# SCOTT PROPERTY CONDITIONAL USE DAP Meeting July 21, 2021 AGE RESTRICTED SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOMES

This proposed project is required to have a DAP meeting because we are exercising the right to use the conditional use zoning regulation to develop this property as an age restricted residential development.

# EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS AND GENERAL OVERVIEW:

The subject property is located in the southeast quadrant at the intersection of South Trotter Road and Swimmer Row Way. The Gross property area is 9.75 acres and is zoned R-20. The property fronts on two (2) public roads that are classified as a Major Collector and a Public Access Place. The property was subdivided into 2 lots (lots 1 and 2) in 1976. There is an existing house on the property and an existing farm pond. Access to the house is provided by a driveway from South Trotters Road.

The site slopes in a northerly direction to 4-culvert pipes that pass under Swimmer Row Way. Based on the drainage area that flows to these culverts, an existing floodplain exists. The pond, which was built in the late 50's or early 60's, is a farm pond and it was not designed to provide storm water management based on MDE pond specifications and/or Howard County requirements. Prior to the pond, a stream traversed through this property and the property was used for agricultural purposes.

# PROJECT GOALS AND DESIGN PHILOSOPHY:

Per the Zoning Regulations, there are various ways to develop this property and the density is dependent on which option is chosen.

- R 20 single family detached, or
- R ED single family detached, or
- R-ED single family attached, or
- Conditional use single family detached, or
- Conditional use single family attached, or
- Conditional use semi-detached, or
- Conditional use multi-plex

## Site Design:

Per the Zoning regulations; Section 131.N.1, the maximum allowed density is 4 dwelling units per net acre using the conditional use single family detached option. This would equate to approximately 35 units. The number of proposed units is 25. The units are anticipated to be approximately 40 feet-by-70 feet. The required open space is 35% which equates to 3.41 +/- acres. The proposed open space is approximately 4.4 +/- acres, which is 45% of the property.

With the removal of the pond, the restoration of the existing stream channel and the forest conservation planting along the stream channel, the open space area should provide adequate amenities, such as pathways, seating areas and recreation areas for the residents, and add additional protection to the natural features.

The required perimeter landscape has been provided in accordance with the Howard County Landscape Manual. Existing street trees exist along Swimmer Row Way and street trees have been proposed along South Trotter Road. Deciduous and evergreen plantings are proposed around the perimeter of the site and within the forest conservation area along the stream channel. We feel that the landscape character of the site blends with the adjacent residential properties.

This project is compatible with the residential developments in the vicinity by providing similar architectural material, detail and setback from the street. Currently this site is vacant of forest stands and by adding landscape buffering along the perimeter of the site and planting of a forest conservation area, this open field will become a more connected property with the adjacent developments.

A community building (500 sf) is being proposed for this development in accordance with the conditional use regulations. Due to the site constraints, the building and associated parking is somewhat centralized on the property with access both from a pedestrian pathway and a public road.

The proposed driveways along South Trotter Road are approximately 40 feet long and are similar to the existing houses opposite this site. The front building setback is 40 feet and therefore the units are required to be a minimum of 40 feet from the road right-of-way.

Stormwater management shall be provided in accordance with the Environmental Site Design practices required by the state and Howard County. We will be utilizing drywells for the roof tops and either driveway disconnection methods and/or micro-bio retention facilities in the rear yard area of the units.

The proposed architecture for this proposed development has been used in previous projects in the County and around the state and has proven to generate high demand. This particular area of Howard County would be in great demand with its close proximity to Clarksville and downtown Columbia. It is our understanding that the proposed architecture would meet the universal design guidelines for age restricted housing.



















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# **Rogers Avenue Development**

#### Age-Restricted Duplex and Attached Single Family Homes

#### **Existing Conditions**

The site is 6.3 acres in size and is located at 2796 Rogers Avenue in Ellicott City Maryland. There is one existing house (HO-613) on-site with three outbuilding sheds, which are to be demolished. Zoning is R-20 for the property.

The site slopes from the southeast property corner down to the west property line, with the western half having woods, and the eastern half having ground covers of grass and crushed asphalt parking pavement. There is a floodplain, wetland and stream that exist at the western portion of the site that will not be disturbed by this development and will be preserved. Neighboring properties are residential along the south and west boundaries. There is Interstate I-70 along the north boundary, and Rogers Avenue along the east boundary.

#### Design

The proposed development is age-restricted 55 and older duplex and single family attached homes. There will be sixteen duplex building units at 2912 square feet floor area (including garages) per building, each with 2 dwellings with two-car garages, 1456 square feet floor area (including garage) each. There will also be 6 single family attached units in 2 groups of three units at 4368 square feet floor area (including garages) per building, each with 3 dwellings with two-car garages, 1456 square feet floor area (including garage) each.

