

CHATHAM COUNTY SAVANNAH

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

"Planning the Future - Respecting the Past"

– MEMORANDUM –

DATE:

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

TO:

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH

FROM:

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT:

MPC RECOMMENDATION

PETITION REFERENCED:

Special Use Request Housing Authority of Savannah, Owner Phillip McCorkle, Agent 2305 Augusta Avenue Aldermanic District: 1 – Lanier

County Commission District: 8 - Ellis

Property Identification Number: 20025 10001 & 20025 11004

File No. 20-000512-ZA

MPC ACTION:

Approval of the Special Use request to

establish the following uses at 2305

Augusta Avenue.

MPC STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 + Chairman

Ellis Cook, Chairman

Michael Brown

Travis Coles

Joseph Ervin

Karen Jarrett

Tanya Milton Wayne Noha

Eula Parker

Lee Smith

Linder Suthers Joseph Welch

Tom Woiwode

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Approve Staff Recommendation (12-0)

APPROVAL	DENIAL	ABSENT
Votes: 12	Votes: 0	
Cook		Manigault
Brown		Branch
Coles		
Ervin		
Jarrett		
Milton		
Noha		
Parker		
Smith		
Suthers		
Welch		,
Woiwode		

Respectfully submitted.

Melanie Wilson Executive Director

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Enclosure

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council cc Lester B. Johnson, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Herman, Assistant City Attorney Beth Barnes, Department of Inspections

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Marcus Lotson, MPC Project Planner

REPORT STATUS: Hearing continued from September 22, 2020.

Issue:

The petitioner is requesting approval of a Special Use pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance to establish the following uses found in Article 5 Principal Use Table:

- **Shelter, Emergency:** A facility which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing temporary overnight shelter, sleeping accommodations, meals on an emergency basis, and/or a variety of social services and/or medical services designed and intended to assist those housed in the facility to obtain permanent housing and to care for themselves.
- **Shelter, Transitional:** A shelter that is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization to provide temporary residences, and which may provide by referral or may provide on the site a variety of social services and/or medical services designed and intended to assist those housed in the facility to obtain permanent housing and to care for themselves. Includes Family Violence Shelters as defined by Georgia Administrative Code 290-5-46.

The petitioner is the Salvation Army Center of Hope and the request is pursuant to the planned location of a new community shelter at the 12.18-acre site. The Special Use process includes review by the Planning Commission and the Savannah City Council.

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Should the uses be approved, a permit will be granted by the City of Savannah which will be governed by the permit enforcement criteria outlined in Article 3 of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance.

Background:

The subject property is located at 2305 Augusta Avenue and consists of two undeveloped parcels north of Old West Lathrop Avenue and west of the Interstate 516 on-ramp. The site is located within the West Savannah community. The petitioner had originally made application in January of 2020 but requested that the application be withheld. A meeting was held between the petitioner and members of the nearby neighborhood association to apprise them of the proposed request.

- 1. **Public Notice:** As required by the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance, all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property were sent notices of the proposed rezoning. Public notice was also posted on site.
- 2. **Existing Zoning and Development Pattern:** The land uses and zoning districts surrounding the subject site include:

Location	Land Use	Zoning
North	Interstate 516	BC
South	Industrial	I-L
East	Interstate 516	BC
West	City Fire Station	BC

B-C - Community Business

I-L - Light Industrial

3. General Provisions 3.10.2

The General Provisions for Special Uses identify the purpose of the process and are as follows:

- Special uses within each zoning district are uses that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to other uses may be appropriate in a particular zoning district.
- A special use permit shall be required for all special uses (identified with an "S"

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designation) as set forth in the permitted use table in <u>Sec. 5.4</u>, <u>Principal Use Table</u> or as part of a use condition in <u>Article 8.0</u>, <u>Use Standards</u>.

- Specific use standards may be applicable to the approved special use.
- Any use or activity on the property not specifically permitted by <u>Article 5.0</u>, <u>Base Zoning Districts</u>, or the special use permit as modified, shall be deemed unlawful and subject to <u>Article 12.0</u>.

4. Review Criteria for Special Use Permits - Sec 3.10.8

When reviewing a special use permit request, the review authority shall consider the following criteria:

- a. Whether the special use is consistent with the intent, goals, strategies, policies, guiding principles and programs of the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans;
 - **Staff Comment:** The subject property is in a BC (Community Business) zoning classification as well as a Traditional Commercial Land Use designation in the Comprehensive Plan. The requested use is consistent with the land use designation, as it includes compatible residential uses.
- b. Whether specific use standards for the special use, if any, as provided in <u>Article 8.0, Use Standards</u>, can be achieved;
 - **Staff Comment:** There are applicable special use standards found in Sections 8.3.6 and 8.3.7 which can be met at the proposed site.
- c. Whether the special use is detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, welfare, function, and appearance of the adjacent uses or general vicinity by reason of any one or more of the following: the number, area, location, height, orientation, intensity (such as traffic, noise, odor, hours of operation, or relation to the neighborhood or other adjacent uses;
 - **Staff Comment:** The special use, if approved, is not likely to be a detriment to the public interest.
- d. Whether the subject property is adequate in shape and size to accommodate the special use;
 - **Staff Comment:** The shape and size of the property, 12.18 acres, and structure are adequate to accommodate the proposed uses.
- e. Whether adequate public facilities are available to serve the proposed use, including, but not limited to: water; sanitary sewer; stormwater drainage facilities; public safety and emergency facilities; roadway capacity; vehicular ingress and egress; or, that the

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applicant will provide adequately for such services and for placement in an appropriate location.

Staff Comment: Adequate public facilities are already present.

f. Whether the special use will result in the destruction, loss, or damage of any feature determined by the review authority to be of natural, cultural, scenic or historic importance.

Staff Comment: The site is a portion of a property that is historically significant. The development of the property, as proposed, is not likely to negatively impact the site. The Special Use process does not require any particular mitigation; however, the petitioner has discussed ways to recognize the site's history with the neighborhood association. Staff has not been made aware of any final decision in that regard.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the staff recommendation.
- 2. Deny the petitioner's request.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

The special use provisions of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance are designed to allow the reviewing authorities to consider the establishment of uses in zoning districts, where the use may be appropriate but should not be allowed by right. The review criteria outlined in section 3.10.8 are the standards for considering a special use. In review of the standards, it appears that the subject property and proposed uses meet the requirements.

