

# LOWNDES COUNTY pment Code Update

- 5. Goal is to deter clear cutting need language to strengthen
  - a. Mike holds the line now, but would like strong code to point to
  - b. Look for the 3-year provision he mentioned (OCGA? Other?)

### June 20, 2024 Meeting Notes:

Confirmed that primary issues are:

- 1. Tree Protection
- 2. Not too restrictive
- 3. Mainly Oak Trees other with scale
- 4. Deterrence from clear cutting

#### Recommended Code Amendment:

- 1. Amend several subsections of Section 4.07.02:
  - Reorder subsections for clarity
  - Incorporate 3-year provision in cases of clear-cutting
  - · Add provisions for Tree Protection
  - · Add Tree Back fee in lieu

## DRAFT AMENDED SECTIONS:

# 4.07.02 Tree and Vegetation Protection

A. Generally

The terms and provisions of this section and the standards set forth shall apply to:

- 1. Individuals engaged in any activity, private and/or governmental, on real property which requires the issuance of a land disturbance permit.
- 2. Individuals engaged in the building and/or development of single-family homes or subdivisions, multifamily and manufactured home developments, and all nonresidential uses.
- 3. Owners of individual properties more than ten (10) acres in size and which are not part of a platted subdivision.
- B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the removal of any tree or vegetation in a required stream buffer, watershed buffer, buffer adjacent to waters of the state, or other undisturbed or planted buffer located for protection of natural resources, except where such removal has been specifically authorized as set forth in this ULDC.
- C. Exemptions

The following situations are exempt from the provisions of Section 4.07.07;