



**GDOT is now accepting applications
for 2023 Roadside Enhancement and
Beautification Council Landscape
Grants!**

First, a few things ...



The REBC Grant is a REIMBURSEMENT grant.

- The project is installed by the Grantee, and the funds are distributed afterwards.



The Grantee must have a local government partner who is willing to commit to long term maintenance of the landscape.

How do I apply ...



All applications should be sent to **GDOT Landscape Architecture Unit electronically**

- Applicants must submit applications electronically through the online system, unless there are special circumstances.
- Please contact landscape@dot.ga.gov to request hard copy submittal. Detail reasons that the online system cannot be used, and be sure to include 'REBC Grant Phase 7 Hard Copy Submittal Request' in the subject line of your email.
- Hard copy submittals must include an electronic copy of all documents in a USB flash drive along with the mail. CDs will NOT be accepted.

Key issues ...



For REBC Landscape Designs:

- Keep trees and structures out of the clear zone
- Trees and shrubs should be out of the horizontal clearance as defined by Policy 6755-9, Table 4.2
- NO plants that will grow over 30” tall in Intersection Sight Distance Triangles
- NO median plantings
- Pay attention to utility and drainage conflicts
- Trees are not allowed within 500 feet of permitted billboards
(To know how to use the Public Permit Search for Outdoor Advertising signs, see this slideshow page 13)
- Do not use invasive plants. See Policy 6755-9, Table 5.1
- Use native tree species as much as possible



Plans should follow Policy 6755-9 for Landscaping and Enhancements on GDOT Right of Way.



Quicklinks

Go

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Real-Time Traffic Info (511)

What can we help you find?

Projects ▾ Travel Info & Data ▾ Doing Business With GDOT ▾ Local Government ▾ Programs & Funding ▾ About GDOT ▾

Landscapes

Landscape plans are reviewed for safety, appropriate plant material, and maintenance requirements. Preservation and enhancement using existing and native plant material is a major emphasis. Horizontal clearance minimums and clear sight distances are required.



Landscape Requirements

Georgia DOT landscape requirements have established safety standards with aesthetic and environmental considerations on state rights of way.

[View Requirements](#)

To find Policy 6755-9, click this **Landscape Requirements** link or follow links in online application

Guides & Permits

[Design Policy Manual \(Chapter 5: Roadside Safety & Hoz Clearance\)](#)

[Landscape Requirements](#)

[Special Encroachment \(Access Management\) Permits](#)





Clear Zone:

- Area along the side of the road that should remain free of obstructions or fixed objects (measured in feet from edge of traveled way) This is a safety measure in case a motorist runs off the road. Determined by the design speed and ADT.



Horizontal Clearance :

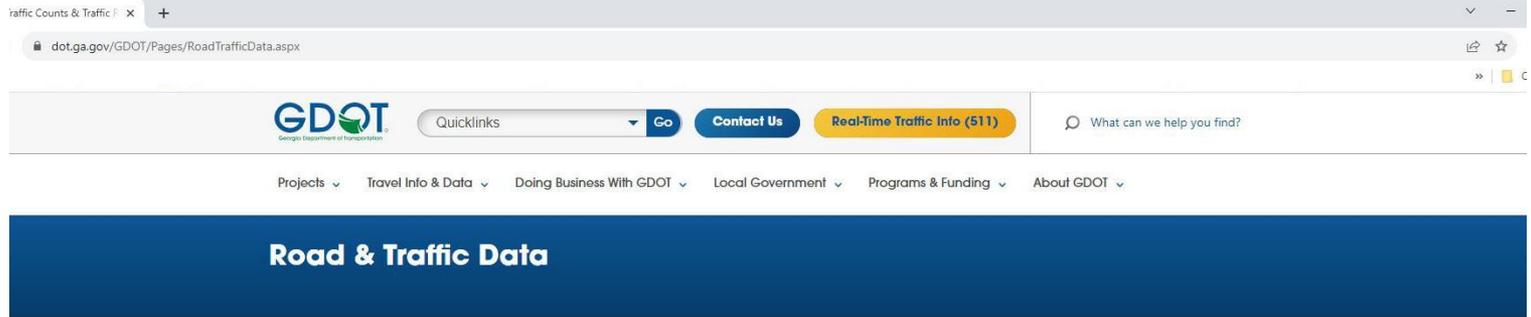
- This is how close trees and shrubs are allowed to be planted to the edge of the traveled way, mainly in developed areas. Determined by the speed limit.



Sight Distance Triangle :

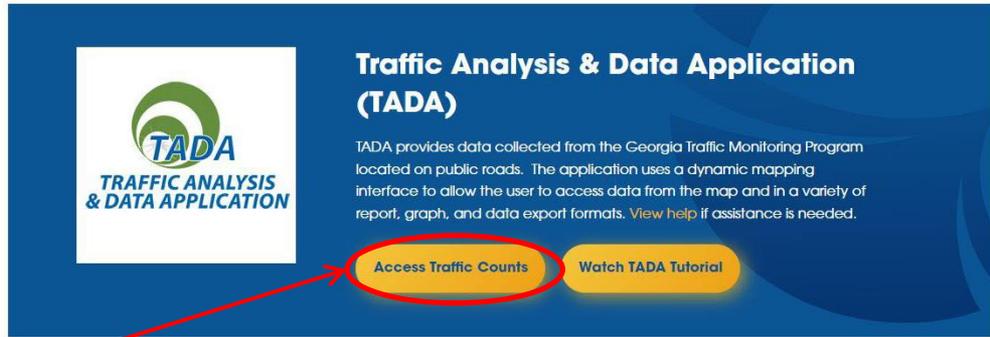
- Shows the minimum line of sight from an intersection for a vehicle making a left hand turn. Determined by the number of lanes and the speed limit.

Clear Zone:



The screenshot shows the GDOT website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GDOT logo, a search bar, and buttons for 'Quicklinks', 'Go', 'Contact Us', and 'Real-Time Traffic Info (511)'. Below this is a horizontal menu with items like 'Projects', 'Travel Info & Data', 'Doing Business With GDOT', 'Local Government', 'Programs & Funding', and 'About GDOT'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text 'Road & Traffic Data'.

Georgia DOT provides the latest traffic counts and road and traffic reports on our transportation system..