The current zoning of the property ss such that many more intense uses can be established at this location by right. The uses include hotels, hospitals, convenience stores, major vehicle repair, event venues, restaurants, and others. It should be noted, however, that these uses cannot occur while the property is owned by the Housing Authority due to struct Federal guidelines.

The location of the subject property is fairly isolated from nearby residences, and the development pattern in the immediate vicinity consists primarily of commercial and industrial uses. While the proposed use is substantial in terms of scale, it is not the kind of use that creates significant intensity from a land use perspective, as might happen with other uses permitted by right in the zoning district.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission finds that the property and proposed uses meet the criteria for special use approval. Therefore MPC recommends **approval** of the Special Use request to establish the following uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue.

- Shelter, emergency
- Shelter, transitional

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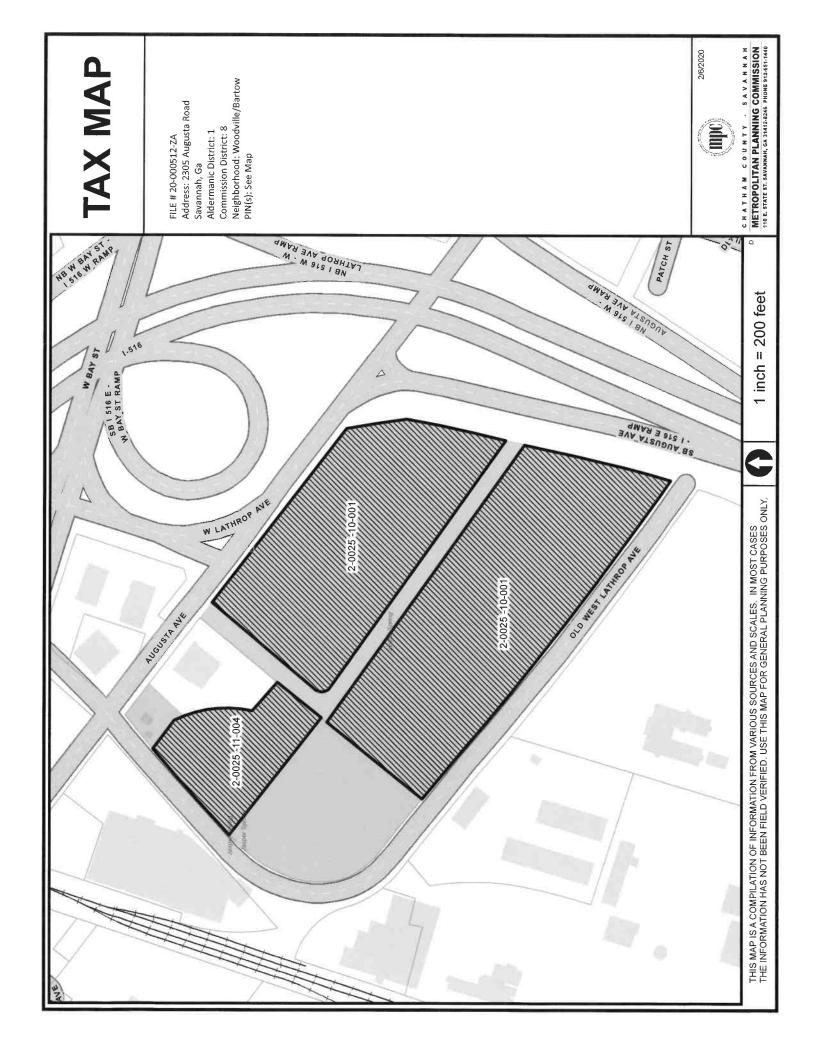
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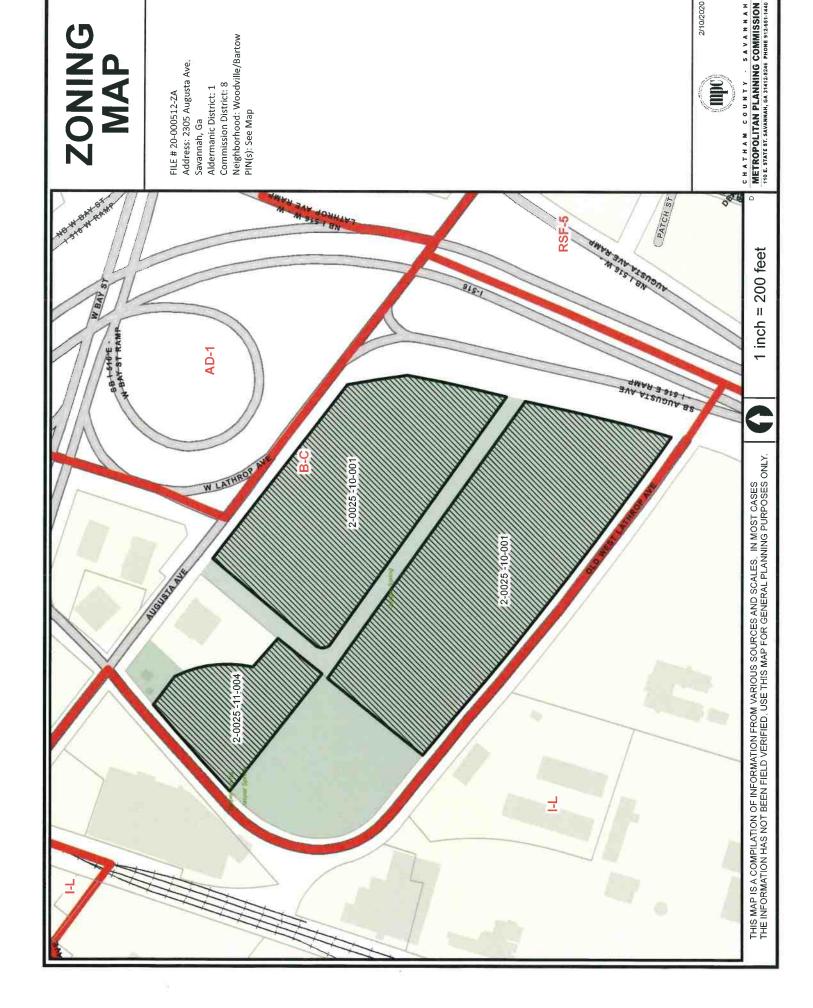
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AERIAL MAP

