

Ni Village Public Hearing Postponed

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Luck Development Partners has postponed the public hearing scheduled for tonight. The hearing was to be on the developer's proposed Ni Village, which would be a mixed-use community near Massaponax High School. The public hearing was rescheduled for Oct. 11.

In an email, Luck officials said the extra two weeks will give the company time to address some questions about the project. At a planning commission meeting earlier this month, members questioned the pedestrian crossing, traffic impact and noise levels associated with the project.

The decision also came shortly after Supervisor Hap Connors had to go out of town unexpectedly. Connors has been supportive of the proposal.

Ni Village would include an educational center, which would be the first stage of the project. This center would go into an already existing building on the property (the vacant office space near the school board office). It would focus on green initiatives and could involve the University of Mary Washington, Germanna Community College, Virginia Tech and James Madison University, among others. Luck Development officials said they have already signed a memorandum of understanding with UMW for the proposed educational center.

The development would also include office, commercial and residential spaces. It would span both sides of State Route 1. That led the planning commission members to question the proposed pedestrian crossing to bridge both sides of the development. Luck Development officials decided to have a pedestrian crossing instead of a pedestrian bridge, citing safety studies and VDOT suggestions.

In response to questions, the Luck Development Partners already changed a few of the proffers, to address concerns about traffic on Hickory Ridge Road.

You can learn more about the project [here](#). And [here](#) are some stories we've run about the proposal.