

AMENDED RICHWOOD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN HARRISON TOWNSHIP, NJ

July 15, 2022

Block 2, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17

Block 3, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 32, & 33

Block 5, Lots 7 & 8

Block 17, Lots 3, 4, 6, & 7.01

Block 19, Lot 3

Block 22, Lots: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11.01, 11.02, 12, 13, 13.01, & 16

Block 23, Lots: 1 & 1.01

Block 24, Lots: 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 17

Block 24.01, Lot: 1

Block 25, Lots: 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19.01, 19.02, 19.03, 20, 21, 23, 23.01, & 23.02

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Redevelopment Act

New Jersey's Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., (LRHL), empowers municipalities and local governments with the ability to initiate a process that transforms blighted properties into healthier, more vibrant, or economically productive land areas. This Redevelopment Plan, as may be amended, fulfills the statutory requirements set out by the State of New Jersey.

1.2 Redevelopment Designation

Harrison Township has identified the Richwood Redevelopment Area as an opportunity for redevelopment in accordance with the provisions of the LRHL. Analysis of the parcels comprising this site demonstrated that the site qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment as defined by statute (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5). The Planning Board held a public hearing on the Preliminary Investigation, which details the statutory criteria upon which the designation is based, on August 7, 2008 and recommended that the Governing Body designate the area an Area in Need of Redevelopment. The Governing Body accepted this recommendation and on August 18, 2008 designated the area to be an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

On August 19, 2019 the Township undertook a Preliminary Investigation of Block 3, Lot 33, which is adjacent to the previously designated Richwood Redevelopment Area. Analysis of the site demonstrated that the parcel qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment and the Joint Land Use Board¹ held a public hearing on the Preliminary Investigation on September 19, 2019. The Joint Land Use Board recommended the area be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment as part of the larger Richwood Redevelopment Area. On October 21, 2019 the Governing Body accepted this recommendation, officially designating Block 3, Lot 33, as an area in need of redevelopment adding it to the Richwood Redevelopment Area.

Resolution #182-2019, adopted on October 21, 2019, requested that Pennoni perform a Preliminary Investigation into the following parcels to ascertain whether the specified area qualifies under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 as a non-condemnation "Area in Need of Redevelopment": Block 20.01, Lots 7 & 8, Block 21, Lots 1, 2, & 9, Block 22, Lots 1 & 2, Block 25, Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19.01, 19.02, 19.03, 20, 21, 23, 23.01, & 23.02. Of those blocks and lots, the following are included in this redevelopment plan: Block 20.01 Lots 7 and 8, and all lots listed for Block 25.

Harrison Township adopted Resolution No. 198-2021 on December 6, 2021, and requested that Pennoni perform a preliminary investigation into Block 2, Lot 2, Block 3, Lot 32, Block 5, Lots 3, 4, 6, and 7.01, and Block 19, Lot 3. The investigation was completed and those blocks and lots were designated as an area in need of redevelopment and added to the Richwood Redevelopment Area.

On December 13, 2019, the Township adopted an amended redevelopment plan for the Richwood Redevelopment Area which included several Blocks and Lots that are no longer on the official Harrison Township Tax Map, including Block 2, Lots 16 and 17; Block 3, Lot 3; and Block 24, Lots 2, 4, and 17.

The Township further amended the redevelopment plan dated February 2, 2022, which provided updated and corrected blocks and lots as well as incorporated provisions related to the Township's affordable housing requirements and provide updated zoning for the Richwood Redevelopment Area.

The purpose of this amended redevelopment plan is to reclassify the zoning within this Redevelopment Plan as an overlay zone to the existing Zoning Ordinances within the Richwood Redevelopment Area and require any

¹ Harrison Township's Governing Body adopted Ordinance 53-2011 on December 19, 2011 eliminating its Zoning Board of Adjustment and combining all functions of the Zoning Board with the Planning Board pursuant to NJSA 4-:55D-25(c). Accordingly, the Planning Board is now commonly referred to as the Joint Land Use Board.

applicant, property owner, developer or redeveloper to execute a Redevelopment Agreement in order to utilize the uses, restrictions and special requirements established by this Redevelopment Plan.

1.3 Lots and Blocks

This Amended Redevelopment Plan describes the standards and procedures for the redevelopment of the following land specified in the Harrison Township Richwood Site Redevelopment Area Preliminary Investigation document to be known as the “Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area” as illustrated in **Figure 1**.

Block	Lot
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
3	1, 2, 3, 32, 33
5	7, 6
17	3, 4, 6, 7.01
19	3
22	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11.01, 11.02, 12, 13, 13.01, 16
23	1, 1.01
24	2, 2.01, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17
24.01	1
25	1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19.01, 19.02, 19.03, 20, 21, 23, 23.01, 23.02
30	1

A total of 79 lots are included in this Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area subject to this Redevelopment Plan Amendment.

