



# ***News Release***

## **BERMUDA RUN AND WAKE FOREST BAPTIST AGREE ON PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN DAVIE COUNTY.**

The Town of Bermuda Run has approved plans for Wake Forest Baptist Health to develop the 88-acre Davie Campus at Hwy 801 and Interstate 40.

The Town Council approved a “development agreement,” defining a vision for phased development over the next 20 years. The agreement establishes design standards for a quality development, comprised of permitted uses, roadways, landscaping, setbacks, signage, parking and architectural standards.

“The Town believes this agreement will become a model of cooperation for municipal governments and developers coming together to plan for large-scale, quality land use over a period of time,” said Mayor John Ferguson of Bermuda Run.

The 88-acre site is already zoned Commercial Mixed Use (CM) allowing for medical and commercial uses. Wake Forest Baptist submitted a Site Plan as part of the development agreement showing medical buildings inside a loop road.

The loop road will have a landscaped median with bike lanes, sidewalks, street trees and street lights. Walking trails will be located around two amenity ponds and stream buffer in a park-like setting for use by employees, patients, families and the community.

“We have planned land uses not only for aesthetic and environmental purposes, but to create activities for the community to maintain a healthy lifestyle,” said John McConnell, MD, CEO of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Land outside of the loop road is planned for supporting mixed commercial development. “We believe the development will be a catalyst for economic growth for Davie County,” said Lee Rollins, Bermuda Run Town Manager.

“The development will create an image of a cohesive and connected site that will stand the test of time as a symbol of the future of eastern Davie County,” said McConnell.

“The development will reflect the highest design standards and will be a source of pride for the community.”

Wake Forest Baptist will invest approximately \$100 million in the development. Inside the loop road will be a medical office building for physicians and an approximately 100,000 square-foot three-story outpatient building. The building will house emergency services, diagnostic imaging, outpatient surgery and endoscopy services and 7 observation beds. Approximately 175-225 people will be employed when phase one is completed in late 2013.

Phase two includes a 25-bed hospital scheduled for completion in 2017. An additional 75-125 people will be hired when the hospital opens.

“The development will create new jobs, add to our tax base and enable more of our citizens to obtain healthcare services in the County,” said Ferguson. “The proximity of healthcare services is important, since the population in eastern Davie includes many retired citizens who need healthcare services.”

The commercial development is named River Hill Commons. Restaurants, hotels, and banks are among potential investors. Summit Healthcare Group of Winston-Salem is marketing the commercial properties, which have excellent visibility from I-40.

Wake Forest Baptist operates the current Davie County Hospital in Mocksville. The hospital will close when the new hospital opens in 2017 and employees will be transitioned to the new hospital, Wake Forest Baptist HealthCare Center—Davie in Mocksville or elsewhere in the Wake Forest Baptist Health system.

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