DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION

Existing Conditional Zoning No.: Z-07-13334

APPLICANT NAME: Venture Communities, LLC c/o Dunlavy Law Group, LLC

Daytime Phone#: 404-371-4101 Fax #: 404-371-8901 E-mail: ldunlavy@dunlavylawgroup.com

Mailing Address: 1026 B Atlanta Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030

OWNER NAME: STB Lots, LLC

Daytime Phone#: 404-409-3086 Fax #: E-mail: hculiffe@pacificgroupinc.com

Mailing Address: 5755 Dupree Drive, N.W., #130, Atlanta, GA 30327-4352

SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LOCATION: 2620 Shell Bark Road and 2641 Acuity Way, DeKalb County, GA,

District(s): 16 Land Lot(s): 9 and 024 Block(s): 01 and 06 Parcel(s): 001

* Acreage or Square Feet: +/- Commission District(s): 5 & 7 Existing Zoning: MU-4

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

Have you, the applicant, made a campaign contribution of $250.00 or more to a DeKalb County government official within the two year period that precedes the date on which you are filing this application? 

____ Yes  X  No If “yes”, see page 4. (Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, O.C.G.A., Chapter 36-67A)

Owner:  Agent:

(Check One)

Signature of Applicant:  

Printed Name of Applicant: Robert C. White  Major Modification Application

Tax Parcel I.D.

Nos. 16-009-01-001

and 16-024-06-001
April 27, 2020

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL TO:
KFHill@dekalbcountyga.gov

Karen F. Hill, Planner
DeKalb County Department of Planning and Sustainability
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Decatur, GA 30030

RE: Letter of Application—Modification of Zoning Conditions Longview Run
Z-07-13334 and CZ-04-111-2620 Shell Bark Road and 2641 Acuity Way (f/k/a Lithonia
Way)

Dear Karen:

As you know, I represent Venture Communities, LLC (“Venture”), the contract purchaser of property
at 2620 Shell Bark Road (16-09-01-001) and 2641 Acuity Way (16-24-06-001). I submit this Letter of
Application in support of Venture’s request to modify some of the zoning conditions originally imposed in
2004 when the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners rezoned the Subject Property and the conditions
imposed in 2007 when the Board of Commissioners approved modification of the original conditions
pertaining to approximately 6.02 acres of the originally zoned tract. In 2004, the Board of Commissioners
rezoned the approximate 62.48 acres from M and OD to OCR\(^1\) to allow for the development of a mixed use
subdivision comprised of townhome units and single family detached units (380 units total) and 3.5 acres for
a commercial retail development. In 2007 the Board of Commissioners modified conditions to allow for the
development of 6.02 acres of the original tract to be developed for 40 stacked flat units. The approved list of
conditions for both actions along with a proposed site plan, survey, legal description, impact analysis and
other materials required by the Zoning Ordinance are filed contemporaneously with this Letter of
Application.

Since the conditional rezoning of the Subject Property in 2004, the entire tract with the exception of
\(\pm 7.028\) acres has been built out, the ownership of the Subject Property has changed, and the economics for
development of the Subject Property have changed. Due to changing conditions over the 13 years since the
modified conditions were approved, Venture seeks to delete the conditions imposed in 2007 and modify
Condition #3 in the 2004 zoning conditions as follows:

- **Delete the conditions imposed in 2007** which were: 1) the proposed multi-family building shall be
constructed to appear substantially in compliance with the building elevation titled, “Proposed
Elevation proposed Unit Flats Scheme 1”, prepared by David McGee, and stamped as received 4-27-

\(^{1}\) With the adoption of the new zoning ordinance in 2015, the effective zoning classification for the Subject Property became
MU-4. See zoning package included herewith.
07; 2) this proposal will not be used as apartments but shall be used as condos; 3) and will be marketed to residents 55 and older; and 4) all other conditions of zoning related the Case No. CZ-04111 not previously modified, shall remain in effect.

- Modify Condition #3 of the 2004 rezoning such that the first sentence of that condition be modified to read, “the townhomes will have a minimum of a two-car garage and facades shall be comprised of brick, stone, Hardiplank siding, cementitious materials or a mixture of any of the foregoing materials”.

Applicant submits that modification of the conditions as requested, and as more fully set forth in the Impact Analysis, meets the standards and factors specified in the Zoning Ordinance at Section 7.3.5 and requests approval of its Application.

I look forward to working with staff and residents in connection with this request and ask that you please contact me directly with any questions, concerns, feedback or requests regarding this application as it moves through the process.

Sincerely yours,

DUNLAVY LAW GROUP, LLC

[Signature]

Linda I. Dunlavy
Attorney for Applicant
Venture Communities, LLC

LID: j1
With enclosures

cc: Sean Randall
Bob White
Harold Cunliffe
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: 4/20/2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(I), (WE), Harold Cunliffe of STB Lots, LLC

Name of Owner(s)

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

Venture Communities, LLC and Dunlavy Law Group, LLC

Name of Applicant or Representative

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

Geri Lynn Kelly
Notary Public

Harold Cunliffe
Owner

Geri Lynn Kelly
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Owner

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Owner

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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STB Lots, LLC

By Chafwood Land, LLC

Harold Cunliffe, Manager

Geri Lynn Kelly

Notary Public

Owner

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EXPIRES
GEORGIA
DECEMBER 17, 2023

2/2017
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: Venture Communities, LLC  Phone: 404-371-4101  Email: ldunlavy@dlunlavylawgroup.cc

Property Address: 2620 Shell Bark Road and 2641 Acuity Way

Tax Parcel ID: 16-09-01-001;16-24-06-000  Comm. District(s): 5 and 7  Acreage: +/-7.02

Existing Use: undeveloped  Proposed Use: townhome community

Supplemental Regs:  Overlay District: I-20  DRI: 

Rezoning: Yes  No  X

Existing Zoning: MU-4  Proposed Zoning: MU-4  Square Footage/Number of Units: 38 units

Rezoning Request: Request to delete conditions of zoning from 2007 modification (Z-07-1334) that property be developed for 40 stacked flats and be marketed to seniors; request to modify condition #3 of 2004 zoning (CZ-04-111) to eliminate requirement that facades must be mix of brick, stacked stone and hardiplank

Land Use Plan Amendment: Yes  No  X

Existing Land Use: HC  Proposed Land Use: HC  Consistent  X  Inconsistent

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

Special Land Use Request(s): 

Major Modification:

Existing Case Number(s): CZ-04-111; Z-07-1334

Condition(s) to be modified:

2 conditions imposed in Z-07-1334

Condition No. 3 in CZ-04-111
IMPACT ANALYSIS
IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR MAJOR MODIFICATION OF ZONING CONDITIONS (Z-07-13334 and CZ 04-111)

And

Other Material Required by
DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance

Of

VENTURE COMMUNITIES, LLC

For

+/− 7.028 acres of Land
Located in
Land Lots 9 and 24, 16th District, DeKalb County

2620 Shell Bark Road (16-09-01-001)
and 2641 Acuity Way f/k/a Lithonia Way (16-24-06-001)

Submitted for Applicant by:

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I. **INTRODUCTION**

The Applicant desires to develop a 38-unit townhome community of the Subject Property. Its vision is to build Southern farmhouse style homes. The homes will be 3 bedroom 2 and 1/2 baths and between 1700 and 1800 square feet. They will be two stories, have two car garages, with facades comprised of a mix of board and batten, shake and plank cementitious material (Hardie). It is anticipated that upon completion they will list for between $220,000 and $260,000. *Conceptual elevations and interior photos of the proposed units are included with this submittal.* This proposed housing product will blend well with the existing homes in the area but provide home buyers with an updated modern product more in keeping with today’s marketing demands. This Application seeks a major modification of conditions for conditions imposed in 2004 and 2007 on the Subject Property to enable the Applicant’s vision.

