Chapter 19.29
Planned Residential Development Overlay

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19.29.010 Purpose

The primary purpose of a Planned Residential Development (PRD) or Master Planned Residential Development (MPRD) is to promote creativity in site layout and design, allowing flexibility in the application of the standard zoning requirements and development standards. More specifically, it is the purpose of this chapter to:

1. Permit developers to use innovative methods and approaches not available under conventional zoning methods to facilitate the construction of a variety of housing types and densities serving the housing needs of the Lynden community and meeting the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan;

2. Provide for the economic provision of public facilities and services by allowing choices in the layout of streets, utility networks and other public improvements through superior site design and the use of clustering;

3. Allow development of land with physical constraints while preserving the natural characteristics of the site, including topography, native vegetation, critical areas and other natural amenities of value to the community;

4. Encourage infill within areas of the City which are characterized by existing development.

5. Create and/or preserve open space for recreation and the aesthetic enjoyment of residents;

6. Provide for the management and control of stormwater under current state and local regulations;
19.29.020  **Scope**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all single family residential zones, the RMD (Residential Mixed Density) zone and the RM-1 and RM-2 (Residential Multifamily) zones.

19.29.030  **Definitions**

1. **Active Recreation:** Active recreation includes “recreation, outdoor” defined in LMC 17.01.030 and trails and garden areas.

2. **Gross Land Area:** The gross land area is the land area measured in square feet excluding the area included in a floodplain or floodway identified by FEMA.

3. **Planned Residential Development:** A planned residential development, (PRD), is a tract of land which is to be developed as a coordinated unit according to a detailed plan within the scope of zones permitted by this chapter to allow greater flexibility and creativity in site design.

4. **Master Planned Residential Development:** A master plan residential development, (MPRD), is a tract of land which may be developed as a planned residential development that is guided by an approved master plan and developed as a coordinated unit to allow a greater flexibility and creativity in site design.

5. **Major Community Facility:** A major community facility includes recreational facilities for use by the approved master planned residential development and planned residential development.

19.29.040  **Minimum size**

The minimum area required for a PRD shall be one acre.

19.29.050  **Allowable Uses:**

All uses that are permitted outright or as a conditional use within the underlying zone are permitted within a PRD or MPRD; provided that, for development of single family residences within an RS zone, at least twenty five percent of the dwelling units within the PRD or MPRD shall be detached single family units.

19.29.060  **Minimum Development Standards For PRD or MPRD**

While development under a PRD or MPRD provides measures for flexibility and creativity in the development of new home sites, there are certain minimum standards that must be met to protect Lynden’s character, aesthetic values and health and safety. Additional conditions or requirements more stringent than these minimum standards may be imposed as a condition of approval. The following are minimum standards applicable to all PRD and MPRD proposals; provided that, said minimum standards may be reduced for an MPRD subject to subsection (10) herein:

1. **Density:** The density shall be the same as the density for the underlying zone; except where the application qualifies for a density bonus under Section 19.29.070. The area included in a floodplain or floodway identified by FEMA shall not be included in the gross land area for the calculation of density.
2. **Height:** Maximum height of structures when the underlying zoning is a single family or mixed density zone is 35 feet. The maximum height of structures when the underlying zone is a multi family zone is 45 feet. Building height may be extended above these limits under a master planned residential development when approved in the master plan. Considerations for approval of extension of the height limit include the size of the parcel, the character of the surrounding parcel(s) and neighborhood, protection of view corridors and the existence of adequate infrastructure to supply necessary services.

3. **Parking requirements:** Two parking stalls are required for each residential unit. Each 12’ x 25’ space, whether inside or outside the garage shall count as a parking stall. These are the minimum requirements and additional parking may be required as a condition of approval.

4. **Building setbacks:** All PRD’s and MPRD’s are subject to the following minimum setbacks:
   
   A. 15 feet between the front of the house and the front property line;  
   B. 25 feet between garage doors and the front property line;  
   C. A setback of 25 feet around the perimeter of the development;  
   D. There is no minimum building separation, except as provided by the International Building and Fire Codes, but such separation may be required as a condition of approval.  
   E. Other setbacks may be required as a condition of approval.

   For purposes of this section, where the “front property line” borders on a public right-of-way, said “front property line” shall be the edge of the public right-of-way.

