

We have received the documents and will continue processing. I will reach out if anything else comes up.

Thank you,

Beth Byrnes  
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**Sent:** Saturday, July 12, 2025 1:16 PM  
**To:** Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)>  
**Cc:** Noble, Josh <[josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov)>; Ronald Slade <[rslade7777@gmail.com](mailto:rslade7777@gmail.com)>  
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Dear Elizabeth and Josh,

Please see the attached updated plans and zoning letter signed by Noel Jensen from JIA and an updated hurricane standards letter from our engineer.

Please let me know if you need any additional info.

Kindest regards,

Jeff

On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 7:35 AM Jeff Homans <[jeff@jeffhomans.com](mailto:jeff@jeffhomans.com)> wrote:

| Ok thank you. I'll provide jia signed plans and a new hurricane letter.

On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 7:09 AM Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)> wrote:

| I think this fixes it. If anything else comes up, I will reach out.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:44 AM  
**To:** Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)>  
**Cc:** Noble, Josh <[josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:josh.Noble@dnr.ga.gov)>; Ronald Slade <[rslade7777@gmail.com](mailto:rslade7777@gmail.com)>  
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Good morning Elizabeth,

I updated the items you pointed out to agree. My apologies for not catching that.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. I have not shared this with JIA yet for signatures.

Thank you,

Jeff

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 11:19 AM Jeff Homans <[jeff@jeffhomans.com](mailto:jeff@jeffhomans.com)> wrote:

| Ok, thank you I'll take a look and get back to you.

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:01 AM Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)> wrote:

| Good morning Jeff,

I was looking more at the drawings before but is the attached the project description you'll be using? It appears you did not update Figure 1 on page 2. Also in the existing conditions paragraph on page one it states 12,648.63sq.ft in SPA jurisdiction but in Table 1 on page 2 it states 11,247.09sq.ft. in jurisdiction (also in Table 2 on page 4). Please clarify.

Thank you,

**From:** [Jeff Homans](#)  
**To:** [Byrnes, Elizabeth](#)  
**Cc:** [Noble, Josh](#); [Ronald Slade](#)  
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Hi Beth,  
‘Turf’ refers to natural turf. We can provide landscape plans if necessary.

On Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 7:31 PM Byrnes, Elizabeth <[elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:elizabeth.byrnes@dnr.ga.gov)> wrote:

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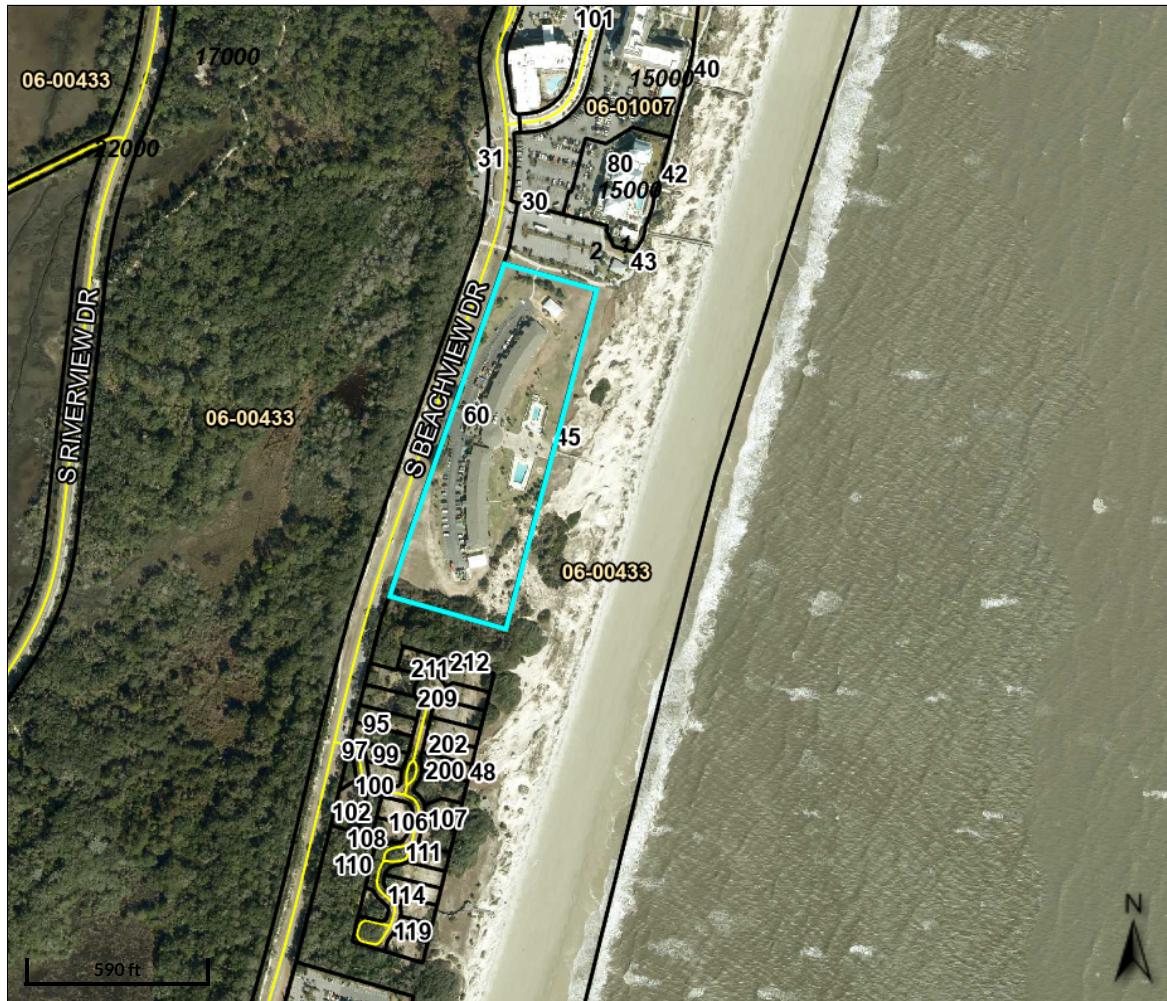


