

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
Applicant Contact Infor	mation
Name of Applicant	Hugo Elizondo, Jr., P.E./Cuatro Consultants, Ltd.
Street Address	3601 Kyle Crossing, Suite A
City State ZIP Code	Kyle, TX 78640
Work Phone	512-312-5040
E-Mail Address	hugo@cuatroconsultants.com
Variance Case Informat	ion
Case Name	La Mexicana Supermercado
Case Number	SP-2017-0306C
Address or Location	2004 E. William Cannon
Environmental Reviewer Name	Atha Phillips
Environmental Resource Management Reviewer Name	Atha Phillips
Applicable Ordinance	
Watershed Name	Williamson Creek
Watershed Classification	□Urban□Water Supply Suburban□Water Supply Rural□ Barton Springs Zone

Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone	□ Barton Springs Segment☑Not in Edwards Aquifer Zones	☐ Northern Edwards Segment
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone	□Yes ☑No	
Distance to Nearest Classified Waterway	1,600 Feet	
Water and Waste Water service to be provided by	City of Austin	
Request	The variance request is as follows (LDC 25-8-302 Construction on slo	Cite code references: Variance from pes in excess of 15 percent.
Impervious cover	Existing	Proposed
square footage:	<u>0</u>	<u>350,949</u>
acreage:	<u>0</u>	<u>8.06</u>
percentage:	<u>0%</u>	<u>25.37%</u>

Provide general description of the property (slope range, elevation range, summary of vegetation / trees, summary of the geology, CWQZ, WQTZ, CEFs, floodplain, heritage trees, any other notable or outstanding characteristics of the property)

The proposed Project consists of an 8.06 acre tract located at 2004 E. William Cannon Drive in south central Austin (Grid #H-15). The Project lies within the City of Austin of Austin Desired Development Zone. The subject tract is zoned LR and MF-3. The Project lies in the Williamson Creek watershed which is classified as a Suburban watershed. The Project slopes from west to east and is at an elevation lower than adjacent E. William Cannon Drive. Elevations range from 653 amsl at west side to 620 amsl at drainage easement along east line.

The subject tract lies east of the Balcones Fault. According to the Geologic Atlas of Texas, the site consists of the Quaternary High Gravel deposits. The terrace deposits normally include silty clays, marls, and gravels. See attached ERI prepared by Ranger Environmental Services, Inc.

The Project Site is bounded on the north by undeveloped land, and the east and west by existing multifamily residential development, and the south by East William Cannon Drive.

The site does not contain CEF's per attached ERI. No construction is proposed within the CWQZ or WQTZ of any tributary of Williamson Creek.

The proposed improvements include the construction of a 20,700 square foot mixed use center anchored by a food sales and meat market store.

The proposed impervious cover consists of buildings, parking and driveway

areas, and sidewalks. Improvements will include approximately 20,700 square feet of mixed use retail uses building. Approximately 89,356 square feet of impervious cover is required for parking, driveways, fire lanes and sidewalks. The site has a limited access point to E. William Cannon Drive requiring a joint use access easement with the neighboring tract.

Vegetation consists of primarily a heavy canopy of Ash Juniper, per attached ERI dated 5/16/16. Understory includes Elbow Bush, Cat Brier, Lindheimer Silk Tassel, and Texas Kidneywood. The landowner was subject to citations by Code Enforcement for littering. Several large homeless camps were discovered after clearing vegetation less than 8 inch diameter. Thus, site has been cleared of understory to provide security and ease of maintenance.

Clearly indicate in what way the proposed project does not comply with current Code (include maps and exhibits)

In order to construct the planned improvements and to provide reasonable access to the rear Lot 5, the driveway location is limited to the existing median cut in William Cannon Drive. The proposed driveway traverses existing slopes in excess of 15 percent. These slopes exist adjacent to E. William Cannon Drive and the flag segment of Lot 5 which lies along an existing drainage easement. The site area is dominated by slopes in excess of 15 percent slope. Slopes exceed 15 percent in over 44 percent of the tract. This Project limits impervious cover to driveway areas and water quality and detention pond construction within the area of 15 percent or greater slopes. See Slope Map attached.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As required in LDC Section 25-8-41, in order to grant a variance the Land Use Commission must make the following findings of fact:

Include an explanation with each applicable finding of fact.

Project: La Mexicana Supermercado

Ordinance:

- A. Land Use Commission variance determinations from Chapter 25-8-41 of the City Code:
 - 1. The requirement will deprive the applicant of a privilege available to owners of similarly situated property with approximately contemporaneous development subject to similar code requirements.

Yes / No The applicant is entitled to reasonable access to the lots he owns within the existing 81 William Cannon Joint Venture Subdivision as platted in 1987. The Applicant owns Lots 5, 6, and 1 in this Subdivision. Lots 5 and 6 have access to William Cannon. The safest access point is the existing median cut aligned with Elm Creek Drive on the opposite or south side of E. William Cannon Drive.

In order to provide reasonable access to the food sales store and future apartments, the Applicant worked with Staff to provide minimal driveway, fire lane, and pedestrian access requirements to reduce the overall impervious cover footprint. The resulting access drive provides safe access for delivery trucks and emergency service vehicles for the mixed use center on Lot 6 and the future multifamily development on Lot 5. The

water quality/detention pond as proposed will serve the commercial and future multifamily development, this also reduces the footprint of improvements within the slopes in excess of 15 percent.

