

# Planning & Development Scott County, Iowa

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June 21, 2023

To: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

From: Alan Silas, Planning and Development Specialist

Re: Olathea Overlook, Final Plat

Application from Steve and Lisa Zelle (DBA Legacy Development) for a major subdivision known as Olathea Overlook. The proposed plat would subdivide 39-acre tract, more or less, (Scott County Parcel #951555002) into six (6) lots. The property is legally described as Lot 4 of Great River Hills in Section 15 of LeClaire Township.

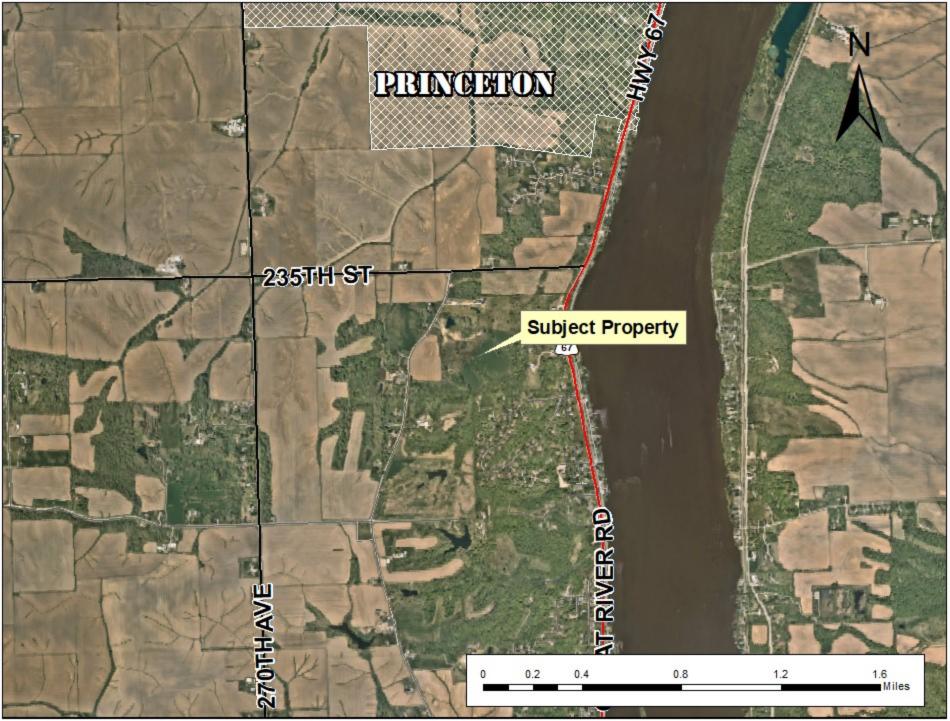
At its February 2, 2021 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted (6-0) to approve a sketch plan proposal with six (6) conditions in accordance with staff's recommendation. At its April 18, 2023 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted (6-0) to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat with five (5) conditions in accordance with staff's recommendation. The Board of Supervisors approved the Preliminary Plat with conditions at its May 11, 2023 meeting.

At its June 6, 2023 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted (4-0) to recommend approval of the Final Plat with one (1) condition in accordance with staff's recommendation. No members of the public spoke for or against the request.