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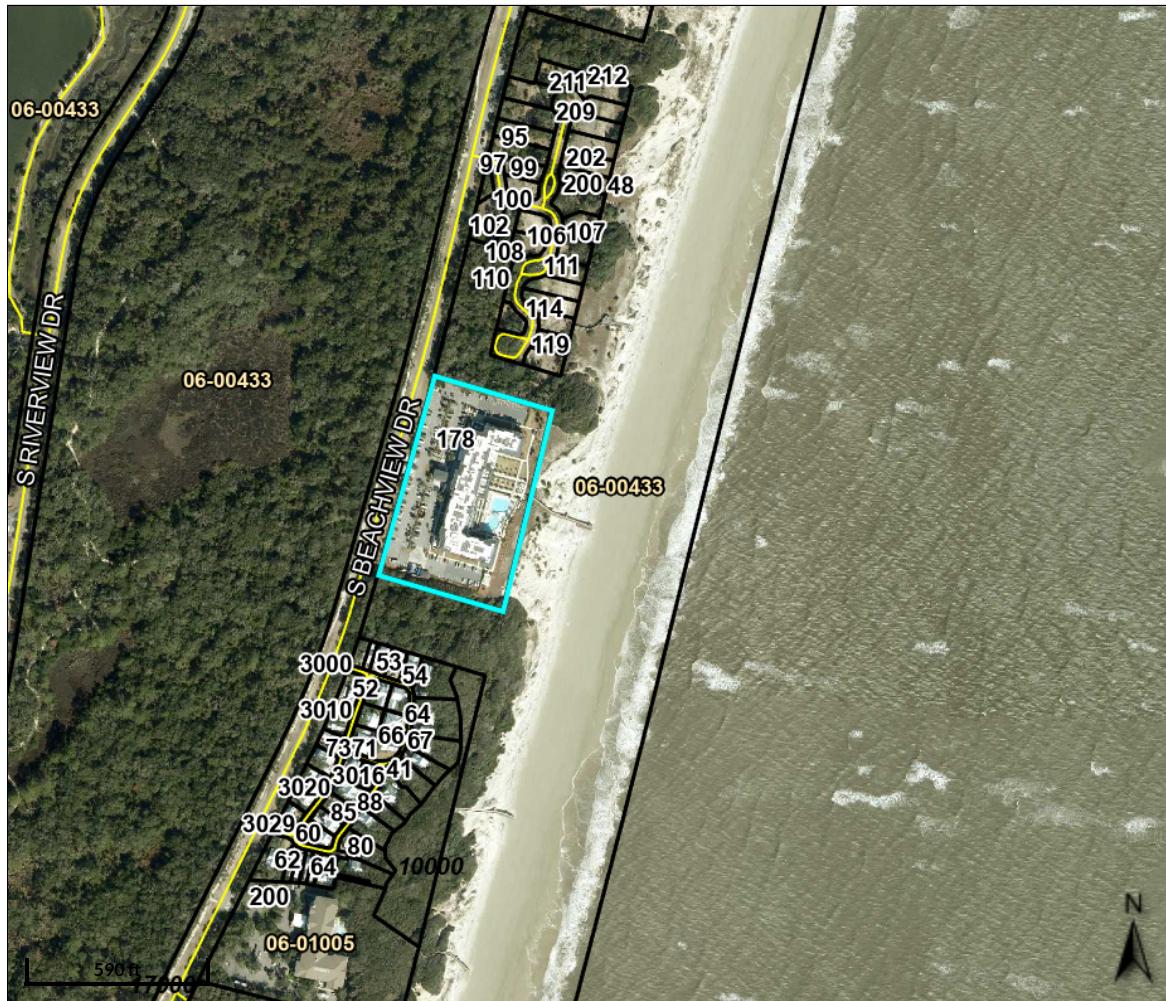
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July 11, 2025

