

**First Reading**

<b>INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo</b>				
<b>SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic</b>				
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>FITZHENRY</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>CAVADAS</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>KARCIC</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>SHEEDY</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>DEL RUSSO</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>BOCCHINO</b>	<b>X</b>			
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<b>TOTAL</b>				

**\*\*MOTION TO CARRY PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCE ADOPTION TO 9/14/23 MEETING**  
 INTRODUCED: Councilwoman Bocchino  
 SECONDED: Councilwoman Sheedy  
 ROLL CALL: All in favor  
 EXCUSED: Councilman Karcic

**Second & Final Reading**

<b>INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic</b>				
<b>SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy</b>				
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2385  
 BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON  
 BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE HUGHES REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Agency of the Borough of North Arlington was established by Ordinance 1464 on June 13, 1989 and was subsequently dissolved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-24 and all duties and obligations of the Redevelopment Agency were transferred to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Arlington by Ordinance 1909 dated March 11, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("LRHL"), provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment and adopt Redevelopment Plans for areas designated as being in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body designated certain real properties located in the area of Sherman Avenue, Canterbury Avenue and Schuyler Avenue on the Borough's Tax Map as Block 165, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.02 and 14, commonly known as 602-604 Schuyler Avenue, 612 Schuyler Avenue, 614 Schuyler Avenue, 11 Sherman Avenue, 18 Sherman Avenue and 194 Canterbury Avenue (referred to herein as the "Hughes Redevelopment Area" or the "Area") as a non-condemnation redevelopment area in accordance with the relevant provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. by way of Resolution 88-22 dated March 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, after review and approval by the Planning Board, the Governing Body adopted the Hughes Area Redevelopment Plan on June 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is permitted to amend, from time to time, the Redevelopment Plan / Ordinance pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e); and

**WHEREAS**, an Amendment to the Hughes Area Redevelopment Plan was adopted by the Mayor and Council on September 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to make further revisions to the Hughes Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), the Governing Body prepared an Amendment to the Hughes Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, said Amendment to the Hughes Redevelopment Plan represents the most reasonable and advantageous plan for the development of the Hughes Redevelopment Area; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of North Arlington that the Hughes Redevelopment Plan is amended as follows:

*Section 6(A)(2)(a)* "**Permitted Uses**" shall be amended to include:

iii. Multi-family Dwellings/Apartments buildings

*Section 6(A)(2)(b)* "**Restaurant Use on Lot 3**" shall be amended to include:

ii. A redeveloper may relocate the restaurant along the Schulyer Avenue frontage within the Redevelopment Area, provided that the new restaurant building does not exceed existing gross floor area of the La Venera Restaurant nor the permitted setbacks or heights permitted for a single-family attached/semi-detached building in this Redevelopment Area.

*Section 6(C)(1)* "**Minimum Lot Size**" shall be amended to read as follows:

- a. Single-family attached, detached: 1,900 s.f. per unit.
- b. Multi-family Dwelling Development: 0.5 acre

*Section 6(C)(3)* "**Maximum Density**" shall be amended to read as follows:

21 dwelling units per acre.

- a. Not exceeding a total of 14 apartments and six (6) townhouse units.

Section 6(C)(4) “**Minimum Building Side Yard and Rear Yard Setback**” shall be amended to include:

- a. Between any two attached or semi-detached units which together form or are part of a single building, zero (0) feet is required.

Section 6(C)(5) “**Maximum Coverages**” shall be amended to read as follows:

- a. Building Coverage: 55%
- b. Impervious Coverage: 70%

Section 6(C)(6) “**Maximum Number of Stores / Height**” shall be amended to read as follows:

As defined at 205-6

- a. Single-family attached, detached: 2.5 stories (pitched roof) or 3 stories (flat roof) / 35 ft.
- b. Multi-family Dwelling Development: 3 stories / 40 ft. for multi-family buildings, provided that the building fronts upon Sherman Avenue. Frontage upon Canterbury Avenue reverts to the height standards in item “a” above.
- c. Accessory buildings: 1.5 stores / 15 feet.
- d. Rooftop Equipment: H.V.A.C. equipment and other mechanical equipment shall be permitted to exceed permitted building height by not more than five (5) feet, provided they are screened by parapets or other permitted rooftop elements.

Section 6(C)(7) “**Internal Dimension Requirements**” shall have its subsection (a) amended to read as follows:

- a. Distance between buildings:
  - i. Side-to-side: 20 ft., or 10 feet between like uses.
  - ii. Front to Front: 50 ft.
  - iii. Side to Rear: 25 ft.
  - iv. Rear to Rear: 30 ft.
  - v. Front to Side: 40 ft.

Section 6(D)(1) “**Parking Ratio**” shall have its subsections (a) and (b) amended to read as follows:

- a. Residential – Two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit,
- b. Restaurant – Eight (8) spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.

Section 6(D)(4) “**Access and Curb Openings**” shall have its subsection (c)(ii) amended to read as follows:

- ii. Sidewalks at least five (5) feet wide shall be provided on one or both sides of any interior roadway;

Section 6(D)(6) “**Parking Area Locations**” shall be amended to read as follows:

Other than driveways providing parking for single-family dwelling units, parking areas shall not be located between a building and the street right-of-way.

Section 6(D)(7) “**Shared Parking Lot**” shall have its subsection (a) amended to read as follows:

- a. There shall be no shared parking reduction for the two uses; the parking lot shall contain all required parking spaces for the restaurant use as well as the balance of required parking spaces for the residential use after accounting for parking spaces provided elsewhere on site;

Section 7(A)(3) “**Windows**” shall have the following subsections added:

- d. Ground level windows and wall openings, including those relating to ground level parking in a multi-family building, shall incorporate treatments such as frames, sills, or other articulation that match or complement treatments for windows on upper stories.
- e. There shall not be any unfenestrated or solid wall length in excess of 25 feet on the ground floor of any street facing facade. Where windows are impractical, architecturally treated false windows, vents, or green building features shall be provided.

Section 7(A)(4) “**Roofs**” shall have the following subsection added:

- c. Rooftop appurtenances on multi-family buildings, such as elevator or stair towers projecting above the top of the building should be constructed or treated with the primary facade material.

Section 7(A)(7) “**Façade Articulation**” shall have its subsection (b) amended to read as follows:

- b. Horizontal Articulation: Buildings shall be visually broken up horizontally into a base, a middle and a top and vertically into bays, through the use of building articulation or change in materials. The base should not extend beyond the second level with an emphasis on providing design elements which enhance the pedestrian environment particularly at the street level;
  - i. The first story of a multi-family building shall be distinguished from the stories above using different materials, colors, tones, textures, projections/recessions, or other techniques, or combinations of these.

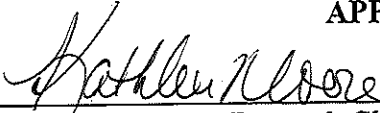
Section 7(A)(9) “**Balconies**” shall have its subsection (b) deleted in its entirety.

