



To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Nancy J. Leathers, AICP, Director, Department of Community Development 

Date: August 25, 2010 for Submission onto the September 7, 2010 City Council Work Session Agenda and September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item: Street Name Change – Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive

Department of Community Development Recommendation:

Recommend **APPROVAL** of the street name change of Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive.

Background:

The staff of the Community Development Department was contacted by the Public Works Department to change Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive. Brandon Mill Road is located in Land Lots 30, 17th District, Sandy Springs, Georgia, on the north side of Morgan Falls Road and travels north for before intersecting with Grogans Ferry Road.

There are currently two non-contiguous portions of Brandon Mill Road. The southern Brandon Mill Road connects Johnson Ferry Road to Riverside Drive/ Dalrymple Road. The northern Brandon Mill connects Morgan Falls Road and Grogans Ferry Road. Public Works is proposing to rename the northern portion of Brandon Mill to Grogans Mill Drive.

Discussion:

The staff has reviewed the material submitted by the applicant and determined that all property owners immediately affected by the proposed street name change have been notified to the change. In addition, the staff has reviewed the Fulton County Street Name Database and determined that there is currently no Grogans Mill Drive within the County.

Alternatives:

The Mayor and City Council could choose not to approve a street name change or could adopt a different street name from the one proposed.

Financial Impact:

New street signs will need to be purchased and installed by The Department of Public Works

Concurrent Review:

Wendell K. Willard, City Attorney



Street Name Change Request

**Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive
(from Morgan Falls Road to Grogans Ferry Road)**

HEARING & MEETING DATES

Mayor and City Council
September 21, 2010

APPLICANT/PETITIONER INFORMATION

Petitioner
Sandy Springs Public Works Department

Representative
Tom Black, Director

STREET INFORMATION

Land Lot (s) 30

District 17th

Council District 2

Frontage Approximately 3,570 feet

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a street name change based on the following:

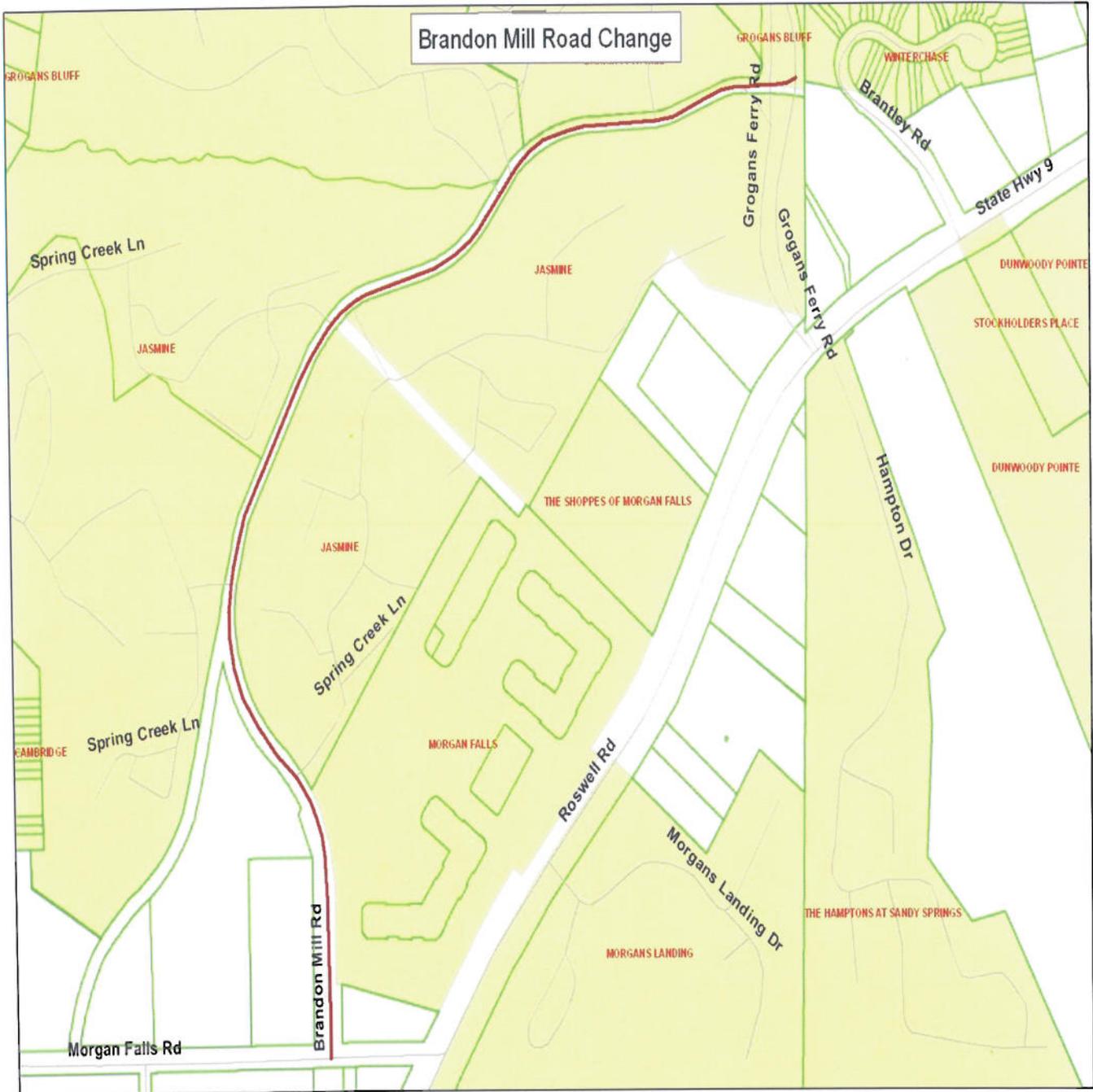
There are currently two non-contiguous portions of Brandon Mill Road. The southern Brandon Mill Road connects Johnson Ferry Road to Riverside Drive/ Dalrymple Road. The northern Brandon Mill connects Morgan Falls Road and Grogans Ferry Road. Public Works is proposing to rename the northern portion of Brandon Mill to Grogans Mill Drive.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION
APPROVAL**

