

JDA Submits Supplemental Zoning Package to Advance \$5 Billion Project and Create +7,500 Jobs

Submission continues full compliance and commitment to public transparency on environmental protections for Rivian Site

Independent hydrology opinion found that the proposed facility will have a net-zero effect on the quantity of local groundwater

Coalition of over 3 dozen business and civic leaders show support for project

Madison, GA – The Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties (“JDA”) submitted a detailed supplemental zoning package to Morgan County to advance the proposed \$5 billion investment by Rivian at the Stanton Springs North campus. The supplemental materials respond to and address questions from community members regarding the proposed development’s environmental impact. As part of the supplemental package, the JDA submitted over 3 dozen letters of support from a broad coalition of local business and civic leaders.

“The citizens we represent have given us a clear charge to do everything within our power to create good-paying jobs in an environmentally responsible manner. We’re confident that the proposed Rivian site does just that. This submittal demonstrates how serious we are about meeting this obligation, and this is just the beginning of our work in this area. We remain committed to listening carefully to public input and making this project one that future generations will be proud of,” said JDA Chairman Jerry Silvio.

The submitted package includes the following components:

1. A Groundwater Recharge Plan [[plan for groundwater recharge by t h 2.10.22.pdf \(stantonsprings.com\)](#)] which provides updated mapping and consideration of mitigation strategies including: minimizing impervious surfaces, protecting stream buffers, reutilizing stormwater on site, creating on-site storage and “green infrastructure” natural filtration for stormwater, use of cutting-edge filtration technology for stormwater, capping and closing all existing wells on the property, and providing additional buffers for adjacent property.
2. An independent, comprehensive hydrology and geology opinion [[tech memo - north stanton springs groundwater assessment - 10feb22.pdf \(stantonsprings.com\)](#)] conducted by leading environmental consulting firm Nutter and Associates which concludes that water management practices from day-to-day operations at the facility will have a net-zero effect on local groundwater. The study also found that the existing local geology results in the site having minimal impacts on groundwater availability in adjacent areas.

3. Over 3 dozen letters of support [[support letters for rivian project.pdf](#) ([stantonsprings.com](#))] for the project from a broad and diverse coalition of local business owners and civic leaders. The following organizations signed letters of support included in the package:

- Union Springs Baptist Church
- Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority
- Walton County School District
- Jasper County Charter System
- Social Circle City Schools
- Southern Crescent Technical College
- Southern Crescent Technical College
- Walton County Sheriff Office
- Walton County Student Success Alliance
- Jasper County Commissioner
- Jasper County Economic Authority
- Georgia Torrefaction Technology LLC
- Jasper County Commissioner
- Monticello Presbyterian Church
- Jasper Health Services
- Silvio Development Company
- Permatherm Inc.
- Axis Risk Services
- Environmental Advocate
- Piedmont Newton
- Kelly Consulting
- SteelCo
- Newton Federal
- Newton County Board of Education
- Morgan Plaza
- Berkshire Hathaway, Newton County Real Estate Representative
- Covington Family YMCA
- Veresence
- DualDeko
- Onyx Media
- Newton Chamber of Commerce
- Madison Morgan Chamber
- Walton Chamber of Commerce
- Lane Conrad Corporation
- Ebenezer Baptist Church
- Middleton Engineering

- Jasper County Commission
- Jasper County Library
- Georgia College and State University