



LONG-RANGE PLANS EVALUATION  
 5500 Old Chapel Hill Road

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


PROPERTY ADDRESS 5500 Old Chapel Hill Road	APPLICANT Wendi Ramsden CJT, PA	CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT Residential-1 (R-1)
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EXISTING LAND USE Vacant / Undeveloped	PROPOSED LAND USE Multifamily Residential
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SURROUNDING PROPERTIES – EXISTING LAND USES  
 I-40 freeway (North/East), Single-family residence (East, West, and South)

FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) FOCUS AREA North 15-501 Corridor	FLUM SUB-AREA A
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OTHER APPLICABLE ADOPTED PLANS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobility and Connectivity Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Management Master Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks Comprehensive Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate Action and Response Plan <i>(NEW)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenways Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> West Rosemary Street Development Guide
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapel Hill Bike Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Central West Small Area Plan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts Plan	

SUMMARY OF PLAN CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING SITE  
 Map excerpts on following pages demonstrate the Plan Considerations listed below. The location of 5500 Old Chapel Hill Road is marked with the  symbol.

Future Land Use Map (FLUM)

- The project is located in the North 15-501 Corridor Sub-Area A.
- Multifamily Residential is identified as one of the appropriate Primary land uses.
- Typical Height in the Sub-Area is 4-6 stories.
- Transitional Area is on the south side of the site.

Mobility and Connectivity Plan

- The NCDOT project is nearing completion to upgrade Old Chapel Hill Road with pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Parks Comprehensive Plan

- The site does not fall within a Community Park or Neighborhood Park Service Area.
- No additional Neighborhood Parks or Community Parks are proposed in the vicinity of the site.

Greenways Master 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- Mapping of future bike facilities in the Bike Plan is superseded by the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.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 Clark Lake 1 (JL1) Basin. The applicant should coordinate with Chapel Hill's **Stormwater Management Division** to understand relevant stormwater considerations.

### Climate Action and Response Plan (NEW)

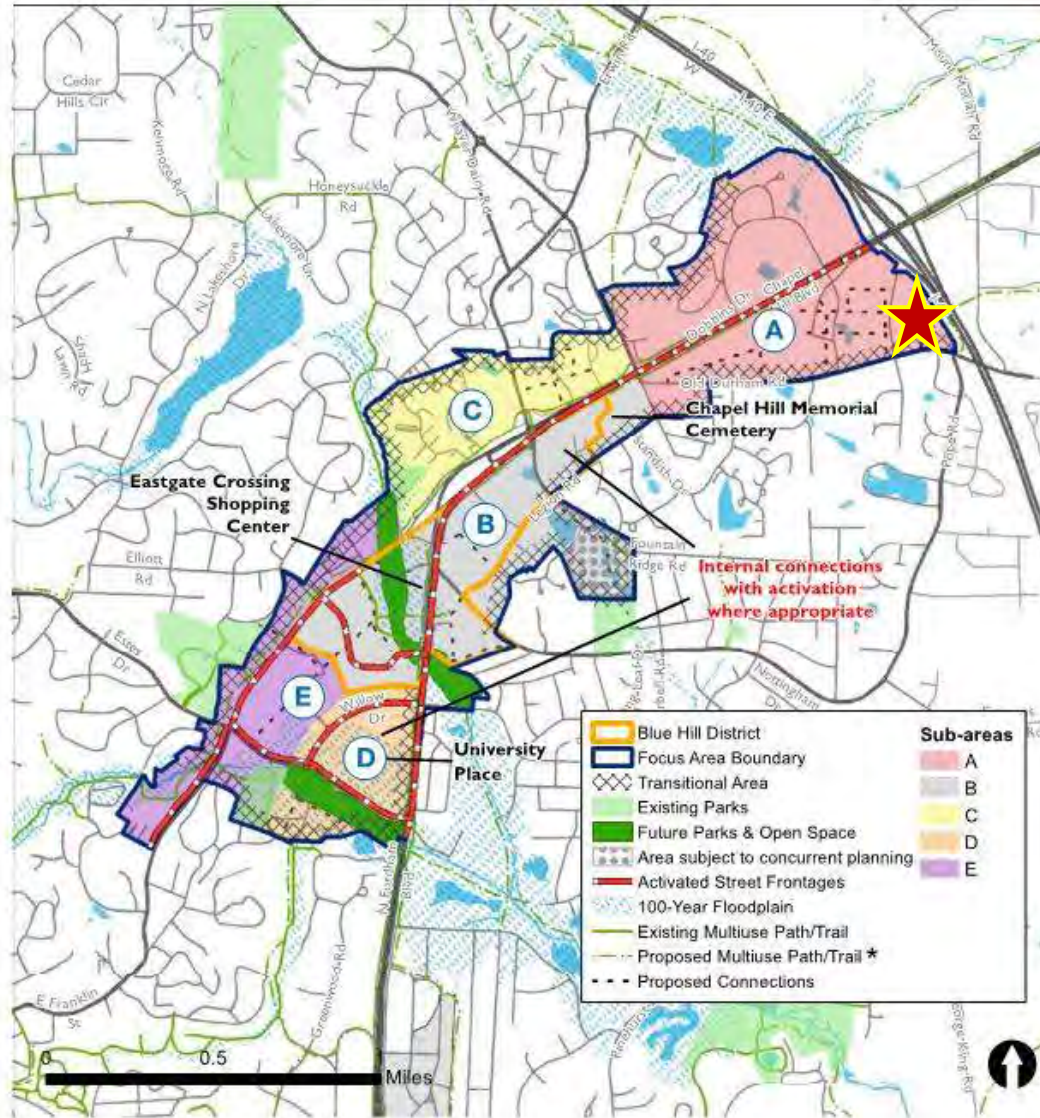
*(Note: no map excerpt provided, as the Plan is generally text-based)*

