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## REZONING

**CASE NUMBER:** RZM2024-00016

**APPLICANT:** BILL DIEHL

**OWNER(S):** TRINA HURT, DONALD LOGGINS, AND JOHN TAYLOR

**LOCATION(S):** 0 HILLCREST GREEN DRIVE & 298 DOGWOOD LANE

**PARCEL ID(S):** R7010 009 & R7010A018

**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE:** 17.47 ACRES

**ZONING PROPOSAL:** RS-150 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)  
TO RM-24 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** 194 APARTMENTS AND 33 TOWNHOMES

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** **APPROVAL AS CMU (COMMUNITY MIXED-USE DISTRICT) WITH CONDITIONS**

### VICINITY MAP





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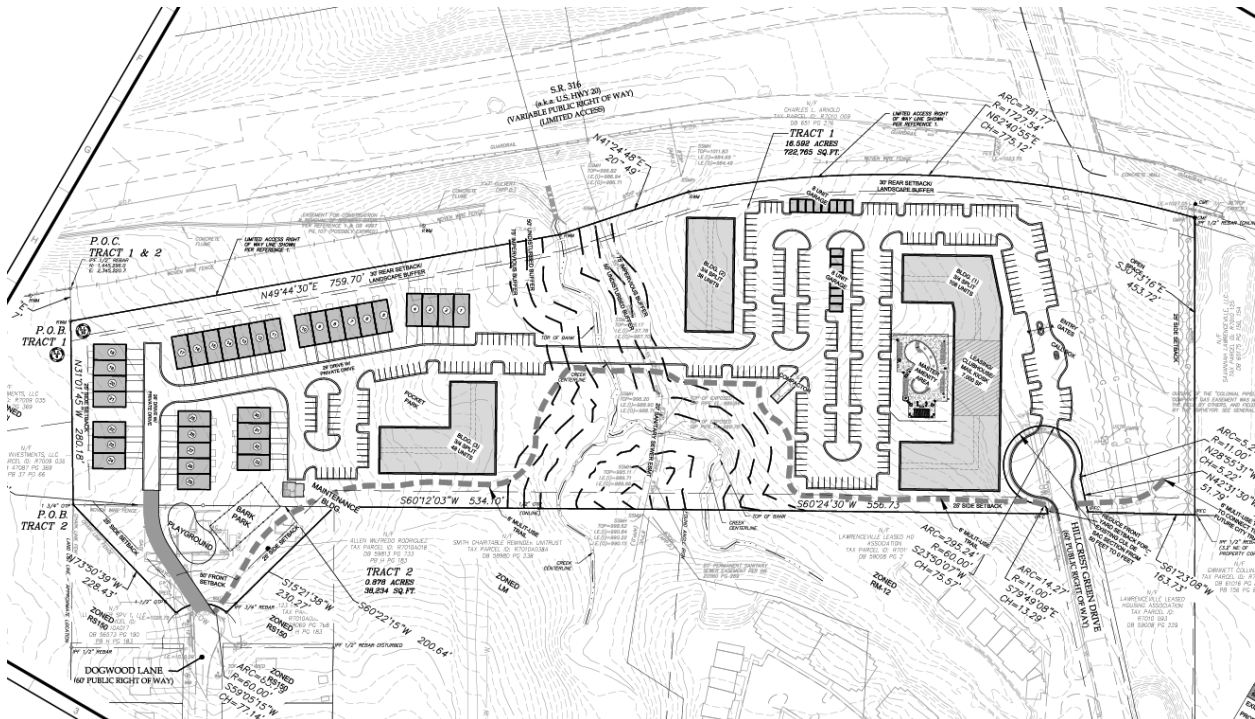
### ZONING HISTORY

The subject property has been zoned RS-120 / RS-150 (Single-Family Residential District) since 1986, which is the earliest zoning record on file for the parcel. There are no rezoning cases on record for the subject property.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant requests a rezoning for 0 Hillside Green Drive and 298 Dogwood Lane from RS-150 (Single-Family Residential District) to RM-24 (Multifamily Residential District) to allow for the development of 227 multifamily dwelling units consisting of 194 apartment units and 33 front-entry, for-rent townhouse units with a gross density of 13 units per acre (UPA). The subject property consists of two parcels with an area of approximately 17.47 acres located at the northernmost extent of Hillcrest Green Drive and Dogwood Lane, just southeast of GA 316. The majority of the subject property (16.43 acres) is currently vacant and undeveloped, though a single-family home stands on the 0.88-acre parcel at 298 Dogwood Lane (PIN: R7010A018), part of the Northern Heights subdivision.

