



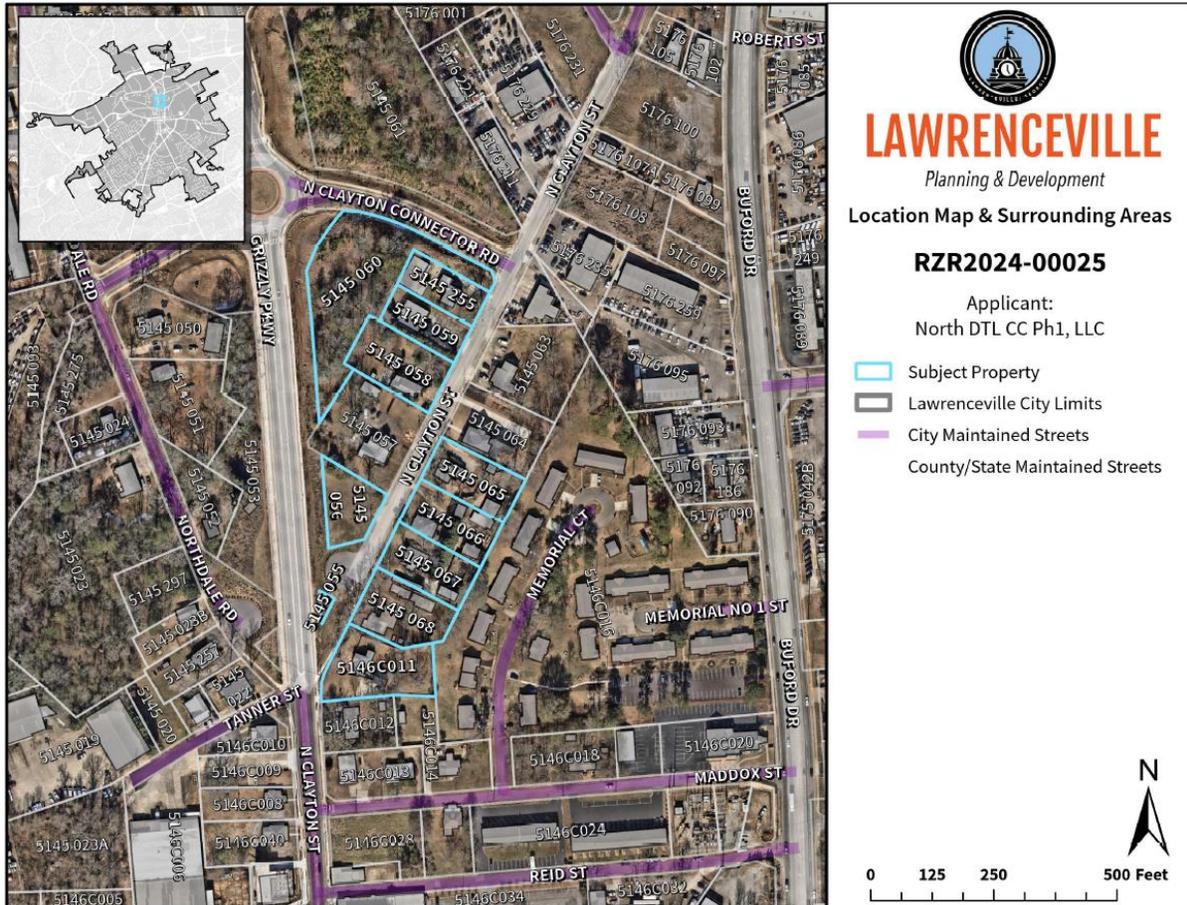
LAWRENCEVILLE

Planning & Development

REZONING

CASE NUMBER(S):	RZR2024-00025
APPLICANT(S):	NORTH DTL CC PH1, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER(S):	EVAN & JENNA SIMMONS, DANNY GRAVITT, KYLE & SARAH NORTON, LAWRENCEVILLE BROTHERS ASSEMBLY INC., NORTON CLASSICS, LLC, AND CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE
LOCATION(S):	806, 816, 824, 830, 838, 843, 853, & 857 NORTH CLAYTON ST, 205, 255 & 285 GRIZZLY PARKWAY
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):	R5146C011, R5145 055, R5145 056, R5145 058, R5145 059, R5145 060, R5145 065, R5145 066, R5145 067, R5145 068, AND R5145 255
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE:	5.9 ACRES
CURRENT ZONING:	RS-150 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), RM-12 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), BG (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT), AND OI (OFFICE INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT)
PROPOSED ZONING:	CMU (COMMUNITY MIXED-USE DISTRICT)
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:	72 TOWNHOUSES AND 8 ONE-FAMILY HOMES
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:	APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

