

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 4 & 6

Application of Kyle Williams & Williams Teusink, LLC to amend the Land Use Plan from Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC) to allow the construction of single-family attached townhomes, at 3581 Rockbridge Road.

PETITION NO: N2. LP-21-1243933 2021-2109

PROPOSED USE: Single-family attached townhomes.

LOCATION: 3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, Ga.

PARCEL NO. : 18-011-06-001, 18-011-06-004, 18-011-06-005, 18-011-06-006, 18-011-06-007

INFO. CONTACT: Brian Brewer, Sr. Planner

PHONE NUMBER: 404-371-2155

PURPOSE:

Application of Kyle Williams & Williams Teusink, LLC to amend the Land Use Plan from Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC) to allow the construction of single-family attached townhomes. The property is located on the south side of Rockbridge Road and the east side of Interstate 285, at 3605, 3611, 3599, 3593, & 3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain. The property has approximately 623 feet of frontage on Rockbridge Road and contains 4.8 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Full Cycle Deferral.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Pending.

PLANNING STAFF: Denial.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The Memorial Drive Corridor Study was adopted in September 2020. The subject parcels are within the boundary of the *Gateway West Focus Area* identified in the report. The Action Plan section of the report includes recommendations intended to realize the vision of the study exercise. One primary recommendation was to amend the Character Area of each focus area to better accommodate the types of uses demanded from residents and stakeholders. These parcels fall within the boundary of an area recommended be changed to the Regional Center Character Area. According to the report, Gateway West is viewed as having, the broadest potential to become an area attracting regional interest. Therefore, the vision for this part of the corridor is an urban center to include a mix of land uses. Ideas discussed at the Design Workshops included: (1) Retail (2) Restaurants (3) Greenspaces (4) Public Squares (5) Office Space (6) Apartments (7) Cultural and/or Theatre A recent conversation in DeKalb County is the potential need for a civic or convention center that could host everything from High School graduations to professional conferences and festivals. As a relatively central location within DeKalb County (just east of the Kensington area, where the attraction of a centralized location has led to discussions about consolidation of County offices and services) with strong transportation access via I-285 and nearby MARTA heavy rail stations at Kensington and Indian Creek, this site is a strong candidate for such a consideration. Such an investment would be generally consistent with the idea of having a cultural and/or theatre component of any redevelopment here and would likewise be a particularly strong anchor for the mix of uses envisioned. The proposal for Townhomes doesn't align with the vision. And the requested amendment for Neighborhood Center to accommodate the proposed project is inconsistent with the Memorial Drive Corridor

Study report recommendation that the Character Area be amended to Regional Center. For these reasons, Staff's recommendation for this Future Land Plan Map Amendment application is "Denial"

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Pending.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: Full-cycle Deferral 12-0-0. There was concern and discussion about traffic impacts on Rockbridge Road; and the Council wanted to see the results and recommendations of a Traffic Impact Study. Additionally, the Council was concerned about how the comprehensive plan update would impact the future land use character area of these properties.



DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

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**Planning Commission Hearing Date: March 02, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: March 25, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

STAFF ANALYSIS

Case No.: LP-21-1243933 **Agenda #:** N.2
Location/Address: 3581 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 **Commission District:**4 **Super District:**6
Parcel IDs: 18 011 06 001, 18 011 06 004, 18 011 06 005,
18 011 06 006, 18 011 06 007
Request: Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment
Property Owner(s): Kyle Williams & Williams Teusink, LLC
Applicant/Agent:
Acreage: 4.8 Acres
Existing Land Use: Suburban (SUB)
Proposed Land Use: Neighborhood Center (NC)
Surrounding Properties: Suburban (SUB)
Adjacent Zoning: **North: MZ (SUB) South: R-85 (SUB) East: RNC (SUB) West: RNC (SUB) Northeast: MZ (SUB) Northwest: MZ (SUB) Southeast: R-85 (SUB) Southwest: R-85 (SUB)**
Comprehensive Plan:

Consistent **Inconsistent**

Proposed Density: 10.7 units/acre

Existing Density: N/A

Proposed Units/Square Ft.: 52 units

Existing Units/Square Feet: N/A

Proposed Lot Coverage: N/A

Existing Lot Coverage: N/A

Companion Application:

The applicant has filed a companion application (Z-21-1243934) to amend the zoning of the parcel from R-75 (Residential-Medium Lot-75) to MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: DENIAL

The Memorial Drive Corridor Study was adopted in September 2020. The subject parcels are within the boundary of the *Gateway West Focus Area* identified in the report. The Action Plan section of the report includes recommendations intended to realize the vision of the study exercise.

One primary recommendation was to amend the character area of each focus area to better accommodate the types of uses demanded from residents and stakeholders. These parcels fall within the boundary of an area recommended be changed to the Regional Center Character Area.

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- Restaurants
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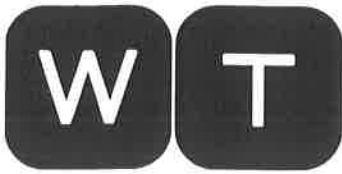
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The proposal for townhomes doesn't align with the vision. And the requested amendment for Neighborhood Center to accommodate the proposed project is inconsistent with the *Memorial Drive Revitalization Corridor Study* recommendation that the character area be amended to Regional Center.

For these reasons, staff recommendation for this future land plan map amendment application is denial.

Attachments:

1. Department and Division Comments
2. Application
3. Site Plan
4. Zoning Map
5. Land Use Plan Map
6. Aerial Photograph
7. Sections of the Memorial Drive Corridor Study Report



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January 21, 2021

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Andrew Baker, Director
DeKalb County, Georgia
Department of Planning and Sustainability
330 West Ponce de Leon Avenue
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Re: APPLICATION TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE MAP

3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 007

3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 006

3599 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 005

3593 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 004

3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 001

Dear Director Baker:

I represent Ahmad Farida, Thomas and Margaret Corbin, William B. Corbin as Trustee of The William Boggs Corbin Trust, and Captura Properties I, LLC (collectively, "Applicant"). Mr. Ahmad owns that certain real property known as and located at 3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 007). Mr. and Mrs. Corbin own that certain real property known as and located at 3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 006). The William Boggs Corbin Trust owns those certain real properties located at and known as 3599 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 005); 3593 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 004); and, 3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 001). 3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 007); 3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 006); 3599 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain,

DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 005); 3593 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 004); and, 3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 001) are collectively referred to as the "Property."

