



NAMING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAY:
STREET RENAMING
OF NORTH LEE STREET AND SOUTH LEE STREET

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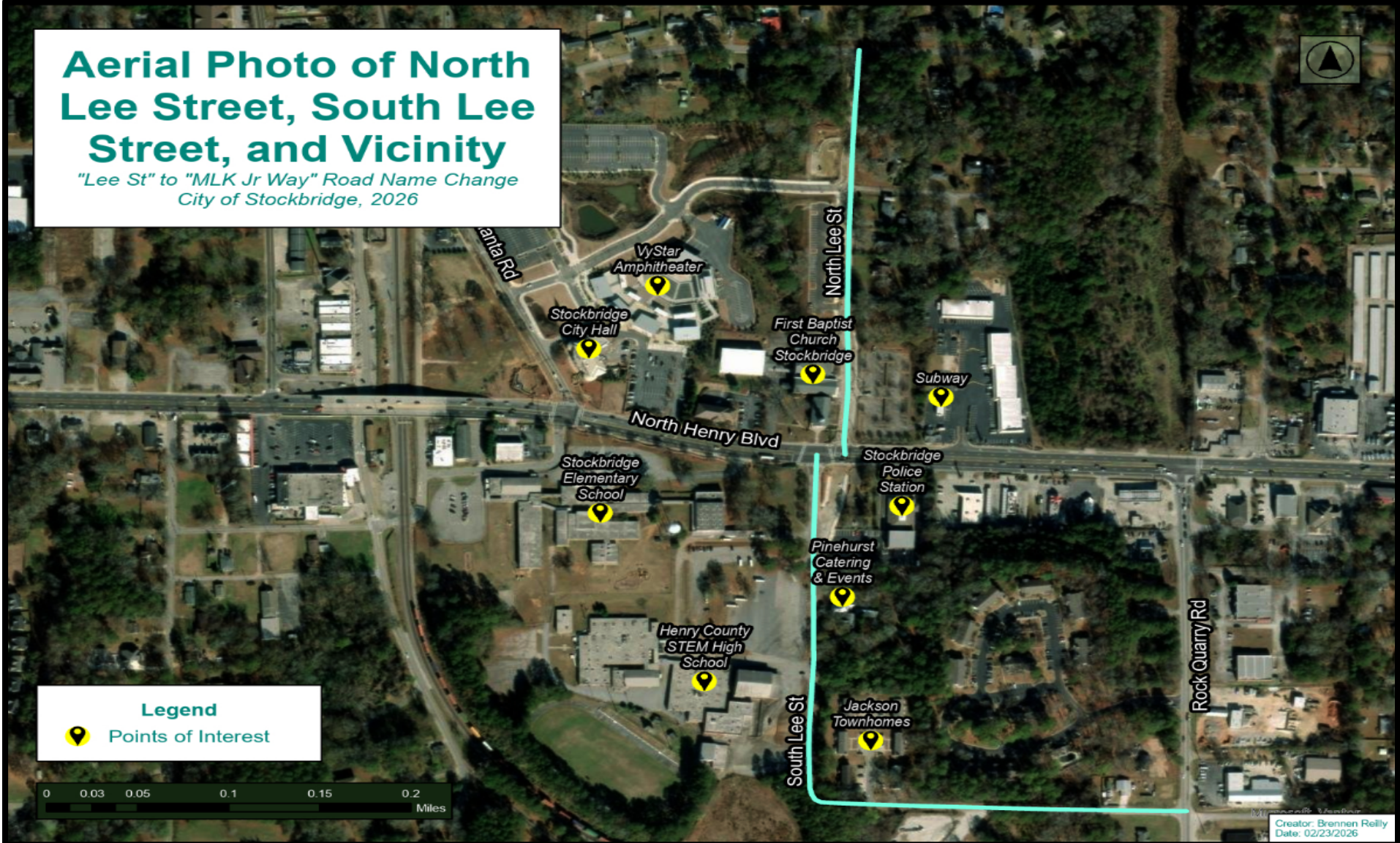
PURPOSE AND REASONS

PURPOSE—The City of Stockbridge proposes to name a street within the Stockbridge City Limits to honor and commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contributions to the heritage of the City.

REASONS:

- 1. To recognize the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the City of Stockbridge, in addition to already recognizing and commemorating the contributions of Martin Luther King, Sr.**
- 2. To provide a more appropriate and more recently-relevant name to North Lee Street and South Lee Street, which were named after a Confederate General, Robert E. Lee.**
- 3. To provide a more familiar and unifying name to a street which has high visibility due to its location near City Hall and the Amphitheater.**

AERIAL PHOTO OF THE LEE STREET VICINITY



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Martin Luther King, Sr. was born and raised in Stockbridge, and he preached at the historic Floyd Chapel Baptist Church at 104 First Street, where a street plaque was erected in his honor. The City of Stockbridge also honored him by renaming several streets in Downtown Stockbridge, along the railroad tracks (North Berry Street, South Berry Street, and Railroad Street) to “Martin Luther King, Sr. Heritage Trail” on September 14, 2025. The City also placed a commemorative plaque on the exterior wall of City Hall.

The Downtown Development Authority has proposed locating a statue of Martin Luther King, Sr. in a City-owned park at 102 South Lee Street, adjacent to the Stockbridge police headquarters.

The City desires to further honor and commemorate the King family by naming a City street after Martin Luther King, Jr.

ABOUT NORTH LEE STREET AND SOUTH LEE STREET

- 1. Location--**North Lee Street and South Lee Street cross North Henry Boulevard in the center of the City, near the Stockbridge First Baptist Church and the Stockbridge Police Headquarters.
- 2. Extents--**North Lee Street is a two-lane road which extends from North Henry Boulevard northward to Ceressea Drive. South Lee Street is a two-lane road which extends from north Henry Boulevard southward and eastward to Rock Quarry Road.
- 4. No Changes--**With the proposed street renaming, no changes would be made to the configurations of North Lee Street or South Lee Street, or to the zoning of the adjacent properties.
- 5. Main Street Program--**North Lee Street and South Lee Street are located within the boundaries of the City's Main Street Program.
- 6. Component Parcels--**Sixteen (16) parcels have frontage on North Lee Street and South Lee Street, as are shown on the next two slides, which feature a map and a spreadsheet.

PARCEL MAP FOR NORTH LEE STREET AND SOUTH LEE STREET



PARCEL SPREADSHEET FOR NORTH LEE STREET AND SOUTH LEE STREET

	A	B	C
1	PARCELS WITH ADDRESSES OF N LEE ST OR S LEE ST		
3	Parcel ID	Address	Owner Names
4	S26-01020000	109 NORTH LEE ST	CARRABELLE REAL ESTATE LLC
5	S26-01021001	111 NORTH LEE ST	DUNBAR COREY
6	S26-01022000	113 NORTH LEE ST	DRILLOT KRISTIE BECK
7	S26-01023000	115 NORTH LEE ST	GROCE MARVIN F
8	S26-01024000	117 NORTH LEE ST	SANDERS JUNE T M
9	S26-02002000	110 NORTH LEE ST	STOCKBRIDGE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY
10	S26-02003000	112 NORTH LEE ST	STOCKBRIDGE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY
11	S26-02004000	114 NORTH LEE ST	STOCKBRIDGE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY
12	S26-02006000	118 NORTH LEE ST	STOCKBRIDGE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY
13	S26-04007000	109 S LEE ST	STOCKBRIDGE ELEM SCHOOL HENRY COUNTY BD OF EDUCATION
14	S26-04009000	108 S LEE ST	DUBBS CHARLES L JR & LYNDA A
15	S26-04010000	106 S LEE ST	CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE
16	S26-04011000	0 S LEE ST	CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE
17	S26-04012000	102 S LEE ST	CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE
18	S27-01013000	0 S LEE ST	READY MIX USA LLC
19	S27-01014000	500 S LEE ST	READY MIX USA LLC

STAFF ANALYSIS

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- 1. It would provide a more appropriate name for the streets, in recognition of the more recent legacy and contributions of the Martin Luther King family to the heritage of the City of Stockbridge.**
- 2. It would provide a similar recognition to Martin Luther King, Jr. as the existing street, Martin Luther King, Sr. Heritage Trail, does to Martin Luther King, Sr.**
- 3. It would provide a familiar name to highly visible street within the core of Downtown Stockbridge, City Hall, and the Amphitheater.**
- 4. It would provide a name recognition for a street that is located within the boundaries of the City's Main Street Program.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Adopt a resolution to rename both North Lee Street and South Lee Street to “Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.”
2. Notify the owners of the sixteen (16) owners of properties along North Lee Street and South Lee Street so that they can change their home and business addresses.