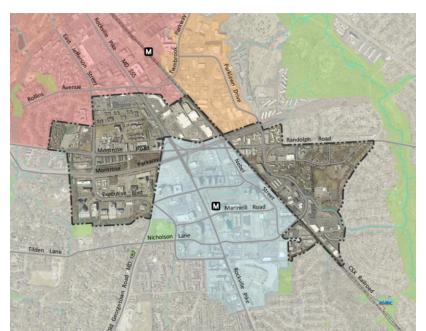


# Planning Board Worksession No.4: Parklawn South District and Randolph Hills District





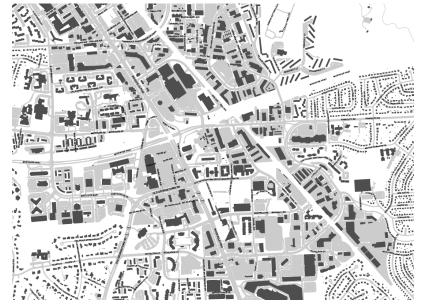




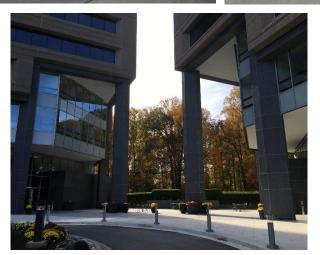






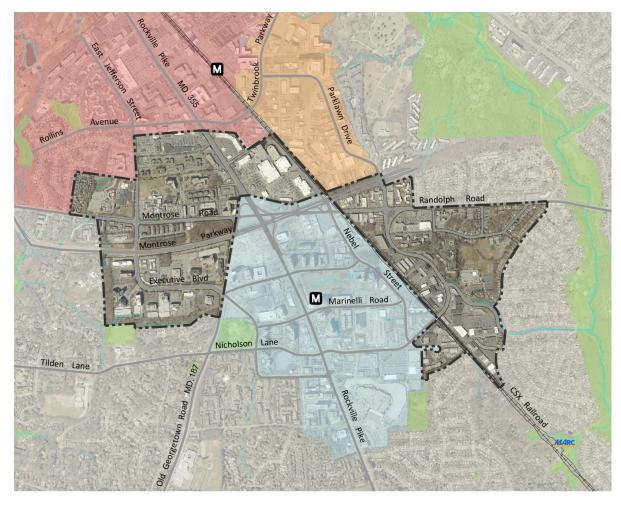








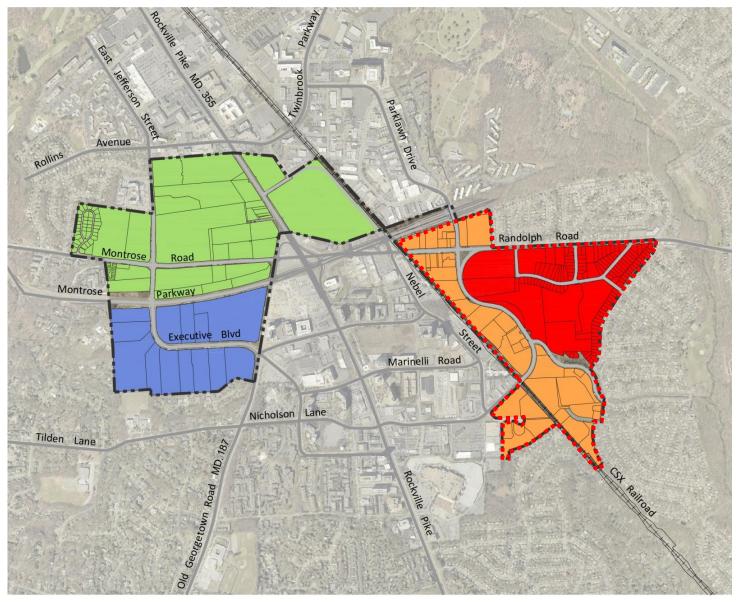
#### **Prior Worksessions**



- January 27: Focused on transportation analysis and staging recommendations in the Draft Plan.
- February 9: Reviewed the Executive Boulevard District and associated economic feasibility analysis for some properties.
- **February 16:** A joint meeting with the Rock Spring Master Plan on school issues within the Walter Johnson Cluster.
- February 23: Reviewed the Rockville-Pike Montrose North District and revisited five properties in the Executive Boulevard district.



#### **Worksession Overview**



Today's worksession is focused on the Parklawn District and the Randolph Hills District.

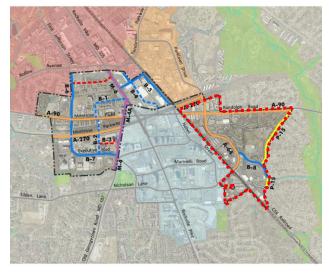
- Industrial uses and market rate residential development.
- Staff memorandum has additional analysis on industrial uses and market rate residential development (multifamily).





