

### CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW: WEAVER DAIRY ROAD RESIDENTIAL (Project #21-090)

**SUMMARY REPORT** 

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**PROPERTY ADDRESS** 

Weaver Dairy Road

#### **MEETING DATE**

March 9, 2022

#### **APPLICANT**

McAdams, on behalf of Aspen TOPOC II Acquisitions, LLC

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#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached resolution transmitting comments to the applicant regarding the proposed development.

#### **PROCESS**

- Comments from the Community Design Commission, Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board, and Town's Urban Designer are attached.
- Comments from the Housing Advisory Board will be shared prior to the meeting.
- Because this review is a Concept Plan submittal, statements by individual Council members this evening do not represent an official position or commitment on the part of a Council member with respect to the position he or she may take when and if the Council considers a formal application.

### **DECISION POINTS**

- A Conditional Zoning review is typically required for the formal application. Alternatively, the applicant could request a Development Agreement.
- The applicant has been advised to discuss their preferred process with Council tonight.

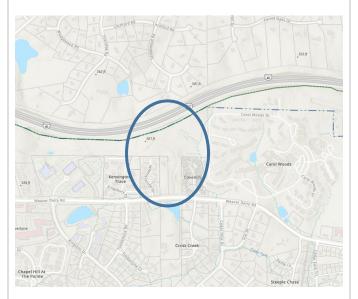
#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The approximately 20-acre site, the eastern portion of a larger lot, is located between Weaver Dairy Road and Interstate 40 to the east of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and west of Sunrise Road. The property is undeveloped with a utility corridor cutting through the southern portion of the site. The site is currently zoned Residential-4 (R-4).

The applicant proposes to construct one 4 or 5 story apartment building (approximately 48 or 60 feet tall if assuming a 12-foot story height) with approximately 311 dwelling units and 51 townhouse units. The applicant has indicated its intent to comply with the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and is proposing to provide 15 percent of the units as affordable units.

Proposed access to the property is from Weaver Dairy Road immediately west of the Coventry townhome community and a stub-out street to the adjacent vacant property to the west. There is Resource Conservation District associated with a stream to the east and no encroachment is proposed.

### **PROJECT LOCATION**



#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Evaluation
- 2. Concept Plan Report
- 3. Draft Staff Presentation
- 4. Resolution
- 5. Advisory Board Comments (to be added)
- 6. Urban Designer Comments
- 7. North Chapel Hill Concept plan 2020
- 8. Applicant Materials



# **Weaver Dairy Road Residential**

The following report provides an evaluation by Planning Staff of the Concept Plan site, based on long-range planning considerations.

PROPERTY ADDRESS	APPLICANT	CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT
Weaver Dairy Road	McAdams, on behalf of Aspen TOPOC II Acquisitions, LLC	Residential-3 (R-3)

EXISTING LAND USE Vacant / Undeveloped	PROPOSED LAND USE  Multifamily Residential	
SURROUNDING PROPERTIES - EXISTING LAND	<u>'</u>	
	munity (East), Multifamily Residential (Southeast, West),	
FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) FOCUS AREA	FLUM SUB-AREA	
North MLK, JR Blvd	D	
OTHER APPLICABLE ADOPTED PLANS		
☑ Mobility and Connectivity Plan		
☑ Parks Comprehensive Plan	☑ Climate Action and Response Plan (NEW)	
⊠ Greenways Master Plan	$\hfill \square$ West Rosemary Street Development Guide	
⊠ Chapel Hill Bike Plan	☐ Central West Small Area Plan	
⊠ Cultural Arts Plan		

#### SUMMARY OF PLAN CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING SITE

Map excerpts on following pages demonstrate the Plan Considerations listed below. The location of Weaver Diary Rd. Residential is marked with the symbol.