2. The variance:

- a) Is not necessitated by the scale, layout, construction method, or other design decision made by the applicant, unless the design decision provides greater overall environmental protection than is achievable without the variance;
 - Yes / No The project area controlled by the Applicant consists of 8.06 acres. Of this total, approximately 3.55 acres or 44 percent of the site area exceeds slope of 15 percent. The Applicant chose to construct the building improvements in close proximity to his west line in order to limit encroachment into the slopes exceeding 15 percent. However, in order to provide appropriate parking spaces, driveways, fire lanes and delivery truck access, along with driveway access to future multifamily development on Lot 5,the Applicant encroaches the minimally possible on the slopes (greater than 15%)
- b) Is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable use of the property;
 - <u>Yes</u> / No The Applicant has worked with staff to minimize the impervious cover footprint approximately 6 percent from initial site layout or footprint.
 - Alternative compliance for building placement and pedestrian access to rear lot (only one side) under Subchapter E,
 - Minimized fire lane width at rear of building from 25 to 16 foot minimum (exception from Fire Marshal),
 - Reduced driveway aisles for delivery trucks to the minimum required using auto turn turning radius analysis, and
 - Reduced building dimensions and sidewalk canopies
 - Stair-stepped the grading and site contouring to minimize cut and fill depths as much as practically possible.
 - Overall impervious cover for Lots 5 and 6 is approximately 25.37 percent. In the future, upon building of future multifamily on Lot 5, the overall impervious cover will range from 45 to 55 percent.
- c) Does not create a significant probability of harmful environmental consequences.
 - Yes / No The applicant has worked with staff to increase the physical distance from the low area along the east side of the Lot 5 flag segment.

The proposed impervious cover is not located closer than 35 feet from the low point to the existing drainage conveyance channel. The Applicant has worked with Staff to provide a phased Erosion Control Plan which provides additional

downstream diversion and limits disturbed area at any one time during construction.

3. Development with the variance will result in water quality that is at least equal to the water quality achievable without the variance.

Yes / No

Development with the Variance will result in water quality equal to development without the variance. The project development shall provide water quality and detention for the proposed impervious cover. This variance allows treated runoff for a Project within the desired Development Zone and reduces the future commutes for area residents to be served by this mixed use center.

- B. Additional Land Use Commission variance determinations for a requirement of Section 25-8-422 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Section 25-8-452 (Water Quality Transition Zone), Article 7, Division 1 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions), or Section 25-8-652 (Development Impacting Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long):
 - 1. The criteria for granting a variance in Subsection (A) are met;

Yes / No [provide summary of justification for determination]

2. The requirement for which a variance is requested prevents a reasonable, economic use of the entire property;

Yes / No [provide summary of justification for determination]

3. The variance is the minimum deviation from the code requirement necessary to allow a reasonable, economic use of the entire property.

Yes / No [provide summary of justification for determination]

^{**}Variance approval requires all above affirmative findings.

Exhibits for Commission Variance

- o Aerial photos of the site
- Site photos
- Aerial photos of the vicinity
- Context Map—A map illustrating the subject property in relation to developments in the vicinity to include nearby major streets and waterways
- Topographic Map A topographic map is recommended if a significant grade change on the subject site exists or if there is a significant difference in grade in relation to adjacent properties.
- For cut/fill variances, a plan sheet showing areas and depth of cut/fill with topographic elevations.
- Site plan showing existing conditions if development exists currently on the property
- Proposed Site Plan- full size electronic or at least legible 11x17 showing proposed development, include tree survey if required as part of site or subdivision plan
- Environmental Map A map that shows pertinent features including Floodplain, CWQZ,
 WQTZ, CEFs, Setbacks, Recharge Zone, etc.
- An Environmental Resource Inventory pursuant to ECM 1.3.0 (if required by 25-8-121)
- o Applicant's variance request letter

2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. 1997 AERIAL MAP



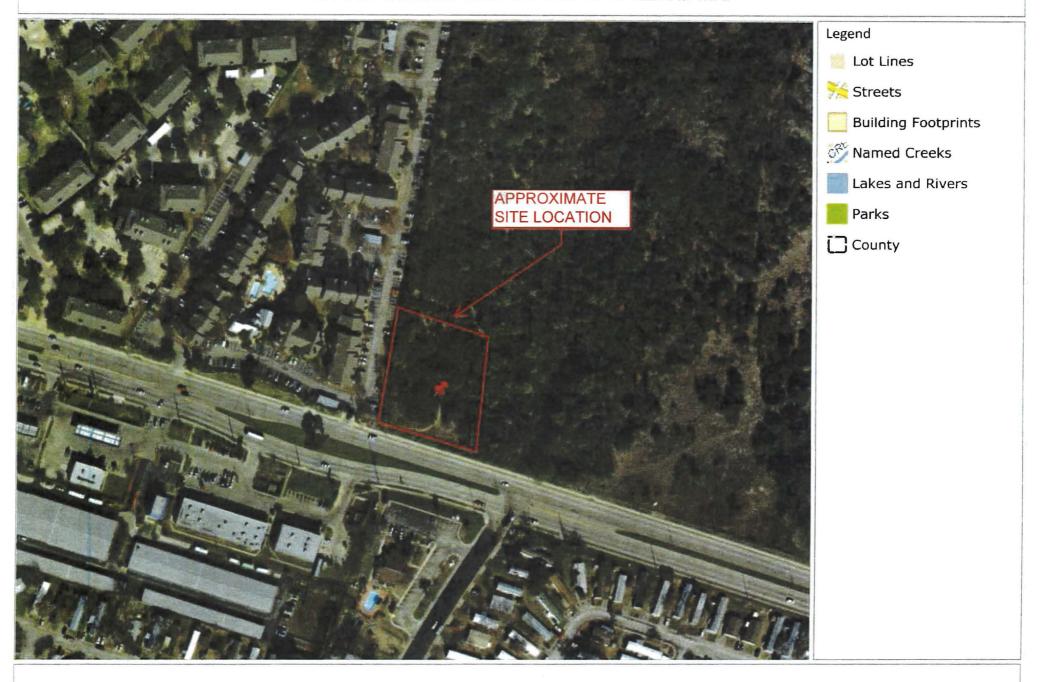
2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. 2003 AERIAL MAP

