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Hon. Eugene D. Serpenteili, J.S.C. Superior Court Ocean County Court House CN2X91

Tans River, N.J. 08753

Dear Judge SerpenteHi:

Inclosed is the report which the court requested, and to which X referred in my letter of July 32, If84, reviewing the characteristics of vacant sites in Piscataway as those characteristics relate to recommended densities for residential development.

Each site has been identified by the nunfeer on the Vacant land Inventory (April, 1984), and matches the numbers used in my letter of July 12, 1984.

I would like to clarify my intention in recommending specific densities. Assuming certain measurable characteristics, one can assign a density that will be appropriate for a certain site and for certain types of development. In a nusfcer of the vacant sites in Piscataway, I have recommended designation as Planned Residential Development, which is a generic term, as well as a specific conditional use in Piscataway's amended zoning ordinance. X mean *in* these recommendations to refer to the concept of a Planned Residential Development, not necessarily the specific limitations or permitted uses in the Planned Residential Development as defined in Piscataway's ordinance.

I would *Ws*® to dai^i^ further that the recassilepded densities *in* this report are those that would, la ^ opinion, be appropriate *tar* the vacant sites named, if these sites were to be developed. This does not mean to imply a recommended ccixliance route for Piseatasay. toy gxstispte this repojrt does not address correction of indigenous need t&rouga rehabilitation, rasr does it address the provision of low and moderate incase units in existing sa&ti-f amUy housing through control of occupancy and rents. Sis&larly, a recofflsended density is not intended to ii^jly tfes assiaption that no more than 3DS of that nu^aer will be reserved for low and moderate inccnss households. I assume that these issues of compliance will be addressed subsequently by the 'Bcwnship.

Xf you have any <|uestions regarding this report, or would like any additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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EXHIBIT A

# srm ANALYSIS: TOOISISPATAHAZ

Sites Identified in Vacant Pand Inventory

#### Introduction

A Vacant Land Inventory was prepared in April 198<sup>h</sup> by the Blaming Department of Hscataway Township. Seventy-sites were.-identified in 'tea\* inventory. In a re\* port dated July 12, ISP Carla L. Lerman evaluated these sites and recommended; 37 as suitable- for higher density residential development.

This analysis attempts to evaluate more specifically the potential for residential development on .each site. Factors considered include the present character of the neighborhood, the long range plan for the general area, err/ironmental constraints, traffic impact and drainage implications.

The fiscafcaway Township 1983 Master Plan and the 1978 Keexastaation Report indicate that water service by the Elizabethtcwn Water Company and sewerage service by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority are being adeqisately provided with future facility ealargeaeisfc not perceived as a problem. Over 95 percent of the households are presently served by the sewerage system, and almost the entire Township is within the water service area, therefore this was not a factor considered relevant in this analysis\*

Many of the vacant sites indicated soil types that mi^it provide severe Hinitations on residential development. This is noted in each site analysis. The soil survey from which this information was obtained <u>(National Cooperative Soil Survey</u> by U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service) indicates that the survey cannot replace detailed on^site liwestigations. This survey also Indicates that the "severe<sup>11</sup> rating does not necessarily mean the site is unsuitable for the use. Rather, it is factor to be taken into account when planning the cost of develepaant, and the impact of that cost on long range planning decisions.

The expressed interest in developient of the sites is most often to the sites is most often to the site of that category is only that tee writer has not been informed of inter\* est in development\* It are not preclude the possibility that property owner ansi/or developer may already have approached the Planning Board regarding future development of the site.

The densities recommended are based on the assumption that aH of the duelling types listed in the zoning ordinance as permitted uses in a Planned Residential Development rai#it be included. Where garden apartments are being suggested, that is so indicated.

<u>Site. #1</u> - Hew Brunswick Avenue north of Corirail. «"Pansy Farm<sup>1</sup>\*, Block 58 Lots 35-51, 51A"

Area: 10.7 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>; Plat open area: on the southern end, about 1/3 is in the "A<sup>t<</sup> Flood Zone (100 year flood) and approximately 1/6 is in the "B" (1C0-5C9 year flood) Flood Zone.

<u>Present tand Use</u>: Pansy Farm / Nursery.

Existing Zoning: R 75

Master Han. Proposal: Single family

Adjacent Land tJses: Residential single fanUy uses, primarily 50' an& 75<sup>f</sup> lots.

- <u>General Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: New Brunswick Avenue is a major arterial with nKjderatel<sup>^</sup> heavy traffic flow, classified in the Master Plan as a major arterial street, Borou#i of South Plainfield borders east side of New Brunswick Avenue. The uses in South Plainfield (the east side of Mew Brunswick Avenue) are primarily
- **Envir crimental** Conditions affecting gevelopssents If ce southern cne~th£rd.Gf this site will have development constraints because of its location in the \*A" flood zone. Permits win be required from the Department of Qivironffiental Protection, although that portion of the site might be retained for open space, which will also serve as a buffer between the residential development and the Conrail railroad tracks, approximately 300-^0\* south of this site.

Road Access: New Brunswick Avenue and Garden Street

- <u>Traffic D^iditions/15pact:</u> All access should be via *Garden* Street to <u>"</u>sw Brunswick Avenue; therefore no impact win be felt by adjacent residential uses to the west. New Brunswick Avenue is a major arterial and is proposed to have a 10<sup>^f</sup> ra#it of way. His inprovenent should be adequate to handle any increases in traffic voliaes frcsn new residential development along this street.
- Special Site Constraints: The soils in this area are of two types (DuneHsr^and HUington) which offer sli^it to nusderate Imitations caresidential developr^nt. Soil tests (borings or pits) will be necessary to determine any constraints due to the site's use as a nursery. Ihe extent of fill required nii#it inract on the economic feasibility of the site for multi-family housing in this area.

Expressed, interest, in development: unImcwn

Reccinmendation: This site is appropriate Ifbr d'velopinent at 5-6 units per gross acre? for tcwnhouses' or zero lot line development.

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<u>Site,02</u> I New Brunswick Avenue, primarily south of Lakeview Avenue, Block 11£, •" Lot 1; Block 133<sup>^</sup>, Lots 1<sup>\*</sup> 1A, and 2.<sup>\*</sup>' •

<u>Area</u>: 125.1 Acres

<u>Physical Pescngfign</u>: This site, adjacent to Mew Brunswick Avenue, extends from the Conrall Railroad tracks across Lakeview Avenue to a point on a line with Brandywine Circle. TSie portion between Lakeview Avenue and the railroad trssks is t>K>-thlrds in Flood zone A aad Flood zone B. the site south of Lakeview Avenue is about half open (northern half) and half wooded.

Present Land Use: Vacant

Existing Zoning: L1<sup>^</sup>it Industry (LI-5)

Master.Plan 1\*1\*09055!: Industrial

- Adjacent Lyist Uses: To the north of the site is park area, surround ed by single family residential; to the west is single family residential and a school; to the south is mlti~fsally residential, the southeast corner of the site Is adjacent to an industrial site. To the east of New Brunswick Avenue is an industrial - area in South Plainfield.
- <u>General Hejjjfoor&ood Characteristics</u>: Ihe area is strongly influenced by Ilew Srunswick Avenue as a major arterial street, which serves as the boundary between Piscataway and South Plainf ield. the area in Piscataway is mixed single and multi-faroily residential. East of New Brunswidc As\*e. is the Harris Steel plant.
- **Environmental** Constraints affecting Deveopment: The northern portion of the site should not be considered for ievelopircs due to the existence of the flood zones. The industrial plant will need substantial buffering to protect the resides fciai development from adverse effects of noise, dirt, fumes, etc.

