

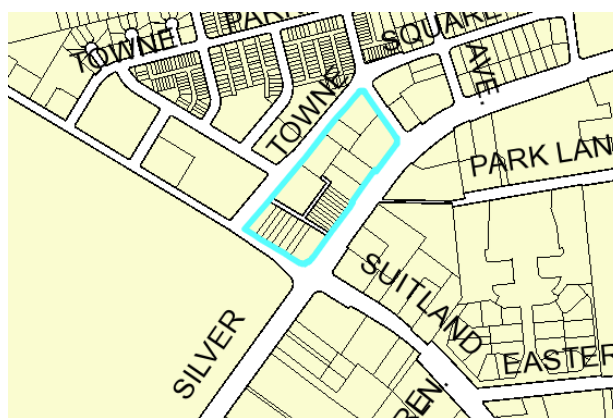


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## Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-21003 Towne Square at Suitland Federal Center-Phase 4

REQUEST	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Extension of the preliminary plan of subdivision validity period.	APPROVAL of a one-year extension

<b>Location:</b> North of the intersection of MD 458 (Silver Hill Road) and MD 218 (Suitland Road).	
Gross Acreage:	6.43
Zone:	LMUTC
Prior Zone:	M-U-TC/ D-D-O
Reviewed per prior Subdivision Regulations:	Section 24-1704(a)
Gross Floor Area:	204,840 sq. ft.
Dwelling Units:	270
Lots:	0
Parcels:	6
Planning Area:	75A
Council District:	07
Municipality:	N/A
<b>Applicant/Address:</b> Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County 9201 Basil Court, Suite 504 Largo, Maryland 20774	
<b>Staff Reviewer:</b> Mridula Gupta <b>Phone Number:</b> 301-952-3504 <b>Email:</b> Mridula.gupta@ppd.mncppc.org	



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Mandatory Action Timeframe:	N/A
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Sign Posting Deadline:	N/A

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October 3, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Prince George's County Planning Board

VIA: Sherri Conner, Acting Division Chief *SC*  
Development Review Division

FROM: Mridula Gupta, Planner IV, Subdivision Section *MG*  
Development Review Division

SUBJECT: **Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-21003**  
**Town Square at Suitland Federal Center, Phase 4**  
**Extension Request**

This preliminary plan of subdivision (PPS) was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board on July 28, 2022, and the resolution of approval was adopted on September 8, 2022 (PGCPB Resolution No. 2022-89). PPS 4-21003 approved six parcels for development of 270 multifamily dwelling units and 204,840 square feet of commercial development and is valid until September 8, 2024. By letter dated August 7, 2024, along with supplemental information in a letter dated September 10, 2024 and email dated September 25, 2024, Arthur J. Horne, Jr. of Shipley & Horne, P.A., on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, requested a one-year extension until September 8, 2025. This is the applicant's first extension request.

PPS 4-21003 was approved in accordance with the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations which were in existence prior to April 1, 2022 (hereby referred to as prior Zoning Ordinance and prior Subdivision Regulations). In accordance with Section 24-1704(a) of the Prince George's County Subdivision Regulations, subdivision approvals of any type remain valid for the period of time specified in the Subdivision Regulations under which the subdivision was approved. In addition, extensions of time which were available under those Subdivision Regulations shall remain available.

Section 24-119(d)(5)(A) of the prior Subdivision Regulations authorizes the Planning Board to grant an extension to the normal expiration of a PPS. The criteria that must be considered are shown in **bold** text, and staff analysis of conformance to each criterion is provided in plain text.

**Section 24-119(d):**

- (5) **An approved preliminary plan of subdivision shall remain valid for two (2) years from the date of its approval, unless an extension of the validity period is granted.**

**(A) Extensions of the validity of an approved preliminary plan may be granted by the Planning Board provided:**

**(i) The request is filed prior to the expiration of the preliminary plan approval;**

This extension request was filed on August 7, 2024, prior to expiration of the PPS on September 8, 2024. Therefore, this criterion is met.

