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## CIDs to hold public meetings

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LAWRENCEVILLE - Two Community Improvement Districts will hold public meetings Tuesday so local residents and business owners can comment on plans to redevelop the areas.

Both the Gwinnett Village and Gwinnett Place CIDs are working on plans that will offer density bonuses to developers in exchange for greenspace, public art, transit connectivity, shared parking or other benefits to the area.

Tuesday, people will have a chance to comment on the plans, which would create tiers of building intensity near Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Buford Highway and Pleasant Hill Road's intersection with Interstate 85.

The two CIDs are collaborating on one document, which Gwinnett Place director Joe Allen called "a bible of redevelopment" in the county.

"We've got to begin someplace," Allen said, "and this is where we're starting."

John McHenry, the Gwinnett Village program director, said his CID sent out 3,000 invitations to the meeting. He described the plan like an overlay code, where existing zoning will remain in place, but developers will not have to go before a city or county zoning board if they choose to redevelop their properties according to the plan.

Other similar setups exist in Nevada and Washington, McHenry said.

"We're not inventing something completely new," McHenry said. "We are taking direction from business and community residents."

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### If you go

- What: Redevelopment plan public meetings
- When: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday
- Where: Global Mall, 5675 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross; Gwinnett Commerce Center's first-floor conference room, 3700 Crestwood Parkway, Duluth