The Board of Commissioners rezoned the Subject Property (+/- 7.02 acres), as part of a larger rezoning (+/- 62.48 acres), from M and OD to OCR\(^1\) with conditions in 2004 (CZ-04-111)\(^2\). In 2007 (Z-07-13334), the Board of Commissioners approved a major modification of conditions for +/-6.02 acres of the Subject Property.\(^3\) At the time of the rezoning in 2004, the +/- 62.48 acres was completely undeveloped. Since the original 2004 rezoning, all of the +/- 62.48 acres have been developed except for the Subject Property. +/- 35.16 acres immediately to the south of the Subject Property has been fully built out as a single-family detached subdivision comprised of 160 homes known as

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\(^1\) With adoption of a new zoning ordinance in 2015, OCR properties such as the Subject Property became MU-4 districts.

\(^2\) The zoning agenda packet along with conditions imposed in 2004 are included with this submittal.

\(^3\) The zoning agenda packet for the 2007 modification is included with this submittal along with the approved modified conditions.
“Longview Pointe”. Immediately to the southwest of the Subject Property a 155-unit condominium community known as “Longview Walk” has been built along with the development of a commercial strip center fronting on Snapfinger Woods Road on an additional +/- 20.28 acres. The Subject Property was originally designed for 34-40 townhome units as part of the 2004 rezoning. However, in 2007, +/- 6.02 acres of the Subject Property were approved (per a major modification application) for “40 stacked-flat units” in lieu of townhomes. Since 2004, conditions impacting the Subject Property have changed dramatically. The original developer encountered financial difficulty and no longer owns the Subject Property. In the first two years of the build out for Longview Pointe, only 18 single-family homes were built. The bank foreclosed on the property and in 2011, the current owner purchased 142 lots in Longview Pointe along with the Subject Property, secured money for the clubhouse and generally worked to stabilize the Longview Pointe community. Build out on Longview Pointe was not completed until 2015-2016. All amenities including a playground and clubhouse have been installed. With the completion of the Longview Pointe community and its stabilization, the Applicant believes that the Subject Property is viable for development but not as a stacked flat community. It proposes to construct a 38-unit townhome community, similar to the original concept plan in 2004. However, in order to make the townhome community on the Subject Property a reality, a modification of conditions is required.

The Applicant has had the required pre-application meeting with Planning and Sustainability staff and has reached out to the homeowner’s associations of both Longview Pointe and Longview Walk. The Applicant is attempting to schedule

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2 A copy of the final plat for Longview Pointe is included with this submittal.
3 A copy of the approved Longview Walk final plat is included with this submittal.
community meetings with both associations in order to present its site plan and secure feedback. In these times of Covid-19 lockdowns, holding a community meeting has not yet been possible but the Applicant will continue its efforts throughout the course of the modification process and will attempt to meet with both the Longview Pointe and Longview Walk Homeowners Association ("HOA") via Zoom, Go To Meeting or teleconference. The Applicant has spoken several times via phone with Hassan Harris, President of the Longview Pointe HOA regarding this project. The Applicant submits this Impact Analysis in support of its modification request.

A. **SUBJECT PROPERTY**

The Subject Property is comprised of +/- 7.02 undeveloped acres. It is south of Snapfinger Woods Road and fronts on the west side of Acuity Way (f/k/a Lithonia Way), just west of the City of Stonecrest city limits. A large stream runs from the northeast corner to the southwest corner of the property and the property is encumbered with a 20-foot sanitary sewer easement to the north of and parallel to the stream. Land on either side of the stream is within a designated flood plain. To the immediate north and northeast are two gas station/convenience stores (Shell and Chevron) along with associated strip commercial businesses including a liquor store, tax preparation service and beauty supply store. Immediately to the west is the Longview Walk 155-unit condominium community and to the immediate south, the Longview Pointe 160-unit single-family detached residential subdivision. Further to the north and west are a mix of apartment, townhome and single-family communities. Across Acuity Way to the east and to the south of Panola Industrial Boulevard is the City of Stonecrest with industrial uses including Acuity Brands Lighting, Georgia Pacific Chemicals, Georgia Pacific, and
Almex. The property is within the I-20 Overlay District. As noted above, it is zoned MU-4 with conditions and is within the HC (Highway Commercial) future land use district.

B. APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Currently, the Subject Property is undeveloped. Since the conditional rezoning of the Subject Property in November of 2007, the ownership of the Subject Property, the economics and the physical characteristics of the Subject Property have changed. Due to changing conditions over the 13 years since the Subject Property was approved for stacked flats, the Applicant proposes to modify one of the original conditions imposed in conjunction with the original zoning of the Subject Property in 2004 and both of the conditions imposed in the modification of 2007. Specifically, as noted in the Letter of Application submitted contemporaneously with this Impact Analysis, the Applicant seeks modification of Condition #3 in the 2004 rezoning and deletion of the two conditions in the 2007 modification. Specifically, the Applicant proposes the following with respect to those conditions:

- Modify Condition #3 such that the first sentence of that condition is altered to read as follows: “the townhomes will have a minimum of a two-car garage and facades shall be comprised of a mixture of brick, stone, and ‘Hardiplank siding, cementitious materials or a mixture of any of the foregoing materials.”

- Delete all conditions contained in the 2007 modification. Those conditions are as follows: 1) All other conditions of zoning related to Case No. CZ-0411 not previously modified, shall remain in effect; 2) The proposed multi-family building shall be constructed to appear substantially in compliance with the building elevation titled “Proposed Elevation Unit flats Scheme 1”, prepared by David McGee and stamped as received 4-7-07; 3) This proposal shall not be used as apartments but as condos and will be marketed to resident over 55 years old.

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6Original language deleted is shown as a strike out and proposed new language is highlighted.
With respect to condition #3, it is Applicant’s desire to build a new updated, modernized product that will market well with home buyers of today—not homebuyers of 2004. The southern farmhouse style is in big demand and will be of a very high quality, comparable to any product in the immediate vicinity of the Subject Property. The Applicant proposes a two-car garage product with batten and board, shakes, Hardie Plank lap siding and other durable materials. As to the conditions imposed in 2007, the Applicant wishes not to construct stacked flats. It believes such a community would be incompatible with Longview Pointe and Longview Walk and not in high demand in the community. Moreover, there is little demand for age-restricted communities in this location. A reworked, quality townhome product would be more viable and more attractive.

II. IMPACT ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Section 7.3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, approval of major modification requests such as that of the Applicant are governed by consideration of certain factors and standards by the Board of Commissioners. These standards and factors for review along with their application to the Applicant’s request are as follows:

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

The modification of conditions request is consistent with the comprehensive plan—intent and policies. It is within the HC (Highway Corridor) future land use designation and is consistent with that designation. See included land use map and excerpts from text of plan, p. 57, Table 7.4. It promotes new communities with greenspace, neighborhood parks and an appropriate mix of uses and housing types. It promotes pedestrian connectivity between residential and park spaces. It clusters housing in order to preserve and maintain important environmental features such as the stream and its buffers on the Subject Property. It allows for the development of a townhome community compatible with the surrounding residential communities.

*Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property or properties.*
Except for uses in the City of Stonecrest to the east, the vast majority of uses in the immediate vicinity of the Subject Property are residential with a mixture of commercial uses. There are several town home communities of compatible and complimentary design and caliber to that contemplated by the Applicant. The proposed townhome community would be more in keeping with its immediate surrounds than the 2007 approved stack flats community and would positively impact property values in the area.

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

The Subject Property has a reasonable economic use as zoned, but the conditions may, in some instances, have a negative impact on the economics of the development project. Stacked flats would be difficult to market in this area. In addition, the stacked flat rendering contemplated no enclosed garages but only off-street parking. A copy of the proposed site plan for the stacked flats is included in this submittal. The Applicant’s proposal would include an attached two-car garage with each unit that would be required by the HOA documents to be maintained as a garage and not converted to additional living space. Thus, the Applicant believes this neighborhood would be more visually attractive than if all the residents’ cars were parked outside. By allowing a quality townhome community, the County would move this non-contributing vacant property onto the tax rolls and improve the immediate community.

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

While considered by the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to be “major” modifications, the modifications sought by the Applicant will not adversely affect use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties. The changes proposed will allow the completion of an underdeveloped subdivision which will serve to enhance the community as a whole. The number of units proposed (38) is less than originally approved (40), thereby lessening any impacts. Stacked flats would have required surface parking, whereas the modification proposed provides for two car attached garages for each unit.