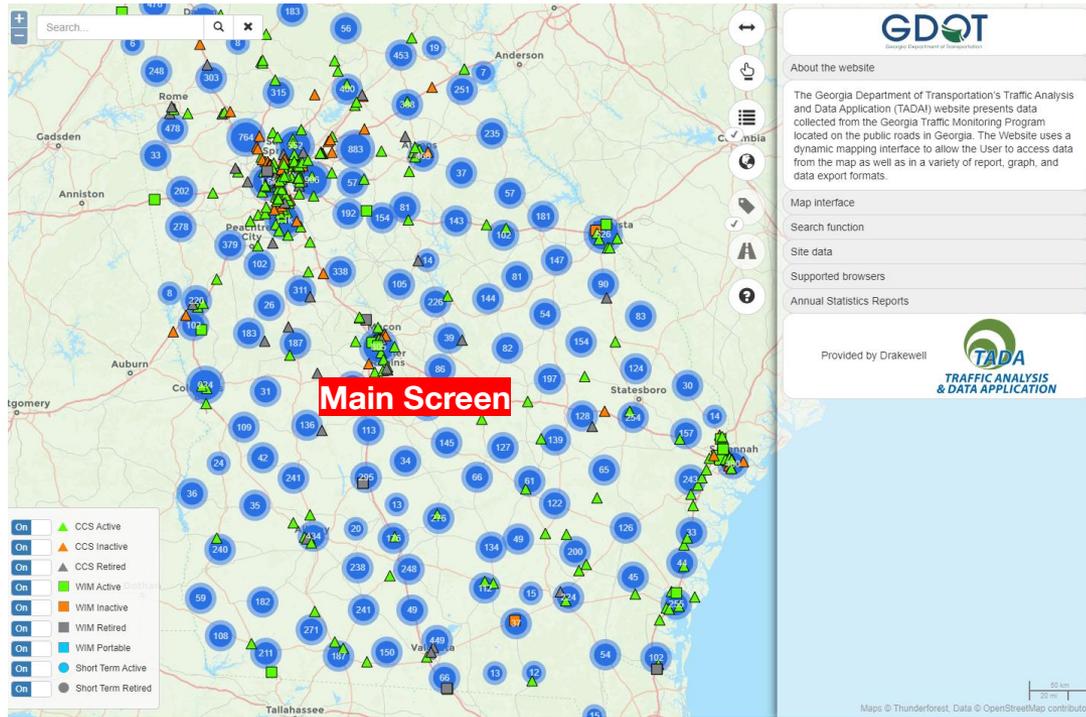


The banner for TADA (Traffic Analysis & Data Application) is displayed. It includes the TADA logo on the left and descriptive text on the right. The text states: 'TADA provides data collected from the Georgia Traffic Monitoring Program located on public roads. The application uses a dynamic mapping interface to allow the user to access data from the map and in a variety of report, graph, and data export formats. View help if assistance is needed.' Below the text are two buttons: 'Access Traffic Counts' and 'Watch TADA Tutorial'. The 'Access Traffic Counts' button is circled in red, and a red arrow points from the text 'To find ADT information' to it.

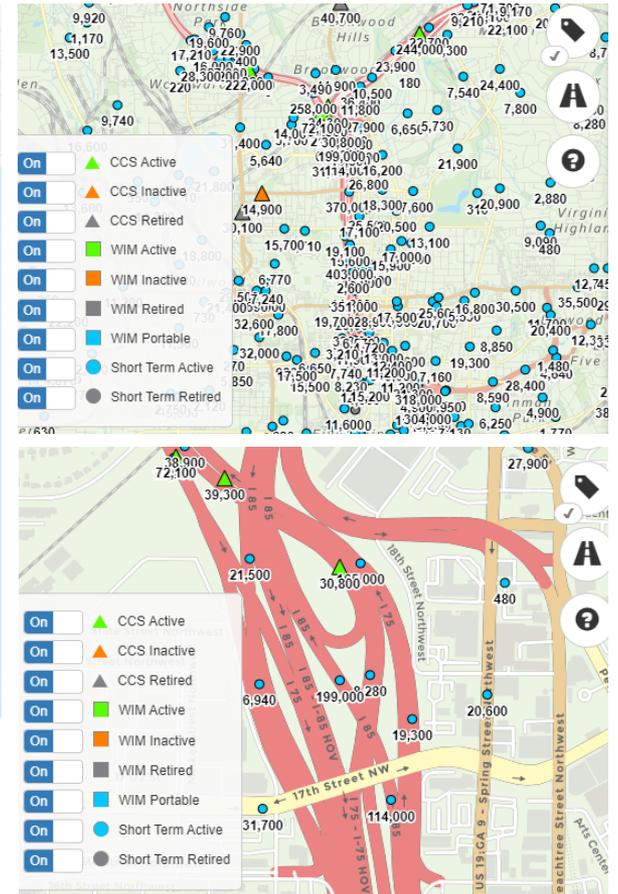
To find ADT information



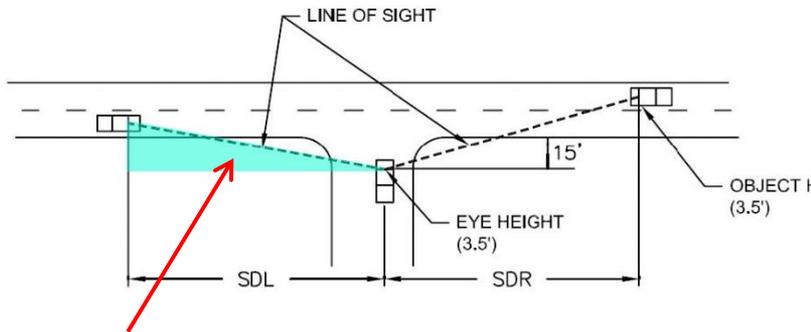
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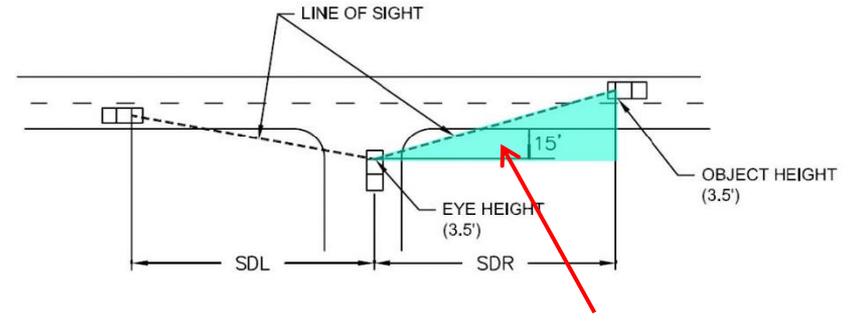
To find ADT information, focus in main screen to find the closet counting station to your project site.



