

CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW: GATEWAY (Project #21-073)

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PROPERTY ADDRESS	MEETING DATE	APPLICANT
E. Lakeview Drive	September 14, 2022	CJT, PA on behalf of Bryan Properties

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

PROCESS

Council hears from the applicant, and receives comments from the Community Design Commission, Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board, Housing Advisory Board, and Town's Urban Designer, hears public comments and offers suggestions to the applicant.

SUMMARY REPORT

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.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The approximately 16-acre site consists of 15 parcels located on the east side of E. Lakeview Dr., to the south of US 15-501. The site is currently zoned Residential-1 (R-1).

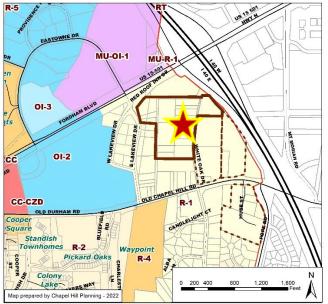
The proposal includes approximately 380 dwelling units and 535 parking spaces, with multiple buildings up to 5 stories in height. The proposal would require a rezoning.

DECISION POINTS

A Conditional Zoning review is typically required for the formal application.

The Town has received four applications for residential development in this general area, including this one. Staff and applicants developed a Framework Plan for coordination of site design elements across the four sites to establish a cohesive and connected community. Council comments on this Concept Plan may consider the larger context of the Framework Plan.

PROJECT LOCATION



ATTACHMENTS	Long-Range Plans EvaluationDraft Staff Presentation	
	Resolution A, Transmitting Council Comments	
	 Advisory Board Comments (HAB and SMUAB to be added) 	
	Urban Designer Comments	
	 Applicant Materials – Initial Submittal 	
	 Additional Applicant Materials – Responding to Framework Plan 	



Under direction of the Town Council, Town of Chapel Hill staff have led a planning effort to examine four adjacent development proposals to be more holistic and connected. Over the summer, staff held a series of workshops with the development teams. These efforts produced a "Development Framework" which coordinates project details from site to site; fosters community connections for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and vehicles; considers how stormwater and stream protection could be seen more as site and community amenities; and plans for a vibrant public realm of streets and open spaces.

The Gateway applicant subsequently explored updates to their original Concept Plan materials to reflect the context and outcomes of the Framework Plan. The attached 'Additional Applicant Materials' reflect that work. The applicant will share more details on their response to the Framework Plan in their presentation to the Town Council.



LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION

GATEWAY – E. LAKEVIEW DRIVE

The following report provides an evaluation of the Concept Plan site, based on longrange planning considerations.

EXISTING LAND USE	PROPOSED LAND USE		
Residential / Vacant	Multifamily Residential		
SURROUNDING PROPERTIES - EXISTING LAND USES			
Residential (North, South, East & West)			
APPLICABLE ADOPTED PLANS			
oxtimes Future Land Use Map (FLUM)	Cultural Arts Plan		
oxtimes Mobility and Connectivity Plan	🛛 Stormwater Management Master Plan		
Parks Comprehensive Plan	Climate Action & Response Plan		
🛛 Greenways Master Plan	West Rosemary Street Development Guide		
🛛 Chapel Hill Bike Plan	🗆 Central West Small Area Plan		

SUMMARY OF PLAN CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING SITE

Future Land Use Map (FLUM) - North 15/501 Corridor Focus Area, Sub-Area A

- Multifamily Residential; Multifamily, Shops & Offices; Commercial Office; and Parks/Green spaces are listed as *Primary (predominate) Uses*.
- Townhouses & Residences and Institutional/University/Civic facilities are listed as *Secondary Uses* (allowed, but not predominate).
- Height guidance for the Sub-Area is 4-6 stories.

Mobility and Connectivity Plan

- A multi-use path is shown running northwest to southeast through the site.
- Bike lanes are proposed along the site's frontage on E. Lakeview Dr.

Parks Comprehensive Plan

- No existing service areas are noted for this site.
- No additional Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks are proposed in this area.

Greenways Master Plan

• There are no proposed greenway facilities impacting this site.

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

 The Cultural Arts Plan identifies locations that are opportunities for integrating public art. The applicant should coordinate with Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture for more information on appropriate landscape and artistic treatments in this corridor.

