

Ordinance to Establish Economic Revitalization and Redevelopment Zones

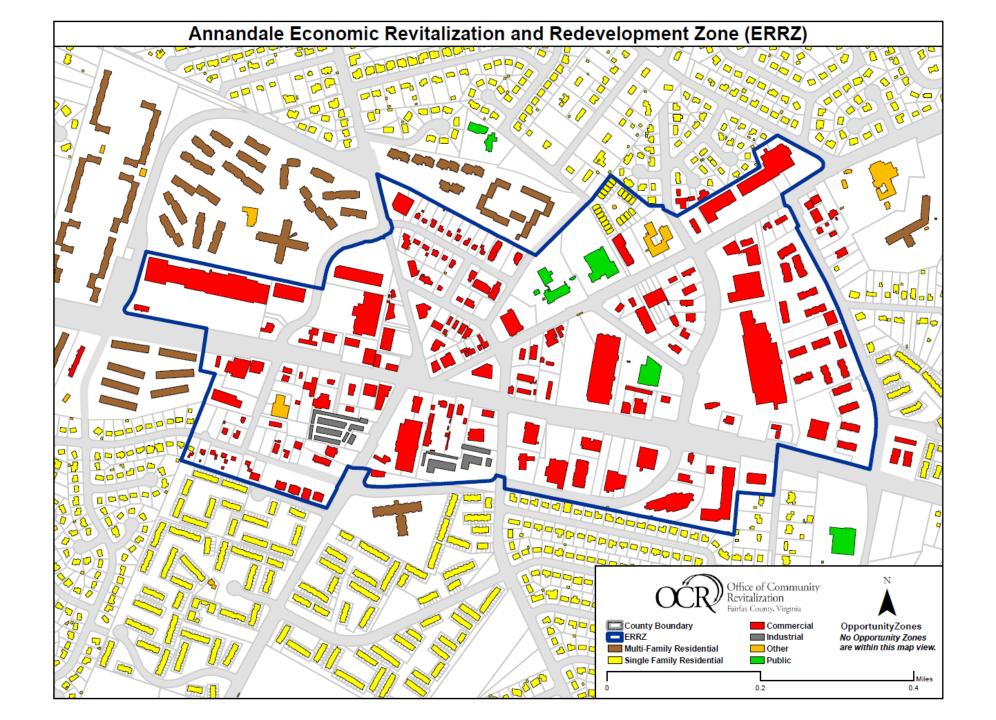
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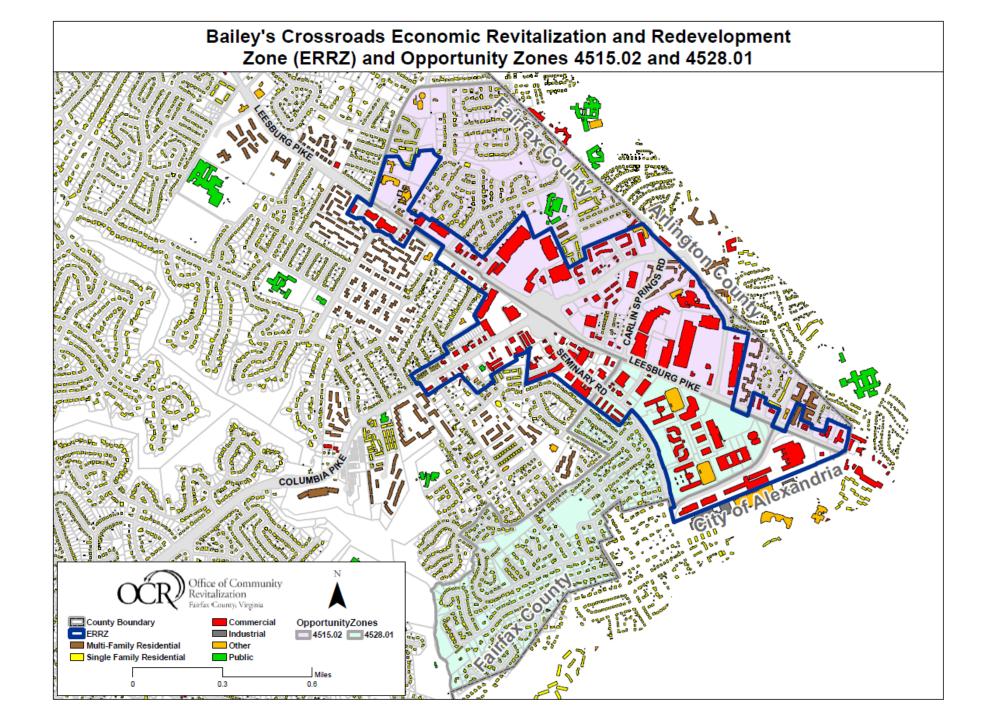
Enabling Legislation and Authority

