PLANNING CONCEPTS









WHAT ARE THE PLANNING CONCEPTS?

The planning concepts are diagrams that indicate several possible strategies to accommodate future development in ways that address the planning principles.

- The concepts illustrate options for:
 - Land uses
 - Road networks (existing and new)
 - Density and intensity
- The concepts are not designs; they do not show:
 - A site plan for each parcel
 - Structures
 - Parking layouts
 - Architectural elements

HOW DID THE 3 CONCEPTS EVOLVE?

Factors that informed the concepts:

- The planning principles
- Current land owner intentions (indicated on map)
- Steering committee input, which lead to refinements of land use, circulation networks, etc.
- Public comments at workshop and report-out sessions.

HOW DID THE 3 CONCEPTS EVOLVE?

Ideas that emerged and informed the concepts:

- A vibrant sense of place and an institutional gateway
- A compatible bridge between new and existing development
- Respect for the integrity of existing neighborhoods
- Opportunities for strong social and physical connections
- Circulation options that minimize traffic impacts (vehicular, pedestrian, bike, transit)
- A mix of uses resulting in walkable destinations and population diversity
- Enhancement of the area's natural features through active protection and sustainable design practices

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EXISTING ZONING

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Current Intentions



DRAFT May AND USE + CONNECTIONS CENTRAL WEST FOC Multi-Family **DRAFT 5/18/13**

CONCEPT A: Residential Focus



within this concept.

within this concept.

Existing

Dense

Less

Dense

greatest number of dwelling units per acre or the highest FAR

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Lowest density is relatively defined as those areas with the lowest number of dwelling units per acre or the lowest FAR

CONCEPT A: Residential Focus Precedent Images



Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill



Meadowmont, Chapel Hill



New England Senior Housing



Southern Village, Chapel Hill

CONCEPT A: Residential Focus Precedent Images



Alexandria, VA



Town Square



Alexandria, VA



CONCEPT B: Residential + Office Focus



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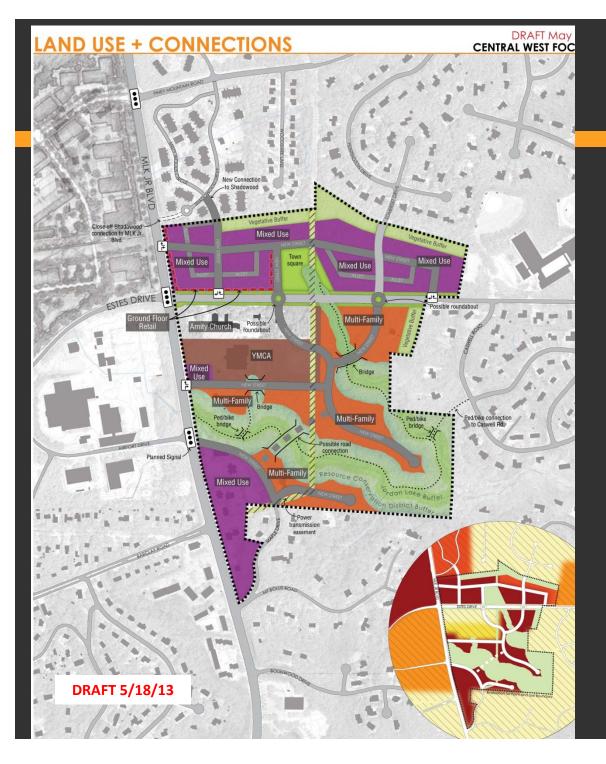


Birkdale Village, NC

Carol Woods, Chapel Hill

Arlington, VA





CONCEPT C: Mixed Use Focus



within this concept.

within this concept.

Existing

Dense

Less

Dense

greatest number of dwelling units per acre or the highest FAR

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Lowest density is relatively defined as those areas with the lowest number of dwelling units per acre or the lowest FAR

CONCEPT C: Mixed Use Focus Precedent Images



Shirlington, VA



Habersham, SC



Baxter Village, SC

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Habersham, SC



Southern Village, Chapel Hill



Southern Village, Chapel Hill

CONCEPT A: Residential Focus

Summary Highlights:

- Residential character is compatible with current CWFA uses
- Traffic impacts would likely be the lowest given:
 - Predominance of senior housing
 - Potential for student living north of Estes
 - New roadways and connections—takes pressure off Estes
- Density is focused on corner of MLK and Estes— very visible corner

However:

- Lower density and predominance of residential uses = limited ability to attract strong retail, even of local interest
- Retail will likely be similar to convenience retail at the corner of MLK and Homestead

CONCEPT B: Residential + Office Focus

Summary Highlights:

- Retains residential character as shown in Concept A (senior and multi-family)
- Adds additional mixed use (smaller-scale office and other uses)
 - Mixed use makes it possible for the area to respond to market needs over time
- Introduces community "social" spaces— indoors and out
- Increased density and activity/intensity = more retail options
- Increases new road connections— north and south of Estes

However, higher densities and intensities:

- Will need additional circulation options: ped/bike paths, transit
- Changes will likely happen very gradually, with build-out of Carolina North

CONCEPT C: Mixed Use Focus

Summary Highlights:

- Provides the greatest land use/market driven flexibility
- Roundabouts improve traffic flow on Estes
- Stronger road connections south of Estes

However:

- The character of each area will need to be further defined to assure the community of the "end results"
- Zoning will need to include a list of allowable land uses for mixed use areas
- Topography is a challenge to the new road south of Estes
- Change will be long term and will rely on the speed of development at Carolina North