5. **Street widths:** Arterial or collector streets or streets shown within the Transportation Plan must be constructed to full city standards. Within a PRD or MPRD, a reduced street section for a residential access street that is not included in the Transportation Plan may be permitted as follows:
   
   A. 30 feet from face of curb to face of curb, allowing two driving lanes and room for on-street parking.  
   B. A minimum five foot sidewalk fronting all residences with a 4 foot buffer or planting strip between the curb and sidewalk.  
   C. Rolled curbs are not allowed.

6. **Pedestrian Connectivity:** In addition to sidewalks fronting residential lots, there must be logical pedestrian connections throughout the project including trails within or adjacent to open space areas.

7. **Maximum lot coverage:** There is no maximum lot coverage established by this overlay zone; provided that, a maximum lot coverage limitation may be imposed as a condition of approval based on consideration of the size of the parcel, the character of the surrounding parcel(s) and neighborhood, protection of view corridors and the existence of adequate infrastructure to supply necessary services.

8. **Unit Distribution:** When a PRD or MPRD is used in a single family zone for development of single family residences, at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the dwelling units must be detached single family units.
9. **Minimum lot size:** For detached single family residences within a PRD or MPRD, the minimum lot size shall be no less than 5,000 square feet; provided that, smaller lots or detached condominiums may be approved under a MPRD subject to consideration of the factors identified in subsection (7) herein.

10. Where the applicant seeks to depart from the above minimum standards in the MPRD process, the Planning Commission and Council shall consider the following factors and the Council may in its sole discretion approve departure from one or more of said minimum standards upon finding that the MPRD proposal clearly satisfies one or more of these factors:

   A. The modification of minimum standards protects or improves the character of the surrounding neighborhood in terms of architectural scale, view corridors, the aesthetic character or provision of services;

   B. The modification of minimum development standards protects critical areas and the environmental quality of the parcel(s) to be developed;

   C. The modification of minimum standards is necessary to permit reasonable development as a result of unique characteristics of the property or the proposed uses;

   D. The modification of building height (subject to 19.29.060(2)) or building setbacks where reasonably necessary due to arrangement of buildings and open spaces as they relate to various uses within or adjacent to the planned development; provided that any such modification shall be consistent with subsection (A) herein;

   E. The modification of minimum standards is adequately mitigated by reasonably related public improvements proposed in connection with the planned development.

19.29.070 **Density Bonus**

Density bonuses shall be allowed for Planned Residential Developments and Master Planned Residential Developments according to the following provisions:

1. When at least ten percent (10%) of the land is set aside in common open space satisfying the requirements of Section 19.29.080, a five percent (5%) bonus is allowed.

2. When twenty percent (20%) of the land is set aside in common open space and major community facilities, as approved by the City Council (i.e. a swimming pool, or club house) are constructed on the remaining land, a ten percent bonus (10%) is allowed.

19.29.080 **Open Space Standards**

A PRD or MPRD shall set aside a minimum of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the gross land area or 4,000 square feet, whichever is greater, for active recreational uses. For purposes of this chapter, a “set aside” of open space shall require: (a) a recorded deed restriction or restrictive covenant which runs with the land and assures that said
property will remain in open space in perpetuity, consistent with the terms of this chapter, and which shall be held and maintained for such purposes for the common benefit of residents of the development by a homeowner’s association; or (b) a permanent dedication of property to the City, which is accepted by the City, to hold and maintain as open space consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

1. **Location:** The area proposed for open space within the PRD or MPRD shall be within reasonable walking distance of all dwelling units within the development. The minimum open space requirement of 4,000 square feet must be met with an open space set aside at one location which shall be suitable for active recreational uses. Where the minimum requirement is greater than 4,000 square feet, at least one contiguous area meeting the minimum size requirement must be set aside at one location for common open space. Any remaining open space set aside may be otherwise distributed according to the requirements of this section.

2. **Access:** All dwelling units within the PRD must have legal access to the proposed open space. Open space set aside for active recreational open space shall have reasonable access from street frontages. Design measures should accomplish the purposes of access and security.

