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TO: Mayor Donnie Henriques

ATTN TO: Richard McLeod, Director of Community Development

FROM: I. Emerson Bryan, Interim Executive Director

[Emerson Bryan]

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). Below is the ARC finding. The Atlanta Regional Commission reviewed the DRI with regard to conflicts to regional plans, goals, and policies and impacts it might have on the activities, plans, goals, and policies of other local jurisdictions and state, federal, and other agencies. The finding does not

<u>Submitting Local Government</u>: City of Woodstock <u>Review Type</u>: Development of Regional Impact

Name of Proposal: The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta Date Opened: Aug 19 2011

address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

DRI Checklist Summary:

Regional Consistency Assessment (50%): 87%

Local Impacts Assessment (30%): 84% Quality Development Assessment (20%): 35% Overall Weighted Score: 75%

<u>FINDING</u>: After reviewing the information submitted for the review, and the comments received from affected agencies, the Atlanta Regional Commission finding is that the DRI is in the best interest of the Region, and therefore, of the State.

<u>Comments:</u> The recently adopted PLAN 2040 Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM) designates the area of the proposed development as Established and Developing Suburbs. Established Suburbs are areas in the region where suburban development has occurred. These areas are characterized by strip commercial development, single family subdivisions, and office in limited locations.

These areas represent the part of the region that has just recently reached "build out." With few remaining large parcels for additional development, these are the areas in which the region may see the least amount of land use change outside of retail/commercial areas. Preservation and reinvestment in existing single family neighborhoods is important. These areas are stable and substantial change will most likely not occur in the single family subdivisions that make up a majority of these areas. However, infill and redevelopment should occur in areas of retail/commercial concentrations, especially commercial corridors. Within this area, infrastructure is built out with limited ability to expand, which may constrain the amount of additional growth that is possible.

Developing Suburbs are areas in the region where suburban development has occurred, and a conventional development pattern is present but not set. These areas are characterized by limited commercial development and residential development. These areas generally represent the extent of the existing service area for sewer or other urban services. The region should strive to develop these areas in a more sustainable way than the existing development model. To this end, there is a need for additional preservation of critical environmental locations, as well as agricultural and forest uses adjacent to rural areas. Limited existing infrastructure in these areas will constrain the amount of additional growth that is

possible. Some transportation improvements may be needed within these developing suburbs, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth.

The PLAN 2040 UGPM and Regional Development Guide (RDG) allow for additional development by providing guidelines for how these areas should ideally develop. In order to be consistent with the UGPM, proposed developments should strive to include elements and strategies found in the RDG. According to the PLAN 2040 RDG, the proposed develop would become a future Major Retail District. In the short term, plans and policies for these places should focus on limiting new traffic congestion, developing access management plans, retrofitting existing retail locations, and targeted infill development. As these places age, local and regional plans should encourage reinvestment, redevelopment, and infill development. Future Major Retail Districts should include a residential component, sidewalks and connected public streets.

See attached pages from the PLAN 2040 Regional Development Guide for additional information and guidance on Established Suburbs, Developing Suburbs, and Major Retail Districts.

The City of Woodstock has established itself as one of the exemplary smart growth jurisdictions in the Atlanta region implementing its Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) plan as well as progressive design codes. Many of the City's policies and subsequent developments are held up as models for the rest of the region to consider. The design of the proposed development does not align well with many of the policies that Woodstock has established related to smart growth, mixed-use development, and pedestrian oriented design. The City should consider how this development can be improved so that it fits with the character of Woodstock.

The development could employ design principles from other retail and mixed-use projects within the Atlanta region including bringing buildings up to the street and creating a "main street" environment with vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access the site. This has been used in both mixed use projects and "lifestyle" developments throughout the Atlanta region.

The developer is proposing a multi-use path along Woodstock Parkway. This path is a positive feature and could serve as a local and regional connection within Woodstock. The revised site plan shows an additional connection from the path into the development.

While residential and a mixed-use development may not be desirable by the project owner, the development design should be flexible to allow future infill and redevelopment. The location of buildings, private streets, drives, and on-site utilities should be considered in such a way as to easily allow this project to change as the market changes.

There is a stormwater management pond proposed for the southeastern part of the site. Since the developer is not providing greenspace, the stormwater facility could be designed and developed to provide passive greenspace for visitors to the site as well as the larger community. One example of this type of stormwater facility can be found at Glenwood Park in Atlanta.

The initial site plan showed a proposed second driveway onto Ridge Walk Parkway that if built, would be close to the intersection of Ridge Walk Parkway and Woodstock Parkway. The revised site plan, as well as the letter submitted by the applicant, indicate that this additional driveway may be moved futher from the nearest intersection. Due to its proximity to the intersection, as well as its proximity to other proposed driveways, this second proposed driveway may still need to be removed.

The site plan shows an exit ramp from northbound I-575 to southeast Ridge Walk Parkway. Due to the expected high volumes of this roadway, the City should consider extending this lane from the exit ramp to the turn lane of driveway 1. A similar issue exists on the opposite side of River Walk Parkway. Continuous turn lanes should be considered from I-575 to the project in both directions. There may be additional improvements needed on Ridge Walk Parkway in order to handle the future projected traffic. The developer has indicated their intention to work with GDOT, the City of Woodstock, and the contractors of the currently under construction transportation project in this area, in order to better accommodate future traffic needs.

The proposed development is providing more parking than is required by the City of Woodstock. The developer should reduce the amount of parking, and utilize pervious materials wherever possible. Additionally, the design and placement of the parking could be revisited to reduce its visual impact on surrounding property. Either moving or screening the parking from view should be considered.

The relocation and improvement of Woodstock Parkway appears unnecessary if more aggressive design changes to the project utilized the existing street design. ARC staff has noted similar project improvements in the region only to see the private development never constructed.

See additional attached comments from ARC transportation and environmental staff.

ARC staff is available on request to discuss this DRI review and its recommendations.

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING
ARC DATA RESEARCH
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CHEROKEE COUNTY

ARC Transportation Planning ARC Aging Division Georgia Department of Transportation City of Holly Springs ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please contact Jon Tuley at (404) 463-3307 or jtuley@atlantaregional.com. This finding will be published to the ARC website.

The ARC review website is located at: http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse.