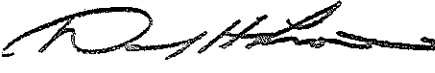
### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed; and
2. In the event that any provisions of this Ordinance are inconsistent with the provisions of the Amended Hughes Redevelopment Plan adopted on September 9, 2022, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control; and
3. If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this ordinance, except insofar as the section or provision declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof; and

4. The zoning district map in the zoning ordinance of the Borough is hereby amended to include the Redevelopment Area per the boundaries described in the Redevelopment Plan and all of the provisions therein shall supersede the applicable developmental regulations of the Borough's municipal code; and

5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:   
Kathleen Moore, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:   
Daniel H. Pronti, Mayor

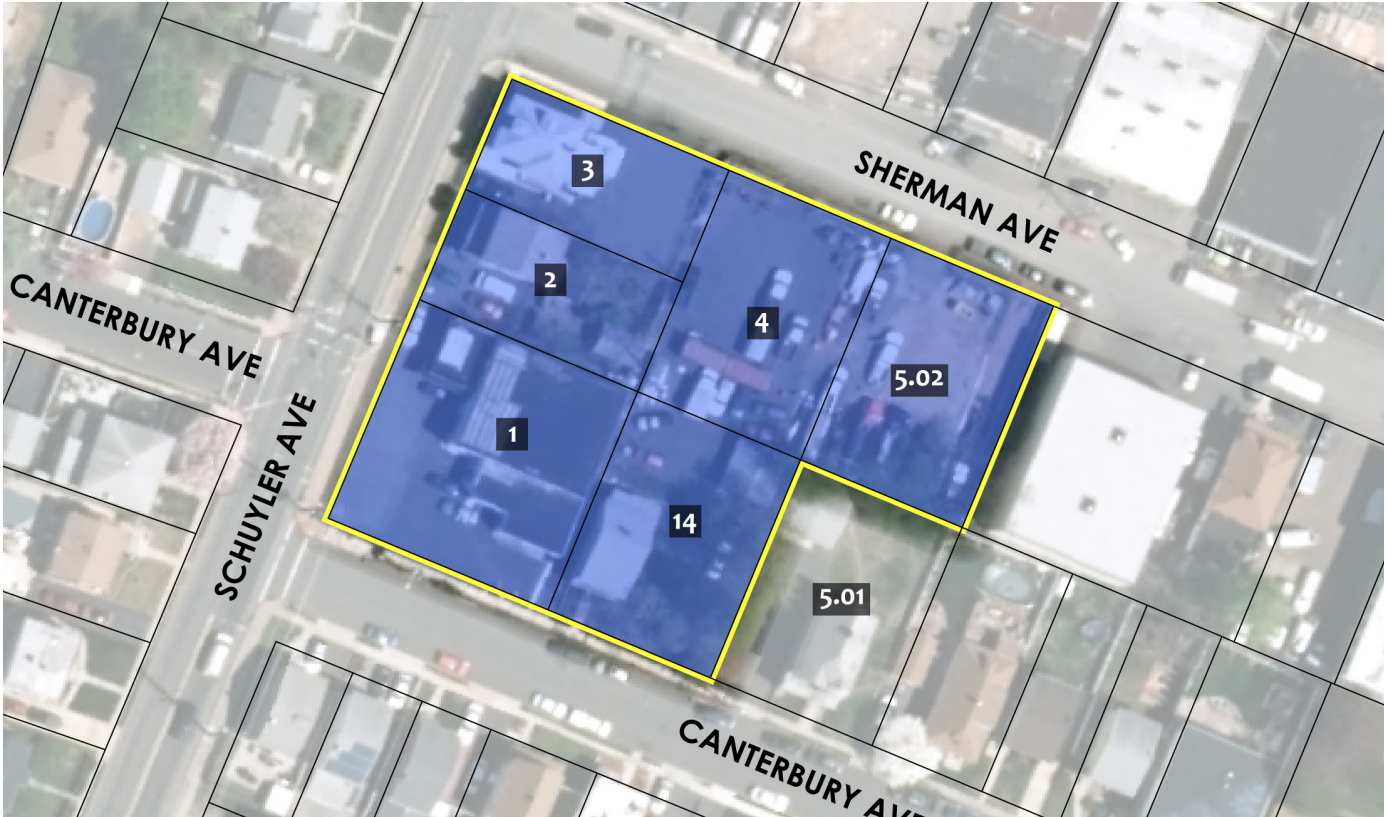
DATED: ~~August 10, 2023~~ September 14, 2023

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON HELD ON THURSDAY, July 13, 2023, THE ABOVE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON ITS FIRST READING. SAID ORDINANCE SHALL BE TAKEN UP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR FINAL PASSAGE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL, 214 RIDGE ROAD, NORTH ARLINGTON, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ON August 10, 2023 at 7:00PM OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE MATTER CAN BE REACHED, AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAME. DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO AND UP TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE OF SUCH MEETING, COPIES OF SAID ORDINANCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO SHALL REQUEST SAME.

Kathleen Moore  
Borough Clerk





# HUGHES AREA Redevelopment Plan

Block 165 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.02, and 14  
**BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Adopted May 2022  
Amended \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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## 1.0: BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Borough of North Arlington has a land area of 2.53 square miles and a population of 15,741 persons according to the 2018 Population Estimate published by the US Census Bureau. According to the Census' 2017 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimate), the median age is 40.1 years old and the median household income is \$74,481. The overwhelming majority (88.9%) of residents have a post-secondary education (including some college education but no degree). There are approximately 6,218 housing units at an average density of 2,457.7 units per square mile or 3.84 units per acre.

The racial makeup of the Borough is 81.2% White, 2.8% African American, 8.1% Asian, 0.0% Pacific Islander, 5.7% from other races, and 2.2% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race represents 27.7% of the population.

North Arlington is located at the borders of Bergen, Hudson, and Essex Counties. The Borough is just north of the Town of Kearny in Hudson County, across the Passaic River from Belleville Township to the west in Essex County, and south of Lyndhurst Township in Bergen County. There are two NJ Transit Passenger Rail stations in Lyndhurst within a short driving distance from North Arlington.

## 2.0: INTRODUCTION:

### A. BASIS FOR THE PLAN:

This redevelopment plan has been prepared for Block 165 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.02, and 14, which fronts on Schuyler Avenue, Canterbury Avenue, and Sherman Avenue. The Borough's Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 59-20 on February 13, 2020, which directed the Borough's Planner, DMR Architects, to undertake a preliminary investigation pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (LRHL), to determine whether the properties on the lots numbered 1 through 4, 5.01, 5.02, and 14 on Block 165 (the "Area of Investigation" or "Study Area") constitutes an "area in need of redevelopment" without condemnation in accordance with the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

DMR Architects conducted the authorized study and determined that the properties, with the exception of Lot 5.01, were eligible for designation as an area in need of redevelopment. DMR presented its findings to the Planning Board at a public meeting on November 15, 2021, and the Planning Board forwarded its recommendation to the Mayor and Council to designate Block 165 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.02, and 14, depicted in the map labeled Figure 1 in this Redevelopment Plan, as an Area In Need of Redevelopment.

At a public meeting on January 13, 2022, the Mayor and Council adopted resolution R-53-22 authorizing DMR Architects to prepare a redevelopment plan for the designated properties. The LRHL allows a municipality to prepare a redevelopment plan for the designated properties which provides the development regulations and other standards to guide future development for this area.

### B. SITE AND CONTEXT:

The Redevelopment Area is comprised of six (6) lots on the east side of Schuyler Avenue (a.k.a. County Road 130), two blocks south of the Borough's border with Lyndhurst Township, and has a combined area of 0.99 acres. The lots include a mix of uses, as listed below:

- Lot 1: A building and outdoor display area for the discontinued Hughes Auto Sales used car dealership business.
- Lot 2: A two-story, multi-unit dwelling.
- Lot 3: La Venere Ristorante, an Italian restaurant.
- Lot 4: An outdoor storage lot or contractor's yard with no business identification.
- Lot 5.02: An outdoor storage lot or contractor's yard with no business identification.
- Lot 14: A 2-story dwelling with partial use of the rear yard by the storage lot on Lot 4 and by Hughes Auto Sales Inc on Lot 1.