VICINITY MAP



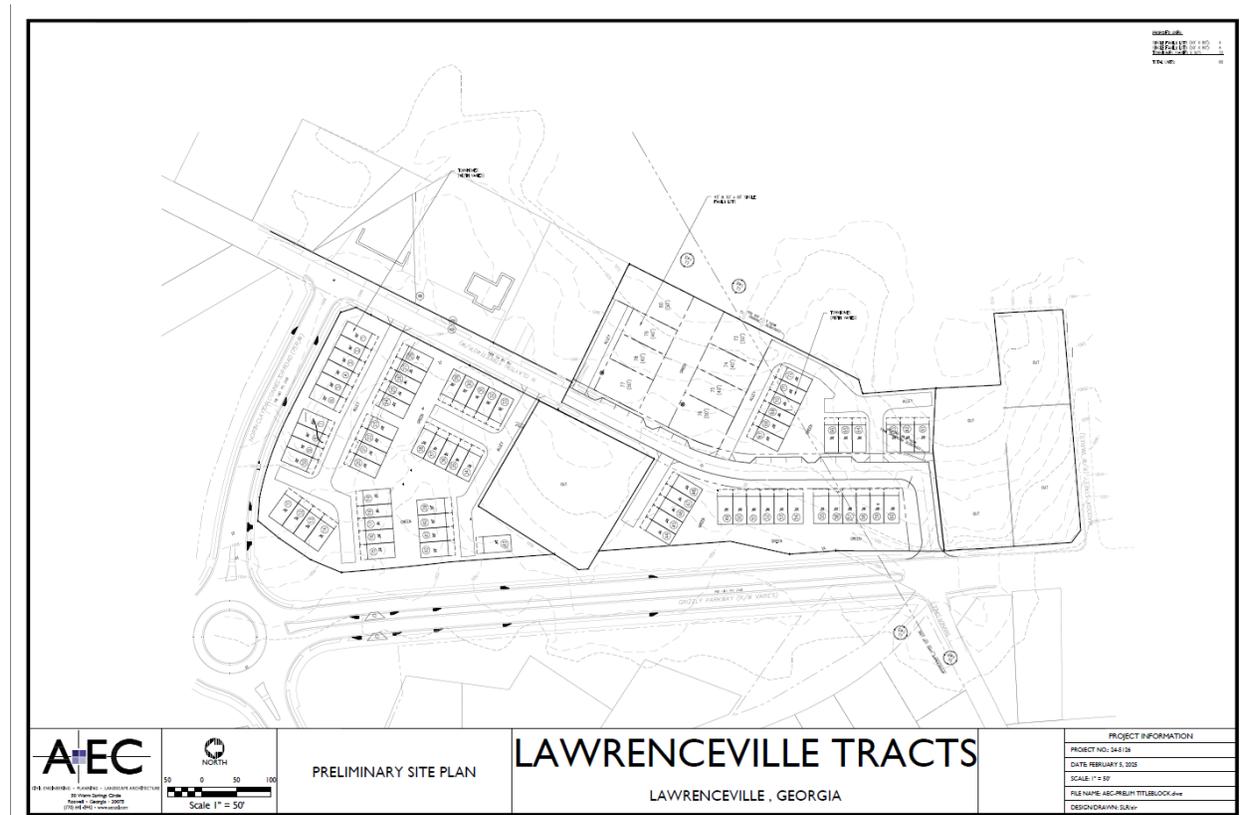
ZONING HISTORY

The earliest zoning records for the subject property from 1960 show the property as having a mix of RS-120 (Single-Family Residential District), RM (General Residence District) zoning; these properties were reclassified to their current districts (RS-150 and RM-12) in a citywide rezoning between 1987 and 2002. 853 and 857 North Clayton Street were rezoned to OI (Office Institutional District) over this same period. In 2003, 815 North Clayton Street was rezoned from RS-150 to BG (General Business District) per RZ-03-03. On April 2, 2007, 823 North Clayton Street was rezoned from RS-150 to BG per RZ-07-01.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant requests a rezoning of an approximately 5.9-acre parcel assemblage from RS-150 (Single-Family Residential District), RM-12 (Multifamily Residential District), BG (General Business District), and OI (Office Institutional District) to CMU (Community Mixed-Use District), which would represent a shift towards higher-density residential development in place of the established commercial, multifamily residential, office institutional and one-family residential zoning. The subject property is composed of much of the block formed by North Clayton Street, Grizzly Parkway, and North Clayton Connector Road and includes several parcels located on the eastern right-of-way of North Clayton Street, just north of its intersection with Tanner Street.

CONCEPT PLAN



ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The request represents a shift towards higher-density residential development in place of the traditional commercial, multifamily residential, office institutional and one-family residential zoning. By allowing for townhouses and smaller one-family homes, the development would likely increase housing density on the site, possibly making the area more walkable and increasing the local population.

As proposed, the development would consist of a mix of seventy-two (72) attached and eight (8) detached dwellings and dwelling units for a total of eighty (80) dwellings. They are described as follows:

1. Detached Single Family

- Type: Detached Dwelling and Dwelling Unit
- Building Height: Two Story (35 feet maximum)
- Building Size: 2,400 to 3,200 square feet
- Layout: Three bedrooms, two and one-half bathrooms
- Features: Private yard, front and back porches, two-car garages
