

City Council Special Meeting

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Year-End Audit Report (FY21-22)

Huneycutt, Parsley & Taylor, CPAs, PLLC

CDBG-Coronavirus Program

Elizabeth Mitchell, Randolph County United Way

Asheboro Covid-19 Community Assistance Program



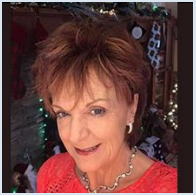
Collaboration of the Project

In October 2020, the United Way Executive along with the City Development Officer presented to Asheboro City Council explaining the scope of the project that was being offered through a grant process with the NC Department of Commerce.

The needs were clarified to the council and how this project would support those in need in Asheboro due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

UWRC agreed to be the administrator for the project, Community Development Director sent grant to the NC Department of Commerce.

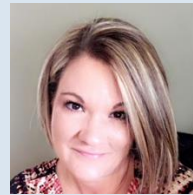
Meet the team



Elizabeth Mitchell
CPO UWRC



Jeanie Valentine
Campaign Associate



Jamie Hill
Marketing & Office Manager



Trevor Nuttall
Community Development
Director
City of Asheboro



John Evans, AICP
Assistant Director
Community Development
Division

Start of Project

UWRC and the City of Asheboro worked tirelessly preparing for the project.

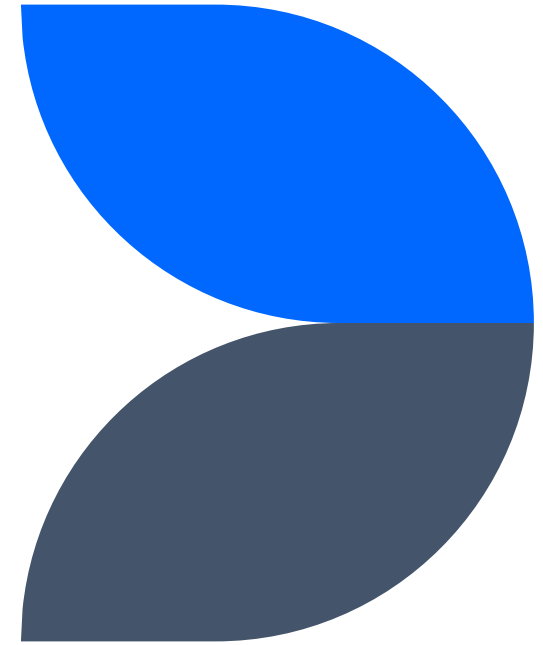
UWRC connected to another United Way administering a similar project in Elizabeth City to confer on documentation that had been accepted by NC Dept of Commerce as we began to design the back end of the project.

(documentation, reports, etc.)

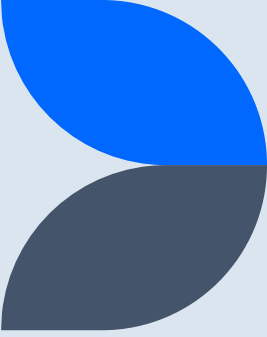
After a long wait in August 2021, the NC Department of Commerce released funding for the project to begin.

Primary goals of the project

- Provide up to six months of emergency payments for individuals and families, preventing homelessness.
- Payments to prevent utility service disconnection
- Rent /mortgage payments to prevent eviction
- Food distribution to prevent food insecurity
- Equipment purchase for qualified organizations



Planning for Covid-19 project launch



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Planning

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Marketing

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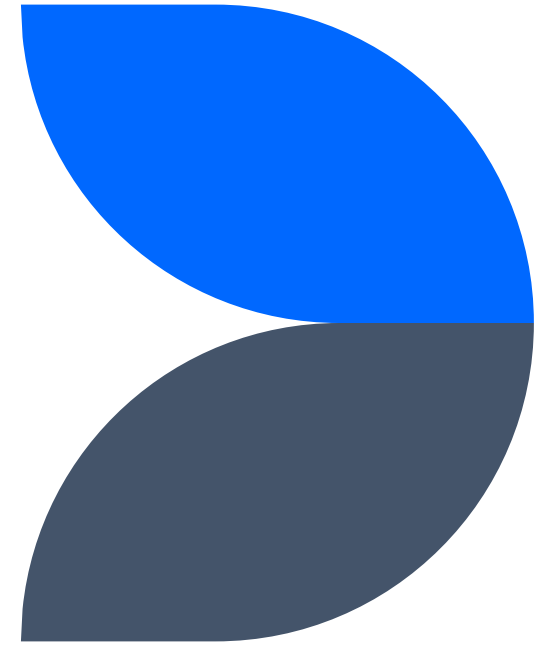
Strategy

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Launch

Planning Phase

- Updated Website to upload all documentation online
- Create online application
- Create paper application (box on UWRC office door, for individuals who do not have internet access)
- Designed reporting database
- Designed financial reports for audit purpose



Marketing Phase

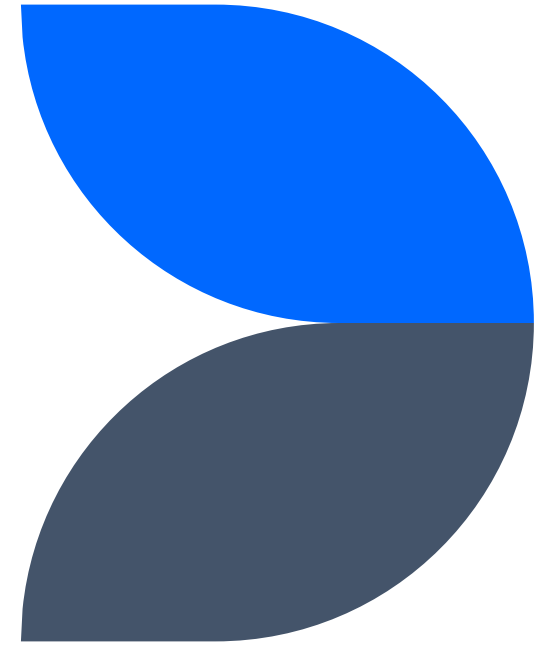
Designed Flyer in Spanish and English

Posted online using all social media

Posted in local newspaper (The Hub)

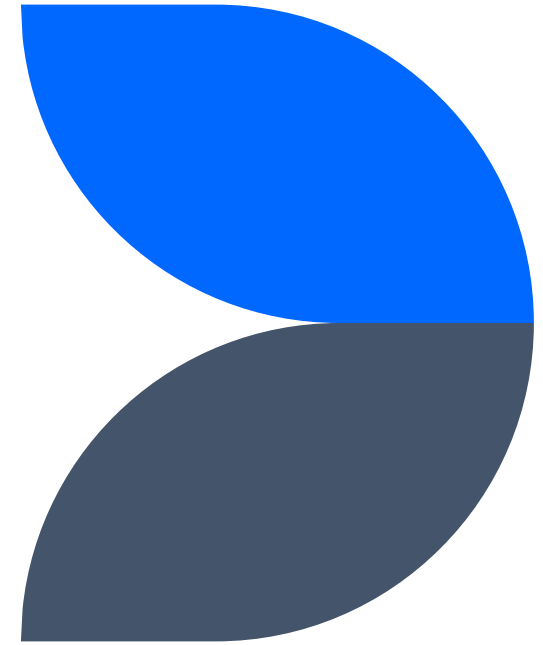
Posted in local community sites

Poster made available to all United Way partners through out the county



Strategic monitoring

- Tracked how UWRC website was being used to access the project
- Continued to check with users how they found out about project (lots of word of mouth)
- Connected with local service providers (CUOC Asheboro housing etc.)



Flyer used to launch project



United Way of Randolph County in conjunction with the City of Asheboro is offering a temporary Food Insecurity Relief Program made available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the federal CARES Act of 2020.

It is eligible to any non-profit or faith-based agency located within the Asheboro City limits.

Eligibility Requirements

- ☑ Must be an Asheboro city non-profit.
- ☑ Must complete an online application.
- ☑ Must have documentation related to hardship during COVID-19.

Payments will be made directly to the non-profit administering the program.

For additional information or to apply go to our website at www.uwrandolph.org

**and click on
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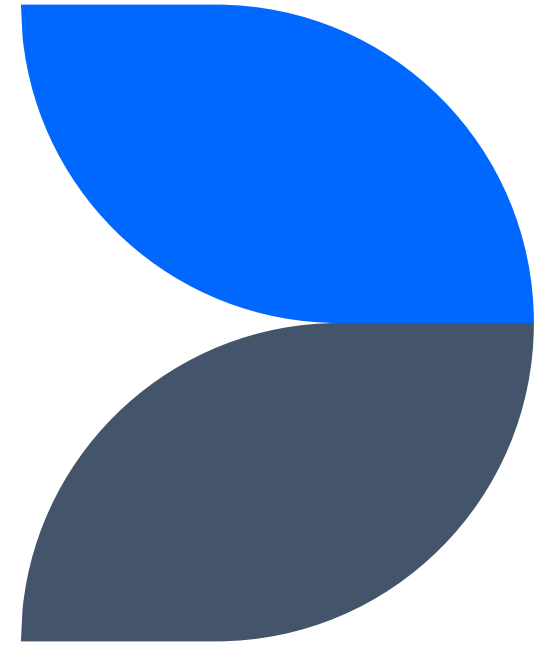
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PO Box 597
Asheboro, NC 27203
(336) 625-2852

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- Payments to prevent service disconnection
- Rent or mortgage payments to prevent eviction
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4th Quarterly performance report 2021

Number of Applications:	99
Paper Applications:	14
Total Received:	113

Applications Paid	24
Duplicate Applications:	10 (not in total)

Disabled:	20
Head of Household:	97
Average Household Size:	2.8

Gender:	Male	27
	Female	86

Race/Ethnicity:	Caucasian	45
	Latino/Hispanic	6
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	51
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	4
	Mixed	2
	Other*	5

Income Level:	Extremely Low	9
	Low	12
	Moderate	3
	Non-low/Moderate	0

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?

Daily Weekly Monthly Other (Specify)

Other: Online application process, 2 physical encounters

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?

Daily Weekly Monthly Other (Specify)

Other: Online application process, 0 (zero) encounters

1st Quarterly performance report 2022

Number of Applications	48
Paper Applications	5
Total Received:	53

Gender	Male	10
	Female	43

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 0 (zero) physical encounters			

Applications Paid	23
Duplicate Applications	3

Income Level	Extremely Low	1
	Low	15
	Moderate	7
	Non-low/Moderate	

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 0 (zero) physical encounters			

Disabled	7
Head of Household	45
Average Household Size	3.4

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	17
	Latino/Hispanic	4
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	27
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	0
	Mixed	4
	Other*	1

Owner Assistance	Caucasian	0
	Latino/Hispanic	0
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	0
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	0
	Mixed	0
	Other*	0

Renter Assistance	Caucasian	1
	Latino/Hispanic	1
	Middle Eastern	
	African American	14
	Caribbean	
	South Asian	
	East Asian	
	Unknown	
	Mixed	
	Other*	

2nd Quarterly performance report 2022

Number of Applications	31
Paper Applications	10
Total Received:	41

Applications Paid	26
Duplicate Applications	3

Disabled	5
Head of Household	37
Average Household Size	2.7

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	18
	Latino/Hispanic	6
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	13
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	0
	Mixed	3
	Other*	1

Gender	Male	9
	Female	32

Income Level	Extremely Low	3
	Low	16
	Moderate	7
	Non-low/Moderate	

Owner Assistance	Caucasian	1
	Latino/Hispanic	
	Middle Eastern	
	African American	1
	Caribbean	
	South Asian	
	East Asian	
	Unknown	
	Mixed	
	Other*	

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 0 (zero) physical encounters			

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 2 physical encounters			

Renter Assistance	Caucasian	16
	Latino/Hispanic	4
	Middle Eastern	
	African American	8
	Caribbean	
	South Asian	
	East Asian	
	Unknown	
	Mixed	3
	Other*	1

3rd Quarterly performance report 2022

Number of Applications	40
Paper Applications	12
Total Received:	52

Applications Paid	37
Duplicate Applications	5

Disabled	11
Head of Household	36
Average Household Size	3.0

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	23
	Latino/Hispanic	3
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	22
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	1
	Mixed	3
	Other*	0

Gender	Male	6
	Female	46

Income Level	Extremely Low	17
	Low	16
	Moderate	4
	Non-low/Moderate	

Owner Assistance	Caucasian	
	Latino/Hispanic	
	Middle Eastern	
	African	
	Caribbean	
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	American Indian	
	Mixed	
	Other*	

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 0 (zero) physical encounters			

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process, 1 physical encounters			

Renter Assistance	Caucasian	23
	Latino/Hispanic	3
	Middle Eastern	0
	African	22
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	American Indian	1
	Mixed	3
	Other*	0

4th Quarterly performance report 2022

Number of Applications	69
Paper Applications	7
Total Received:	76

Applications Paid	63
Duplicate Applications	2

Disabled	11
Head of Household	63
Average Household Size	3.2

Gender	Male	12
	Female	64

Income Level	Extremely Low	24
	Low	32
	Moderate	7
	Non-low/Moderate	

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?				
Daily (Specify)	Weekly	Monthly	4	Other
Other: Online application process				

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?			
Daily (Specify)	Weekly	Monthly	Other
Other: Online application process, 1 physical encounters			

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	31
	Latino/Hispanic	5
	Middle Eastern	
	African American	31
	Caribbean	
	South Asian	
	East Asian	
	Unknown	
	Mixed	8
	Other*	1

Owner Assistance	Caucasian	
	Latino/Hispanic	
	Middle Eastern	
	African	
	Caribbean	
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Renter Assistance	Caucasian	31
	Latino/Hispanic	5
	Middle Eastern	
	African	31
	Caribbean	
	South Asian	
	East Asian	
	American Indian	
	Mixed	8
	Other*	1

ACCA applications 2022 Summary

Number of Applications	188
Paper Applications	34
Total Received:	222

Gender	Male	37
	Female	185

What is the frequency of encounters with disabled/handicap persons?				
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	4	Other (Specify)
Other: Online application process				

Applications Paid	149
Duplicate Applications	13

Income Level	Extremely Low	45
	Low	79
	Moderate	25
	Non-low/Moderate	0

What is the frequency of encounters with LEP language groups?			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other (<i>Specify</i>)
Other: Online application process, 4 physical encounters			

Disabled	34
Head of Household	181
Average Household Size	3.1

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	89
	Latino/Hispanic	18
	Middle Eastern	0
	African American	93
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	Unknown	1
	Mixed	18
	Other*	3

Owner Assistance	Caucasian	1
	Latino/Hispanic	
	Middle Eastern	
	African	1
	Caribbean	
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Renter Assistance	Caucasian	89
	Latino/Hispanic	18
	Middle Eastern	0
	African	93
	Caribbean	0
	South Asian	0
	East Asian	0
	American Indian	1
	Mixed	18
	Other*	3

Timeline



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DECEMBER 2022

4th quarterly report due to
NC Dept of Commerce



March 2023

Final report due to NC Dept of
Commerce

Project ending Flyer

ASHEBORO COVID-19 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!



The application **deadline** is **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**. All applications must be submitted by the end of the business day **(4:00 PM)** on this date.