Lots 1, 4, 5.02, and 14 have historically been owned by one or more members of the Hughes family (George Hughes I, II, or III, Richard Hughes, or other Trustees of the Hughes Estate). All of those lots were at one time part of the Hughes Auto Sales operation, with Lot 1 containing the dealership showroom and sales building and the other lots being used for storage of the dealership's vehicle inventory. George Hughes II passed away in 1999, and ownership of the properties in the Study Area have since been owned and managed by Trustees of the Hughes Estate.

The areas surrounding the Study Area also include a variety of uses. All of the uses fronting upon Sherman

Avenue, north and east of the Study Area, are industrial or commercial uses including automobile repair and distribution uses. All of the uses fronting on Canterbury Avenue south and east of the Study Area and all of the uses fronting on Schuyler Avenue west and south of the Study Area and the majority of uses fronting on Schuyler Avenue north of the Study Area are residential dwellings with one or more units.



Figure 1: Designated Lots Comprising the Redevelopment Area

### 3.0: GENERAL PROVISIONS:

#### A. SITE PLAN & SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

Prior to commencement of any construction within the Redevelopment Area, a site plan prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) and the Land Development Ordinance of the Borough of North Arlington shall be submitted by the applicant for review specific to this Redevelopment Plan for completeness and compliance, prior to any submission to the Planning Board of the Borough of North Arlington, so that compliance with the Redevelopment Plan can be determined. This shall also pertain to revisions or additions prior to, during and after completion of the improvements.

#### B. ADVERSE INFLUENCES:

No use or reuse shall be permitted which, when conducted under proper and adequate conditions and safeguards, will produce corrosive, toxic or noxious fumes, glare, electromagnetic disturbance, radiation, smoke, cinders, odors, dust or waste, undue noise or vibration, or other objectionable features so as to be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare.

#### C. NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS:

No covenant, lease, conveyance or other instrument shall be affected or executed by the Mayor and Council or by the developer or any of his/her successors or assignees, whereby land within the Redevelopment Area is restricted upon the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or sex in the sale, lease, use or occupancy thereof. Appropriate covenants, running with the land forever, will prohibit such restrictions and shall be included in the disposition instruments. Any contractor or subcontractor engaged to perform work within the Redevelopment Area shall, where applicable, state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, or subcontractor, that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability or sex.

There shall be no restrictions of occupancy or use of any part of the Redevelopment Area on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or sex in the sale, lease, use or occupancy thereof.

#### D. DURATION OF THE PLAN:

The provisions of this Redevelopment Plan and the restrictions with respect thereto shall be in effect for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of approval by the Mayor and Council.

#### E. DEVIATION REQUESTS:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70 c(1), the Planning Board may grant variances allowing deviations from the regulations contained within this Redevelopment Plan where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions, pre-existing structures or physical features uniquely affecting a specific piece of property, the strict application of any such regulation adopted pursuant to this Redevelopment Plan, would result in peculiar



practical difficulties to, or exceptional and undue hardship upon, the developer of such property.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55c(2), the Planning Board may also grant such relief where the purposes of this Redevelopment Plan would be advanced by a deviation from the strict requirements of the Plan and the benefits of the deviation would substantially outweigh any detriments. No relief may be granted under the terms of this section unless such deviation or relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantial impairment of the intent and purpose of this Redevelopment Plan.

An application for a variance from the requirements of this Redevelopment Plan shall provide public notice of such application in accord with the requirements of public notice as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-12a and b.

Notwithstanding the above, any changes to the uses permitted in the Redevelopment Area, any deviation from any of the Conditional Uses or any change requiring a “d” variance in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70 shall be permitted only by means of an amendment of the Redevelopment Plan by the Mayor and Council and only upon a finding that such amendment would be consistent with and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the Plan.

#### **F. PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE APPROVED PLAN:**

This Redevelopment Plan may be amended from time to time upon compliance with the requirements of State law. If the designated redeveloper requests such amendment said redeveloper shall pay an application fee of \$5,000 and shall further reimburse the Borough for reasonable consulting costs, fees and expenses to undertake such amendment.

## 4.0: REDEVELOPMENT PLAN COMPONENTS:

### A. REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:

N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 requires that a redevelopment plan include an outline for the planning, development, or redevelopment, of the Redevelopment Area sufficient to indicate the following:

1. Its relationship to definite local objectives as to appropriate land use, density of population and improved traffic and public transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities and other public improvements.
2. Proposed land uses and building requirements in the project area.
3. Adequate provisions for the temporary and permanent relocation, as necessary for residents in the project area, including an estimate of the extent of which decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling units affordable to displace residents will be available to them in the existing local housing market.
4. An identification of any property within the redevelopment area which is proposed to be acquired in accordance with this plan.
5. Any significant relationship of the redevelopment plan to:
  - The master plans of contiguous municipalities;
  - The master plan of the county in which the municipality is located;
  - The State Development and Redevelopment Plan adopted pursuant to the “State Planning Act” P.L. 1985, c.398 (C.52:18A-196 et al.).
6. An inventory (as of the date of the adoption of the resolution finding the area to be in need of redevelopment) of all housing units affordable to low and moderate income households, as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304, that are to be removed as a result of implementation of the redevelopment plan, whether as a result of subsidies or market conditions, listed by affordability level, number of bedrooms, and tenure.
7. A plan for the provision, through new construction or substantial rehabilitation of one comparable, affordable replacement housing unit for each affordable housing unit that has been occupied at any time within the last 18 months, that is subject to affordability controls and that is identified as to be removed as a result of implementation of the redevelopment plan.
8. Proposed locations for public electric vehicle charging infrastructure within the project area in a manner that appropriately connects with an essential public charging network.
9. The redevelopment plan may include the provision of affordable housing in accordance with the “Fair Housing Act,” N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the housing element of the municipal master plan.
10. The redevelopment plan shall describe its relationship to pertinent municipal development regulations as defined in the “Municipal Land Use Law,” P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.). The redevelopment plan shall supersede applicable provisions of the development regulations of the municipality or constitute an overlay zoning district within the redevelopment area. When the redevelopment plan supersedes any provision of the development regulations, the ordinance adopting the redevelopment plan shall contain an explicit amendment to the zoning district map included in the zoning ordinance. The zoning district map as amended shall indicate the redevelopment area to which the redevelopment plan applies. Notwithstanding the provisions of the “Municipal Land Use Law,”

P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.) or of other law, no notice beyond that required for adoption of ordinances by the municipality shall be required for the hearing on or adoption of the redevelopment plan or subsequent amendments thereof.

All provisions of a redevelopment plan shall be either substantially consistent with the municipal master plan or designed to effectuate the master plan; but the municipal governing body may adopt a redevelopment plan which is inconsistent with or not designed to effectuate the master plan by affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership with the reasons for so acting set forth in the redevelopment plan.

**B. NOTE ON PLAN TERMINOLOGY:**

Throughout this Redevelopment Plan, a distinction is made between “shall” and “should.”

“Shall” means that a developer is required to comply with the specific regulation, without deviation.

“Should” means that a developer is encouraged to comply but is not required to do so.

