

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

**SUBJECT:**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT(S):** Commission District: 03; Super District 06

**Application of VG First Baptist Senior, LP for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a senior housing development of multi-family and detached dwelling units in an R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District, at 2318 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

**PETITION NO:** N3. SLUP-21-1245227 (2021-3157)

**PROPOSED USE:** Senior housing development.

**LOCATION:** 2318 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30032.

**PARCEL NO. :** 15-140-04-007; 15-140-04-055

**INFO. CONTACT:** Jeremy McNeil, Sr. Planner

**PHONE NUMBER:** 404-371-4922

**PURPOSE:**

Application of VG First Baptist Senior, LP for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a senior housing development of multi-family and detached dwelling units in an R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District, in accordance with Section 27- 4.1.3, Table 4.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located on the east side of 2nd Avenue, approximately 200 feet north of the northeast corner of 2nd Avenue and Tilson Road; and the north side of Tilson Road, approximately 302 feet east of the northeast corner of 2nd Avenue and Tilson Road, at 2318 2nd Avenue and 2038 Tilson Road, Decatur, Georgia. The property has approximately 286 feet of frontage on 2nd Avenue and 100 feet of frontage on Tilson Road and contains 6.6 acres.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Approval.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Pending.

**PLANNING STAFF:** Deferral.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Based on the impact analysis and land use analysis above, the Special Land Use Permit request may appear to be consistent with the intent of the *2035 Comprehensive Plan Update*. The comprehensive plan expressed the senior population is expected to increase and require more housing and service options. Therefore, the proposal may present an opportunity to “Encourage housing for the elderly that is well planned, soundly financed and located within” (Housing Policy #6—Housing Variety/Access). However, the applicant has not provided sufficient information to support the intent of the comprehensive plan nor satisfied the criteria to grant a Special Land Use Permit for request . Therefore, staff’s recommendation is for “Two-Cycle Deferral”.

**PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE:** Pending.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION:** Approval 8-0-0.



**DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability**

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**Planning Commission Hearing Date: November 04, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

**Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: November 18, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

**STAFF ANALYSIS**

**Case No.:** SLUP-21-1245227 **Agenda #:** N3

**Location/Address:** 2318 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032 **Commission District:** 3 **Super District:** 6

**Parcel ID(s):** 15-140-04-007, 15-140-04-055

**Request:** Request for a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for a proposed senior housing development of multifamily and detached dwellings units in an R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) District, in accordance with Section 27-4.1.3, Table 4.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Property Owner(s):** First Baptist Gresham

**Applicant/Agent:** VG Frist Baptist Senior, LP

**Acreage:** 6.6 acres

**Existing Land Use:** Vacant

**Surrounding Properties:** North, East, South, and West (R-75 zoned properties); Detached Single Family Structures.

**Comprehensive Plan:** SUB (Suburban)  Consistent  Inconsistent

<b>Proposed Building Square Ft.:</b> One 3-Story Building & 13- 1-Story Buildings	<b>Existing Square Feet:</b> not applicable
<b>Proposed Lot Coverage:</b> To be determined	<b>Existing Lot Coverage:</b> not applicable

**Zoning History:** Based on DeKalb County records, it appears that the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning of the property has not changed since adoption of the first *Zoning Ordinance* and map in 1956. The DeKalb County 2021 Comprehensive Plan update designates the subject property’s future land use as Suburban (SUB).

**Site Analysis:** The 6-acre site is located on the east side of 2nd Avenue, approximately 200 feet north of the northeast corner of 2nd Avenue and Tilson Road at 2318 2nd Avenue and 2038 Tilson Road, Decatur, Georgia. The property has approximately 286 feet of frontage on 2nd Avenue and 100 feet of frontage on Tilson Road. The site currently has two means of egress and ingress to the site; one along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the other along Tilson Road, as well as sidewalks along both streets. The property is currently developed with an existing two-story structure that is currently used as a life center.

## **PROJECT ANALYSIS**

Based on the submitted materials, the applicant is requesting a Special Land Use Permit for a proposed senior housing development. The development will include approximately 13 proposed detached buildings along the southern portion of the property, and one, three-story building along the northeastern portion. The proposed one-story buildings will consist of 93 one-bedroom units and 34 two-bedroom units. The collection of one-story, detached buildings will have a total floor area of 29,000 square feet and a height of 18 feet.

Per the letter of intent, the proposed three-story building will include 88 dwelling units comprised of 68 one-bedroom units and 20 two-bedroom units. That building will be supported by four to seven employees. The proposed three-story building will also include various amenities such as a community room, activities room, and a fitness room. The proposed three-story building will have a total floor area of 76,432 square feet and a maximum height of 36 feet. Giving a total of 127 dwelling units on site, resulting in a proposed density of 23.1 units per acre.

The overall development will conform to the MR-2 (Medium Density Residential-2) Zoning District development standards. A vegetative buffer will be preserved (and enhanced where necessary) along the perimeter of the property. opportunity area that may include seating areas, a community garden, or other recreational amenities.

## **IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**Section 27-7.4.6 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, "Special land use permit; criteria to be applied" states that the following criteria shall be applied in evaluating and deciding any application for a Special Land Use Permit. No application for a Special Land Use Permit shall be granted unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following factors, all of which are applicable to each application.**

- A. Adequacy of the size of the site for the use contemplated and whether or not adequate land area is available for the proposed use including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.**

Due to the adequacy size of the property, the proposed senior housing development will be developed under the MR-2 (Medium Density Residential) district development standards.

- B. Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district.**

The proposed senior housing development may be compatible with the adjacent properties and land uses as well as other properties and land uses in the district. The property is surrounded by R-75 zoned properties as well as residential uses to the north, south, east, and west. The proposal will include 13 detached buildings that may blend the existing architectural of the nearby structures.

- C. Adequacy of public services, public facilities, and utilities to serve the proposed use.**

Based on the submitted materials, there will be adequacy of public services, public facilities, as well as utilities serve for the proposed senior housing development. Currently, there are at least six bus stops that are within three miles of the site as well as existing utilities that will service the site.

**D. Adequacy of the public street on which the use is proposed to be located and whether or not there is sufficient traffic-carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area.**

Ingress/egress to/from the site is via Tilson Road. Tilson Road is a collector road and appears to have adequate traffic-carrying capacity for the trips that would be generated by the development.

**E. Whether existing land uses located along access routes to the site will be adversely affected by the character of the vehicles or the volume of traffic generated by the proposed use.**

The applicant's proposal does not specifically address the character or number of vehicles associated with the proposed senior housing development or the volume of traffic expected for the proposed senior housing development.

