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VIA EMAIL ONLY

**RE: Traffic Engineering Investigations of  
 Clark’s Manor aka 2978 N. Providence Road,  
 Upper Providence Township, Delaware County**  
  
**FTA Job #220-010**

Dear Mr. Caniglia:

F. Tavani and Associates, Inc. (FTA) has conducted traffic engineering investigations for the above-referenced project in Media. FTA has also reviewed plans and conducted field visits to the site.

**BACKGROUND**

The site contains a large single family home featuring one driveway to N. Providence Road approximately 650 feet east of the all-way stop-controlled intersection of N. Providence Road and Bishop Hollow Road in Media. The site is identified in **Figures 1 and 2** which are attached to the end of this report. The site is proposed to be adaptively re-used as a group home for up to 8 residents, none of whom are expected to drive, and all of whom will be cared for by a staff of up to 3 people who will conduct daily visits to the site to prepare meals and provide other assistance as required. The existing driveway and associated stone walls will be removed and a new two-way driveway will be constructed opposite Springton Lake Road as shown on a site plan dated 05/12/20 (last revised) by G.D. Houtman.

**TRIP GENERATION**

Trip generation for many land uses can be examined through consult with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, 10<sup>th</sup> edition. This edition includes Land Use Code (LUC) 210 (single family home), which is appropriate to use to investigate trip generation potential of the existing condition. It also contains and LUC 253 (congregate care facility) which is the land use code most similar to what is proposed for the site for the adaptive re-use<sup>1</sup>. Attached to the end of this letter are sheets related to these investigations, which is also summarized in tabular form below:

**ITE TRIP GENERATION**

	<u>EXISTING</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Average Daily Traffic	15	16

<sup>1</sup> A full list of available ITE residential LUCs is attached to the end of this report.

<sup>2</sup> Per ITE, a single family home generates either 9 or 15 average daily trips, depending on the methodology employed. 2978 N. Providence is approximately 9,400 SF, which is about four times the average single family home size (see attachments), so the larger of the two values was used in the table above.

As shown, the site as proposed is a modest trip generator and is also comparable to the existing land use.

**SIGHT DISTANCE**

In general, required sight distances depend upon the posted speed limit and roadway grades. There is an existing posted speed limit of 35 mph in the vicinity of the site. Per PennDOT Pub 282 and Title 67 of the PA code, the following formula is used:

$$SSSD = 1.47VT + V^2/[30(f \pm g)]$$

SSSD = safe stopping sight distance (acceptable sight distance)

V = Vehicle Speed or Posted Speed Limit

T = Perception Reaction Time of Driver (2.5 seconds)

f = Coefficient of Friction for Wet Pavements (0.30)

g = Average Percent of Roadway Grade Divided by 100

Using the posted speed limit to calculate the required sight distance – and referencing the Houtman plan – yields the summary shown below:

	DIRECTION	SIGHT DISTANCES (FT)	
		SSSD	PROPOSED
EXITING TURNS	Looking to the left	252	<b>290</b>
	Looking to the right	265	<b>275</b>

As shown, sight distance is not problematic, provided clear sight triangles are provided as shown on the plan (this will require some grading and other site work). Sight distances for others will also not be negatively impacted by the proposed project.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The site as proposed is a modest traffic generator. The amount of traffic which was previously generated by the site (when it was a single family home) is comparable to the proposed use. Sight distances for exiting traffic will be acceptable.

I hope this has been helpful. Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Thank you,  
F. TAVANI AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
  
FRANK TAVANI, P.E., PTOE  
Principal



attachments

cc: Dennis McAndrews, Esq.

# Land Use: 210

## Single-Family Detached Housing

### Description

Single-family detached housing includes all single-family detached homes on individual lots. A typical site surveyed is a suburban subdivision.

### Additional Data

The number of vehicles and residents had a high correlation with average weekday vehicle trip ends. The use of these variables was limited, however, because the number of vehicles and residents was often difficult to obtain or predict. The number of dwelling units was generally used as the independent variable of choice because it was usually readily available, easy to project, and had a high correlation with average weekday vehicle trip ends.

This land use included data from a wide variety of units with different sizes, price ranges, locations, and ages. Consequently, there was a wide variation in trips generated within this category. Other factors, such as geographic location and type of adjacent and nearby development, may also have had an effect on the site trip generation.

Single-family detached units had the highest trip generation rate per dwelling unit of all residential uses because they were the largest units in size and had more residents and more vehicles per unit than other residential land uses; they were generally located farther away from shopping centers, employment areas, and other trip attractors than other residential land uses; and they generally had fewer alternative modes of transportation available because they were typically not as concentrated as other residential land uses.