Captura Properties I, LLC is under contract to purchase the Property and intends to pursue the development as proposed outlined in this Application.

The Property consists of approximately 4.87 acres to the east of Interstate 285 where Rockbridge Road crosses over and across Interstate 285. The Property abuts and adjoins to the north the medical office park known as "Memorial Perimeter Office Park" and located at 4540 – 4544 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30032. The highly commercial corridor along Memorial Drive at Interstate 285 is to the immediate south of the Property and includes restaurants, service and retail, commercial offices, and governmental services, including DeKalb County Watershed Management, DeKalb County Jail and Sheriff's Office, and DeKalb County Tax Commissioner.

The Property is within one and half (1 ½) miles of the Kensington MARTA Station and the Kensington Station Redevelopment Concept Vision.

The Property is zoned R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District with an Existing Land Use classification as Suburban (SUB) based upon the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (the "Comprehensive Land Use Map"). The adjacent and adjoining properties on Rockbridge Road to the east and northeast of the Property are zoned R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District with an Existing Land Use classification of Suburban (SUB) based upon the Comprehensive Land Use Map. The adjacent and adjoining properties to the north and west of the Property are zoned MR-2 (Medium Density Residential with Existing Land Use classifications of Neighborhood Center (NC) and Regional Center (RC) based upon the Comprehensive Land Use Map. The adjacent and adjoining property to the southeast is a C-1 (Local Commercial) District with an Existing Land Use classification of Commercial Redevelopment Corridor (CRC) based upon the Comprehensive Land Use Map.

The Property is currently improved with only two (2) detached single family residential structures with one (1) each on 3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 007) and 3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 006), which are the two (2) eastern parcels farthest away from Interstate 285. The remainder of the Property is vacant and unimproved.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Applicant requests an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map classification from Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC) to allow for development and use of the Property as fifty-two (52) attached single family townhomes at a density of 10.7 units per acre as detailed

and conditioned upon the plans submitted in support of this Application. The amendment is necessary due to the fact that the current Comprehensive Land Use Plan is for Suburban (SUB) and is inappropriate for proposed development of the Property. An amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map is appropriate given the proximity of the Property to Interstate 285, highly commercial corridor along Memorial Drive at Interstate 285, and the Kensington MARTA Station.

This application to Amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is submitted concurrently with an application to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County seeking to rezone the Property from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District to MR-2 (Medium Density Residential) District.

**DOCUMENTED IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO
THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UNDER SECTION 27 – 7.3.4**

(a) Whether the proposed land use change will permit uses that are suitable in consideration of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.

The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Property will permit development of a higher density single family townhouse that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property. The Property abuts and adjoins to the north the medical office park known as “Memorial Perimeter Office Park” and located at 4540 – 4544 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30032. The highly commercial corridor along Memorial Drive at Interstate 285 is to the immediate south of the Property and includes restaurants, service and retail, commercial offices, and governmental services, including DeKalb County Watershed Management, DeKalb County Jail and Sheriff’s Office, and DeKalb County Tax Commissioner.

The Property is within one and half (1 ½) miles of the Kensington MARTA Station and the Kensington Station Redevelopment Concept Vision.

The Property is centrally located within the highly trafficked commercial area at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Interstate 285. The Property is within one and a half (1 ½) miles of the MARTA Kensington Station. The surrounding area is a mix of governmental, commercial, retail, and other non-residential uses. However, the immediate surrounding area is lacking in high density residential uses.

The adjacent and adjoining properties on Rockbridge Road to the east and northeast of the Property are zoned R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District with an Existing Land Use classification of Suburban based upon the Comprehensive Land Use Map. The adjacent and adjoining properties to the north and west of the Property are zoned MR-2 (Medium Density Residential) with Existing Land Use classifications of Neighborhood Center (NC) and Regional Center (RC). The adjacent and adjoining property to the southeast is a C-1 (Local Commercial)

District with an Existing Land Use of Commercial Redevelopment Corridor (CRC).

The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan would allow for a higher density residential development that would complement and better serve the existing non-residential uses. The proposed amendment and development would serve as a catalyst for other residential redevelopment adjacent to and within the Kensington-Memorial Drive Overlay. While outside of the boundaries of the overlay district, the proposed rezoning is consistent with the overlay's stated objective to "create a positive real estate investment climate which will stimulate economic development and job creation." The proposed rezoning and development would allow for a trans-oriented development near the MARTA Kensington Station that is sought by the Kensington-Memorial Drive Overlay District.

More importantly, the current zoning of the Property as R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) is obsolete as it is not economically feasible or desirable that the Property be used as a single-family house as currently zoned. Only two (2) detached single family residential structures have been built on the nearly five (5) acres of land due to the close proximity to Interstate 285. The remainder of the Property is vacant and unimproved.

(b) Whether the proposed land use change will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property or properties.

As detailed in Section (a) above, the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is consistent with and will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent and nearby properties. Furthermore, the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is consistent with the surrounding Existing Land Use classifications of Neighborhood Center (NC), Regional Center (RC), and Commercial Redevelopment Corridor (CRC) while proposed development a transitional density of 10.7 units per acre providing the necessary stairstep transition to the surrounding Existing Land Use classification of Suburban (SUB).

(c) Whether the proposed land use change will result in uses which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will not result in uses which would cause excessive or burdensome uses of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. The Property is well served by existing streets, transportation facilities, and utilities within the immediate surrounding areas located at the intersection of Interstate 285 and Memorial Drive. The proposed apartment development will not impact existing schools as apartment uses typically do not attract families with school age children given the unit size. The existing infrastructure is more than sufficient to support the proposed residential development. More importantly, the Property is ideally situated within walking distance of the MARTA Kensington Station and will introduce a needed residential use to complement the existing non-residential uses in the immediate surround area.

(d) Whether the amendment is consistent with the written policies in the comprehensive plan text.