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Division  
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**RE: Application for a Shore Protection Act (SPA) Permit for Jekyll Seaside Retreat, LLC  
Located at 150 South Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, Georgia, 31527  
(Lat: 31.040319, Long: -81.414283), Glynn County**

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to address the applicable zoning and/or land use requirements of the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority ("JIA") relating to the above-captioned application for a Shore Protection Act Permit for the dune crossover and land alteration at the Jekyll Seaside Retreat project on Jekyll Island.

The proposed project will be constructed in and around real property under the care of the JIA. JIA has reviewed the project plans and finds that the proposed project does not violate any applicable zoning or land use requirements under the JIA Code of Ordinances or Georgia law. Accordingly, JIA confirms that the project complies with local zoning regulations and, to the extent necessary for the purposes of this application, is approved by JIA.

In response to a request from Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff, the applicant has provided updated impact area tabulations for Lots 4, 5, 10, and 11. In the previous plans and tabulations, landscaping impacts were shown seaward of the toe of the dune. Per DNR's direction, these impacts have been removed, and the plans and tabulations have been revised accordingly.

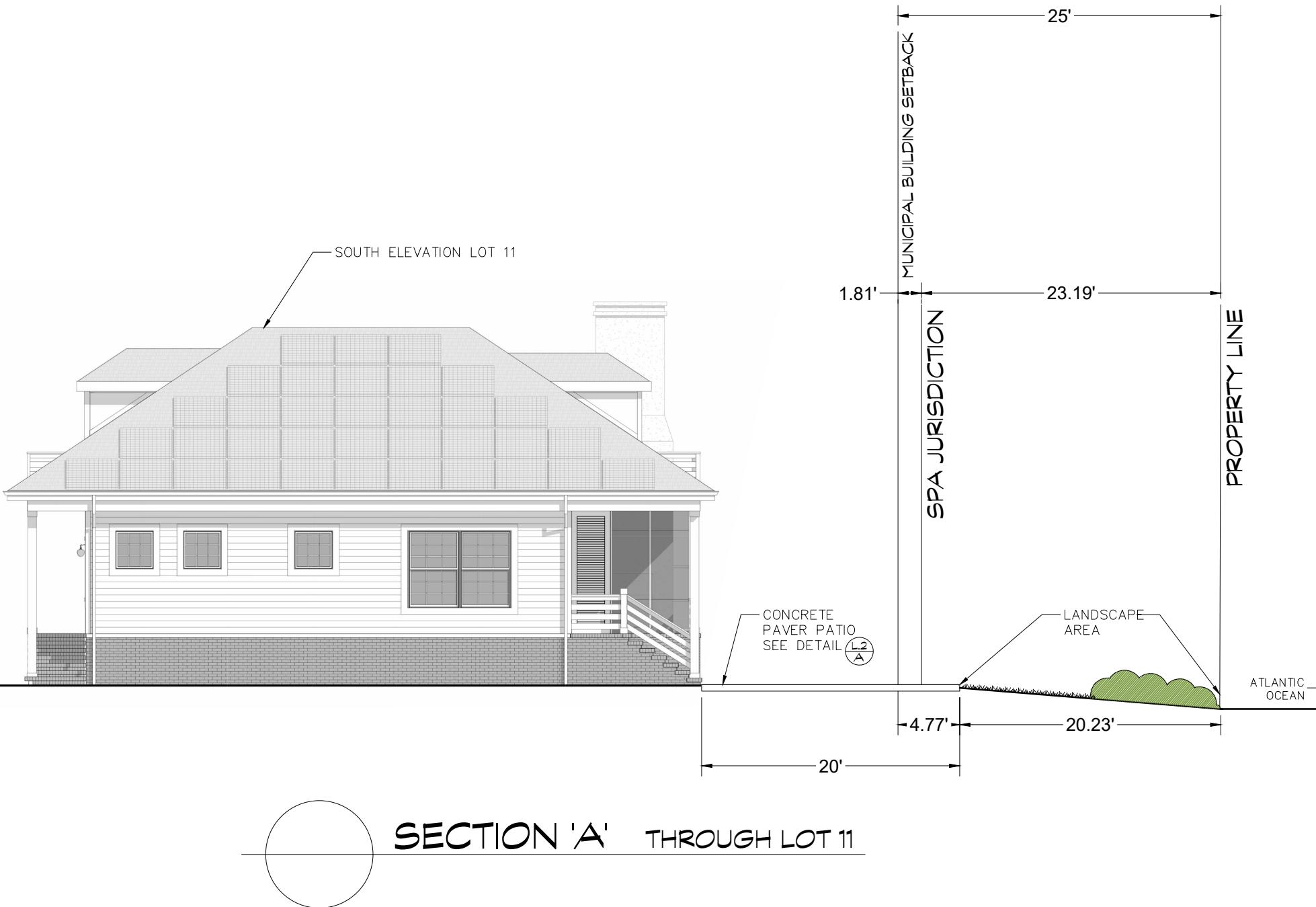
JIA has reviewed these revised plans, dated June 4, 2025, and confirms that the revisions do not affect compliance with any applicable zoning or land use requirements. The revised plans and updated tabulations are hereby approved by JIA as part of the Seaside Retreat dune crossover SPA permit application.