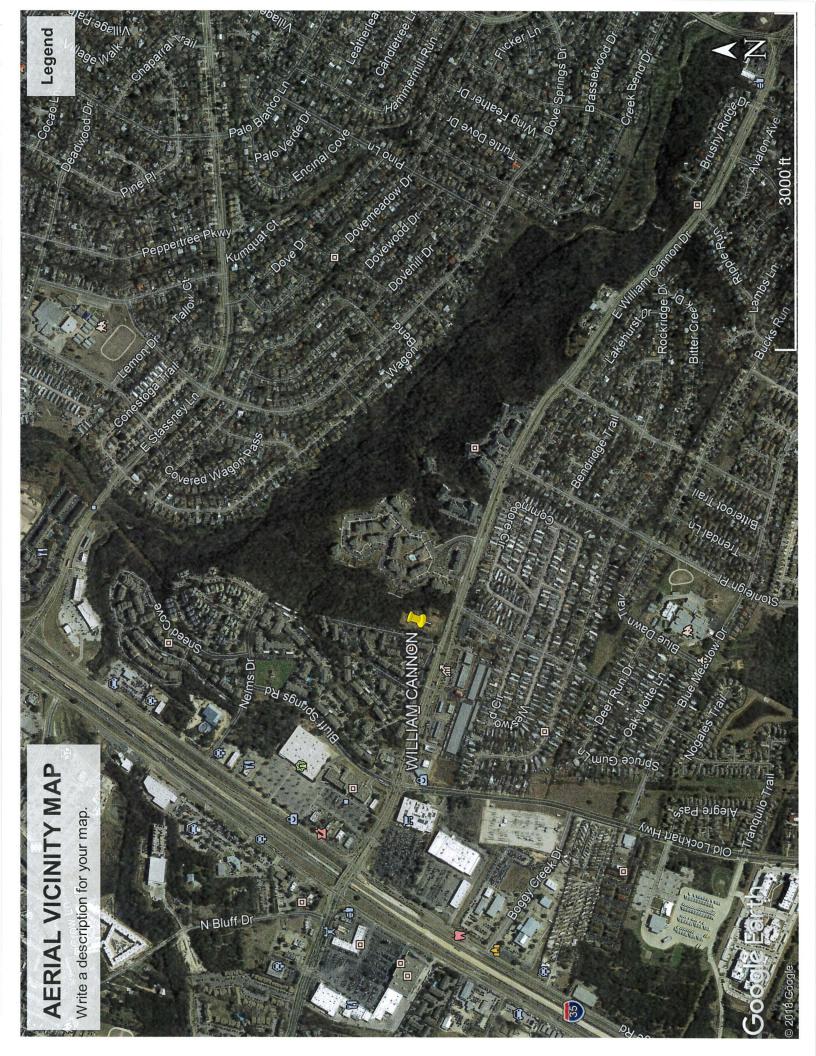


2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. 2008 AERIAL MAP

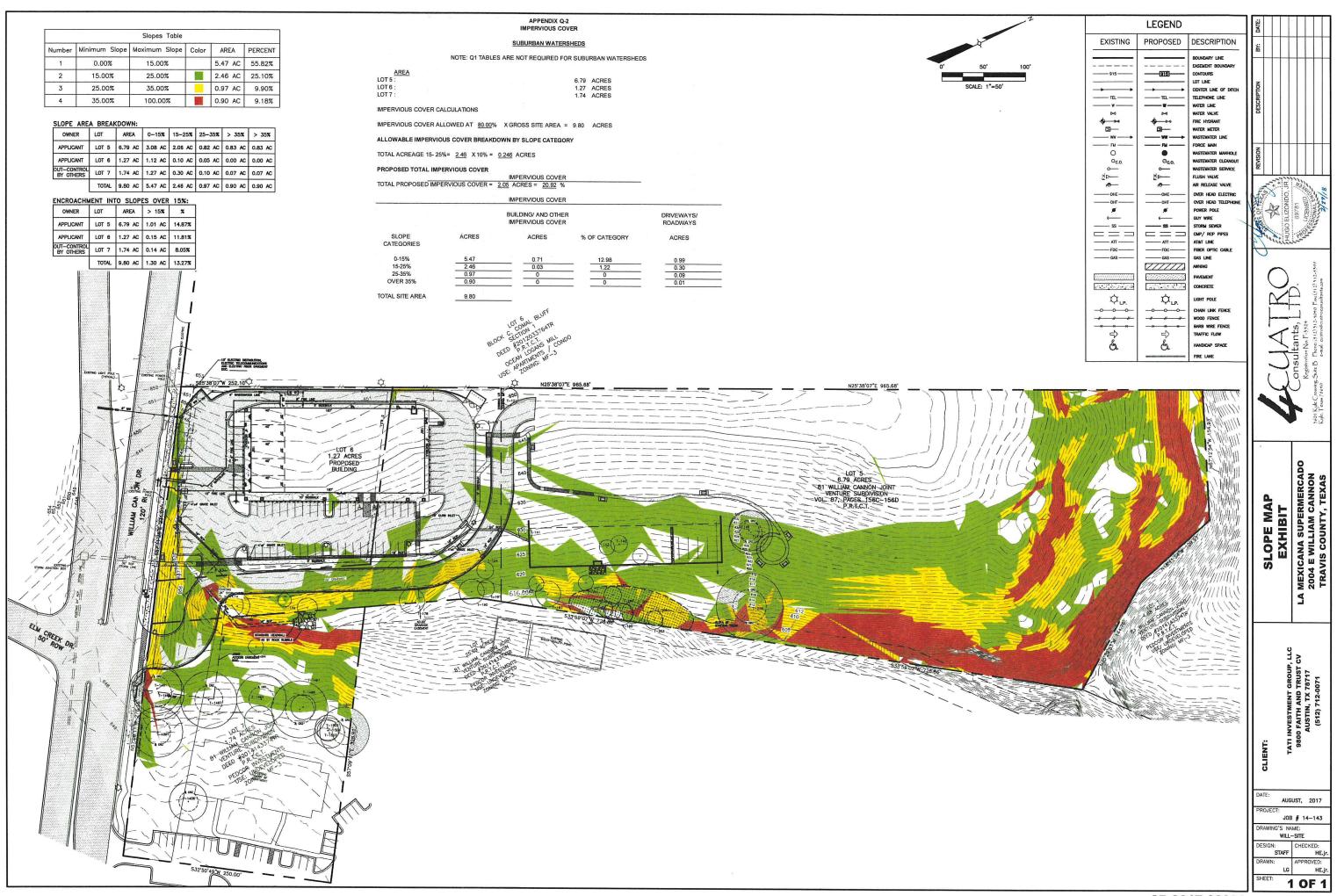


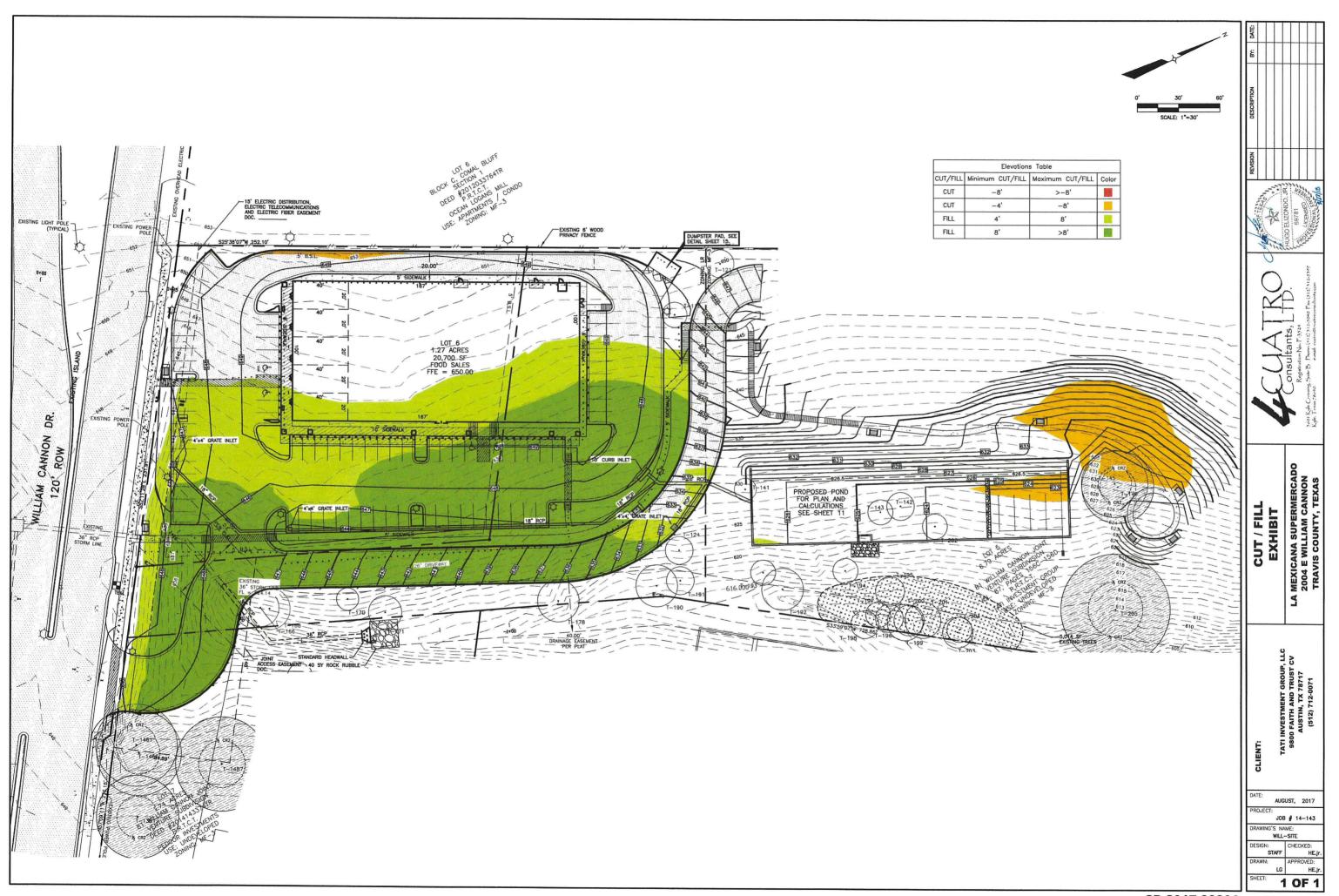
2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. 2012 AERIAL MAP











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Environmental Resource Inventory

For the City of Austin
Related to LDC 25-8-121, City Code 30-5-121, ECM 1.3.0 & 1.10.0

The ERI is required for projects that meet one or more of the criteria listed in LDC 25-8-121(A), City Code 30-5-121(A), 1. SITE/PROJECT NAME: 2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON 2. COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID (#'s): 336596 3. ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT: 2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR., AUSTIN, TX 4. WATERSHED: WILLIAMSON 5. THIS SITE IS WITHIN THE (Check all that apply) Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone*......□YES ☑No Edwards Aguifer 1500 ft Verification Zone*