- 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)

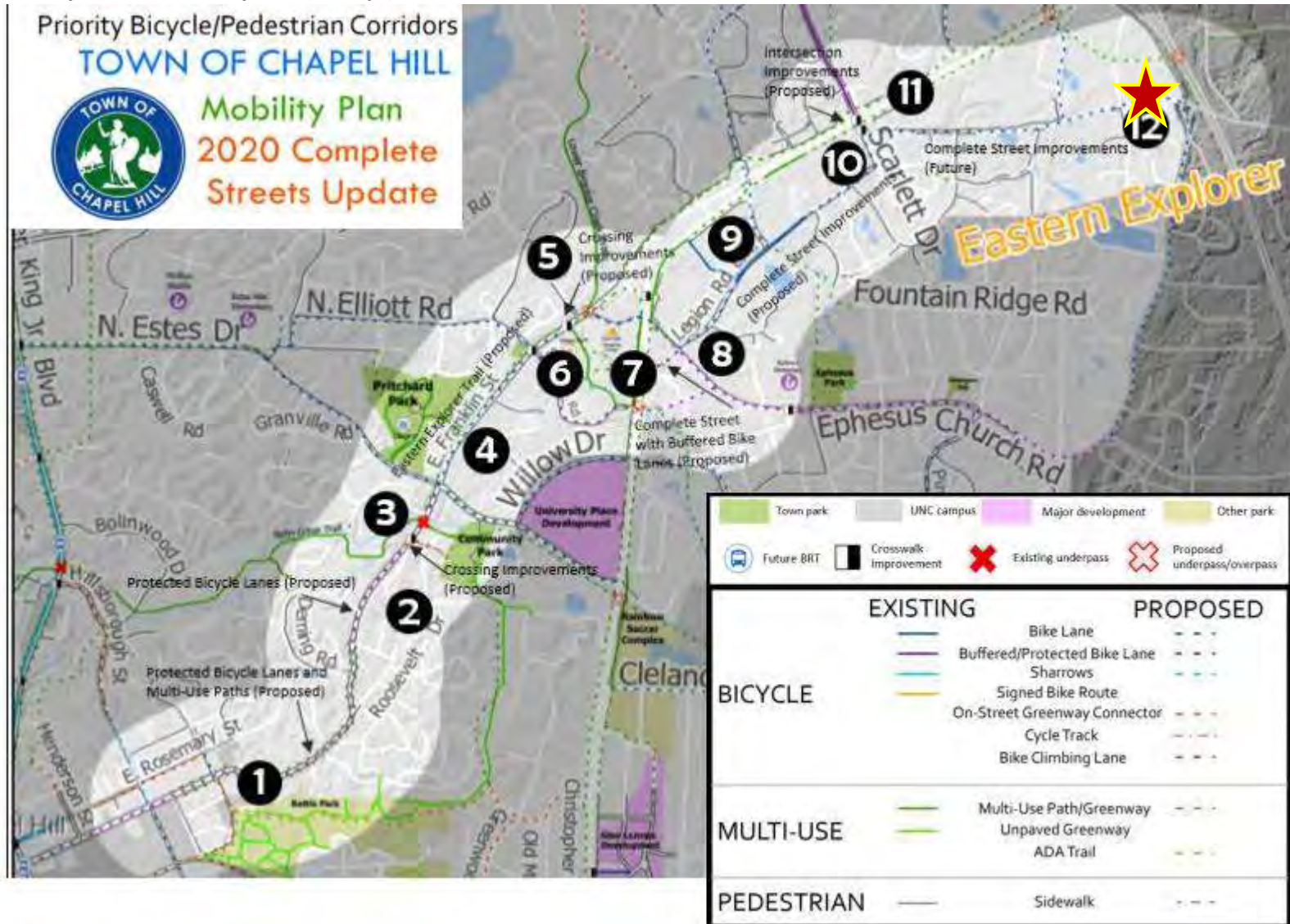


\* See Mobility Plan for more information about proposed multi-modal improvements

