Planning Commission Radnor Township Wayne, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Tuesday September 3, 2013 7:00 P.M.

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Minutes of the Meetings of August 5, 2013
- 2. 13-CU-06 Conditional Use Approval for 115 Strafford LLC Submitted 8/2/13
- 3. 13-CU-05 Conditional Use Approval of a Density Modification Development for 311.54 acres of Ardrossan Farm Submitted 7/31/13
- 4. 13-CU-08 Conditional Use Approval of a Density Modification Development for 27.65 acres of Ardrossan Farm Submitted 8/6/13

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of:

Premises:

115 Strafford Avenue, LLC

115 Strafford Avenue Wayne, PA 19087

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

115 Strafford Avenue, LLC, through its attorney George W. Broseman, hereby files this Conditional Use application seeking approval to redevelop the property at 115 Strafford Avenue in Wayne under the Township's Density Modification Development ordinance (Article XIX of Chapter 280 (Zoning) of the Code) and in support thereof states as follows:

1. Name and Address of Applicant. Applicant is 115 Strafford Avenue, LLC ("Applicant"). Applicant is the equitable owner of the Property by virtue of an Agreement of Sale with the record owner of the Property, Luthra 4, LLC. A copy of a redacted Agreement of Sale evidencing Applicant's interest in the Property is attached as **Exhibit "A"**. A copy of the deed to the Property is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

2. **Description of Property**.

A. Physical Features & Use

The real estate affected by this application is located at 115 Strafford Avenue and consists of 2.13 acres (+/-) ("Property"). The Property is irregularly shaped, very long and

narrow, and is improved with a vacant, boarded-up, dilapidated building approved for restaurant/bar use, a 72-car parking lot for the restaurant/bar and related improvements. There is close to one acre of impervious surfaces on the Property with no stormwater management controls. These improvements are located on the portions of the Property closest to Strafford Avenue, with the rear portion of the Property generally undeveloped. The Property is enclosed with temporary chain link fencing, and is in poor condition.

B. Zoning

According to the Radnor Township Code ("Code"), the Property is primarily zoned R-4 Residence District ("R-4 District")¹. The R 4 District permits single-family detached dwellings on 7,000 s.f lots (i.e. 6.2 units per acre) and as an alternative "Density Modification Development" by Conditional Use. Code § 280-29.B(1). Density Modification Development permits less density in the R-4 District (5.5 units per acre) than conventional development, but provides for flexibility in building type and setbacks to promote the provision of open space in new development. Density Modification Development requires open space and buffers adjacent to other residentially zoned properties. Conventional development in the R-4 District provides for minimal building setbacks (e.g. only three (3) feet for accessory structures) and requires no open space or buffer areas.

C. Surrounding Land Uses & Zoning

The Property is one property removed from the Township's main commercial arterial – Lancaster Avenue (a.k.a. U.S. Route 30) and is surrounded on three sides by commercial uses. In particular, the Property is bounded to the west by a large shopping center that includes the Lancaster Farmer's Market and a mix of other commercial uses; to the south by a car rental

¹ A small portion of the Property closest to Lancaster Avenue is located in the CO Commercial-Office District ("CO District").

agency, and a bank with drive through facilities; and to the north by a large, multi-tenant office complex known as the Strafford office buildings. The Property is isolated as the only residentially zoned land on Strafford Avenue between Lancaster Avenue and Eagle Road.

To the east, the Property abuts the rear of three dwellings that front on Farm Road and/or Windsor Avenue. These dwellings and the neighborhood of which they are a part are also zoned R-4 District. When the area was originally platted for development it was envisioned that the Property would connect with the neighborhood to the east through the extension of Windsor Avenue along the north side of the Property to Strafford Avenue. The Windsor Avenue extension was never constructed.

D. Use of Property

Recently, ownership of the Property has changed hands several times and there have been repeated failed efforts to reopen the restaurant/bar and to convert the use of the Existing Building to other commercial purposes. For example, the Zoning Hearing Board approved a spa use which never opened after a failed reconstruction effort. After that effort the Zoning Hearing Board reaffirmed prior approvals granted for restaurant/bar use to allow for another effort to redevelop the Property, which also failed. In the meantime the Existing Building was gutted and has sat vacant for several years leaving it in a very poor and deteriorating state of repair.

3. Proposed Redevelopment

A. Background

The surrounding land uses and zoning, as well as the irregular shape of the Property, make the Property unsuitable for single-family development as allowed in the R-4 District. This circumstance was first recognized almost 50 years ago when the Zoning Hearing Board granted the original variance approval to allow the use of the Existing Building to be changed from a single-family dwelling to a restaurant/bar. Over the years this point was reaffirmed on several

occasions through the grant of other variances for various expansions and other commercial uses on the residentially zoned Property.

Applicant proposes to redevelop the Property with 11 high-end carriage home/townhome units with the rear of the Property devoted to restricted open space ("Redevelopment Project"). Applicant is simultaneously filing land development plans for the Redevelopment Project with the Township. The land development plans depict the existing conditions on the Property and the Redevelopment Project and consist of 12 sheets, dated August 2, 2013, prepared by Inland Design, Civil Engineers and Land Development consultants ("Redevelopment Plans) and are included with and made a part of this Application as Exhibit "C".

Unlike the prior commercial uses of the Property which were permitted by use variances from the R-4 District regulations, the proposed townhomes are a permitted use in the R-4 District under the Density Modification Development provisions of Article XIX of the Zoning Ordinance. Code §§ 280-29.B(1) & 280-93. In addition to being a permitted use of the Property, the proposed townhouses are an appropriate use of the Property because they (i) serve as a transition from the surrounding commercial uses, and (ii) provide for a residential use of the Property more consistent with the R-4 District zoning of the Property and the adjoining neighborhood to the East.

On July 18, 2013 the Radnor Township Zoning Hearing Board granted numerous variances to allow the Property to be redeveloped under the Density Modification Development provisions and in accordance with the Redevelopment Plans. Appeal No. 2892 (2013). A copy of the Zoning Hearing Board's written decision is included with and made a part of this Application as Exhibit "D".

Before filing the Zoning Hearing Board application, Applicant reached out to the Township staff, neighbors from the adjoining Windsor Avenue/Farm Road neighborhood ("Neighbors") and appeared informally before the Board of Commissioners to discuss the plans to redevelop the Property. Applicant has also presented various redevelopment plans to the Township Planning Commission. The Neighbors became actively involved in the process and initially appeared in opposition to earlier redevelopment plans. Applicant and the Neighbors were advised to work together to reach a compromise on the redevelopment of the Property. Those efforts resulted in an agreement between Applicant and the Neighbors. The agreement with the Neighbors provides for (i) numerous conditions that have been incorporated into the Zoning Hearing Board approval and the Redevelopment Plans and (ii) the support of the Neighbors for those plans.

B. Relief Requested

1. <u>Density Modification Development – Townhomes</u> <u>a Permitted Use.</u>

Applicant requests a Conditional Use from the Township Board of Commissioners under Code § 280-29.B for Density Modification Development to allow the proposed townhomes. (See, Code § 280-93 permitting townhomes in the R-3 and R-4 Districts). With the grant of relief by the Zoning Hearing Board, the Redevelopment Plans comply with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

2. Objectives of Density Modification Development.

Code § 280-90.A sets forth the objectives of Density Modification Development including:

• To encourage conservation and use of open space in new residential development;

- To encourage land development which preserves trees and natural topography, prevents soil erosion and promotes the best interests of the Township from an aesthetic, ecological and natural resource standpoint.
- To encourage attractive arrangements of dwellings by permitting the design and layout of dwellings to be closely related to the physical characteristics of the site in harmony with surrounding tracts.

Code § 280-90.A.

These objectives are ideally suited to the redevelopment of the Property. The large area to the rear of the Property and the trees in that area were identified as the most important physical characteristics of the site. Density Modification Development allows for high-end townhomes which can be built without separate lots, setbacks and the like affording a "design and layout that is closely related to the physical characteristics of the site in harmony with surrounding tracts" by providing for a more appropriate transitional land use (townhomes) and preserving and providing open space and buffers to the neighborhood. Open space is proposed in the form of a permanently protected area.

C. Specific Requirements for Density Modification Development

Code § 280-100.B sets forth specific information to be provided as part of the Conditional Use application as follows:

- (1) The nature of the landowners' interest in the land to be developed.

 As noted above, Applicant is the equitable owner of the Property.
- (2) The density of land use to be allocated to the site to be developed.

In accordance with Code § 280-92.A(4), the permitted density is 5.5 units/per acre. The proposed density of 11 units is consistent with that requirement.

(3) Location and size of common open space and the form of the organization proposed to own and maintain the common open space.

The open space is shown on the Redevelopment Plans. The Redevelopment Project will be a planned community under applicable Pennsylvania law. There will be a homeowners' association that will own and maintain the open space.

(4) The use and the approximate height, bulk and location of dwellings and other structures.

The Redevelopment Plans depict the bulk and location of the proposed structures. In a nutshell, there are four buildings proposed that will be improved with a total of 11 dwelling units. The height of the buildings will not exceed 35 feet per applicable Code requirements for Density Modification Development. It is noted that the permissible height of 35 feet is the same as allowed for conventional development in the R-4 District.

(5) The feasibility of proposals for the disposition of sanitary waste and stormwater and provision of public water supply.

