Public Hearing: YES ⊠ NO □

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 02 Super District 06

Application of Amy Swick, Inhance Construction Co., LLC to rezone properties from O-I (Office-Institutional) to MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2) District for a proposed townhome community, at 1493 LaVista Road.

PETITION NO: N1. Z-22-1245447 (2022-1469)

PROPOSED USE: Townhome community.

LOCATION: 1493 & 1501 LaVista Rd, Atlanta, Georgia 30324 **PARCEL NO. :** 18 108 07 001 and 18 109 03 017

INFO. CONTACT: John Reid, Sr. Planner

PHONE NUMBER: 404-371-2155

PURPOSE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Approval.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Approval with Conditions.

PLANNING STAFF: Approval with Conditions.

STAFF ANALYSIS: (Rev. 5.12.2022) There is a companion land use amendment request (See Case LP-21-1245063) to change from Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC). These properties are located within and at the edge of a Neighborhood Center (NC) land use character area focused around the LaVista Road/Briarcliff intersection and a Suburban (SUB) land use character area to the west and south which includes the single-family residential neighborhoods. The NC outer ring policies and development guidelines call for a mix of residential, retail, office, and service uses at maximum density of 24 units per acre, building heights between one and three stories, and enhanced buffers to allow for an appropriate transition into the abutting and nearby low density single-family residential areas. The plan appears to be consistent with the NC outer ring policies relating to building height (three story building height provided), land use (single-family attached residential), and density (15.38 units per acre provided). While there is a request to reduce the required buffer from 50 feet to 20 feet along the southwest property line and 30 feet along the south property line, those buffers are consistent with the buffers in the immediate vicinity. The MR-2 zoned three-story townhomes to the east at 1587 Lavista Road (on the east side of the adjacent apartments) are also providing a 30- foot buffer adjacent to an abutting single-family area. In order to provide a visual variation within the building facades and provide a diversity of unit types, the developer is proposing 16-foot building widths for twelve of the units and 20-foot building widths for the remaining units. Since the code requires all townhome units to be at least 20-feet wide, variances will be required by the Board of Zoning Appeals for that as well. The Zoning Board of Appeals will ultimately decide whether the site conditions warrant a buffer reduction. With appropriate zoning conditions, it appears that the rezoning request would be consistent with the policies and strategies of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan 5-year update and with abutting and nearby office, multi-family residential, townhomes, and single-family

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PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Approval with Conditions 6-0-1. Lauren Blaszyk moved, Gwendolyn McCoy seconded for Approval with fourteen (14) conditions, per Staff recommendation. Tess Snipes abstained.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: Approval 10-0-0.

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Planning Commission Hearing Date: May 3, 2022 Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: May 26, 2022

STAFF ANALYSIS

Case No.:	Z-22-1245447	Agenca #: N1
Location/Address:	1493 Lavista Road, Atlanta, GA	Commission District: 2 Super District: 6
Parcel ID(s):	18 108 07 001 & 18 109 03 017	
Request:	To rezone properties from O-I (Office-Institutio 2) District for a proposed townhome communi	
Property Owner(s):	Bayless Properties	
Applicant/Agent:	Amy Swick, Inhance Construction Company	
Acreage:	1.3	
Existing Land Use:	One office building and vacant, wooded land.	
Surrounding Properties:	Apartments and townhomes within the RM-H Institutional) and MR-2 (Medium Density Resid homes to the north across Lavista Road within an office building to the west within the O-I (Of detached homes to the south within the R-75 (lential-2) Districts to the east, single-family the R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) District, ffice Institutional) District, and single-family
Comprehensive Plan:	NC (Neighborhood Center) (Proposed) Consis	stent X Inconsistent

Proposed Density: 15.38 units/acre	Existing Density: N.A.
Proposed Units: 20 single-family attached townhomes	Existing Units: None
Proposed Lot Coverage: NA	Existing Lot Coverage: N.A.

Zoning History: Based on DeKalb County records, it appears that the property was rezoned to O-I (Office Institutional) in 1981 per Case Z-81069 by the Board of Commissioners.

SITE AND PROJECT ANALYSIS

The request is to rezone properties from O-I (Office-Institutional) to MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2) District for a proposed townhome community. There is a companion land use amendment request (See Case LP-21-1245063) to change from Suburban (SUB) to Neighborhood Center (NC) since MR-2 zoning is not allowed in the SUB Character Area. The proposed townhomes will be "fee simple condominiums". The subject properties comprise 1.3 acres and contain a vacant office building. The plan proposes to demolish the office building and construct three-story, single-family attached townhomes containing 20 dwelling units at a density of 15.8 units per acre. Since the May 3, 2022 Planning Commission meeting, the applicant submitted a revised plan which indicates that the proposed units will be fee-simple condominiums; an HOA will own all the land with the exception of the land underneath each dwelling unit. The applicant has also added landscaping notes on the site plan as requested by the Planning Commission, and proposed additional conditions relating to solar and electric vehicle charging.

The property is moderately flat off of Lavista Road, with a moderate number of mature trees and foliage. The property is surrounded by apartments and townhomes to the east, single-family homes to the north across Lavista Road, an office building to the west, and single-family detached homes to the south.

The MR-2 Zoning District allows a maximum base density of 12 dwelling units per acre up to a bonus maximum of 24 units per acre with the provision of community amenities. To achieve the proposed density of 15.38 units per acre, the applicant must provide density bonuses and comply with the density bonus criteria. The applicant is proposing, and the Planning Department is recommending as a condition of zoning approval, that the proposed buildings, if built as designed, would be accredited by LEED[®], EarthCraft, or other similar national accreditation organization, for energy and water-efficient site and building design prior to the issuance of any building permits or certificates of occupancy. This qualifies for a 50% density bonus which allows the project to achieve the 15.38 units per acre (12 units per acre base density * 50% = 6 units per acre; 12 + 6 = allowed density up to 18 units per acre.

Although Staff has a favorable overview of the project, there are a number of compliance issues that would need to be addressed in order to complete the land development permit stage. In order to provide visual variation between building facades and provide a diversity of unit types, the developer is proposing 16-foot building widths for twelve of the units and 20-foot building widths for the remaining units. Since the code requires all townhome units to be at least 20-feet wide, variances will be required by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Plan proposes one access off Lavista Road with a 24-foot wide private drive. The Plan currently does not to comply with the minimum requirements for private drive in Article 5 requiring a minimum 22-foot wide drive with a 5-foot landscape strip and 5-foot sidewalk. However the applicant has agreed, and Planning Department Staff is recommending as a condition of zoning approval, that the Plan be revised to comply with the private drive requirements of the Zoning Ordinance prior to issuance of any Land Development Permits. The proposed 5-foot interior sidewalk within the private drive will connect with the proposed public sidewalk on Lavista Road, thus ensuring optimal pedestrian connectivity. The applicant has classified the private access on the east side to be an "alley" instead of a "private drive", and alleys are exempt from private drive requirements but must comply with the pavement width and length standards of the *Zoning Ordinance*.

There is a request to reduce the required transitional buffer along the southwest property line from 50 to 20 feet in width and along the south property line from 50 feet to 30 feet in width. Thirty-foot (30') wide buffers are consistent with the rear yard transitional buffers in the immediate vicinity, as the MR-2 zoned three-story townhomes to the

east at 1587 Lavista Road (on the east side of the adjacent apartments) currently provide a 30 foot buffer abutting single-family residential uses to the south. The Zoning Board of Appeals will ultimately decide whether the site conditions warrant a buffer reduction.

Compliance with District Standards:

STANDARD	MR-2 REQUIREMENT	EXISTING/PROPOSED	COMPLIANCE
MAX DENSITY	12-24 units per acre maximum (densities above 12 units per acre require provision of density bonuses)	15.38 units per acre with a 50% density bonus for certified earthcraft buildings.	Yes
LOT WIDTH	20 feet	20 feet	Yes
		16 feet	No. Will required variances from BZA
LOT AREA	1,000 s.f.	NA— fee simple condo ownership has no lot lines outside of the building envelope so lot area does not apply.	Yes
MAX. LOT COVERAGE	NA Fee-Simple Condo	NA—Fee Simple Condo	Yes
MIN BUILDING SIZE	1,000 sf	1,900 sf	Yes
FRONT SETBACK	NA for individual units—Fee Simple Condo	NA for individual units—Fee Yes Simple Condo	
	Min. 10 ft from Lavista Rd	10 ft from Lavista Rd	Yes
REAR SETBACK	NA for individual units—Fee Simple Condo	NA for individual units-Fee Simple Condo	Yes
	15 ft.	30 ft.	Yes
SIDE SETBACK	0 ft	O ft w 3 ft separation between buildings	Yes
BUILDING MATERIALS	All building facades shall consist of at least 60% brick, stone, glass, decorative concrete, fiber cement siding, or hard coat stucco, or combination thereof.	Conceptual elevations appear to comply.	Yes
MAX. BLDG. HEIGHT	3 stories/45 feet (townhomes)	3 stories/39 ft 9 inches	Yes

BUILDING DESIGN	Buildings shall be no more than two hundred (200) feet in length Spacing of buildings shall be	Information not indicated	Undetermined. Non- compliance will necessitate variances.
	consistent with International Codes Council (ICC)		
MIN OPEN SPACE	15%	39%	Yes.
TRANSITIONAL BUFFER	A 50- ft buffer is required along southwest and south property line abutting residential R-85 zoning.	20 and 30-foot buffer provided along southwest property line; 30-foot buffer along south property line.	No. Will require variance from BZA.
PARKING	Min of 35 spaces One and a half (1.5) spaces per dwelling unit, plus one-quarter (0.25) space per dwelling unit to accommodate guest parking for townhomes	46 spaces	Yes.
	Max of 65 spaces Three (3) spaces per dwelling unit, plus one-quarter (0.25) space per dwelling unit to accommodate guest parking.	46 spaces	Yes

LAND USE AND ZONING ANALYSIS

Section 27-7.3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Standards and factors governing review of proposed amendments to the official zoning map" states that the following standards and factors shall govern the review of all proposed amendments to the zoning maps.

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B. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties:

With the recommended conditions by the Planning & Sustainability Department, it appears that the rezoning request to allow three-story, single-family attached townhomes would be compatible with the four-story multi-family apartments to the east (zoned RM-HD multi-family high density) and the one and two-story office and single-family uses to the north, south, and west. While the zoning and land use will change, the townhome development still permits a reasonable transitional reduction of intensity and density from the core of the activity center to its perimeter and into the surrounding detached residential area.

C. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned:

It appears that the property may have reasonable economic use with O-I zoning considering the property has been used for office use in the past.

D. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:

See response to Criteria B above.

E. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property, which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal:

See response to Criteria A above.

F. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources:

Based on the submitted information, no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources are located on the property or in the surrounding area.

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There has been no indication from reviewing departments and agencies that the proposal would cause excessive use of utilities. Comments received from the Board of Education indicate that impacts from this development on school capacity are expected to be minimal. The applicant will need to obtain a sewer capacity letter from the Department of Watershed Management to verify if sewer capacity is available.

H. Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources:

The proposed development is not expected to have unusual impacts on the natural environment given the relatively small amount of land (one acre) on the project site and there are no stream buffers or floodplain areas located in the project boundaries. Prior to issuance of a Land Development Permit the applicant will need to provide detailed information on the location of proposed stormwater management facilities and address the comments from the Land Development Department (see attached).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS (REVISED 05 12 22)

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Attachments:

- 1. Department and Division Comments
- 2. Board of Health Comments
- 3. Board of Education Comments
- 4. Application
- 5. Site Plan

- 6. Zoning Map
- 7. Land Use Plan Map
- 8. Aerial Photograph
- 9. Site Photographs

NEXT STEPS

Following an approval of this zoning action, one or several of the following may be required:

• Land Disturbance Permit (*Required for of new building construction on non-residential properties, or land disturbance/improvement such as storm water detention, paving, digging, or landscaping.*)

- **Building Permit** (New construction or renovation of a building (interior or exterior) may require full plan submittal or other documentation. Zoning, site development, watershed and health department standards will be checked for compliance.)
- Certificate of Occupancy (Required prior to occupation of a commercial or residential space and for use of property for a business. Floor plans may be required for certain types of occupants.)
- **Plat Approval** (*Required if any parcel is being subdivided, re-parceled, or combined. Issued "administratively"; no public hearing required.*)
 - Sketch Plat Approval (Required for the subdivision of property into three lots or more. Requires a public hearing by the Planning Commission.)
 - **Overlay Review** (*Required review of development and building plans for all new construction or exterior modification of building(s) located within a designated overlay district.*)
 - **Historic Preservation** (A Certificate of Appropriateness *is required for any proposed changes to building exteriors or improvements to land when located within the Druid Hills or the Soapstone Geological Historic Districts. Historic Preservation Committee public hearing may be required.)*
 - **Variance** (*Required to seek relief from any development standards of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing and action by the Board of Appeals are required for most variances.*)
 - Minor Modification (Required if there are any proposed minor changes to zoning conditions that were approved by the Board of Commissioners. The review is administrative if the changes are determined to be minor as described by Zoning Code.)
 - **Major Modification** (*Required submittal of a complete zoning application for a public hearing if there are any proposed major changes to zoning conditions that were approved by the Board of Commissioner for a prior rezoning.*)
 - **Business License** (*Required for any business or non-residential enterprise operating in Unincorporated DeKalb County, including in-home occupations).*
 - Alcohol License (Required permit to sell alcohol for consumption on-site or packaged for off-site consumption. Signed and sealed distance survey is required. Background checks will be performed.)

Each of the approvals and permits listed above requires submittal of application and supporting documents, and payment of fees. Please consult with the appropriate department/division.





DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION FORM

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COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND SEWER

Case No.: <u>Z-22-1245447</u>	
Parcel I.D. #: 18-108-07-001,18-109-03-017	
Address: 1493 and 1501 LaVista Road	
Atlanta, Georgia	
WATER: Size of existing water main: 8" adequacy unknown	(adequate/inadequate)
Distance from property to nearest main: adjacent	(auequate/mauequate)
Size of line required, if inadequate:	
Outfall Servicing Project: <u>North Fork Peachtree Cru</u> Is sewer adjacent to property: Yes (X) No () If no, distan Water Treatment Facility: <u>Atlanta IGA</u> Sewage Capacity; <u>40</u> (MGPD)	
COMMENTS: Sewer capacity approval required.	

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Amendment	
- Please review general comments.	
- Septic system on several surroundir	ng properties.
N.2	SLUP-22-1245538 2022-1470 18-111-06-006, 18-111-06-007, 18-111-06-014
1252 Merry Lane, Atlanta, GA 30329	
Amendment	
- Please review general comments for	r details.
N.3	Z-22-1245544 2022-1471 15-010-01-004
4101 Bouldercrest Road, Ellenwood, G	GA 30294
Amendment	
- Please review general comments.	
 Note: Serveral properties in the surre 	ounding area utilize septic system.
N.4	Z-22-1245545 2022-1472 18-103-03-017, 18-103-03-018
1799 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30	033
Amendment	
 Please review general comments. 	

ZONING COMMENTS – APRIL 2022

- N1. LaVista Road is SR 236. GDOT review and approval required prior to land development permit. (GDOT District 7 Contact: <u>Mwilson@dot.ga.gov</u>). LaVista Road is classified as a minor arterial. Please see Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190 for infrastructure improvements. Required right of way dedication of 40 feet from centerline or such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Required: 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR a 10-foot multiuse path (preferred), curb and gutter raised to current standards, 10 foot landscape strip (see Zoning 5.4.3 for options), pedestrian scale street lighting (contact: <u>hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</u>). Only one access point allowed on LaVista Road. I cannot read the site plan, but I would have the Fire Marshall take a look at your interior street widths. All interior streets must be private. No poles can remain within the limits of the sidewalk or multiuse path. Intersection and stopping sight distance must be met for all access points based on AASHTO.
- N2. No Comment
- N3. Bouldercrest overlay District Tier Corr 1. Infrastructure requirements of the overlay district trump the zoning and land development code. Overlay trumps Zoning trumps Land Development. When silent, the next code on the list applies. Overlay code requirements should be verified with the appropriate planning staff assigned to that overlay district. Bouldercrest Road is classified as a major arterial. Please see Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190 for infrastructure improvements. Required right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline or such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Required: 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR a 10-foot multiuse path (preferred), curb and gutter raised to current standards, 10-foot landscape strip (see Zoning 5.4.3 for options), pedestrian scale street lighting (contact: hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). No poles can remain within the limits of the sidewalk or multiuse path. Intersection and stopping sight distance must be met for all access points based on AASHTO.
- N4-5. Clairmont Road is SR 155. GDOT review and approval required prior to land development permit. (GDOT District 7 Contact: <u>Mwilson@dot.ga.gov</u>). Clairmont Road is classified as a major arterial. Required right of way dedication of 50 feet from centerline or such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Required: 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR a 10-foot multiuse path (preferred), curb and gutter raised to current standards, 10-foot landscape strip (see Zoning 5.4.3 for options), pedestrian scale street lighting (contact: <u>hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov</u>). Only one access point allowed at the traffic signal. Northern driveway ties to the existing traffic signal. Signal will need to be fully upgraded to accommodate the new vehicular phase and pedestrian phases. Developer responsible for all GDOT required traffic studies, plans and permits. No poles can remain within the limits of the sidewalk or multiuse path. Intersection and stopping sight distance must be met for all access points based on AASHTO.
- N6. No comment.
- N7. Second Avenue is classified as a collector road. Please see Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190 for infrastructure improvements. Required right of way dedication of 35 feet from centerline or such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Required: 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR a 10-foot multiuse path (preferred), curb and gutter raised to current standards, 10-foot landscape strip (see Zoning 5.4.3 for options), pedestrian scale street lighting (contact: hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Traffic study required. Developer needs to watch access management requirements in Land Development Code Section 14-200 (6). No poles can remain within the limits of the sidewalk or multiuse path. Intersection and stopping sight distance must be met for all access points based on AASHTO. Make functional pedestrian and bicycle connections between the property destinations and the public right of way.
- N8. North DeKalb Mall DRI. Lawrenceville Hwy is SR 8. GDOT review and approval required prior to land development permits. Both Lawrenceville Hwy and North Druid Hills are classified as major arterials. Please see Zoning Code 5.4.3 and Land Development Code 14-190 for infrastructure improvements. Required right of way dedication of 40 feet from centerline or such that all public infrastructure is within right of way, whichever greater. Required: 6-foot sidewalk and 4-foot bike lane OR a 10-foot multiuse path (preferred), curb and gutter raised to current standards, 10-foot landscape strip (see Zoning 5.4.3 for options), pedestrian scale street lighting (contact: hefowler@dekalbcountyga.gov). Contribute \$500,000 towards a future project to add a left turn lane at the

DeKalb County School District Development Review Comments

Submitted to:	DeKalb County	Case #: Parcel #:	Z-22-1245447 18-108-07-001, 18-109-03-017
Name of Development: Location:	1493 Lavista Road South side of Lavista Road, approx. 126	feet east of Sh	nepherds Lane

Description: Rezoning request to allow for development of 20 unit townhome community.

Impact of Development: When fully constructed, this development would be expected to generate 2 students: 1 at Briar Vista Elementary School, 0 at Druid Hills Middle School, 0 at Druid Hills High School, 0 at other DCSD schools, and 1 at private school. The additional homes are not expected to have a significant impact on the neighborhood schools.

Current Condition of Schools	Briar Vista Elementary School	Druid Hills Middle School	Druid Hills High School	Other DCSD Schools	Private Schools	Total
Capacity	528	1,170	1,395			
Portables	0	0	0			
Enrollment (Oct. 2021)	382	940	1,339			
Seats Available	146	230	56			
Utilization (%)	72.3%	80.3%	96.0%			
New students from development	1	0	0	0	1	2
New Enrollment	383	940	1,339			
New Seats Available	145	230	56			
New Utilization	72.5%	80.3%	96.0%			

		Attend	Attend other		
		Home	DCSD	Private	
Yield Rates		School	School	School	Total
Elementary		0.0220	0.0036	0.0254	0.0511
Middle		0.0019	0.0018	0.0009	0.0045
High		0.0143	0.0017	0.0079	0.0240
Total		0.0382	0.0071	0.0342	0.0796
Student Calculations					
Proposed Units		20	7		
Unit Type		TH			
Cluster	Druid Hills	s High School			
		Attend	Attend other		
		Home	DCSD	Private	
Units x Yield		School	School	School	Total
Elementary		0.44	0.07	0.51	1.02
Middle		0.04	0.04	0.02	0.10
High		0.29	0.03	0.16	0.48
Total		0.77	0.14	0.69	1.60
		Attend	Attend other		
		Home	DCSD	Private	
Anticipated Stud	ents	School	School	School	Total
Briar Vista Elementar		1	0	1	2
Druid Hills Middle S	School	0	0	0	0
Druid Hills High So	chool	0	0	0	0
Total		1	0	1	2



DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLANNING DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTION FORM

<u>The following areas below may warrant comments from the Development Division. Please respond</u> accordingly as the issues relate to the proposed request and the site plan enclosed as it relates to Chapter 14. You may address applicable disciplines.

DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS:

• Storm Water Management

Compliance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-40 for Stormwater Management and 14-42 for Storm Water Quality Control (sections have been amended recently; please request the amended chapter), to include Runoff Reduction Volume where applicable is required as a condition of land development permit approval. Use Volume Three of the G.S.M.M. for best maintenance practices. Use the NOAA Atlas 14 Point Precipitation Data set specific to the site. Recommend Low Impact Development features/ Green Infrastructure be included in the proposed site design to protect as much as practicable the statewaters and special flood hazard areas. Conceptual plan doesn't indicate the location of the stormwater management facility. Concerns are related to the discharge point of the facility. Development/residences are located downstream of the property, and consideration must be given as to where the discharge pipe from the facility is directed as to not create adverse effects. Additional consideration must be given to the 10% downstream analysis, all critical points such as location where the downstream stream enters private residence must be analyzed.

Runoff Reduction Volume shall be provided, unless technical justification is provided as to the unfeasibility. Strongly recommend to investigate the site and identify location where RRv can be provided and re-design/revise the layout to comply with the RRv requirement.