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### Mobility and Connectivity Plan (Excerpt)



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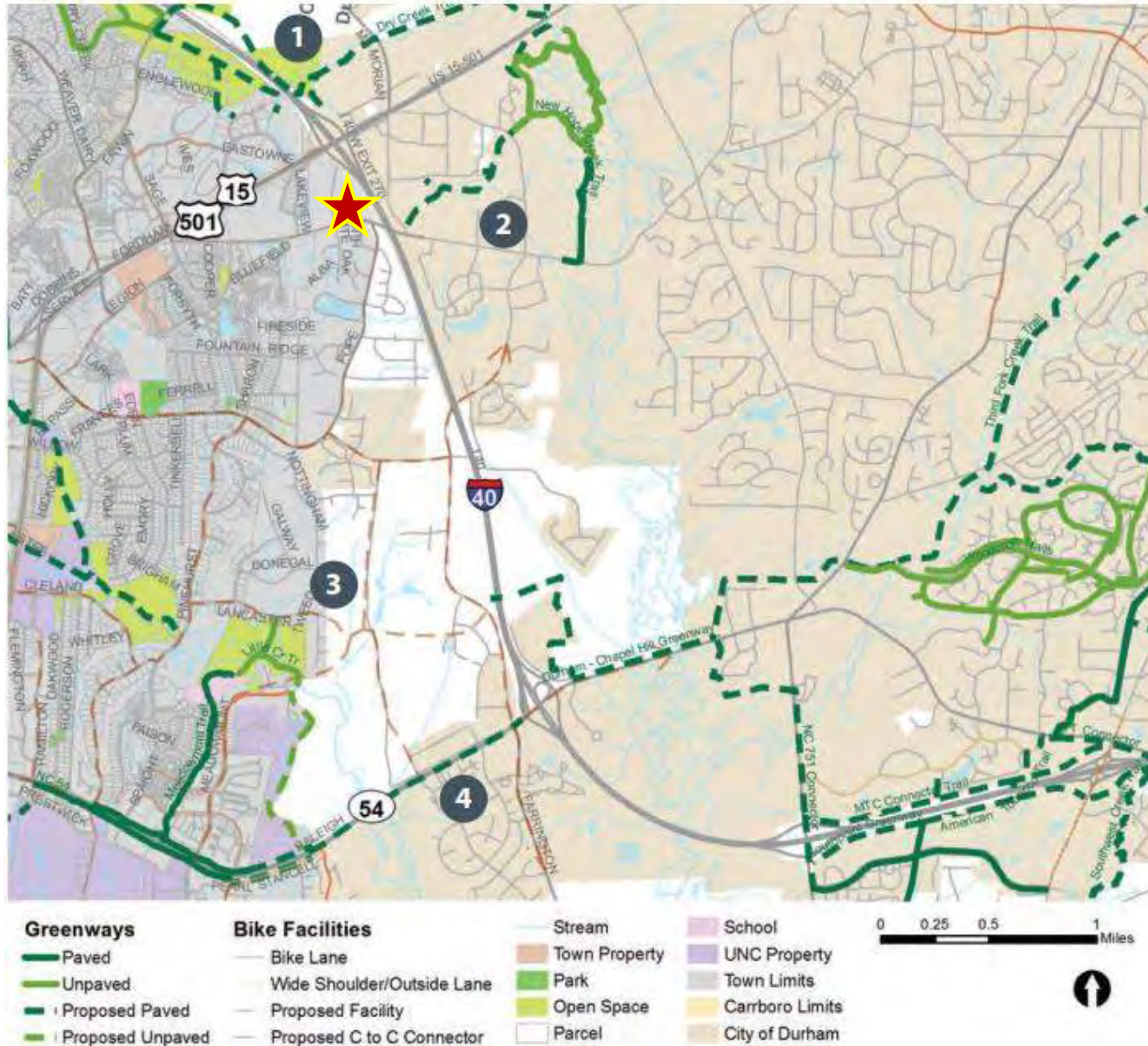


Legend		COMMUNITY PARK FACILITIES (Community Park Serving as Neighborhood Park)	
	Neighborhood Park	1	HOMESTEAD PARK
	Service Radius 1/2 Mile	2	CEDAR FALLS PARK
	Community Park Serving as Neighborhood Park	3	COMMUNITY CENTER PARK
	Proposed Neighborhood Park 1/2 Mile radius	4	SOUTHERN COMMUNITY PARK
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

