# Agenda Item

File ID: 2025-0627 Substitute 8/26/2025

**Public Hearing: YES ⊠ NO □ Department:** Planning and Sustainability

### **SUBJECT:**

Commission District(s): Commission District 03 Super District 07

Application of Nichelle Bell to rezone properties from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) to allow single-family detached and single-family attached duplexes and townhomes, at 3803 & 3815 Glenwood Road.

Petition No.: 2025-0627 Z-25-1247528

Proposed Use: Single-family detached and attached duplexes and townhomes.

**Location:** 3803 & 3815 Glenwood Road, Decatur, Georgia 30032

**Parcel No.:** 15 167 11 014; 15 167 11 062

**Information Contact:** John Reid, Sr. Planner

**Phone Number:** 404-371-2155

## **PURPOSE:**

Application of Nichelle Bell to rezone properties from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) to allow single-family detached and single-family attached duplexes and townhomes.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** (June 2025) Approval with a condition.

PLANNING COMMISSION: (July 8, 2025) Full Cycle Deferral.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval with conditions.

PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS: Since the July 24th Board of Commissioners public hearing, the applicant has submitted a revised plan (see attached) which increased the maximum number of units from 28 to 32 (8 units per acre) and provides a larger centralized courtyard open space in the center of the subject properties. Compatibility features and amenities include a 20-foot buffer along the west and south property line, a step down in building heights from 3 stories along the Glenwood Road frontage to 2 stories/35 feet for the remainder of the site (to provide a transitional building height more compatible with the adjacent single-family properties to the west and south), a larger park with a clubhouse in the center of the project, and a dog park. Additionally, the applicant is providing 65 parking spaces which complies with Article 6 (Parking) of the Zoning Ordinance. The plan shows one access from Farris Drive. While the plan appears conceptually compliant, the applicant may or may not be able to obtain 32 units depending on compliance with the Subdivision Ordinance and Land Development Ordinance. Taken as a whole, the proposed RSM zoning district and mixture of housing types appears to provide an appropriate transition between the C-1 zoning and gas station to the east across Farris Drive and the R-75 zoned single-family detached neighborhood to the west and south. The proposed mixture of housing options appears to be consistent with the goals of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan to encourage more diverse and affordable housing to meet the changing needs of residents and communities (page 11, 2050 Comprehensive Plan). The proposed access off Farris Drive is consistent with the Transportation Department recommendation that there be no access from Glenwood Road (see inter-governmental comments). Other

items to be addressed at the Land Development stage include clarification of density bonuses, fee simple versus condominium form of ownership, and private vs public internal roads. With appropriate zoning conditions the project appears to be consistent with the following goals, strategies, and guiding principles of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan: 1. Maximum density of eight dwelling units per acre; 2. Promotion of streetscaping and a strong public realm; 3.Protect existing single-family neighborhoods through appropriate transitions, buffers, and infill development; 4. Provide a variety of housing options for County residents; and 5. Promote healthy living within neighborhoods by incorporating a pedestrian environment that encourages socialization, walking, biking, and connectivity (page 29 and 47, 2050 Comprehensive Plan). Based on review of Section 27-7.3.5 (Standards governing review of proposed amendments to zoning map), Subsections A (conformity with Comprehensive Plan), B (suitability of use), and D (impacts on adjacent properties), and the guiding principles and SUB Character Area of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan (pages 29 and 47), it appears that there is compliance with all rezone criteria, and it is the recommendation of the Planning & Sustainability Department that the application be "Approved, with the attached recommended conditions".

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (July 8, 2025) Full Cycle Deferral 8-0-0. Commissioner West moved, Commissioner Cooper seconded for a full cycle deferral to the September 2025 zoning agenda to address issues related to design, the recommendation from Planning Commission that there be a covenant in the HOA that requires there be a "replacement reserve fund" set aside for the private road maintenance, and other issues raised during discussion. Commissioner Moore was not present for this vote.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: (June 2025) Approval with a condition (9-0-0) that applicant hold another community meeting due to recent revision to site plan.

# **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

# Rezoning Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, Georgia

| Applicant Name:                              | Nichelle Bell             |   |                                |  |
|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Applicant Email Address:                     | paatl1968@gn              | nail.com                                |                                |  |
|  |                           | P.O. Box 115404, Atlanta, GA 30310      |                                |  |
| Applicant Phone Number:                      | 678-900-4772              | 2                                       |                                |  |
| Owner Name:                                  |                           | e & Triangle Realty, Inc.               |                                |  |
| Owner Email Address:                         | 4989hous                  | e@gmail.com                             |                                |  |
| Owner Mailing Address:                       | 820 Churc                 | h St Decatur, GA 30030                  |                                |  |
| Owner Phone Number:                          | 404-453-                  | 4989                                    |                                |  |
| Subject Property Address:                    |                           | 3815 Glenwood Road, Decatur GA          | 30032                          |  |
| Parcel ID Number(s):15                       | 167 11 062 & 15 167       | 11 014                                  |                                |  |
| Acreage: 0.5100 & 3.5                        | Commission Distr          | rict(s): 3 Super Distri                 | ct:                            |  |
| Existing Zoning District(s):                 | R-75                      | Proposed Zoning District(s):            | RSM                            |  |
| Existing Land Use Designati                  | on(s):                    | Proposed Land Use Designation(s):       | (if applicable)                |  |
| I hereby authorize the staff of application. | f the Planning and Sustai | inable Department to inspect the proper | ty that is the subject of this |  |
| Owner: Agent:                                | X<br>:                    | Nichelle Bell                           |                                |  |
| 8  |                           | Signature of Applicant:                 |                                |  |