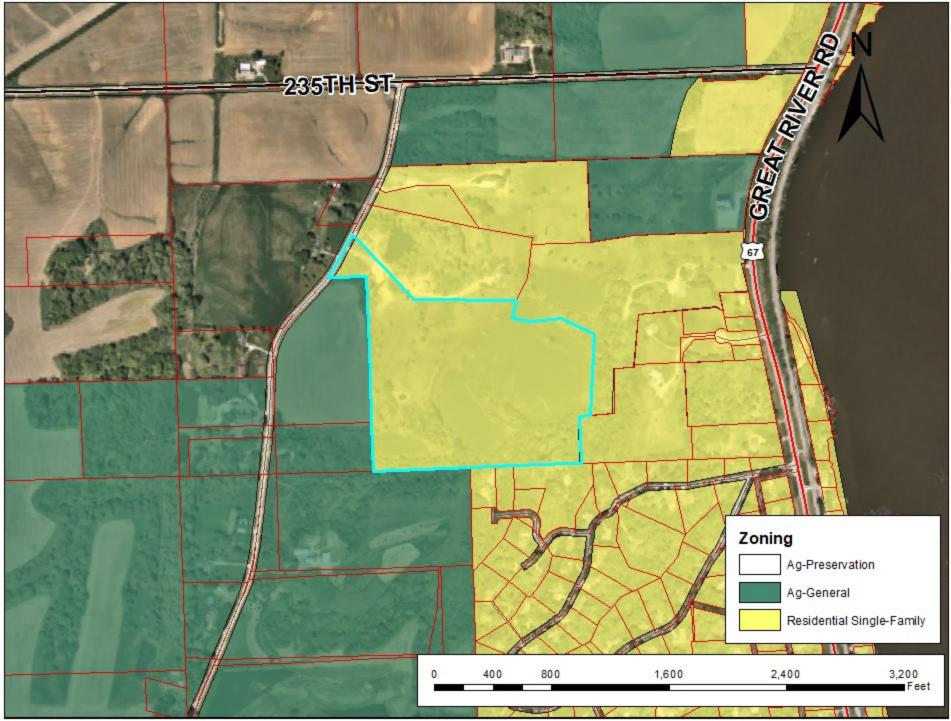
#### Vote (recommend approval of Final Plat with condition): 4-0, All Ayes

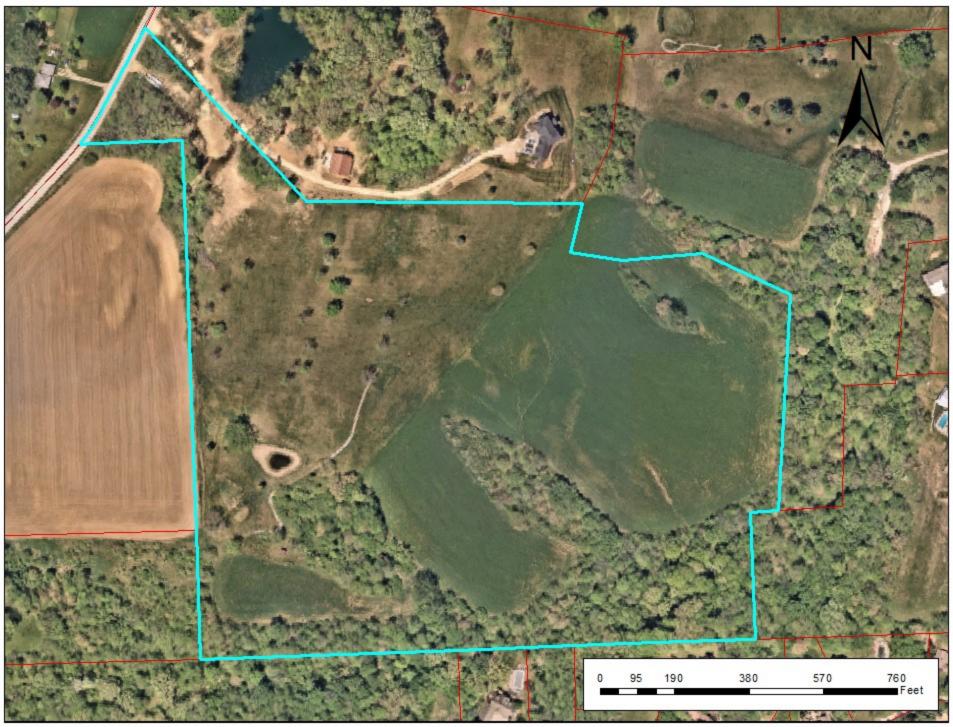
- Condition:
  - 1. The City of Princeton approve the Final Plat