United Way of Randolph County in conjunction with the City of Asheboro is offering a temporary Housing and Utility Assistance Program. It is eligible to **Asheboro city residents only**.

Eligibility Requirements

- ☑ Must be an Asheboro city resident
- ☑ Must complete an application.
- ☑ Must meet income level requirements
- ☑ Must have documentation related to hardship during COVID-19. The documentation must be no older than March 10, 2020, which is when a national emergency for COVID-19 was declared.

Payments will be made directly to the mortgage, landlord/management or utility company.

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Concern for Families in Asheboro

- Once covid payments have stopped the concerns are numerous
- Housing costs in Asheboro are rising
- Food costs have risen
- Food Insecurity will increase
- Medicaid recipients will see major changes
- Food stamp recipients will see a reduction in their food stamp benefit

We can collaborate and support our community

- Invite community organizations to a planning session organizations who offer direct services. (City of Asheboro/UWRC)
- We have many groups doing great work however they work in silos
- Will we see more homelessness!
- Drug and Alcohol abuse is front and center !
- Many challenges lie ahead it is incumbent upon us to continue to be seen as the change makers in our community as we continue to LIVE UNITED



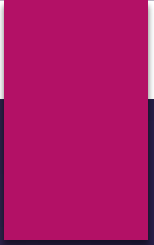
Summary

At United Way, we believe in giving 100% back to the communities we serve as does the City of Asheboro. We help organizations and the business community understand the disparity in our culture. We continue to thrive because of partnerships like this one, which will make our community of Asheboro and Randolph County a great place to live. "We have much work to do proactively transforming our community; the possibilities are endless."



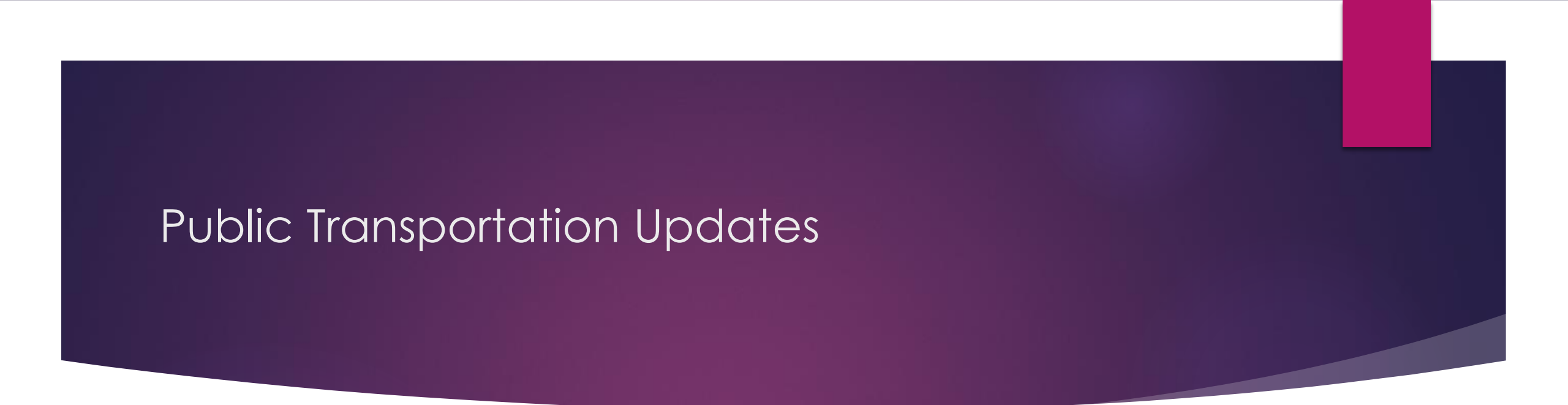
Thank you

Elizabeth Mitchell



Employee Health Clinic Report

John Ogburn, City Manager



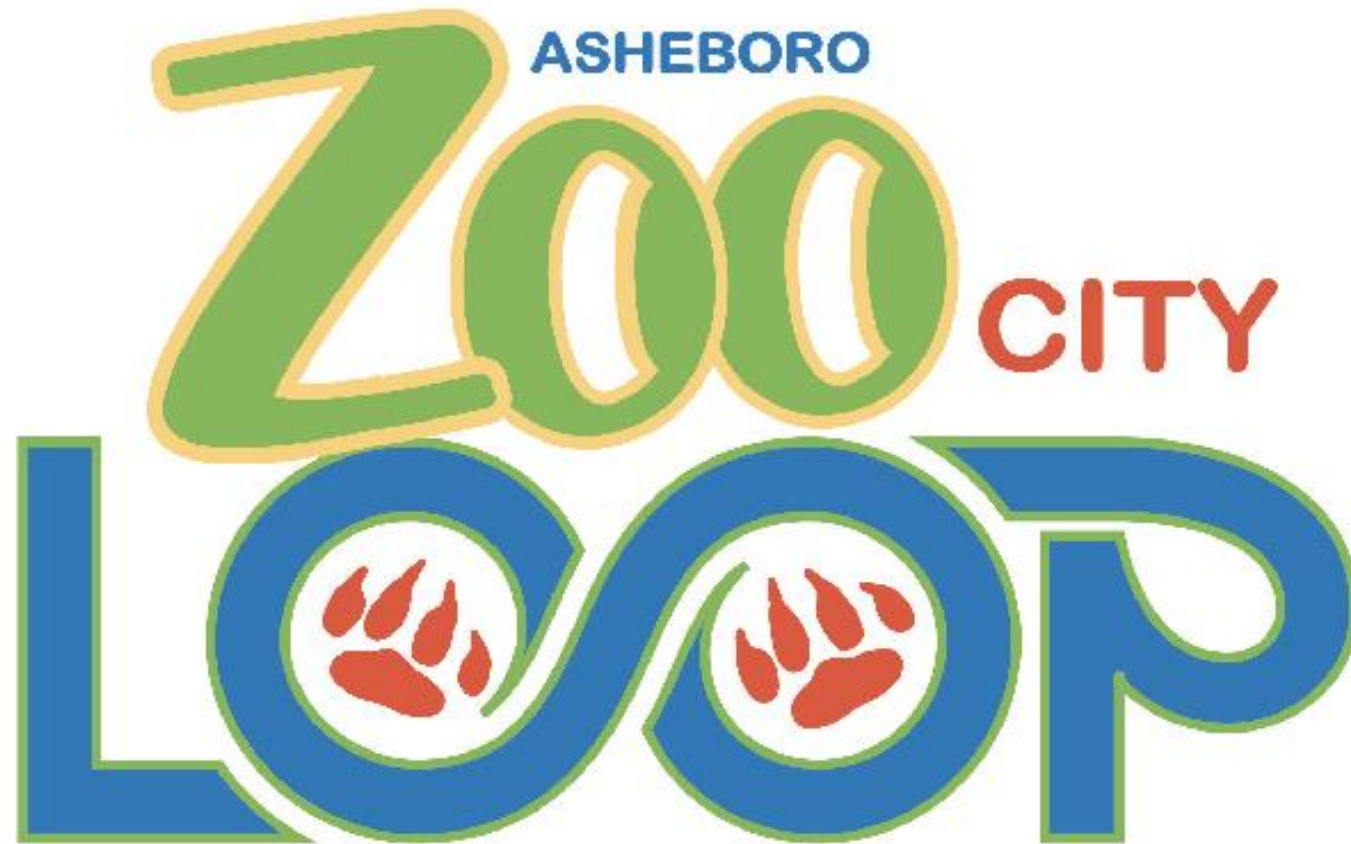
Public Transportation Updates

Mark Hensley (RCSAA) and Tawanna Williams (RCATS)



***Asheboro Zoo City Loop
and
Downtown/NC Zoo Shuttle
Presentation***

February 24, 2023



Regional Coordinated Area Transportation System (RCATS)

ASHEBORO ZOO CITY LOOP RED AND BLUE ROUTE

ZOO CITY DEVIATED ROUTE

.RCATS HUB-347 West Salisbury Street/Church Street Lofts
.DOWNTOWN-FARMER'S MARKET/THE LOFT--DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES
.HOUSING AUTHORITY/Wainman Apartments
.Memorial Park (Park Place and other apts.
.Caspem Homes
.The Summit
Library
Recreation Center
Hospital
.Arlington Square
.Forest Ridge Apartments
.Summer's Run
PART/Park and Ride
Northgate Commons
.Farr Street Apartments
.Coleridge Apartments
Randolph Mall (Main Entrance)
YMCA
Walmart
RCC-Building B

Red Route starts going NORTH

Blue Route starts going SOUTH

*= Residential Stops

7:00am	
8:30am	
10:00am	
11:30am	
1:00pm	
2:30pm	
4:00pm	
5:30pm	

8 LOOPS PER DAY
Monday-Friday

	AM SHIFT
	MID DAY SHIFT
	EVENING SHIFT

Asheboro Zoo City Loop Annual Operating Costs

- Additional Vehicle Purchase (One Time Cost)-potentially funded by the Carbon Reduction Grant
- 2-Electric Vehicles – Ford Transit (lift equipped)=\$216,000
- 2 charging stations =\$50,000
- 2-22 foot LTV (Light Transit Vehicle) with lift-13 Ambulatory (2 wheelchair)=\$270,000
- **Annual Operating Costs**
 - Vehicle Maintenance=\$25,000.00
 - Fuel=\$25,000
 - Driver Salaries (8) part time @ 12.00 hours=\$125,000
 - Management/Administrative Support=\$25,000
- TOTAL ANNUAL COST: \$200,000

NCDOT CARBON REDUCTION GRANT

- 2 electric-powered and one gas-fueled light transit vehicle (LTV), one level 2 charging station, and one level 3 charging station. City matching dollars (est. 24%) would be used to purchase a second gas-fueled LTV.

STATUS

- Trevor Nuttall-City of Asheboro has submitted the pre-application for this grant and it has been presented to the PTRC (Piedmont Triad Regional Council)
- The grant has been approved by PTRC
- Awaiting the full application-working on Carbon Reduction calculations
- RCATS is providing grant support as needed
- More than likely when we receive approval for this grant we will not receive the vehicles until 2024

Downtown/NC Zoo Shuttle



RideMICRO-Image from WAVE Transit (Wilmington, NC)-microtransit vehicle

MEE NC GRANT

Mobility for Everyone, Everywhere in North Carolina

- North Carolina was awarded \$10.4 million from USDOT for micro-transit
- Micro-transit is very similar to Uber but from a community transportation perspective.
- Asheboro will receive up to \$736,000 depending on the scope of the project.
- The vehicles that are used for this service must have approved community transportation signage (personal vehicles will not be used)
- Each system identifies how they believe micro-transit could be effectively utilized within their community
- RCATS does not currently offer micro-transit



MEE NC GRANT

Proposed project

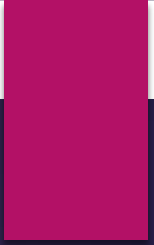
- On demand service
 - Hotels to Zoo
 - Zoo to Hotels
 - Hotels to Downtown Asheboro
 - Downtown Asheboro to Hotels
- Identify specific days and times of service
- Riders would schedule trips via online services and the on demand app.
- Still to be determined
 - Will the service be run through RCATS hiring additional staff or with a contracted micro-transit vendor that RCATS monitors and oversees?

STATUS

- NCDOT is waiting to receive responses from USDOT regarding additional questions presented from the transit systems.

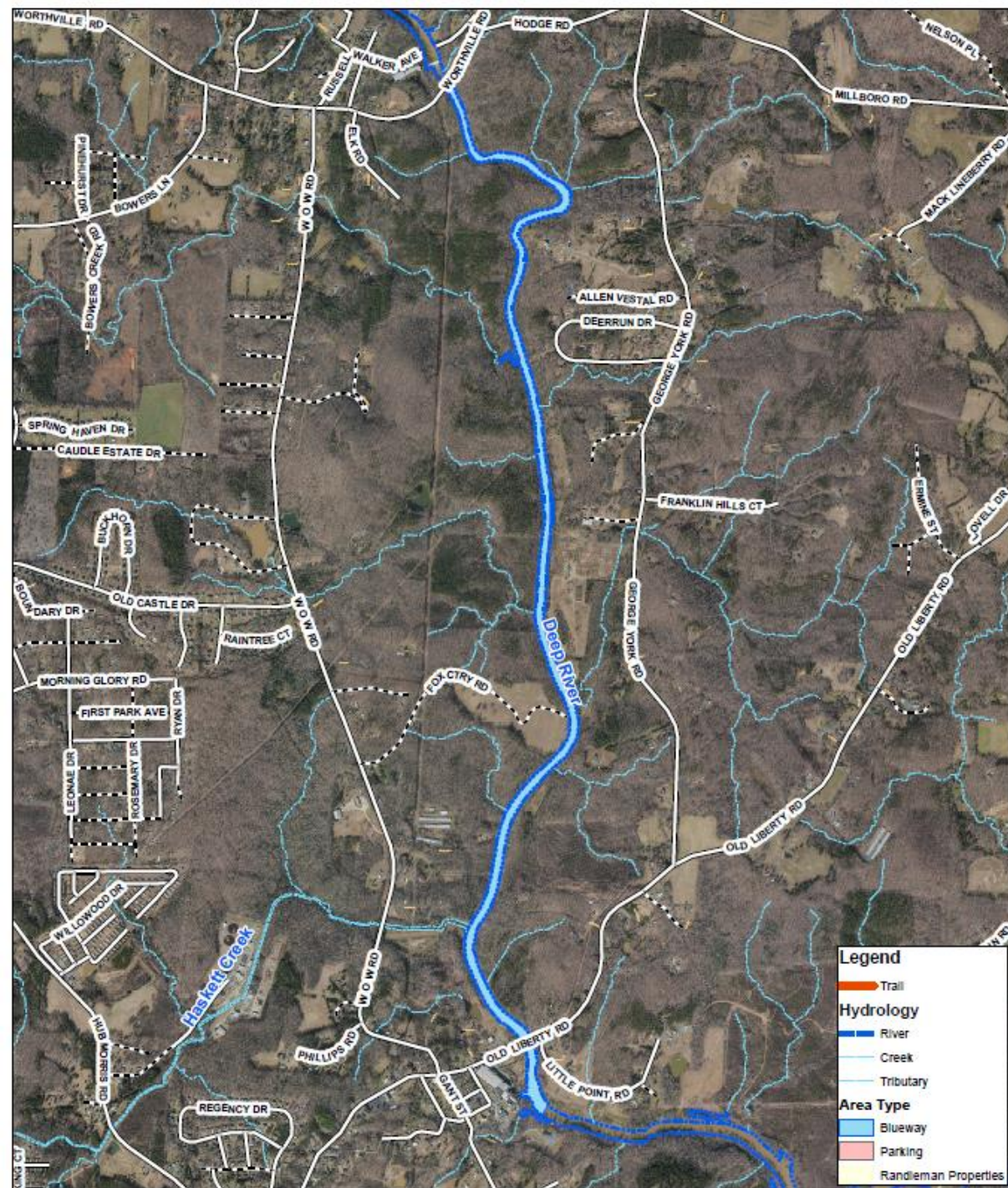


QUESTIONS?