YES
No Note: If the property is over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge zone, the Hydrogeologic Report and karst surveys must be completed and signed by a Professional Geoscientist Licensed in the State of Texas. 6. DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATION?......□YES** ☑NO If yes, then check all that apply: (1) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary to protect the public health and safety: (2) The floodplain modifications proposed would provide a significant, demonstrable environmental benefit, as determined by a functional assessment of floodplain health as prescribed by the Environmental Criteria Manual (ECM), or (3) The floodplain modifications proposed are necessary for development allowed in the critical water quality zone under LDC 25-8-261 or 25-8-262, City Code 30-5-261 or 30-5-262. (4) The floodplain modifications proposed are outside of the Critical Water Quality Zone in an area determined to be in poor or fair condition by a functional assessment of floodplain health. ** If yes, then a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM 1.7 and Appendix X for forms and guidance) unless conditions 1 or 3 above apply. 7. IF THE SITE IS WITHIN AN URBAN OR SUBURBAN WATERSHED, DOES THIS PROJECT PROPOSE A UTILITY LINE PARALLEL TO AND WITHIN THE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY ***If yes, then riparian restoration is required by LDC 25-8-261(E) or City Code 30-5-261(E) and a functional assessment must be completed and attached to the ERI (see ECM1.5 and Appendix X for forms and guidance). 8. There is a total of 0 (#'s) Critical Environmental Feature(s)(CEFs) on or within 150 feet of the project site. If CEF(s) are present, attach a detailed DESCRIPTION of the CEF(s), color PHOTOGRAPHS, the CEF WORKSHEET and provide DESCRIPTIONS of the proposed CEF buffer(s) and/or wetland mitigation. Provide the number of each type of CEFs on or within 150 feet of the site (Please provide the number of CEFs):

	(#'s) Spring(s)/Seep(Recharge Fea	ture	(s)(#'s) Bluff(s)
	(#ˈs) Canyon Rimrock	(s)	(#'s) Wetlai	nd(s)		
Ex ad red	cept for wetlands, if the ministrative variance fro	standard k m LDC 25- or administ	ouffer is <u>no</u> -8-281(C)(1) rative varia	t <u>provided,</u> yo and provide	u m writi	300 feet for point recharge features. nust provide a written request for an ten findings of fact to support your ements stated in LDC 25-8-281 are
9. Th	e following site maps	are attach	ed at the e	nd of this rep	ort	(Check all that apply and provide):
	✓ Histo✓ Site S✓ Critic	pecific G ric Aerial soil Map al Enviro	eologic Ma Photo of t	eatures an		oography Vell Location Map on current
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	Soil Series Unit I		Group*	Thickness		Soils having a <u>high infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.

Soil Series Unit Names, Infiltration Characteristics & Thickness								
Soil Series Unit Name & Subgroup**	Group*	Thickness (feet)						
PaC- Patrick soils, 2-5% slopes	В	>6.5						
		CONTRACTOR						

- B. Soils having a <u>moderate</u> <u>infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- C. Soils having a <u>slow infiltration</u> rate when thoroughly wetted.
- D. Soils having a <u>very slow</u> infiltration rate when thoroughly wetted.

**Subgroup Classification – See <u>Classification of Soil Series</u> Table in County Soil Survey.

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Description of Site Topograph	ny and Drainage (Attach additional she	ets if needed):
	rest to east with an overall elevation chacreek on the adjacent property to the e	
List surface geologic units b	elow:	
	Geologic Units Exposed at Surface	
Group	Formation	Member
	Quaternary High Gravel (Qhg)	
Brief description of site geol	ogy (Attach additional sheets if needed):	
	Texas, Austin Sheet and The Universit	ty of Texas Bulletin No. 3232
The Geology of Texas, Volume 1,	the subject site is underlain by Quater	nary sedimentary strata. The
area lies east of the Balcones Fau	Ilt Zone, a geologic province characteri	zed in this region by north
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Wells – Identify all recorded a unplugged, capped and/or aba	nd unrecorded wells on site (test ho andoned wells, etc.):	oles, monitoring, water, oil,
There are _0_(#) wells present	on the project site and the location	s are shown and labeled
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	re off-site and within 150 feet of this	

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11. THE VEGETATION REPORT - Provide the information requested below:

Brief description of site plant communities (Attach additional sheets if needed):

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Hyd	rophytic plant species	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Wetland Indicator Status
	with a diameter of at least eight inc ade level has been completed on th	
12. WASTEWATER REPORT -	Provide the information requested	below.
	Il be treated by (Check of that Apply):	
On-site system(s)	t C d	
_	tralized sewage collection system	
☐ Other Centralized		
Note: All sites that receive wate City Code Chapter 15-12 and w	er or wastewater service from the Austin W wells must be registered with the City of Au	ater Utility must comply with stin
The site sewage collection all State, County and City ☑YES ☐ NO (Check one).	n system is designed and will be co standard specifications.	enstructed to in accordance to
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	posed within the Critical Water Qua If yes, then provide justification be	

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Is the project site is over the Edwards Aqui ☐YES ☑ NO (Check one).	fer?
If yes, then describe the wastewater dispolevel and effects on receiving watercourses	sal systems proposed for the site, its treatment s or the Edwards Aquifer.
13. One (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic coprovided.	ppy of the completed assessment have been
Date(s) ERI Field Assessment was performed: Ma	y 6, 2016
	Date(s)
My signature certifies that to the best of my known reflect all information requested.	wledge, the responses on this form accurately
Skylar Netherland	512-335-1785
Print Name	Telephone
and Martin	Skylar@rangerenv.com
Signature	Email Address
Ranger Environmental Services, Inc	5/16/16
Name of Company	Date

For project sites within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, my signature and seal also certifies that I am a licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas as defined by ECM 1.12.3(A).