<u>Road Access</u>: Lakeview Avenue and New Brunswick Avenue

Traffic; Cg%&tions^ pact: Access to this site should be from Lakeview Avenue :-clan

- "''' is' described as a secondary arterial street in the Master Plan. Lakeview New Brunswick Avenue, Washington Avenue and Old New Brunswick Road offer a variety of southbound routes, all with access to 1-287iHie proposed 104• ri^it of 7»ay for !few Brunswick Avenue should create a inore efficent Ur^c to 1-287, via Stelton Hoad, which is also proposed as a 104<sup>f</sup> ri^it of way.
- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>: -The soils in the site are of three types, (HHngtcr. 7N, Parsippany, and Reaville) aH of which are described as offering "severe" constraints to dwellings with or without basements. These constraints are potential seasonal high water table, potential frost action, and bedrock in ens area within 40 inches. It would be advisable to conduct test borings prior to developing site plans.

ThB nature of the adjacent industrial site must be evaluated in relation to the proposed orientation of the development, as well as the extent of buffering that win be necessary.

Expressed interest in development: unknown

<u>Recommendation</u>:' This site staqu2sts afc ine^^de the portion" north-of Laksviaw Averse Blocfe 116^Xst 1, which would be better included in the adjacent park area. The portion\_remaining, 110 acres, is appropriate for development at a gross density of 3-1Q units per acre, as a Planned Residential Development, including garden apartments as a dwelling type.

Site #3 - Washington Avenue and Carleton Avenue, Slock 228, Ipts13<sup>s</sup> 21-32 (incl.Site 63)

Area: 24.9 acres and 2.8 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>: this site is entirely wooded.

<u>Present I^anjilfse</u>: Vacant

Existing Zoning: SC (Shopping Center) and R-75

Master flmBE'Ososal:. Commercial

- Adjacsiifc l^and Oses: An elementary school is located to the north, mjati-famLly housing on the east, and single fasd4y residential on the south and west.
- <u>General., Kej</u>^cyhggd .CharaLCteristicj: IJiis site is located in a, residential neighborhood; of smaller, older homes.' It is a i^ighborheod served by an elementary school, a neighborhood shoppixjg area on Stelton Road, and good access to Bout© 287. IMs shopping area contains a variety of types of shops and appears to need some upgrading and iinsroved off-street parking.
- <u>^ivironnishtal Constraints affecting Development</u>: Ms site is not in- the Flood Plain It is classified as Zone C which means areas of rajn&ral flooding. There are no adjacent uses which would present problems for the development of this site.
- <u>Road</u>..<u>Access</u>.: Washington Avenue. Biere are also five partial paper streets which abut ^ais site, of which one or two could be constructed by the developer to give access to Carleton Avenue.
- <u>Traffic Conditions Hspact</u>: Both Stelton Road and Washington Avenue experienced significant increases in traffic volumes in the past decade. The proposed- classification of New Brunswick Avenue as a major arterial street should lead toward some relief on Washington Avenue and Stelton Road.
- Special Site Constraints: Most of this is described with soil types (Ellington SM) that present moderate limitations on dwelling development. A snail portion of the site to the east presents the same potential problems as Site £2, i.e., bedrock at 40" and seasonal hi^i water table and possible frost action.
- Expressed Interest- in .Development: A shopping center developer has expressed seme interest. Status of inquiry unknown..
- <u>ReconaEendation</u>: this-site is recommended for a planned residential development at a density of 8-10 units feer acre. >

<u>Site fS</u> - Old New Brunswick Ro\$d, Port Reading Railroad tracks and Stsltcn Head. Block 317 Lots 6A, 8, 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, 'llA, 113, UG anx Slock 319 Ust 1Af.

<u>Area</u>: 55-6 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>; This site is primarily wooded. Gn the peripheral streets there are scattered single family houses. The railroad tracks on the south be a negative influence, but it is not a commuter-line and train traffic is act frequent.

Present land Use: Vacant

Existing Zoning; R-20

Master flan Proposal; Single family residential.

Adjacent Land Uses: The railroad and industrial uses are located to the south; an elementary school is on the southeast comer; single family residential is located on the northeast, and multi-family residential is located on the northwest,

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- <u>General Nei^jborhood Characteristics</u>: This area is essentially part of the Stelton. Road neighborhood. It would be served by the Stelton Bead shopping area, and the elementary school on Stilton Road. There is a very larga, attractive sultifai&Uy development on the northwest side of Old New Brunswick Road which 'z&s access only from Old New Brunswick Road.
- Environmental Constraints affecting Development; The presence of the railroad tracks and the existence of heavy traffic on Old New Brunswick Road and Stelton Head where it borders the eastern side of this site must be considered as constraints on the site design. Sufficient buffer, areas, as wen as carefully placed arf controlled access points will be very important for the successful development of this area.

Road, Access.; Old New Brunswick Road and Stelton Road.

Traffic ConoUtions/Impact; Traffic on Old New Brunswick Road, which provides no direct <sup>T</sup>"~ access MI-20T, has increased significantly in the last decade, but not as much as Stelton Road leading to Washington Avenue. The blaster Plan addresses the possibility of widening the two lane bridge over the railroad at Old Tew Brunswick Road, This widening will become a necessity if all of Site o is to ce developed at higher densities.

Special Site Constraints: The soils in this site (Ellington 7.1 and Ellington 6.2.) are -"~ about evenly divided j; east and west, between ones that present moderate limita-

- tions to residential\*development and those that present severe limitations. Primarily the problems are seasonal frost action because of a seasonal his<sup>2</sup>. 7;ater table and bedrock at 40" or less. These potential limitations should be evaluated before site planning is complete. The site is in the C flood zone, v&i3h means minimal Hooding.
- ixpressed Interest In development; A portion of the site, Block 319 t^t 1AQ ar.i Block
  \* 317 Eot 113, is owned by Leonard Lange who is interested in developing these
  16 acres for multi-family or townhouse development i

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<u>Recommendations</u>: this site appears appropriate for\* densities -which' could aecctraodategarden apartments as ^eH as tcwnhcuses. With-a gross density of 12 units per acre, a planned residential development could includes townhouse and other tero lot line dwelling types as well as garden apartments.

<u>Sites</u> #7 add 8 /  $^{ck}$  38939 $^{ck}$ , S96,197,; 398, 403<sub>K</sub> 407-413

<u>Area:</u> 123 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>: Wood area with existing streets butting into the woods; area contains a number of paper streets which are proposed to be vacated.

<u>Present Use</u>; vacant

Existing Zoning: R-10A PRD (Site 7) U-1 (Site 8)

Blaster. Plan. Jfeftgo&ak Planned Residential Development

- <u>Adjacent, JtaajS tlse</u>s: Single family residential, with some new units under cotstruction on the northeast; the Port Reading Railroad borders the area on the south, with industrial uses south of that. There is an industrial plant on Possuastown Road that creates the western boundary of the area.
- <u>General Neighborhood Ghar</u><u>cteristlcs</u>: The area is a mix of older single family houses on small lots, sane new single family houses, including a development under construction, and undeveloped woods. Ihere is almost a rural quality where streets dead-end into the woods. As there are no throusgi streets west of North Randolphville Road, it is a self-contatoed and somewhat isolated neighborhood, served by an elementary school on Horth Randolphville Road.
- **Environmental**. ConditiomB<sup>^</sup>, affect3ng. Develoment: No portion of Site 7 is in Flood zones A or B. Hood tones A and B encompass Possuratown Road from 1-287 to the Township<sup>r</sup>s northwest boundary. Althou<sup>^</sup> i this should not have serious conseouences for the envelopment of these sites, it should be considered in the site planning.

