

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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

Applicant Name: Aishah Bajunaid \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ [REDACTED]

Applicant Mailing Address: 180 Sherman, #111, [REDACTED] GA 30003 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone Number: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: Sepedeh Nabavi \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one owner, attach list of owners.)

Owner Email Address: [REDACTED]

Owner Mailing Address: 1260 Old Dixie Rd, [REDACTED] GA 30033 \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Subject Property Address: 2111 Poplar Falls, Lithonia, GA \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel ID Number(s): 16418702008 16 187 02008

Acreage: 8.229 Commission District(s): District 5 Dekalb County Super District: District 7

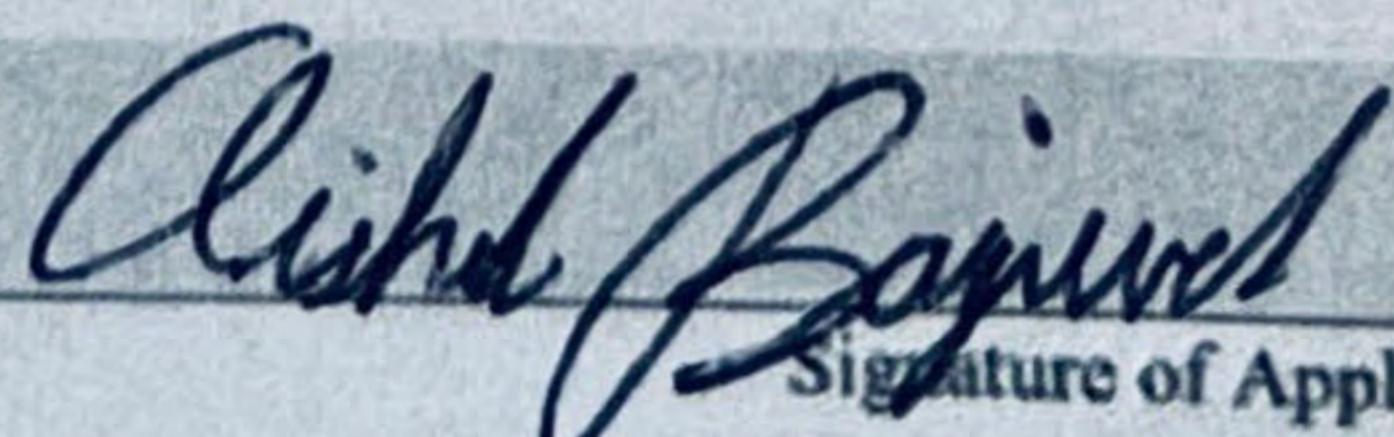
Existing Zoning District(s): R-85 Proposed Zoning District(s): OI ( office institutional)

Existing Land Use Designation(s): Residential Proposed Land Use Designation(s): Senior Housing

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

Owner: Aishah Bajunaid \_\_\_\_\_

Agent: n/a

  
Aishah Bajunaid

Signature of Applicant:

# **Subject: Thank You for Attending - 2111 Poplar Falls Community Meeting Follow-Up**

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who attended our October 6 meeting about 2111 Poplar Falls. We appreciate all who took time from their evening to learn about our proposal.

## ***Meeting Materials:***

- Presentation slides (attached)

**What We Heard:** The primary concern raised was about existing infrastructure — particularly road conditions on Poplar Falls. We share this concern and will be documenting these issues in our conversations with DeKalb County. The development of this property (whether as senior living OR as single-family homes) may help serve as a catalyst for the County to finally address these longstanding infrastructure needs.

**Important Context:** This 8.2-acre property will be developed. As owners, we're working to ensure it's developed thoughtfully. We have two paths:

### **1. Current Proposal: Senior Living with Special Land Use Permit**

- 60–70% less traffic than residential alternative
- Restricted to 3 stories, 60–80 beds
- Preserves natural features with large buffers

### **2. By-Right Alternative: Sell as-is for R85 Residential Development**

- 30–40 single-family homes
- Significantly higher traffic (120+ daily trips vs. 40–50)
- Multiple construction phases over several years
- Additional burden on schools and infrastructure

## ***Next Steps:***

- Planning Commission meeting date will be confirmed after we file (December 8, 9, 10, 16, or 17)
- We'll advocate for infrastructure improvements as part of any development discussion
- We remain open to dialogue, [morningbreeze17@yahoo.com](mailto:morningbreeze17@yahoo.com)

We recognize change is difficult, but we're committed to ensuring this inevitable development happens in the most community-friendly way possible.

Best regards,  
Nadia, Rahman, and Nassim Nabavi

# **Letter of Application**

## **Rezoning and Special Land Use Permit Request**

**Property Address:** 2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

**Current Zoning:** R-85 (Residential Medium Lot)

**Proposed Zoning:** RSM (Residential Senior Medium) with Special Land Use Permit

**Property Size:** 8.229 acres

**Applicants / Owners:** Aishah Bajunaid & Nadia Nabavi

### **a) Proposed Zoning Classification**

The applicants seek to rezone the above-referenced 8.229-acre parcel from R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) to RSM (Residential Senior Medium) with a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow development of a senior living community providing assisted living and/or memory care services.

### **b) Reason for the Rezoning and SLUP Request**

The purpose of this rezoning is to position the property for thoughtful development that serves DeKalb County's aging population while preserving the site's natural character. Under current R-85 zoning, by-right residential development could yield approximately 30–40 single-family homes, increasing traffic and school enrollment.

In contrast, development under the RSM (Residential Senior Medium) zoning classification allows for a senior living use that generates significantly less daily traffic, creates no impact on local schools, preserves substantial green space, and provides a stable long-term community use aligned with county planning objectives for aging-in-place housing.

### **c) Existing and Proposed Use of the Property**

**Existing Use:** Undeveloped wooded parcel with existing pond and stream buffers.

**Proposed Use:** Development of a 60–80-bed assisted living and/or memory care community, including associated support spaces such as dining, therapy, administration, and outdoor amenities. The facility will be developed and operated by a qualified senior living provider following sale of the land by the current owners.

### **d) Detailed Characteristics of the Proposed Use**

Facility Size	60–80 licensed beds for assisted living and/or memory care
Building Height	Maximum of 3 stories (approximately 40 feet)
Building Placement	Minimum 100 feet from all property lines; outside all state waters and stream buffers
Floor Area	Approximately 55,000–65,000 square feet
Parking	Approximately 50–60 surface parking spaces; no parking deck
Site Access	Single entrance on Poplar Falls Road; subject to traffic study and county review
Green Space / Preservation	Minimum 75% preserved as natural area; pond and creek buffers protected
Hours of Operation	24 hours per day with staggered staff shifts
Employees	Approximately 35–45 full- and part-time positions
Residents	Older adults requiring assisted living and/or memory care support
Noise / Traffic	Low-intensity use; limited ambulance activity (1–2 calls per month estimated)

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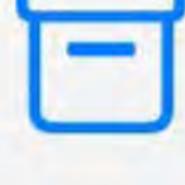
## **Notice of Community Meeting – Rezoning Application for 2111 Poplar Falls Road**

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to inform you that a community meeting will be held regarding my rezoning application for 2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA 30058.