## Parklawn and Randolph Hills Districts Key Draft Plan Recommendations



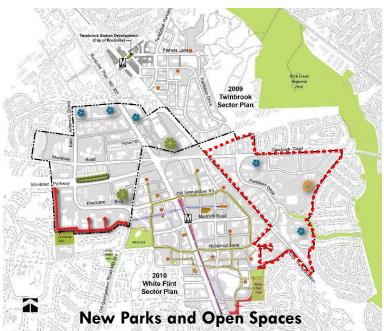


Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road realignment

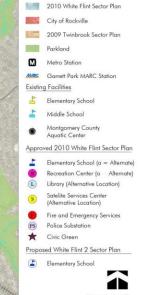
New bikeways

Use of Rocking Horse Road Center as a public school

New parks and open spaces

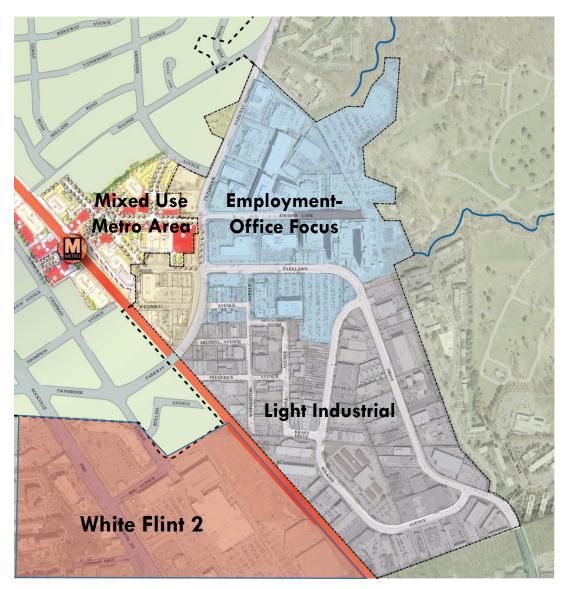


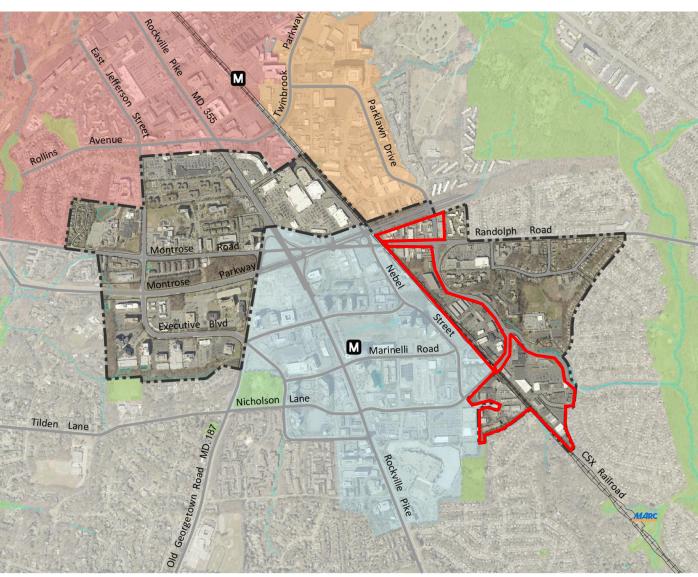






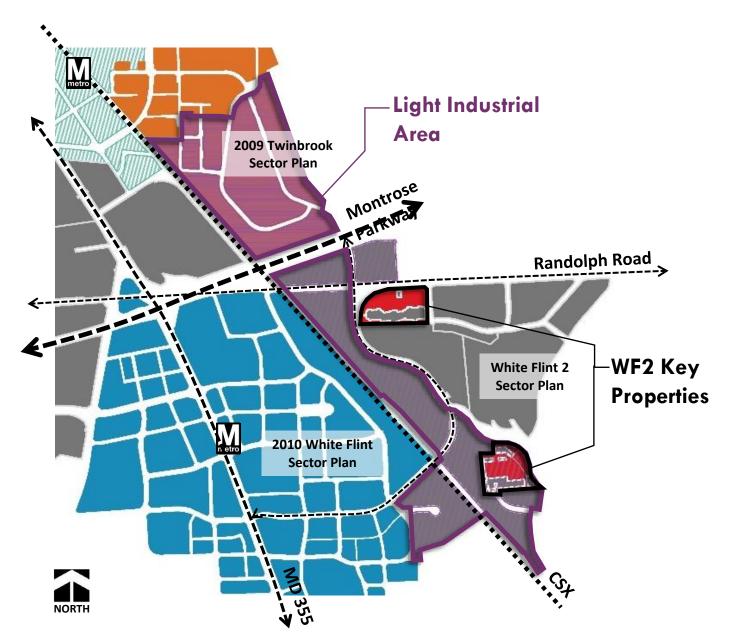
## **Twinbrook and White Flint 2 Context**





2009 Twinbrook Sector Plan













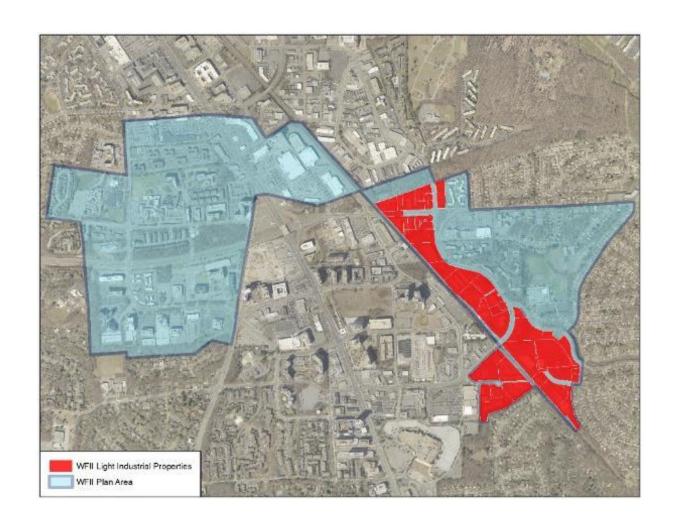
#### **Recommendations:**

- Redevelopment should incorporate the character of the adjacent industrial area, to create neighborhood serving centers that are unique to this cluster.
- Define and activate open spaces for community use.
- Promote the enhancement of bike and pedestrian connections related to potential redevelopment sites.