The industrial use that is located in the northwest comer of Site 8 will require adequate buffering to separate it and the residential uses to the north.

- <u>Road Access</u>: North Randolphville and Grandview Avenue. A new street is proposed connecting Birch Drive westward to Possumtcwn Road, which will greatly improve the accessibility of these two sites.
- <u>T!raffie Conditions/Snoaet</u>; The existing paper streets in this area *BTB* proposed to be vacated so that the Planned Residential Development will be based on a new street layout appropriate for access to Possumtown Road and to Grandview Avenue. A partial interchange with 1-237 is located at its intersection with Possumtown Road and with Horth Randolphville Road. A full interchange is located at River Road, reached via Fosmaafcoin Road and Centennial Avenue. The completion of the open sections of Centennial Avenue will provide good east-west access for more local traffic fron this site. 3y concentrating 1-287 traffic and local east-west traffic on the extension of Birch Run Drive to PossiMtown Road, higfr density residential development should not have negative impact on the existing local streets.

<u>Scecial Site Constraints</u>: The soil types (Parsippany, Silicon 7N and -Lassdor-s) on these two sites present "severe" tJadtsiicrjai on residential develormer because of the potential for seasonal -high water. These sites are -in *TLccz* icr.e C which presents little risk of flooding. - Any other water problem -cculd ce handled on site through use-of retention basins.

Expressed interest in, development: unknown

<u>Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the portion of Jite-•# -which is occupied by the kiiustrial use be retained in zone E3WL." The i^sa^sder-of the sites should be desi^iated for planned residential development at densities• of 3-iC units'-per acre.<sup>1</sup>!

Sites #10 and 12 - Off River Road, south of Maplehurst Lane, extending all the way to Hancock Road. Block 503 Lot 2 (part); Slock 502A Lots 2 (part), 6./.

Area: 68 acres

<u>Physical Sesej^tion:</u> Flat site, primarily faun land with wooded sections to the northeast\*

<u>Present Use</u>: Agricultural and vacait.

Existing!: Zoning; R 15 and H 20.

fester Plan froposal: Cluster sin^.e fsnily

- <u>Miacent Im3t Uses</u>: Single family residential, park land, other agricultural, sr.d wooded vacant area.
- <5en:tral ^M^boitiQQd- Qiaragteristlcg; the area Is a mixture of single fss&ly residentfean tf& ^icMtuMl^usei. "1-287 and the ^ort Reading HailrOad tmsks tsrjS to isolate this neigiborfiood form the adjacent nsi#&@rh3Gds. 1^ilti-fan^Iy certerement is located on the west side of River Road, comprised of three apartrsrS complexes with approx&nately 675 apartments. A nei#\*j:oi\*iood park/ball^fielf/ playground is located geographically in the center of this nei^bottiocd.
- Environment CorkSitions affecting development: *Ttsse* sites are located in H.ccd zone C, which offers mMtel risk. The wooded area to the northeast is the location of same drainage ways from Ambrose Brook and nay be seasonally rars.
- Road Access: River Road, Wynnwood Avenue, Maplehurst Lane. It is proposed to extend Maplehurst Lane northeast to Hancock Road, and provide a connection from this eictension to Brentwood Drive. These two improvements would give these sites access to Fossumtown Road.
- <u>Traffic Oaiditions/Iroact</u>: There is a complete interchange with 1-287 at Elver Head. Centennial Avenue is proposed as a major arterial street, on which tr./o signallzation improvements are proposed. If the iirxrovements and *new* sections of resise that are proposed are constructed, the traffic impact of development on these two sites will not have a negative effect.

<u>Special Site Constraints</u>: 'The soil types (Ellington 7H snd Heaville) in these tr, to sites offer "severe" limitations or development because of potential seasonal hi#i water conditions and frost conditions. 'Biis, in corbination with the drainage ways mentioned under Environmental Conditions, indicates the me^ for particular attention to water retention and provisions for drainage on the site as part of the site design.

Expressed.Jntereqt in development: • ' unknown

- **Recommendations:** ...It is recommended that these two sites be developed at densities of **8-10** units jier acre as a Planned Residential Development. The best development could occur if the site plan were developed for these sites in conjuration with/ the developments Sites?#§, 11 and 13. This will be particularly true rsgsrding buffers; drainage and street **design**.
- <u>Sites J9 and 13</u> \* These two sites are being treated singly because their development should be closely coordinated in terms of drainage and buffers to the heavy in-<&strial uses on the north. TSiese sites are located to the north of I^Iaplehurst Lane extending to Hancock Road on the northeast.

Block 502 Lots X," 2"(part); Block 421 ; 442B Lots 7A (part) and IB. J

<u>Area:</u> 81 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>: open farmland, with wooded areas to the northeast, containing some marshy areas around drainage ways from Ambrose Brook.

Existing Zojaing: R10, LI-5

Master Flan Proposal: single family

- Adjacent.lyid tlses: Raritan River on the southwest, single family residential on the '" "" northeast';' a \*\*00<sup>f</sup> deep strip of farmland separating a heavy industry on the north-\* west (chemical plant); and farmland on the southeast.
- <u>General Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: This is an agricultural area, part of a ^neighborhood of multi-family and single family residential, uses, separated to seme extent by 1-287 and incomplete street pattern.
- Environmental Conditions affecting; development: Ihese sites are located in Flood zone C which offers minimal risk. Ihere are several drainage ways in the northeast wooded portion which have created seasonal marshy areas. There is a sajor chemical manufacturing installation to the northwest of these sites, separated by a &OQ<sup>f</sup> deep farm property, which must be evaluated for environmental polution, (noise, fumes, smolce, waste disposal, etc.). Ihe adequacy of Site 11 as a substantial buffer sone tviH require evaluation before the need for further buffers can be determined.
- <u>Road Access</u>: River Road, Maplehurst Lane. The latter is proposed to be extended to Hancock Road, with a spur to connect with Brentwood Drive. This would result in access from three directions.

- traffic Conditiom/teact: River Road and 1<sup>287</sup> provide adequate facilities for any traffic generated by development on these sites, l&isn the road and intersection improvements are coupleted as proposed, there should be vary-little negative impact *trot* this development.
- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>: -the- soil types (Ellington 7H, and ReaviHe) on these two sites offer "severe" limitations for dwelling development because of seasonal high water, potential frost action, and bedrock within bQ'' of the surface. These conditions will need particular attention in the site desigi in relation to drainage provisions and placement of utilities.

Expressed interest in develometit: unknown

<u>Recommendations</u>: The 1'9 acre£ that make up sites 9, 1Q> 12 and 13 should be developed as one "^ med residential development. In this way the potential drainage problems, the buffers that abe necessary, and shallow bedrock can all be treated in one design which can maxSMze development, without exacerbating the potential problems.

