

Citizen Advisory Group Workshop

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome / Introductions
- Objectives
- Strategy/Criteria
- Scenarios
- Discussion
- Next Steps / Adjourn





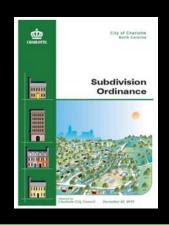


Density Bonus Strategy

1. Develop a voluntary single family and multifamily zoning density bonus program

- A density bonus allows for an increase in the number of dwelling units permitted over the otherwise maximum allowable density under the existing zoning district
- Current regulations allow for density bonuses in:
 - MX Districts (MX-1, MX-2, MX-3)
 - Swim Buffers
 - Residential Tree Save Ordinance







Density Bonus Goals

- Increase number of affordable units
- Assurances affordable units are built
- Administration and tracking
- Architectural consistency
- Dispersal within development





Draft 2 Staff Recommendation Location and Density

Density Bonus Recommendation

- Allow one (1) unit above base density for all single family districts
- Within geographies that have a median home value of (\$153,000*) or greater:
 - Allow two (2) units above the base density for applicable single family districts (80% AMI)
 - Allow three (3) units above the base density for applicable single family districts (60% AMI)
 - To qualify for 3 DUA increase, all affordable units must serve 60% AMI
- * Median Home Value Source: American Community Survey, 2005-09



Staff Draft 2 Recommendation Program Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

- Min. 50% of additional units allowed by the density bonus must be affordable
- Affordable is defined currently as:
 - \$126,000, the maximum home price a family of four (4) can afford to pay at or below 60% (\$40,500) of Area Median Income (AMI)
 - \$168,000, the maximum home price a family of four (4) can afford to pay at or below 80% (\$54,000) of Area Median Income (AMI).
- Number of affordable units not to exceed 25% of total housing units in the development



Draft 2 Staff Recommendation Design Guidelines

Reduced Yards

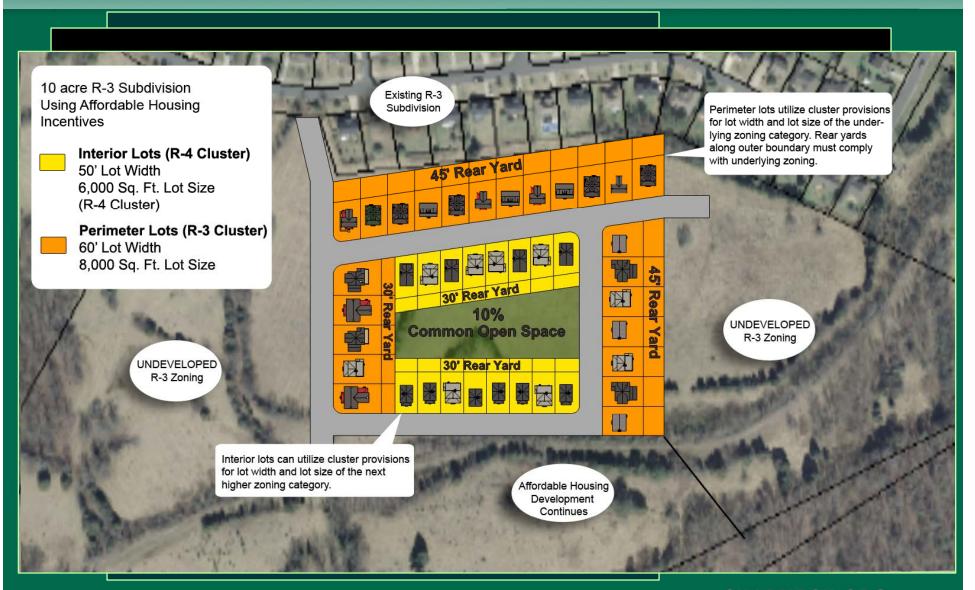
- Front Setbacks: 20' for front loaded garages; 15' for all other lots
- Rear Yards: 30' for internal lots; rear yards along the outer boundary of a project must comply with the zoning district requirement

Reduced Lot Sizes and Lot Widths

- Apply the cluster provision for lot size and lot width of the zoning category
- o If a minimum of 10% is applied to common open space, cluster provisions for the next higher zoning category may be utilized. Perimeter lots that abut or are across a local residential street from other single family zoned properties shall meet the underlying zoning cluster provisions. A minimum 20' wide tree save area within common open space may be utilized to eliminate this requirement for perimeter lots that abut other single family zoned properties.



