

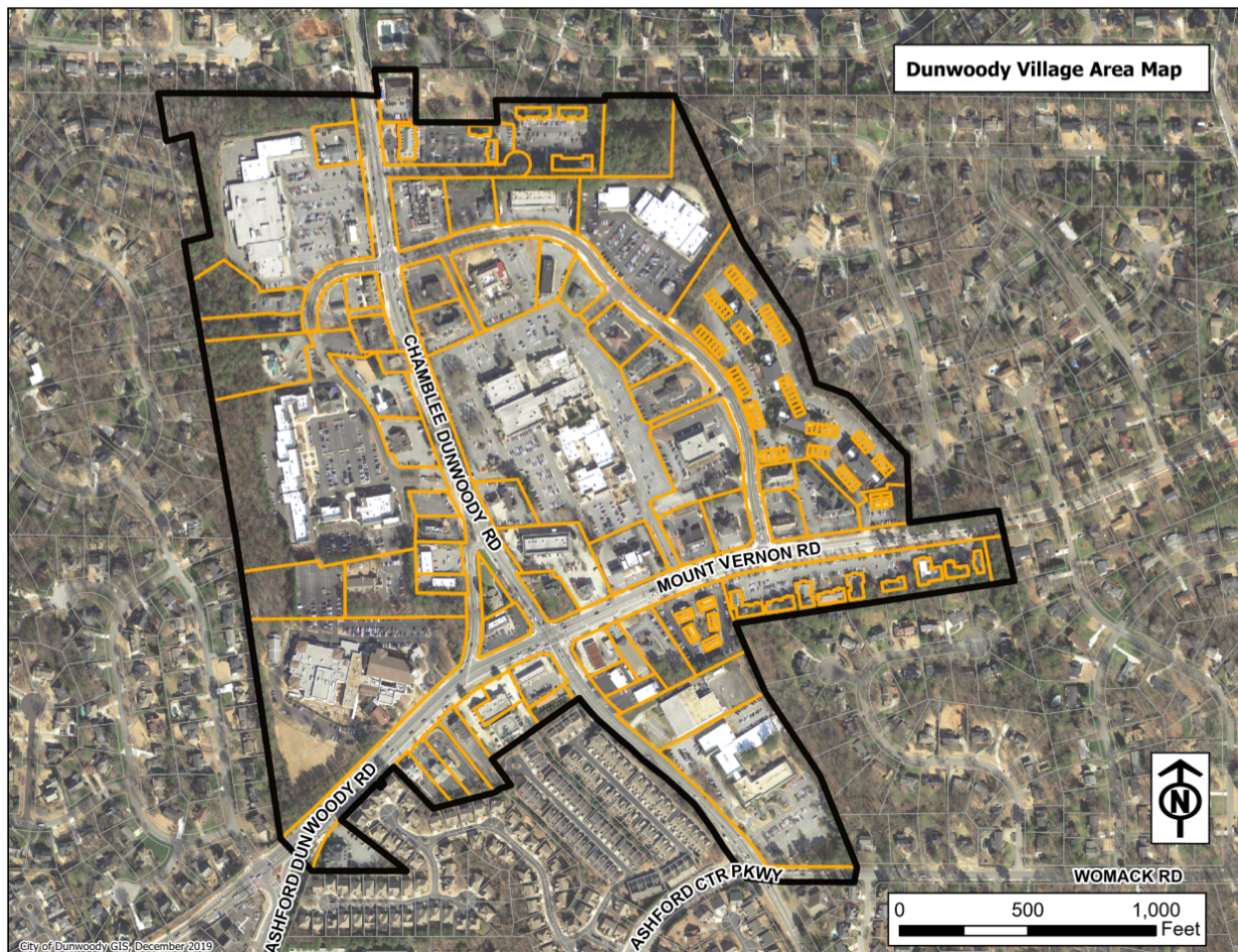
MEMORANDUM

To: City Council

From: John Olson, AICP

Date: November 9, 2020

Subject: Dunwoody Village Master Plan Update

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