# **Durham County**

# Update on Public Engagement

Redevelopment of 300 & 500 E. Main Street





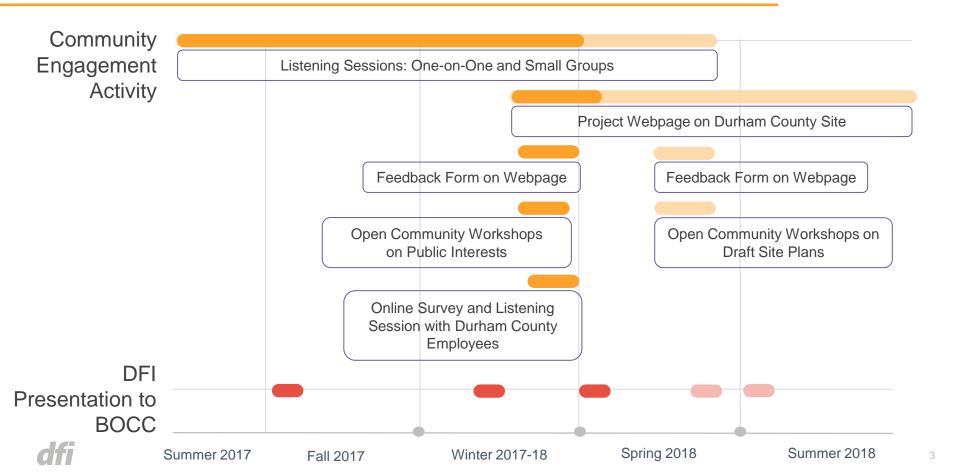
## **Pre-development Project Timeline**



Note: Timeline subject to change due to market conditions, timing, type and scale of public interest process desired, as well as response during private developer outreach.



## **Public Engagement To Date**



## **Public Engagement around Public Interests**

The project webpage and online feedback form went live on February 1, 2018.

### The workshops were advertised:

- Project webpage on the County site (www.dconc.gov/EMainSt)
- County press release
- County Facebook page
- Stakeholder email distribution lists
- Neighborhood Listservs
- Flyers

Public Engagement	Dates	Participants
Public Interest Workshops	2/7, 2/17, 2/20(@ DCSL), 2/22	Approx. 48
County Employee Listening Session	2/27	25
Online Feedback Forms	2/1 – 2/28	174 submitted (159 complete)
Total individual feedback received		Approx. 232



## **Public Engagement around Public Interests**

In addition, DFI engaged County employees as follows:

- Survey to determine demand for parking, retail and housing (Open Feb 10 Feb 22)
  - 359 surveys completed
  - The County Manager distributed the survey electronically to all County employees and sent a reminder the following week.
  - Response rate: Approximately 18.5% of all County employees
- Employee-Only Public Interests Workshop on February 27, 2018.
  - 25 employees attended
  - The County manager notified employees a week prior to the February 27th session. Lunch was provided.



# **Public Interests**

## What are Public Interests?

#### **Public Interests**

Values

**Broad** 

Relevant

Reflect tradeoffs

Input for criteria to select development partner

### **Development Plan**

## Specific

#### Defined

For example, the plan may include:

- # of parking spaces
- # and mix of units at each level of affordability
- Total commercial and public space, etc.

Public investment scenarios



## **Draft Guiding Public Interests**

New development on these sites should:

- provide a sustainable parking solution that will alleviate current demands and facilitate future expansion;
- increase the availability of affordable housing for low and moderate income households along the planned light rail;
- provide retail and commercial offerings to further enhance activation of East Main Street;
- minimize public investment and attract private investment.



## **Proposed Public Interests**

New development on these sites should:

- provide a parking solution that will address Durham County employee and Health & Human Service facility customer needs and meet new demand created by the project;
- increase the availability of affordable housing in downtown Durham for households earning 80% Area Median Income (AMI) and below in a mixed income and multi-generational setting;
- provide ground-floor retail and commercial offerings to service tenants and workers in and around the sites and increase activity along E. Main Street;
- efficiently use public investment to maximize public benefits and attract private investment;
- focus on pedestrian-scale design that creates a vibrant, urban streetscape along E. Main Street.



# **Next Steps**

Conduct site analysis & financial feasibility analysis



## **Upcoming Public Engagement**