City of Austin Environmental Resource Inventory - Critical Environmental Feature Worksheet

1	Project Name:	2004 E. William Cannon
2	Project Address:	2004 E. William Cannon Drive, Austin, TX
3	Site Visit Date:	May 6, 2016
4	Environmental Resource Inventory Date:	May 6, 2016

City of Austin Use Only

CASE NUMBER:

5	Primary Contact Name:	Skylar Netherland
6	Phone Number:	512-619-2958
7	Prepared By:	Skylar Netherland
8	Email Address:	Skylar@rangerenv.com

9	FEATURE TYPE {Wetland,Rimrock, Bluffs,Recharge	FEATURE ID (WGS 1984 in Meters)		arock Bluffs Recharge	1					DIMENSIONS (ft)		CK/BLUFF SIONS (ft)	RECHARGE FEATURE DIMENSIONS			Springs Est. Discharge
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For rimrock, locate the midpoint of the segment that describes the feature.

For wetlands, locate the approximate centroid of the feature and the estimated area.

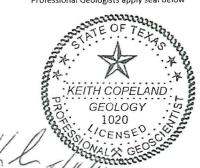
For a spring or seep, locate the source of groundwater that feeds a pool or stream.

Please state the method of coordinate data collection and the approximate precision and accuracy of the points and the unit of measurement.

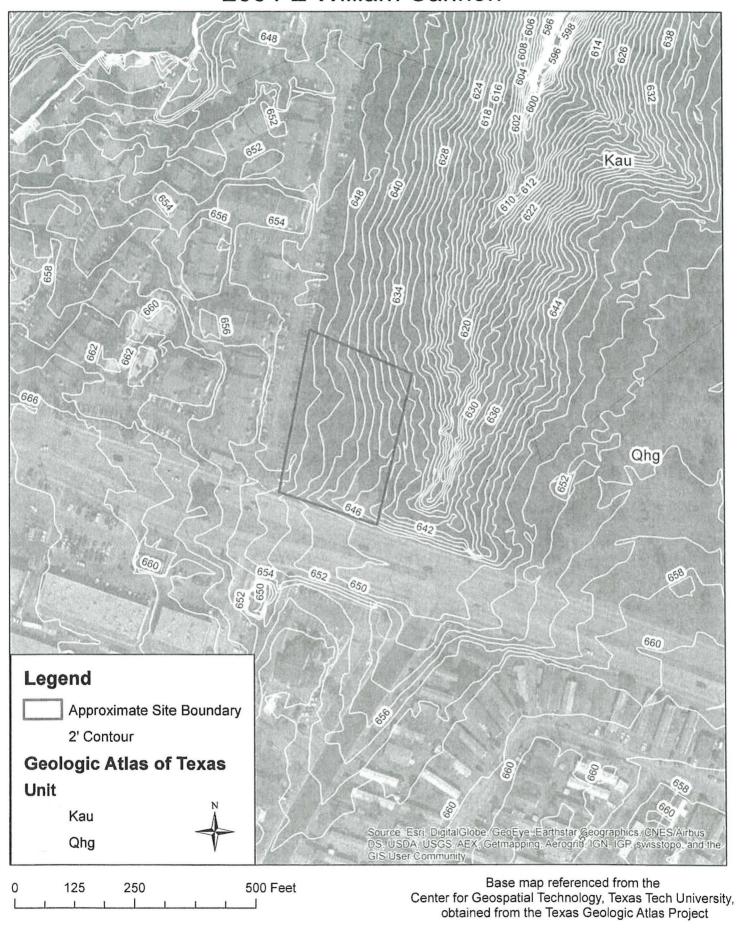
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Method		Accuracy	
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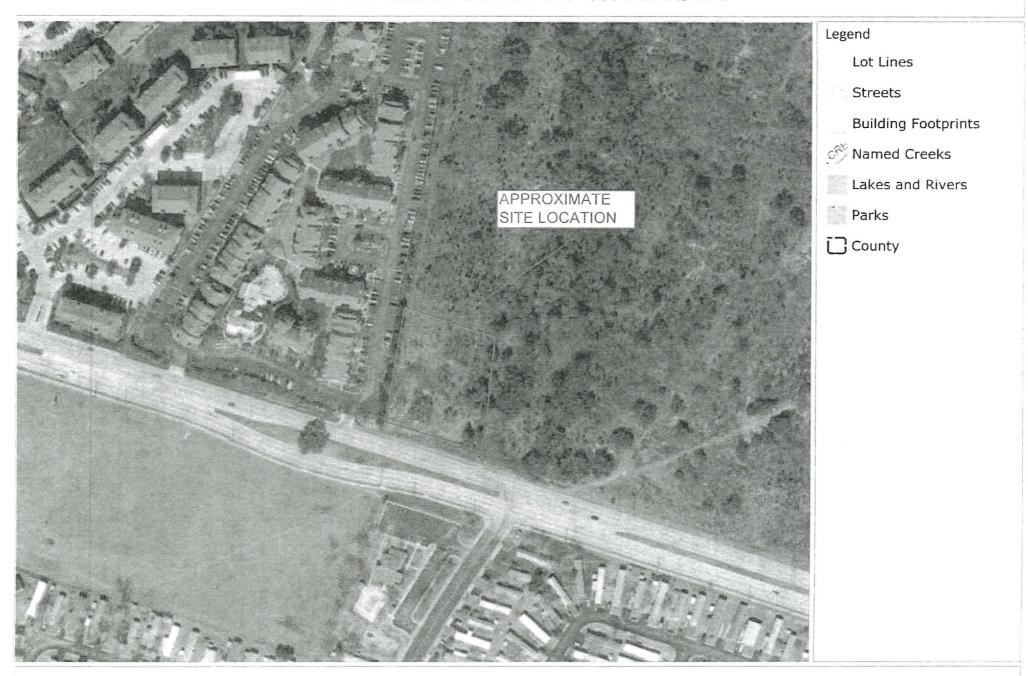
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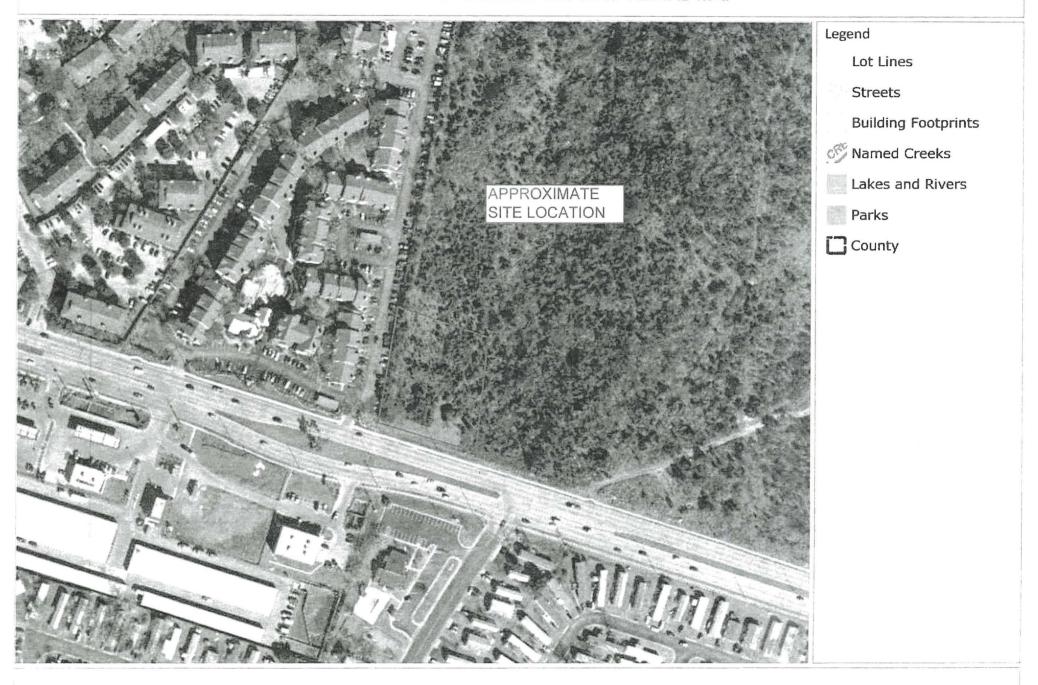
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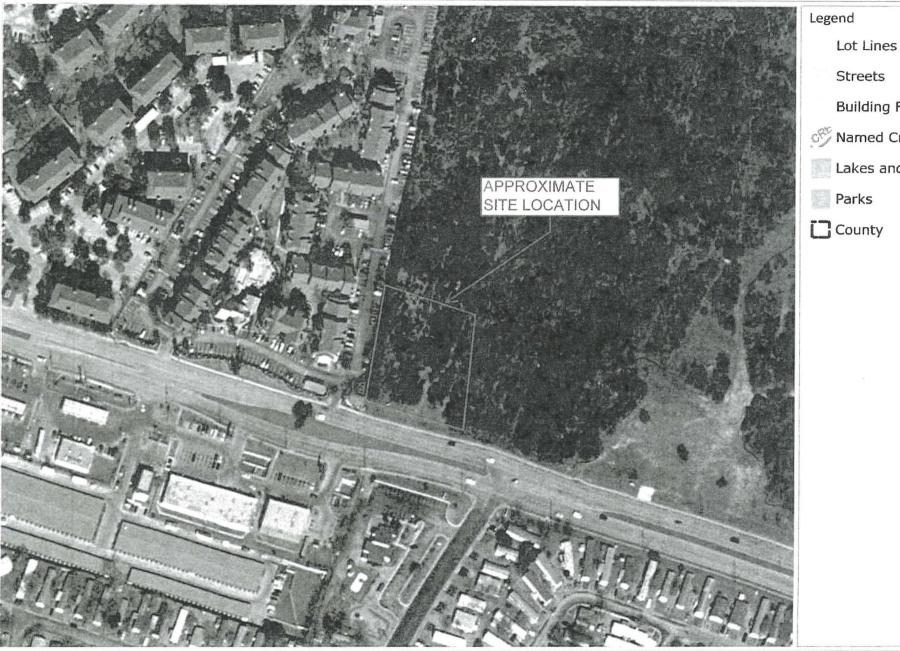
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2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. 2008 AERIAL MAP



