

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION • COVER SHEET

In accordance with the requirements of the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, the undersigned hereby petitions the Planning Board for one or more Special Permits for the premises indicated below.

Location of Premises:	3-5 Linnaean Street				
Zoning District:	Residence C-2/Business A-2/Basement Housing Overlay				
Applicant Name:	Willow Land Corporation				
Applicant Address:	c/o James J. Rafferty, 675 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA				
Contact Information:	(617) 492-4100	irafferty@adamsrafferty.com	(617) 492-3131		
	Telephone #	Email Address	Fax #		

List all requested special permit(s) (with reference to zoning section numbers) below. Note that the Applicant is responsible for seeking all necessary special permits for the project. A special permit cannot be granted if it is not specifically requested in the Application.

20.630.e reduction in required parking 20.640 Basement Housing Overlay Special Permit 20.630.e Reduction in Required Parking 20.640 Special Permit

List all submitted materials (include document titles and volume numbers where applicable) below.

Proposed floor plan, Roof Recharge Design; Stormwater Management Plan; Parking Study; Basement Flooding Report prepared by Williams & Sperages

Signature of Applicant: Above for Applicant Applicant For the Planning Board, this application has been received by the Community Development Department

(CDD) on the date specified below:

b. SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION – SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

Project Name: Address of Site: 3-5 Linnaean Street Applicant: Willow Land Corporation Planning Board Project Number: (CDD)	
Hearing Timeline (CDD)	
Application Date: Planning Board 1st Hearing Date: (PUD Development Proposal, other special permit) Planning Board Preliminary Determination: (PUD Development Proposal) Second Submission Date: (PUD Final Development Plan) Planning Board 2nd Hearing Date: (PUD Final Development Plan) Final Planning Board Action Date: (PUD Final Development Plan, other special permit) Deadline for Filing Decision: *Subject to extension by mutual agreement of the Applicant and the Planning Board	*
Requested Relief: (include other boards and commissions) 20.630.a Gross Floor Area; 20.630.e Reduction in Required Parking 20.640 Special Permit	***
<u>Project Description</u> Brief Narrative: Petitioner seeks to add five (5) dwelling units in basement of existing the project Description.	ng multi-family dwelling
Project Size:	gg.
 Total GFA: 50,830 sf Non-residential uses GFA: 50,830 sf Site Area (acres and SF): 24,153 sf # of Parking Spaces: 0 	
Proposed Uses:	
 # of Dwelling Units: 42 Other Usesn/a Open Space (% of the site and SF)no change 	
Proposed Dimensions: Height: FAR: 2.1	

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g. fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for 3-5 Linnaean Street would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reason:

The proposed basement dwelling units conform to the provisions of Section 20.630 of the Zoning Ordinance.

B) Traffic generated or pattern of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character or the following reasons:

Like nearly all of the multi-family dwellings in the Overlay District, 305 Linnaean Street does not provide off street parking. The creation of 5 additional dwelling units the building will not affect existing traffic patterns.

C) The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

The conversion of the existing basement of 3-5 Linnaean Street to 5 one-bedroom units is consistent with the multi-family uses along Linnaean Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

D) Nuisance of hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety and/or welfare of the occupants of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

The proposed units are in compliance with the building, health and accessibility codes.

E) For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this Ordinance for the following reasons:

The proposed units conform to the standards and conditions of the Basement Housing Overlay as set forth in Section 20.640.

Project Address: 3-5 LINNEAN ST, CAMBRIDGEApplication Date: 06/09/2017

	Existing	Allowed or Required (max/min)	Proposed	Permitted
Lot Area (sq ft)	24,171 6.F.	5,000 S.F.MIN.	24,171 5.F.	
Lot Width (ft)	203.42 F.T.	50FT. MIN	203.92 FT.	
Total Gross Floor Area (sq ft)	50,7015.F.	42,7835.F.	50,665 FT.	
Residential Base	50,7015.5	42,783 5.8	50,665 FT.	
Non-Residential Base				
Inclusionary Housing Bonus				
Total Floor Area Ratio	2.097	1.75 MAX-	2.096	
Residential Base	2.097	1,75 MAX	2.096	
Non-Residential Base				
Inclusionary Housing Bonus				
Total Dwelling Units	37		42	
Base Units				
Inclusionary Bonus Units				
Base Lot Area / Unit (sq ft)				
Total Lot Area / Unit (sq ft)	6535.F	600 S.F. MIN.	576 S.F.	
Building Height(s) (ft)	48 FT.	85 FT. MAX	48 FT.	
Front Yard Setback (ft)	5.75 FT.	15.75 FT. MIN.	5.75 FT.	
Side Yard Setback (ft)	62-1 FT.	19.60 FT. MIN		
Side Yard Setback (ft)	7.3 FT	11.60 FT MIN.	7.3 FT.	
Rear Yard Setback (ft)	9.3 FT.	14.50 FT.MIN	9.3 FT.	
Open Space (% of Lot Area)	57.32%	15% MIN.	57.328	
Private Open Space	NONE	NONE	HONE	
Permeable Open Space	12,573 S.F.	NONE	12,271 S.F.	
Other Open Space (Specify)				
Off-Street Parking Spaces	0		0	
Long-Term Bicycle Parking	0		10	ر. ا
Short-Term Bicycle Parking	32		32	SERIER
Loading Bays	0		0	1/8/88