1.4 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Redevelopment Plan Amendment (the “Redevelopment Plan” or “Plan”) is to implement the Settlement Agreement by and between the Township and the developer in the Matter of the Application of the Township of Harrison, Docket No. GLO-L-908-15, which Settlement Agreement was reviewed and approved by the Court on November 18, 2019, at a Fairness Hearing. The Redevelopment Plan sets forth specific design controls to accommodate recreation, retail/commercial, warehousing, and 84 affordable dwelling units to be credited towards the Township’s constitutional Mount Laurel Doctrine obligation (collectively the “Inclusionary Development”). This Redevelopment Plan Amendment shall constitute an overlay zone for the parcels within the Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area. The following uses, restrictions, and special requirements shall be applicable within the Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area, in addition to the underlying existing zoning and development regulations, except as modified herein, only to an applicant, property owner, developer or redeveloper that has executed a Redevelopment Agreement with the Township. An executed Redevelopment Agreement with the Township shall be required (as a checklist item) as a part of an application submission for site plan approval to the Township Planning Board or as part of any other application for land use approvals utilizing the overlay zoning set forth in this Redevelopment Plan Amendment.

For the purposes of this Plan, the Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area has been broken down into two sections: Richwood North (area north of US Route 322) and Richwood South (area south of US Route 322). This has been done due to the varied characteristics, standards, and redevelopment goals for these two areas.



Figure 1. Richwood Redevelopment Plan Lots



1.5 Relationship to Local Goals and Objectives

In December, 2006, Harrison Township adopted a Master Plan Re-examination Report that recommended the creation of a new Town Center, focused at the interchange at Routes 322 and 55 (Township of Harrison County of Gloucester Master Plan Re-examination Report, December 20, 2006, p. 4). This was considered a major node in the region and had already generated development interest, most notably on the part of Rowan University east of Route 55. Given the extent of undeveloped and underdeveloped land surrounding this intersection within Harrison Township, the Re-examination Report concluded that this area provided a unique opportunity to plan pro-actively and at a large scale. Moreover, the plan for a Town Center would be consistent with the principle of center-based growth as discussed in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

The most recent Master Plan Reexamination was completed in March 2021. The goals of this redevelopment plan are derived directly from the Township Master Plan policy and goal statements and are consistent with recent Re-Examinations. The objectives are derived from applicable master plan elements.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- A. Provide for the continued scenic and low-density nature of the Township by guiding development and land uses to protect and enhance the character of the Township. Consider the importance of existing village centers to the present Township landscape and image and develop a land use plan and development regulations which protect their integrity.
- B. Protect the critical natural features and resources of the Township such as floodplains, woodlands, steep slopes, wetlands, and bodies of water. Use these natural features to organize and separate where necessary different types and intensities of land uses in the Township. Establish controls on the permitted disturbance of critical resources during land development. Work in collaboration with the appropriate County and State agencies to protect and establish development controls of critical natural resources of the Township. Utilize the natural boundaries to organize and direct different intensities of land uses in the Township.
- C. Encourage mixed uses such as residential, commercial, and industrial to create a well-integrated community. A mix is encouraged for the convenience of the residents and enhancement of the tax base of the Township. The land use plan and development regulations should be designed to minimize conflicts between activities so that one land use does not adversely affect neighboring land uses.

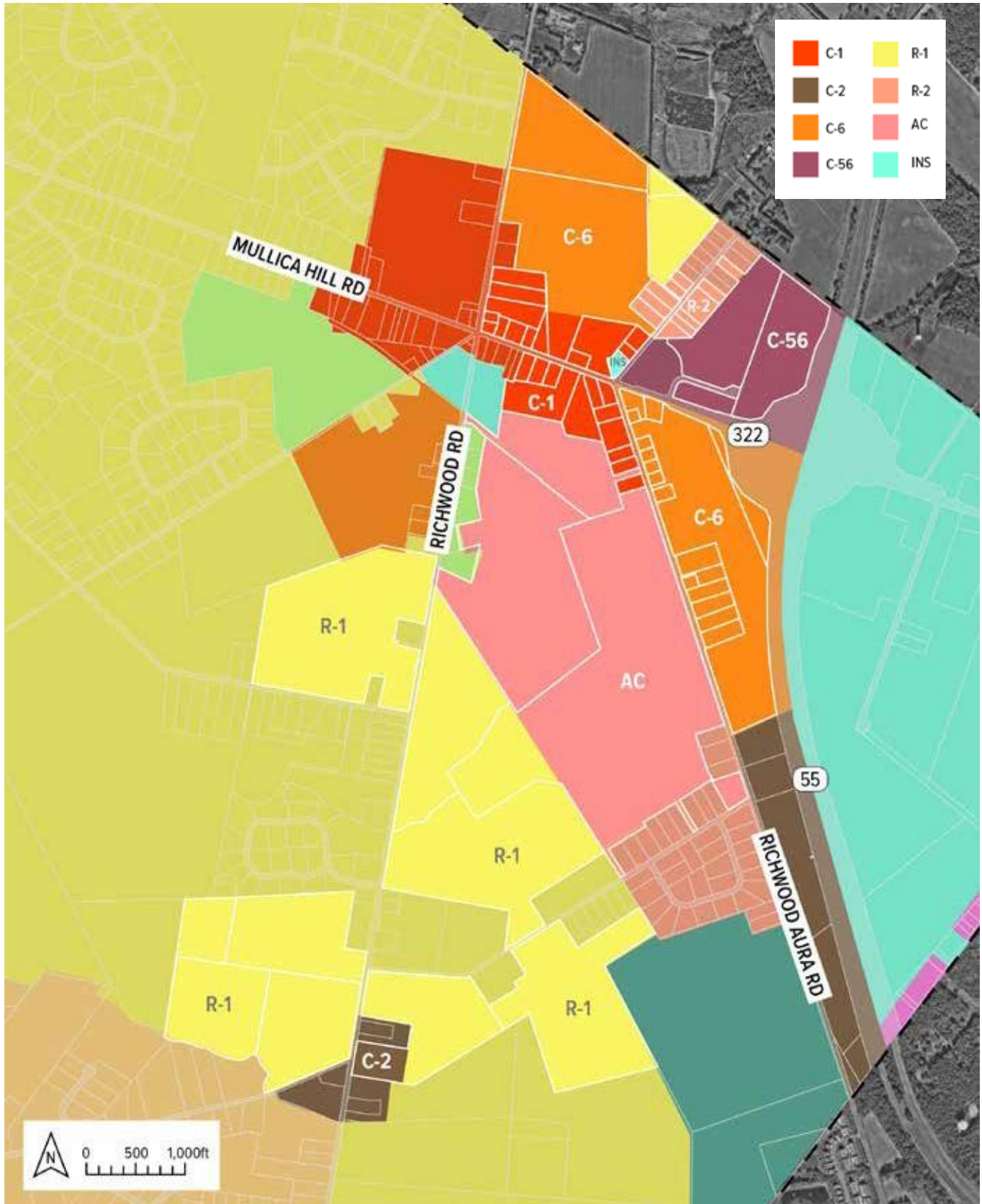
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- A. Provide a variety of dwelling unit types and densities to meet the varying needs of the current and future residents of the Township, including affordable housing.
- B. Promote pedestrian safety through design standards for streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