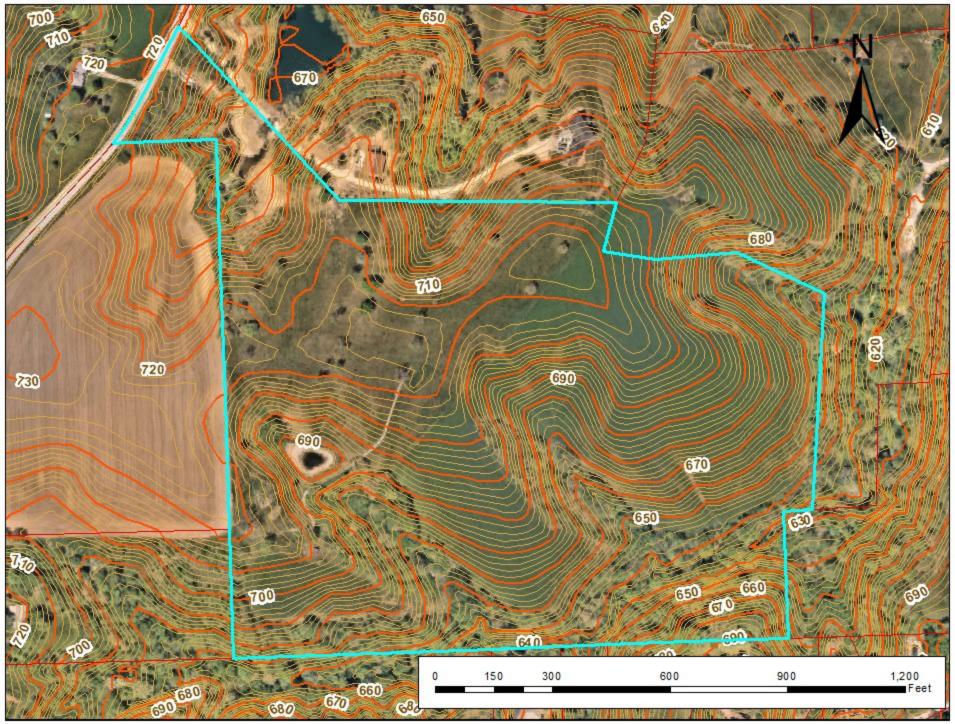
Staff received confirmation of approval from the City of Princeton, and the Final Plat is ready for review by the Board of Supervisors. Staff will ensure all remaining accompanying legal and platting documents are reviewed and submitted into the record prior to the recording of the plat.

