

# **REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING**

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DATE: Oct. 3, 2019

#### ARC REVIEW CODE: R1909131

TO:Chair June Wood, Henry County Board of CommissionersATTN TO:Stacey Jordan-Rudeseal, Chief PlannerFROM:Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARCRE:Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). ARC reviewed the DRI with regard to its relationship to regional plans, goals and policies – and impacts it may have on the activities, plans, goals and policies of other local jurisdictions as well as state, federal and other agencies. This final report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the host local government.

#### <u>Name of Proposal:</u> Reeves Creek (DRI 2996) <u>Submitting Local Government</u>: Henry County <u>Review Type</u>: Development of Regional Impact

Date Opened: Sept. 13, 2019 Date Closed: Oct. 3, 2019

**Description**: This DRI is a master planned, mixed-use project on approximately 465 acres, mostly in unincorporated Henry County, with portions at its northern edge in both the City of Stockbridge and unincorporated Clayton County. The site is just east of the I-75/I-675 split; north of Walt Stephens Road; west of Flippen Road; and south of SR 138, Walter Way and Davidson Circle. The project is proposed to consist of 529,250 SF of retail space; 720,000 SF of office space; a 1,000-room hotel; a 100,000-SF innovation/research and development center; 150,000 SF of warehouse space; an 18-pump gas station; a 247,000-SF arena, convention center and arts center; 282 single-family residential units; approximately 1,003 mid-rise multi-family residential units (including approximately 130 townhomes); a 429-unit senior housing/care community; a County park; and an area for a proposed future bus or light rail transit station with a park-and-ride lot. The estimated full buildout year is 2035. Per ARC's DRI rules, Henry County is the host local government for this review as the majority of the project acreage is in that jurisdiction. The local trigger for this review is a rezoning application with Henry County. Most of this site was referenced in an Initial Information Form for DRI 2906 (Stockbridge International Business Center), filed by Henry County on February 1, 2019. After that time, the project scope evolved substantially to what is described above, making the DRI 2906 filing invalid. Therefore ARC staff terminated the review of DRI 2906, and Henry County ultimately filed new forms for the Reeves Creek project as DRI 2996.

<u>Comments</u>: According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, this DRI is in the Developed/Established Suburbs Area of the region. ARC's Regional Development Guide (RDG) details recommended policies for areas and places on the UGPM. General RDG information and recommendations for Developed/Established Suburbs areas are listed at the bottom of these comments.

This DRI appears to manifest aspects of regional policy, including many of those at the bottom of this narrative. The plan contemplates a large-scale, mixed-use, infill development featuring significant housing, commercial, office, civic, and recreation/entertainment uses, with pedestrian-oriented infrastructure and amenities indicated for many areas of the site. The mix of uses offers the potential for site residents to work and shop in the same district, and for workers and visitors to park once and conduct multiple trips on foot or via an alternative transportation mode, thereby reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips.

To capitalize on this potential, care should be taken to ensure that the development, as constructed, promotes an interconnected, functional, clearly marked and comfortable bike/pedestrian experience on all

streets, paths, entrances, and parking areas. Given the scale of the development and its footprint across 465 acres, this is particularly important in terms of creating strong connections among the various districts within the site, most of which primarily feature a single land use. The development team is also encouraged to ensure that end-of-trip facilities are provided for residents, workers and visitors at key locations throughout the site, e.g., scooter and bicycle storage racks throughout the site, lockers/showers in office buildings, etc. These recommendations are made given that the applicant utilized a 2% alternative mode trip reduction in the SRTA/GRTA-required DRI traffic study. With the provision of high-quality bike/pedestrian facilities and infrastructure, there is the potential for actual alternative mode site access that exceeds 2% as the site fully develops and matures.

There is strong potential for the use of alternative modes for circulation within and across the project site. The proposed extension of the existing Reeves Creek Trail through the site is a major opportunity for both external and internal pedestrian and bicycle circulation. There should be multiple access points on each side of the trail throughout the site, including for the Senior Care Community, Apartment Homes, Single–Family Home sections #1 and #2, and ending with well–defined access to the Arena, Mass Transit Complex, and other amenities at the end of the trail. In the long–term, there is potential for a continuous pedestrian/bike connection from the regional amenities in the DRI site to historic downtown Stockbridge, by connecting the Reeves Creek Trail with the Martin Luther King, Sr. Legacy Trail.