**F. Adequacy of ingress and egress to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in the event of fire or other emergency.**

In the event of fire or other emergency, the site will have two adequate ingress and egress to the current structure. The site currently has two means of ingress and egress from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Tilson Road. The proposed driveway on Tilson Road provides adequate site distance and width that may meet the needs of vehicular and emergency traffic. Also, there are proposed internal sidewalks to the development that will connect to the existing sidewalk in the public right-of-way that may provide a safe path for pedestrian traffic.

**G. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.**

The proposed senior housing development should create minimal adverse environmental effects on adjoining land uses and should not create or emit smoke, odor, dust or abnormal noises or vibrations beyond the normal expected amount.

**H. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation of the proposed use.**

The proposed senior housing development will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the hours of operation of the proposed use.

**I. Whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner of operation of the proposed use.**

The proposed senior housing development will not create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner of operation. The development will be developed in accordance with the MR-2 development standards. The MR-2 zoning district requires a minimum 20-foot transitional buffer. The proposal will include a 20-foot wooden buffer along the perimeter of the property adjacent to the other residential lots.

**J. Whether the proposed use is otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located.**

The development will be developed in accordance with the MR-2 development standards.

**K. Whether the proposed use is consistent with the policies of the *Comprehensive Plan*.**

Per the *Comprehensive Plan*, the future land use designation is SUB (Suburban). The proposed use is consistent with the *Dekalb County Comprehensive Plan Update* future land use objectives for districts designated as Suburban. Moreover, the proposal may present an opportunity to “Encourage housing for the elderly that is well planned, soundly financed and located within” (Housing Policy #6—Housing Variety/Access).

**L. Whether the proposed use provides for all required buffer zones and transitional buffer zones where required by the regulations of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located.**

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**M. Whether there is adequate provision of refuse and service areas.**

The applicant is proposing to place the refuse station on the northeastern portion of the site.

**N. Whether the length of time for which the special land use permit is granted should be limited in duration.**

Since the proposal would be appropriate at the proposed location, there is no reason to limit the duration of the Special Land Use Permit.

**O. Whether the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings are appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings.**

The proposed senior housing development is consistent with nearby single-family homes. The proposal will include 13 detached buildings that may blend the existing architectural of the nearby structures.

**P. Whether the proposed use will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources.**

There are no known historic buildings, sites, districts or archaeological resources in the immediate area that will be adversely affected by the proposed use.

**Q. Whether the proposed use satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit.**

The proposed senior housing development satisfies the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations in Section 27-4.1.3, Table 4.1 of the Zoning Ordinance for such special land use permit.

**R. Whether the proposed use will create a negative shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building as a result of the proposed building height.**

The proposed senior housing development will consist of three-story building with a height of 36 feet, and 13 one-story detached buildings with a height of 18 feet, thus, no adverse impacts from building height will be created.

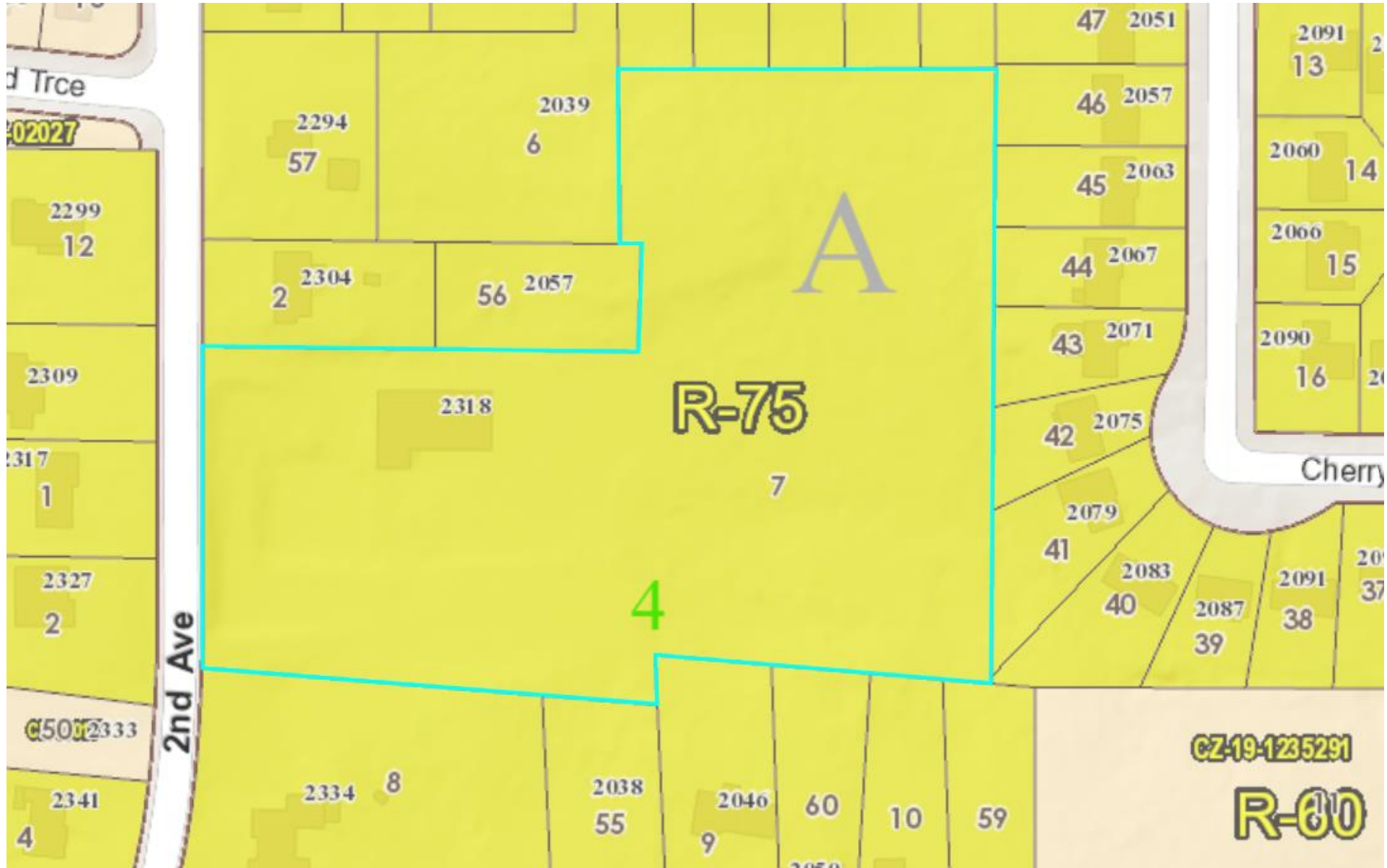
**S. Whether the proposed use would be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole, be compatible with the neighborhood, and would not be in conflict with the overall objective of the comprehensive plan.**