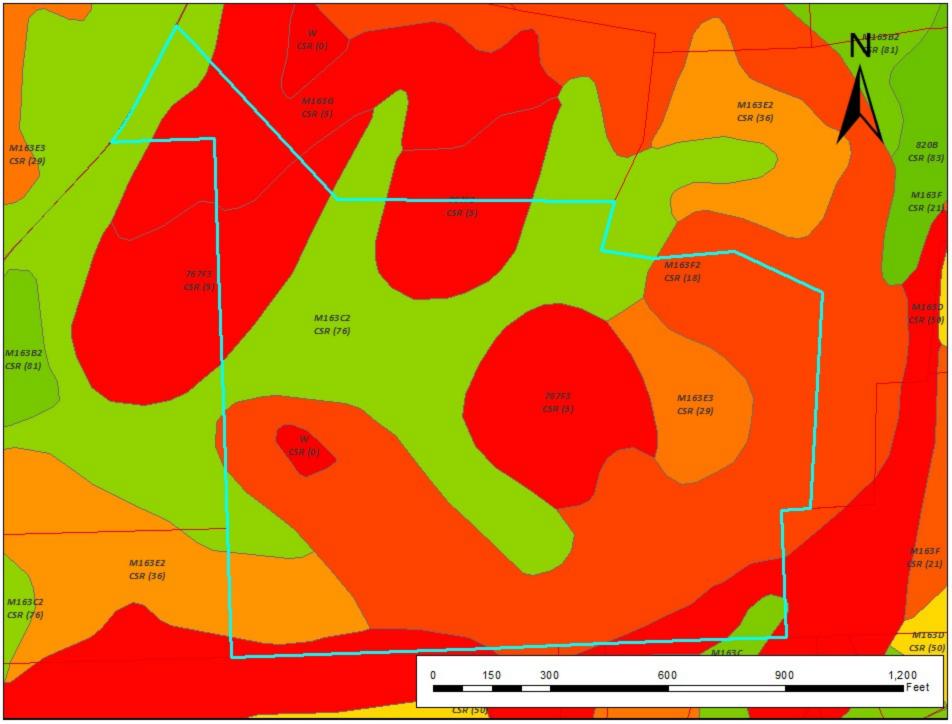


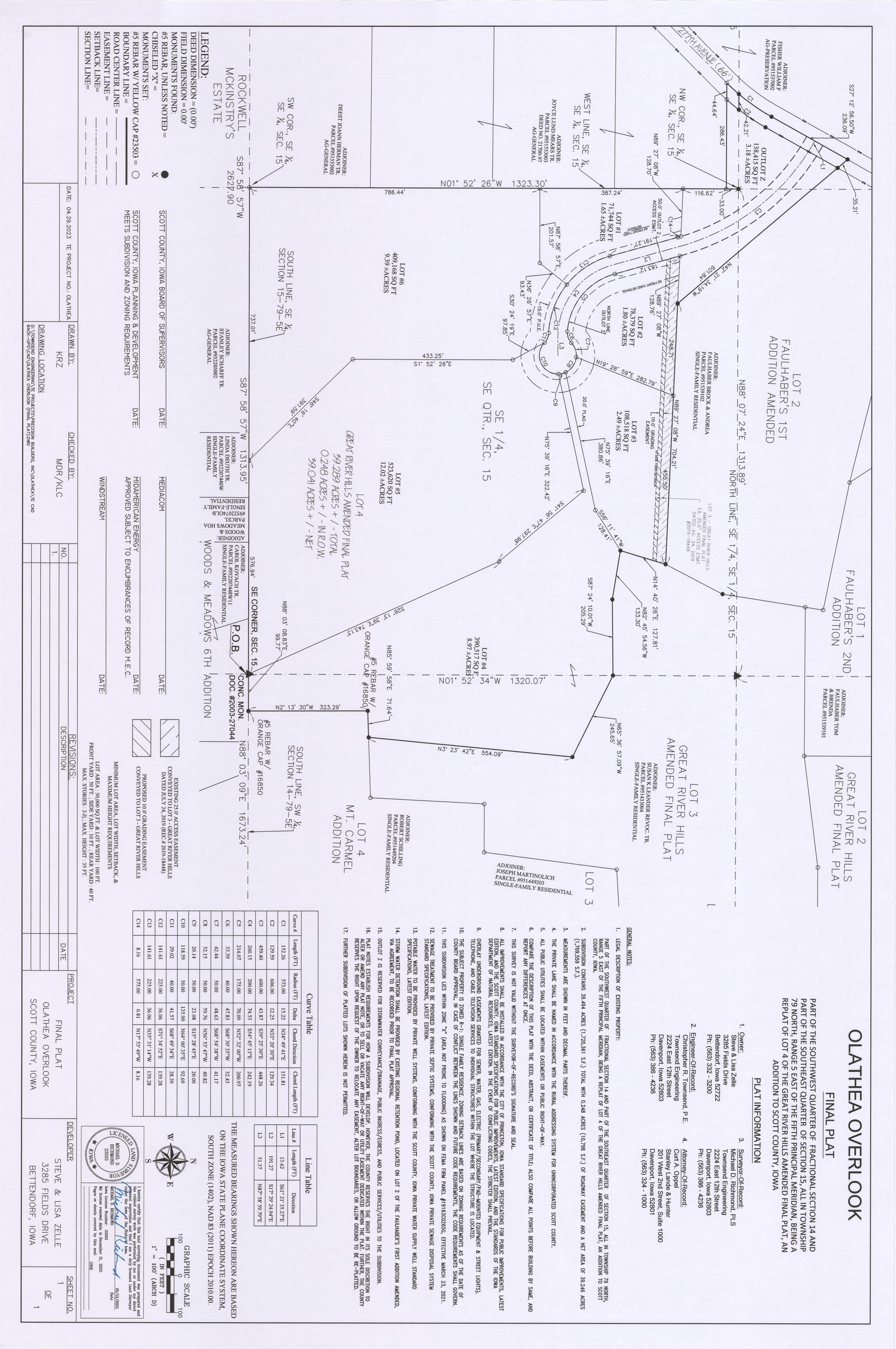














# PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT



**JUNE 6, 2023** 

**Applicant:** Steve and Lisa Zelle (DBA Legacy Development)

**Request:** Final plat approval of Olathea Overlook, a major subdivision

**Legal Description:** Lot 4 of the Amended Final Plat of Great River Hills, an addition to Scott

County, Iowa, being part of the SW ¼ of the fractional Section 14 and part

of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, all in LeClaire Township.

PIN: 951555002

General Location: Approximately 1/4 mile West of Great River Road, South-adjacent to

Faulhaber's First Addition along 277<sup>th</sup> Avenue, part of the former Olathea

Golf Course

**Existing Zoning:** Single-Family Residential (R-1)

**Surrounding Zoning:** 

**North:** Single-Family Residential (R-1)

**South:** Single-Family Residential (R-1), Agricultural-General (A-G)

**East:** Single-Family Residential (R-1)

**West:** Agricultural-General (A-G), Agricultural-Preservation (A-P)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** This request is for approval of a Final Plat for the subdivision known as Olathea Overlook, which would subdivide an existing 39-acre parcel, more or less, into six (6) new lots. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and approved a Sketch Plan for the development in February 2021, which was known as The Overlook at the time. The Commission held a public hearing and reviewed and approved the Preliminary Plat in April 2023. The conditions of Preliminary Plat approval are detailed the Staff Review section.

**STAFF REVIEW**: Staff has reviewed this request for compliance with the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance, and with the conditions of approval of the Preliminary Plat.

### **Zoning, Land Use, and Lot Layout**

The proposed configuration of the 39-acre tract creates six (6) development lots and one (1) outlot, each with the development right for one (1) single-family dwelling. Half of the lots would be less than 3.0 acres in size (1.65, 1.80, 2.49) and the other half would be significantly larger at 8.97, 9.39, and 12.02 acres.