### **Future Land Use Map (FLUM)**

- The project is located in the N MLK Jr Blvd Focus Area, Sub-Area D.
- Multifamily Residential is identified as one of the appropriate Primary land uses.
- Typical Height in the Sub-Area is 4-6 stories or approximately 48-72 feet tall if assuming a 12-foot story height.
- No features are shown for Transitional Area, Activated Street Frontages, Proposed Connections, or Future Parks & Open Space impacting the site.
- The Mobile Home Park to the south is identified as a Sensitive Displacement Area.

# **Mobility and Connectivity Plan**

- The site has minimal road frontage.
- Two greenways proposed on the Mobility Plan impact the site, running east-west. One would run along or near the southern property line, within the power easement. The second would run along or near I-40 and the northern property line.
- A future Bus Rapid Transit station is located within ¼ mile of the site. The applicant should coordinate
  with Chapel Hill Transit for the latest information on BRT design, station locations and any potential
  connections.

### **Parks Comprehensive Plan**

- The site falls within the Community Park Service Areas for Cedar Falls and Homestead Park. The site does not fall within a Neighborhood Park Service Area.
- No additional Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks are proposed in the vicinity of the site.

### **Greenways Master Plan**

- A segment of the North Trail runs east-west across the site, connecting to an existing trail near Perkins Drive and then running just south of I-40. This is consistent with the more expanded greenway trail network shown on the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.
- The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation** for the latest information on trail alignment, design, and construction timing.

## **Chapel Hill Bike Plan**

• Mapping of future bike facilities in the Bike Plan is superseded by the Mobility and Connectivity Plan. The Bike Plan provides some additional detail on facility design.

### **Cultural Arts Plan**

No opportunities for integrating public art are identified at locations that impact the site.

### **Stormwater Management Master Plan**

• The site is mostly located in the Old Field Creek Subwatershed (NH1), with an eastern portion of the site located in the Cedar Fork Subwatershed (BL8). The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill's Stormwater Management Division** to understand relevant stormwater considerations.

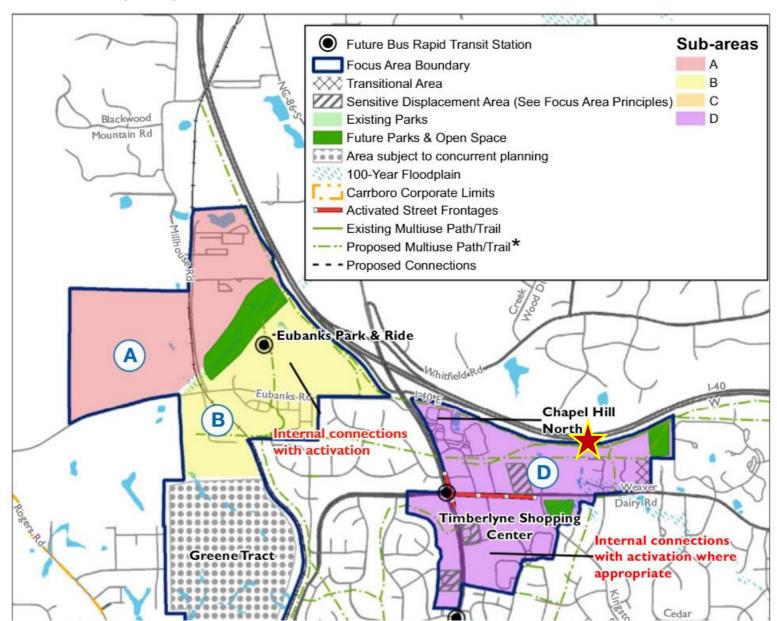
### Climate Action and Response Plan (NEW)

(Note: no map excerpt provided, as the Plan is generally text-based)

- Developing the site in accordance with the Future Land Use Map and Mobility Plan would contribute to the following Plan actions:
  - Create walkable, bikeable, transit-served neighborhoods
  - Increase bicycling, walking, and transit use
- Conditions for development could contribute to the other actions in the plan such as:
  - Net-zero emissions for new construction
  - Create a town-wide EV charging station network
  - Protect water quality, natural, and agricultural resources
  - Enhance green infrastructure