Site 131- South ftedolphville Road at Holly lane TSbck 497 Lot 4

<u>Area</u>: H.9 acres (less  $50^{f}$  ri#it of way for school access)

Physical Description: Plat, open farmland

Present Land Use: Agricultural

Existing Zoning: R\*iO

Master. Flan jrososal: Cluster single family

- Adjacent Land Uses: Single f&Hily residential, elanentary school, horse breeding farm and the Jfeferose Brook, with municipal complex beyond the brook.
- '<u>General ifej^bo^ood^^aractei^stics</u>: this is a nei#3borticod in a state of flux. Fanas''betweeni Bolly Xane and Centennial Avenue are gradually giving way to office/industrial ^rk uses. T&is nei^Jborhood has *be*®*n* a rural one, but is now being developed with small residential subdivisions and a major office park.
- Environmental (^nditions affecting Pevelonnent: There appear to be no environmental conditions that would affect this site. The Flood zone is C which presents minimal risk. Flood scne A fonns a strip along the -Actrose Brook approximately 400<sup>r</sup> wide, but does not impact the east side of South Handolphville Road.

Road Access: South Randolphville Road

<u>Traffic Conditiot^/IrRDact:</u> Ihis is a relatively small site and will not generate sufficient ti^afflc to impact on South Randolphville Road. *Tae* office park which is proposed to the north will be buffered and have all traffic access throu#i Centennial Avenue. Special.. Site Comtra&its: She soil types (Ellington 6N and Klinesville) en these 11 acres present "moderate" limitations on residential development, sainly due to seasonal high water table and shale bedrock at 1-3 feet.

Expressed' igfcerggt. in. develotanent: unknown

<u>Recommendation:</u> i&Ls site is appropriate for development at 10-12 units per acre for townhouses or other attached units.

<u>Area</u>: 121,77 acres

<u>Physical Description</u>; partially wooded, partially open; the site is traversed by a pewerline easement which occupies approximately 7.75 acres, and runs diagonally across the property, from southeast to northwest.

<u>Present land use</u>: vacant, scattered agricultural

Existing zoning:: *l*£~5 and R20

Poster Plan Proposal: Residential (single family) and industrial.

- Adjacent land uses: farm to the east; office park snd li<sup>^</sup>.t industrial uses to the north andnorthwest; a school and single family residential to the west; single family residential to the south.
- <u>General Neijil&orhccd characteristics</u>; this is an area that has been a concentration of agjrlcultta^al uses. Working fata® extend from Morris Avenue to South HandolcihvUle Road and across South Washington Avenue. Residential subdivisions have replaced some of this a^lcultural land, and an elementary school serves the area.
- Environmental CondJUons affecting Development: All of this site is in the Flood zone C, but Doty's Brook which is bordered by Flood zsne A runs along the northern es of the site and drainage from Immediately adjacent development should be adecruately controlled to prevent any adverse environmental insact-

Ihe Jersey Central Power and Li<sup>i</sup>t Conpany easement for power lines will have an impact on the development design, it will ce ircsrtsnt to mmi-nize the potential negative affect that this migit have en the .development.

- <u>Road Access</u>: South Washington Avenue, and stub streets off \*-:ocdland Avenue, i.e. Sylvan Avenue, Brookfield Road, and !!elson Avenue Hcrth.
- Iraffic Conditions/teact: At present there are heavy traffic volumes on several \* major 'roads 'hi'*ifoSa* -area: South Washington, Morris and Centennial. Avenues. These roads serve as access or connections to 1-237. The proposed extension of Route 18 will provide a major arterial route to 1-287 and should relieve 'some of the local streets of the traffic burden. Ihe route alternative called ''Metlars/HQes Lane Alternative'' which is preferred by ?iscataway's Planning Board, would pick up much of the present Morris Avenue/!-tetlar's lane traffic flew. In addition the intersection of Metlar's Lane :\*I\*h South Washington Avenue is proposed for intersection improvement.

## <u>Traffic Cono^tions/Iinpact</u>: (continued)

With the development of the proposed roadways and intersection **improvements**, the traffic impact of development in these sites will be within reasonable levels.

Special,.&\$& Constra&its: Other than the development constraints relating to the power line easement, discussed earlier, these sites appear to have no special site constraints. Ihemajority of-soil types (KUnesville, Lansdcwne, Reaville) present "moderate" Imitations to development. Miere the soils present "severe" Hesitations, it is due to seasonal hi#i water table and seasonal potential frost action, which can be handled by adequate drainage design.

## Expressed interest M development: unknown

<u>Recanaendation:</u> "Shis area would be appropriate for a Planned Residential Development with a variety of housing types: \ garden apartments along South Washington Avenue, caster single family houses, perhaps around the power line easer.ent» and tdwnhouses or quad or eight-plesees, with a jprcss density of seven units per acre. '

Site £35•"- Northeast corner of it South WasMngfcon Avenue and Hetlar's Lane

Block ^5 Lot fir: •

Area: 74.65 acres

Physical Description

cultivation. it this area is presently a working fara, flat, open and under

<u>Bresent land use</u>: agricultural

Existing zoning! R 20

Walter flan Proigosal: Single fasily residential

Adjacent land Uses: "He Diocese of Irenton has a cemetary to the east; a county\* owned park area is located to the north, throu^i which runs a strean and its Flood zone A; single family residential is located on the south and vacant land (Sites 32, 33 and 3\*0 lies to the west.

- <u>General Hei</u><sup>A</sup><u>iborhood Description</u>: The neighborhood is priinarily agricultural and open with residential to the south. There is substantial traffic on South VfetshingtcGn Avenue and Metlar's Lane both of «hich provide throu^: sajor streets for cannaiter traffic.
- EnvirongBntal Conditions affecting; develox^ent: This entire site is in Flood zone C which represents minimal risk. Coty's Brock, >ihich lies to the north of the site, is located in a County park area where it is adjacent to this site, which should minimize any flooding impact.

Road Access: South Washington Avenue and Metlar's Lane

- •Eraffic C<sup>n</sup>ditlcrjs/linsaol:: Presently there is very heavy traffic on South Washington Avenue and \$etlar's lane, and witho no fosprovements, hi#: density development would have a negative impact in this area. However, several improvements sre recomsended in the 1963 Master Plan which when complete will releive this area of a significant traffic ispact and will improve the moust of traffic en the existing roads. Particularly tuts is true of several Metlar's Lane intersection improvements, and the Route 18 connection, as a freeway, with 1-237.
- <u>Special Site C^taraints:</u> 15ie soils CKUnesville) on this site are airiest entirely of the type that present "moderate'\* liniitations to development. Hiere do not appear to be any significant constraints to site development.

### Expressed Sigterest in development: unknown

- **Recommendation:** This site would be appropriate for a Planned Residential Development with a gross density of -|0-12 units per acre including tewnhouses, patio hsuses, stacked flats, and limited garden apartments.
- Site #37 Stelton Hoad, south of Haines Avenue Block 696 list 27E
- Area: 7.82 acres
- Physical description: Hat, thinly wooded witti small trees, shrubs
- Easting: gonteg: R 10; (B on Stelton Road frontage
- Master Plan Proposal: single fssily; comnercial on Stelton Hoad
- Adjacent land Uses: scattered cosfnercial on Stelton Road; single f^ai^r houses, playground, fire station.
- <u>General tfei^bborhood EescriPticn</u>: Residential neigiborhood of subdivisions of past 15-20 years, with sore older single family houses. JIc through traffic because An&rose Brook runs to the west of this neighborhood.
- Ehvlronroental Conditions affecting develooBgnt: Ihis site is in the Flood zone ? »4ich represents l&niznal risk. There do not appear to be any environmental constraints to development.
- Road Access: Stelton Road and a \*10 access to Haines Avenue. Haines Avenue corrects with Brookside Road which provides access to Metlar's I^ane.
- 'Braffic Oonditions/Ingact: Stelton Road experiences heavy traffic at peak hours, but ~~ this is protarily concentrated in the area closest to the 1-287 interchange. However, it win be Izroortant in the development of this site to make use 3f the access to Haines Avenue as well as Stelton Road. As this is a relatively small site it would not be expected to generate substantial volumes of traffic.