Attached you will find the official notice of filing and a summary of the rezoning request. Please let me know if you have any questions in advance of the meeting.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our community. I look forward to the opportunity to share more and hear your input.



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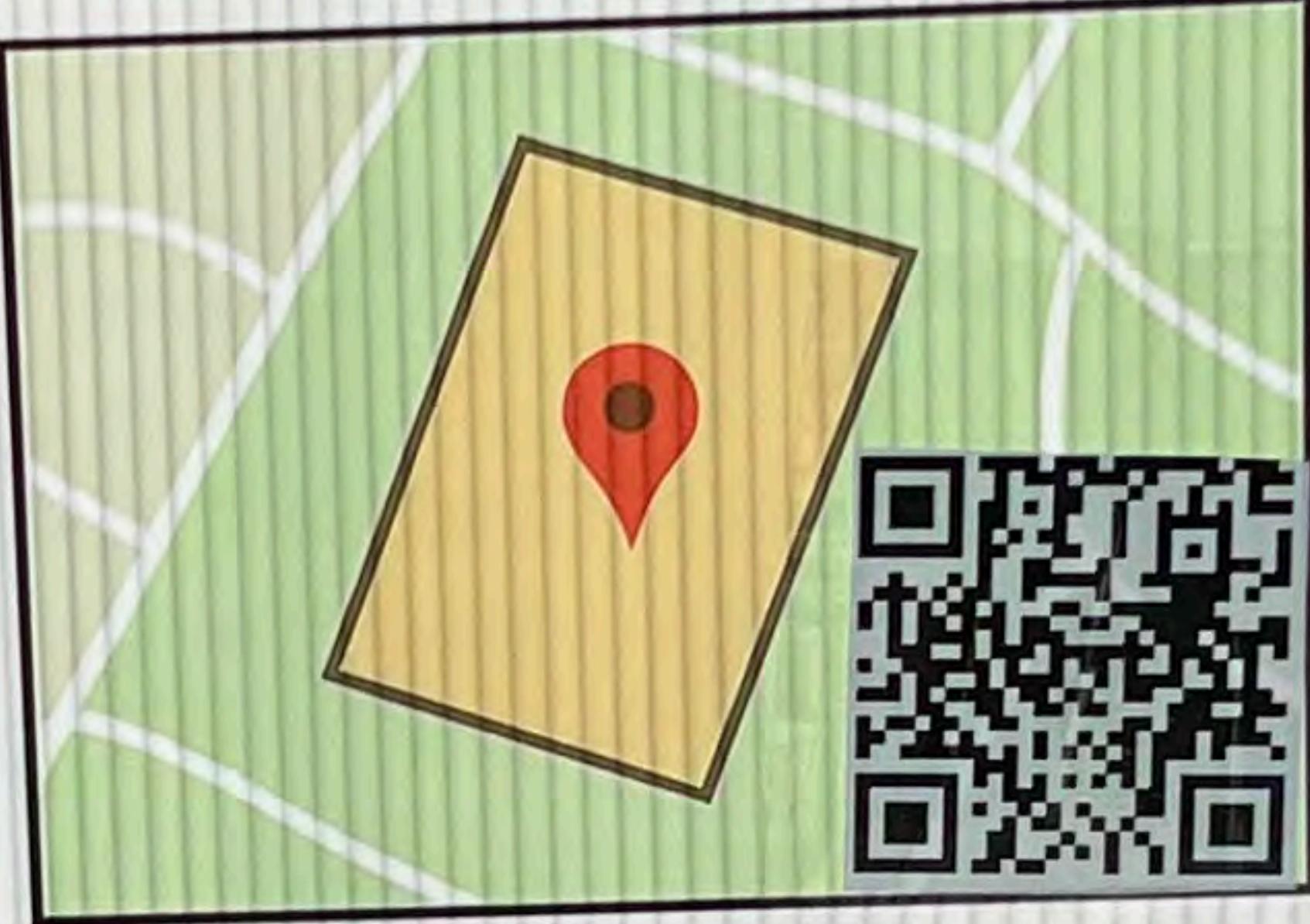


# PUBLIC NOTICE REZONING REQUEST

**Subject Property:**

2111 Poplar Falls Rd  
Lithonia, GA

Parcel ID: 16 1187 02 008



**Current Zoning:**

R-4 (Single-Family  
Residential)

**Proposed Zoning:** Rezoned to allow a  
Personal Care Home / Assisted Living Facility

**Purpose of Rezoning:** To permit the establishment  
of an assisted living facility (personal care home)  
serving seniors in a residential setting.

Such facilities in DeKalb County generally require a  
Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to accommodate  
more than six residents, and rezoning is typically  
necessary for uses exceeding that scale.

## COMMUNITY MEETING INVITATION

Date: October 6 Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Location: <sup>Google Meet:</sup> +1 929-236-4013 PIN: 316414603-0000

For more information, please contact  
470-779-9959

# Impact Analysis

2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA 30058  
Rezoning from R-100 to MR-1 with SLUP for Assisted Living  
8.229 acres

As required by Article 7.3.4 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, this Impact Analysis addresses the following eight standards and factors regarding the proposed rezoning and use.

## 1. Suitability of Use

The proposed assisted- and independent-living community is suitable given surrounding residential land uses. Its scale and design resemble a large home or campus rather than an institutional facility, providing a logical transition between single-family homes and larger community uses along Covington Highway.

## 2. Adverse Effects

The project will not adversely affect adjacent properties. The single-story design, preserved stream buffer, and landscaping will protect privacy and maintain neighborhood character. Noise, lighting, and traffic will remain below typical residential thresholds.

## 3. Impact on Streets, Utilities, and Schools

The proposed use generates fewer daily trips than a comparable single-family subdivision and will have negligible school impact because it houses no school-age residents. Existing water, sewer, and power infrastructure can serve the site without extension or upgrade.

## 4. Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

The request supports DeKalb County's Comprehensive Plan policies for aging in place, diversified housing, and community-based healthcare. It advances County objectives for balanced growth within existing service areas.

## 5. Environmental Impacts

Development will respect the existing pond and 75-foot stream buffer. Approximately half of the parcel will remain open space. Stormwater facilities will meet County water-quality and detention standards. No wetlands or critical habitats will be disturbed.

## 6. Inter-Jurisdictional Impacts

The property lies entirely within DeKalb County and is not near a city or county boundary. No adjoining governmental jurisdiction will be affected.

## 7. Existing or Changing Conditions

The surrounding area is transitioning from large-lot residential to moderately denser senior-friendly and community uses. The project responds to regional demand for senior housing and healthcare access while

preserving the neighborhood's residential tone.