*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 economics and the physical layout of the Subject Property have changed in the 13 years since it was considered for a stacked flats community. The
economic viability of a townhome community is greater than a stacked flats community and could be marketed easily. The property has remained vacant and undeveloped largely because of the stacked flats condition.

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

The Applicant is not aware of any historic buildings, sites, districts or archeological resources on the Subject Property or nearby.

*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.*

Vehicle trips generated by the proposed townhome community will be less than the stacked flats originally approved due to the reduction in the number of overall units. The ITE Trip Generation estimates are 223 new vehicle trips per day week days; 17 vehicle trips at the peak hour of adjacent streets a.m. and 20 vehicle trips at the peak hour of adjacent streets p.m. Saturday and Sunday trips would be slightly less. Snapfinger Woods Drive is classified by DeKalb County as a minor arterial street as is Panola Industrial Road, whereas Acuity Way is a local street. Snapfinger Woods and Panola Industrial have capacities of 10,000 vehicle trips per day and currently function under capacity. Public schools serving the Subject Property are Fairington Elementary, Miller Grove Middle School and Miller Grove Highschool. While Fairington Elementary is operating currently at capacity, Miller Grove Middle School in 2019-2020 was operating with approximately 300 students less than capacity and Miller Grove Highschool was operating with approximately 550 fewer students than capacity. All public utilities are already available at the site. The proposed use will not cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.

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

The proposed townhome community is less dense than what was previously approved by two units. Additionally, it preserves more than 3.6 acres of open space. No encroachment into the stream buffer is proposed. The environmentally sensitive features on site (floodplain, creek and vegetation) will be left undisturbed.
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant submits that the Application meets all the relevant standards to modify the conditions as proposed and asks for Board approval of same.

III. PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Applicant respectfully submits that the current conditional 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 harm 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 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 of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

Further, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Board’s failure to approve the requested major modification of conditions application 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 application for a major modification of conditions of zoning for the Subject Property 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 this application undergoes further review.

This 27th day of April, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda I. Dunlavy
Attorney for Applicant

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Decatur, Georgia 30030
(404) 371-4101 Telephone
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DEED TO SUBJECT PROPERTY
LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made effective as of this 29th day of December, 2010, by and between CRM CENTRAL PROPERTIES, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantor"), and STB LOTS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars ($10.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, Grantor has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and does hereby grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto Grantee all of that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in DeKalb County, Georgia, being more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

This conveyance is made subject to (i) the lien of real estate taxes, taxes imposed by special assessment and water, sewer, vault, public space and other public charges which are not yet due and payable, (ii) all applicable laws (including zoning, building ordinances and land use regulations), (iii) all easements, restrictions, covenants, agreements, conditions, or other matters of record, (iv) all matters that may be revealed by a current and accurate survey or inspection of the property, (v) rights of any tenants in possession of all or any part of the property, and (vi) any other matters known to Grantee.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said Property, together 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 Grantee forever IN FEE SIMPLE.

AND THE SAID Grantor shall warrant and forever defend the right and title to said Property unto the Grantee against the lawful claims of all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor but not otherwise.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has signed and sealed this Limited Warranty Deed the day and year first above written.

**GRANTOR:** CRM CENTRAL PROPERTIES, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: CRM Properties Manager, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

Its: Sole Member

By: [Seal]

Name: Andrew Kroll

Its: Vice President

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

[Signature]

WITNESS

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: [Affix Notary Seal]

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EXHIBIT "A"

Legal Description

TRACT 3:

TRACT I (PROPERTY BOUNDED BY LITHONIA WAY ON EAST, LONGVIEW POINT SUBDIVISION ON SOUTH, LONGVIEW POINT CONDOMINIUM ON WEST, AND TRACT 2, BELOW, ON NORTHWEST)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 9 and 24, 16th Land District of DeKalb County, Georgia, as shown on survey dated January 20, 2005, prepared by Robert Armstrong, GRLS Number 1991, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection on the southerly right-of-way of Snapfinger Woods Road (100 foot right-of-way) and the easterly right-of-way of Shellbank Road (60 foot right-of-way);

thence along said right-of-way of Snapfinger Woods Road South 89 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 610.77 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;

thence leaving said right-of-way South 00 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 254.73 feet to a 5/8" rebar set;

thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 712.41 feet to a 5/8" rebar set on the westerly right-of-way of Lithonia Way (60 foot right-of-way);

thence along said right-of-way along a curve to the left, said curve having an arc distance of 135.60 feet, with a radius of 1,169.26 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of South 11 degrees 19 minutes 34 seconds East at a distance of 135.53 feet to a point;

thence continuing along said right-of-way South 14 degrees 39 minutes 13 seconds East, a distance of 150.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;

thence continuing along said right-of-way along a curve to the right, said curve having an arc distance of 458.59 feet, with a radius of 656.87 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of South 05 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds West at a distance of 449.33 feet to a point;

thence continuing along said right-of-way South 25 degrees 20 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 161.81 feet to a 1/2" rebar found on the northerly right-of-way of Panola Industrial Boulevard (60 foot right-of-way);

thence along said right-of-way of Panola Industrial Boulevard along a curve to the left, said curve having an arc distance of 27.87 feet, with a radius of 2,417.13 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of North 65 degrees 00 minutes 36 seconds West at a distance of 27.87 feet to a point;

thence along the westerly right-of-way of Panola Industrial Boulevard South 34 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West, a distance of 60.90 feet to a point;

thence along the southerly right-of-way of Panola Industrial Boulevard along a curve to the right, said curve having an arc distance of 183.68 feet, with a radius of 2,357.13 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of South 63 degrees 05 minutes 04 seconds East at a distance of 183.63 feet to a point;

thence continuing along said right-of-way South 60 degrees 51 minutes 08 seconds East, a distance of 150.86 feet to a point;

thence continuing along said right-of-way along a curve to the right, said curve having an arc distance of 414.22 feet, with a radius of 833.42 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of South 46 degrees 32 minutes 39 seconds East at a distance of 409.87 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;

thence leaving said right-of-way North 58 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds West, a distance of 594.13 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;

thence South 29 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 1,059.97 feet to a 1" crimped top pipe found;
thence South 85 degrees 08 minutes 28 seconds West, a distance of 499.96 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence South 83 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 441.69 feet to a 5/8" rebar set;
thence North 80 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 75.68 feet to a ¼" rebar found;
thence North 72 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds West, a distance of 202.72 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 66 degrees 26 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 100.08 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 50 degrees 04 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 96.52 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 18 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 164.83 feet to a ¼" rebar found;
thence North 34 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East, a distance of 101.21 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 20 degrees 16 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 105.95 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 14 degrees 49 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 262.58 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 05 degrees 14 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 160.75 feet to a ¼" rebar found;
thence North 13 degrees 55 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 174.98 feet to a ¼" rebar found;
thence North 10 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 139.85 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 27 degrees 44 minutes 25 seconds East, a distance of 184.47 feet to a P/E nail found;
thence North 20 degrees 25 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of 43.77 feet to a ½" rebar found;
thence North 28 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 559.82 feet to a ½" rebar with cap found;
thence North 66 degrees 47 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 339.96 feet to a ½" rebar with cap found on
the easterly right-of-way of Shellbark Road;
thence along said right-of-way along a curve to the left, said curve leaving an arc distance of 273.18 feet, with a
radius of 427.50 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of North 18 degrees 58 minutes 06 seconds East at
a distance of 270.45 feet to a point;
thence continuing along said right-of-way North 00 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East, a distance of 374.71 feet
to a point on the southerly right-of-way of Stampsberger Woods Road; said point being the POINT OF
BEGINNING.