Special Site Constraints: Approximately half the site (northern half) is cf s. sell type (Klinesvilie) that presents "moderate" limitations or development, sue to rippable shale bedrock at 1-1.5 feet and potential frost action. \*Ifce scuthem half of the site consists of a soil type (Raaville) that present "severe" Imitations to development due to higs seasonal water table and high potential frost action. It will be necessary to consider these two conditions sr.er. designing parking areas and driveway "layout, and the on-site drainage sjsts...

Expressed interest in developagnt: urtaown

**Recommendations:** this area could be developed at a fairly hi#i density as there is a neighborhood park iiraediately adjacent to "the site. Apartments and tssr> house/duplex or quadplex units could be developed at a combined density. <sup>0</sup>/<sub>\*</sub> ^2 units per acre.

Site #38 (part)-Ethel Road, at jStelton Road (omitted from 7/12/8\*1 report). "\* Socks (partial) 710, 712, 713, 715, 716, 717, 718,...TO, 721, 730, and 73<sup>a</sup> This portion of Site #38 occupies the northeast quadrant of this intersection.

<u>Area</u>: 30+ acres

<u>Physical Description</u>: fiat, li#tly wooded

Existing zoning: R-IOA PfD

Faster Plan Proposal: Planned Residential Development

Present Ifff&, tfss: vacant

<u>*P&9im&.JaR8L.pse:*</u> single f®nily residential to the north and east; vacant srs scatterei comsrcial to the west; school property and vacant land to the scuth, crossed by power lines.

General Neighborhood Characteristics: Stelton Road is a heavily traveledstreet whicfet contains mixed commercial and residential uses, with scattered vacant areas. Tftere is a large semi-public property on the southern edge of the •aswfclp, and a new developing industrial park to the southwest. HortbforarS frcm Ethel Road the neighborhood is primarily residential behind the scattered coisnercial on Stelton Road.

<u>Qnvironmental Conditions affecting develoment:</u> This site is located in flccc zone C representing minimal risk.

Road Access: Ethel Road

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<u>I^affic Oonditlons/Stipact:</u> 'Stelton Road is proposed as a 10U' right of way ssajer arterial street. The traffic on Stelton Road should be relieved sensuble by the proposed improvements further north on Stelton and at the intersection with 1-287. '<&& construction of the extension of N.J. Route 18 will alleviate nuch of the congestion experienced on Stelton Road during peak hours. For residents on this site, a full intersection with 1-287 is available about 2 miles to the north; Ethel Road provides access to South Plainfield and Stelton Road continues south to Edison. If the record improvements are made development of this

site should not have a significant negative impact on traffic conditions.

- <u>Special-Site, Constraints</u>: 'The soil types on this site are Slirssville and z&r&Szsme presenting respectively "moderate" and "severe" limitations to development c? residential uses, the moderate limitations are based on rippable shale bedrock at 1-1\*5 feet and moderate potential frost action. the severe limitations are based on bedrock within % inches, seasonal hi#i water level at 1-2.5 feet and potential frost action, this latter soil type represents less than 1/3 of the site and should be controllable througi careful site desi^a and placement of structures and utilities,
- Expressed/iateres/fc\_^dev^lotii^nt.: this site is almost entirely i&stLeipally cared, which gives the municipality a broader range of options for its use fcr housing development.
- <u>HecongBndations</u> i this site is appropriate for a Planned Residential Development at a density of 22 units per acre.
- <u>Site</u> #2 Snith Farm Suttons Lane "~Eock 735 S Slock 27A, 28A
- Location: Ibis site is located northeast corner of intersection of Suttons Lass and Brake Lane.

Area: 32.4 acres

Present Land Use: agricultural

**Existing** zoning: ft»20

- Physical Descrj&tiom: flat, open working f&eo
- fl&ster.. Plan, .Bg^a^paa,: duster single faiaily
- Adjacent Land Uses: To the east there is a Planned Residential Development, tojthe south the LLvin<sup>ton</sup> Campus of Rutgers University; new single family residential houses are located on the west side of Drake Lane and Metlar's Lane, as we H as on the north side of the Snith Farm.
- <u>general Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: this is a neighborhood In transition free agricultural and open space to residential development of -ssrying densities, the Planned Residential Development consists of townhouses of relatively higi density and the single family"developments are of lower densities.
- <u>Ihyirorgriental Conditions affecting develoment</u>: Siis site is in. Flood zone C which indicates minimal risk, there are no other environmental conditions which would affect development.

Road Access: Suttons Lane and Drake Lane

<u>Special Site fomiaraints</u>: The soil type on this site is all Klittsville which presents only "moderate" limitations on development for residential use, sue to riprorle shale bedrock at 1-1.5 feet and some potential frost action. 3sese are not serious deterrants to higher density development.

*Ttm* Samuel Snith House is located on this site and. its preservation inay present seme constraint in the development of the site. Frequently the existence of a historic structure, preserved and integrated into the site  $pZ\&?_9$  can be a very positive element in a residential development. It is, however, a potential constraint In terras of use of the site and site design.

Expressed interest in development; unknown

<u>Recommendation</u>: This site should be developed with townhouse cr stacked flat dwelling types at a total density of 10 units per ad^e, as a planned residential **development**.

<u>Site #43</u> - Morris Avenue

Block 647 B Lot 21

Location: T&is site is located on the north side of Morris Aranue, en the east side of a ceasetary and a stream trjpbutary of Msrose Brook.

Area: 14.7 acres

Present Land Use: agricultural

Existing goning: R-2Q

Physical Description: fjat, open cultivated farmland

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- Adjacent Land Oses: foraier agricultural, now zoned residential 3-10 units per acre; ceffictary and new single family housing.
- <u>General Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: Ihis is an open rural area In the sense that " the two working farms on Morris Avenue cca&ined with ceistaiy lan's have resulted in the exclusion of any other development. As these fasss cease operation and the land is develop a "neighborhood" sense •.-.•ill "œ rrach more noticeable.
- Sivironmental Conditions affectim develoment: TJiis site is In ?lccd zone C ir.cleating minimal risk, in spite of the fact that several tributaries free ;i±rose Brook cross this general area.

Road Access: Morris Avenue

**Traffic** (^dltions/ljaajact: Morris Avenue is a collector street and presently is used as a connection between Metlar's Lane and Hoes Lane. Several isportarft irprovemsnts are proposed that will provide alternatives to increasing traffic en Morris Avenue: a major arterial from the south end of Hoes Lane to T'etlar's Lane; the ccffipletion of Centennial Avenue as a major arterial east-west reute; a ^ug handle intersection improvement at Morris Avenue and Kces Lar.e; and a r.e>; collector street between Morris Avenue and the new Koes Lane at the western edge •Egafflc Cond<sup>tom</sup>/Imsact; (continued)

of the old Geriekont Farm. . These improvements will result in a much improved circulation pattern, capable of absorbing considerable development without negative impact\*

<u>Ssec&aj. Site Constraints</u>: "the soils on this site are of toco types (KUnesville and Lansdowne) that offer "moderate" to "severe" l&aitations on residential development, due to rippable shale bedrock at 1-1.5 feet, seasonal high water level through proper site drainage planning and careful placement of impermeable drives, parking areas, etc.

