# **Durham County**

# 300 & 500 East Main Preliminary Proposal Evaluations



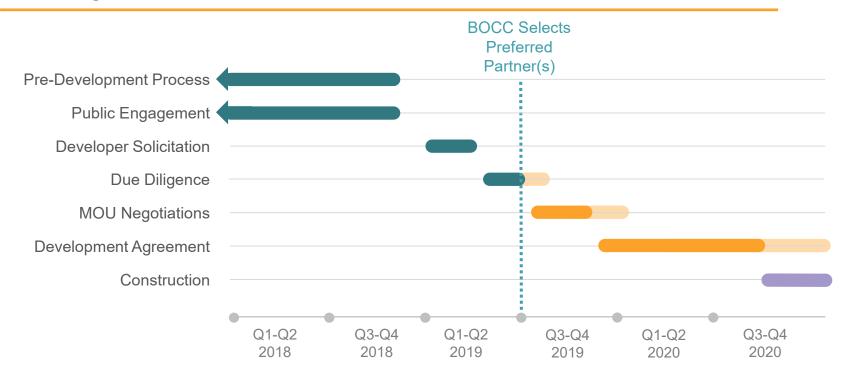


# **Agenda**

- Solicitation Overview
- Identification of leading proposals
- Detailed evaluation of leading proposals
- Summary and Next Steps



# **Project Timeline**



Note: Timeline subject to change due to scale of due diligence, deliberations required by BOCC, and negotiations with development partners.



#### **Solicitation Process**

- SDP released January 9, 2019
- Distributed widely:
  - DFI directly engaged 65 qualified developers
  - Posted on County & DFI website
  - Distributed to registered vendors
- DFI available throughout process to provide additional information and answer questions regarding public interests and requirements



# 300 & 500 East Main Development Solicitation for Development Partner Proposals





### Proposals Submitted (listed by lead developer)

#### Both 300 and 500 block

- Brinshore Development
- Community Housing Partners
- DHIC, Inc. and Blue Heron Asset Management
- Flaherty & Collins Properties
- Laurel Street Residential and ZOM Living
- The NRP Group
- Quality of Life Consortium
- WinnCompanies

#### 300 block

Conifer Real Estate Development

All proposals currently posted to www.dconc.gov/EMainSt



#### **Evaluation Criteria**

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# **Guiding Public Interests**

#### New development on these sites should:

- provide a parking solution that will address Durham County employee and Health & Human Service facility customer needs and meet new demand created by the project, recognizing the proximity of the future light rail station and incorporating options for multiples modes of transportation;
- increase the availability of affordable housing in downtown Durham for households earning 80% Area Median Income (AMI) and below in a mixed income and multigenerational setting;
- provide ground-floor commercial and service offerings for tenants and workers in and around the sites and increase activity along E. Main Street;
- efficiently use public investment to maximize public benefits and attract private investment; and
- focus on pedestrian-scale design that creates a vibrant, urban streetscape along E. Main Street.



#### **Highlights of Leading Proposals**

#### Public interests:

- Minimize parking count
- Thoughtfully include multiple modes of transportation
- Exceed affordable 30%-80% and market rate unit count
- All privately-owned commercial space on 500 block
- Request for County loan/grant comparable to solicitation

Highly qualified with demonstrated experience in mixed-income, mixed-use development in urban, infill setting

Past projects exceeded MWBE goals

Development team includes a local firm

Can meet or exceed proposed timeline (dependent on deck)

Positive, relevant references

Inclusion of daycare or Pre-K space



# **Parking Considerations**

- As County finalizes required employee parking count, plans will be refined.
- 7 of 9 development teams propose building one or both decks.
  - Decreases complexity re: timing and construction
  - Reduces financing risk
- DFI will assist County in evaluating different options.
  - Development agreement will articulate details.



# **Design Considerations**

- Goal: Determine unit count, commercial/public space orientation
   → reflects understanding of local requirements and public interests
- Solicitation requested massings and site plans, <u>not</u> detailed designs.
- Designs and, therefore, exact unit counts are likely to evolve prior to construction:
  - City/County will have formal design review process.
  - Development agreement will articulate minimum unit count.