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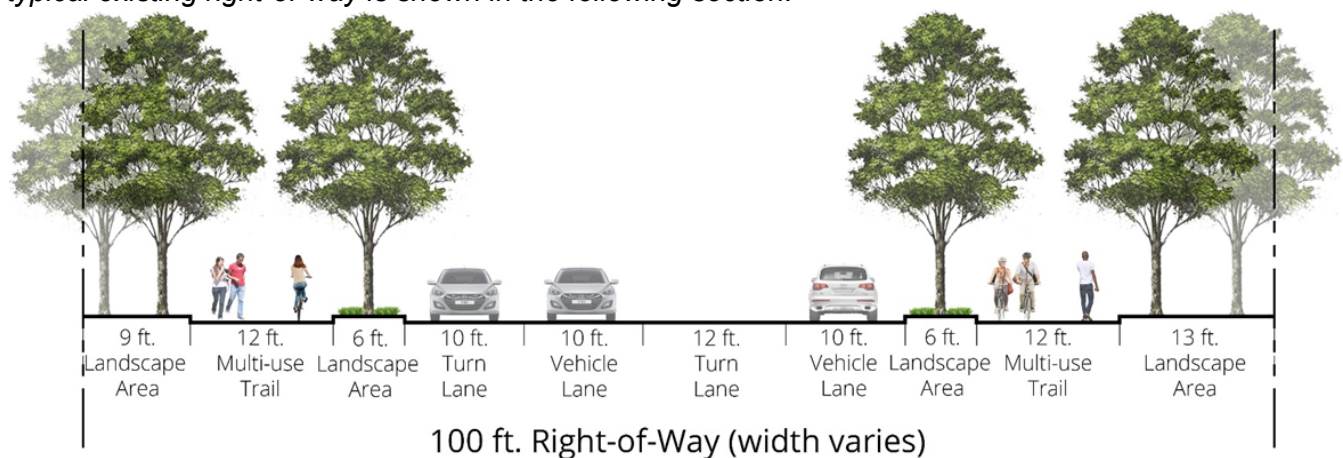
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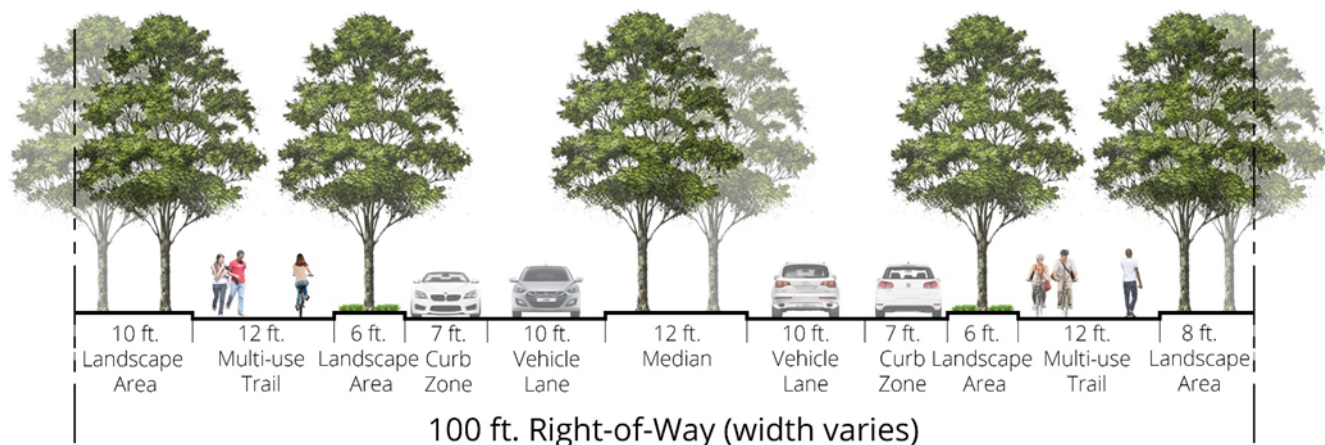
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RECOMMENDATION