## **8. Historic or Archaeological Resources**

No historic structures or archaeological resources exist on or adjacent to the property. Construction will comply with any applicable state or federal preservation requirements if such resources are discovered.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

Date: 10-20-25

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I/WE: Aishah Bojunaid and Nadia Nabavi  
Name of Owner(s)

being owner(s) of the subject property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to:

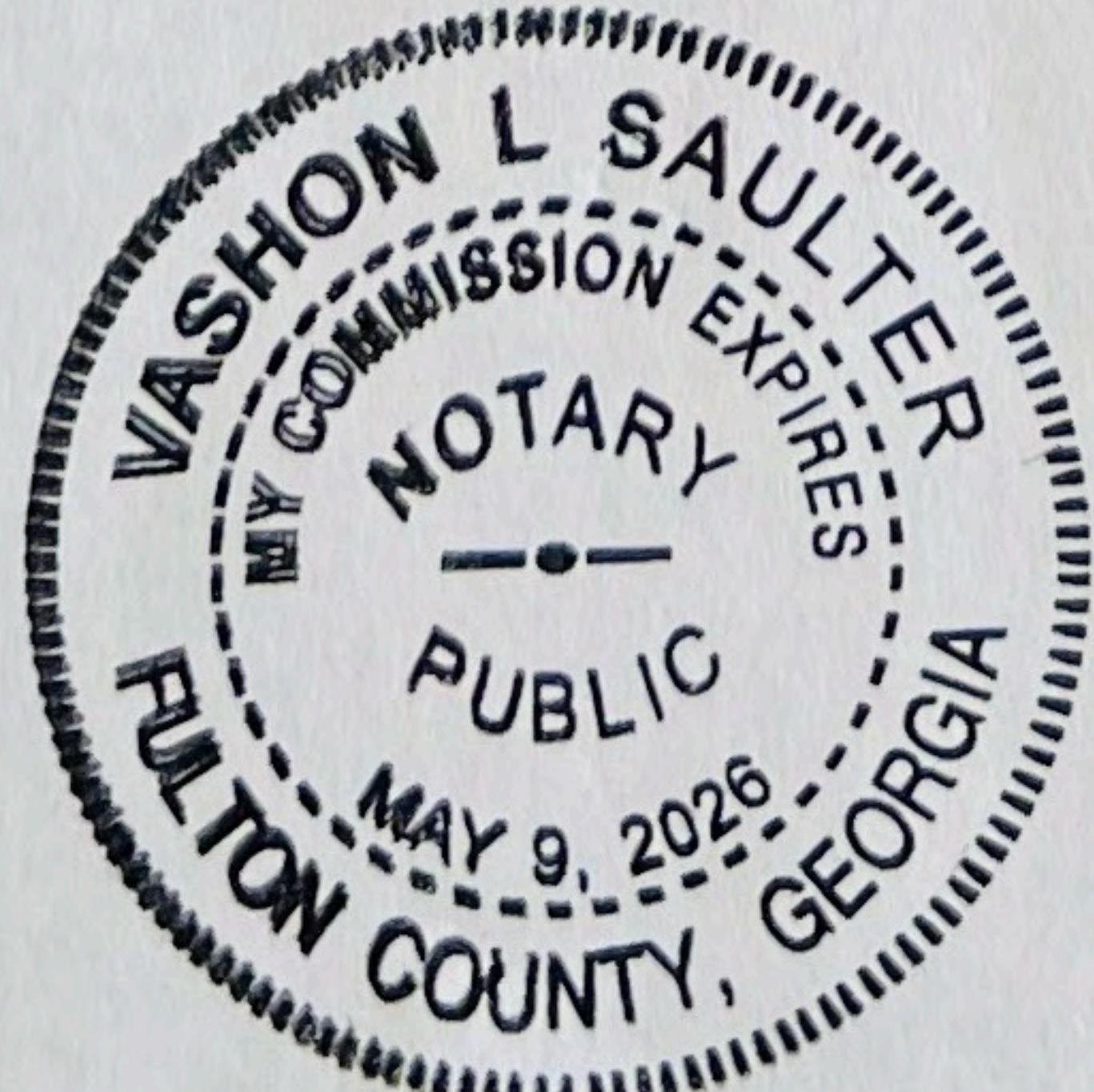
Rahman Nabavi

Rahman Nabavi  
Name of Agent or Representative

to file an application on my/our behalf.

R. J. S.  
Notary Public

Aishah Bojunaid  
Owner





## DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must 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:  \*

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

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

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

Notary

 10/18/25  
Signature of Applicant / Date

Check one: Owner  Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date/ Seal

\*Notary seal not needed if answer is "No".



# Rezoning Site Plan Package – 2111 Poplar Falls Road

## Site Plan Narrative

Property: 2111 Poplar Falls Road, DeKalb County, GA 30058

Parcel ID: 16 187 07 008

Acreage: 8.229 acres

District/Land Lots: Land Lots 186 & 187, 16th District

Current Zoning: R-85 (Residential Medium Lot-85)

Proposed Zoning: MR-1 (Medium Density Residential) with Special Land Use Permit for Assisted Living Facility

Applicant: Sepedeh Nabavi

Owner of Record: Aishah Bajunaid (DB 30743, PG 84)

Surveyor: Ryan F. Snyder, RLS #3582 — Red Clay Land Surveying

Date of Field Survey: May 29, 2025

**Overview:** The proposed development converts an existing 8.229-acre undeveloped parcel along Poplar Falls Road into a senior living campus featuring an assisted-living facility with supporting amenities and preserved natural areas. The project aligns with MR-1 standards and Article 7.3 compatibility criteria.

**Existing Conditions:** The site fronts Poplar Falls Road and is currently vacant with a natural pond and creek. It lies outside of the 100-year floodplain (FIRM Panel 13089C0177K). Adjacent uses are residential to the north, east, and west.

**Proposed Development:** One two-story assisted living facility (~60,000 sq ft), roundabout drop-off, 50-space parking lot, preserved pond with 75-ft buffer, walking paths, and landscaped green zones.

**Environmental and Compatibility Notes:** Minimal grading, stormwater retention via natural pond, 75-ft stream buffer, 25-ft impervious setback. Compatible with nearby residential density and architectural character.

**Requested Action:** Rezone from R-85 to MR-1 with a Special Land Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility (80 beds).