Use space below and/or attached pages for additional notes:

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OWNERSHIP C	ERTIFICATE	· ·	
Project Address:	3-5 Linnaean Street	Application Date:	************

This form is to be completed by the property owner, signed, and submitted with the Special Permit Application:

I hereby authorize the following Applicant:			
	Willow Land	d Corporation	
at the following address:	3-5 Linnaean Street		
to apply for a special permit for:	Basement Housing Overlay Special Permit		
on premises located at:	3-5 Linnaean Street		
for which the record title stands in the name of:	Willow Land Corporation		
whose address is:	c/o Stephen Wolff	berg, 1010 Memorial Driv	re #17A Cambridge MA
by a deed duly recorded in the:			
Registry of Deeds of County:	Middlesex	Book: 23439	Page: 259
OR Registry District of the Land Court, Certificate No.:		Book:	Page:
Signature of Land Owner (If authorized Trustee,	Officer or Ager	nt, so identify)	
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Early Community Engagement Summary

In accordance with Section 5 of the Rules of the Cambridge Planning Board, Willow Land Corporation hosted an Early Community Engagement meeting to share their plans with neighborhood residents. A meeting was hosted in Lesley's University Hall at 1815 Massachusetts Avenue on Monday, April 27. Invitations were mailed two weeks prior to the event. I have included copies of the invitation as part of this summary.

Invitations were sent to property owners along Linnaean Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Humboldt Street and Potter Park. Also notified were Lynne Meyer-Gay, Helen Solorzano, and Dominick Jones of the North Commons neighborhood organization. Attached is a complete list of invitees.

Present at the Community Meeting were representatives of the applicant, the project architect, and local land use counsel. The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Attorney James J. Rafferty. The development team outlined the specific nature of the application to the attendees and shared copies of the proposed plans. At the conclusion of the presentation, questions and comments were solicited from those in attendance. The comments were favorable, with questions focused entirely on issues of landscaping.

Rescheduled Community Meeting

February 27 2017 6:00PM University Hall Room 3-094

You are invited to attend a meeting to learn about a proposal to convert portions of the basement at 3-5 Linnaean Street into four additional dwelling units. The meeting will be held in Lesley's University Hall at 1815 Massachusetts Avenue in Room 3-094.

3-5 Linnaean Street is located in the Basement Housing Overlay District which allows for the creation of additional dwelling units in the basements of existing buildings. We will be filing a Special Permit application with the Cambridge Planning Board to approve this request. This meeting is part of the Early Community Engagement process recently approved by the Planning Board.

For additional information, please contact Frank Pedro at 617-908-2291 or by email at frankpedro@harvardstreetmanagement.com

175-32 Williams, Martin D. 10 Linnaean St Cambridge, Ma 02138

175-37 Grossman, Richard L. & Ellen D. Grossman 33 Leicester St Brookline, Ma 02146

176-32 Brainerd, Elizabeth & Thomas D. Berentes 9 Humboldt St Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-38
Frank, Scott R., Trustee The Scott R. Frank 2009 Rev
18 Lancaster St., #C
Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-43 Frankel, Jeffrey A. 10 Humboldt St Cambridge, Ma 02141

176-64 Elpis Lagoudakis, Trustee Of 1760 Mass Ave., Unit A Cambridge, Ma 02139

176-64 Cambridge Mass Ave Llc 739 Creeks Edge Charleston, Sc 29412

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176-66 Lancaster Street Apartments, Llc C/O Kennedy Management 1770 Mass Ave #331 Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-73 Sculley, David W., li & Jessica L. Sculley 4 Humboldt St Cambridge, Ma 02140 175-35 Coombs, Roxane K. 4 Potter Park Cambridge, Ma 02138