Flood Hazard Area/Wetlands

The presence of FEMA Flood Hazard Area was not indicated in the County G.I.S. mapping records for the site; and should be noted in the plans at the time of any land development permit application. Encroachment of flood hazard areas require compliance with Article IV of Chapter 14 and FEMA floodplain regulations

Landscaping/Tree Preservation

Landscaping and tree preservation plans for any building, or parking lot must comply with DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-39 as well as Chapter 27 Article 5 and are subject to approval from the County Arborist.

• Tributary Buffer

State water buffer was not reflected in the G.I.S. records for the site. Typical state waters buffer have a 75' undisturbed stream buffer and land development within the undisturbed creek buffer is prohibited without a variance per DeKalb County Code of Ordinances 14-44.1.



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NOTE: PLEASE RETURN ALL COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR FAN TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO MADOLYN SPANN MSPANN@DEKALBCOUNTYGA.GOV OR JOHN REID JREID@DEKALBCOUNTYGA.GOV

COMMENTS FORM: PUBLIC WORKS TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

18-109-03-017 Parcel I.D. #: 18-108-07:001

Case No.: 2-22-1245447 Address: 1493 And 1501 Lavista Rd Atlanta, Ga

Adjacent Roadway (s):

(classification)

(classification)

Capacity (TPD)_____ Latest Count (TPD) ____ Hourly Capacity (VPH)____ Peak Hour. Volume (VPH)____ Existing number of traffic lanes ____ Existing right of way width _____

Proposed number of traffic lanes

Proposed right of way width

Capacity (TPD)______ Latest Count (TPD) _____ Hourly Capacity (VPH) _____ Peak Hour. Volume (VPH)_____ Existing number of traffic lanes _____ Existing right of way width _____ Proposed number of traffic lanes _____ Proposed right of way width

Please provide additional information relating to the following statement.

According to studies conducted by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) <u>6/7TH</u> Edition (whichever is applicable), churches generate an average of fifteen (15) vehicle trip end (VTE) per 1, 000 square feet of floor area, with an eight (8%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above formula, the ______square foot place of worship building would generate ______ vehicle trip ends, with approximately _____ peak hour vehicle trip ends.

Single Family residence, on the other hand, would generate ten (10) VTE's per day per dwelling unit, with a ten (10%) percent peak hour factor. Based on the above referenced formula, the ______ (Single Family Residential) District designation which allows a maximum of ______units per acres, and the given fact that the project site is approximately ______ acres in land area, ______ daily vehicle trip end, and _____ peak hour vehicle trip end would be generated with residential development of the parcel.

COMMENTS:

Plans and field REVIEWED, No problem would InterFERE with TRAFFIC flow.	that		
would INTERFERE with TRAFFIC Flow.			

Signature: Jerry White

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NOTE: Cap height of Units 9-12 in Block 3 at 35'-0"





















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Site Plan



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Rezoning Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, Georgia

Date Received:	Application No:
Applicant Name: Amy Swick, Inhance Construction	n Company, LLC
Applicant E-Mail Address: amy@inhancedev.com	
Applicant Mailing Address: 6430 Scott Valley Ro	oad, Atlanta, GA 30328
Applicant Daytime Phone: 404-323-5101	Fax:
Owner Name: Bayless Properties and Scott Wa	ayne Jacobson owner, attach list of owners.
Owner Mailing Address: 1493 and 1501 LaVista R	load
Owner Daytime Phone: 678-938-4854/ 404-964-3	412
Address of Subject Property: 1493/1501 LaVista F	Road
Parcel ID#: 18 108 07 001, 18 109 03 017	
Acreage: 0.606+ 0.707 = 1.313	Commission District: 2 & 6
Present Zoning District(s): OI	
Proposed Zoning District: MR-2	
Present Land Use Designation: SUB/NC	
Proposed Land Use Designation (if applicable): No	
	11/02/2014



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Rezoning Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, Georgia

Date Received: Application No:
Applicant Name: Amy Swick, Inhance Construction Company, LLC
Applicant E-Mail Address: amy@inhancedev.com
Applicant Mailing Address: 6430 Scott Valley Road, Atlanta, GA 30328
Applicant Daytime Phone: 404-323-5101 Fax:
Owner Name: Bayless Properties and Scott Wayne Jacobson If more than one owner, attach list of owners.
Owner Mailing Address: 1493 and 1501 LaVista Road
Owner Daytime Phone:678-938-4854/ 404-964-3412
Address of Subject Property: 1493/1501 LaVista Road
Parcel ID#: <u>18 108 07 001, 18 109 03 017</u>
Acreage: 0.606+ 0.707 = 1.313 Commission District: 2 & 6
Present Zoning District(s): OI
Proposed Zoning District: MR-2
Present Land Use Designation: SUB/NC
Proposed Land Use Designation (if applicable): NC



Linda I. Dunlavy

1025 B Atlania Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030 Tel: 404-371-4101 - FAX, 404-371-8901 Idunlavy@dunlavylawgroup.com - www.dunlavylawgroup.com -

December 21, 2021

Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Brandon White DeKalb County Planning & Zoning Manager 330 West Ponce de Leon Avenue Decatur, GA 30030

RE: Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. White:

Please find enclosed an application to rezone the properties located at 1493 and 1501 Lavista Road from OI to MR-2. Both properties are currently used as offices, 1493 as a real estate office and 1501 as an accounting office. My client proposes to develop an MR-2 townhome community comprised of 20 units. Eight units will be 16' wide and twelve will be 20' wide. Units will have either 2-car garages or a 1-car garage with second parking pad behind garage or parallel space along drive aisle for a second car space. Unit sizes will range from 1900 -2300 square feet per unit. Units will be 3 stories. A 6-foot-high privacy fence will wrap around the rear of the Subject Property where it abuts residentially zoned properties. My client proposes a 20-foot-transitional buffer with heavy plantings interior to the fence in lieu of the 50foot required transitional buffer. We understand that variances from the ZBA will be necessary should this application and the companion land use amendment application be approved.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed application.

Sincerely,

DUNLAVY LAW GROUP, LLC

mbuy Linda I. Dunlavy

Attorney for Inhance Construction Company, LLC

Enclosure



404.371.2155 (o) 404.371.4556 (f) DeKalbCountyGa.gov Clark Harrison Building 330 W. Ponce de Leon Ave Decatur, GA 30030

Chief Executive Officer Michael Thurmond DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Director Andrew A. Baker, AICP

REZONE APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

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

DATE: 13 115 1202

CHECK TYPE OF APPLICATION:

- () LAND USE PLAN
- (X) REZONE
- () MINOR MODIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(1) (WE), Bayless Properties LLC, 1493 Lavista Road, Atlanta 30324

(Name of owner(s))

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

Inhance Development Group LLC	
(Name of A to file an application on (my) / (Now) bet	All cant or Agent Representing Owner)
Andrea A 200 Notary Public A 200	NTY SIC III Z. I. A.
Notary Public	Owner
Notary Public	Owner



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REZONE APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

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

DATE: 12/21

CHECK TYPE OF APPLICATION:

- () LAND USE PLAN
- (X) REZONE
- () MINOR MODIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

(|) (WE), Scott Wayne Jacobson, 1501 Lavista Road, Atlanta 30329

(Name of owner(s))

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

Inhance Development Group LLC

(Name of Applicant or Agent Representing Owner)

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

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Owner		<u> </u>

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Chief Executive Officer Michael Thurmond

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Director Andrew A. Baker, AICP

PRE-APPLICATION FORM REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE (Required prior to filing application: signed copy of this form must be submitted at filing)

Applicant Name: Inhance Construction Comparignone: 404-323-5101 Email: amy@inhancedev.com
Property Address: 1493 and 1501 LaVista Road
Tax Parcel ID: <u>18-108-07-001/18-109-03-01</u> Comm. District(s): <u>2 & 6</u> Acreage: <u>1.31</u>
Existing Use: Professional offices Proposed Use Townhomes
Supplemental Regs: Overlay District: No DRI: No
Rezoning: Yes x No
Existing Zoning: <u>R-75 and O-I</u> Proposed Zoning: <u>MR-2</u> Square Footage/Number of Units:
Rezoning Request: Request to rezone both parcels in order to develop an MR-2 townhome community
comprised of 20 units.
Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes X No
Existing Land Use: Proposed Land Use: Consistent Inconsistent
Special Land Use Permit: Yes No X Article Number(s) 27
Special Land Use Request(s)
Major Modification:
Existing Case Number(s):
Condition(s) to be modified:



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WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

Pre-submittal Community Meeting:	Review Calendar Dates: _	PC:BOC:	
Letter of Intent:Impact Analysis:	Owner Authorization(s):	Campaign Disclosure:	
Zoning Conditions: Community	Council Meeting:	Public Notice, Signs:	
Tree Survey, Conservation: Land	Disturbance Permit (LDP):	Sketch Plat:	
Bldg. Permits: Fire Inspection:	Business License:	State License:	
Lighting Plan: Tent Permit:	Submittal Format: NO STA	APLES, NO BINDERS PLEASE	

Review of Site Plan

Density:	Density Bonuses:	Mix of Uses:	Open Space:	_ Enhanced
	Setbacks: front			
	ntage: Street Wic			
	Landscaping: Parkin			
	Streetscapes: Sidew			_
	Bldg. Separation:			
	gn: Garages: Po			
	iances:			
Comments:				
Planner:_Dus	stin Jackson		Date_7/19/21	
		Filing Fees		
REZONING:	RE, RLG, R-100, R-85, R-75, R-66 RNC, MR-2, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, N OI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2		\$500.00 TU-5 \$750.00 \$750.00	
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	D USE PERMIT		\$400.00	
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IMPACT ANALYSIS

And

Other Material Required by DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance

For

The Rezoning Application from OI to MR-2

Of

Inhance Construction Company, LLC.

For

+/- 1.313 acres of Land Located in Land Lots 108 & 109, 18th District, DeKalb County 1493 & 1501 Lavista Road

Submitted for Applicant by:

Linda I. Dunlavy Dunlavy Law Group, LLC 1026 B Atlanta Avenue Decatur, Georgia 30030 (404) 371-4101 Phone (404) 371-8901 Facsimile Idunlavy@dunlavylawgroup.com

I. INTRODUCTION

This Application seeks to downzone two parcels of property zoned OI to MR-2 for the development of a townhome community. The two parcels are located at 1493 and 1501 Lavista Road ("Subject Property") and together comprise approximately 1.313 acres. 1493 LaVista is within an area designated for SUB land uses and 1501 Lavista is in an NC land use area. The Applicant has filed a companion land use amendment application for 1493 Lavista seeking an NC designation so that the two parcels will be within the same land use classification.

A. <u>SUBJECT PROPERTY</u>

The Subject Property is on the south side of Lavista Road immediately to the east of its intersection with Shepherds Lane and to the west of its intersection with Briarcliff Road in the Central West Planning Area of unincorporated DeKalb County. The Briarcliff intersection with LaVista is designated as a large Neighborhood Center on the Future Land Use Map. To the immediate north of the Subject Property across Lavista Road from the Subject Property is the City of Brookhaven municipal line and older single-family homes on large lots within a residential subdivision zoned RS-85 and known as Lavista Park. To the east are the Sloane Square Apartments, a multi-family development comprised of 197 units at an approximate density of 29 units per acre. It is zoned OI with conditions. To the immediate west at 1489 Lavista is a psychiatrists' office, zoned O-I since prior to 1990. To the south and further west is the Woodland Hills subdivision, an older low density (R-75) single-family residential subdivision. Currently, the Subject Property is comprised of two parcels totaling approximately 1.313 acres in area.