I trust this letter satisfies the request of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

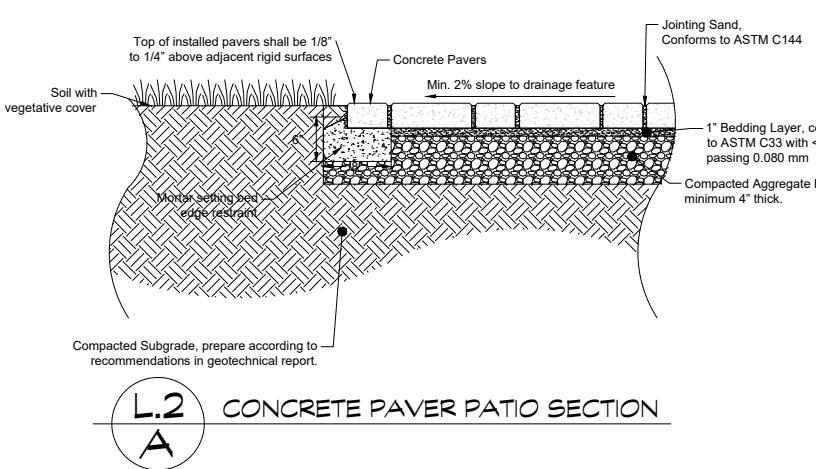
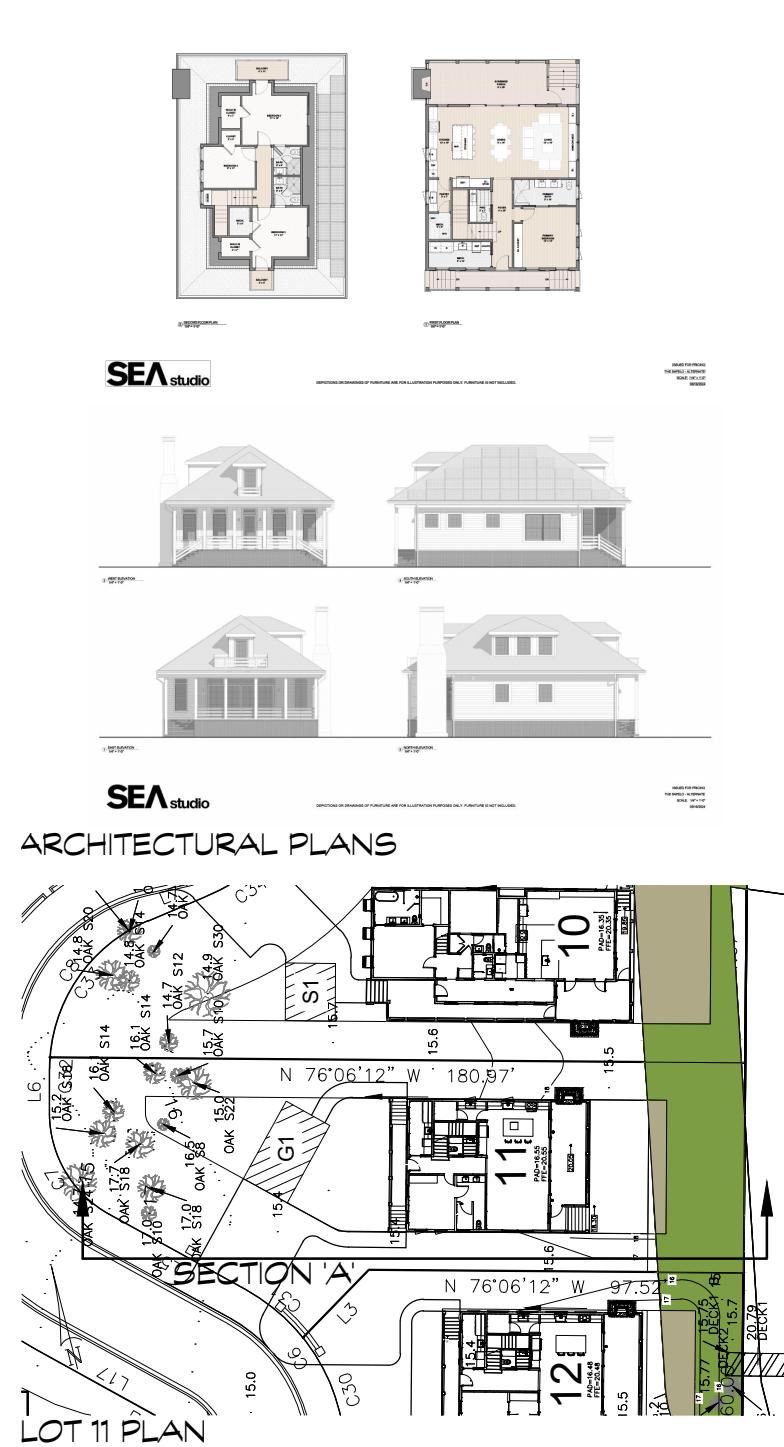
Sincerely,  
Noel Jensen  
Chief Executive Director  
Jekyll Island State Park Authority