Draft 2 Density Bonus Development Standards



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Draft 2 Staff Recommendation Development Standards

Design Guidelines

- Units must externally blend in architecturally with other units to include materials and style (such as roof pitches, foundations, window treatment)
- Affordable units must be dispersed within the development
- Perimeter of development must reflect the character of adjacent neighborhoods based on Zoning





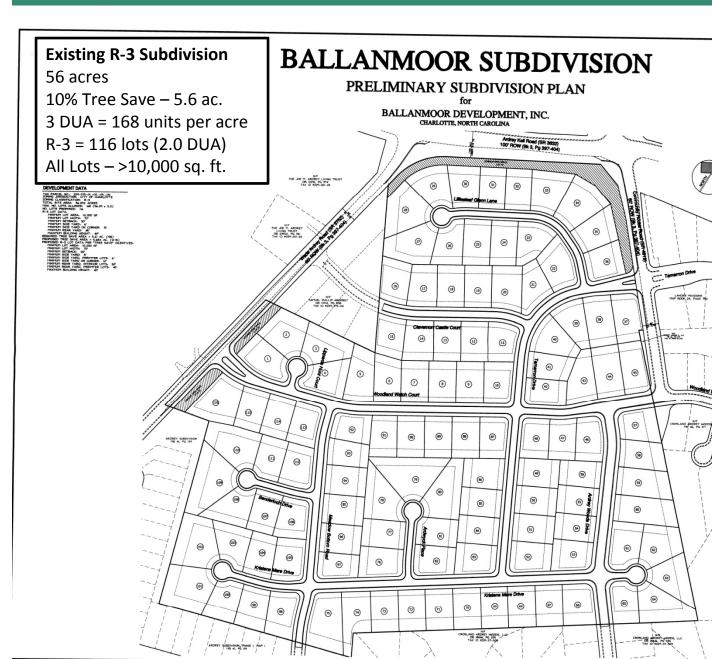
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Architectural Design Standards