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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PART 1: REGIONAL CONSISTENCY ASSESSMENT

To be completed by the ARC Staff

JURISDICTION:	CITY OF	WO	ODS	Date RCA Completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/19/2011			
DRI #:	2194			RC DRI Reviewer: JT			
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Outlet SI	nopp	es a				
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	Commer	cial		Action Triggering Review: Sewer Permit			
I. REGIONAL PLAN	<u>-</u>	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development consis Regional Development Ma Defining Narrative?	ap and	\boxtimes			1	SEE COMMENTS ON REVIEW NOTIFICATION AND ATTACHED PAGES FROM THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE	
Is the development consis Guiding Principles of the F		\boxtimes			1	SEE ABOVE	
II. REGIONAL RESOURCE RIRS	E PLAN AND	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
If within one mile of any a map, is the development of the Guidance for Appropri Development Practices in Resource Plan?	consistent with ate	\boxtimes			3		
III. INTERJURISDICTION	AL IMPACTS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development av negative effect on public f stormwater / floodplain ma water quality, etc.) in neig jurisdictions?	acilities (roads, anagement, hboring				3		
Are neighboring jurisdiction and prepared to manage, development on public factoring stormwater / floodplain mater quality, etc.) in their	impacts of the cilities (roads, anagement,				3		

Are other affected jurisdictions, including school boards, aware of, and prepared to manage, the impacts of this development?	\boxtimes			3			
IV. TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recomme (to the Developed	ndations r for Improving the Project)
Is this project consistent with any applicable regional transportation plan(s)?							
Does the development avoid or mitigate negative impacts on the surrounding transportation network?	\boxtimes			3			
If not, do pending projects included in the funded portion of the applicable transportation plan (STIP/TIP/LRTP) mitigate all identified project impacts?							
V. LOCALLY ADOPTED PLANS	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recomme (to the Develope	ndations r for Improving the Project)
Is the development consistent with the host government's Future Development Map and any applicable sub-area plans?	\boxtimes			3	THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP DESIGNATES THIS AREA AS "REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTER"		Woodstock's sive Plan for additional
Is the development consistent with any adjacent or potentially affected local government's Future Development Map?	\boxtimes			3	WAITING ON COMMENT FROM ADJACENT JURISDICTIONS		
VI. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" or "N/A" answers)	Recomme (to the Developer	ndations r for Improving the Project)
Is the development consistent with the region's CEDS?				3			
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	RC	CA Sc	ORE:	87%	RCA Weig Score (5		43
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Has the host local government or	□ Y	ES.					
the developer agreed to changes that would successfully resolve "No" answers above?	☐ N Narra	O. itive:					

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JURISDICTION:	CITY OF	WO	ODS'	тос	K		Date LIA	A completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/19/2011
DRI #:	2194						F	RC DRI Reviewer: JT
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Outlet SI	hopp	es a	t At	lanta			
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	Commer	cial					Actio	n Triggering Review: Sewer Permit
I. ADEQUACY OF LOC ASSETS/SERVICES	AL	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (option		Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Do adequate wastewate facilities currently exist t development?	o support the	\boxtimes			3			
Do adequate water support treatment facilities exist development?					3			
Do adequate stormwate facilities exist to serve the development?					3	SITE PLAN SHOW STORMWATER FA		
Do adequate solid waste to support the developm		\boxtimes			3			
Does the local school sy capacity necessary to a support the developmen	dequately							
Does the local workforce skills/expertise/educatio to support the developm	n to effectively	\boxtimes			3			
Are all other assets/serv safety, etc.) adequate to development?	vices (public	\boxtimes			3			

Is the local government fiscally capable of adequately providing any new facilities/services anticipated/likely to be required by the development?				3		
II. ADEQUACY OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Do adequate transportation facilities currently exist to support the development?				0	THERE IS AN INTERCHANGE PROJECT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONAL NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED	
If the development is predominately industrial, is it located in close proximity to an interstate highway?			\boxtimes			
If the development is predominately industrial, is it located with reasonable proximity to an intermodal station or other freight transfer location?						
Will developer-funded mitigation of the transportation impacts of this development be adequate to address needs generated by the project? enhancements and/or improvements of the items already listed in the applicable transportation plan (STIP/TIP/LRTP)?	\boxtimes					
If not, will enhancements and/or improvements already listed in the applicable transportation plan						
(STIP/TIP/LRTP) be adequate to address needs generated by the project?						
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(STIP/TIP/LRTP) be adequate to address needs generated by the project?	Yes	No				the Developer for Improving the
(STIP/TIP/LRTP) be adequate to address needs generated by the project? III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT If the size and type of development warrant, is access to the site effectively managed through the use of internal roadways, access roads, or shared		No		0, 1, or 3	Answers, required for "No" answers) YES, HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN SHOWS ONE FUTURE DRIVEWAY ONTO RIDGEWALK PKWY. DO TO THIS PROPOSED DRIVEWAY'S PROXIMITY TO ANOTHER INTERSECTION, AS WELL AS THE EXPECTED TRAFFIC VOLUME ON RIDGEWALK PKWY, THERE SHOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAYS BEYOND THE MAIN ENTRANCE SHOWN ON THE	the Developer for Improving the
(STIP/TIP/LRTP) be adequate to address needs generated by the project? III. ACCESS MANAGEMENT If the size and type of development warrant, is access to the site effectively managed through the use of internal roadways, access roads, or shared driveways? If the development is adjacent to more than one roadway, is access provided via the lowest functionally classified	\boxtimes	No No		0, 1, or 3	Answers, required for "No" answers) YES, HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN SHOWS ONE FUTURE DRIVEWAY ONTO RIDGEWALK PKWY. DO TO THIS PROPOSED DRIVEWAY'S PROXIMITY TO ANOTHER INTERSECTION, AS WELL AS THE EXPECTED TRAFFIC VOLUME ON RIDGEWALK PKWY, THERE SHOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAYS BEYOND THE MAIN ENTRANCE SHOWN ON THE	the Developer for Improving the

