Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department

Baldwin County County Commission Staff Report

Case No. Z25-29 Wolf Creek Industries, Inc. Property Rezone from RA, Rural Agricultural District to RSF-1, Residential Single Family District July 16, 2025

Subject Property Information

Planning District:	12
General Location:	North of U.S. Hwy 90 and south of Price Grubbs Road in the Elsanor community
Physical Address:	0 Price Grubbs Road, Robertsdale, AL 36567
Parcel Numbers:	05-41-07-35-0-000-002.000
Existing Zoning:	RA, Rural Agricultural District
Proposed Zoning:	RSF-1, Residential Single Family District
Existing Land Use:	Agricultural
Proposed Land Use:	Residential
Acreage:	40 ± acres
Applicant:	S.E. Civil Engineering & Surveying – Aaron Collins
	9969 Windmill Road
	Fairhope, AL 36532
Owner:	Wolf Creek Industries, Inc.
	PO Box 1629
	Foley, AL 36536
Lead Staff:	Cory Rhodes, Planner
Attachments:	Within Report

Adjacent Land Use		Adjacent Zoning	
North	Agricultural	RA, Rural Agricultural District	
South	Agricultural	RA, Rural Agricultural District	
East	Residential	RA, Rural Agricultural District	
West	Residential	RSF-E, Residential Single-Family District	

Summary

The subject property encompasses approximately 40 acres and is currently zoned as RA, Rural Agricultural District. A request has been made to change the designation to RSF-1, Residential Single Family District, to facilitate future residential use.

Current Zoning Requirements

Section 3.2 RA, Rural Agricultural District

3.2.1 Generally. This zoning district provides for large, open, unsubdivided land that is vacant or is being used for agricultural, forest or other rural purposes. Low-density residential development that maintains the rural character of the district is permitted in accordance with the permitted uses and area and dimensional requirements of this section.

3.2.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts,* the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (d) The following general commercial uses: animal clinic and/or kennel; farm implement sales; farmers market/truck crops; nursery; landscape sales; country club.
- (e) The following local commercial uses: fruit and produce store.
- (f) The following institutional uses: church or similar religious facility; school (public or private).
- (g) Agricultural uses.
- (h) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (i) Accessory structures and uses.

3.2.3 *Permit Exemptions for Agricultural Uses and Agriculture Buildings.* Agricultural uses and Agriculture Buildings, as defined in this ordinance, within the RA zoning district, shall be exempt from the Zoning Site Plan and Zoning Land Disturbance permitting requirements of this ordinance.

3.2.4 Special exceptions. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in *Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as special exceptions: Not Applicable

3.2.5 Conditional Use Commission Site Plan Approval. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed by the site plan approval process:

(a) Transportation, communication, and utility uses not permitted by right.

(b) Institutional uses not permitted by right.

- (c) The following general commercial uses: low density recreational vehicle park (see Section 13.8: Recreational Vehicle Parks).
- (d) The following local commercial uses: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section* 13.10: *Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

3.2.6 Area and dimensional ordinances. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.5: Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Minimum Front Yard	40-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	40-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	15-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	3 Acres
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	210-Feet

3.2.7 Area and dimensional modifications. Within the RA district, area and dimensional requirements may be reduced, as set forth below, where property is divided among the following legally related family members: spouse, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, or step-related individuals of the same status.

Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	40,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building	Line 120-Feet

Proposed Zoning Requirements

Section 4.2 RSF-1, Single Family District

4.2.1 Generally. This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a low density residential environment consisting of single family homes on large lots.

4.2.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts,* the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.

- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.
- (g) Agricultural uses, on RSF-1 zoned parcels that otherwise meet the minimum area and dimension requirements for Rural Agricultural District under Section 3.2.6 herein, agricultural uses shall be permitted uses, except that the minimum front yard for barns and other agricultural structures shall be 100 feet when constructed on an RSF-1 zoned parcel where no primary dwelling currently exists.

4.2.3 Conditional Use Commission Site Plan Approval. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed by the site plan approval process:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.
- (d) The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see Section 13.10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments).

4.2.4 Special exception. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in *Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception: Not Applicable

4.2.5 Area and dimensional ordinances. Except as provided by Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.5: Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure	35-Feet
Maximum Height in Habitable Stories	2 1/2
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area 30,000 Squ	uare Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	100-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

Agency Comments

USACE, James Buckelew: Staff reached out 6/10/2025 but received no comments.

ADEM, Scott Brown: Staff reached out 6/10/2025 but received no comments.

