

Staff Recommendation



Staff recommend approval of the project and approval of all requested modifications to regulations, subject to the conditions in Ordinance A

Updates since the September 24, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 1. Landscape Buffers: The applicant clarified that the buffer to the single-family home to the north is a 10-foot buffer, with a 5-foot retaining wall within the buffer.
- 2. Tree Canopy Modification Request: The applicant will discuss their request for a modified tree canopy standard.

Project Overview

- Kadre Engineering, on behalf of Peng Xu, Ashar Mahmood and Kausar Arshad, and Dan-Hong Lu (Owners) and EB Capital Partners (Developer) requests to rezone a 4.02-acre site from Residential-1 (R-1) to Residential-6-Conditional Zoning District (R-6-CZD).
- The site is located at the intersection of East Lakeview Drive and Old Chapel Hill Road in Durham County.
- The proposal is to construct up to 76 townhome and/or stacked townhome units. Proposed building heights are up to four stories.
- This project is proposing to meet inclusionary zoning rules by providing 15% of market rate units as affordable units.

Summary of Comprehensive Plan Consistency

Viewed through the holistic lens of the Complete Community Strategy, this project meets the Town's strategy for growth. No single issue raised below should be considered in isolation.



Consistent

Somewhat Consistent

Not Consistent **N/A** Not Applicable

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Chapel Hill will direct growth to greenways, transit corridors, large infill sites with existing infrastructure, and smaller infill sites.

The project is an infill site and is contributing to the greenway network.

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Goal 1: Plan for the Future Strategically

Associated Comp. Plan Elements:

- Future Land Use Map
- Shaping Our Future
- The project is in the North 15-501 Focus Area, Sub-Area A.
- The proposed use of townhomes is included as a secondary use in this Sub-area.
- This project is proposing middle-density for-sale housing.

•	The site is part of the Parkline East planning effort which focuses on placemaking
	and interconnections between multiple proposed projects in the area.

Goal 2: Expand and Deliver New Greenways for Everyday Life

Associated Comp. Plan Elements:

- Mobility & Connectivity Plan
- Connected Roads Plan
- The project will add to the greenway network and connect to greenways proposed by other developments.
- The project is located adjacent to existing bike lanes and sidewalks on Old Chapel Hill Road.
- The project provides multiple connections identified in the Connected Roads Plan.

Goal 3: Be Green and Provide Housing

Associated Comp. Plan Elements:

- Climate Action & Response Plan
- The project contributes to dense, walkable development patterns as called for in the Climate Action and Response Plan.
- The project includes commitments to some sustainable design features.

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Goal 4: Plan for Excellence in the Public Realm and Placemaking

• The applicant met with the Town's Urban Designer. Please see the Urban Design Assessment attached. These comments are advisory.

Public Engagement

Areas of concern identified by members of the public are noted below. Engagement related to this project has included a virtual public information meeting. Staff have not received significant numbers of phone calls or emails regarding the project.

1. Staff have heard some concerns about the traffic impacts of this development. The development's Traffic Impact Analysis helps to address concerns about new traffic on Old Chapel Hill Road.

Project Location