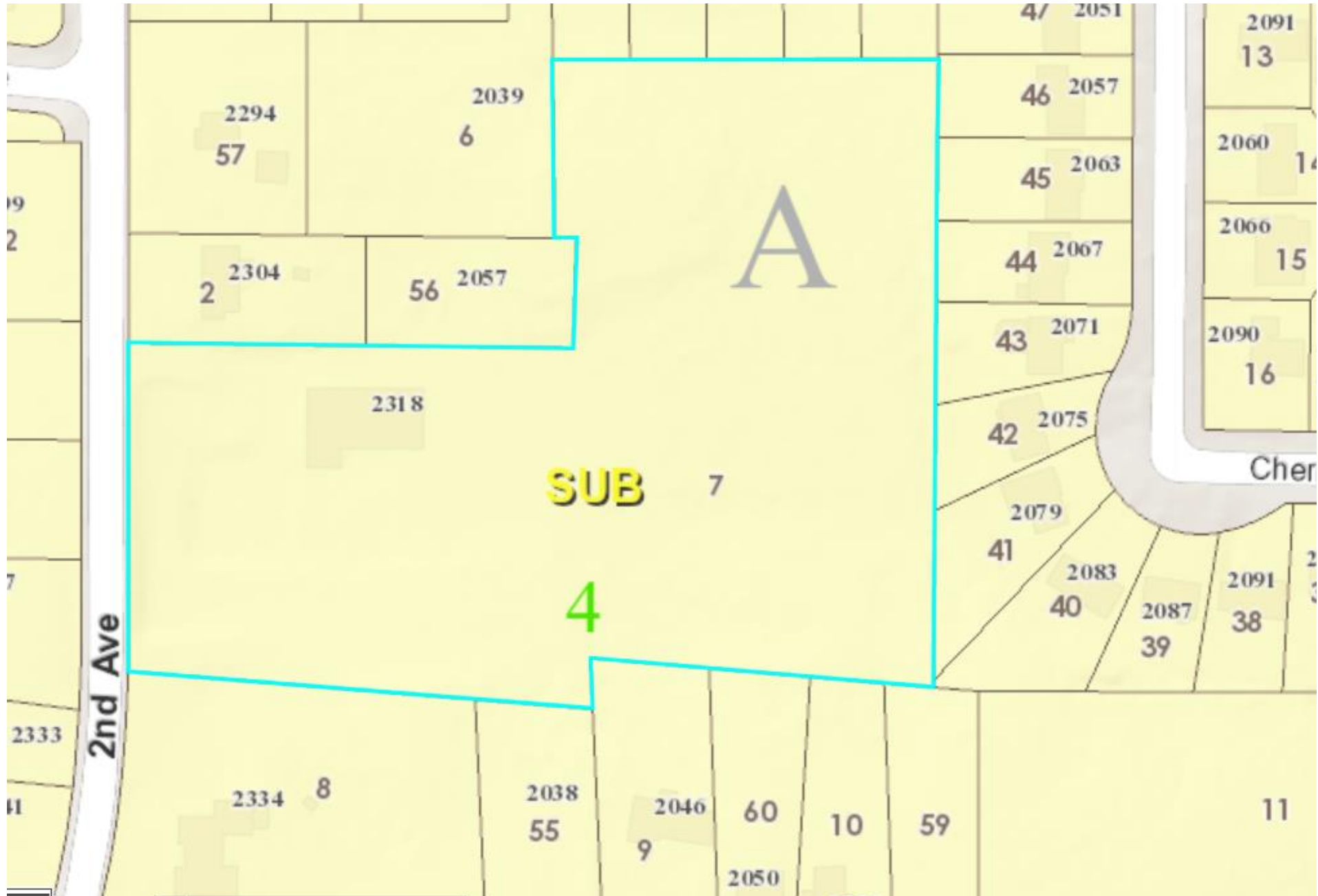
The proposed use shows consistency with the needs of the community. The proposed use senior housing development shows consistency with the comprehensive plan and meets the requirements of a Suburban (SUB) land use.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Deferred Two-Full Cycle**

