



Morristown Historic Preservation Commission

December 11, 2011

To: Morristown Planning Board
John Fugger

Ref: **Planning Board application #08-04 Maple Avenue/Pulte Homes**

The Commission reviewed the submitted site plan at its December 9, 2011 meeting. The application provides only site plan drawings, and the Commission expects to review final architectural renderings (for design appropriateness, height, materials, etc.).

The site plan presents two concerns:

- (1) The proposed structure along Macculloch Avenue has garages and driveways facing Macculloch Avenue. Front facing garages are not historically appropriate or pedestrian friendly, and would have a detrimental visual impact on this key entry into the Morristown Historic District.
- (2) Morristown's historic district is comprised primarily of mid to late 19th century structures, from large single family "Victorians" to smaller, tightly spaced multifamily housing. New, infill structures should reflect this character, and the footprint of the supplied plans does not suggest appropriate design. While the Commission will provide comments once renderings are available, ***we would recommend design that is compatible with the District's structures: closely spaces but apparently detached homes, exteriors clapboarded, design simple. This can be accomplished with multiunit structures given thoughtful sensitive architectural design.***

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For the Morristown Historic Preservation Commission
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