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Time Apr 8, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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✓ Waiting Room

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Here is a list of the names along with their email addresses from the screenshots:

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- 2. Tara Duncan 1965 Farris Drive rc8zbny2zv@privaterelay.appleid.com
- 3. South DeKalb Coalition info@southdekalb.org
- 4. Donald Brown donaldbrown50@bellsouth.net
- 5. Horace Henley cadatlanta327@gmail.com
- 6. Kenneth Powell pdk-powell@comcast.net
- 7. Bryn Gravitt brynjg@gmail.com
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- 9. Robert Miller Andrewram47@yahoo.com
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#### LETTER OF APPLICATION

The Applicant has assembled 3803 Glenwood Road and 3815 Glenwood Road (4.04 +/- acres) for the purpose of rezoning from its present R-75 (Residential Medium Lot -75) zoning classification to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) District. An existing single-family dwelling has been previously removed from the 3803 Glenwood site; however, a dilapidated and vacant single-family dwelling is still present at the 3815 Glenwood Road location. The sites are presently served by ingress/egress to Glenwood Road and Farris Drive within the Glenwood Forest community.

Due to the changing circumstances and economies affecting south Dekalb County and metropolitan Atlanta in general, a need exists for more diverse and dense residential infill re-development. A niche market exists which is being underserved by single-family homes on larger lots and rental apartment communities. This need is sometimes referred to by those in urban planning as the "missing middle." The Applicant's proposal reflects yet another opportunity for diversification of housing type(s) on smaller, more affordable, and more manageable parcels and is a cornerstone of the 2050 Dekalb Comprehensive Plan.

The properties are presently and were previously single-family homes on large lots as these existed since the 1930's and 1950's. A location within an existing, developed community offers an ideal opportunity for the clustering of the same and similar uses under the RSM zoning designation as a transition to the Glenwood Road corridor while further avoiding any further commercial zoning classifications along the heavily travelled 4-lane State Road corridor as it approaches Columbia Drive. The development is perfectly situated between Candler Road, Columbia Drive, and other major transportation corridors with proximity to Atlanta and Decatur.

The Applicant will be also be the developer. To this end, the Applicant desires flexibility in the construction of a diverse array of housing types clustered around a common green space in a campus styled setting. The unit mix will reflect single-family detached, attached (duplex and tri-plex), and multistory low rise congregate housing served by an elevator. All phases of lifestyle aging in-place can be accounted for with this concept. The exterior facades of the dwellings shall include masonry and cement board siding types with an emphasis on Neo-Traditional neighborhood design. Vinyl may only be used on facia and soffits. Lush landscaping will enhance the enclave and enhance the built form. The Applicant is seeking a bonus residential density maximum in concert with the proposed rezoning. No other variances from Code have been requested.

#### **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A. Is the zoning proposal in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan?

Yes, the zoning proposal as RSM is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Dekalb 2050 Comprehensive Plan (the Plan) reflecting the changes and evolution which have occurred since the properties 1930 to 1950's origins. Some of the guiding principles of the Plan which support this petition are: (1) housing variety and choice near the Columbia Drive activity center; (2) stabilization of existing single-family neighborhoods (e.g. Glenwood Forest) with appropriate infill development; and (3) encouragement of more diverse housing to meet the changing needs of residents and communities.

B. Will the zoning proposal permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties?

Yes, the development of the site as single-family detached and single-family attached is consistent with the surrounding land use(s) within the community and a neighborhood which has just one street for ingress/egress (Farris Drive). The area is primarily developed as modest one and two-story brick bungalows, tri-levels, and ranch styled dwelling units. Elevated architectural renderings provided by the Applicant suggest a sensitivity to the design and style of the community into which these new housing choices will be seamlessly integrated.

Again, yet another opportunity for proximity to multi-generational housing opportunities, aging in place, and diversity of house types. These ideas were further expressed and supported by the community in the 2021 Glenwood Road and Columbia Drive Area Redevelopment Plan/CRC with partnership Dekalb County, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), and POND & Company.

C. Does the property to be affected by the zoning proposal have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?

No, the subject properties have languished on the market as vacant properties for extended periods of time (4 or more years) further reflecting and validating their outdated economic obsolescence. The subject properties are no longer viable for medium to large lot residential uses given their proximity and frontage on a suburban mixed corridor — Glenwood Road.

D. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect the existing use and usability of adjacent or nearby properties?

The proposal zoning proposal will further act to preserve and enhance the surrounding residential properties and contribute rooftops and patrons to the activity node and re-emerging commercial mixed-use corridor at Columbia Drive. The rezoning proposal is perfectly suited to take advantage

of the nearby Shoal Creek Park I and II properties which features active and passive amenities (within 0.4 +/- miles) and the conveniences of the Glenwood Road corridor and its pedestrian improvements. The proposed zoning provides a 15-minute walk or 5-minute drive to the Columbia Drive activity center (e.g. retail, restaurant, and grocery store).