Time-of-day distribution data for this land use are presented in Appendix A. For the six general urban/suburban sites with data, the overall highest vehicle volumes during the AM and PM on a weekday were counted between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., respectively. For the two sites with Saturday data, the overall highest vehicle volume was counted between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. For the one site with Sunday data, the overall highest vehicle volume was counted between 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.

The sites were surveyed in the 1980s, the 1990s, the 2000s, and the 2010s in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

### Source Numbers

100, 105, 114, 126, 157, 167, 177, 197, 207, 211, 217, 267, 275, 293, 300, 319, 320, 356, 357, 367, 384, 387, 407, 435, 522, 550, 552, 579, 598, 601, 603, 614, 637, 711, 716, 720, 728, 735, 868, 903, 925, 936

# Single-Family Detached Housing (210)

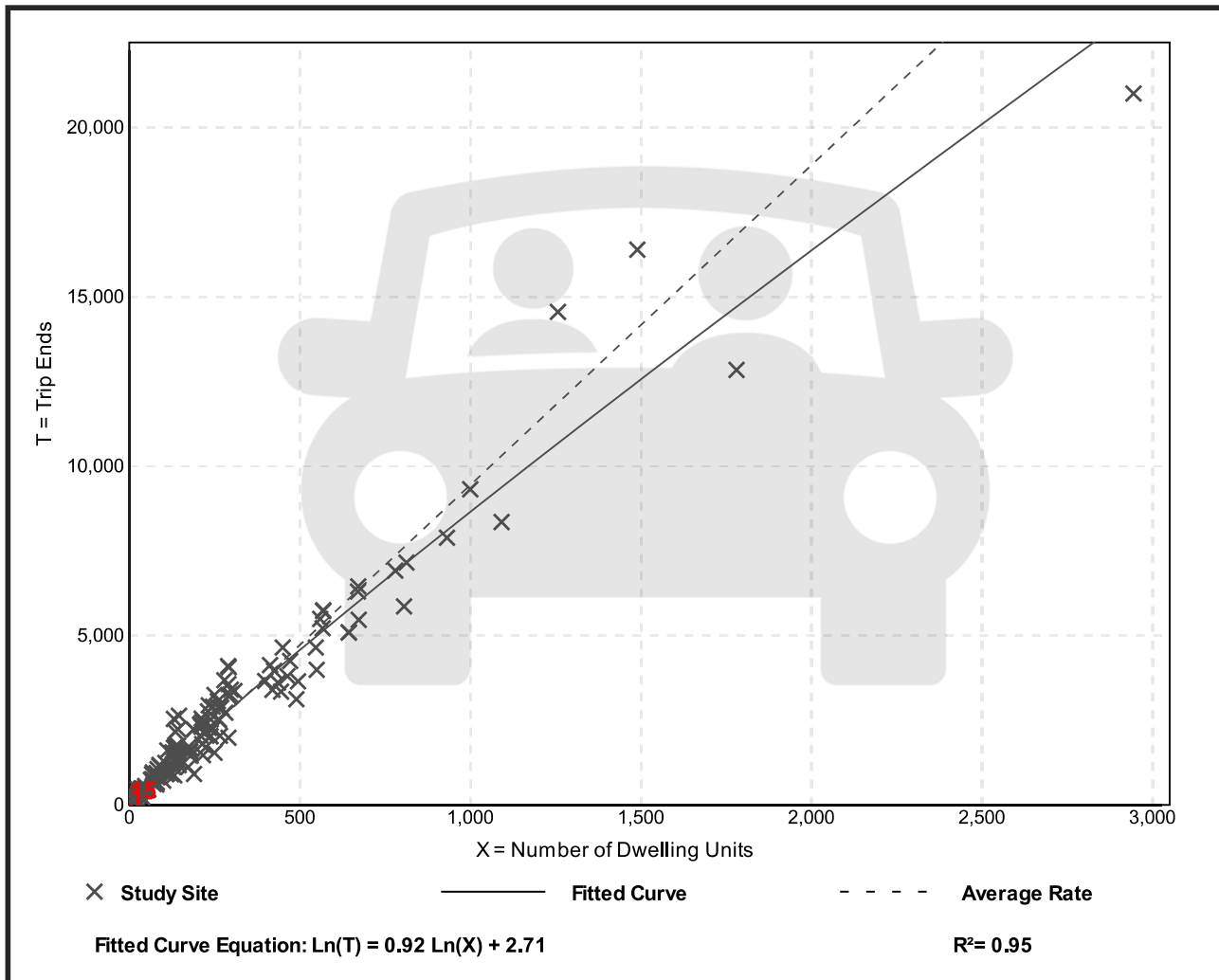
Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units  
On a: Weekday

