



**KING COUNTY**

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**Signature Report**

**May 19, 2008**

**Ordinance 16099**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0216.2

**Sponsors** Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to demonstration projects; and  
2 amending Ordinance 14662, Section 1, as amended, and  
3 K.C.C. 21A.55.060.  
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Ordinance 14662, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.55.060  
7 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

8 A. The purpose of the low-impact development and Built Green demonstration  
9 projects is to determine whether innovative permit processing, site development and  
10 building construction techniques based on low-impact development and building  
11 construction practices result in environmental benefits, affordable housing and lead to  
12 administrative and development cost savings for project applicants and King County.  
13 The demonstration projects will provide information on application of these techniques to  
14 an urban infill mixed-use redevelopment project, an urban single family residential  
15 project, ~~((and))~~ a Vashon Town housing project and an urban infill residential  
16 redevelopment project. The demonstration projects will also provide information to  
17 assist in the development of King County Comprehensive Plan policies to guide

18 application and refinement of regulations such as zoning, subdivision, roads and  
19 stormwater regulations. Expected benefits from the demonstration projects include:  
20 improved conditions of habitat, ground and surface waters within a watershed; reduced  
21 impervious surface areas for new site infrastructure in developed and redeveloped  
22 projects; greater use of recycled-content building materials and more efficient use of  
23 energy and natural resources; and the opportunity to identify and evaluate potential  
24 substantive changes to land use development regulations that support and improve natural  
25 functions of watersheds. The demonstration projects will also evaluate whether  
26 consolidated administrative approval of modifications or waivers and any subsequent  
27 hearings, if required, effectively speeds the development review process while  
28 maintaining land use coordination and environmental protection, and whether that leads  
29 to administrative costs savings for project applicants and King County.

30 B. The department shall implement the low-impact development and Built Green  
31 demonstration projects in all or a portion of each of the following: the White Center  
32 neighborhood of the Greenbridge Project as described in Attachment A to Ordinance  
33 14662; the unincorporated Urban Area north of Burien at approximately 4th Avenue  
34 Southwest and Southwest 116th Street known as Park Lake Homes II as described in  
35 Attachment A to this ordinance; the unincorporated Urban Area east of Renton at  
36 approximately 148th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 128th Street as described in  
37 Attachment B to Ordinance 14662; and the Vashon Town as described in Attachment C  
38 to Ordinance 14662. If the geographic boundaries of the Greenbridge Project are  
39 expanded, the provisions of this ordinance may apply provided the criteria in subsection  
40 L. of this section are met.

41 C. A request by the applicant to modify or waive development standards for the  
42 development proposals shall be evaluated by the department based on the criteria in  
43 subsection L. of this section. A request shall first be either approved or denied  
44 administratively and may be further reviewed as described in subsection H.3. of this  
45 section. Approval or denial of the proposed modification or waiver shall not be  
46 construed as applying to any other development application either within the  
47 demonstration project area or elsewhere in the county.

48 D. A modification or waiver approved by the department in accordance with the  
49 low-impact development and Built Green demonstration projects shall be in addition to  
50 those modifications or waivers that are currently allowed by K.C.C. Title 9 and this title.  
51 The range of proposed modifications or waivers to development regulations that may be  
52 considered pursuant to the low-impact development and Built Green demonstration  
53 projects shall include only the following King County code regulations and related public  
54 rules:

55 1. Drainage review requirements: K.C.C. chapter 9.04 and the Surface Water  
56 Design Manual;

57 2. King County road standards: K.C.C. 14.42.010 and the ((~~county road~~  
58 ~~standards, 1993 update~~)) King County road design and construction standards;

59 3. Density and dimensions: K.C.C. chapter 21A.12, if the base density is that of  
60 the zone applied to the entire demonstration project and if the minimum density is not  
61 less than the minimum residential density of the zone calculated for the portion of the site  
62 to be used for residential purposes, in accordance with K.C.C. 21A.12.060. However, if a  
63 demonstration project provides fifty-one percent or more of the housing to households