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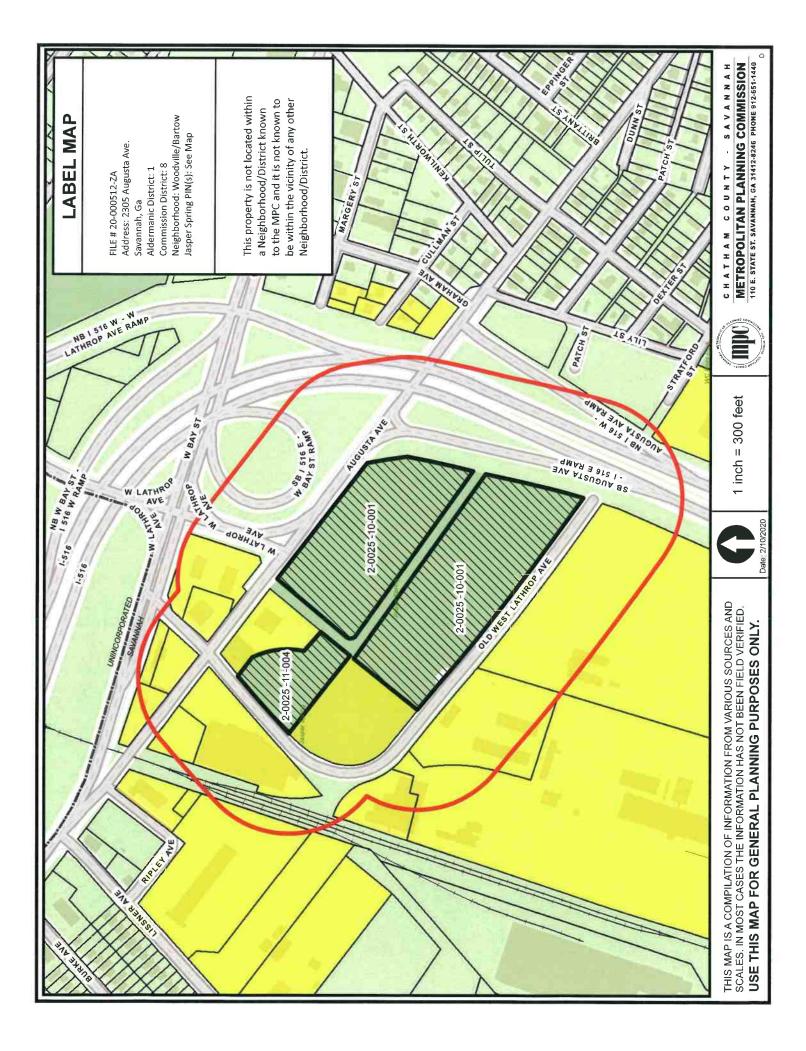
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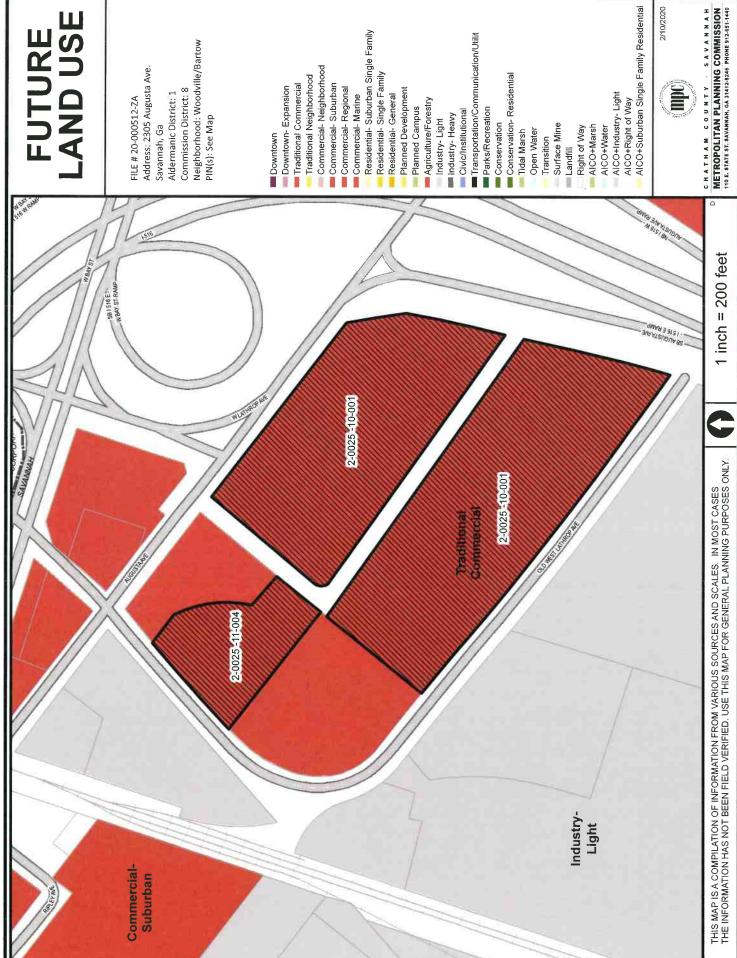
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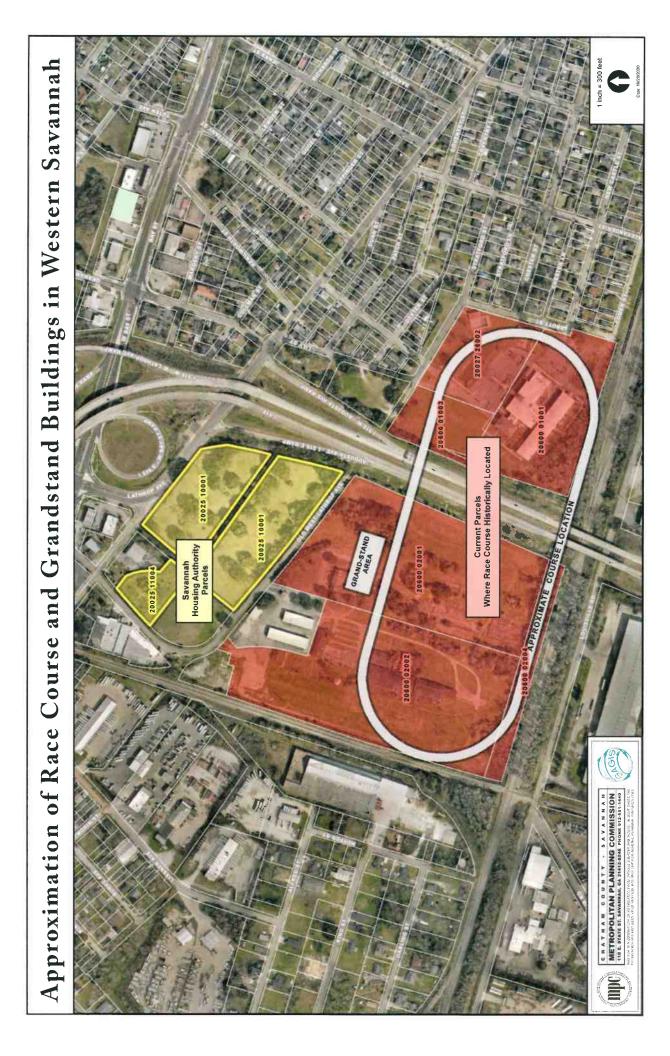
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November 4, 2020