## Concept Site Plan Rendering

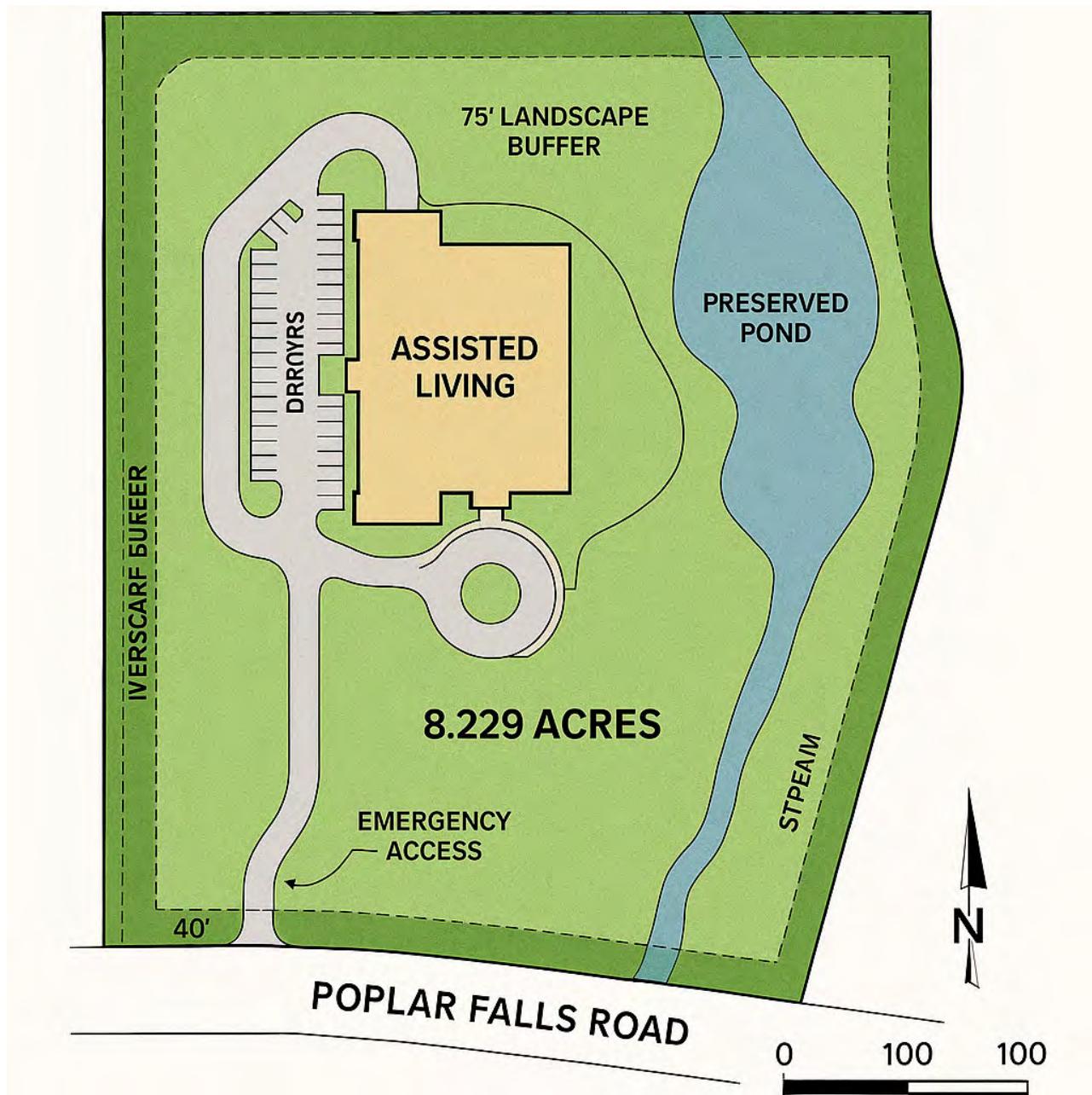


Figure 1. Concept Site Plan – Assisted Living Rezoning Plan, 2111 Poplar Falls Road, DeKalb County, GA.

# BUILDING FORM INFORMATION – ELEVATION SUMMARY

**Rezoning Application:** 2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA

**Zoning Request:** R-85 → MR-1 with SLUP for Assisted Living Facility

## Building Description

**Type:** Senior Living Community (Assisted Living / Memory Care)

**Size:** 60–80 beds

**Stories:** 3 stories maximum ( $\leq 40$  ft height)

**Architecture:** Residential-style façade consistent with surrounding neighborhood; pitched roofline with architectural shingles; large windows; covered front drop-off area.

**Materials:**

- Primary: Brick and fiber cement siding in neutral beige and soft gray tones
- Roof: Asphalt shingles, dark bronze trim
- Accents: Stone veneer base and white window trim

**Character:** Warm, residential design to blend with Poplar Falls subdivision aesthetic.

## Front Elevation (Conceptual)

A three-story structure featuring a **central entry canopy**, **symmetrical window rows**, and **step-back upper floors** to reduce visual mass.

- Entry marked by portico with double doors
- Accessible ramp and drop-off circle at front
- Landscaping: native shrubs and small canopy trees

## Side Elevation

Step-down design toward the pond side of the site.

- Windows on all levels for natural light
- Service access screened with fencing and evergreen plantings

## Building Placement and Orientation

- Building setback exceeds 100 ft from all property lines (based on survey data)
- Located outside the 75-ft State Waters buffer and existing pond area
- Oriented with single driveway access from Poplar Falls Rd

## Design Intent

“To create a calm, dignified, and home-like environment for seniors, while maintaining the natural beauty and low traffic character of the Poplar Falls corridor.”

**Prepared by:** Nadia Nabavi & Aishah Bajunaid, Property Owners

Based on materials from ‘A Community Care Solution for DeKalb Seniors’ and ‘2111 Poplar Falls Road Survey’.

# **DeKalb County Planning & Sustainability Department**

## **Pre-Application Packet for Rezoning & SLUP Request**

### **Applicant Information**

Owners/Applicants:

- Aishah Bajunaid
- Nadia Nabavi

Property Address:

2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

Parcel ID:

16 187 07 008

Acreage:

~8.229 acres (per boundary survey, May 2025)

### **Current and Proposed Zoning**

Current Zoning: R-85 (Residential Medium Lot)

Proposed Zoning: MR-1 (Medium Density Residential)

Special Land Use Permit: For development of a luxury senior living community (assisted living / memory care)

### **Project Summary**

The applicant seeks to rezone the subject parcel from R-85 to MR-1, and obtain a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow the development of a senior living community. The project includes:

- A 60-80 bed assisted living and/or memory care facility
- 3-story U- or L-shaped building outside of all buffer zones
- Surface parking, drop-off loop, emergency vehicle access
- Walking paths and landscaped open space
- Preservation of natural pond and state waters buffer

## **Environmental and Land Development Compliance**

The site contains state waters (creek) and is subject to:

- 75-foot state and county stream buffer (no disturbance zone)
- Land Development Code Chapter 14 buffer and stormwater requirements

The pond and natural areas will be preserved as part of the open space plan.

The project will comply with:

- GEMA guidelines
- FEMA standards (no FEMA 100-year floodplain present per May 2025 boundary survey)

## **Included Materials**

1. Boundary Survey (May 2025) - uploaded as part of this submission
2. Conceptual Site Plan - latest draft included
3. Rezoning and SLUP Justification Letter - included

## **Requested Staff Input**

- Confirmation of required buffer setbacks and any additional natural resource protection measures
- Guidance on public hearing schedule, SLUP documentation, and traffic study requirements
- Feedback on site plan compliance with Chapter 14
- Recommendation for community meeting structure

## **Next Steps**

- Schedule pre-application meeting
- Receive feedback from Planning and Land Development staff
- Refine site plan and formal application materials for November agenda submission



# Rezoning and SLUP Justification Letter

Property: 2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

Parcel ID: 16 187 07 008 (~8.229 acres per survey)

Current Zoning: R-85

Proposed Zoning: MR-1 (Medium Density Residential) or O-I (Office-Institutional) with Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for senior housing

Owner/Applicant: Aishah Bajunaid & Nadia Nabavi

## Request Summary:

This application seeks to rezone approximately 8.229 acres at 2111 Poplar Falls Road from R-85 to either MR-1 or O-I, to permit the development of a luxury senior living community. The project envisions a high-quality assisted living and/or memory care facility designed to blend with the natural surroundings, support the housing needs of DeKalb's aging population, and contribute positively to the community.