Buildings are two-story, and building massing is based on nearby 2-story residential singlefamily dwellings in order to be in harmony with the community. Universal design will be incorporated into the dwellings. There will also be a community building of 784 square feet floor area.

Outdoor parking with trees will be provided adjacent to the community center building, and at the individual driveways to the garages, plus parking within the garages, a total of 94 parking spaces for the development. The development will be accessed from Rogers Avenue (minor Arterial) and utilize a private road with curbs and sidewalk.

Buffer plantings and existing woods to remain are proposed along the south boundary in order to screen the proposed development from four neighboring single-family homes to the south. The existing woods will provide a +/- 500 feet wide buffer along the west boundary to screen

### **Project Narrative**

the proposed development from the neighboring +/-200 condominium and apartment homes to the west at The Enclave at Ellicott Hills.

Stormwater management will be addressed on-site utilizing micro-bioretention filtration areas and other stormwater management measures. Note that existing soils are not ideal for infiltration type stormwater management facilities, therefore the filtration type facilities are proposed. A sidewalk walking path and an area for outdoor tables and benches are proposed for recreation.

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## APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

#### **REQUIRED SUBMITTALS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS**

Applicants are asked to submit graphics and other materials to facilitate a discussion among the proposal's design professionals and the Panel's design professionals. Eight (8) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy are required. The submitted documents must be large enough to be easily read and reviewed. The Panel prefers the submitted documents be 11 inches by 17 inches in size. The Panel requires the submitted documents also be in a larger scale presentation, such as 24 inches by 36 inches easel boards, or else be part of a PowerPoint Presentation, to be available during the architect's presentation. The submitted documents must show the scale of the drawings and must include the North arrow, if applicable. The specific documents, drawings and submission materials are therefore the choice of the design professionals preparing the application subject to the following:

- Building plans, building elevations and building perspectives must be prepared by the licensed Architect who will appear before DAP to present the project for DAP review.
- Illustrations, sketches and concept drawings are encouraged to explain the proposal.
- Photographs, aerials/pictometry and other materials that indicate context are highly encouraged.
- At a minimum, materials locating existing structures on all adjacent properties and major landmarks in the vicinity should be included for the discussion.
- Materials that permit a discussion of the **proposed design in relationship to the existing** and any change to topography are essential for the Panel's consideration.
- Applicants and architects are expected to submit written, graphic and photographic materials to inform the discussion of the following issues regarding their proposal, including the following required materials:

#### **REQUIRED SUBMITTALS BY APPLICATION TYPE**

For Subdivision applications (sketch plan, preliminary plan, final plan if initial submittal)

- □ Project goals and design philosophy including LEED or other green building design elements
- Conceptual site plan in color with North arrow
- □ Conceptual site section with topography line
- □ Aerial color photograph, such as a Google image, with the project site plan inserted in order to give the context of the site
- Conceptual elevations, or elevation studies, in color
- □ Massing diagram or axonometric drawing
- Frontage sidewalk and streetscape elements, if applicable
- Right-of-way, median, travel lane and bike lane configuration

#### For Site Development Plan applications

- D Project goals and design philosophy including LEED or other green building design elements
- □ Project integration with the existing context and County requirements
- D Building elevations in color



- G Site plan in color with North arrow
- □ Site section(s) with topography line
- Image or photo boards for lighting, landscaping, walls, fences and screening for loading areas, service uses, dumpsters and utilities
- Preservation and integration of existing trees and natural features
- □ Sidewalk and streetscape improvements, if applicable
- □ Image or photo boards for locations, orientation, designs, colors and materials for sign package
- □ Massing diagram or axonometric drawing
- D Perspectives are encouraged but not required

#### -> For Conditional Use applications

- Project goals and design philosophy including sustainability
- Project integration with the existing context and County requirements
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- Site plan in color with North arrow
- Site section with topography line
- N/A Image or photo boards for lighting, landscaping, walls, fences and screening for loading areas, service uses, dumpsters and utilities
  - Preservation and integration of existing trees and natural features
- N/A D Route 1 Manual sidewalk and streetscape elements, if applicable
- h/A  $\Box$  Image or photo boards for locations, orientation, designs, colors and materials for sign package
  - Massing diagram or axonometric drawing
  - Perspectives are encourage but not required
  - Design that addresses the criteria for age-restricted adult housing per Section 131.N.1, Zoning Regulations, with a focus on the following :

Site Design [excerpted from Section 131.N.1(4), Zoning Regulations]

The landscape character of the site must blend with adjacent residential properties.