## **Purpose**

- Understand suitability of current zoning for industrial properties in White Flint II
- Considerations
  - Value to local businesses and residents
  - Market conditions
  - Competitiveness of facilities
  - Balance land use changes while maintaining industrial viability





#### 2013 Industrial Land Use Trends: Montgomery County

### **Key Findings**

- Residential encroachment one of the most serious threats to an industrial district....
- Light industrial districts provide <u>valuable services for residents and businesses</u>...
- ....losses (of industrial land) are greatest in the county's urban areas...
- Industrial land often provides opportunities for entry-level and vocational jobs...
- Industrial land <u>serves the County's needs for municipal facilities</u>....
- Industrial buildings typically offer lower rents than most office or retail buildings, and often light industrial properties are better suited to the needs of non-industrial businesses, entrepreneurs, and even artisans....
- <u>Public commitment to retaining industrial districts</u> can reassure businesses to long term stability and investment...



## **Business/Industry Composition**

- Over half are either retail goods/services, or offices
- Characteristics
  - Synergy with industrial uses
  - Doesn't require storefront with lots of auto or foot traffic
  - Cost sensitive
  - Serves downcounty
- Most are small businesses
  - ~50% employ 5 people or less

Businesses in the White Flint II Industrial District				
Category	Business Type	Number		
	Auto Repair	13		
Conventional light	Dry Cleaners	5		
	General contracting or construction			
Conventional Light Industrial Uses	services (including design)	30		
(~39%)				
( 39%)	Commercial Supply and Wholesale	16		
	Storage Facility, Rental Car			
	Companies, Moving Companies	7		
	Furniture Store	8		
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	Apparel, Home Goods Supply and			
and Services	Wholesale	22		
(~32%)	Restaurants and Grocery Stores	16		
	Convenience Retail Services	9		
	Fitness Centers	3		
	Professional associations and			
	advocacy organiations	6		
Offices and	Medical Offices and Education	5		
Professional	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	11		
Organizations				
(~24%)	Consulting Firms	20		
	Administrative Office for Retail			
	Businesses	3		
Unknown (~5%)	Unknown	7		
	Total	181		
Source: Quarterly Census of Earnings and Wages, 2014				



## **Market Analysis**

White Flint II Industrial District: Market Performance Indicators <sup>1</sup>				
	WFII Industrial District	County (Industrial)		
Occupancy				
Occupancy Rate	90.50%	89.50%		
5-Year Occupancy Rate Change	4.70%	1.50%		
Rent				
Rent per SF	\$13.12	\$12.34		
5-Year Rent PSF Change	2.00%	2.10%		
Absorption				
Annual Net Absorption Rate	2.20%	1.00%		
Utilization				
Proportion of Underutilized Land <sup>2</sup>	7.20%	33.7		

Source: CoStar Group, Inc.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Industrial space measured in the County include only buildings classified as industrial and flex space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Planning professionals often consider properties with an improvement-to-land ratio below one to be underutilized and more likely to redeveloped or improved over time



## **Competitiveness of Facilities**

- Building Size
  - Diverse
    - o Half are 20,000 SF or less
    - o 14 percent are 50,000 SF or more
- Building Age
  - 90 percent were built between 1960-1979
  - Most are in original condition, with some maintenance and minor upgrades
- Density
  - 65 percent have an FAR of 0.6 or less (1.0 is maximum)
    - Enough for most to expand, although not fully redevelop







#### **Conclusions**

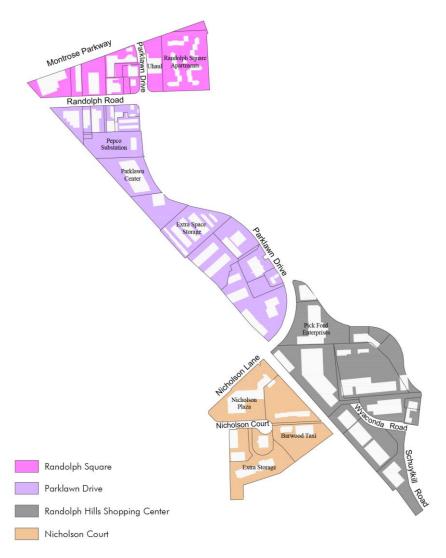
- Strong market; vacant space accommodates future demand
- Diverse businesses; many provide valuable down-county services
- Facilities match the needs of industrial tenants
- Older facilities keep rents low, although could benefit from reinvestment

#### Land Use Recommendations

- Maintain IL zoning for majority of industrial district
- Providing additional density (within existing uses) could encourage reinvestment for some properties
- Retail zoning classifications possible for properties with established retail presence
- Limit new residential uses in the district



