### **REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION**

HENDERSON COUNTY

#### Technical Review Committee

#### **MEETING DATES:** 4/1/25 TRC 4/30/25 ZBA

**SUBJECT:** Variance Application (V-25-01) located at lot 22 within Kanuga Ridge Subdivision at PIN: 9547-42-1526

PRESENTER: Matt Champion, Zoning Administrator

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Staff Report
- 2. Oblique Photographs
- 3. Site Plan

### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the right-of-way setback in the Estate Residential District (R-40) from 60' to 35.2'. Additionally, the applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the side yard setback in the R-40 zoning district from 35' to 21.1'. 42-37(B) Dimensional Requirements, Table 2.11 of the Henderson County Land Development Code states:

(3) Yard Setbacks (feet),Front or ROW, Roads - All Others 60.Side 35Yard setbacks shall be measure from the centerline of the *right-of-way*.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Technical Review Committee recommend review to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.



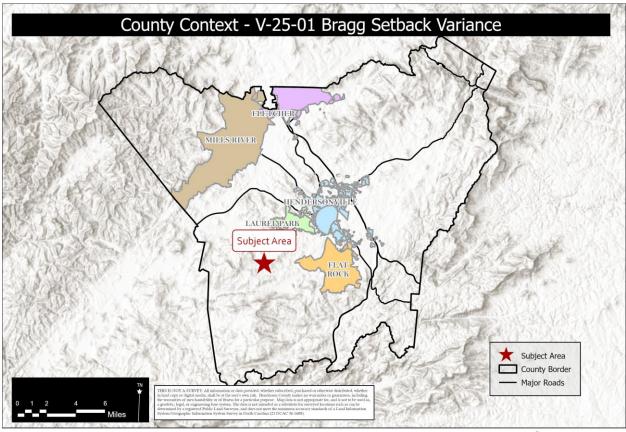
# Henderson County, North Carolina Code Enforcement Services

### 1 Committee Request

- 1.1. Applicant: Jeffrey Bragg
- 1.2. Property Owner: Anne Elisabeth Reddish
- 1.3. Request: Right-of-Way & Side Yard Setback Variance
- 1.4. **PIN:** 9547-42-1526
- 1.5. Size: 0.71 assessed acres +/- & 1.12 deeded acres
- 1.6. Location: The subject area is lot 22 within the Kanuga Ridge Subdivision.
- 1.7. Variance Requirements:
- G. Quasi-Judicial Proceeding. The concurring vote of four-fifths (4/5) of the *ZBA* shall be necessary to grant a *Variance*. Any approval or denial of the request must be in writing and permanently filed with the office of the *ZBA* and with the Administrator as public record.
  - (1) Standards of Review. The *ZBA* shall not grant a *Variance* the effect of which would be to: (1) allow the establishment of a *use* not otherwise permitted in a general *use district*, (2) extend physically a *nonconforming use* of land or (3) change the district boundaries shown on the Official Zoning Map. No *Variance* shall be granted or considered where the fact that the property could be used more profitably is the reason for the request for the *Variance*. The following written findings must be made in order for the *ZBA* to grant a *Variance*:
    - a. There are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in carrying out the strict letter of this Chapter, as demonstrated by:
      - 1. The fact that, if the *applicant* complies with the literal terms of this Chapter, he/she cannot secure a reasonable return from, or make a reasonable *use* of, the property.
      - 2. The hardship of which the *applicant* complains results from unique circumstances related to the *applicant's* land.
      - 3. The hardship is not the result of the *applicant*'s own action.
    - b. The *Variance* is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Chapter and will preserve its spirit.
    - c. The *Variance* will secure the *public safety* and welfare and will do substantial justice.
    - d. The *Variance* shall not be based on the existence of a *nonconforming use* of neighboring land or *structures* in the same district, or permitted *nonconforming uses* in other districts, and shall in no way constitute a reason for the requested *Variance*.

