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Strip District Brownstones to add more life between Produce Terminal and Allegheny River in the Strip

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More big news for the Strip District: a Pittsburgh developer plans to build classic townhomes in the area between the Produce Terminal and Buncher Company's Riverfront Landing development.

In a proposal to the city Planning Commission, Laurel Communities says it will build 46 townhomes along the newly-constructed Waterfront Place, taking care to preserve pedestrian connections from the heart of the Strip's commercial district to the Allegheny River waterfront.

The project design and "durable, high-quality building materials" will reflect the Strip District's architectural style.

Pedestrian through-ways will utilize landscaping, pathways and low walls to create distinct public spaces.

The developer is working with Rothschild Doyno Collaborative as its architect. The 3.5-story townhomes, which will be for sale, will have brick facades, varying roof modulation and architectural features such as dormers to break down their perceived massing, Laurel Communities says in its proposal.

Steel and glass decks will preserve views and "relate to the Strip, with a modern twist," the proposal says. Front stoops will lead directly to the sidewalk, but

raised and set-back landscaping will give the ground floor of the units some privacy.

Large, covered rear porches with columns will offer more privacy, and rear garages will provide parking for 92 vehicles. Each unit will have the option for a south facing terrace at the rear with hillside and city views.

The company currently has luxury townhomes available for rent at Lawrenceville Place and Highland Village in Ross. It has townhomes for sale at Bakery Village, one of its most recent developments, and is selling single-family homes at Sunset Ridge in Pine.