## **District: Parklawn South**











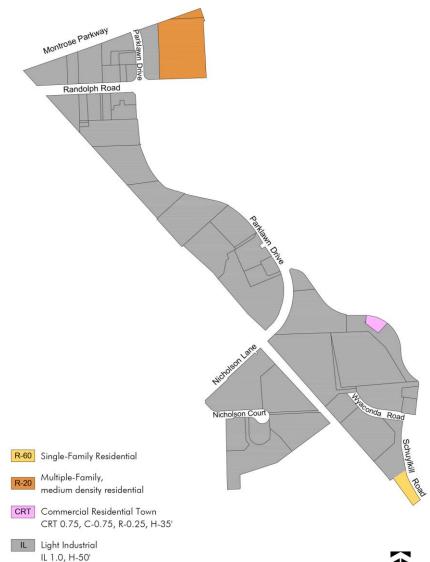


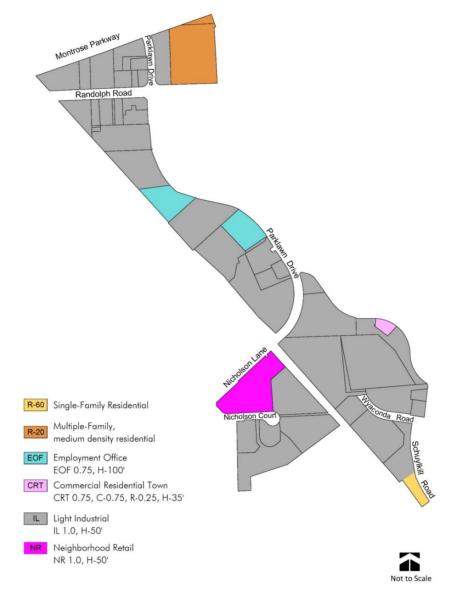






**District: Parklawn South** 







#### **District: Parklawn South**

### **Public Testimony**

Nicholson Court

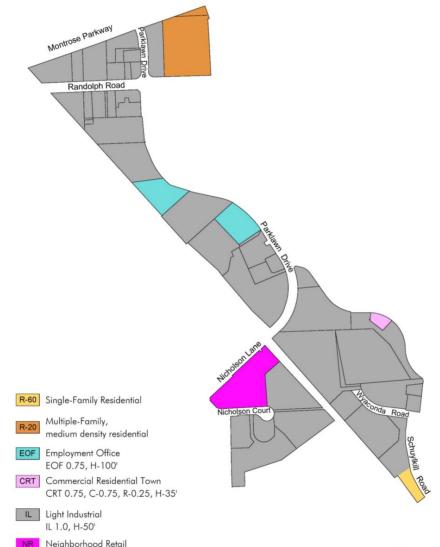
- Nicholson Plaza is supportive of the Neighborhood Retail (NR) zone.
- Other property owners at Nicholson Court requested retaining the existing light industrial (IL) zone with a floating Commercial Residential (CR)-2.0 zone.

#### Parklawn Drive and Randolph Square

No submitted testimony.

#### Randolph Hills Shopping Center

- Requested rezoning of the shopping center to permit development at 1.75 FAR.
- Pickford Enterprises, Parklawn Center 11711-11777 Parklawn Drive and 5040 Boiling Brook Parkway, recommended different alternatives for the property, including the CRT 2.0 C2.0 R2.0 H-75; IL 2.0; IL or IM zone that permits residential development, similar to the Twinbrook overlay; or the CRT floating zone.



NR 1.0, H-50'





**District: Parklawn South** 

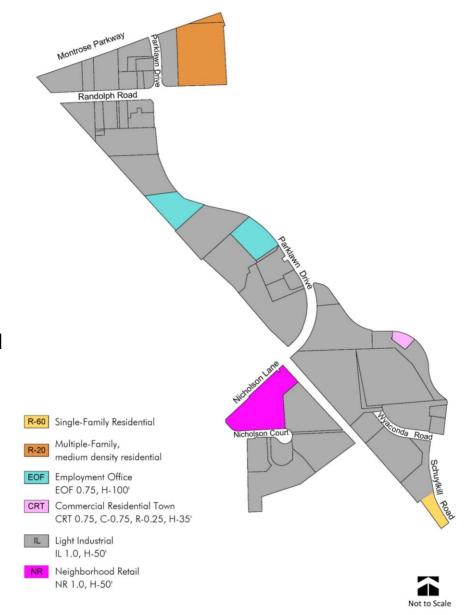
## **Public Testimony**

Randolph Hills Civic Association (RCA) supports:

- Loehmann's Plaza recommendation and Randolph Hills Shopping Center redevelopment; the reconfiguration of Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road; and a MARC station at Nicholson Court.
- Pedestrian and bicycle connection across the CSX tracks.
- Converting the right-of-way at the intersection of Putnam Road and Macon Road should be developed as park and formalizing the MCDOT parcel, which is adjacent to the Walnut Grove condominium into a formal pathway as part of the bikeway network.

#### Friends of White Flint

- Supportive of bikeway recommendations and reconfiguration of Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road.
- A pedestrian-bike connection across the CSX tracks to the Metro is needed.
- Endorses retaining of light industrial properties, but supports mixed use development at Randolph Hills Shopping Center and Nicholson Court.