E. Are there other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal?

In order to sustain older mixed use styled suburban corridors and provide a more appropriate transition to a commercial corridor, a clustering of similar type residential uses is ideal to preserve the Glenwood Forest community. Any other non-residential development would be a faceless wall view of the rear and/or services areas of commercial development with hours, lighting, noise, and concentrations of patrons unsuitable for a residential entrance during traditional neighborhood quiet hours.

F. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources?

Not affected. There are no historic buildings, sites, districts, or archeological resources in direct proximity to the site.

G. Will the zoning proposal result in a use which would or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools?

No, the subject property is bound by existing, developed rights-of-way and including an existing subdivision street (Farris Drive) which acts as a feeder to Glenwood Road. Utilities already service the site as a dilapidated residential structure is present and another has previously been demolished. Transit locations and stops are abundant in the immediate area.

A few nearby schools include Toney Elementary (1.2 +/- miles), Columbia Middle School (2.8 +/- miles), and Columbia High School (1.1 +/- miles) which are ideal for short commutes.

H. Will the zoning proposal adversely impact the environment or surrounding natural resources?

No. The zoning proposal will have low to negligible impact on the environment or natural resources. This impact would be substantially less than the impact of a rezoning for commercial uses which is more likely commonly found along the Glenwood corridor.

# **AUTHORIZATION**

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

| Date: March 19, 2025   |  |
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| TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  |  |
| I/WE: Sarah Lee Choe   |  |
|  | me of Owner(s)   |
| being owner(s) of the subject property described below  Name of Ag | or attached hereby delegate authority to:  Bell gent or Representative |
| to file an application on my/our behalf.                           |  |
| Notary Public  | Owner Am Chie  |
| S. C. OTARL R. A.  |  |

#### DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered.

| Have  | you, | the appl | licant, r | made \$3 | 250.00  | or more    | in camp  | oaign | contributio | n to a | local | governmer | nt official | within two |
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| years | imm  | ediately | preced    | ing the  | filling | of this ap | pplicati | on?   |             |        |       |           |             |            |

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: X \*

If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:

- 1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
- 2. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.

The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

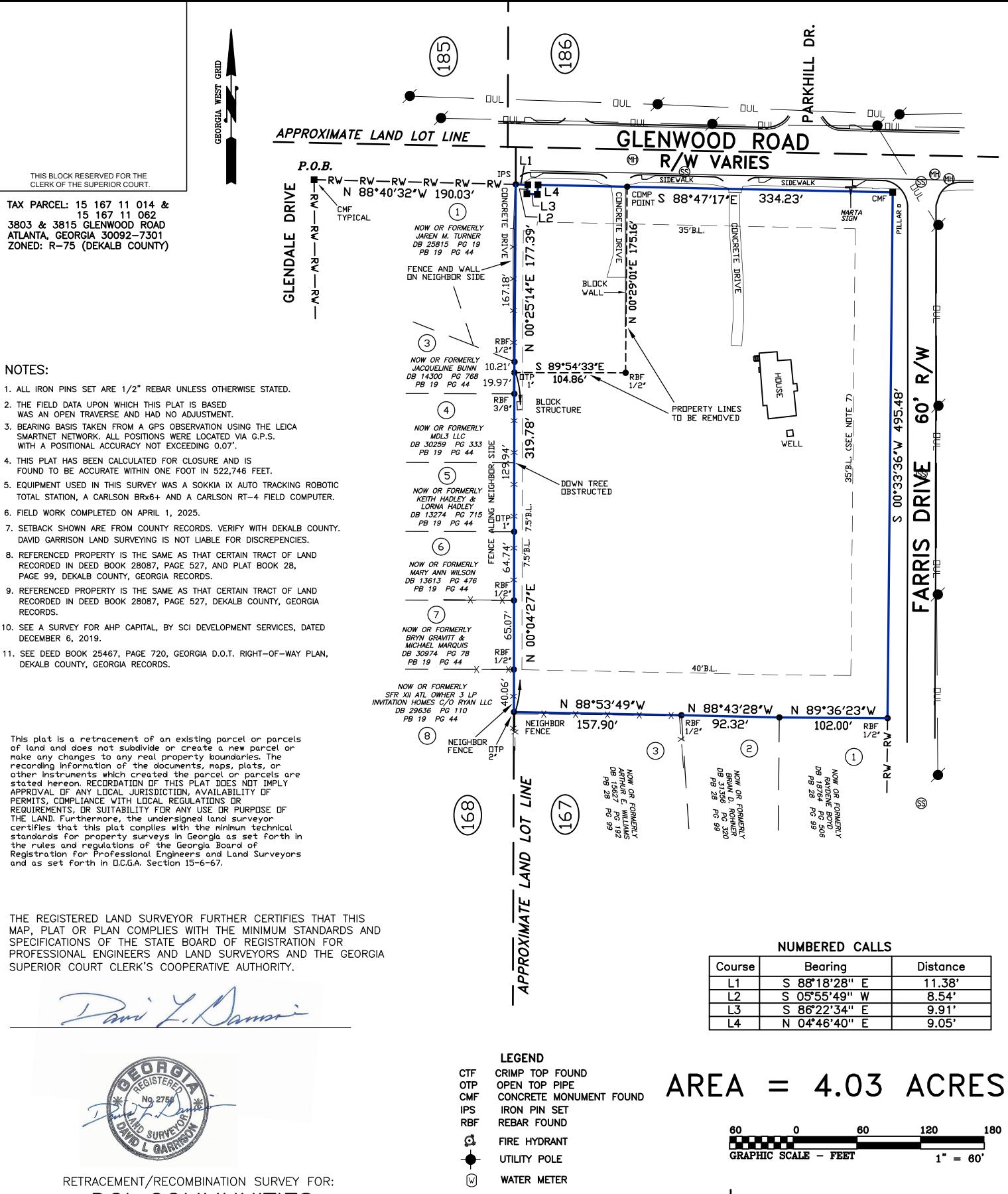
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Expiration Date/ Seal

