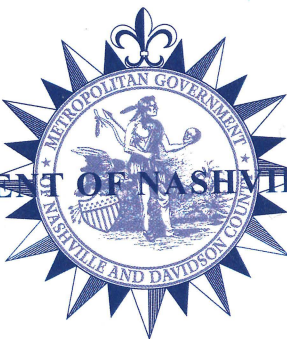


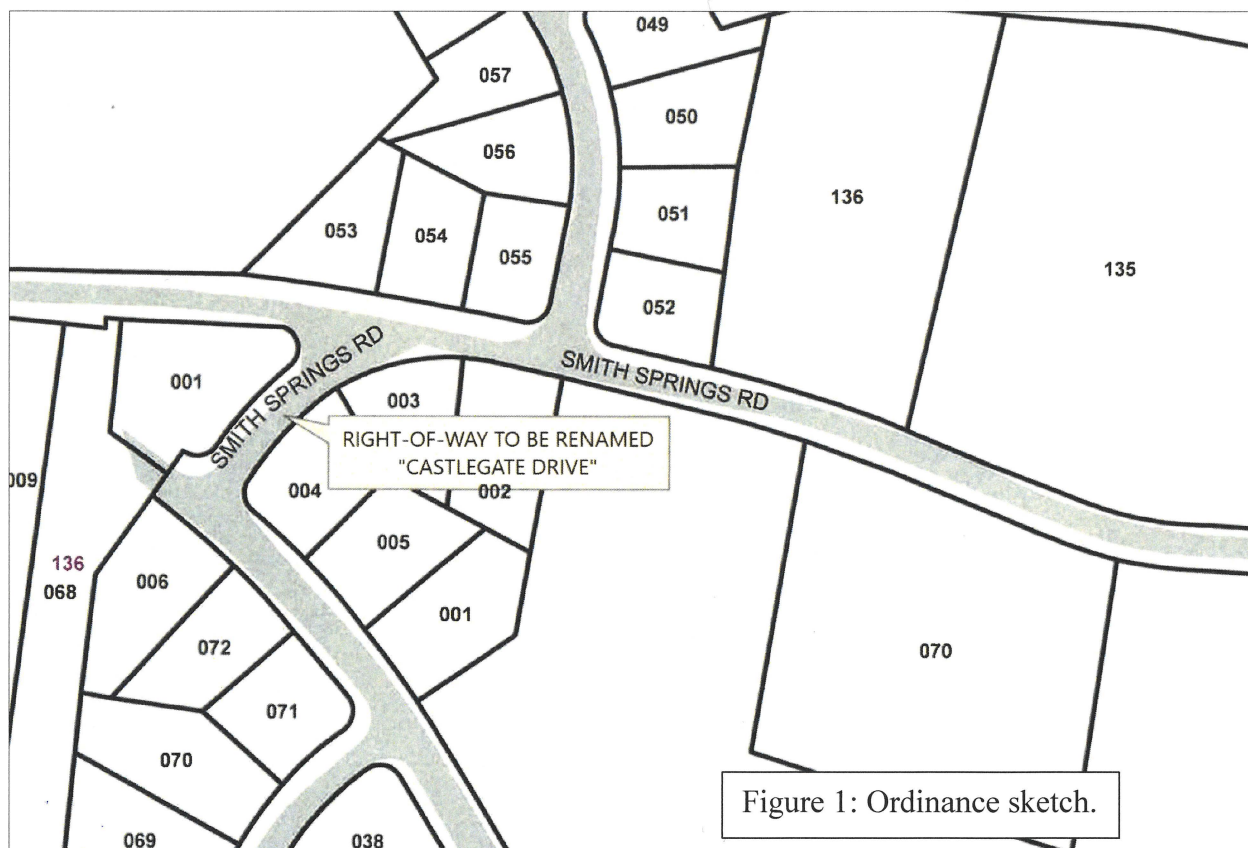
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



Metropolitan Historical Commission
Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission
Sunnyside in Sevier Park
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To: Metropolitan Council
From: Metropolitan Historical Commission, staff
Date: January 14, 2020
Re: BL2020-119

An ordinance to amend the Geographic Information Systems Street and Alley Centerline Layer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by renaming a portion of Smith Springs Road, between Smith Springs Road and Castlegate Drive, to “Castlegate Drive.” (Proposal Number 2019M-004SR-001).



The subject segment of Smith Springs Road was recorded as “Relocated Smith Springs Rd” in the 1972 plat for *Castlegate*, owned and developed by K & W, Inc. (Figure 1, Figure 2).¹ The creation of J. Percy Priest Dam and Reservoir from 1963-1968 altered the routes of several roads

¹ *Castlegate*, Section I, recorded in Plat Book 4460, Page 115, on October 10, 1972, RODC.

in the area, including Anderson Road and another portion of Smith Springs Road to the east, so there may have been a plan to relocate additional segments of Smith Springs Road that was never completed.² The 1979 plat for *Priest Lake Park*, located across from *Castlegate* on the north side of Smith Springs Road, shows the same segment of road labeled as “Relocated Smith Springs Rd.”³