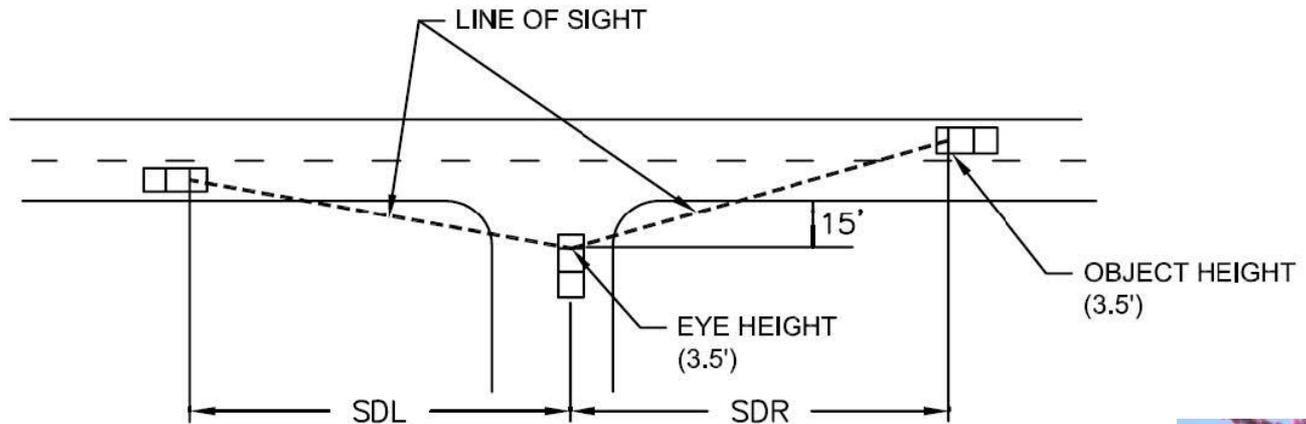
Sight Distance



Nothing over 30"
tall in this zone



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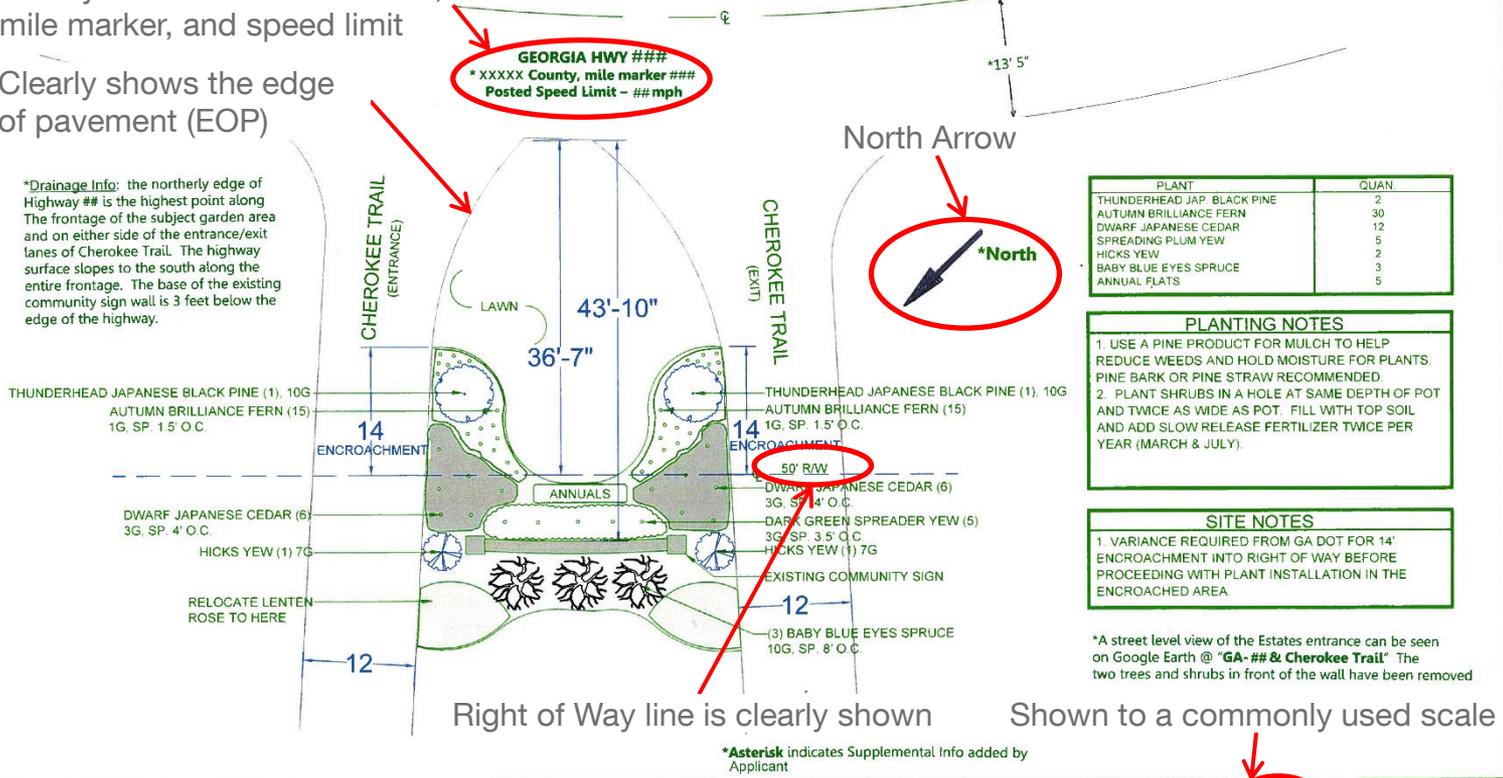


A Good Example of a Plan:

Clearly shows the State Route, mile marker, and speed limit

Clearly shows the edge of pavement (EOP)

*Drainage Info: the northerly edge of Highway ## is the highest point along the frontage of the subject garden area and on either side of the entrance/exit lanes of Cherokee Trail. The highway surface slopes to the south along the entire frontage. The base of the existing community sign wall is 3 feet below the edge of the highway.