- Building material
- Roof pitch

- Window type
- Foundation





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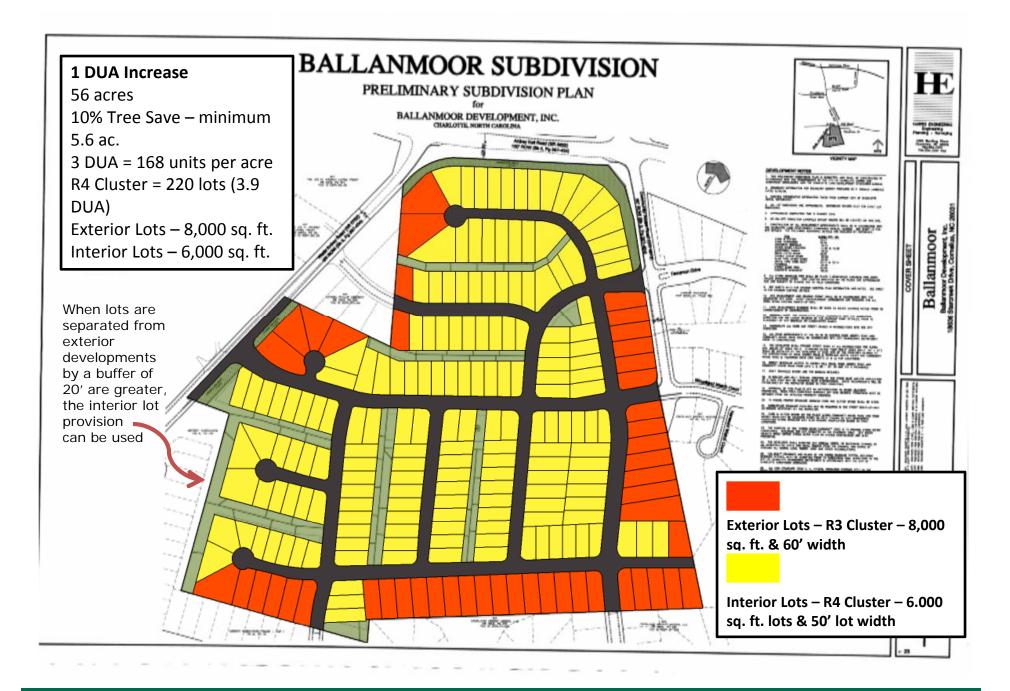
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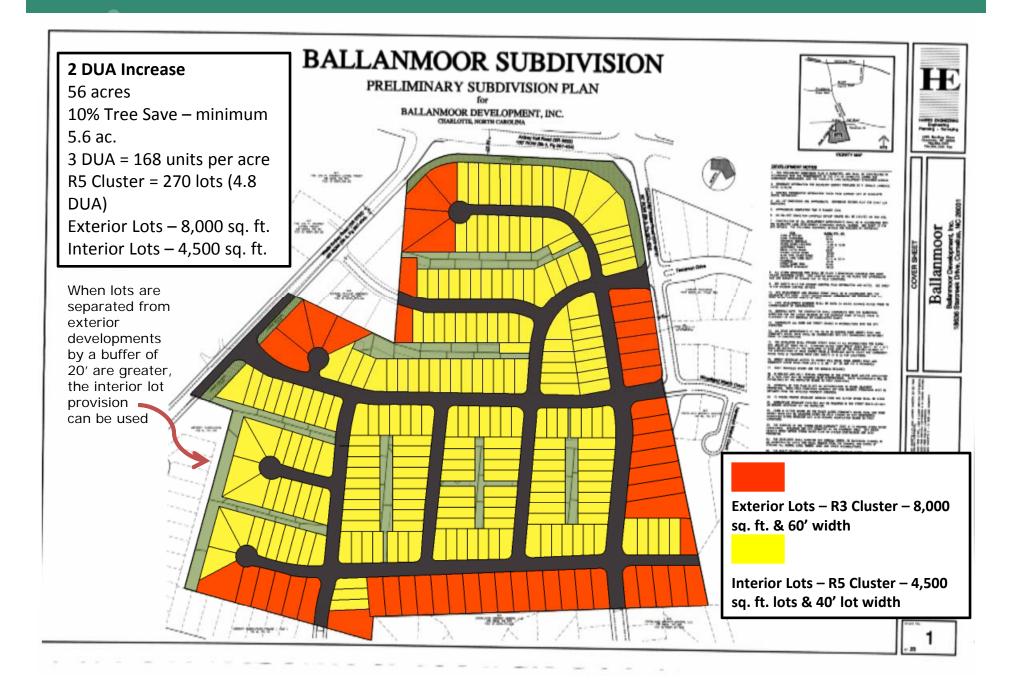
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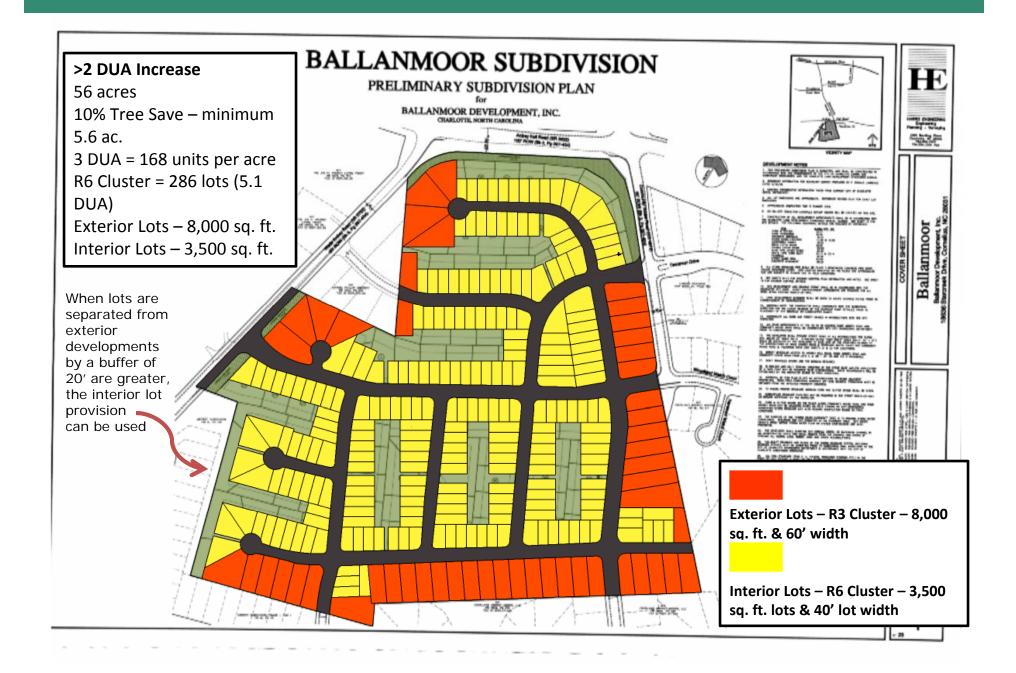


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Next Steps

- Provide H&ND Committee Update November 2nd
- Upcoming Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)
 Meeting Dates:
 - November 3, 2011 (6pm, CMGC Room 280)
 - Future dates to be determined
- Process Benchmarks
 - Citizen Input process September 2011-January 2012
 - Committee Action February 2012
 - Council Action April/May 2012
- Questions or concerns should be directed to:

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