

CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW: LULLWATER, ADAIR ROAD (OLD UNIVERSITY STATION ROAD EXTENSION) (PROJECT #21-053)

SUMMARY REPORT

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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PROPERTY ADDRESS

Adair Drive (Old University Station Road Extension)

MEETING DATE

September, 22 2021

APPLICANT

CJT, PA, on behalf of NGI Acquisitions, LLC

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

PROCESS

- The Council will hear the applicant's presentation, receive comments from the Community Design Commission, Housing Advisory Board, and Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board, hear public comments, and offer suggestions to the applicant.
- 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.
- The Community Design Commission reviewed a concept plan for this site on August 24, 2021.
- The Housing Advisory Board reviewed a concept plan for this site on September 14, 2021.
- The Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board reviewed a concept plan for this site on August 24, 2021.

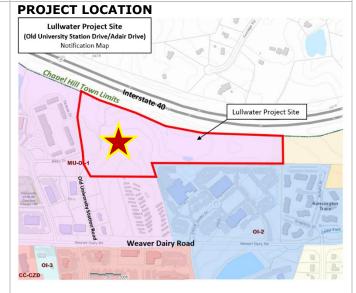
DECISION POINTS

- The site is located in the North Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Future Focus Area of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM).
- Consideration of building placement, design and articulation related to street frontages and pedestrian experiences.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This 20.4-acre site (a portion of a larger lot) is located at Adair Drive and Old University Station Road Extension, near Weaver Dairy Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. It is zoned Mixed Use-Office/Institutional-1 (MU-OI-1) and Residential-3 (R-3).

The applicant proposes to construct up to 270 apartments along with 40 townhomes. The applicant also proposes approximately 475 parking spaces along with electric charging stations and bicycle parking.



ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Long Range Plans Evaluation
- 2. Draft Staff Presentation
- 3. Resolution A, transmitting comments to the applicant
- 4. Town's Urban Designer's Comments
- 5. Advisory Board recommendations
- 6. Applicant Materials



LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION

Lullwater

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

| OPERTY ADDRESS | APPLICANT | CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT |
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| air Drive / University Station Road | CJT, PA, on behalf of NGI Acquisitions, LLC | Mixed Use – Office/Institutional (MU-OI-1) |

| EXISTING LAND USE Vacant / Undeveloped | PROPOSED LAND USE Multifamily Residential |
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| SURROUNDING PROPERTIES – EXISTING LAND IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII | Iltifamily Residential (Southeast, West), |
| FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) FOCUS AREA North MLK, JR Blvd | FLUM SUB-AREA D |
| OTHER APPLICABLE ADOPTED PLANS ☑ Mobility and Connectivity Plan | |
| ☑ Parks Comprehensive Plan | |
| ☐ 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 Lullwater is marked with the symbol.

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

- The project is located in the North 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.
- 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 does not front on existing roads. Proposed extensions of Adair Drive and Old University Station Road would provide access to the site.
- 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 proposed? 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.

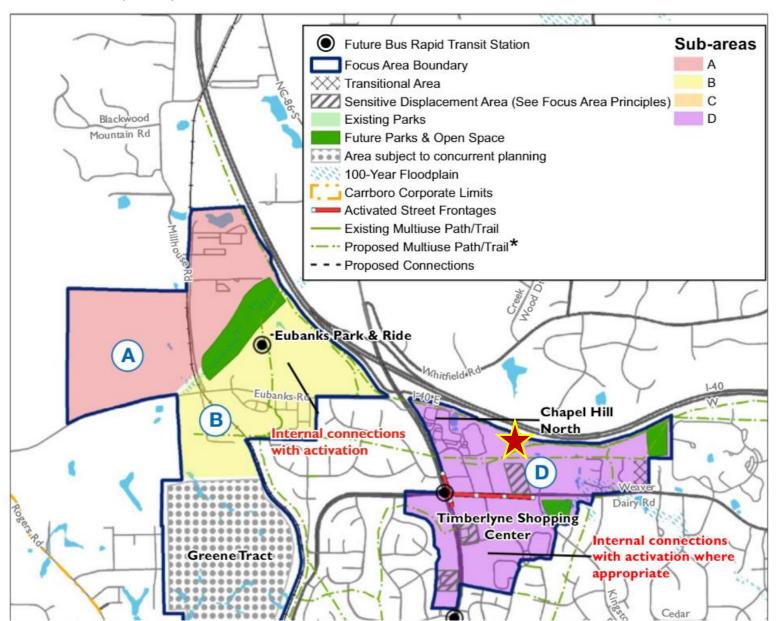
Climate Action and Response Plan (NEW)

