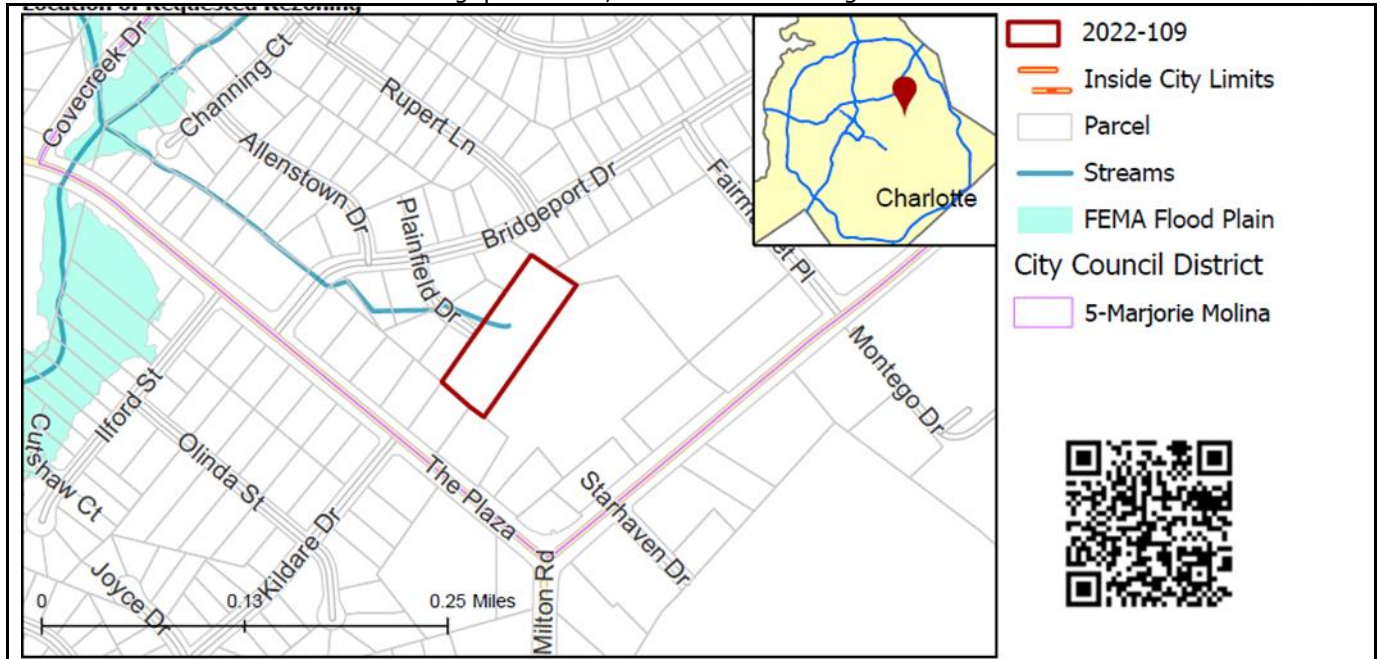


REQUEST

Current Zoning: N1-B (neighborhood 1-B) and CG (general commercial)
Proposed Zoning: UR-2(CD) (urban residential, conditional)

LOCATION

Approximately 2.09 acres located on the northeast side of The Plaza, south of Bridgeport Drive, and west of Barrington Drive.



SUMMARY OF PETITION

The petition proposes to allow an infill residential development with 26 single family attached (townhome) units on vacant land north of the intersection of The Plaza and Milton Road.

PROPERTY OWNER

Epic Realty Solutions LLC

PETITIONER

Urban Trends Real Estate, Inc.

AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE

Matt Langston – Landworks Design Group, PA

COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.
Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 10

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this petition.

Plan Consistency

The petition is **inconsistent** with the *2040 Policy Map* recommendation for Neighborhood 1.

Rationale for Recommendation

- While inconsistent with the 2040 Policy Map recommendation for density, the petition for single family townhomes are an appropriate transition between adjacent single family, multi-family, and retail uses.
- Neighborhood 2 at this site helps to achieve the Place Type goal of providing a variety of housing types such as townhomes and apartments alongside neighborhood-serving shops and services.
- The petition commits to enhancement of the pedestrian environment via an eight-foot planting strip and eight-foot sidewalk on both sides of the Plainfield Drive extension and connecting to an internal network.
- The petition could facilitate the following *2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals*:

- 1: 10 Minute Neighborhoods
- 2: Neighborhood Diversity & Inclusion
- 5: Safe & Equitable Mobility

The approval of this petition will revise the recommended place type as specified by the *2040 Policy Map*, from Neighborhood 1 to the Neighborhood 2 for the site.