While this part of the Atlanta region is suburban, the layout of uses and buildings within this site could be made more urban and walkable, creating a stronger sense of place. In general, ARC recommends a more "fine grain" mixing of uses on the site wherever possible. As mentioned, many of the districts are essentially single-use, for example, with civic uses concentrated near the southern end of the site, residential focused in the eastern area of the project, and most of the retail concentrated in a strip center layout near the northern extent of the site. Likewise, most buildings and facilities within each district are separated from each other by extensive surface parking lots, further distancing people from destinations and creating automobile dependency for internal site circulation.

ARC therefore recommends locating more office, retail, restaurant and hotel uses immediately around the arena and convention center, linked with high-quality pedestrian infrastructure. Similarly, the nearby apartments should front their surrounding streets in a more urban condition to better link them with nearby non-residential uses – rather than being separated from their surroundings by surface parking. Broadly speaking, the mass transit complex and arena/convention center area are potentially strong activity centers within the project; they could be joined in a closer or more functional way, including sharing parking, given that peak parking demand and utilization for those uses would likely be complementary (park-and-ride use during weekdays, arena use during evenings and weekends).

Cul-de-sacs and other dead-end streets should generally be avoided where possible and a traditional street grid emphasized to improve connectivity. The two cul-de-sacs in the center of Single-Family Home section #1 should be connected as a continuous street. The separation of Single-Family Home sections #1 and #2 by park space should also be reconsidered in favor of a continuous grid across both sites. If this is not possible, pedestrian access between the two sections, across the park, should be provided. The developer should also consider making the roadways in Single Family Home section #2 a continuous loop rather than two cul-de-sacs.

The applicant team should also ensure that project driveways and intersections and any associated improvements (e.g., new highway interchanges and ramps, acceleration/deceleration/turn lanes, new traffic signals, relocation of existing signals, etc.) are designed and implemented in full coordination with GDOT (SR 138 provides site access to/from the north, and proposed new northbound-only I-75 ramps provide site access to/from the south), Henry County DOT, Clayton County DOT, and the City of Stockbridge – to safely and efficiently accommodate the DRI's projected auto traffic.

More broadly, diligent coordination between Henry County, Clayton County and Stockbridge will be critical to ensure that the DRI's infrastructure such as roadways, sidewalks, signage, landscaping, lighting and stormwater facilities, possesses a unified or coherent appearance and form. The same applies to the

interface of the DRI's buildings and lots with its street network. As an example, the retail power center, discount club, strip retail and restaurants near the north end of the site are set back from the proposed Reeves Creek Parkway by extensive surface parking. Meanwhile the medical office diagonally across the Parkway fronts the street in a more urban condition. ARC recommends pulling all the buildings closer to the street and providing extensive inter-parcel access in this area. This is supported by policies for other major roadways in the area, e.g., those governed by the Henry County Highway Corridor Overlay. Finally, the applicant team should ensure the installation of high-quality gateway signage and beautification at all project access points. As an example, this could benefit the southern project gateway, across from the proposed new I-75 exit ramp, which is shown to feature only a gas station, restaurant and existing cell tower.

The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design best practices throughout the site in general, in parking areas, on site driveways, in stormwater detention facilities, and as part of any improvements to site frontages. Additionally, given the DRI site's mostly undisturbed nature, ARC recommends surveying the property for state-protected or federally protected species prior to any clearing or construction activity, along with best practices around erosion control and stream buffering.