As detailed in Section (a) above, the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan is consistent with and will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent and nearby properties. The proposed development does require an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map to change the Existing Land Use classification of Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC) in order to increase the density from 8 units per acre to 10.7 units per acre. Amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map is consistent with the surrounding Existing Land Use classifications of Neighborhood Center (NC), Regional Center (RC), and Commercial Redevelopment Corridor (CRC) while proposed development a transitional density of 10.7 units per acre providing the necessary stairstep transition to the surrounding Existing Land Use classification of Suburban (SUB). This is fully in line with the Housing Policies described in Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan for 2035 which seeks to create Multi-Family Housing and Infill Housing Development.

(e) Whether there are potential impacts on property or properties in an adjoining governmental jurisdiction, in cases of proposed changes near county or municipal boundary lines.

The Property is not located near county or municipal boundary lines. As such, there are no potential impacts on property or properties in any adjoining governmental jurisdiction.

(f) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the affected land areas which support either approval or denial of the proposed land use change.

Except as detailed above, there are no other existing or changing conditions affecting the use or development of the affected land areas which support either approval or denial of the proposed land use change.

(g) Whether there will be an impact on historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources resulting from the proposed change.

The proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and development will have no impact on any historic building, site, district, or archaeological resource.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicant includes as additional support for its Application the following:

1. Application to Amend Comprehensive Land Use Plan;
2. Land Use (Future Development) Map Amendment Application Authorization;

3. Notarized Authorization by Property Owner for Representation;
4. Summary of Property Ownership;
5. *Warranty Deed* dated December 19, 2003 (Parcel 7);
6. *Quitclaim Deed* dated August 20, 1993 (Parcels 4 and 5)¹;
7. Legal Descriptions of the Property;
8. Zoning Map of the Property;
9. Comprehensive Land Use Map of the Property and surrounding properties;
10. Aerial Map depicting the Property and surrounding properties;
11. *Boundary Survey* (Project #20-005), prepared by Hayes, James & Associates, Inc., dated February 3, 2020;
12. *Topographic Map* (Project #20-005), prepared by Hayes, James & Associates, Inc., dated February 10, 2020;
13. *Rezoning Exhibit, Sheet E-1* (Project #20-005), prepared by Hayes, James & Associates, Inc., dated March 17, 2020;
14. *Rockbridge Road Proposed Development – Elevations and Floor Plans – Unit A – Parcels 1 Thru 39*, prepared by Luis Matalon, Registered Architect, dated March 22, 2020; and,
15. *Rockbridge Road Proposed Development – Elevations and Floor Plans – Unit B – Parcels 40 Thru 52*, prepared by Luis Matalon, Registered Architect, dated March 22, 2020.

The requisite application fee was previously submitted and paid to the County as evidenced by the enclosed receipt.

¹ Applicant will supplement this Application to supplement vesting deeds for Parcels 1 and 6.

I appreciate consideration of this request for an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or request for additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,


R. Kyle Williams

Encl.

RKW/saa

Chief Executive Officer
Michael Thurmond

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Director
Andrew A. Baker, AICP

APPLICATION TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

Application No.: _____ Date Received: _____

Applicant's Name: Kyle Williams & Williams Teusink, LLC E-Mail: kwilliams@williamsteusink.com

Applicant's Mailing Address: 309 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Applicant's Daytime Phone #: 404 373 9590 Fax: 404 378 6049

(If more than one owner, attach information for each owner as Exhibit "A")

Owner's Name: See Exhibit A E-Mail _____

Owner's Mailing Address 309 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030

Owner's Daytime Phone # 404 373 9590 Fax: _____

Address/Location of Subject Property: 3611, 3605, 3599, 3593 and 3518 Rockbridge Road,

District(s): 18 Land Lot(s): 011 Block(s): 06 Parcel(s): 1, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Acreage: 4.882 Commission District(s): 4 & 6

Current Land Use Designation: Sub Proposed Land Use Designation: NC

Current Zoning Classification(s): R-75

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING

- I. **This application form must be completed in its entirety. In addition, any application that lacks any of the required attachments or payment of the filing fee shall be determined to be incomplete and shall not be accepted.**
- II.
- III. **Disclosure of Campaign Contributions:** In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, O.C.G.A., Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered: Have you, the applicant, made \$250 or more in campaign contributions to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filing of this application? Yes No
- IV.

If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:

- 1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
- 2. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.

The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and the Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30030.

NOTARY PUBLIC [Signature] SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
 EXPIRATION DATE / SEAL 1/21/23 Check One: Owner Agent 04 / 08 / 2020 DATE

Captura Properties I, LLC/Gus Abalo

Ahmad Farida

3611 Rockbridge Road
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 007
DB 15659, P 642

Thomas & Margaret Corbin

3605 Rockbridge Road
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 006
DB 4763, P 119

The William Boggs Corbin Trust

3599 Rockbridge Road
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 005
DB 7838, P 235

3593 Rockbridge Road
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 004
DB 7838, P 236

3581 Rockbridge Road
Tax Parcel Id No. 18 011 06 001
DB 7539, P 560

Exhibit B

Donations to DeKalb officials: Disclosure.

Jeff Rader 250.00

Larry Johnson 100.00

Steve Bradshaw 250.00

**NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER
FOR REPRESENTATION**

3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 007

I, AHMAD FARIDA, state that I am the current owner of that certain real property located at 3611 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 007) (the "Property"), which is the subject matter of the attached Application. I authorize the persons and firm named below to act as Applicant and my representative in pursuit of this Application, in all matters related to zoning, permitting, planning, building, and development.

Name of Applicant: R. Kyle Williams

Name of Firm: Williams Teusink, LLC
Address: The High House
309 Sycamore Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Telephone No.: (404) 373-9590

Email: kwilliams@williamsteusink.com

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AHMAD FARIDA

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 27 day of March, 2020.

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Notary Public Fulton County - State of Georgia
Commission Expiration Date: 02/19/2024

**NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER
FOR REPRESENTATION**

3599 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 005

3593 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 004

3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 001

I, WILLIAM B. CORBIN, as TRUSTEE of THE WILLIAM BOGGS CORBIN TRUST (the "Trust) state that the Trust is the current owner of those certain real properties located at 3599 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 005), 3593 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 004), and 3581 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 001)(collectively, the "Property), which are the subject matter of the attached Application. I authorize the persons and firm named below to act as Applicant and my representative in pursuit of this Application, in all matters related to zoning, permitting, planning, building, and development.