- Architecture: The exterior will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary design elements using materials like brick, stacked stone, and wooden elements (cedar/cementitious shake or board-and-batten siding), which could evoke a more rustic or upscale neighborhood feel
- Lot Area: 2,840 to 5,250 square feet (40 – 50 ft. width & 71 - 105 ft. depth)

2. Townhomes

- Type: Attached Dwelling and Dwelling Units
- Building Height: Three stories (35 feet maximum)
- Building Size: 1,500 square feet
- Configuration: Two bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Features: Consolidated attached dwelling with shared common area, front stoops and back porches.
- Architecture: The same style of materials will be used here, continuing the cohesive design theme across the development
- Lot Area: 1,440 to 1,600 square feet (18 – 20 ft. width & 80 ft. depth)

Approval of the requested CMU (Community Mixed Use) zoning district would require variances from the minimum standards as outlined below:

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1. and 2.

Each CMU development shall include a mix of land uses, as indicated in the table below.

1. The intent of allowing these nonresidential uses is to create a small node of retail and commercial services primarily for the convenience and amenity of residents of the CMU District. Nonresidential development must be compatible with the residential component of the development, and in general with the Architectural Design Standards specified in this section and Article 6, Architectural Standards and Design Guidelines.

Exception: The minimum percentage of gross land area for civic/institutional, commercial/retail, industrial or office land uses may be reduced administratively for CMU developments within the Infill District, which consist solely of RS-50 INF & RS-TH INF residential zoning and land uses. Exceptions to the rule shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of the Planning and Development Department.

<i>Land Use</i>	<i>Percentage of Gross Land Area</i>			<i>Recommendation</i>
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	
Residential	30%	75%	100%	Administrative Variance <i>(within Infill District)</i>
Civic/Institutional	15%	50%	0%	
Commercial/Retail, Light Industrial, Office	15%	50%	0%	

2. This district provides for a diversity of housing types. Each CMU development shall include at least one housing option, including apartments, single-family residences, or townhomes.

a. Single-family detached dwellings on large lots
b. Single-family detached dwellings on mid-size lots
<i>c. Single-family detached dwellings on small lots (see RS-50 INF standards, below)</i>