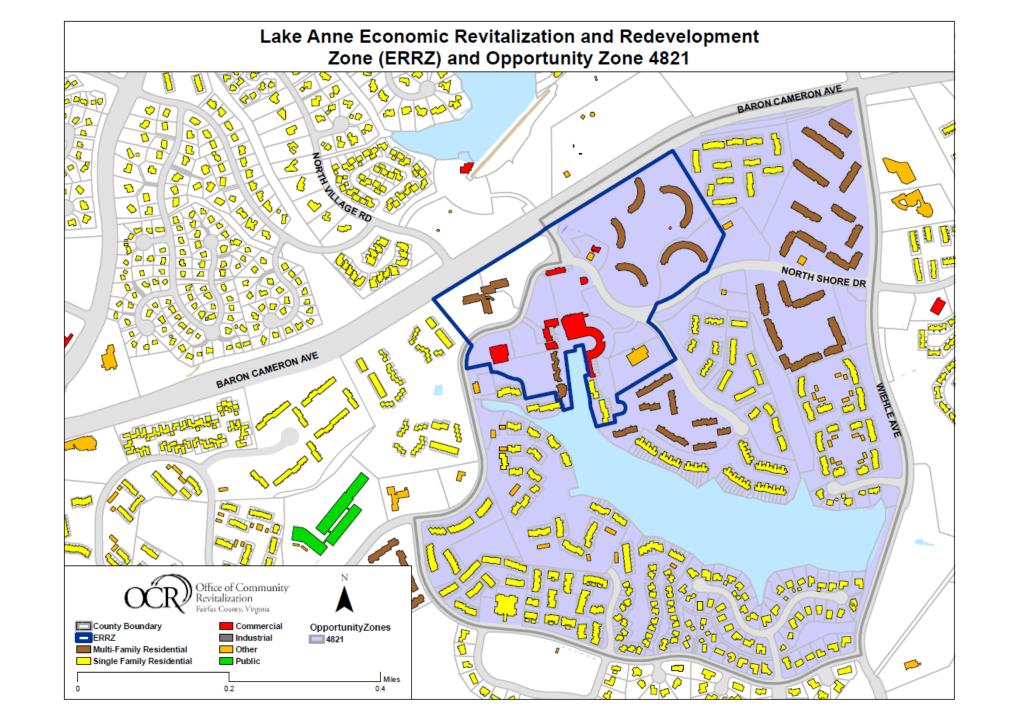
- HB1970 provides for counties to create Economic Revitalization Zones
- VA Code 15.2-1232.2.provides for the creation of local economic revitalization zones
- VA Code 58.1-3219.3 provides for a partial exemption for structures in redevelopment or conservation areas or rehabilitation districts
- Proposed Title Economic Revitalization and Redevelopment Zone (ERRZ)