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

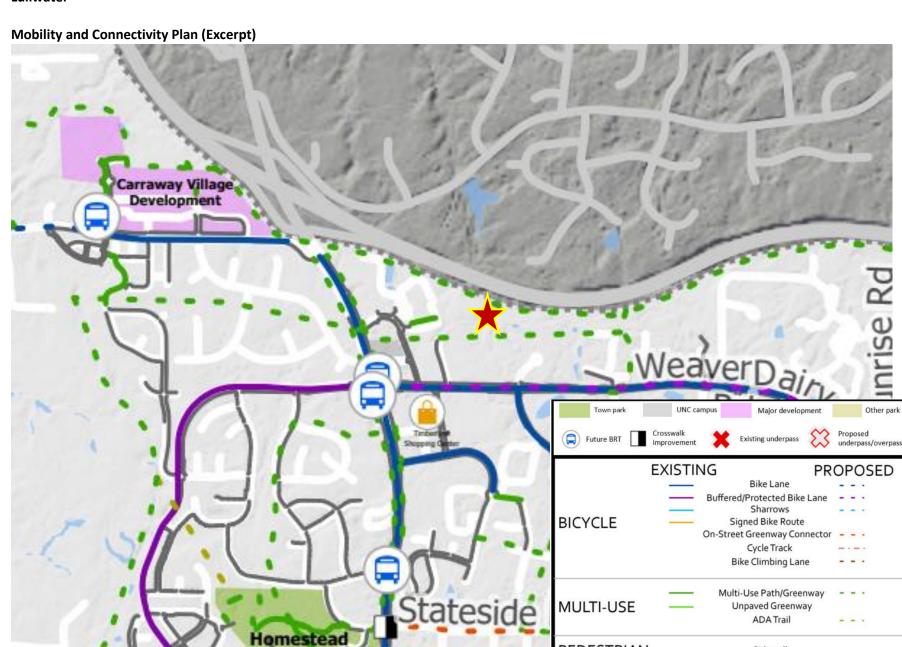
- Developing the site in accordance with the Future Land Use Map and Mobility Plan would contribute to the following Plan actions:
 - Create walkable, bikeable, transit-served neighborhoods
 - Increase bicycling, walking, and transit use
- Conditions for development could contribute to the other actions in the plan such as:
 - Net-zero emissions for new construction
 - Create a town-wide electric-vehicle 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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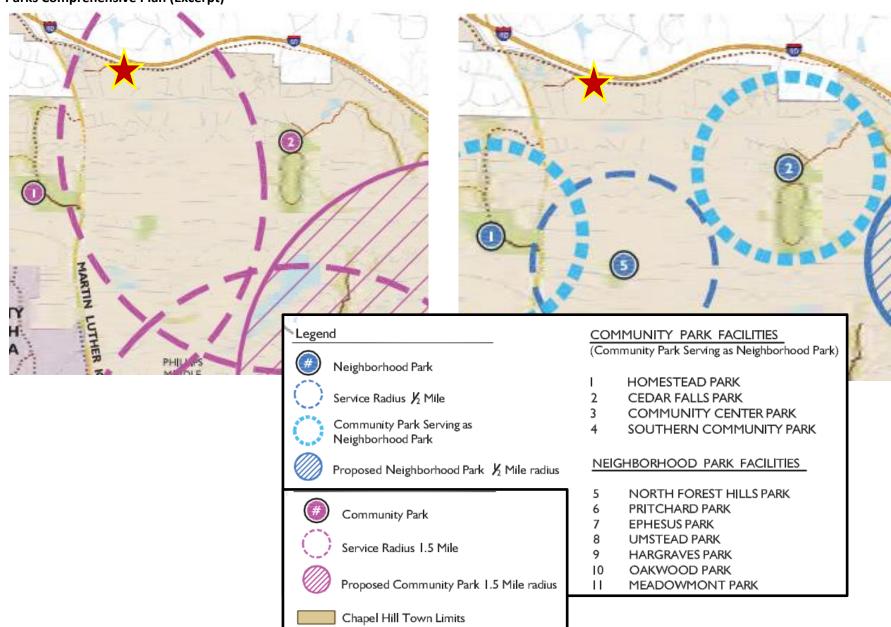


PEDESTRIAN

Sidewalk

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Cultural Arts Plan (Excerpt)



Stormwater Management Master Plan (Excerpt)