Relative to the size and traffic volume of the adjacent roadways, does the proposed development provide an adequate, uninterrupted driveway throat lengths at all access points?				3	PER THE CURRENT SITE PLAN SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.	
Are all proposed access points outside of the functional area of any adjacent intersections?				1	THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSED DRIVEWAY ONTO RIDGE WALK PKWY THAT IS TOO CLOSE TO THE INTERSECTION OF RIDGE WALK PKWY AND WOODSTOCK PKWY	
Do the proposed access points meet minimum spacing requirements established by GDOT (and GRTA, where appropriate)?				3		
IV. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0, 1, or 3	Explain (optional for "Yes" answers, required for "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are potential impacts upon WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS adequately addressed in the proposal?			\boxtimes			Titylesy
Are potential impacts upon WETLANDS adequately addressed in the proposal?			\boxtimes			
Are potential impacts upon GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon RIVER CORRIDORS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon PROTECTED MOUNTAINS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon COASTAL RESOURCES adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon FLOODPLAINS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon SENSITIVE SOIL TYPES adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon STEEP SLOPES adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon PRIME AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon RARE/ENDANGERED SPECIES adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon FEDERAL, STATE OR REGIONAL PARKS adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon HISTORIC RESOURCES adequately addressed in the proposal?						
Are potential impacts upon DESIGNATED SCENIC BYWAYS adequately addressed in the proposal?						

Are potential impacts upon VIEWSHEDS OR SCENIC AREAS adequately addressed in the proposal?										
LIA Points:				OUT OF A POSSIBLE:		45				
LIA Score:			, D		/EIGHTED E (30%):	25				
OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL IMPACTS										
Does the host local government need to take action to manage potential adverse impacts of this development?	YES 🖂		NO 🗆		NARRATIV	E: See comments				
Should special requirements be placed on the developer(s) to mitigate adverse development impacts?	YES 🗵		NO		NARRATIV	E: See comments				



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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION - DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REVIEW PART 3: GEORGIA QUALITY DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

To be completed by the ARC Staff

JURISDICTION:	CITY OF	WO	Date QDA Completed, M/D/YYYY: 8/19/2001					
DRI #:	2194		RC DRI Reviewer: JT					
TENTATIVE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT:	Outlet SI	hopp						
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:	SELECT	ONE	,	Action Triggering Review: Sewer Permit				
I. MIX OF USES		Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" ans	wers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development in mixture of complemental	ry land uses?		\boxtimes		0	THE DEVELOPMENT WILL NO INCLUDE A MIX OF USES OR PROVISIONS FOR THE ADDITIONAL OF OTHER USE THE FUTURE	2	
Does the development has mixed uses?	nave vertically		\boxtimes		0	SEE ABOVE		
If the development is pri residential, are a healthy (e.g., corner grocery sto facilities) located within a walking distance?	mix of uses res, community			\boxtimes				
For developments witho component, does the de a compatible new use the prevalent in the immedia surrounding area/neighb	evelopment add nat is not nately	\boxtimes			3			
II. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES		Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" ans	wers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are there sidewalks with development?	in the				1	SIDEWALKS ARE ONLY PROVIDED BETWEEN HANDI PARKING AND THE BUILDING		ADDITIONAL SIDEWALKS, OR PEDESTRIAN PATHS, SHOULD BE ADDED
Are there existing or pro sidewalks along all adja- street frontages that con internal sidewalk networ	cent external nect to the	\boxtimes			3			
Are sidewalks designed ADA, AASHTO standard accessibility?		\boxtimes			3			

Is bicycle parking provided at all non- residential buildings, multi-family buildings, and other key destinations?	\boxtimes			3	THE DEVELOPER HAS INDICATED THAT BICYCLE PARKING WILL BE PROVIDED.	
Does the development include multi- use trails that will connect to the external trail network(s)?	\boxtimes			3		
Are intersections designed for pedestrian safety, including marked crossing, curb extensions, median refuges, raised crosswalks, and/or pedestrian actuation devices?				3		
Does the design include pedestrian connections between building entrances and the internal and external sidewalk network?				1	THERE IS NO INTERNAL SIDEWALK NETWORK EXCEPT WITHIN THE PEDESTRIAN MALL AND BETWEEN HANDICAP PARKING AND THE MALL	
Does the development contribute to public streetscapes with pedestrian-friendly amenities, such as benches, lighting, street trees, trash cans, pedestrian entrance on street level, and windows at street level?				3	THE DEVELOPER HAS INDICATED THAT A MULTI-USE PATH WILL BE ADDED ON WOODSTOCK PKWY	
Will the development employ pedestrian-friendly block sizes (e.g., block face no more than 500 ft, average block perimeter 1350 ft)?		\boxtimes		0	THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN WILL BE THAT OF A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL TO BE DEVELOPED WIHTIN ONE SUPERBLOCK	
Will the development incorporate traffic calming measures, such as narrower street widths, raised pedestrian crossings, or rough pavement materials?		\boxtimes		0	INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW	
III. CONNECTIVITY	Yes	No	N/A	Score	Explain	Recommendations
Will the development employ street				0,1, or 3	(as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	(to the Developer for Improving the Project)
layouts that match those in older parts of the community?				0,1, or 3 0		
of the community? Will the developments internal street network connect to the existing surrounding street network at many points?					(as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers) THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN WILL BE THAT OF A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL WITH A GROUP OF LARGE CENTRAL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY LARGE	
of the community? Will the developments internal street network connect to the existing surrounding street network at many points? Does the development provide multiple ingress/egress points and have access to multiple external roadways?				0	(as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers) THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN WILL BE THAT OF A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL WITH A GROUP OF LARGE CENTRAL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY LARGE	
of the community? Will the developments internal street network connect to the existing surrounding street network at many points? Does the development provide multiple ingress/egress points and have access				3	(as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers) THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN WILL BE THAT OF A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL WITH A GROUP OF LARGE CENTRAL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY LARGE	