1493 Lavista was rezoned in 1981 to OI (Z-81069) with conditions. Since that rezoning, it has been used for professional offices in the older home on site. The 1493 rezoning was conditioned on limiting all uses on site to business and professional offices and those businesses must be conducted in the existing home. See 1981 zoning documents included with this application. 1493 is currently used as a real estate office in a structure that was originally residential and adapted for office use. The home on site was built in 1951, is comprised of approximately 1684 square feet and is nearing the end of its reasonable life. 1501 Lavista, similarly, is being used as an accounting office and has been for close to 30 years. It was built in 1958 and is approximately 1658 square feet and nearing the end of its reasonable life. See tax records filed contemporaneously with the application materials.

While the adaptive reuses of the Subject Property have continued for over 30 years, the immediate area around the Subject Property has undergone major redevelopment. For example, 1587 Lavista Road and 2108 Briarcliff Road were used until 2016 for a cell tower and a parking lot. In 2016, this 2.57 acres was rezoned to allow for construction of a three story 36-unit townhome community at a density of 14 units per acre. Sloane Square Apartments at 1555 Lavista Road was developed as a 197-unit apartment complex on 6.4 acres in 1990 and several parcels on Briarcliff Road, Lavista Road, and Linden Court were redeveloped for multi-family uses between 1986 and 2015. All of these were zoned MR-2 and several are adjacent to single-family residential areas. Additionally, there are a number of developments on Lavista Road, Woodland Avenue, and Briarcliff Road that were zoned MR-2 in 2015 with the adoption of DeKalb's new

zoning ordinance. See Table titled "Properties with MR2 Zoning in DeKalb County – near 1493/1501 Lavista Road" included with these application materials.

B. <u>APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL</u>

The Applicant proposes to consolidate 1493 Lavista and 1501 Lavista and redevelop the consolidated parcels for a 20-unit townhome community. This will result in a density of 15.23 units per acre. ¹The development will be accessed via two curb cuts: one way in on what is now 1493 Lavista and one way out on what is now 1501. Units will be arranged around an interior courtyard/greenspace. To provide for diversity of appearance and to provide different priced units, the units will be of varying widths-16and 20-foot models will be offered. Eight units will be 16' wide and twelve will be 20' wide. All units will be Earthcraft certified. Each unit will have parking for two cars and additional guest surface parking spaces will be provided on the east and interior to the Subject Property. Units will have either 2-car garages or a 1-car garage with second parking pad behind garage or parallel space along drive aisle for a second car space. Unit sizes will range from 1900-2300 square feet per unit. Units will be 3 stories. A 6-foothigh privacy fence will wrap around the rear of the Subject Property where it abuts residentially zoned properties, and the Applicant proposes a 20-foot transitional buffer with heavy plantings interior to this fence in lieu of the 50-foot required transitional buffer.² The townhomes will be contemporary in design and have fiber cement panels of several types, sloped or flat roofs, and metal railings. See Elevations and Materials

¹ A 50% density bonus per § 27-2.12, Table 2.6 for the sustainability element – Earthcraft homes. ² The applicant recognizes that it will need to secure a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for this proposed variance and for the 16' wide units. The reason for the transitional buffer reduction is the hardship presented by the shape of the property. Approximately 1/3 of the Subject Property would be undevelopable without the reduction. The reason for the unit width variance is to provide more variety in facades and to allow for more greenspace internal to the site.

Narrative included. The Applicant will design and codevelop the townhome community with Urban Eco Group.

The Applicant submits along with these application materials a tree survey showing all overstory trees 18 inches DBH or greater and all understory trees 10" DBH or more. Because the Subject Property was substantially cleared many years ago, most trees are in the rear or side yards of the two lots. See tree survey included. 67 trees were tagged on site and only 4 were found to be in good condition. See Arborguard Report included with materials. Applicant will comply with all requirements of the tree ordinance and make all reasonable efforts to preserve trees where reasonably possible, especially any trees within the proposed transitional buffer in the southeast corner of the Subject Property. Any trees requiring removal will be entered into the Applicant's sustainable woods program. Some of these trees will be processed and kiln dried and used as building materials for the project. Some of the kiln dried material will be sold as furniture and building materials for other projects through a company called Eutree, with which the Applicant is partnered. For more information on Eutree, see

https://www.eutree.com.

Applicant conducted a pre-submittal community meeting on December 15, 2021, via Zoom. Notices of this meeting were emailed to adjacent owners and presidents of adjacent neighborhood associations on December 8, 2021. A number of flyers were hand delivered in advance to mailboxes of nearby residents on December 10, 2021. Individual meetings via phone and/or Zoom were held in advance of the community meeting with five adjacent property owners. Eight community members attended the Zoom meeting and provided feedback. A link to the video recording of this meeting is contained in the

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application materials. The feedback from the community was generally positive. Prior to the community meeting, the Applicant also reached out to the presidents of the Woodland Hills and Lavista Park HOAs and had extensive conversations concerning its plans. The Applicant intends to conduct an additional community meeting in mid-January, to further engage the community and work through any concerns it may have as the applications proceed through the zoning process.

II. CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED TO ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS

A. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan.

In its companion land use map amendment application, the Applicant seeks to change the land use designation of 1493 Lavista Road which is currently SUB (suburban) to NC (neighborhood center) to be consistent with the current land use designation for 1501 Lavista Road and all other parcels to the east on the southside of Lavista Road to Briarcliff Road. A Neighborhood Center designation allows up to 24 units per acre (with certain density bonuses) with primary residential uses envisioned as townhomes, condominiums, and apartments. The proposed MR-2 zoning is a permitted zoning in the NC land use but not the SUB land use, which only would allow up to 8 units per acre. The proposed rezoning and land use change are in conformity with several land use policies found in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. For example, the proposed townhome community would help protect the existing neighborhoods from incompatible land uses by providing a reasonable transition in density between the Briarcliff Neighborhood Center at the intersection of Lavista and Briarcliff and the single-family low density residential community of Woodland Hills to the west and south. The increased density of

the residential townhome development proposed will support urban life-style mixes within the NC Character Area. Location of the proposed medium density residential townhomes will reduce automobile dependency and travel to obtain basic services for its residents. The proposed development is on a MARTA bus route (#30). At 3-stories in height, the proposed townhomes are sensitive to the building height and density of adjacent single-family residential uses. While seeking a variance to the transitional buffer in the southwest corner of the Subject Property, the Applicant will provide an enhanced buffer to protect the single-family homes adjacent to that area. There are currently no sidewalks along the Subject Property's frontage. The development incorporates sidewalks and walkways to encourage a pedestrian-friendly environment. See pages 58- 59; 67- 70. of the Comprehensive Plan text.

The Georgia Conservancy conducted a study to "create a blueprint for quality growth" for the Lindbergh Lavista Corridor straddling unincorporated DeKalb County and the City of Atlanta, in which is included the Subject Property. See Relevant Maps included herein. The Blueprints Lindbergh Lavista Corridor Study of 2008 notes, among other things, that "while the mix of uses at nodes varies widely, successful nodes and neighborhood centers tend to offer a base including a mix of land uses, a density and mix of housing options, pedestrian friendly environments, and a range of transportation options. A mix of these aspects, combined in a dense, walkable, well-connected environment are what allow centers and nodes to become vibrant focal points of the community as well as points where investments in infrastructure can be maximized to a higher benefit than with less concentrated development. Concentrating future residential density at nodes allows for these infrastructure investments to be maximized while also helping to protect existing neighborhoods. " p.37. The creation of a medium density townhome community within a Neighborhood Center Character Area promotes this vibrancy and protection of existing neighborhoods while providing a housing option to the single-family detached offerings in the immediate vicinity. Such a development also contributes to the consumer base needed to sustain the commercial development envisioned for the Briarcliff Lavista Neighborhood Center and may assist in providing housing options in what has become known as the "missing middle" –providing solutions to address the mismatch between available housing stock and shifting demographics.

B. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

Given the current as-built environment, the Applicant's proposal is clearly suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. Immediately to the east of the Subject Property are the Sloane Square Apartments at 29 upa. Further to the east is the relatively new Row Townhomes at 1587 Lavista and 14 upa and the Peachtree Baptist Church at the intersection of Briarcliff Road and Lavista. A transition down from density at Sloane Square Apartments from 29 upa to less than 16 upa is suitable and compatible with adjacent and nearby properties. Such a transition is preferable to the neighborhood than OI uses that could theoretically go up to 5 stories. Finally, there are other MR-2 zonings in the immediate vicinity with which this proposal is compatible. The synergy created between 20 new townhomes flanked by apartments and professional offices will promote a sense of community.

C. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

The Subject Property has been on the market with two different brokerage groups over the course of the past year with little or no interest as zoned. This may very well be because there are other adaptive reuse type of properties on the market and several vacant properties in the immediate vicinity. See photos of vacant hair salon at 1620 Lavista and vacant office suites for lease at 1610 Lavista. The Covid pandemic may have also contributed to a poor office market. The only prospective purchaser who put the property under contract for a day care use did not close as anticipated. Otherwise, all interest has been contingent upon rezoning. The conditions of zoning imposed pursuant to Z-81069 also have significant negative impact on the marketability of the Subject Property. The strict zoning condition on 1493 Lavista requiring that the aging (60-yearold plus) residence be maintained makes the Subject Property unmarketable as is. This coupled with the small size of these lots and the flat demand for adaptive office uses, Applicant submits, render the Subject Property without a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

D. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The proposed rezoning will not adversely affect adjacent or nearby property. It is significantly less dense than the Sloan Square Apartments and the sensitive design elements (i.e., inward facing units surrounding a greenspace/courtyard, a 6-foot privacy fence adjacent to residential properties, and densely planted transitional buffer)

incorporated into the proposed site plan will assure protection and privacy for adjacent and nearby residential properties. The proposed development will be aesthetically pleasing and have a positive impact on adjacent and nearby property.

E. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.

The Lavista-Lindbergh Corridor has experienced significant development and change over the course of the past 10 years, moving rapidly from an area epitomized by suburban type development to a changing urban mixed-use environment. The large amount of traffic along Lavista Road, much of it through traffic, along with the changing conditions subjects the Subject Property to development pressures and makes it an unlikely candidate for sustainable adaptive reuse office uses for which it is currently zoned. Property owners are incentivized in this climate to transition their land and uses to higher and better uses. See Blueprints comment on this in 2008, p. 43.

F. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.

Soapstone Ridge Historical District is southeast of the Subject Property, however, there are no known historic buildings, sites, or archaeological resources on or near the Subject Property.

G. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

The Subject Property is located fronting on a designated state route—Lavista Road (SR236)—a two-way, two-lane minor arterial that carries a high volume of traffic (between 20-28,000 per day) and serves cross jurisdictional traffic. It is on the Route 30 MARTA bus line, with bus stops at Bernadette Lane, approximately 100 feet from the Subject Property. While the DeKalb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan of 2014 noted a 5-25% decrease in AADT numbers between Briarcliff Road and the County line to the west, the intersection at Briarcliff Road and Lavista shows up as an area of concern for vehicle congestion. 20 townhome units will likely generate the same number of trips as the existing professional offices uses.