In a general sense, the DRI's development program is consistent with the RDG, specifically in terms of the project creating community by developing more centralized places/centers, connecting to the existing road network, and providing new recreational opportunities. The intensity of this proposed project is greater than the RDG's recommended parameters, specifically regarding residential density for the Developed/Established Suburbs area of the region. Along those lines, many areas near the site – particularly to the east, west and south – are unlike this DRI as they are predominated by relatively low-density residential uses. Many of these uses are also outside the jurisdiction of unincorporated Henry County, e.g., the City of Stockbridge and Clayton County. Therefore it will be critical for Henry County leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, to collaborate to the greatest extent possible to ensure maximum sensitivity and mitigate potential impacts to nearby local governments, neighborhoods, natural resources and land uses. The same will be true when the DRI phases in Stockbridge and Clayton County are being reviewed and permitted.

Additional ARC staff comments focused on transportation and water resources planning, along with external comments received from contacted parties, are attached to this report. Of note are the following:

- ARC Natural Resources staff comments focus on Reeves Creek, which traverses the DRI site, and its location within the Little Cotton Indian Creek Small Water Supply Watershed. Hooper Reservoir, a public water supply source for Clayton County, is on Little Cotton Indian Creek. Henry County has watershed protection ordinances for its water supply watersheds, including Little Cotton Indian Creek, which requires a 100-foot undisturbed buffer and 150-foot impervious surface setback along perennial streams in this watershed. The DRI site plan shows open space along the entire length of Reeves Creek through the project as well as along its two tributaries. However, the buffer and setback are not identified, and there appear to be intrusions into both the buffer and setback. Any intrusions may require a variance from Henry County. Reeves Creek and its tributaries, as well as all other waters of the state, are also subject to the 25-foot State Erosion and Sedimentation Act buffer.
- ARC Transportation staff comments note that the DRI site plan is not totally clear on the provision and/or design of pedestrian facilities along internal roadways. Pedestrian facilities do not currently exist along many roadways adjacent to the development. They also mention that it appears that trucks serving the commercial and warehouse uses will share local internal roads and access points with passenger vehicles. Coordination and thoughtful design will be critical to prevent conflicts between these vehicle types and to maintain roadways properly.
- GDOT Aviation staff comments indicate that, while the DRI does not appear to directly impact any airport, the proposed structures are in proximity to a navigation facility and may impact the assurance of navigation signal reception. Therefore the applicant will need to submit a Form 7460-1 to the Federal Aviation Administration at least 120 days before construction.

Further to the above, Developed/Established Suburbs are areas that developed from roughly 1970 to 1995 and are projected to remain suburbs through 2040. Regional policy recommendations for Developed/Established Suburbs include:

- New development should connect to the existing road network and adjacent developments and use of cul-de-sacs or other means resulting in disconnected subdivisions should be discouraged
- Maximize the usefulness of existing recreational facilities in addition to providing new recreational opportunities
- Eliminate vacant or under-utilized parking areas through mechanisms such as out-parceling or conversion to community open space
- Use rain gardens, vegetated swales or other enhanced water filtration design to enhance the quality of stormwater run-off
- Identify other opportunities to foster a sense of community by developing town centers, village centers or other places of centralized location

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

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY CITY OF MCDONOUGH CLAYTON COUNTY ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY ARC AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GEORGIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION CITY OF MORROW HENRY COUNTY ARC NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SRTA/GRTA CITY OF JONESBORO CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at (470) 378–1645 or <u>asmith@atlantaregional.org</u>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <u>http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</u>.





#### **Developments of Regional Impact** DRI Home View Submissions **Tier Map** Apply <u>Login</u> **DRI #2996 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. Local Government Information Submitting Local Government: Henry Individual completing form: Stacey Jordan-Rudeseal Telephone: 770-288-7526 E-mail: sjordan@co.henry.ga.us \*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. **Proposed Project Information** Name of Proposed Project: Reeves Creek Location (Street Address, GPS East of I-75, South of SR 138, West of Flippen Road, North of Walt Stephens Road Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot 33 degrees 32'14" Description): Brief Description of Project: Mixed Use project comprised of Residences, Hotel, General/Medical Office, Retail, Arena, Transit Station **Development Type:** Hotels (not selected) Wastewater Treatment Facilities Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Commercial Airports Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs Wholesale & Distribution Attractions & Recreational Facilities Intermodal Terminals Truck Stops Hospitals and Health Care Facilities Post-Secondary Schools Housing Waste Handling Facilities Any other development types Industrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants If other development type, describe: Project Size (# of units, floor area, 1.5 Million square feet of non-residential, 1714 housing units, 247000 square foot etc.): arena, 300 parkin Developer: Forest Development Group Mailing Address: 2819 Fork Creek Church Road Address 2: City:Ellenwood State: GA Zip:30294 Telephone: 404-428-7804 Email: gfurrow@fdg-atl.com Is property owner different from (not selected) Yes No developer/applicant? If yes, property owner: This is an assemblage. Brown, Brunson, Butler, Gann, etc. Is the proposed project entirely