Said tract or parcel containing 2,784,814 square feet, or 63.93 acres.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 9, 16th District of DeKalb County,
Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the intersection of the southerly right-of-way of Stampsberger Woods Road (100 foot right-of-
way) and the easterly right-of-way of Shellbark Road (60 foot right-of-way); thence along said right-of-way of
Shellbark Road South 00 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 252.10 feet to a point, said point
being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said right-of-way South 89 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds
East, a distance of 612.89 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance
of 712.41 feet to a 5/8" rebar set on the westerly right-of-way of Lithonia Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence

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South 48 degrees 22 minutes 53 seconds West, a distance of 344.05 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence South 33 degrees 59 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 97.50 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence South 20 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 316.29 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence South 09 degrees 15 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 60.07 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence South 51 degrees 35 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 267.28 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence South 33 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 341.09 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence North 82 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 227.23 feet to a point at a sanitary sewer manhole; thence North 60 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West, a distance of 73.70 feet to a point; thence North 28 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 401.22 feet to a ½" rebar with cap found on the easterly right-of-way of Shellback Road; thence along said right-of-way along a curve to the left, said curve having an arc distance of 275.18 feet, with a radius of 427.59 feet, and being subtended by a chord bearing of North 18 degrees 58 minutes 06 seconds East at a distance of 270.45 feet to a point; thence continuing along said right-of-way North 00 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East, a distance of 122.61 feet to a point, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract or parcel containing 835,958 square feet, or 19.191 acres.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 9, 16th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the southerly right-of-way of Sapsefinger Woods Road (100 feet right-of-way) and the easterly right-of-way of Shellback Road (60 feet right-of-way); thence along said right-of-way of Sapsefinger Woods Road, South 89 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds East, a distance of 610.77 feet to a ½" rebar found; thence leaving said right-of-way South 00 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 254.73 feet to a ½" rebar on; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 612.89 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way of Shellback Road; thence along said right-of-way North 00 degrees 31 minutes 43 seconds East, a distance of 252.10 feet to a point on the southerly right-of-way of Sapsefinger Woods Road, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract or parcel containing 155,045 square feet, or 3.559 acres.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

All subdivided lots and all other areas, including open areas, depicted on Plat of Longview Poiyte Subdivision, recorded at Plat Book 190, pages 47-55, are deleted.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Land Lots 9 & 24 of District 16, County of DeKalb, Georgia and being more particularly described as Parcel 10-009-01-052.

FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Land Lots 9 & 24, County of DeKalb, Georgia and being more particularly described as Green Space/Open Space 226,178 S.F., Green Space/Open Space 9,014 S.F., Green Space/Open Space 15,840 S.F., Green Space/Open Space 29,671 S.F., and Green Space/Open Space 38,009 S.F. as depicted on the Final Plat for Longview Poiyte, recorded on June 25, 2007 in DeKalb County Records at Plat Book 190, Pages 47 through 55.
TRACT 2 (TRIANGULAR-SHAPED PARCEL EAST OF LONGWOOD CONDOMINIUM AND NORTHWEST OF TRACT 1 ABOVE)

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 9, 16th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

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Said tract or parcel containing 835,958 square feet, or 19.191 acres.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

All units and all other property depicted on Plat of Longview Walk Condominium recorded at Plat Book 180, page 48, aforesaid records.
RELEVANT MAPS
TAX RECORDS
**Property Tax Information Results**

Would you like to have future tax bills emailed to you?

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**Property Identification**
- **Parcel ID**: 16 024 06 001
- **Pin Number**: 2961791
- **Property Address**: 2641 LITHONIA WAY
- **Property Type**: Real Estate
- **Tax District**: 56 - EAST METRO CID

**Owner Information**
- **Last Name, First Name**: STB LOTS LLC
- **Owner Address**: 5755 DUPREE DR NW 130
  ATLANTA GA 30327

**Care of Information**

**CHANGE MAILING ADDRESS?**

**Exemption Type**
- **Homestead Exemption**: NO EXEMPTION

**Tax Exempt Amount**
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**APPLY FOR BASIC HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FREEZE**

**Exemption Type**
- Other Exemption Information

**Value Exemption Amount**
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**Deed Information**
- **Deed Type**: LIMITEDWARRANTY DEED
  - **Deed book/Page**: 22303 / 00669
  - **Plat Book/Page**: 0000 / 0000

**Property Characteristics/ Sales Information**
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- **Zone Type**: X - UNKNOWN
- **Improvement Type**: 12/29/2010

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**Tax Information Summary**
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**DeKalb County Taxes**
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- **First Payment Amount**: $333.26
- **Last Payment Date**: 8/20/2019
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**Tax Paid Receipt**
- **Choose a Tax Year --**
- **Get Tax Payoff Info.**

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**Property Tax Mailing Address**
- **DeKalb County Tax Commissioner**
- **Collections Division**
- **PO Box 100004**
  **Decatur, GA 30031-7004**

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**Property Tax Information Results**

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**Property Identification**
- **Parcel ID**: 16 009 01 001
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- **Property Address**: 2620 SHELL BARK RD
- **Property Type**: Real Estate
- **Tax District**: S6 - EAST METRO CID

**Owner Information**
- **Last Name, First Name**: STB LOTS LLC

**Jan. 1**
- **Owner Co-Owner**: STB LOTS LLC

**Current Owner Co-Owner**
- **Owner Address**: 5755 DUPREE DR NW # 130
- **Atlanta GA 30327-4352**

**Care of Information**

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**Exemption Type**
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LONGVIEW POINTE PHOTOS
LONGVIEW WALK GOOGLE IMAGES
BOUNDARY SURVEY
PROPOSED SITE PLAN
CONCEPTUAL ELEVATION AND INTERIOR PHOTOS
2004 ZONING MATERIAL
DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES
MEETING DATE December 23, 2004

SUBJECT: Rezone - Benchmark Group Management

Commission Districts: 5 and 7

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING
Attachment: Yes
Pages: 22

Deferred from 11/30 & 12/14 for decision only.

PURPOSE:

Application of Benchmark Group Management to rezone property generally located on the south side of Snapfinger Woods Drive, between Shell Bark Road and Lithonia Industrial Way from M and OD to OCR(cond) to allow for a mixed-use development. The property has frontage of approximately 615 feet along Snapfinger Woods Drive, approximately 653 feet along Shell Bark Road, 796.11 feet along Lithonia Industrial Way, and approximately 831.99 feet along Panola Industrial Boulevard, and contains 62.48 acres.

SUBJECT PROPERTY
Parcel-ID #: 16-009-01-001

Property Address:

RECOMMENDATION(S):

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

APPROVAL (Revised 11/22/04): A revised conceptual site plan proposing 183 town homes units, and 189 single family detached units has been submitted to provide for four (4) points of access, instead of two (2), consistent with the requirements as described under Chapter 14-200 of the DeKalt County Land Development Regulations, and the policies and intent of the Comprehensive Plan. Additional landscape buffering is being proposed to separate the proposed residential areas from the existing industrial areas to the east on Lithonia Industrial Way and Panola Industrial Boulevard. The commercial area proposes limited commercial uses, as permitted in the OCR (Office-Commercial-Residential) District. The conceptual plan as revised appears to be a better approach for the proposed infill development. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the application be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Development of the site shall be in substantial compliance with the revised conceptual site plan dated September 18, 2004, and list of conditions submitted by the project applicant stamped December 14, 2004;
2. Dedicate and improve additional right-of-way along the Shellbark Road right-of-way from the entrance of the proposed (141 condominium townhomes unit) site to Snapfinger Road to provide for an additional storage lane, subject to the approval of the Development Department
3. All roadway and access improvements shall be subject to the approval of the Development Department.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Defer to Board of Commissioners

COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Deferral (13-0-2): Deferral with the recommendations that applicants take forward conditions as follows: higher cost housing ($250,000 and up) on all single family and Fee Simple Townhomes, and bring along studies made on the impact to schools and traffic.
DEKALB COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1300 Commerce Drive, Suite 400, Decatur, Georgia 30030-3221
Phone: (404)371-2155 Fax: (404)371-2813

The Honorable Vernon Jones
Chief Executive Officer

ZONING ANALYSIS

Case No: CZ-04111
Parcel ID: 16-009-01-001 16-009-01-016
Applicant: Benchmark Group Management (Dillard & Galloway, LLC)
Agent Authorized By: Signed by:
Location: south side of Snapfinger Woods Drive, between Shell Bark Road and Lithonia Industrial Way

SITE CHARACTERISTICS:
Adjacent Land Use:
Adjacent Zoning:
Compatibility of size and configuration with development standards (sketch attached if necessary):

Comprehensive Plan Recommendation:
Existing Zoning: M. OD
Proposed Zoning: OCR(cond)
Estimated Max. Net Density/Acre: NA
Estimated Max. Net Density/Acre: NA
Estimated Max. Units: NA
Acreage: 62.4

CONDITIONS REQUESTED BY APPLICANT:
Conditioned on a mixed use development based on a conceptual plan.