Figure 2. MOTUS Aerial Rendering of proposed Circus Area



Figure 3. Zoning Map



1.6 Description of Redevelopment Area

The Richwood Redevelopment Area is located near the intersection of Mullica Hill Road and Richwood Road in the eastern area of the Township. Thirty-one parcels are located north of US Route 322, 36 are located south of US Route 322 and east of Richwood Road. Five parcels are located south of US Route 322 and west of Richwood Road. These parcels can be seen in "Figure 1. Richwood Redevelopment Plan Lots" on page 3.

The existing condition of the site is largely wooded or farmland and is surrounded by varied land uses, including but not limited to commercial, institutional, and some residential. The main roadways impacting this site are Richwood Road, which runs north and south through the redevelopment area, and Mullica Hill Road (US Route 322) which runs east to west through the redevelopment area. Mantua to the north and Glassboro to the east.

5.0.a. 1.6.a. Zoning Map

The Zoning Map of the Township of Harrison should be amended to include this Redevelopment Area as identified, discussed, and outlined in this document. These Blocks and Lots currently fall within the Richwood North contains the following zoning districts: C-1 Village Center, C-2 General Commercial, C-6 Flexible Planned Commercial District, C-56 Flexible Planned Industrial-Commercial District, R-1 Residence – Agricultural and R-2 Residence, and AC Adult Community Development District (**Figure 2**). The regulations within this Redevelopment Plan shall constitute an overlay zone for all zoning and design regulations within the zoning code, §225-18.1, except where regulations herein are silent.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2.1 Richwood North – Area North of US Route 322

5.0.b. 2.1.a. Vision

The overall goal of the Redevelopment Plan for Richwood North is the construction of commercial warehouses and retail to be developed in accordance with the existing zoning. To accomplish this goal, the development program for the site shall accomplish the following program subject to Joint Land Use Board (JLUB) review and approval.

2.1.b. Program

Richwood North will have warehousing and retail uses dispersed appropriately throughout the confines of the area. The development program will be subject to approval by the JLUB.

2.2 Richwood South – Area South of US Route 322

2.2.a. Vision

The overall goal of the Redevelopment Plan for Richwood South is a recreation, commercial/retail, and entertainment complex with integrated parking as well as two hotels for visitors to the site, making it a “stay and play” entertainment center. The Richwood South vision also includes affordable housing.

Figure 4. Sports Fields Vision



2.2.b. Program

This Plan allows for the development of approximately 185 acres of multi-purpose fields, 4,000 on-site and off-site parking spaces, 2 hotels, a circular building with retail and commercial uses with a central venue with standing room for approximately 8,000 people. This structure, the Entertainment Area *Circus*, is surrounded by parking. A tournament stadium will be developed with a capacity of 1,000 people. The multi-purpose fields will be lined each week depending upon the sport being played, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, baseball, ultimate frisbee in addition to other sports. Figure 5 shows the field areas as large green paddocks, that can be lined for the various sports uses week by week

Two hotels are proposed with a combined area not to exceed 140,000 square feet. Bus pickup and drop-off is planned for the site. Approximately ten detention ponds will be constructed. Wetlands run through the center of the site and the area of the development west of Richwood Road. In parking lots, one tree is required per 30 parking spaces, to be appropriately dispersed through parking areas. Black mesh netting, 30 feet high, is required at the edge of soccer fields. Along the entire site perimeter, a 50-foot landscape buffer will be provided plus a 20-foot space behind the security fence for a total of 70 feet between any road property edge and ball netting. The purpose of the 20-foot space is to provide a walkway for those visiting the site between any road right-of-way and any ball netting.

The combined overall total square footage of buildings shall not exceed 430,000 square feet. The site plan for this program shall substantially conform to the Conceptual Plan included in this document.

