

Project Narrative

For

Heritage Humane Society Expansion Special Use Permit Amendment

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Humane Society is formally applying for an amendment to the previously approved Special Use Permit, set forth in Resolution No. R03-29, to allow for an expansion of the animal shelter located at 430 Waller Mill Road. The property is zoned RR-Rural Residential and is an animal shelter by legally confirming special use per R03-29. This property has been previously expanded and modified via Resolution No. R06-4, and the amendment requested here would allow an additional special use amendment for building and site expansion.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This proposed expansion of the existing 9,700 s.f. shelter building includes office and classroom space as well as an expanded isolation wing. Additionally, several play yards are proposed at the rear of the property. To accommodate the expansion, parking will be added around the perimeter of the existing paved areas, and a through-lane is to be created for better ingress/egress. Existing stormwater management facilities on-site, along with a proposed filtering facility, will continue to serve the property as well as the expansion. A grinder pump facility upgrade is also proposed that will provide additional sewage capacity as well as an increased ability to prevent clogging from animal hair. The full expansion is depicted on Development Plan Sheets C1.0, C2.0, and C3.0 as included in the appendix of this application package.

The Heritage Humane Society has and continues to endeavor to be a good neighbor while providing an essential service to the local community. With increased demand for animal intake and adoption, HHS has long surpassed their need for more space and access to the site. This includes parking for employees and visitors which currently requires off-site parking. This expansion will provide that desperately needed space for animals and visitors alike.

While this expansion will provide additional capacity for animal intake and adoption, it will also provide more health and safety for the animals themselves. Play yards provide more freedom of movement and recreation while also providing necessary isolation space as animals await intake and immunization. An upgraded and updated air purification system is proposed for increased air quality. The expansion will also promote increased community involvement and education through additional classrooms.

III. CONCLUSION

It is our belief that the proposed Heritage Humane Society expansion represents an appropriate development for an amended Special Use Permit. The expansion will serve the community in a variety of ways from increased health and safety, increased access to an essential service, and better care for animals in need. This expansion represents no change in use from the previously approved Permit for an animal shelter. No additional traffic is project based on this expansion as its purpose is to accommodate the existing vehicles due to the site's current lack of adequate parking. The Heritage Humane Society will continue its standing as a good neighbor and continue to provide protection for the Waller Mill Reservoir with a variety of stormwater management and pollutant removal facilities that direct drainage away from the Waller Mill watershed. It is our sincere request for a favorable response.