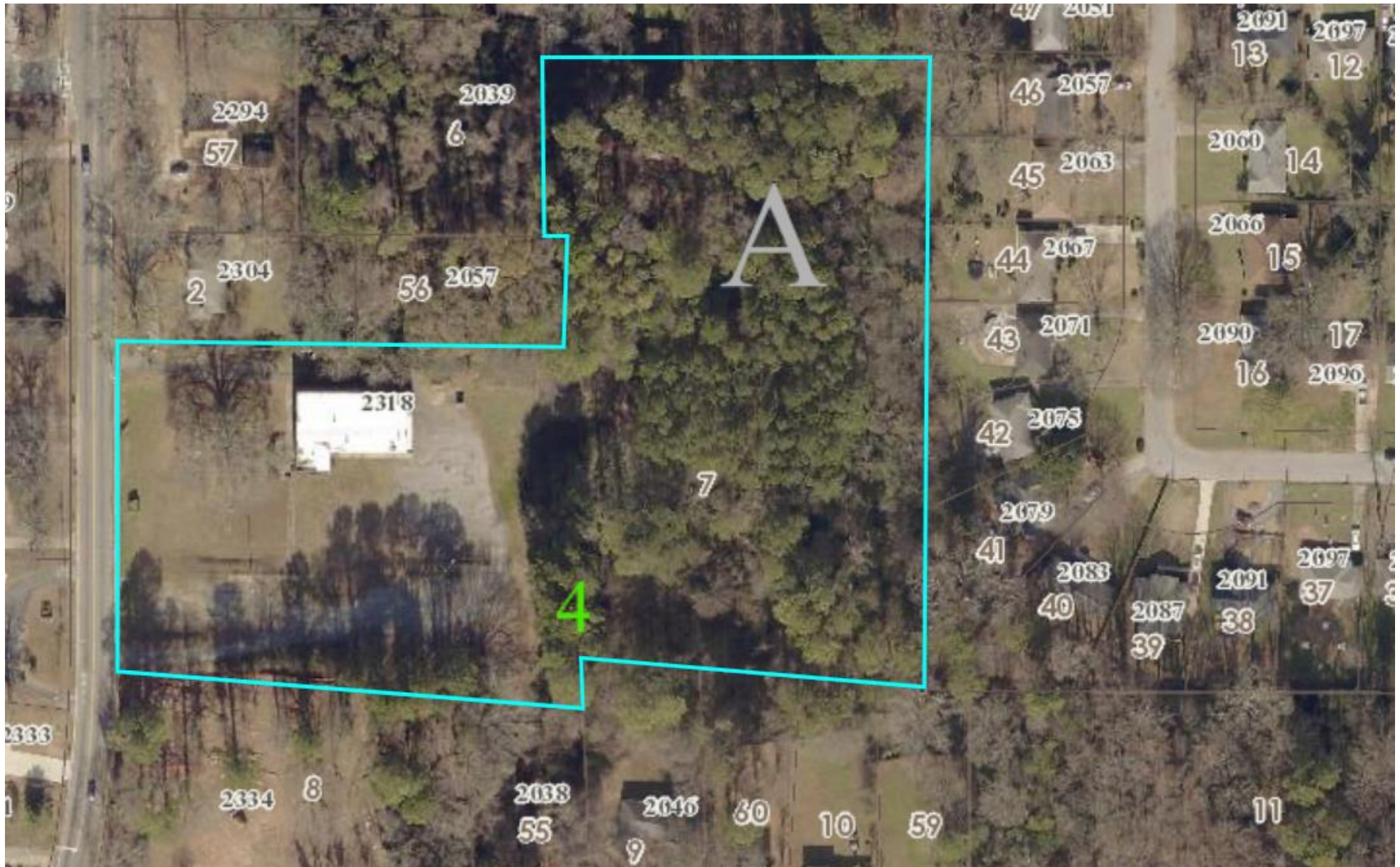
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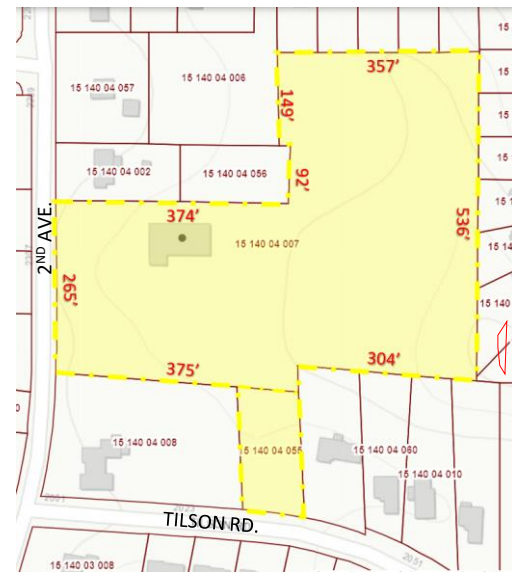
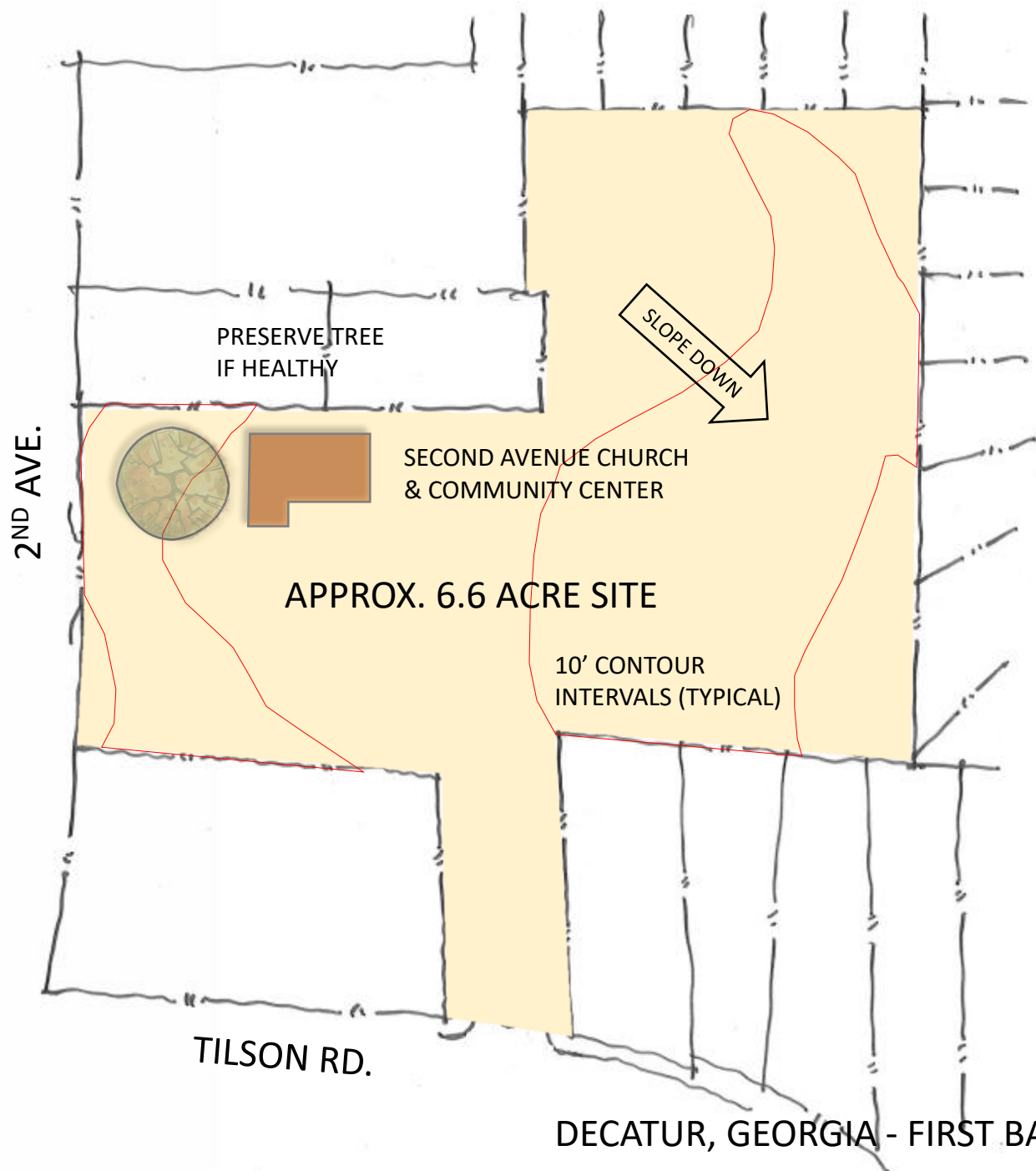
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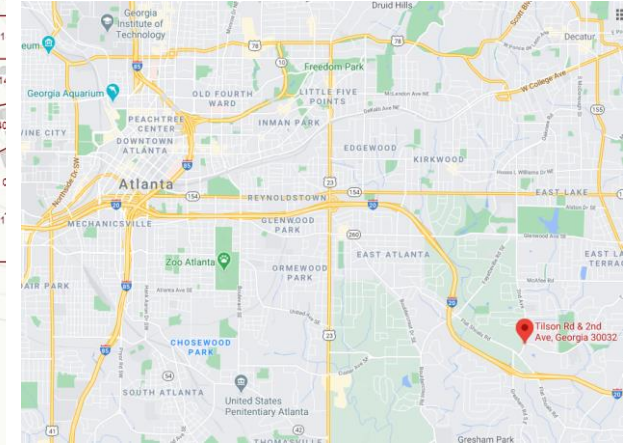