3. **Types of Open Space:** Land dedicated for open space should be useable for any of the following:
   
   A. Greenbelts that serve as a buffer between land uses (greenbelts do not include yard areas privately owned, nor do they include required landscaping surrounding a building or parking area);
   
   B. Active recreational uses, including trails and garden areas;
   
   C. Protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

4. **Use of Open Space:** Except as provided below, a minimum of 30% of the required open space shall be suitable for active recreational purposes. The topography, soils, hydrology and other physical characteristics shall be of such quality as to provide an area suitable for recreation.
   
   A. The percentage of open space required to be suitable for active recreational uses may be increased to as high as 50% if it is determined that anticipated recreational needs will require a larger percentage.
   
   B. The percentage of open space required to be suitable for active recreational uses may be decreased to as low as 10%, if it is determined that the inclusion of the buffers or environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands would better meet the needs of residents and/or the surrounding community.

5. **Qualification for a density bonus:** The provision of improved recreational or park facilities including “recreational facilities” and “outdoor recreation” such as improved playfields, basketball and tennis courts, trails, playground facilities or picnic areas or the preservation of unique natural features such as habitats of threatened or endangered wildlife or plant species, wetlands, and environmentally sensitive areas shall qualify for a density bonus, so long as the requirements described in Section 19.29.070 are fully satisfied...
6. **Implementation:** The property proposed for open space shall be shown on the master plan if the applicant is following the procedure for an MPRD or site plan if the applicant is following the procedure for approval of a PRD and shall be set aside for management by the homeowner’s association or dedicated to the City for public use only if acceptable to the City. Maintenance and operation of open space set aside to the homeowner’s association shall be the responsibility of the homeowner’s association. A set aside of open space is not eligible for credit against the assessment of impact fees for parks or public recreation facilities unless it meets each of the following criteria: (a) the open space is dedicated and accepted by the City for public use; and (b) the proposed location of the dedicated open space is included in the City’s adopted capital facilities plan for City park acquisition. The City, at its sole discretion may choose to accept a dedication of open space as City park property, including the maintenance and operation thereof, when the property proposed for dedication meets the following criteria as outlined in the Park and Trail Master Plan:

   A. Minimum park dedication of \( \frac{1}{2} \) acre in size. Developments that include ten acres or more would require a minimum park dedication of one acre in size.

   B. The proposed dedication is at least one-quarter mile away from a similar facility. If the proposed facility is greater than two acres in size, it should be located at least one-half mile from another park facility.

   C. There are opportunities for expansion of smaller park areas into larger park areas as adjoining parcels develop.

   D. The proposed dedication is geographically located in an area that is projected for substantial growth during the planning period (six years) and is consistent with the provisions of the Park and Trail Master Plan.

   E. The proposed dedication has safe and convenient access from the surrounding neighborhood and parking as necessary for public use.

   F. Drainage for the proposed site is adequate.

   G. Parcel size and shape is appropriate to park development. Oddly shaped “remainders” are discouraged.

   H. There are open lines of sight at the facility for security purposes.

   I. The proposed site meets the needs and desires of the community and considers the specific needs of the surrounding neighborhood.

   J. The proposed site meets state and federal accessibility requirements.

7. **Stormwater Detention Facilities:** Stormwater detention facilities may be included by the City as part of the open space necessary for a density bonus, but not as part of the minimum required open space, subject to LMC 13.24 and satisfaction of the following criteria:
A. The detention facility does not provide drainage for public facilities including public streets unless all easements and drainage releases are approved.

B. The detention facility shall be constructed so as to drain fully when precipitation is not occurring (i.e. no standing water shall be left) unless the facility is a pond designed as an aesthetic amenity.

C. The side slope of the detention facility shall not exceed thirty three percent, unless such slopes already exist naturally and are covered with vegetation. Where the facility has a hard surface wall or slope, the vertical drop shall not exceed twenty-four inches without fencing appropriate to the site conditions to protect public safety.

D. If detention facilities are located adjacent to or near a natural, year-round stream or wetland, these systems shall be left in a natural or near natural condition.

E. The detention area shall be landscaped both in a manner consistent with maintaining high aesthetic standards and is able to withstand the inundation expected.

F. Use of property set aside as open space area for both detention and recreation purposes shall not be acceptable if the detention area must be rendered unsuitable or unavailable for recreation use during dry weather.

G. In the case of joint use of open space set aside (not dedicated to City) for detention and recreation, the homeowner’s association shall be responsible for the maintenance in perpetuity of the facilities in the condition approved under the development contract.