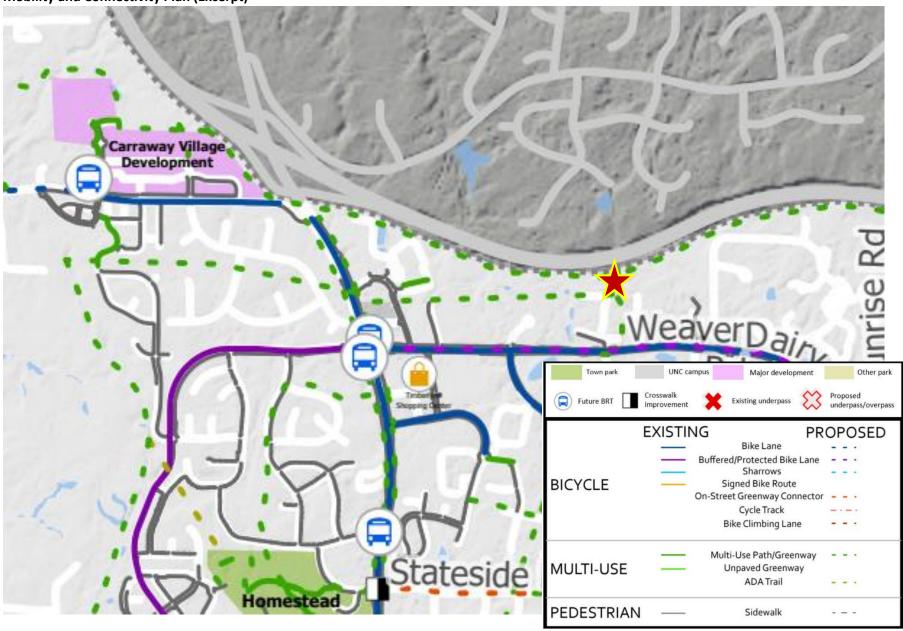
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# **Future Land Use Map (Excerpt)**



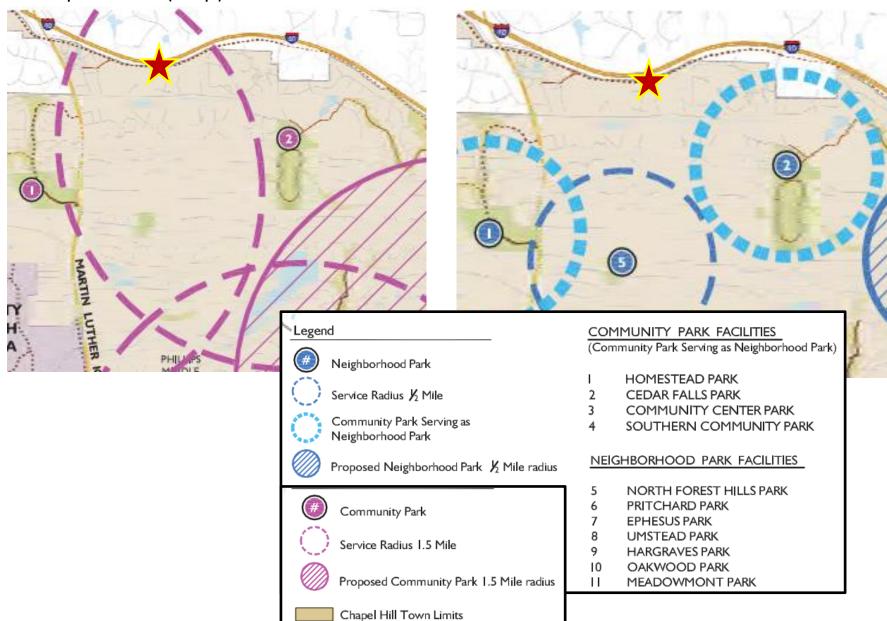
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**Greenways Master Plan (Excerpt)** 



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# **Cultural Arts Plan (Excerpt)**



## Stormwater Management Master Plan (Excerpt)