Public water and sanitary sewer are proposed. The Property is already served by both public water and sewer and is within an area designated for such service.

(6) The substance of covenants, grants of easements or other restrictions proposed to be imposed upon the use of the land, buildings and structures, including proposed easements or grants for public utilities.

As noted above, the Property will be subject to the Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act. A draft of the Planned Community Declaration has been submitted to the Township. The draft Declaration provides for easements and restrictions that are anticipated at this time.

(7) A provision for parking of vehicles and the location and width of proposed streets and public ways.

The Redevelopment Plans depict the parking areas and internal drives. No public streets or ways are proposed.

(8) A statement which will show the ecological and economic impact of the development on the Township and especially as to the surrounding areas.

The Redevelopment Project will have a positive ecological and economic impact. The Property will be redeveloped with restricted open space and stormwater management facilities, neither of which presently exist. These provisions will have a positive ecological impact. The substantial investment in the Property will generate revenue for the Township and the Radnor Township School District

through increased property values and through realty transfer tax on not only the sale of the Property to the Applicant, but on the sale of each townhouse unit. Given the type of units proposed it is not anticipated that those units will appeal to families with school-aged children.

(9) The results of traffic studies taken on the surrounding and nearby roads.

Applicant has submitted a traffic analysis dated June 26, 2013, prepared by Heinrich & Klein, Inc. The report demonstrates that the proposed townhomes will generate significantly less traffic than the approved restaurant/bar use.

Code § 280-93 sets forth the specific regulations applicable to townhomes. As required, the townhomes will be owned and operated under the Uniform Planned Community Act. *See, Code § 280-93.A.* The proposed townhomes also comply with Code § 280-93.B, with no more than three townhomes attached in a single group, and each townhouse group separated by at least 20 feet. The townhomes also meet the requirements for wall plane design.

Density Modification Development also contains requirements for Common Open Space and buffers adjoining residentially zoned properties; (Code § 280-91); density limits and building setbacks (Code § 280-92.A(4)); and area and height requirements (Code § 280-94). The Redevelopment Plans comply with these requirements.

D. Nature of a Conditional Use

A conditional use is not an exception to a zoning ordinance, but rather, is a use to which an applicant is entitled unless objectors demonstrate, according to standards set forth in the zoning ordinance and the law, that the proposed use would adversely affect the community. Blancett Maddock v. City of Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment, 640 A.2d 498 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1994); Rapaport v. Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Allentown, 687 A.2d 29 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1996). The existence of a conditional use provision in a zoning ordinance indicates a legislative determination that the use is consistent with the municipality's zoning plan, and is a use which is presumptively consistent with the public health, safety and welfare. In re Cutler Group, Inc., 880

A.2d 39 (Pa, Cmwlth. 2005); Borough of Perkasie v. Moulton Builders, 850 A.2d 778 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2004); Evans v. Zoning Hearing Board of Easttown Township, 396 A.2d 889 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1979); Ruddy v. Lower Southampton Township Zoning Hearing Board, 669 A.2d 1051 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1995).

An applicant for conditional use approval has the burden of proving that the proposed use complies with the specific objective requirements of the zoning ordinance that are applicable to the conditional use. *Appeal of Neill*, 634 A.2d 749 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1993). Once an applicant for conditional use approval proves that the proposed use complies with the specific objective requirements for conditional use set forth in the zoning ordinance, the burden shifts to the objectors to demonstrate that the proposed use would detrimentally affect the public health, safety and welfare. *Mann v. Lower Makefield Township*, 634 A.2d 768 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1993); *Dotterer v. Zoning Hearing Board of Upper Pottsgrove Township*, 588 A.2d 1023 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1991).

The Commonwealth Court enunciated the general rule governing special exceptions and conditional uses in *Appeal of Brickstone Realty Corp.*, 789 A.2d 333 (2001):

A special exception [or conditional use] is a conditionally permitted use, allowed by the Legislature if specifically listed standards are met. A special exception [or conditional use] is thus not an "exception" to the zoning ordinance, but a use permitted conditionally, the application for which is to be granted or denied by the zoning hearing board pursuant to express standards and criteria. Where a particular use is permitted in a zone by special exception [or conditional use], it is presumed that the local legislature has already considered that such use satisfies local concerns for the general health, safety, and welfare and that such use comports with the intent of the zoning ordinance. Thus, once the applicant for a special exception [or conditional use] shows compliance with the specific requirements of the ordinance, it is presumed that the use is consistent with the promotion of health, safety, and general welfare. The burden then shifts to objectors to

prove that the proposed use is not, in fact, consistent with the promotion of health, safety and general welfare. (citations omitted)

The objectors' burden of demonstrating that a proposed use does not comply with the general health, safety and welfare criteria imposed upon conditional uses is not satisfied by showing that a proposed use will have effects that are no different than those which normally result from the construction of the permitted use. *Moyer's Landfill, Inc. v. Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Providence Township*, 450 A.2d 273 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1982). Rather, a conditional use may only be denied if opponents demonstrate that the impact of the proposed use on the public welfare is greater than that which might be expected from such a use in normal circumstances. *Ruddy v. Lower Southampton Township Zoning Hearing Board, supra.*; *New Bethlehem Borough Council v. McVay*, 467 A.2d 395 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1983). Moreover, those who object to an application for a conditional use cannot meet their burden of showing that the proposed use would violate the health, safety and welfare of the community by merely speculating as to possible harm; rather, objectors must show a high degree of probability that the proposed use will substantially affect the health and safety of the community. *Manor Healthcare Corp. v. Lower Moreland Township Zoning Hearing Board*, 590 A.2d 65 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1991).

E. Conclusion

As noted above, the Redevelopment Plans comply with the applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The plans have incorporated conditions that go beyond ordinance requirements pursuant to the agreement with the Neighbors. The Redevelopment Plans will

return the Property to productive use and greatly improve on the appearance of the Property.

The Redevelopment Plans will also preserve open space and provide for stormwater management where none exists. Accordingly, the Conditional Use should be granted.

GEORGE W. BROSEMAN, ESQUIRE

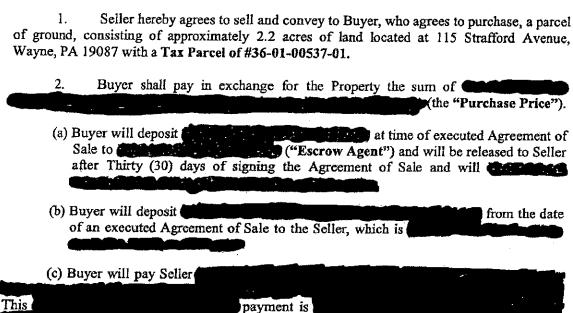
Attorney for Applicant

Date: August 2, 2013

EXHIBIT "A" REDACTED AGREEMENT OF SALE

AGREEMENT OF SALE

THIS AGREEMENT OF SALE (the "Agreement") is made this day of February, 2013 (the "Agreement Date"), by and between Luthra 4 LLC, ("Seller") with and address of 635 South Ithan Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 and 115 Strafford Avenue, LLC (or its assignee or nominee) a Pennsylvania corporation ("Buyer") 110 N. Phoenixville Pike, Malvern, PA 19355.
WITNESSETH



- (d) At Settlement, Buyer shall pay to Seller the Purchase Price (subject to adjustments and apportionments set forth in this Agreement) to Escrow Agent by cashier's check or wire transfer of immediately available federal funds.
- 3. The Buyer shall have a period of from the date of execution of this agreement of sale ("Feasibility Period") to conduct its due diligence investigations. Within the first if the Buyer is unsatisfied for any reason with the results of such investigations, then the Buyer shall have the right to terminate the Agreement of Sale in which case the Deposit will be returned to the Buyer or if satisfied to the Seller as to the Seller as absent cancellation notice Buyer elects to move forward with the Agreement of Sale,
- (a) Buyer is hereby given the right to enter upon the Premises during the Feasibility Period for the purpose of inspecting the Premises and performing such soil and other tests as Buyer deems necessary to satisfy itself concerning the condition of the Premises. Buyer agrees to restore the Premises to substantially the same condition as existed prior to Buyer's entry upon the Premises and to indemnify and hold Seller harmless from and against any and all damages,

claims, actions, penalties, liabilities, losses and expenses incurred by or asserted against Seller as a direct result of Buyer's entry upon the Premises. Buyer may elect to cancel this Agreement at any time, for any reason, it may have relative to its feasibility investigations by written notice to the Seller, in which event this Agreement shall terminate, the Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer, and the parties shall have no further liabilities hereunder. In addition to Buyer's rights during the Feasibility Period, buyer shall have access to the Premises to conduct tests and studies at all times prior to Closing.