located within your local (not selected) Yes No government's jurisdiction? DRI Initial Information Form

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Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: 2029 Overall project: 2035	
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?		
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	(not selected) Yes No	
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other	
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name: Project ID:	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	(not selected) Yes No	
jurisdictions is the project located?	Clayton County, City of Stockbridge	

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Henry County Water Authority

What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.79
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e Based upon letter from HCW	xpand the existing water supply capacity: A dated 4-30-18
ls a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
	line (in miles) will be required? A dated 4-30-18
	Wastewater Disposal
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Henry County Water Authority
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.69
Is sufficient wastewater ireatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
f no, describe any plans to e	xpand existing wastewater treatment capacity: Based upon letter from HCWA dated 4-30-18
s a sewer line extension equired to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
-	ine (in miles) will be required?Approximately 3 miles
	Land Transportation
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed levelopment, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available,	2,549 Total Net New Project AM, 2,982 Total Net New Project PM
please provide.) Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access mprovements will be needed to serve this project?	◯(not selected) ● Yes No
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
lf yes, please describe below	Please see traffic study prepared by Lowe Engineers dated August 21, 2019.
	Solid Waste Disposal
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	4077.42
ls sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
lf no, describe any plans to e does not provide solid waste	xpand existing landfill capacity:Solid waste service will need to be contracted. Henry County service.
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No
lf yes, please explain:	
	Stormwater Management
What percentage of the site	-
What percentage of the site is projected to be	50.0170

impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed? **DRI** Additional Information Form

Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management: Best Management Practices and the requirements of Metro North Georgia

	Environmental Quality
s the development located w	ithin, or likely to affect any of the following:
. Water supply vatersheds?	(not selected) Yes No
. Significant groundwater echarge areas?	(not selected) Yes No
Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No
. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No
. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes No
. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes No
. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes No
. Other environmentally ensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes No
	uestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: ed. Not aware of any development proposed within the floodplain.
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#### **Andrew Smith**

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Subject:	RE: ARC DRI Review Notification - Reeves Creek (DRI 2996)
Attachments:	ARC Preliminary Report - Reeves Creek - DRI 2996.pdf

#### Andrew,

The mixed-use project is proposed to consist of 529,250 SF of retail space; 720,000 SF of office space; a 1,000-room hotel; a 100,000-SF innovation/research and development center; 150,000 SF of warehouse space; an 18-pump gas station; a 247,000-SF arena, convention center and arts center; 282 single-family residential units; approximately 1,003 mid-rise multi-family residential units (including approximately 130 townhomes); a 429-unit senior housing/care community; a County park; and an area for a proposed future bus or light rail transit station with a park-and-ride lot. It is on approximately 465 acres, mostly in unincorporated Henry County, with portions at its northern edge in both the City of Stockbridge and unincorporated Clayton County. It is located more 10 miles from any open to the public airport, and is located outside any FAA approach or departure surfaces, and is outside any RPZ for any runway, and does not appear to impact any civil airport.