## **Common Open Space**

A major subdivision of this proposed density does not require common open space, but a 2.97-acre lot (Outlot Z) at the entrance would feature a portion of the roadway, components of the proposed storm water management system, and green space.



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#### **Access and Roadway Improvements**

The right-of-way widths prescribed in the Subdivision Regulations for local residential streets require that a typical section include a minimum of 50 feet of right-of-way. Olathea Overlook would provide 22 feet for the roadway itself, 2 feet on either side of the roadway for granular shoulders, and 12 feet on either side of the granular shoulders for drainage ditches, resulting in a 50-foot right-of-way. The County Engineer has reviewed the roadway construction plans for compliance.

The plat also includes a platted access easement to Lot 3 of Great River Hills Amended Final Plat to the east of the development (deed holder Susan K. Leander Revocable Trust) with room for an 11-foot driveway, which fulfills a perpetual access agreement to provide access to that property.

#### **Protection of Natural Vegetation Cover**

Whenever a wooded site is to be developed, no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the naturally occurring canopy-tree cover shall be removed due to surface earth grading, roadway construction, building site clearance, or any other construction activity associated with subdivision site improvement. While the site contains some wooded areas in the lower elevations along the southern and eastern boundaries, as well as near the subdivision entrance, less than 15% will be impacted since the majority of the site is fallow former agricultural land or part of the former golf course.