- Expressed interest in development: The owners of this f am have requested a re-zoning for higj^-demitey residential with the intention of discontinuing the agricultural use and developing their entire farm for residential use, including Site #45.
- <u>Recommendation</u>: Ihis site is recommended for a Planned Residential Development at 10 units per gross acre.
- <u>Site #44</u> Morris Avenue, north side, part of Gerickont Fans Block 745 Lots 3, 4, Uc #nd 4E <u>Location:</u> On the north ^ide of Morris Avenue, approximately 350<sup>f</sup> of frontage between two existing cemetary properties.

Area: 20 acres

Physical Description: relatively flat;, open farm land

Present ted Use: vacant - discontinued as agricultural use

Existing.. Zoning: R 15A WD

lister Plan frooosal: Planned Residential Development at 5 dwelling units per acre.

- Adjacent Land Uses: East and west of the site are cemetary lands, while on the north the land is church owned and vacant. To the south, across Morris Avenue are the lands of tfree Geriekont Farm, in two ownerships, which are being proposed for high density residential development.
- General Nei<sup>^</sup>orhood Characteristics: TMs is an open rural area in the sense that the two working farms on Morris Avenue combined with cssetary lands have resulted in the exclusion of any other development. As these farms cease operation and the land is developed a "neighborhood" sense will be much more noticeable.
- Invlronmtntal Conditions affecting development: This site is in Flood zone C, indicating Schninal risk.

Road Access: Morris Avenue

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- <u>Trafftc.ConoUt&cm/B&ast</u>: Morris Avenue Is a- collector strsst and presently Is used as a cGr^etion between Metlar's Ian© and Kses Lane. Several insortsnt improvements are proposed that will provide alternatives to increasing traffic en Morris Avenue: a major arterial from the south end of Hses Lane to "etlar's Lane; the completion of Centennial Avenue as a major arterial east-\*rest route; a jug handle intersection improvesient at Morris Avenue and Hses Lane; and a new collector street between Morris Avenue and the new Koes Lane at the western edge of the old Gerickort Fantu These isprovements will result in a -such proved circulation pattern, capable of absorbing considerable development without negative impact.
- <u>Speciajl Site Ccg^traInts</u>: *Tbs* soil type on this site is entirely K3inesville which presents only "moderate" limitations on development for residential use, due to rippable shale bedrock at 1-1,5 feet and some potential frost action. These are not serious deterrants to higher density development.
- **Expressed interest** *JM* development;: "Bie owner/toreloper jigs allied for asproval to liuild a higher density planned residential development on this site\*.
- Recommendations: ISiis site coiild be developed appropriately as a Planned Besidential Development at 8-10 unit<sup>^</sup> per acre in conjunction viith Site #<sup>^</sup>6•

Site #45 » Gerickont Faifa on South Side of Morris Avenue ™ ^ 3 ck744 Lot 2A

Location: <sup>t</sup>SbX& site is on the south side of Morris Avenue, approximately ssi& ay between Uses Lane and Suttons Lane.

Area: 40.9 acres

Physical pe^cyigtion: relatively flat open land which is part of a 6aZs\*j farsu

Present tm& Use: agricultural: presently used as dairy fass.

Existing goning: R-20

- Master Plan Proposal: duster single family, including Planned Conservation Area for existing\*stream areas.
- Adjacent, land Uses: to the north, across Morris Avenue, is o^etaiy land and the remaining portion of the Gerickont Fazm in this ownership; to the east arxL south-east are residential developments of single family houses. To the west and southwest is the Gerickont Faim in another's ownership. This area is proposed to be developed as a Planned Residential Development, with a proposed density of 8-10 units per acre.
- General Nei<sup>f</sup>eoifiood Characteristics: This is an open rural area in the sense that the two working fartns on Morris Avenue confined with ceatary lands have resulted in the exclusion of any other development. As these farns cease operation and the land is developed a "neighborhood" sense will be much more noticeable.

**Environmental** Conditions affecting develoaEent: 'this -site'is ir\* Flood zone 2, isidicating minimal risk.

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Road Access: Morris Avenue

- /'tetffic Cof3j3S&ions/^1ct: Morris Avenue is a collector street and presently is used "a\$ & connection between Metlar's Earn and Hoes lane. Several lu^ortant is^rovesients are proposed that will provide alternatives to increasing traffic en >!sr-.ris Avenue: a ma^or arterial from the south end of Hoes lane to Metlar's tsne; the canpletion of Centennial Avenue as a major arterial east-west route; a jug handle intersection iB^Drovement at Morris Avenue and Hoes Lane; and a new collector street between Morris Avenue and the new Hoes Lane at the western edge of the old Gerickont Farm. T&ese improvements will result in a much in ^roved circulation pattern, capable of absorbing considerable development witheis negative impact.
- **Special Site Constraints:** The son types on this site are a ecn&ination of **Klinesville**, **Rowlar**, " and, 'to' a very siaaH extent, ReavIlle. the first type only presents "moderate" liimtatlops on development because of ripselle shale bedrede at 1-1.5 feet and some frost action potential. She second type borders the stresa areas in the entire Gerickont Fam and is the type of soil that is frequently foursd in areas subject to flooding. In this case, the stream areas are not in Flood zone A or B, but the Master Plan has proposed Planned Conservation Areas which would ensure that the stream areas are not built on, but are protected. <sup>f</sup>2» third soil type experiences seasonal high water table and potential frost action. Incse limitations can be dealt with througi carefully controlled site planning.
- Expressed interest in velopsent: The present owners of this site have requested a re-zoning for hi'i density residential development with the intention of disaattinuing the agricultural use (dairy farm) and developing their entire property (including site #43) for residential use.
- Recommendations: This site is appropriate for Planned Residential Development with a density of 8-10 units per acre. Its site design should be coordinated with that of Site 46.
- Site ^^6 Morris Avenue Gerickont Farm

Area: 55-64 acres

Physical Peserlption: Open, very gently sloped, cultivated as farm land

Existing zoning: R 20 A PHD

Master Plan Proposal: Planned Eesidential Development, including Planned Conservation Area for existing stream areas.

Present land Use: Vacant (recently discontinued as fare.)

Adjacent fand Uses: On the north and northeast in vacant snd agriculture lar.i snz cea^tary lands; to the west is single family residential; on the south the land is vacant and on the east is single family residential.

- <u>General Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: This is an ocen rural area in the sense that the two working farmas on Morris Avenue confined with cesnetary *lands* have resulted in the exclusion of any other development. As these farms cease operation and the land is developed a "neigHkorhood" sense will be nsich rnore no\*icsable.
- **Environmental** Conditions affecting development: *Tbls* site is located in Flood zone C, and therefore faces minimi risk of flooding.