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Will the development include external and internal connections that allow motorists to avoid using the surrounding roadways to access adjacent uses?				0	THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN WILL BE THAT OF A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL WITH A GROUP OF LARGE CENTRAL BUILDINGS SURROUNDED BY LARGE PARKING LOTS	
Does the internal street network minimize traveling distance by providing relatively direct circulation throughout the site?		\boxtimes		0	SEE COMMENTS ABOVE	
Can the internal street network be reasonably anticipated to add to the public roadway network?				0	NO PUBLIC STREETS ARE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNAL NETWORK, ALL INTERNAL STREETS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF DRIVES AND PARKING AISLES	
Where appropriate, will the development employ mid-block alleys?			\boxtimes			
IV. PARKING	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development provide no more parking than the minimum required by the local jurisdiction?		\boxtimes		0	REQUIRED: 1447 PROVIDED: 1745	THE DEVELOPER SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES BEING PROVIDED OR ALTERNATIVELY, THE ADDITIONAL PARKING SHOULD EMPLOY PERVIOUS MATERIAL.
Does development seek reduced parking requirements for commercial and residential developments, particularly when nearby parking alternatives or public transit is available?			\boxtimes			
Does development seek shared parking arrangements that reduce overall parking needs?			\boxtimes			
Does development use landscaped tree islands and medians to break up large expanses of paved parking?				1	LANDSCAPE ISLANDS ARE BEING PROVIDED	THE DEVELOPER SHOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TREE ISLANDS TO BREAK UP THE PARKING AREA AND REDUCE LOCAL HEAT ISLAND EFFECT
Is the development's parking located where it does not visually dominate the development from the street?				0	PARKING LOCATED BETWEEN BUILDINGS AND LOCAL PUBLIC STREETS	PARKING SHOULD BE SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC STREETS OR SCREENED FROM VIEW
Does the parking design allow for easy and safe pedestrian access to buildings?		\boxtimes		0	MINIMAL PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS ARE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE PARKING AREA	THE DEVELOPER SHOULD ADD ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN
					AND THE BUILDINGS	CONNECTIONS
V. INFILL DEVELOPMENT	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	AND THE BUILDINGS Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)

Does this project involve redevelopment of abandoned structures; a brownfield site; other underutilized properties?		\boxtimes		0	THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE A "GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT"	
Does the development re-use or rehabilitate existing and/or historic structures?						
Is the development designed to blend into existing neighborhoods with compatible scale and design (e.g., small scale apartment buildings, multifamily that looks like a single residence from the street, etc)?		\boxtimes		0	THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL	
Are new housing opportunities being created out of former, underused commercial, warehouse, or industrial spaces?						
Is the development designed to revitalize existing neighborhood commercial centers (or create a new one on an infill site) that will serve as a focal point for the surrounding neighborhood and community?						
Is this a greyfield redevelopment that converts vacant or under-utilized commercial strips to mixed-use assets?		\boxtimes		0	THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE A "GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT"	
VI. SENSE OF PLACE	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development create or enhance community spaces such as public plazas, squares, parks, etc?	Yes	No 🖂	N/A			
Does the development create or enhance community spaces such as	Yes		N/A	0,1, or 3		
Does the development create or enhance community spaces such as public plazas, squares, parks, etc? Is the development consistent / compatible with the traditional character of the community, incorporating appropriate scale,	Yes		N/A	0,1, or 3 0		
Does the development create or enhance community spaces such as public plazas, squares, parks, etc? Is the development consistent / compatible with the traditional character of the community, incorporating appropriate scale, placement and massing? If "big box" retail, is the development designed in a way that complements surrounding uses (e.g. appropriate massing and scale when in developed areas; landscaped buffers/berms when	Yes		N/A	0,1, or 3 0	(as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	

Does the development design include restrictions on the number and size of signs and billboards?			\boxtimes		INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW	
If applicable, will the natural vegetative character of surrounding roadways be maintained (e.g., with setbacks, vegetative buffers, landscaped berms)?			\boxtimes			
VII. TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (TND)	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development designed to be an attractive, pedestrian-friendly activity center serving surrounding residential areas?				1	THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE A TYPICAL OUTLET MALL WITH LIMITED PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES IN THE CENTER OF THE PROJECT	THE DEVELOPER SHOULD CONSIDER UTILIZING DESIGNS ENCORPORATED INTO OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS IN THE ATLANTA REGION. THERE ARE SEVERAL "LIFESYLTE CENTERS" AND MIXED USE RETAIL PROJECTS THAT MAY SERVE AS A GOOD MODEL.
Will the development include a mix of housing types and sizes evocative of the "traditional" development styles/patterns of the community?				0	THE DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT INCLUDE A MIX OF USES OR PROVISIONS FOR THE ADDITION OF OTHER USES IN THE FUTURE	
Do planned street widths employ TND width standards (i.e. narrow)?		\boxtimes		0	STREETS WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT ARE DESIGNED AS PARKING DRIVES AND AISLES RATHER THAN STREETS	
Are structures designed with small setbacks, and porches (where appropriate) that contribute to a continuous orientation to the street that is pedestrian-friendly and encourages interaction with neighbors and/or passers-by?			\boxtimes			
Are accommodations included for on- street parking and/or rear alleyway access for residents'/visitors' automobiles?			\boxtimes			
VIII. OPEN/GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Is the development in close proximity with direct access to permanently protected open/greenspace?	\boxtimes			3		
Is the development clustered to preserve open/green space within the development site?		\boxtimes		0	THE DEVELOPMENT WILL COVER ALMOST ALL OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY	
Does the development set aside a substantial percentage of total land area as permanently protected open or green space, preferably connected to a green space network?		\boxtimes		0	THERE IS LITTLE GREENSPACE OR OTHER PUBLIC AMENITY PROVIDED WITHIN THIS DEVELOPMENT	

Does the design of the development include provisions to permanently preserve environmentally sensitive areas by setting them aside as public parks, trails, greenbelts, etc?		\boxtimes		0	THE DEVELOPMENT WILL COVER ALMOST ALL OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY	
Does the design of the development incorporate significant site features (view corridors, water features, farmland, wetlands, etc.) as amenities?				0	THERE IS LITTLE GREENSPACE OR OTHER PUBLIC AMENITY PROPOSED WITHIN THIS DEVELOPMENT	THE DEVELOPER COULD UTILIZE THE STORMWATER FACILITY AS A PASSIVE PARK FOR VISITORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE LARGER COMMUNITY.
If public water/sewer is unavailable, does the design of the development make use of common area drain fields and/or neighborhood-scale wastewater treatment systems to reduce parcel size and facilitate cluster development?			\boxtimes			
IX. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Does the development avoid critical environmental areas?				3		
Does the project avoid land physically unsuitable for development (steep slopes greater than 20%, floodplains, stream corridors, groundwater recharge areas or wetlands), prime agricultural lands/soils and/or propose the appropriate mitigation measures?				3		
Does the development include measures to retain/protect a large proportion of existing trees and to maintain the health of new trees included in the development's landscaping?			\boxtimes		THE DEVELOPMENT SITE IS ALREADY CLEARED	
Does the development incorporate native and drought-tolerant landscaping?		\boxtimes			INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW	
Is the development designed to avoid the need for a stream buffer variance under any applicable ordinances?			\boxtimes			
Does the development's stormwater management plan avoid increasing the rate and quantity of post-development stormwater runoff when compared with pre-development stormwater rates and quantities?				3		
Does the development reflect best management practices (e.g., bioretention strips, rain gardens or swales as alternatives to conventional practices) for water quality protection?				0	NONE SHOWN ON SITE PLAN	
Do the parking lots incorporate innovative on-site stormwater mitigation or retention features that are not covered elsewhere in this checklist?			\boxtimes			