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban  
Number of Studies: 159  
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 264  
Directional Distribution: 50% entering, 50% exiting

## Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
9.44	4.81 - 19.39	2.10

## Data Plot and Equation



# Land Use: 253

## Congregate Care Facility

### Description

A congregate care facility is an independent living development that provides centralized amenities such as dining, housekeeping, transportation, and organized social/recreational activities. Limited medical services (such as nursing and dental) may or may not be provided. The resident may contract additional medical services or personal assistance. Senior adult housing—detached (Land Use 251), senior adult housing—attached (Land Use 252), assisted living (Land Use 254), and continuing care retirement community (Land Use 255) are related uses.

### Additional Data

Vehicle ownership levels were very low at congregate care facilities; the facilities' employees or services provided to the residents generated the majority of the trips to the sites.

The peak hour of the generator typically did not coincide with the peak hour of the adjacent street traffic.

The sites were surveyed in the 1980s, the 1990s, the 2000s, and the 2010s in Alberta (CAN), Ontario (CAN), and Oregon.

### Source Numbers

155, 584, 910, 970

# Congregate Care Facility (253)

**Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units**  
**On a: Weekday**

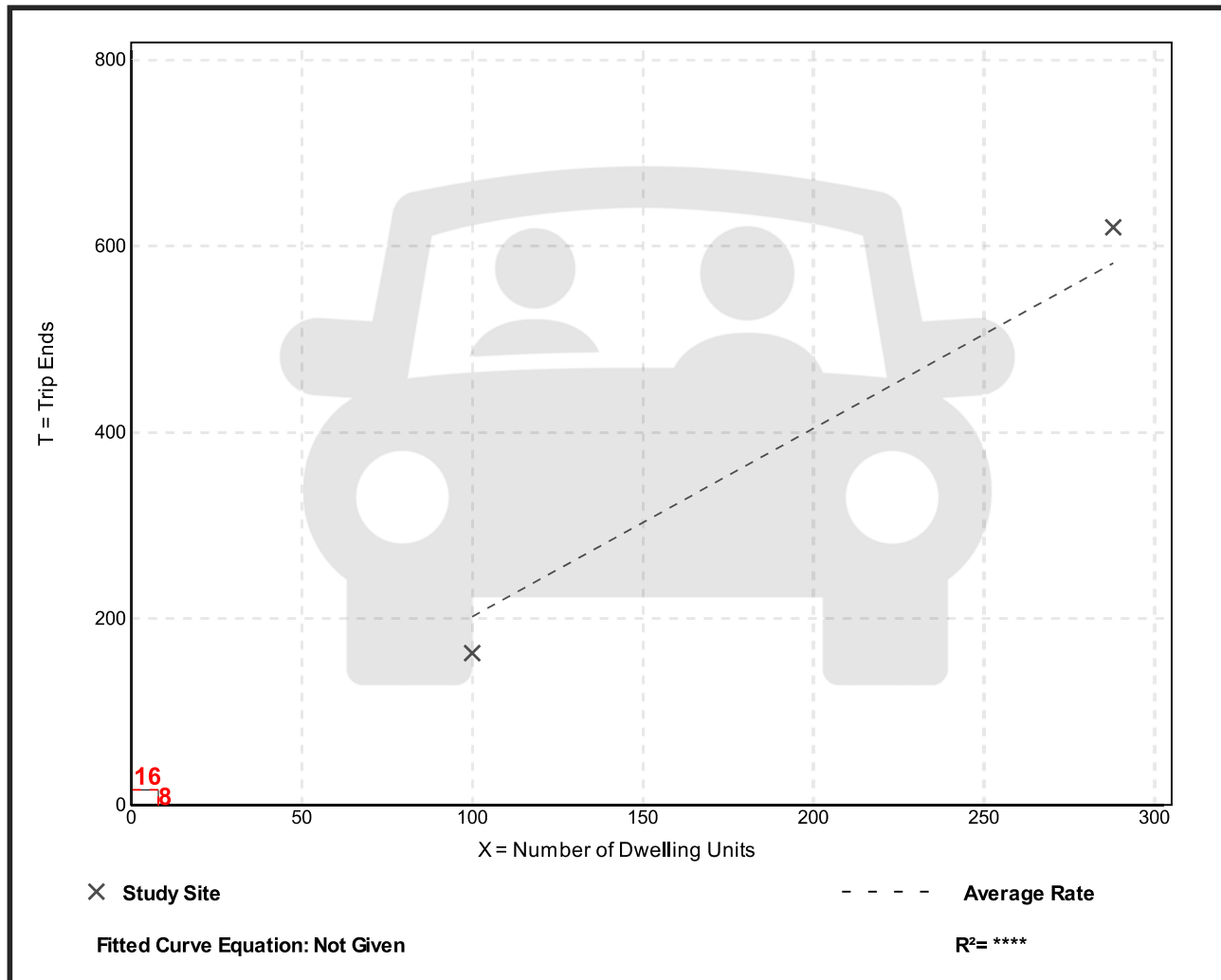
**Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban**  
Number of Studies: 2  
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 194  
Directional Distribution: 50% entering, 50% exiting

## Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
2.02	1.63 - 2.15	*

## Data Plot and Equation

*Caution – Small Sample Size*





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SEARCH BY LAND USE CODE:

253

LAND USE GROUP:

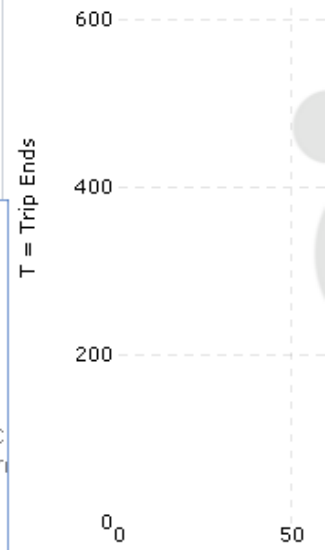
(200-299) Residential

LAND USE :

253 - Congregate Care Facility

- Select One
- 210 - Single-Family Detached Housing
- 220 - Multifamily Housing (Low-Rise)
- 221 - Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise)
- 222 - Multifamily Housing (High-Rise)
- 223 - Affordable Housing
- 225 - Off-Campus Student Apartment
- 231 - Mid-Rise Residential with 1st-Floor Commercial
- 232 - High-Rise Residential with 1st-Floor Commercial
- 240 - Mobile Home Park
- 251 - Senior Adult Housing - Detached
- 252 - Senior Adult Housing - Attached
- 253 - Congregate Care Facility**
- 254 - Assisted Living
- 255 - Continuing Care Retirement Community
- 260 - Recreational Homes
- 265 - Timeshare
- 270 - Residential Planned Unit Development

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## Median and Average Square Feet of Floor Area in New Single-Family Houses Completed by Location<sup>1</sup>

(Medians and averages computed from unrounded figures)

