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#### **Our Mission**

Vessel's mission is to offer each person an equal opportunity for an extraordinary life by providing access to homes that are exciting, sustainable, and attainably priced.

#### We set out to:



Build attainable homes for the essential members of a community.



Create a building that won't burden local infrastructure.



Eliminate the need of massive developments to balance costs.



Reduce the environmental impact of construction and development.



# Designed for minimal impact

**✓** Faster

✓ Quieter

✓ Safer

✓ Cleaner

**✓** More Compact

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**More Efficient** 

# Why Vessel?

#### **Faster, cleaner construction.**

Shorter Timelines	Buildings delivered and constructed in only 6 months.
Quiter	No idling trucks, no hammering or cutting.
Waste Free	Pre-fabricated parts means no jammed dumpsters that fill local landfills.
Less Traffic	An entire building can be delivered on only a handful of trucks, in a fraction of the time.
No Demo	A Vessel can be easily dismantled and recycled.

#### Intentionally discreet.

Compact	Vessel's smaller size is designed to fit within the community and support sustainable growth.
Less is Best	Fewer residents, fewer cars, less noise pollution.



## Why Vessel?

#### **Safety first.**

**Fireproof** 

A Vessel is produced with noncombustible materials and is fully sprinklered.

**More Safety Features** 

A safe building for residents reduces the public safety burden on the local community.

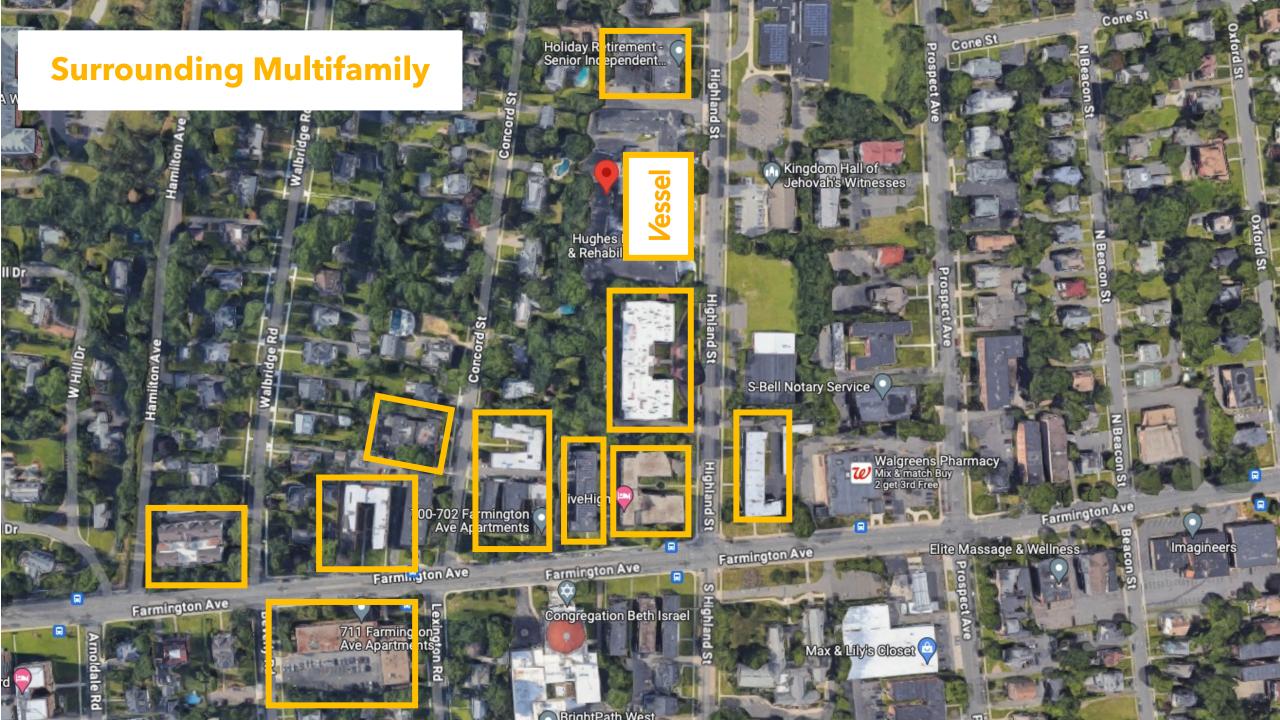
#### Sustainability that benefits everyone.

