



# Town of Johnstown

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION STAFF ANALYSIS REPORT

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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>Public Hearing and Consideration of the Preliminary Subdivision Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for Revere North</b>
<b>PROJECT NO:</b>	SUB23-0014
<b>PARCEL NOs:</b>	8536300002, 8536300001, 8535000002, 8535000003
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Subdivision of 309.4 acres, illustrating large tracts for future subdivision and development, street right-of-way, and an initial Single-Family residential area with 339 lots
<b>LOCATION:</b>	North of Weld Co Rd 50 / Larimer Co Rd 14 (Veteran's Parkway), near future High Plains Blvd. alignment
<b>OWNER:</b>	Forestar Real Estate Group, LLC
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, LLC
<b>STAFF:</b>	Tyler Smith, Planner II
<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	August 23, 2023

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### ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Preliminary Plat
3. Preliminary Development Plan
4. Architectural Elevations

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, Forestar Real Estate Group, LLC., requests the approval of a Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for a 309.4 acre parcel in Larimer County. The applicant proposes 253 single-family detached units and 86 alley-loaded duplex/paired units for a total of 339 residential units in the initial phase, with right-of-way shown for major streets, large tracts for future development, and numerous outlots for easements, landscaping, open space/parks, utilities, and drainage (Attachment 2).

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**EXISTING ZONING:** PD - Great Plains Estates Planned Unit Development & ODP

**ADJACENT ZONING & LAND USE:**

**North:** Larimer County - Agriculture

**East:** Larimer County - Agriculture

**South:** Revere Filing No 1 Subdivision and High Plains Estates PD/ODP

**West:** Great Plains Village PD/ODP – future “employment” land uses

**Floodplain:** FIRM Panel #08069C1405G  
Area X - Area of Minimal Flood Hazard

**Oil & Gas:** Five Plugged and Abandoned wells exist in the center of the western half of the overall site; with several never-drilled “Abandoned Locations” on the east.

**Ditches:** A lateral ditch runs along a portion of the south-eastern boundary, adjacent to the existing county residences

**PROPERTY LAND USE HISTORY**

The property comprising Revere North subdivision was annexed into the Town of Johnstown in 2005 under the GHB Annexation No. One and GHB Annexation No. Two, with Ordinance 2005-755. The Great Plains Village Outline Development Plan (ODP) amended any prior ODP in 2019.

**SUBMITTAL AND REFERRALS**

This project submittal included the proposed subdivision and development plan sets, as well as full engineering plans and reports (i.e., grading, drainage, soils, utility, water) for the site. The project was referred to and reviewed by:

- Johnstown Public Works & Utilities Departments
- Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (Town Traffic Engineer)
- Helton & Williamsen (Raw Water Engineer)
- IMEG (Town Engineer)
- JUB (Water System Engineer)
- FRFR (Fire District)
- Weld County School District RE-5J
- Little Thompson Water District

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & ANALYSIS**

The proposed subdivision provides the concept and intent for a future Final Subdivision & Development Plan to create a mixed use community, starting on the eastern portion of the property with single family residential lots and paired homes, consisting of 339 single-family homes. The subdivision would also create twenty outlots in this area, totaling 30.13 acres for easements, landscaping, open space, detention, and pedestrian access. An amenity center is proposed to serve the entire Revere North subdivision. There is also an active park area located in Outlot Q and a proposed parking area and dog park located in Outlots P & T (Attachment 2).

The subdivision proposes a mix of single-family detached lots with ranging from 6000 to over 7,000 square foot (SF) lots as well as 2,000 SF alley-loaded duplex lots (25' x 80'), with the following breakdown:

