All students – especially those considering taking the studio – are encouraged to attend the pre-ULI Competition workshop “How to Think Like a Developer” in the Hinman Cave on Sunday, January 5, 4-6 pm

SUPER PRACTICAL / SUPER VISIONARY will challenge students to re-imagine how senior housing and generic suburban intersections can be relocalized and address an aging society, the loneliness epidemic, autonomous vehicles and climate change. And, the studio will equip students with the practical tools to design/develop their proposals.

The first few weeks will be dedicated to the ULI Hines Competition, associated workshops, and precedent research. Then pairs of M.Arch/MSUD students will simultaneously work on detailed designs for affordable “missing middle” housing, (in the 4-acre rectangle) and speculative visions for the larger context, (the oval) in Covington, GA. We will be assisted by the city’s former chief planner and by an experienced housing contractor/developer and leader of the Incremental Development Alliance. Like so much of the US, the housing site is across the street from a Waffle House, next to a McDonalds, next to the CVS on the corner. Gas stations take 2 of the other corners, and a for-sale drive-through bank occupies the 4th. Just imagine what it could be/should be as markets, climate, and technology