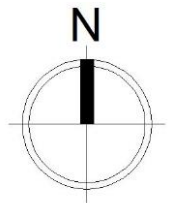




CONTEXT MAPS



LOCATION MAP

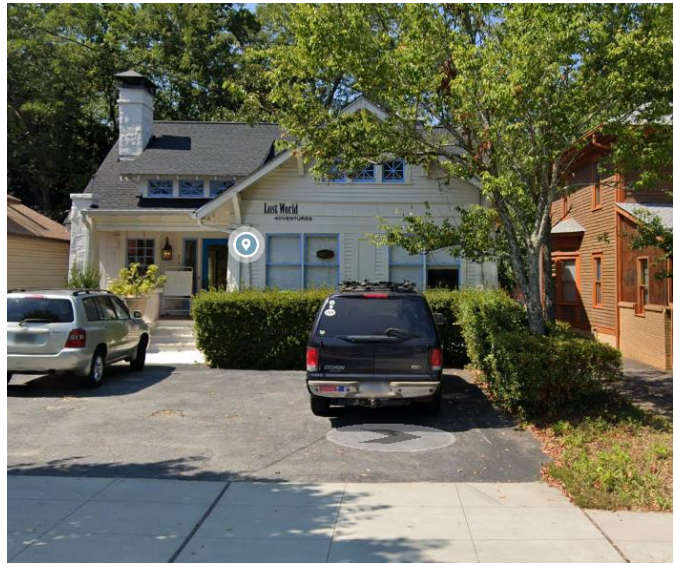




SITE FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE.



AERIAL VIEW OF SITE LOOKING NORTH



DECATUR



TILSON RD



DECATUR

CONTEXT IMAGES



INSPIRATION

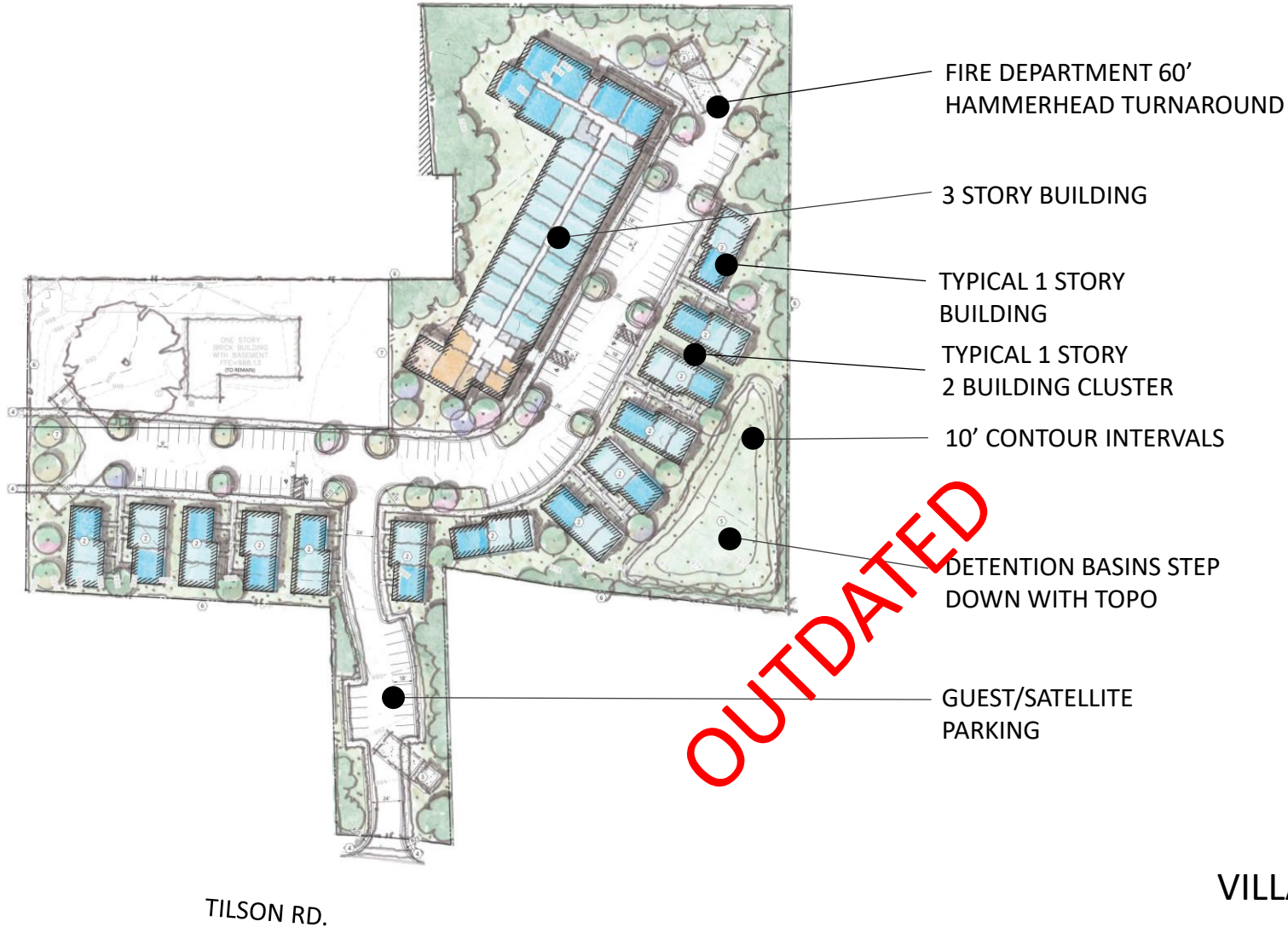
DECATUR, GEORGIA - FIRST BAPTIST SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

9-15-21

**THE VECINO GROUP**  
Housing for the greater good.



2<sup>ND</sup> AVE.