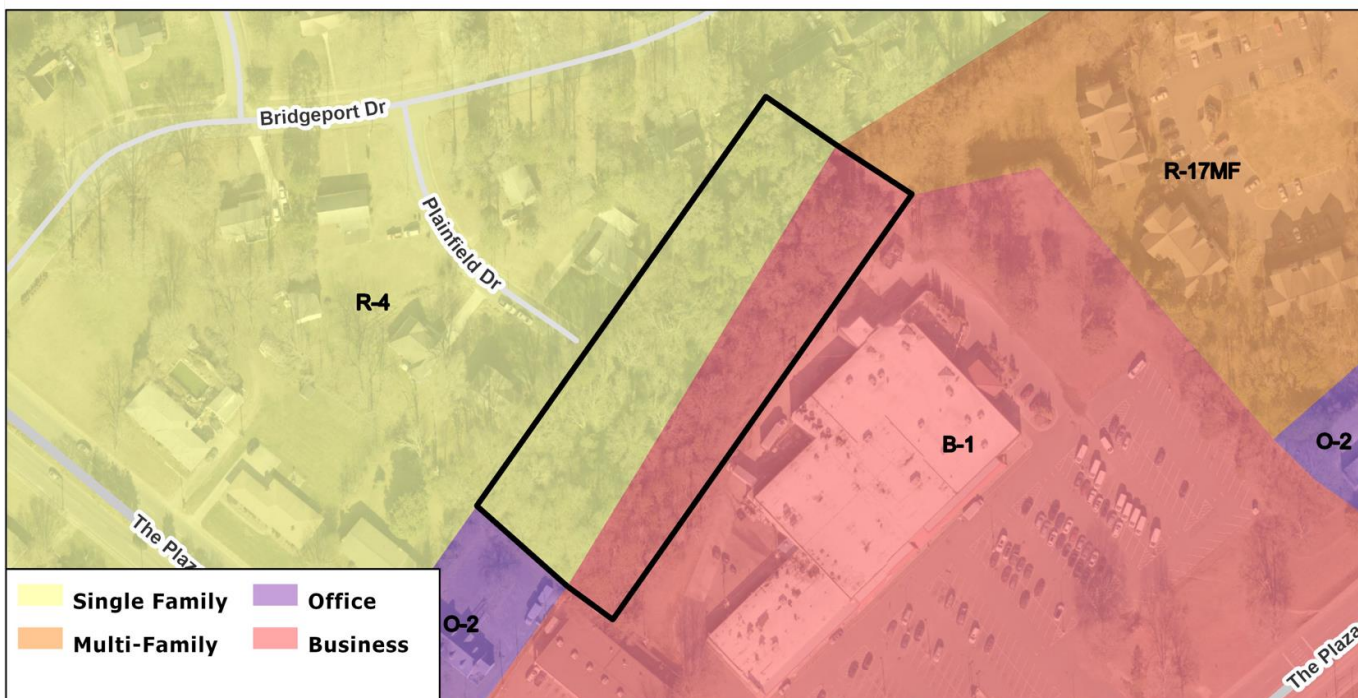
PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

• **Proposed Request Details**

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Up to 26 townhomes at a density of 12.44 units per acre.
- Limits building height to 45 feet.
- Extends Plainfield Drive and creates internal network of alleyways for access to proposed units along with guest parking.
- Provides eight-foot planting strip and eight-foot sidewalk on the south side of the Plainfield Drive extension and along a portion of the north side of the proposed street.
- Adds note stating the petitioner commits to construct an eight-foot planting strip and eight-foot sidewalk along both sides of all on-site public streets, in accordance with CLDSM standard detail U-02 (Residential Medium Street Section). Potential environmental conflicts shall be coordinated during permitting if full ROW section cannot be achieved.
- Proposes the following combination of building materials: brick, natural stone (or its synthetic equivalent), stucco, cementitious siding, fiber cement (HardiPlank), EIFS, decorative block, vinyl, wood and/or other materials approved by the Planning Director.
- Concrete masonry units not architecturally finished is prohibited as an exterior building material.
- Limits the maximum blank building wall expanse to 10 feet on all building levels, including but not limited to doors, windows, awnings, and/or architectural design elements.
- Proposes a 10-foot landscape area along the southeast and northeast property boundary to allow evergreen plantings and screen fence.
- Proposes a 10-foot Class C buffer along the west property line.
- Illustrates possible tree save areas and post construction buffer.

• **Existing Zoning**



- The rezoning site is currently vacant and surrounded by single family neighborhoods, multi-family communities, office, personal services, and retail uses zoned N1-B, N2-B, OFC, and CG.



The site is currently vacant.



North are single family homes (above) and apartments (below).





East are retail uses.



South are retail uses.