Ellison Cook, Chairman Metropolitan Planning Commission 20 Roundtree Circle Savannah, Georgia 31405

via First Class Mail and Email ecook2556@msn.com

Re:

Special Use Request for the Salvation Army Center of Hope

MPC File Number 20-000512-ZA

Dear Ellis:

You may recall that I represent the Salvation Army which is seeking Special Use Approval for a Center of Hope transitional shelter on a twelve acre tract currently owned by the Housing Authority of Savannah. We will be on the agenda on November 11th.

During this time of virtual meetings it is difficult to present a cogent argument to the board. Please take the time to look over this information prior to Tuesday's meeting. I'll be on the call that day to answer any questions.

The Salvation Army would like to build an attractive, modern, facility for men, women, and families designed to transition people who find themselves homeless into self-supporting productive citizens. For obvious reasons it will be called the Center of Hope. An elevation of the future main building is attached as Exhibit "A"

While there is widespread community support there are those who oppose the Center of Hope. Some opponents cite the 2005 West Savannah Revitalization Plan conducted by Goody Clancy. There have been other studies as well: the "Woodville Neighborhood Plan" in 2012; the "Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan" in 2012; and the recent January, 2019 "West Savannah Revitalization Plan (2005) and August Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan (2012) Implementation Update".

These Plans actually endorse the programs proposed by the Salvation Army. Portions of the 2005 Plan are attached as Exhibit "B". Included "needs" in the vision statement for West Savannah are a "drug/alcohol treatment center" and "transitional shelter", both of which the Salvation Army will provide. A separate list of **recommendations** from the West Savannah Neighborhood Youth listed "homeless shelter" as something West Savannah needs. The 2012 Woodville Neighborhood Plan (Exhibit "C") contains a list of strategies. Strategy 4 is to "Connect local parolees and probationers to program assisting them operated by local non-profits". The use of the property for the Salvation Army's Center of Hope meets all these needs.

On Friday, October 16th, Major Egan from the Salvation Army and I met with approximately ten pastors from churches in West Savannah to explain the mission of the Center of Hope. I can report that all of the pastors, with one exception, spoke in support of the transitional center.

It must be noted that the vision for West Savannah included a grocery store and a drug store. Unfortunately, demographics do not support a grocery store. The oft-cited 2005 West Savannah

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Revitalization Plan concluded that "the current household base is not sufficient to support a modern supermarket". A modern drugstore might be feasible but "because of its visibility, accessibility by commuters, and projected redevelopment, West Bay Street – rather than Augusta Avenue, the neighborhoods other commercial corridor – provides a more appropriate location for such a retailer". The conclusion reached in 2005 remains true today. To argue that the Bartow Homes site should be used for a grocery store is not realistic and interferes with its use as a transitional shelter, the need for which has been made clear.

There is some disagreement as to whether the Bartow Homes site is in Woodville or West Savannah. To be safe, the Salvation Army has received the support of both community associations as shown on the documents attached as Exhibit "D".

An issue has arisen regarding the preservation and use of the Bartow Homes property as a memorial because it allegedly is the site of the Weeping Time, the largest slave sale in Georgia history. This is not the case. A review of the City of Savannah archives is definitive on this issue. Attached as Exhibit "E" are two of several depictions contained in the archives which show the location of the Ten Broeck racetrack where the sale took place. The racetrack was located to the south, adjacent to Louisville Road.

It has been stated that an attempt may be made in the future to acquire the industrial property where the racetrack was located for the location of a memorial or museum to commemorate the Weeping Time. At a February pre-Covid meeting with Alderwoman Lanier she made the point that, in the event the industrial tract could be acquired, our buildings were so large that the view of the former racetrack location would be blocked. Although acquisition of the adjacent property for a Weeping Time museum is far from a certainty, the Salvation Army is sensitive to this issue. To address the concern that the view of the property on the south would be impaired the Salvation Army has relocated its proposed buildings to (a) create a view corridor 240 feet wide, (b) propose a road that would lead from Augusta Avenue directly to the racetrack property (if approved by the City Traffic Engineer and the Georgia Department of Transportation) and (c) provide a location for a Weeping Time monument and/or a directional sign. (See Exhibit "F" for the original building layout and the modified plan.)

