

# **REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING**

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**DATE**: March 21, 2023

TO: Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson, Gwinnett County Commission

ATTN TO: Sushmita Arjyal, Current Planning Supervisor, Gwinnett County FROM: Mike Alexander, Director, ARC Center for Livable Communities

**RE:** Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Review

ARC has completed a regional review of the below DRI. ARC reviewed the DRI's 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.

Name of Proposal: Brand Properties Hamilton Mill DRI 3812

**Submitting Local Government**: Gwinnett County

<u>Date Opened</u>: February 27, 2023 <u>Date Closed:</u> March 21, 2023

<u>Description</u>: A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 700 multifamily units and 17,000 square feet of commercial space on a 79-acre site off Sardis Church Road in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

#### **Comments:**

#### **Key Comments**

The Atlanta Region's Plan assigns the Developing Suburbs growth management designation to the project site. The project is partially aligned with Developing Suburbs policy recommendations which state "There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental locations and resources, as well as agricultural and forest uses." It could be better aligned through retention of additional undisturbed areas.

The project's provision of retail space that can serve the project residents as well as outside customers is supportive of mixed-use regional growth policies.

The project is expected to generate approximately 4,297 net new daily vehicular trips; a range of roadway improvements are proposed in the TIS to mitigate generated vehicular traffic.

A total of 2,250 parking spaces are provided which is marginally more than the number required. Regional multi-modal transportation policies are supportive of reduced parking and a modest parking reduction may be warranted.

No EV charging spaces appear to be identified; provision of adequate EV charging spaces would be supportive of regional EV infrastructure policies.

The Gwinnett County trails Master Plan shows a priority trail planned on Hamilton Mill Road. The inclusion of this trail component in the project is supportive of regional multi-modal transportation policies.

Incorporation of green stormwater and heat island mitigation designs for the large number of surface car parking spaces proposed would be supportive of regional environmental policies.

Several buildings and parking areas appear to abut or intrude somewhat into mapped stream buffers. The buffers seem to be truncated adjacent to buildings B and F. Any intrusions into the stream buffers will require variances to the County Stream Buffer Ordinance and the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer as applicable.

## **General Comments**

The Atlanta Region's Plan, developed by ARC in close coordination with partner local governments, is intended to broadly guide regional development in the 12-county metro region to ensure that required infrastructure and resources are in place to support continued economic development and prosperity. The Plan assigns a relevant growth management category designation with accompanying policy recommendations to all areas in the region. This DRI site is designated Developing Suburbs; associated policy recommendations are provided at the end of these comments.

The project's inclusion of 17,000 SF of retail space offers some opportunity for reduced car trips and increased walkability if tenants provide goods and services utilized by residents.

#### **Transportation and Mobility Comments**

ARC's Transportation Access and Mobility Group comments are attached.

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Care should be taken to ensure that the constructed development provides an interconnected, functional, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all driveways, paths, entrances, and parking areas. To the maximum extent possible, new driveways and intersection corners where pedestrians will cross should be constructed with minimal curb radii to reduce speeds of turning vehicles and decrease crossing distances for pedestrians.

#### **ARC Natural Resources Comments**

ARC's Natural Resources Group comments are attached.

Both the USGS coverage for the project area and the project site plan show an intermittent blue-line stream at the southern boundary of the property next to the I-85 off ramp to Hamilton Mill Road. This submitted site plan also shows two streams running north south through the project property, one flowing into the mapped intermittent blue-line by I-85. The 50-foot undisturbed buffer and 75-foot impervious setback required under the County Stream Buffer Protection Ordinance as was as State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer are shown on the plans. A driveway crossing is shown in Phase II, but crossings are generally exempt under the County buffer ordinance. However, Building H on the plans nearly abuts the 75-foot buffer on one stream, as does a parking area on the opposite side of that creek, and two parking areas nearly touch the 75-foot buffer on the tributary to the mapped blue-line creek. All are in Phase II of the project. Also, in Phase I, the creek and its buffers stop at the parking area and driveway for Buildings B and F. In all these cases, any intrusions into the stream buffers will require variances to the County Stream Buffer Ordinance and the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer as applicable.