Right of Way line is clearly shown

Shown to a commonly used scale

*Asterisk indicates Supplemental Info added by Applicant

PLANT	QUAN.
THUNDERHEAD JAP. BLACK PINE	2
AUTUMN BRILLIANCE FERN	30
DWARF JAPANESE CEDAR	12
SPREADING PLUM YEW	5
HICKS YEW	2
BABY BLUE EYES SPRUCE	3
ANNUAL FLATS	5

PLANTING NOTES

1. USE A PINE PRODUCT FOR MULCH TO HELP REDUCE WEEDS AND HOLD MOISTURE FOR PLANTS. PINE BARK OR PINE STRAW RECOMMENDED.
2. PLANT SHRUBS IN A HOLE AT SAME DEPTH OF POT AND TWICE AS WIDE AS POT. FILL WITH TOP SOIL AND ADD SLOW RELEASE FERTILIZER TWICE PER YEAR (MARCH & JULY).

SITE NOTES

1. VARIANCE REQUIRED FROM GA DOT FOR 14' ENCROACHMENT INTO RIGHT OF WAY BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH PLANT INSTALLATION IN THE ENCROACHED AREA.

*A street level view of the Estates entrance can be seen on Google Earth @ "GA-## & Cherokee Trail". The two trees and shrubs in front of the wall have been removed

Designer or Design Firm

1234 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, GA #####
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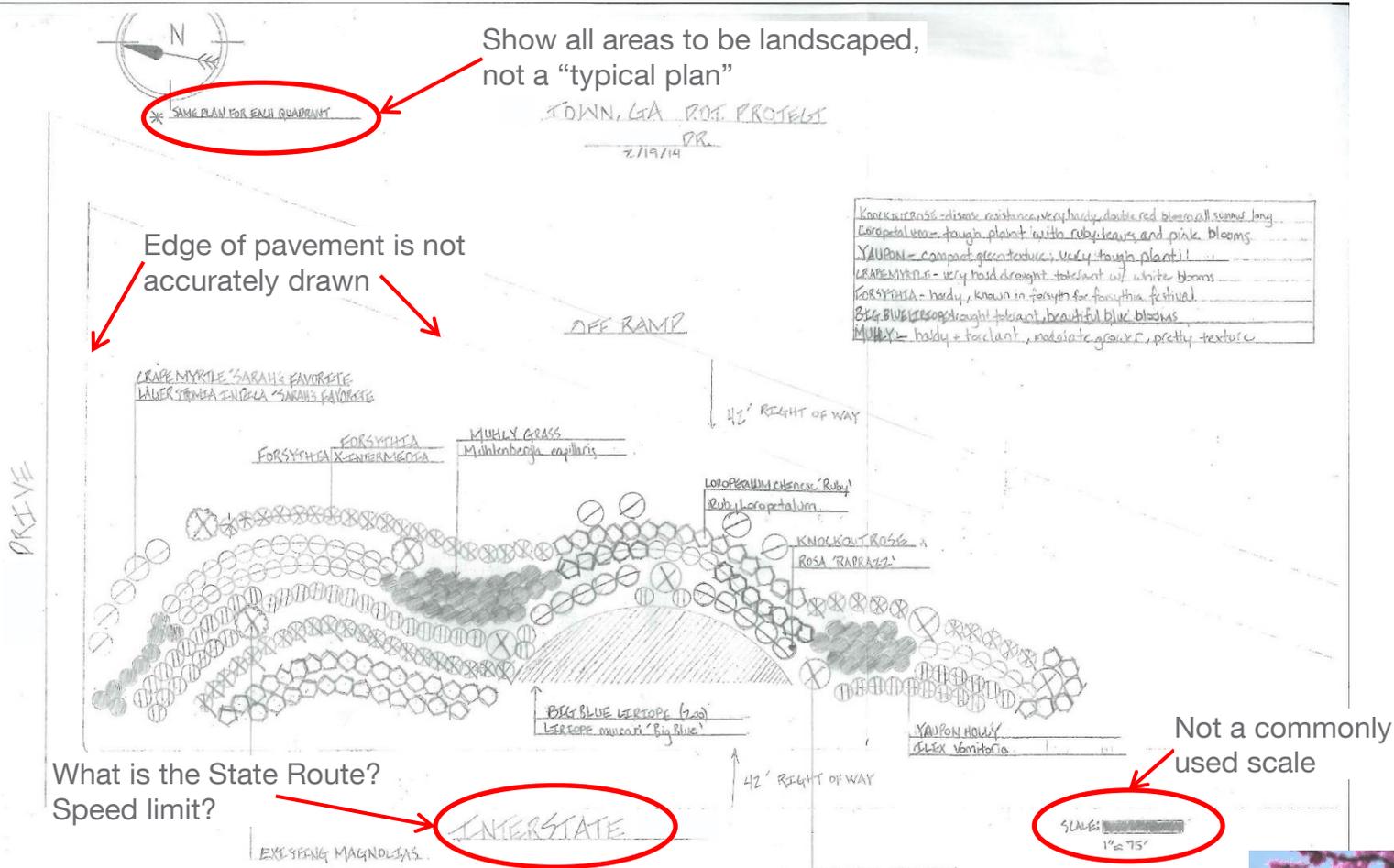
Applicant Property Name
Property Location/Address

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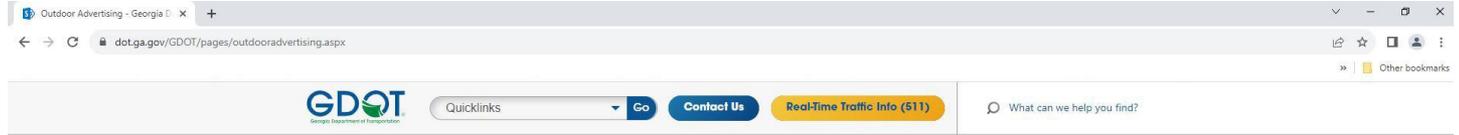


A Plan Lacking Enough Information:





How to use the GDOT Outdoor Advertising Public Permit Search



Step 1:

Go to GDOT Outdoor Advertising [Website](#)



As directed by The Highway Beautification Act of 1966, the Outdoor Advertising Office (ODA) at the Georgia Department of Transportation has developed standards for the effective control of outdoor advertising signs, devices and displays. Controlling designated routes promotes safety to the travelling public and preserves the natural beauty along our Georgia roadways.

Laws

The Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) 32-6-70 et seq. outlines the State Control of Signs and Signals and the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules 672-6 details specific topics and issues for Outdoor Advertising Permits, Vegetation Management Permits and the Administrative Appeals process.