**C. TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RELOCATION:**

The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law requires that any redevelopment plan make adequate provision for temporary or permanent relocation of any resident in the project area. The Redevelopment Area includes at least three (3) existing residential units, none of which are deed restricted affordable. The developer shall assist in identifying housing opportunities within the Borough of North Arlington for occupants of the existing units prior to start of construction. Such housing units identified for temporary or permanent relocation shall be decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable for the occupants.

**D. IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED:**

The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law requires that any redevelopment plan identify any property within the redevelopment area which is proposed to be acquired in accordance with the redevelopment plan. The area has been designated as a non-condemnation Redevelopment Area; as such, the Borough is not authorized to use eminent domain and to acquire any properties within the Redevelopment Area.

**E. AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

No affordable housing units would be removed by redevelopment of this site.

**F. ELECTRIC VEHICLES:**

This redevelopment plan provides the identification of appropriate locations for the development of zero-emission vehicle fueling and charging infrastructure in compliance to P.L. 2021, c171, the State’s electric vehicle supply/service equipment (EVSE) & make ready parking spaces ordinance.

**G. PROJECT SIGNAGE:**

The Redeveloper shall erect signage at locations to be determined by the Redeveloper and Borough within 30 days of receiving approval from the Planning Board that contains a rendering or renderings of the finished Project and other details concerning the Project that shall be agreed to by the Redeveloper and Borough Administrator.

**I. RELATION TO EXISTING ZONING:**

The properties are located in the C-1 Commercial Zone District and the I-1 Industrial Zone District. This Redevelopment Plan shall supersede the existing zoning.

**J. MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY:**

This plan is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan and Reexamination Report as it pertains to the goals and objectives:

1. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends using the Redevelopment process to redevelop properties along Schuyler Avenue (page 37);
2. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends interpreting permitted "dwellings" in the C-1 district to include a variety of residential types;
3. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends rezoning areas as R-2 districts where two-family dwellings are a common occurrence. The Study Area and dwellings in the surrounding neighborhoods contain two-family dwellings;
4. The 2003 Master Plan identifies Townhouses as a housing type that could improve affordability in the Borough (page 49);
5. Goals and objectives include "To protect North Arlington's residential neighborhoods and maintain them as desirable living environments." and "To preserve the present business areas of the Borough, maintaining sufficient retail, service, and office facilities to meet the needs of North Arlington's residents".

While the Redevelopment Plan proposes attached and semi-detached housing on properties zoned for industrial and commercial use, the properties affected have been underutilized in such a manner and to such a degree as to be an eyesore and to degrade the quality of life for surrounding residents. The Redevelopment Plan also strives to preserve the one legally existing business in the designated Redevelopment Area - the restaurant on Lot 3 - which is well known in the Borough. Therefore, the Redevelopment Plan is consistent with the Master Plan Goals and Objectives pertaining to promoting desirable living environments, housing affordability, and protecting existing businesses.

## 5.0: DEFINITIONS:

### A. DEFINITIONS:

It is the intention of this Redevelopment Plan to supersede existing zoning (except as noted herein) as provided under the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1, et seq. However, the definitions in Section 205-6 of the Borough's Land Development Ordinance shall apply to this plan, with the exception of the following terms:

**BUILDING:** In the context of attached or semi-attached dwellings, a "building" shall be understood to be any grouping of attached dwellings.

**FRONT LOADED PARKING:** Parking which is generally located between the front of a dwelling and a street or internal roadway. Includes a built-in parking garage where the garage door opens on the street or interior roadway facing side of the street.

**INTERNAL ROADWAY:** A private roadway providing access from a public street to or through the interior area of a tract or lot.

**PEDESTRIAN SCALE:** The relationship of a particular building, in terms of mass and scale to a pedestrian.

**REDEVELOPER:** Any person, firm, corporation or public entity that shall voluntarily seek and be designated as a Redeveloper by the Mayor and Council or Redevelopment Entity and shall enter into a Redevelopment Agreement as set forth in Section 5 of this Rehabilitation Plan, all in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

## 6.o: ZONING:

### A. PERMITTED USES:

1. **Purpose:** This section establishes the principal uses permitted within the Redevelopment Area. These standards aim to promote a mixed-use, predominantly residential development.

#### 2. Permitted Principal Uses:

- a. The following principal uses are permitted by right:
  - i. Single-Family Attached (e.g. townhouses, rowhouses)
  - ii. Single-Family Semi-Detached - Two- dwellings separated by an unpierced wall extending from the ground to the roof.
  - iii. Multi-Family Dwellings/Apartments
- b. **Restaurant Use on Lot 3:** La Venere Ristorante, provided that it remains in operation on that property at the time that an application is submitted for redevelopment in accordance with this plan, shall remain on Lot 3 and continue to operate and expand within that lot as a permitted use subject to the current C-1 Zone Standards. The following exceptions shall apply:
  - i. If the restaurant use extinguishes at any time or if the owner of Lot 3 conveys the property to a Redeveloper that has assembled the remainder of the lots in the Redevelopment Area, the uses identified in subsection a, above, shall be permitted on Lot 3.
  - ii. A redeveloper may relocate the restaurant along the Schuyler Avenue frontage within the Redevelopment Area, provided that the new restaurant building does not exceed existing gross floor area of the La Venere Restaurant nor the permitted setbacks or heights permitted for a single-family attached / semi-detached building in this Redevelopment Area.

4. **Prohibited Uses:** Any use not expressly listed above as a permitted use is prohibited within this Redevelopment Plan.

5. **Existing Nonconforming Uses:** Existing nonconforming uses or structures are permitted to continue as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-68, however, the renovation or restoration of a nonconforming use or structure shall be accomplished as per the Rehabilitation Standards of the 2012 Downtown Rehabilitation Plan.

### B. ACCESSORY USES:

1. Any uses which are clearly or customarily ancillary and incidental to a principal or conditional permitted use on the same property are permitted accessory uses. Examples include;
  - a. Lobby, sales, management, leasing offices;
  - b. Structures and uses for the use and enjoyment of residents and their guests or for maintenance of the



Figure 2: Semi-detached dwellings with front loaded parking.



Figure 3: Attached dwellings with front loaded parking and uniform style.



Figure 4: Attached dwellings with front loaded parking and varied architectural style.

property, including:

- i. Swimming pools;
  - ii. Sheds and detached garages;
  - iii. Playgrounds, swing sets, and back-yard play sets;
  - iv. Private parks or gardens.
2. Accessory structures and uses shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the principal structure. Additionally:
    - a. No accessory structure may be located in any required front yard, except that common accessory structures or uses such as parking areas, recreational areas, and refuse pick-up areas may be located between any building and Sherman Avenue;
    - b. No accessory structure shall be constructed or placed on any lot unless the principal structure is first constructed or placed upon said lot, with the exception of parking facilities, which may be constructed prior to the primary use;
    - c. No on-site shared recreational area such as a shared playground, swimming pool, or basketball court may be located within 15 feet of any existing residential property, and in any case shall be screened from such a property.
  3. No portion of an accessory structure shall include living quarters.