Is a substantial proportion of the total paved area (total of driveways, parking, etc) covered with permeable surfaces?		\boxtimes		0		THE DEVELOPER SHOULD DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PARKING AND USE PERVIOUS MATERIALS
Does the development propose water conservation covenants or employ other appropriate water conservation measures?			\boxtimes		INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW	
Is the development seeking independent certification/recognition by a widely acknowledged development accreditation organization (e.g. LEED, EarthCraft, Green Globes, Energy Star, etc.)?				0		
Does the development make use of alternative building materials that promote environmental protection and energy efficiency?		\boxtimes		0		
X. Housing Choices	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
For developments with a residential component, will a diversity of housing types be provided in the development, including: Single family; Accessory housing units; Multi family; Affordable housing?			\boxtimes			
For developments with a residential component, does the development add a new housing type to the immediately surrounding neighborhood?			\boxtimes			
If the development includes a senior housing component, does the development include affordability and accessibility features and proximity to services and transportation alternatives?			\boxtimes			
Will the development provide greater housing options for low and middle income residents and families?			\boxtimes			
XI. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Yes	No	N/A	Score 0,1, or 3	Explain (as necessary for "Yes" and "No" answers)	Recommendations (to the Developer for Improving the Project)
Are the economic returns associated with the development projected to offset the local/regional costs for any infrastructure and service enhancements necessary to serve development?		\boxtimes			INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED FOR THE REVIEW. THE DEVELOPER IS REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AND CITY PROVIDE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WOODSTOCK PKWY	
Will the development enhance diversity in the local/regional economic base?		\boxtimes		0	THE ATLANTA REGIONAL CURRENTLY HAS MORE RETAIL THAN IS NEEDED	
Does the design/location of this development clearly reflect consideration of the local and regional jobs/housing balance?	\boxtimes			3		

Is the development located in a tax abatement zone, a tax allocation district, a designated/planned redevelopment area, an enterprise zone, or other governmentally supported redevelopment zones? Will this development use or is it likely				3		THERE IS PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT FOR THIS PROPERTY	
Will this development use or is it likely to enhance local or regional small-business development program(s)?			\boxtimes				
Will the development provide greater employment opportunities for low and middle income residents?	\boxtimes			3		BASED ON SALARIES OF OUTLET STORE EMPLOYEES	
Is the development likely to spur other activities aimed at improving the quality of the local/regional workforce?			\boxtimes				
QDA	A Poi	NTS:	53			OUT OF A POSSIBLE:	153
QDA Score:			35%	35% QDA WEIGHTED SCORE (20%): 7			
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Is the preponderance of answers above "Yes"?			-			elopment qualifies for ex opment <u>DOES NOT</u> qualif	•
And is the development generally reflective of the best quality growth practices? ☐ YES, this regional commission Georgia Quality Development ☐ NO ☐ NARRATIVE:					s development for		
To improve the overall quality of the development, does the regional commission recommend that the local government seek additional alterations to the proposal that have not been described above?	YES	5 🗆	NO [\boxtimes	NA	RRATIVE:	

40 COURTLAND STREET, NE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Jon Tuley,	Land Use Division
FROM:	Patrick Bra	dshaw, Transportation Planning Division
DATE: SUBJECT:	August 16 th TPD Revie Project: County: Location: Analysis:	The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta City of Woodstock, Cherokee County East of I-575 and south of Ridgewalk Parkway Expedited Non-Expedited X
cc:	David Hay	nes

The Transportation Planning Division has reviewed the traffic study performed by LAI Engineering, on behalf of the developer of the above referenced proposed project. The following input is provided for the Infrastructure section of the DRI Report.

This DRI proposal is being considered for review under the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Non-Expedited Review Process. The proposed 50 acre mixed use development calls for 395,000 square feet (SF) of factory outlet center space, 12,000 SF of sit down restaurant space, 16,000 SF of fast food restaurant space, 4,000 SF of banking space and 6,000 SF of pharmacy space for a total of 433,000 SF. Current plans describe two phases of development to be completed by 2016.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation

How many site access points will be associated with the proposed development? What are their locations?

Site access is to be provided via three proposed driveways, with two on a realigned Woodstock Parkway and one on the existing Ridgewalk Parkway. The site plan references a potential fourth driveway, whose construction may not be required. A summary of the site access points is listed below:

Driveway 1 (Main Entrance) – Driveway 1 will be standard commercial driveway with four (4) 12 ft lanes and 50 ft. radius at its intersection with Ridgewalk Parkway. Driveway 1 is located south of the new Interstate 575 interchange and Ridgewalk Parkway. This driveway will be constructed as a full movement drive. This intersection will be a signalized intersection.

Driveway 2 (Right-In-Left-In-Only) – The proposed driveway will be standard commercial driveway with one (1) 12 ft lane and 50 ft. radius at its intersection with the relocated Woodstock Parkway just west of its intersection with Ridgewalk Parkway.

Driveway 3 (Full movement) – Driveway 3 is proposed as three (3) lane commercial driveway, approximately 12 ft lanes and 50 ft. radius. It will be located along realigned Woodstock Parkway at its intersection with Rope Mill Road. A roundabout is suggested at this intersection.

Possible Driveway 4 (Right-In-Right-Out) - A possible right-in-right-out is being planned along Ridgewalk Parkway for outparcel number 6. This right-in-right-out entrance is a possible condition and will not require additional roadway improvements and hence it is not shown in the capacity analysis section of the report.