ZONING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION (S):
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3. All roadway and access improvements shall be subject to the approval of the Development Department.
Application for Rezoning and Land Use Amendment, Nos. Z-04-111 and LP-04-0077, for OCR and OPR.

1. The maximum units will be 380 single-family residences and there will be 3.5 acres for commercial retail development.

2. The development will include sidewalks on both sides of internal streets, underground utilities and streetlights.

3. The townhomes will have a minimum of a one-car garage and facades of a mixture of brick, stone and “Hardi-plank” siding. There shall not be vinyl on the facades, sides or backs of the homes. The design of the front facades shall vary such that two adjacent homes will not be the same. The townhomes will be a minimum of 1400 square feet of heated area but will predominately be 1400 to 1600 square feet of heated area. The mandatory homeowners association will be responsible for all lawn maintenance. The development will be gated for security purposes.

4. The single family detached homes will have a minimum of a two car garages and facades made of a mixture of brick, stone and “Hardi-plank” siding. There shall not be vinyl on the facades, sides or backs of the homes. The design of the front facades shall vary such that two adjacent homes will not be the same. The detached homes will be from 1600 to 2000 square feet with a minimum of 1600 square feet of heated area. The mandatory homeowners association will be responsible for all lawn maintenance.

5. A recreation and gathering area will be located centrally within the development to serve the needs of all homeowners within the development. There will also be a playground centrally located in the development. Pedestrian access will be provided for residents to access these areas. There will be a picnic area and walking trails near the lake.

6. The townhomes and detached homes will be connected only by an emergency access road.

7. The commercial component will provide retail convenience appropriate to support existing and proposed residential development in the immediate area. The commercial component shall be made of building materials that will be similar to and blend with the rest of the development.

8. The use of the commercial buildings shall be limited to those permitted uses in the Office-Commercial-Residential District with the exception of the following: liquor store; coin operated laundry; and linen and diaper service.
9. Mandatory Homeowners Associations will be incorporated for each portion of the development to control all common areas and amenities. A professional maintenance company shall have the responsibility for the maintenance of common area landscaping and all lawn maintenance.

10. Each entrance to the development will have a decorative landscaped entrance. The design shall be submitted with the sketch plat approval application and shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission.

11. No townhome will be marketed to investors as rental property.
ZONING ANALYSIS

Case No: CZ-04-111
Parcel-ID: 16-009
Applicant: Benchmark Group
Agent Authorized By: 
Location: Shell Bark Road/Lithonia Industrial Way
SITE CHARACTERISTICS: Vacant tract-surrounding by commercial/residential land use
Adjacent Land Use: RM-100 (residential) and M (Commercial)
Adjacent Zoning: RM-100/01
Commission Districts: 5 and 7
Commission

Compatibility of size and configuration with development standards (sketch attached if necessary):
The proposed project site is too small for the use contemplated and does not provide for adequate public access.

Comprehensive Plan Recommendation: LMR
Existing Zoning: M/OD
Est. Max Net Density/Acre: N/A
Estimated Max. Units: N/A

Acreage: 62.48
Proposed Zoning: OCR
Est. Max Net Density/Acre: N/A
Estimated Max. Units: N/A

CONDITIONS REQUESTED BY APPLICANT:
Conditioned on a mixed-use development based on a conceptual plan.

ZONING HISTORY:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:
DENIAL: The proposed project site consists of approximately 62.5 acres, approximately 3.5 acres would be devoted to commercial development, with 174 town homes and 208 single family detached units. Based on the submitted and, as well as field inspection of the proposed site, it appears that the overall area is too small for the density proposed and does not adequately provide for the use contemplated.
Furthermore, surrounding area would be significantly impacted by the density of the proposed development accessing existing road systems that does not provide for the required four (4) points of access, as well as other requirements as described under Chapter 14 of the DeKalb County Land Development Ordinance. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the application be "Denied."
SITE ANALYSIS:

The 62.49 acre project site is a vacant heavily wooded parcel located on the south side of Snapfinger Woods Drive, between Shell Road and Lithonia Industrial Way, in the Decatur area of Unincorporated DeKalb County. The character of the area consists of commercial, residential, and industrial land uses. Access to the site is via Lithonia Industrial Way, a major thoroughfare and Panola Industrial Blvd. Surrounding land uses consist of single-family residential uses to the north, and west within RM-100 (Multifamily Residential) District; Lithonia Lighting Company and the John Harland Company located in the M (Industrial) District to the south; OI (Office Institution) to the east.

PROJECT ANALYSIS:

The applicant is requesting an Amendment to Official Zoning Map pursuant to Section 27-821 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, to have the subject property currently zoned OD (Office-Distribution) and M (Industrial) to OCR (Office-Commercial-Residential). The Applicant proposes a development on the Subject Property consisting of approximately 3.5 acres be devoted to commercial development, with 174 town homes, and 208 single family detached units."

Comments from the Development Department indicated that the proposed project site is bordered by an extensive floodplain, as also noted by the project applicant. However, it appears based on the topographical maps obtained from the Development Department that the proposed project site is not located within the 100 year Flood Hazard Zone.

ZONING ANALYSIS

The zoning map indicates that there are no parcel in the land lot and district of the proposed project site with the OCR zoning classification; however, the area does provide for residential land use (condominiums), west of the proposed site zoned RM 100 (Multifamily Residential) District. However, it appears that the proposed use contemplated would adversely affect neighboring properties as a result of the overall density, access and circulation.

Section 14-200 of the DeKalb County Land Development Regulations states, "Residential units over 300 units shall have a minimum of four (4) access point, preferred type of primary access is Collector Street. The submitted site plan depicts approximately three hundred-eighty (380) units are proposed; with one (1) point of access at Panola Industrial Boulevard (a two lane collector). Therefore, it appears that the applicant does not meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Section 14-57 of the DeKalb County Land Development Ordinances as it relates to "public street access," states, "To assure the adequate provision of safe and convenient traffic, access and circulation, both vehicular and pedestrian access, is required in new land developments." The submitted conceptual site plan does not provide for appropriate public street access. Therefore, it appears that the proposed project does not meet the requirements of the Land Development Ordinance.

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS/ DIVISION COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Water and Sewer:

No information was submitted at the writing of the staff analysis.

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Schools located within the proposed project area: According to information received from the DeKalb County Public Schools system, the following schools are located in zip 30035

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<td>Mary McLeod Bethune Middle</td>
<td>5200 Covington Highway, Decatur, Georgia 30035</td>
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This information further indicated that there are no high schools within the 30035 zip code area. It appears that Redan High School 3247 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA (7 miles from the proposed site and Stephenson High School, 922 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, GA (7 miles from the proposed site) are the closest. The DCPS School System was also contacted regarding capacity figures, FTE (Full-time Equivalents)/current enrollment figures. However, the school board did not respond at the time of this writing. However, Miller Grove Middle School was contacted. According to the school officials, Miller Grove can accommodate 1,200 students. At present, the school has an enrollment of 1,326 students and has added fourteen (14) mobile units.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION
ON ZONING MATTERS SET FORTH IN
O.C.G.A. 36-67-3

AGENDA: # N. 28

APPLICATION: # CZ-04-111

Section 27-832 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Standards and factors governing review of proposed amendment to official zoning map" states that the following standards and factors are found to be relevant to the exercise of the county's zoning powers and shall govern the review of all proposed amendments to the zoning maps:

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

The zoning map indicates that there are no parcels in the land lot and district of the proposed project with the OCR zoning classification; the area does provide for residential land use, east of the proposed site zoned RM 100 (Multifamily Residential) District. However, it appears that the use contemplated is inconsistent with the neighboring properties based on a to dense development, and a parcel that is too small to accommodate the proposed development).