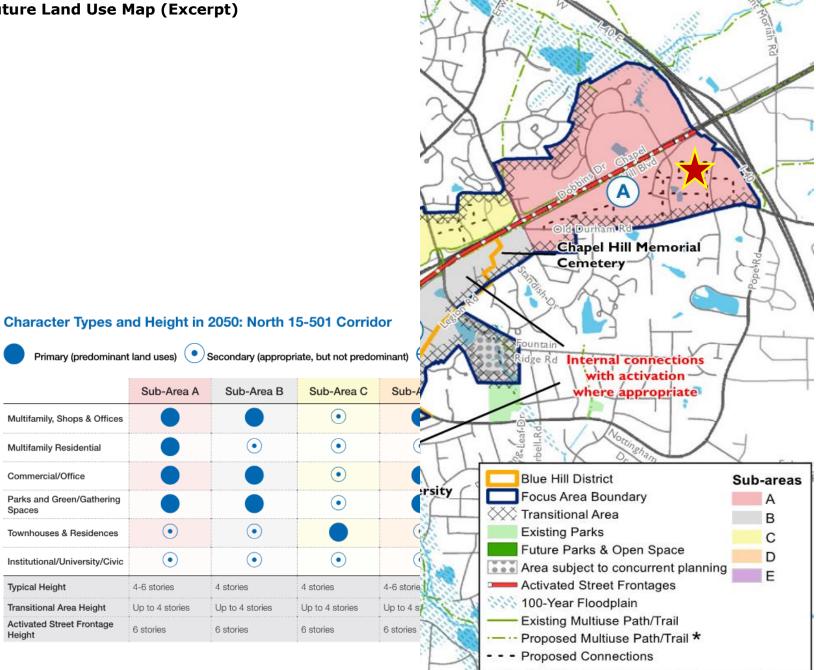
Stormwater Management Master Plan

• The site is located in the Clark Lake Subwatershed. The applicant should **coordinate with Chapel Hill's Stormwater Management Division** to understand relevant stormwater considerations.

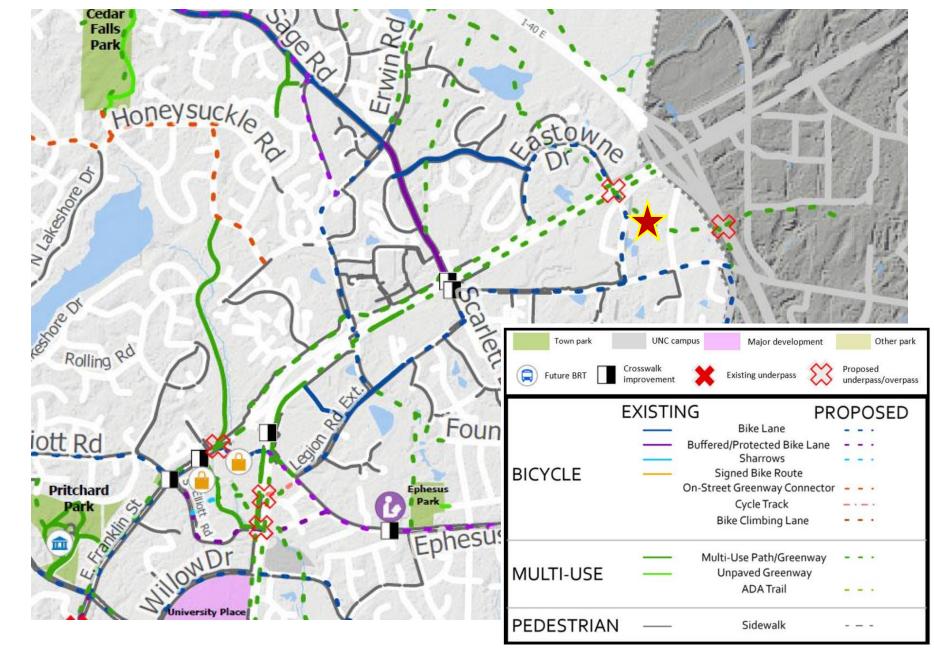
Climate Action and Response Plan

- 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

LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION Future Land Use Map (Excerpt)



LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION Mobility & Connectivity Plan (Excerpt)



LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION Parks Comprehensive Plan (Excerpt)

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EPHESUS ROAD	Legend	COMMUNITY PARK FACILITIES
ELEMENTARY		(Community Park Serving as Neighborhood Park)
SCHOOL	Neighborhood Park	I HOMESTEAD PARK
	Service Radius 1/2 Mile	2 CEDAR FALLS PARK
		3 COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
	Community Park Serving as	4 SOUTHERN COMMUNITY PARK
	Neighborhood Park	
	Proposed Neighborhood Park ½ Mile radius	NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FACILITIES
		5 NORTH FOREST HILLS PARK
	Community Park	6 PRITCHARD PARK
	(N)	7 EPHESUS PARK
	Service Radius I.5 Mile	8 UMSTEAD PARK 9 HARGRAVES PARK
		10 OAKWOOD PARK
	Proposed Community Park 1.5 Mile radius	II MEADOWMONT PARK
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Chapel Hill Town Limits

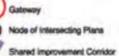
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LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION **Cultural Arts Plan (Excerpt)**



Legend

Opportunities for Intergrating Public Art into Town Master Plans & Action Plans



Entranceway or Major Cross-Connector

Future Non-Street Pedestrian and Transit Facilities

Future Nature Trail Proposed Paved Greenway TTA Rail Corridor (Adopted 9-14-05)

Town Public Art: Existing or Funded

- Existing Public Art
- Funded & Planned Public Art

Public Lands & Town Boundaries





Stormwater Management Master Plan (Excerpt)