- e. The *Variance* shall not allow for an increase in density for the purposes of subdividing the land that would otherwise not be permitted by the applicable zoning district or *subdivision* regulations.
- (2) Conditions. The *ZBA* may, in granting a *Variance*, prescribe: (1) additional conditions; (2) additional safeguards; (3) a time limit within which the action for which a *Variance* is sought shall be begun; (4) a time limit within which the action for a *Variance* is sought shall be completed; and (5) a time duration within which construction, operation or installation shall commence on the project for which the *Variance* was obtained.
- H. Variance Validity. Upon issuance of a *Variance*, the *applicant* shall have 12 months within which (unless otherwise specified by the *ZBA*) to commence construction, operation or installation. If construction, operation or installation is commended within the specified time period the *Variance* shall continue in force as long as the *structure*, operations or installation remains.
  - (1) Variance Revocation. If construction or operation is not commenced within 12 months (or other specified time period), the *Variance* shall no longer be valid.

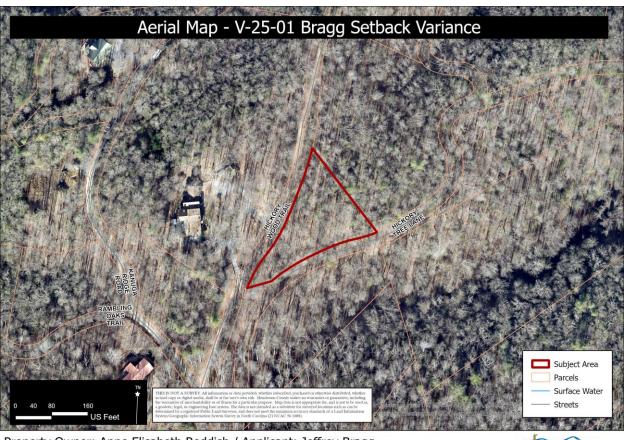
**Variance.** A grant of relief from the requirements of this Chapter (excluding *variances* from *watershed* and *floodplain* development requirements).



Map A: County Context Map

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Map B: Aerial Map

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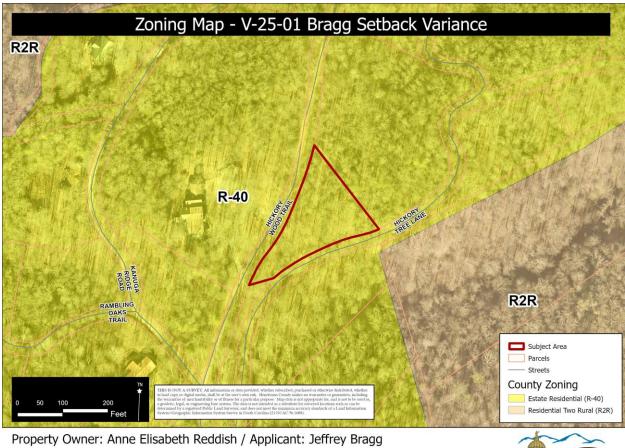
## 2. <u>History & Characteristics:</u>

2.1. **Kanuga Ridge:** The subject area is comprised of Lot 22 of Kanuga Ridge Major Residential Subdivision. Staff has been unable to locate an original plat since the subdivision was recorded prior to the adoption of the Land Development Code.

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- 2.2. <u>Current Use:</u> The parcel is currently vacant and heavily forested.
- 2.3. <u>Adjacent Area Uses:</u> Properties to the west and southwest are residential and contain single-family dwellings. Properties to the north, east, and southeast are vacant and heavily forested.



