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Annexation Proposals

Item: Resolution for Annexation of Certain Tracts for 2024

Regular Meeting Date: January 2, 2024 (Approved by City Council)

Description:

An Attached Map shows the two (2) areas proposed with legislation to the Georgia General Legislative Session for annexation by two different methods. The areas in BLUE would be by the act of the Legislature and incorporates only a few residents but defines the city boundaries along the eastern edge of Lester Mill Road, the eastern edge of I-75/Sipka Road and the county boundary on the southern side of the city with Spalding/Butts Counties. The areas in PINK would be by Referendum of the residents in the areas bordering the existing City Limits along Indian Creek Road, LG-Griffin Road, Locust/Higgins Roads, Singley Road, and areas along South Unity Grove Road south of Peeksville Road.

If approved, the areas in Blue would become a portion of the City of Locust Grove as defined by the Legislation on the first day of the following month after the Act is official. The areas in Pink would become a part of the City on December 31 2024 after an affirmative vote by the residents per the current legislation if approved by the Legislature.

Services included in the City would be Sanitation (including leaf pickup, access to the City Waste Collection Site, and bulk item pickup), Police Services by the nearby Locust Grove Police, and all aspects of permitting and business licensing by Community Development including Fire Marshal plan review.

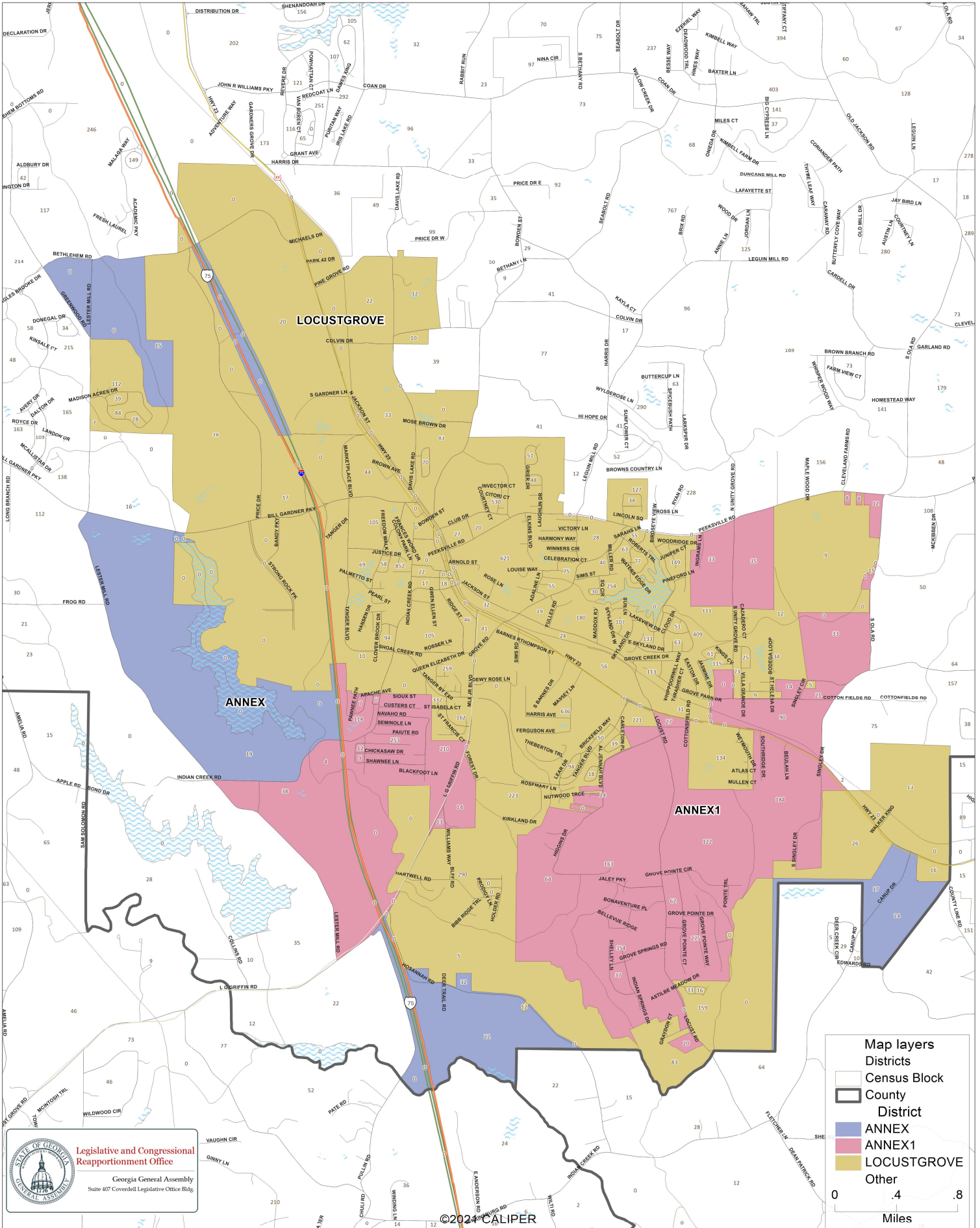
The City also offers a 100% Homestead Exemption from property tax for those owning residential property as their homestead residence that would apply to any CITY ad valorem tax millage, if applicable.