<i>d. Townhouses (see RS-TH INF standards, below)</i>
e. Multifamily

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.5 RS-50 INF - One-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Minimum Lot Area	3,500 sq. ft.	2,840 sq. ft.	Variance
Minimum Lot Width	50 feet	40 feet	Variance
Minimum Front Yard Setback	10 feet	10 feet	N/A
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	10 feet	10 feet	N/A
Minimum Side Yard Setback	5 feet	5 feet	N/A
Minimum Heated Floor Area	1,600 sq. ft. (1 story) 1,800 sq. ft. (2 stories)	1,600 sq. ft. (1 story) 1,800 sq. ft. (2 stories)	N/A
Maximum Building Height	35 feet	35 feet	N/A

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.6 RS-TH INF - Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Minimum Lot Area	1,600 sq. ft.	1,440 sq. ft.	Variance
Maximum Building Height	35 feet	35 feet	N/A
Maximum Number of Stories	3 stories	3 stories	N/A
Minimum Lot/Unit Width	20 feet	18 feet	Variance
Maximum Units Per Row (UPR)	8 units	6 units	N/A

Minimum Units Per Row (UPR)	<i>3 units</i>	<i>1 unit</i>	Variance
Minimum Front Yard Setback	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Minimum Side Yard Setback	<i>0 feet</i>	<i>0 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Minimum Heated Floor Area	<i>1,200 sq. ft. (2-bedroom)</i>	<i>1,500 sq. ft. (2-bedroom)</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection C. Lot Development Standards

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Minimum Lot Area	<i>5 acres</i>	<i>5.9 acres</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Road Frontage	<i>40 feet per lot</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Maximum Height	<i>45 feet</i>	<i>45 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Internal Minimum Front Setback	<i>5-15 feet</i>	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Internal Minimum Side Setback	<i>10-20 feet</i>	<i>10 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Internal Minimum Rear Setback	<i>25-50 feet</i>	<i>25 feet</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Minimum Setback along classified Arterials/Collectors	<i>50 feet</i>	<i>0 feet</i>	Variance

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection I. Parking and Article 5 Parking, Section 508 Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required, Table 5-3

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Dwelling Unit (80 units)	<i>1.5 spaces per dwelling unit (120 spaces)</i>	<i>1.5 spaces per dwelling unit (120 spaces)</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Article 1 Districts, Section 102.5 RS-50 INF – One-Family Infill Residential District and Section 102.6 RS-TH INF – Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, C. Site Development Standards, 2. Off-Street Parking

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Off-Street Attached or Garage	<i>2 spaces per dwelling unit (160 spaces)</i>	<i>2 spaces per dwelling unit (160 spaces)</i>	N/A
Off-Street Parking Lot	<i>2.5 spaces per dwelling unit (200 spaces)</i>		

Article 4 Buffers, Section 403 Buffers Table

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
CMU / BG	N/A	N/A	N/A
CMU / RM-12	N/A	N/A	N/A
CMU / RS-150	<i>50 ft</i>	<i>0 ft</i>	Variance

The specific variances requested are as follows:

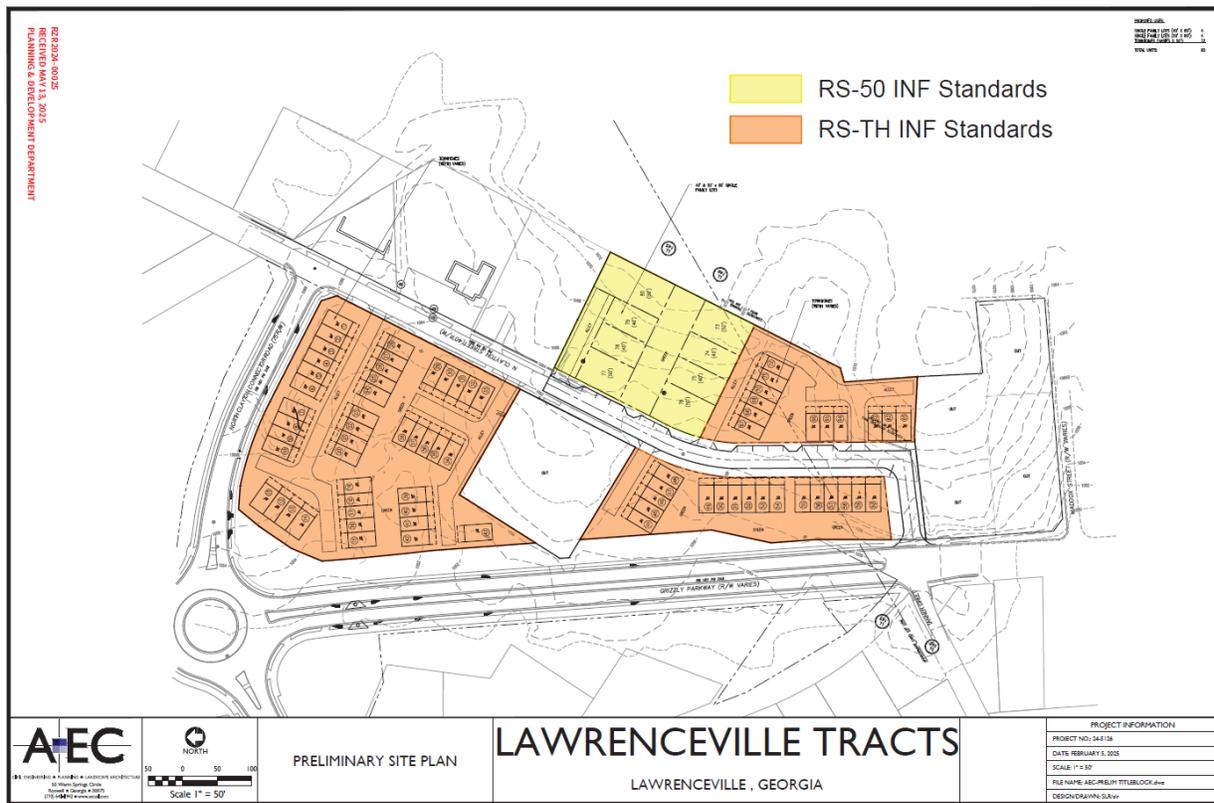
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, F.2. Allows for reduction of the net project acreage dedicated to Green/Common Space from 15% to 10%.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, C. Lot Development Standards to provide that single-family detached lots shall be designed and developed in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 102.5 RS-50 INF – One-Family Infill Residential District, B Lot Development standards and that townhome lots shall be designed and developed in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 102.6 RS–TH INF – Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, C. Lot Development Standards, Footnote 11. Allows for reduction of building setbacks adjacent to a classified arterial or collector (Principal, Major, Minor) shall be zero (0 ft.) adjacent to Grizzly Parkway and North Clayton Connector Road. Alternatively, all setbacks may be administratively varied in accordance with footnote 5 of Table 102.5 C.2 and footnote 9 of Table 102.6 C.2 of the Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, J. Parking, 1. Vehicle Parking. Allows for satisfaction of off-street parking in conformance with Section 102.5 RS-50 INF – One-Family Infill Residential District, C. Site Development Standards. 2. Off-Street Parking and Section 102.6 RS–TH INF – Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, C. Site Development Standards. 2. Off-Street Parking.
- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 102.11 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, K. Landscape, Buffers, and Tree Protection. 2. Allows for a reduction of required buffers between CMU and RS-150 properties from 50 feet to zero feet.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.5 RS–50 INF –One-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. Allows for the reduction of the Minimum Lot Width for the detached single-family residential dwellings from fifty (50) feet to forty (40) feet.

- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.5 RS-50 INF – One-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. Allows for a reduction in the Minimum Lot Size for the detached single-family residential dwelling from three thousand, five hundred square feet (3,500 sq. ft) to two thousand, eight hundred forty square feet (2,840 sq. ft).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.5 RS-50 INF –One-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. TH INF –Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. Allows for the reduction of the Minimum Lot/Unit Width for the attached townhouse residential dwelling units from twenty (20) feet to eighteen (18) feet.
- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.6 RS-TH INF – Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. Allows for reduction in the Minimum Lot Area from one thousand, six hundred square feet (1,600 sq. ft) to one thousand, four hundred and forty square feet (1,440 sq. ft).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.6 RS-TH INF –Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, B. Lot Development Standards. Allows for the reduction of the Minimum Units Per Row (UPR) for the attached townhouse residential dwelling units from three (3) units to one (1) unit.
- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.6 RS-TH INF –Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, D. Lot Dimensional Standards. 1. RS-Townhouse Units – General. a. Allows front façade(s) of townhouse dwelling units to be either parallel or radial or perpendicular to a Public Street (Public Right-of-Way).
- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Districts, Section 102.6 RS-TH INF –Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District, D. Lot Dimensional Standards. 1. RS-TH Townhouse Units – General. c. Allows rear elevations of each townhouse dwelling unit shall consist of porch measuring 10 feet in width and 10 feet in depth rather than 18 feet in width and 10 feet in depth.
- A variance from Zoning Ordinance, Article 504 Residential Parking and Driveways, 6. Allows for impervious surfaces in front yard area to be limited from 35% to 90%.