\*Notary seal not needed if answer is "No".



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UTILITY MANHOLE

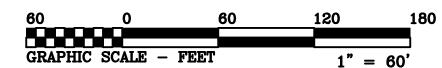
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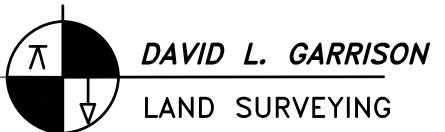
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DCI COMMUNITIES MAGGIE AND BENJAMIN COOK PROPERTY LAND LOT 167, DISTRICT 15 DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

DATE: APRIL 11, 2025 JOB NO.: 3803 GLENWOOD RD FILE NO: 3803 3815 GLENWOOD RD





969 HALE ROAD MAYSVILLE, GEORGIA

30558 PH.(770)560-8031 EMAIL:DGARRISON1@AOL.COM ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DISTRICT 15 OF LAND LOT 167 OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**BEGINNING** AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION GLENDALE DRIVE AND GLENWOOD ROAD; THENCE TRAVELING ALONG THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GLENWOOD ROAD S 88°40'32" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 190.03' TO A 1/2" REBAR SET AND BEING THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**:

THENCE S 88°18'28" E A DISTANCE OF 11.38' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE S 05°55'49" W A DISTANCE OF 8.54' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND:

THENCE S 86°22'34" E A DISTANCE OF 9.91' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE N 04°46'40" E A DISTANCE OF 9.05' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE S 88°47'17" E A DISTANCE OF 334.23' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION ON GLENWOOD ROAD AND FARRIS DRIVE;

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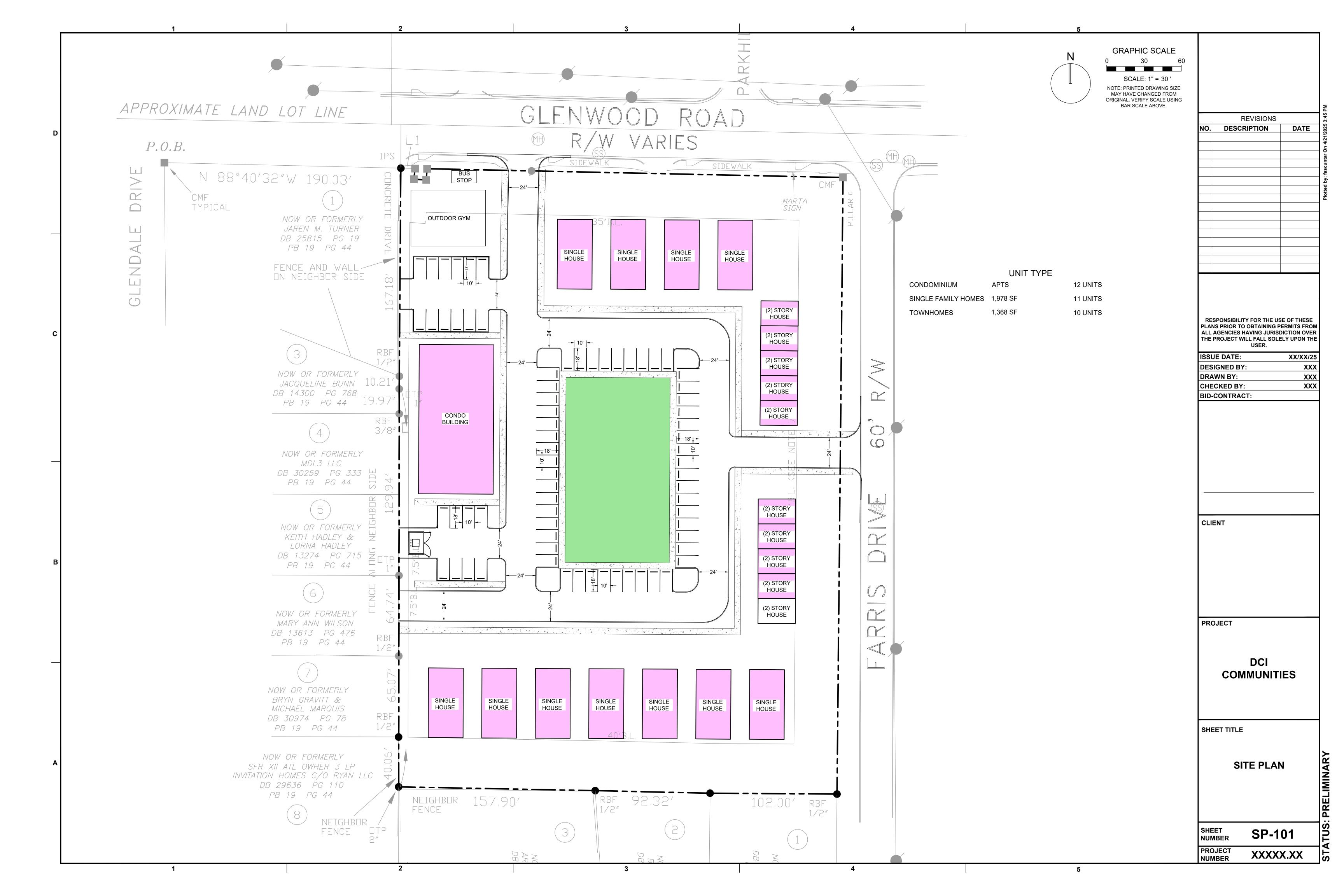
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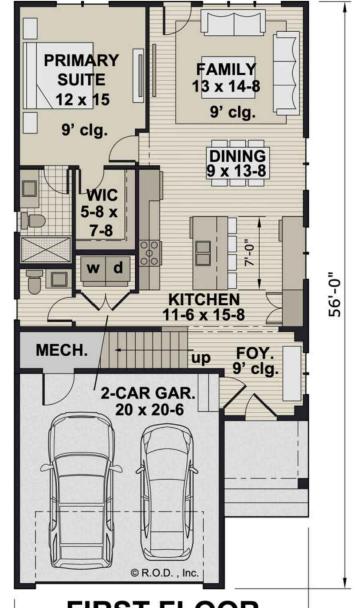
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SAID TRACT OR PARCEL HAVING AN AREA OF 4.03 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY DAVID GARRISON LAND SURVEYING FOR DCI COMMUNITIES, DATED APRIL 14, 2025.