Recreation Capital Project Updates – 2023 Year of the Trail and Deep River Blueway

Mary Joan Pugh, Randolph County Trails Coordinator



Deep River Worthville to Central Falls Bluway/Paddleway - City of Asheboro Trailhead /Take-Out





City of Asheboro
146 North Church Street
Post Office Box 1106
Asheboro, North Carolina 27204-1106



July 7, 2020

Mr. Terry McNew, CEO
405 Lewallen Rd
PO Box 220
Asheboro, NC 27204

Dear Mr. McNew:

I am writing to express the City of Asheboro's interest in acquiring three undeveloped properties on Old Liberty Road owned by Prestige Fabricators, Inc. near the Prestige Fabricators Dumont Street facility. I am enclosing a map identifying these properties for your reference.

As part of our continuous efforts to improve the quality of life for our residents, the city has been working with Randolph County to establish a paddle route on the Deep River between the City of Randleman and Asheboro. We have made great progress on this effort and have been approved for funding from the State of North Carolina that will cover the majority of the costs to construct small gravel parking lots in Randleman and Asheboro on the river to allow for canoe or kayak put-ins and take-outs.

While the City of Asheboro owns property on the river where we maintain a sewer lift station, that site is not ideal for this project due to the terrain. The three properties we are interested in are much better suited for the project.

I would very much like to discuss the project and our desire to acquire these properties. At your convenience, please call me at (336) 736-0211.

Congratulations on your appointment; Klausner is and has been a valued and important part of our community for decades and I hope that you will contact me if the city can ever be of assistance.

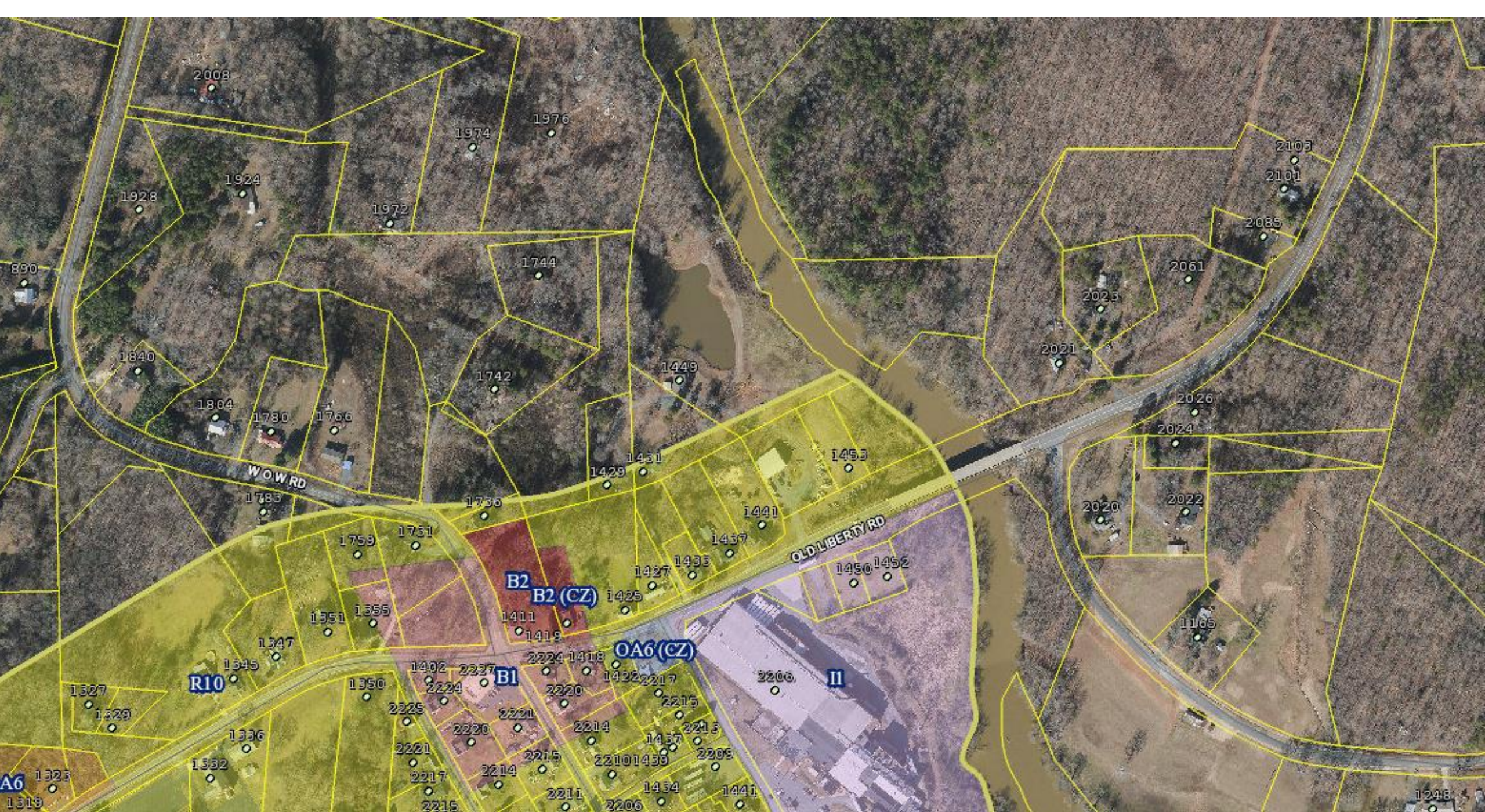
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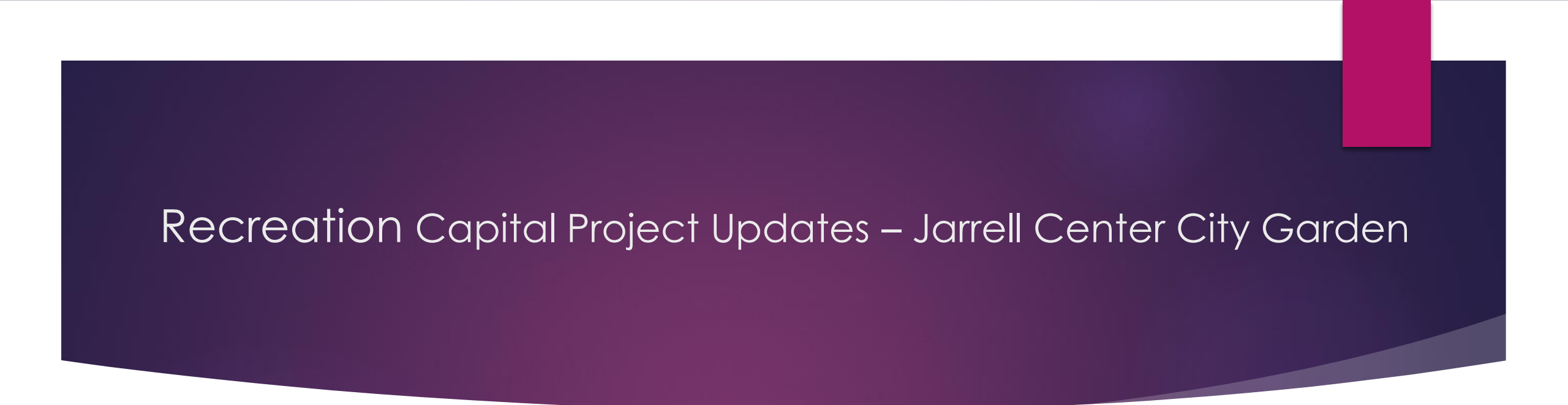
John N. Ogburn, III
City Manager

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Recreation Capital Project Updates – Jarrell Center City Garden

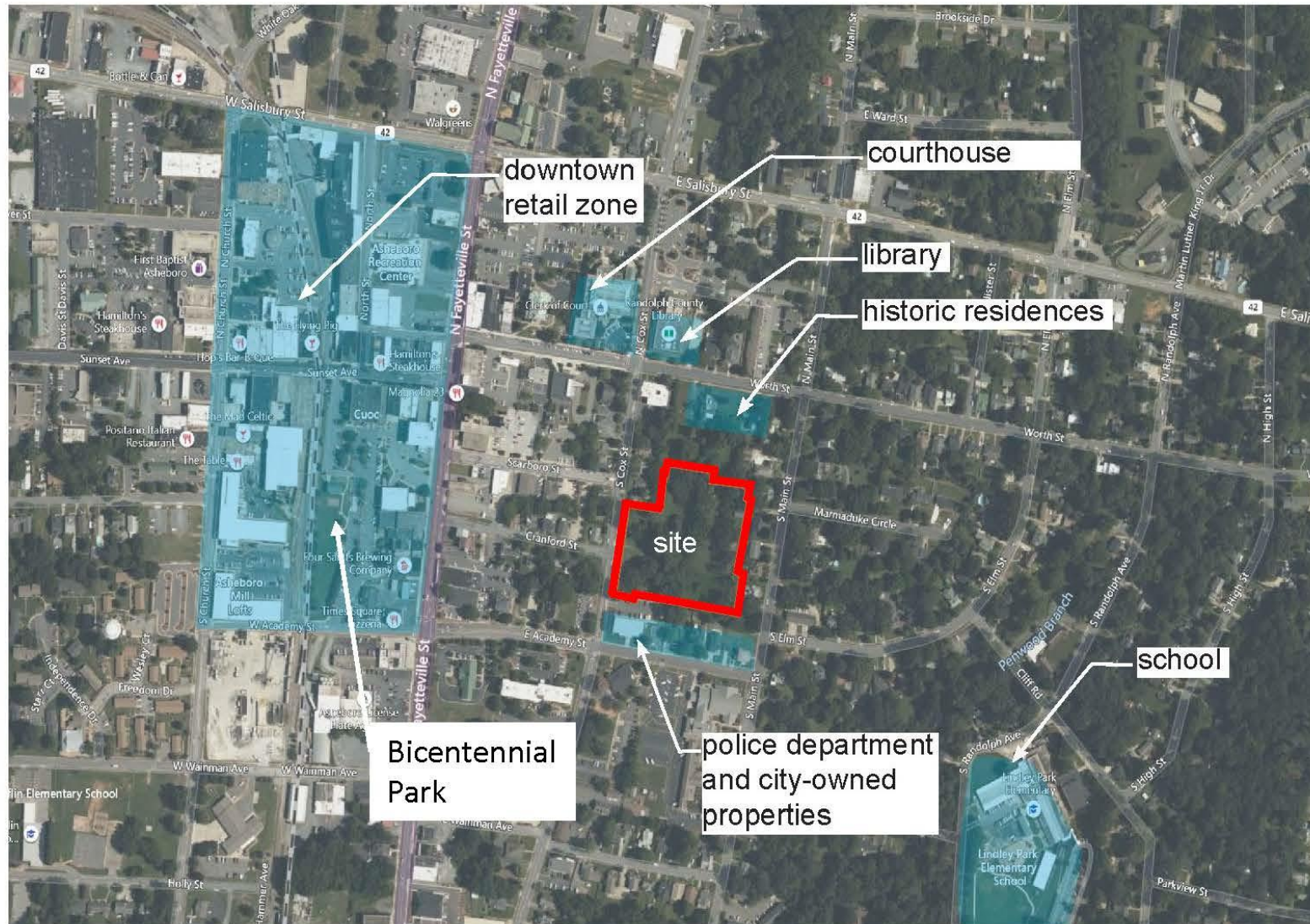
Jennifer Wagner, Prospect Landscape Architecture

The David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden - UPDATE

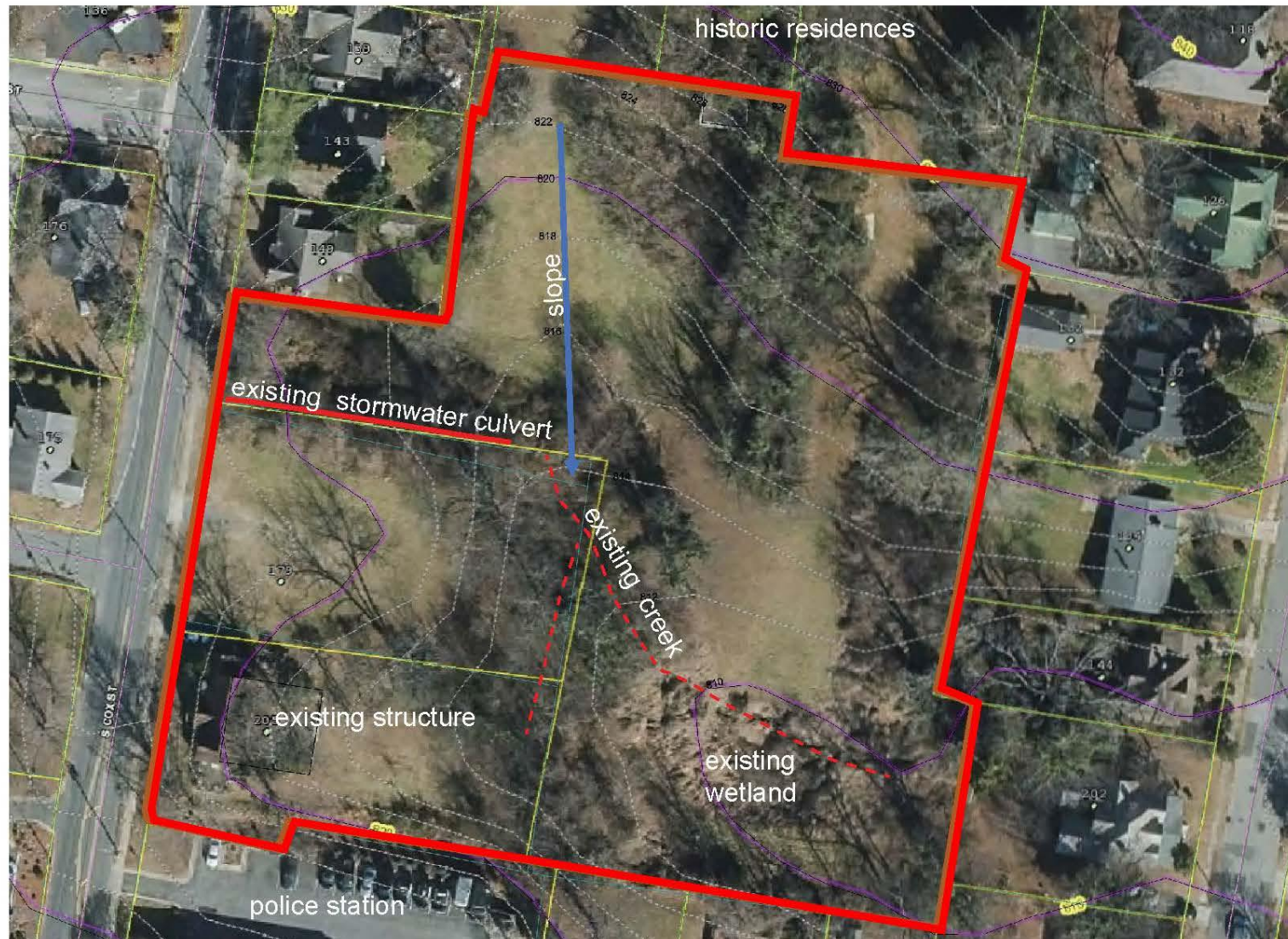
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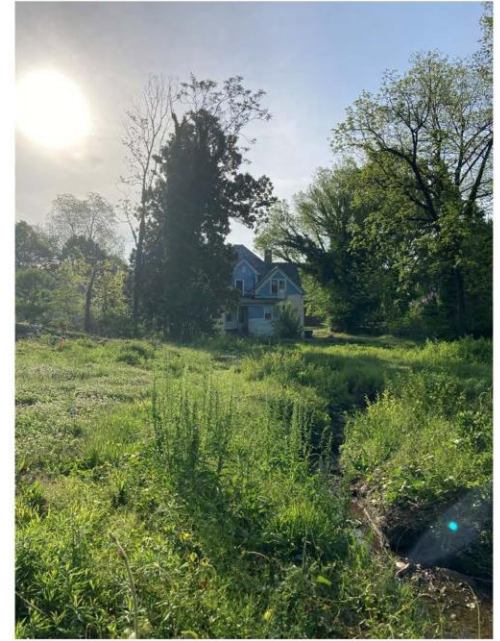
Site Vicinity / Location