The recently adopted RS-50 INF (One-Family Infill Residential District) and RS-TH INF (Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District) zoning districts have specific provisions that will impact the need for certain variances. Specifically, the Minimum Dwelling Separation rule indicates multiple detached one-family and attached townhouse dwellings on a singular lot could be developed and constructed to the requirements of the International Residential Code (IRC), Part III, Section R302, which addresses Fire-Resistant Construction. Specific requirements of this section shall be reviewed and monitored throughout the development process, should this proposal be approved.

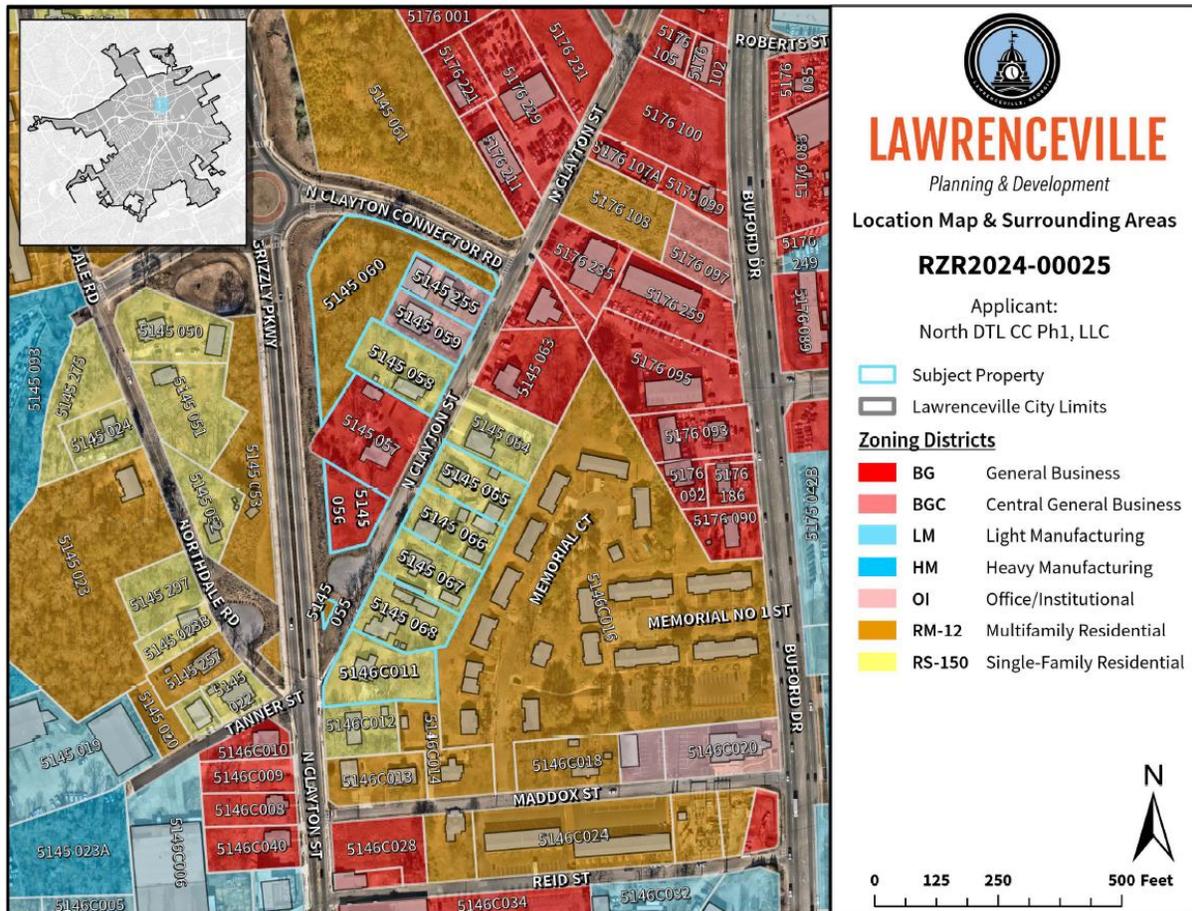
See **Exhibit A** below for approximate boundaries of proposed development that will be designed according to RS-50 INF or RS-TH INF standards.