**District: Parklawn South** 

**Property: Pickford Enterprises** 

Land Area: 4.88 acres

Existing FAR: 0.65

#### Revised proposal

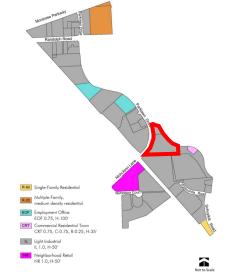
IL zone at 1.5 FAR

Height: 75 feet

Zoning text amendment for residential uses

#### Issues

- IL zone height is limited to 50 feet
- Twinbrook Overlay Zone: All residential uses must be located above the first floor and must be less than 40% of the total floor area of the building-Section 4.9.17 (B)



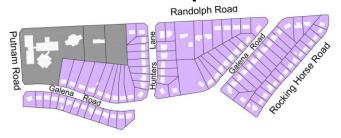
**Draft Plan Zoning Recommendation** 



Pickford Conceptual Plan



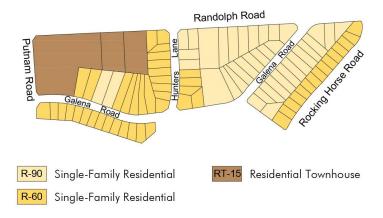
## **Area: Montrose Baptist**



Montrose Christian School & Baptist Church

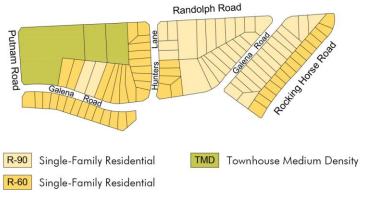


#### **Key Properties**









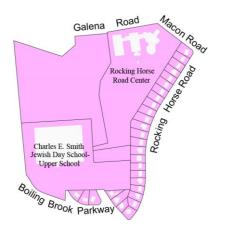
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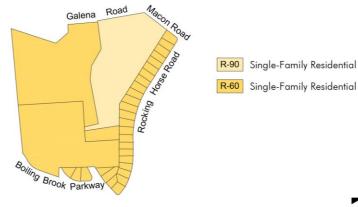
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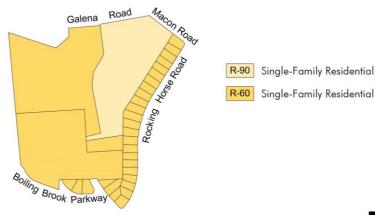


# Draft Plan Recommendations Area: Rocking Horse Road Center





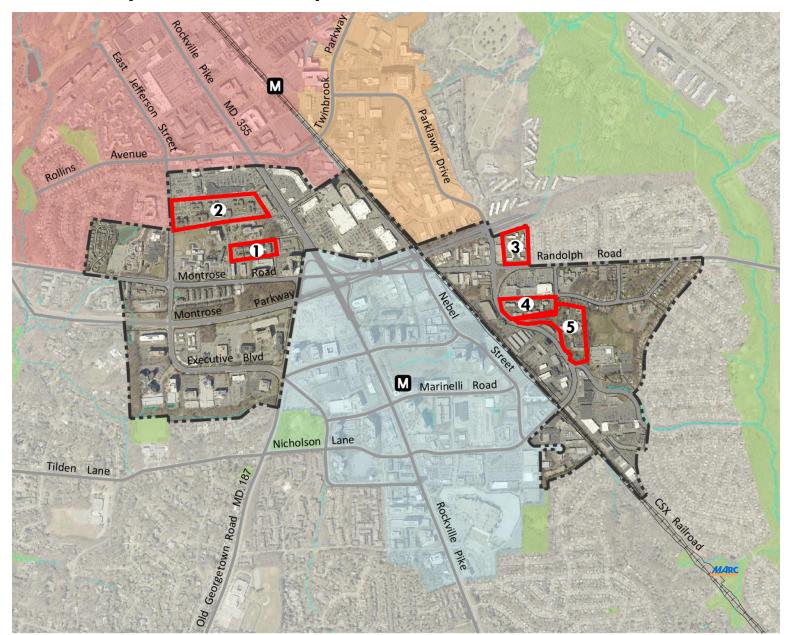








## **Multifamily Residential Properties**



## **Key Multifamily Zoned Properties**

- 1. The Morgan
- 2. Miramont Apartments and Condominium
- 3. Randolph Square
- 4. Walnut Grove Condominum
- 5. Oxford Square



## **Affordable Housing Definitions**

- Income Restricted Affordable Housing: A Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) or a dwelling unit built under government regulation (Chapter 25A) or binding agreement requiring the unit be affordable to households at or below the income eligibility for the MPDU program.
- Income Restricted Workforce Housing: Defined in Chapter 25B as housing that is affordable to households at or below 120% area wide median income (AMI). When a master plan refers to Workforce Housing as a part of its affordable housing goals or requirements, incomes are limited to 100% of AMI.
- Market Rate Affordable Housing. There is no definition in County Code, Zoning Ordinance or elsewhere. The term is used to describe rents that occur in the market place and not subject to government rules or requirements (and therefore not income-restricted). Market rate affordable dwelling units are affordable to households earning no more than 80% of area median income, adjusted as MPDUs for household and unit size, and must not exceed the median rent for the planning area.
- Rent Restricted Affordable Housing: This term is not currently defined in County Code or commonly used, but appears to be the best term to describe housing where rent increases will be limited and there is no income test for the tenant. The preservation of market rate affordable housing may require an agreement that both establishes the baseline rent (priced to be affordable at 80% of AMI) and rent restrictions (such as requiring that rents increase by only the Voluntary Rent Guideline.)