### CONCEPT PLAN





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### ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The applicant requests to rezone the property to RM-24 (Multifamily Residential District) in order to develop a 227-unit, mixed housing-style community featuring 194 apartment units and 33 for-rent, front-entry townhomes at a gross density of 13 units per acre (UPA).

According to the letter of intent provided by the applicant, the development will be designed according to a new urbanist, walkable layout that employs modern farmhouse architecture, prioritizes luxury units intended for a professional market. The development will include modern amenities such as a clubhouse, resort-style pool, playground, multiuse trail (which will connect to the future city trail along the Colonial Pipeline easement), and a dog park.

If approved, the proposed development will require variances from the minimum Land Use Mix as follows:

### **Article 1 Districts, Section 102.9 CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1. and 2.**

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](#).

Land Use	Percentage of Gross Land Area	
	Minimum	Maximum
Residential Uses	30%	75%
Civic/Institutional Uses	15%	50%
Commercial/Retail, Light Industrial or Office Uses	15%	50%

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 (at least 9,500 sq. feet)
b. Single-family detached dwellings on mid-size lots (7500-9499 sq. feet)
c. Single-family detached dwellings on small lots (4500-7499 sq. feet)
d. Townhouses (see RM-8 standards above)
e. Multifamily (see RM-12 and RM-24 standards above)



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### C. Lot Development Standards

Project Area Standard			Off Internal Streets or Private Driveways		
Minimum	Road Frontage	Max. Height	Min. Front Setback	Min. Side Setback	Min. Rear Setback
5 acres	40 ft./lot	45 ft.	5-15 ft.	10-20 ft.	25-40 ft.

- This Minimum Lot Area shall not be reduced by a Variance. If property was zoned (RM-12) General Residence, 3,600 Sq. Ft. District at the time of adoption of the City of Lawrenceville Zoning Ordinance 2020 (ZON-ORD 2020-9), on May 20, 2020, and property does not meet the Minimum Lot Area then the property owner may apply for a Variance.
- Duplexes shall be prohibited.

The requested variances are as follows:

- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1., Residential Uses – Maximum Percentage of Gross Land Area – Residential Uses to allow an increase of the maximum percentage of Residential Uses from seventy-five percent (75 %) to one hundred percent (100 %).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1., Residential Uses – Maximum Percentage of Gross Land Area – Residential Uses to allow the elimination of the minimum percentage of Civic/Institutional Uses from fifteen percent (15 %) to zero.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1., Residential Uses – Maximum Percentage of Gross Land Area – Residential Uses to allow the elimination of the minimum percentage of Commercial/Retail, Light Industrial or Office Uses from fifteen percent (15%) to zero.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 1., Residential Uses – Maximum Percentage of Gross Land Area – Residential Uses to allow the elimination of the minimum percentage of



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Commercial/Retail, Light Industrial or Office Uses from fifteen percent (15%) to zero.

- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 2., Housing Options to allow the elimination of a. Single-family detached dwellings on large lots (at least 9,500 sq. feet).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 2., Housing Options to allow the elimination of a. Single-family detached dwellings on mid-size lots (7,500-9,499 sq. feet).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection B. Land Use Mix, Table 2., Housing Options to allow the elimination of a. Single-family detached dwellings on large lots (4,500-7,499 sq. feet).
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection C. Lot Development Standards, Table 1., Project Area Standards – Minimum Front Setback to allow the elimination of minimum front yard setback (adjacent to Hillcrest Green Drive from five to fifteen feet (5-15 ft.) to zero.
- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 – Districts, Section 102.9 – CMU Community Mixed-Use District, Subsection C. Lot Development Standards, Table 1., Project Area Standards – Minimum Front Setback to allow the elimination of minimum front yard setback (adjacent to S.R. 316, U.S. Hwy 20) from five to fifteen feet (5-15 ft.) to thirty feet (30 ft.).