To achieve this:

- (a) Grading and landscaping shall retain and enhance elements that allow the site to blend with the existing neighborhood.
- (b) The project shall be compatible with residential development in the vicinity by providing either:
- (c)
  - (i) An architectural transition, with buildings near the perimeter that are similar in scale, materials and architectural details to neighboring dwellings as demonstrated by architectural elevations or renderings submitted with the petition; or
  - (ii) Additional buffering along the perimeter of the site, through retention of existing forest or landscaping, enhanced landscaping, berms or increased setbacks.
- Compliance with bulk Requirements, Section 131.N.1, Zoning Regs
- Design of community buildings and/or interior community space
- I Loading and trash storage areas adequately screened from view



- Open space areas, recreational facilities and accessory facilities
- Amenities such as pathways, seating areas and recreational areas
- Protection of natural features (including existing trees and landscape)
- Iniversal design features appropriate for age-restricted adult housing

#### **Proposed Design Guidelines**

- Draft guidelines in a standard-size and format that may be easily reproduced
- □ Any applicable Council Bills and their attachments containing related standards
- D Required submittals as outlined in the applicable Council Bills and attachments
- Any previously adopted design guidelines that relate to the subject parcel(s)

#### Other applications pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Code

- Summary written materials to explain the project and its relation to the Zoning Code
- □ All requirements in the above sub-sections (E.1 through E.4) for applicable type of review(s) required (e.g., sketch plan, site development plan, conditional use, etc.)
- □ For CEF-related applications, submittals shall include all of the materials submitted at the initial meeting before the County's Zoning Board as part of the submittal to the DAP.
- □ For Optional Design Project in CR districts, applications shall include select requirements in Section 121.1 H. 3.a. per below, which comprise sub-sections(4) through (14) only:
  - (4) Buildings
  - (5) Structures
  - (6) Parking areas and number of parking spaces
  - (7) Points and widths of vehicular ingress and egress

(8) On-site pedestrian-related features and connections to off-site pedestrian-related features

(9) Landscaping

- (10) Hardscaping
- (11) Retained natural features such as wetlands, steep slopes, and tree and forest color

(12) Architectural elevations of all sides of all buildings and significant structures with exterior materials specified

(13) Exterior lighting plan with lighting structures and light sources given on specific lighting product information sheets

(14) Information on the adjoining properties, including the owner name, zoning, existing use, and existing site improvements.

□ For conversion of nonconforming uses to permitted uses in the CLI overlay district, applications shall include a summary of the criteria required in Section 120.0 D.12.

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# Sayers, Margery

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#### Dear Council Members:

I am writing to urge your support for Council Bill 87 - 2021 (ZRA - 198). Howard County needs a greater variety of appropriate and affordable living options for seniors who want to age-in-place.

For the past decade, we have cared for both an elderly parent and a disabled sibling. Living in Howard County has not been easy for us. Few homes exist on one level without stairs which would accomodate this situation and even fewer have a full bath on the first floor which would allow a repurposing of another room such as a living room or dining room into a bedroom. The cost of remodeling an existing home is cost prohibitive. We need both alternate housing options along with meaningful tax credits which might help defray this burdomsome cost for adult children attempting to provide in home care for their family members. We would love nothing more then to continue living our own golden years here but unless relevant housing options other than what is currently on the drawing board in Howard County comes along, we don't see that as a realistic possibility. The council also needs to address the issue of Accessory Dwelling Units and permitting them in communities. It's way past time to support families with housing policies that will make a difference in their lives.

Sincerely, Carol and Gregory Sobon 5324 Sunny Field Ct Ellicott City Md 21043

# Sayers, Margery

From:Walsh, ElizabethSent:Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:11 PMTo:Harrod, Michelle R; Sayers, MargeryCc:Royalty, Wendy; Baker, KevinSubject:FW: CB77 Information

Please add to bill file.

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Good morning Council members,

In anticipation of the CB77 agenda item this afternoon at the work session, please see the links below shared by Ms. Lynn Robeson Hannan.

- Examples of Montgomery County Hearing Examiner reports to the County Council can be seen <u>here</u>.
- A specific example to consider is the rezoning <u>recommendation in H-119</u>. It is much longer, but is an example of a case that was contested by some in the community. Ms. Hannan Robeson shared, "Based on community testimony, I asked the developer to make a number of changes to the rezoning plan, including limiting the height of the townhomes fronting Md. Route 108 to 35 feet, the height permitted in the existing zone. I also asked them to eliminate a fairly substantial encroachment into a stream valley buffer, and secured an assurance from the applicant that they would present a queuing study at the property's entrance along Md. Rte. 108 during subdivision approval. During the Hearing Examiner's hearing, we went into detail whether parking for an adjacent commercial development would impact the residential. The developer made some changes to the parking as well and complied with all three requests to amend the plan. No one who opposed the application at the Hearing Examiner's hearing requested oral argument before the Council (due to the changes to the Plan). When I presented this Report to the Council, they did have some questions, which were answerable from the record. The Council then voted to approve the rezoning."

Ms. Robeson Hannan will be attending the work session this afternoon virtually and is available for questions, but you may also contact her directly at:

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Kind regards,

**Colette Gelwicks** – *she/her/hers* Special Assistant

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