How much traffic (both average daily and peak am/pm) will be generated by the proposed project?

LAI Engineering performed the transportation analysis. A background traffic growth rate of 2% was utilized, as recommended by GRTA. The project build out year is 2016. Trip generation rates were calculated from the 8th Edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation report. A 20% retail to retail mixed use trip reduction was applied to the trips generated by the factory outlet center and 20% to other retail uses on site. The ARC staff finds this methodology acceptable. The resulting trip generation rates are listed in the table below.

	Outlet Shoppes a	it Atlanta D	RI Gross Tri	p Generati	on, Build	l-Out Yea	ar (2016)	
Land Use	Average Weekday Trips (ADT)		AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour		Saturday	
	(AD1)	Enter	Exit	Enter	Exit	Enter	Exit	
395,000 SF Factory Outlet Center (ITE Code 823)	10,503	194	71	427	478	762	735	
12,000 SF Sit-Down Restaurant (ITE Code 932)	1,526	72	66	80	51	151	89	
8,000 SF Fast Food Restaurant w/Drive Through (ITE Code 934)	3,969	217	208	144	133	242	232	

4,000 SF Bank (ITE Code 912)	986	28	22	91	91	76	73
6,000 SF Pharmacy (ITE code 881)	529	9	7	25	26	24	24
8,000 SF Fast Food Restaurant Without Drive Through (ITE Code 933)	5728	211	140	107	102	214	223
Gross Trips	23,241	731	514	874	881	1,469	1,376
Minus Mixed Use Reduction	-2,814			-145	-145	-191	-191
Net Trips	20,427	547	452	729	736	1,278	1,185

List the transportation improvements that would affect or be affected by the proposed project.

2012-2017 TIP*

ARC Project ID	<u>Route</u>	Type of Improvement	Scheduled Completion Year
AR-ML-930	Northwest Corridor Managed Lanes (I-575)	Managed Lanes	2016
CH-AR-225	I-575 at Ridgewalk Parkway	New Interchange	Under CST

PLAN 2040 RTP (Long Range Projects)*

ARC Project ID	<u>Route</u>	Type of Improvement	Scheduled Completion Year
CH-167	Arnold Mill Road Extension/Connector	Roadway Capacity	2018-2030

^{*}The ARC Board adopted the PLAN 2040 RTP and FY 2012-2017 TIP on August 27th, 2011.

County and Local Projects

Number	<u>Route</u>	Type of Improvement	Scheduled Completion Year
PR-780-6(57)	Ridgewalk Parkway Widening	Roadway Capacity	2013

Summarize the transportation improvements as recommended by consultant in the traffic study for the Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta.

The consultant, through coordination with GRTA, identified nine current and planned intersections near the proposed development to be included in the traffic study. These intersections bound roadway segments within the study area that are expected to carry a

significant portion of the trips to be generated by the Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta development upon build out. The intersections are listed below:

- I-575 NB on/off ramps at Ridgewalk Parkway (under construction)
- I-575 SB on/off ramps at Ridgewalk Parkway (under construction)
- Main Street at Ridgewalk Parkway
- Woodstock Parkway at Towne Lake Parkway
- Old Highway 5 at East Cherokee Drive
- Ridgewalk Parkway at Rope Mill Road / Driveway 1
- Ridgewalk Parkway at Re-aligned Woodstock Parkway
- Re-aligned Woodstock Parkway at Driveway 2
- Re-aligned Woodstock Parkway at Driveway 3/Rope Mill Road

Roadway segments of Ridgewalk Parkway, Canton Highway and Woodstock Parkway were also included in the consultant's analysis.

Per methodology outlined by GRTA, the service standard for all analyses is LOS D. The consultant was asked to analyze current traffic volumes as of 2011, expected volumes in 2016 without construction of the proposed development (the no-build scenario) and expected volumes in 2016 with construction of the proposed development (the build scenario). Due to the nature of the development, the consultant was instructed to analyze traffic during the PM weekday peak and Saturday PM peak periods.

The consultant's analysis found that all of the existing study intersections are performing above this standard as of 2011. Utilizing a 2% background traffic growth rate, the consultant found that study intersections either met or outperformed the LOS D standard in 2016 under the no-build scenario. Study intersections also met or outperformed the LOS D standard in 2016 under the build scenario. Lastly, all study roadway segments met or outperformed the LOS D under the existing 2011 conditions, the 2016 no-build and 2016 build scenarios.

As the service standards were met for all intersections and segments, no additional infrastructure improvements were recommended by the consultant.

Is the site served by transit? If so, describe type and level of service and how it will enhance or be enhanced by the presence of transit? Are there plans to provide or expand transit service in the vicinity of the proposed project?

The immediate vicinity of the site area is not serviced by local transit. GRTA operates two commuter bus routes along the I-575 corridors; both of which stop at the Woodstock park and ride lot approximately four miles south of the proposed development. These routes provide nine AM trips to Midtown and Downtown Atlanta, eight return trips to Woodstock and Canton and limited reverse commute service.

What transportation demand management strategies does the developer propose (carpool, flex-time, transit subsidy, etc.)?

None proposed.

What are the conclusions of this review? Is the transportation system (existing and planned) capable of accommodating these trips?

Based on the traffic analysis completed by LAI Engineering, the transportation system appears fully capable of accommodating any new trips generated by the proposed development and maintaining acceptable LOS standards at the studied intersections and roadway segments.

ARC recommends continued coordination with the City of Woodstock regarding the potential implementation of driveway four, especially to ensure seamless continuation of the planned sidewalk facility along Ridgewalk Parkway should driveway four be constructed. ARC recommends that this coordination should also address any driveway spacing policy or related concerns that the City of Woodstock may have regarding driveway four.

THE OUTLET SHOPPES AT ATLANTA DRI

City of Woodstock Environmental Planning Division Comments August 10, 2011

Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The project property is in the Allatoona Lake Water Supply watershed, which is a large water supply watershed (more than 100 square miles) as defined in the Part 5 Environmental Minimum Criteria. Under the current Criteria, because Allatoona is a Corps of Engineers lake, it is exempt from the Part 5 criteria, so no special Part 5 requirements apply to this proposed project.