Affordable Housing

An affordable housing development is required and is planned for Block 2 Lot 1 in the Richwood North portion of the Redevelopment Area. The total tract area for this lot is 10 acres. Based on a concept plan, seven buildings are proposed with 84 units and 156 parking spaces. A clubhouse serving the community is also on the plan. This is affordable housing to meet the Township's obligation. The redeveloper of the soccer facility is required to extend all utilities to the affordable housing parcel.

To assure that the Inclusionary Development generates affordable housing credits to be applied to the Township's Mount Laurel affordable housing obligations, the affordable units within the Inclusionary Development shall be developed in accordance with Southern Burlington County NAACP v. Township of Mt. Laurel, 67 N.J. 151 (1975), Southern Burlington County NAACP, et al v. Township of Mt. Laurel, 92 N.J. 158 (1983), the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. ("FHA") and its implementing regulations, and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq. ("UHAC"), and consistent with the Court-approved settlement agreement reached by and between the Township and FSHC and the Court-approved Settlement Agreement by and between the Township and the developer.

Affordable housing units will be incorporated into the Richwood Redevelopment Area. An affordable housing development with 84 units will be constructed via the amended redevelopment plan.

3.0 LAND USE

The permitted uses described in this section shall be located in the proposed Redevelopment Area. The total study area is divided into two parts for the purposes of this plan, Richwood North and Richwood South.

3.1 Use Regulations

3.1.a. Richwood North

Permitted Principal Uses:

- Retail/Commercial
- Warehousing Permitted Accessory Uses:
 - Parking and Loading
 - Stormwater management

3.1.b. Richwood South

Permitted Principal Uses:

- Hotel
- Retail/Commercial, including E-games, entertainment, tournament sports, entertainment, eating and drinking establishments (including but not limited to possible pubs, distilleries, beer gardens, and craft breweries)
- Stadium
- Multi-purpose fields/flexible sports play open space (including synthetic turf)
- Affordable housing

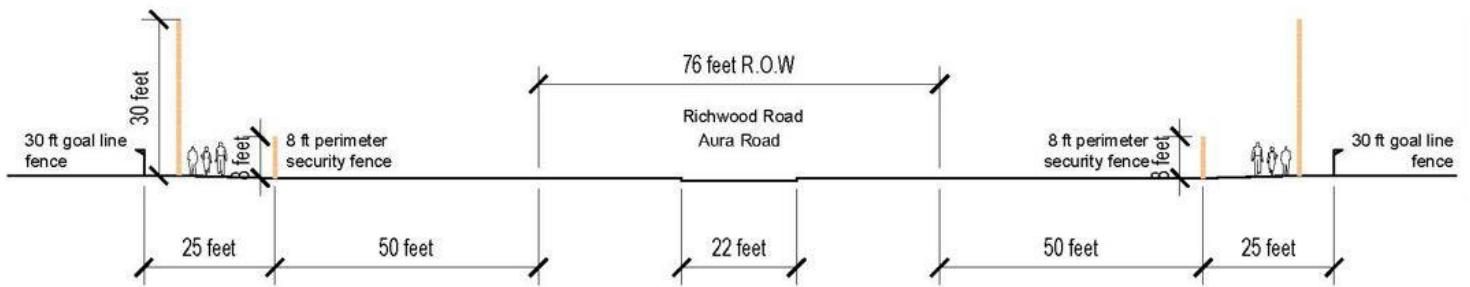
Permitted Accessory Uses:

- Parking
- Stormwater basins
- Ball fence (30 feet high max)
- Security Fencing (8 feet high max)
- Tournament Hubs including bathrooms
- Signage
- Athletic field lighting
- Site lighting
- Sound wall
- Maintenance and bus shelters
- Cell phone capacity booster

Figure 5. Site Plan



Figure 6. Richwood Road Cross-section



3.2 Buffer and Landscape Requirements

Except as modified herein, edges shall follow buffer standards found within Section 255-138 Landscaping and Buffers of the Township Code. The primary purpose of edges and buffers are to eliminate views and reduce noise perception beyond a lot line. Buffers shall be densely planted with attractive landscaping, trees, and shrubs, and may include landscaping, berms, and other appropriate techniques. Buffers abutting neighboring properties shall feature appropriate fencing. Fencing may be built of extruded aluminum or another high-quality non-metallic material. **Figure 7** displays an example of appropriate buffer fencing type. Perimeter security fences shall be 8 feet in height. Razor wire or barbed wire shall not be used on any fencing.

With all buffer types, a combination of berms, deciduous and evergreen planted material, sound walls, and horizontal green space shall be employed to the satisfaction of the JLUB to achieve sufficient screening of sight and sounds from adjacent properties. ALL BUFFERS SHALL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE JLUB.

Buffers are required to the following specification in the following locations:

- 1) Along all project boundary lines.
- 2) To screen above ground utility or telecommunication equipment.
- 3) Along edges where parking lots share property lines with streets or other parcels.
- 4) At service and loading areas for non-residential uses.
- 5) Along existing roads and property boundaries.
- 6) Off-street parking and loading shall be screened from public roadways and pedestrian paths.
- 7) Environmental design, including techniques to reduce water and energy usage and incorporate green infrastructure and other sustainable practices, is encouraged.
- 8) HVAC
 - a) All HVAC systems shall be screened or minimized from public view and from adjacent properties.
 - b) Screening shall be designed to blend with the architecture of the building.
 - c) All utility and related appurtenances shall be located underground, inside the principal building or structure, or screened from public view by appropriate architectural and landscaping materials.