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### Greenways Master Plan (Excerpt)



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Cultural Arts Plan (Excerpt)



### Legend

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

- Gateway
- Node of Intersecting Plans
- Shared Improvement Corridor
- 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

- Town Owned Land
- UNC Owned Land
- Chapel Hill Town Limits
- Chapel Hill Urban Services Boundary



Stormwater Management Master Plan (Excerpt)





# CONCEPT PLAN APPLICATION

Parcel Identifier Number (PIN): 0709-01-097325 / 0709-01-09-8651

Date: 26 July 2021

## Section A: Project Information

Project Name: 5500 Old Chapel Hill Road

Property Address: 5500 and 5502 Old Chapel Hill Road Zip Code: 27707

Use Groups (A, B, and/or C): A Existing Zoning District: R-1

Project Description: 90 unit apartment building with 126 parking spaces and recreational amenities

## Section B: Applicant, Owner and/or Contract Purchaser Information

### Applicant Information (to whom correspondence will be mailed)


Name: CJT, PA Attn: Wendi Ramsden

Address: 111 W Main Street

City: Durham State: NC Zip Code: 27701

Phone: 919-682-0368 Email: wramsdn@cjtpa.com

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate.

Signature: 

Date: 7.26.2021

### Owner/Contract Purchaser Information:

Owner

Contract Purchaser

Name: EB Capital Partners, Attn: Ernest Brown

Address: 100 Silers Fen Court

City: Chapel Hill State: NC Zip Code: 27517

Phone: 202-586-3062 Email: ebrown@ebcapitalpartners.com

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Concept Plan Application

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### Response to Project Summary Questions

1. Would this project demonstrate compliance with the Comprehensive Plan?
  - Small Area Plan – N/A
  - Overall Zone – Yes / NCD – N/A
  - Study Area – N/A
  - Land Use Plan – *Complies with the guidelines and design as characterized for the North 15 501 Corridor Focus Area as described in the Future Land Use Map / Charting Our Future report December 2020*

*The site is within Town limits.*
2. Would the proposed project comply with the Land Use map?

*Yes, the project complies with the December 2020 Future Land Use report.*
3. Would the proposed project require a rezoning?

*Yes.*
4. What is the proposed zoning district?

*Existing zoning is R-1.*  
*Zoning to accommodate multi-family residential at a density of 14 units/ac and an FAR of .482 could be OI-3.*
5. Would the proposed project require modifications to the existing regulations?

*It is expected that the applicant would ask for modifications to the street landscape buffer.*  
*There would also be modification request for disturbance of steep slopes. There is only 1,300 sf of steep slope on site broken up into 7 areas. The largest steep slope area is about 600 sf. The project would disturb 75% of the steep slopes.*
6. If there is a residential component to the project, does the applicant propose to address affordable housing?

*The entire project will be residential. The developer is expected to offer some percentage of the units as affordable and workforce. The developer has reached out to the Town's housing staff, and expects to meet with them prior to the board presentations.*

  - a. Has the applicant presented its concept plan to the Housing Advisory Board?

*No. This will happen during the concept plan review process.*

- b. Has the applicant met with appropriate Town staff to discuss affordable housing policy, expectations, and options?  
*The developer has reached out to the Town housing department and has an appointment to meet with them about policy, expectations, and options prior to the Housing Advisory Board presentation.*
- c. Is the project for ownership or rental?  
*Rental.*

7. Are there existing conditions that impact the site design (i.e. environmental features such as RCD, slopes, erosion and sedimentation, retention of trees and tree stands, stormwater drainage patterns, significant views into and out of the site)?

*Yes.*

*There is an existing intermittent stream on site, running west to east. The associated RCD is 50' each side of the stream. This zone effectively divides the property in two, with the southern portion slightly larger than the northern portion.*

*There are many utilities along the frontage – overhead power lines, underground stormwater lines, and water utilities, all with associated easements.*

8. Has the applicant addressed traffic impact? Traffic and circulation issues?

*Traffic impacts will be assessed at the time of formal conditional zoning application. Recent improvements have been made to Old Chapel Hill Road with the addition of the round-about at Pope, widening of the street, and addition of sidewalks to the east.*

9. How is the application compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and/or district?

*The project is compatible with the Town's initiatives for development in the North 15 501 Corridor focus area.*

10. Has the applicant discussed the project with adjacent neighbors?

*The contract purchaser has not formally spoken with adjacent landowners.*

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## Developer's Program

The project includes a 90-unit 4-5 story apartment building with 126 parking spaces. The building will be an urban style apartment with access through a central lobby space and units accessed off interior corridors. The design will include a mix of materials such as brick and aluminum storefronts on the ground level, and a mix of fiber cement board and batten siding along with metal on the upper floors. The building will be 4 stories facing Old Chapel Hill Road and will take advantage of slope to add a lower level on the north side of the building. That lower level will be the location for the leasing office and indoor amenities. The project will also include exterior site amenities such as a pool, dog park, disc golf, and walking trails. The residential units will all be accessed from interior corridors on the top four floors.

The project is accessible to public transit and also close to I-40 for easy access for commuters. The service functions (for example trash collection) will be handled inside the lower level of the building.

The northeastern portion of the parcel fronts the highway (I-40) - that portion of the site is intended to remain undeveloped but will be used for recreation, and the full 100' wide landscape buffer will be satisfied with retained tree coverage. The development will be contained in the southern portion of the site, accessible from Old Chapel Hill Road. The site frontage is almost 360 lf, and two driveways are planned on that frontage.

The site is served by a Chapel Hill Transit route which will carry passengers into downtown Chapel Hill.

The property is a rectangular parcel approximately 6.5 acres in size with a stream and related buffer running west to east through the center.

The current concept includes plans for the development of the approximately 4 acres south of the stream and related buffer zone. There are no current plans to develop the 2.5 acres of buildable area north of the stream but that may be developed in the future in a compatible use, or as adjacent parcels develop and provide access. As part of the current development plan, nature trails or a disc golf course may be incorporated into the forest area north of the stream, and would be field located to avoid grading, large tree removal, and tree clearing in general. Pedestrian creek crossing would be made by stepping stones or by low flow crossing strategies.

A pond stormwater management facility will be constructed to handle runoff from the development and will meet the current storm management requirements.

The RCD zones will remain forested and the minimum requirement of 30% tree coverage will be exceeded by existing forest to remain. It is expected that approximately 35% of the site will remain forested, and additional canopy and understory trees will be added in the design. West, south and eastern required buffers would be 10'-20' wide and the project design includes constructed buffers to meet the internal buffer requirements. The buffer along the I-40 frontage would be 100' wide and is expected to remain in forest.

### Statement of Compliance with Comprehensive Plan

The proposed residential project is being designed to comply with the Chapel Hill Comprehensive Plan, and with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM).

The main applicable concepts from the Comprehensive Plan are Community Choices, and Sustainability.

#### **Community Choices:**

The project will provide small apartments in an urban style building. This gives Town residents a choice of apartment style living which is not garden-style walk up, but a more urban framework. The building will be an urban style corridor loaded facility with interior amenities as well as site recreation facilities. This facility will be marketed to young professionals and empty nesters. Because the majority of units are 1-bedroom, it is unlikely to attract families or student populations.

#### **Sustainability:**

This apartment project will take advantage of dense development to concentrate site disturbance and allow for a greater amount of forest to remain, as well as staying out of RCD zones on site.

### Charting Our Future Guiding Principals

The following principals are identified in the Town's Land Use Initiative published in December 2020.

1. Demonstrate the Town's commitment to effectively respond to the threats associated with climate change as well as environmental stewardship and resiliency.
2. Ensure equitable planning and development.
3. Encourage a diversity of housing types.
4. Promote distinctive, safe, and attractive neighborhoods.
5. Cultivate a vibrant and inclusive community.

6. Direct investment along key transportation corridors and promote construction of transit and multi-modal transportation options in concert with the Town's regional transportation partners.
7. Support and facilitate economic development, including the development of flexible and varied types of retail and offices spaces; job creation; innovation; and entrepreneurship, through redevelopment and infill development, in order to expand and diversify the Town's tax base to enable the Town's fiscal resiliency.
8. Provide appropriate transition between land uses and buildings of different scales.
9. Preserve and maintain Chapel Hill's appearance and create the quality of design and development the Town desires.
10. Cooperate and collaborate with all of the Town's regional partners especially the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UNC Health.

The proposed multi-family project complies with the majority of these guidelines and does not contradict the others. Multi family use has been identified as a primary desired use in this zone (Sub Area A of the North 15-501 Corridor) in the Charting Our Future report. The 4-5 story height falls in the range of typical height and transitional height desired in this area.

The project will implement sustainable design measures to promote environmental sustainability. Many recreational amenities will involve low impact use of stream buffers and retained forest area. The stream buffer on site will be protected, and the retained forest on site will exceed Town codes. Additional plantings will be included in the design to provide parking lot shade, hardscape shade, building shade, as well as aesthetic benefit. Stormwater runoff from new impervious surfaces will be treated on site for both peak flow and for water quality improvement.

The project will offer urban style apartment living new to this part of town. Sidewalks will be added to the street frontage.