8. **Rights and Duties:** The owners of the private open space shall have the following rights which may be exercised in respect of such land, subject to restrictive covenants, development agreements or other restrictions:

A. The right to locate recreational facilities such as tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pools, picnic tables designed to be used exclusively for the use of the residents of the development and their guests.

B. The right to locate pedestrian and bicycle paths or trails.

C. The right to take whatever lawful measures are reasonably necessary to protect and maintain such land, or property adjacent thereto, or to correct a hazardous condition posing a threat to life or limb.

D. The right to locate and operate community gardens.

E. The right to regulate access to or entry on the open space land and duty to maintain such land.
19.29.090  **Submittal Requirements**

1. Submittal of a master plan application is required only when an applicant seeks to vary the minimum development standards as noted in Section 19.29.060 above; provided however, that an applicant may choose to submit a master plan application when approval of a development concept is desired, or when the applicant wishes to submit applications for the planned residential developments in phases as noted in Section 19.29.090 below. In order to be determined complete, an application for master plan approval of a MPRD shall include the information listed below.

   A. A consolidated legal description of all parcels to be included in the master plan.

   B. A map, prepared by a qualified professional, showing the following:

      i. The primary transportation and utility corridors,

      ii. The location of common open space, and

      iii. The distribution of housing types and densities.

   C. A narrative description of the project. If the application seeks to modify the minimum development standards, a detailed explanation of how the development will meet the criteria listed in 19.29.060(10) and other applicable criteria shall be included.

   D. A completed SEPA Checklist, prepared as part of a phased environmental review under WAC 197-11-060(5).

2. To be determined complete, an application for a Planned Residential Development must include all of the information listed below. This information may be submitted for a portion of a project with the approval of a master plan. This information shall be submitted for the entire development proposal for a project that does not use the master plan approval procedure.

   A. One map showing street systems, location of utilities, preliminary plat designs and contours at five foot intervals;

   B. One map showing watercourses, unique and sensitive natural features, forest cover, and critical areas

   C. One map showing locations and sizes of areas proposed to be set aside for common open space as required in Section 19.29.080, any public buildings, and similar public and semi-public uses;

   D. One map showing each of the maps indicated in sub sections (A), (B) and (C) superimposed upon one another.

   E. Areas designated for recreational buildings, clubhouses, country club facilities and the nature and extent of such facilities;

   F. Proposed building areas or phases, housing types, densities, setbacks and height.

   G. A development schedule indicating:
i. The approximate date when construction of the project can be expected to begin,

ii. The stages in which the project will be built and the approximate date when construction of each stage can be expected to begin;

iii. The anticipated rate of development,

iv. The approximate dates when the development of each of the stages in the development will be completed;

v. The area and location of common open space that will be provided at each stage;

H. The existing and proposed utility systems including sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water lines, electric lines, gas lines and telephone lines.

I. Agreements, provisions or covenants which govern the use, maintenance and continued protection of the planned unit development and any of its common open areas;

J. The existing and proposed circulation system of arterial, collector and residential access streets including off-street parking areas, service areas, loading areas and major points of access to public rights-of-way. Notations of proposed ownership, public or private, should be included where appropriate.

K. The existing and proposed pedestrian circulation system, including interrelationships with the vehicular circulation system. Any special engineering features and traffic regulation devices needed to facilitate or insure the safety of this circulation pattern must be shown,

L. A general landscaping and tree planting plan including the proposed treatment of the perimeter of the PRD, including materials and techniques used such as screens, fences and walls.

M. An economic feasibility report or market analysis and a statement substantiating how the proposed PRD will be superior and provide benefit to the public beyond what is available through conventional development.

N. The names and addresses of all persons, firms, and corporations holding interest in the property, including easement rights and drainage structures.

O. Information on a map which shows the development in relation to the surrounding area and its uses, both existing and proposed, including land uses, zoning classifications, densities, circulation systems, public facilities and unique and sensitive natural features of the landscape.

P. A complete environmental review package including a complete SEPA Checklist, engineered traffic impact analysis, critical areas preliminary review and other studies as required during the pre-application meeting or master plan approval.
19.29.100 Approval Process

1. Applications for a MPRD and a PRD shall follow the review and approval process listed in Chapter 17.09 of the Lynden Municipal Code. The PRD or MPRD shall be overlayed on the underlying zoning district.

