

# **Design Review Board**

March 4, 2025

#### **STAFF REPORT**

(Final Review of Building and Site/Landscape Plans)

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 15755 Birmingham Highway, Milton, GA 30004

District/Land Lot: 2 / 0379 Character Area: Birmingham

Existing Zoning: Mixed Use (Commercial)
Overlay/FBC: Birmingham Crossroads

Acres: 0.3 acres
Existing Use: Vacant lot

**Request:** Final review of building and site/landscape plan for new medical office

building

**Owner:** Realty Trust Group

**Address:** 15755 Birmingham Highway

**Applicant:** Caitlin Matonak / May Architecture + Interior LLC

Address: 1175 Peachtree Street NE, Colony Square Building 100, Atlanta, GA 30361



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# SITE MAP



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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF REPORT (ADDENDUM 3/28/25)

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#### **BUILDING/ARCHITECTURAL PLAN**

### **Background:**

On March 4, 2025, the Design Review Board (DRB) reviewed (courtesy review) the proposed building plan for a new medical office building located at 15755 Birmingham Highway. At the meeting, staff presented the plan and how it adequately met the design standards outlined in the Unified Development Code, Article 6: Birmingham Crossroads Overlay. DRB unanimously recommended the approval of the building plan to the community development director with a recommendation to the applicant to consider installing a light fixture (candle-style wall sconces) similar to the adjacent building.

### Final Building Plan Submittal dated 3/7/25:

Staff received the final plan with no changes to what was originally presented to DRB. The applicant respectfully disagrees with the Board's recommendation regarding the exterior light fixture. The applicant states that the exterior wall sconces at door entrances complement the stone veneer, the color of the siding, and the overall architectural style of the building.

#### **Staff Comments:**

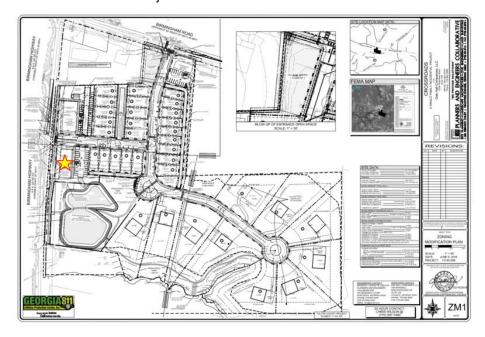
No further comments on the actual building design. The building plan meets the architectural standards of the Birmingham Crossroads Overlay District. Staff recommends approval with the following comments:

- 1. Submit a Sign Permit application for the two wall signs.
- Any deviations to the building design/plan will have to go back to DRB for review.

#### SITE & LANDSCAPE PLAN

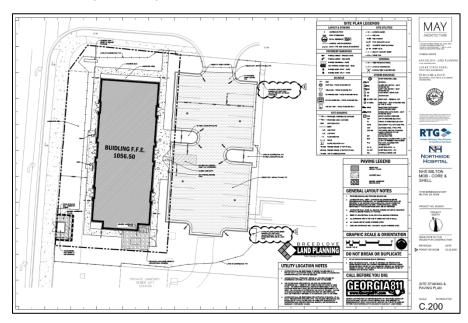
## **Background:**

The City approved the final plat and LDP for the Crossroads at Birmingham. This 22-acre parcel has been subdivided into several residential lots and 2 commercial lots. One of these commercial lots is the subject site for this review.

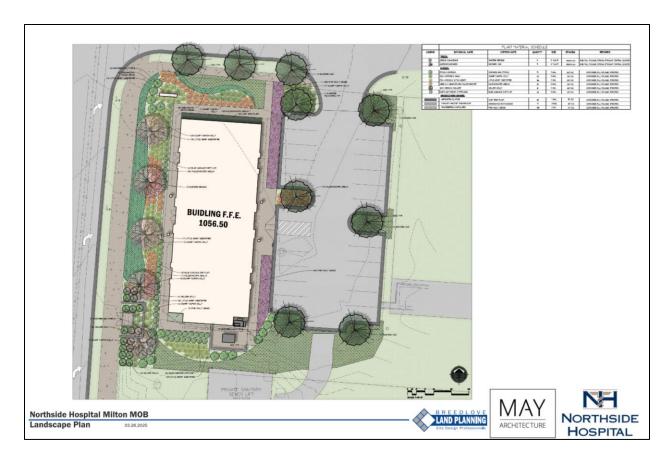


## Final Site and Landscape Plan submitted 3/26/25:

A second round of LDP review is currently in progress. Below is the revised plan submitted to Community Development for review.



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# **Existing Conditions:**

- Total lot size is 0.30 acres or 13,091 SF
- Flat/level ground surface for the most part; slope grade in the front.
- Existing sidewalk (Birmingham Hwy)
- Existing parking pad

## Site & Landscape Analysis:

The table below outlines the applicable development standards outlined in UDC Sec. 6.4.2 and Sec. 9.1.2:

Development Standards	Proposed Development
A minimum landscape strip of 6 feet.	The plan shows at least a 6' landscape strip.
The building setback is 20 feet maximum in the rural section.	The building setback is 20 feet.
Shade trees in the landscape strips must be planted in asymmetrical groupings and spaced per the Tree Conservation Manual.	Trees in the landscape strips are planted in asymmetrical groupings and spaced per the Tree Conservation Manual.
The recommended minimum distance of planted trees from overhead utility lines is as follows: 0' for small height trees, 20' for	Trees are proposed within 10' overhead power lines.

medium height trees, and 40' for large height	
trees.	
Trees must be trimmed up 7 feet to not	The proposed trees do not impede the
impede pedestrians	existing sidewalk.
Streetlights and pedestrian lights may be	No proposed lighting in the landscape strip
placed in landscape strips.	per the plan. All proposed lights are located in the parking lot.
Screening and Fencing	Screening is provided for the mechanical
	equipment located on the side of the
	building.
	No proposed fencing.
Landscape island is at least 10 feet wide and	6 landscape islands are provided next to 5-6
is required next to every six parking spaces in	parking spaces in a row.
a row.	
Sidewalks and pedestrian paths are required	Sidewalk is already existing, and a concrete
along all public and private roads.	pedestrian path is provided (located around
	the building).
Parking lighting	5 proposed lighting (lumec domus) in the
	parking lot that meets the design standards
	for lighting.
Vehicle parking requirement for a medical	The proposed total building area is 5,278 SF.
office is 4 parking spaces per 1,000 SF.	Therefore, the minimum required parking is 21
	spaces. There are 23 parking lights provided,
	which include 2 ADA spaces. This meets the
	minimum requirement for parking.
Accessory site features (dumpster)	No accessory site feature(s) have been
	identified on the site plan.

#### **Staff Comments:**

The proposed site/landscape plan meets the standards outlined in the Birmingham Crossroads Overlay District. Staff recommends approval of the site and landscape plan with the following comments:

- 1. Include a recent as-built survey in the revised LDP per the site engineer's comment. No LDP permit will be issued until all comments from staff have been satisfactorily met.
- 2. Include the photometric of the site in the LDP.
- 3. Any deviations to the site/landscape plan will have to go back to DRB for review.