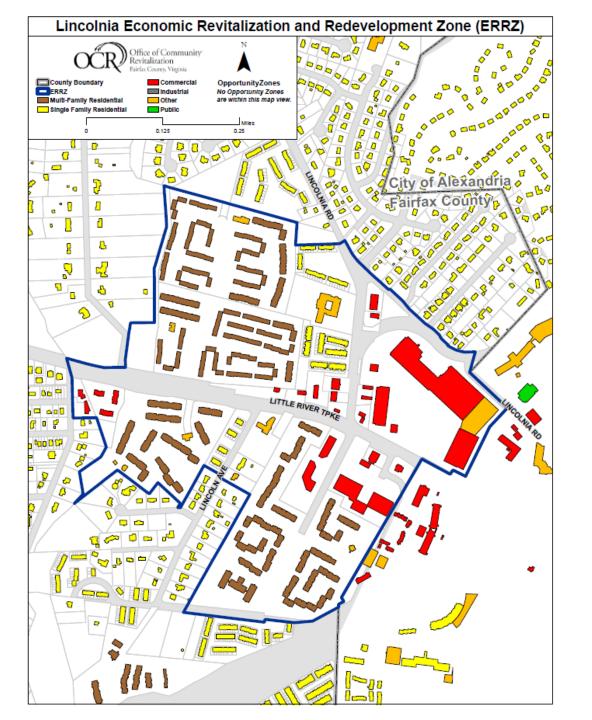
Proposed Ordinance

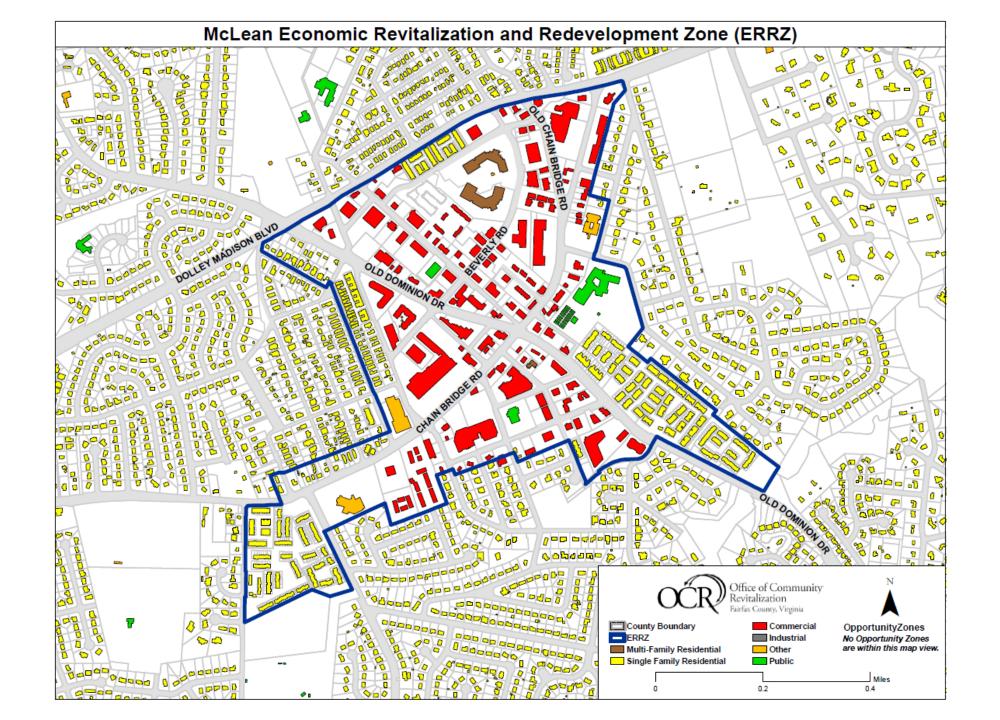
- Amends the County Code to add a new Article 29 Incentives to Encourage Economic Growth
- Purpose to provide economic revitalization and redevelopment opportunities by offering regulatory and financial incentives to the private sector to assemble, revitalize and redevelop property for economic development purposes