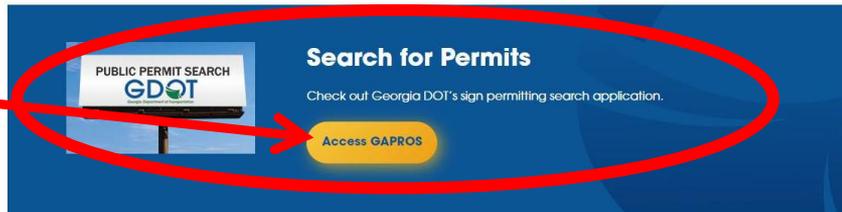
The following routes are controlled for outdoor advertising purposes:

- Interstate System
- Federal-Aid Primary Routes
- NHS Routes
- MAP-21 - As additions to the NHS routes
- Routes with strategic significance

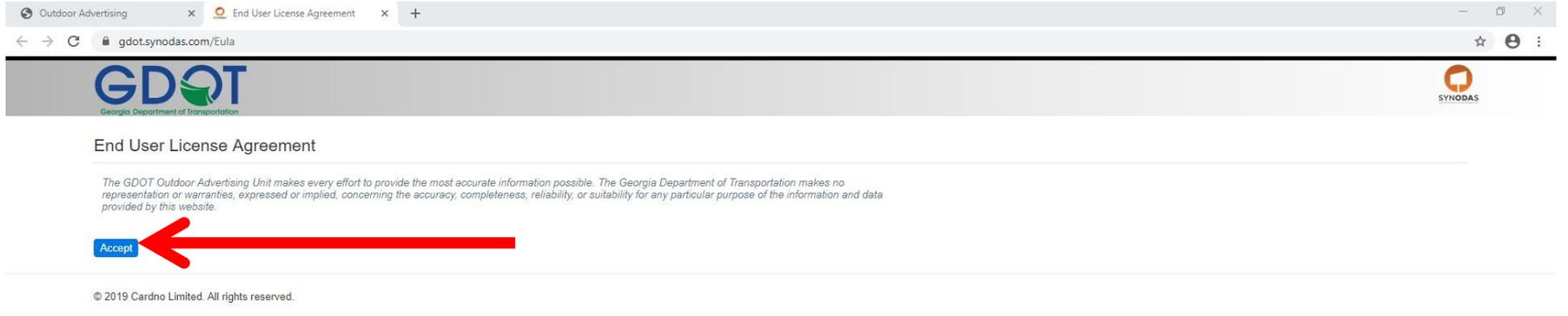
In an effort to clearly provide further clarification with respect to the decision making process for permits, the Outdoor Advertising Office will be adding Guidelines with specific topics and sketch drawings to our website. This will allow our customers to have as much knowledge as possible. Please visit the site regularly for updates.

Step 2:

Look for the Permit Search Button and Click it.



Step 3: Accept the End User Agreement



Outdoor Advertising x End User License Agreement x +

gdot.synodas.com/Eula



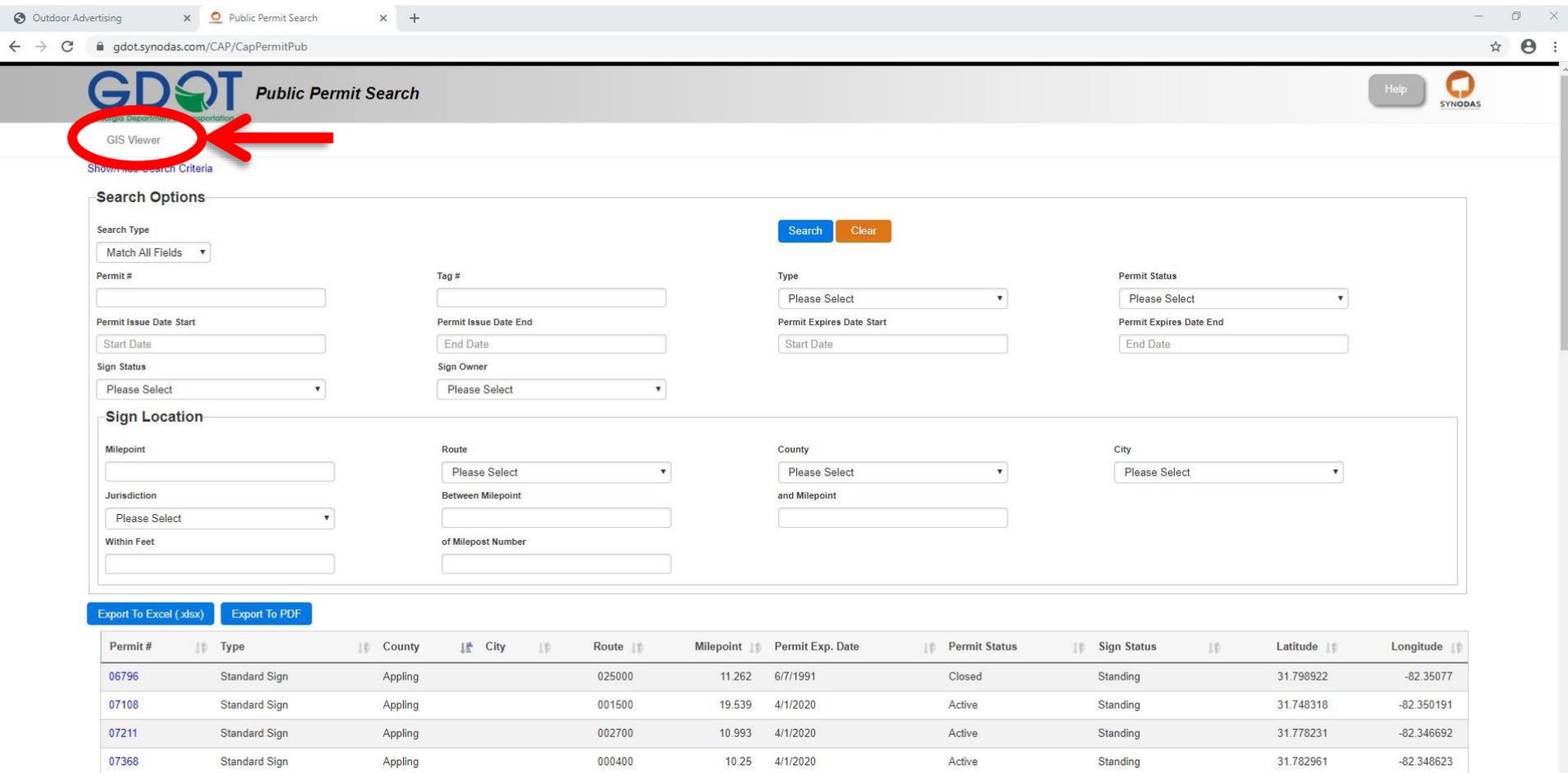
End User License Agreement

The GDOT Outdoor Advertising Unit makes every effort to provide the most accurate information possible. The Georgia Department of Transportation makes no representation or warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy, completeness, reliability, or suitability for any particular purpose of the information and data provided by this website.