The Salvation Army would appreciate a recommendation for approval of its application.

Sincerely,

McCORKLE, JOHNSON & McCOY, LLP

Phillip R. McCorkle Attorney at Law

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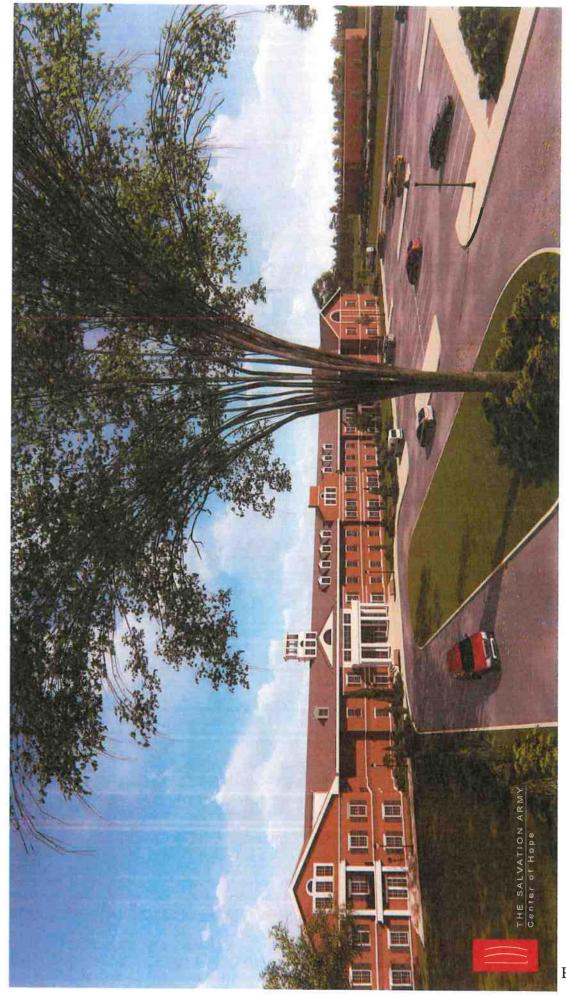
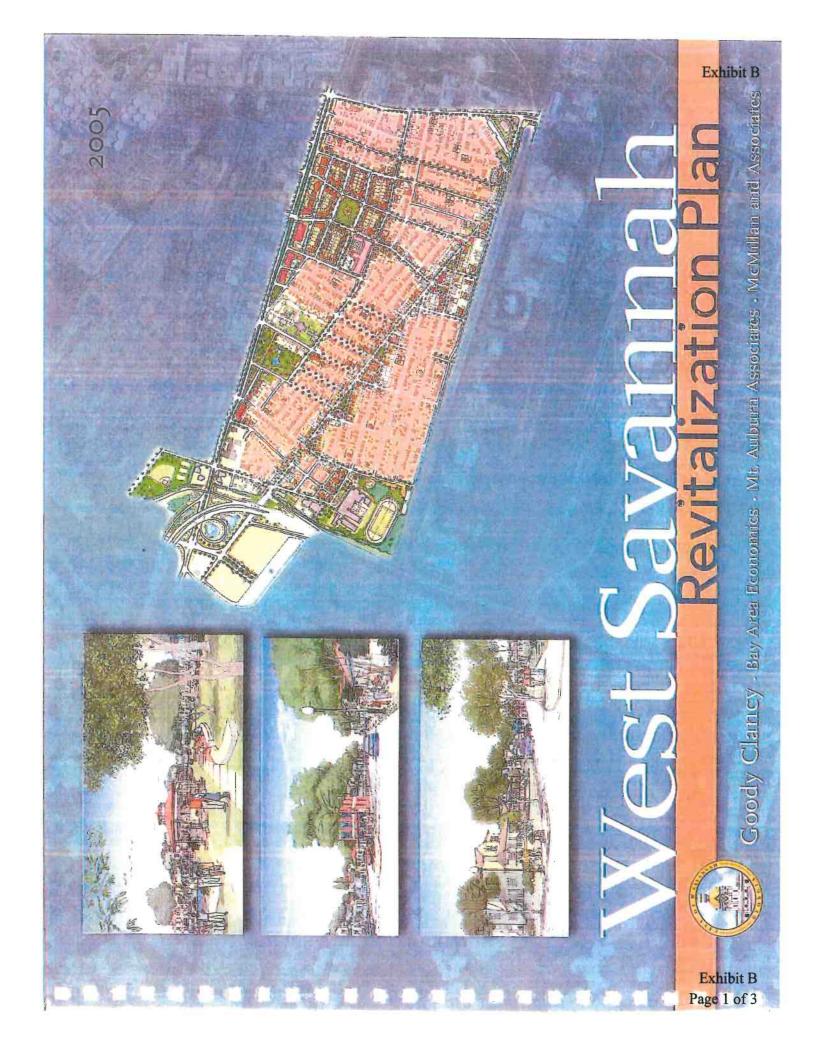


Exhibit A
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he community responds. What is vour vision for West Savannah?

HOUSING

- Need housing for elderly
- > Augusta and Brittany, Augusta Future appearance of Fellwood: and Eagle
- Mix of housing: create square, such similar to Ashley Midtown? as in Cuyler/Brownsville

> Identify areas for gardens, includ-

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Senior gardening area

Need transitional center

codes/guidelines

Expand community participation

ing fruit trees, palm trees

- Financial assistance/support to Ensure range of housing types seniors to maintain properties
 - High-quality materials
- Single-family homes with a yard

RETAIL

- Grocery store, drug store
- Plus-size general clothing stores
 - Gas station
 - Laundromat
- Small local restaurants (Augusta) Big-box retail along West Bay

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- YMCA, including fitness area, pool, childcare
- Drug/alcohol treatment center > Literacy center

Resource Center to include:

- - Adult day-care center Library/bookmobile
- Church-participation programs Computer-training facilities Mail drop-offs at certain spots
- Heritage center; incorporate histori-West Savannah museum: incorcal significance of neighborhood

