

STAFF REPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ZONING MEETING CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO JULY 10, 2025

7. **APPLICATION: Z25-012**

Location: 2410 DEMOREST RD. (43123), being 14.07± acres located on

the east side of Demorest Road, 800± feet north of Black Pine

Drive (160-002858 and 160-002870; Westland Area

Commission).

Existing Zoning: R, Rural District (pending annexation).

Request: L-AR-1, Limited Apartment Residential District (H-35).

Proposed Use: Apartment complex.

Applicant(s): Metro Development LLC., c/o Jeffrey L. Brown, Atty.; 37 West

Broad Street, Suite 460, Columbus, OH 43215.

Property Owner(s): James E. and Karen L. Ruggles; 2410 Demorest Road, Grove

City, OH 43123; and Hank W. and Patricia Schreck; 2380

Demorest Road, Grove City, OH 43123.

Planner: Dane Kirk; 614-645-7973; DEKirk@Columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

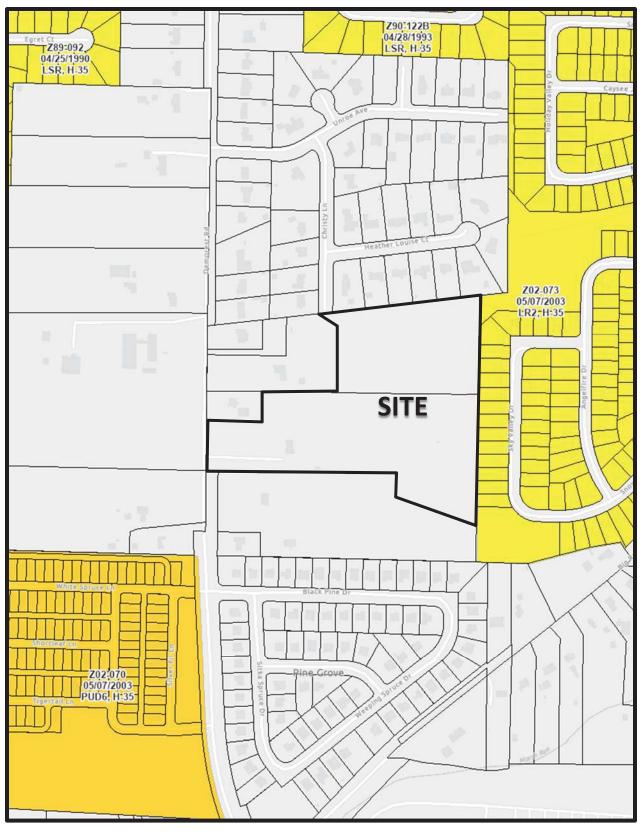
The 14.07± acre site consists of two parcels, each developed with a single-unit dwelling. Both parcels are pending annexation into the city of Columbus and will be assigned the R, Rural District. The applicant requests the L-AR-1, Limited Apartment Residential District to allow for a multi-unit residential development.

- North and south of the site are single-unit dwellings in the SR, Semi-Residential District under the jurisdiction of Jackson Township. East of the site are single-unit dwellings in the L-R-2, Limited Residential District. West of the site is a religious facility in the SR, Semi-Residential District under the jurisdiction of Jackson Township.
- o Concurrent Council variance CV25-025 has been filed requesting a variance to increase the maximum allowed garage height from 15 feet to 16.
- The site is within the planning boundaries of *The Westland Plan* (1994), which recommends "Low density residential, 1-2 units per acre" land uses at this location. The site is also subject to early adoption of *Columbus Citywide Planning Policies* (C2P2) Design Guidelines (2018).
- The site is located within the boundaries of the Westland Area Commission who recommended disapproval.
- The limitation text includes use restrictions, a maximum of 264 dwellings units, and includes a commitment to develop the site in accordance with the submitted site plan and building elevations.
- The Division of Traffic Management has indicated that discussions and further review are in progress regarding whether or not a pedestrian connection to the existing trail on the neighboring property to the southeast shall be required. Staff has also indicated that