# Brinshore



# **Development Team**

Lead **Brinshore Development** Developer Bank of America CDC Co-Stewart, Martin & McCoy **Developers** Trammel Crow Architect **JDavis** Entitlement/ Coulter, Jewell, Thames Landscape Whiting-Turner Construction **Holt Brothers Excel Property Property** 

Management







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# **300 Block Proposal**



# **500 Block Proposal**

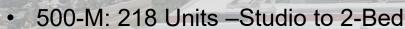








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500-A: 180 Units -Studio to 2-Bed

Affordable: 20% AMI – 80% AMI

Commercial space: 19,000 SF

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Point A-B to own E. Main
Commercial Space
Daycare provider identified





# **Brinshore Development Proposal**

	Solicitation	Brinshore
Affordable Units (<80% AMI)*	<b>277 units</b> 300-A: 97 units 500-A: 180 units	<b>317 units</b> 300-A:137 units 500-A: 180 units
Market Units	500: 160 units	500: 218 units
Total Units	477 units	535 units
Total County Loan/Grant Requested**	\$9.5M	\$9.5M
Requested Loan/Grant per Unit	\$34,000	\$30,000
Land Purchase Price***	\$1.6M	\$2.7M

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Does not account for parking development – all three teams will request a 1 space per unit exemption from NCHFA.

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#### Highlights

Includes units at 20% AMI for Urban Ministries graduates

Local partnerships for residential and commercial tenants and programming → secured letters of support

Local, minority-owned commercial space – Point A-B

Transparency around risk/gap and proposes risk mitigation strategies

Inclusion of public art with arts community partnerships → letters of support from Durham Fruit and Red Eye Lifestyle

#### **Red Flags**

Referred to historic but potentially did not comply  $\rightarrow$  compliance may reduce affordable unit count

"Building Services" along Queen Street→ vibrant?

Ownership of commercial space on 300 block TBD

Market rate units on south end of 500 block → mixed-income area?

Proposal identifies significant financing gap (but does not request additional County participation)



# Laurel Street ZOM Living



# **Development Team**

Consultant

Lead
Developers

Development
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Laurel Street Residential
ZOM Living

Ashley's Corner, LLC

Architect Little Diversified

**Neighboring Concepts** 

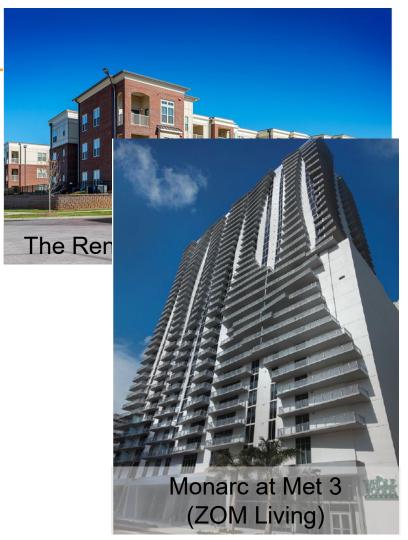
Engineering Stewart

Legal The Banks Law Firm

WeaverCooke
Construction Balfour Beatty
Harmon Construction

Property Laurel Street

Management ZOM Residential Services



# **300 Block Proposal**





- 105 Units Studio to 3-Bed
- Affordable: 30% AMI 80% AMI
- County-owned commercial space in deck: 3,950 SF



# **500 Block Proposal**



500 EAST MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL SPACE

- 500-M: 205 Units Studio to 3-Bed
- 500-A: 200 Units Studio to 3-Bed
- Affordable: 30% AMI 80% AMI
   Below market commercial rents



500 EAST MAIN STREET MARKET ELEVATION



500 EAST MAIN STREET AFFORDABLE ELEVATION

# **Laurel Street Development Proposal**

	Solicitation	Laurel Street
Affordable Units (<80% AMI)*	<b>277 units</b> 300-A: 97 units 500-A: 180 units	<b>305 units</b> 300-A: 105 units 500-A: 200 units
Market Units	500: 160 units	500: 250 units
Total Units	477 units	555 units
Total County Loan/Grant Requested**	\$9.5M	\$9.5M
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#### Highlights

Offer below market commercial rents

Both Laurel and ZOM committed to securing social impact businesses as tenants

Better terms on County loan → 3% interest rate with repayment at year 20 or term of 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage

Laurel Street is MWBE

Have local knowledge and experience (DHA RAD master developer)

#### Red Flags

Building amenities on E. Main Street → vibrant?