- (b) At the signing of this agreement Buyer shall acquire and maintain at its own expense during the Term of this agreement until settlement or agreement has expired general liability insurance on the properties outlined in this agreement to cover its employees, contractors and agents with minimum limits of Buyer shall also name Luthra 4 LLC, Bharat Luthra, and Prateek Luthra, successors and assigns as additional insured.
- (c) In the event buyer withdraws at any time for any reason than buyer shall deliver to Seller all surveys, plans, reports, permits, approvals in hard copy, electronic disk of site plan in both CAD and PDF format, and any other new information obtained within the Feasibility period or any time within this agreement about the Property currently in Buyer's possession or control within Five (5) business days after termination.
- 4. Prior to Closing, Buyer shall have the right and obligation to seek and obtain any and all permits, municipal, state and/or federal and approvals Buyer believes are necessary, appropriate or required for Buyer's intended use of the Premises. The Seller agrees to execute and deliver to the Buyer any applications or other materials necessary to apply for and obtain such approvals and permits, and the Buyer shall have the right to execute, on behalf of the Seller, such applications and other materials necessary to obtain the approvals and permits.
- Title to Premises at closing shall be good and marketable, insurable at the regular rates of Buyer's title insurance company and shall be free and clear of all encumbrances, judgments, easements, mortgages and liens. Prior to closing, Seller shall pay or discharge any mortgages, judgments or monetary liens or encumbrances affecting the Premises. Seller represents and warrants that there are no restrictions or other title matters affecting the Premises seller is aware of that will prevent or interfere with the use of the Premises for its intended uses. If title to the Premises is not insurable as set forth herein, Buyer may elect, in addition to any other right and remedy, either (i) to take such title to the Premises as Seller can convey with abatement of the Purchase Price in the amount of monetary liens of a definite, fixed and ascertainable amount not in excess of the Purchase Price and/or abatement of Purchase Price for the diminution of value of the Premises, or (ii) to receive on written demand the return of second deposit paid by Buyer and this Agreement shall become null and void.
- or anytime before as Buyer and Seller may agree. Time is of the essence under this agreement.

- 7. Seller shall pay for preparation of the Deed. Buyer shall pay for searches, title insurance, and all other conveyance expenses. All transfer taxes shall be equally divided between Seller and Buyer. All "roll back" taxes or other taxes incurred as a result of the preferential assessment of the Premises shall be paid by the Seller at Closing. Real estate taxes, water and sewer if any shall be prorated on a per diem basis as of the date of Closing
- 8. In addition to the other representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, Seller makes the following additional representations and warranties to Buyer which shall also be conditions of closing:
- (a) Seller is the sole legal and beneficial owner of fee simple title to the Premises, and no other parties have any right to purchase all or any part of the Premises. There are no license agreements or other agreements allowing third parties to use or occupy the Premises. Seller is the sole legal owner of the Property in fee simple and the Property is not subject to any lease, option, right of first refusal or agreement of sale. Seller has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and all agreements and documents referred to in this Agreement. The person who has executed this Agreement has the authority to do so.
- (b) Seller has full power and authority to execute this Agreement and perform all of its obligations hereunder, including conveyance of the Premises to Buyer. No consents or approvals are required from any court or third party for Seller to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) Seller is not in bankruptcy, nor has there been any petition or insolvency proceedings filed for the reorganization of Seller. There is no pending or threatened legal action and/or litigation, including but not limited to condemnation proceedings (which affect the Premises) nor will there be through Closing. There are no violations of building, zoning, health, safety or other laws affecting or pertaining to the Premises. There are no general or special assessments due or pending with respect to the Premises.
- 9. In the event that the Buyer defaults in the performance of any of the terms hereof, which default is not cured within the Deposits shall be paid to Seller as liquidated damages for the failure of the Buyer to settle as Seller's sole remedy, except Buyer also agrees to be liable for any and all sellers legal expenses related to the buyers defaults and any and all engineering fees, state, municipal or federal cost or fees paid by seller, if any.
- 10. The time for Closing and all other times and dates referred to herein for the performance of any of the obligations of this Agreement, are hereby agreed to be the essence of this Agreement.
- 11. If, prior to Closing, all or any part of Premises is taken by eminent domain proceedings or a notice of any eminent domain proceeding with respect to the Premises or any part thereof is received by the Seller, or if any of the improvements on the Premises are damaged by fire or other casualty, the Seller shall immediately give notice thereof to Buyer and Buyer shall have the right, exercisable in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice to either: (i) complete the purchase of the Premises hereunder in accordance with this Agreement; or (ii) terminate this Agreement, in which event the Deposit, together with all interest accrued

thereon, shall be returned to the Buyer and this Agreement shall be null and void. Failure to deliver such written notice shall be deemed an election by Buyer to complete the purchase of the Premises. If the Buyer elects (or is deemed to have elected) to complete the purchase of the Premises, the purchase shall be completed in accordance with this Agreement, except that at Closing the Seller shall assign, transfer, and pay to Buyer all rights that the Seller has to any of the proceeds of such eminent domain proceedings and all proceeds from such proceedings theretofore received by the Seller, or any casualty insurance proceeds and Seller's deductible, as applicable. Seller shall keep the improvements fully insured through Closing.

- 12. Seller shall not enter into any new leases, contracts, mortgages or other agreements that will survive Closing, and Seller shall not modify or terminate any of the Leases without Buyer's prior written consent. Seller shall not construct any improvements on the Premises prior to closing. Seller shall maintain the Premises in its current condition.
- 13. Seller represents that the Premises does represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the assets of Seller. Seller shall obtain "bulk sales" clearance certificates as required by applicable Pennsylvania law.
- 14. Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the sale of the property hereunder is and will be made on an "as is", "where is," and "with all faults" basis, and except as specifically set forth in this agreement, without representations and warranties of any kind or nature, express, implied or otherwise. Except as to matters specifically set forth in this agreement, buyer will acquire the property solely on the basis of its own physical and financial examinations, reviews and inspections per feasibility investigations and the title insurance protection afforded by the owner's policy (in the event purchaser elects to purchase same).
- 15. Broker: Seller and Buyer agree that no other broker introduced Purchaser to this Property
 be paid to at Settlement. There is no other commission due.
- Release: Buyer represents to seller that buyer has conducted, or will conduct 16. prior to closing, such feasibility investigations of the property, as buyer deems necessary or desirable to satisfy itself as to any matter relating to the property, and will rely solely upon same and not upon any information provided by or on behalf of seller, seller's agents, employees or third parties representing or purporting to represent seller, with respect thereto. Upon settlement, buyer shall assume the risk that adverse matters regarding the property, may not have been revealed by buyer's investigations, and buyer, upon settlement, shall be deemed, on behalf of itself and on behalf of its transferees and their respective successors and assigns, to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge seller and seller's affiliates from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of any and every kind or character, known or unknown, by reason of or arising out of the property, including, without limitation, a latent or patent defect or other physical condition (including, without limitation, fungi, mold or mildew) whether pursuant to statutes in effect in the state of Pennsylvania or any other federal, state, or local environmental or health and safety law or regulation; the existence of any hazardous material whatsoever, on, at, to, in, above, about, under, from or in the vicinity of the property.
- (ii) in this regard and to the extent permitted by law, buyer hereby agrees, represents and warrants that buyer realizes and acknowledges that factual matters now unknown to buyer may have given or may hereafter give rise to causes of action, claims, demands, debts, controversies,

contained herein have been negotiated and agreed upon by buyer in light of that realization and that buyer nevertheless hereby intends to release, discharge and acquit seller and seller's successors, assignees, and agents.

- 17. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and respective heirs, executors, and administrators, successors and assigns. Said Agreement is to be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Buyer may assign this Agreement to any affiliate and/or subsidiary of Buyer or of Buyer's parent company. Any assignee will adhere to the terms of this agreement and deposit moneys held will be assigned with the agreement. Under no circumstances shall the buyer or seller and their Successors and Assigns be released of the obligations of this agreement unless agreed by addendum executed by the parties.
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- 19. Neither this agreement nor memorandum there of shall be filed with the recorder of deeds or any other office for the recording of such documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Agreement on the date written above.

BUYER:

Witness:	By;
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	Luthra 4 LLC
Witness:	
Name:	By: Dun
	Bharat Luthra, President

damages, costs, losses and expenses which are presently unknown, unanticipated and unsuspected, and purchaser further agrees, represents and warrants that the waivers and releases contained herein have been negotiated and agreed upon by buyer in light of that realization and that buyer nevertheless hereby intends to release, discharge and acquit seller and seller's successors, assignees, and agents.

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	BUYER: 115 Strafford Avenue, LLC
Witness Usan Shafer Name: Olison Shafer Witness:	By: Bo Erixxon, Authorized Respective SELLER: Luthra 4 LLC
Name:	- By:
	Rharat Luthra Precident

EXHIBIT "B"

DEED TO PROPERTY

DT-DEED

RD BK04971-1791 2011045400 08/03/2011 10:35:44 AM:1 RCD FEE 88-50 POL 9JB TAX: \$1,000.00 ST TAX: \$6,000.00



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Prepared by Return to Knights Abstract, Inc. 416 E. Street Road Feasterville, PA, 19053

File No. KA-11-10713FNT

Parcel ID No. 36-01-00537-01

This Indenture, made the Ath day of July

Between

ALBERTO GUADAGNINI

(hereinafter called the Grantor), of the one part, and

LUTHRA4, LLC

(hereinafter called the Grantee), of the other part,

Witnesseth, that the said Grantor for and in consideration of the sum of nine hundred thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$900,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, unto him well and truly paid by the said Grantee, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said Grantee

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and appartenances.