## Justification for Rezoning & SLUP:

### Alignment with DeKalb's Comprehensive Plan:

- The site is located in a transitioning area suitable for higher density residential or institutional uses.
- The proposed senior living community supports DeKalb's goals of expanding housing options for seniors and promoting age-friendly development.

### Compatibility with Surroundings:

- The project will provide an attractive, low-impact development that complements nearby residential uses.
- Institutional senior housing generates minimal traffic compared to standard residential subdivisions and has no impact on school enrollment.

### Natural Feature Preservation:

- The design fully respects the 75-foot state waters buffer along the stream.
- The existing pond and green space will be preserved and integrated into the site's wellness

programming and aesthetic.

- No portion of the development is within the FEMA 100-year floodplain (per certified boundary survey, May 2025).

Traffic and Circulation:

- The site plan incorporates a dedicated drop-off loop, internal parking, and emergency vehicle access designed to meet code requirements.
- Poplar Falls Road provides sufficient access for the low daily trip generation expected from senior housing.

Economic and Community Benefits:

- The proposed use will generate long-term tax revenue, provide stable local employment opportunities, and deliver needed housing for a growing senior population.

Conclusion:

We respectfully request consideration for rezoning this property to MR-1 or O-I, with a SLUP to enable development of a luxury senior living community. Our team is committed to working closely with Planning staff, the community, and the Board of Commissioners to ensure this project aligns with DeKalb's vision for smart, compassionate growth.

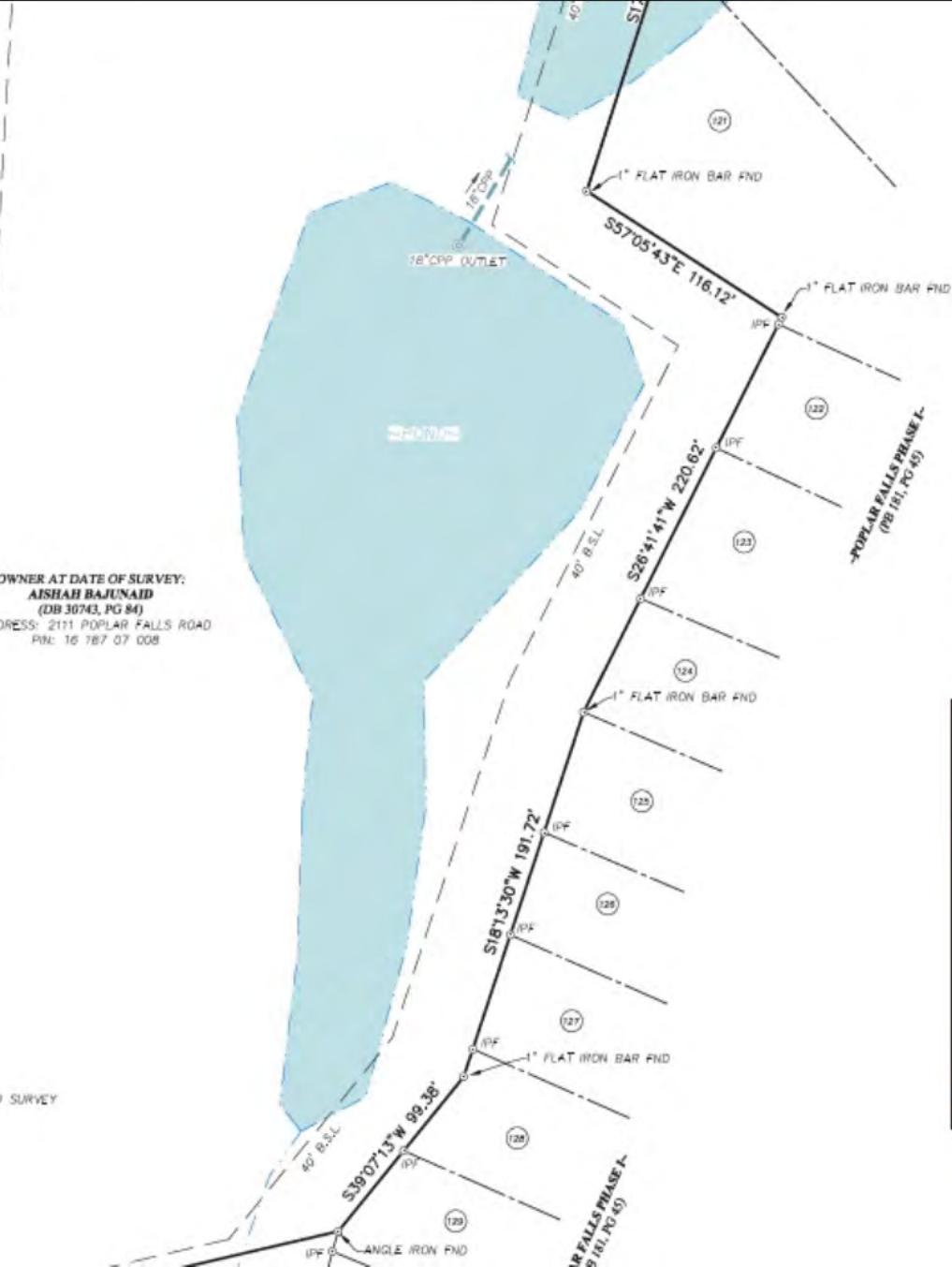
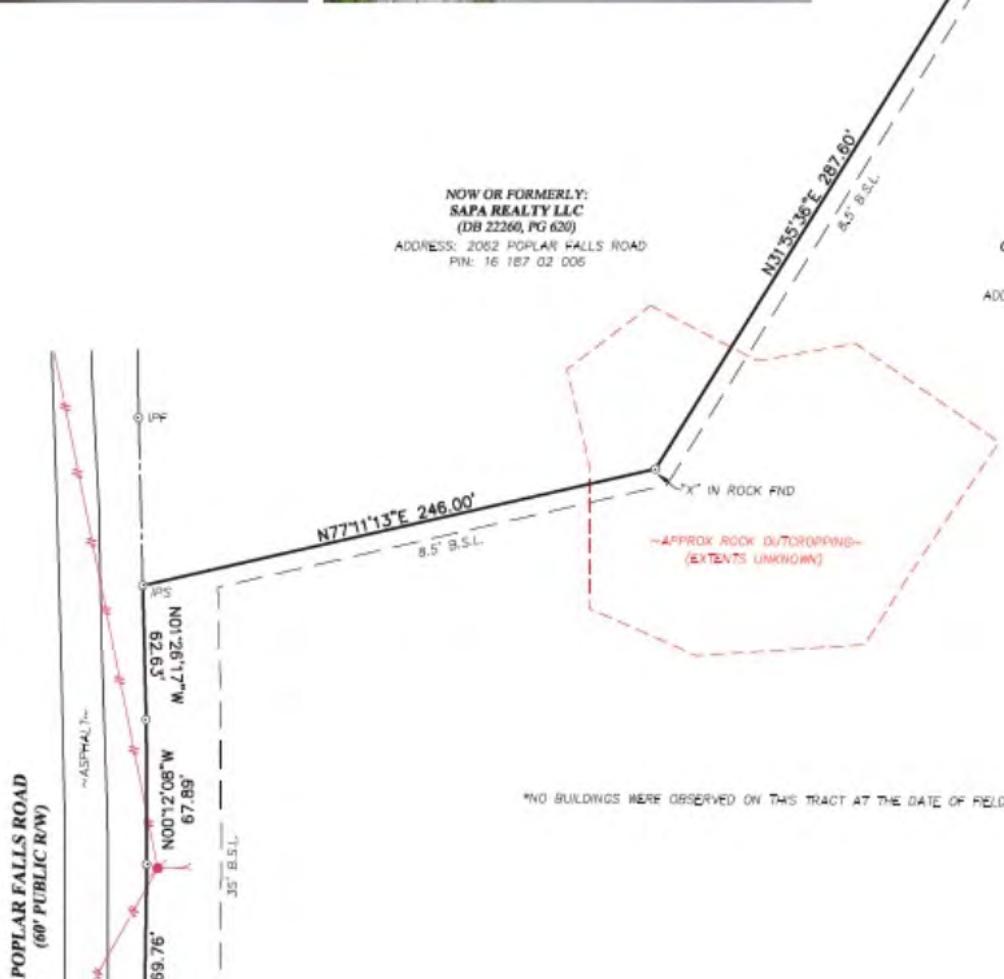