PROPERTY OWNERS WITH ADDRESS ON SUBJECT STREET

- Lyon Spring Creek, LLC 8085 Brandon Mill Road 17-0030- LL-062
- Lyon Spring Creek, LLC 8085 Brandon Mill Road 17-0030- LL-065
- Lyon Spring Creek, LLC 8085 Brandon Mill Road 17-0030- LL-066
- Lyon Spring Creek, LLC 8085 Brandon Mill Road 17-0030- LL-071

Location Map



Prepared by the City of Sandy Springs Department of Community Development for the Mayor and City Council Meeting on September 21, 2010

BACKGROUND:

The staff of the Community Development Department was contacted by Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is proposing to change the street name from Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive. Brandon Mill is located in Land Lots 30, 17th District, Sandy Springs, Georgia, on the north side of Morgan Falls Road and travels north for before intersecting with Grogans Ferry.

This road connects the Grogans Bluff neighborhood to Morgan Falls Road. There are several other "Mill" road names in the Grogans Bluff neighborhood, but Grogans Mill would create a unique road name combination. The Grogans Bluff neighborhood is named after the Grogan family, who were a pioneer Atlanta family who operated a ferry service across the Chattahoochee River.

The staff has reviewed the material submitted by the applicant and determined that all property owners immediately affected by the proposed street name change have been notified to the change. In addition, the staff has reviewed the Fulton County Street Name Database and determined that there is currently no Grogans Mill Drive within the County.

ANALYSIS:

The City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances states the following:

Sec. 103-31. Assignment of names and address.

h. Changing of existing roadway names and addresses.

1. In any instance where the mayor and council, upon recommendation of the director of the department, determines that an existing road name may pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, the mayor and council on its own motion may change such roadway name after notice is given and a public hearing is held.

Finding:

*There are currently two non-contiguous roads named Brandon Mill Road. The southern Brandon Mill Road connects Johnson Ferry Road to Riverside Drive/ Dalrymple Road. The northern Brandon Mill Road connects Morgan Falls Road and Grogans Ferry Road. The current request is to change the name of the northern portion of Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive between Morgan Falls Road and Grogans Ferry Road. Elimination of a duplicated non-contiguous roadway and clarifying the addressing would reduce the threat to the public health, safety and welfare. While staff supports the roadway name change from Brandon Mill Road to Grogans Mill Drive. Staff reviewed the request relative to assignment of names and address standards contained in Section 103-31 of Code of the Sandy Springs. Based upon this review, staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the street name change request subject to the following recommendation:*

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1) Grogans Mill Drive (or another name) from Morgan Falls Road to Grogans Ferry Road

- a. Notice of the proposed change and hearing date shall be given at least 25 days, but no more than 45 days, prior to the scheduled date of the mayor and council hearing on the proposed change.