SITUATE in the Township of Radnor, County of Delaware and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described in accordance with a Subdivision Map of Property of Traders Investment Corporation, made by Alva L. Rogers, Civil Engineers and Surveyors,

Wayne, Pennsylvania dated March 20th, 1964 and revised March 30th, 1964 as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point of intersection of the center line of Strafford Avenue (50 feet wide) with the center line of Windsor Avenue, a private road (50 feet wide) (not open); thence along the center line of Windsor Avenue, North 69 degrees 53 minutes East, 510.01 feet to a point; thence by lands of A.F. Butler, James Butcher and of Henry T. Bryans, South I degrees 17 minutes East, 236.80 feet to a pipe; thence by other lands of Traders Investment Corporation, the two following courses and distances: (1) South 88 degrees 43 minutes West, 243.45 feet to a point; (2) South 1 degrees 17 minutes, 79 feet to a pipe, a corner of land of Humble Oil and Refining Company; thence by said land, South 88 degrees 43 minutes West 232.47 feet to a spike in the center line of Strafford Avenue; thence along the center line thereof, North 3 degrees 47 minutes West, 151.50 feet to the line first mentioned point and place of beginning.

CONTAINING 2.136 Acres of Land

BEING Folio No. 36-01-00537-01.
PREMISES: 115 Strafford Ave.

BEING the same premises which the Sheriff of the County of Delaware by Deed dated 01/12/2009, and recorded at media in the office for the recording of deeds, in and for the cotuy of Delaware on January 16, 2009 in Record Book 4481 page 1827 granted and conveyed unto Alberto Guadagnini, in fee.

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements, ways, streets, alleys, driveways, passages, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of him, the said grantor, as well at law as in equity, of, in and to the same.

To have and to hold the said lot or piece of ground described above, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

And the said Grantor, for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators, does, by these presents, covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, that he, the said Grantor, and his heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, against him, the said Grantor, and his heirs, will warrant and defend against the lawful claims of all persons claiming by, through or under the said Grantor but not otherwise.

In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal. Dated the day and year first above written. Sealed and Delivered IN THE PRESENCE OF US: (SEAL) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sounty of Deleware 20, 14 On this the 28th day of 70th 2011, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Alberto Guadagnini, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA NOTAPIAL SEAL
Michael G. Weds, Notary Public
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Member, Pennsylvenia Association of Notaries Notary Public My commission expires The address of the above-named Grantee is: 635 South Ithan AV On behalf of the Grantee

File No. KA-11-10713FNT

Record and return to: Knights Abstract, Inc. 416 E. Street Road Feasterville, PA 19053

EXHIBIT "C"

REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 115 STRAFFORD AVE., LI RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENN





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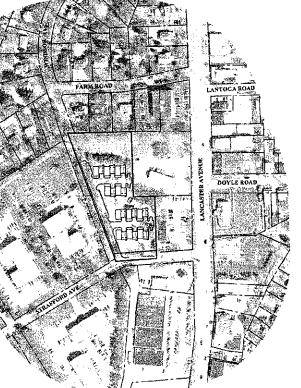
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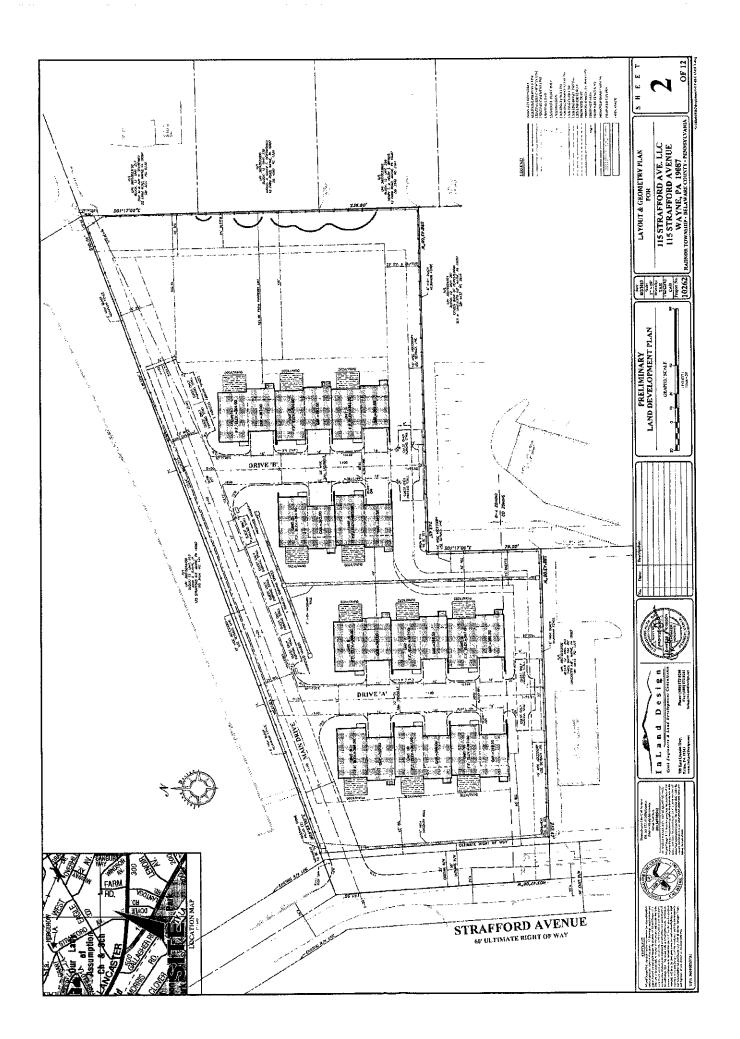
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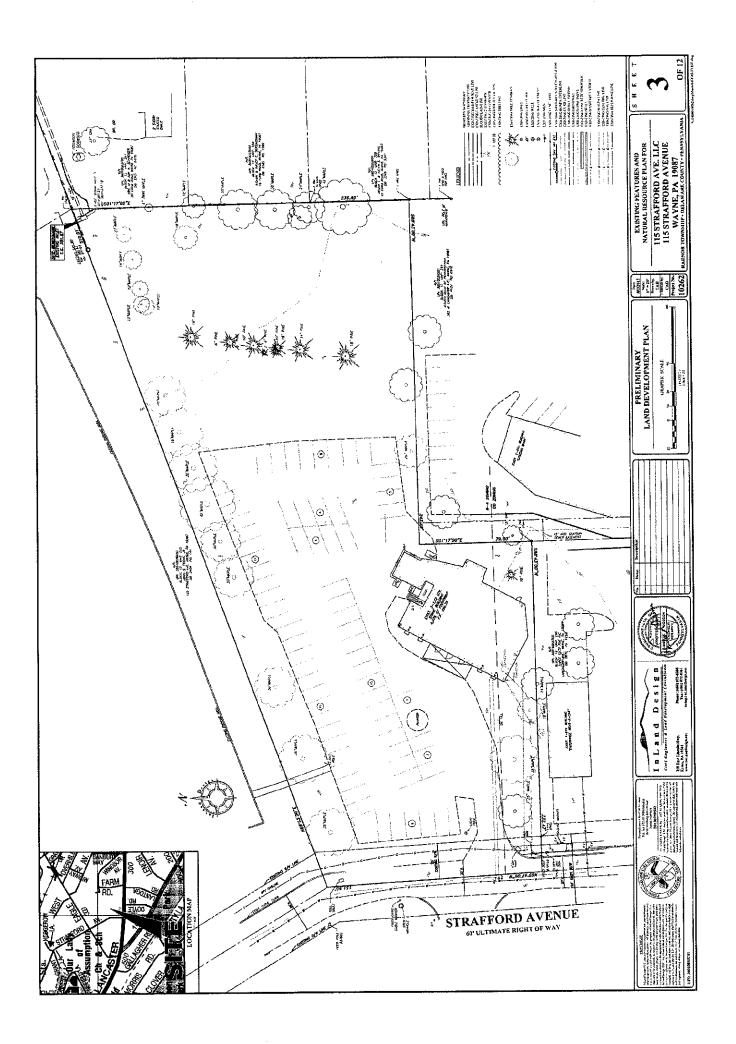
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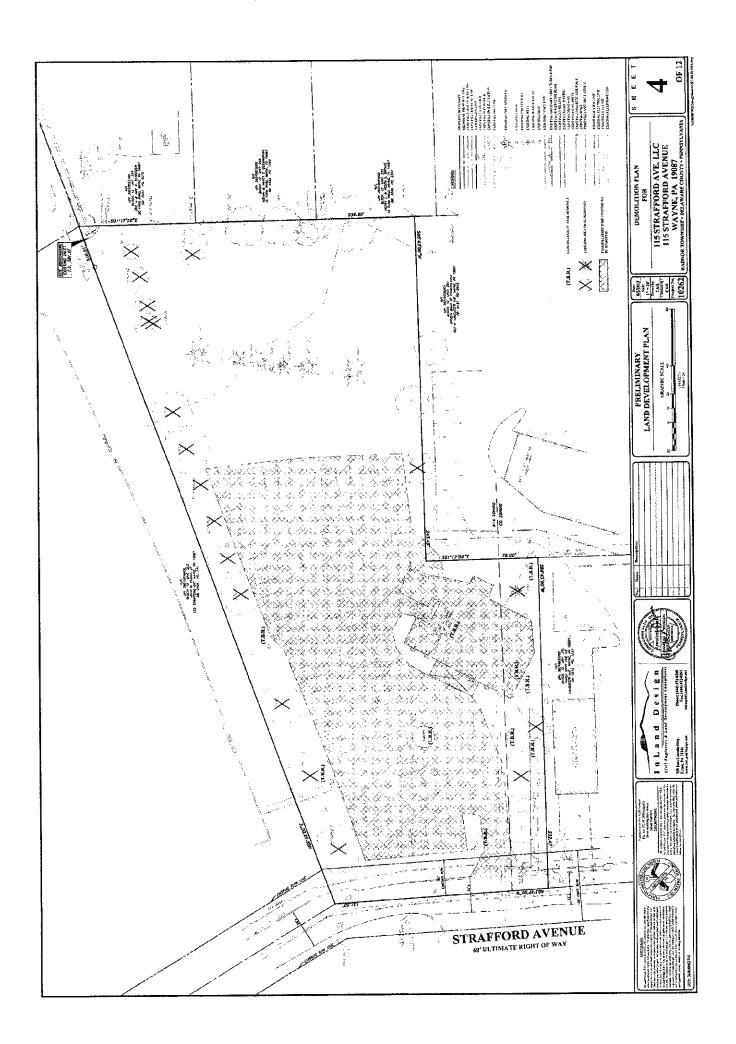
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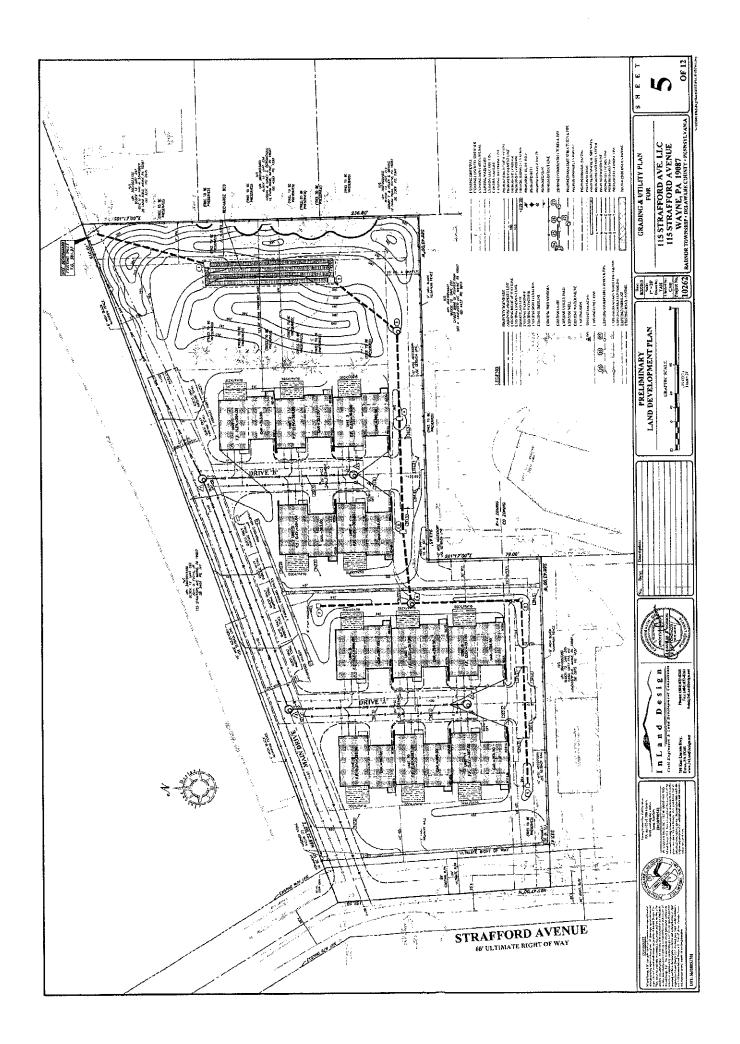
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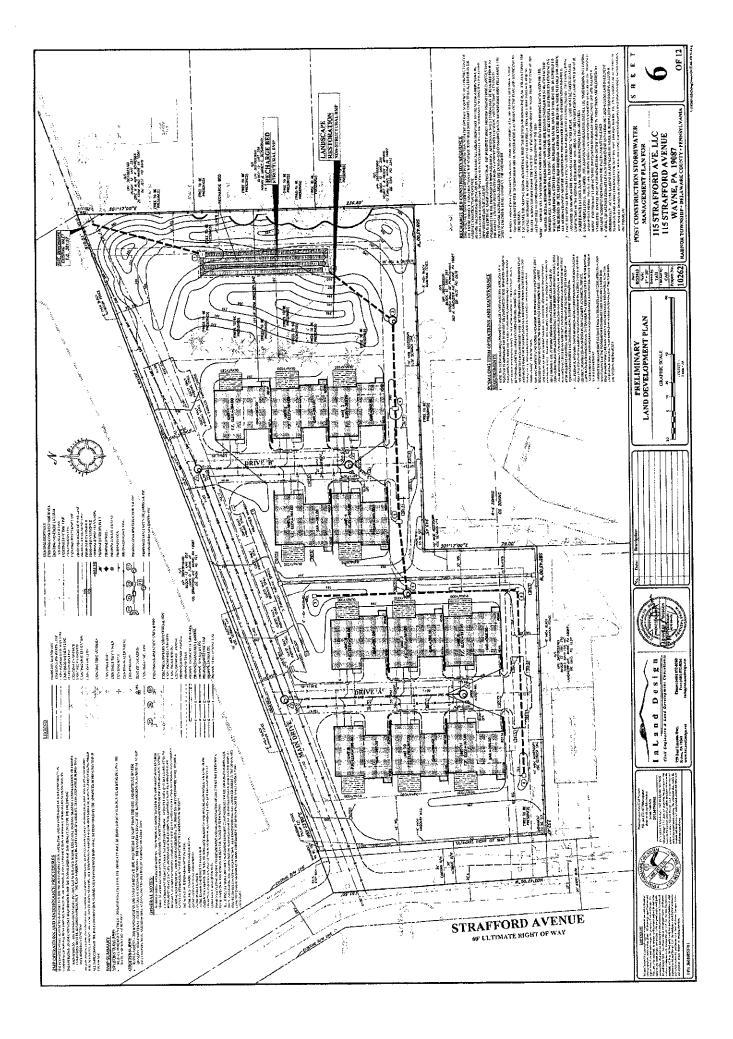
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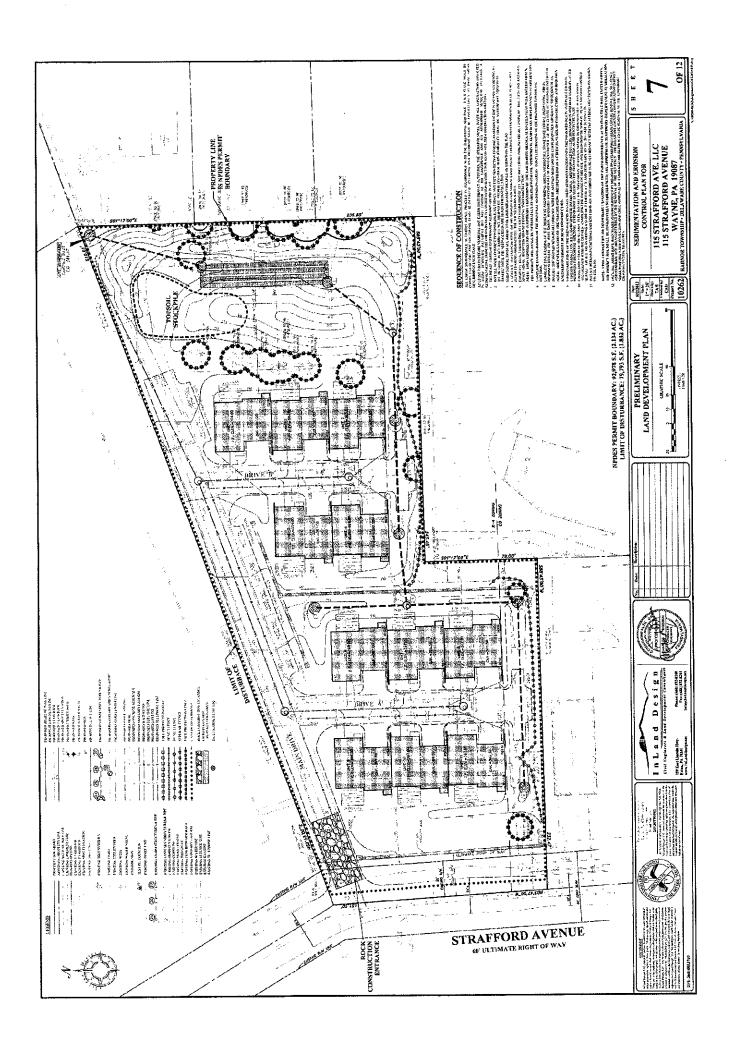