Building Footprints

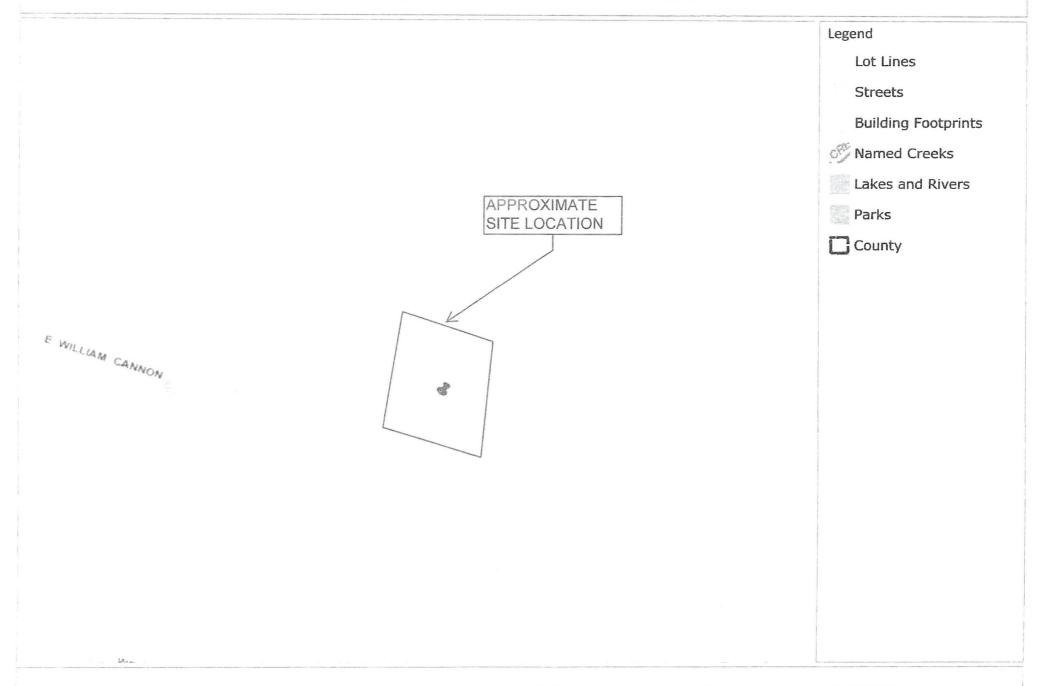
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Lakes and Rivers