It was recognized in The Blueprints Lindbergh Lavista Corridor Study of 2008 when it noted that "there is a correlation between providing housing and employment in the study area. Vehicular traffic could be decreased as more people who live in the area also work in the area." p. 16. Moreover, redevelopment of the Subject Property would also result in the installation of sidewalks in front of these two lots, moving towards closing the gap in pedestrian access along this stretch of Lavista Road.

The Subject Property is within the Briar Vista Elementary School, the Druid Hills Middle School, and the Druid Hills Highschool zones. All these schools are currently under capacity and have plenty of room to absorb any students generated by the proposed townhome development. See numbers in chart provided. It is estimated that a maximum of one student per school would be added to each of the listed schools by the townhome development. There will be public sewer and water available for the Subject Property. As such, no excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools will be created by the proposed rezoning.

H. Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources.

The proposed townhome community will not have adverse impacts on the environment. The land comprising the Subject Property does not contain environmentally sensitive features such as streams, wetlands, steep slopes, or floodplain. Greenspace for residents will be provided by way of an interior grassed courtyard and every effort will be made to preserve mature trees in good condition. The transitional buffer will be heavily vegetated and be an improvement over the current tree population which is largely in poor condition. Further, all new construction will be in accordance with the green building standards required for Earthcraft certification.

III. PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Applicant respectfully submits that the current zoning classification, to the extent that it prohibits the use proposed, constitutes an arbitrary, irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because it bears no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harms the Property owners in violation of the due process and equal protection rights of the property owner guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the owner's private property without just compensation and without due process in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment and Pourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. Further, the failure to allow this use would constitute a taking of the owner's private property without just compensation and without due process in violation of the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section II, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Section III, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I and

Constitution of the State of Georgia.

Further, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Commissioners' failure to approve the requested zoning map amendment would be unconstitutional and would discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Property owner and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the zoning amendment at issue be approved. The Applicant also invites and welcomes any comments from Staff or other officials of County and community so that such recommendations or input might be incorporated as conditions of approval of this Application.

This 22nd day of December, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Property Name/Entity	Address	Zoning	Land Use	Ac	Units	Units/Ac	Yr Built	Gross SF	Net SF	Tax ID	Notes
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	2190 Briarcliff Road	MR2	NC	2.66	38	14.3	1964	31,124	27,073	18 109 02 005	Adjacent to RSM and R-85
	2178 Briarcliff Road	MR2	NC	2.32	32	13.8	1962	28,023	27,780	18 109 02 004	
inden Place THs	1286 Linden Ct, 30329	MR2	NC	1.53	26	17.0	2015	2,664	2,112	18 109 05 088	
Sloan Apartments	1555 Lavista Road, 30324	OI w/ cond	NC	6.40	197	30.8	1990	156,328	148,357	18 109 03 009	Next door to 1501
The Row Townhomes	1587 Lavista Road, 30324	MR2	NC	1.97	36	18.3				18 109 03 058	Unit count may be higher
The Atlantic	1921 Briarcliff Road, 30329	MR2	NC	15.77	214	13.6	1986	294,465	252,913	18 106 10 023	
Consodine Condominium	1618 Briarcliff Road	MR2	TN	2.81	44	15.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	18 057 11 001	Adjacent to R-75
	1691 Briarcliff Road	MR2	тс	2.01	24	11.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	18 057 14 025	
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	2075 Lavista Road	MR2	TC	24.90	338	13.6	1989	398,153	357,391	18 111 03 031	
Total / Average				75.44	1,168	15.5					

Note: Information based on DeKalb Tax Parcel Viewer GIS and DeKalb County Property tax information

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE-BAYLESS PROPERTIES



Clark Harrison Building 330 W. Ponce de Leon Ave Decatur, GA 30030

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In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions <u>must</u> be answered.

Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in campaign contribution to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filling of this application?

Yes_____No V *

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

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Notary

Signature of Applicant /Date

Check one: Owner_____Agent_____

Expiration Date/ Seal

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CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE-AMY SWICK FOR INHANCE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC



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CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE-SCOTT JACOBSON



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ELEVATIONS AND MATERIALS



EXTERIOR MATERIALS NARRATIVE

1493 and 1501 Lavista Road

EXTERIOR MATERIALS NARRATIVE:

Roof

sloped roof - 25 year asphalt shingle roof - color tbd

flat roof - TPO membrane (not visible)

Siding

All siding will be different versions of fiber cement panels and other styles. All fiber cement will be painted or prefinished.

Siding types are equivalent to:

- 1. Panel (4x8 sheet material) 4'x 8' max dimension with manufacturer's standard reveal joint.
- 2. Board and Batten fiber cement panel with vertical 1x2 strips at max 16" on center
- 3. Horizontal siding with max 8" exposure.

Windows

Composite through color window frames and sashes, color tbd

Doors

Swing and Patio doors - Composite (some with glass, some without) to match color of windows

Garage Doors - flush panel painted garage doors

Railings

Prefinished Aluminum or similar, color tbd







TREE SURVEY



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ARBORIST REPORT


1493-1501 Lavista Rd Tree Assessment

For: Amy Swick Inhance Construction Company LLC 6430 Scott Valley Rd Atlanta, GA 30328-2935

By: David Mitchell ISA Certified Arborist #SO-7535A Arborguard Tree Specialists, Inc. PO Box 477 Avondale Estates, GA 30002

December 14, 2021

Assignment

Survey, tag and record the following data per Dekalb County tree ordinance; all trees meeting the size criteria for overstory trees ≥ 18 " in Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), and understory trees ≥ 10 " DBH, for all trees located within and around the property site-wide. Identify each tree collected with a unique identifier (tree tag number) while recording the diameter, species, vitality, and other comments relative to condition. *Tag sequencing begins with #2001

Methods

Information for the following parameters was recorded for each tree and provided in the following survey.

Term	Description			
Tree No.	All trees were tagged on the side of the trunk with an aluminum tag, bearing a unique number to identify trees, at about 5 feet.			
DBH	Diameter of trunk in inches, measured at 4.5' feet above average soil level. Measurements were taken using a forestry diameter tape.			
Species	Listed as the North American common name.			
Condition	Good Tree has excellent vigor and is actively growing without any serious pathogenic problems. Tree exhibits a structural form that is safe and typical of the species.			
	Fair Tree is in moderate health, but may have a minor pathogenic problem. Some insects and disease could be present. Tree may have minor structural defects, but does not exhibit optimal form for the species in an urban environment. A tree in fair condition may not react favorably to site developments or additional stress.			
	Poor Tree's vigor is low to moderate. It may also have moderate to severe structural defects or a form that is undesirable for the species. Some trees in poor condition are not recoverable and could degrade into a state of advanced decline leading to death.			
	DeadTree is dead.			
	InvasiveTrees that are non-indigenous to the Atlanta area, Piedmont region.			
	Hazardous Tree with uncorrectable defects severe enough to pose present danger to people or buildings under normal conditions, as determined by a City Arborist or City Forester.			
Comments	Additional information regarding health and condition of the trees.			

Tree Assessment Data

TAG #	DBH	SPECIES	CONDITION	NOTES
2001	30	Lobiolly Pine	Poor	Few calloused basal wounds, large fusiform canker at approximately 15', asymmetrical canopy
2002	21	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Few calloused basal wounds, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2003	23	Water Oak	Fair	Slight lean, severe epicormic sprouts, pruned for overhead utility line clearance, asymmetrical canopy, previous main lead failure
2004	19	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Large fusiform canker at approximately 40', phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2005	37	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Few large fusiform cankers from root crown to approximately 6', few prune wounds, few large dead limbs, fails sounding test
2006	29	Loblolly Pine	Good	Few prune wounds, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2007	22	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Burl at approximately 3', asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2008	24	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Few prune wounds, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, thinning canopy
2009	25(est.)	Tulip Poplar	Fair	Boundary tree, heavy vine coverage, epicormic sprouts, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, tag on fence
2010	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs, thinning canopy
2011	24	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2012	20	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Fusiform canker at root crown, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs, thinning canopy
2013	22	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Sinuous upper canopy, few prune wounds, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, thinning canopy
2014	13	Black Cherry	Poor	Significant lean, weak stem union at approximately 4', significant vine coverage, multiple dead limbs
2015	25	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Large fusiform canker with decay from root crown to approximately 18', asymmetrical canopy, multiple dead limbs, fails sounding test
2016	23	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, thinning canopy
2017	22	Water Oak	Fair	Slight lean, co-dominant at approximately 25' with included bark, phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs

TAG #	DBH	SPECIES	CONDITION	NOTES
2018	24	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Significant vine coverage, few burls, phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, thinning canopy
2019	22	White Oak	Fair	Significant vine coverage, phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2020	27	Post Oak	Poor	Basal cavity at root crown, significant lean, epicormic sprouts, severe phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, fails sounding test
2021	20	Southern Red Oak	Poor	Slight lean, severe vine coverage, few vertical cracks in trunk, sinuous trunk, multiple dead limbs, signs of boring insect infestation, fails sounding test
2022	22	White Oak	Poor	Weak stem union at approximately 10' with small lead dead, asymmetrical canopy, multiple dead limbs
2023	25	Loblolly Pine	Dead	
2024	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, asymmetrical canopy, multiple dead limbs
2025	23	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, included wire, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2026	18(est.)	Elm	Poor	Weak stem union at approximately 10' with included bark, fused with adjacent tree, asymmetrical canopy, poor form
2027	28	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, thinning canopy
2028	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Burl at approximately 10 [°] , asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs, thinning canopy
2029	23	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Moderate lean, included wire, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2030	23	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2031	35	Water Oak	Fair	Slight lean, heavy vine coverage, epicormic sprouts, ingrown chain-linked fence, pruned for overhead utility line clearance, few large dead limbs
2032	24	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Slight lean, large fusiform canker at approximately 30', asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2033	24	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, multiple burls and prune wounds, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2034	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Heavy vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2035	16	Black Cherry	Poor	Co-dominant at approximately 12', severe epicormic sprouts, asymmetrical canopy, multiple dead limbs, few large dead limbs

TAG #	DBH	SPECIES	CONDITION	NOTES
2036	20	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, multiple dead limbs, thin canopy
2037	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Significant vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2038	24	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Heavy vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2039	18	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Sinuous upper canopy, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2040	24	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, sweep in trunk, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2041	18	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2042	20	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, phototropic lean, sinuous upper canopy, few dead limbs
2043	27	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2044	22	Loblolly Pine	Good	Significant vine coverage, few dead limbs
2045	26	Sweetgum	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, few calloused basal wounds, epicormic sprouts, few prune wounds, phototropic lean, few dead limbs
2045	33	Lobiolly Pine	Good	Heavy vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2047	19(est.)	Tulip Poplar	Fair	Boundary tree, slight lean, epicormic sprouts, sinuous upper canopy, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs, tag on fence
2048	24(est.)	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Boundary tree, slight lean, bow in trunk, asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs, tag on fence
2049	26	Loblolly Pine	Good	Heavy vine coverage, few dead limbs
2050	21	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2051	22	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2052	20	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, sweep in trunk, few dead limbs
2053	22	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Moderate lean, severe vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2054	21	Lobiolly Pine	Fair	Heavy vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs

TAG #	DBH	SPECIES	CONDITION	NOTES
2055	21	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, bow in upper canopy, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2056	20	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Moderate vine coverage, sinuous upper canopy, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2057	25	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2058	23	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Severe vine coverage, slight lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2059	20	Loblolly Pine	Poor	Large fusiform canker from root crown to approximately 4', asymmetrical canopy, few large dead limbs
2060	21	Pecan	Fair	Significant phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few limb failures, few dead limbs
2061	24	Lobiolly Pine	Poor	Slight lean, severe vine coverage, severe crook in upper canopy, basal wound in upper canopy, multiple dead limbs
2062	18	Loblolly Pine	Fair	Slight lean, significant vine coverage, sinuous upper canopy, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2063	28	Tulip Poplar	Fair	Epicormic sprouts, co-dominant at approximately 35', crook in upper canopy, few dead limbs, 1 large dead limb
2064	27	Pecan	Fair	Co-dominant at approximately 6' with leads fused, included chain-linked fence, few large dead limbs
2065	22	Water Oak	Fair	Slight lean, girdling root, weak stem union at approximately 18', epicormic sprouts, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2066	18	Ash	Fair	Tri-stem union at approximately 6' with weak stem union and severe included bark, significant vine coverage, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs
2067	25	Southern Magnolia	Fair	Few prune wounds, phototropic lean, asymmetrical canopy, few dead limbs

Summary

67 trees were tagged on this site:

- 04 trees are in Good condition
- 48 trees are in Fair condition
- 14 trees are in Poor condition
- 00 trees are Invasive
- 01 tree is Dead

IMAGES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY AND SURROUNDS









Jiffy Lube, 2138 Briarcliff Rd Corner of Lavista and Briarcliff

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Intersection of Lavista Rd with Kendron Lane on left, Vista Valley Dr on right

NAME OF COMPANY OF COMPANY OF COMPANY







Sloan Square Apts Secondary entrance across from Bernadette Lane

SCONTERION

Vacant lots across from subject properties 1500 and 1508 LaVista

















Four vacant lots for sale 1192 & 1204 Bernadette Lane 1508 & 1500 Lavista Rd





1501 LAVISTA-CURRENT CONDITIONS



1493 LAVISTA-CURRENT CONDITIONS



COMMUNITY PRE-APPLICATION MEETING MATERIALS

1493 / 1501 Lavista Road Community Meeting 12/15/2021 Attendees List

Leah Pate Hartman Michael Hartman Trevor Boylan Wendy Jacobson A.D. McNaghten Larry Hoskins Barbara Wiley Walt Siedentopf

Wright Gardner Amy Swick Dave Radlmann


COMMUNITY MEETING INVITATION

Please join us via Zoom on Wednesday, December 15th, for a virtual community meeting at 6:30pm to learn more about proposed redevelopment plans at 1493 and 1501 Lavista Road.

Join Zoom Meeting via

THIS LINK

OR

Meeting ID: 314 187 7509

Passcode: 076229

OR

Dial by phone

(301) 715 8592

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HOSTS:

Urban Eco

Inhance Development

Wright Gardner Architect

 Link for copy of community meeting video recorded meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SqT06W1TPXKUrUw8rNIKB_R0BEG-</u> <u>PR02IMxSe9YmW1IVDDoNg7Dm9KP9ZB7zZmIP.q3if_OYiRjEo5m5o</u> Passcode: 2AX^9VAZ

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Quality Grade	AVERAGE		2014 \$6,110.62	\$6,110.62 \$0.00	
Air Conditioning Fireplaces				Delinquent Taxes/	
Stories				Tax Sale Information	
Square Footage	1,684 Sq. Ft.		Tax Sale File Number		
Basement Area	0 Sq. Ft.		FiFa-GED Book/Page		
% Bsmt Finished	0 Sq. Ft.		Levy Date		
Bedrooms			Sale Date Delinguent Amount Due		
Bathrooms	11/11/2012		Demigdene Anioune Due		
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Additional Property Information					
- Property V	alue/Billing Assessment		-		
Taxable Year		2021			
Land Value		\$318,890			
Building Value		\$47,190			
Misc. Improvement Value		\$0			
Total Value		\$366,080			
40% Taxable Assessment		\$146,432			
Informat	ion as of 12/20/2021				
	formation on the data above, praisal Department at 404-371-24	471			

Please return to: NEEL & ROBINSON ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLC (NR ATTORNEYS) 5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30342 File No.: 12102553I



DEED BOOK 23467 Pg 133 Filed and Recorded:

Real Estate Transfer Tax \$300 00

2/21/2012 3:01:30 PM Debra DeBerry Clerk of Superior Court DeKalb County, Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON

WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 11th day of December, 2012, between

R. PEERY GRANT

as party or parties of the first part, hereinafter called Grantor, and

BAYLESS PROPERTIES, LLC

as party or parties of the second part, hereinafter called Grantee (the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include their respective heirs, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits).

WITNESSETH that: Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the said Grantee, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 108 of the 18th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, being Lot 2, Block E, Woodland Hills Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 55, DeKalb County, Georgia Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked by an iron pin on the southwesterly side of Lavista Road, 126.5 feet southeasterly following the curvature of Lavista Road from the intersection of the southwest side of Lavista Road and the northeast side of Shepherds Lane, if said streets were extended to form an angle instead of a curve; running thence south along the east side of Lot 3, 247.6 feet to an iron pin; thence southeasterly 109.9 feet to an iron pin; thence north 223.8 feet to an iron pin on the southwesterly side of Lavista Road; thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of Lavista Road 126.6 feet to the point of beginning; being improved property known as 1493 Lavista Road, according to the present system of numbering houses in Dekalb County, Georgia.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of land, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Grantee forever in FEE SIMPLE.

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, Grantor has hereunto set grantor's hand and seal this first day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

nu e. (Seal) R. PEERY GRAN

 \cap Witness Notary Public My Commission [Notary Seal] minnuss

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<u>Parcel ID</u> <u>Pin Number</u> <u>Property Address</u> Property Type Tax District	Property Identification 18 109 03 017 1044723 <u>1501 LAVISTA RD NE</u> Real Estate 04 - UNINCORPORATED		DeKalb (Year	Tax Information S	รับเทิกาสัญ	2021 0.04389 \$6,929.38 \$6,929.38 \$6,929.38 \$0.00
Jan. 1 st <u>Owner</u> <u>Co-Owner</u>	Owner Information Last Name, First Name JACOBSON SCOTT WAYNE		Total Tax Total Tax Total Tax				\$6,929.38 \$6,929.38 \$0.00
Current <u>Owner</u> <u>Co-Owner</u> Owner Address Care of Information	JACOBSON SCOTT WAYNE 1501 LAVISTA RD NE ATLANTA GA 30329-3412		First Pay Last Pay	yment Date yment Amount yment Date yment Amount	DeKalb County	Taxes	9/21/2021 \$3,464.69 11/1/2021 \$3,464.69
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Quality Grade	AVERAGE	2014 \$7,148.10	\$7,148.10 \$0.00	
Air Conditioning				
Fireplaces Stories			Delinquent Taxes/ Tax Sale Information	
Square Footage	1,658 Sq. Ft.	Tax Sale File Number	HEX DOLD THE HEADON	
Basement Area	1,243 Sq. Ft.	FiFa-GED Book/Page		
% Bsmt Finished	0 Sq. Ft.	Levy Date		
Bedrooms		Sale Date		
Bathrooms		Delinguent Amount Due		
Last Deed Date Last Deed Amount	6/11/1990 \$175,000.00			
Last Deed Amount	\$175,000.00			
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Additional Property Information				
Property V	alue/Billing Assessment			
Taxable Year	2021			
Land Value	\$333,600			
Building Value	\$57,000			
Misc. Improvement Value	\$0			
Total Value	\$390,600			
40% Taxable Assessment	\$156,240			
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For additional inf contact the Property App	ormation on the data above, praisal Department at 404-371-2471			

WARRANTY DEED

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DEKALB

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Wat CHATH THIS INDENTURE made and entered into this Uncleared of the second TEPURI JACOBSON. hereinafter called Grantor and Grantee respectively, states as follows: The Grantor in consideration of the sum of \$5,000.00 and other valuable consideration paid by the Grantee to the Grantor, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, remise, release and forever convey unto the Grantee and the heirs and assigns of the Grantee, all the right, title, interest, claim or demand which the Grantor has or may have had in and to the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND, situate, lying and being in Lot 109, of the 18th District. Dekalb County, Georgia and being particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point where Southwesterly side of LaVista Road intersects the West line of Land Land more the Lot 109, running thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly side of LaVista Now, running thence southeasterly along the Southwesterly side of Davista Road, 100 feet to a point; thence running Southerly 319 feet to a point on the South line of said Land Lot; running thence Westerly along the South line of said Land Lot Line 90 feet to a point, being the common corners of Land Lots 106, 109 108 and 109; running thence northerly along the West line of Land Lot 109, 349.1 feet to a point on the Southwesterly wide of Land Lot 109, 349.1 feet to a point on the Southwesterly side of LaVista Road and the point of beginning, being improved property known as 1501 LaVista Road, according to the present system of numbering houses in Dekalb County, Georgia, with all the rights, members and appurtenances to the said described premises in anywise appertaining or belonging thereto, in FEE SIMPLE and the 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. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described premises unto the said Grantee and the heirs and assigns of the Grantee, so that neither the Grantor nor the successors of the Grantor or any person claiming under the Grantor shall at any time claim or demand any right, title or interest to the aforesaid described premises or its appurtenances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed on the date and year first above written.

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RELEVANT MAPS -Tax Map of Subject Property -Zoning Map -Land Use Map









RELEVANT LAND USE POLICIES

Land Use Trends in DeKalb

This table shows the number and types of land use amendments that have occurred from 2007 through 2016. There were no land use amendments moving **from** or **to**, for the following character areas:

- Conservation/Greenspace
- Rural Residential
- Regional Center

All of the other character areas experience some sort of change. The character area experiencing the most development change were Suburban, Commercial Redevelopment Corridors, and Town Centers. The trend of development has leaned towards projects with more commercial and mixed-use.