Existing Site



Existing Site Photos



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Programming for Site: Stakeholder Mtg 1

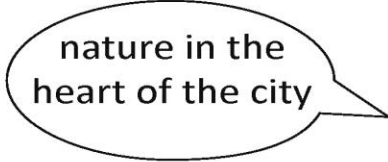
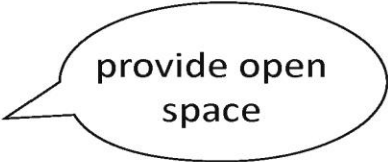
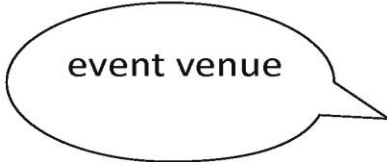
April 2021

- Bird and wildlife attracting plants
- Fragrant plants
- Different Gardens: apiary, bog, butterfly, rose, shade
- ADA path system
- Places to sit
- Water features
- Gazebo or pavilion – possible small wedding venue
- Parking for approx. 24-30
- Restrooms, hydration stations, emergency call box
- Power for events and possible holiday light show
- Lighting for safety, path, parking
- Water for drinking and irrigation
- Potentially use existing home onsite for visitor center
- Be mindful of the wetlands on site.



Guiding Philosophy & User Experience...

what we heard at the 1st meeting

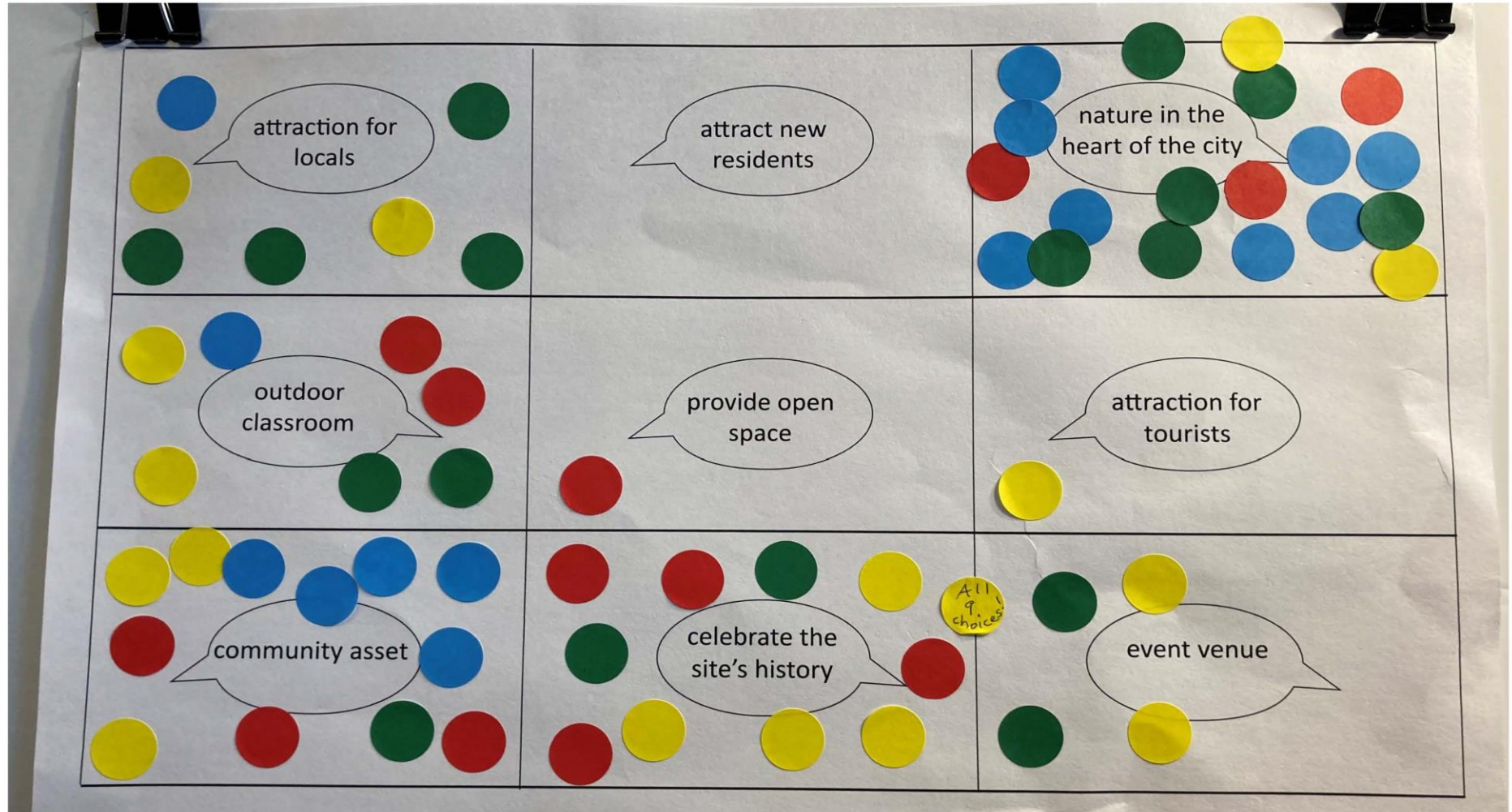
 attraction for locals	 attract new residents	 nature in the heart of the city
 outdoor classroom	 provide open space	 attraction for tourists
 community asset	 celebrate the site's history	 event venue

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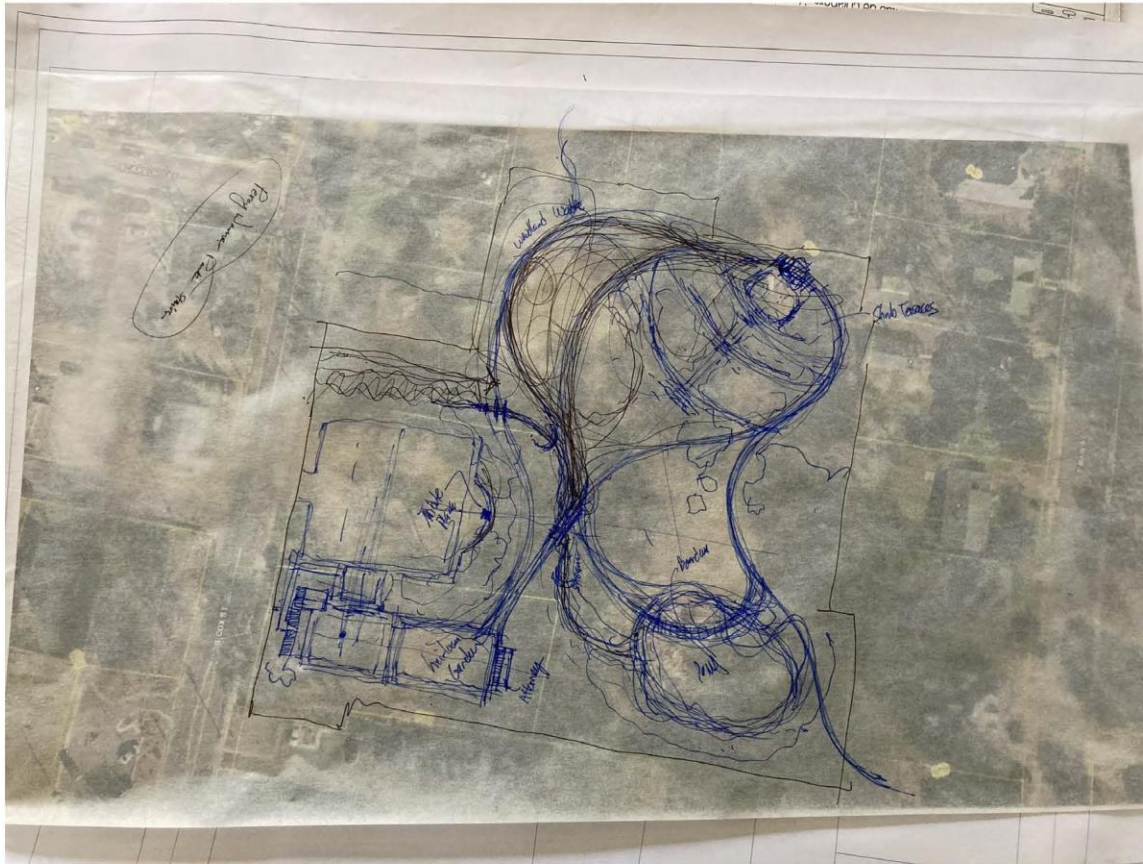
what we heard at the 2nd meeting

Top 3:

- Nature in the heart of the city
- Community Asset
- Celebrate/Honor the site's history



Initial Diagrams



Early Options



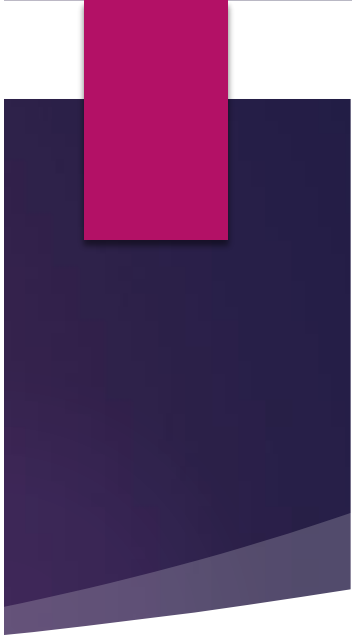
Input on Concept and Vision: Stakeholder Mtg 2

August 2021

- Can't wait! When will it be here?
- Please include native plants.
- Keep in mind safety.
- Simpler fountains preferred.
- Lots of interest in helping to create and maintain.