3 STORY BUILDING

68 - 1 BEDROOM UNITS

20 - 2 BEDROOM UNITS

88 – DWELLING UNITS TOTAL

13 - 1 STORY BUILDINGS

26 - 1 BEDROOM UNITS

13 - 2 BEDROOM UNITS

39 – DWELLING UNITS TOTAL

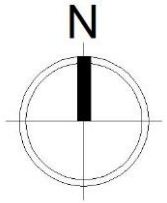
94 - 1 BEDROOM UNITS

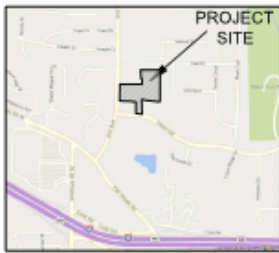
33 - 2 BEDROOM UNITS

127 – UNITS TOTAL

**OUTDATED**

VILLAGE OPTION **C**





VICINITY MAP  
1"=1000'

SECOND AVENUE  
(50' R/W)

OWNERSHIP IN QUESTION

ONE STORY  
BRICK BUILDING  
WITH BASEMENT  
FIC#200.13  
21' WIDE

TILSON ROAD  
(65' R/W)

**SITE SUMMARY TABLE**

<b>AREA</b>	
EXISTING PROPERTY AREA	
2318 SECOND AVE	5.99 AC
2308 TILSON RD	0.46 AC
TOTAL	6.45 AC
<b>PROPOSED PROPERTY AREA</b>	
2318 SECOND AVE	5.50 AC
PARCEL FOR LIFE CENTER	0.95 AC
TOTAL	6.45 AC
<b>BUILDING AREA</b>	
3-STORY BUILDING	
1-STORY BUILDINGS	29,900 SF
TOTAL	
<b>IMPERVIOUS AREA</b>	
IMPERVIOUS ALLOWED:	3.0 AC (54.5%)
IMPERVIOUS PROVIDED:	4.125 AC (75%)
OPEN SPACE PROVIDED:	2.5 AC (45.5%)
OPEN SPACE REQUIRED:	0.825 AC (15%)
<b>BUILDING</b>	
TOTAL PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL UNITS:	125
3-STORY BUILDING	
PROPOSED GROSS BUILDING AREA:	76,437 SF
HEIGHT:	36' (MIDDLE)
1-STORY BUILDINGS	
PROPOSED GROSS BUILDING AREA:	29,900 SF
HEIGHT:	18' (MIDDLE)
<b>ZONING</b>	
PROPERTY ZONING:	R-75 (MR-2 STANDARDS APPLIED)
ADJACENT ZONING:	R-75
<b>DENSITY ALLOWED</b>	
BASE DENSITY:	12 UNITS/AC
SUSTAINABILITY BONUS:	6 UNITS/AC
MIXED AGE BONUS:	6 UNITS/AC
TOTAL:	24 UNITS/AC
DENSITY PROPOSED:	22.7 UNITS/AC
<b>BUILDING SETBACKS</b>	
FRONT:	0'
SIDE:	0' (3' BUILDING SEPARATION)
REAR:	20'
<b>PARKING</b>	
REQUIRED (127 UNITS x 0.75 SPACES/UNIT):	96 SPACES (INCL 4 HC)
PROPOSED:	109 SPACES (INCL 6 HC)

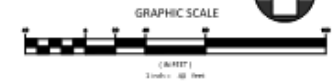
**KEYNOTES**

1. PROPOSED 3 STORY BUILDING
2. PROPOSED 1 STORY BUILDING
3. DUMPSTER PAD
4. CONCRETE SIDEWALK CONNECTION
5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
6. EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
7. PROPOSED PROPERTY LINE
8. MODULAR BLOCK RETAINING WALL WITH FALL PROTECTION FENCE

**GENERAL NOTES**

1. ASSESS T, BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ATWELL, LLC.
2. THIS PROPERTY DOES NOT LIE WITHIN A FEMA DEFINED FLOOD ZONE PER FEMA FLOOD MAP 15060C0213J DATED 9/19/2013.
3. THIS PROPERTY DOES NOT CONTAIN BUFFERED STATIC WATERS FOR DETERMINATION BY DEKALB COUNTY DATED 1/12/2021.

IN PROGRESS



**SITE PLAN**

FOR:  
**FIRST BAPTIST SENIOR**  
2318 SECOND AVE & 2038 TILSON RD  
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA  
(PARCELS 15 140 04 007 & 15 140 04 055)



No.	Revision/Issue	Date
1	ISSUE	9/2/21

**RASK**  
CIVIL ENGINEERING  
2423 FALCON CT  
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043  
(404) 226-6795

**OWNER/DEVELOPER:**  
VCCNO GROUP  
470 COMMERCE DRIVE  
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269  
**CONTACT:**  
SHARON GUEST  
(404) 318-0631

Project	210813	Sheet	
Date	9/2/21	Scale	SLUP
Scale	1"=40'		



**IN PROGRESS**

**LANDSCAPE CONCEPT DIAGRAM**



WOODLAND ENTRY DRIVE



COMMUNITY GARDENING



ENTRY COURTYARDS

- HARDSCAPE THROUGHOUT, WITH PLANTERS AND OTHER SITE FURNITURE



EXERCISE / ADULT PLAY



SEATING & GATHERING SPACES




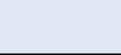



BIOSWALE / WATER CONVEYANCE

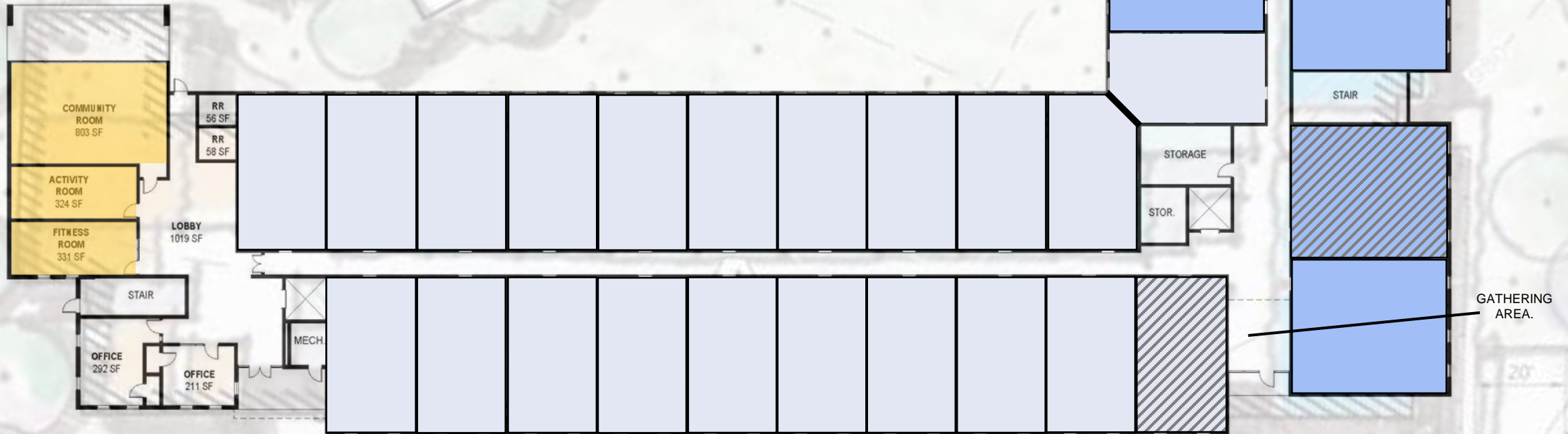
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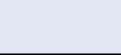

-  AMENITIES
-  SERVICE
-  TYPE 'A' UNIT
-  1 BEDROOM – 21
-  2 BEDROOM – 6
- TOTAL UNITS - 27

TYPE 'A' AND TYPE 'B' UNIT PLANS ARE SIMILAR. THE CONSTRUCTION STANDARD FOR ALL ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE ANSI A117.1, UFAS, AND FHA. SEE TYPICAL INDIVIDUAL UNIT PLANS. SEE BUILDING PLAN FOR TYPE 'A' LOCATIONS. ALL OTHER UNITS IN THE BUILDING ARE TYPE 'B'.