Any unmapped streams on the property may be subject to the City Stream Buffer Protection ordinance and 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer. Any unmapped waters of the state will also be subject to the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer.

#### **Other Environmental Comments**

A significant amount of forested stream and wetland buffer area is proposed to be retained. Additional retention of these areas would be desirable and in keeping with regional goals regarding carbon sequestration and climate change/heat island effect mitigation. Designation of this area as managed open/conservation space could meaningfully reduce the overall impact of the project.

The project can support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design, e.g., pervious pavers, rain gardens, vegetated swales, etc., in parking areas and site driveways, and as part of any improvements to site frontages.

Incorporation of green stormwater and heat island mitigation designs for the large number of surface car parking spaces proposed and use of an ecosystem-based design for the large stormwater detention area would be supportive of regional environmental policies.

# **City of Flowery Branch Comments**

The City of Flowery Branch submitted comments which are attached.

The comments include the following: reduce the number of parking spaces and offer EV charging stations; show how the project connects with nearby trails; widen sidewalks to 8 or 10 feet; and provide more and more useable open space.

#### **Gwinnett County Comments**

Gwinnett County submitted comments which are attached. The comments include: provide Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) analysis at intersections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; the developer shall work with Gwinnett County to install improvements to prohibit illegal left-turns at intersection 4; and the developer shall provide adequate intersection sight distance certification at all project driveways.

# Atlanta Region's Plan Growth Policy Considerations: Developing Suburbs

The Atlanta Region's Plan identifies Developing Suburbs as areas in the region where suburban development has occurred, and the conventional development pattern is present but not set. These areas are characterized by residential development with pockets of commercial and industrial development. These areas represent the extent of the urban service area. There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental locations and resources, as well as agricultural and forest uses. Limited existing infrastructure in these areas will constrain the amount of additional growth that is possible. Transportation improvements are needed within these Developing Suburbs, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth.

The project is partially aligned with Developing Suburbs policy recommendations which state "There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental locations and resources, as well as agricultural and forest uses." It could be better aligned through retention of additional undisturbed areas and utilization of green infrastructure in surface parking areas. Gwinnett County leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, should collaborate closely to ensure optimal sensitivity to the needs of nearby local governments, neighborhoods, and natural systems.

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

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY
BARTOW COUNTY
CITY OF AUBURN
CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
GEORGIA CONSERVANCY
CITY OF DACULA
CITY OF BUFORD

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HALL COUNTY
CITY OF BRASELTON
CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

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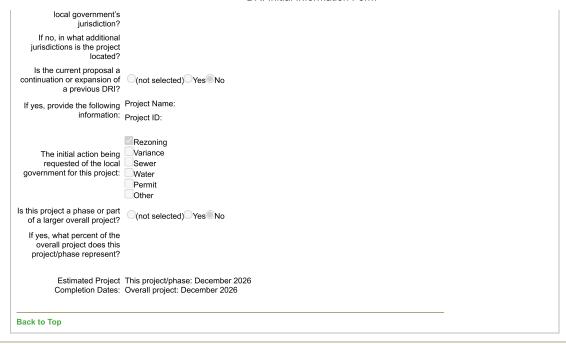




## **Developments of Regional Impact**

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## DRI #3812 **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 Gwinnett Individual completing form: Catherine Long Telephone: 678.518.6106 E-mail: catherine.long@gwinnettcounty.com \*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: Brand Properties Hamilton Mill Location (Street Address, 3527 Sardis Church Road GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description): Brief Description of Project: mixed use development including 17,000 square feet of commercial space and 700 multifamily units **Development Type:** Hotels Wastewater Treatment Facilities (not selected) Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Commercial Airports Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs Wholesale & Distribution Attractions & Recreational Facilities Intermodal Terminals Hospitals and Health Care Facilities Post-Secondary Schools Truck Stops Housing Waste Handling Facilities Any other development types Ondustrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants If other development type, describe: Project Size (# of units, floor 1,000 square feet commercial and 700 multifamily units Developer: Brand Properties Mailing Address: 3328 Peachtree Road NE Address 2: City:Atlanta State: GA Zip:30326 Telephone: 770.497.6474 Email: jbarge@brandproperties.com (not selected) Yes No from developer/applicant? If yes, property owner: Jackson EMC Is the proposed project (not selected) Yes No entirely located within your