[Accept](#)

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Step 4: Look for the GIS Viewer Button and Click it.



The screenshot shows the GDOT Public Permit Search interface. A red circle highlights the "GIS Viewer" button, with a red arrow pointing to it. The interface includes search filters for Permit #, Tag #, Type, Permit Status, Sign Status, Sign Owner, Milepoint, Route, County, City, Jurisdiction, and Within Feet. Below the filters are "Export To Excel (.xlsx)" and "Export To PDF" buttons. A table displays search results with columns for Permit #, Type, County, City, Route, Milepoint, Permit Exp. Date, Permit Status, Sign Status, Latitude, and Longitude.

Permit #	Type	County	City	Route	Milepoint	Permit Exp. Date	Permit Status	Sign Status	Latitude	Longitude
06796	Standard Sign	Appling		025000	11.262	6/7/1991	Closed	Standing	31.798922	-82.35077
07108	Standard Sign	Appling		001500	19.539	4/1/2020	Active	Standing	31.748318	-82.350191
07211	Standard Sign	Appling		002700	10.993	4/1/2020	Active	Standing	31.778231	-82.346692
07368	Standard Sign	Appling		000400	10.25	4/1/2020	Active	Standing	31.782961	-82.348623

Step 5: Type in your address or location. Decimal Degrees are preferred.

The screenshot displays the GDOT ODA Sign Inventory web application. The browser address bar shows the URL gis.synodas.com/viewers/gdot/public/. The application header includes the GDOT logo and the text "GDOT ODA Sign Inventory". A search bar labeled "Esri World Geocoder" is highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the search bar is an "Enhanced Search" panel with the following fields and options:

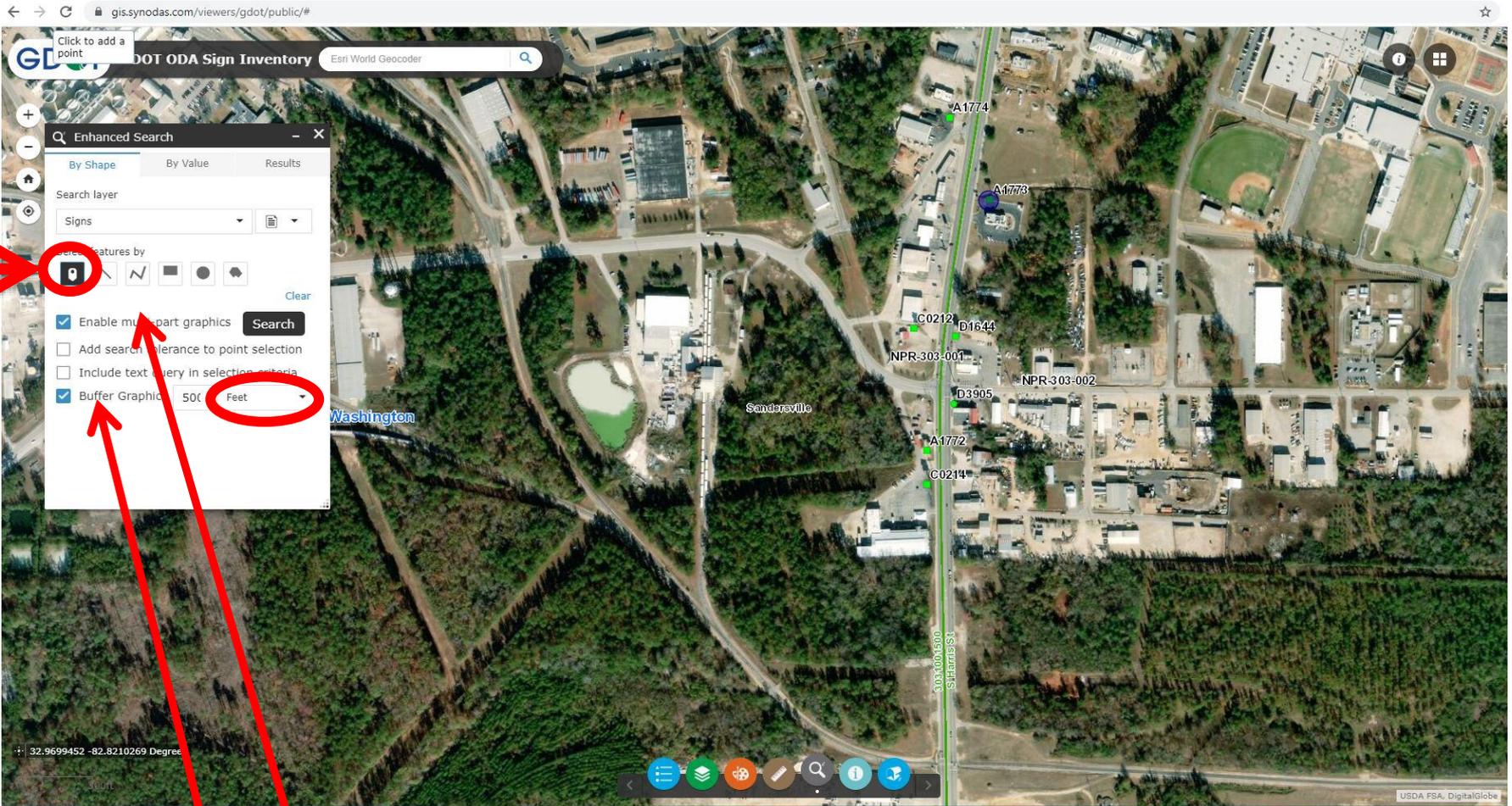
- Search layer: Signs
- Search alias: Search by Permit #
- Enter a Permit #:
- Permit Number is:
- Search button
- Limit search to map extent

The main map area shows a satellite view of Georgia with a network of roads highlighted in green and purple. The bottom of the screen features a standard GIS toolbar with icons for home, search, and other map functions. The bottom right corner includes the text "POWERED BY Earthstar Geographics esri".