2. An applicant may elect to undergo either a one step or a two step approval process for a PRD.

   A. A one step process would include the review and consideration of not only the general project concept, including its density and overall design, but also of all specific site and development regulations associated with the proposed development. This process entails review under the requirements of LMC 17.09.

   B. In a two step process, the applicant must receive two separate City approvals under LMC 17.09. The applicant would first seek approval of a master plan and general project concepts before expending the time and resources in developing the specific site and development features of the proposal. The second approval would relate to the specific site design and development requirements defined by the approved master plan and would be filed with the Whatcom County Auditor’s Office as noted above. Approval of a MPRD constitutes the City’s acceptance of a project design and concept. Once the master plan component of the MPRD is approved for the site, the applicant may proceed to begin the second step: submittal of the specific components of its development outlined in section 19.29.090(2), 19.29.110 and as required during approval of the master plan. These specific design components are subject to City approval under LMC 17.09...

   i. The intent in establishing a two step process is to ensure consistency with the City’s comprehensive plan, decrease the applicant’s expenditure of time and resources and promulgate a cohesive community and neighborhood aesthetic based upon the City’s present and future needs.

3. The final development contract, with all exhibit, must be presented to the Planning Commission for review and the City Council for approval within one year of preliminary approval of an approved PRD utilizing the “one step” procedure in subsection 2.A above or within one year following approval of the proposal in the “second step” stage of an MPRD utilizing the “two step” approval procedure in subsection 2.B above. This contract will include specific development requirements based on the PRD or MPRD approval and all special conditions and approvals applied to the property within the PRD or MPRD. This development contract, related exhibits, and any amendment approved pursuant to 19.29.120(2) shall be recorded in the Whatcom County Auditor’s Office. The PRD or MPRD shall constitute a limitation on the use and design of the site.

4. In the event there is to be a subdivision of property, dedication of streets, parks or other public lands, the final plan and approval thereof shall be subject to all ordinances and laws regulating subdivisions including Chapter 18.18 LMC, and any additional requirements therein. In the event of a specific irreconcilable conflict between this chapter and other ordinances, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to PRD and MPRD proposals.
19.29.110 **Criteria for Approval**

In addition to the findings of fact required for approval within Section 17.09.040, the following criteria shall be met for approval of a PRD or MPRD.

**1. Design Criteria:** The design of the PRD or MPRD shall achieve two or more of the following results:

   A. High quality architectural design, placement, relationship or orientation of the structures;
   
   B. Achieving the allowable density for the subject property;
   
   C. Providing housing types that effectively serve the affordable housing needs of the community;
   
   D. Improving circulation patterns;
   
   E. Minimizing the use of impervious surfacing materials;
   
   F. Increasing open space or recreational facilities on-site;
   
   G. Preserving, enhancing or rehabilitating the natural features of the property such as significant woodlands, or critical areas;

**2. Perimeter Design.** The perimeter of a PRD or MPRD shall be appropriate in design, character and appearance with the existing or intended character of the development adjacent to the subject property and with the physical characteristics of the property.

**3. Streets and sidewalks.** Existing and proposed streets and sidewalks within a PRD or MPRD shall be suitable to carry the anticipated traffic within the proposed development and the vicinity. The design of the circulation system shall be consistent with the requirements of Chapter 18.14 LMC.

19.29.120 **Amendment or modification of an approved PRD or MPRD**

**1.** The final development plan may be amended administratively without notice if the application does not involve a change which would cause one or more of the following to occur:

   A. Violation of any provisions of this chapter;
   
   B. Varying the lot area requirements by more than ten percent;
   
   C. A reduction of more than ten percent of the area set aside for common open space and/or usable open space;
   
   D. An increase in the total ground area covered by buildings by more than five percent;
   
   E. The applicant seeks to change the housing type from a multi-family designation to a single family designation.
2. The final development plan may be amended through the process described in Section 19.29.100 in the following circumstances and if the amendment meets the requirements of Section 19.29.110:

   A. Land may be added to the overall development plan if:
      i. The land to be added is within the same underlying zoning; and
      ii. The addition is a logical extension of services and development and the infrastructure developed for the original development can be shown adequate to serve the additional land; and
      iii. The addition will meet the minimum standards for PRD or MPRD development set forth in Section 19.29.060.