**(ii) The preliminary plan remains in conformance with all the requirements of Subtitle 27 applicable to the subject property;**

The property is within the Legacy Mixed-Use Town Center (LMUTC) Zone and was previously in the Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) and Development District Overlay (D-D-O) Zones. At the time of the PPS approval, the requirements of the prior Zoning Ordinance (the prior Subtitle 27) applied.

Pursuant to Section 24-1704(b) of the Subdivision Regulations, so long as a PPS remains valid, the project may proceed to the next steps in the approval process and continue to be reviewed and decided under the prior Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, the requirements of prior Subtitle 27 continue to apply. The PPS remains in conformance with these prior requirements, and staff find that this criterion is met.

**(iii) Two (2) years is not sufficient time to prepare the final plat(s);**

Before final plats can be prepared, the applicant needs to gain approval of a special permit (SP), as required in the prior M-U-TC Zone by the prior Zoning Ordinance. The applicant filed SP-210001 in June 2022, anticipating the approval of the PPS in September of the same year. Immediately after approval of the PPS, the applicant also submitted draft final plats of subdivision for staff review. However, circumstances outside the control of the applicant have delayed the approval of the SP. The applicant, in their request, describes the unique nature of the project, as it is being developed with multiple stakeholders including county agencies (including the Redevelopment Authority and Revenue Authority), which requires additional time and communication to file necessary application materials.

The subject PPS covers 6.4 acres of a larger 27.9-acre mixed-use development, which is planned to be completed in several phases. The project has been in the development stage since 2006, with the approval of the Suitland Mixed-Use Town Center Development Plan, and has been under construction since 2018. The development included with 4-21003 is Phase 4 of the project. The overall Towne Square at Suitland Federal Center project includes a range of

residential, office, hotel, retail, and entertainment uses. Special permits were approved for implementation of the overall project, including SP-150004, SP-150004-01, and SP-230001. Development has been evaluated under several preliminary plans of subdivision, including 4-15005, 4-20039, and the subject 4-21003.

Since the final plat for the project cannot be approved until SP-210001 is approved, two years has not been enough time for the applicant to prepare the final plat. For these reasons, staff find that this criterion is met.

**(iv) The applicant is not unduly delaying the filing of the final plat(s);**

The applicant is not unduly or purposefully delaying the filing of the final plats. Over the past two years, the applicant has been installing infrastructure including site utilities, curb and gutter, storm drains, and sidewalks along the public streets onto which the subject property fronts. This construction is being done pursuant to prior development approvals while the SP is reviewed and approved. The applicant, in their request, documented the permits obtained or currently pending for the subject property from the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPiE), including fine grading permits and street construction permits. A multifamily residential building, which was located on the property, has also been razed, to allow for the proposed development. Furthermore, the applicant has been consistently progressing on construction on the project in other phases of its development. The applicant obtained approval for a PPS and SP for Phase 2 of the project in 2024. In addition, the project is dependent on sources of funding from the County, which have added uncertainty to the progress of the project. The applicant provided examples of their need to cancel a request for proposal for the commercial portion of the development on the subject property, due to financial constraints. Given that the development proposed for the subject property is part of a much larger project, which is complex and includes multiple stakeholders, staff find that this criterion is met.

**(v) The validity of a preliminary plan consisting of less than one hundred (100) residentially-zoned lots or less than one hundred (100) gross acres of commercially or industrially-zoned land or land designated for nonresidential uses in any CDZ or M-X-T Zone shall not be extended more than one (1) year from the normal expiration of the approved preliminary plan;**

The PPS consists of six parcels on 6.43 acres of prior M-U-TC zoned land, for development of 270 multifamily dwelling units and 204,840 square feet of commercial development, so this criterion is

applicable. Given the request is for a one-year extension, and as this is the first extension requested by the applicant, this criterion is met.

Pursuant to the findings presented above, staff recommend the Planning Board approve a one-year extension. If a one-year extension is approved, the PPS will be valid through September 8, 2025.