## **Multi-Family Existing Conditions**

#### 1. The Morgan

- 120 units all 2 bedroom units
- 19 years old youngest facility in Plan
   Area
- Only facility in the planning area with MPDUs (20)
- MPDUs expired in Feb 2017 but were extended for 5 years
- 6% vacancy
- Highest AMI in Planning Area –
   Affordable to households earning around 109% AMI

#### 4. Walnut Grove Condominium

- 150 Units
- Units between 700 and 1200 square feet
- 42 years old

## 2. Miramont Apartments & Condominium

- 300 Units (Apartments);120 (Condos)
- 28 years old
- 1.3% vacancy
- Predominantly 1-bedroom units (53% of units), 77 2-bedroom units (26%), 60 efficiencies (20%)
- Affordability ranges from 80% 96% of AMI – 80% for efficiency, 85% for 1bedroom unit, and 96% of AMI for a 2bedroom

## 5. Oxford Square

- 167 units
- 49 years old, oldest facility in Plan Area
- 7.2% vacancy
- 44 1-bedroom units (26%), 101 2bedroom units (60%), and 22 3-bedroom units (13%)
- Affordability ranges from 60%-71% of AMI

#### 3. Randolph Square

- 120 Units
- 47 years old
- 0.8% vacancy lowest vacancy in Plan
   Area
- 33 1-bedroom units (28%), 72 2bedroom units (30%), and 15 3-bedroom units (13%)
- Most affordable facility in Plan Area
- Affordability ranges from 61%-65% of AMI

#### 6. The Monterey

- 432 units largest facility in Plan Area
- 48 years old
- 5.6% vacancy
- 174 1-bedroom units (40%), 210 2bedroom units (49%), 48 3-bedroom units (11%)
- Affordability ranges from 75% (1-bedroom units, 84% (2-bedroom units),
   and 89% (3-bedroom units)



## **Multi-Family Existing Conditions**

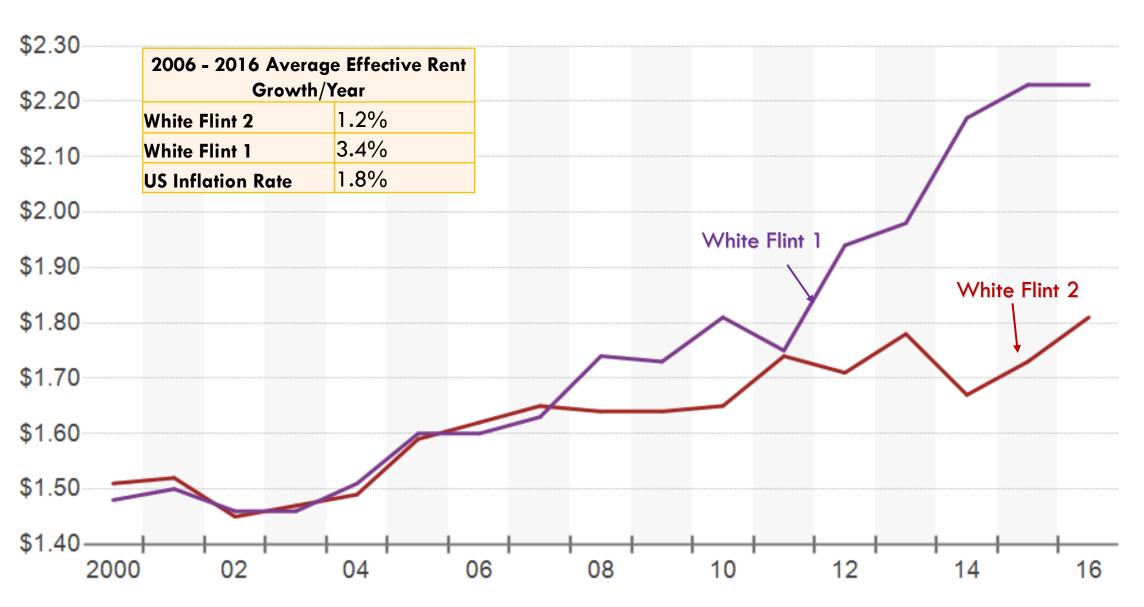
- Five multi-family rental dwelling buildings
  - 1,133 units
    - o 5% efficiencies, 36% 1-bedrooms, 51% 2-bedrooms, 8% 3-bedrooms
    - 2% MPDUs (20 units)
  - Average age of 38 years
- Of the 5 buildings in White Flint 2, 2 are wholly market-rate affordable, 2 are partially
- Rent levels for White Flint 2's multi-family dwelling units are affordable to households who earn between 60% 109% AMI
  - Average affordability of 83% of AMI

## White Flint 1 Comparison

- Apartments in White Flint 2 have lower rents and are more affordable than apartments in White Flint 1
- Average building age in White Flint 1 is only 8 years old
  - 16% of units in White Flint 1 are MPDU units
- Typical with newer construction, multifamily in White Flint 1 skews to smaller units
  - 0 8% efficiencies, 60% 1-bedrooms, 36% 2-bedrooms, only 5% 3-bedrooms
  - Contrast in affordability in greatest in larger units



## Effective Rent Per SQ FT in White Flint 1 and White Flint 2 (2000-Current)



Source: CoStar



## **Multifamily Residential Properties**

## **Draft Plan Recommendations**

Miramont







Retention of existing multifamily residential zone properties (R-30 and R-20) to support existing market rate affordable units.



## **Multifamily Residential Properties**

#### Public Testimony (non-property owners)

#### City of Rockville

- Supports increased percentage of MPDUs and preservation of some of the existing "market affordable" housing.
- Strengthen the Plan's approach on the provision of a broader range of housing options and types.
  - o Incomes that are lower than MPDU levels and individuals with disabilities and special needs
  - Incorporate alternative housing types, such as duplexes and small apartments.