Finding:

The staff has advertised the proposed street name change and the hearing dates on August 13, 2010 and September 10, 2010. Therefore, staff is of the opinion this condition has been satisfied.

- b. The department shall post a sign at approximately one mile intervals throughout the length of the roadway for which a name change is proposed and shall give notice by regular mail to the owners (according to the tax records of Sandy Springs) of each property which bears an address on the roadway for which a name change is proposed.

Finding:

The Staff has posted two (2) signs at each end of the 3,570 foot road. Also, all property owners immediately affected by the proposed street name change have been notified to the change. Therefore, staff is of the opinion this condition has been satisfied.

- c. Such signs and notices shall contain the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing, as well as a statement of the beginning and ending points of the segment of the roadway for which the name change is proposed. Notice shall not be considered inadequate if the signs are removed or mail is not delivered.

Finding:

The Staff has posted two (2) signs at each end of the 3,570 foot road. Each sign advertises the proposed Street Name change and the public hearing date, time, and address of the public hearing. Therefore, staff is of the opinion this condition has been satisfied.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The following departmental comments have been provided:

Communications	Community Service Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The renaming of Brandon Mill Road is part of an overall effort to eliminate several streets with similar names for public safety purposes. The Brandon Mill Road name change has been reviewed by the Community Development Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, Fire-Rescue Department and 911. In addition, a meeting was held with property owners regarding the Brandon Mill Road name change.
Geographic Information Systems	GIS Analyst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GIS is fine with this proposed street name.
Public Safety	Deputy Police Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sandy Springs Police Department has not raised any issues regarding this road name change.
	Senior Deputy Fire Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sandy Springs Fire has no opposition to this road name change. Hopefully it will help alleviate confusion between two non-contiguous road segments with the same name.
Public Works Department	Traffic Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Works has no opposition to this road name change. This should help alleviate some confusion between two non-contiguous road segments with the same name

The following external agencies have been notified. The staff has not received any additional comments from:

Deborah Gordon, U.S. Postal Service Address Management Systems
 Patrick J. Burke, Planning Director Fulton County School

ALTERNATIVES:

The Mayor and City Council could choose not to approve a street name change or could adopt a different street name from the one proposed.

CONCLUSION:

Staff reviewed the request relative to assignment of names and address standards contained in Section 103-31 of Code of the Sandy Springs. Based upon this review, staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the street name change request subject to the following recommendations:

- 1) Grogans Mill Drive (or another name) from Morgan Falls to Grogans Ferry Road.

ATTACHMENTS

Map showing Brandon Mill Road
Street Name Change Application
Property address along Brandon Mill Road



STREET NAME CHANGE REQUEST

Date: 06 / 15 / 2010

CURRENT STREET NAME: Brandon Mill Road

LAND LOT: 30 DISTRICT: 17

PROPOSED STREET NAME: Grogans Mill Drive

REASON FOR CHANGE: There are currently two non-contiguous portions of Brandon Mill Road. The southern Brandon Mill Road connects Johnson Ferry Road to Riverside Drive/Dalrymple Road. The northern Brandon Mill Road connects Morgan Falls Road and Grogans Ferry Road.

SOURCE/MEANING/BACKGROUND OF NEW NAME: This road connects the Grogans Bluff neighborhood to Morgan Falls Road. There are several other "Mill" road names in the Grogans Bluff neighborhood, but Grogans Mill Drive would create a unique road name combination. The Grogans Bluff neighborhood is named after the Grogan family, who were a pioneer Atlanta family who operated a ferry service across the Chattahoochee River.

APPLICANT/CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: Thomas Black

MAILING ADDRESS: 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500

No. Street

Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350

City State Zip

Signature Telephone Number

CIRCLE ONE: PROPERTY OWNER / LIENHOLDER / TENANT / AGENT / OTHER

PROPERTY OWNERS WITH FRONTAGE ON SUBJECT STREET: (Provide names and addresses please)

Staff Only

Council Meeting Date _____ Similar Street Name: _____
Land Lot _____ District _____ Overlay District Yes No
Public Works Sign Off _____

DIGES	SITUS	OWNER1	OWNER2	ADD2	ADD3
2008	8085 BRANDON MILL RD	LYON SPRING CREEK LLC		P. O. BOX 450233	ATLANTA GA 31145
2008	8085 BRANDON MILL RD	LYON SPRING CREEK II LLC		P. O. BOX 450233	ATLANTA GA 31145
2008	8085 BRANDON MILL RD	LYON SPRING CREEK LLC		P. O. BOX 450233	ATLANTA GA 31145
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