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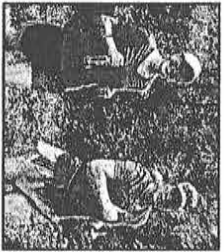
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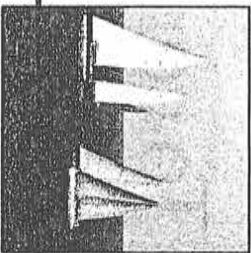
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**North Hills East begins to take shape**

**Five houses are moved and donated for low-income housing as the site is cleared.**

By Josh Shaffer  
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As North Hills East develops and the dirt starts moving, five North Raleigh houses will find new life on the other side of town. Developer John Kane has donated one single-family home on Dartmouth Road and four more on Camelot Drive to Builders of Hope, a Raleigh nonprofit that arranges housing for lower-income families.

The group hopes to house 24

families with homes donated from all over Raleigh and perhaps more from Durham County near Briar Creek. Its development, Barrington Village, is going up near Walnut Creek Amphitheater.

"We think it's wonderful these homes can be saved and others can use them," Kane said this week.

Though North Hills East has yet to receive final approval, some work can begin, according to representatives of Kane Realty. Details are starting to emerge on the construction of the huge mixed-use complex. Among those plans are road realignments.

Developers want to relocate parts of St. Albans Drive and Camelot Drive, city planners told



John Kane says they're reusing as much as they can.

Documents submitted to the City Council say steps would be taken — including temporary traffic shifts — to ease the impact on motorists. Meanwhile, the development will take down North Hills Ter-

the City Council on May 3. One of the benefits of the realignment, according to city documents, is that it "removes an existing sub

stance and a sharp curve" at the intersection of the two roads. Documents submitted to the City Council say steps would be taken — including temporary traffic shifts — to ease the impact on motorists.

Meanwhile, the development will take down North Hills Ter-

race, a 45-year-old apartment complex on Camelot Drive. Kane said he had hoped to salvage them, but "we just couldn't find a way to do that."

Appliances and refrigerators from the complex, however, can be saved and will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

As proposed, North Hills East would contain 45 acres shops, offices and residences east of Six Forks, across Six Forks Road from the existing North Hills shopping center. Rezoning for the project was approved in September 2006.

Finalizing plans for the project was hung up while Kane Realty sought \$75 million in public money to help build North Hills

East in the form of tax-increment financing, or TIFs.

TIFs involve using bonds to pay for public improvements that otherwise wouldn't occur. Most municipalities use it selectively in low-income or blighted areas.

After months of debate on how to use TIFs, the council remained split 4-4 on the issue. Kane Realty decided to proceed without the city's help.

Kane Realty representatives said while plans for the project were being drawn up that it would be scaled down without the city's help.

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