# A Community Care Solution for DeKalb Seniors

2111 Poplar Falls Road Rezoning  
Presentation

Presented by: Aishah Bajunaid & Nadia Nabavi, Property Owners

"Positioning this land for thoughtful development that serves our aging community"



# Welcome & Tonight's Agenda

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## Introduction

Who we are and our role as property owners (2 minutes)

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## Site Overview

Property details and environmental constraints (3 minutes)

05

## Process & Selection

Timeline and future operator selection criteria (3 minutes)

**Our commitment:** We want to see this land developed responsibly by a quality operator who will serve the community well.

02

## The Case for Senior Housing

Why this use makes sense for this specific site (2 minutes)

04

## Development Standards

Protections and requirements we're proposing (3 minutes)

06

## Your Voice

Questions, concerns, and community input (30+ minutes)

# Who We Are & Our Role

## About Us

**Aishah Bajunaid & Nadia Nabavi**

Property Owners at 2111 Poplar Falls Road

## Our Situation

- We own this 8.229-acre undeveloped property
- We are seeking rezoning to **enable** senior living development
- **We will NOT be building or operating the facility**
- We will **sell the land** to a qualified senior living operator

### Why This Matters to You

We're setting development standards NOW through the rezoning and Special Land Use Permit (SLUP). The SLUP will legally bind any future operator—creating permanent protections for the community. This is your opportunity to shape what CAN be built here.

# Why Senior Housing for This Site?

## Why Not Keep Current R-85 Zoning?

Under the current R-85 (Residential Medium Lot) zoning, by-right development could proceed without any public input. This could include 30-40 single-family homes generating significantly higher traffic and school enrollment impacts, or townhome and duplex developments with even greater density.

### Lower Traffic

60-70% fewer vehicle trips compared to residential alternatives

### Zero School Impact

No burden on already-stretched school resources

### Natural Preservation

Required buffer zones protect environmental features

### Community Input

**YOU** help shape development through SLUP conditions

### Stable Long-Term Use

Not transient like rental housing turnover

The current market reality shows DeKalb County has growing demand for senior housing with limited quality supply, while our aging population continues to need accessible care options close to their existing communities.

# Clear Responsibilities: Our Role vs. Future Operator

## What WE Are Doing

### Landowners' Responsibilities

- Applying for rezoning to MR-1
- Requesting Special Land Use Permit for senior living
- Setting development parameters through SLUP
- Working with community on acceptable conditions
- Vetting and selling to qualified operator

## What FUTURE OPERATOR Will Do

### Developer's Responsibilities

- Site plan development and engineering
- Building design and construction
- Staffing and daily operations
- Ongoing community relations
- Compliance with all SLUP conditions

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**Critical Point:** SLUP conditions we establish NOW will be legally binding on whoever develops this property. These protections run with the land permanently—they cannot be removed without another full public hearing process.



# Property Overview

## Key Facts

### Location

2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia, GA

### Size

8.229 acres of undeveloped land

### Current Zoning

R-85 (Residential Medium Lot)

### Proposed Zoning

MR-1 (Medium Density Residential)

### Special Permit

Senior Living Community (Assisted Living/Memory Care)

### Current Status

Undeveloped with significant natural features

# Proposed Development Parameters

## What the SLUP Will Allow

These parameters represent the **maximum** development possible on this site. They become legal limits that no future operator can exceed without going through another complete public process.



### Facility Size

60-80 bed assisted living and/or memory care facility



### Building Height

Maximum 3 stories (approximately 40 feet tall)



### Building Placement

Outside all buffer zones, 100+ feet from property lines



### Parking

Surface parking only (50-60 spaces, no parking decks)



### Site Access

Single entrance on Poplar Falls Road



### Green Space

Minimum 75% of site preserved as natural area

These become **LEGAL LIMITS** recorded on the property deed. No future operator can exceed them without another public hearing process where you'd have input again.



# Environmental Protections Locked In

## Required by State and Federal Law

Any operator developing this site—regardless of use—must comply with these non-negotiable environmental protections:

### Mandatory Protections

- **75-foot state waters buffer** – Zero disturbance zone around creek
- **Existing pond protection** – Cannot be filled or significantly altered
- **Tree protection ordinance** – DeKalb County requirements apply
- **Stormwater management** – Must be contained and treated on-site
- **GEMA/FEMA compliance** – Required for all permitting