CRCs Town Centers

Table 7.3: DeKalb County Land Use Amendments (2007-2016)

	Change To								TOTAL					
Change From	cos	RR	SUB	TN	NC	TC	RC	OP	LIND	IND	CRC	HC	INS	AMENDS FROM
Conservative / Opens Space (COS)														
Rural Residential (RR)														
Suburban (SUB)				1	3	8			1	1	5		1	20
Traditional Neighborhood (TN)						1								1
Neighborhood Center (NC)														
Town Center (TC)														
Regional Center (RC)														
Office Park (OP)						1								1
Light Industrial (LIND)								1						1
Industrial (IND)														
Commercial Redevelopment Corri- dor (CRC)			1											1
Highway Corridor (HC)									1					1
Institutional (INS)					1									1
TOTALS AMENDS TO			1	1	4	10		1	2	1	5		1	26

Table 7.4: Character Area / Land Use Summary

Character Area /	Density	Primary Uses	Permitted Zoning	Small Area Plans (SAP)
Land Use	Max (du/ac)			(Refer to study master plan and SAP poli- cies in this plan. Densities & building heights may vary)
Regional Center	Over 60, no max	Townhomes; Condominiums; Apartments; Retail and com- mercial; Office; Park & Rec; Institutional; Civic; Entertainment & Cultural; Health Care, Technology Centers	MU-5, MU-4, MU-3, MU-2, MR-1, MR-2, C-1, OI, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3	Kensington LCI
Town Center	Up to 60	Townhomes; Condominiums; Apartments; Retail and com- mercial; Office; Park & Rec; Institutional; Civic; Entertainment & Cultural; Health Care, Technology Centers	MU-5, MU-4, MU-3, MU-2, MU-1, MR- 1, MR-2, C-1, OI, HR-1, HR-2, RSM,	Candler Road LCI; Emory Village LCI; N. Druid Hills LCI; Wesley Chapel LCI, Medline LCI, Panola MALP
Neighborhood Center	Up to 24	Townhomes; Condominiums; Apartments; Retall and com- mercial; Office; Park & Rec; Institutional; Civic;	MU-3, MU-2, MU-1, MR-1, MR-2, NS, C-1, OI, NSRSM,	Portion of N. Druld Hills (Mason Mill Node)
Commercial Rede- velopment Corridor	18	Commercial and Retail; Office; Condominiums; Townhomes; Mixed Use; Apartments; Institutional	MU-3, MU-2, MU-1,, MR-1, MR-2, OI, OD, RSM	Covington and Belvedere MALP
Traditional Neigh- borhood	12	Traditional SF homes; Apartments; Assisted living; Neighbor- hood Retail; Schools; Institutional	MU-2, MU-1,, MR-1, C-1, OI, NS, RSM	None
Highway Corridor	30	Commercial and Retail; Office; Condominiums; Townhomes; Mixed Use; Apartments; Institutional	MU-2, MU-1,, MR-1, C-1, OI, NS, RSM	None
Suburban	Up to 8	SF detached; Townhomes; Assisted Living facilities; Neigh- borhood Retall; Schools; Librarles; Parks and Related; Health Care; Civic	MU-1,C-1, OI, NS, RSM, RE, RLG, R- 100, R-85, R-75, R-60, MHP, RNC	Hidden Hills
Rural Residential	Up to 4	Low-density single family detached; Agricultural related; Cul- tural & Historic; Institutional	NS, RE, RLG	None
Conservation / Open Space	N/A	Pessive parks; Nature trails; Flood plains, wetlands, water- sheds; Golf Courses; Athletic Fields, Amphitheaters	All zoning classifications	None
Light Industrial	Up to 120	Warehouse Distribution; Wholesale/Trade; Automotive; Enter- tainment;	OD, C-2, M-1, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3	None
Heavy Industrial	N/A	Manufacturing; Warehouse Distribution; Wholesale/Trade; Automotive; Entertainment;	OD, C-2, M and M-2	None

Chapter 7 - Land Use

Land Use Policies

The **basic premise** is to focus more intense development at the Activity Centers/Nodes. This basic premise will help to protect existing neighborhoods from incompatible land uses. The intent of the 2035 plan is not to allow intense development throughout the designated node, but to provide consideration of the allowable densities/intensities. Listed below are the guiding principles for development.

- A. Locational Criteria The most intense development shall occur in the center of the node or at the major intersections within the defined area. Higher density residential is encouraged within the defined area (stand alone or as a vertical mixed use development). Office uses are encouraged within the node but can also be used as a buffer/transition between existing commercial uses and residential uses. Density shall be increased to support urban lifestyles within mixed uses. Bonuses shall be granted for workforce and senior housing.
- B. Land Use Compatibility Development intensity shall transition from the most dense toward the edge/periphery of the activity center. Smaller scale professional services and residential developments may serve as transitions to existing neighborhoods. Staggered heights, greater setbacks, increased screening/buffers can help mitigate compatibility issues.
- C. **Neighborhood Compatibility** Commercial and office uses that would have a negative or blighting influence on adjacent residential neighborhoods or individual residence shall not be permitted.
- D. Services/Facilities Proposed developments shall not degrade the level of service on roadways, capacity of water/sewer, or cause drainage problems. The developer must provide evidence to the contrary that is acceptable to staff, make on or off site improvements, and/or provide funding to mitigate impact on public facilities and services. All new development will be subject to review of its proposed impact on existing services and infrastructure. Developers will be required to submit additional plans, which will mitigate any negative impacts.
- E. Environmental The proposed development shall be allowed only in areas where it can be demonstrated that environmental damage

will not occur and mitigation measures must be approved by EPD and local stream buffer standards.

- F: Policies The policies and strategies will be used to make recommendations for zoning and land use decisions.
- G. Mandatory Pre-Application meeting shall occur prior to zoning and land use application submittal to guide the applicant with development standards and maintaining an acceptable quality of life.

Policies

- 1. **Infill** Identify and encourage the development of priority areas for new infill or redevelopment.
- 2. **Mixed Use** Create compact mixed use districts and reduce automobile dependency and travel to obtain basic services.
- 3. **Density** Allow increased density to encourage urban lifestyles that support mixed use in activity centers.
- 4. **Existing Residential** Ensure that new development and redevelopment is compatible with existing residential areas.
- 5. Parking Decrease the amount of land used for surface parking.
- 6. **Corridor Aesthetics -** Improve the aesthetic appearance of developments along major corridors.
- Contextual Design Support context sensitive design as a way to mitigate the impact of new development at higher densities and intensities.
- 8. Land Development Enforce the Land Development Chapter (14) of the County Code to improve development within the County.
- 9. **Zoning** (Commercial) Strictly regulate existing nonconforming commercial uses that are not recognized by the Future Development Map.
- 10. **Development Standards** Provide standards of development for retail, office and neighborhood-serving commercial uses to protect the appeal and character of neighborhoods.
- 11. **Transportation** Encourage development within and near principal transportation corridors and activity centers.
- 12. **Clustering** Encourage the clustering of neighborhood and community shopping and office facilities in nodes with defined boundaries which are convenient to population concentrations and major transportation facilities.
- 13. **TOD** Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in appropriate locations.

Chapter 7 - Land Use

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DeKalb Plan 2035

Neighborhood Center (NC)

The intent of the Neighborhood Center Character Area is to identify areas that can serve the local neighborhood's needs for goods and services. These areas shall complement the character of neighborhoods and the location of the commercial areas shall reduce automobile travel, promote walkability and increased transit usage. These areas consist of a neighborhood focal point with a concentration of activities such as general retail, neighborhood commercial, professional office, higher-density housing, and appropriate public and open space uses that are easily accessible by pedestrians. The proposed density for areas of this type is up to 24 dwelling units per acre.

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Higher densi	ty housing oriented towards the street.

Neighborhood Center Character Areas

- Oak Grove
- Penmeter College/DeKalb Tech
- Village Square/Value Mall
- Hairston Road & Central Drive
- Panola & Rockbridge Roads
- Deshon and Rockbridge Roads
- Covington Hwy & Hairston Road
- Covington Hwy & Panola Road
- Covington & DeKalb Medical Way
- Flat Shoals Pkwy & Wesley
 Chapel
- Road

RSM

- Eastlake Village
- Browns Mill and Klondike Roads
- Redan and Hairston Roads
- Salem and Panola Roads



Neighborhood scale retail.

- HairstMemorial and Wilkinson Drives
- Flat Shoals & Clifton Springs
- on & Rockbridge Roads

Planned Neighborhood Center Character Areas (Small Area Plans)

- LaVista Road and Briarcliff Road
- Emory Village LCI
- Bouldercrest & I-285 (SDAT)
- Panola & Redan Roads (GHH)
- Panola & Young Roads (GHH)
- Mason Mill Node (N Druid Hills LCI)

Note

GHH - Greater Hidden Hills SDAT - Sustainable Design Architecture Team

Primary Land Uses	Zoning
Townhomes	• MU-5
Condominiums	• MU-4
Apartments	• MU-3
Health Care Facilities	• MU-2
Retail and Commercial	• MR-1
• Office	• MR-2
Institutional Uses	• C-1
Entertainment and Cultural Facilities	• 01
Park and Recreational Facilities	• HR-1
Public and Civic Facilities	• HR-2

Chapter 7 - Land Use

Preferred Intensity								
Intermediate Ring - Up to 12 du/ac Max Height - 2 Stories								
Core Density - Up to 24 du/ac Max Height - 3 Stories								
Outer Ring - Up to 8 du/ac Max Height - 1 - 2 stories								

This is a guideline policy to protect single family housing which is supported by the new zoning code



Design Guidelines

- Setbacks Greater setbacks shall be required when adjacent to lower density residential uses and transitional buffers shall be required.
- 2. Buffers Development shall incorporate enhanced buffers in an effort to protect single family heighborhoods.
- Heights Proposed development shall consider and implement staggered heights when adjacent to single family residential neighborhoods.

DeKalb Plan 2035



Public gathering area/ open space-public realm.



DeKalb Plan 2035

Neighborhood Center Character Area Policies

Premise - These policies are primarily applicable to activity centers that do not have adopted studies. Studies that are adopted for Neighborhood Centers are referred to as Small Area Plans (SAP), and they provide more detailed guidelines and recommendations for land use. Zoning. development, transportation, housing, economic development, and green space. If there are conflicts between SAP and Town Center policies, SAP policies shall take precedence.

- Protect Single Family Neighborhoods Preserve and enhance the integrity and quality of existing residential neighborhoods.
- 2 Maximum Density—Encourage the maximum density of residential in mixed use projects not to exceed 24 dwelling units per acre, with the most intense development located towards the commercial and/or office core of the Neighborhood Center. Properties located along the outer edges of the Neighborhood Center shall be sensitive to the building height and density of adjacent single family residential. (*Refer to Figure* 7.3, page 60)
- 3. Retrofitting Foster retrofitting for conformity with traditional neighborhood principles.
- Pedestrian Scale Development Create pedestrian scale communities that focus on the relationship between the street, buildings, streetscaping and people
- Mixed Use Development Create compact mixed use districts and reduce automobile dependency and travel to obtain basic services.
- Transitional Buffers Require greater setbacks and/or transitional buffers for developments when located adjacent to lower density residential uses.
- Enhanced Buffers Require the incorporation of enhanced buffers in efforts to protect single family neighborhoods.
- Staggered Heights Require the consideration of staggered height implementation when developments are adjacent to single family residential neighborhoods.
- Streetscaping Improve street character with consistent signage, lighting, landscaping and other design features.
- 10 Pocket Parks Create focal points through the use of existing pocket parks and squares for community activities.
- 11 Cultural Diversity Promote activities to highlight historic and cultural assets in the community and provide opportunities for community interaction.