64 that, at the time of initial occupancy, have incomes of eighty percent or less of median  
65 income for King County as periodically published by the United States Department of  
66 Housing and Urban Development, or its successor agency, or if fifty-one percent or more  
67 of the rental housing is permanently priced to serve low-income senior citizens, then the  
68 director may approve:

- 69 a. less than the minimum density; and
- 70 b. for parcels within the area bounded by SW Roxbury Street, 12th Avenue  
71 SW, SW 102nd Street and 2nd Avenue SW that are developed in conjunction with the  
72 Greenbridge Project, greater than the maximum density, up to a maximum of R-48  
73 (Residential forty-eight dwelling units per acre);
- 74 4. Design requirements: K.C.C. chapter 21A.14;
- 75 5. Landscaping and water use: K.C.C. chapter 21A.16;
- 76 6. Parking and circulation: K.C.C. chapter 21A.18;
- 77 7. Signs: K.C.C. chapter 21A.20; and
- 78 8. Environmentally sensitive areas: K.C.C. chapter 21A.24, if the modification  
79 results in a net improvement to the functions of the sensitive area.

80 E. A demonstration project authorized by this section and located in the R-12  
81 through R-48 zones may contain residential and limited nonresidential uses subject to the  
82 following provisions:

- 83 1. The demonstration project may request a modification or waiver of any of the  
84 development conditions contained in K.C.C. 21A.08.030, 21A.08.040, 21A.08.050,  
85 21A.08.060, 21A.08.070, 21A.08.080 and 21A.08.100, subject to the review process

86 described in subsection H. of this section and the criteria described in subsection L. of  
87 this section.

88 2. The demonstration project may include single family detached residential  
89 dwelling units as a permitted use, subject to the review process described in subsection H.  
90 of this section and the criteria described in subsection L. of this section.

91 3. The demonstration project may include any nonresidential use allowed as a  
92 permitted use in the NB zone, subject to any development conditions contained in K.C.C.  
93 21A.08.040, 21A.08.050, 21A.08.060, 21A.08.070, 21A.08.080 and 21A.08.100, without  
94 the need to request a modification or waiver as described in subsection H. of this section.  
95 The applicant may request a modification or waiver of the development conditions  
96 contained in K.C.C. 21A.08.030, 21A.08.040, 21A.08.050, 21A.08.060, 21A.08.070,  
97 21A.08.080, and 21A.08.100, subject to the criteria in subsection L. of this section. If a  
98 nonresidential use is permitted in the R-12 through R-48 zones, subject to development  
99 conditions, and is permitted in the NB zone without development conditions, the use shall  
100 be permitted in the demonstration project without development conditions and without  
101 the need to request a modification or waiver.

102 4. If a nonresidential use is subject to a conditional use permit in the R-12  
103 through R-48 zones and not subject to a conditional use permit in the NB zone, the use  
104 shall be permitted in the demonstration project without requiring a conditional use  
105 permit.

106 5. If a use is subject to a conditional use permit in both the R-12 through R-48  
107 zones and the NB zone or only in the NB zone, the use may be permitted in the

108 demonstration project if the demonstration project applies for and obtains a conditional  
109 use permit and satisfies the conditional use permit criteria.

110 6. Uses authorized by this subsection shall be allowed only as part of a  
111 demonstration project under this section. All such uses shall be subject to the  
112 development standards in KCC 21A.12.030, except as may be modified or waived under  
113 subsection D. of this section and this subsection E.