   B. Changes in the parcel development requirements such as setbacks, lot coverage or other similar changes which exceed the minor modification limits in subsection 1 above.

   C. Any change in infrastructure development requirements must be listed within the final development contract.

3. The final development plan may not be amended in the following manners:

   A. To transfer unused density from one area of the final PRD to another;

   B. To change the housing type from single family to multi-family;

   C. To remove land from a PRD or MPRD.

19.29.130 Requirement for Homeowner's Association and Restrictive Covenants

To preserve and maintain community facilities and open space, every PRD or MPRD shall have a homeowner's association and agreements and enforceable covenants to fund and effectively collect funds for such an organization. Said agreements and enforceable covenants shall apply to all property within the PRD or MPRD, shall be recorded and shall run with the land.

1. The restrictive covenants and/or homeowner's association intended to be used by the applicant in a PRD or MPRD, which purports to restrict the use of land, the location or character of buildings or other structures thereon, set aside open space, and establish provisions for the perpetual maintenance of common grounds, must be reviewed by the Technical Review Committee. The City Attorney will make a written report to the Planning Commission which shall be subject to approval by the City Council, before final approval of the PRD application and recording with the County Auditor.

2. The homeowner's association authority shall be established in restrictive covenants applicable to all property within the PRD or MPRD. Said restrictive covenants shall provide, inter alia, for the assessment, collection and enforcement of collection of such homeowner's dues as are necessary for adequate maintenance of open space, common grounds and facilities, any private roads or utilities, and for performance of any other association obligations.
3. A homeowner’s association covenants, once reviewed and approved by the City of Lynden, shall contain the following provisions: “Changes in these documents must be approved by the City of Lynden through the Lynden City Council or if the council designates an agency or department, by that agency or department.” Any changes suggested shall be reviewed by the Lynden City Attorney, who will make a written report to the Lynden City Council concerning the effect of the proposed changes. The cost of review by the Lynden City Attorney will be paid by the homeowner’s association.

4. The PRD and MPRD developers/property owners shall notify each buyer that it is the policy of the City of Lynden never to acquire or maintain the common grounds unless the City chooses to accept a dedicated open space under 19.29.080. This policy shall be clearly shown in recorded documents so that future buyers will be aware of this policy.

19.29.140 Construction Start and Completion Limits

If substantial construction has not commenced within twenty-four months from the time of final approval of the PRD or MPRD contract, the permit shall lapse. The Planning Director may extend this time limit by up to twelve months with approval of the City Council if the request is made in writing to the Planning Director prior to the expiration of said twenty-four months following final approval. Any extension of time shall be conditioned on the requirement to post a performance bond as required in Section 18.06.010(5), for 150% of the engineer’s estimate for the completion of the infrastructure.

19.29.150 Construction of Improvements-Guarantee

1. All improvements which are to be made to City owned property or which are to become the property of the City must be either completed or bonded for completion in the manner provided in Sections 18.06.010(5) and 18.06.010(6) LMC. No sales of property in the PRD or MPRD may be made until such improvements are so bonded or completed and approved by the City. The City may allow the construction of such improvements, or the bonding thereof, in phases, if the PRD or MPRD is to be developed in phases and if each phase can logically be utilized independently or in conjunction with previously completed phases. In case the PRD or MPRD is to be developed in phases, and construction of City owned improvements is to be allowed in phases, the plan submitted and approved shall state with particularity which improvements are to be made in conjunction with each phase.

2. All improvements to be owned in common by persons purchasing property rights in the PRD or MPRD must be either completed or bonded for completion in the manner provided for in Section 18.06.010(5) and 18.06.010(6). No sales of property in the PRD or MPRD may be made until such improvements are so bonded or completed and approved by the City. The City may allow the construction of such improvements, or the bonding thereof, in phases, if the PRD or MPRD is to be developed in phases and if each phase can logically be utilized on its own or in conjunction with previously completed phases. In case the PRD or MPRD is to be developed in phases, and construction of improvements to be owned in common is to be allowed in phases, the plan submitted and approved shall state with particularity which improvements are to be made in conjunction with each phase.