SOCIAL NETWORKS Work with Neighborhood Associa-

"Connection with those who have lived here"

tion to require adherence to property

- Utilize existing expertise
 - Mentorship programs

CIRCULATION AND LOCATION-SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS

- Gateway at the E. Lathrop/Augusta overpass; suggestions:
- Redevelop intersection of Lathrop and Comer: residential, gardens,
- Police satellite station
- Richards (across from Jackson Center) and Corner of Stratford and Augusta Circulation at corner of DeLyon and (one of flat-iron blocks)
- pass to designate it as gateway > Explore ways to enhance overgrocery store

> Site for bookstore, dollar store,

"Welcome to Savannah" landscaped

Bartow School

parks throughout the neighborhood

Capitalize on vacant lots as mini-

Ball fields/play areas

Grill area

in landscaping

Public art, including sculpture near

Improve landscaping overall; ensure

in the ground near I-516

provide more trash cans throughout

neighborhood

maintenance, enforce trash pick-up,

- Fire and/or police stations at Bartow, Jackson, or E. Lathrop
 - Senior housing on east Bartow site: 2-3 bedrooms

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT

- > Room for support person > Bungalows for elderly
- Create green/noise-abatement
 - Beautify Augusta Avenue buffer along Comer
- Remove utility poles Maintain parks

Create linkages between businesses

National chain hotel

Satellite branch of Savannah State

owners

Training programs with business

More black entrepreneurship

Build infrastructure for internet (wire-

and community

Employ teens to clean centers:

Need jobs for teens:

create jobs and build sense of

pride

cars, transportation, agriculture

porate history, industry, trolley

- Rehab all buildings on Augusta to attract business

- Improve appearance of West Bay
- Include more than retail > Professional services
- Health clinic
- Multistory buildings
- Partner with school board regarding Bartow Homes site east of I-516
 - Commercial/industrial on Bartow Homes site west of I-516
- Pave and maintain existing lanes; use effectively (increase parking options) Explore possibility of alternate one-

ways (facilitate parking)

Apply traffic calming strategies along Rename Lily as Lincoln Heights (original name) major streets

Fix sidewalks throughout neighbor-

Rezone west side of E. Lathrop as residential; leave east side institu-> Ex: Ferrill Street, E. Lathrop pood tional

PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

- Beer/wine establishments; no more Eagle and Augusta
- Low-lying areas, flood mitigation
- Problem corners:
- > Miller Lane and Richards
 - Railroad
- Traffic
- Concentration of negative elements Economic development
 - Building on owners' lands
 - Eminent domain

Recommendations from Neighborhood Youth: "Make sure that change happens'

houses with more than 3 rooms bigger yards ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- more trees
- more trash cans flowers more!
- fix roads and sidewalks
 - more parking lots homeless shelter
- street lights safety

bigger rooms in houses tear down bad houses

fix up houses

duplex with escalator

- cleaner
- keep people off corners less crime

ABOUT HOUSING

- more houses
- bigger houses
- ability to own house

2-story houses

make the gym bigger!

paint the houses

seating for adults recreation rooms

trash cans

 kids should have places to have more activities more fun

ABOUT PARKS AND ACTIVITY

- kinds of businesses that have jobs > all-you-can-eat restaurants teenagers need jobs > grocery store > shoe store for teenagers new pool/more pools—at Jackson

Center, with big diving board another center: weight lifting

• teen clubs with air conditioning ABOUT KINDS OF BUSINESSES

> New Castle Street

> Bartow site

> basketball court

> soccer field

water slide

go carts arcades games

SCAD dorms/housing in West Savannah? quality of houses/why not here?

tear down abandoned houses

> football field

ments in Fellwood)

- > clothing store post office > bank
- > beauty salon

make community center bigger

> Fellwood (but need more apart-

> behind Jackson Center location for new park



Building on History. Continuing a Legacy.

City of Savannah

Community Planning & Development Department and the Community & Economic Development Bureau

Woodville Community Action Organization

2012



NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATION

The Woodville Neighborhood Plan Area is contained by West Bay Street on the north; Louisville Road on the south; I-516 or Lynes Parkway on the east; and Market Street, US Highway 80 and the Dundee canal on the west. Two distinct areas are within the plan area boundaries. The plan primarily focuses on the Woodville community which lies west of the rail line adjacent to Old West Lathrop Avenue. East of the rail line lies several large parcels, including the former Francis Bartow property owned by the



Strategy	Existing & Potential Parmers	Completion Date
Strategy 1: Establish a neighborhood watch in areas that currently are not covered in the neighborhood. Re-establish the watch in areas that it is not active.	WCAO Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department (SCMPD)	Year 1
Strategy 2: Work with local businesses to see what steps can be taken to lessen the truck traffic that goes through the neighborhood.	Community Planning & Development (City) Traffic Engineering (City) Private Businesses	Year 2
Strategy 3: Identify areas for increased heavy truck restrictions, including appropriate signage and pavement markings.	WCAO Business Roundtable Traffic Engineering	Year 2
Strategy 4: Connect local parolees and probationers to program assisting them operated by local non-profits.	WCAO Non-Profits Savannah Impact	Ongoing
Strategy 5: Set up a mentoring program for local youth.	WCAO Community Organizations Goodwill's Good Guides	Year 2
Strategy 6: Utilize City of Savannah Traffic Calming Procedures to make major thoroughfares in Woodville safer.	Citizens Office (City) Traffic Engineering (City)	Year 5
	IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	

PUBLIC SAFETY





September 17th, 2020

Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission 110 East State Street Savannah, Ga. 31401

Dear Mr. Marcus Lotson,

This letter is in reference to the Special Use approval that is going before the Planning Commission for the property located at the old Frances Bartow Homes area on Augusta Ave. with the west side of 516 as it's boundary. The Community Organization met with Attorney Phillip McCorkle and Major Egan of the Salvation Army on August 25th, 2020 to discuss the project and to view the projected plans for the site. We were given drawings and a description of the project to be used as a Transitional Shelter which would house approximately 183 individuals. The project would-be built-in stages and would include a site for training also.

The presentation was given with a total of 27 residents in attendance and received with no opposition. Ms. Earline Davis from the Housing Authority was also in attendance and expressed they have presented a plan that is in conjunction with HUD's usage of the property.