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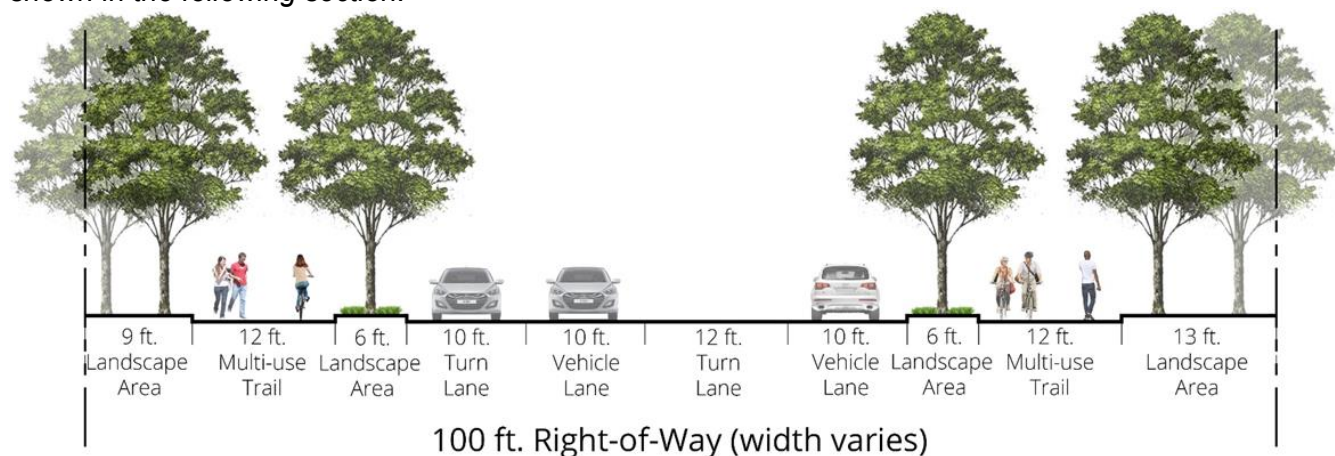
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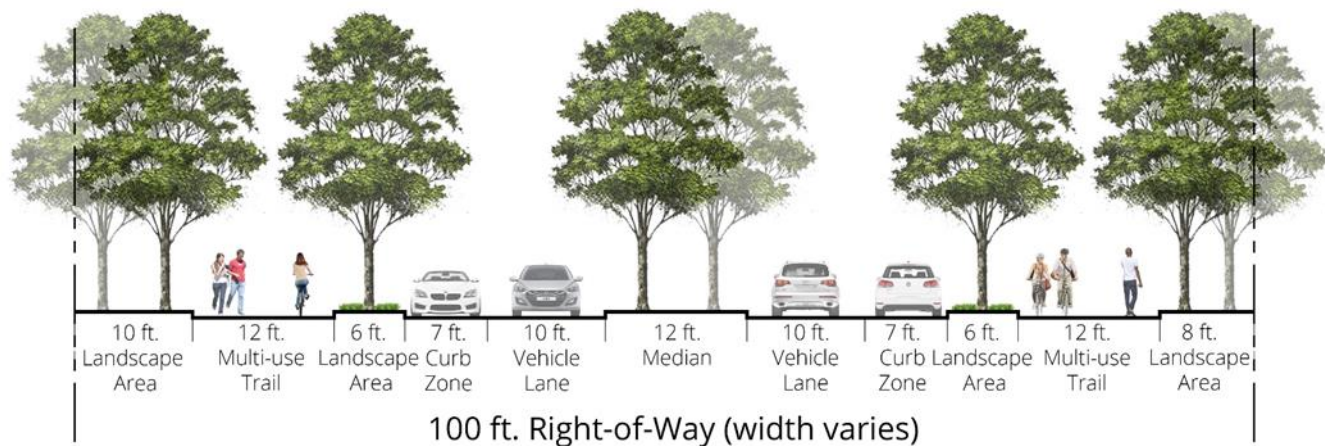
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A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF DUNWOODY VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