Proposed Master Plan



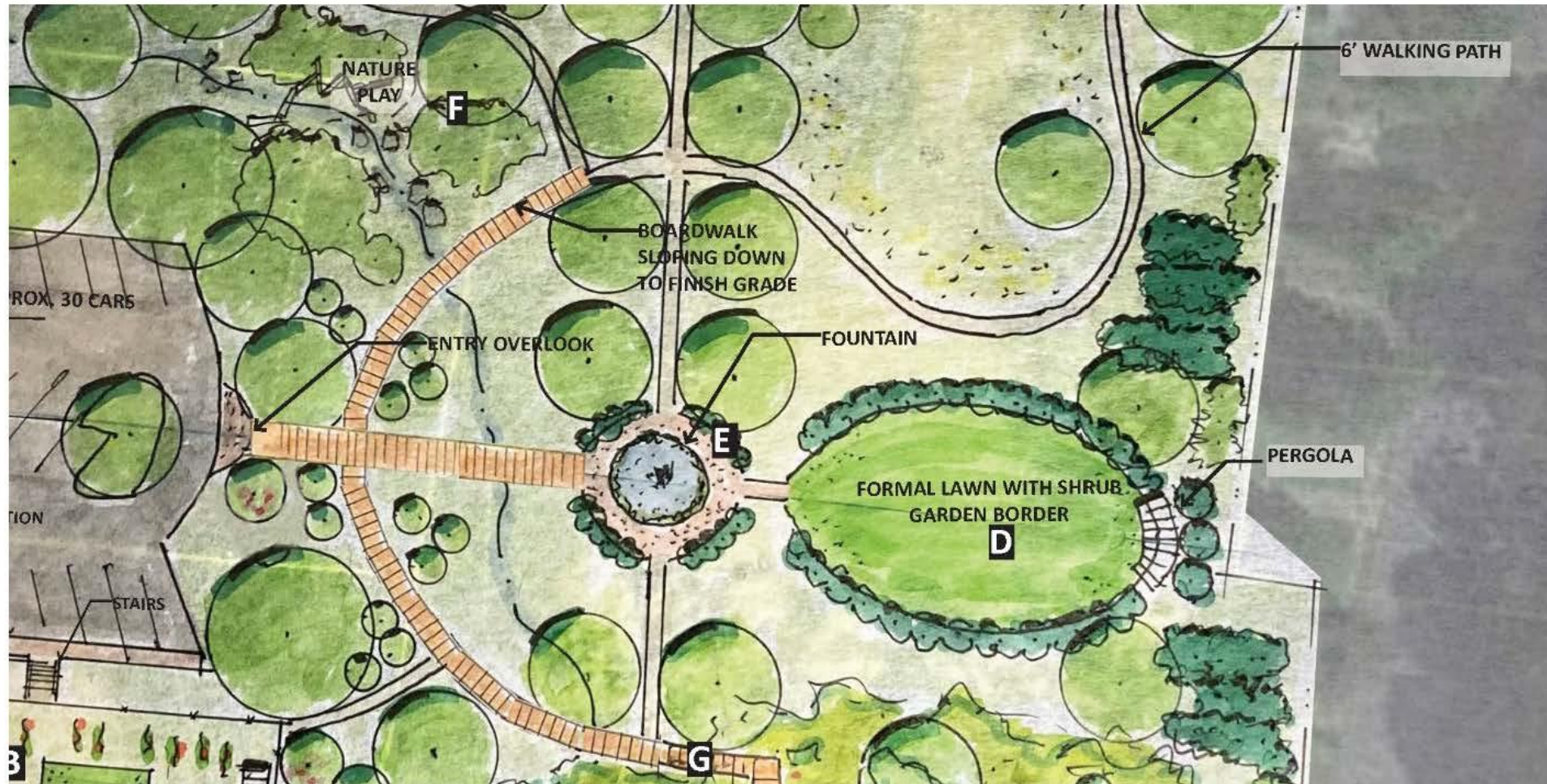
Arrival



Wetlands & Boardwalk



Formal Lawn, Walkway & Fountain



Flowering Shrub Garden & Meadow



Woodland Walk & Nature Play



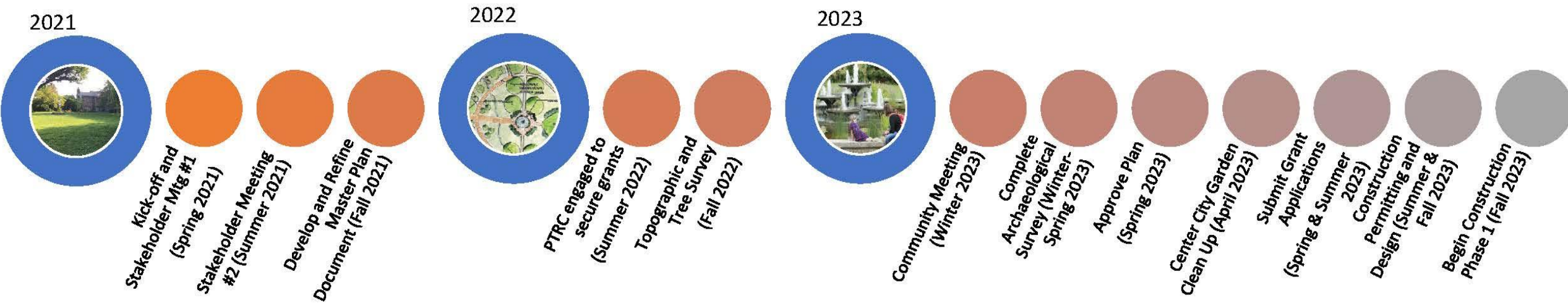
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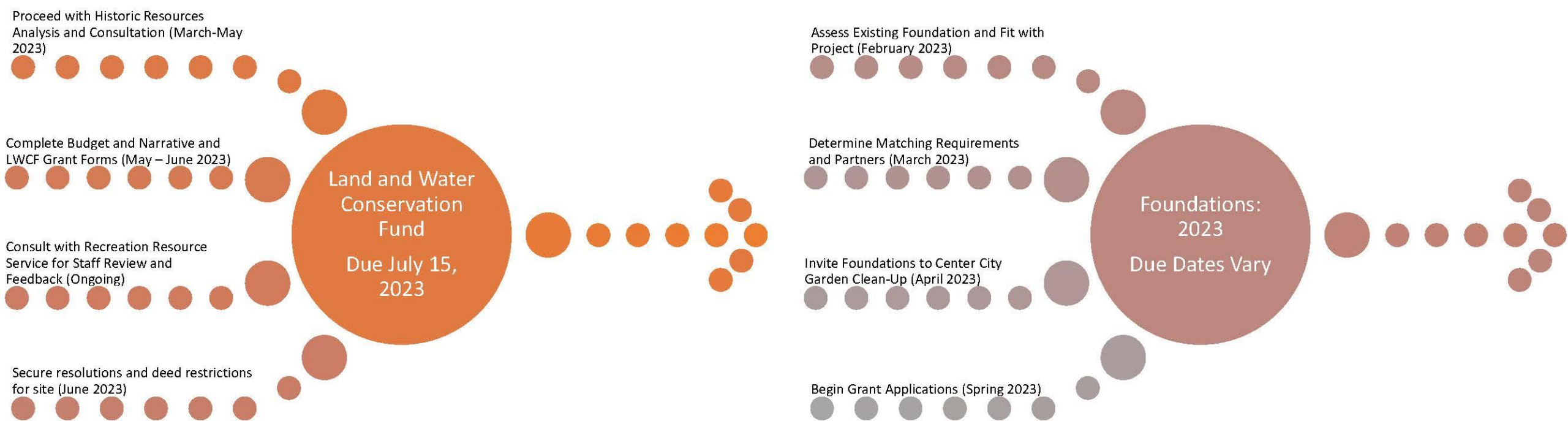
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MASTER PLANNING & DESIGN PROCESS



Schedule/Timeline

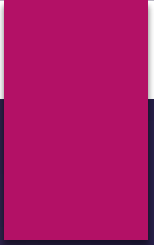
GRANT FUNDING PROCESS



Next steps:

- Archaeological Study: Spring 2023
- Wetland Delineation: Spring 2023
- City Council approve Masterplan: Spring - Summer 2023
- Grant submittal process: Spring – Summer 2023
- Permit and Construction Docs: Summer – Fall 2023

Any Additional Questions?



Recreation Capital Project Updates – McCrary Ball Park

Michael Leonard, City Engineer

McCrary Ball Park Progress Report



Recreation Capital Project Updates – Zoo City Sportsplex

Michael Leonard, City Engineer

Zoo City Sportsplex Progress Report Phase 1



Zoo City Sportsplex Progress Report Phase 2



Zoo City Sportsport



Emergency Operations Center/Fire Station #3

Willie Summers, Fire Chief

ASHEBORO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FIRE STATION #3 UPDATE



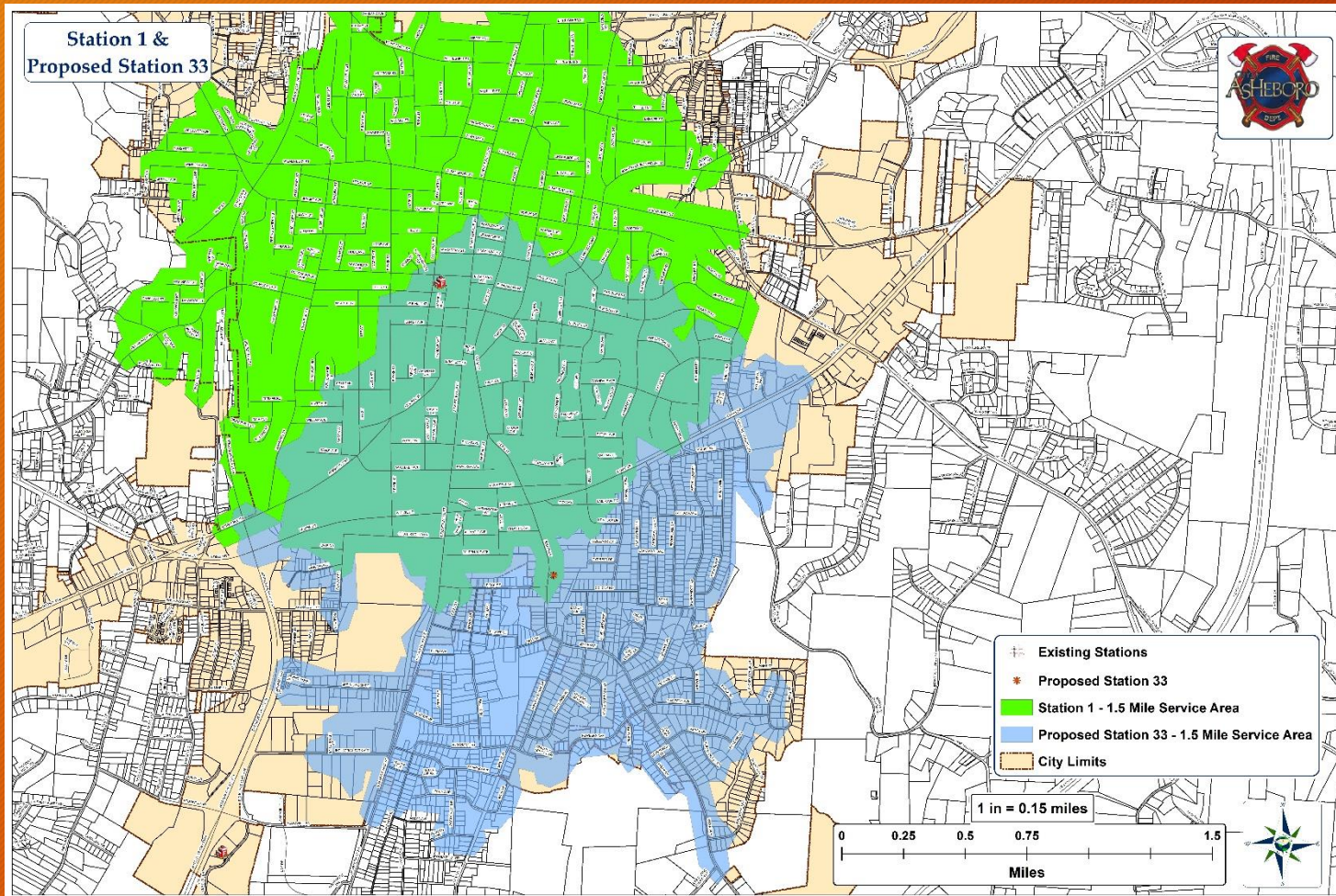
Fire Station # Update

- On Tuesday, January **31**, we submitted the final paperwork to FEMA for the EOC Grant (Environmental Historical Preservation Form).
- Once we hear from NC-EM, the sponsoring agency, we can proceed.
- In the interim, City Engineering advertised a Request for Quote (RFQ) to be submitted by Tuesday, February 21.

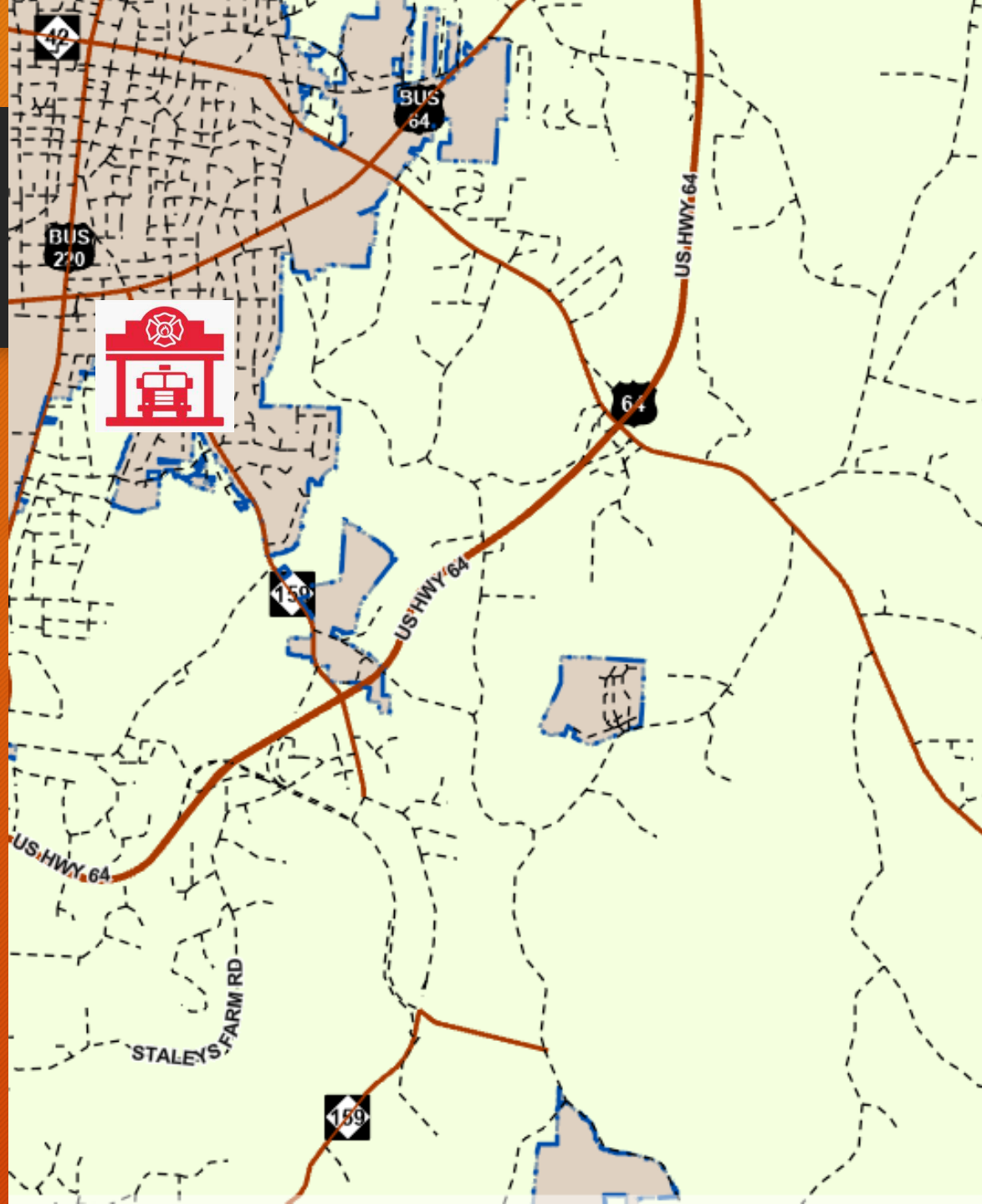
Fire Station Location:

- Based on data Southeast Asheboro - Zoo PWKY is the optimum location for FS#3.
- Need approximately 3 acres.
- Re-draw response districts.
- Purchase a new fire truck.
- Additional Personnel

Proposed Station 33 - 1.5 Mile Service Area



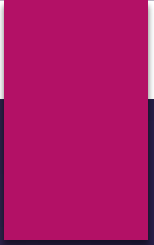
- Station 33 and Station 1: 1.5 Mile Engine Service District.
- Overlap of districts



Proposed Layout / RFQ:

- Masonry Structure (12,000- 15,000)
- 3 Bays
- Exercise Room
- Kitchen
- Day-Room
- Dorm - Style Bedrooms x 8, Adjoining Bathroom, Murphy Beds
- Restrooms (Public Rest Rooms x 2)
- Decontamination Room
- Clean Room
- Laundry Room
- Will house Five FFs initially
- 3 Offices
- Emergency Operations Center
- Bunker Gear Storage

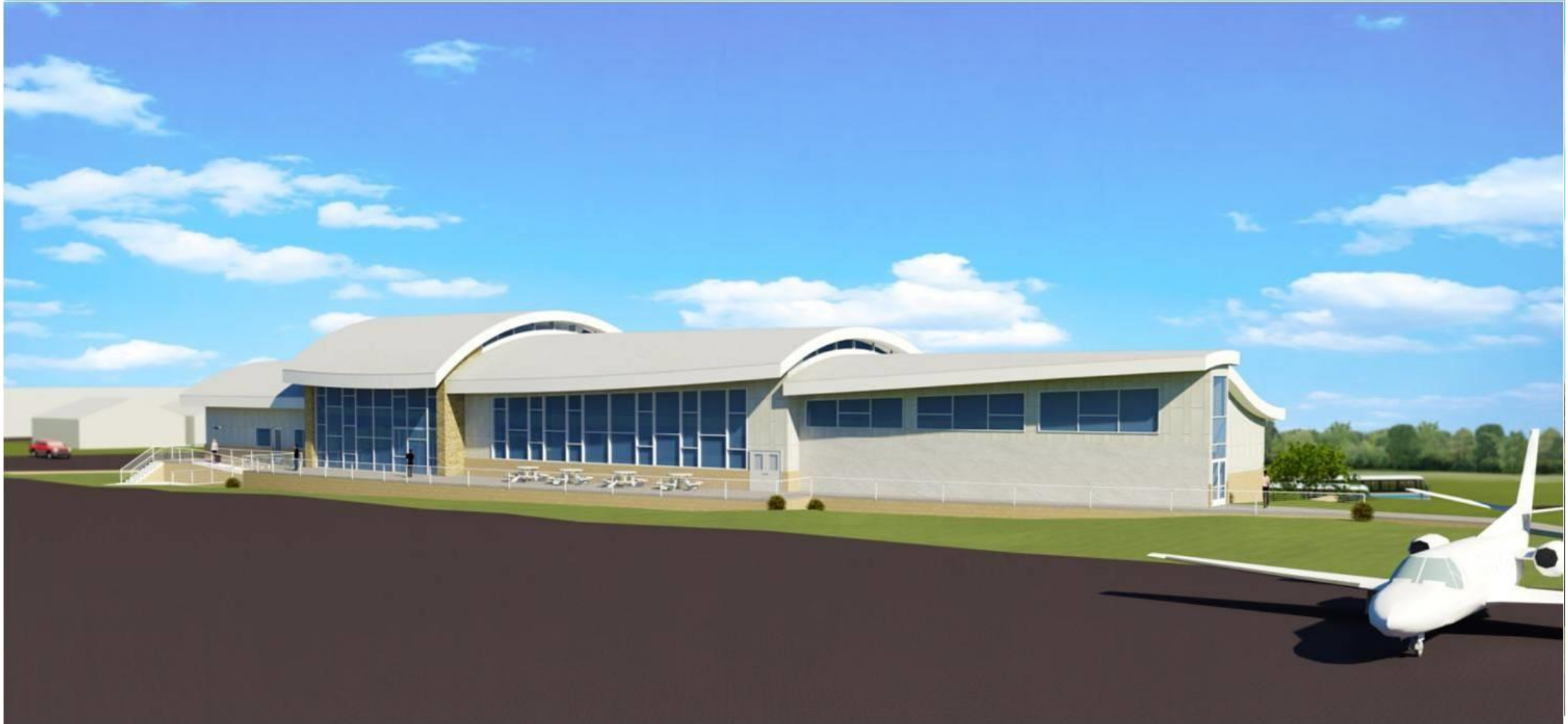
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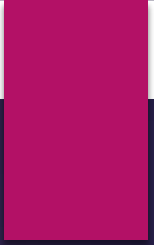