### Additional SLUP Conditions We Can Request

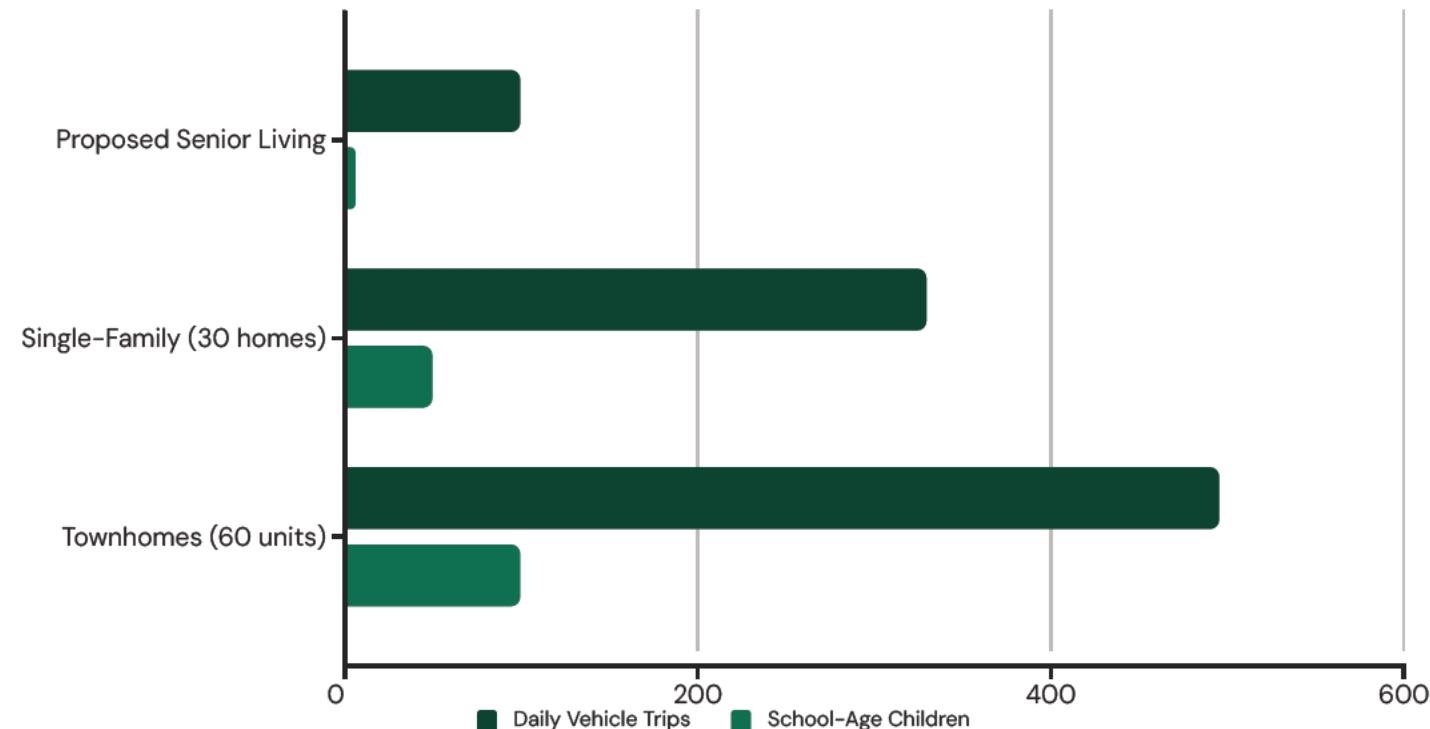
- Dark-sky compliant lighting restrictions
- Native plant landscaping requirements
- Architectural design standards for residential character

**Your input on these enhanced conditions matters NOW.** This is your opportunity to request protections beyond the legal minimums.

# Traffic Analysis

## Trip Generation Comparison

Traffic impact is one of the most common concerns with any development. Let's look at how senior living compares to what could be built under current zoning without any public input.



### Why This Matters

- Senior living generates **60-70% less traffic** than residential alternatives
- Staff arrivals/departures spread throughout day in shifts
- No school buses or daily commuter rush hour congestion
- Minimal delivery and service vehicle traffic

### Traffic Study Requirement

The future operator will be required to provide a detailed traffic impact study to DeKalb County. If road improvements are needed, the county can require them as a condition of development approval.

Note: By-right residential development under R-85 would not require a traffic study at all.

# Future Operator Selection

## Our Commitment to Quality

We understand that the quality of the operator will determine the success or failure of this project for the community. While we can't guarantee perfection, we can commit to a rigorous vetting process.

### We Will Only Sell to Operators Who:

- Have a proven track record operating in Georgia
- Operate state-licensed facilities with clean inspection records
- Meet financial capability requirements (verified by third party)
- Commit to quality design that meets or exceeds SLUP standards
- Agree to all SLUP conditions without requesting modifications

### Operator Due Diligence Will Include:

- State licensing verification and inspection history review
- Reference checks with residents and families at other communities
- Financial stability and insurance coverage review
- Design review by county planning staff
- Background checks on principals and management

**Important Protection:** The SLUP protects you even if the operator changes hands later. All conditions run with the land permanently, and any new owner must comply or face code enforcement action.

# Addressing Your Concerns #1

## "Will this hurt my property value?"

### The Honest Answer

Property values are influenced by many factors, and we won't make promises we can't keep. The research on senior living facilities shows mixed results—some studies indicate neutral impact, others show slight decreases near facilities, and some show increases when facilities are well-designed and maintained.

#### What We CAN Control Through SLUP

- Development standards ensuring quality construction
- Building design requirements (residential character, quality materials)
- Extensive landscaping and buffer requirements
- Operator selection criteria (proven track record required)
- Ongoing maintenance and operational standards

#### What We CANNOT Control

- Broader real estate market conditions
- Individual buyer preferences and perceptions
- Economic factors affecting home values generally
- Financing availability and interest rates

**Important Context:** Senior housing represents a stable, long-term use. This contrasts with rental housing turnover common in by-right developments, where frequent tenant changes can negatively impact neighborhood stability. Well-screened, well-maintained facilities typically fare better than institutional-looking buildings or poorly maintained properties.

# Addressing Your Concerns #2

## "Poplar Falls Road can't handle the traffic"

Our Response: Let's Compare Realistically

Traffic concerns are valid and deserve honest discussion. The key question isn't whether there will be traffic impact—it's how that impact compares to alternatives.

### Senior Living Impact

**80-120 daily trips**

Staff arrives/leaves in staggered shifts throughout the day. Minimal peak hour impact. Occasional deliveries and service vehicles.

### By-Right Residential Alternative

**300-360+ daily trips**

Heavy concentration during morning and evening rush hours. School buses. Multiple construction phases over years.

## Required Traffic Study & Road Improvements

The future operator must submit a complete traffic impact study to DeKalb County as part of the site plan approval process. If the study identifies needed improvements—such as turn lanes, signage, or signal timing adjustments—the county can require the operator to fund and complete those improvements before opening.

- Critical Point:** By-right residential development under R-85 zoning would NOT require a traffic study at this scale. Senior living requires MORE scrutiny and MORE opportunities for the county to require mitigation measures.

# Addressing Your Concerns #3

## "I don't want ambulances in my neighborhood"

### The Honest Answer

We won't sugarcoat this: yes, there will be occasional ambulance calls. This is an inherent reality of senior care, and we believe you deserve transparency rather than false promises.