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#### **DRI #3812**

#### **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.

#### **Local Government Information**

Submitting Local Gwinnett

Government:

Individual completing form: Sushmita Arjyal

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Email: sushmita.arjyal@gwinnettcounty.com

#### **Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project: Brand Properties Hamilton Mill

DRI ID Number: 3812

Developer/Applicant: Brand Properties

Telephone: 770.497.6474

Email(s): jbarge@brandproperties.com

#### **Additional Information Requested**

Has the RDC identified any additional information

required in order to proceed with the official regional

(not selected) Yes No

review process? (If no, proceed to Economic

Impacts.)

If yes, has that additional information been provided

(not selected) Yes No

to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?

If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.

#### **Economic Development**

Estimated Value at Build-

\$200,000,000

Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be

\$3,000,000

generated by the proposed

development:

Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?

(not selected) Yes No

Will this development displace any existing uses? (not selected) Yes No

If yes, please describe (including number of units, square feet, etc):

#### Water Supply

Name of water supply provider for this site:

Gwinnett County

What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.102 MGD
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○(not selected)  Yes  No
If no, describe any plans to e	expand the existing water supply capacity:
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
If yes, how much additional	line (in miles) will be required?
	Wastewater Disposal
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Gwinnett County
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.155 MGD
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
If yes, how much additional li	ine (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.)	Daily Trips: 4,297; AM Peak Hour Trips: 91 entering, 247 exiting; PM Peak Hour Trips: 226 entering, 161 exiting
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 No
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
If yes, please describe below	r:See the detailed traffic study for more information
Solid Waste Disposal	
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	800
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	○(not selected)  Yes No
If no, describe any plans to expand existing landfill capacity:	
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	41%

proposed development has been constructed?	
Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management: The project will be designed in compliance with the Gwinnett County Stormwater Management Manual, including measures for runoff reduction/water quality (bio-retention, permeable pavers, etc.) and channel protection/flood protection using above-ground detention ponds.	
	Environmental Quality
Is the development located w	within, or likely to affect any of the following:
Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No
Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No
5. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes No
6. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes No
7. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes No
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes No
	uestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: stream and associated wetlands will occur due to roadway crossings. All applicable permits tts.
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### BRAND MILL PROPERTIES HAMILTON MILL DRI

# Gwinnett County Natural Resources Comments February 28, 2023

While ARC and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District have no regulatory or review authority over this project, the Natural Resources Group has identified County and State regulations that could apply to this property. Other regulations may also apply that we have not identified.

## **Watershed Protection**

The proposed project is in the Mulberry River watershed which is not a water supply watershed within the Atlanta Region or the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and is not a small water supply watershed outside of the District, so no Part 5 Water Supply Watershed Criteria of the 1989 Georgia Planning Act apply.

### **Stream Buffers**

Both the USGS coverage for the project area and the project site plan show an intermittent blue-line stream at the southern boundary of the property next to the I-85 off ramp to Hamilton Mill Road. This submitted site plan also shows two streams running north south through the project property, one flowing into the mapped intermittent blue-line by I-85. The 50-foot undisturbed buffer and 75-foot impervious setback required under the County Stream Buffer Protection Ordinance as was as State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer are shown on the plans. A driveway crossing is shown in Phase II, but crossings are generally exempt under the County buffer ordinance. However, Building H on the plans nearly abuts the 75-foot buffer on one stream, as does a parking area on the opposite side of that creek, and two parking areas nearly touch the 75-foot buffer on the tributary to the mapped blue-line creek. All are in Phase II of the project. Also, in Phase I, the creek and its buffers stop at the parking area and driveway for Buildings B and F. In all these cases, any intrusions into the stream buffers will require variances to the County Stream Buffer Ordinance and the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer as applicable. Any unmapped streams on the property may be subject to the City Stream Buffer Protection ordinance and 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer. Any unmapped waters of the state will also be subject to the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer.

### **Stormwater/Water Quality**

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality.

During the planning phase, the stormwater management system (system) should meet the requirements of the local jurisdiction's post-construction (or post-development) stormwater management ordinance. The system should be designed to prevent increased flood damage, streambank channel erosion, habitat degradation and water quality degradation, and enhance and promote the public health, safety and general welfare. The system design should also be in accordance with the applicable sections of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (<a href="www.georgiastormwater.com">www.georgiastormwater.com</a>) such as design standards, calculations, formulas, and methods. Where possible, the project should use stormwater better site design practices included in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 2, Section 2.3.

During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements.



regional impact + local relevance

# **Development of Regional Impact**

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

#### **DRI INFORMATION**

DRI Number #3812

**DRI Title** Brand Properties Hamilton Mill

**County** Gwinnett County

City (if applicable) N/A

Address / Location On 3527 Sardis Church Road, Buford, GA. Northeast of I-85 and Hamilton Mill Road.

**Proposed Development Type:** 

A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 700 multifamily units and 17,000 square feet of commercial space on a 79-acre site off

Sardis Church Road in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

Build Out: 2026

Review Process EXPEDITED

NON-EXPEDITED

#### **REVIEW INFORMATION**

**Prepared by** ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Division

Staff Lead Reginald James

**Copied** Marquitrice Mangham

**Date** March 13, 2023

# **TRAFFIC STUDY**

**Prepared by** A&R Engineering

Date February 2, 2023

# **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?
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On page 21 of the traffic study.
☐ NO (provide comments below)
Click here to provide comments.
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)
Click here to provide comments.

## 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.

$\times$	NO
	YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)
	Click here to provide comments.

# 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.

$\boxtimes$	NOT APPLICABLE (neare	st station more than one mile away)
	RAIL SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)	
	Operator / Rail Line	
	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)

	Click here to provide comments.
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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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

Click here to provide comments.

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.

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 connection a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

NOT APPLICABLE (ned	arest bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)
SERVICE WITHIN ONE	MILE (provide additional information below)
Operator(s)	GRTA Xpress
Bus Route(s)	411, 413, 414
Distance*	☐ Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)
	0.50 to 1.00 mile
Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity
	Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
	<ul> <li>Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)</li> </ul>
	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 mos	at direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the

development site

		provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within development site is located?	
	or prefer not to drive, expactant help reduce traffic concomprehensive operations serving the site during the nature of the development to the site is not feasible of ensure good walking and be any routes within a one missing control of the drive.	elopments and transit services provide options for people who cannot and economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and gestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and a plan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service roost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and alle radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make g priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.	
	NO		
	YES		
G	GRTA Xpress		
	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 p 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 (near	est path or trail more than one mile away)	
	YES (provide additional	information below)	
	Name of facility	Click here to provide name of facility.	
	Distance	Within or adjacent to development site (0.10 mile or less)	
		☐ 0.15 to 0.50 mile	
		☐ 0.50 to 1.00 mile	
	Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide connectivity	
		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

	The Gwinnett County trails Master Plan shows a priority trail that is being planned on Hamilton Mill Road that will pass by the development. The applicant will coordinate with Gwinnett County for the completion of the project.
OTHER TE	ANSPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
	es the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible local road or drive aisle nnections with adjacent parcels?
C	the ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent rterial or collector roadway networks can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities hould be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.
$\boxtimes$	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)
de	es the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the velopment site safely and conveniently?  The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces eliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site plans should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key destinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large acreage sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.
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$\boxtimes$	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)
	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)

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?

Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with

the type of development proposed

re op	ne ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently duces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such apportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans thenever 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)
fror	es the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, in the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding id network?  The ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is
of ar se	iten key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move round safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be gregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, dewalks, 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)
RECOMME	<u>INDATIONS</u>
	the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffic study appear to be feasible naconstructability 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)
	Click here to enter text.
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)
	Click here to enter text.
15.	ARC offers the following additional comments for consideration by the development team and/or the applicable local government(s):
	None at this time.

# **Donald Shockey**

**From:** Donald Shockey

**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Yu Peng
Cc: Andrew Smith

Subject: RE: 2022 Brand Properties Hamilton Mill DRI 3812 - Preliminary Report+Comments Request

Hi Anna,

Thanks very much for this thoughtful input which we'll include in the Final Report.

Best,

Donald Shockey,

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Subject: RE: 2022 Brand Properties Hamilton Mill DRI 3812 - Preliminary Report+Comments Request

Hi Donald

Thank you for the notice.

Here are our suggestions:

Traffic

- Reduce the number of parking spaces and offer EV charging stations.
- 10% of parking spaces should be EV charging ready.
- 2% of retail parking spaces should be level 2 EV charging stations.
- Developer should provide detail design how this project connects to the priority trail.
- Bicycle parking design.
- Widen sidewalk to 8' or 10'.

#### Open space

- Offer more open space while reducing parking space.
- Open space should be useable, i.e., dog parks, pocket parks, playground.
- Open space should not be surrounded by parking rather than sidewalks.
- Details of open space design should be provided.

Thank you.

Anna

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Subject: 2022 Brand Properties Hamilton Mill DRI 3812 - Preliminary Report+Comments Request

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#### <u>Development of Regional Impact (DRI) – Preliminary Report/Comments Request</u>

This e-mail serves as notice that the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has begun a DRI review of **2022 Brand Properties Hamilton Mill DRI 3812** as detailed in the attached **Preliminary Report/Comments Request.** 

As a representative of a nearby local government or other potentially affected party, ARC requests that you or your staff review the **Report** and provide ARC any comments no later than **Tuesday March 14, 2023.** 

**Project Description**: A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 700 multifamily units and 17,000 square feet of commercial space on a 79-acre site off Sardis Church Road in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

Please submit comments to Donald Shockey at <u>dshockey@atlantaregional.org</u>. You may also view the Preliminary Report and Transportation Impact Study via the <u>ARC Plan Reviews webpage</u> beginning tomorrow by entering the project title in the search field. For more information regarding the DRI process, please visit the <u>ARC DRI webpage</u>.

# **Donald Shockey**

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Subject: RE: GRTA Draft NOD for DRI 3812 2022 Brand Properties Hamilton Mill

Good morning, December, the following comments may be addressed during permitting.

 On February 28, 2023, we requested that the applicant provide Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) analysis at the following intersections:

- 1. Intersection 4 Hamilton Mill Road @ Right-in/right-out driveway between Sardis Bend Drive and I-85 Southbound Ramps towards Walmart store
- 2. Intersection 5 Hamilton Mill Road @ Sardis Bend Drive
- 3. Intersection 7 Sardis Church Road at Sardis Bend Drive
- 4. Intersection 8 Sardis Church Road @ connecting road between Sardis Church Road and Sardis Bend Drive (near Seckinger High School)
- 5. Intersection 9 Sardis Bend Drive @ connecting road between Sardis Church Road and Sardis Bend Drive (near the Chick-fil-A)
- 6. Intersection 10 Sardis Bend Drive at Site Driveway 1
- 7. Intersection 11 Connecting road between Sardis Church Road and Sardis Bend Drive at Site Driveway 3
- At Intersection 4, the traffic impact study notes, "Illegal northbound left-turn movements occurring from Hamilton Mill Road." The developer shall work with the Gwinnett County to install improvements to prohibit illegal left-turns from its development.
- The developer shall provide adequate intersection sight distance certification at all project driveways.

