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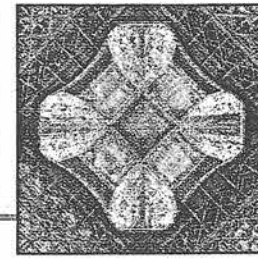


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Q What's up with what's going on at the corner of St. Albans and Camelot. It's all fenced in, and there's big machinery over there. I think it was North Hills Terrace at one time.

I don't know if it's new development for North Hills but it's very interesting.

— A. Kurtz, Raleigh

A.— Indeed, it is for North Hills North Hills East, an expansion of the shopping center to the east side of Six Forks Road. And even though it's been in the news a lot lately, the proposed development would be a major one; your question offers a good opportunity for an update on the status of the project.

First of all, yes, those fenced-in apartments were formerly North Hills Terrace. Kane Realty, developers of North Hills and the



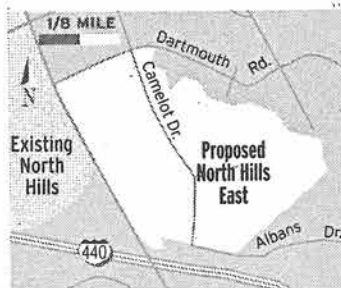
This artist's rendering of North Hills East is what would replace those fenced-in buildings.

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proposed North Hills East, closed on them in February with the intention of razing them for the new development.

Meanwhile, Kane Realty has asked the city and county for \$75 million worth of financial help for North Hills East under a financing method known as tax-increment financing. The company says it needs the help in order to build the same type of upscale shopping center as the existing North Hills.

Without that help, Kane Realty has told officials, it can only afford to build a typical subur-



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ban type development. (Details are speculative, but Kane Realty showed a Home Depot with a large parking lot in front as the kind of development it would

build without the financial help.)

Kane Realty would use the \$75 million for parking garages. The way the financing mechanism works, the city would get the money back — and considerably more — because the more upscale development would generate higher property taxes.

Still, members of the Raleigh City Council want guidelines in place for using tax-increment financing before deciding whether to grant Kane Realty's wishes. The council met last week to discuss the proposal.