Name of Applicant: R. Kyle Williams

Name of Firm: Williams Teusink, LLC
Address: The High House
309 Sycamore Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Telephone No.: (404) 373-9590

Email: kwilliams@williamsteusink.com

THE WILLIAM BOGGS CORBIN TRUST

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WILLIAM B. CORBIN, TRUSTEE

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 29 day of March, 2020.

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Notary Public Fulton County - State of Georgia
Commission Expiration Date: 02/19/2024

**NOTARIZED AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER
FOR REPRESENTATION**

3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083
Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 006

WE, THOMAS AND MARGARET CORBIN, state that we are the current owners of that certain real property located at 3605 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia 30083 (Tax Parcel ID No. 18 011 06 006) (the "Property"), which is the subject matter of the attached Application. I authorize the persons and firm named below to act as Applicant and my representative in pursuit of this Application, in all matters related to zoning, permitting, planning, building, and development.

Name of Applicant: R. Kyle Williams

Name of Firm: Williams Teusink, LLC
Address: The High House
309 Sycamore Street
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Telephone No.: (404) 373-9590

Email: kwilliams@williamsteusink.com

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THOMAS CORBIN

Sworn and subscribed
before me this 29 day of March, 2020.

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Commission Expiration Date: 02/19/2024

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MARGARET CORBIN

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before me this 29 day of March, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

LAND USE (FUTURE DEVELOPMENT) MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION
AUTHORIZATION

Completion of this form is required if the individual making the request is not the owner of the property.

DATE: _____

CHECK TYPE OF APPLICATION:

LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

REZONE

MINOR MODIFICATION

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

/ (WE), Ahmad Farida, Thomas and Margaret Corbin, and The William Boggs Corbin Trust
(Name of owner(s))

being (owner)/(owners) of the property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to

Kyle Williams, Williams Teusink, LLC
(Name of Applicant or Agent Representing Owner)

to file and application on (my)/(our) behalf.

Notary Public Ahmad Farida
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Owner Ahmad Farida (3611 Rockbridge Road)

Notary Public Tom Corbin
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Owner Thomas & Margaret Corbin (3605 Rockbridge Road)

Notary Public Tom Corbin
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Owner William B. Corbin, Trustee
The William Boggs Corbin Trust
(3581, 3593, and 3599 Rockbridge Road)

Commission Expires 2/19/2024
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WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DEKALB

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Regions Bank

of the County of Dekalb, and the State of Georgia, as party or parties of the first part, hereinafter called Grantor, and

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AND THE SAID Grantor will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the above described property unto the said Grantee against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has signed and sealed this deed, the day and year above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness:
Kathy Busby
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By:

Title: Vice President



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By Ray Yessinger
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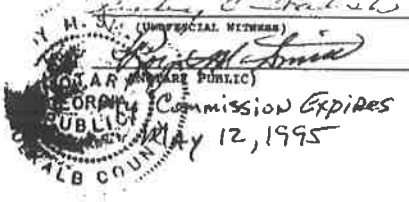
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Notary Public



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[Signature]
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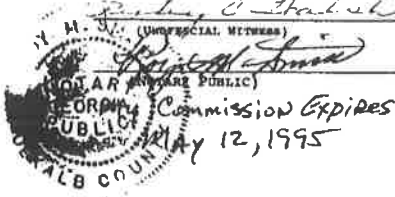
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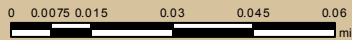
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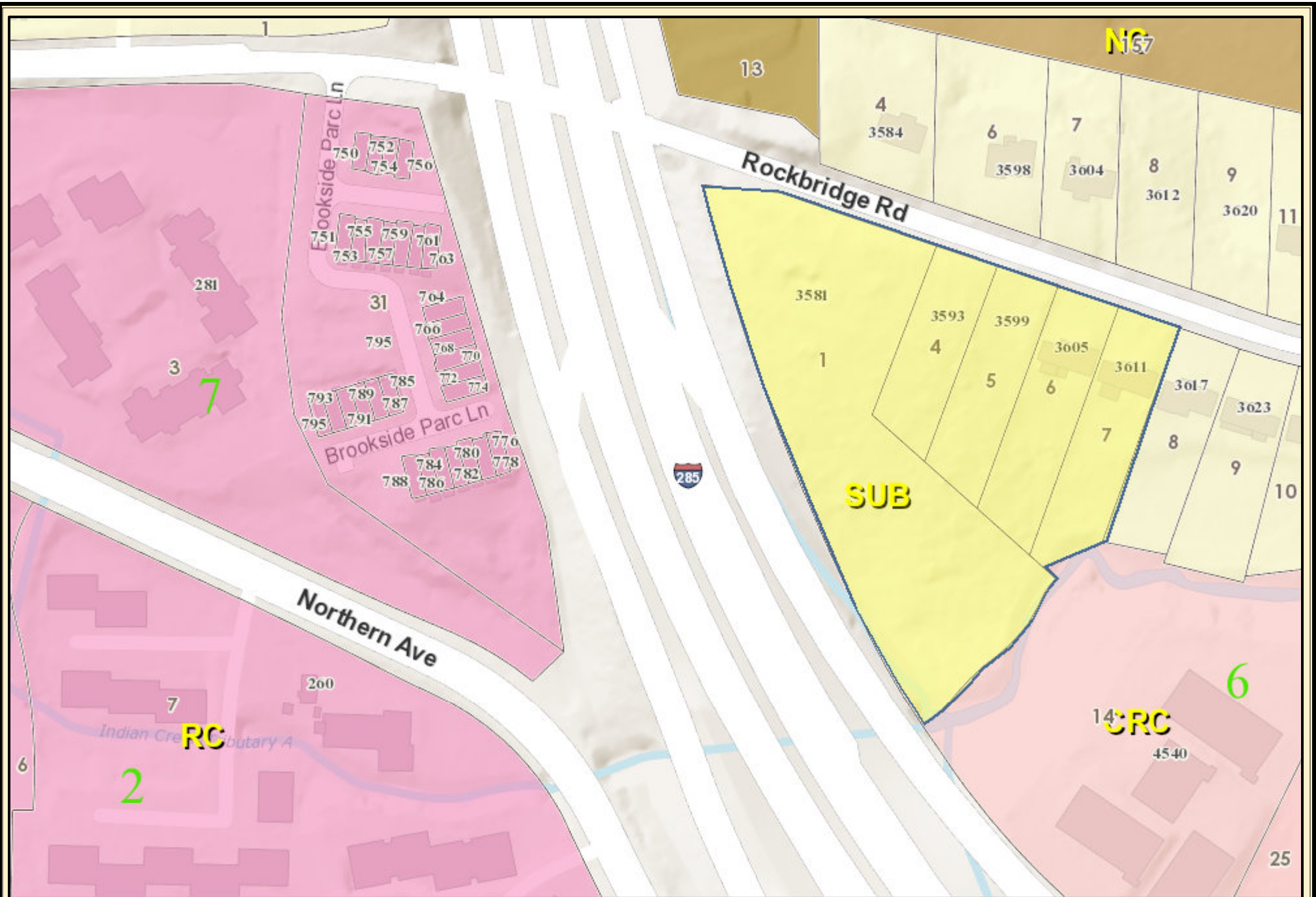