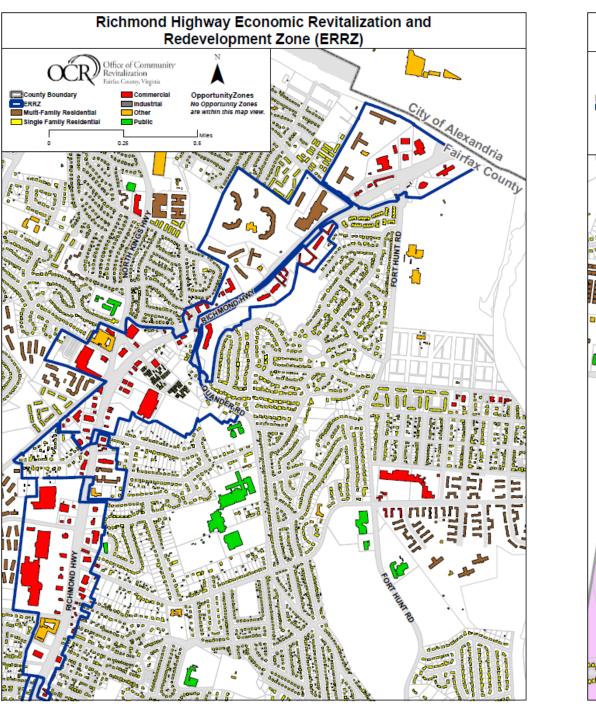


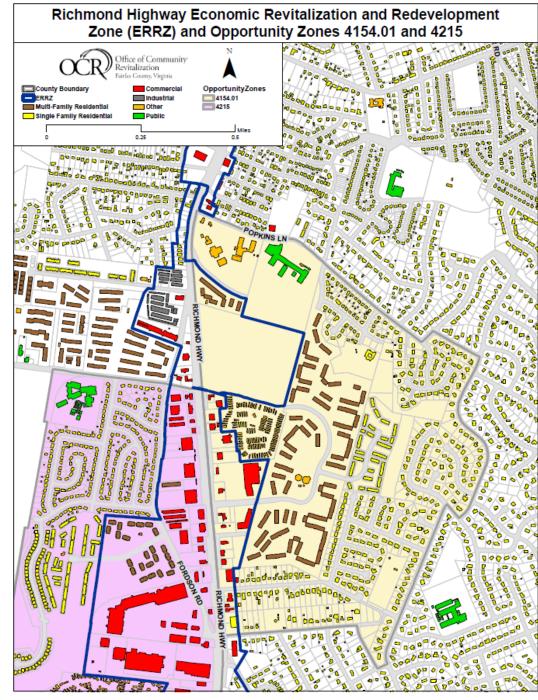


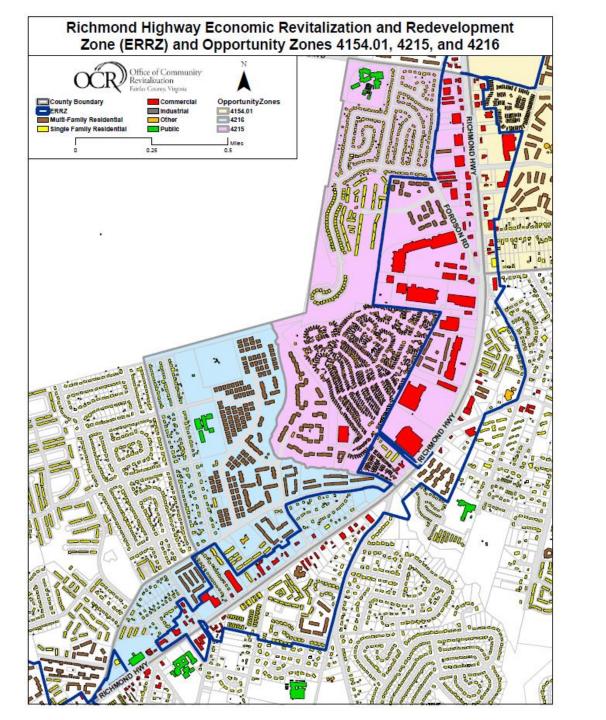


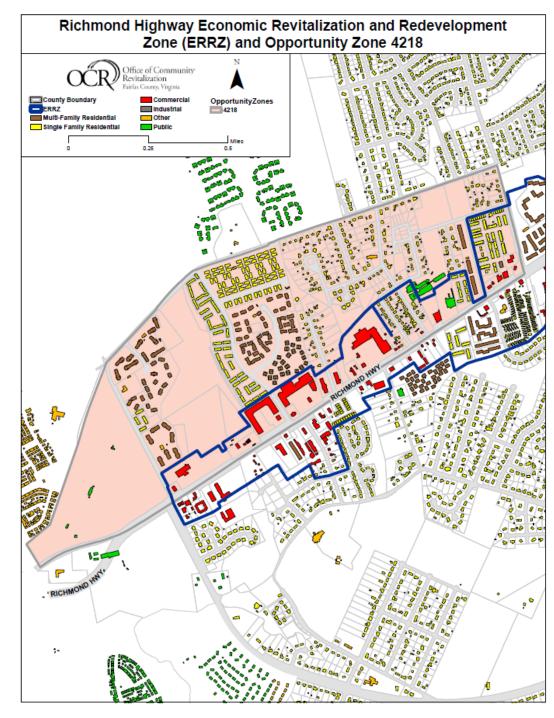


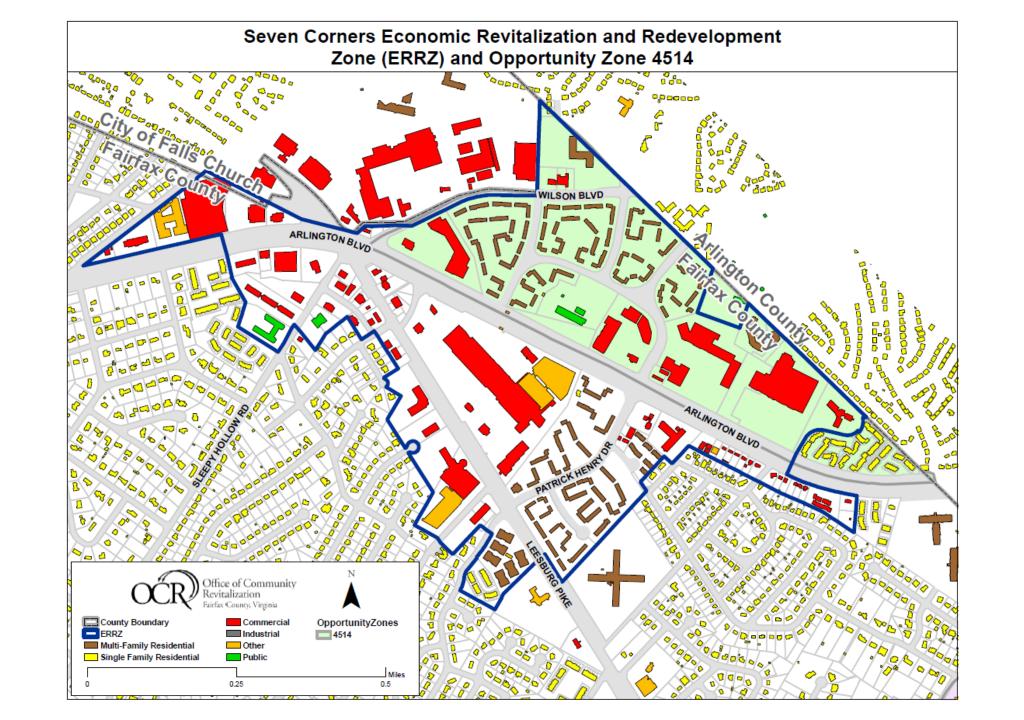


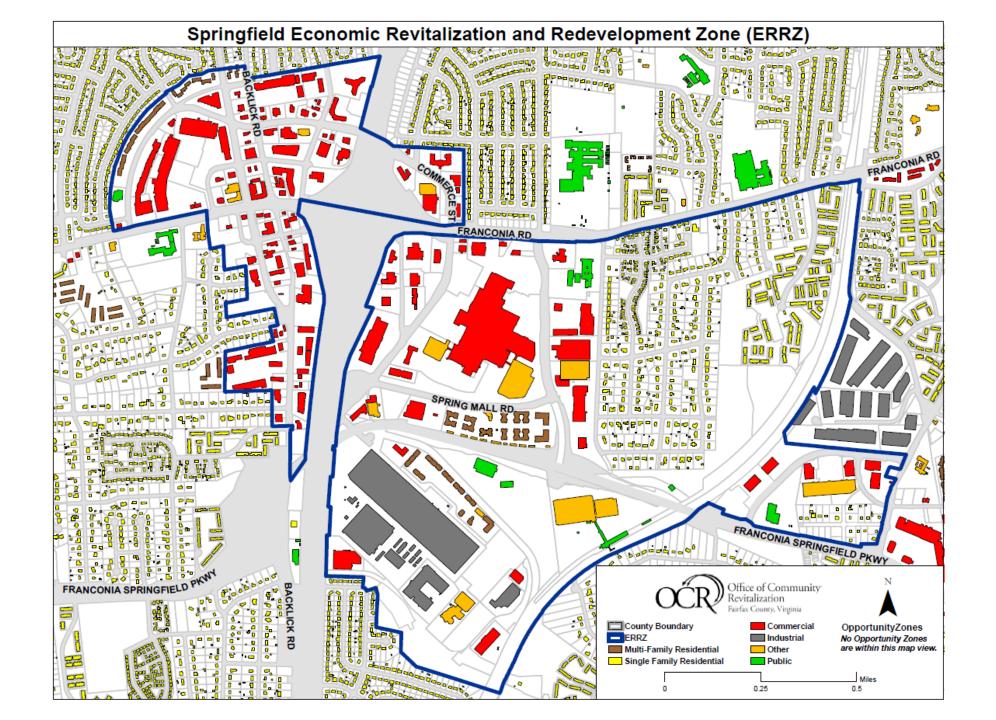


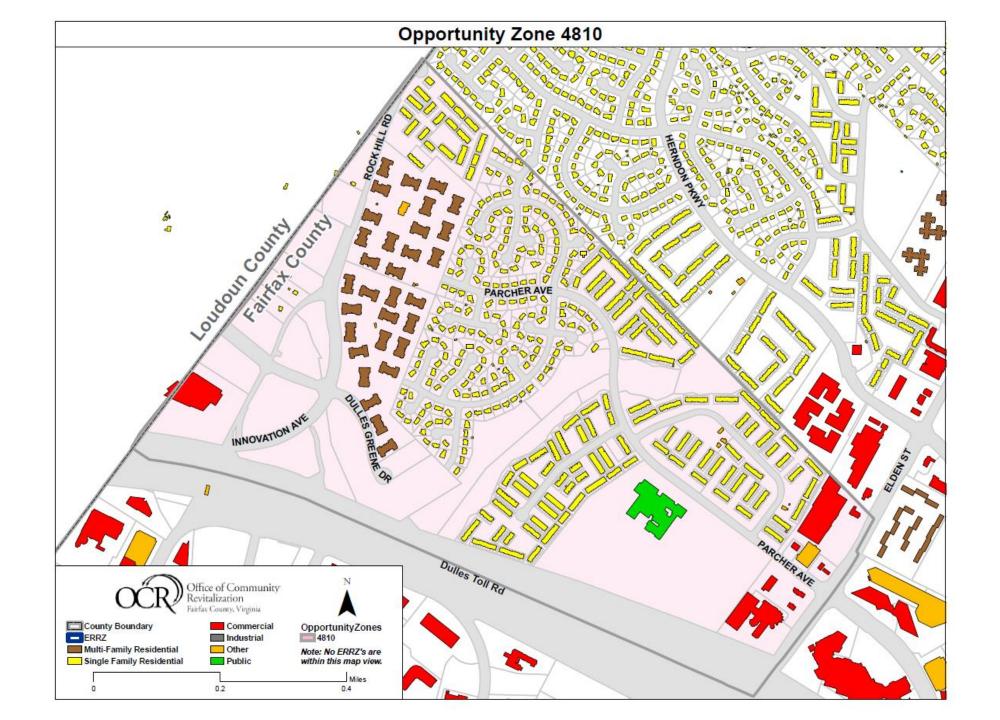












ERRZ Locational Considerations

- The legislation specifically targets incentivizing property assemblage
- The CRDs/CRAs are Activity Centers in the Comprehensive Plan that are targeted for future growth
- The CRDs/CRAs are generally characterized by smaller, more irregularly shaped parcels, with multiple owners, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to redevelopment
- Richmond Highway is viewed as a continuous corridor and so the area was expanded beyond the CRDs to encompass the Suburban Neighborhood Areas (SNAs) and Land Units R & Q of the Huntington Transit Station Area (TSA)
- The Springfield CRD is intertwined with the TSA of Springfield and collectively is called the Greater Springfield Area, so the TSA was included

Eligibility Requirements

- Development must be commercial, industrial and/or multifamily located within one of the ERRZs
- Development must be a newly proposed assemblage, not previously submitted for rezoning or site plan approval
- Minimum parcel consolidation of two parcels that collectively total at least two acres in size*
- Conformance with any Comprehensive Plan recommendations regarding consolidation and use
- A minimum of 20% of existing development may be retained and/or repurposed*

