

Newton City Council
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

City Councilors:

Something must be done to increase housing availability for these individuals and families, and Northland Investment Corporation is proposing to do it. Northland wants to build a mixed-use (retail and residential) development on its Upper Falls property - currently a Marshalls shopping plaza. Northland identified this property as underused and under-maintained, and - should our city support the venture - will build over 800 rental units in a beautifully designed development full of parks and green space with shops and walking paths. With the 15% affordable housing ordinance for new residential developments in Newton, this means that over 100 of these apartments will be for affordable housing.

To create an even greater value-add, Northland will build a transit mobility hub to provide convenient public transportation access for all residents of the development and for Newton residents also. This hub will offer shuttle service to popular commuting locations and other spots around town.

Please pass through Northland's proposals to make great use of a rather useless property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natalia Penner', with a stylized, flowing script.

Natalia Penner
Chestnut Hill