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### Article 4 Buffers, 403 Buffers Table (CMU)

403 Buffers Table

New Development	MINIMUM BUFFER REQUIREMENTS																			
	Existing Adjacent Development																			
	AR	CMU	RS-180	RS-150	RS-60	RM-12	RM-8	RM-6	RM-4-C	M	MH	ON	OI	BN	BG	BGC	HSB	LM	HM	
AR																				
CMU	75		50	50	25				25	25	25									
RS-180																				
RS-150																				
RS-60																				
RM-24	50		50	50	25															
RM-12	50		50	50	25															
RM-8	50		50	50	25															
MH	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75											
OI	50		50	50	25	25	25	25	25	25	25									
BN	50		50	50	50	35	35	35	35	35	35									
BG	75		75	75	50	50	50	50	50	50	50									
BGC	65		50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50									
HSB	85		85	85	85	70	70	70	70	70	70									
LM	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
HM	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

- A variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Article 4 – Buffers, Section 403 – Buffers Table – to allow a fifty percent (50%) reduction of minimum buffer requirements between dissimilar zoning classifications (CMU and RS-150) (adjacent to Dogwood Lane) from fifty feet (50 ft.) to twenty-five feet (25 ft.).

### Article 5 Parking, Table 5-3: Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces Required

Standard	Requirement	Proposal	Recommendation
Townhome	2 spaces per dwelling unit (66 spaces)	4 spaces per dwelling unit (132 spaces)	N/A
Multifamily	1.5 spaces per dwelling unit (291 spaces)	1.62 spaces per dwelling unit (317 spaces)	N/A

The proposal meets or exceeds the minimum standard.



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### ***SURROUNDING ZONING AND USE***

The area around the subject property consists of a wide variety of use and zoning categories. Immediately to the east of the property exists the Lawrenceville Gateway mixed use development zoned CMU (Community Mixed Use District), which is currently under construction. To the southeast are the Greens at Hillcrest garden apartments, which are zoned RM-12 (Multifamily Residential District). The properties along Belmont Drive to the south are zoned LM (Light Manufacturing District), though they are mostly undeveloped. The Northern Heights residential subdivision is to the southwest of the subject property, containing single-family homes zoned RS-150 (Single-Family Residential District). Finally, to the west of the subject property is an office subdivision called Springfield Park zoned OI (Office Institutional District), though it too is currently undeveloped.

The proposed request to rezone the property to RM-24 is consistent with the existing zoning patterns and uses in the general area, including an established development in the Greens at Hillcrest garden apartments as well as under development Lawrenceville Gateway project. Furthermore, the conceptual plan invokes a transect model of development, in which the highest intensity elements (apartment buildings) are anchored to the east of the property – adjacent to existing high-density housing – whereas the lower intensity elements in townhomes are located on the western side of the property, where it borders a single-family neighborhood.

### ***CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP***



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Location Map & Surrounding Areas

**File # RZM2024-00016**  
Applicant: Bill Diehl

 Subject Property  
 Parcels  
 County Maintained Streets  
 City Maintained Streets

**Zoning Districts**  
 HSB Highway Service Business  
 LM Light Manufacturing  
 OI Office/Institutional  
 CMU Community Mixed Use  
 RM-12 Multifamily Residential  
 RS-150 Single-Family Residential