- WHEREAS:** The Dunwoody Village contains over 150 acres of property made up of eight individual zoning districts (C-1, C-2, O-I, RM-100, O-I-T, R-100, R-150, and CR-1c) and one overlay district; and
- WHEREAS:** These districts consist of a combination of multi-family, office, commercial, and institutional uses, which are isolated by zoning type; and
- WHEREAS:** The development within Dunwoody Village consists of three suburban scale shopping centers, a church, the Dunwoody Village Townhomes, which are currently under construction, and several auto-repair shops, gas stations, office buildings and banks; and
- WHEREAS:** Most of the development within the Village was constructed in the 1970s and 1980s and as automobile-oriented developments, the buildings are mostly one-story in height, contain large surface parking lots and have minimal functional public open space; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2011 Dunwoody Village Master Plan presented a comprehensive vision for the future of the Village. The 2011 plan was developed with significant input from the community and officially adopted by Dunwoody City Council in 2011. The plan was updated in 2016
- WHEREAS:** The 2011 Dunwoody Village Master Plan included proposed improvements to Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Mount Vernon Road as described on pages 43-44 of that plan and the 2016 update did not include any changes to these proposed street improvements; and
- WHEREAS:** In January of 2019 City staff began working with TSW, an Atlanta-based architecture and planning firm, to rewrite the regulations of the Dunwoody Village Overlay and Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS:** The analysis and revisions sought to take into consideration connectivity, public open space, and the future character of development in the areas of the Dunwoody Village Overlay and Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS:** As a part of this process, the Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Mount Vernon street improvements contained in the Dunwoody Village Master Plan were revisited, and updated designs were shared with the community at a public workshop on June 29.
- WHEREAS:** Ultimately a revised plan of street improvements for improvements to Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Mount Vernon was developed; and
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WHEREAS: The proposed revised street improvements to Chamblee Dunwoody Road and Mount Vernon requirements improve the Dunwoody Master Plan by more closely reflecting the community vision and providing greater clarity in relation to the required street improvements; and

WHEREAS: By adopting these changes, the City of Dunwoody will help create a vibrant shopping and entertainment area in which merchants and businesses thrive and grow, thereby helping to maintain property values and keeping vacancy rates low; and maintain and enhance the area's role as a place for civic activities and public gatherings within well-designed open spaces; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Council find that the proposed changes are appropriate and will enhance the public health, safety, and welfare within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby **RESOLVE AND APPROVE** the adoption of the revision to the Dunwoody Village Master Plan as set forth in the attachments hereto.

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SO ORDAINED AND EFFECTIVE, this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

Approved by:

Approved as to Form and Content

Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

City Attorney

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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8/11/2020 – As Revised following First Read