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

It does not appear that the zoning proposal will permit a use, which is suitable in view of the existing use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The proposed use would have adverse impacts on access and circulation as a result of the density of the proposed project. The use appears premature at this present time.

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

Based on the submitted information it is not possible for the zoning analysis staff to determine whether the property has a reasonable economics use as currently zoned.
D. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:

Based on the submitted information it appears that the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

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

Based on the submitted information it is not possible for the zoning analysis staff to determine whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use.

F. 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:

Please see staff recommendation.

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

Based on the submitted information it does not appear that the project proposal would not adversely affect historic buildings, sites, or archaeological resources.

H. 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.

Based on the submitted information, it appears that the proposed project would result in a use, which would cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, and schools. The conceptual site plan does not provide for adequate public street access as well as safety as described under the Section 14-200 of the Land Development Regulation.

Information received from the DeKalb County School System indicated that there are no high schools within the 30035 zip code area. It appears that Redan High School 5247 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA (7 miles from the proposed site and Stephenson High School, 922 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, GA (7 miles from the proposed site) are the closest. The DCPS School System was also contacted regarding capacity figures, FTE (Full-time Equivalents)/current enrollment figures. However, the school board did not respond at the time of this writing. However, Miller Grove Middle School was contacted. According to the school officials, Miller Grove can accommodate 1,200 students. At present, the student has an enrollment of 1,326 students and has added fourteen (14) mobile units. The proposed project would significantly impact the resources of the school system.

DENIAL: The proposed project site consists of approximately 62.5 acres, approximately 3.5 acres would be devoted to commercial development, with 174 town homes and 208 single family detached units. Based on the submitted and, as well as field inspection of the proposed site, it appears that the overall area is too small for the density proposed and does not adequately provide for the use contemplated. Furthermore, surrounding area would be significant impacted by the density of the proposed development accessing existing road systems that does not provide for the required four (4) points of access, as well as other requirements as described under Chapter 14 of the DeKalb County Land Development Ordinance. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the application be "Denied."
APPLICATION FOR REZONING
DEKALB COUNTY
LETTER OF INTENT

The Applicant, Benchmark Group Management Co., L.L.C., on behalf of Snapfinger (Atlanta) Investors, L.P. ("Owners"), requests the rezoning of Owner's property, approximately 62.487 acres of land located near the intersection of Snapfinger Woods Drive and Shell Bark Road in Land Lot 9 of the 16th District of DeKalb County, Georgia (the "Property"). The Property is currently zoned OD (Office-Distribution) and M (Industrial) and is designated as LMR on the Land Use Plan Map.

The Applicant is seeking to have the Subject Property rezoned to OF-R (Office-Retail), and to have the land use classification changed to OD (Office-Distribution). The Applicant proposes a development on the Subject Property consisting of approximately 3.5 acres devoted to commercial development, 2400 square feet, and 16,000 square feet to residential units.

With respect to the criteria set forth in the attached rezoning application, the Applicant responds to the following standards:

A. **Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan:**

DeKalb County's Comprehensive Plan designates the property as LMR. The Property is zoned M and OD, which are zoning classifications that are not permitted in the LMR land use category. DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-45. Adjacent property to the east is designated as IND and adjacent property to the west is designated MDR or LMR. 

If rezoning the Property to OF-R, the Applicant's proposed development creates a transition between the proposed industrial and industrial development in the east and that designated for...
Midtown LMR residential development at the west. It would also enhance a mixed-use environment, create opportunities for local neighborhood shopping and thereby reduce traffic. The Applicant proposes an overall net density that is compatible with densities within the LMR land use category.

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

The rezoning of the Property to OCR would be consistent with the neighboring and nearby properties. Walden Lake shares a large portion of the Property's western border. Property adjacent to the proposed development to the west is zoned RM-100 and is currently being used for town homes and condominiums. Adjacent property to the north on Snapfinger Woods Drive is zoned M and is being used for a gas station, a hair salon, and a beauty products supply business. Property on the opposite side of Snapfinger Woods Drive is zoned RM-100 and is being used for multi-family dwellings. Property adjacent to the proposed development to the east is zoned OI and M and is being used for large warehouses and an office complex. The property is bordered to the south by extensive floodplain and mountainous land.

The development proposed by the Applicant would create a transition between property zoned RM-100 in the east and property zoned RM-100 to the west and north. Furthermore, the development proposed by the Applicant would create a commercial node on Snapfinger Woods Drive to provide commercial services to the local community.

C. **Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has reasonable economic use as currently zoned:**

The Property does not have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned. The parcel zoned OD is currently landlocked. The parcel that is zoned industrial has remained vacant for
many years. Attempts to create an industrial use while protecting the water quality of Walden Lake and Snapfinger Creek and maintaining the buffer would place substantial hardship on the owner.

D. **Whether a proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:**

The proposed development will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties. The Applicant is seeking to rezone the Property to create a quality neighborhood that will benefit the community. The proposed development will also create opportunities for local neighborhood shopping and thereby reduce traffic. As such, it is compatible with the use and development of neighboring and nearby properties and does not create objectionable conditions. Moreover, the proposed development will not lead to blight or to the depreciation of any surrounding property values.

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 proposed rezoning:**

Supporting grounds exist for approval of the proposed rezoning of the Property. The portion of the Property that is zoned for an industrial use is in close proximity to a large lake and Snapfinger Creek. The portion of the Property zoned OD is currently landlocked. The fact that typography and location of the Property makes it impossible to attain a reasonable economic return under the current M and OD zoning classifications significantly reduces the value of the Property and is detrimental to the Owners.
F. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archeological resources.

There are no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archeological resources on the Property.

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

The proposed development will not tax the existing water supply or sewage, drainage or transportation facilities. Moreover, the proposed development will not cause an excessive or burdensome use of the area schools, fire or police protection or solid waste collections and disposal services provided by the County. There are adequate public facilities and services in the area to serve the proposed development.

The portions of the Zoning Ordinance of DeKalb County that classify, or that may classify the Property, into any zoning district other the OCR zoning category requested by the Applicant, are or would be unconstitutional in that they would destroy the Applicant’s property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Any application of the Zoning Ordinance of DeKalb County to the Property that restricts its use to any zoning classification other than the OCR zoning category requested by the Applicant is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void because such an application constitutes a taking of the Applicant’s property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.
Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, because such an application denies the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary and capricious act by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County without any rational basis, thereby constituting an abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County to amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, as it relates to the Property, to the OCR zoning category requested by the Applicant, would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any change in the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County designation of the Property that subjects the Property to conditions that are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting the Applicant’s utilization of the Property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Property to an unconstitutional
category and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions
set forth herein above.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that this Application be granted and that
the Property be designated to the OCR zoning category requested by the Applicant.

DILLARD & GALLOWAY, LLC

By: [Signature]

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2007 MODIFICATION MATERIAL
DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ZONING AGENDA / MINUTES
MEETING DATE: May 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Rezone – Benchmark Snapfinger Woods c/o The Battle Law Group

COMMISSION DISTRICTS: 3 & 7
DEPARTMENT: Planning
PUBLIC HEARING: ✓ YES ☐ NO
ATTACHMENT: ✓ YES ☐ No
INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Ejike/Kevin Hunter
PHONE NUMBER: (404) 371-2155

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PURPOSE:
Z-07-13334
Application of Benchmark Snapfinger Woods c/o The Battle Law Group to modify conditions of zoning (CZ-04-111) from OCR (cond.) to OCR (cond.). The property is generally located on the south side of Snapfinger Woods Drive, between Shell Bark Road and Lithonia Industrial Way and contains 6.17 acres.

Subject Property: 16-009-01-001

RECOMMENDATION(S):

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
Approval. Based on the findings and conclusions in this staff analysis, as well as the submitted site plan, application form, and field inspection of the project site, it appears that the proposed modification meets the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance for approval of the modification. The requested change in condition would be supported by the housing objective of the Comprehensive Plan to "Develop an appropriate mix of dwelling types, sizes, and prices to meet the current and projected housing needs of County residents." Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that the application be "Approved".