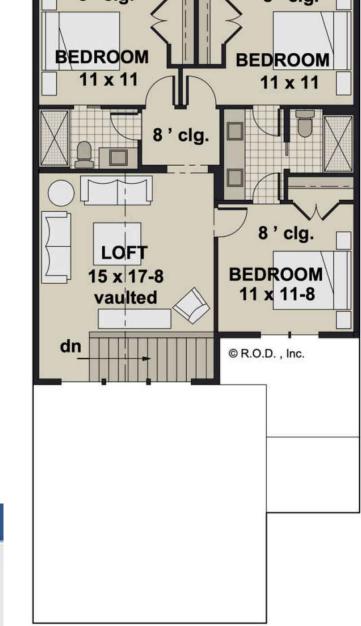












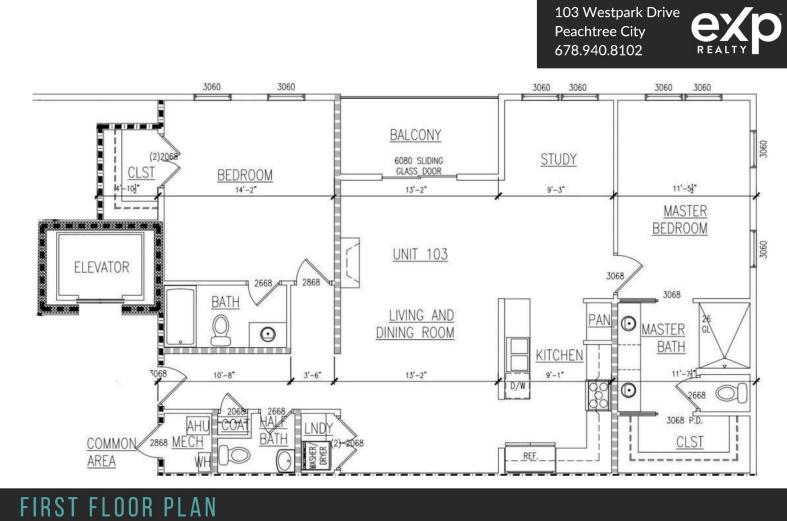
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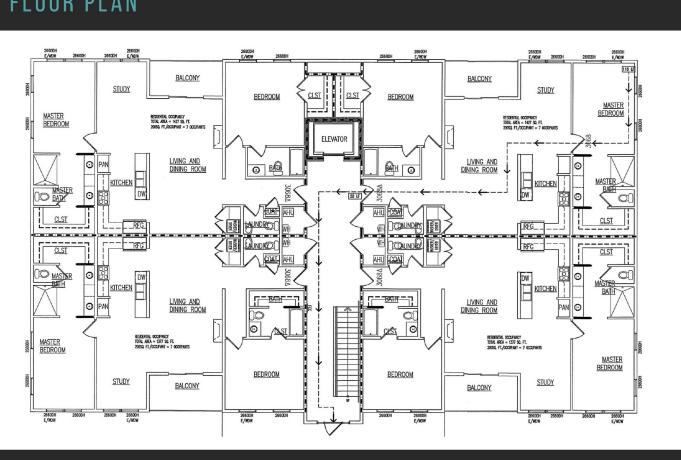


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**REVISIONS** DESCRIPTION DATE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE OF THESE PLANS PRIOR TO OBTAINING PERMITS FROM ALL AGENCIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE PROJECT WILL FALL SOLELY UPON THE USER.