Year	Median square feet					Average square feet								
	United States	Inside MSAs	Outside MSAs	Region			United States	Inside MSAs	Outside MSAs	Region				
				North-east	Midwest	South				West	North-east	Midwest	South	West
1973	1,525	1,625	1,380	1,450	1,445	1,555	1,575	1,660	1,760	1,490	1,595	1,615	1,670	1,715
1974	1,560	1,665	1,405	1,465	1,490	1,640	1,540	1,695	1,785	1,545	1,600	1,660	1,760	1,660
1975	1,535	1,630	1,365	1,405	1,460	1,605	1,510	1,645	1,735	1,490	1,575	1,580	1,705	1,635
1976	1,590	1,675	1,425	1,505	1,495	1,660	1,565	1,700	1,775	1,560	1,630	1,655	1,755	1,685
1977	1,610	1,705	1,440	1,540	1,540	1,660	1,615	1,720	1,795	1,565	1,650	1,650	1,770	1,730
1978	1,655	1,735	1,490	1,640	1,615	1,685	1,630	1,755	1,830	1,610	1,730	1,730	1,785	1,740
1979	1,645	1,735	1,485	1,690	1,605	1,675	1,625	1,760	1,845	1,605	1,795	1,720	1,795	1,730
1980	1,595	1,670	1,450	1,660	1,520	1,615	1,570	1,740	1,825	1,575	1,770	1,685	1,750	1,735
1981	1,550	1,650	1,415	1,655	1,480	1,540	1,580	1,720	1,820	1,535	1,805	1,670	1,715	1,735
1982	1,520	1,600	1,355	1,605	1,405	1,500	1,595	1,710	1,795	1,545	1,755	1,655	1,700	1,740
1983	1,565	1,610	1,445	1,650	1,515	1,565	1,545	1,725	1,785	1,570	1,795	1,735	1,720	1,695
1984	1,605	1,645	1,495	1,665	1,600	1,590	1,610	1,780	1,840	1,600	1,860	1,800	1,750	1,785
1985	1,605	1,655	1,445	1,655	1,625	1,590	1,595	1,785	1,830	1,610	1,830	1,820	1,765	1,770
1986	1,660	1,700	1,470	1,695	1,685	1,655	1,635	1,825	1,865	1,640	1,850	1,855	1,825	1,800
1987	1,755	1,800	1,565	1,840	1,740	1,755	1,730	1,905	1,950	1,700	1,955	1,890	1,915	1,870
1988	1,810	1,880	1,570	1,810	1,840	1,790	1,845	1,995	2,055	1,750	2,005	2,015	1,985	1,995
1989	1,850	1,920	1,570	1,870	1,800	1,815	1,910	2,035	2,105	1,750	2,075	1,970	2,030	2,065
1990	1,905	1,985	1,630	1,955	1,850	1,855	1,985	2,080	2,155	1,800	2,105	2,005	2,055	2,160
1991	1,890	1,970	1,635	1,950	1,800	1,870	1,980	2,075	2,155	1,815	2,105	1,990	2,065	2,155
1992	1,920	1,990	1,700	2,000	1,870	1,945	1,890	2,095	2,160	1,870	2,115	2,020	2,130	2,090
1993	1,945	2,000	1,700	2,050	1,855	2,000	1,845	2,095	2,160	1,860	2,160	2,025	2,150	2,050
1994	1,940	1,995	1,700	2,035	1,850	2,000	1,835	2,100	2,160	1,865	2,195	2,025	2,165	2,025
1995	1,920	1,975	1,720	2,095	1,850	1,945	1,835	2,095	2,150	1,870	2,240	2,020	2,125	2,045
1996	1,950	2,000	1,735	2,100	1,900	1,995	1,890	2,120	2,170	1,915	2,280	2,025	2,160	2,070
1997	1,975	2,015	1,765	2,130	1,900	2,000	1,930	2,150	2,200	1,955	2,265	2,065	2,175	2,135
1998	2,000	2,050	1,750	2,100	1,945	2,000	1,985	2,190	2,250	1,930	2,270	2,125	2,200	2,200
1999	2,028	2,089	1,811	2,175	1,937	2,044	2,001	2,223	2,274	1,991	2,298	2,135	2,244	2,234
2000	2,057	2,121	1,824	2,266	1,971	2,075	2,014	2,266	2,321	2,024	2,435	2,170	2,287	2,244
2001	2,103	2,152	1,905	2,305	1,965	2,128	2,080	2,324	2,361	2,162	2,466	2,209	2,351	2,317
2002	2,114	2,171	1,884	2,330	1,979	2,120	2,127	2,320	2,379	2,068	2,516	2,209	2,317	2,350
2003	2,137	2,177	1,941	2,288	1,998	2,142	2,166	2,330	2,382	2,113	2,443	2,198	2,335	2,387
2004	2,140	2,207	1,933	2,361	1,993	2,164	2,149	2,349	2,402	2,122	2,543	2,222	2,368	2,352
2005	2,227	2,273	1,952	2,339	2,054	2,259	2,236	2,434	2,479	2,137	2,556	2,310	2,463	2,434
2006	2,248	2,305	1,909	2,395	2,035	2,286	2,275	2,469	2,519	2,120	2,612	2,290	2,499	2,488
2007	2,277	2,319	1,956	2,281	2,064	2,325	2,286	2,521	2,581	2,133	2,550	2,328	2,573	2,524
2008	2,215	2,270	1,963	2,312	2,019	2,266	2,216	2,519	2,582	2,203	2,651	2,331	2,564	2,508
2009	2,135	2,185	1,909	2,211	1,931	2,198	2,140	2,438	2,490	2,156	2,594	2,216	2,488	2,434
2010	2,169	2,203	1,877	2,336	2,001	2,184	2,143	2,392	2,443	2,091	2,613	2,265	2,393	2,386
RSE	2	2	4	6	3	4	3	2	2	4	6	2	3	4

A Represents an RSE that is greater than or equal to 100 or could not be computed.

NA Not available. RSE Relative Standard Error.

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).



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## Average home size in the US

In 1973, the median new single-family house was just 1,525 square feet, according to the US Census Bureau. By 2010, it had grown to 2,169 square feet. And, by 2018, it had bloated to 2,435 square feet. Who in 1973 would have believed that a newly built typical American home would be 60% bigger than theirs in 45 years?

There's another even more startling factor to take into account. Statista.com claims the average household in 1973 comprised 3.01 people, meaning the home offered 507 square feet per person. But by 2018, that household had shrunk to 2.53 people. And each had 962 square feet to stretch out.