Step 6: Using Enhanced Search

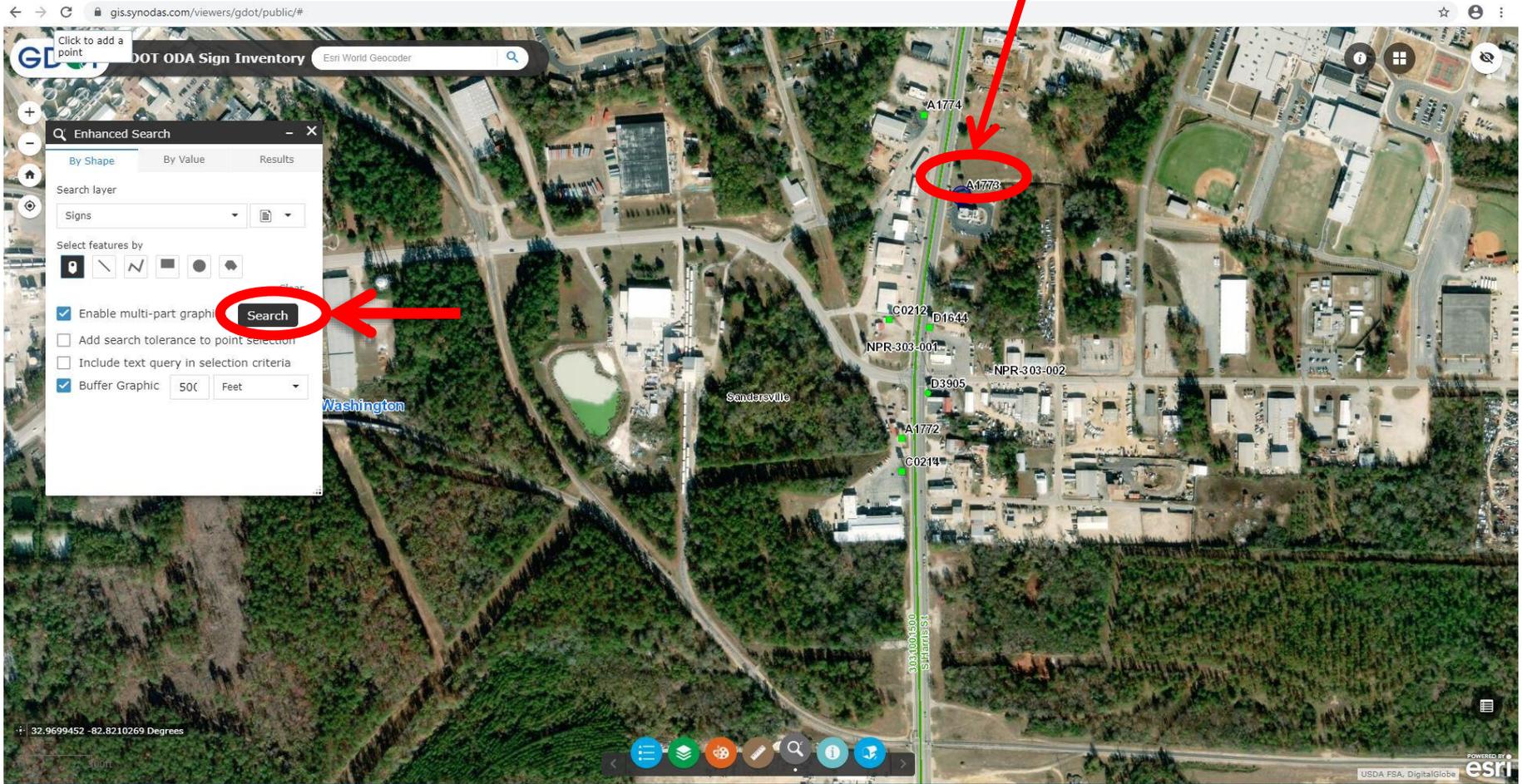
The screenshot displays the GDOT ODA Sign Inventory web application interface. At the top, the GDOT logo and "Georgia Department of Transportation" are visible. The main header shows "GDOT ODA Sign Inventory" and an "Esri World Geocoder" search bar. The map area shows a satellite view of Georgia with a network of roads highlighted in blue and green, and numerous small purple and green markers representing signs. A red arrow points from the search bar to the "Enhanced Search" panel on the left. The "Enhanced Search" panel is titled "Enhanced Search" and has tabs for "By Shape", "By Value", and "Results". It includes a "Search layer" dropdown set to "Signs", a "Select features by" section with icons for point, line, polygon, and area, and several checkboxes: "Enable multi-part graphics", "Add search tolerance to point selection", "Include text query in selection criteria", and "Buffer Graphic" (set to 5 Feet). A second red arrow points to the search icon in the bottom right corner of the map interface. The bottom left corner shows coordinates: "31.8305752 -88.7234863 Degrees". The bottom right corner features the "Powered by Esri" logo and "Earthstar Geographics".

Step 7:



**Choose “Enable multi-part graphics”
“Buffer Graphic”, setting Buffer Graphic to 500 feet, as shown**

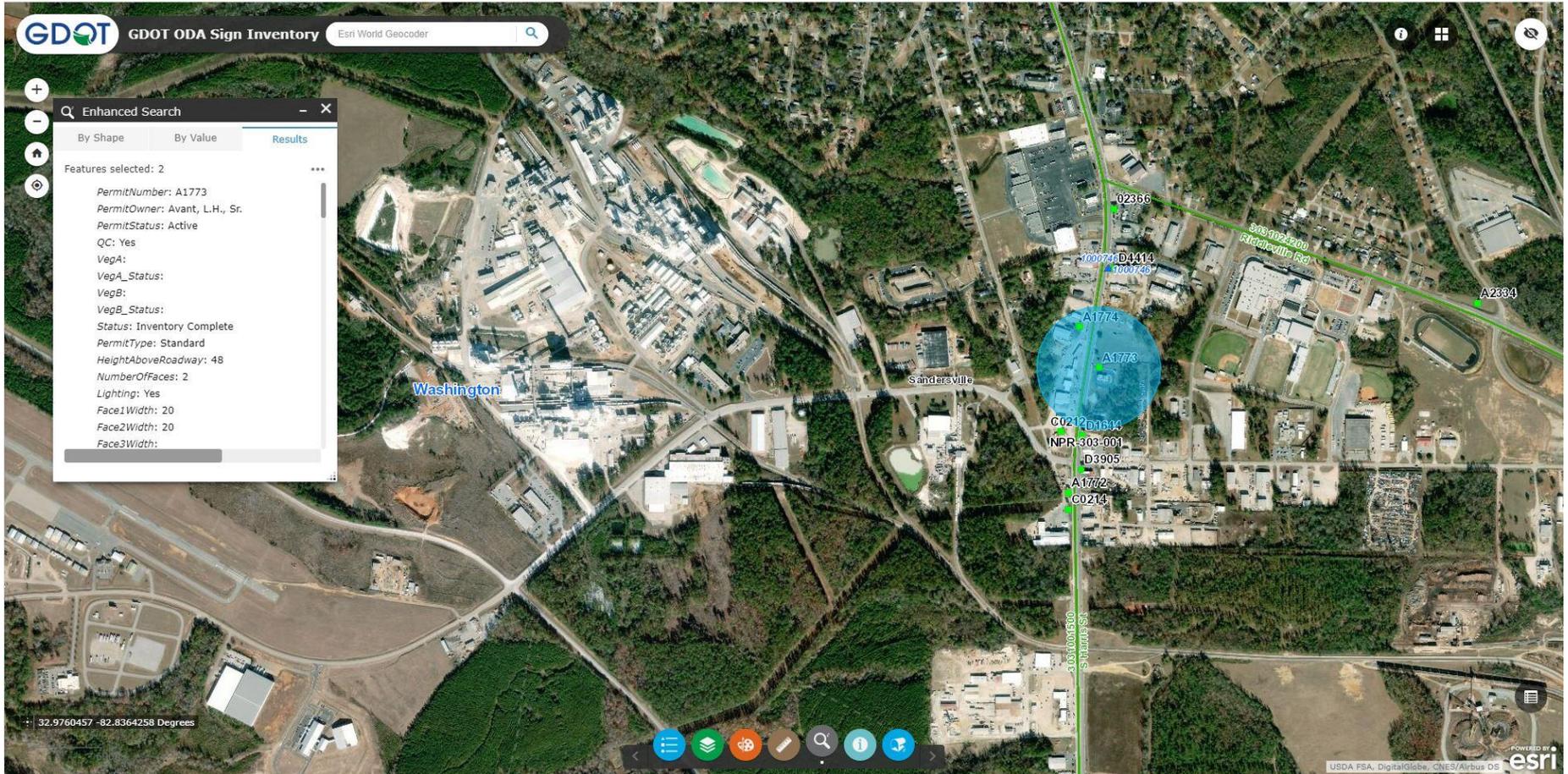
Step 7: Continued



Step 8: Choose "Select features by" as shown

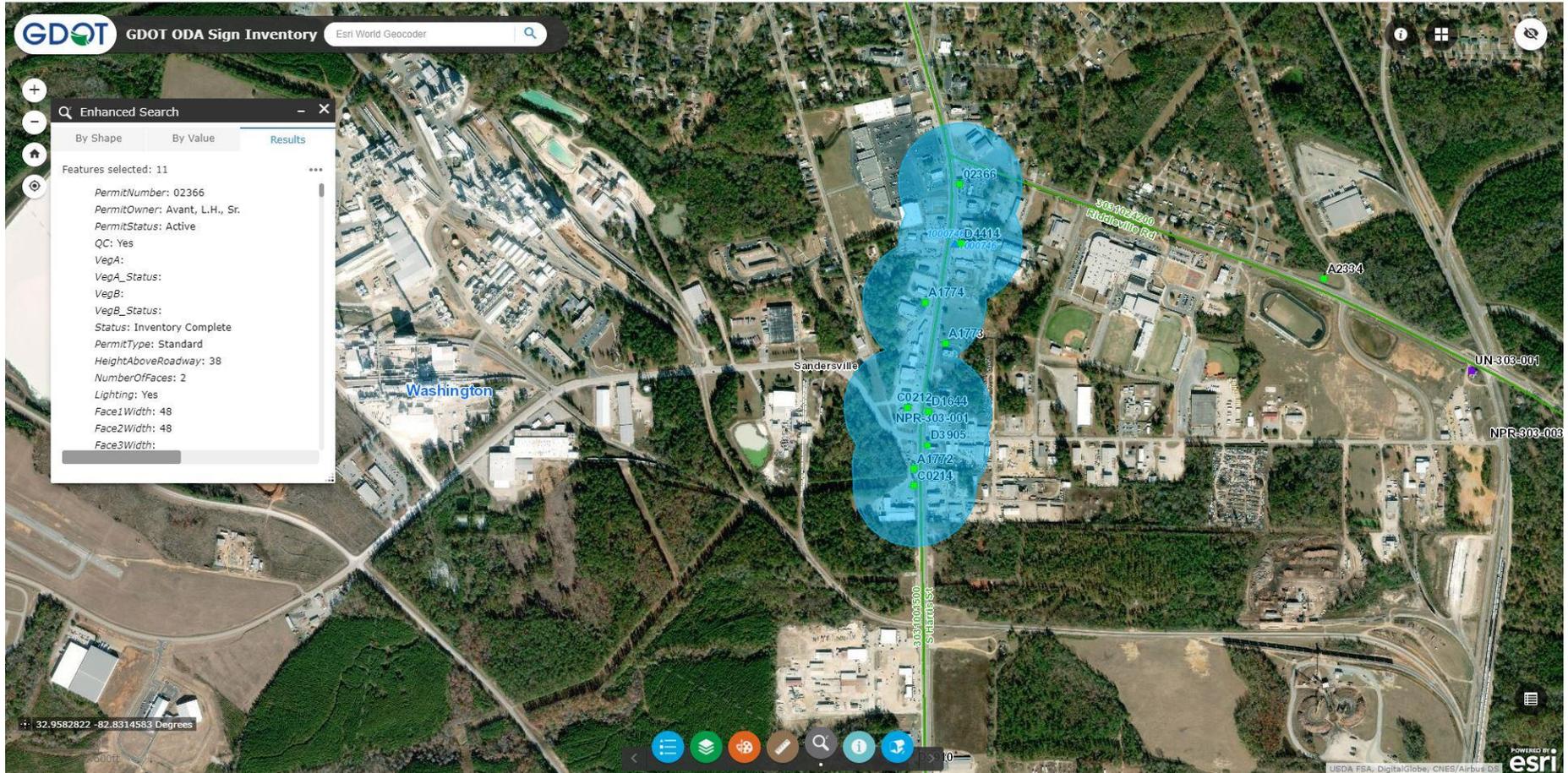
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This can be done for multiple signs. Just repeat Steps 8 and 9 for each sign you are researching.



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Now start from here!!!

**If you require any further information,
please contact...**

landscape@dot.ga.gov

OR

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