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PROJECT

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SHEET TITLE

**DETAILS** 

SHEET NUMBER **SP-102** PROJECT NUMBER XXXXXXX



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Chief Executive Officer

# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Interim Director

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson Cedric G. Hudson, MCRP

# PRE-APPLICATION FORM REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE

(Required prior to filing application: signed copy of this form must be submitted at filing)

| Applicant Name:                | Phone:               | Email:                     |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Property Address:              |                      |                            |              |
| Tax Parcel ID:                 |                      |                            |              |
| Existing Use:                  | Proposed             | Use:                       |              |
| Supplemental Regs:             | Overlay District:    | DRI:                       | <del></del>  |
| Rezoning: Yes No               | -                    |                            |              |
| Existing Zoning:               | Proposed Zoning:     | _ Square Footage/Number of | Units:       |
| Rezoning Request:              |                      |                            |              |
|                                |                      |                            |              |
| Land Use Plan Amendment: Yo    | es No                |                            |              |
| Existing Land Use:             | Proposed Land Use:   | Consistent                 | Inconsistent |
| Special Land Use Permit: Yes _ | No Article Number(s) | 27                         |              |
| Special Land Use Request(s):   |                      |                            |              |
| Major Modification:            |                      |                            |              |
| Existing Case Number(s):       |                      |                            |              |
| Condition(s) to be modified:   |                      |                            |              |
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# **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY**

# WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

| Pre-submittal Community Meeting:               |  | Review Calendar Dates:                      | PC:BOC:                 | _ |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|---|
| Letter of Intent:Impact Analysis:              |  | Owner Authorization(s): Campaign Disclosure |                         | _ |
| Zoning Condition                               | ons: Community   | Council Meeting:                            | Public Notice, Signs:   | - |
| Tree Survey, Co                                | onservation: Land  | Disturbance Permit (LDP): _                 | Sketch Plat:            | _ |
| Bldg. Permits: _                               | Fire Inspection:   | Business License:                           | State License:          | - |
| Lighting Plan: _                               | Tent Permit:   | Submittal Format: NO STA                    | PLES, NO BINDERS PLEASE |   |
|  |  | Review of Site Plan                         |                         |   |
| Density:                                       | Density Bonuses:   | Mix of Uses:                                | Open Space:             |   |
| Enhanced Open                                  | Space: Setbac  | ks: front sidess                            | side corner rear        |   |
| Lot Size:                                      | _ Frontage:S   | Street Widths: Land                         | dscape Strips:          |   |
| Buffers:                                       | _ Parking Lot Landscaping:                                       | Parking - Auto:                             | Parking - Bicycle:      |   |
| Screening:                                     | Streetscapes:  | Sidewalks: Fencir                           | g/Walls:                |   |
| Bldg. Height: _                                | Bldg. Orientation:   | Bldg. Separation:B                          | ldg. Materials:         |   |
| Roofs:F  | enestration: Façade  | e Design: Garages:                          | Pedestrian Plan:        |   |
| Perimeter Lands                                | scape Strip:   |   |                         |   |
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| Planner:                                       | Date:  |   |                         |   |
|  |  | FILING FEES                                 |                         |   |
|  | RE, RLG, R-100, R-85, R-75, R-6                                  |   | \$500.00                |   |
|  | RNC, MR-2, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, I<br>DI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2 | MU-1, MU-2, MU-3, MU-4, MU-5                | \$750.00<br>\$750.00    |   |
| LAND USE MAD                                   | AMENDMENT  |   | \$500.00                |   |
| LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT |  |   | \$400.00                |   |