PLANNING COMMISSION:
Approval.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL:
Approval w/conditions that floor plans have 2-bedroom units and include age restriction of 65 years of age.
DeKalb County Planning & Development Department
330 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 500
Decatur, GA 30030
(404)371-2155 or (404)371-2813 (Fax)

ZONING ANALYSIS

Case No: Z07-13334
Agenda #: N-28

Location / Address: The property is located on the south side of Snapfinger Woods Drive, at the southwest corner of Snapfinger Woods Drive and Lithonia Way (formerly Avanti Way).

Commission District: 3
Super District: 7

Parcel - ID: 16-009-01-001

Request: To modify conditions of zoning (CZ-04-111) from OCR (Cond) to OCR (cond) for 40 "stacked flats" units (multi-family dwelling units in five (5) buildings.

Property Owner: Benchmark Snapfinger Woods Llc

Applicant / Agent: Benchmark Snapfinger Woods C/O The Battle Law Group

Acreage: 6.02

Existing Land Use: The property has been cleared for development.

Surrounding Properties: The subject property is part of a tract at the southwestern corner of Snapfinger Woods Drive and Miller Road. A single-family residential neighborhood lies across Snapfinger Woods Drive, to the northwest. Light industrial land uses and warehouse/distribution buildings are located to the east, northeast, and southwest.

Adjacent Zoning: North: M South: OCR East: M West: OCR
North-East: M North-West: OCR South-East: M South-West: OCR

Comprehensive Plan: LMR ☒ Consistent ☐ Inconsistent

| Proposed Density / Acre: 6.64 | Existing Density / Acre: 0 |
| Proposed Units / Square ft: 40 | Existing Units / Square ft: 0 |

Zoning History
The property was rezoned from the M (Industrial) District and the OD (Office Distribution) District to the OCR-conditional (Office-Commercial-Residential - conditional) district in 2004. The conditional site plan proposed 183 town home units and 189 single-family detached units, or a total of 372 units. The applicant requests a modification of the condition to allow construction of 40 "stacked flat" units (i.e., multifamily units) as a substitute for 40 of the previously approved units.

Planning and Development Department Recommendation:
APPROVAL: Based on the findings and conclusions in this staff analysis, as well as the submitted site plan, application form, and field inspection of the project site, it appears that the proposed modification meets the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance for approval of the modification. The requested change in condition would be supported by the housing objective of the Comprehensive Plan to "Develop an appropriate mix of dwelling types, sizes, and prices to meet the current and projected housing needs of County residents." Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that

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the modification be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. All other conditions of zoning related the Case No. CZ-04111 not previously modified, shall remain in effect.
2. The proposed multifamily building shall be constructed to appear substantially in compliance with the building elevation titled, "Proposed Elevation Proposed Unit Flats Scheme 1", prepared by David McGee, and stamped as received 4-27-07.
SITE ANALYSIS
The subject property has 239.92 feet of frontage on the west side of Lithonia Way (formerly Avanti Way), and measures 8.017 acres. It was prepared for development along with the entire tract, and the ground has been leveled and cleared of trees. The western portion of Panola Industrial Boulevard extends into the tract at the southern tip of the subject property. The entire tract is 62.487 acres and is currently being developed with 160 single-family homes and 155 "townhome" (attached single-family) units. The site has been cleared of trees.

PROJECT ANALYSIS
The project site is part of a larger, 62.5-acre tract that was approved for development of 183 single-family attached (town home) units and 189 single-family detached units. The property owner now wishes to construct 40 multifamily ("stacked flat") units, reduce the number of singel-family to 160, and reduce the number of townhome dwelling units to 155. The multifamily units would be located in five buildings, grouped around an 86-space parking lot. The proposed new multifamily portion of the larger development would be located at the eastern corner of the larger tract.

The applicant has submitted an elevation of the type of building proposed for the construction project. It shows a two-story building with exterior materials of siding and stone, double-hung windows, a front and back porch, and two ornamental chimneys.

The applicant points out that the new units would be marketed for seniors aged 55 or more and sold as condominiums.

CONDITIONS REQUESTED BY APPLICANT
Modify Condition #1 of Cz-04111 in order to permit the development of 40 stacked flats (i.e. Multi-family dwellings) in stead of the 34 townhome units approved on the previously approved site plan.

ZONING ANALYSIS
The requested change of condition would not change the zoning classification that was approved in 1994, since multifamily residential land uses are permitted by right in the OCR zoning district. The change of condition would not affect the existing zoning pattern, which consists of OCR zoning to the southeast, south, and southwest to a distance of more than 2,000 feet and RM-100 to the north, across Covington Road.

LAND USE PLAN CONSISTENCY
The requested change to the condition does not require a change to the land use map because both town homes and "stacked flats" are permitted within the OCR district. The proposed stacked flats are therefore consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map.

The proposal is consistent with Comprehensive Plan policies. An objective of the Comprehensive Development Plan, contained in Section VII, is to: "Develop an appropriate mix of dwelling types, sizes, and prices to meet the current and projected housing needs of County residents." The proposed multifamily units would help to diversify the residential types in the entire development.

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION
The site plan indicates that access would be provided in the same manner as for the previously proposed townhomes. Panola Industrial Boulevard would be extended into the site, and would branch off into the parking lot for the proposed development. The site plan indicates that each of the proposed buildings would be accessed from this parking lot.
DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

Storm and Water Quality -- Drainage and stormwater runoff issues are subject to review by the Land Development Division and the Department of Watershed Management.

Streets and Sidewalks -- Subject to review by the Land Development Division and the Transportation Division.

Parking -- Two parking spaces are required for each dwelling unit, or a total of 80 spaces. The submitted site plan indicates that 82 spaces would be provided in a central parking lot.
DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC:
Category: MINOR THOROUGHFARE
Street Name: Snapfinger Woods Drive Lithonia Way
Comments on condition and planned improvements: No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

WATER:
Size of main serving property:
No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

SEWER:
Outfall Serving Project:
Is Sewer adjacent to this property
Treatment Plant:
No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

WASTE GENERATION IF RESIDENTIAL:
No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

DRAINAGE:
No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT DIVISION COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:
No comments received at the time this staff report was written.

DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL: No comments received at the time this staff analysis was written.

Name of School:

High School Middle School Elementary School
Section 27-832 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Standards and factors governing review of proposed amendments to official zoning map" states that the following standards and factors are found to be relevant to the exercise of the county’s zoning powers and shall govern the review of all proposed amendments to the zoning maps:

A. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan.
The proposed modification is consistent with policies of the Comprehensive Plan that support diversity in housing types. A change in the land use map is not under consideration.

B. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties:
The proposed multifamily units would complement the single-family and attached units that were approved in 1994 and are partially completed.

C. Whether the property to be affected by zoning proposal has a reasonable economics use as currently zoned:
Rezoning to a different classification is not requested; therefore this consideration is not applicable.

D. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property:
Rather than adversely affecting adjoining or nearby properties, the modification would allow development that would complement the mix of housing types that is already approved in the overall development.

E. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
As no change in the zoning classification is involved, this consideration is not applicable.

F. 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 modification is requested to enable the developer to introduce a housing type that is preferable to those which were previously approved. The shift to housing that would be appealing to seniors is likely a response to changes in the housing market, prompted by development activity after the property was rezoned in 1994.

G. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic building, sites, districts, or archeological resources
Construction of housing units that would result from the modification would not affect any historic buildings, sites, districts, or archeological resources.