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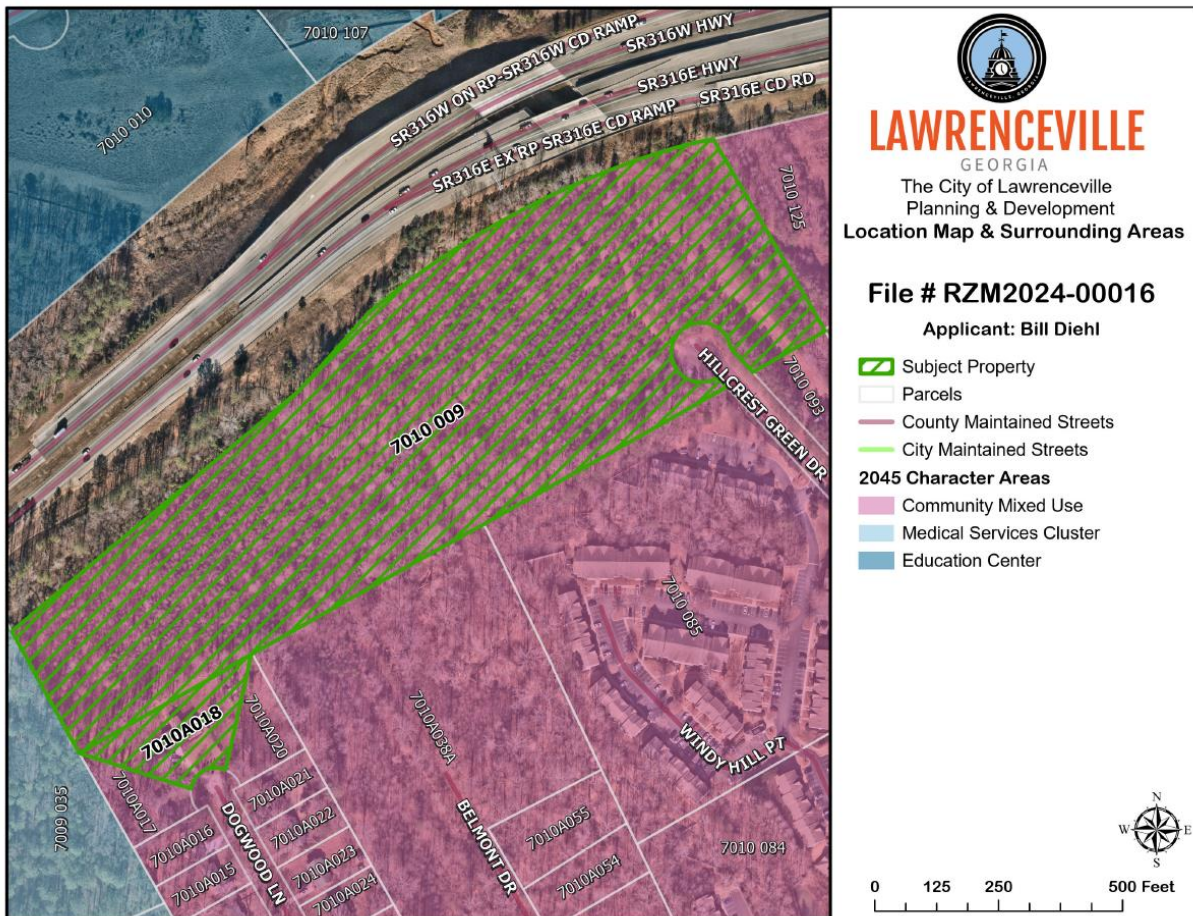
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### 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Lawrenceville 2045 Comprehensive Plan and Future Development Map indicate the subject property is located within the Community Mixed Use character area. The Community Mixed Use character area capitalizes on Lawrenceville's economic strengths and diverse population by fostering vibrant and walkable neighborhoods. This integration of residential, commercial, and recreational spaces caters to the needs and preferences of a dynamic and growing community. Such a development meets the standards of development as established by the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

### LAWRENCEVILLE 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP





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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

In conclusion, the proposal is consistent with both the existing uses and zoning patterns of the area as well with the long-term vision for the city as established by the 2045 Comprehensive Plan; policies relating to long range planning suggest the city embrace the principles of new urbanism by creating a housing stock that is well maintained and includes homes with a variety of forms and price points. The intent of the Comprehensive Plan is to encourage positive redevelopment of benefiting from the “halo effect” of high-quality development already happening nearby.

This proposal would continue with the precedent set by RZM2021-00009, when City Council approved a request to rezone the properties to the east to CMU (Community Mixed Use District) to allow for the construction of a mixed-use development containing approximately 500 multifamily units at Lawrenceville Gateway.

Given the aforementioned factors, the Planning and Development Department recommends **APPROVAL AS CMU COMMUNITY MIXED-USE WITH CONDITIONS** for the proposed rezoning.



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### **CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

#### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

No comment

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No comment

#### **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

No comment

#### **GAS DEPARTMENT**

No comment

#### **DAMAGE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT**

No comment

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

No comment

#### **STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT**

No comment



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### 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 contains a wide range of uses at various densities, including both single-family homes as well as apartment buildings.*

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

*No. As discussed, the area is already predominantly mixed use in nature.*

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

*Yes; the property could be developed a single-family subdivision similar to the Northern Heights subdivision to the south / southwest.*

- 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 condition 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 Community Mixed Use character area is intended as a mixed-use district that includes both apartments as well as townhomes, so this rezoning conforms with the long-range plan.*



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- 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 the Lawrenceville Gateway rezoning to the east in March 2022 (RZM2021-00009).*