RESIDENTIAL LOT TYPE DATA				
PLANNING AREA	ACRES	HOUSING TYPE	# OF UNITS	% OF UNITS
PA-4A	12.6	SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED <6,000 S.F.	17	5.0%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED 6,000-7,000 S.F.	38	11.2%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED >7,000 S.F.	24	7.1%
SUBTOTAL	12.6		79	23.2%
PA-5	12.5	SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED <6,000 S.F.	15	4.4%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED 6,000-7,000 S.F.	40	11.8%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED >7,000 S.F.	24	7.1%
SUBTOTAL	12.5		79	23.2%
PA-7	5.0	SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED	86	25.3%
	14.4	SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED <6,000 S.F.	53	15.6%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED 6,000-7,000 S.F.	21	6.2%
		SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED >7,000 S.F.	21	6.2%
SUBTOTAL	19.4		181	53.2%
AMENITY SITE			1	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44.5</b>		<b>340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Overall this mix provides for 25% attached homes; 34.7% lots less than 6,000 SF; 29.1% 6,000-7,000 SF; and 20.3% over 7,000 SF. The architecture provided is conceptual only, and depicts four “character elevations” of the duplex/paired homes, and the single family homes. Final architectural elevations will be provided with Final Development Plans and/or reviewed by Town Staff prior to construction (Attachment 4).

The development also proposes a 4.5-acre lot for an amenity site, which will be a focal point from the access from Veterans Parkway on the east, and ultimately somewhat centered in the overall neighborhood. There is also internal trail network that connects the outlots and pocket parks provided. Common open space areas are provided throughout the developed area and provide community activities for residents and future residents. Outlots will contain the requisite access, drainage, emergency, maintenance and utility easements and open space.

The development will contain a mixture of landscape materials, including small areas of irrigated turf, rock and wood mulch, and native grass. The outlots will be designated open space and detention areas and will be irrigated and maintained by a metro district or homeowners association (Attachment 3).

On Sheet L.24 of the Preliminary Development Plan (Attachment 3) a parking plan is shown, illustrating 10 off-street parking spaces integrated into the private drive by the paired homes, and showing the available on-street parking near the site resulting in a total of 91 spaces, in addition to the 2 car garages and full size driveways planned for those units.

Overall, Staff has no significant outstanding concerns with this preliminary plat and development plan, and believes it will promote the Town's goals of diverse housing types, walkable neighborhoods, efficient development patterns and logical extension of infrastructure. On a neighborhood level, it will play a significant role establishing a community and support future development and extension of the infrastructure for the Great Plains Village ODP area, planned to include a mix of compatible land uses.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice for the Planning & Zoning Commission hearing was published in the Johnstown Breeze, on Thursday, August 10, 2023. This notice provided the date, time, and location of the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, as well as a description of the project. Notices were mailed to all property owners within 800 feet of the property in question. This notice included a vicinity map and the proposed subdivision map.

Neighborhood meetings were held in person (one-on-one) with adjacent property owners in Fall of 2022 to address specific issues, as well as at Town Hall on September 22, 2022, for all owners and residents within 500 feet of the property (prior standard). Comments from the meeting indicated concerns with more urban-level development occurring along WCR50/LRC14 and the higher volume of traffic that is already affecting that corridor. Several folks noted faster driving speeds since the road was paved. The High Plains Blvd. extension was discussed, and overall development in Johnstown, as well as the opportunity for additional value for adjacent properties with the development and new infrastructure.

## **RECOMMENDED FINDINGS, CONDITIONS, AND MOTIONS**

### **Recommended Findings**

It is recommended that Planning and Zoning Commission send a recommendation for Approval to Town Council, that the requested Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for the Revere North Subdivision be approved based upon the following findings:

1. The proposed subdivision is consistent with the Johnstown Comprehensive Plan.
2. The proposed subdivision is in substantial compliance with the applicable Great Plains Village Outline Development Plan, Town's codes, regulations, and requirements.
3. The proposed subdivision will meet the needs of the community by providing diverse single-family housing. This type of development features an appropriate neighborhood design which meets and exceeds the expectations for new development in Town, offering compatibility with existing and proposed nearby developments.
4. The proposed subdivision will provide for the planned extension of High Plains Boulevard, and connecting roadways, as well as major water and sewer infrastructure in this area of Johnstown.

**Recommended Motion to Approve:**

Based on the application received, information provided at this hearing, and findings noted, I move that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommend to the Town Council Approval of the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for the Revere North Subdivision.

**Alternative Motions:*****Motion to Recommend Approval with Conditions***

Based on the application received, information provided at this hearing, and findings noted, the Planning & Zoning Commission moves to recommend to the Town Council Approval of the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for Revere North subdivision, with the following conditions:

***Motion to Recommend Denial***

I move that the Commission recommend to the Town Council Approval of the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan for Revere North Subdivision, based on the following findings: