

# DRI REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING

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DATE: December 30, 2024

TO: Mayor Andre Dickens, City of Atlanta

ATTN TO: Steven Aceto, Urban Planner, City of Atlanta

FROM: Mike Alexander, COO, Atlanta Regional Commission

**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: 425 Chappell Road DRI 4295 Submitting Local Government: City of Atlanta

<u>Date Opened</u>: December 12, 2024 <u>Date Closed:</u> December 30, 2024

<u>Description</u>: A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 1,100 multi-family residential units and 5,000 SF of commercial space on an approximately 32-acre previously developed site at 425 Chappell Road in the City of Atlanta.

## **Comments:**

## **Key Comments**

The project strongly aligns with applicable Maturing Neighborhoods policy recommendations which note: "infill development, redevelopment, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings in this area needs to be balanced with the preservation of existing single-family neighborhoods, as well as the need for additional usable parks and greenspace close to residents, including amenities such as trails and sidewalks;"

The project's inclusion of a small amount of neighborhood based retail space is supportive of mixed-use policies that can reduce car trips and support alternative mode trips;

The project's inclusion of two Beltline spur trails – one along the central roadway and one along Proctor Creek – are strongly supportive of regional multi–modal transportation policies;

The project's provision of 1,100 multi-family units, of which 330 will be affordable, is strongly supportive of regional housing policies;

The project is expected to generate a total of 4,121 daily new automobile trips;

A total of 1,272 parking spaces – substantially less than the maximum 1,860 allowed – are proposed in a mix of surface and structured parking facilities which is supportive of regional multi-modal transportation policies;

EV charging and bicycle parking spaces will be provided in accordance with city requirements which is supportive of regional transportation electrification and multi-modal transportation policies.

The project offers a tremendous opportunity to restore the portion of Proctor Creek traversing the site to a fully functioning natural system and beautiful neighborhood amenity. Collaboration with the Proctor Creek Stewardship Council in this effort would advance important environmental and community-building goals.

Some proposed elements extend into identified flood zones and other structures extend to the edge of these areas. As climate change induced extreme weather events grow in frequency, avoidance of areas at risk of flooding is strongly recommended.

# **General Comments**

According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, the site of this DRI is designated as Maturing Neighborhoods. The Plan's Regional Development Guide (RDG) provides general information and policy recommendations for Maturing Neighborhoods as described at the end of these comments.

The project's provision of 1,100 multi-family units, of which 330 will be affordable, is strongly supportive of regional housing policies. The project's inclusion of a small amount of neighborhood based retail space is supportive of mixed-use policies that can reduce car trips and support alternative mode trips.

# **Transportation and Mobility Comments**

The project is expected to generate a total of 4,121 daily new car trips.

The project's provision of a robust sidewalk network and two multi-use internal Belltine spur trails are strongly supportive of regional multi-modal transportation policies.

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EV charging and bicycle parking spaces will be provided in accordance with city requirements which is supportive of regional transportation electrification and multi-modal transportation policies. 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.

# **Natural Resources Comments**

ARC's Natural Resources Comments are attached.

Both the USGS coverage for the project area and the project site plan show Proctor Creek running south to north through the eastern end of the project property. Neither the USGS coverage nor the site plan show any other streams on the property. The State 25–foot Sediment and Erosion Control buffer is shown on the plans. The City's 75–foot natural vegetative buffer is shown, but as a 50–foot undisturbed buffer and additional 25–foot impervious setback. The submitted plan shows a proposed spur to the Beltline in the buffer on the west side of the creek and part of the internal sidewalk system on the east side of the Creek, with a proposed pedestrian bridge crossing the creek. The City Stream Buffer Ordinance does allow multiuse trails and transportation crossings in the buffer. It will be up to the City as to whether the sidewalk is covered by the exemption or if variances will be required. The submitted plan also shows a portion of access Driveway D intruding into the buffer on the east side of the property. In addition, structures and impervious surfaces are shown abutting the edge of the 75–foot buffer. Any intrusion into the buffer by impervious surfaces, or by grading related to their development, may require variances from the City of Atlanta.

The site plan shows both the 100-year floodplain, identified as Flood Zone AE and the 500-year floodplain, identified as Flood Zone X, for Proctor Creek. The areas shown are consistent with the current online FEMA floodplain maps. The site plan shows development within both flood zones, including the proposed Beltline spur, the proposed pedestrian bridge, sidewalks, terraces, a portion of the east access drive and a small parking area and kiosk at the proposed pedestrian bridge. Development within the floodplain areas will need to meet all applicable requirements under the City's floodplain and future floodplain ordinances. Some proposed townhomes extend into identified flood zones and other structures extend to the edge of these areas. While these areas may be identified as having a lower flood risk in current flood maps, flood risks overall are increasing significantly with climate change induced extreme weather impacts. Avoidance of areas at risk of flooding is strongly recommended.

# **Environmental Comments**

The segment of Proctor Creek – a critically important stream for the neighborhood and the larger city – which runs through the site from north to south is currently severely degraded. The project offers a tremendous opportunity to restore the portion of the creek on site to a fully functioning and beautiful natural ecosystem which would be an excellent amenity for the project residents and the larger community. Collaboration on this effort with the active Proctor Creek Stewardship Council would advance important environmental and community-building goals.

The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan by incorporating other aspects of regional environmental 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.

# <u>Unified Growth Policy Considerations: Maturing Neighborhoods</u>

The project site is designated Maturing Neighborhoods on the Unified Growth Policy Map which are older neighborhoods that include both single– and multi-family development, as well as commercial and office uses at connected key locations, that were mostly built out before 1980. They represent the largest part of the region that is facing infill and redevelopment pressures. In many cases, infrastructure is in place to handle additional growth, but in some areas, infrastructure is built out with limited capacity for expansion. This may constrain the amount of additional growth possible in certain areas. Many arterial streets in this area are congested due to their use as regional routes for commuters. Limited premium transit service is available in these areas.

The demand for infill development, redevelopment, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings in this area needs to be balanced with the preservation of existing single–family neighborhoods, as well as the need for additional usable parks and greenspace close to residents, including amenities such as trails and sidewalks. The proposed project strongly aligns with The Atlanta Region's Plan's recommendations for Maturing Neighborhoods. The project utilizes previously developed land for new residential development, includes a mix of uses, and provides a robust sidewalk network and multi–use paths with a future connection to the Atlanta Beltline. The project could be further aligned with Maturing Neighborhood policies by providing restored natural stream bank areas along Proctor Creek and by avoiding flood risks to the greatest extent possible. City of Atlanta 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
MARTA

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
GEORGIA CONSERVANCY
ATLANTA BELTLINE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF ATLANTA

For questions, please contact Donald Shockey at (470) 378–1531 or <a href="mailto:dshockey@atlantaregional.org">dshockey@atlantaregional.org</a>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <a href="http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews">http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</a>.





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# **DRI #4295**

#### **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: Atlanta

Individual completing form: Steven Aceto

Telephone: (404) 205-0638 E-mail: saceto@atlantaga.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.

#### **Proposed Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project: 425 Chappell Road

Location (Street Address, 425 Chappell Road NW; Parcel ID 14-01430010086

GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):

If ves, property owner:

entirely located within your

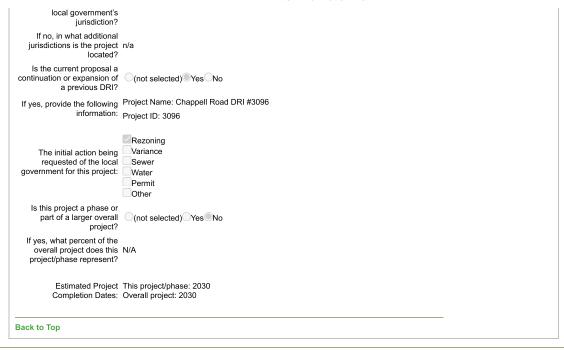
Is the proposed project (not selected) Yes No

Brief Description of Project: The proposed development will consist of approximately 1,100 residential dwelling

units (min. 30% affordable units) and 5,000 SF of commercial space on an

approximately 32- acre site.

Development Type:			
(not selected)		Hotels	Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Office		Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities
Commercial		Airports	Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs
Wholesale & Distribution		OAttractions & Recreational Facilities	Intermodal Terminals
Hospitals and Health Care	Facilities	Post-Secondary Schools	Truck Stops
Housing		Waste Handling Facilities	Any other development types
Industrial		Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants	
If other development type, de	scribe:		
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.):	Approxim	ately 1,100 residential units (30% afford	dable units), and 5,000 SF of commercial
Developer:	Atlanta B	eltLine, Inc.	
Mailing Address:	100 Peac	htree Street, NW	
Address 2:	Suite 230	0	
	City:Atlar	ta State: GA Zip:30303	
Telephone:	404-477-	3003	
Email:	info@atla	ntabeltline.org	
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	O(not se	lected) Yes No	



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## **DRI #4295**

# 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**

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Individual completing form: Steven Aceto

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### **Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project: 425 Chappell Road

DRI ID Number: 4295

Developer/Applicant: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

Telephone: 404-477-3003

Email(s): info@atlantabeltline.org

## **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.)

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If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if

n been provided your RDC and, if (not selected) Yes No

applicable, GRTA?

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

## **Economic Development**

Estimated Value at Build-

Out:

\$270,000,000

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

\$3,100,000

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

(not selected) Yes No

project?

development:

Will this development displace any existing uses?

(not selected) Yes No

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

### **Water Supply**

Name of water supply provider for this site:

City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management

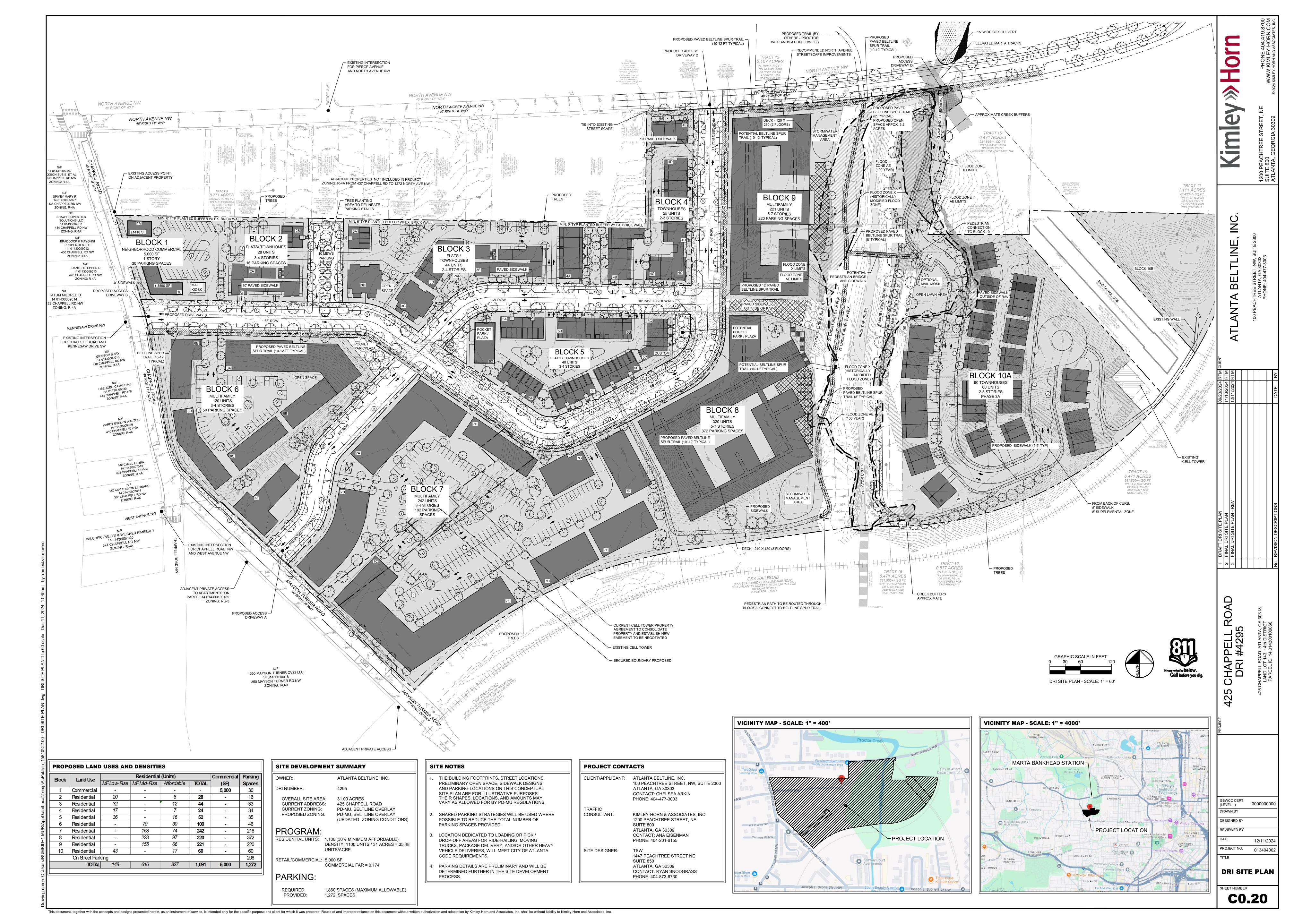
What percentage of the site	-
	Stormwater Management
If yes, please explain:N/A	
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	xpand existing landfill capacity:N/A
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	1834 tons
	Solid Waste Disposal
If yes, please describe below	:Please see the traffic study completed by Kimley-Horn.
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	ℂ(not selected) ℂYes ℂNo
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.)	4,121 Daily   320 AM   371 PM
	Land Transportation
	ne (in miles) will be required?N/A
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e	xpand existing wastewater treatment capacity: N/A
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	C(not selected) Yes No
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.27 MGD
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management
	Wastewater Disposal
If yes, how much additional I N/A	ine (in miles) will be required?
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No
If no, describe any plans to e N/A	xpand the existing water supply capacity:
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	(not selected) Yes No
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.33 MGD

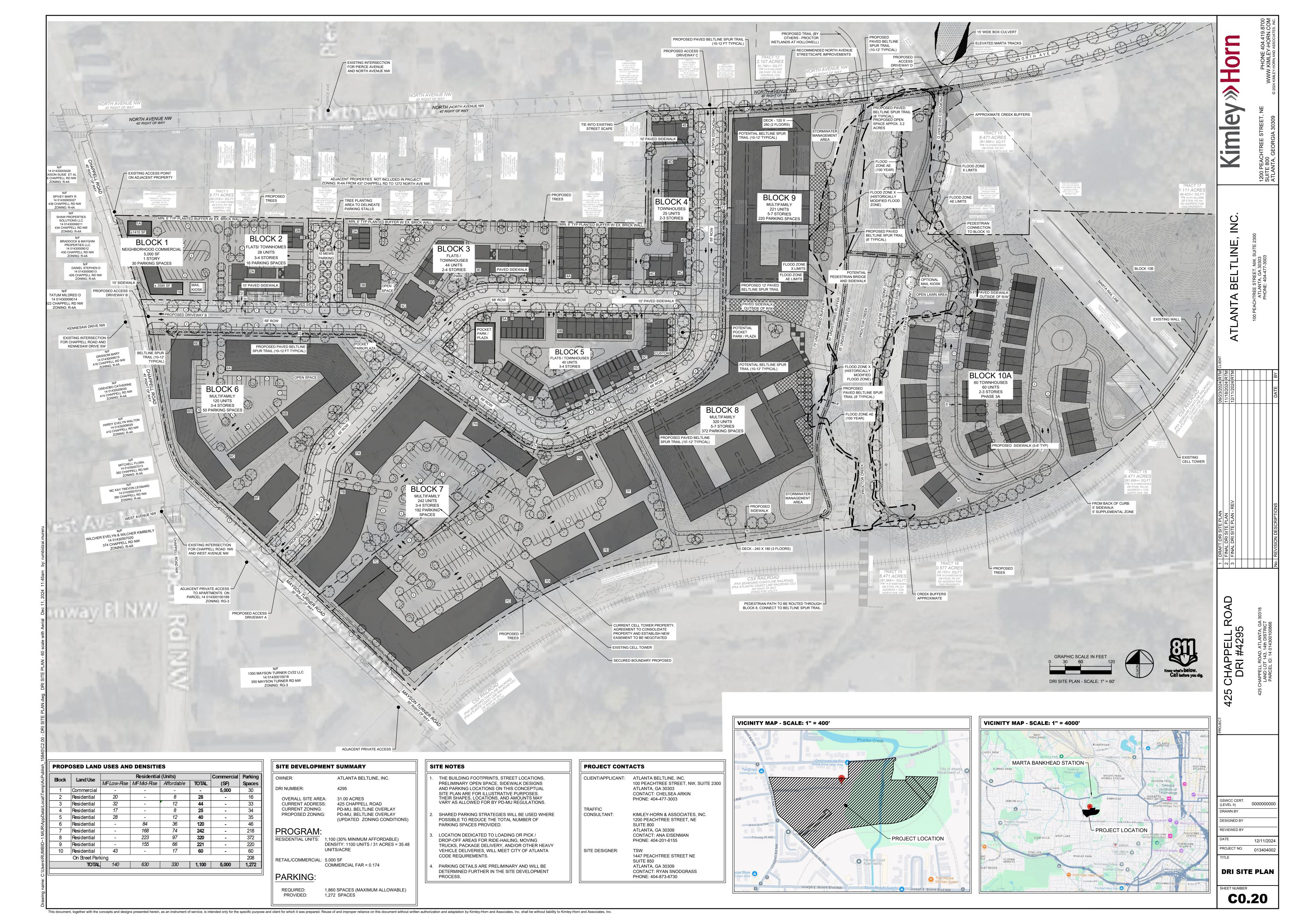
What percentage of the site Approx. 75% is projected to be impervious surface once the

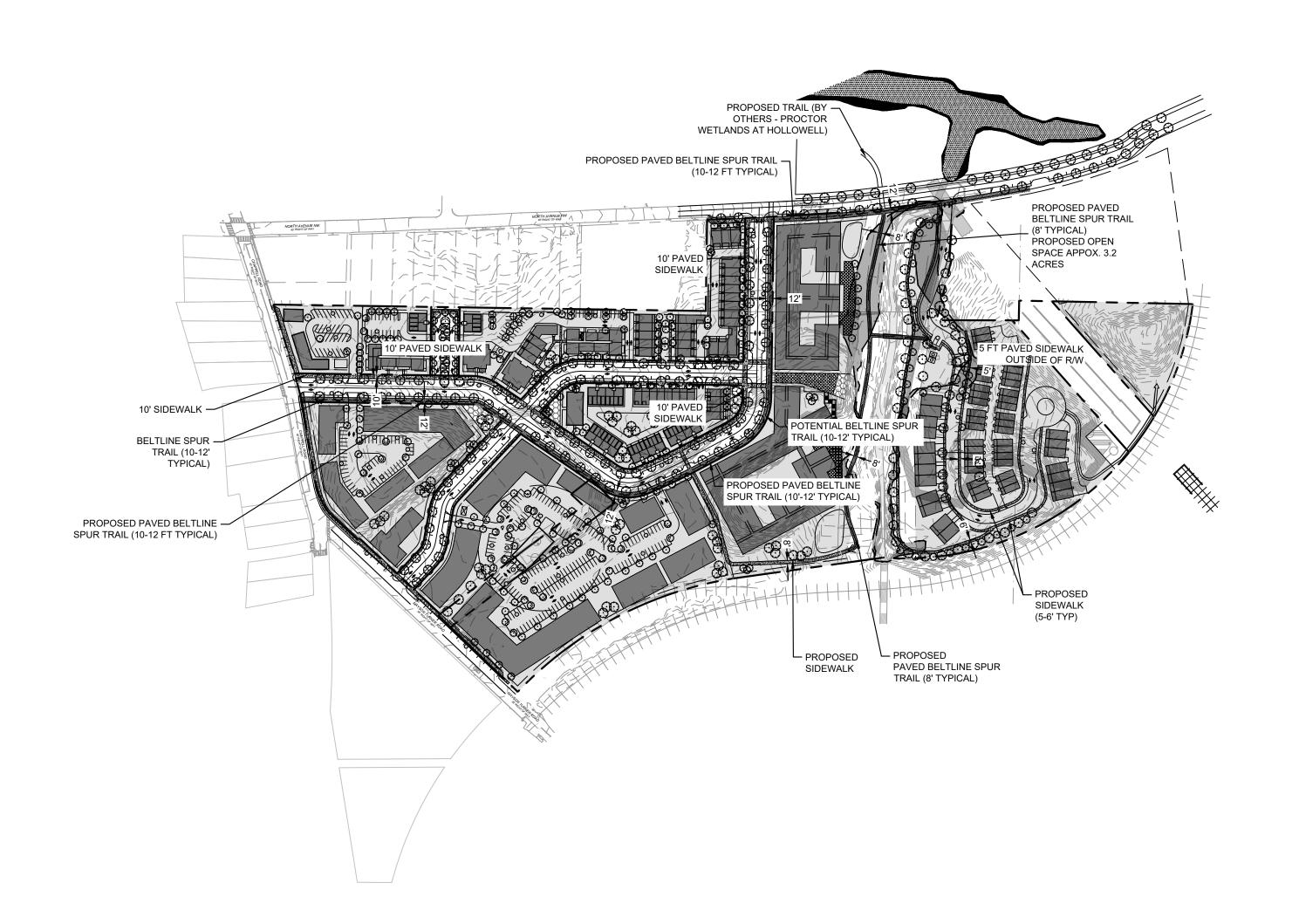
	proposed development has been constructed?	
	project's impacts on stormwa Implementation Grant in July	osed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the ter management:ABI applied for and received an EPD Section 319 (h) Nonpoint Source 2024 with 2025 activities planned to reduce and slow stormwater runoff into Proctor Creek. eet or exceed City of Atlanta required mitigation for project impacts to stormwater
		Environmental Quality
	Is the development located w	ithin, or likely to affect any of the following:
	Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No
	2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No
l	3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No
l	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
	If you answered yes to any qu	uestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:
		I not negatively impact floodplains. ABI applied for and received an EPD Section 319 (h) tion Grant in July 2024 with 2025 activities planned to reduce and slow stormwater runoff
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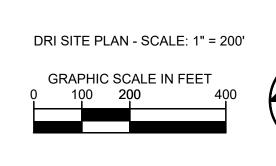
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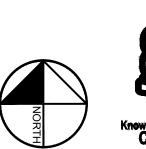
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		Residential (Units)				Commercial	Parking
Block Land Use		MFLow-Rise MFMid-Rise Affordable TOTAL				(SF)	Spaces
1	Commercial	-	=	-	-	5,000	30
2	Residential	20	-	8	28	-	16
3	Residential	32	-	12	44	-	33
4	Residential	17	-	8	25	-	34
5	Residential	28	-	12	40	-	35
6	Residential	-	84	36	120	-	46
7	Residential	-	168	74	242	-	218
8	Residential	-	223	97	320	-	372
9	Residential	-	<i>15</i> 5	66	221	-	220
10	Residential	43	-	17	60	-	60
	On Street Parl	king					208
	TOTAL	140	630	330	1,100	5,000	1,272

SITE DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY OWNER: ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC. DRI NUMBER:

OVERALL SITE AREA: 31.00 ACRES CURRENT ADDRESS: 425 CHAPPELL ROAD CURRENT ZONING: PD-MU, BELTLINE OVERLAY PROPOSED ZONING: PD-MU, BELTLINE OVERLAY (UPDATED ZONING CONDITIONS)

PROGRAM: RESIDENTIAL UNITS: 1,100 (30% MINIMUM AFFORDABLE) DENSITY: 1100 UNITS / 31 ACRES = 35.48 UNITS/ACRE

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PARKING:

RETAIL/COMMERCIAL: 5,000 SF

1,860 SPACES (MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE) REQUIRED: PROVIDED: 1,272 SPACES

COMMERCIAL FAR = 0.174

SITE NOTES THE BUILDING FOOTPRINTS, STREET LOCATIONS, PRELIMINARY OPEN SPACE, SIDEWALK DESIGNS AND PARKING LOCATIONS ON THIS CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES.
THEIR SHAPES, LOCATIONS, AND AMOUNTS MAY
VARY AS ALLOWED FOR BY PD-MU REGULATIONS.

2. SHARED PARKING STRATEGIES WILL BE USED WHERE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES PROVIDED.

. LOCATION DEDICATED TO LOADING OR PICK / DROP-OFF AREAS FOR RIDE-HAILING, MOVING TRUCKS, PACKAGE DELIVERY, AND/OR OTHER HEAVY VEHICLE DELIVERIES, WILL MEET CITY OF ATLANTA CODE REQUIREMENTS.

PROCESS.

. PARKING DETAILS ARE PRELIMINARY AND WILL BE DETERMINED FURTHER IN THE SITE DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT CONTACTS CLIENT/APPLICANT: ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC. 100 PEACHTREE STREET, NW, SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30303 CONTACT: CHELSEA ARKIN PHONE: 404-477-3003 TRAFFIC CONSULTANT: KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC. 1200 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 800 ATLANTA, GA 30309 CONTACT: ANA EISENMAN PHONE: 404-201-6155 SITE DESIGNER: TSW 1447 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 850 ATLANTA, GA 30309 CONTACT: RYAN SNODGRASS

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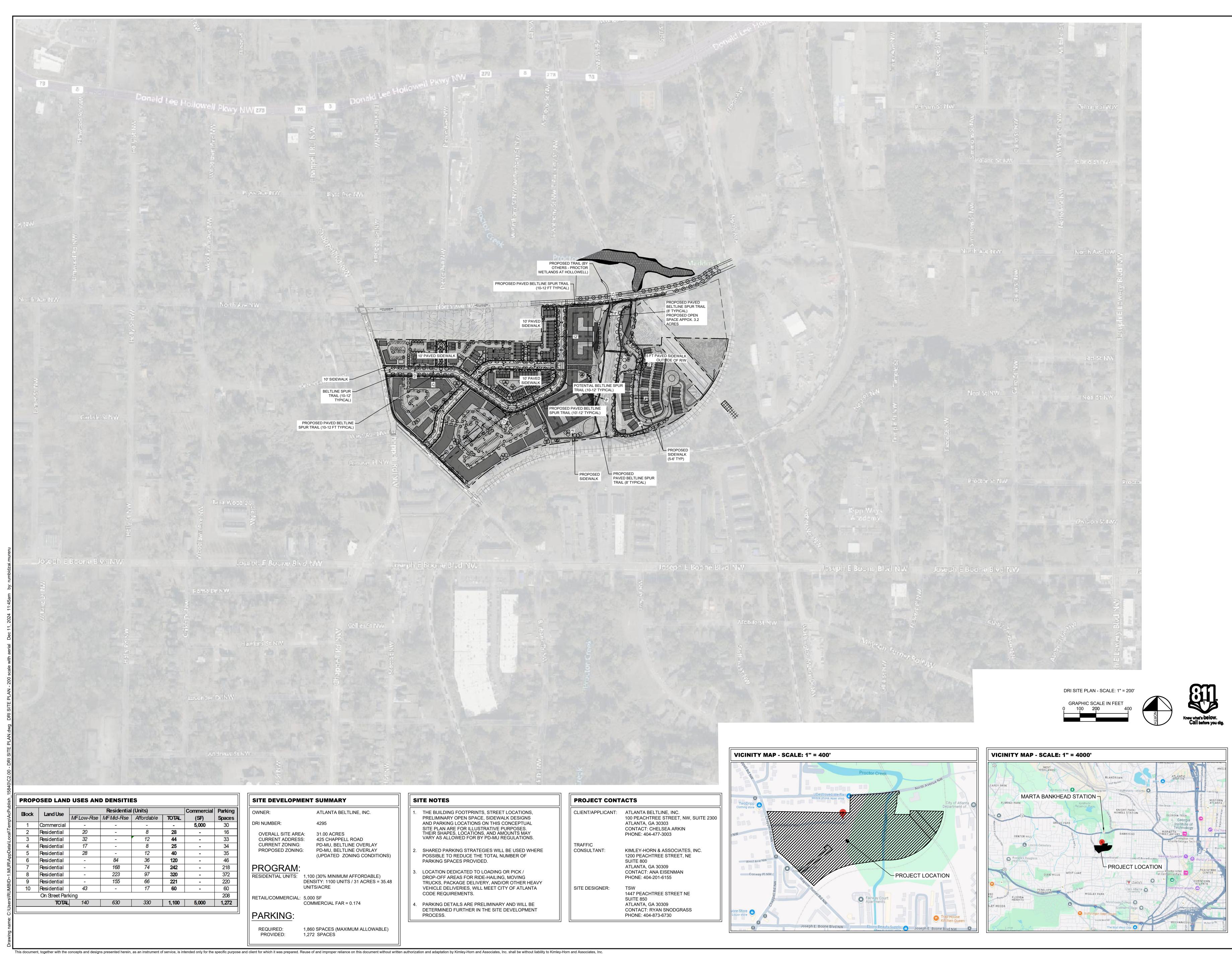
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West Ave NW	
Conway PI NW Appliage Appliage Relaying the Relaying Appliage Appl	PROJECT LOCATION  Fairway Court Apartments
Liquor store D Joseph E. Boone Blvd NW	Ebony Beauty Supply  Beauty Supply  Joseph E. Boone Blvd NW

VICINITY MAP - SCALE: 1" = 400'

WEST HIGHLANDS	BLANDTOWN	ATLANTIC STATION	ANSLI WMN4Schulds
AREY PARK	West And Huff Ro NW		Peac
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GROVE PARK  CENTER HILL	BANKHEAD	Institute of Technology MARIETTA STREET ARTERY Hampton Interpretation Atlanta-Georgia Technology	Fox The
Lincoln Cemetery  Frederick Douglass High School	Joseph E Boone Blvd NW Joseph E, Boon	Georgia Aquarium	Pine St N
DIXIE HILLS WEST LAKE	PROJECT LOC		PEACHTREE
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PENELOPE NEIGHBORS OF NW	OZLEY PARK	Underground Atlant	0
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