3.2.a. Parking Lot Buffers

Parking lot layout, landscaping, buffering, and screening shall be provided to minimize the direct view of parked vehicles from streets and sidewalks, avoid spillover light, glare, noise, or exhaust fumes onto adjacent residential properties, and provide the parking area with a reasonable measure of summer shade (**Figure 8**).



Figure 7. Example of buffer fencing type



Figure 8. Example parking lot buffer

Planting, fences, walls, berms, or a combination thereof, not less than 4 feet in height or equal, subject to JLUB approval, shall be provided between all off-street parking lot and any public right-of-way except where a building intervenes.

3.2.b. Electrical and Mechanical Equipment Buffers

All exterior electrical and mechanical equipment at ground level, such as transformers, shall be screened and located at the side or rear of a building and away from entrances.

For Loading, Refuse Collection, and Service Utility Area Buffers

- 1) The required method of screening shall consist of 8-foot-tall brick or masonry walls and metal gates compatible in color and texture with building walls. A buffered landscape strip shall be required. The strip shall have a minimum width of 3 feet and shall be located on all sides that do not include an entry access or abut a windowless façade. Buffers shall be planted to sufficiently obscure the view of the installation from public view throughout the year.
- 2) All containers shall be visually screened with a durable, noncombustible enclosure, so as not to be visible from adjacent lots or sites, neighboring properties, or streets. Enclosure finishes and colors shall be united and harmonious with the overall architectural theme of the building. Bollards shall be black.
- 3) Any off-street loading and unloading space shall be screened from public view by building walls or extensions thereof, fencing, and/or landscaping.

Any loading, refuse, or other service that faces a public view requires special attention. An applicant is required to illustrate special design consideration to provide an attractive public view.

3.2.c. Stormwater Management Buffers

All stormwater management facilities shall be planted as to blend into the surrounding landscape and promote the desired “leafy” feel of Richwood.

3.2.d. Richwood North

The required buffer width in Richwood north shall be 100 feet along roads and 75 feet where adjacent to developed lots.

The minimum buffer and landscaping requirements are as follows:

- 1) Perimeter buffer (to be measured from property line and/or ultimate dedicated ROW 2) Minimum parking setback: 100 feet along roads, 75 feet along adjacent lots
- 3) Minimum structure setback: 100 feet along roads, 75 feet along adjacent lots
- 4) Maximum fence height: 8 feet
- 5) Fencing must be black, decorative, extruded aluminum
- 6) Minimum buffer on Route 322: 100 feet

Edge roads in Richwood North include Mullica Hill Road (Southern edge), Lambs Road (Eastern edge), and Barnsboro Road (Western edge).

3.2.e. Richwood South

The required buffer width along all edges of Richwood South is a 50' landscaped buffer, an 8' security fence (black, decorative, extruded aluminum), and a sound wall where appropriate, subject to JLUB approval.

The minimum setback from all perimeter property lines and ROWs to all structures and athletic fields is 75 feet.

3.2.f. Key Buffers

There are four important buffers along existing roadways. These include:

1) Route 55

- a) The minimum buffer width along NJ Route 55 shall be 40 feet deep as measured from the property line to any building, parking, and/or loading. This buffer width can be reduced to no less than 30 feet for no more than 20% of the total linear footage of buffer.
- b) A buffer shall be landscaped with predominantly evergreen trees and shrubs. Deciduous and ornamental trees shall be interspersed along the buffer frontage to create variety and interest. Special attention shall be provided to fully screen loading areas from public view.

2) Route 322

- a) The minimum buffer width along NJ Route 322 shall be 40 feet deep as measured from the property line to any building, parking, and/or loading. This buffer width can be reduced to no less than 30 feet for no more than 20% of the total linear footage of buffer.
- b) A buffer shall be landscaped with predominantly deciduous street trees on either side of the pedestrian path to provide shade. In addition, the buffer shall be landscaped with predominately evergreen shrubs between the trail and parking lot to provide visual relief from parked vehicles. Community signage shall be permitted within the Route 322 buffers. Community signage shall not be any more than 60' from the property line and no less than 30' from the edge of road. Community signage shall be made of durable materials, such as masonry or the like. Directional signage, i.e. wayfinding, is permitted within the buffer. Directional signage shall be compatible in design with the community signage. Directional signage shall be not larger than 6' in width and 10' in height.

3) Aura or Lambs Road

- a) The minimum buffer width along Aura or Lambs Road shall be 25 feet deep as measured from the property line to any building, parking, and/or loading. This buffer width can be reduced to no less than 20 feet for no more than 10% of the total linear footage of buffer.
- b) Screen walls shall be employed for any section of buffer that is adjacent to a loading area and/or trash dumpster. The screen wall shall be high enough to completely screen the objectionable view. The screen wall shall be faced with brick or stone.

4) By-Pass Road

- a) The minimum buffer width along the By-Pass Road shall be 25 feet deep as measured from the property line to any building, parking, and/or loading. This buffer width can be reduced to no less than 20 feet for no more than 10% of the total linear footage of buffer.