### C. BULK STANDARDS: DENSITY, AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

The following requirements apply to the Redevelopment Area:

1. **Minimum Lot Size:**
  - a. Single-family attached, detached: 1,900 s.f. per unit
  - b. Multi-family Dwelling Development: 0.5 acre
2. **Minimum Front Yard Setbacks:** 10 feet, except that 20 feet shall be required between the front building wall and the inner sidewalk edge where front-loaded driveway parking is proposed along a public right-of-way.
3. **Maximum Density:** 21 dwelling units per acre.
  - a. Not exceeding a total of 14 apartments and six (6) townhouse units.
4. **Minimum Building Side Yard and Rear Yard Setback:** 10 feet
  - a. Between any two attached or semi-detached units which together form or are part of a single building, zero (0) feet is required.
5. **Maximum Coverages:**
  - a. Building Coverage: 55%
  - b. Impervious Coverage: 70%
6. **Maximum Number of Stories / Height:** As defined at §205-6;
  - a. Single-family attached, detached: 2.5 stories (pitched roof) or 3 stories (flat roof) / 35 ft.
  - b. Multi-family Dwelling Development: 3 stories / 40 ft. for multi-family buildings, provided that the building fronts upon Sherman Avenue. Frontage upon Canterbury Avenue reverts to the heights

standards in item “a”, above.

- c. Accessory buildings: 1.5 stories / 15 feet.
- d. Rooftop Equipment: H.V.A.C. equipment and other mechanical equipment shall be permitted to exceed permitted building height by not more than five (5) feet, provided they are screened by parapets or other permitted rooftop elements.

**7. Internal Dimension Requirements:**

- a. Distance between buildings:
  - i. Side-to-side: 20 ft., or 10 feet between like uses.
  - ii. Front to Front: 50 ft.
  - iii. Side to Rear: 25 ft.
  - iv. Rear to Rear: 30 ft.
  - v. Front to Side: 40 ft.
- b. Building Setback to Internal Roadways: 10 feet, except that porches and stairs may encroach up to five (5) feet into the setback.
- c. Maximum Building Length for Townhouses or Stacked Flats: 200 feet
- d. Maximum Building Length for Semi-Detached Dwellings: Two (2) dwellings

**D. PARKING AND CIRCULATION STANDARDS:**

**1. Parking Ratio:**

- a. Residential - Two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit
- b. Restaurant - Eight (8) spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- c. When the formula for required parking spaces results in a fraction of a space exceeding 0.49, a full space shall be required;
- d. Electronic vehicle parking and “make-ready” parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with State statutes and/or any Borough parking standards that codify such statutes;
- e. Accessory uses do not require parking.

**2. Handicapped Accessible Parking Requirements:** Refer to "Figure 5: ADA accessible parking ratios", below, for the accessible parking space requirement.

**3. Parking Dimensions:** Parking spaces and aisles shall be designed in accordance with §205-70.

**4. Access and Curb Openings:**

- a. Front-loaded parking for any dwelling unit is prohibited on Schuyler Avenue and discouraged on Sherman Avenue;
- b. Driveways providing parking for individual dwelling units shall be no wider than 20 feet, and there shall at least two (2) feet of spacing between the pavement edges of any two driveways;

Total Number of Parking Spaces in Parking Facility (Lot or Garage)	Minimum Total Number of Accessible Parking Spaces Required	Minimum Number of Van Accessible Sparking Spaces
1 - 25	1	1
26 - 50	2	1
51 - 75	3	1
76 - 100	4	1
101 - 150	5	1
151 - 200	6	1
201 - 300	7	2
301 - 400	8	2
401 - 500	9	2
501 - 1000	2% of total	
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000	

Figure 5: ADA accessible parking ratios



- c. Interior roadway at least 22 feet wide (two-way) or 11 feet wide (one-way) shall be permitted to connect to any street right-of-way, but shall be no closer than 50 feet to any other driveway or street intersection on the same side of the street, as measured from the edges of the driveway and roadway;
  - i. Permitted internal roadways shall be for private circulation and shall not provide be designed so as to offer or encourage public access between two public streets, except as may be necessary or appropriate to provide emergency vehicle access;
  - ii. Sidewalks at least five (5) feet wide shall be provided on one or both sides of any interior roadway;
  - iii. Parking assigned to dwelling units may be permitted on internal roadway, provided that the stretch of the road where parallel parking is to be provided is at least 31 feet wide for two-way circulation or 20 feet wide for one-way circulation to accommodate a parallel parking space meeting the requirements at §205-71.A(1).
- 5. **Parking and Circulation Setbacks:** Parking areas and interior roads are permitted no closer than 5 feet to any side or rear lot line, except that where the adjacent property is occupied by an existing single-family dwelling the parking area or road shall comply with the principal building setback requirements.
- 6. **Parking Area Locations:** Other than driveways providing parking for single-family dwelling units, parking areas shall not be located between a building and the street right-of-way.
  - a. The Board, at its discretion, may permit the use of on-street parking to satisfy a portion of the required parking for the redevelopment, based upon testimony and evidence that the parking spaces will be located along the frontage of the property(ies) in question, that the spaces will be striped and that striping will be maintained as needed to be visible to motorists, and that signage will be erected which restricts use of the spaces to residents and their guests, restaurant patrons and employees, and prospective tenants and which establishes the right of the property owner/manager and restaurant to tow violators.
- 7. **Shared Parking Lot:** Where the restaurant on Lot 3 is preserved or rebuilt, the restaurant and redeveloper may enter into an agreement to share a parking lot which shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. There shall be no shared parking reduction for the two uses; the parking lot shall contain all required parking spaces for the restaurant use as well as the balance of required parking spaces for the residential use after accounting for parking spaces provided elsewhere on site;
  - b. Signage or visible markings clearly delineate which parking spaces are dedicated to each use.
- 8. **Electrical Vehicle Spaces:** To the extent that Electrical Vehicle Charging and “Make-Ready” parking spaces may be required pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.171, such spaces shall be installed in a manner consistent with that law and with the model ordinance published by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

## E. LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND BUFFERING

- 1. **Generally:** The standards provided at §205-63 with respect to landscaping, screening, and buffering, including walls and lighting standards, shall apply except where superseded herein.
  - a. **Buffers:** Planted buffers shall be required within the required side yard and rear yard setbacks for buildings, parking areas, or driveways, as applicable, at a density of one (1) tree with typical mature height of around 25 feet and five (5) shrubs with typical mature heights of around five (5) feet for every 30 linear feet of yard length or 500 square feet of yard area. Planted buffers are recommended within

- the required front yard setbacks on Sherman Avenue;
- b. **Screening:** Closed fences six (6) feet in height shall be erected along side and rear property lines. Chain link and similar fences that are open or semi-open in nature and use mesh slats to block cross visibility shall not be permitted;
  - c. Garden walls and fences are not required in any street-facing front yard.
2. **Street Trees:** Trees shall be planted in the Schuyler Avenue and Canterbury Avenue front yards, within six (6) feet of the front lot line, based on the following standards:
- a. Trees shall be planted at a spacing of approximately 40 feet on center, and installed at a 3.5 inch caliper;
  - b. Prior to installation a 4-foot by 4-foot minimum area should be treated and prepared for tree root growth;
  - c. A minimum 2 year watering plan should be put into place (Gator bags);
  - d. Street trees shall be trimmed up to 8 feet and shall be in accordance with the “American Standard for Nursery Stock” published by the American Association of Nurserymen.

#### F. LIGHTING, UTILITIES, AND REFUSE COLLECTION

1. **Refer to Ordinance:** Shall comply with the standards at §205-63.C, G, and H

The standards of §205-63 are provided on shown on the following pages, in Figures 6 through 8

The Standards of Section 205-63 of the Borough Code are included on the following pages in Figures 6 to 8 for quick reference.

