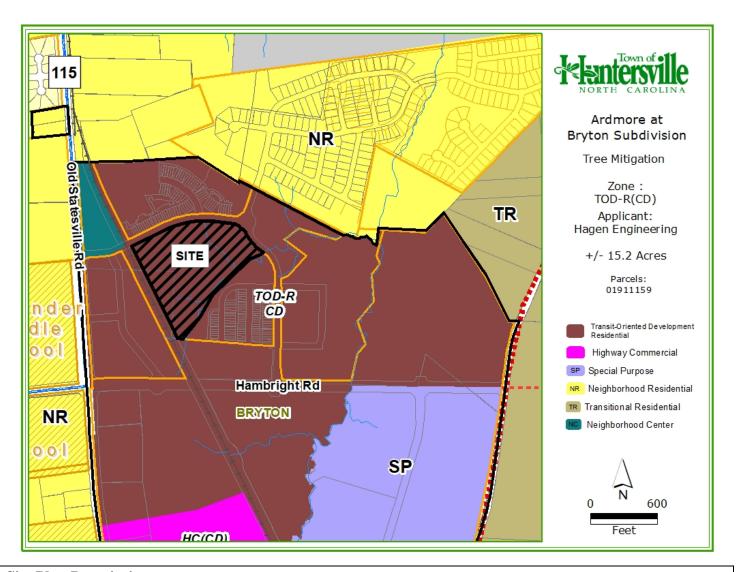
Ardmore at Bryton Subdivision Required Tree-Save Mitigation Request

Project Description

Request by Ardmore Bryton, LLC to mitigate the 30% Specimen Tree-save requirement per Article 7.4.2 (f) of the Huntersville Zoning Ordinance.

Location



Site Plan Description

The proposed site plan depicts the following information:

- 1. Zoning Transient-Oriented Development Residential Conditional District (TOD-R CD).
- 2. Project size 15.2-acres
- 3. Proposed Land Use: Apartments



Items Relevant to the Mitigation Request

- Article 7.4.2(f) of the Huntersville Zoning Ordinance (in effect when Bryton CD Rezoning was approved) requires that commercial and mixed-use developments must save at least 30% of "specimen trees" on site. Removing the trees from this development will drop below the required 30% threshold for all of Bryton, therefore, 100% of remaining, qualifying trees must be saved or mitigated, per Zoning Ordinance. Specimen trees are large maturing tree species 24 inches in caliper or greater...or small maturing trees 12 inches in caliper or greater.
- The Ardmore at Bryton Subdivision has 26 specimen trees on-site, which <u>requires that all 26 must be saved or mitigated per Town regulations</u> (see Tree Preservation Table, below).
- There is a great deal of topographic change on this site, as the site falls from the railroad/Bryton Ridge Parkway right-of-ways, down to the creek along the southeastern border. In order to construct a new public street and create large building pads for the apartment buildings and associated parking, a great deal of land disturbance is required. Only three (3) of the existing specimen trees are proposed to be saved, and this proposal indicates that 23 additional trees (shown in orange) will be planted to replace all the specimen trees to be removed. These specimen trees are in addition to all required trees related to parking lots, open space and the new public street.

[Table below is from Sheet L-1A of the Ardmore at Bryton Preliminary Plan]

TREE PRESERVATION TABLE:	
SPECIMEN TREE - A TREE OR GROUP OF TREES THAT MAY BE OR ASSETS DUE TO THEIR UNIQUE OR NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTIC CONSIDERED A SPECIMEN TREE BASED ON ITS SIZE, AGE, RARITY SIGNIFICANCE AND MAY ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:	S OR VALUES, A TREE MAY BE
 LARGE HARDWOOD (e.g. DAKS, POPLARS, MAPLES, ETC. OR BETTER CONDITION WITH A DBH OF 24" OR GREATE SMALLER UNDERSTORY TREES (e.g. DOGWOODS, REDBUD GOOD OR BETTER CONDITION WITH A DBH OF 12" OR G LESSER SIZED TREES OR RARE SPECIES OR SPECIAL IN 	R DS, SOURWOODS, PERSIMMONS, ETC.) IN BRATER.
HERITAGE TREE - A TREE THAT IS LISTED IN THE NORTH CAROL FOREST ASSOCIATION LIST, THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TREASUR MEET 80% OF THE POINTS OF A TREE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA	E TREE LIST, OR ANY TREE THAT WOULD
PERCENTAGE OF SITE COVERED BY TREE CANOPY:	55.5% (±8.44 AC)
PERCENTAGE OF TREE CANOPY ACTUALLY SAVED:	10% (±1.58 AC)
NUMBER OF SPECIMEN TREES ON-SITE:	26
PERCENTAGE OF SPECIMEN TREES REQUIRED TO SAVE:	30% (8 TREES)
NUMBER OF SPECIMEN TREES SAVED:	3
PERCENTAGE OF SPECIMEN TREES ACTUALLY SAVED:	12%
NUMBER OF HERITAGE TREES ON-SITE:	0
NUMBER OF HERITAGE TREES SAVED:	0
PERCENTAGE OF HERITAGE TREES REQUIRED TO SAVE:	100%
PERCENTAGE OF HERITAGE TREES ACTUALLY SAVED:	0% (n/a)
NUMBER OF TREES REMOVED:	23
NUMBER OF TREES PROVIDED FOR TREE MITIGATION:	26
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Staff Recommendation

Staff can recommend approval of the mitigation request, as all of the qualifying specimen trees currently located on site, are to be replaced, 100%, as shown on Page 2 of this report.

Attachments

- A Preliminary Subdivision Plan Application.
- **B** Tree Preservation and Existing Conditions Plan (Sheet L-1A).