EXHIBIT A – ZONING STANDARDS BOUNDARIES



A full-sized version of this exhibit is included in this item’s attachments.

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP



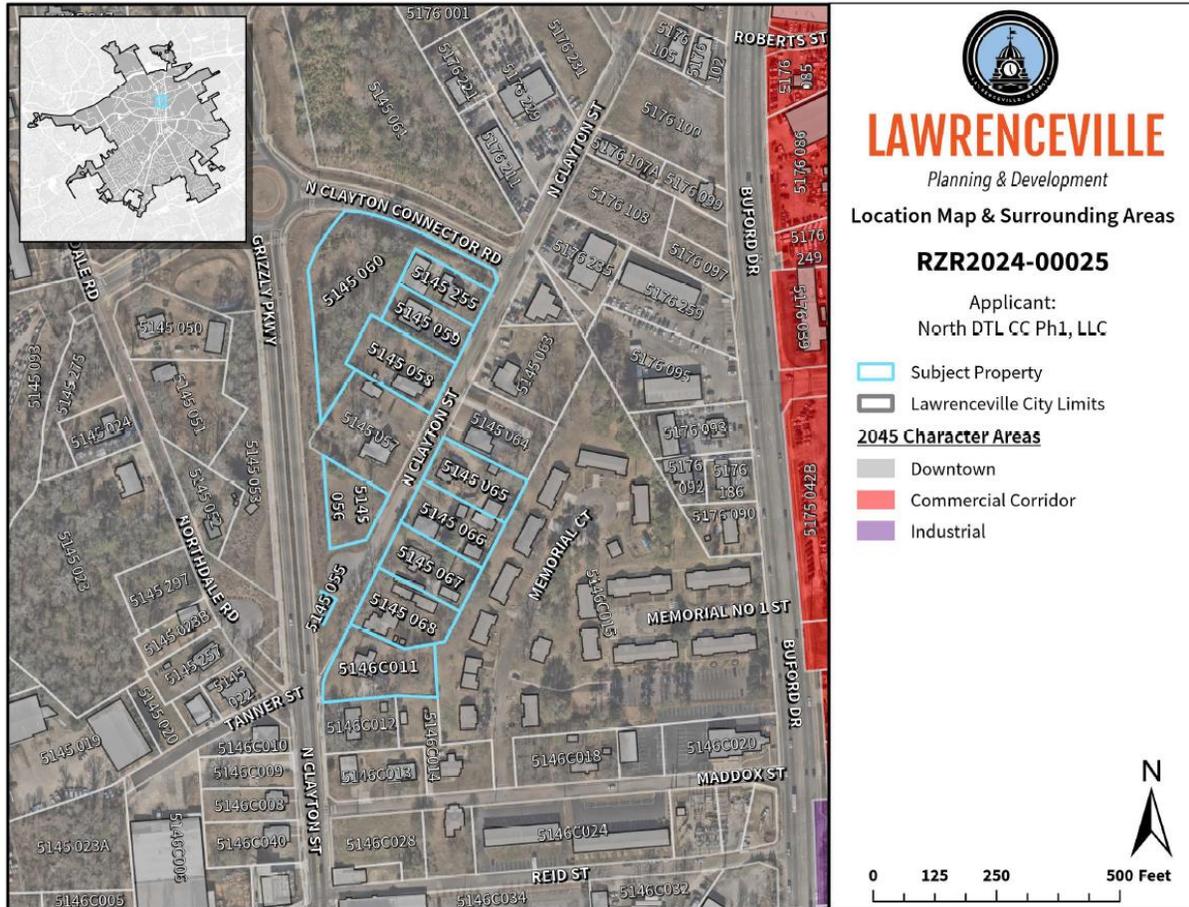
SURROUNDING ZONING AND USE

The area surrounding the subject property consists of a wide variety of uses and zoning categories. The properties to the north and northeast of the subject property are zoned BG (General Business District) and contain commercial and light industrial uses such as offices and existing nonconforming warehouses and auto service garages. To the east is a Lawrenceville Housing Authority (LHA) property zoned RM-12 (Multifamily Residential District), the location of several duplexes. Otherwise, the surrounding area is composed of single-family homes used both residentially (zoned RS-150 - Single-Family Residential District) and commercially (zoned BG). Further out from the subject property - west of Northdale Road and east of Buford Drive - there are locations zoned LM (Light Manufacturing District) and HM (Heavy Manufacturing District), used for a variety of industrial activities; for example, distilleries/breweries, warehouses, auto service garages, used car lots, self-storage facilities, and vehicle impound lots.

This proposal would continue with the precedent set by City Council's approvals for RZM2021-00009, RZM2022-00012, RZM2024-00016, and RZM2024-00019, all similar projects in the nearby vicinity that were rezoned to CMU (Community Mixed Use District) to allow for the development of mixed-use projects consisting of large tracts of land, and a variety of multifamily, townhouse, and retail components.

The purpose of infill zoning classifications is to enable the development of new structures on unused or underutilized land within existing urban areas. This approach aims to revitalize neighborhoods, promote density, reduce urban sprawl, enhance accessibility, and improve urban sustainability (quality of life). Therefore, the requested rezoning aligns with the City Council's policies, which are designed to encourage positive growth and development.

LAWRENCEVILLE 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP



2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The 2045 Comprehensive Plan and Future Development Map indicates the property lies within the Downtown Character Area. Lawrenceville’s Downtown character area serves as the historical and cultural heart of the city, preserving its unique charm while nurturing economic vitality. With a robust economy and a focus on community life, Downtown is a hub of cultural activities and commerce. The development, by incorporating townhouses and smaller single-family homes, is expected to raise the housing density, potentially enhancing the walkability of the area and boosting the local population. Additionally, investments in pedestrian infrastructure and streetscape upgrades will focus on improving walkability and accessibility.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In conclusion, the requested rezoning is a strategic step towards achieving higher-density, sustainable urban development and aligns with the city's long-term goals of fostering positive community growth and enhancing the downtown area.