175-64 Schild, Rudolph E. & Jane Struss 1 Potter Park Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-38 Garcia, Juana Leticia & Jose J. Pacheco 18 Lancaster St., #A Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-38 Howard, Alice C/O Pacheco, Jose J. & Juana L. García 18 Lancaster St #D Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-44
Weller, Karin C. Trustee Of Karin C. Weller 2004
Revocable Trust.
12 Humboldt St
Cambridge, Ma 02139

176-64 Oster, Jeanne E. Trs Jeanne E. Oster Rev Trust 95 Nashua St Woburn, Ma 01801

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176-71 Korde, Sanjit S. & Cara Conway Trs. The Cara Conway 2010 Trust 7 Humboldt St Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-74
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7 Linnaean St 1
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175-36 Condie, Donald B. & Lois Condie 6 Linnaean Street Cambridge, Ma 02138

175-68 Linnaean Corporation 1734 Mass Ave Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-38 Templeton, Anne E. 18 Lancaster St - Unit B Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-43 Frankel, Jeffrey A. & Katharine H. S. Moon 10 Humboldt St., #1 Cambridge, Ma 02141

176-53 Willow Land Corporation C/O Stephen Wolfberg 1010 Memorial Dr #17a Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-64 Lancaster Forest, Lic. 1762 Mass Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

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176-72 Wang, Eugene & Jie Lu 11 Linnaean St Cambridge, Ma 02139

176-74 Margolin, June L.Trustee Of June L. Margolin Living Trust 7 Linnaean St. Unit#2 Cambridge, Ma 02140 176-74 Brennan, Mary Ann 7 Linnaean St., #3 Cambridge, Ma 02139

176-74 Baker, Barbara S. 7 Linnaean St. Unit#21 Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-74 Cronan, Sharon 7 Linnaean St Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-74 Caney, Elizabeth E. 7 Linnaean St Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-58 Choo, Peter, Trustee The 12 Lancaster Realty Trust 12 Lancaster St Cambridge, Ma 02140

153-14 Laverty, Charles R. Jr., & Paul R. Lohnes, Trs. C/O Laverty / Lohnes Prop 75 Cambridge Pkwy, Ste 100 Cambridge, Ma 02142

154-73 Exeter Park Associates, Llc 1749 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

154-111 1755 Mass Ave Inc C/O M. Azar 1761 Mass Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

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176-74 Bouchard, Anna K, Trustee The Anna K. Bouchard Liv Tr 7 Linnaean St., #10 Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-74 Howze, Yolanda T. 7 Linnaean St. Unit#34 Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-58 Clarke, David & Evelyn L. Hu 16 Lancaster St. Cambridge, Ma 02140

154-64 Shoicket, Bruce D. & Loren J. Wilson C/O Cambridge Hill Partners 1753 Massachusetts Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

154-89 George Wyner Realty Llc, C/O Myer Dand & Sons, Inc 1340 Centre St Ste #101 Newton, Ma 02459

154-111 1755 Mass Ave Inc C/O M. Azar 1761 Mass Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

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176-74 Caney, Elizabeth E. 7 Linnaean St Cambridge, Ma 02138

176-92 Robinson, Holbrook & Dorothy Robinson 11 Humboldt Street Cambridge, Ma 02140

176-58 Raizen, Daniel J. & Teresa E. Raizen 14 Lancaster St Cambridge, Ma 02140

154-65 Greene, Richard A. &Kim Nettleton Greene Trustees 115 Plympton Rd Sudbury, Ma 01776

154-111 1755 Mass Ave Inc C/O M. Azar 1761 Mass Ave Cambridge, Ma 02140

154-111 Stearns, Judith A., Trustee Judith A. Stearns Rev Trust 18 Haven Ave Rockport, Ma 01966

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3-5 Linnaean Street
PARKING SURVEY
Conducted May 3, 2016
Number of Apartments: 37 Units

3 LINNAEAN STREET - 17 Residents Responding

Residents owning a vehicle and parking on street	10
Residents owing a vehicle and parking elsewhere	2
Residents using public transportation, bicycle or walk	6

5 LINNAEAN STREET - 16 Residents Responding

Residents owning a vehicle and parking on street	6
Residents owning a vehicle and parking elsewhere	1
Residents using public transportation, bicycle or walk	12

SURVEY RESULTS

44% or 16 Residents park on Linnaean Street 8% or 3 Residents park in a garage or elsewhere 50% or 18 Residents use public transportation, bicycle or walk

Compliance with Criteria Specific to Special Permits under 6.35.1

Reduction of Required Parking. Any minimum required amount of parking may be reduced only upon issuance of a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals. A special permit shall be granted only if the Board determines and cites evidence in its decision that the lesser amount of parking will not cause excessive congestion, endanger public safety, substantially reduce parking availability for other uses or otherwise adversely impact the neighborhood, or that such lesser amount of parking will provide positive environmental or other benefits to the users of the lot and the neighborhood, including specifically, among other benefits, assisting in the provision of affordable housing units. In making such a determination the Board shall also consider whether or not less off street parking is reasonable in light of the following:

(1) The availability of surplus off street parking in the vicinity of the use being served and/or the proximity of an MBTA transit station.