## Statement of Compliance with Design Guidelines

The portion of the site to be developed is a rectangular 4-acre piece fronting Old Chapel Hill Road. Located in Durham County, the parcel is within the limits of the Town of Chapel Hill.

The Town has a Design Manual which provide guidance for the design of new projects, intended "to assure that new designs remain in continuity with the Town's existing design 'successes' and at the same time inspire exciting and creative additions to the community's blend of distinctive buildings from many eras" (p.1)

These guidelines regulate site design as it relates to services, utilities, and landscaping.

**Stormwater Treatment** - The project will meet stormwater quantity and quality controls at the time of final plan development and approval. A surface pond is anticipated which will treat for both water quality and peak flow. The approximate size of this facility has been accommodated on the proposed layout plan.

**Landscaping and tree protection** - The project will meet most parts of this guideline including but not limited to: total tree coverage, parking lot screening, perimeter landscape buffers, landscaping around the building, and storm pond plantings. Because of the multiple overhead and underground utilities along Old Chapel Hill Road, and due to the large and irregular distance of the property line from the street edge, the applicant would expect to ask for a modification to reduce the street buffer planting or modify the location of the plantings.

It is expected that the retained tree coverage on site will be about 35%, exceeding the minimum requirement.

There is no current plan for development of the site north of the stream buffer. Though it is possible that mulch trails and disc golf would be incorporated into the plan, these are uses which would be accommodated without tree removal or grading.

**Access and circulation** - The project will be designed to comply with Town standards for circulation, parking, emergency access, and access for services such as utility maintenance and trash collection. Street frontage is approximately 360 LF, and the applicant expects to have 2 driveway entries along this frontage. There is no current opportunity for connection to other public streets, but the project could accommodate a future connection to potential development on the parcel to the west. As the west portion of the site will include an access drive, and parking on site

will exceed minimum requirements, it would be easy to accommodate off-street connections to future adjacent development.

**Parking and loading** - The LUMO calls for 1-1.25 parking spaces per 1 bedroom unit, and 1.4-1.75 spaces per 2-bedroom unit. Total required parking for this project would be a minimum of 100 spaces and maximum of 126 spaces. The concept plan accommodates 126 parking spaces total. Bicycle parking will meet Town codes, and the majority of bicycle parking will be located inside the building. Electric charging stations will be provided on site as well as bike storage and bike wash station to encourage alternative transportation usage.

**Street lights, signs and markings** - It is not anticipated that public street improvements will be required.

**Utilities and easements** - There is electric service along the parcel frontage. There is also water service along the frontage.

Sanitary sewer will involve some extension of a sanitary main, and possible a pump station within the project.

New easements will be recorded as necessary for utility mains and stormwater mitigation facilities on site, and also to recombine the two existing parcels.

**Solid waste management** - A trash compactor will be located in the lower level of the building. A recycling and cardboard dumpster collection facility will be located at the end of the surface parking area. Access to the collection areas will meet Town and County requirements, or will accommodate private pickup.

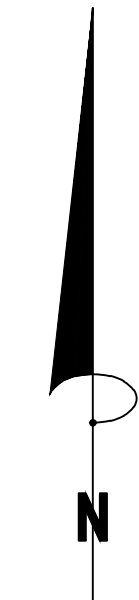
## Affordable Housing Plan

This concept plan proposes multi-family housing at the east edge of Town. Of the 90 proposed units, some portion will be offered for affordable housing. These units will be located within the main building and will be constructed and leased concurrent with the market rate units.

The developer is currently working with Town staff to formulate an affordable housing plan offering.



# 5500 OLD CHAPEL HILL ROAD APARTMENTS CONCEPT PLAN APPLICATION DURHAM, NC



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AREA MAP  
SCALE: 1" = 150'

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## SITE DATA

**PIN** 0709-01-09-7325  
0709-01-09-8651

**NET LAND AREA** 283,682 SF / 6.51 AC NET  
**GROSS LAND AREA** 293,519 SF / 6.74 AC GROSS

**EXISTING ZONING:** R-1  
**PROPOSED ZONING:** CZ-01-3

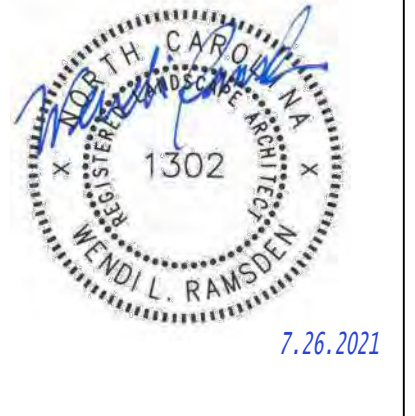
**EXISTING USE:** RESIDENTIAL, WOODED  
**PROPOSED USES:** MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL



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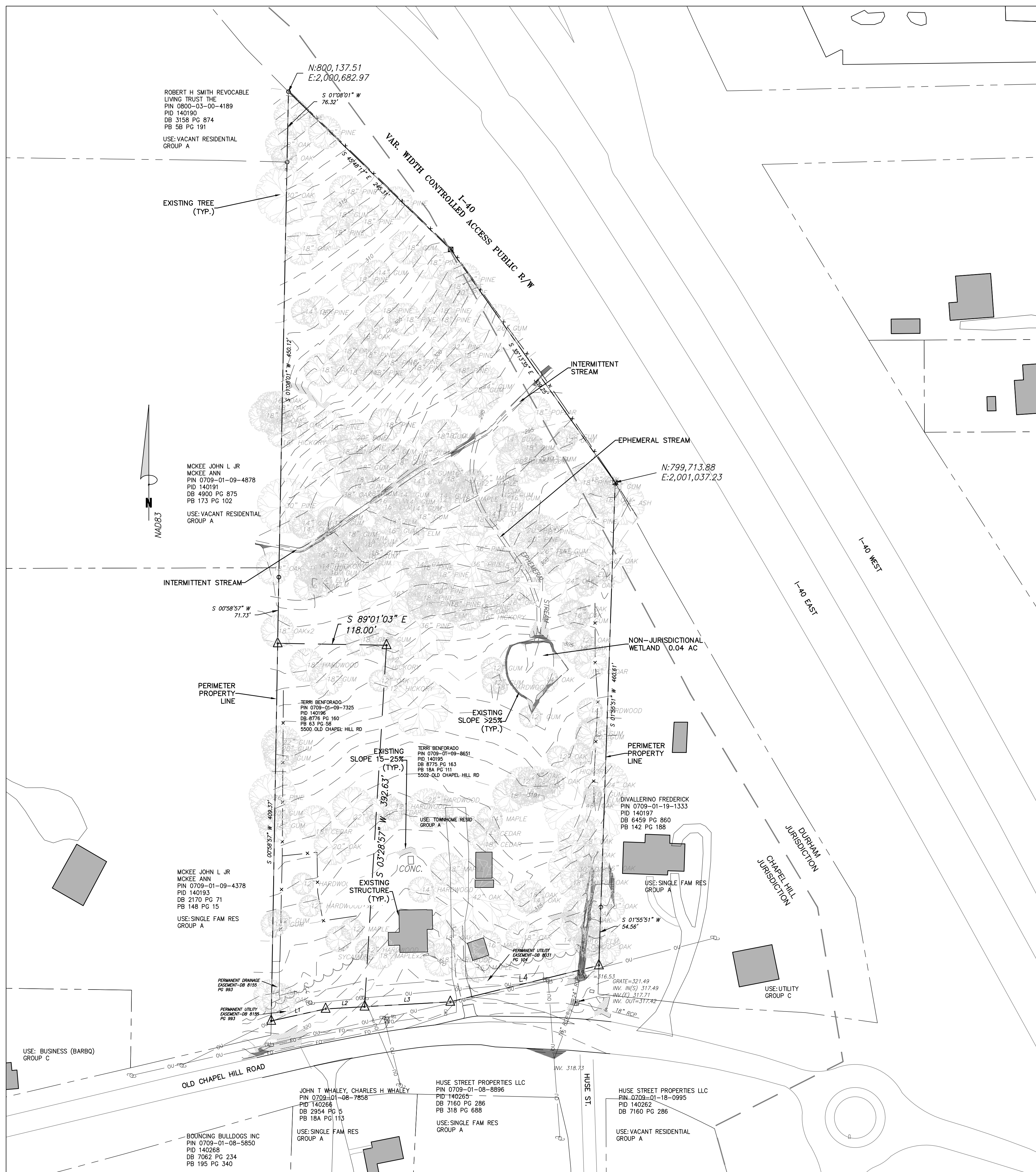
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**SITE DATA**

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

SLOPES > 25% ON SITE = 1,315 SF  
 POTENTIAL WETLAND = 3,170 SF  
 INTERMITTENT STREAM WITH 50' STREAMSIDE RCD & 50' BUFFER