3.2.g. Landscape Standards

General requirements for landscaping are as follows:

- 1) Except as modified herein, landscaping shall be designed in accordance with Section 174-14.C of the Harrison Township Code.
- 2) Plantings shall be drought tolerant, non-invasive, and native species. In order to celebrate and reinforce a sense of place and for ecological benefit, a maximum of 25% of all plantings may be non-native, non-invasive species.
- 3) Fertilization and maintenance of planting shall be as ecologically sustainable as possible, by engaged organic methods and low spray or no spray and toxicity protocols wherever feasible.
- 4) A plan for irrigation locations shall be provided for review at time of Site Plan approval.
- 5) Trees and shrubs shall be planted according to the following minimum standards:
 - a) 10' evergreens
 - b) 2 ½ caliper trees
 - c) 3 1/2' shrubs
- 6) Street Trees
 - a) Street trees shall be required along all existing or proposed public or private streets and shall be located within the public realm of a subdivision or site plan. Street tree easements shall be provided as necessary.
 - b) Street trees shall be planted equivalent to an average of 50 feet on center or less along all streets.
 - c) The precise tree spacing may vary to within 10 feet of the required interval to avoid interference with utilities, roadways, sidewalks, on-street parking spaces, sight easements, streetlights, and driveways. To determine the required number of street trees, the linear footage of frontage shall be divided by the required planting interval, without deducting areas for driveway curb cuts or crosswalks. If the linear footage of frontage is less than the required planting interval, one tree shall be provided at the discretion of the Joint Land Use Board.
- 7) Parking Lots
 - a) One tree is required per 30 parking spaces. Credit is given as 1 tree per parking space equivalent.
 - b) Interior parking lot landscaping shall include planted landscape ground cover.

3.2.h. Richwood North

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a landscaping package for review and approval by the JLUB.

3.2.i. Richwood South

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a landscaping package for review and approval by the JLUB.

3.3 Circulation and Parking

A traffic study shall be submitted to the JLUB to address all issues of parking and circulation on and off site related to bus and car vehicles. It shall address both onsite and offsite parking. The redevelopment shall have a circulation and mobility system that substantially conforms to the amended redevelopment plan. There shall be easy access within and between developments and commercial centers. All streets and commercial parking areas shall be accessible to the public.

A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Mobility

- 1) There shall be user-friendly design solutions that accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, and those with disabilities.
- 2) Sidewalks, crosswalks, curb cuts, parking areas, and plaza amenities shall be accessible to those with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- 3) All crosswalks shall be clearly delineated by a material different from the surrounding road surface by the use of durable, low maintenance surface material to be approved by the Joint Land Use Board. Materials such as pavers and scored concrete are acceptable. Painted tiger stripe markings are permitted subject to Joint Land Use Board Approval.
- 4) Sidewalks and plazas shall be made comfortable for use by pedestrians through the use of landscaping, overhangs and canopies for shade and non-heat absorbing materials. Pedestrian circulation layout on any development site shall take into account off-site generators of pedestrian movement, such as open spaces, schools, transit stops, and existing/proposed residential neighborhoods.
- 5) All traffic control structures, including traffic signal armatures and housings, stop sign posts, and street sign posts shall be black.
- 6) Common Areas shall be accessible from all buildings and connected both internally and externally by a comprehensive on-site pedestrian/bicycle circulation system.
- 7) All pedestrian/bicycle systems shall be designed incorporating trees, shrubs, benches, flower-beds, ground covers, and lighting.

B. Planned Transportation Projects

The Redevelopment project will address the potential traffic impacts associated with the project by implementing intersection and corridor improvements. All improvements are subject to review and approval by Gloucester County. These intersection and corridor improvements include:

- 1) Corridor-wide signal timing optimization along the Route 322 corridor from Mullica Hill Road to Aura Road.
- 2) Intersection improvements at Lambs Road and PFC Sickler Lane (Jughandle) to include the installation of a traffic signal and dual left-turn lanes on PFC Sickler Lane (Jughandle) approach.
- 3) Intersection improvements at Route 322 and Aura Road/Lambs Road to include:
 - a) Aura Road Approach
 - Construct separate northbound right-turn-lane
 - Extend northbound left-turn-lane storage length
 - Provide 4-lane cross section between Route 322 and the site access (two-lanes in both directions)
 - b) Lambs Road Approach
 - Construct additional southbound through lane to PFC Sickler Lane (Jughandle)
- 4) Construction of connector roadway to Route 322 from Aura Road to provide direct connection to site traffic traveling eastbound on Route 322.

- 5) Construction of roundabouts at the site access points to Richwood Road and Aura Road.
- 6) Construction of a signalized pedestrian crossing (HAWK signal) along Aura Road to provide pedestrian connectivity to event parking area.

In addition, the developer should submit a traffic report satisfactory to the approval of the JLUB.

3.3.a. Richwood North

Parking Lot Design

The proposed parking lot design will conform with the proposed redevelopment plan for Richwood North and is subject to approval by the JLUB. No loading will be located between building facades and perimeter streets. All loading will occur in the rear of buildings and be shielded from adjacent properties, excluding Route 55.