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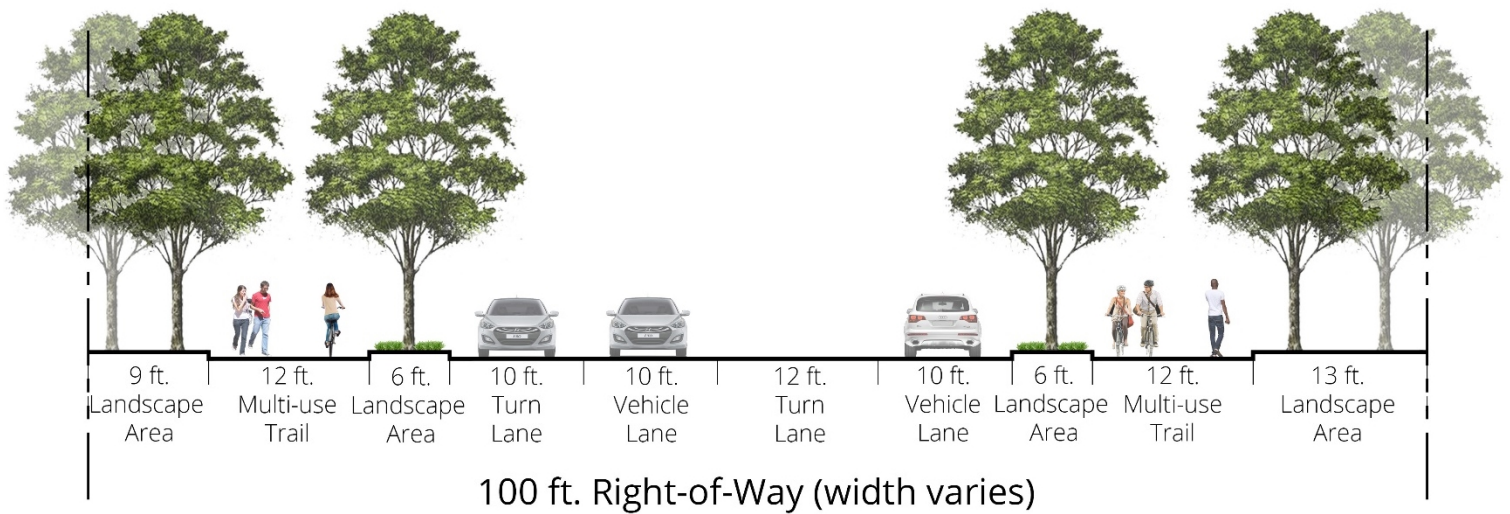
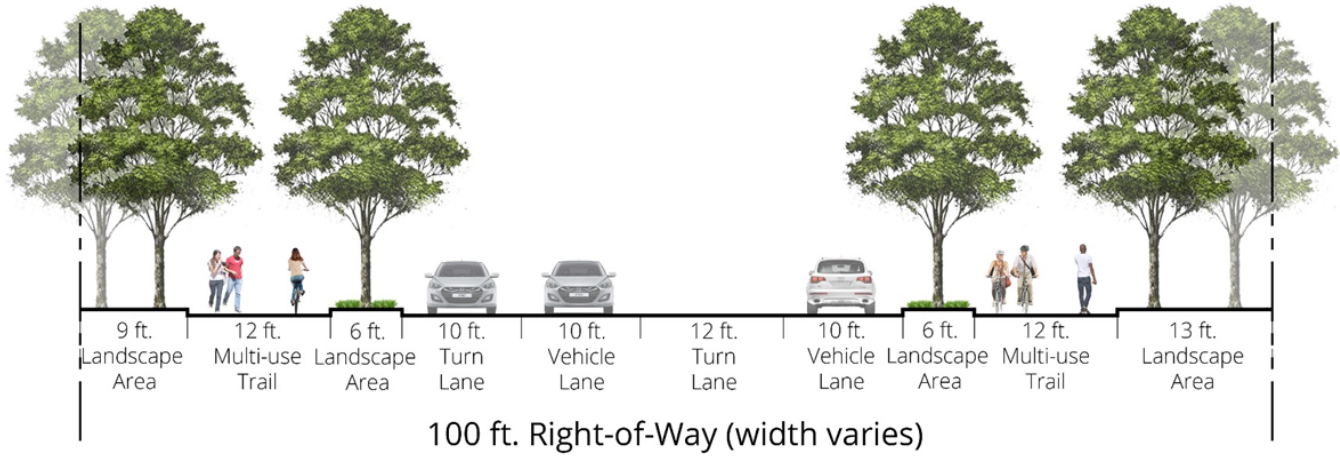
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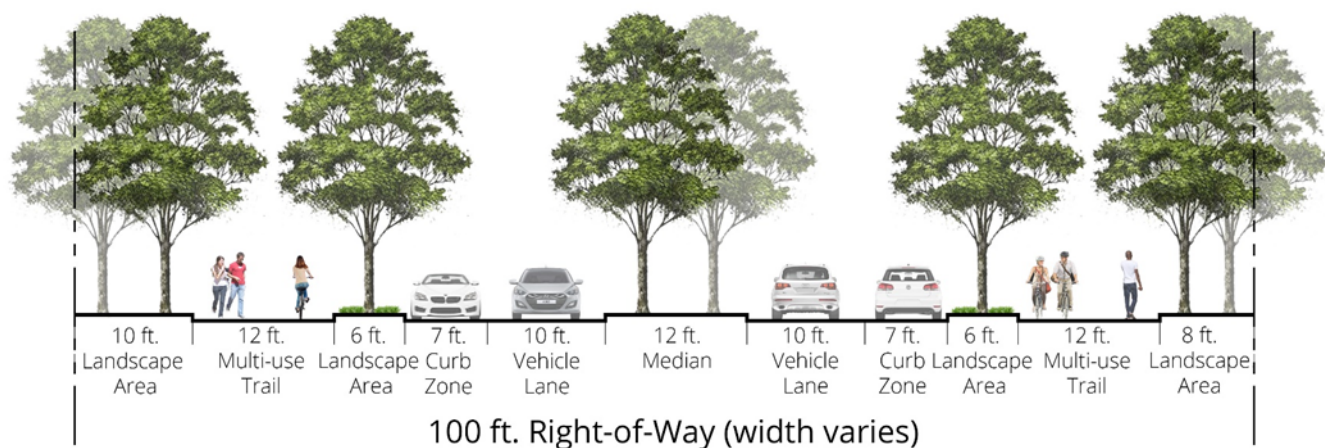
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