114 F. A site in the NB and R-12 through R-48 zones located in a demonstration  
115 project authorized by this section may contain residential uses subject to the following:

116 1. The demonstration project may request a modification or waiver for the site  
117 of any of the development conditions contained in K.C.C. 21A.08.030, 21A.08.040,  
118 21A.08.050, 21A.08.060, 21A.08.070, 21A.08.080 and 21A.08.100, subject to the review  
119 process described in subsection H. of this section and the criteria described in subsection  
120 M. of this section;

121 2. The site may include single family detached residential dwelling units as a  
122 permitted use, subject to the review process under subsection H. of this section and the  
123 criteria described in subsection M of this section;

124 3. The site may include any residential use allowed as a permitted use in the R-  
125 12 through R-48 zones, subject to any development conditions in K.C.C. 21A.08.030,  
126 without the need to request a modification or waiver under subsection H. of this section.  
127 The applicant may request a modification or waiver of the development conditions in  
128 K.C.C. 21A.08.030, subject to the criteria in subsection M. of this section. If a residential  
129 use is permitted, subject to development conditions, in the NB zone and is permitted

130 without conditions in the R-12 through R-48 zones, the use shall be permitted without  
131 development conditions and without the need to request a modification or waiver;

132 4. If a residential use is a conditional use in the NB zone and is a permitted use  
133 in the R-12 through R-48 zones, the use shall be permitted as a permitted use under the  
134 conditions that apply in the R12 through R-48 zones;

135 5. If a use is subject to a conditional use permit in both the R-12 through R-48  
136 zones and the NB zone or only in the R-12 through R-48 zones, the use shall be permitted  
137 in the demonstration project if the demonstration project applies for and obtains a  
138 conditional use permit and satisfies the conditional use permit criteria; and

139 6. Uses authorized by this subsection shall be allowed only as part of a  
140 demonstration project under this section. All such uses shall be subject to the  
141 development standards in K.C.C. 21A.12.040, except as may be modified or waived  
142 under subsection D. of this section and this subsection F.

143 G. This subsection authorizes a residential basics program for townhouse and  
144 apartment building types if such housing are located in a demonstration project located in  
145 the R-12 through R-48 zones, even if not otherwise authorized by the department of  
146 development and environmental services public rules chapter 16-04: residential basics  
147 program.

148 H.1. Requests for a modification or waiver made in accordance with this section  
149 may only be submitted in writing in relation to the following types of applications:

- 150 a. a site development permit;
- 151 b. a binding site plan;
- 152 c. a building permit;

- 153 d. a short subdivision;
- 154 e. a subdivision;
- 155 f. a conditional use permit; or
- 156 g. a clearing and grading permit.

157 2. Requests shall be submitted to the department in writing before or in  
158 conjunction with an application for one or more of the permits listed in this subsection,  
159 together with any supporting documentation. The supporting documentation must  
160 illustrate how the proposed modification meets the criteria of subsection L. of this  
161 section.

162 3. Except for an applicant's request for a modification or waiver submitted in  
163 conjunction with an application for a subdivision, the notice of application, review and  
164 approval of a proposed modification or waiver shall be treated as a Type 2 land use  
165 decision in accordance with K.C.C. 20.20.020. The request for a modification or waiver  
166 submitted in conjunction with an application for a subdivision shall be treated as a Type 3  
167 land use decision in accordance with K.C.C. 20.20.020.

168 4. A preapplication meeting with the applicant and the department to determine  
169 the need for and the likely scope of a proposed modification or waiver is required before  
170 submittal of such a request. The department of natural resources and parks and the  
171 department of transportation shall be invited to participate in the preapplication meeting,  
172 if necessary.

173 5. If the applicant requests a modification or waiver of K.C.C. 9.04.050 or the  
174 Surface Water Design Manual, the director shall consult with the department of natural  
175 resources and parks before granting the modification or waiver.



176           6. If the applicant requests a variance from the county road standards, the  
177 director shall refer the request to the county road engineer for decision under KCC  
178 14.42.060, with the right to appeal within the department of transportation as provided in  
179 K.C.C. 14.42.062. The purposes of this demonstration ordinance are intended as a factor  
180 to be considered relative to the public interest requirement for road variances described in  
181 K.C.C. 14.42.060.