#### Expected Reality

- Industry average: 1-2 ambulance calls per month for a facility this size
- Comparable to a neighborhood with 100+ homes
- Modern EMT protocols minimize siren use in residential areas when patient condition allows
- Most calls are non-emergency medical transports (scheduled, no sirens)

#### What SLUP CAN Require

- Dedicated emergency access route away from homes where site design allows
- Operator coordination with DeKalb EMS on access protocols and best practices
- Site plan must clearly show emergency vehicle circulation paths
- Staff training on when to request non-emergency transport vs. emergency response

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#### What SLUP CANNOT Do

We cannot legally or ethically prohibit emergency services or eliminate all medical calls. Any condition attempting to do so would be unenforceable and would compromise resident safety. State licensing requirements mandate immediate access to emergency medical services.

This is a reality of senior care, and we won't pretend otherwise. We believe honest discussion builds more trust than impossible promises.

# Addressing Your Concerns #4



## Our Response: Environmental Laws Won't Allow It

This is one area where we can give you absolute assurance because state and federal environmental regulations leave no room for negotiation.

### 75-Foot State Waters Buffer

**Completely untouched.** Georgia Environmental Protection Division and Army Corps of Engineers regulations prohibit ANY disturbance within this zone. Violations result in project shutdown, significant fines, and potential criminal charges. This buffer alone preserves a substantial portion of the wooded area.

### Pond Protection

State waters regulations classify the existing pond as protected. Filling, draining, or significantly altering it requires Section 404 permits that are rarely granted for private development projects. The pond and its immediate surroundings will remain.

### Tree Protection Ordinance

DeKalb County's tree ordinance requires detailed tree surveys, protection of specimen trees, and mitigation (replanting or payment) for any removal. Operators must demonstrate they've minimized tree removal to the maximum extent possible.

### Stormwater Regulations

Post-development stormwater runoff cannot exceed pre-development levels. This requires substantial on-site retention and treatment, further limiting developable area and protecting water quality in the creek and pond.

### Additional SLUP Protections We Can Add

- Designated tree save areas beyond legal minimums
- Native plant landscaping requirements to support local ecosystem
- Minimal-impact walking path standards (pervious materials, no lighting)
- Wildlife corridor preservation between buffer zones

**These environmental protections apply to ANY future development—not just senior living. They're your permanent safeguards regardless of what gets built.**

# Thank You

## Thank You for Your Engagement Tonight

### What Happens Next

01

#### Compile All Feedback

We'll organize all written and verbal comments by theme and priority

02

#### Draft Revised SLUP

Within 10 days, incorporating your input where feasible

03

#### Share Revised Proposal

Email all attendees showing how feedback shaped conditions

04

#### Submit Application

November 2025 with refined SLUP conditions

05

#### Notify All Hearing Dates

You'll receive advance notice of Planning Commission and BOC hearings

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*"Let's work together to make this the best possible outcome for the land and the community."*



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# What We're Asking You To Consider

## Our Request

We're asking you to support **conditional approval** with strong SLUP protections, rather than outright denial. Here's why we believe this is the best path forward:



### Serves a Real Community Need

DeKalb County's senior population is growing rapidly. Quality assisted living and memory care options allow seniors to age near their existing communities, families, and support networks. The current shortage of beds creates waiting lists and forces families to look outside the county.



### Environmental Protection Is Guaranteed

State and federal environmental laws—not just promises—will protect the creek, pond, and significant portions of existing forest. These protections apply regardless of what gets built and are enforced with serious penalties for violations.



### Lower Impact Than Alternatives

Senior living generates 60-70% less traffic than residential subdivisions and creates zero school enrollment impact. Staff arrive and leave in staggered shifts throughout the day, avoiding rush hour concentration.



### Binding Conditions & Oversight

SLUP conditions are permanently recorded on the deed, creating enforceable protections. Combined with state licensing and county code enforcement, you get multiple layers of ongoing oversight that don't exist with by-right development.



### Denial Likely Leads to Worse Outcomes

If this rezoning is denied, by-right residential development under R-85 becomes the most likely scenario—with NO community input, NO design standards beyond code minimums, and HIGHER traffic impacts.

We're open to reasonable conditions that make this work for everyone. Strong SLUP protections benefit both the community and our ability to attract a quality operator. Let's work together to create them.



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# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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## **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: **Nadia Nabavi** Phone: **██████████** Email: **██████████**

Property Address: 2111 Poplar Falls Road, Lithonia 30058

Tax Parcel ID: 16 187 02 008 Comm. District(s): 5 & 7 Acreage: 7.75 acres

Existing Use: Vacant Proposed Use: Senior housing

Supplemental Regs: \_\_\_\_\_ Overlay District: **No** DRI: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rezoning:** Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Zoning: R-85 Proposed Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage/Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Rezoning Request: Rezone to MR-1 for senior housing.

**Land Use Plan Amendment:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Land Use: SUB Proposed Land Use: TN???? Consistent  Inconsistent

**Special Land Use Permit:** Yes      No      Article Number(s) 27-

Special Land Use Request(s): **Companion SLUP in the MR-1 zoning district to allow senior housing.**

## Major Modification:

Existing Case Number(s): **None**

Condition(s) to be modified: **N/A**

## **WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION**

Pre-submittal Community Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Review Calendar Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ PC: 11/6/25 BOC: 11/20/25

Letter of Intent: \_\_\_\_\_ Impact Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Authorization(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign Disclosure: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Council Meeting: 10/13/25 Public Notice, Signs: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Survey, Conservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Submittal Format: **ONE (1) COMBINED, PDF DOCUMENT UPLOAD PLEASE**

### **Review of Site Plan**

Density: \_\_\_\_\_ Density Bonuses: \_\_\_\_\_ Mix of Uses: \_\_\_\_\_ Open Space: \_\_\_\_\_

Enhanced Open Space: \_\_\_\_\_ Setbacks: front \_\_\_\_\_ sides \_\_\_\_\_ side corner \_\_\_\_\_ rear \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Widths: \_\_\_\_\_ Landscape Strips: \_\_\_\_\_

Buffers: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking Lot Landscaping: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking - Auto: \_\_\_\_\_ Parking - Bicycle: \_\_\_\_\_

Screening: \_\_\_\_\_ Streetscapes: \_\_\_\_\_ Sidewalks: \_\_\_\_\_ Fencing/Walls: \_\_\_\_\_

Bldg. Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Bldg. Orientation: \_\_\_\_\_ Bldg. Separation: \_\_\_\_\_

Bldg. Materials: \_\_\_\_\_ Roof: \_\_\_\_\_ Fenestration: \_\_\_\_\_

Façade Design: \_\_\_\_\_ Garages: \_\_\_\_\_ Pedestrian Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Perimeter Landscape Strip: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Variances: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Planner: John Reid, Sr. Planner Date: June 26, 2025

### **FILING FEES**

<b>REZONING:</b>	RE, RLG, R-100, R-85, R-75, R-60, MHP, RSM, MR-1	\$500.00
	RNC, MR-2, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, MU-1, MU-2, MU-3, MU-4, MU-5	\$750.00
	OI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2	\$750.00

<b>LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT</b>	\$500.00
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<b>SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT</b>	\$400.00
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