Airport Facility Improvements

Michael Leonard, City Engineer

Asheboro Regional Airport

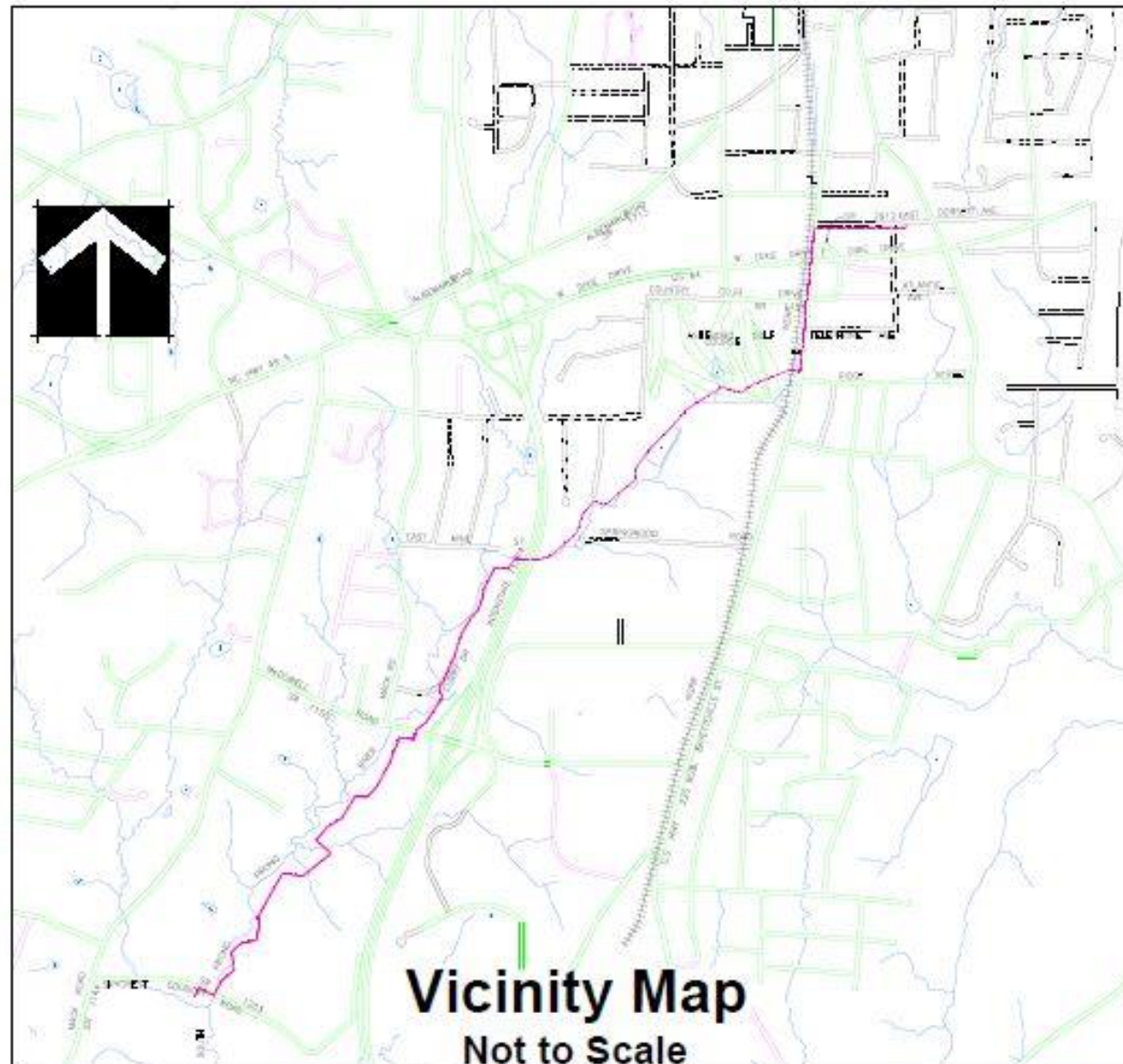




Water/Wastewater Capital Improvement Update

Michael Rhoney, Water Resources Director

Lift Station # 3 Update



Lift Station # 3 Update

- NCDEQ DWI has awarded \$2,705,240 at a 1.10% interest rate
- Engineers Report is complete.
- Plans and specifications have been sent to DWI for approval
- Have not started land and easement acquisition

Lift Station # 3 Update

- Project will be advertised for bid once property is acquired
- Local Government Commission will have to approve Award of Bid
- Construction will begin

Lake Lucas Dam



Lake Lucas Dam

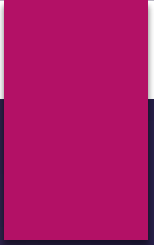
- Application for DWI funding was submitted April, 2022 – Did not qualify
- That application rolled over for fall funding – Did not Qualify
- Received Statements of Qualifications for professional services in November, 2021

Lake Lucas Dam

- Selected Freese & Nichols, Inc to provide services for this project from submittals
- Have not signed Professional Services Agreement – not funded
- FNI is assisting with Spring 2023 DWI funding application
- Current budget is up to \$3.7 Million

NPDES Permit

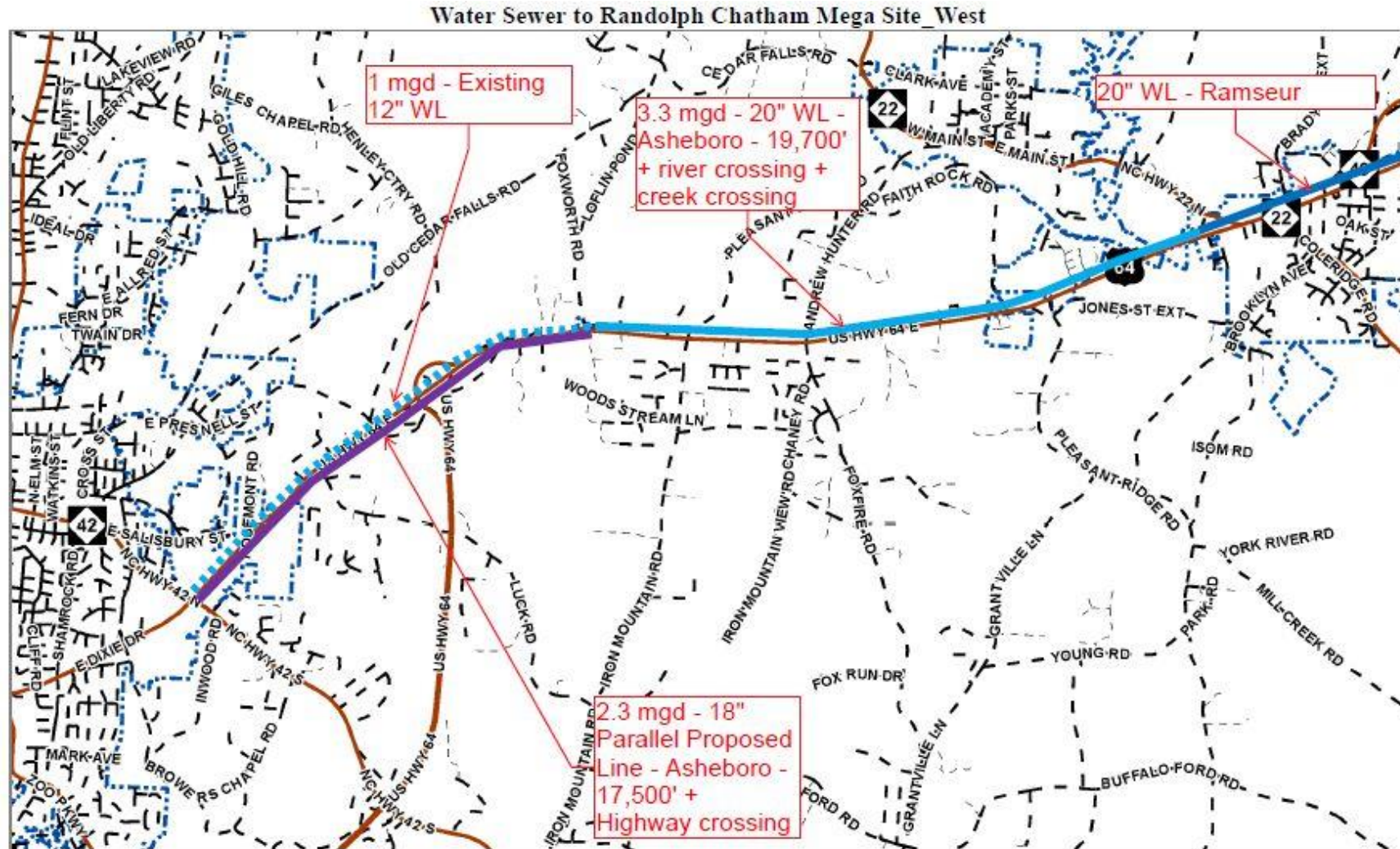
- Pierce Brooks, LLP submitted permit appeal in January
- There are no updates from DEQ at this time
- This will be a long process



Economic Development Initiatives – US 64 Waterline (Wolfspeed)

Michael Rhoney, Water Resources Director

US 64 Water Lind (Wolfspeed) Project

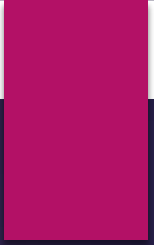


Wolfspeed Update

- Wolfspeed has not signed MOU
- RFQ for professional services will be sent soon
- Working on RFQ for Design Build
- Council will need to approve criteria illustrating the design build method is appropriate for this project

Wolfspeed Update

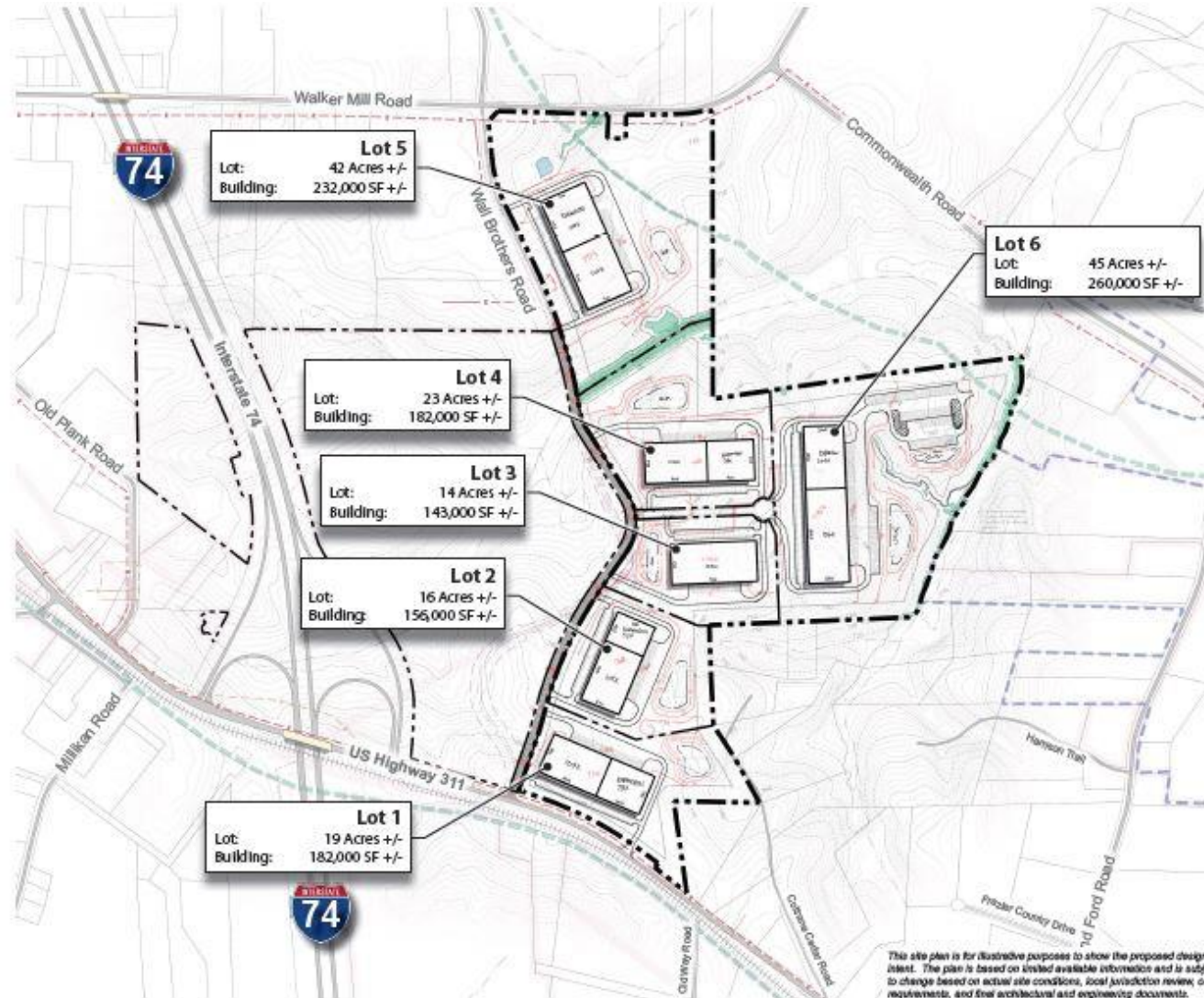
- Work on conveyance of water through other jurisdictions is ongoing with PTRC
- Next step is Letter of Intent between all parties



Economic Development Initiatives – Interstate 74 Business Park (Wall Brothers Site)

Michael Rhoney, Water Resources Director

I 74 Business Park



Preliminary Concept 1	
Total Lots:	6 Lots
Total Building:	1,155,000 sf +/-
Total Lot Acreage:	159 Ac. +/-
Common Area:	0 Ac. +/-
Road Right-of-Way:	1 Ac. +/-
Total Acreage:	160 Ac. +/-

SITE DATA

Jurisdiction:

City of Randleman ETJ
Randolph County, NC

Zoning:

Existing: R-1
Proposed: I-1 / I-2

Watershed:

The site is located within the Randleman Lake W-IV water supply watershed district.