Parking and Loading

- 1) Warehouse Parking
 - a) Parking shall be provided at a rate of 1 space per employee.
 - b) A maximum of 101 (or a minimum of 1 space per 1,000 square feet) truck parking spaces shall be provided for freight loading and unloading needs.
 - c) Parking spaces must be set back at least 10 feet from the building edge.
- 2) Parking Stall Size
 - a) Minimum parking stall size: 9 feet by 18 feet
 - b) Minimum truck parking stall size: 12 feet by 55 feet
- 3) Parking for future industrial and commercial development shall conform to the standards in Article XII the Harrison Township Land Use Ordinance.

3.3.b. Richwood South

Parking Lot Design

The parking design for Richwood South is broken down as follows:

- 1) On-Site Parking
 - a) On-site parking at MOTUS: 1140 cars
 - b) On-site hotel: 240 cars
 - c) East parks: 2560 cars
 - d) Service Yard: 40
 - e) Bus Park: 20
 - f) TOTAL ON SITE = 4,000 CARS
- 2) Off-Site Parking (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES)
 - a) Elk Township: approximately 3,651 cars
 - b) Downtown Glassboro: approximately 1,000 cars
 - c) Rowan College of Southern NJ: approximately 2,900 cars
 - d) TOTAL OFF SITE = approximately 7,551 Total: 11,551 cars

The bus parking and drop-off area is a permitted accessory use.

Parking lots must have a minimum of one deciduous tree per 30 spaces within parking islands and safe

passageways for pedestrian circulation will be required to be provided in parking lots to connect parking aisles to building entrances.

4.0 DESIGN STANDARDS

4.1 Architecture

Developers shall seek to incorporate the following design concepts into the proposed redevelopment. Developers shall submit with their application for development, a written design concept statement that supports the reasoning behind the proposed design and site plan and explains how and why the project design is consistent with the intent of the Redevelopment Area. Applications shall require the submittal of design packages to include; buildings, outdoor furniture (outdoor seating, tables, planters water features, shade structures, trash receptacles, lighting, signage, and other elements deemed necessary by the JLUB. Packages shall be designed with a consistent vocabulary, character, and intent. All materials shall be subject to review and approval of the JLUB.

Architecture is subject to review and approval of the JLUB and should be substantially consistent with the illustrative imagery provided in this document as a part of the vision.

4.1.a. Richwood North

- 1) Special architectural features at corners.
- 2) With the exception of materials related to rooftop solar or a vegetated green roof, all rooftop equipment shall be screened from view.
- 3) Blank facades or walls exceeding 100 feet in length shall not be permitted. To mitigate the appearance and perception of a large monolithic building, developers may consider, but are not limited to the following: decorative patterns on exterior finishes, masonry, fenestration, horizontal banding, and vegetated “green” walls or espaliers, or a combination thereof.
- 4) Building articulation and fenestration shall also be provided for warehouse or distribution/warehouse facilities with an accessory office component, specifically in the areas of the facility related to employee entrances and office spaces.
- 5) No blank facades or walls are permitted.
- 6) Vertical and horizontal building offsets are required.
- 7) Spandrel glass may be utilized in the design.
- 8) Fronts of buildings (i.e., yards) must be fully appointed with landscaping of trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses or ground cover.
- 9) Outdoor storage shall be fully enclosed.

4.1.b. Richwood South

- 1) All architectural element, including but not limited to; principal buildings such as the Entertainment Area, Hotels, and stadiums as well as accessory structures such as bathrooms, bus shelters, “hubs”, maintenance buildings, netting and fencing shall be designed (including location, materials and aesthetics) to the satisfaction of the JLUB.
- 2) Exterior building facades may be composed of high-quality materials in a modern sculptural style, subject to JLUB approval. There shall be no blank or unarticulated facades
- 3) All facades are of equal importance. All facades shall be designed with attention to detail and quality of material.

Figure 9. Circus area character images



- 4) Off-street parking and loading shall be screened from public roadways and pedestrian paths.
- 5) Bus shelters, bicycle storage facilities, bike racks, shall be incorporated where appropriate.
- 6) Environmental design, including techniques to reduce water and energy usage and incorporate green infrastructure and other sustainable practices, is encouraged.
- 7) All rooftop equipment shall be screened from view.
- 8) Vertical articulations shall be incorporated to "break up" long facades. Articulations may include changes of material, roof orientation, or projections, subject to JLUB approval.
- 9) No blank facades or walls are permitted.
- 10) Minimum area of window opening on all facades: 40%.
- 11) Vertical and horizontal building offsets are required.
- 12) Spandrel glass may be utilized in the design.
- 13) Fronts of buildings (i.e., yards) must be fully appointed with landscaping of trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses or ground cover.
- 14) Outdoor storage shall be fully enclosed.
- 15) Sound walls are permitted within buffers, where appropriate.
- 16) All entries shall be well lighted.

4.2 Signage

Signage should be composed of quality materials, be the appropriate design for the area, and consistent throughout each portion of the development.

4.2.a. Richwood North

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a signage package for review and approval by the JLUB.

4.2.b. Richwood South

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a signage package for review and approval by the JLUB.

4.3 Lighting Standards

4.3.a. Richwood North

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a lighting package for review and approval by the JLUB.

4.3.b. Richwood South

A condition of approval will be the applicant submitting a lighting package for review and approval by the JLUB. The proposed lighting for Richwood South will include state of the art lighting for the soccer fields and other areas of the site. The lighting will be computer controlled and the lux up and down remotely.