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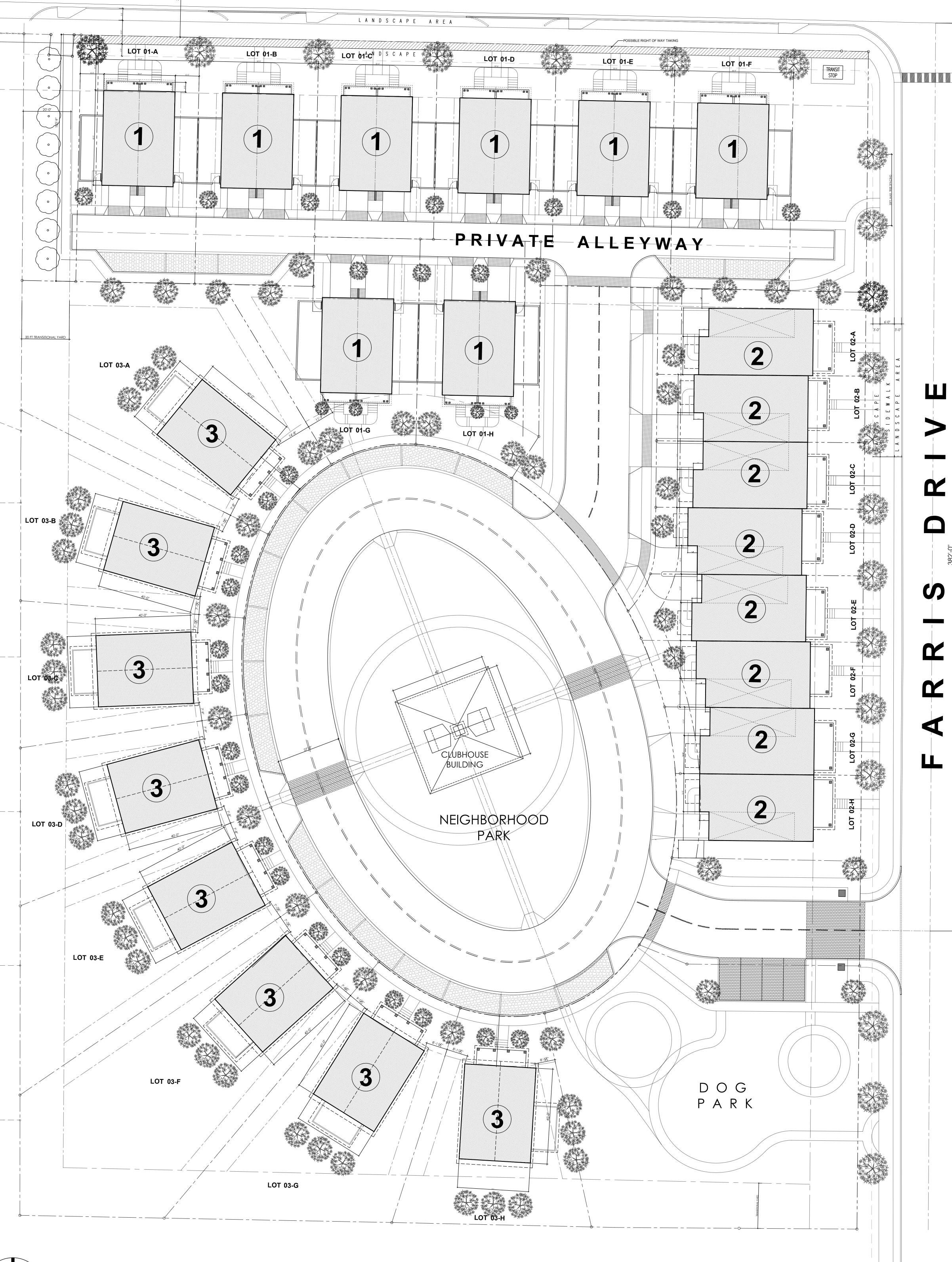
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Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

# PRE-APP FORM ADDITIONAL COMMENT PAGE, IF NEEDED

| APPLICANT:      |  |
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| PLANNER:        |  |

# GLENWODD ROAD



# PROJECT INFORMATION:

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

3801-3815 GLENWOOD RD.

LOCATION:
DECATUR GEORGIA/DEKALB CO.
SITE AREA: 4.03 ACRES
APPROX. PROPERTY DIMS: ~400' X 300'

**ZONING:**CURRENT: R-3

REQUESTED: RSM

PARKING:

STREET / PARALLEL:

DRIVEWAY:

GARAGE/TOWNHOME:

GARAGE/DUPLEX:

DOG PARK

TOTAL PARKING:

21 SPACES

8 SPACES

16 SPACES

16 SPACES

BUILDING TYPE 1:

STREET- FRONTED DUPLEX

40' X 30' - 3 STORY W/ DOUBLE FRONT PORCH

1500 SF EA. (3000 SF TOTAL)

3 BEDROOM

FRONT PORCH

2 CAR GARAGE

QNTY: 16 HOMES

**BUILDING TYPE 2:** 

TOWNHOME
2 STORY

UNIT SIZE: 28' X 44' - 2 STORY
1600 SF EA (3200 SF BLDG.)
3 BEDROOM
FRONT & REAR PORCHES
TANDEM 2 CAR GARAGE

QNTY: 8 HOMES

BUILDING TYPE 3

REGULAR LOT SINGLE FAMILY HOME

UP/DOWN CONFIGURATION

40' X 30' 2 STORY

2400 SF EA.

3 BEDROOM

FRONT & REAR PORCHES

DEDICATED STREET PARKING (2 EA)

QNTY: 8 HOMES

TOTAL: 32 HOMES

LOT 01-B LOT01-C LOT01-D LOT 01-F LOT01-G LOT 01-H LOT 02-A LOT 02-B LOT 02-C LOT 02-D LOT 02-E LOT 02-F LOT 03-A LOT 03-B LOT 03-C LOT 03-D LOT 03-E LOT 03-F LOT 03-G

1 CONCEPT SITE PLAN - STREET LEVEL

SCALE: 1 / 16 " = 1 ' - 0 "



PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

DEVELOPER:

DURAN CONSTRUCTION

# Z-25-1247528 (2025-0627) Recommended Conditions 3803 & 3815 Glenwood Road, Decatur, GA 30032 August 26, 2025 BOC

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# **Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: August 26, 2025**