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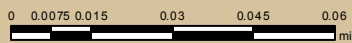


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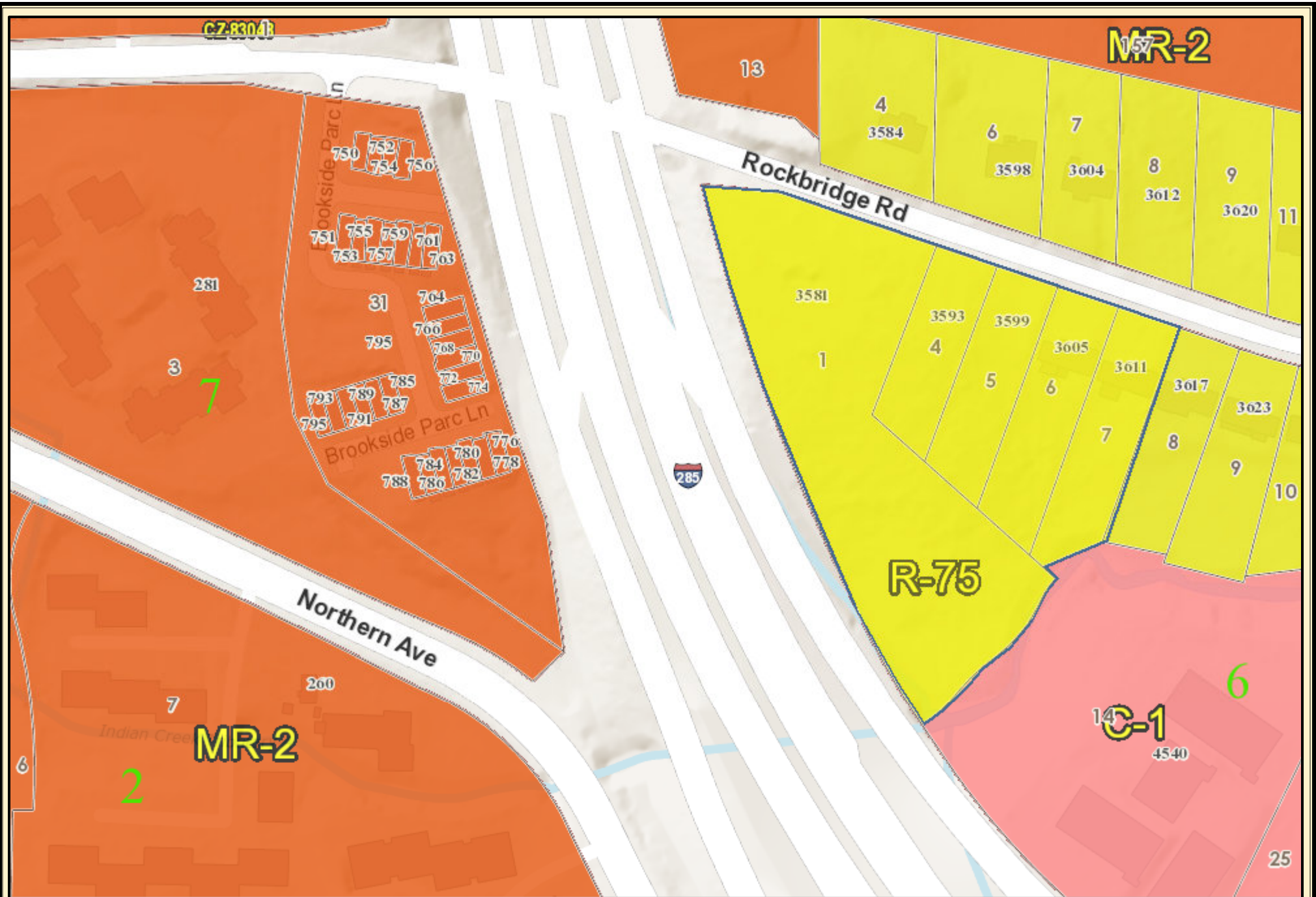


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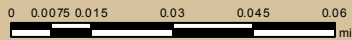