Site Address:

Wall Industrial Site: 160 AC +/-
(Per official Randolph County GIS data)

This site plan is made available as a part of
Duke Group's Site Remediation Program



Wall Site

Randolph County, NC

05/15/2021

Concept 1

Prepared for:



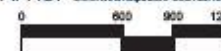
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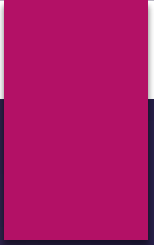


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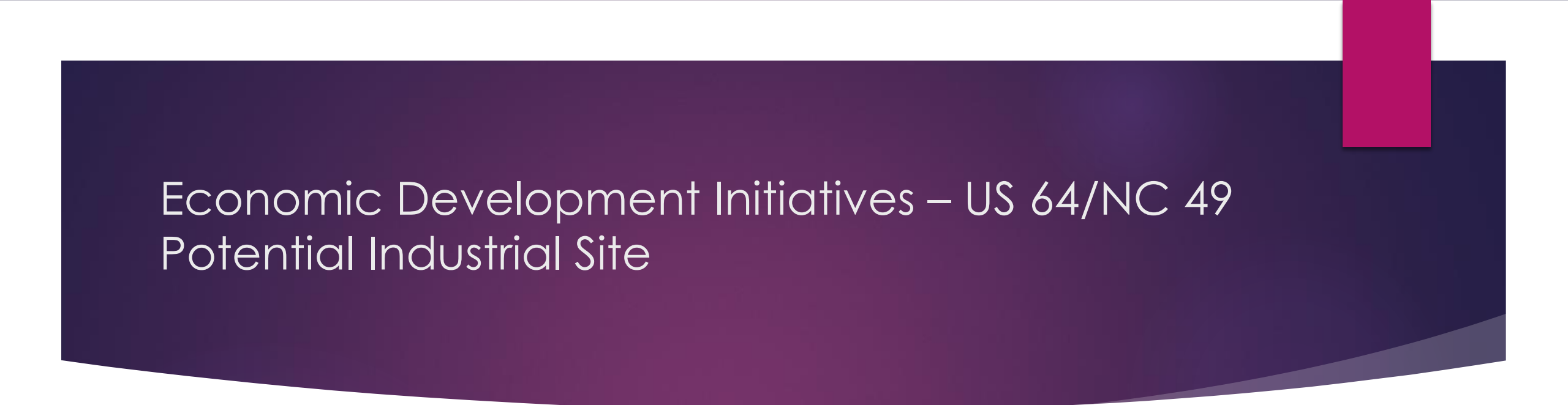
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This site plan is for illustrative purposes to show the proposed design intent. The plan is based on limited available information and is subject to change based on actual site conditions, local jurisdiction review, code requirements, and final architectural and engineering documents.



Economic Development Initiatives – Commerce Drive Connection

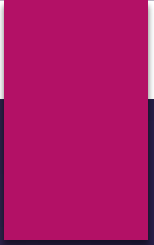
Michael Leonard, City Engineer



Economic Development Initiatives – US 64/NC 49 Potential Industrial Site

Michael Rhoney, Water Resources Director

John Ogburn, City Manager

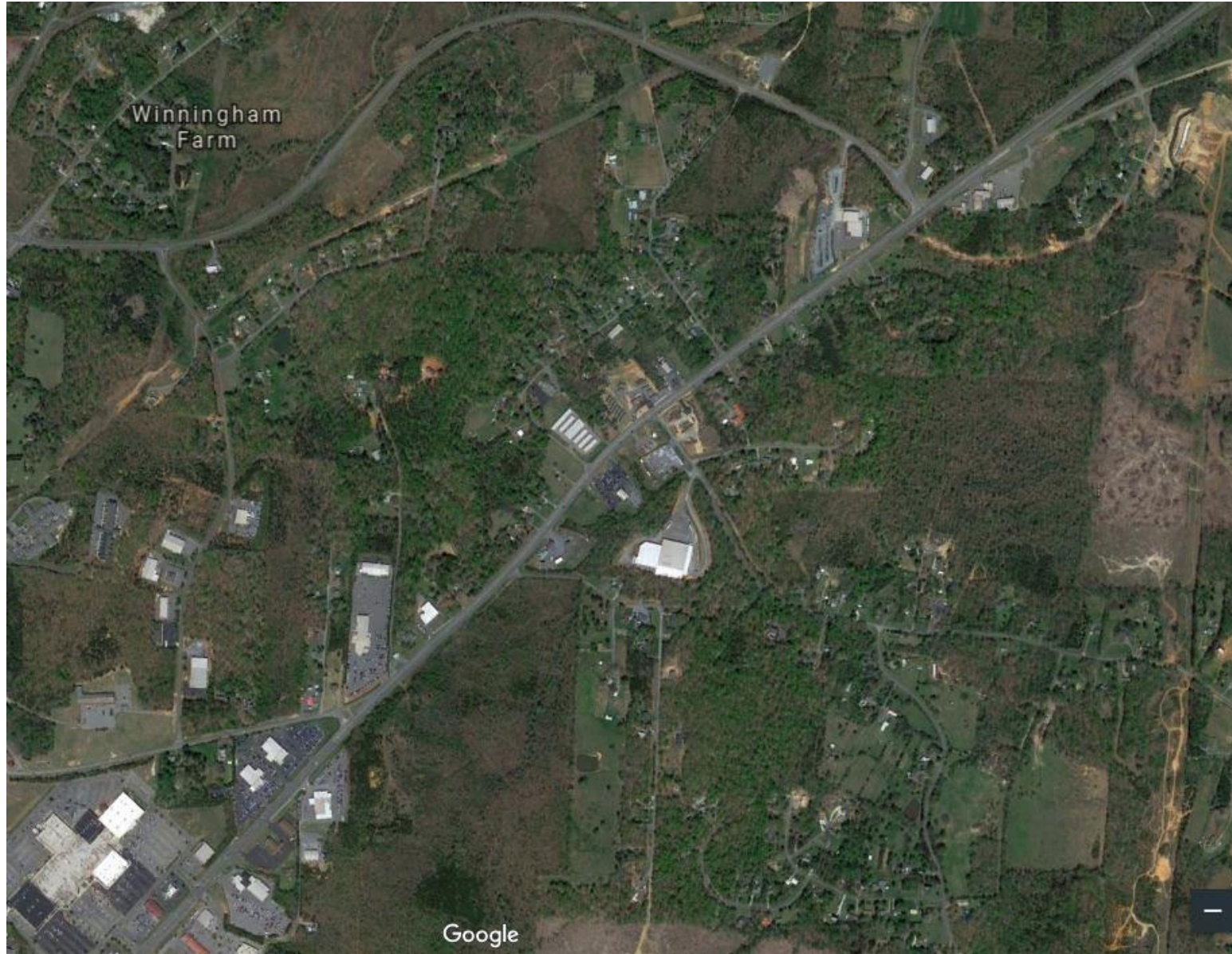


Economic Development Initiatives – US 64 East Water/Wastewater Line

Michael Rhoney, Water Resources Director

John Ogburn, City Manager

HWY 64 East Sewer Study

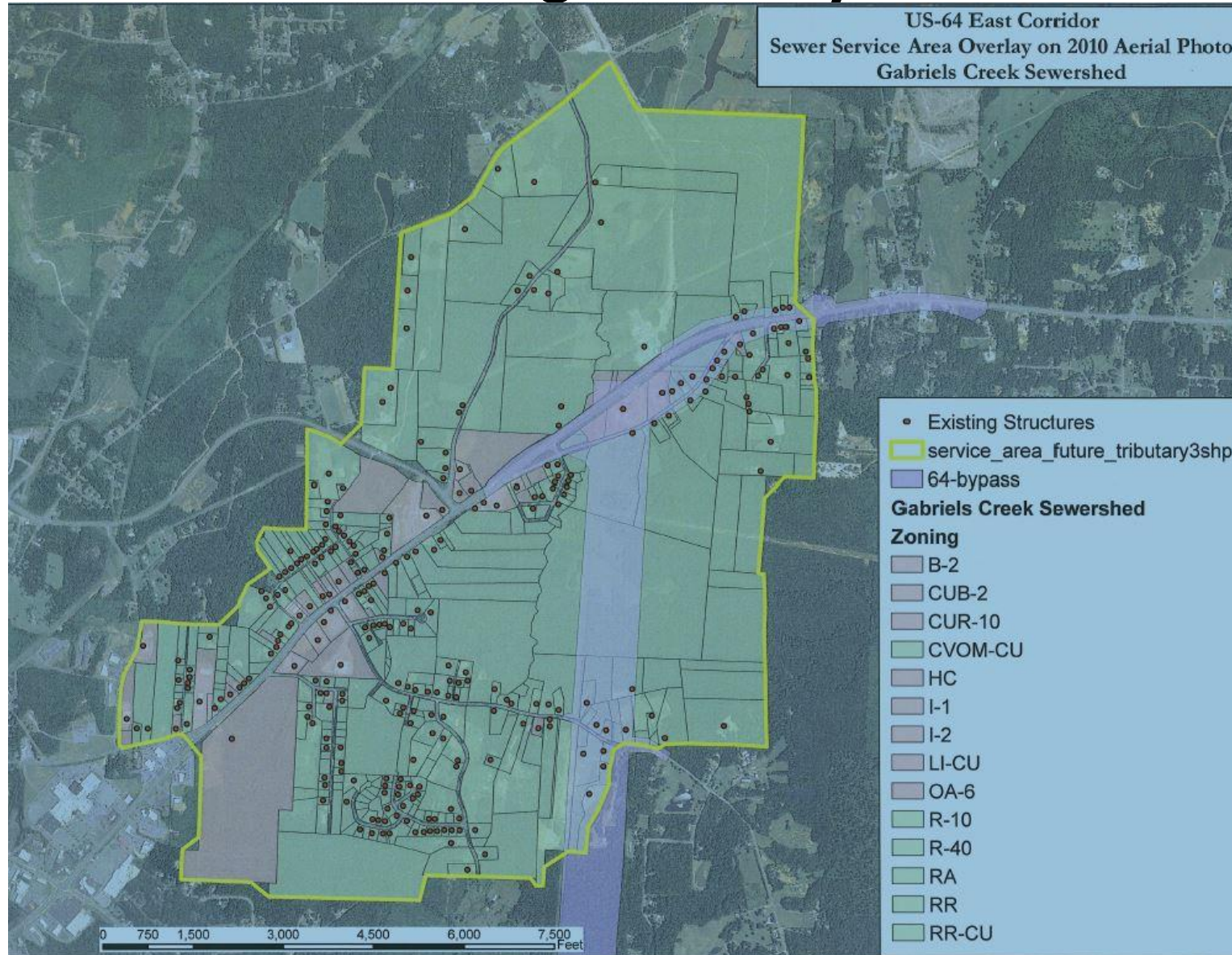


HWY 64 East Sewer Study

- 2011 Study by Marziano & McGougan to provide sewer to Gabriel's Creek
- Existing City Limits to Trogon Hill Rd
- 1,192 Acres
- 438,000 GPD of wastewater
- \$4,686,500