**SEASIDE RETREAT**  
Jekyll Island, Georgia

SECTION ELEVATION AND DETAILS



*Noel Hansen*



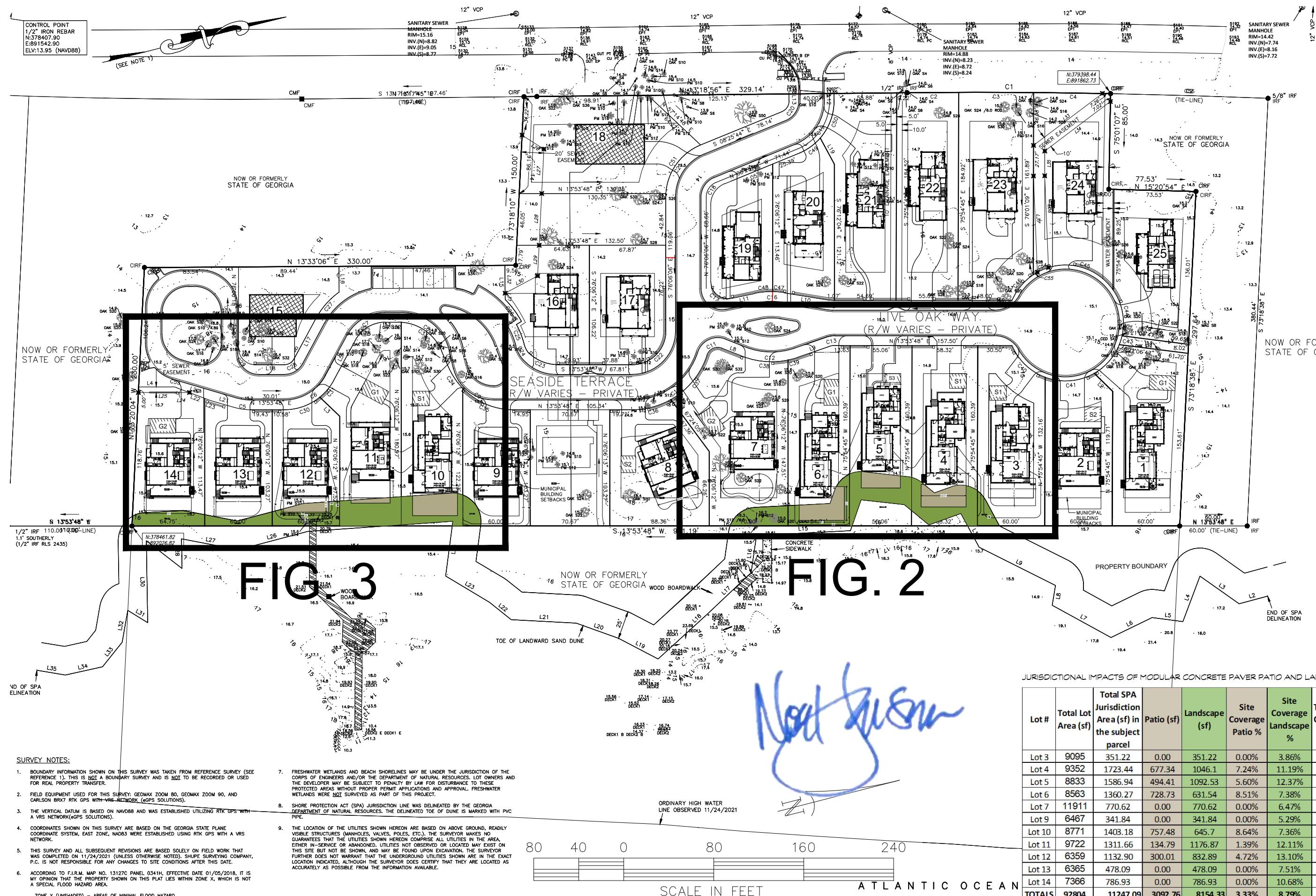
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Jekyll Island, Georgia

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June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Jeff Homans  
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Mr. Homans:

Please let this letter serve as notice that all landscape improvements located within Shore Protection Act Jurisdiction on the plans titled "Seaside Retreat" dated June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meet the most current applicable hurricane resistant standards.

Sincerely,



Johnathan Roberts  
President



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WALTER RABON  
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DOUG HAYMANS  
DIRECTOR

June 17, 2024

LNWA Developers, LLC  
4 Denny Road  
Wilmington, DE 19809

**RE: Shore Protection Act (SPA), Jurisdiction Determination Reverification, 150 S. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, Glynn County, Georgia**

Dear LNWA Developers, LLC:

Our office has received the survey plat dated December 2, 2021, prepared by Shupe Surveying Company, P.C., No. 3081 entitled "*A Tree, Topographic Development and SPA Jurisdiction Line Survey Of: Tract I Being a Portion of Parcels 251-A, 251-B and 251-C Jekyll Island State Park 25<sup>th</sup> G.M.D. Jekyll Island Glynn County, Georgia*" prepared for LNWA Developers LLC. This plat and survey generally depicts the Jurisdiction Line under the authority of the Shore Protection Act O.C.G.A. 12-5-230 et seq. as verified by the Department on June 13, 2024.

The Shore Protection Act O.C.G.A. 12-5-230 et seq. delineation of this parcel is subject to change due to environmental conditions and legislative enactments. This jurisdiction line is valid for one year from date of the delineation. It will normally expire on June 13, 2025 but may be voided should legal and/or environmental conditions change.

This letter does not relieve you of the responsibility of obtaining other state, local, or federal permission relative to the site. Authorization by the Shore Protection Committee or the Department is required prior to any construction or alteration in the shore jurisdictional area. We appreciate you providing us with this information for our records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (912) 264-7218.

Sincerely,

Beth Byrnes  
Coastal Permit Coordinator  
Marsh and Shore Management Program

Enclosure: *A Tree, Topographic Development and SPA Jurisdiction Line Survey Of: Tract I Being a Portion of Parcels 251-A, 251-B and 251-C Jekyll Island State Park 25<sup>th</sup> G.M.D. Jekyll Island Glynn County, Georgia*

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