182           7. Administrative appeals of modifications or waivers approved by the director  
183 shall be combined with any appeal of the underlying permit decision, if the underlying  
184 permit is subject to appeal.

185           I. The hearing examiner may consider an environmental impact statement  
186 adequacy appeal in conjunction with a demonstration project plat appeal if the  
187 environmental impact statement is prepared by a lead agency other than the department  
188 and if its adequacy has not previously been adjudicated, even if not otherwise authorized  
189 by K.C.C. 20.44.120.

190           J. An approved development proposal for any of the applications listed in  
191 subsection H.1. of this section, including site plan elements or conditions of approval,  
192 may be amended or modified at the request of the applicant or the applicant's successor in  
193 interest designated by the applicant in writing. The director may administratively  
194 approve minor modifications to an approved development proposal. Modifications that  
195 result in major changes as determined by the department or as defined by the approval  
196 conditions, shall be treated as a new application for purposes of vesting and shall be  
197 reviewed as applicable to the underlying application pursuant to K.C.C. 20.20.020. Any  
198 increase in the total number of dwelling units above the maximum number set forth in the

199 development proposal permit or approval shall be deemed a major modification. The  
200 county, through the applicable development proposal permit or approval conditions, may  
201 specify additional criteria for determining whether proposed modifications are major or  
202 minor. The modifications allowed under this section supercede other modification or  
203 revision provisions of K.C.C. Title 16, Title 19A and this title.

204 K.1. The preliminary subdivision approval of a subdivision with more than four  
205 hundred units that is part of a demonstration project under this section shall be effective  
206 for eighty-four months, even if not otherwise authorized by K.C.C. 19A.12.020. The  
207 director may administratively grant a one-time extension, extending the preliminary  
208 subdivision approval an additional five years, only if the applicant has shown substantial  
209 progress towards development of the demonstration project. Before granting the  
210 extension, the director will assess the applicant's compliance with the demonstration  
211 project conditions and may modify or impose new standards deemed necessary for the  
212 public health or safety.

213 2. A code modification or waiver approved under this section is effective during  
214 the validity of the underlying development permit or for forty-eight months, whichever is  
215 longer.

216 L.1. To be eligible to use the provisions of the demonstration project,  
217 development proposals must be located within the boundaries of the Greenbridge Project  
218 as described in Attachment A to Ordinance 15654, or as may be modified as described in  
219 subsection B. of this section; in the unincorporated urban area north of Burien at  
220 approximately 4th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 116th Street known as Park Lake  
221 Homes II as described in Attachment A to this ordinance; in the area east of Renton at

222 approximately 148th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 128th Street as described in  
223 Attachment B to Ordinance 14662; and in the Vashon Town as described in Attachment  
224 C to Ordinance 14662.

225 2. Proposals to modify or waive development regulations for a development  
226 application must be consistent with general health, safety and public welfare standards,  
227 and must not violate state or federal law.

228 3.a. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed project, when considered  
229 as a whole with the proposed modifications or waivers to the code, will meet all of the  
230 criteria listed in this subsection, as compared to development without the modification or  
231 waiver, and achieves higher quality urban development; enhances infill, redevelopment  
232 and greenfield development; optimizes site utilization; stimulates neighborhood  
233 redevelopment; and enhances pedestrian experiences and sense of place and community.

234 b. Any individual request for a modification or waiver must meet two or more  
235 of the following criteria:

236 (1) uses the natural site characteristics to protect the natural systems;

237 (2) addresses stormwater and drainage safety, function, appearance,  
238 environmental protection and maintainability based upon sound engineering judgment;

239 (3) contributes to achievement of a two-star or a three-star rating for the  
240 project site under the Built Green "Green Communities" program recognized by the  
241 Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish counties; or

242 (4) where applicable, reduces housing costs for future project residents or  
243 tenants without decreasing environmental protection.