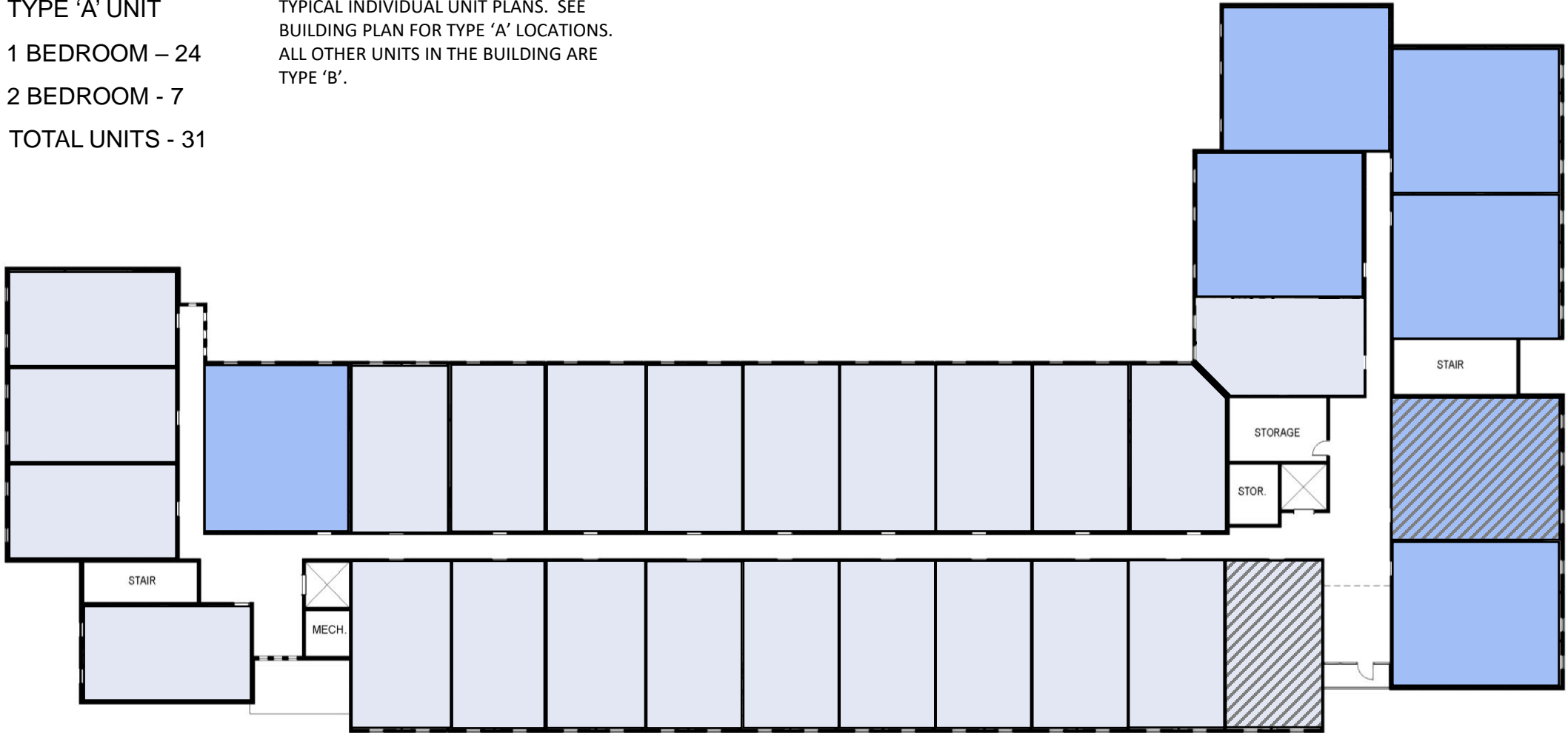


LEVEL 1 PLAN

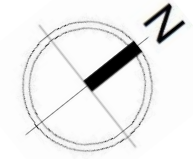





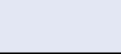

-  AMENITIES
-  SERVICE
-  TYPE 'A' UNIT
-  1 BEDROOM – 24
-  2 BEDROOM - 7
- TOTAL UNITS - 31

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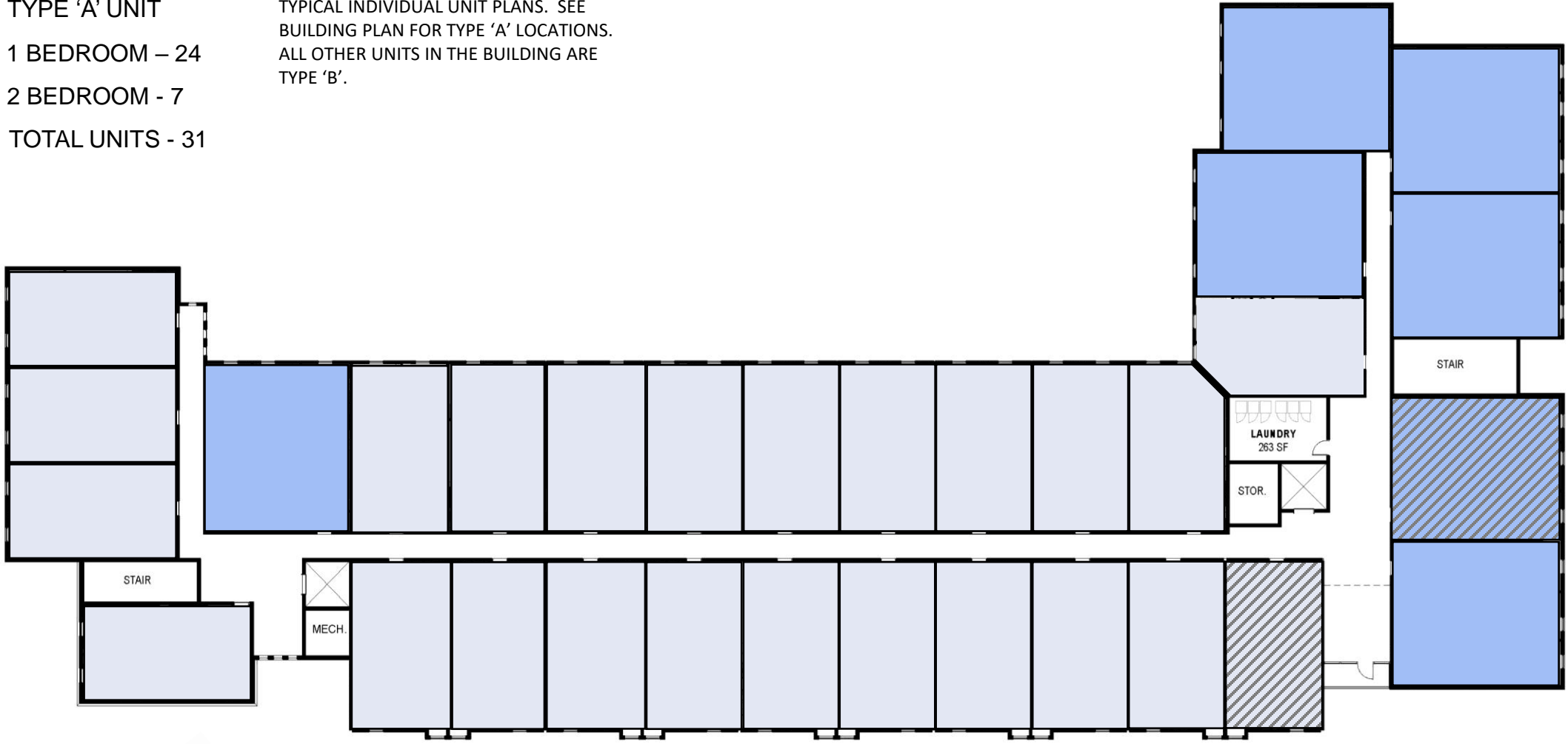