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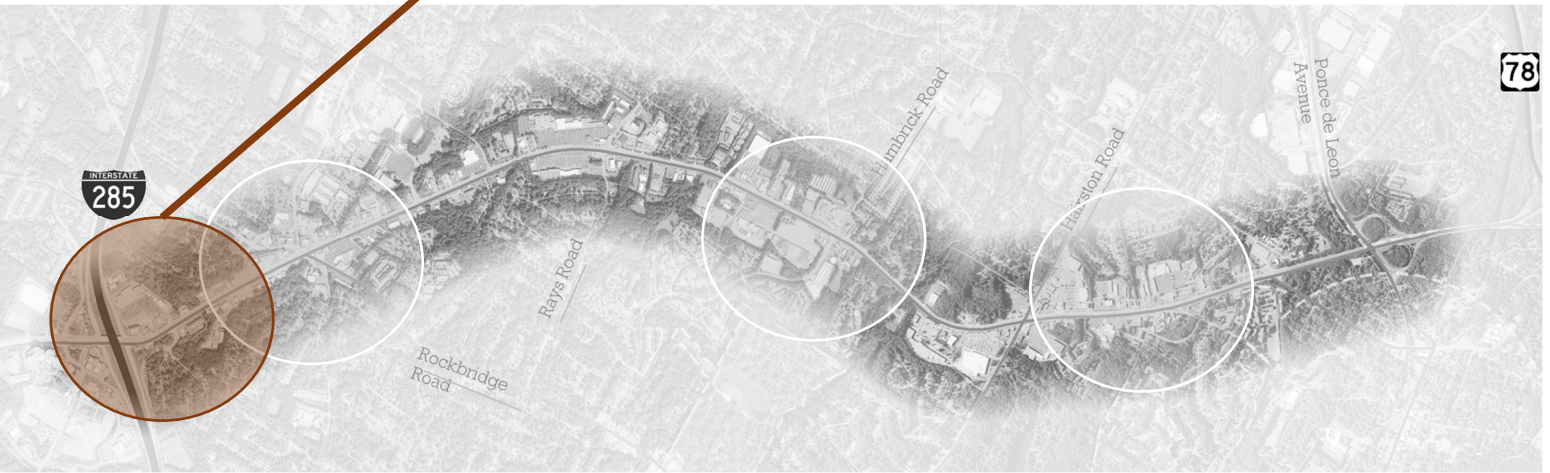
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GATEWAY WEST



At the western end of the corridor, Gateway West has the broadest potential to become an area attracting regional interest. Therefore, the vision for this part of the corridor is an urban center to include a mix of land uses. Ideas discussed at the Design Workshops included:

- Retail
- Restaurants
- Greenspaces
- Public Squares
- Office Space
- Apartments
- Cultural and/or Theatre

A recent conversation in DeKalb County is the potential need for a civic or convention center that could host everything from High School graduations to professional conferences and festivals. As a relatively central location within DeKalb County (just east of the Kensington area, where the attraction of a centralized location has led to discussions about consolidation of County offices and services) with strong transportation access via I-285 and nearby MARTA heavy rail stations at Kensington and Indian Creek, this site is a strong candidate for such a consideration. Such an investment would be generally consistent with the idea of having a cultural and/or theatre component of any redevelopment here and would likewise be a particularly strong anchor for the mix of uses envisioned.



The area today is dominated by low density strip shopping centers with a tremendous amount of unused impervious surface.



Through a façade improvement program that could be implemented corridor wide, an incremental step toward redevelopment could include aesthetic enhancements

The illustrative redevelopment plan above includes various features including green and public spaces and a tighter urban network of buildings and streets to reflect the vision for the area. This image also implies how the exiting building fabric can be honored through incremental development.



The long-term vision for Gateway West is to develop an urban center of regional attraction and importance. This image illustratively shows many of the features of such a development including public and green spaces and buildings of varying height that can support a mix of uses within them including retail on the first floor with office and/or residential on floors above. In this particular image, the concept of a facility that could host conventions and other events is incorporated along with a building that could easily serve as a hotel.



STRATEGY

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ENCOURAGE HEALTHY REDEVELOPMENT

A positive regulatory environment can make it easier for the private sector to invest in the corridor by offsetting the risk associated with redevelopment.

Initiative	Potential Responsibilities	Likely Costs	Potential Funding Source	Potential TimeFrame			
				Immediate	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
3.1 Address Changes in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning	DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability	Minimal	Staff Time	◆	◆		
3.2 Expedite Permitting & Approvals	DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability	Varies, but generally minimal when coordinated with other initiatives	Staff Time, General Fund		◆	◆	◆
3.3 Investigate Investor Programs	DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability, Decide DeKalb	Initially \$50,000-\$100,000	Staff Time, General Fund		◆	◆	◆
3.4 Detailed Study & Marketing of Sites	DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability	Varies, but generally expensive (\$500,000 but likely much more)	Staff Time, General Fund		◆	◆	◆
3.5 Opportunity Zones	DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability	Minimal	Staff Time, General Fund		◆	◆	◆
3.6 Become an Active Development Partner	DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability, Decide DeKalb	Varies, but generally very expensive	Staff Time, General Funds, CDBG Grants			◆	◆

Initiative	Potential Responsibilities	Likely Costs	Potential Funding Source	Potential TimeFrame			
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3.7 Create a Corridor Tax Allocation District	DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability, DeKalb County Public Schools Decide DeKalb	Self funding	Staff Time to Set Up, Self Funding		◆	◆	◆

Proposed Character Areas



Initiative 3.1 recommends specific changes to Character Areas in the Comprehensive Plan and zoning to align land use regulations with the vision developed for the Memorial Drive corridor.