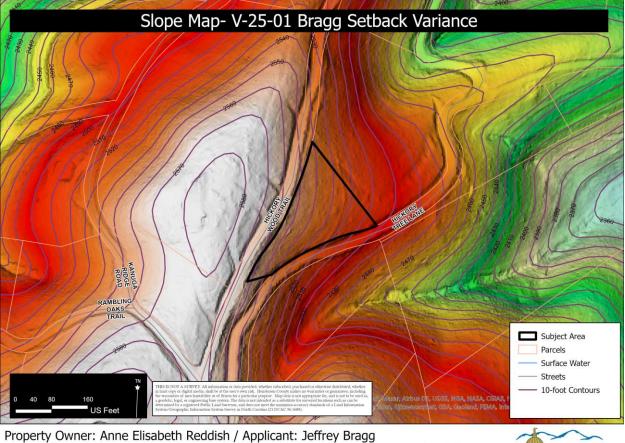


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- **3.** <u>Zoning</u>: The subject area is zoned Estate Residential (R-40) by Henderson County. Property to the north, west, and south is also zoned R-40. Property to the east is zoned Residential Two Rural (R2R) by Henderson County. The R-40 zoning district is a holdover zoning district from the previous zoning ordinance.
  - 3.1. The Estate Residential District (R-40) is established to maintain the zoning in place prior to the adoption of this Chapter 42. This district is established as a district in which the principal use of the land is for low-density residential use. This district is intended to ensure that *residential development* not having access to public water supplies and dependent upon septic tanks for sewage disposal will occur at a sufficiently low density to provide a healthful environment. This district is also intended to be a quiet, low-density neighborhood consisting of single-family residences. The R-40 District shall not be extended from the locations designated on the Official Zoning Map, nor shall new R-40 District areas be designated except where initiated by the Board of Commissioners or *Planning Board*. The R-40 District may be altered or removed.
- 4. <u>Floodplain /Watershed Protection:</u> The property is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. The property is not located in a Water Supply Watershed district. According to the USGS and NCDEQ, the subject area does not contain any surface water sources.

5. <u>Water and Sewer:</u> This property does not have access to public water or public sewer. Any future structures on this property will require an individual well and private septic system.

Public Water: N/A Public Sewer: N/A



### Map D: Slope Map

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- 6. <u>Slopes</u>: The subject area does not contain any slopes between 0 to 16%. The subject area contains 0.08 acres of slopes between 16 to 25%. The subject area contains 0.63 acres of slopes between 25 to 60%.
- 7. <u>The Request:</u> The applicant has requested for a reduction in the right-of-way setback outlined in the R-40 zoning district requirements within the Land Development Code. The current prescribed right-of-way setback is 60' from the centerline of the private undefined right-of-way for Hickory Tree Ln. The applicant's request is to reduce the setback from 60' to 35.2' for a total of a 24.8' variance. Additionally, the applicant has requested a reduction in the side yard setback outlined in the R-40 zoning district requirements. The current prescribed side yard setback is 35' from the property line. The applicant's second request is to reduce the setback from 35' to 21.1' for a total of a 13.0' variance. The applicant had a soil scientist test the subject area and found a single location to support the proposed

structure as shown on the site plan. Additionally, the subject area is bound to specific deed restrictions for the Kanuga Ridge Subdivision that requires dwellings to be a minimum of 1,700SQFT.

## 9. Oblique Photos

## **View from East**



## View from North

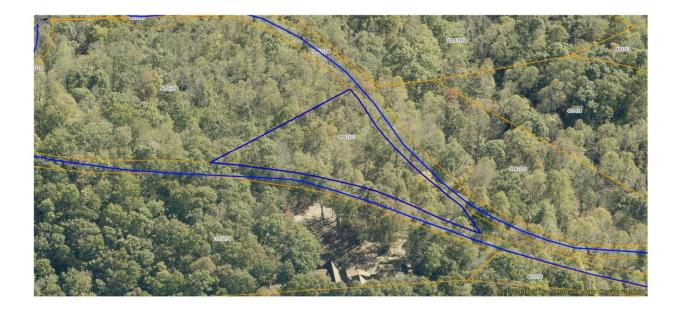


## **View from South**



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## **View from West**



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