LEVEL 2 PLAN

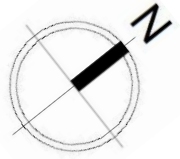


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LEVEL 3 PLAN





SOUTHEAST ELEVATION



NORTHWEST ELEVATION



FIBER CEMENT SIDING



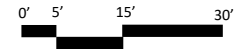
METAL SIDING



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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION



NORTHEAST ELEVATION



FIBER CEMENT SIDING



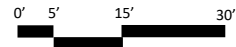
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EIFS



UNITS	
TYPE	SF
1B1.1	667
1B1.1 CORNER	660
1B1.1 L3	672
2B1.1	1010
	0

UNIT MATRIX (EDIT HERE)							
TYPE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL			
1B1.1		19	22	12	53	69	ONE-BEDROOM UNITS
1B1.1 CORNER		2	2	2	6		
1B1.1 L3		0	0	10	10		
2B1.1		6	7	7	20	20	TWO-BEDROOM UNITS
	0				0		
TOTAL		27	31	31	89		

NET LEASABLE						
LEVEL	1B1.1 A (589 SF)	1B1.1 B (595 SF)	1B1.1 C (582 SF)	2B1.1 A (893 SF)	2B1.1 B (899 SF)	TOTAL SF
LEVEL 1		19	2	0	6	0 20053
LEVEL 2		22	2	0	7	0 23064
LEVEL 3		12	2	10	7	0 16394
TOTAL SF		35351	3960	10	20200	0 59511

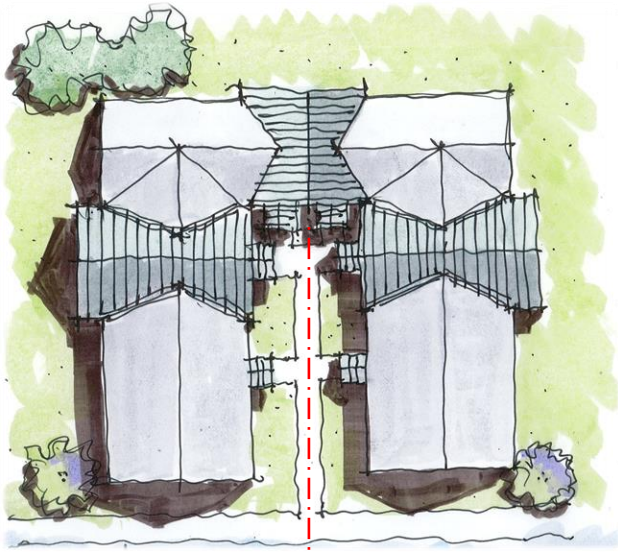
BUILDING GROSS SF (EDIT HERE)	
LEVEL	SF
LEVEL 1	28288
LEVEL 2	28795
LEVEL 3	28866
TOTAL	85949

EFFICIENCY BY LEVEL		
LEVEL	NET LEASABLE/GROSS	EFFICIENCY
LEVEL 1	0.708887161	70.89%
LEVEL 2	0.800972391	80.10%
LEVEL 3	0.567934594	56.79%

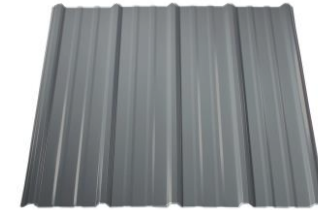
OVERALL EFFICIENCY	
TOTAL NET LEASABLE/TOTAL GROSS	
69.24%	

### 3 STORY BUILDING DATA SUMMARY





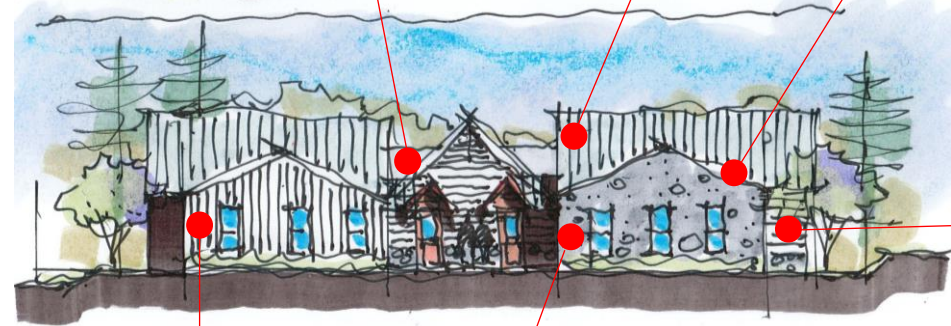
GREY COMPOSITION SHINGLE ROOFING



RIBBED METAL ROOFING



G90 PAINT GRIP GALV GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS



WHITE FIBER CEMENT BOARD SIDING LAPPED PATTERN



WHITE FIBER CEMENT BOARD SIDING BOARD & BATTEN PATTERN



WHITWASHED/GREY BRICK OR STONE



ENTRY DOORS



VINYL SDL UPPER SINGLE HUNG WINDOWS



INSPIRATION

SINGLE STORY - 6 UNIT BUILDINGS WORK WELL WITH SLOPING SITE. SMALLER SCALE RELATES TO SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ON ADJACENT LOTS.