<u>Subdivisions, Fabia Waters</u>: Following the rezoning approval, the applicant will be required to apply for a concurrent review subdivision if no infrastructure, such as shared driveways, is needed. All applications must meet the minimum requirements of the subdivision regulations, access management policy and zoning ordinance as applicable.

<u>Civil Engineer, Tyler Austin</u>: No development proposed at this time. Any future development will require construction plan and drainage review. Any proposed future access along King Road, CR 85, or Price Grubbs Road will require CTP from Baldwin County Planning & Zoning.

Staff Analysis and Findings

The criteria for reviewing zoning amendments are outlined in Section 19.6 of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance. Staff carefully considered all of these factors during the evaluation of the application.

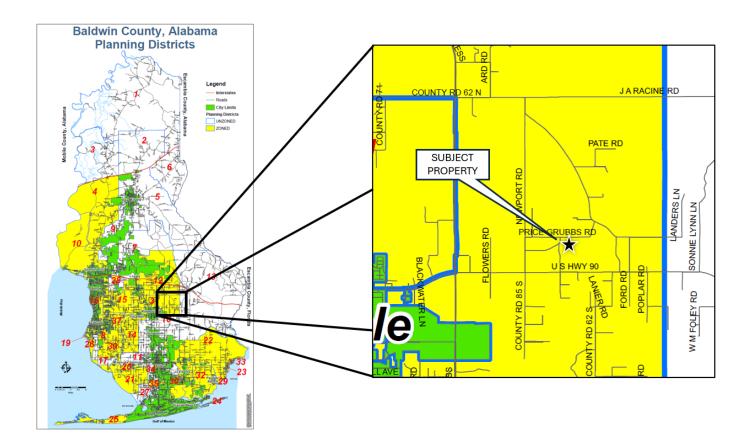
The subject property is situated in Planning District 12, which adopted a zoning map in November 2006. Following this adoption, there have been some change in local conditions, with areas surrounding the subject property transitioning from agricultural to residential land use. As such, the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designates this area as predominantly Moderate Development Potential, which seeks to create an opportunity for a moderately dense residential environment consisting primarily of single-family homes. While zoned for rural or estate size-lots, many of the adjacent properties exhibit lot sizes similar to the proposed zoning request. Therefore, staff believes that the residential zoning request complies with the land uses in the vicinity and would conform to the Master Plan.

Staff Comments and Recommendation

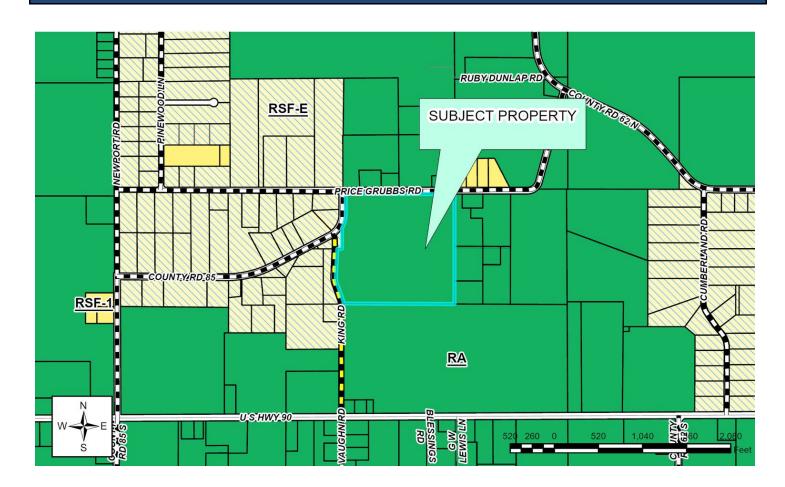
As previously mentioned, the subject property encompasses approximately 40 acres and is currently zoned as RA, Rural Agricultural District. A request has been submitted for the designation of RSF-1, Residential Single Family District. The subject property is located on Price Grubbs Road which exhibits a mix of agricultural and residential properties. Staff has carefully evaluated all relevant factors concerning this application and recommends that the rezoning application be approved.

Unless information to the contrary is revealed at the public hearing, staff feels this rezoning application should be recommended for **APPROVAL**.