An unnamed tributary to the Little River forms the southern and southeastern boundaries of the project property. The site plan shows the 25-foot State sediment and erosion buffer along the stream, but no City of Woodstock stream buffer is identified. Portions of the proposed grading and road re-alignment for Woodstock Parkway as shown on the submitted plans are within 75 feet of the stream. However, based on aerial photo evidence, most of the affected area appears to have been already cleared and graded. Any proposed intrusion into City of Woodstock buffers that has not already obtained a variance may require one from the City. Any intrusions into the State sediment and erosion buffer will also require variances.

Any other waters of the state not shown on the project plans are also subject to the State 25-foot erosion and sedimentation buffer.

Stormwater / Water Quality

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements. After construction, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. ARC has estimated the amount of pollutants produced after the construction of the entire proposed development, based on the submitted site plans. These estimates are based on some simplifying assumptions for typical pollutant loading factors (lbs/ac/yr). The loading factors are based on the results of regional storm water monitoring data from the Atlanta Region. Actual pollutant loadings will vary based on actual use and the amount of impervious surface in the final project design. The following table summarizes the results of the analysis:

Estimated Pounds of Pollutants Per Year:

Land Use	Land Area (ac)	Total Phosphorus	Total Nitrogen	BOD	TSS	Zinc	Lead
Commercial	49.60	84.82	863.04	5356.80	48756.80	61.01	10.91
TOTAL	49.60	84.82	863.04	5356.80	48756.80	61.01	10.91

Total % impervious

85%

In order to address post-construction stormwater runoff quality, the project should implement stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (www.georgiastormwater.com) and meet the stormwater management quantity and quality criteria outlined in the Manual. Where possible, the project should utilize the stormwater better site design concepts included in the Manual.

Jonathan Tuley

From: Tucker, Donovan <dtucker@dot.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 2:09 PM

To: Jonathan Tuley

Subject: The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta DRI #2194

Jonathan;

As per our phone conversation the Department has reviewed the DRI for The Shoppes at Atlanta located in Woodstock in Cherokee County along I-575 at Ridge walk Parkway. The Departments comments are as follows:

- 1. Driveway One must meet the minimum spacing from the off ramp for I- 575. According to the Department's Design Policy Manual figure 3.1 the minimum spacing is 300 feet.
- 2. Possible Driveway Four: The Department would not allow this drive based on the following reasons;
 - A. The drive would not meet the minimum spacing requirements from Driveway One and would not meet the minimum spacing requirements from the off ramp.
 - B. This drive would also be located in a limited access right of way which is not allowed.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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August 31, 2011

Jon Tuley, AICP Principal Planner Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Avenue Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: MARTA responses to DRI 2194, "The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta"

Hello Jon,

Although this development is outside of the MARTA service area, we concur with the findings of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in relation to its overall design and inconsistency with regional development goals. This development is a typical shopping center design from the last century. This development does not take into consideration more contemporary design queues that are found in New Urbanism and Smart Growth strategies. The core retail parcel is surrounded by a massive sea of asphalt. This promotes an environment that is very oriented toward and dependent on the automobile.

In addition to the inconsistency with regional development goals and contemporary design standards; there appears to be a lack of consideration for pedestrian and/or transit access. This site will generate a significant number of employees who may have no choice but to drive. If a car is not available, then that person may be without an opportunity to work if there is no transit available.

In summary, this development has the potential to become a regional shopping destination serving not only the Atlanta metro area but many areas outside the metro area as well. However; it is well outside of the service area of MARTA. This development, if built, will no doubt be a desired destination to many in our service area. The closest route to this development is the 185 Roswell Route, which is approximately 13 miles southeast of this development. Lastly, I do not foresee any immediate implications for MARTA due to this development.

I hope this was helpful to your planning efforts. Thank you for involving us.

Sincerely.

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September 15, 2011

Mr. Jon Tuley Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Street NE Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: RESPONSE to Preliminary Comments - Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta (DRI#2194)

LAI Project #11018 and ARC Review Code R1108191

Dear Mr. Tuley:

This is in response to the Regional Review Notice issued by the ARC on August 19, 2011 regarding the Preliminary Comments for the proposed Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta (DRI#2194) project located in Woodstock, Georgia.

Enclosed is a revised site plan, dated 9-15-11, which addresses the latest comments by the ARC and conditions set forth by GRTA. Below are the responses to the ARC's preliminary comments, found on pages 1-3 of the aforementioned report.

Preliminary Comments:

"Page 2 - Paragraph 5"

- The proposed site plan now shows connectivity from the 10-ft multi-use path to the development, providing another means of access. Bike racks are also proposed internally of the development to help serve the pedestrians.
- Internal sidewalks are proposed within the parking fields and surrounding the buildings, giving 360-degree bike and pedestrian access to the buildings and amenity areas.

"Page 2 - Paragraph 6"

• This development is part of the "Ridgewalk Community" and will be considered one (1) component of this regional activity center. The infrastructure proposed will have flexibility to allow for future re-development or infill.

"Page 2 - Paragraph 7"

• The stormwater management pond will be designed as a "Wet Pond" as defined in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (GSMM). The proposed landscaping will be designed to attract but not compromise the embankment and side slopes in and around the pond. This will appeal to pedestrians that are shopping or living near this development and at the same time function to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff.

"Page 2 - Paragraph 8"

• We will consider relocating this Right-In/Right-Out driveway further from the intersection, at a 250-ft minimum. This will allow for access and safe separation from other points of conflict. The revised site plan reflects the "relocation" of the proposed driveway.

"Page 2 - Paragraph 9"

- We will work with GDOT and the City of Woodstock to add or extend the right-turn lane from the NB Ramp to the main entrance on Ridgewalk Parkway. As well, we will consider adding an additional lane west bound to offer a continuous turn lane to the I-575 Ramp.
- Due to GRTA's conditions and to help mitigate traffic; we will work with GDOT and the City of Woodstock on making further improvements along Ridgewalk Parkway. These improvements are shown on the revised site plan.
- We will have to coordinate with CW Matthews and LPA Group due to the existing open permit for the GDOT Interchange Improvement Project. This will require coordination and permit revisions to an active project.

"Page 3 - Paragraph 1"

- We are currently discussing and requesting a City Code Variance for the parking requirements.
- Screening of certain parking lots is proposed, based on topography and visual sight-lines.
 This is currently within the city development code for parking lots; therefore we will comply with that requirement.