# STAFF ANALYSIS

| CASE NO.:                      | 2025-0627  | File ID #: Z-25-1247528                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Address:                       | 3803 & 3815 Glenwood Road,<br>Decatur, Georgia   | Commission District: 3 Super District: 7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parcel ID(s):                  | 15 167 11 014 & 15 167 11 062  | 15 167 11 014 & 15 167 11 062            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Request:                       | Application to rezone properties from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) to allow for single-family detached and single-family attached units (townhomes and duplexes). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Property Owner(s):</b>      | Sarah Lee Choe & Triangle Realty Inc.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant/Agent:               | Nichelle Bell  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acreage:                       | 4 acres  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Existing Land Use:</b>      | Vacant building and vacant land  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Surrounding Properties:</b> | North: Single-Family South: Single-Family East: Gas Station and Single-Family  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                | West: Single-Family  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjacent Zoning:               | North: R-75 South: R-75 East: C-1 & R-75 West: R-75  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comprehensive Plan:            | Suburban (SUB)   | X_ConsistentInconsistent                 |  |  |  |  |  |

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS**

Since the July 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners public hearing, the applicant has submitted a revised plan (see attached) which increased the maximum number of units from 28 to 32 (8 units per acre) and provides a larger centralized courtyard open space in the center of the subject properties. Compatibility features and amenities include a 20-foot buffer along the west and south property line, a step down in building heights from 3 stories along the Glenwood Road frontage to 2 stories/35 feet for the remainder of the site (to provide a transitional building height more compatible with the adjacent single-family properties to the west and south), a larger park with a clubhouse in the center of the project, and a dog park. Additionally, the applicant is providing 65 parking spaces which complies with Article 6 (Parking) of the Zoning Ordinance. The plan shows one access from Farris Drive. While the plan appears conceptually compliant, the applicant may or may not be able to obtain 32 units depending on compliance with the Subdivision Ordinance and Land Development Ordinance.

Taken as a whole, the proposed RSM zoning district and mixture of housing types appears to provide an appropriate transition between the C-1 zoning and gas station to the east across Farris Drive and the R-75 zoned single-family detached neighborhood to the west and south. The proposed mixture of housing options appears to be consistent with the goals of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan to encourage more diverse and affordable housing to meet the changing needs of residents and communities (page 11, 2050 Comprehensive Plan). **The proposed access off Farris Drive is consistent with the Transportation Department recommendation that there be no access from Glenwood Road (see inter-governmental comments).** Other items to be addressed at the Land Development stage include clarification of density bonuses, fee simple versus condominium form of ownership, and private vs public internal roads.

With appropriate zoning conditions the project appears to be consistent with the following goals, strategies, and guiding principles of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan: 1. Maximum density of eight dwelling units per acre; 2. Promotion of streetscaping and a strong public realm; 3.Protect existing single-family neighborhoods through appropriate transitions, buffers, and infill development; 4. Provide a variety of housing options for County residents; and 5. Promote healthy living within neighborhoods by incorporating a pedestrian environment that encourages socialization, walking, biking, and connectivity (page 29 and 47, 2050 Comprehensive Plan).

Based on review of Section 27-7.3.5 (Standards governing review of proposed amendments to zoning map), Subsections A (conformity with Comprehensive Plan), B (suitability of use), and D (impacts on adjacent properties), and the guiding principles and SUB Character Area of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan (pages 29 and 47), it appears that there is compliance with all rezone criteria, and it is the recommendation of the Planning & Sustainability Department that the application be "Approved" with the following conditions.

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From Reid, John < jreid@dekalbcountyga.gov>

Date Mon 8/4/2025 3:43 PM

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3803 3815 GLENWOOD RD - AS4.1 ZONING SITE PLAN (07-22-2025) (1).pdf;

John -fyi transportation comments

#### John Reid

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**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 3:42 PM **To:** Reid, John <jreid@dekalbcountyga.gov>

Subject: RE: URGENT\_-3803 3815 Glenwood Road--Revised Plan--August 26th BOC meeting

They need to make sure it passes the spacing requirements in the Land Development Code Section 14-200 (6) in relation to Parkhill Drive and Glendale. If not, it must line up with Parkhill Dr. Also all AASHTO sight distance requirements must be met. As for the security gate- he would need to place it so that all storage/queuing in on his property AND there is a spot to turn around for those not allowed to enter. Of course- public roads cannot have gates.

However, I would much prefer NOT having another access point on Glenwood and would prefer access off Farris Drive.

Regards,

Patrece G. Keeter, P.E.

**Engineering Manager** 

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Patreece,

This relates to a rezoning from R-75 to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) at the intersection of Glenwood and Farris Drive, at 3803 and 3815 Glenwood Road--see two slides at end of this email. The applicant has revised their plans to show a mixture of single-family detached homes, single-family attached townhomes, and duplexes--for a total unit count of 32 units at density of 8 units per acre. FYI--I can't tell if the main interior road is proposed to be public or private. This plan does NOT show a security gate, but his original plan did—what is your take on that if for some reason he wanted to consider having a security gage—ie is there a requirement that the security gate be positioned on the subject property in a way that allows several cars to stack up without causing backups on Glenwood?

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The plan shows one access point (see attached site plan) on Glenwood. We had a concerned citizen who was saying something along the lines of "if anyone tries to turn left onto Glenwood they will die" because it is so congested. From the submitted plan, I can't tell what kind of access configuration they propose-ie whether it is full service access or limited to right in or right out—can you review and let me know your comments on these issues as well as any other concerns you have as soon as possible--the BOC meeting is August 26 and we have to make any revisions to our staff report by end of this week. Thank you Patreece,

John Reid





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