The Organization will not object to the plans or the usage of the site as a "City of Hope" to be built within the Community.

If we can be of further assistance in making this project a reality, please feel free to reach out to us at 912-660-7127.

Sincerely,

Rev. Marsha Buford, President West Savannah Community Organization

Phillip McCorkle

From: Sent: Tyrone Ware <waresavannah8@aol.com> Monday, September 21, 2020 8:56 PM

To:

Phillip McCorkle

Subject:

Fwd: Salvation Army special usage request for old Bartow Homes site

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tyrone Ware <waresavannah8@aol.com> Date: September 21, 2020 at 8:54:42 PM EDT

To: lotsonm@thempc.com

Subject: Salvation Army special usage request for old Bartow Homes site

Dear Sir/Madame,

The Woodville Community Action Organization is supportive of the Salvation Army's effort and special use request petition to have the old Bartow Homes property reclassified to allow for the development of transitional housing.

The site is well buffered and appropriately distanced from other residential uses, whereas the petitioners requested usage would be of very minimal impact to the Woodville Community or surrounding areas.

The Salvation Army provides vital services throughout the coastal empire and is and always has been an organization that operates at the highest standards to assist citizens in need.

We look forward to having them as near neighbors on the old Bartow Homes site, and again support their special usage request.

Respectfully

Tyrone Ware President Woodville Community Action org. 912)604-5189

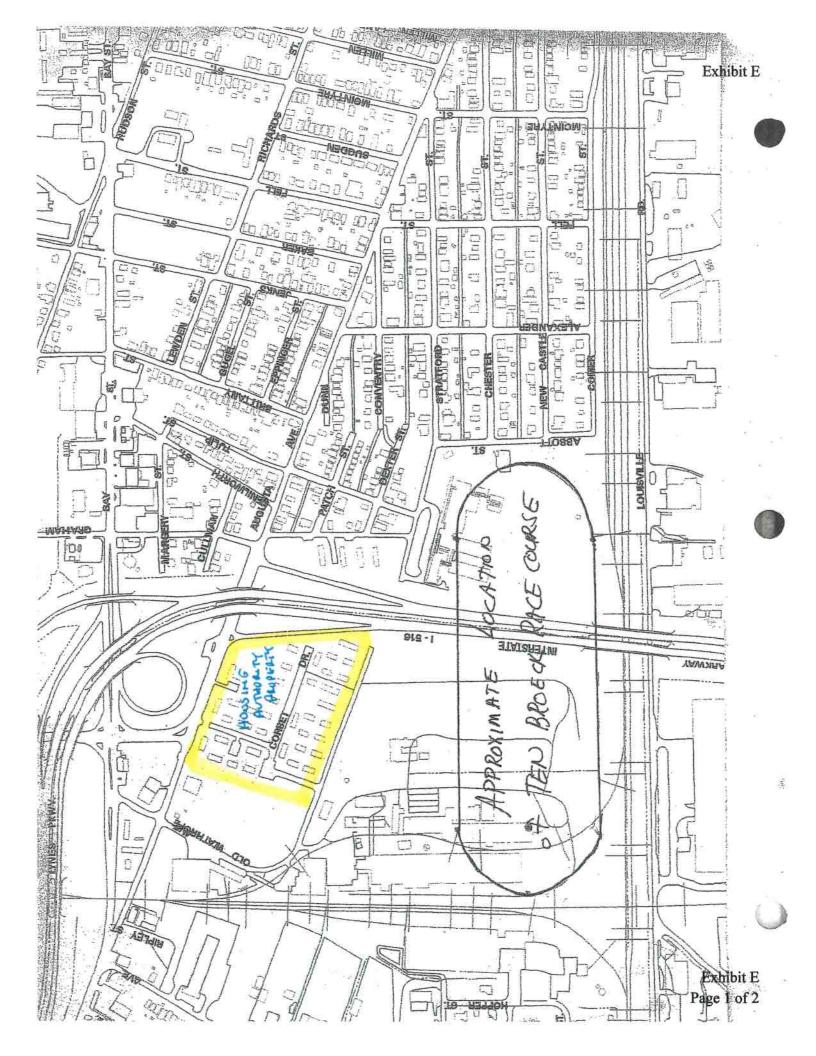
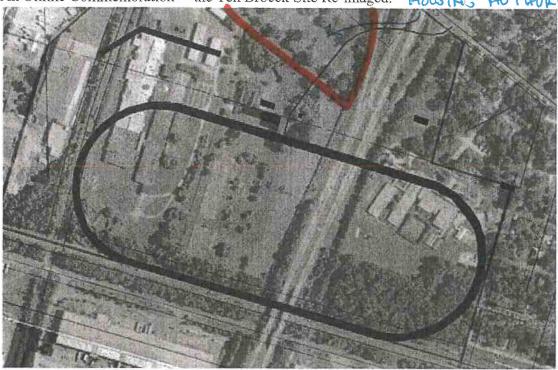


Exhibit E

White reunification, Blight explains, joined hands with white supremacy in "an unblinking celebration," as whites and blacks remained unknown to each other across the divides of separated societies and an anguished past. 68 At the commemoration day ceremonies for the Weeping Time, it was evident that this was a reunion of sorts but a far cry from that at Gettysburg described by Blight.

An Online Commemoration— the Ten Broeck Site Re-imaged: Housing Authority Property



Kwesi DeGraft-Hanson, Michael Page, and Kyle Thayer, <u>Superimposition</u>, <u>Ten Broeck Race Course and 1907 plat map on 2007 aerial photo of site</u>, Savannah, Georgia, 2010.