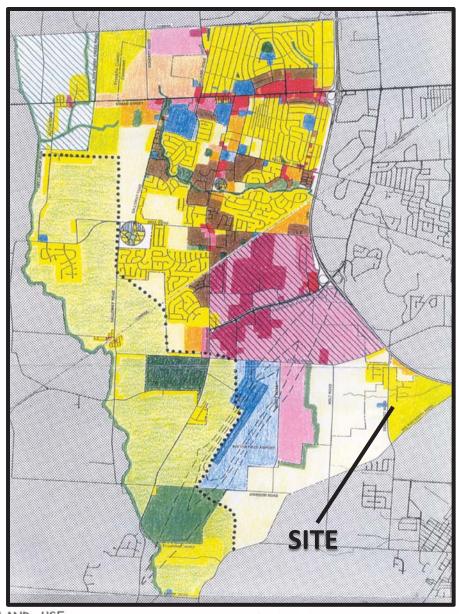
- the final limitation text will need to include commitments determined by the Franklin County Engineer's Office.
- The Columbus Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan (2019) identifies Demorest Road as a Suburban Community Connector, requiring a right of way width of 80 feet.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Conditional Approval

The requested L-AR-1, Limited Apartment Residential District will allow the site to be developed with an apartment complex with up to 264 dwelling units. While the proposal is inconsistent with *The Westland Plan's* recommendation of "Low density residential, 1-2 units per acre" land uses at this location, staff recognizes existing medium density residential (10-16 du/ac) to the southwest, and the proposal's high level of consistency with C2P2 Design Guidelines, including buffering/screening of adjacent low density residential, preservation of existing mature trees along the southern edge, and activation of open space with walking paths, as mitigating factors for support, with the condition that any commitments required by the Division of Traffic Management and the Franklin County Engineer's Office are included in the final limitation text.



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Daytime Phone Number

Standardized Recommendation Form

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FOR USE BY: AREA COMMISSION / NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP (PLEASE PRINT)

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Case Number	Z25-012			
Address	2410 Demorest Road			
Group Name	Westland Area Commission			
Meeting Date	June 18, 2025			
Specify Case Type	☐ Council Varian Rezoning	/ Special Permit ace ance / Plan / Special Permit		
Recommendation (Check only one)	☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval			
LIST BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:				
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developed as residential a density of 18.76 units per 0.64 acres each, as well as was too intense for the sit road, with the nearest acc	at 1-2 units per acre acre. The site is be a 19.9 acre proper te. Members also haves tess to I-270 requir which is also two-	ordered by single-family residen ty across Demorest Road. The C ad concerns with traffic on Den ing traveling through a single-la	a Plan calls for the site to be for 264 units on 14.07 acres, at a stial properties, between 0.16 and Commission felt the proposed plan morest Road. Demorest is a two-lane ane roundabout at Alkire Road, and ming. This site is not appropriate for	
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Vote Signature of Authorized Representative		2-7 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 /		
Recommending Group	_	Michael McKay, Chairman, Zo	oning Committee	

Please e-mail this form to the assigned planner within 48 hours of meeting day; OR FAX to Zoning at (614) 645-2463; OR MAIL to: Zoning, City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services, 111 N Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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PROJECT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	APPLICATION #: Z25-012
Parties having a 5% or more interest in the project that is the subje	ct of this application.
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND NOTAR	IZED. Do not indicate 'NONE' in the space provided.
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF FRANKLIN	
Being first duly cautioned and sworn (NAME) Jeffrey L. Brown	1
of (COMPLETE ADDRESS) 37 West Broad Street STE. 460	
deposes and states that they are the APPLICANT, AGENT, OR DU	LY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY FOR SAME and the following is a
list of all persons, other partnerships, corporations or entities having	ng a 5% or more interest in the project which is the subject of this
application in the following format:	
For Example: Na	me of Business or individual
	ntact name and number
	siness or individual's address; City, State, Zip Code
	mber of Columbus-based employees
Metro Development LLC. Joe Thomas 614-540-2400 470 Olde Worthington Road STE 100 Westerville, OH 43082 67 Columbus based employees.	2. James E. and Karen L. Ruggles 614-530-4402 2410 Demorest Road Grove City, OH 43123 No Columbus based employees.
3·Hank W. and Patrica Schreck 614-871-3856 2380 Demorest Road Grove City,OH 43123 No Columbus based employees.	4.
Check here if listing additional parfies on a separate page. SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT	
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence thisday	of March, in the year 2025
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	9/4/25 Notary Seal Here
DIGITATURE OF INCIDENT	My Commission Expired Natalie C. Timmons

This Project Disclosure Statement expires six (6) months after date of notarization.

Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires 09-04-2025