#### Thanks!



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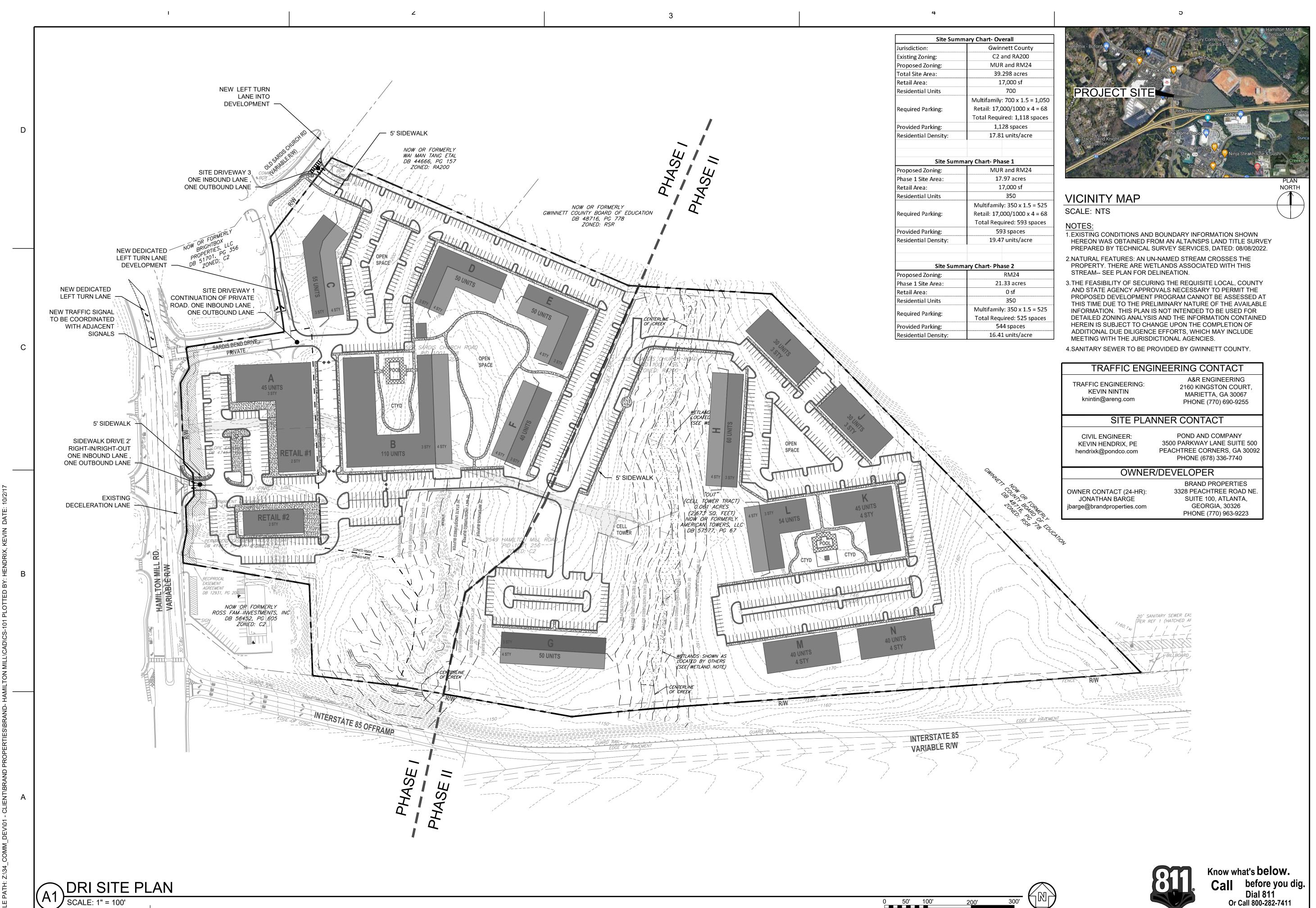
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