



## **Chatham County Planning Board Agenda Notes**

**Date: April 3, 2012**

**Agenda Item: VIII. 1.**

**Attachment #: 1**

☐ **Subdivision**

☐ **Conditional Use Permit**

☐ **Rezoning Request**

☒ **Other: Cell Tower Search Ring**

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<b>Subject:</b>	Request for search ring approval from Matthew Danielson with Raleigh Towers to locate a telecommunications tower within the northeastern portion of the county.
<b>Action Requested:</b>	See Recommendations
<b>Attachments:</b>	Application packet distributed at March 6, 2012 Planning Board meeting.

### **Introduction & Background**

A public hearing was held on this request March 19, 2012. Two citizens spoke in favor of a proposed tower being located within this search ring. No one spoke in opposition.

### **Discussion & Analysis**

Once per year, Chatham County has a public hearing to receive requests from telecommunication tower contractors, providers, etc. to gain the approval to petition a landowner for a potential tower site within the search ring area presented. This is not an approval or permit for a site specific location. The ½ mile search ring is required by ordinance in order to proceed to a site specific application that would come sometime within the one year window to do so.

Two citizens, who live in the northeastern portion of the county, stated there is minimal cell service in that area and they feel it is a safety issue as much as it is a convenience issue. They support the potential for locating a cell tower in this area. The RF maps that were included in the application packet support the need for a telecommunications tower in this area.

### **Recommendation**

It is Planning staff recommendation to approve the search ring as submitted. The Planning Board has up to three meetings in which to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.