Both the Porter Square MBTA transit station and the Harvard Square MBTA transit station are located within walking distance of 3-5 Linnaean Street. Both serve as major bus transit hubs in addition to redline train stations. Furthermore, the Porter Square station provides access to the Commuter Rail line.

(2) The availability of public or commercial parking facilities in the vicinity of the use being served provided the requirements of Section 6.23 are satisfied.

There is sufficient street parking available for those who opt to use a personal vehicle.

(3) Shared use of off street parking spaces serving other uses having peak user demands at different times, provided that no more than seventy-five (75) percent of the lesser minimum parking requirements for each use shall be satisfied with such shared spaces and that the requirements of Subsection 6.23 are satisfied.

No off street parking facilities are proposed to be shared as a result of this application.

- (4) Age or other occupancy restrictions which are likely to result in a lower level of auto usage; and
- (5) Impact of the parking requirement on the physical environment of the affected lot or the adjacent lots including reduction in green space, destruction of significant existing trees and other vegetation, destruction of existing dwelling units, significant negative impact on the historic resources on the lot, impairment of the urban design objectives of the city as set forth in Section 19.30 of the Zoning Ordinance, or loss of pedestrian amenities along public ways.

(6) The provision of required parking for developments containing affordable housing units, and especially for developments employing the increased FAR and Dwelling unit density provisions of Section 11.200, will increase the cost of the development, will require variance relief from other zoning requirements applicable to the development because of limitations of space on the lot, or will significantly diminish the environmental quality for all residents of the development.

Compliance with Criteria Specific to Special Permits under 20.600

Section 20.620 Applicability

The regulations of this Section 20.600 shall apply within the Basement Housing Overlay District to existing structures designed and built for residential use, which also meet all of the following standards:

a. the structure is located wholly or partially within a Residence C, C-1, C-1A, C-2A, C-2A, C-2B, C-3, C-3A, or C-3B base zoning district

The Structure is located in the Residence C-2 Zoning District

b. the structure is currently occupied by at least thirty (30) dwelling units

The structure contains thirty seven (37) dwelling units

c. the structure was built before 1930 and its footprint or foundation has not been expanded or altered after the effective date of this Section 20.600 except as may be required and approved as a condition to the grant of a special permit hereunder

The Structure was built in or around 1910 and has not been expanded or altered since the effective date of Section 20.600.

d. the structure currently contains at least one dwelling unit located entirely at the basement level.

The structure currently contains one dwelling unit located entirely on the basement level.

<u>20.630 Standards</u>

Where it is proposed to create additional dwelling units by converting existing Gross Floor Area, which is not presently occupied by dwelling units, into dwelling units at the basement level of the existing structure, the dimensional and parking standards generally applicable in any base zoning district shall apply. However, where some or all of those requirements cannot be met, the Planning Board may waive some or all of the dimensional and parking standards generally applicable in the base district upon issuance of a special permit, subject to the following limitations:

a. Where the Floor Area Ratio of the existing structure exceeds the maximum Floor Area Ratio allowed in the base zoning district, the Gross Floor Area of the existing structure shall not be increased.

The gross floor area will not increase as a result of this application.

b. Where the existing structure or lot does not conform to the height, yard, or private open space requirements generally applicable in the district, the Planning Board may approve those dimensional characteristics of the existing building or lot. However, no nonconforming dimensional element or aspect of the existing structure shall be extended or increased, with the exception that the permitted lot area per dwelling unit may be decreased, and incursions into setback areas may be approved by the Planning Board only for the purpose of providing or altering window wells or egress stairs as may be deemed advisable in response to safety and flooding concerns.

No nonconforming dimensional element shall be extended or increased as a result of this application.

c. The number of dwelling units in the existing structure shall not be increased by more than ten (10) units or fifteen percent (15%) of the number of dwelling units in the existing building, whichever is fewer.

This application proposes converting basement living space to five (5) one bedroom dwelling units representing a 13.5 increase in the number of dwelling units in the existing building.

d. Newly created dwelling units shall be restricted to studio or one-bedroom apartments only.