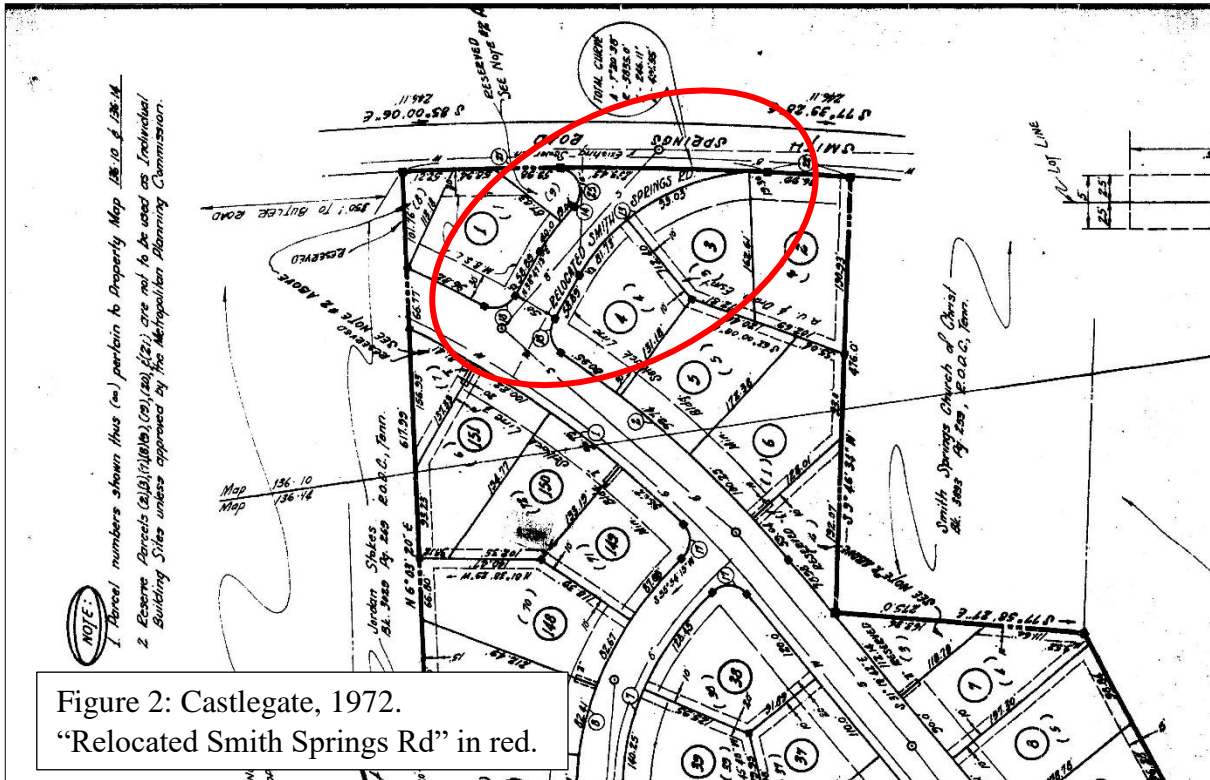


Figure 2: Castlegate, 1972.
“Relocated Smith Springs Rd” in red.

According to Metro Nashville Public Works, the department accepted the subject segment of Smith Springs Road for maintenance on September 15th, 1977.⁴

Local historian Ridley Wills II provides the following information about Smith Springs Road in his book *Nashville Streets and Their Stories*:

Smith Springs Road begins at Murfreesboro Pike near the Nashville International Airport. The road runs east through the Smith Springs community to terminate at Percy Priest Lake near Smith Springs Park. Early in the twentieth century, several men in the Smith Springs community began worshipping each Lord’s Day in an old lodge adjacent to the school on Old Anderson Road near Smith’s Spring. On

² Construction of the J. Percy Priest Dam and Reservoir began on June 2, 1963. Percy Priest Dam was dedicated on June 29, 1968. “Percy Priest Lake,” Historical Marker No. 206, The Historical Commission of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County. Erected 2019.

³ *Priest Lake Park*, Section Seven-B, recorded in Plat Book 5200, Page 175, on June 26, 1979, RODC.

⁴ Email correspondence, 9 January 2020.

November 21, 1907, Ms. Nancy Moore deeded an acre of land, located at the corner of Smith Springs Road and Old Anderson Road, to Tom M. Hill, John Lane, and C. W. Brewer. The land included the spring, which supplied water during the dry summer months to people for miles around. They built a one-room frame church building on this land. The community, the Smith Springs Church of Christ, and Smith Springs Road were all named for the spring. Earlier the road was called Dry Branch Road.⁵

The Trustees of Smith Springs Church of Christ purchased property at 2783 Smith Springs Road in 1965.⁶ The Trustees then sold the property acquired from Ms. Moore to the United States of America in 1966.⁷ The 1966 deed describes the property as “Tract No. 1018” of the J. Percy Priest Dam and Reservoir project. Staff has compared maps from before and after the creation of the reservoir and it appears that the spring property is now part of Percy Priest Lake.

⁵ Ridley Wills II, *Nashville Streets and Their Stories* (Franklin, Tenn.: Plumblin Media, 2012), 140. See also Deed Book 350, Page 466, recorded November 21, 1907, RODC.

⁶ Matt Paul Hilger and wife, Louise Hilger, to Smith Springs Church of Christ/Trustees, recorded in Deed Book 3893, Page 259, on May 21, 1965, RODC.

⁷ Smith Springs Church of Christ/Trustees to United States of America, recorded in Deed Book 3997, Page 198, on March 16, 1966, RODC.