Solar Paneled	A Vessel is powered by the sun, decreasing the demand on the local power grid.
Tightly Sealed	Exceptional insulation reduces the building energy consumption and conserves resources.
Cleaner Air	Vessel's all-electric design makes for better air quality.
Water Saving	Low-flow fixtures reduce water use and avoid strain on local water infrastructure.



# The Neighborhood

29 Highland Street, West Hartford, CT







700-702 Farmington Ave Apartments

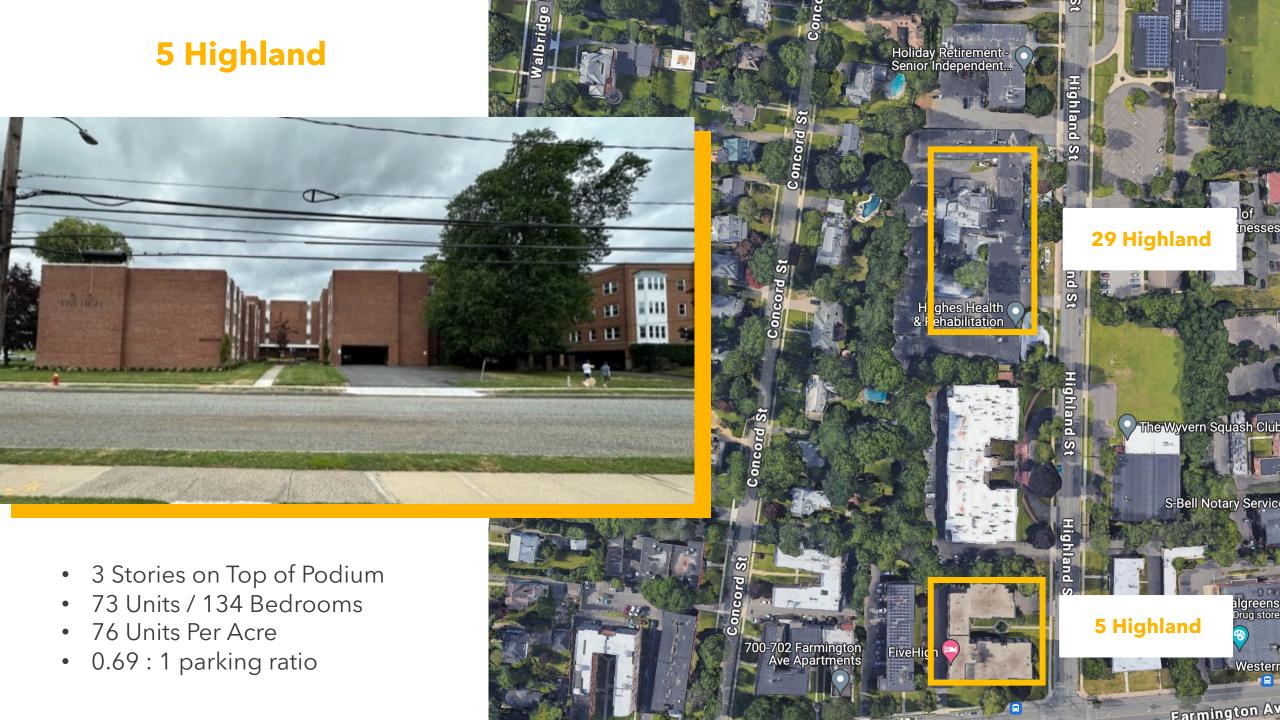
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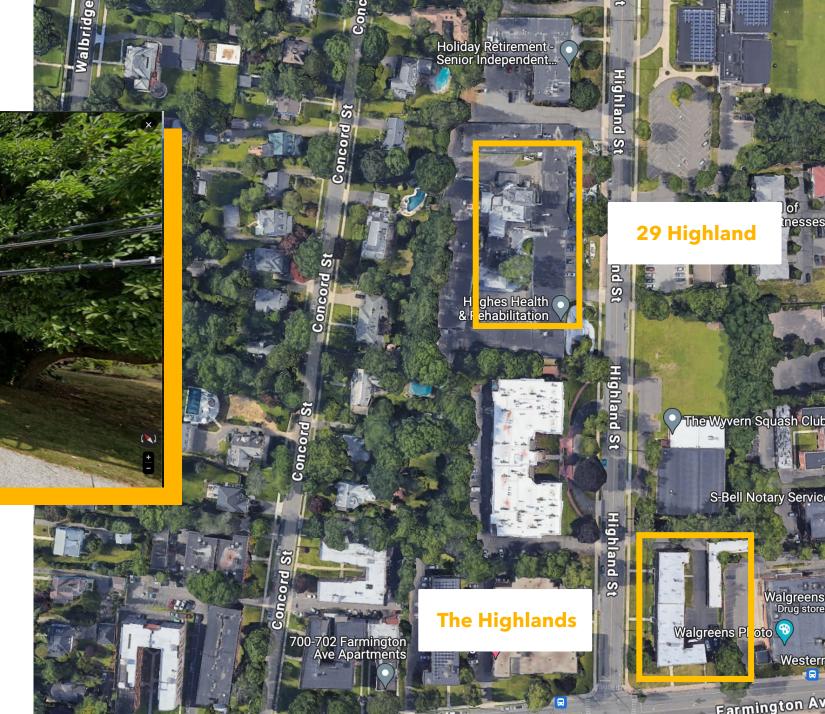
- 3-stories on top of podium
- 85 Units / 170 Bedrooms
- 54 Units Per Acre