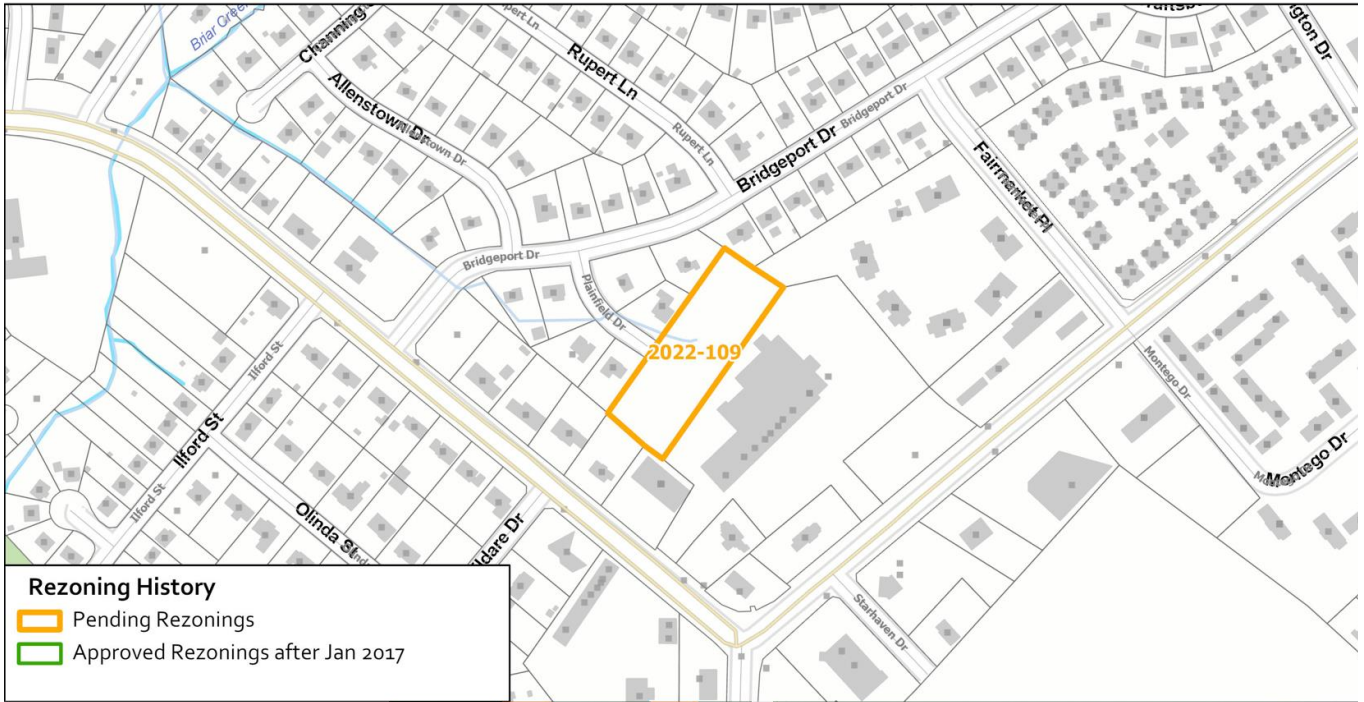


West are single family homes (above and below)



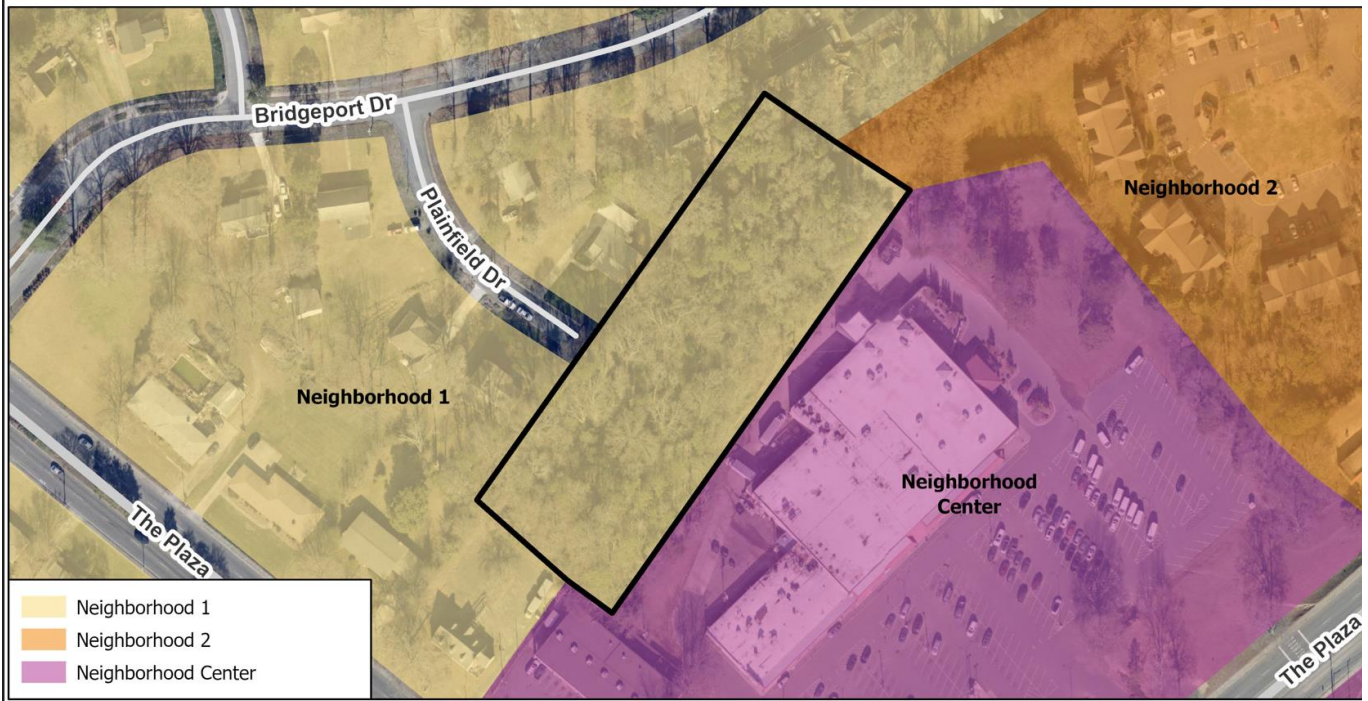
The rezoning site (denoted by purple star) is surrounded by residential and retail uses.