However the proposed structures are in proximity to a navigation facility and may impact the assurance of navigation signal reception, so an FAA Form 7460-1 must be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration according to the FAA's Notice Criteria Tool found here

(<u>https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/gisTools/gisAction.jsp?action=showNoNoticeRequiredToolForm</u>). Those submissions may be done online at <u>https://oeaaa.faa.gov</u>. The FAA must be in receipt of the notifications, no later than 120 days prior to construction. The FAA will evaluate the potential impacts of the project on protected airspace associated with the airports and advise the proponent if any action is necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

#### **Alan Hood**

Airport Safety Data Program Manager



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regional impact + local relevance

### **Development of Regional Impact** Assessment of Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

#### **DRI INFORMATION**

DRI Number	#2996
DRI Title	Reeves Creek
County	Henry County
City (if applicable)	
Address / Location	465 acres located East of I-75/I 675, Between SR 138 and Walt Stephens Road

#### **Proposed Development Type:**

A mixed use development consisting of 282 SFR units, 1003, multifamily units, 429 Senior housing units, 1000 room hotel, 247,000 SF arena, 820,000 SF office space, 150,000 SF warehouse, +/- 600,000 SF retail and a multimodal lot

**Review Process** 

EXPEDITED

NON-EXPEDITED

#### **REVIEW INFORMATION**

Prepared by	ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Division
Staff Lead	Marquitrice Mangham
Copied	Click here to enter text.
Date	Revised October 3, 2019

#### TRAFFIC STUDY

Prepared by	Lowe Engineering
Date	August 21, 2019

#### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS**

01. Did the traffic analysis incorporate all projects contained in the current version of the fiscally constrained RTP which are within the study area or along major transportation corridors connecting the study area with adjacent jurisdictions?

YES (provide the regional plan referenced and the page number of the traffic study where relevant projects are identified)

Programmed projects are listed on page 6 of the traffic analysis.

NO (provide comments below)

#### **REGIONAL NETWORKS**

#### 02. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Thoroughfares?

A Regional Thoroughfare is a major transportation corridor that serves multiple ways of traveling, including walking, bicycling, driving, and riding transit. It connects people and goods to important places in metropolitan Atlanta. A Regional Thoroughfare's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Thoroughfares serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Thoroughfare, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

NO 🛛

YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

The project proposes 5 drive access points, 3 on newly proposed local roads and 2 on Flippen Road.

#### 03. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Truck Routes?

A Regional Truck Route is a freeway, state route or other roadway which serves as a critical link for the movement of goods to, from and within the Region by connecting airports, intermodal/multimodal facilities, distribution and warehousing centers and manufacturing clusters with the rest of the state and nation. These facilities often serve a key mobility and access function for other users as well, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users. A Regional Truck Route's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Truck Routes serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Truck Route, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

NO NO

YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)

04. If the development site is within one mile of an existing rail service, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (nearest station more than one mile away)

Operator / Rail Line

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Nearest Station	Click here to enter name of operator and rail line
Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
	0.10 to 0.50 mile
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
	Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

	Sidewalk exists sporadically along Marietta Blvd NW which provide access to the rail transit
Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
	Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
	Route follows high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
Transit Connectivity	Fixed route transit agency bus service available to rail station
	Private shuttle or circulator available to rail station
	No services available to rail station
	Not applicable (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	Click here to provide comments.

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

### 05. If there is currently no rail transit service within one mile of the development site, is nearby rail service planned in the fiscally constrained RTP?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and expansion plans are being considered in the general vicinity of the development site, the agency should give consideration to how the site can be best served during the evaluation of alignments and station locations. Proactive negotiations with the development team and local government(s) are encouraged to determine whether right-of-way within the site should be identified and protected for potential future service. If direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) are encouraged to ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and the future rail line. These improvements should be considered fundamental components of the overall transit expansion project, with improvements completed concurrent with or prior to the transit service being brought online.

- NOT APPLICABLE (rail service already exists)
  - NOT APPLICABLE (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
- NO (no plans exist to provide rail service in the general vicinity)

YES (provide additional information on the timeframe of the expansion project below)

- CST planned within TIP period
- CST planned within first portion of long range period
- CST planned near end of plan horizon

06. If the development site is within one mile of fixed route bus services (including any privately operated shuttles or circulators open to the general public), provide information on walking and bicycling accessibility conditions.