**§ 205-63. Design guidelines.**

**A. General.**

- (1) The overall development shall have a compatible architectural and landscaping theme.
- (2) Building design features such as exterior materials, rooflines and roof designs, windows, shutters, doors, porches, colors and orientation of the facades shall be considered as to appropriateness and attractiveness for the neighborhood. All publicly visible foundations and exterior walls shall be finished.
- (3) End units shall be designed so as to mitigate large expanses of blank facades by including such elements as bay windows and other windows, roof projections and other exterior articulation.

**B. Front yard setbacks.**

- (1) All residential setbacks shall be enclosed with a combination of low garden walls or other landscaping. Garden walls are defined as a walled separation between a courtyard, front yard or service area and the street to screen private activities from the public realm.
- (2) Setback areas are encouraged to be landscaped with a combination of flowering trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs to create a garden space.
- (3) Lawn and turf areas are discouraged in all front yards, more sustainable and less maintenance intensive ground covers are encouraged.
- (4) Common setback areas shall contain a combination of hardscape and softscape areas.

**C. Lighting.**

- (1) Only shielded light fixtures shall be used. All lighting shall be designed to prevent misdirected or excessive artificial light and to maximize energy efficiency. Floodlights shall not be directed toward the street and shall be shielded from light intrusion into the windows of units.
- (2) Incandescent, halogen, or natural gas lighting elements are encouraged.

Figure 6: Section 205-63 of the Borough Ordinance

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Sodium vapor fixtures shall be prohibited.

- (3) Lighting shall not be more than 0.1 footcandle at any adjacent residential property measured at the adjacent residential property line at grade.
- (4) The maximum height of freestanding lights shall not exceed 12 feet.
- (5) The style of the light and light standard shall be consistent with the architectural style of the principal buildings.

D. Signage.

- (1) One freestanding sign shall be permitted per development at the roadway access. The sign shall not exceed 12 square feet in area, three feet in height and shall not intrude into the sight triangle.
- (2) No backlight signs or those in which letters are silhouetted against a light background are permitted. External lighting may be permitted.
- (3) Signage shall be compatible with the overall development theme.

E. Garden walls and fencing.

- (1) Garden walls shall generally be constructed of the same material as the first floor of the primary building.
- (2) Garden walls shall be a minimum of 24 inches and a maximum of 36 inches in height. Sitting walls, between 12 inches and 24 inches in height, shall be incorporated whenever possible.
- (3) Garden walls shall be minimum of eight inches thick and have a horizontal cap.
- (4) Fences shall be made of aluminum or steel and shall have stucco or masonry piers. PVC, wood and chain link are not permitted as fencing materials.
- (5) Masonry piers with steel or iron fencing may replace solid masonry walls.
- (6) Hedges may not be used in place of fence requirements.

F. Buffering.

- (1) A five-foot buffer (e.g., landscaping, fencing) shall be provided along the rear and side property lines. Side buffers along buildings shall be landscaped to complement building design and screen foundation expanses.
- (2) On-site recreational facilities, including playgrounds, swimming pools, etc., shall not be less than 15 feet from any property line and shall be screened by fencing, landscaping or both from adjoining properties.

G. Utilities and mechanical equipment.

- (1) Roof-vent penetrations shall be located at least 10 feet from any exterior

Figure 7: Section 205-63 of the Borough Ordinance, continued

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- building face, if possible.
- (2) Bulkheads and/or mechanical equipment shall be enclosed on the roof, set back and housed in an enclosure utilizing the same material or comparable material as the rest of the building facades.
  - (3) Aboveground storage tanks, basketball hoops or other such equipment are prohibited unless visually screened from the street.
  - (4) Access roads and paving are required to be of porous paving so as to minimize stormwater runoff.
  - (5) All utilities shall be buried underground unless site-specific constraints exist.
  - (6) Every effort shall be made to make utilities as visually unobtrusive as possible.
  - (7) Meters and access panels shall be integrated with building design and shall be constructed of materials and styles consistent with the established design theme.
  - (8) The developer shall coordinate all utility improvements with the responsible utility.
- H. Trash disposal/recycling. Trash/recycling containers shall be housed in the rear of the buildings in an enclosed structure which will be the collection point.

Figure 8: Section 205-63 of the Borough Ordinance, continued

## 7.0: DEVELOPMENT / PLACE-MAKING DESIGN STANDARDS

### A. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS

1. **General:** Any development in this redevelopment plan area shall comply with the design standards at §205-63 except where superseded by this or any other section of the Redevelopment Plan.
2. **Building Architectural Materials & Character:**
  - a. All buildings shall be constructed with high quality materials that reinforce pedestrian scale.
  - b. Architectural elements and variations shall not be restricted to a single building or dwelling facade. All sides of building shall display a similar level of quality and architectural interest;
  - c. Primary building materials shall include: brick, stone, hard stucco, wood and fiber cement siding, thin brick, and/or glass which cover a minimum of 60% of each building façade, exclusive of windows and doors with accent materials comprising a maximum of 25% for each building façade. Vinyl siding is permitted as long as it does not cover 40% of each building facade;
    - i. Synthetic stucco materials such as EIFS are prohibited on any facade along a public street.
  - d. Elements such as cornices, belt courses, corbelling, molding, string courses, ornamentation, changes in material or color, porches, gables, bay windows, accent corner boards, and other sculpturing of the base are strongly recommended and should be provided to add special interest;
  - e. Special attention must be given to the design of windows. Windows shall provide relief, detail and variation on the facade through the use of distinctive trim and architectural styling that lends human scale to the facade;
  - f. All new structures shall take into consideration the relationship to other existing or proposed buildings, in terms of light air, usable open space, height and massing.
3. **Windows:**
  - a. Windows shall be required on facades facing any streets, or common areas. Garage door windows and block style windows which distort visibility between the interior and exterior will not count toward this requirement;
  - b. The vertical dimension of any window shall be between 1.5 and 2 times the width of the window;
  - c. At least two (2) of the following requirements for a window shall be met:
    - i. Window should be accented with a drip cap, sill, and trim. The drip cap shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height and one (1) inch in depth; sills shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in depth. Trim shall be a minimum of two (2) inches in width and one (1) inch in depth;
    - ii. Windows should be accented through use of multiple panes;
    - iii. Windows should be accented through the use of contrasting trim color and other detail.
  - d. Ground level windows and wall openings, including those relating to ground level parking in a multi-family building, shall incorporate treatments such as frames, sills, or other articulation that match or complement



Figure 9: Dormers on a gable roof.



Figure 10: Attached dwellings with Juliet balconies and rooftop terraces, facade articulation in the form of varied setbacks and projections.

treatments for windows on upper stories.

- e. There shall not be any unfenestrated or solid wall length in excess of 25 feet on the ground floor of any street facing facade. Where windows are impractical, architecturally treated false windows, vents, or green building features shall be provided.

#### 4. Roofs:

- a. Roof forms shall be hip, gable, flat, shed or mansard. Roofs shall incorporate at least one (1) of these architectural elements-
  - i. Vertical or horizontal changes in roof lines; and/or
  - ii. Varied roof forms.
- b. The proposed townhouse roofs shall incorporate at least two (2) of the following architectural elements-
  - i. Dormers;
  - ii. Deep roof overhangs. To qualify, the overhang shall be at least twenty-four (24) inches;
  - iii. Rafter tails, brackets, corbels, or other decorative supports; and/or;
  - iv. Prominent cornice, soffit, or fascia detail;
  - v. Balconies (e.g. Juliet) or rooftop-terraces not projecting beyond the front wall of the applicable dwelling unit.
- c. Rooftop appurtenances on multi-family buildings, such as elevator or stair towers projecting above the top of the building should be constructed or treated with the primary facade material.