- Corner of Highland Street and Farmington Avenue
- 3-story multifamily
- Surface Parking



# Site Design Options

**Design Options and Consideration Assessed During Concept Planning** 

### Site Design Considerations:

- Surrounding Uses
- Height and massing of existing buildings
- Existing site design and use (setbacks, site coverage, etc.)
- Existing site and building issues (required remediation)
- Unit typology
- Building layout
- Sunlight
- Required parking for successful building operations
- Appropriate Buffers
- Resident Needs and Delight

### Zoning:

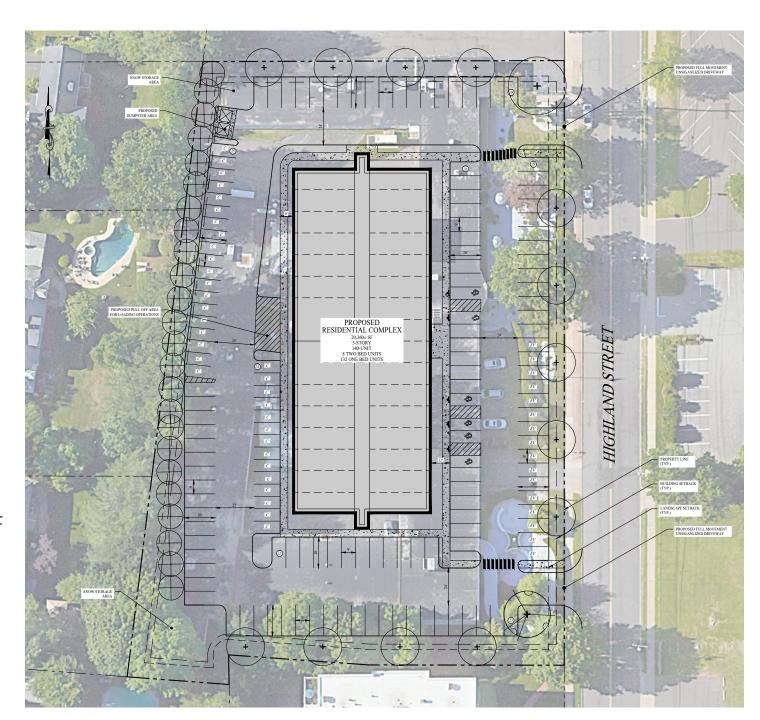
- RM-1 and RM-MS are the towns high-density multifamily districts
- 29 Highland abuts the RM-1 Zone.
- RM-1 Zone permits buildings that are 40' tall
- RM-1 Zone permits buildings that have a horizontal dimension of 250'
- RM-1 Zone is town's "high density" zoning, which permits 43 units per acre.
- Per township GIS, site is 2.33 acres, which would permit 100 units on the site.
- Township zoning doesn't differentiate between size or type of units, which means that a typical development with 60% 1BR units, 30% 2BR units, and 10% 3BR units would result in approximately 141 bedrooms and approximately 131 cars.





#### **Concept Plan 1:**

- Single Building
- 5-stories, 55-feet
- 140 Units (132 1BR)
- 156 Parking Spaces
- Having the building centered on the property provides buffering from all neighboring properties.
- Parking at the front of the site is aligned with other neighboring uses but provides a less "residential" feeling.
- Headlights facing ground floor residential units negatively impacts tenant's quality of life.