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	NOT APPLICABLE (neare	st bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)
$\square$	SERVICE WITHIN ONE M	ILE (provide additional information below)
	Operator(s)	GRTA Express
	Bus Route(s)	Click here to enter bus route number(s).
	Distance*	Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
		🔀 0.10 to 0.50 mile
		0.50 to 1.00 mile
	Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
		Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
		Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
		Click here to provide comments.
	Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
		Low volume and/or low speed streets provide sufficient connectivity
		Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets
		Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

07. Does a transit agency which provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within the jurisdiction in which the development site is located?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and a comprehensive operations plan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to serving the site during the evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the nature of the development is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and any routes within a one mile radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make these connections a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

 $[\times]$ NO

YES

08. If the development site is within one mile of an existing multi-use path or trail, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and walking/bicycling facilities provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If connectivity with a regionally significant path or trail is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and those facilities is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

	NOT APPLICABLE (nearest path or trail more than one mile away)	
$\square$	YES (provide additional information below)	

YES (provide additional information be	зw)	
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Name of facility	Reeves Creek Trail

Distance	$\boxtimes$	Within or adjacent to development site (0.10 mile or less)	
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- 0.15 to 0.50 mile
- 0.50 to 1.00 mile

Sidewalks and crosswalks provide connectivity Walking Access\*

- Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
- Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
- **Bicycling Access\*** Dedicated lanes or cycle tracks provide connectivity
  - Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
  - Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets

Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)

\* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

#### **OTHER TRANSPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**09.** Does the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible local road or drive aisle connections with adjacent parcels?

The ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent arterial or collector roadway networks can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.

- YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
  - YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
  - NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
- OTHER (*Please explain*)

The site plan shows plans to development two local roads. Adjacent parcels may be accessed by local road.

## **10.** Does the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the development site safely and conveniently?

re pi de	he ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces cliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site lans should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key estinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large creage sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.
	YES (sidewalks provided on all key walking routes and both sides of roads whenever practical and bicyclists should have no major issues navigating the street network)
$\square$	PARTIAL (some walking and bicycling facilities are provided, but connections are not comprehensive and/or direct)
	NO (walking and bicycling facilities within the site are limited or nonexistent)
	NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development does not lend itself to internal walking and bicycling trips)

OTHER (*Please explain*)

The site plan shows proposed local roads however details on whether pedestrian facilities are proposed are not provided on the site pan or in the analysis. Pedestrian facilities do not exist currently along roadways adjacent to the development.

**11.** Does the site plan provide the ability to construct publicly accessible bicycling and walking connections with adjacent parcels which may be redeveloped in the future?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.

- YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
- YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
- NO (the development site plan does not enable walking or bicycling to/from adjacent parcels)
- NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
- NOT APPLICABLE (adjacent parcels are not likely to develop or redevelop in the near future)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development or adjacent parcels does not lend itself to interparcel walking and bicycling trips)

The site plan shows proposed local roads however details on whether pedestrian facilities are proposed are not provided on the site plan or in the analysis. Pedestrian facilities do not exist currently along roadways adjacent to the development.

12. Does the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, from the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding road network?

The ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is often key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move around safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be segregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, sidewalks, paths and other facilities.

- YES (truck routes to serve destinations within the site are clearly delineated, provide ample space for queuing and turning around, and are separated from other users to the extent practical)
- PARTIAL (while one or more truck routes are also used by motorists and/or interface with primary walking and bicycling routes, the site plan mitigates the potential for conflict adequately)
- NO (one or more truck routes serving the site conflict directly with routes likely to be used heavily by pedestrians, bicyclists and/or motorists)
- NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development will not generate a wide variety of users and/or very low truck volumes, so the potential for conflict is negligible)

Trucks serving the commercial and warehouse uses will share local roads access points and driveways. The site plan does not designate separate entrances for vehicle and truck traffic. Residential uses are located so that vehicles for residential uses may avoid truck traffic.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

13.	Do the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffic study appear to be feasible from a constructability standpoint?
	UNKNOWN (additional study is necessary)
	YES (based on information made available through the review process; does not represent a thorough engineering / financial analysis)
	NO (see comments below)
14.	Is ARC aware of any issues with the development proposal which may result in it being opposed by one or more local governments, agencies or stakeholder groups?
	NO (based on information shared with ARC staff prior to or during the review process; does not reflect the outcome of an extensive stakeholder engagement process)
	YES (see comments below)