#### Friends of White Flint

- Supportive of Oxford Square request.
- Market rate affordable will become obsolete; no ADA access etc.
- Innovative residential concepts: micro-units, shared housing, office/residential (Elofts)



# Multifamily Residential Properties Property: The Morgan



#### The Morgan

Built in 1996

Existing Zone: R-20

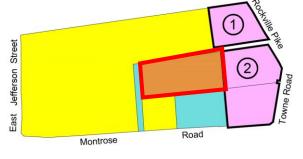
Land Area: 4.97 acres

Existing Units: 132 dwelling units (all are 2 bedroom units)

Units per acre: 26.5 dus/acre







R-200 Single-Family Residential

R-20 Multiple-Family

medium density residential

Employment Office EOF 3.0, H-100'

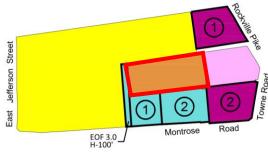
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2) CRT 2.25, C-1.5, R-0.75, H-75'





Single-Family Residential

Multiple-Family

medium density residential

EOF Employment Office

1 EOF 1.5, H-75'
2 EOF 3.0, H-100'

CR Commercial Residential

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CRT Commercial Residential Town
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## **Existing zoning**



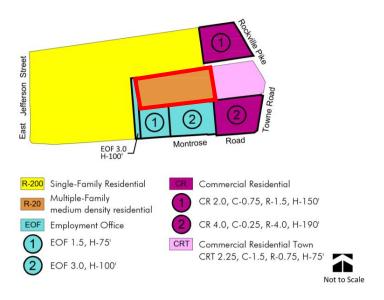
# **Multifamily Residential Properties**

**Property: The Morgan** 

## **Public Testimony**

Request for Commercial Residential (CR) 1.25 C0.25 R1.25 H120





**Draft Plan zoning recommendations** 



# Multifamily Residential Properties Property: Miramont Apartments and Condominiums

### **Public testimony**

No comments submitted



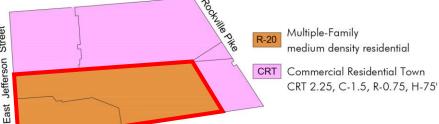






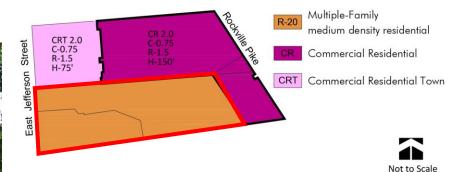
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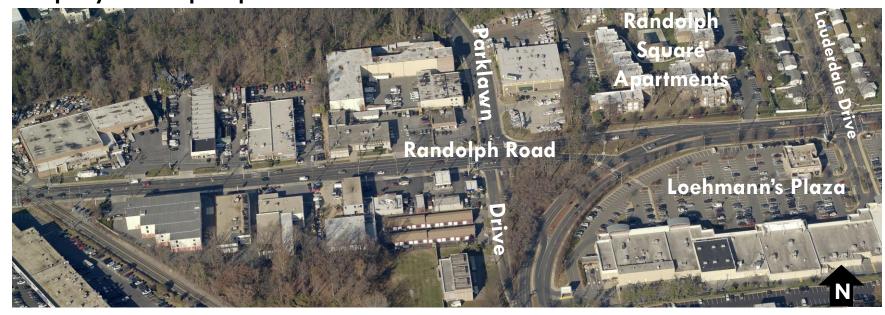
## **Existing zoning**



## **Draft Plan zoning recommendations**



# Multifamily Residential Properties Property: Randolph Square



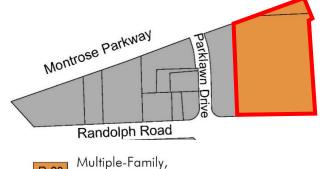
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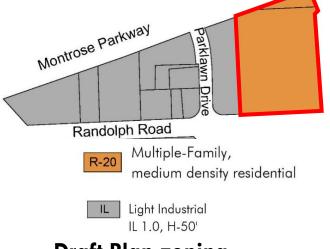
## **Key properties**



medium density residential

IL Light Industrial
IL 1.0, H-50'

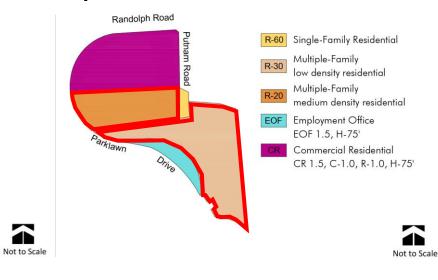
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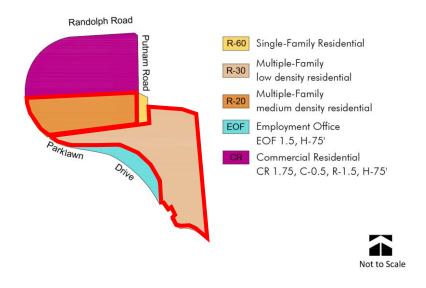




# Multifamily Residential Properties Properties: Walnut Grove and Oxford Square







**Key Properties** 

**Existing Zoning** 

**Draft Plan Zoning Recommendation** 











## **Multifamily Residential Properties**

#### **Public Testimony**



#### Loehmann's Plaza

Supportive of the Draft Plan recommendations.

#### Walnut Grove

Requesting the CR 1.25 C0.25 R1.25 H-120 to add incremental development to preserve and improve the existing community.

## Oxford Square

 Requesting the CRT or CR 1.0 C0.25 R1.0 H65 to permit complete redevelopment of the property with MPDUs.