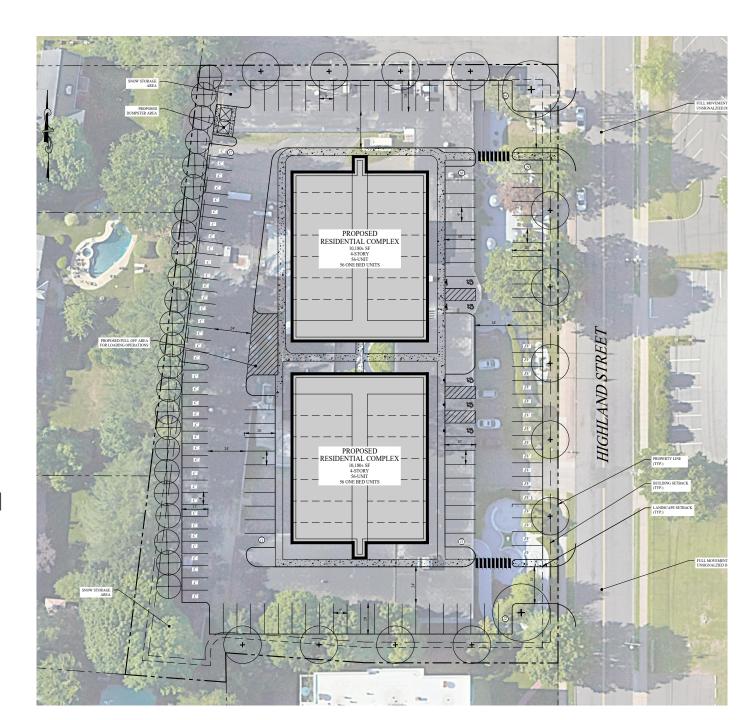
#### **Concept Plan 2:**

- Single Building
- 5-stories, 55-feet
- 140 Units (132 1BR)
- 156 Parking Spaces
- Approx. 15-feet setback to street.
- The 15-foot setback is less of a buffer then other surrounding uses but provides maximum buffer to the residential neighbors.
- A 5-story building this close to the street is more imposing then when set farther back.
- Tenant's windows this close to the street is sub-optimal for tenant use and enjoyment.
- Having nearly all of the parking at the rear of the building leads to a lot of cars all bordering the residential neighbors.



#### **Concept 3:**

- Two Buildings
- 4-stories/45-feet
- 112 Units (106 1BR)
- 139 Parking Spaces
- Height of building is contextual to surrounding uses.
- Space between buildings breaks up the massing but may result in a "tunnel effect" and shadowing between the buildings.
- Parking split between front and back of building results in less cars near residential neighbors but minimal landscaping at the front of the site.



#### **Concept Plan 4:**

- Two Buildings
- Vertical Building Orientation
- 4-stories/45-feet
- 120 Units (114 1BR)
- 132 Parking Spaces
- Height of building is contextual to surrounding uses.
- Vertical orientation results in one side of the building having minimal sun exposure which negatively impacts tenants.
- Orientation of buildings is not contextual with other uses on the street from a massing perspective



