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Re: 444 Maple

**Community Benefits** 

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- 1. The proposed Project is consistent with the MAC Ordinance. Specifically it will enhance the Town's main street, ensure economic vitality, diversify the tax base, and establish a high-quality, pedestrian-oriented, environmentally sensitive development on Maple Avenue.
- 2. The proposed Project will be the first rental apartment Project developed in the Town in decades and will provide housing diversity for Town residents.
- 3. The proposed Project represents a significant step in providing the Town with a more affordable housing alternative for Vienna's workforce including local teachers, fire fighters, police, Town and County employees, etc.
- 4. The Project is the first mixed-use, transit-oriented Project in the Town developed specifically to take advantage of the Vienna Metro station.
- 5. The proposed Project will be the first rental apartment building in the Town designed and constructed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act.
- 6. The proposed Project will be the one of the few, and the largest, property in the Town to be designed to meet modern environmental standards and have a modern stormwater management system.
- 7. The proposed Project will provide significant new net tax revenue to the Town.
- 8. With over 600 feet of new streetscape on both Maple Avenue and Nutley Street designed in accordance with the new Town Streetscape standards, the Project will serve as a model and a catalyst for future streetscape installations along Maple.
- 9. The Project is specifically designed to be walkable, bike-able, and pedestrian oriented.



- 10. A VIP Leasing Program will be implemented for the residential portion of the property. The VIP Program provides move-in discounts for all Town of Vienna employees, including teachers, firefighters, police and Town staff. Move in fees and security deposits are waived including Application fee, Security Deposit, Move-in Fee, and one-time Amenity Fee. This package totals at least \$ 1,000.00 in cash savings at move-in for those targeted for the program.
- 11. The Project provides over two times the setback that is required along the rear where it is adjacent to residential properties.
- 12. The landscape buffer along the rear of the property that is adjacent to residential properties is over 30% larger than is required notwithstanding the fact that it also includes an existing brick screen wall which will remain and which the Applicant will continue to maintain.
- 13. The Project will offer at least four (4) electric car charging stations with two (2) stations available to residents and two (2) stations available to retail customers.
- 14. The Project will include a safe, convenient all-weather pick-up and drop-off zone specifically designed for ridesharing services such as Uber and Lyft. This is an environmentally focused feature that is just beginning to emerge nationwide in new retail properties.
- 15. A robust Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program will be implemented to encourage and incentivize use of the Metro and discourage dependence on cars.