H. 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.
If successfully marketed to seniors, the proposed multifamily units would not place any burden on the school system. The new units would not increase demands on public facilities or infrastructure beyond those that were expected when the property was zoned in 1994.
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL: Based on the findings and conclusions in this staff analysis, as well as the submitted site plan, application form, and field inspection of the project site, it appears that the proposed modification meets the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance for approval of the modification. The requested change in condition would be supported by the housing objective of the Comprehensive Plan to "Develop an appropriate mix of dwelling types, sizes, and prices to meet the current and projected housing needs of County residents." Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that the modification be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. All other conditions of zoning related the Case No. CZ-04111 not previously modified, shall remain in effect.
2. The proposed multifamily building shall be constructed to appear substantially in compliance with the building elevation titled, "Proposed Elevation Proposed Unit Flats Scheme 1", prepared by David McGee, and stamped as received 4-27-07.

ATTACHMENTS:
Zoning Analysis
Letter of Intent
Site Plan
Zoning Map
Land Use Map
Pictometry
ZONING AMENDMENT TO CHANGE CONDITIONS
LETTER OF INTENT

Project Description

The Applicant, Benchmark Group, is currently developing a mixed-use project on certain property having frontage along Snapfinger Woods Drive, Lithonia Industrial Way and Shellbark Road. The Subject Property is zoned OCR and subject to the zoning condition set forth in zoning case CZ-04111, including condition 1 which states that the rezoning was conditioned on that certain site plan dated September 18, 2004 and submitted to the Planning Department on November 22, 2004. The Applicant is submitting this Zoning Amendment to Change Condition Application in order to modify Condition 1 in order to permit the development of 40 stacked flat units in the area currently shown on the plat for the development of 34 townhome units having access off of Lithonia Industrial Way.

The Subject Property is a 6.17 acre tract which is a portion of the overall 62.487 acre tract which was rezoned to OCR (cond.) on December 23, 2004. The project, known as Longview Run, was approved with an overall maximum residential density of 380 units. The product type mix is as follows:

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<td>Stack Flats:</td>
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At the time of the rezoning it was the Applicant's intent to develop the Subject Property for 34 townhomes, consistent with the other 155 units which have already been constructed. However, in order to provide an additional product type in the Project which may be more attractive to seniors ages 55 and up, the Applicant desires to develop the Subject Property for 40 stacked flats which will be sold as condominium units.

Broken down to its simplest form, this request is about whether the units on the Subject Property will be separated vertically or horizontally. Whether stack flats or townhomes the units will be sold as condominium unit, and not individually platted lots. Both unit types will provide a total of 80 parking spaces. The buildings in which the stack units will be located will also be two stories in height like the originally proposed townhome units. The difference between the two product types is that with the stacked flats each individual unit will have a single floor instead of two floors. Additionally the facade of the stack flats building will not look like a townhome. The proposed elevations for the stack flat units are included as a part of this Application. Each building will contain 8 units, which will be accessed through internal hallways. The entrances into the building will be located along the sides of the buildings, thereby allowing the front and rear facades of the building to be identical. It is the Applicant's belief that the proposed
change in product type will allow the Longview Project to be marketed as a true intergenerational project with housing type options which allow individuals from all walks of life to live in manner which suits their particular style.

It should also be noted that under the OCR District Regulations, the dwelling types permit in the OCR district are single family, two-family, and three family homes, and multi-family homes. Multifamily homes are defined by the code as a dwelling unit in a building containing four (4) or more attached units. This definition does not require that each unit be on a separate lot, which is required if the unit is a non-condominium single-family attached unit. It is the Applicant’s position that the District Regulations were intentionally crafted in this manner so as to give developers more flexibility with developing different product types in mixed use projects. Therefore, the proposed modification of the product type for the Subject Property is consistent with both the intent and spirit of the OCR District Regulations.

Based upon the foregoing, the Applicant is respectfully requesting the approval of this Application.
IMPACT ANALYSIS

LAND LOT: 9

ADDRESS: 0 Snapfinger Woods Drive
Tax Parcel No.: 16 009 01 001

CHANGE OF CONDITION: OCR (cond.) to OCR (cond.)

APPLICANT: Benchmark Group

CONTACT PERSON: Michèle L. Battle, Esq.
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Avondale Estates, Georgia 30002
Phone: (404) 299-6960

(a) **Suitability of use:** The change of condition will permit a use that is suitable in view of the uses and developments adjacent and nearby the subject property.

(b) **Effect on adjacent property:** The uses of the subject property as contemplated in this Application will have no adverse impact on the adjacent property owners.

(c) **Economic use of current zoning:** The subject property can be utilized as currently zoned.

(d) **Effect on public facilities:** The approval of this change of conditions application will not have any adverse impact on the public facilities in the area.

(e) **Effect on historic building, sites, etc.:** The approval of this change of conditions application will not have any adverse impact on any historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources in the area.

(f) **Environmental Impact:** The approval of this change of conditions application will not result in any adverse environmental impact.

(e) **Conformity with Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Plan:** The Subject Property as currently zoned is in conformity with the comprehensive land use plan for the area.
(f) **Others:** The following constitutional allegations are given in order to preserve the rights of the Applicant to appeal any adverse decisions that may be rendered by DeKalb County with respect to this Application:
DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ZONING AGENDA / MINUTES
MEETING DATE: May 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Rezone – Benchmark Snapfinger Woods c/o The Battle Law Group

COMMISSION DISTRICTS: 3 & 7

DEPARTMENT: Planning

PUBLIC HEARING: ☑ YES ☐ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☑ YES ☐ No

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RECOMMENDATION(S):

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
Approval. Based on the findings and conclusions in this staff analysis, as well as the submitted site plan, application form, and field inspection of the project site, it appears that the proposed modification meets the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance for approval of the modification. The requested change in condition would be supported by the housing objective of the Comprehensive Plan to "Develop an appropriate mix of dwelling types, sizes, and prices to meet the current and projected housing needs of County residents." Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Development Department that the application be "Approved".

PLANNING COMMISSION:
Approval.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL:
Approval w/conditions that floor plans have 2-bedroom units and include age restriction of 65 years of age.
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ACTION: H14

MOTION was made by Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Commissioner May, and passed 5-0-0-2, to approve with conditions as read by Kevin Hunter, and two additional conditions submitted by Commissioner May as follows: This proposal will not be used as apartments but shall be used as condos and will be marketed to residents 55 and older, the Benchmark Snapfinger Woods c/o The Battle Law Group. Commissioner Boyer was out of the room and not voting. Commissioner Johnson was absent and not voting.

ADOPTED: MAY 22 2007

PRESIDING OFFICER
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CERTIFIED: MAY 2 2 2007

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APPROVED: JUN 18 2007

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEKALB COUNTY

VETOED:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEKALB COUNTY

VETO STATEMENT ATTACHED

MINUTES:

Michele Battle, 68 N. Avondale, Suite D, Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002, spoke in support and submitted two renderings for the record.

Willie Pringle, 2714 Pleasant Wood Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30034, spoke in opposition of the application.

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STACKED FLATS PROPOSED SITE PLAN
LONGVIEW POINTE PLAT
LONGVIEW WALK PLAT
E-MAILS TO HOA REPRESENTATIVES
Dear Ms. Boyer,

I just left you a voicemail message. I got your name from Tim Jenkins at Rocklyn Homes and I trust you may be able to assist me. When convenient, if you could please forward the contact information for the Longview Walk HOA President (a gated, townhome community off of Snapfinger Woods Drive in Decatur, Georgia). I would like to reach out to the Longview Walk HOA to discuss an upcoming rezoning modification for an adjacent vacant piece of property off of Acuity Way known as Longview Run. We are planning a 38-unit townhome development and would like to discuss this project with our neighbors.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,

Sean

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From: Sean Randall <seanr@totalpropertyadvisors.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Hassan Harris (hassanharris74@gmail.com)
Subject: Zoom Meeting with the HOA Board at Longview Point

Hassan,

I trust things are well with you and you and your family are safe! I just left you a voicemail regarding setting up a Zoom Meeting in the near future with you and your HOA board members at Longview Point to review and discuss the rezoning modification application for the proposed 38 unit Townhome development at Longview Walk. My understanding from our prior conversation was that you were going to discuss this issue at your board meeting this past Tuesday and set a couple of times when it would be convenient for a Zoom Meeting. In the meantime, I can forward a packet of materials we are preparing in conjunction with the rezoning application.

Thank you so much for all your help and I look forward to speaking with you soon!

Best Regards,

Sean

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