#### 5. Building Orientation:

- a. The buildings with frontage on Schuyler Avenue and Canterbury Avenue shall be oriented towards these streets.

#### 6. Building Entrances:

- a. Building entrances should be easily identifiable. Each unit shall feature a main entry which includes architectural features such as porticos that provide weather protection and visual interest to the structure;
- b. Each dwelling shall have its own separate entrance from the building exterior.

#### 7. Facade Articulation:

- a. Facades shall use combinations of vertical modulation and horizontal articulation to add visual interest and to avoid solid expanses of wall. Modulation should avoid depth variations in excess of two feet;
- b. Horizontal Articulation: Buildings shall be visually broken up horizontally into a base, a middle and a top and vertically into bays, through the use of building articulation or change in materials. The base should not extend beyond the second level with an emphasis on providing design elements which enhance the



**Figure 11:** Attached dwellings with varied door and shutter coloration, and inverted window and door placements consistent with the colonial style.



**Figure 12:** Attached dwellings with varied but complementary materiality, window treatments, and roof styles, and a natural-appearing variation in the building line.

pedestrian environment particularly at the street level;

- i. The first story of a multi-family building shall be distinguished from the stories above using different materials, colors, tones, textures, projections/recessions, or other techniques, or combinations of these.
- c. Semi-attached dwelling units shall be visually separate and distinct from the unit to which they are attached, in order to mitigate the visual bulk of the building from the street. This should be done with at least two of the following:



**Figure 13:** Attached dwellings with alternating window and wall materials, inverted window and doors, and use of gutters and fire walls to separate units.



**Figure 14:** Attached buildings having varied color patterns, as well as fire walls and chimneys separating units.

- i. Different colors or materiality on each half;
- ii. Placement of gutter downspouts down the middle of the building;
- iii. Fire-wall or chimney projections which separate the two units and are visible from the street;
- iv. Distinct and separate sloped roofs or parapets for each unit;
- v. Distinctively bright or dark corner boards;
- vi. Step backs or projections not in excess of two feet;
- vii. Any other similar design choices that create the appearance of two separate but attached dwellings.

#### 8. Porch element:

- a. Porches can have gable ends or shed roof forms, extending up into the main house roof form with chamfered or turned posts and often have gingerbread around the porches, eaves and windows.

#### 9. Balconies:

- a. Balconies (excluding those projecting from roofs) are permitted above the first story on facades facing internal roadways provided they do not project more than six (6) feet from the dwelling facade;

#### 10. Mechanical Equipment Screening:

- a. The standards at §205-63.G shall apply except where superseded hereinafter;
- b. Screening of mechanical equipment is required;
- c. All rooftop and ground level mechanical equipment, shall be screened from view from all



adjacent public streets, open spaces and parks, and adjacent residential properties in all directions and elevations to minimize the negative impact;

- d. Screening materials shall be consistent with the architectural detail, color and materials of the building; Wire mesh screening is not permitted;
- e. All roof and HVAC systems must meet the building code requirements and at minimum be set back from the building edge a minimum of 15 feet from any street or public open space and screened as to not be visible from any adjacent public street or public property;
- f. If wall pack ventilation units are being used they are required to compliment the building material color.

#### 11. Openings / Ventilation:

- a. Any openings for ventilation or service located at the first floor level and facing any public street must be decorative and must be an integral part of the overall building design.

#### 12. Signage Design Standards:

- a. The signage standards for the redevelopment area shall meet the requirements identified in §205-63.D in the Borough's zoning ordinance.

### B. STREETScape DESIGN STANDARDS:

#### 1. Utility Accessories:

- a. Utility boxes, meters, man hole covers and fire hydrants should be coordinated with other streetscape accessories;
- b. Utilities should be readily accessible and placed so as not to obstruct pedestrian movement;
- c. Utility locations should minimize visual and physical impact as much as possible.

- 2. **Pedestrian Rights of Way:** Within the portion of the public right-of-way between the front lot line and the cartway on Schuyler Avenue and Canterbury Avenue there shall be maintained, in good condition, a four (4) foot wide paved sidewalk and a grass or otherwise landscaped curb strip at least three (3) feet in width.



Figure 15: Townhouses with varied roof styles, facade materials, and architectural treatments.

## 8.0: RELATIONSHIP OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO STATE / COUNTY / LOCAL MASTER PLAN STUDIES:

### A. State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP):

In reviewing the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan Volumes 1 - 4 the following information pertains to goals and policies for a program of rehabilitation which discuss the development and redevelopment policies for urban areas.

1. Volume II – State Plan Goals and Policies include the following:
  - a. Revitalize the State’s Cities and Town Centers by investing wisely and sufficiently in improvements in their infrastructure systems, public spending programs, tax incentives and regulatory programs to leverage private investment and to encourage infill and redevelopment in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.
  - b. Conserve the State’s Natural Resources and Systems by planning the location and intensity of growth to maintain natural resource and systems capacities and make the necessary infrastructure investments to protect natural resources and systems in ways that guide growth and development in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.
  - c. Promote Beneficial Economic Growth in locations and in ways that improve the quality of life and the standard of living for all New Jersey residents by providing infrastructure in advance of, or concurrent with, the impacts of new development sufficient to maintain adequate facility standards, by encouraging partnerships and collaborative planning with the private sector and by capitalizing on the State’s strategic location, economic strengths including its existing business enterprises, entrepreneurship, the research and development capacity of its institutions of higher learning, skilled workforce, cultural diversity and logistic facilities in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.
  - d. Protect the Environment, Prevent and Clean up Pollution by planning for growth in compact forms at locations, densities and intensities that protect land, air and water quality, allow expeditious regulatory reviews and encourage multi-modal transportation alternatives to the automobile to help achieve and maintain acceptable air quality standards.
  - e. Provide Adequate Public Facilities and Services at Reasonable Cost by supporting investments based on comprehensive planning and by providing financial incentives for jurisdictions that cooperate in providing public infrastructure and shared services. Encourage the use of infrastructure needs assessments and life-cycle costing. Provide adequate public facilities in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.
  - f. Provide Adequate Housing at Reasonable Cost through public/private partnerships that create and maintain a full range of attractive, affordable, and environmentally sensitively-designed and developed housing, particularly for those New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan most in need, at densities and locations that provide greater efficiencies and serve to support public transportation alternatives and reduce commuter time and expense and easily accessible to employment, retail, cultural, civic and recreational opportunities to reduce housing and commuting costs in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.
  - g. Preserve and Enhance Areas with Historic, Cultural, Scenic Open Space, and Recreational Value and assets by collaborative planning, design, investment and management techniques. Locate and design development and redevelopment and supporting infrastructure to improve access to and protect these sites. Support the important role of the arts in contributing to community life, civic beauty and redevelopment in ways that are consistent with the State Plan’s vision and goals.