#### **Storm Water Management**

The proposed Final Plat would manage storm water by utilizing a drainage easement with the owners of an adjacent subdivision, Faulhaber's First Addition, to divert storm and surface water to an existing detention basin. A copy of the drainage easement (labeled Permanent Ingress-Egress Easement and Maintenance Agreement) has been reviewed and entered into the record.

#### **Erosion and Sediment Control Plan**

A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan have been submitted to the County Engineer for review. Adherence to the plans through the duration of construction is required.

# Water and Wastewater Disposal Systems

Each lot will be served by a private well. Subdivisions containing less than forty (40) lots may install individual on-site wastewater disposal systems that meet County Health Department regulations, which is the intention for this development. The Health Department did not submit any comments or concerns with this Final Plat.

#### **City of Princeton Review**

This property is within two miles of the Princeton city limits. Therefore, review and approval of the Final Plat by the City of Princeton is required.



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# **Approval Conditions of the Preliminary Plat**

The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and approved a Preliminary Plat for the development in April 2023 with five (5) conditions:

1. The private covenants include provisions for the ownership and maintenance of the proposed outlot;

# Final private covenants have been submitted and this condition has been met.

2. The private covenants include provision for road maintenance of the shared private road:

### Final private covenants have been submitted and this condition has been met.

3. The private covenants include provisions that no additional subdivision of these lots be permitted;

## Final private covenants have been submitted and this condition has been met.

4. The County Engineer review and approve all street construction plans, drainage plans, and erosion control plans prior to construction; and

Construction, drainage, and erosion control plans have been reviewed and approved by the County Engineer, and this condition has been met.

5. The subdivision infrastructure improvements be completed or a surety bond posted prior to Final Plat approval by the Board of Supervisors.

This will remain a condition of approval.

#### **Others Notified**

The Subdivision Ordinance requires additional notification of the following County Departments and local entities upon Preliminary Plat review: Assessor, Auditor, Bi-State Regional Planning Commission, and District Soil Conservationist Staff. None of those entities submitted comments or concerns on the proposal at the Preliminary Plat stage, and staff has not received feedback on the Final Plat.

A public hearing is not required for Final Plats unless the Commission makes a public hearing on the Final Plat a condition of Preliminary Plat approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Final Plat of Olathea Overlook be approved with the following conditions:

- 1. The City of Princeton review and approve the Final Plat;
- 2. The subdivision infrastructure improvements be completed or a surety bond posted prior to Final Plat approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by:

Alan Silas, Planning & Development Specialist June 1, 2023

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY SCOTT COUNTY

I, Ken Beck, Chairman of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that said Board adopted a Resolution on July 6, 2023 in which it approved the Final Plat of **Olathea Overlook** as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- **Section 1**. As the local governing body responsible for the approval of subdivision plats within its rural jurisdiction, the Scott County Board of Supervisors has on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, considered the final plat of **Olathea Overlook**. Said plat is a subdivision in Lot 4 of the Amended Final Plat of Great River Hills, an addition to Scott County, Iowa, being part of the SW ½ of the fractional Section 14 and part of the SE ½ of Section 15, all in LeClaire Township of Scott County, Iowa, and having found the same made in substantial accordance with the provisions of Chapter 354, Code of Iowa, and the Scott County Subdivision Ordinance, does hereby approve the final plat of **Olathea Overlook**.
- **Section 2.** The Board of Supervisors does not approve the dedication of the roads within this subdivision to Scott County nor accept such roads on Scott County's Secondary Road System
- **Section 3.** The Homeowners Association shall be responsible for maintenance of the subdivision private road and the Restrictive Covenants filed with this Final Plat shall include legal provisions for the Homeowners Association to be responsible for the private road, storm water drainage system and all common areas.
- **Section 4.** The Board Chairman is authorized to sign the Certificate of Approval on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor to attest to his signature.
- **Section 5**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023

SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

BY:	
Ken Beck, Chair	
ATTESTED BY:	
Kerri Tompkins, Auditor	

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT	
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY	
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON .	
DATE	
SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR	

# R E S O L U T I O N SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 6, 2023

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