For further information, please contact Tim Young, City Manager at tyoung@locustgrove-ga.gov

Attachment: Annexation Map Proposal & Legislation

City of Locust Grove- Proposed Annexations- Option 3

Client: Locust Grove
 Plan: LocustGrove-annex3-2023
 Type: Local



A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the
2 county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the
3 corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective
4 dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding
5 failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of
9 Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, is amended by adding
10 a new subsection to Section 1.11 to read as follows:

11 "(d) In addition to all other territory included within the corporate limits of said city, the
12 corporate limits shall specifically include the following described property:

13 (1)(A) County Henry GA

14 VTD GROVE PARK

15 Block 070412

16 2005 2006

17 VTD LOCUST GROVE
 18 Block 070411
 19 1022 1028 1030 1032 1033 2000 2001 2002 2024
 20 Block 070412
 21 1007 1014 1015 1018 3002 3003

22 VTD LOWES
 23 Block 070411
 24 3013 3015 3019 3020 3029 3032

25 VTD UNITY GROVE
 26 Block 070411
 27 3012

28 (B) For the purposes of the description provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph,
 29 the term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided
 30 in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020
 31 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description
 32 which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within
 33 a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States
 34 decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

35 (2) All that tract or parcel of land consisting of 48.43 acres lying and being in Henry
 36 County, Georgia, as described at deed book 3557, page 254, recorded in the real property
 37 records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Henry County."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 Said Act is further amended by adding a new subsection to Section 1.11 to read as follows:

40 "(e)(1) In addition to all other territory included within the corporate limits of said city,
 41 the corporate limits shall specifically include the following described property:

42 County Henry GA

43 VTD GROVE PARK
 44 Block 070406
 45 1006 1009 1010 1012 1013 1014 1019 1020 1022 1023 1031 1032
 46 1037 2000 2010 2011 2012 2015
 47 Block 070412
 48 2000 2001 2003 2008 2009 2011 2013 2014

49 VTD LOCUST GROVE
 50 Block 070411
 51 1019 1020 1021 2012 2013
 52 Block 070412
 53 1000 1001 1002 1003 1005 1009 1013 3007 3010 4005 4006 4007
 54 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4015

55 (2) For the purposes of the description provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
 56 term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the
 57 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the
 58 State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are
 59 underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as
 60 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
 61 of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

62 **SECTION 3.**

63 The election superintendent of Henry County shall call and conduct a special election as
 64 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting the annexation provided for in
 65 Section 2 of this Act to the electors of the territory sought to be annexed into the City of
 66 Locus Grove under this Act for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall
 67 conduct such election on any permissible special election date under Code Section 21-2-540
 68 of the O.C.G.A., but not later than the Tuesday next following the first Monday in

69 November, 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general
70 law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be
71 published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official
72 organ of Henry County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

73 "() YES Shall the provisions of the Act which annexes certain land into the City of
74 () NO Locust Grove be approved?"

75 All persons desiring to vote for approval of the annexation shall vote "Yes," and all persons
76 desiring to vote for rejection of the annexation shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the
77 votes cast on such question are for approval of the annexation, then Section 2 of this Act
78 shall become effective on December 31, 2024. If more than one-half of the votes cast on
79 such question are for rejection of the annexation, this Act shall not become effective and
80 shall be automatically repealed on the first day of July immediately following such election
81 date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Locust Grove. It shall be
82 the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The
83 provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not
84 intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this
85 section, any resident of the City of Locust Grove or an elector of the territory described in
86 Section 2 of this Act may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election
87 superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the
88 election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate
89 relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date
90 required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections as provided for
91 in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

92 SECTION 4.

93 (a) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the
94 month in which it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

95 (b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective as provided for in Section 3 of this Act.

96 (c) This section and Sections 3 and 5 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval
97 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

98 **SECTION 5.**

99 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.