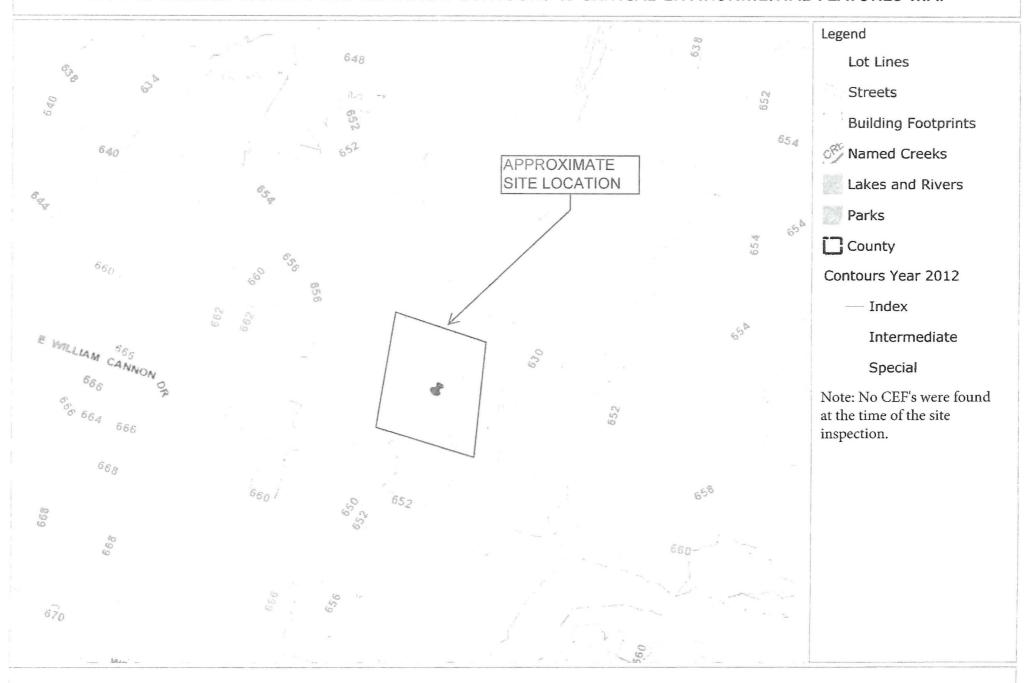
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2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. SITE MAP



2004 E. WILLIAM CANNON DR. ELEVATION CONTOURS & CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES MAP





Firm Registration No. F-3524

February 27, 2018

Atha Phillips, RLA, LI, LEED AP, Environmental Program Coordinator City of Austin Development Services Department 505 Barton Springs Road Austin, TX 78704

RE:

LA MEXICANA SUPERMERCADO: 2004 E WILLIAM CANNON DRIVE

CASE NO. SP-2016-0265C

AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CCL 14-143

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION ON SLOPES IN EXCESS OF 15% (LDC 25-8-302)

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The purpose of this letter is to present this variance request for construction on slopes in excess of 15 percent. The proposed development lies within the City of Austin full purpose jurisdiction and within the Desired Development Zone. The existing topography slopes west to east across the site and ranges generally from 10 to 14 percent. The elevation ranges from 620 to 653 amsl across this Site. Topographic and access constraints include:

- a. Location of existing median cut to provide safe access aligns with existing drainage easement or low area.
- b. Location of existing City of Austin drainage pipe from William Cannon Drive to this same low area.
- c. Elevation of site is lower than adjacent William Cannon Drive.

We modified the Site Layout various times from when it was first submitted in June 16, 2016, per Reviewers request, each time resulting in a smaller footprint than the initial submission and reducing the total construction on slopes in excess of 15 percent for the Project Site. The site footprint has been reduced approximately 6 percent during the review.

We respectfully request approval of this variance to the requirements specified in the City of Austin Land Development Code (LDC) Sections §30-8-302 for construction on slopes in excess of 15%. In order to accommodate the various topographic constraints and accessible routes and emergency access requirements, the proposed encroachment or building on these slopes is necessary.

Granting this variance is a minimal departure from the LDC regulation of Sections §30-8-302 to allow viable and safe access to Lots 5 and 6 of the 81 William Cannon Joint Venture Subdivision as platted in 1987. This allows reasonable grading on the site due to topographic relief and limited access.

In addition, approval of the variance will not provide special privileges to this Project that are not granted to other site developments.

Sincerely,

Hugo Enzondo, Jr., P.E.

Manager

Attachments

- 1. Site Plan
- 2. Cut/Fill Exhibit
- 3. Slope Map
- 4. ERI prepared by Ranger Environmental