

DATE: June 12, 2025
TO: Joliet Plan Commission
FROM: Planning Staff
SUBJECT: PUD-4-25: Preliminary Planned Unit Development of Luna Estates
PUD-5-25: Final Planned Unit Development of Luna Estates

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: Marciano Luna
STATUS OF APPLICANT: Owner
REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of a preliminary and final Planned Unit Development
PURPOSE: To create three residential lots
EXISTING ZONING: R-1B (single-family residential)
LOCATION: 1924 Mills Road (30-07-24-300-042-0000)
SIZE: 10 acres
EXISTING LAND USE: Single-family residence with horse stables

SURROUNDING LAND USE & ZONING:

NORTH: Residential, County R-2 (single-family residence)
SOUTH: Agricultural, City R-1B (single-family residential)
EAST: Residential, City R-1B (single-family residential)
WEST: Rural residential, County A-1 (agricultural)

SITE HISTORY: The subject site was annexed and zoned R-1B (single-family residential) in 2005. At that time, the site contained horse stables and associated agricultural uses, which were permitted to continue as outlined in the annexation agreement, which expired in April 2025. The owner constructed a single-family home on the property around 2021. The home is not connected to City water and sewer services. There is currently a City water main along Mills Road but public sewer is not available in the area.

The subject site was annexed in 2005 at the same time as numerous other properties in what became the far southeast area of the City, with these properties classified to either

I-1 (light industrial) or R-1B (single-family residential) zoning. At the time of annexation, there were no plans to develop the subject site with anything but a single-family residence. The site has remained residential and agricultural; adjacent parcels have similar residential and agricultural uses.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: The Preliminary and Final Planned Unit Development of Luna Estates will create three residential lots on the 10-acre parcel. The purpose of the subdivision is to create two additional lots so that family members of the property owner can build and reside on the property. The existing house and stables would remain on proposed Lot 1, which would be 5 acres. Lots 2 and 3 would each be approximately 2.2 acres and could each be developed with a single-family residence. Lots 2 and 3 would have access off of Marigold Drive. The existing driveway access to Lot 1 off Mills Road would remain. The plats also include a 60-foot roadway dedication for Mills Road.

The use on Lot 1 includes the stabling of horses and a riding ring, as well as the growing of hay, for use by the owner for their personal horses. This use was permitted through the annexation agreement that was approved in 2005. The PUD will include a variance from the Zoning Ordinance to continue to allow the stabling of horses on this property as long as the PUD remains in effect.

There is no public sewer available near the site, while public water is available along Mills Road. At this time, the City is not requiring the existing house nor the proposed residences on Lots 2 and 3 to connect to City water. The PUD includes a variation from the requirement to extend water main along the property. If public water and sewer utilities were to be extended along the property line in the future, City ordinance does allow the City to require connection at that time. The plats include a 30-foot public utility and drainage easement along the east side of the property for any future utility extensions.

Due to the nature and location of the site, the petitioner is requesting additional variations as part of the PUD from the requirements for storm water detention, roadway improvements, public sidewalk, and street lighting. The petitioner and City staff are still finalizing details related to these variation requests.

School donation fees and development impact fees will be required for this development. The petitioner has reached out to the Joliet Park District to see if a cash contribution in lieu of land dedication will be required for this subdivision proposal, but has not received a response as of the writing of this staff report.

ANALYSIS: Approval of the Preliminary and Final Planned Unit Development of Luna Estates will allow two additional residential lots, for two future single-family homes, on the 10-acre parcel.