• **Rezoning History in Area**



Petition Number	Summary of Petition	Status
	There have been no recent rezonings in the immediate area.	

• **Public Plans and Policies**



- The 2040 Policy Map (2022) recommends the Neighborhood 1 Place Type for this site.

• **TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY**

- The petition is located at the end of Plainfield Drive, a City-maintained local street south of Bridgeport Drive, a City-maintained local street. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is not needed for this site. Site plan commits to constructing an 8 foot planting strip and 8 foot sidewalk on both sides of public road along the extent of the property frontage and committing to constructing the roadway extension to CLDSM standards. There are no further outstanding Transportation issues.

- **Active Projects:**
 - There are no active projects in the vicinity of this project.
- **Transportation Considerations**
 - ~~See Outstanding Issues, Note 1.~~ Addressed
- **Vehicle Trip Generation:**
 - Current Zoning:
 - Existing Use: 0 trips per day (based on vacant land).
 - Entitlement: 660 trips per day (based on 9,200 sq ft retail; 4 single family dwelling units).
 - Proposed Zoning: 150 trips per day (based on 26 single family attached dwelling units).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

- **Charlotte Area Transit System:** No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte Department of Solid Waste Services:** No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte Fire Department:** No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** Development allowed with the existing zoning could generate 8 students, while the development allowed with the proposed zoning may produce 4 students.
 - The proposed development is projected to increase the school utilization over existing condition (without mobile classroom units) as follows:
 - Briarwood Elementary from 139% to 140%
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle remains at 101%
 - Garinger High remains at 115%.
- **Charlotte Water:** Charlotte Water has accessible water system infrastructure for the rezoning boundary via an existing 2-inch water distribution main located in Plainfield Drive. Charlotte Water has sanitary sewer system infrastructure accessible for the rezoning boundary via existing 8-inch gravity sewer main within the rezoning boundary. See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- **Erosion Control:** No outstanding issues.
- **Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency:** See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- **Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department:** No outstanding issues.
- **Stormwater Services Land Development Engineering:** No outstanding issues.
- **Storm Water Services:** No outstanding issues.
- **Urban Forestry / City Arborist:** ~~See Outstanding Issues, Note 2.~~ Addressed

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Transportation Addressed

1. ~~The proposed dwelling units exceeds 12 per acre. Per Chapter 20 Subdivision ordinance, site plan and conditional note(s) revisions are needed to commit to construct an 8-foot planting strip, and 8-foot sidewalk along all public roads. The wider sidewalk also meets the Charlotte WALKS Policy. Reference (CLDSM standard detail U-02) for residential medium street typical. Clarifying Comment 12-21-22: Petitioner should add conditional note stating commitment of 8' planting strip and 8' sidewalk along both sides of all public roads. Reference (CLDSM standard detail U-02) for residential medium street typical section. Potential environmental conflicts to be coordinated during permitting if full section cannot be achieved.~~

Environment Addressed

2. ~~Ensure that tree save meets proper standards. Protected tree save should be roughly 30 feet wide. Any tree save not protected to meet the minimum requirements will need to be replanted at 150%~~

Additional information (department memos, site plans, maps etc.) online at www.rezoning.org
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