244 4. The criteria of this subsection supercede other variance, modification or  
245 waiver criteria and provisions of K.C.C. Title 9 and Title 21A.

246 M.1. Except for Park Lake Homes II and the part of Greenbridge that was added  
247 to the demonstration project by Ordinance 15654, ((R))regulatory modification and  
248 waiver applications, or both, authorized by this section shall be filed with the department  
249 by December 31, 2007, or by such a later date as may be specified in the conditions of  
250 any development approval for any type of modification or waiver for which the  
251 opportunity for future application is expressly granted in those conditions. For Park Lake  
252 Homes II and the part of Greenbridge that was added to the demonstration project by  
253 Ordinance 15654, regulatory modification and waiver applications, or both, authorized by  
254 this section shall be filed with the department by December 31, 2010, or by such a later  
255 date as may be specified in the conditions of any development approval for any type of  
256 modification or waiver for which the opportunity for future application is expressly  
257 granted in those conditions.

258 2. Modifications or waivers contained within an approved development  
259 proposal shall be valid as long as the underlying permit or development application  
260 approval is valid. A permit or approval that implements an approved code modification  
261 or waiver shall be considered under the zoning and other land use control ordinances in  
262 effect on the date the applicable complete code modification or waiver application is  
263 filed.

264 3. Except for Park Lake Homes II and the part of Greenbridge that was added to  
265 the demonstration project by Ordinance 15654, ((M))modifications or waivers that are  
266 approved as separate applications must be incorporated into a valid permit or

267 development application that must be filed by December 31, 2007. For Park Lake Homes  
268 II and the part of Greenbridge that was added to the demonstration project by Ordinance  
269 15654, modifications or waivers that are approved as separate applications must be  
270 incorporated into a valid permit or development application that must be filed by  
271 December 31, 2010.

272 4. The director may extend the date for filing the demonstration project permit  
273 and development applications for a maximum of twelve months.

274 5. Except for Park Lake Homes II and the part of Greenbridge that was added to  
275 the demonstration project by Ordinance 15654, ((F))the ability to establish the location  
276 and maximum size of uses that are not otherwise permitted in the R-12 through R-48  
277 zones as set forth in subsection E. of this section expires December 31, 2007. For Park  
278 Lake Homes II and the part of Greenbridge that was added to the demonstration project  
279 by Ordinance 15654, the ability to establish the location and maximum size of uses that  
280 are not otherwise permitted in the R-12 through R-48 zones as set forth in subsection E.  
281 of this section expires December 31, 2010. The ability to establish the location and  
282 maximum size of uses that are not otherwise permitted in the NB zone or the R-18 zone  
283 as set forth in subsection F. of this section expires at the end of the effective period  
284 established in subsection K. of this section.

285 6. Any deadline set forth in this subsection shall be adjusted to include the time  
286 for appeal of all or any portion of the project approval.

287 N.1. By December 31, 2006, the director shall prepare and submit to the council  
288 a report on the pilot programs that:

- 289 a. describes and evaluates the pertinent preliminary results from the  
290 demonstration projects; and
- 291 b. recommends changes, based on the evaluation, which should be made to the  
292 county processes and ordinances.
- 293 2. If only insufficient or inconclusive data are available when this report is due,  
294 the director shall provide an interim status report and indicate the date a subsequent  
295 report or reports will be transmitted to fully evaluate outcomes of the demonstration  
296 projects.  
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Ordinance 16099 was introduced on 4/14/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/19/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Gossett


No: 0

Excused: 4 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

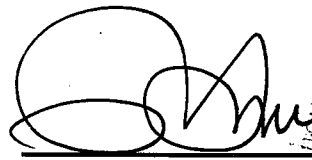
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Julia Patterson, Chair