Given the aforementioned factors, the Planning and Development Department recommends **APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS** for the proposed rezoning.

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

No comment

PUBLIC WORKS

No comment

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Lawrenceville Power will serve this development.

GAS DEPARTMENT

No comment

DAMAGE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

No comment

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No comment

STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

No comment

STATE CODE 36-67-3 (FMR.) REVIEW STANDARDS:

- 1. Whether a zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property;**

Yes. The surrounding area is host to a wide variety of commercial, industrial, multifamily, and single-family uses.

- 2. Whether a zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property;**

No. As discussed; the area is predominantly a mix of commercial, industrial, office institutional and residential uses and zoning in nature.

- 3. Whether the property to be affected by a zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;**

Yes; the properties could be developed according to the current standards of the BG, RS-150, OI, and RM-12 zoning districts. However, such a rezoning will help in the assemblage of a variety of parcels into a larger development with a cohesive design.

- 4. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools;**

The project will induce demand on public facilities in the form of traffic, utilities, stormwater runoff, and schools. However, the effects of this demand can be mitigated through zoning conditions, consistent monitoring of outcomes, and active planning efforts moving forward.

- 5. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan;**

Policies of the City are intended to benefit or enhance the quality of life for existing and potential members of the public choosing to reside within the city limits. The Downtown character area is intended as a mixed-use district that includes both townhomes and single-family homes, so this rezoning conforms with the long-range plan.

- 6. Whether there are 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;**

The proposal would continue with the precedent set by similar recent rezonings and variance request in the immediate vicinity, including V-19-01, RZM2021-00009, RZM2022-00012, RZM2024-00016, and RZM2024-00019.