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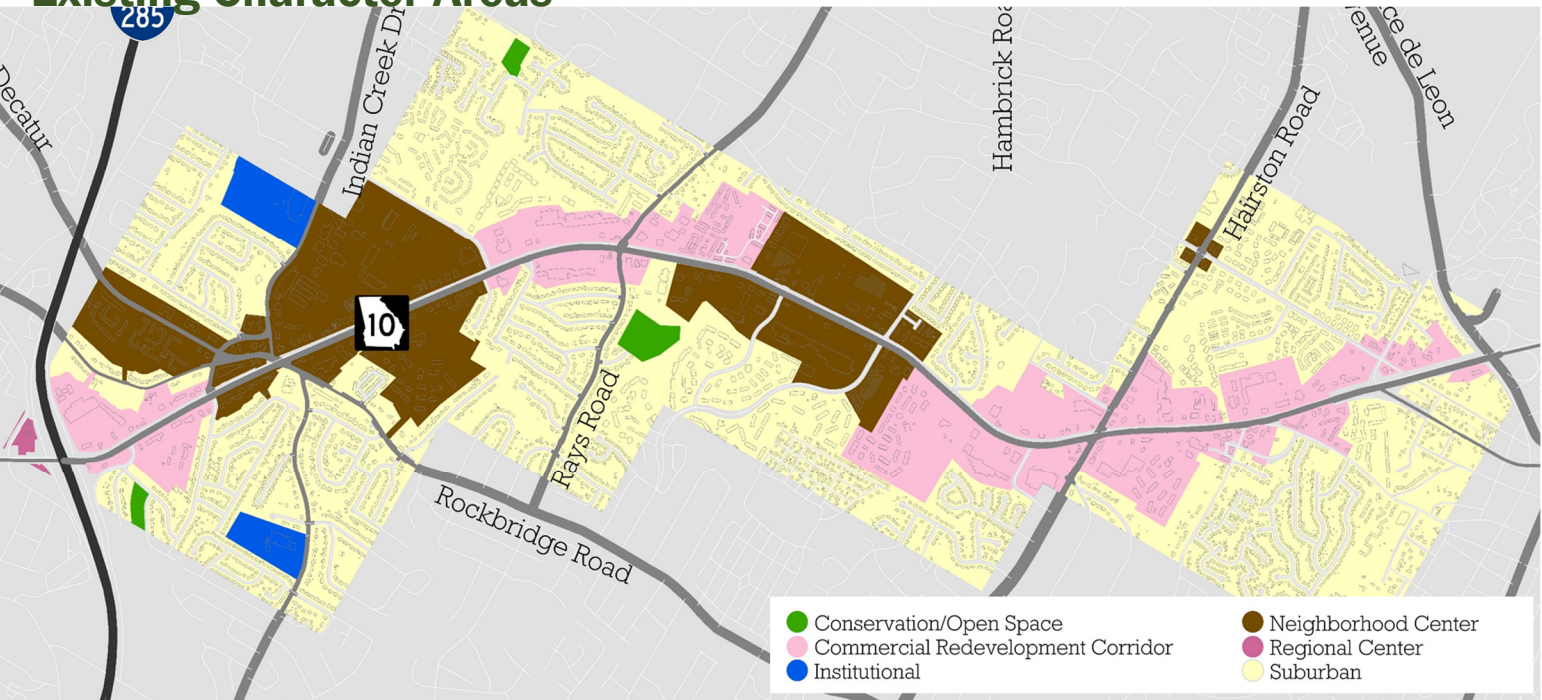
Encouraging healthy redevelopment is all about creating a positive regulatory environment that can make it easier for the private sector to invest in the corridor by offsetting the risk associated with redevelopment.

Initiative 3.1 – Address Changes in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning

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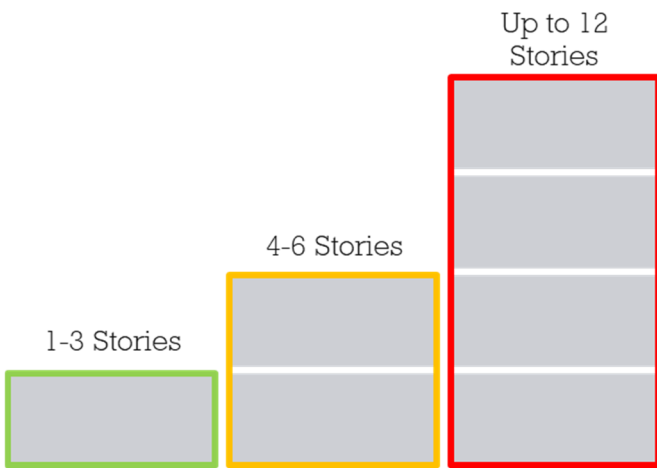
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Existing Character Areas



Additionally, to create a zoning framework for the future desired redevelopment, it will be necessary to update zoning along the corridor. Nearly all of the commercial properties on the corridor are currently zoned C-1 (Local Commercial) district which to be consistent would need to be refined as followed to be consistent with the proposed character area changes:

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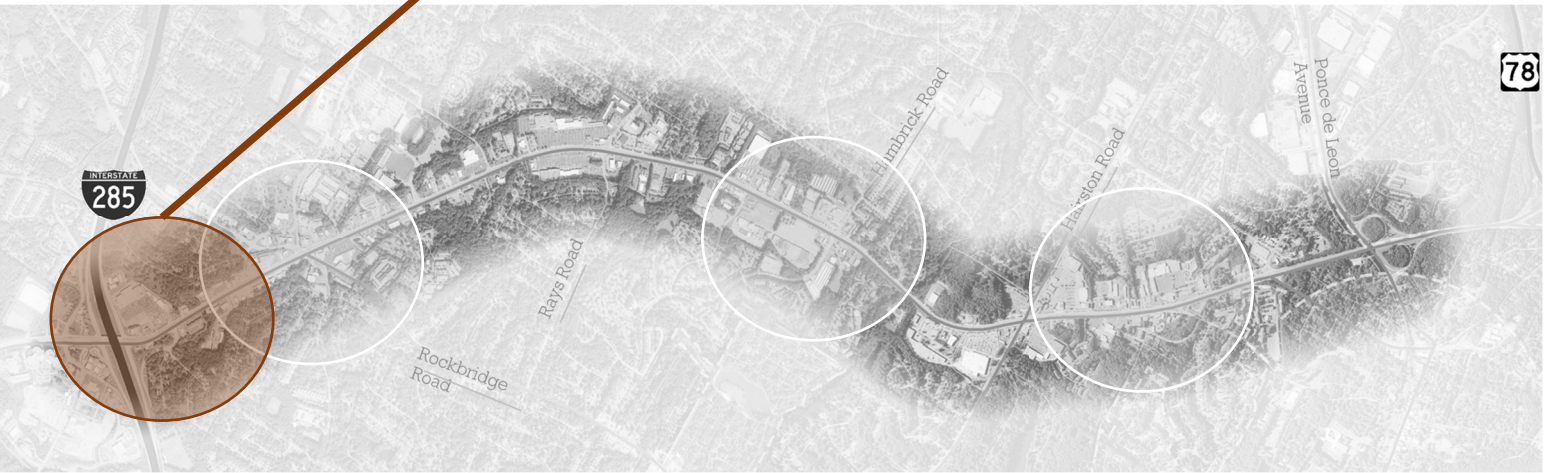
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GATEWAY WEST



At the western end of the corridor, Gateway West has the broadest potential to become an area attracting regional interest. Therefore, the vision for this part of the corridor is an urban center to include a mix of land uses. Ideas discussed at the Design Workshops included:

- Retail
- Greenspaces
- Office Space
- Cultural and/or Theatre
- Restaurants
- Public Squares
- Apartments

A recent conversation in DeKalb County is the potential need for a civic or convention center that could host everything from High School graduations to professional conferences and festivals. As a relatively central location within DeKalb County (just east of the Kensington area, where the attraction of a centralized location has led to discussions about consolidation of County offices and services) with strong transportation access via I-285 and nearby MARTA heavy rail stations at Kensington and Indian Creek, this site is a strong candidate for such a consideration. Such an investment would be generally consistent with the idea of having a cultural and/or theatre component of any redevelopment here and would likewise be a particularly strong anchor for the mix of uses envisioned.