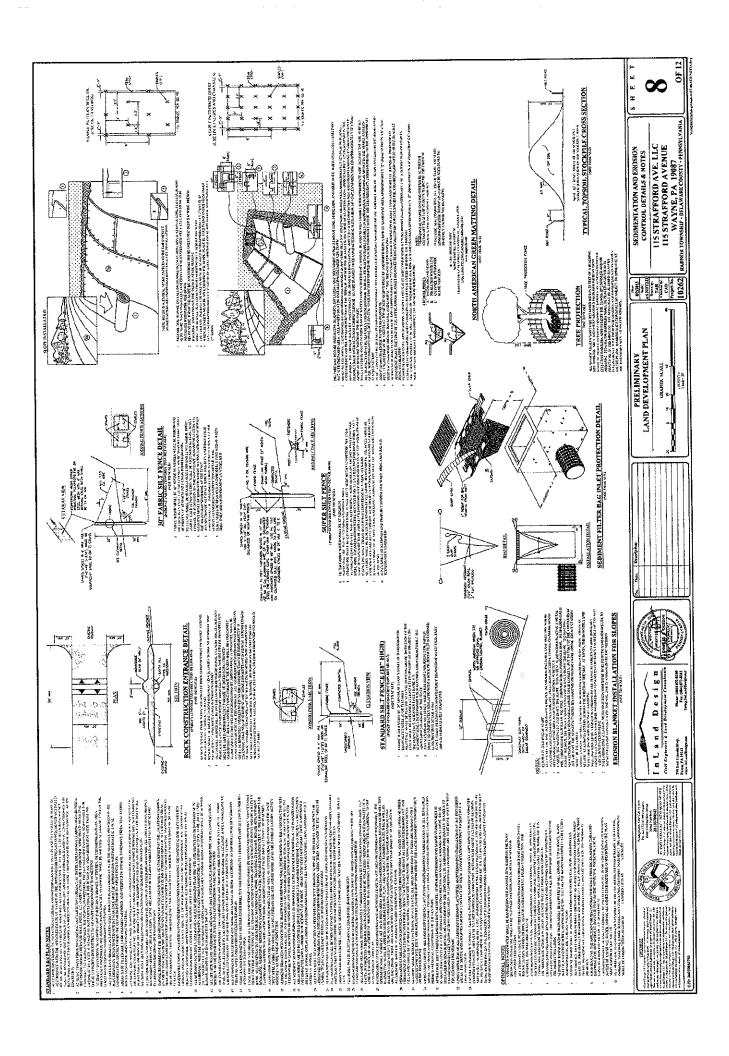


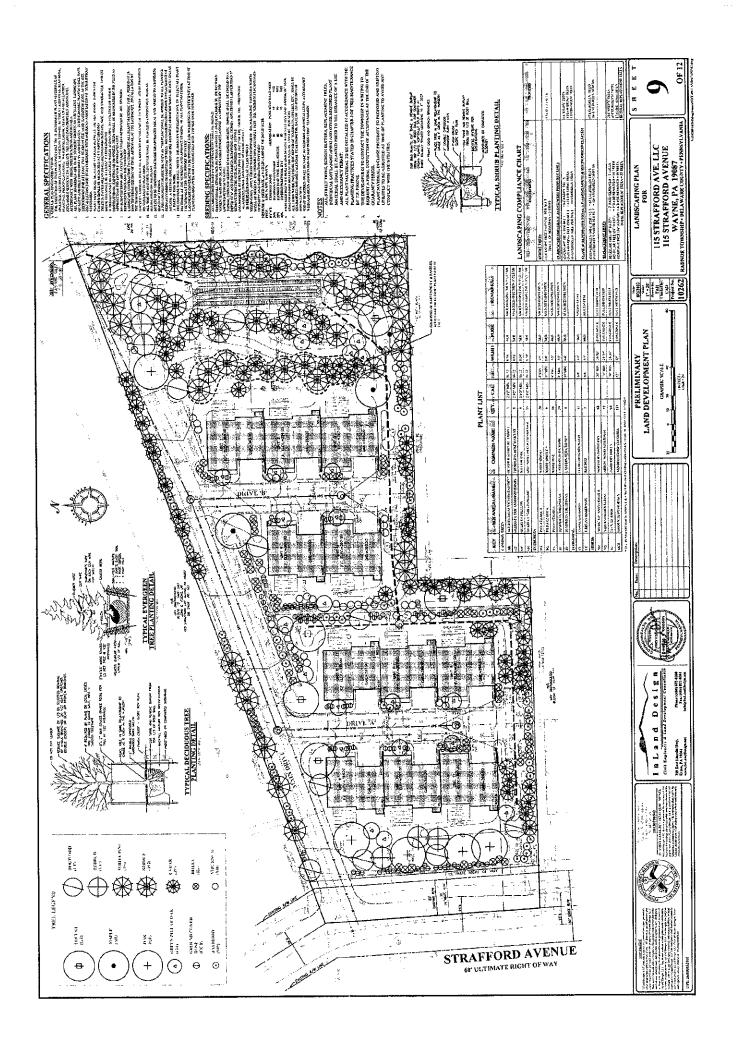


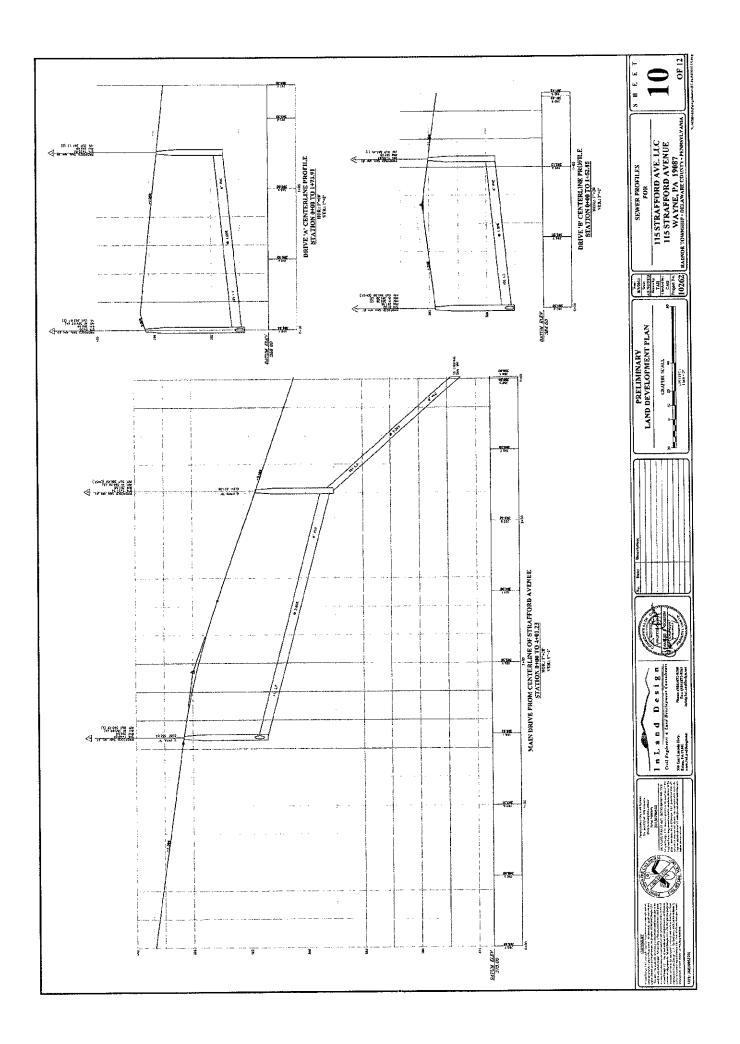


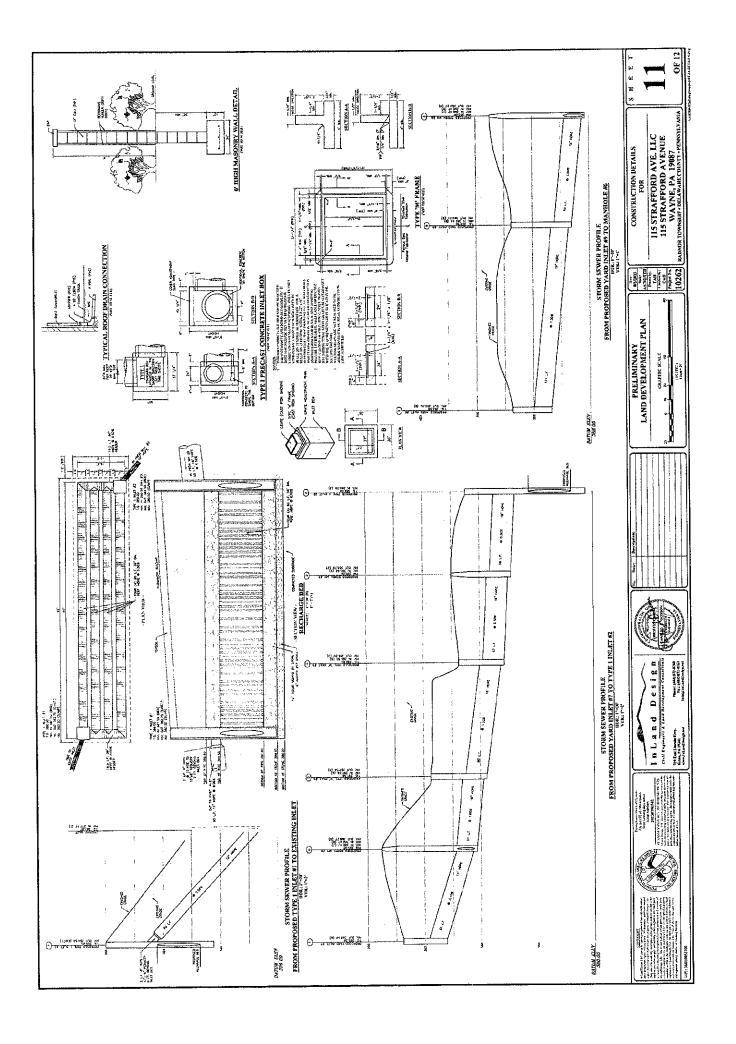












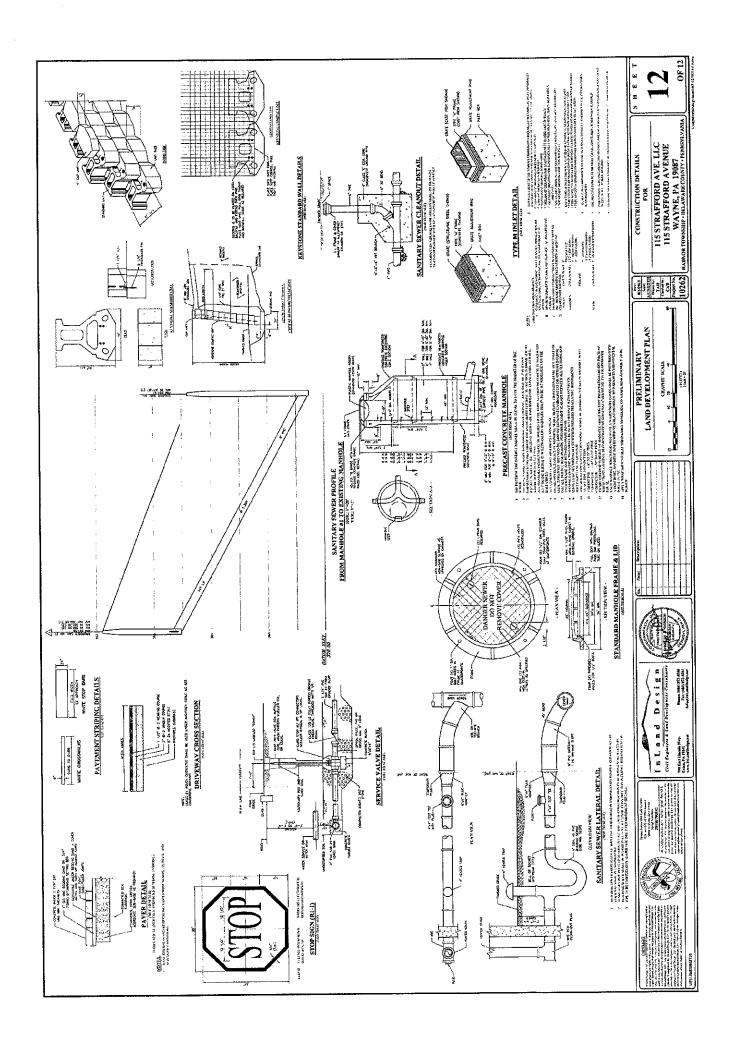


EXHIBIT "D"

ZONING HEARING BOARD DECISION (APPEAL NO. 2892)

RADNOR TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

APPEAL NO. 2892

APPEAL OF 115 STRAFFORD AVENUE, LLC, premises located at 115 Strafford Avenue and split zoned CO and R-4. Appellant is amending its application to seek Zoning Hearing Board approvals required to redevelop the subject property by demolishing the existing structure and constructing a total of eleven (11) dwelling units within a unified group of multipletownhouse buildings to be located on one lot. Appellant seeks the following relief:

- 1. A variance from Code §280-92.A(4) to allow Density Modification Development on a tract of less than five (5) acres;
- 2. A variance from Code §280-42 to allow residential use and related improvements in the CO Commercial-Office District;
- 3. Variances from Code §280-91.G to allow (i) paved vehicle turn-around areas and (ii) a six feet high wall or fence in the required buffer area from the adjoining bank property, a portion of which is zoned residential;
- 4. To the extent required, variances from Code §280-29 and Code §280-93 to allow multiple-family townhouse buildings on the lot;
- 5. To the extent required, a variance from Code §280-142.B requiring plans to be forwarded to the Planning Commission;
- 6. A variance from Code §280-109 to allow a six (6) feet high wall in the front yard setback;
- 7. Any other relief necessary to allow the proposed redevelopment of the Property.

DECISION OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

OPINION AND ORDER

1. Appellant seeks variances from the Zoning Code Sections enumerated above (except from Zoning Code §280-142.B as described in paragraph 2 below) to permit the Appellant to construct a residential development consisting of eleven (11) townhome units in the precise manner shown on that certain site plan (the "Plan") dated June 24, 2013 and prepared by InLand Design, which Plan has been entered into the record as Appellant's Exhibit "A-14".

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Subject to compliance with the Conditions, Appellant has established entitlement to the requested variance relief. The size and configuration of the subject premises, and the commercial uses abutting the subject premises, combine to create severe, unnecessary hardship which has not been created by Appellant. The prior variances granted by this Board for the subject premises attest to this hardship. Subject to the Conditions, Appellant has established that the requested relief represents the minimum relief necessary to alleviate this hardship. Subject to the Conditions, Appellant's proposed use is consistent with other land uses in this area, and will not adversely affect other properties in this area, or the surrounding community.

It should be noted that the variance relief requested in this Appeal is dimensional in nature, with the minor exception of the variance from Zoning Code §280-42 to allow residential use and related improvements in the CO District. Previous relief granted by this Board for the subject premises has involved much more intensive use variance relief.

ORDER