"Page 3 - Paragraph 2"

• The proposed re-alignment is a function of the site development. We will not construct one without the other. The construction of the new road and buildings will happen at the same time.

Below are the summarized items to respond to or address some of the ARC's Review Checklilst (pages 1-14):

- The proposed SWM Facility is adequately sized to treat and attenuate flows as defined by the GSMM.
- Additional roadway improvements are needed and proposed for this development.
- A right-in/right-out driveway is proposed along Ridgewalk Parkway, at a safe distance, to help serve the Outparcels.
- Additional sidewalks have been added for functional pedestrian access.
- Bicycle parking will be provided within the site.
- There will be a concrete sidewalk wrapping around the outer perimeter of the buildings, which will connect to the driveways and public right-of-way.
- The proposed cross-sections for Ridgewalk and Woodstock Parkways employee narrower lane widths for traffic calming.
- A variance is requested to allow for additional parking above current code maximums.
- The parking lots do have safe pedestrian access available from the main body, and utilize raised crosswalks for internal traffic calming measures.
- The proposed landscaping will include some native and draught tolerant species.

ARC - DRI#2194 Response Letter September 15, 2011 Page 3

We respectfully request that the latest revised site plan (enclosed and dated 9-15-11) be used to generate the final comments. Should you have any questions or request some additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 770-423-0807 x108.

Best regards,

LAI Engineering

Bun E. Kay

Brian E. Kay Principal

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DRI #2194

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information							
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide basic project information that will allow the RDC to determine if the project appears to meet or exceed applicable DRI thresholds. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.							
	Lo	ocal Government Informati	on				
Submitting Local Government:	Woodstock						
Individual completing form:	Richard Mc	Leod					
Telephone:	770-592-60	50 ext 160					
E-mail:	rmcleod@v	voodstockga.gov					
*Note: The local government representative completing this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a project is to be located in more than one jurisdiction and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which the largest portion of the project is to be located is responsible for initiating the DRI review process.							
	Р	roposed Project Information	on				
Name of Proposed Project:	The Outlet	Shoppes at Atlanta					
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	728 Woodstock Parkway Woodstock, GA 30188						
Brief Description of Project:	roject: Factory Outlet Shopping Center with outparcels						
Development Type:							
(not selected)		Hotels	Wastewater Treatment Facilities				
Office		Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities				
Commercial		Airports	Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs				
Wholesale & Distribution	on	Attractions & Recreational Facilities	Ontermodal Terminals				
Hospitals and Health Ca Facilities	are Post-Secondary Schools Truck Stops						
Housing		○ Waste Handling Facilities					
Olndustrial		Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants					
If other development type, de-	scribe:						

Project Size (# of units, floor	435,000 gross sq. feet plus 6 outparcels of approximatley 1.5 acres each
area, etc.):	455,000 gloss sq. leet plus o outpaicels of approximation 1.5 acres each
Developer:	Horizon Group Properties, Inc.
Mailing Address:	6250 N. River Road, Suite 10400
Address 2:	
	City:Rosemont State: IL Zip:60018
Telephone:	847-292-1870
Email:	johnkelley@atlanre.com
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No
If yes, property owner:	Ridgewalk Holdings, LLC and David Cody, Dirk Cody, Donna Venable, Dana Adams
Is the proposed project entirely located within your local government's jurisdiction?	○ (not selected)
If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	○ (not selected) ● Yes ○ No
If yes, provide the following	Project Name: The Avenue Ridgewalk
information:	Project ID: 1594
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	(not selected) • Yes No
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?	Approximately 20%
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: May 2013 Overall project: unknown
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DRI #2194

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information					
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide information needed by the RDC for its review of the proposed DRI. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.					
proposed DN. Note: to boar the National the DNT Floods and the DNT Flood and Thiosands for more information.					
Local Government Information					
Submitting Local Government:	Woodstock				
Individual completing form:	Richard McLeod				
Telephone:	770-592-6050 ext 160				
Email:	rmcleod@woodstockga.gov				
Project Information					
Name of Proposed Project:	The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta				
DRI ID Number:	2194				
Developer/Applicant:	Horizon Group Properties, Inc.				
Telephone:	847-292-1870				
Email(s):	johnkelley@atlanre.com				
Additional Information Requested					
Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, proceed to Economic Impacts.)	(not selected) Yes				
If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?	(not selected) Yes				
If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.					
Economic Development					
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	52,000,000				
Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:	9,345,000				
Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?	(not selected) Yes				
Will this development displace any existing uses?	(not selected) Yes				

If yes, please describe (including number of units, square feet, etc):	
Water Supply	
Name of water supply provider for this site:	Cherokee County Water Sewer Authority
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.03 MGD
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	(not selected) (a) Yes
If no, describe any plans to expand the existing water supply capacity:	
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) will be required?	
Wastewater Disposal	
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Cherokee County Waste
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.03 MGD
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes
If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:	
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) will be required?	
Land Transportation	
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	17,610 VPD
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) (a) Yes
If yes, please describe below:• Align the proposed Main Site access with N. Rope Mill Road with the place. • Realign Woodstock Parkway more towards east to intersect Ridgewalk Parkway east of the proposed intersection will be signalized. • A roundabout at the intersection of Woodstock Park Site Driveway	e proposed development.
Solid Waste Disposal	
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	1700
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes
If no, describe any plans to expand existing landfill capacity:	1

Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, please explain:		
Stormwater Management		
What percentage of the site is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?	80%	
Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management: The proposed storm water runoff created from the site will be collected and treated in an on-site storm water facility. The storm water facility will be a storm water pond as design per Georgia Storm water Manual Design Standards - "Bluebook". The proposed discharge and minimal offsite runoff will be collected in the storm water pond and detained and released at a flow rate considerably less than the pre-developed conditions. The facility will also manage water quality and channel protection volumes and will filter all the runoff before it is discharged from the site. The proposed development will also incorporate bio-retention parking islands, pervious pavement and specific landscape planting to reduce impervious area and add water quality treatment measures.		
Environmental Quality		
Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:		
Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No	
2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No	
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes	
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes	
5. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes	
6. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes	
7. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes	
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes	
If you answered yes to any question above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:		
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