# Multifamily Residential Properties Zoning Alternatives

#### Multifamily Zones: (R-30 and R-20)

- Multifamily, low density residential(R-30)
  - O Base: 14.50 dwelling units per acre
  - Optional: 17.69 dwelling units per acre
  - TDR: 40 dwelling units per acre
- Multifamily, medium density residential (R-20)
  - O Base: 21.70 dwelling units per acre
  - Optional: 26.47 dwelling units per acre
  - TDR: 50 dwelling units per acre

#### Floating Zones

- Commercial Residential (CR)
- Commercial Residential Town (CRT)
  - With or without a Master Plan recommendation

#### **Euclidean Zones**

- Commercial Residential (CR)
- Commercial Residential Town (CRT)
- Commercial Residential Neighborhood (CRN)



## **Multifamily Residential Properties**

**Properties: Walnut Grove and Oxford Square** 

**Walnut Grove** 

Existing Dwelling Units: 135 (Condominium)

Land Area: 6.20 acres

Existing Zone: R-20

Dwelling units per acre: 21.7

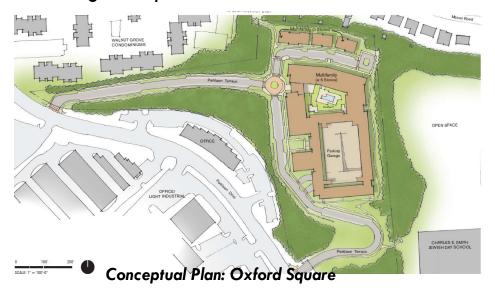
### Oxford Square

Existing Dwelling Units: 167 (Rental)

Land Area: 11.3 acres

Existing Zone: R-30

Dwelling units per acre: 14.7



#### **Zoning Alternatives**

- 1. R-20 (TDR-50)
  - Provides TDR
  - Building heights that are compatible with residential community
  - Does not permit retail sales and service

#### Potential Dwelling Units

- Walnut Grove: 310 dwelling units
- Oxford Square: 565 dwelling units
- 2. Commercial Residential (CR) or Commercial Residential Town (CRT)
  - CR/CRT 1.0
  - CR: optional method (0.5 FAR and higher); CRT (1.0 FAR)
  - Height: 65-70 feet
  - Permits retail sales and service

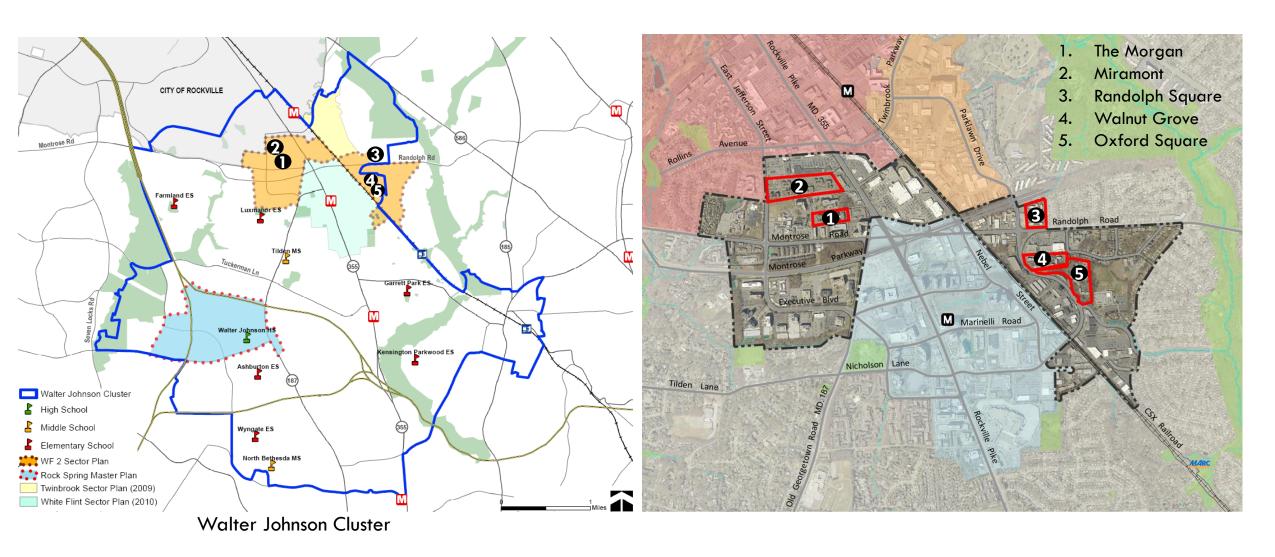
#### Potential Dwelling Units

- Oxford Square: 400 + dwelling units @ 1 FAR
- Walnut Grove: +175 dwelling units @ 1.25 FAR



## **Multifamily Residential Properties**

## **Walter Johnson School Impact**





# **School Impacts and Residential Development**

	Elementary	Middle	High
White Flint 2 Sector Plan in the Walter Johnson Cluster*	329	139	189
Additional Executive Boulevard	79	33	45
New Multifamily Residential	64	27	37
Revised Walter Johnson Total	472	199	271
White Flint 2 Sector Plan in the Downcounty Consortium*	91	38	48
Total White Flint 2 Sector Plan Schools	563	237	319
*Assumption: 90% of the residential development are multifamily; 10% are townhouses and latest generation rates for the Southwest area (June 2016)			

Residential Development	Dwelling Units
Draft Plan Recommendation	5, 938
New multifamily residential	1,000
Additional Executive Boulevard	1,231
New Total	8,169
Additional Properties	<b>;</b> ;



# **Upcoming Worksessions**

March 23, 2017 Finance

March 30, 2017 Transportation