- 12. Infill Development Utilize vacant properties in the neighborhood as an opportunity for infill development of compatible structures.
- 13 **Parking** Clearly define road edges by locating buildings near the roadside with parking in the rear.
- 14. Open Space and linkages Encourage development and redevelopment in activity centers provide open space and/or contribute to the public realm with wider public sidewalks, pedestrian linkages and other design features.
- 15. Healthy Neighborhoods Promote healthy living in neighborhoods by incorporating a pedestrian environment that encourages socialization, walking, biking and connectivity. Implement the recommendations of the Master Active Living Plans (MALPs).
- 16 High Density Residential Residential development shall reinforce the center by locating higher density housing options adjacent to the center. Housing in Regional Centers shall be targeted to a broad range of income levels.
- 17 Pedestrian Enhancements Create pedestrian-triendly environment, by adding sidewalks that link neighborhood amenities.
- Traffic Calming Organize circulation patterns through traffic calming techniques and access management. Add traffic calming improvements, sidewalks, and increased street interconnections to increase safety and improve walkability.
- 19. Pedestrian Oriented Design Design shall be pedestrian-oriented with walkable connections between different uses.
- VMT Promote new and redevelopment at or near activity centers as a means of reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- 21. High Density Development Each center shall include a very highdensity mix of retail, office, services, and employment opportunities to serve several neighborhoods.
- 22. Preferred Uses Each Neighborhood Center shall include a mediumhigh density mix of retail, office, services, and employment to serve neighborhoods:
- 23. Small Area Plans (SAPs) Implement appropriate sub-policies (pages 85-114 in this chapter) and development guidelines in Neighborhood Centers that have Small Area Plans, which provide more guidance to the development of mixed use and transition down to single family residential. Neighborhood Centers with SAPs include: Emory Village LCI, Bouldercrest & I-285 SDAT, Greater Hidden Hills, and Mason Mill Node of the N. Druid Hills LCI Plan.



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Figure 1.0a: Lindbergh LaVista Corridor Coalition Study Area

2.1.2 DEMOGRAPHICS AND HOUSING

This section looks at demographics to determine whom historically and currently lives in the LLCC study area and for whom this *Blueprints* report is being done. Through the scope of housing, the availability of affordable housing can be determined as well as the location of single and multi-family housing.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following demographic data was collected using 2000 Census data and estimated 2007 Claritas projection sources. Refer to the appendix for complimentary graphs and charts.

The study area as a whole is well educated. Over 50% of the population over the age of 25 has a bachelor's degree or higher while only 10% of the population does not have a high school diploma.

The age of residents in the study area fall predominately between 25 and 54, with the 25-34 age cohort yielding the largest percentage. Only one of ten residents in the study area is under the age of 17. This suggests that the study area is predominately young to middle aged individuals, with a notable proportion of families with children. Because a significant proportion of the population, 25%, is 45-64 years old, it is important to begin preparing for that aging population's changing needs.

The study area has 1,041 businesses and provides 13,360 jobs in the area, although the data does not indicate what percentage of those jobs are held by residents in the study area. A majority of the jobs in the area are in the professional, science and technology industry (19%) followed by retail (14%) and accommodation and food services (11%).

Overall, the employment data suggests that there are a substantial number of jobs in the area for the population. In addition, the number and variety of establishments in the study area provide a mix of services to serve the current population. As the projected demographic shift shows an increase in multi-family housing, some of the establishments in the area may move or change in nature in order to accommodate the changing demographics.

HOUSING

The study area is predominantly single family in nature, as shown in Figures 2.1c and 2.1d. There are pockets of multi-family housing, particularly near the major nodes of Cheshire Bridge Road/LaVista Road/Lindbergh Drive, LaVista Road/Briarcliff Road, and North Druid Hills Road/Briarcliff Road.

There is a correlation between providing housing and employment in the study area. Vehicular traffic could be decreased as more people who live in the area also work in the area. Alternative modes of transportation and shorter travel times can lead to less traffic congestion in the community.

Community nodes are important because successful nodes are centers of economic vitality. They serve as focal points of culture, entertainment, leisure, work, and transportation for their surrounding neighborhoods. While the mix of uses at nodes varies widely. successful nodes and neighborhood centers tend to offer a base including a mix of land uses, a density and mix of housing options, pedestrian friendly environments, and a range of transportation options. A mix of these aspects, combined in a dense, walkable, well-connected environment are what allow centers. and nodes to become vibrant focal points of the community as well as points where investments in infrastructure can be maximized to a higher benefit than with less concentrated development. Concentrating future residential density at nodes allows for these infrastructure investments to be maximized while also helping to protect existing neighborhoods. Figures 3.1b and 3.1c illustrate components and benefits of a successful node.



Figure 3.1b



Figure 3.1c: Components and benefits of a successful neighborhood node.

3.1.1 FULL RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOURCES

The table below fully summarizes the recommendations for the LLCC study area nodes, as well as provides direction to resources and additional information pertaining to each recommendation. The table is categorized into the following sections: Comprehensive Community Vision, Housing and Services, Local Business Improvements and Urban Design Standards. Following the recommendation table, is a detailed discussion of each recommendation. changes that have a high likelihood of occurring. Thinking about and planning for these changes is essential for the long-term success of the LLCC study area as a thriving community. The LLCC community should begin formulating a long term development plan based on a community vision and an ongoing collaboration among community members, businesses, and government representatives. This plan should outline what the community aims to achieve as it develops, within the next few years and as long as 10 to 15 years into the future. Providing this roadmap for development will help frame what types of projects developers consider in the area and help influence government policy affecting the community. Simply having a plan can have a dramatic affect on the amount, type, and location of development that occurs in a community. This plan will have to be revisited and updated periodically as the area evolves over time, as market circumstances change, and as the priorities of the community change.

It is important for the LLCC community to keep in mind that areas which currently hold the potential for positive change will not stay static. The current economic recession will likely depress new investment for some indefinite period of time, but once this cycle is over the LLCC study area will again experience development pressure. This development pressure could easily start altering the landscape of the LLCC study area and eliminate valuable opportunities that could be used to achieve the community's vision, or worse, could begin changing the character of the neighborhood in a negative way.

The Cheshire Bridge Road corridor holds huge opportunity for change and redevelopment within the study area. Cheshire Bridge Road sees a large amount of through-traffic, an asset that can be used to the advantage of the LLCC community. This section of the LLCC community is currently not particularly attractive; it is not pedestrian friendly, development is very haphazard, and commercial businesses are very self-contained with their own parking lots. Despite these conditions, the area is highly visible, so that change will be clearly apparent to the vehicular traffic moving through the corridor every day. Refer to the appendix for particular solutions to the Cheshire Bridge node.

The Briarcliff Road and LaVista Road intersection, Faulkner Road, and Zonolite Road all contain uses that will be redeveloped as real estate prices increase. The metro Atlanta area is transitioning away from explosive growth in the suburbs to a pattern of growth closer to downtown and inner suburban neighborhoods. This trend will incentivize property owners to transition their buildings and land to accommodate higher and better uses. The LLCC community can play an instrumental role in engaging these property owners and potential developers to share the community vision with them and attempt to have community goals included in decisions that are commonly weighed using purely economic, and often short-term, calculations. Many Atlanta area developers are interested in cooperating with the communities where they work, but cooperation also requires organization and engagement from the community. These facts and trends illustrate how essential it is for the LLCC community to think about how the area will change in the near future and begin planning now how to positively harness those changes.

SHORT TERM

Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Application

The Atlanta Regional Commission's LCI program is currently being re-evaluated. Should the ARC continue with the program and assuming criteria remain the same, the LLCC community should

1981 REZONING MINUTES FOR 1493 LAVISTA ROAD (Z-81069)

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which, due to development standards, would probably be reduced to a 65% X 700' configuration. Third, the bulk of the tract is extremely rough consisting of extremely steep topo with grades in some areas of 50% or greater. If rezoning is considered, it should be to a low density category based on a plan which identifies building and drive locations, areas to be graded and filled plus engineering data to support storm water retention capabilities.

NOTE: An amendment has been submitted (5-12-81) which includes a size plan. This information is attached. The plan is being reviewed by the Traffic Engineer Dualnage Engineer and Fire Marshall for impact on traffic generation, drainage detention and fire protection. Staff will supply this information to the Board when it is received.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Dental.

DECISION

MOTION made by Commissioner Moon, seconded by

Compissioner Manning, to deny the application,

passed 6-0-1.

Abstained: Commissioner Patterson.

25. Z-81069

Commissioner District 2

- A) 5230
- B) Zoning
 Andrew &
 Betsy
 Williamson

C) LaVista Rd., Shepherds Lane Application of Andrew and Betsy Williamson, Jr. to rezone property located on the south side of LaVista Road, 127' southeast of Shepherds Lane, from R-75 to OI. The property has frontage of 126' and contains .7 acre.

Opposition: None.

Mr. Charles Coleman stated the applicant had submitted a plan showing places for nine parking places in front.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approval with conditions. The trend for OI zoning has been established along the south side of LaVista Road east of Shepherds Lane. In order to reduce impact of rezoning on area residential properties, staff recommends incorporation of the following conditions:

- 1. Use is limited to business and professional offices in the existing structure.
- Structure shall be maintained with a residential facade.
- Parking shall be maintained in the front yard with a maximum of five spaces.
- 4. Parking shall be paved.
- 5. Signs shall not be lighted.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Approval as recommended by the Planning Department.

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Zoning Hearing - Main Auditorium - 7:30 P.M. Con't:

 Application of Andrew and Betsy Williamson, Jr. Con't;

DECISION;

MOTION was made by Commissioner Manning, seconded by Commissioner Moon, and unanimously passed, to approve the application as recommended by the Planning Department based on the parking plan for nine spaces.

26. CZ-81057

Commissioner District 2

Application of Briarcliff Baptist Church to rezone property located on the south side of Briarcliff Road, 183' west of Clairmont Road, from R-85 and C-I to OI (conditional). The property has frontage of 232' and contains 5.7 acres. The proposed use is a retirement community complex based on site and architectural plans.

PLANNING REPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approval of OI with conditions: The property is adjoined by commercial, multifamily and institutional uses. The proposed density is consistent with other elderly housing in the area. Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Maximum of 200 units.

Opposition: None.

- Minimum of 219 parking spaces to include at least 189 on the development and at least 30 on the adjacent church property required.
- 3. Allow variances to perhit fire lanes in buffer.
- Maximum of one curb cut, location to be approved by Traffic Engineer.
- 5. Walve required buffers along property lines adjoining Church.
- 6. Development is consistent with the submitted concept plan and renderings.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Approval as recommended by the Planning Department.

DECISION:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Levetan, seconded by

Commissioner Williams, and unanimously passed, to

approve the application as recommended by the Plan-

ning Department, and conditioned on the site plan.

B) Zoning
 Briarcliff
 Baptist
 Church
 C) Briarcliff

A) 5230

Rd., Clairmont Rd.

Z. A. NUMBER:	G Z-81069 MAP REI	F. NUMBER:	18-108-7-1	æ fi
LOCATION:	south side of LaVista H	Rd., 127' S	SE of Shepherds Lane	
USAGE :	from R-75 to OI			
APPLICANT(S):	Andrew Williamson, Jr.	& Betsy Wi	lliamson	
	ACTION BY PLANNING CO	OMMISSION		
DATE:	5/12/81	ACTION:	Approval per staff	
DATE :		ACTION:	2	
	ACTION BY BOARD OF COM	MISSIONERS		
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY

School Name	Enrollment	Capacity
Briar Vista Elementary School	382	528
Druid Hills Middle School	940	1,170
Druid Hills High School	1,339	1,395