Road Access: Morris Avenue

- <u>Traffic. Conditions/I^act</u>: Horris Avenue' is presently a collector street and is proposed to continue to function In that capacity. An "important street Srssroveraent that win impact this are% is the extension of Hoes Lane to \*'etlgr's Zans This will provide alternative routes north and south, am ceafcined with the proposed collector street on the west side of Site ^6, will provide the ssans to handle the increase! traffic to be expected from the proposed develorsant on Morris Avenue.
- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>: The soil types on this site present "severe" limitations to residential development, with the exception of a small area of Klinesville soil series which offer "moderate<sup>11</sup> limitations. 1&e site is approxtoately one half Reaville which has a limitation of seasonal higi water at 0.5-3 feet, and a higi potential frost action. The other half of the site is Rowland which offers the risk of frequent flooding. This exists along the stream areas on this site. These areas however are not represented in the flood zones A or 3. the protection of these stream areas is recommended in the Master Flan through the estafelishitismt of PlaamedConservation Areas, and this treatment should be incorporated into the site plaming for all of the Morris Avenue sites.
- **Express**M., ^er^t, in; develorE^nt.: The Hovnanian Con^any has applied for approval to •"••• build a higser diisit^"planned residential development on this site.'

Recongnendatlqn: 13iis site is appropriate for Planned Residential Development >rith, - a density of 8-10 units per acre, 'rhis site will be developed n»st eff^tively if cooimnated with the development of Site 45. /

<u>Sit</u>e #U7\_\_\_\_\_\_ \*^S.<sup>ock</sup> 7^3 Lot 1

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<u>Area</u>: 9.<sup>^</sup> acres

<u>Physical description</u>: relatively flat, wooded area

Existing. zoning: R-20

Master Plan Proposal: Planned Residential Development

Present Land Use: vacant

Adjacent Land Uses: Rutgers University building border the southern edge; vacant/ agricultural land is on the north, with single family residential on the vrest and a cosinercial property on the east.

- <u>General Hei^bborfaced Characteilsties;</u> This -is an area of **combined agricultural**, university and residential characteristics. The large fanns have saintained a rural atmosphere for this site. The increasing development of faras for residential use, particularly of higher density, will have an irpasfc en this area in terms of creation of a neighborhood quality.
- Enviroyntal ..Conjaitions.affectiag develogynt: 'Siis site is lecated in KLccd zone "Maam', ALASAAIAMX"AM"W"?WA3jA. The proposed Planned Ctaserv&tlon Area will be locate partly on this site and will provide for protection of any possible wet areas.
- <u>Road Access</u>: Presently access is from Orris Avenue on the eastern edge of the site, "When the connector road is built to connect the end of Sees Lane ssl >!srris Avenue, access will be provided from the western edge of the site.
- traffic Conditions/Iinpact: Ihe new roads proposed for this area will provide adsquate road service for any development on this site.
- Sgecial Site Constraints: She soil types on this site are essentially the SSSB as those found on Site 46 with severe limitations on residential development. \*Sie actual extent of the limitations will only be able to be evaluated after the actual right of way for the Hoes lane extension and P&rris Avenue ceas»ctcr are established.

Expressed interest is\* development: unknown

<u>Recommendation</u>: The characteristics of this site would make it appropriate for townhouse development at eigjiit units per acre. However, the location of a Planned Conservation Area and the establishment of two new streets will'put certain site development IMLtations on the site. The housing type therefore :=ay have to reflect the limited space in order to make productive use of *tz&s* sits. As. there are university apartments in the general vicinity, garden apartesnts developed on considerably less ttian the whole site would fee appropriate, at a gross density of *tm* units per acre.

Sites #48 and 63 - 2irkel Aventie and Wickley Avenue (Both sites have ecaparable

characteristics)

Block 737 Lots "U", 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11

<u>Area</u> (combined): 9 acres

Physical description: relatively flat, ligatly wooded, some open

Existing zoning: R-20

Master Plan Proposal: Single family residential

Present Land Use; vacant

Adjacent Land Uses: Vacant, agricultural and scattered single family; new residential subdivision to the north; adjacent to Gerickont Farm vfcich is proposed for higher density residential. <u>.General Nel^orhood Chagacteiristics</u>: agricultural -'and residential; still essentially rural, but with developing subdivisions of single .fsally residential.

**Environmental** Conditions...affecting development; these sites are in Flood-zone C, suggesting minilmi floodingfrlsk.

## Road Access<sup>^</sup> ' Wickley Avenue

- <u>Traffic CondUtioris/lr^ict</u>: Wickley Avenue and Zirfcel Avenue feed into Metlar's lane and provide the only access to these sites. These sites are not large arjd win not generate substantial increase in traffic. Consideration should be given, however, to requiring at least an emergency street correction between Wickley or Zirkel Avenue and the streets to be planned on the Gericksnt Farm.
- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>; The soil type in both of these sites is Rowland which offers severedilatations to residential development because of potential frequent flooding. The existence of a stream area across these sites will require care\* ful site design and will Halt maximum use of the sites.

## Expressed interest in development: unknown

- <u>Recommendation:</u> These sites should be developed at relatively low gross densities, such as five to six units per acre; this final decision will depend on the extent of the stream aa?ea. Site 63 is municipally-downed ars5 could provide *ttoe* Township with broader choices for housing development.
- <u>Site, JM -</u> Davidson Head and Metlar's Lane (two separate sites)' Blodc 845 Lots 1A, 2, 9% 10 >
- <u>Irea;</u> (conisiiied) 17.3 acres
- Hiysjcal pescriijtion; partially wooded, primarily open, flat

Existing, zoning; R-2G

Blaster Flam, 1>ropQsal; Business, office, research and education

Present Land Use; vacant

- Adjacent; Land Uses: Scattered single family residential, vacant land, and Rutgers University apartments.
- General Neighborhood Qigracteristlcs; fringe area of scattered single family uses, vacant and partially wooded area, bordering on university uses (Livingston Campus)\*
- Environmental Conditigm affecting development; This site is in Flood zone C, which suggests minimal potential for flooding.

Hoad Access; Metlar's Lane and Davidson Road

Traffic Conditions/Srs?act; A major arterial roadway has been proposed in the Master Plan to connect" the southera end of Hces Lane with a reali^ied Metlar's Lane, coinciding with one of the alternatives for N.j. Route IS. The exact aligsment of this extension will impact the potential development of this site. The road will provide adequate facilities to handle any increase in traffic from development on this site\*

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-<u>Special Site Constraints</u>: ''This entire site consists' of Xlinesville soil series vfcich presents only moderate imitations on residential development.

Expressed Interest in development: ' unlmown

<u>Recoiaa^tidations</u>: 'SrLs site is suitable for garden apartments and other nmlti-fssily housing types, i.e., quadplex, triplex, etc., at a density of 12-15 units per acre, depending on unit type. This determination will depend, in part, on the location of the Hoes Lane extension.

<u>Sites #5U 52, 53, 5^ and 60</u> - Hoes Lane to. River Road, Rivercrest Drive to Westfield Avenue Portions of flocks 7P\* through 834

- Area; These scattered sites, some ijji single lots, some in larger parcels, total over 110 acres.
- <u>ffaysical Description</u>; fhis is an ar«a of scattered single family houses, paper streets, unpaved streets, developed and undeveloped park land, and significant amounts of municipally owned land.

Existing zoning; R 10, R 15 and four lots zoned for Senior Citizen Housing.

