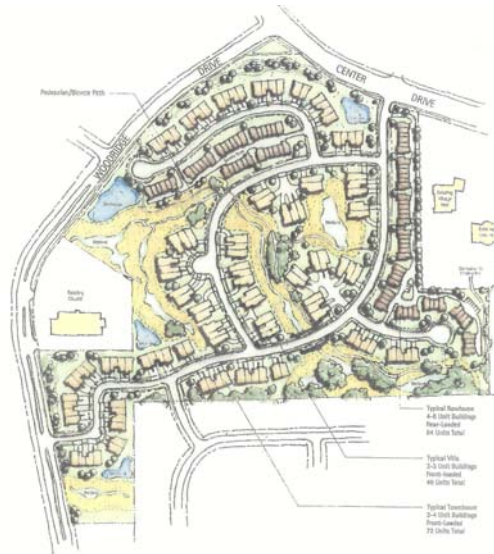


# Board to Consider Condemnation of District 99 Property

## *District 99's proposal for 202- Multi-family Units on 45-Acre Woodridge Site*



This drawing represents a land use development concept prepared by District 99's development advisors. It includes 202 multi-family units and a roadway connection to the existing Woodridge neighborhood to the south.

This is NOT Woodridge's plan.

For 35 years, without exception, through various community forums and surveys, Woodridge residents have directed that the 45 acre property owned by District 99 be set aside for civic, recreational, open space and cultural uses. The Village has tried to work with District 99 for over six (6) months for the purchase of the property, but District 99 has refused to negotiate in a meaningful way. As a result, the Village Board will consider an ordinance on May 19, 2005 to begin eminent domain proceedings.

"This property has been designated for open space and it's been zoned R-1 for 27 years. The action taken by District 99 is an attempt to thwart that designation and force upon our community a zoning designation completely contrary to all we've tried to achieve for this area. It has always been our community's plan to maintain the public use designation and we will take the necessary action to accomplish that plan," Mayor William F. Murphy said.

District 99 has retained Newcastle Advisors, LLC to specifically market the site as "designated for intensive development use" and "ideal for higher-density single family or townhouse development", marketing that is wholly contrary to the site's current zoning, the comprehensive plan, the surrounding land uses, and the will of the Woodridge community and its elected officials. It's been reported to the Village that, in fact, Newcastle representatives have advised potential bidders to "ignore" the Village's Comprehensive Plan and that any bidder would prevail in a zoning lawsuit to permit intensive development.

This area of your community is shaped by the scenic and natural beauty of the land. Preserving this property is of vital importance to the distinct character of this area.

"We've tried to work with District 99 to come to a reasonable agreement. While the District pays lip service to that effort, their actions are in complete contradiction. The Woodridge community will not sit idly by as their School District attempts to force an intolerable use on our community, nor will we be extorted. The eminent domain proceedings offer an opportunity to place reasonable parameters on the purchase terms in keeping with fair market value." the Mayor concluded.

Voice your opinion today!

Attend the Village of Woodridge Board Meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 7:30 PM, Werch Board Room, 5 Plaza Drive.

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