The requested variances from the Zoning Code Sections described in items 1,2,3,4 and 6 of the Caption, are granted, to authorize Appellant's proposed townhome development, in the precise manner shown on the Plan, and in the testimony and other exhibits presented to the Board and made part of the record to the extent consistent with the Plan, subject further to Appellant's compliance with all of the Conditions. The variance from Zoning Code Section 280-92.A(4) to allow Density Modification Development on the subject premises, notwithstanding that the subject premises comprises less than five (5) acres, shall do nothing more than to authorize Appellant to apply for conditional use approval for Appellant's proposed townhome development in accordance with all other Zoning Code provisions applicable to Density Modification. The variance in items 5 of the Caption, having been withdrawn, is not granted; the catch-all relief in item 7 of the Caption cannot be granted, as further zoning proceedings are required with respect to proposed development. In addition, the relief granted pursuant to this Decision is limited to relief from the Zoning Code as described herein, and nothing herein shall constitute approval under any other Township ordinances or regulations, including without limitation, the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

/s/ CHARLES FALCONE, CHAIRMAN /s/ PETER H. CRAIG /s/ BRADLEY DELIZIA

AUGUST 1, 2013: THIS DECISION SHALL EXPIRE IF THE APPLICANT FAILS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THIS DATE: AUGUST 1, 2013

- 2. Prior to the July 18, 2013 hearing on this Application, Appellant was able to present the plan to the Township Planning Commission, and accordingly a variance from Zoning Code Section 280-142.B is not necessary, and Appellant's request for same has been withdrawn.
- 3. The subject premises is split zoned R-4 and CO, with the larger portion of the subject premises being zoned R-4.
- 4. The subject premises presently is improved with a dilapidated building which previously was used as a restaurant.
- 5. Appellant intends to demolish the existing building in connection with its townhome project.
- 6. The subject premises is an irregularly shaped lot which is bordered on the north, west and south by commercial uses, with residences located to the east of the subject premises.
- 7. The subject premises has proven to be difficult to develop and utilize, as is apparent, among other things, from the several variances accorded the subject premises by this Board in the past 49 years.
- 8. Appellant and the surrounding community have agreed upon certain conditions for the development of the subject premises in accordance with the application (collectively the "Conditions"), which Conditions are specified on Exhibit "A" attached to this Decision and made part hereof.
- 9. Appellant on the record has agreed that any approval issued by this Board shall be subject to the Conditions.
- 10. With respect to the requested variance from Zoning Code Section 280-92.A(4) to allow Density Modification Development on a tract of less than five acres, Appellant also has acknowledged that such variance, if granted, would do nothing more than permit Appellant to apply for Density Modification treatment of the subject premises, and that Appellant's proposed development would require a conditional use from the Board of Commissioners in order to proceed as a Density Modification Development.
- 11. Subject to compliance with the Conditions, the physical constraints and conditions peculiar to the subject premises, including the configuration of the subject premises and the abutting non-residential uses, have combined to create severe hardship peculiar to the subject premises which is sufficient to justify the grant of the requested variance relief.
 - 12. This hardship was not created by Appellant.
- 13. Subject to compliance with the Conditions, Appellant has established that the requested variances represent the minimum relief necessary to alleviate this hardship.
- 14. Subject to the compliance with the Conditions, the grant of the requested variances will not adversely impact adjoining properties or the surrounding community.
- 15. The hearing on this Appeal was properly advertised in accordance with Zoning Code Section 280-143.