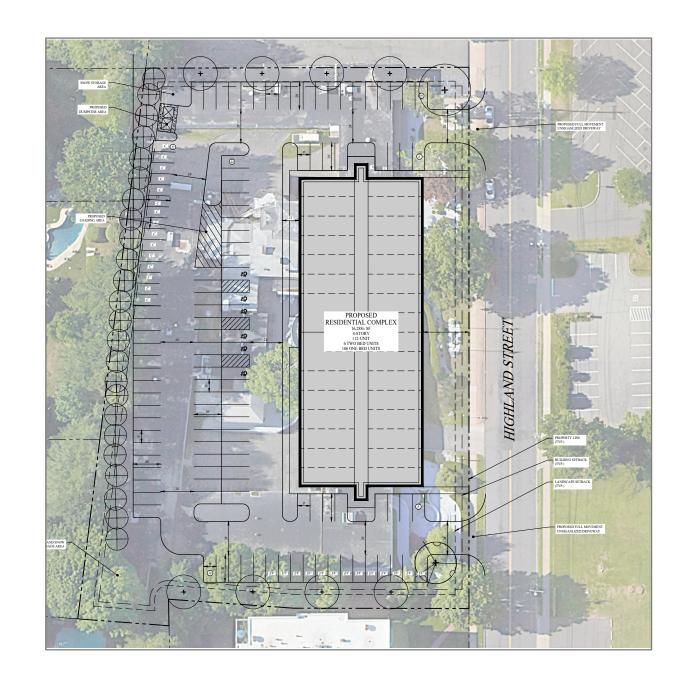
# 29 Highland Development Plan

# Vessel Application & Development Plan:

- Submission pursuant to CTGS 8-30g
- 4-story building is only 5-feet higher then permitted use which is not visually discernable and cannot have a material impact on the surrounding area.
- 4-story, 112-unit building has a horizontal dimension that is only 224 feet (26 below the permitted massing)
- 112-units will only produce 118 bedrooms, which is below what could be developed in the RM-1 zone for a similar site.
- Our plan increases the setbacks for the rear yard, which is the most "sensitive" area of the property due to proximity to single family homes. Increased setbacks will improve the light and air for the neighboring single-family owners, improving their quality of life.
- Next door to 29 Highland is a 4-story multifamily building that is contextual with the size, massing and setbacks proposed by Vessel.
- Demolition and remediation of the existing building will eliminate the harmful and potentially toxic materials present at the site currently due to the presence of asbestos and other materials.
- Vessel's application addresses West Hartford's goals associated with Housing, Economic Development and the Environment as enumerated in the POCD.
- Vessel's proposal is approximately 95% one-bedroom units, providing the least impact on the town's infrastructure and promoting the largest opportunity for a net positive economic result due to spending in local stores, restaurants and other establishments.
- Vessel's green technology, solar PV generated electric, and other sustainability measures ensure the least negative environmental impact and advance West Hartford's sustainability goals while also reducing costs for residents.
- Vessel's proposal is contextual with other neighboring uses and provides an improvement over the current site use, massing, and setbacks.
- Vessel's massing and site layout is congruent with the POCD, eliminating cars in front of the building and providing overall contextuality and cohesiveness for the neighborhood.
- In keeping with the POCD, Vessel's housing will increase the range of housing options for people of all income and ages, providing a high quality, healthy, safe, sustainable home for people and moderate-income levels and promotes fair housing through the creation of housing opportunities.
- Vessel's development will encourage and support rental housing and the expansion of housing opportunities for renters in keeping with the goals of the POCD.

#### **Single Building Layout:**

- 4-stories/45-feet
- 112 Units (106 1BR)
- 129 Parking Spaces
- 33' front setback with landscaping
- Outdoor Amenity Space
- Ample setback to street for purposes of landscape buffer and street uniformity.
- No parking facing ground floor units.
- No parking in front of site, creating a more residential design.
- Building, height, massing and layout contextual with surrounding uses.



#### **Two Building Layout:**

- 4-stories/45-feet
- 112 Units (106 1BR)
- 129 Parking Spaces
- 28' front setback with landscaping
- Outdoor Amenity Space
- Ample setback to street for purposes of landscape buffer and street uniformity.
- No parking facing ground floor units.
- No parking in front of site, creating a more residential design.
- Building, height, massing and layout contextual with surrounding uses.







### PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT 29 HIGHLAND STREET WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT







# How Does Vessel Compare?







#### **Cooper Beech**

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Height	4 stories (3 + podium)	4 stories
Parking	85 spaces	129 spaces
Homes	85	112
Bed	Approx. 170	118
Type of Homes	Mostly 2-bed, 2-bath	Mostly 1-bed, 8 2-bed homes
Homes/acre	54	48









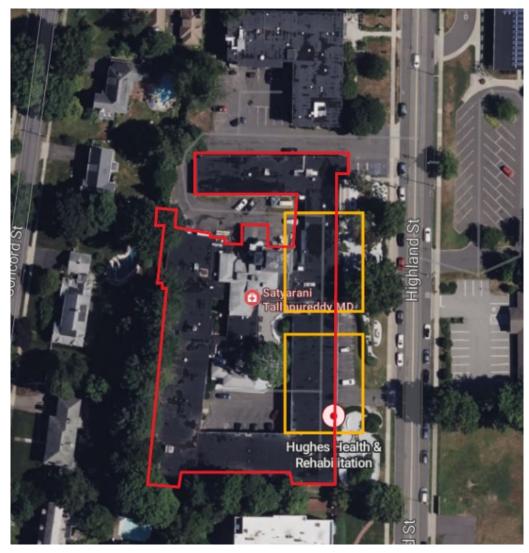




#### **Hughes Health & Rehabilitation**

#### **Vessel**

Parking	125 spaces	129 spaces
Beds	102 + Center staff	118
Traffic	Ambulances, fire trucks, 24/7 staff, visitors	Typical peak hours AM and PM
Distance from Property Line	Less than 10'	More than 100'





# Thank You

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