Figure 16: New Jersey SDRP - "Metropolitan Area 1"

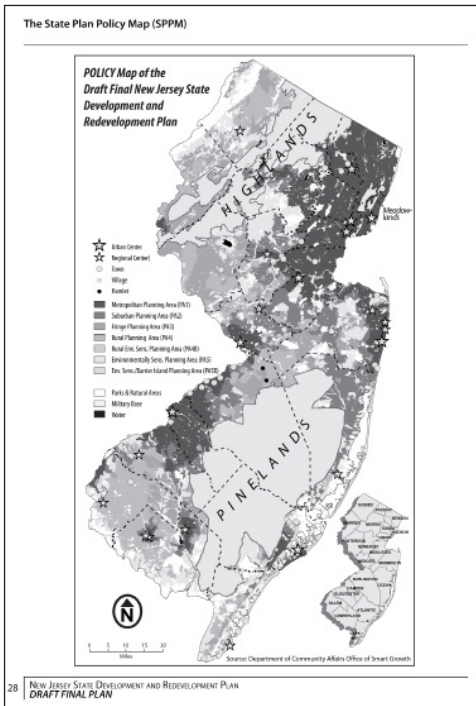


Figure 17: New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan Policy Map

- h. Ensure Sound, Coordinated and Integrated Statewide Planning by using the State Plan as a guide to planning and growth related decisions at all levels of government in ways that are consistent with the State Plan's vision and goals.
  - i. Increase Energy Efficiencies and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by promoting the improved coordination and integration of transportation planning and land-use planning and decision-making to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT); and by the citing, development, design and use of green-building construction materials and techniques in ways that are consistent with the State Plan's vision and goals.
2. The State Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq.) states:
    - a. "Among the goals of the act is the following: ... conserve its natural resources, revitalize its urban centers, protect the quality of its environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal."
    - b. "It is in the public interest to encourage development, redevelopment and economic growth in locations that are well situated with respect to present or anticipated public services and facilities, giving appropriate priority to the redevelopment, repair, rehabilitation or replacement of existing facilities and to discourage development where it may impair or destroy natural resources or environmental qualities that are vital to the health and well-being of the present and future citizens of this state." (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 (d))
  3. The State Plan Policy Map (SPPM)
    - a. Recognizes that New Jersey requires different approaches in its Metropolitan, Suburban, Rural and Environmentally Sensitive Planning Areas. The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan adopted by the State Planning Commission, places the Borough of North Arlington in Planning Area 1 - the Metropolitan Planning Area and states:
    - b. The Metropolitan Planning Area: This Planning Area includes a variety of municipalities that range from large Urban Centers to 19th century towns shaped by commuter rail and post-war suburbs. The Communities in this Planning Area have strong ties to major metropolitan centers – New

York/Newark/Jersey City metropolitan region; the Philadelphia/Camden/Trenton Metropolitan Region; and on a smaller scale the Easton/Phillipsburg Metropolitan Region.

- c. These municipalities have many things in common: mature settlement patterns; infrastructure systems that are approaching their reasonable life expectancy; an aging housing stock in need of rehabilitation; recognition that redevelopment will be the predominant form of growth; and a growing realization of the need to regionalize services and systems. In addition, the wide and often affordable choice of housing in proximity to New York and Philadelphia has attracted significant immigration, resulting in noticeable changes in demographic characteristics overtime.
- d. In the Metropolitan Planning Area, the State Plan's intent is to do the following:
  - Provide for much of the State's future development and redevelopment;
  - Revitalize Cities and Towns;
  - Take advantage of increased densities and compact building design;
  - Encourage distinctive, attractive neighborhoods with a strong sense of place;
  - Provide for mixed-use concentrations of residential and commercial activity;
  - Create a wide range of residential housing opportunities and choices with income mix;
  - Provide for a variety of multi-modal transportation alternatives;
  - Prioritize clean-up and redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields sites;
  - Create cultural centers of state-wide significance;
  - Re-design any existing areas of low-density sprawl;

This Redevelopment Plan meets several of the goals and objectives and the intent of the Metropolitan Planning Area, including enabling infill development that promotes mixed housing types that may provide more affordable housing options for families in the Borough without altering the character of the neighborhoods surrounding the Redevelopment Area.

#### B. Bergen County Master Plan:

The Bergen County Master Plan was last adopted in 1962, and the most recent Land Uses Element was adopted in 1973. In June of 2011 the county completed the Vision Bergen Plan, which is the visioning component of the Bergen County Master Plan, and is the most up-to-date review of conditions in the county.

1. **Density:** Vision Bergen encourages a deviation away from low-density single-family detached development, as a way to reduce car-oriented transportation and improve housing affordability.
2. **Infill:** Vision Bergen encourages infill in a manner which protects residential neighborhoods from existing or new industrial or commercial uses.

#### C. Borough of North Arlington Master Plan and Re-Examination Reports

This plan is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan and Reexamination Report as it pertains to the goals and objectives:

1. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends using the Redevelopment process to redevelop properties along Schuyler Avenue (page 37);

2. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends interpreting permitted “dwellings” in the C-1 district to include a variety of residential types;
3. The 2016 Re-examination Report recommends rezoning areas as R-2 districts where two-family dwellings are a common occurrence. The Study Area and dwellings in the surrounding neighborhoods contain two-family dwellings.
4. The 2003 Master Plan identifies Townhouses as a housing type that could improve affordability in the Borough (page 49).
5. Goals and objectives include “To protect North Arlington’s residential neighborhoods and maintain them as desirable living environments.” and “To preserve the present business areas of the Borough, maintaining sufficient retail, service, and office facilities to meet the needs of North Arlington’s residents”

While the Redevelopment Plan proposes attached and semi-detached housing on properties zoned for industrial and commercial use, the properties affected have been underutilized in such a manner and to such a degree as to be an eyesore and to degrade the quality of life for surrounding residents. The Redevelopment Plan also strives to preserve the one legally existing business in the designated Redevelopment Area - the restaurant on Lot 3 - which is well known in the Borough. Therefore, the Redevelopment Plan is consistent with the Master Plan Goals and Objectives pertaining to promoting desirable living environments, housing affordability, and protecting existing businesses.

#### D. Neighboring Community Master Plans:

The relationship between this Redevelopment Plan and the Neighboring municipalities’ Master Plans are expected to be as follows:

1. Town of Kearny: Kearny is directly south of North Arlington and is also traversed by NJ-17 (Ridge Road in North Arlington and Kearny Avenue in Kearny). The Study Area is on the opposite side of North Arlington from the border with Kearny and will have no impact on the Town’s development or on the goals and objectives of the Town’s Master Plan
2. Township of Lyndhurst: The Redevelopment Area is located one (1) block south of the border with Lyndhurst - specifically its light and heavy industrial zone districts, the latter of which is a Meadowlands (New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority) zone district. The Redevelopment Area is also located two (2) blocks south from the RA residential zone district. Given the scale of the Redevelopment Area and Plan (less than one acre and no more than 12 possible dwelling units), any development on the subject property will not have a substantial impact on traffic, noise, and use patterns in Lyndhurst, nor are there any goals, objectives, or concerns in the Lyndhurst Master Plan that would be affected by this Redevelopment Plan.
3. Belleville Township: Belleville Township is west of North Arlington, on the other side of the Passaic River. As with the Town of Kearny, the distance between the Redevelopment Area and Belleville Township is such that no impact on the Township is expected from the Redevelopment Plan.
4. New Jersey Sports and Expositions Authority (f.k.a. Meadowlands Commission): The Redevelopment Area is just west of the part of the Borough that is located in the Meadowlands District, which is under

the Jurisdiction of the NJSEA. The nearby NJSEA lands are located within the NJSEA’s Redevelopment Area 4, also known as the “Kingsland” Redevelopment Area. Currently the NJSEA lands closest to the Redevelopment Area are undeveloped, but the goal as stated in the NJSEA 2020 Master Plan is to permit mixed-use and industrial development, as well as renewable energy development. Given the lack of any street connections from the redevelopment area to the NJSEA lands, the Redevelopment Plan will not affect the NJSEA Master Plan or the Kingsland Redevelopment Plan.