EXHIBIT "A" – APPEAL 2892

Conditions for Redevelopment Variances per Agreement with Neighbors

- 1. Building foundation walls shall be no closer than 120' to the rear property line.
- 2. In consultation with a certified arborist, Developer shall use good faith efforts to preserve the existing row of 6 pine trees parallel to the rear property lines ("Pine Trees"), including, as recommended by the arborist, relocating those trees further away from the proposed dwellings.
- 3. Developer shall include in its landscaping plans an additional row of 6 evergreen trees with a minimum height of 15' in the gaps of the existing Pine Trees.
- 4. Developer shall make its landscape plans for the rear of the Property available to the neighborhood for input and shall make its landscape architect available for a meeting with the 3 adjacent owners along Farm Road for input on screening and landscaping in the rear area.
- 5. Developer shall provide storm water management for the site in excess of requirements.
- 6. A maximum of 11 townhouse units shall be permitted on the Property. The townhouse units shall have a minimum width of approximately 40' and shall be substantially similar in architecture to the rendering provided to the neighbors and entered into the record.
- 7. The area between Pine Trees and the rear property line shall be deed restricted open space (approximately 105' from the rear property line). Such restriction shall, however, allow for passive recreation and improvements such as landscaping, fencing, utilities, and storm water management. Such restriction shall be finalized during conditional use and land development proceedings and shall be satisfactory to the Township.
- 8. Screening walls on the Property shall not exceed six feet in height.



Excellence Delivered As Promised

Date: August 29, 2013

To: Radnor Township Planning Commission

From: Roger Phillips, PE

cc: Stephen Norcini, P.E. – Director of Public Works

Kevin W. Kochanski, RLA, CZO - Director of Community Development

Peter Nelson, Esq. – Grim, Biehn, and Thatcher Amy B. Kaminski, P.E. – Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

Maryann Cassidy - Radnor Township Engineering Department

William Miller - Radnor Township Codes Official Ray Daly - Radnor Township Codes Official

RE: 115 Strafford Avenue – Review of Conditional Use Application

115 Strafford Avenue, LLC - Applicant

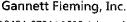
Gannett Fleming, Inc. has completed our review of the Conditional Use Application for 115 Strafford Avenue Land Development Plan. The applicant has filed a conditional use application as outlined in Article XXIII – Conditional Uses, of the Township Code, and is requesting conditional use under §280-90 (Density Modification) of the Township Zoning Code to allow for proposed Townhomes. This plan was reviewed only for items relating to the Density Modification portion of the Township Code.

The applicant proposes to develop the property with 11 high-end carriage home/town home units. The rear of the property is proposed to be open space. A home owners association will be created to maintain all access driveways, open spaces, stormwater management facilities, and to provide for snow and trash removal.

The existing parcel is approximately 2.13 acres. The property consists of a vacant building that was approved for restaurant/bar use, a 72 car parking lot and related improvements. There is approximately 1 acre of impervious coverage on the property and no stormwater management controls. The property is located in the R-4 Residence District. A small portion of the property (approximately 6%) is located in the CO Commercial-Office District.

On July 18, 2013 the Radnor Township Zoning Board granted various measures of relief to allow the re-development project to proceed under the Density Modification provision of the Township Code. The following variances were granted:

- A variance from §280-92.A(4) to allow Density Modification on a tract of less than five (5) acres;
- A variance from §280-42 to allow residential use and related improvements in the CO Commercial-Office District;





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- Variances from §280-91.G to allow (i) paved vehicle turn-around areas and (ii) a six feet high wall or fence in the required buffer area from the adjoining bank property, a portion of which is zoned residential;
- To the extent required, variances from §280-29 and §280-93 to allow multiple-family townhouse buildings on a lot;
- A variance from §280-109 to allow a six (6) feet high wall in the front yard set back;

In addition, the following conditions were incorporated as Exhibit A – Agreement with Neighbors of the ZHB decision:

- Building foundation walls shall be no closer than 120"to the rear property line.
- In consultation with a certified arborist, Developer shall use good faith efforts to preserve the existing row of 6 pine trees parallel to the rear property lines ("Pine Trees"), including, as recommended by the arborist, relocating those trees further away from the proposed dwellings.
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- Screening walls on the Property shall not exceed six feet in height.

We have the following general comments regarding the plan as submitted. Additional review comments will be forthcoming once engineered plans are submitted.

- 1. Sidewalks and curbing should be extended along Strafford Avenue, consistent with the adjacent parcels.
- 2. It appears that there is insufficient guest parking provided. Consideration should be given to providing an additional overflow area.
- 3. The configuration and dimensions of the interior courts/roadways do not provide sufficient circulation and access for larger vehicular traffic, such as delivery vehicles, or assess for emergency vehicles.

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In addition to our review comments, a memorandum dated August 29, 2013 from Amy Kaminski of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. the Township Traffic Engineer has been attached and is incorporated herein by reference.

If you have any question or require any additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Roger A. Phillips, P.E. Senior Project Manager



GILMORE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

ENGINEERING & CONSULTING SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

Date:

August 29, 2013

To:

Steve Norcini, P.E.

Radnor Township Public Works Director

From:

Amy Kaminski, P.E., PTOE

Transportation/Traffic Services Manager

cc:

Roger Phillips, P.E.

Gannett Fleming, Inc., Senior Project Engineer

Reference:

115 Strafford Avenue Mixed Use Development

Preliminary Plan Review

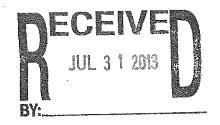
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Pursuant to your request, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. has completed a transportation review of the referenced Preliminary Land Development plan, dated August 2, 2013, prepared for 115 Strafford Ave, LLC., prepared by Inland Design. The preliminary land development plan proposes demolition of the Villa Strafford Mansion (10,000 sf) for the construction of four (4) groupings of eleven (11) single-family attached dwelling units. Gilmore offers the following comments for Radnor Township consideration:

- 1. §255-37: We recommend the applicant provide sidewalks along the Main Drive, Strafford Avenue with internal onsite pedestrian connections. In addition, the site should meet current ADA requirements for the Pedestrian Access Route (PAR).
- 2. §255-20(B)(5)(c)[2] As indicated previously, the Township may require the applicant submit a traffic impact study with the preliminary land development plan submission. Please contact the Township regarding a scope of work for the traffic impact study.
- 3. It is unclear if trash services are required for each individual residence, or as a community with a common trash receptacle. Regardless of which option is decided, the plan must include truck turning templates for sanitation trucks servicing the site. The parking spaces identified as "Guest Only" parking stalls may be needed to allow for onsite truck maneuvers.
- 4. Verify adequate circulation for emergency vehicles servicing the proposed site through truck turning templates for the largest anticipated emergency vehicle. Preliminary and Final plans should include turning templates for all turning movements into and out of the site along with necessary onsite maneuvers. Adequate emergency service access to all buildings must be provided.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact this office.





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July 31, 2013

Board of Commissioners Radnor Township 301 Iven Avenue Wayne, PA 19087

APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL OF A DENSITY
MODIFICATION DEVELOPMENT FOR 311.54 ACRES OF ARDROSSAN FARM,
PORTFOLIO NUMBER 36040202300, BLOCK-UNIT 06-03-008:000 (the "PROPERTY").

Commissioners:

ESIII LP, equitable owner of the above referenced Property located East of Darby-Paoli Road and South of Newtown Road in Radnor Township, in conjunction with the owners of the Property, The Robert L. Montgomery Trust (dated June 4, 1912) and The Sydney F. Tyler Trust #6 (dated May 30, 1917) (the "Trusts"), hereby applies for conditional use approval of a Density Modification Development pursuant to Article XIX of Chapter 280 of the Radnor Township Code. Enclosed herewith is the required fee of \$750.00.

Enclosed herewith and forming a part of this Application are the following plans and studies (the "Plans and Studies"):

- 1. Ten (10) full sized and eight (8) 11x17 copies of the Conditional Use Plan for Ardrossan Farm each consisting of thirty-eight (38) sheets.
- 2. Eighteen (18) copies of the Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Narrative for Ardrossan Farm.
- 3. Eighteen (18) copies of the Stormwater Management Feasibility Narrative for Ardrossan Farm.
- 4. Eighteen (18) copies of the Lands of Ardrossan Farms Statement of Ecological and Economic Impacts.
- 5. Eighteen (18) copies of the Ardrossan Farm East Parcel Transportation Impact Study.

Board of Commissioners Radnor Township July 31, 2013 Page 2

Applicant intends to develop the 311.54 acres comprising the Property into up to eighty-seven (87) residential lots, eleven (11) of which have existing structures or residences (including the main house on a lot of 10.022 acres). Applicant intends to purchase all but the main house and its lot which will remain with the Trusts. As stated in the tables to the Plans, the overall density, if all eighty-seven (87) units are developed, would be 0.285 units/acre or 1 unit per 3.50 acres.

The Plans show the proposed required open space. Pursuant to the Density Modification requirements, a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the Total Adjusted Tract Area of 293.84 acres must be designated and preserved as Common Open Space. The minimum required Common Open Space is 45.72 acres. The Plans propose 46.93 acres of Common Open Space or 15.40% of the Total Adjusted Tract Area. The Common Open Space is intended to be conveyed to a land conservancy for preservation.

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Respectfully submitted,

John C. Snyder, Esquire

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions or comments and direct any notices or correspondence there as well. We look forward to working with the Township on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

ohn C. Snyder, Esquire

Cc: John B. Rice, Esquire, Township Solicitor

ESIII LP

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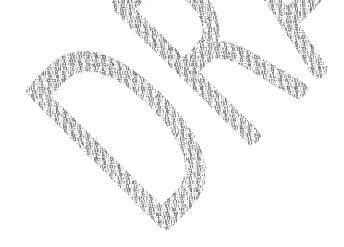
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