4.4 Stormwater Management

4.4.a. Richwood North

Stormwater management facilities must be designed as an aesthetic amenity and will be subject to review and approval by the JLUB and cannot be included within buffer requirements.

4.4.b. Richwood South

Stormwater management facilities must be designed as an aesthetic amenity and will be subject to review and approval by the JLUB and cannot be included within buffer requirements.

5.0 ADMINISTRATION

5.1 General Provisions

The continued revitalization of the Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area is important to the Township. In order to facilitate the revitalization of these properties the following actions are permissible under the Redevelopment Plan:

- 5.0.a.** The use of short-term tax abatements or exemptions as authorized by State statute N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq. and Section 196-8 to Section 196-38 of the Township Code are permitted in accordance with the requirements thereof. The tax abatement or exemption program will encourage property owners to make improvements without suffering the initial cost associated with the increased assessment.
- 5.0.b.** The use of long-term tax exemptions as authorized by State statute N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. may be permitted upon approval thereof by the Township Governing Body in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. The long-term tax exemption would permit a payment in-lieu of taxes (PILOT) for up to 30 years as determined and approved by the Township Governing Body.
- 5.0.c.** Undertake redevelopment projects, and for this purpose issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of section 29 of P.L. 1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-29).
- 5.0.d.** Prepare or arrange by contract for the provision of professional services and the preparation of plans by registered architects, licensed professional engineers or planners, or other consultants for the carrying out of redevelopment projects.
- 5.0.e.** Arrange or contract with public agencies or redevelopers for the planning, construction, or undertaking of any project or redevelopment work, or any part thereof; negotiate and collect revenue from a redeveloper to defray the costs of the redevelopment entity, including where applicable the costs incurred in conjunction with bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the redevelopment entity, and to secure payment of such revenue; as part of any such arrangement or contract, provide for extension of credit, or making of loans, to redevelopers to finance any project or redevelopment work, or upon a finding that the project or redevelopment work would not be undertaken but for the provision of financial assistance, or would not be undertaken in its intended scope without the provision of financial assistance, provide as part of an arrangement or contract for capital grants to redevelopers; and arrange or contract with public agencies or redevelopers for the opening, grading or closing of streets, roads, roadways, alleys, or other places or for the furnishing of facilities or for the acquisition by such agency of property options or property rights or for the furnishing of property or services in connection with a redevelopment area. (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8).
- 5.0.f.** The Planning Board may grant deviations from the strict application of the regulations contained within this Redevelopment Plan, except that no deviations shall be granted that result in any of the following effects or conditions: (a) to allow a use not specifically permitted within the redevelopment district; (b) to allow a deviation from any contractual obligations of the redeveloper to the Township; or (c) any deviation sought that would necessitate the granting of a variance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.d. Any deviation sought pursuant to Section 5.1.f(c) herein shall require an amendment to this Redevelopment Plan.

- 5.0.g.** Any development that occurs within the Redevelopment Area shall comply with the following as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.:
- 5.0.h.** The Township of Harrison and any redeveloper shall comply with all statutes of the State of New Jersey governing development and redevelopment including but not limited to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:50-1 et. seq.
- 5.0.i.** The redeveloper shall agree to comply with all applicable application submission requirements, design standards and development regulations of the Township of Harrison, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey except where variances and waivers are properly approved. (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-13 et seq).
- 5.0.j.** The Township of Harrison Joint Land Use Board shall review and approve all plans and specifications for development with respect to conformance with this Redevelopment Plan and the Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et.seq.).
- 5.0.k.** The redeveloper shall be required to furnish escrows and performance guarantees as required by the Township of Harrison Joint Land Use Board. (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53).

5.2 Definitions

The definitions provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 are incorporated into this Redevelopment Plan by reference.

5.3 Agreements with Redevelopers

Any developer wishing to utilize the Zoning set forth in this Redevelopment Plan shall be required to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with the Township prior to obtaining final approval from the Township Joint Land Use Board.

5.4 Time Limits

The redeveloper of a specific project within the Redevelopment Area shall begin the development of land and construction of improvements within a reasonable period of time to be determined in an agreement between Township of Harrison and a duly designated redeveloper. (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8(f)).

5.5 Discrimination Ban

No covenant, lease conveyance or other instrument shall be executed by the redevelopment entity or the redeveloper whereby land or structures within this Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area is restricted upon the basis of race, creed, color, gender, marital status, age, disability, familial status or national origin.

The termination of this plan shall in no way permit the land or structures of the redevelopment area to be restricted on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, marital status, age, disability, familial status or national origin.

5.6 Amendments to Approved Redevelopment Plan

This Redevelopment Plan may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the LRHL, as may be amended.

5.7 Repeal and Severability Statements

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Redevelopment Plan are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only. If any provision or regulation of this Redevelopment Plan should be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or plan shall not affect the remaining portions of this Redevelopment Plan which shall remain in full force and effect.

6.0 APPLICABILITY

The Zoning Map of the Township of Harrison shall be amended to reflect the overlay zoning for the Interior Richwood Redevelopment Area identified, discussed, and outlined in this Plan. The regulations within this Redevelopment Plan shall be available only to an applicant, property owner, developer or redeveloper that has executed a Redevelopment Agreement with the Township.

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