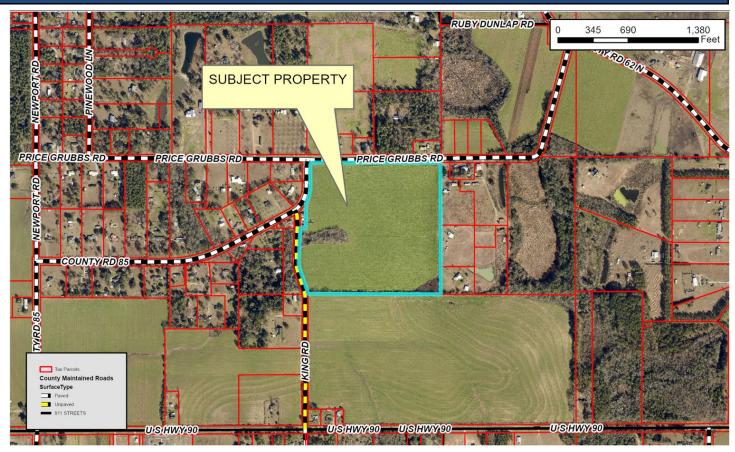
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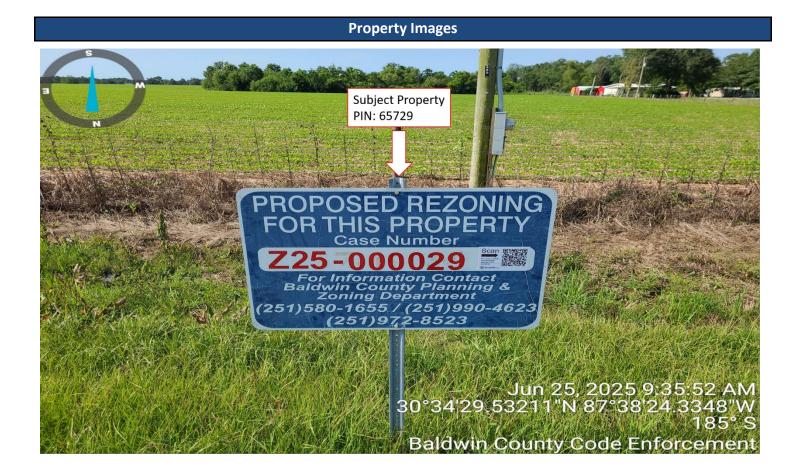


Locator Map



Site Map

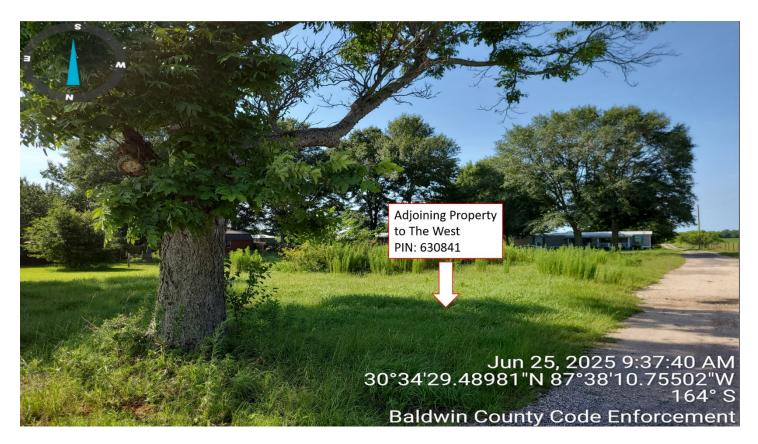






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FLUM

Moderate Development Potential Areas are suitable for all of the land uses described in the previous place types but may also include a variety of home types from large and medium-lot singlefamily detached homes to single-family attached homes such as duplexes and townhomes. Subdivision patterns may be amenity-based communities with small gardens, parks and playgrounds within private lots or part of a community space. Neighborhood centers or nodes at key intersections would allow for a combination of retail, office, and service uses to meet the needs of the community.

PRIMARY LAND USES

- Single-family neighborhoods (suburban)
- Amenity-based communities
- Neighborhood center/node

RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS

- RSF-1 Single Family District
- RSF-2 Single Family District

CONNECTIVITY NETWORK

- Suburban street networks/ limited use cul-de-sacs
- Open space, parks and amenities provided within neighborhoods
- Streets with sidewalks, bike lanes, and/or side paths based on local character and context
- Suburban greenways and trails





Ideal Conservation or Preservation Areas would include land that is undeveloped, or minimally developed, and protected by local, state, and federal agencies or by public, private, and nonprofit organizations. This could include areas conserved for the protection of critical habitat, clean water, open space, or cultural heritage.

PRIMARY LAND USES

- Natural areas that are publicly and privately owned and managed
- Permanently protected lands such as conservation easements, parks, cemeteries
- Parks and open spaces devoted primarily to passive recreation and trails
- Lands with important cultural landmarks or assets
- Scenic view corridors
- RELATED ZONING DISTRICTS
- Environmental Conservation
- CONNECTIVITY NETWORK
- Greenways and trails