**15.** ARC offers the following additional comments for consideration by the development team and/or the applicable local government(s):

None

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#### Water Supply Watershed and Stream Buffer Protection

The project property is located in the Little Cotton Indian Creek Water Supply Watershed, which is a small (less than 100 square mile) public water supply watershed as defined by the Georgia DNR Part 5 Minimum Planning Criteria. Hooper Reservoir, a public water supply source for Clayton County, is on Little Cotton Indian Creek.

The site plan and the USGS coverage for the project area both show Reeves Creek, a blue line tributary to Little Cotton Indian Creek, crossing the project property. The site plan also shows two tributaries to Reeves Creek. Henry County has watershed protection ordinances for its water supply watersheds, including Little Cotton Indian Creek. The Henry watershed protection ordinance requires a 100-foot undisturbed buffer and 150-foot impervious surface setback along perennial streams in the Little Cotton Indian Creek watershed. The site plan shows open space along the entire length of Reeves Creek through the project property as well as along the two tributaries. However, the buffer and setback are not identified and there appear to be intrusions into both the buffer and setback. Any intrusions may require a variance from Henry County. Reeves Creek and its tributaries, as well as all other waters of the state, are subject to the 25-foot State Erosion and Sedimentation Act 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, as with all development, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. The amount of pollutants that will be produced after construction of the proposed development are dependent on the type and intensity of the use and the impervious coverage, which will affect the design of stormwater controls for the project.

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 (<u>www.georgiastormwater.com</u>) 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.

We also suggest the following additional measures to help reduce stormwater reduction and provide for its reuse:

- Using green spaces and tree planting beds as stormwater controls. These can be designed to provide maximum aesthetic value while also providing for water quality treatment and run-off reduction, potentially reducing the need for larger stormwater facilities and helping to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff on streams and water quality.
- Using pervious concrete or other pervious materials in parking areas. With the proper substrate, such materials can provide a large storage capacity, which will further help to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Including rainwater capture in the project design to provide for landscape irrigation during dry periods.

SITE & LAND AN	ALYSIS - COMMERCIAL
RESTAURANTS & HOTELS (SR 138)	±18.3 ACRES
3 HOTELS (4-STORY, 100+ ROOMS	
RETAIL SHOPS	±15,000 S.F
3 RESTAURANT OUTLOTS	±15,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	500 SPACES (1 SP/ROOM & 1 SP/150 S.F.
FLOOR AREA RATIO	±0.2
MEDICAL OFFICE PARK	±29.1 ACRE
14 OFFICE BLDGS.	±250,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	150 SPACES (5 SP/PHYSICIAN
FLOOR AREA RATIO	±0.2
RETAIL POWER CENTER	±33.4 ACRE
CLUB WAREHOUSE	±135,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	900 SPACES (1 SP/150 S.F.
HOME IMPROVEMENT WAREHOUSE	±100,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	250 SPACES (1 SP/400 S.F.
RETAIL ANCHOR/SHOPS	±75,000 S.F
TOTAL BLDG. AREA	±310,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	2,067 SPACES (1 SP/150 S.F.
FLOOR AREA RATIO	±0.2
RESTAURANTS & RETAIL (PARKWAY)	±35.7 ACRE
OFFICE & FLEX SPACE PARK	±18.5 ACRE
OFFICE & FLEX SPACE	±150,000 S.F
4 2-STORY OFFICES	±120,000 S.F
PARKING ALLOWED	900 SPACES (1 SP/300 S.F.
FLOOR AREA RATIO	±0.3