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

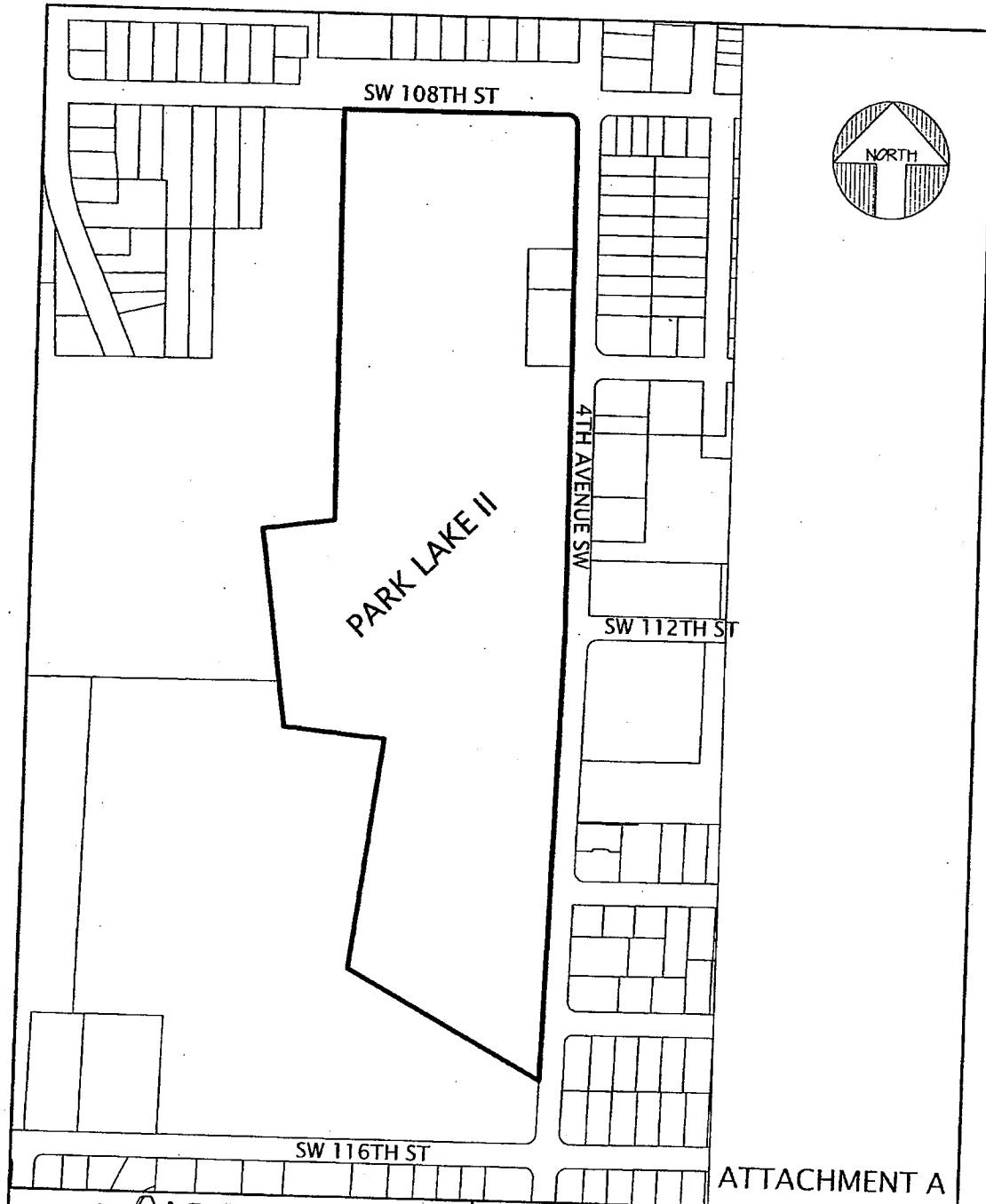
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
  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments A. Park Lake Homes II Vicinity Map

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