- <u>Master Plan Proposal</u>; single family residential, public (part of the "Civic Center"), senior citizen housing.
- Present Land Use; single family residential, vacant, park area, two schools.
- Adjacent Land tlses: This area is bordered on the north by a single family residential hei^orhood, on the northeast by the municipal complex, on the south by, Rutgers University-owmd vacanjfc land, and on the east by River Road and Johnson Park.
- <u>General Neighborhood Characteristics</u>: This neighborhood consists of a mixture of very modest homes and larger homes, unpaved streets and vacant lots. There are several park areas and a few scattered commercial uses.
- EnvironmentalConditions affecting development: This entire neigrborhood is in Flood zone C, suggesting thinimal risk of flooding. Flood zone A, which borders the Raritan River for its entire length in Piscataway, extends up to River Road, but the gradual slope upward, in an easterly direction, protects this neighborhood from danger of flooding.
- <u>Road Access</u>: Tfeis neigfoorhood is sjerved by a grid pattern of streets, but a raszber of these are unpaved, or partial paper streets. River Road and Hoes Lane provide road access on the west and east respectively.
- 'grafflc Conditions/Ijnpact: As this neighborhood would be developed primarily on smaller sites and infill sites, and as River Road and Hees Lane each provide direct access from the area to 1-287, no negative traffic Impact would be expected from new residential development in this area.

- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>: Most of this neighborhood consists of son in the Klines\* ville series which offers "moderate" limitations for development. The area zoned for senior citizen housing is comprised of soU of the ReaviHe series which presents "severe" Imitations in residential development due to seasonal hi\$i water and potential frost action. As this zone is appropriate flea? a five story building it will be is\$>ortant to consider these problems when planning construction and site, layout.
- Expressed Interest in development: The municipality has expressed interest in having j senior citizen housing available as a housing type. Actual developer interest is unknown.
- <u>Recommendation</u>: the available sites in this neig&crhocd range in size froa single house lots to six acres, the neighborhood is one of relatively small lots and houses. It would be appropriate to develop these sites in small scale developments: duplex, triplex, ouadplex or patio hoses, using a density of five units per gross acre as a standard. 'Bae site zoned for senior citizen housing should be developed with at least S3 units per acre If the building is to be five stories in height. The entire site would not be developed simutaneously, but could be staged in two buildings, over five or six years. Based on 100 acres of vacant land in this neighborhood, and assuming provision of some for park use or other public use, it would be possible over a six to ten year period to provide the opportunity for 300\*400 housing units, using primarily municipally owned land.

Site #57 - River Road, at PJ^cataway^Higiland Park border » HHSsk 872 Z> 3 (part) >

Area: \*K3 acres

Existing Zoning: R20A - PED

Present Land tlse: vacant

T3iis site Is owned by Rutgers University and is proposed for multi-family residential development. In conjunction with this Rutgers' proposal the Township has zoned the site for 83D at a maximum of 10 units per acre. As this site has been studied and this density is appropriate, no further analysis is necessary.

It is recommended that this site be designated for 10 units per acre for a •> Planned Residential Development.

Site #75 and 76 - Hillside Avinue, between River Head and Scott Street ~ Block 560 Lot 5A, B1.56i Lots 8iW22, 25-36, 39, \*\*0 -, Block 56"4 Lots 18-37 <

Area: 10.5 acres

Physical Description: flat, primarily open, scattered growth.

Existing zoning: R-^10

<u>Master .Plan Proposal</u>: - Jisgle family

Present Land Use: vacant

Adjacent Land Use\$: single family residential

- <u>Gengrpl Neiffl&Officod Characteristics</u>: residential neighborhood; houses on moderate size lots, all relatively close in 'development age; well defined by industrial area to north and east, and by park and Rasltan Eiver to the west. ISiis is part of nei^lDorhood discussed in Sites 51\*60

Road Access: Hillside Avenue, River Road

- **Traffic Cond^ icy** <u>Z</u> e <u>acti</u>: v e r Boa4 provides easy access to 1-287. this site is **small** ihld fs not 'expected to generate sufficient traffic to have a negative impact on River Road.
- <u>Special Site Constraints</u>; Ihis entire area is KlinesviHe soil series which presents "moderate" limitations to developa^it which would not be si®aif leant *in* a snail area such as this.

Expressed interest in development;: unknown

- <u>Recommendations:</u> This area would be appropriate to be developed at a fairly low derv sify in keeping with the nature of the existing bousing. <sup>t</sup>St» paper streets could be vacated so as to provide freedom of site design. The density per gross acre should not exceed six dwelling units, j
- <u>Site #77</u> \* Metlar's and Suttoils lanes, northeast corner. Block 647 Lot 67A j

Area: 6.45 acres

Physical Description: open, li#it woods and brush, relatively flat comer property.

Existing Zoning: R20

Master flan Proposal; single fa&ily residential

- Present Land tJse: vacant
- Adjacent Land tJses: New single fas&ly residential has been completed or is under construction on all sides of this intersection; existing single family residential is located *cm* Metlar's Lane to the east.
- General Neighborhood Characteristics: Ihis is a neighborhood in transition f a^cu^ural area to a. developed area, the new development is all residential and it will be further strengthened by the conversion of the farms in the area to hi#ier density residential use, as suggested in this vacant land analysis.

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Environmental Conditions, ...affecting development: '"This site is :2n Hlcod sons C, suggesting MniEal flood "risk.

Road Access: Metlar's Lane and Suttons Lane

- <u>fgaffie ('nd^tioris/linpact:</u> This site is located at the" intersection of Metlar's Lane and Suttons Lane, at one of the right angle turns taken by Metlar's Lane. 7&e traffic on Metlar's Lane is heavy, increasing as it gets closer to interchanges on 1-287 at South Washington Avenue and Stelton Road. Bprovements at these **interchanges, proposed in the Master Plan, as well as the completion of the extension of N.J. Route'18, will relieve Metlar's Lane of a significant amount** of traffic congestion, this site is small and will not contribute substantially to the traffic flow on either Metlar's Lane or Suttons land. However', ingress and egress on this site will require careful planning to avoid conflicting with the turning movements on Metlar's Lane.
- <u>Special Site Cot^iaiiits</u>: This soil type <^ this site (lOkissville) offers "moderate" 1.jjnitations to residential development, due to rippable shale bedrock at 1-1.5 feet and potential frost action. These conditions will not seriously 2apact development of this site.

depressed interest in development: unknown

<u>Recoan idation</u>: This site of limited size in a primarily single family area should be developed at a low townhouse density, not exceeding 5-6 units per acre.

<u>Site #78</u> - School Street and Water Street, northwest comer. Block 698 Lot 16 ]

<u>Area</u>: 3 acres

ghysical Description: flat, Tight woods

txisting zoning: H-10

ftlaster Plan Proposal: single family residential

Present Use: vacant

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- Adjacent Land Uses: This site is surrounded by single family residential uses, some of which are semi-rural in character.
- General Nei^3Qrhood Characteristics: Ihis area which is l-rr^diately west of the Stel. "~ ton Road busigness area gives a sense of a rural community, due in part to the lot configuration of very deep Iot3 (over 400'). The sirall houses are actually not always visible to each other, suggesting more vacant undeveloped land than is actually the case.

Environmental Conditions affecting development: Ihis site is located in Flood sone C, suggesting

load\_Access^ School Street and Water Street

<u>Traffic O^idltlons/teact:</u> She size of this site is such that it will- net have any significant iiffiact on traffic volumes.

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Special Site Constraints: The soU type found in this site (BeavUle) offers "severe" lin^tations for residential development due to seasonal high water and potential frost action. Marose Brook and its adjacent Flood zone A are located about 1000<sup>°</sup> to the west of this site. As the site is so-small, attention to these facts in site layout and building desi@i should preclude any rrssleas of a serious nature.

## Stressed interest in .development; unknown

**Recommendations:** Iliis site would be appropriate for a srsali townhouse, triplex or quadplex cluster development, at a gilless density of not over **778** per acre.