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## Church Street Vision Project Gets Town Council Approval

Within the next couple of years, the properties at the corner of Church Street NW and Lawyer's Road NW will be transformed from two, dated and aging buildings to a single, three-story, mixed-use building with a two-level parking garage in the rear. The Vienna Town Council unanimously approved the project at its regular meeting last night at Vienna Town Hall.

"I think it's going to add a lot to Church Street, a lot to our town and a lot to that corner," said Mayor Linda Colbert after the developer's presentation of the latest project enhancements.

The approved development is the fifth in a series of projects designed to enhance the economic vitality of the historic Church Street commercial corridor. The latest project will include restaurants, office space and residential space in a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly design that is reminiscent of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, small-town America. The approved project is consistent with the Church Street Vision that the Vienna Town Council adopted in July 1999.

"This project will enhance Church Street's growing reputation as a destination for high-quality restaurants, shopping and tourism," said Vienna Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "It will contribute to our efforts to further strengthen our local economy and enhance the quality of life for the town's residents."

The next step is for the developer to obtain permits and prepare the site for construction. Project renderings and background materials presented at last night's Town Council meeting are available online: <a href="https://bit.ly/ChurchStreetVision">https://bit.ly/ChurchStreetVision</a>.