SITE & LAND A	NALYSIS - COMMERCI
MASS TRANSIT COMPLEX	
MASS TRANSIT STATION	
PARKING ALLOWED	33 SPACES (1 SP/3 S
INNOVATION CENTER	
2 HOTELS (4-STORY, 100+ ROOMS)	
RESTAURANT/RETAIL/LOFTS	
PARKING ALLOWED	1,158 SPACES (1 SP/150
FLOOR AREA RATIO	.,
OFFICE TOWERS	
BUILDING #1 (10-STORY)	
BUILDING #2 (10-STORY)	
TOTAL BLDG. AREA	
PARKING ALLOWED	1,334 SF
FLOOR AREA RATIO	
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	
ARENA (10,000 SEATS)	
PARKING ALLOWED	3,334 SPACES
ARTS CENTER	
CONVENTION CENTER	
PARKING ALLOWED	1,040 S
2 HOTELS (5-STORY, 120+ ROOMS)	
3 MULTI-STORY PARKING DECKS	
PARKING ALLOWED	240
FLOOR AREA RATIO	



	SITE & LAND ANA	ALYSIS - RESIDENTIAL
±16.8 ACRES	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES #1	±60.4 ACRES
±40,000 S.F.	TYPICAL 60' X 140' LOTS	±206 HOMES
N WAITING AREA)	HOUSING RATIO	
±50,000 S.F.	PARKING ALLOWED	380 SPACES (2 SP/DWELLING UNIT)
±80,000 S.F.	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES #2	±22.4 S.F.
±75,000 S.F.	TYPICAL 60' X 120' LOTS	± 76 HOMES
1 SP/400 S.F.)	HOUSING RATIO	±3.4/ACRE
±0.33	PARKING ALLOWED	150 SPACES (2 SP/DWELLING UNIT)
±4.7 ACRES	TOWNHOMES	±18.0 ACRES
±200,000 S.F.	TYPICAL 45' X 120' LOTS	±130 HOMES
±200,000 S.F.	PARKING ALLOWED	102 SPACES (1 SP/DWELLING UNIT)
±400,000 S.F.	SENIOR CARE COMMUNITY	±32.1 ACRES
(1 SP/300 S.F.)	SINGLE FAMILY COTTAGES	±33 UNITS
±1.95	DUPLEX FAMILY UNITS	±15 UNITS
±27.2 ACRES	4-STORY INDEPENDENT LIVING	±168 UNITS
±150,000 S.F.	3-STORY ASSISTED LIVING	±160 UNITS
/3 FIXED SEATS)	MEMORY CARE	±40 UNITS
±45,000 S.F.	PARKING ALLOWED	416 SPACES (1 SP/BEDROOM)
±52,000 S.F.	APARTMENT HOMES	±32.4 ACRES
(1 SP/50 S.F.)	3 – BLDG. #1 (4–STORY)	
±200,000 S.F.	X 50 UNITS/FLOOR	±600 UNITS
±240 SPACES	2 – BLDG. #3 (4–STORY)	
ES (1 SP/ROOM)	X 25 UNITS/FLOOR	±200 UNITS
±0.38	PARKING ALLOWED	1,600 SPACES (2 SP/DWELLING UNIT)

COUNTY PARK	±5.0 ACRES
PARKING ALLOWED	40 SPACES (8 SP/1 ACRE)
EXIST. 100' POWER EASEMENT	±5.1 ACRES
PROPOSED REEVES CREEK PARKWAY	±25.3 ACRES
4-LANE PARKWAY, 80' R/W,	
TOTAL ±2.56 MILES LONG	
PROPOSED FAIRHAVEN ROAD EXTENSION	±5.0 ACRES
3-LANE ROAD, 60' R/W	
TOTAL ±0.68 MILES LONG	
PROPOSED POWER EASEMENT ROAD	±4.1 ACRES
3-LANE ROAD, 60' R/W,	
TOTAL ±0.57 MILES LONG	

LAND USE SUMMARY		
COMMERCIAL LAND USES	±145.4 ACRES (31.3%)	
MUNICIPAL LAND USES	±27.2 ACRES (5.8%)	
RESIDENTIAL LAND USES	±183.8 ACRES (39.5%)	
OPEN SPACE	±74.3 ACRES (16.0%)	
(3) ROAD DEDICATED RIGHT-OF-WAY	±34.4 ACRES (7.4%)	
TOTAL LAND AREA	±465.1 ACRES	