Request for County to construct 300 block podium for Pre-K, amenity space on Main, and linear park → potential additional public investment although may be comparable to plan in solicitation

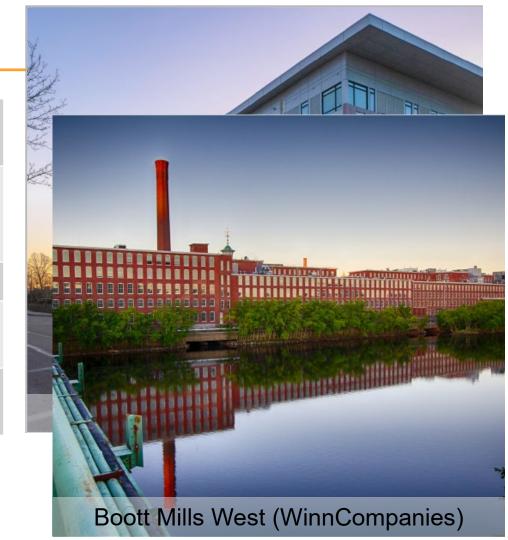


# WinnCompanies



# **Development Team**

Lead Developer	WinnDevelopment
Co- Developers	Self-Help Real Estate Development
Architect	MHAworks
Engineering	Coulter Jewell Thames
Property Management	WinnResidential



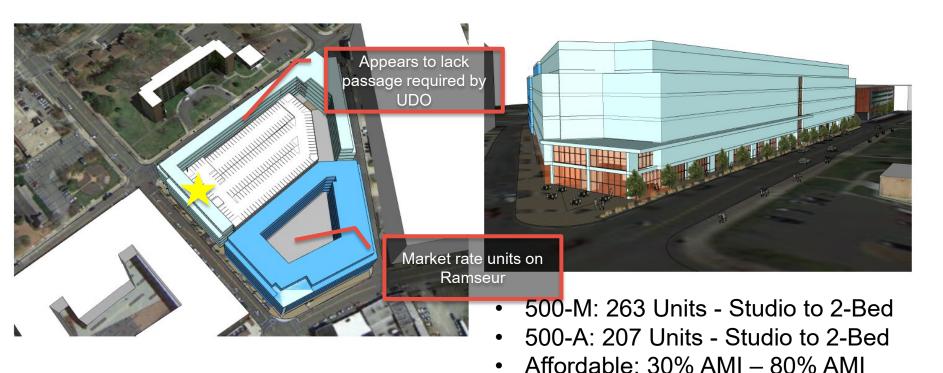


# 300 Block Proposal



for daycare)

# **500 Block Proposal**





# WinnCompanies Development Proposal

	Solicitation	WinnCompanies
Affordable Units (<80% AMI)*	<b>277 Units</b> 300-A: 97 units 500-A: 180 units	<b>309 Units</b> 300-A: 102 units 500-A: 207 units
Market Units	500: 160 units	500: 263 units
Total Units	477 units	572 Units
Total County Loan/Grant Requested**	\$9.5M	\$10.25M
Requested Loan/Grant per Unit	\$34,000	\$33,000
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#### **Highlights**

Same developer for both market-rate and affordable housing developments

Long-term hold on market-rate and affordable housing developments

Local co-developer with experience developing commercial space for small, local businesses

#### Red Flags

Does not comply with historic (300) and may be missing pedestrian passage required by UDO (500) → compliance may reduce unit count overall

Residential at-grade on Queen Street and parking deck access on Main Street > vibrant?

Market rate units on south end of 500 block → mixed-income area?

Will not be eligible for \$2M WHLP assumed in financial model



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# **Next Steps**

- Commissioners interview leading development teams.
- BOCC selects preferred development partner and directs staff to initiate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations.