The area today is dominated by low density strip shopping centers with a tremendous amount of unused impervious surface.



Through a façade improvement program that could be implemented corridor wide, an incremental step toward redevelopment could include aesthetic enhancements

The illustrative redevelopment plan above includes various features including green and public spaces and a tighter urban network of buildings and streets to reflect the vision for the area. This image also implies how the exiting building fabric can be honored through incremental development.



The long-term vision for Gateway West is to develop an urban center of regional attraction and importance. This image illustratively shows many of the features of such a development including public and green spaces and buildings of varying height that can support a mix of uses within them including retail on the first floor with office and/or residential on floors above. In this particular image, the concept of a facility that could host conventions and other events is incorporated along with a building that could easily serve as a hotel.



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ENCOURAGE HEALTHY REDEVELOPMENT

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				Immediate	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
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3.7 Create a Corridor Tax Allocation District	DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability, DeKalb County Public Schools Decide DeKalb	Self funding	Staff Time to Set Up, Self Funding		◆	◆	◆

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Initiative 3.1 recommends specific changes to Character Areas in the Comprehensive Plan and zoning to align land use regulations with the vision developed for the Memorial Drive corridor.

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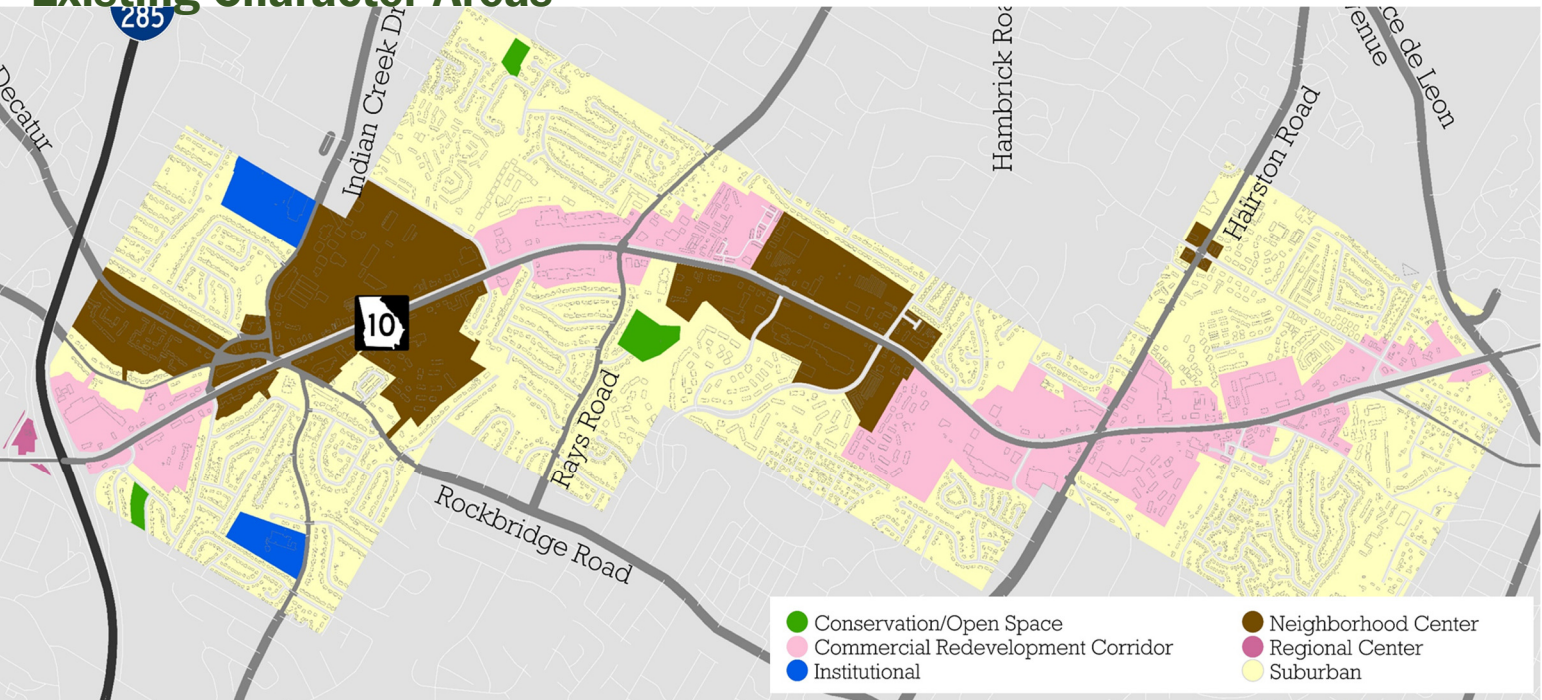
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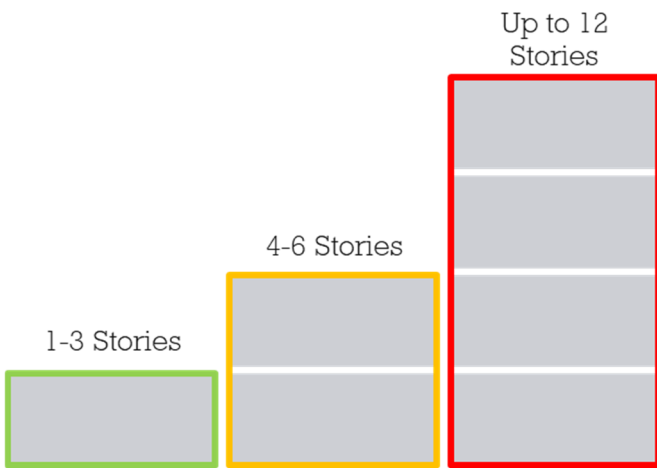
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