The five (5) proposed dwelling units are all one bedroom units.

e. The Planning Board may reduce or waive the number of accessory off-street motor vehicle parking spaces required by Article 6.000 upon making a finding that such reduction will not result in substantial adverse impacts to on-street parking, based on information provided by the Applicant regarding the availability of alternate transportation options or other factors that would result in a reduced demand for parking. As a condition of a special permit, the Planning Board may require measures to minimize parking demand generated by the building. The requirements of Article 6.000 may not otherwise be waived.

The addition of five one bedroom units in the basement of 3-5 Linnaean Street will not have a substantial adverse impact to on-street parking given that apartments of this size and character in this location attract a high percentage of graduate students who find that the area's proximity to universities and transit negates the need to own an automobile. The applicant has provided a transportation memo containing a resident survey that supports this conclusion.

f. At least one additional secure long-term bicycle storage space shall be created on the lot for each new dwelling unit created under the provisions of this Section. Such bicycle parking spaces shall conform to the design standards of Section 6.49, and the *City of Cambridge Bicycle Parking Guide*, published spring 2008 or later.

Five new long-term bicycle spaces are proposed as part of the application. The spaces will be located in the basement of 3-5 Linnaean Street.

20.640 Conditions for Grant of Special Permit

Prior to granting a special permit pursuant to this Section the Planning Board shall determine that the proposed conversion of basement space to dwelling units complies with the General Special Permit Criteria set forth in Section 10.43 as well as with the following requirements:

a. Each new unit converted from existing basement space shall comply with all building, health, and accessibility codes applicable to residential dwelling units in the basement of structures. A special permit granted pursuant to this Section shall be conditioned upon full compliance with all building and sanitary code requirements applicable to basement units to be approved by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services at the time of application for a building permit. As a condition of the special permit, the Planning Board may require reasonable measures as are deemed necessary for the adequate privacy and security of the occupants.

Each new unit will be in full compliance with all building, health and accessibility codes.

b. Buildings must contain, or install, full separation between storm water and sanitary sewer lines from the building to the connection in the street regardless of whether the street in which the building is connected currently is separated.

There will not be an allowance for any roof drainage to discharge to the sewer system. All roof runoff will discharge to the newly designed infiltration system.

c. Adequate, properly installed, backflow prevention devices that comply with all building code and other applicable requirements must be installed for all newly created units along with any additional measures determined to be advisable by the City Engineer.

A backflow preventer will be provided for each plumbing fixture installed in the basement.

d. An application for a special permit pursuant to this Section shall include a report on historical occurrences and future likelihood of basement flooding in the area of the proposed conversion, prepared by a registered professional engineer, with a functional scope determined by the City Engineer to be appropriate to the location of the project. In general, the report shall assess the likelihood of flooding in the basement units by way of sewer system backups or overland flooding and identify proposed mitigation to prevent any such flooding. The Applicant shall obtain approval of the report and proposed mitigation, if any, from the City Engineer prior to submitting a special permit application. As a condition of the special permit, the Planning Board may require preventive measures

to safeguard against future flooding in the proposed basement-level units as recommended by the City Engineer.

The applicant's engineer has met with representatives from DPW and the City Engineer and prepared a report addressing flooding and back-up. A copy of the report from Richard L. Williams, P.E. of Williams & Sparages is attached.

To: Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department

Re: Special Permit Application – 3-5 Linnaean Street On-Street Parking

The Basement Housing Overlay District allows for a reduction in, or waiver of, the number of off-street parking spaces required under the Zoning Ordinance when such a reduction will not result in substantial adverse impacts to on-street parking. The conversion of existing basement space at 3-5 Linnaean Street into five 1 bedroom dwelling units will not have a substantial adverse impact upon on-street parking. Building management conducted a survey of residents in the building and determined that less than half of residents park vehicles on the street. The data suggests that the five additional dwelling units are likely to generate an increase of 2.25 or less additional parking spaces.

The building is located within a short walking distance of the Porter Square and Harvard Square MBTA stations, both of which serve as transportation hubs with bus lines reaching to Alewife, Brighton and Boston. Three Hubway stations for bike rental are available within a quarter mile. Furthermore, ZipCar offers vehicular rental options at two separate locations within a few blocks of 3-5 Linnaean Street.





Due to the variety of transportation options available to residents of 3-5 Linnaean Street, and the experiences gleaned from current residents, it is not anticipated that there will be a substantial adverse impact to on-street parking from the creation of five one bedroom dwelling units in this neighborhood.