To depict the actual site of the slave sale, I worked with GIS specialist Michael Page, Geospatial Librarian, of Emory University, and Kyle Thayer, Emory graduate student in Computer Science, to create a composite map and attendant 3-D images at the culmination of this research project, using the aerial photographic software Google Earth, the computer-aided design software AutoCAD, and a three-dimensional design software, Lightwave. Initially, a race course meeting the specifications of Ten Broeck was drawn using AutoCAD. Track width and all pertinent dimensions, including the location of the finish line, were obtained with assistance from the Keeneland Equestrian Library in Lexington, Kentucky, and from Belmont Park, home of the New York Racing Association in Elmont, New York. The computer-generated race track, with attendant grandstand, was imported into a mapped contemporary image of the site area of the former race course. Ultimately, our composite map was created from interrogating and analyzing a historic plat of the Ten Broeck race course site, historic maps of Savannah and Chatham county, 1890s photographs of the Savannah Jockey Club members at the Ten Broeck Race Course, and a contemporary aerial photograph of the site.

Original Site Plan Exhibit F

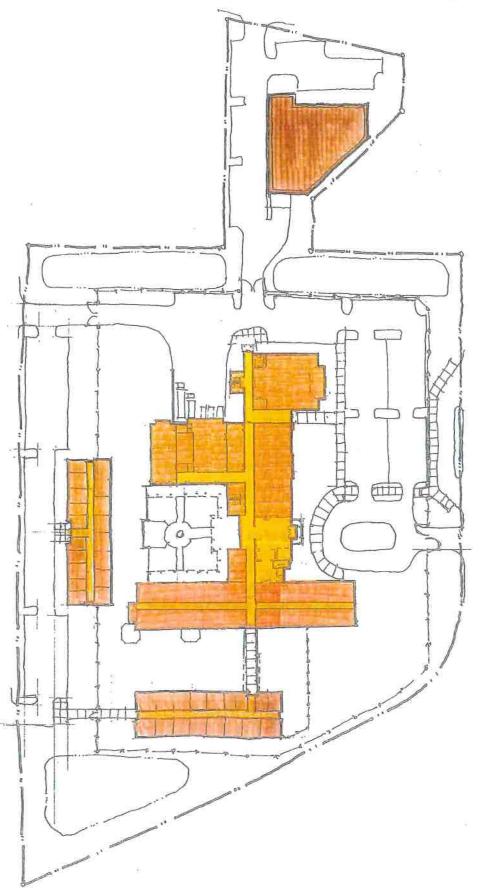
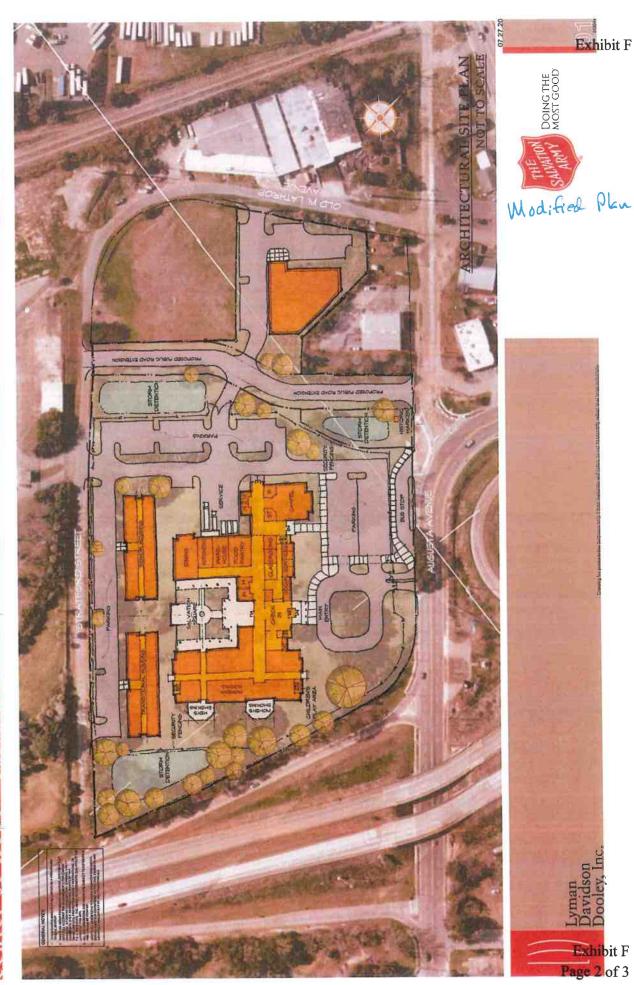


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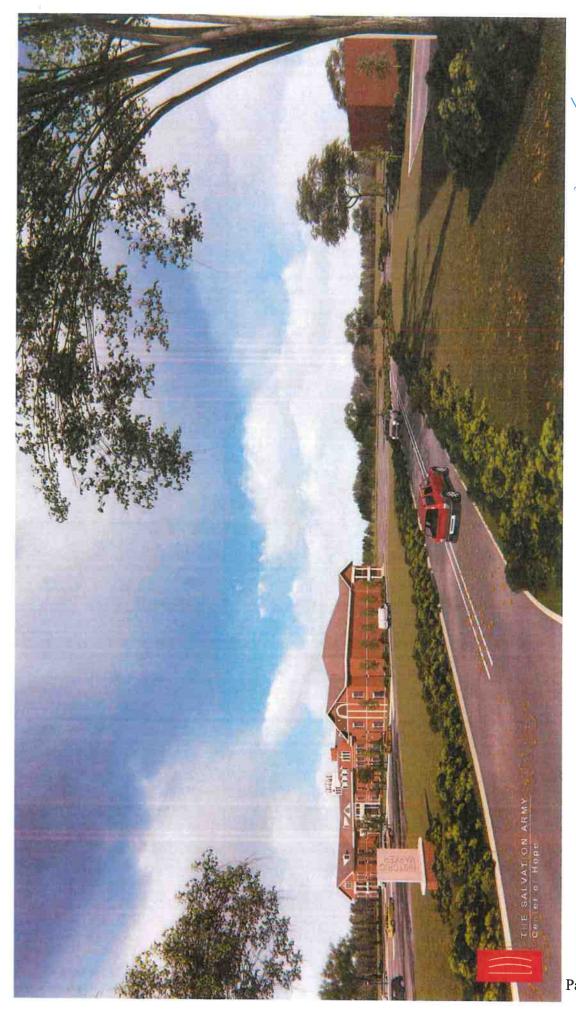


Exhibit F

View Corridor created by new Site Plan

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