- SLOPES > 25%
- SLOPES 15-25%



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 EXISTING CONDITIONS  
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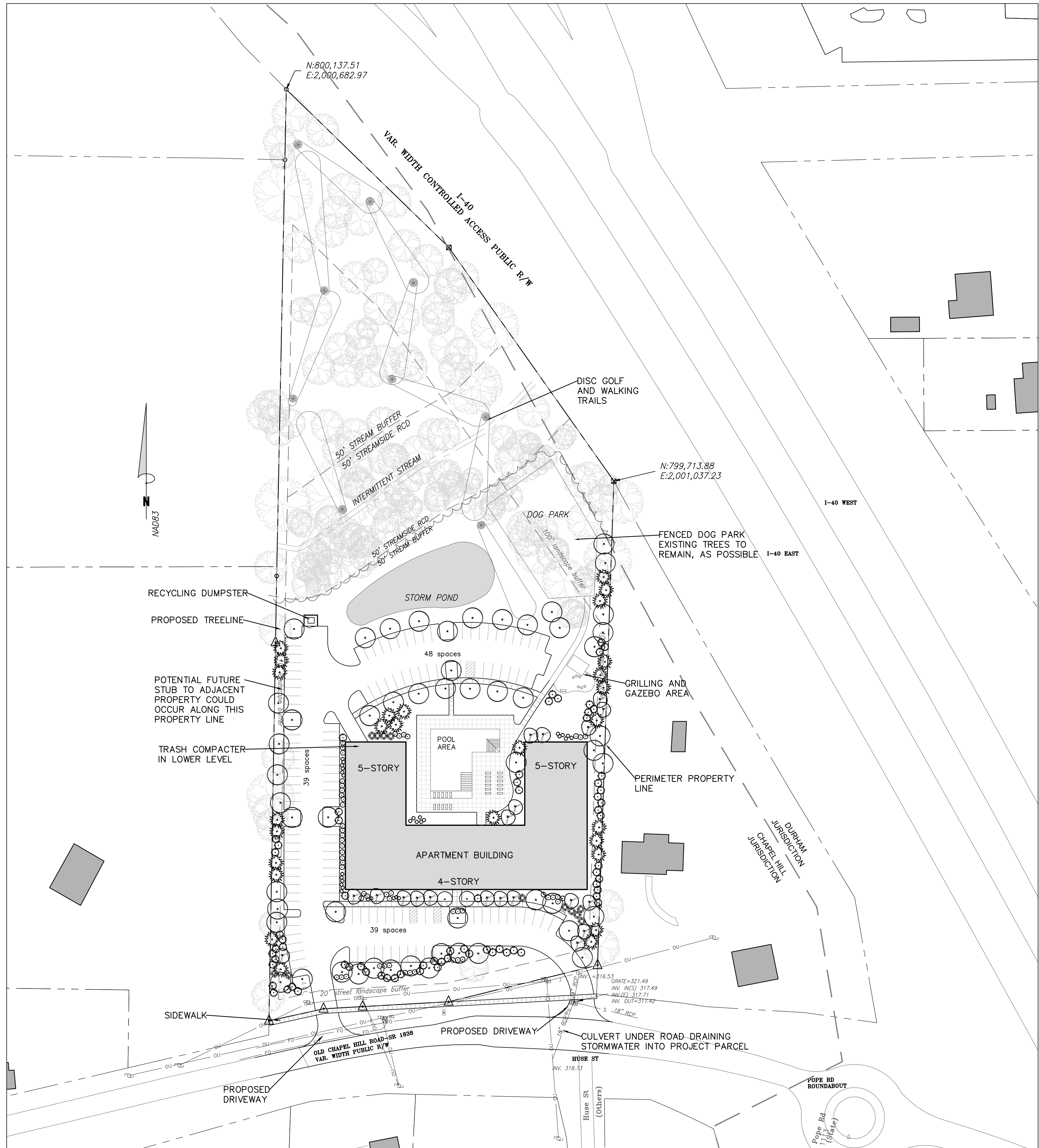
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RESIDENTIAL OFFERING

90 APARTMENTS IN 4-5 STORY BUILDING  
 63 STUDIO/1-BDROM  
 27 2-BDRM

ANTICIPATED BUILDING SIZE: 141,500 SF

REQUIRED PARKING: 100 MIN, 126 MAX  
 STUDIO/1-BEDROOM: 63-78 SPACES  
 2-BEDROOM: 37-48  
 PARKING PROVIDED: 126 SPACES

RECREATION FACILITIES

- POOL
- COMMUNITY GAZEBO AND GRILLING AREA
- DISC GOLF
- DOG PARK
- WALKING TRAILS
- LOWER LEVEL BUILDING TO HAVE AMENITIES SUCH AS LEASING OFFICE, FITNESS ROOM, BIKE STORAGE, RESIDENT WORKSPACE

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- PROTECTION OF STREAMSIDE RCD
- STORMWATER MITIGATION IN SURFACE POND
- MINIMAL STEEP SLOPES
- MULTIPLE UNDERGROUND AND ABOVE GROUND UTILITIES ALONG STREET FRONTAGE

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