^{*}Exceptions may apply

Regulatory Incentives

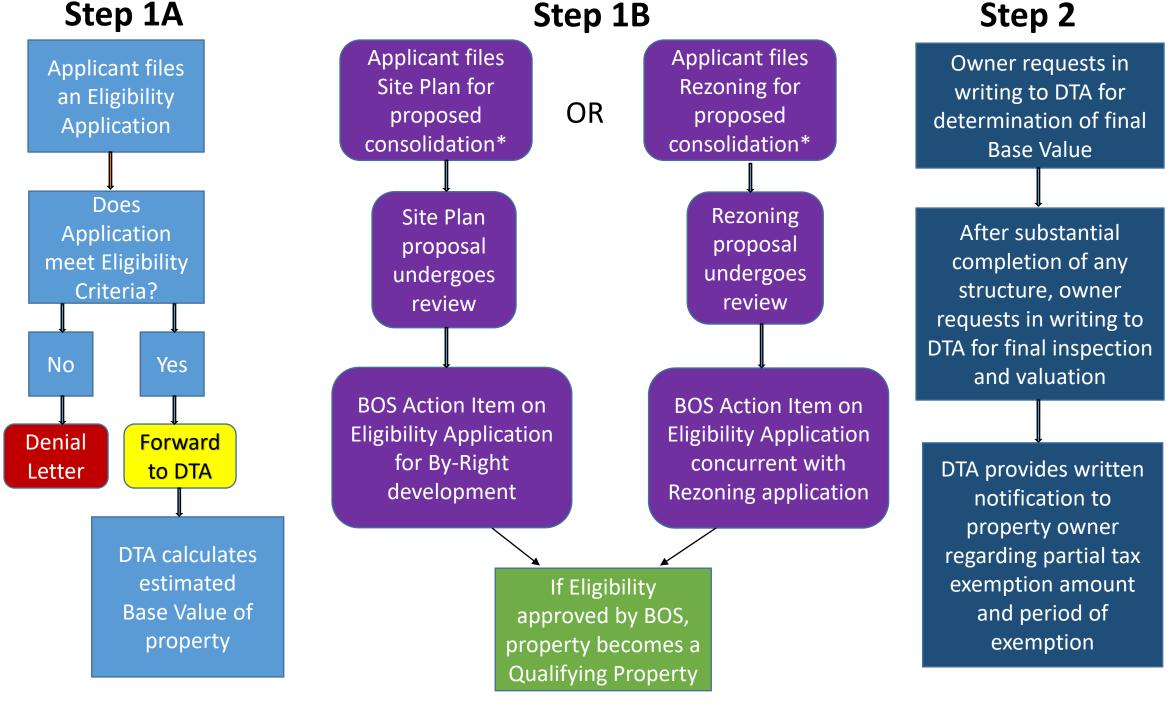
- Expedited processing of zoning applications and any associated Comprehensive Plan amendments
- Inclusion in the LDS Project Management Program
- Expedite site review processing to 45 days for 1st review and 28 days for 2nd review, presuming that the project is in the ESI program
- Priority processing through building plan review (for best results it is recommended that applicant pays for inclusion in the EPR program)

Financial Incentives

- Reduction of Site Plan Fees by 10%
- Partial Real Estate Tax Abatement equal to increment between the Base Value (pre-development) and the Fair Market Value (post-development)
 - At the end of abatement period, the assessment would revert to full market value
 - The abatement would be applied beginning January $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ of the next tax year following the abatement trigger
 - Abatement for up to 10 years or the number of years left in the program
 - The abatement runs with the land

Eligibility Process

- Applicant submits application to County requesting determination of eligibility in the program
- The applicant could be one or more of the property owners or a third-party developer; all owners would have to concur
- The request will be reviewed by staff to determine if all eligibility criteria are met
- Staff will issue a provisional approval or rejection letter regarding eligibility
- Proposals would be discussed at an intervening BOS Committee meeting to provide initial feedback on the proposal from the Board
- Final approval of eligibility rests with the Board of Supervisors, who have the discretion to deny applications that are not favorable to the county



^{*} All structures must be fully contained within its parcel lot lines before approval of an application; therefore, a subdivision may be required.

Next Steps

- Board conducts public hearing to establish zones with a delayed effective date of January 1, 2020 year
- Program is advertised; community outreach and education
- Meet with potential applicants to be primed to take maximum advantage of time limits of the program

After BOS adoption of new ordinance,

- Prepare application forms and procedures
- Conduct internal training
- Conduct extensive outreach and education to residents and the business community about the new program
- Develop tracking system

Questions and Discussion