HWY 64 East Sewer Study

Original Study

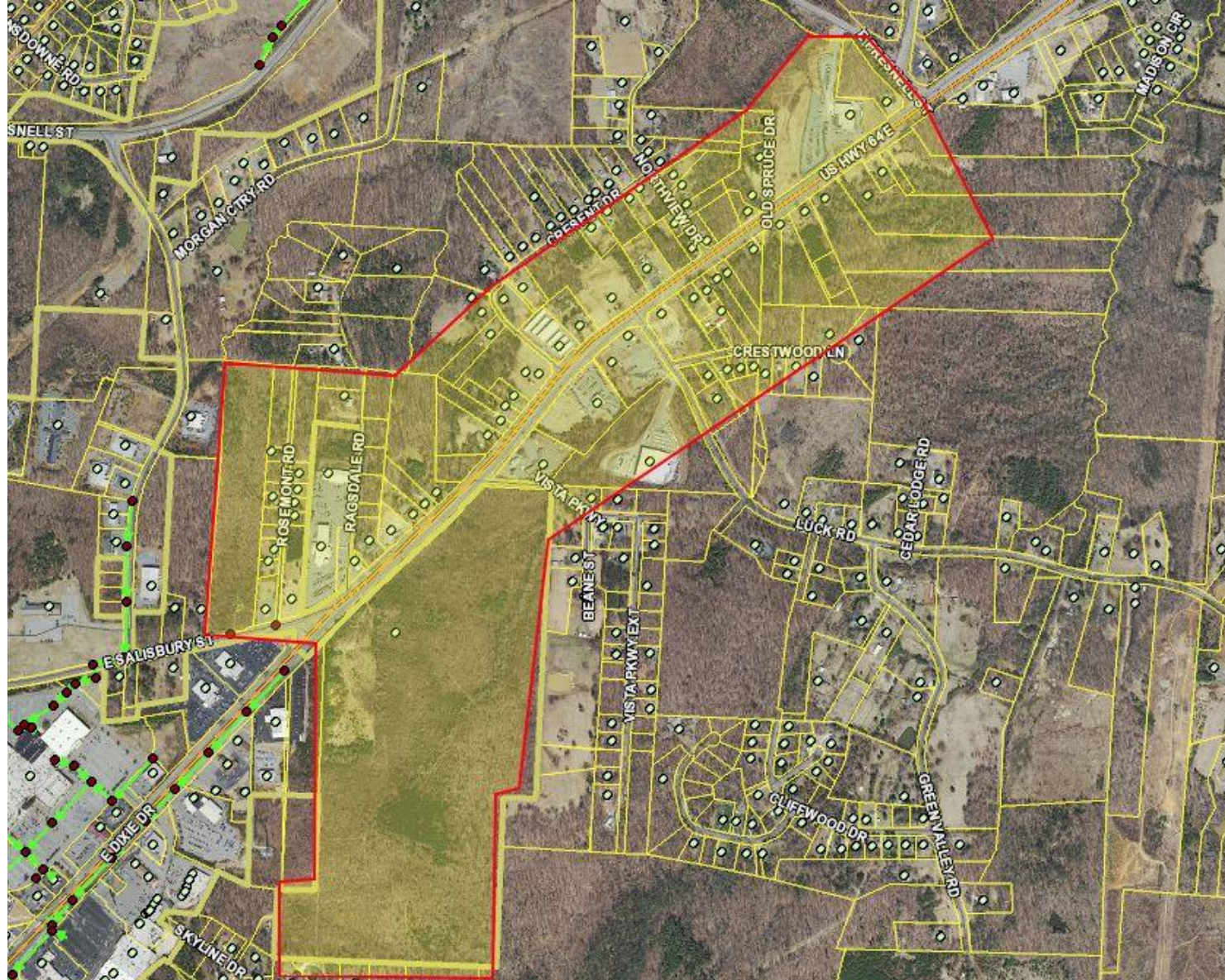


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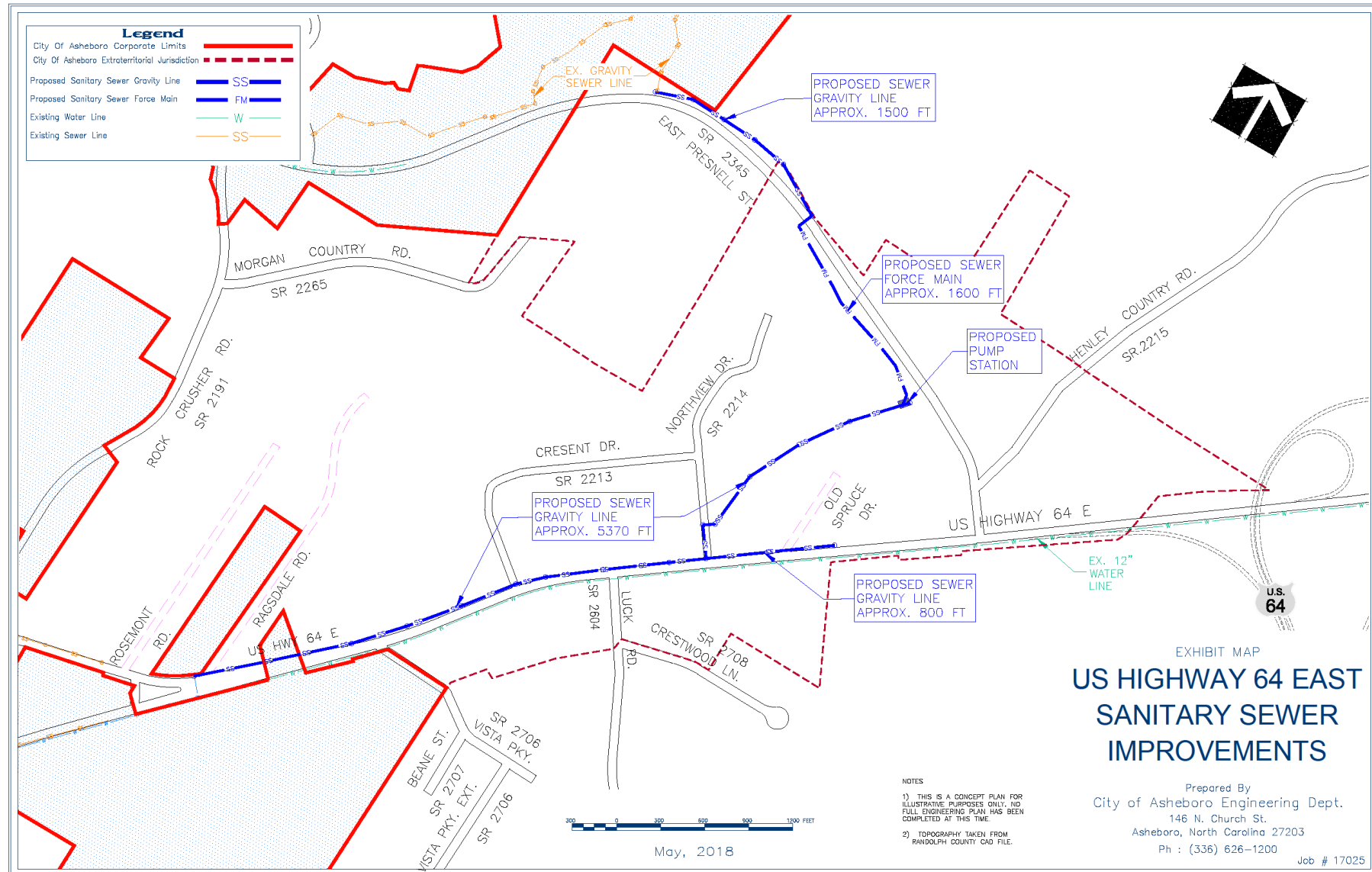
Current Plan

- New Sanitary Sewer Lift Station behind James River Equipment
- Existing City Limits to Presnell Street
- 330 Acres
- 200,000 GPD of wastewater

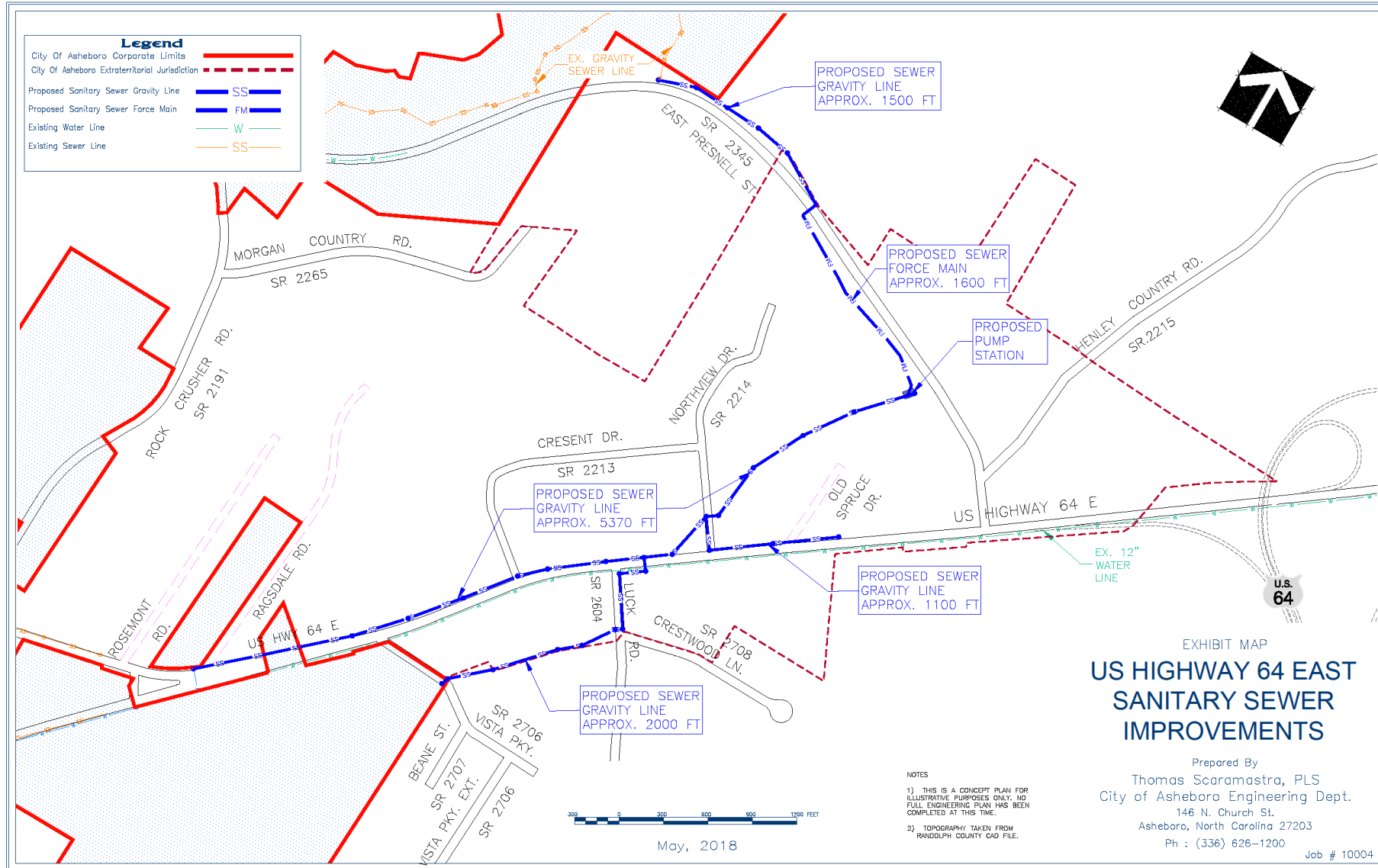
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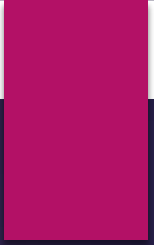


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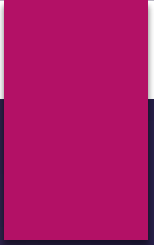




Economic Development Initiatives – Pump Station for FFFEC

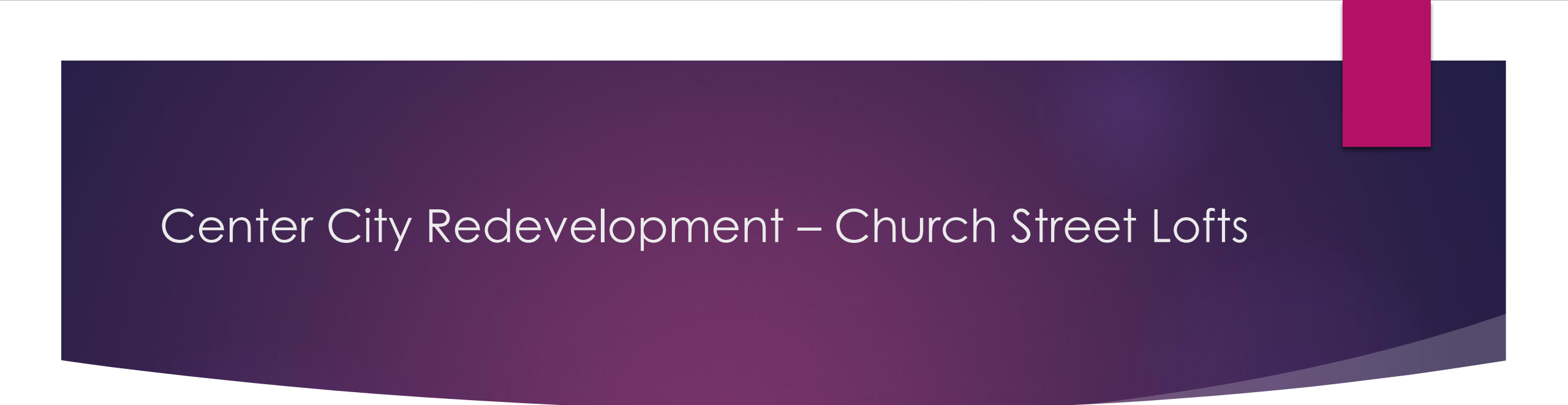
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Economic Development Initiatives – Investigation of Opportunities Related to NC Zoo

John Ogburn, City Manager

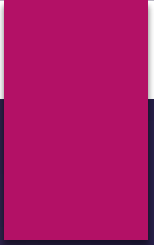


Center City Redevelopment – Church Street Lofts

Trevor Nuttall, Community Development Director

Update from Developer

- ▶ Window manufacturing and delivery delay (due to large size and engineering/fabrication issues)
- ▶ Delivery date for windows now April 3 – no additional delay anticipated
- ▶ Install timeframe – 3 weeks (expected to have a crew of 12 for installation)
- ▶ Other finishing items after windows:
 - ▶ Blinds and carpeting in bedrooms (complete last to not damage) – install only takes a few days
 - ▶ Final owner punchlist items
 - ▶ Elevator completion in Senior Center
 - ▶ Landscaping
- ▶ Resident move-ins expected in May



Center City Redevelopment – Acme McCrary Building

Trevor Nuttall, Community Development Director

Acme McCrary – Deliberations

- ▶ Closed on property in December, 2022
- ▶ Have been reviewing options available to the city for facilitating redevelopment of the property
- ▶ Review has been occurring in context of the pending Trade St. rehabilitation project, includes a traffic study to evaluate impacts of anticipated future buildout of the mill and the adjacent building anticipated to house the Full Moon Oyster Bar/Restaurant
- ▶ Discussions about what interests the city wish to secure in any redevelopment project:
 - ▶ Historic preservation?
 - ▶ Opportunity for first sizable market-rate apartment project?
 - ▶ Inclusion of public space to house city or city-supported offices?
 - ▶ Potential for mixed-use project (some first-floor commercial retail space in addition to residential)?
 - ▶ Can a redevelopment project help to address increasingly limited parking availability downtown?

Property Disposal Options For North Carolina Local Governments

	General Disposal Methods	Personal Property UNDER \$30,000	Personal Property OVER \$30,000	ALL Real Property
Sale				
	Competitive sale by public auction (<i>G.S. 160A-270</i>); sealed bid (<i>G.S. 160A-268</i>), or upset bid (<i>G.S. 160A-269</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Private negotiated sale with governing board approval (<i>G.S. 160A-266(b)</i> and <i>160A-277</i>), or by local policy (<i>160A-266(c)</i>)	Yes	No	No
Exchange				
	Exchange with public and private entities (<i>G.S. 160A-271</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lease				
	Lease with term over 10 years treated as sale of real property (<i>G.S. 160A-272</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Discard				
	Discard because has no value, unable to sell, or poses threat to public health or safety (<i>G.S. 160A-266(d)</i>)	Yes	Yes	No
	Rattle surplus property (<i>G.S. 14-309.15</i>)	Yes	Yes (\$125,000 limit)	Yes (\$500,000 limit)
Convey without Monetary Consideration ("donate")				
	Convey to non-profits, sister cities, and other units of government – does not apply to schools (<i>G.S. 160A-280</i>)	Yes	Yes	No
	Convey or sell to public and private entities for continued public use – cities and counties only (<i>G.S. 160A-279</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convey to other units of government				
	Convey to other units of government in NC under conditions "deemed wise" by governing boards (<i>G.S. 160A-274</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trade-In				
	Trade-in included as part of bidding process for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment (<i>G.S. 143-129.7</i>)	Yes	Yes	No

Property Disposal Options For North Carolina Local Governments

	Special Conveyances	Personal Property UNDER \$30,000	Personal Property OVER \$30,000	All Real Property
	Sell artistic, historic, or scenic property to non-profit or trust for conservation or preservation (<i>G.S. 160A-266(b)</i>)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Lease property for affordable housing (<i>G.S. 160A-278</i>)	No	No	Yes
	Sell property for affordable housing - Counties (<i>G.S. 153A-378</i>) - Cities (<i>G.S. 160A-279</i>)	No	No	Yes
	Lease or sell property for economic development projects (<i>G.S. 158-7.1</i>)	No	No	Yes
	Sell, exchange, or transfer property for community development projects – cities only (<i>G.S. 160A-457</i>)	No	No	Yes
	Lease, sell or convey property to fire department & rescue squad for facilities (<i>G.S. 160A-277</i>)	No	No	Yes
	Retiring law enforcement officer's weapon and badge (<i>G.S. 20-187.2</i>)	Yes	No	No
	Retiring firefighter's helmet (<i>G.S. 160A-294.1–cities; G.S. 153A-236–counties</i>)	Yes	No	No

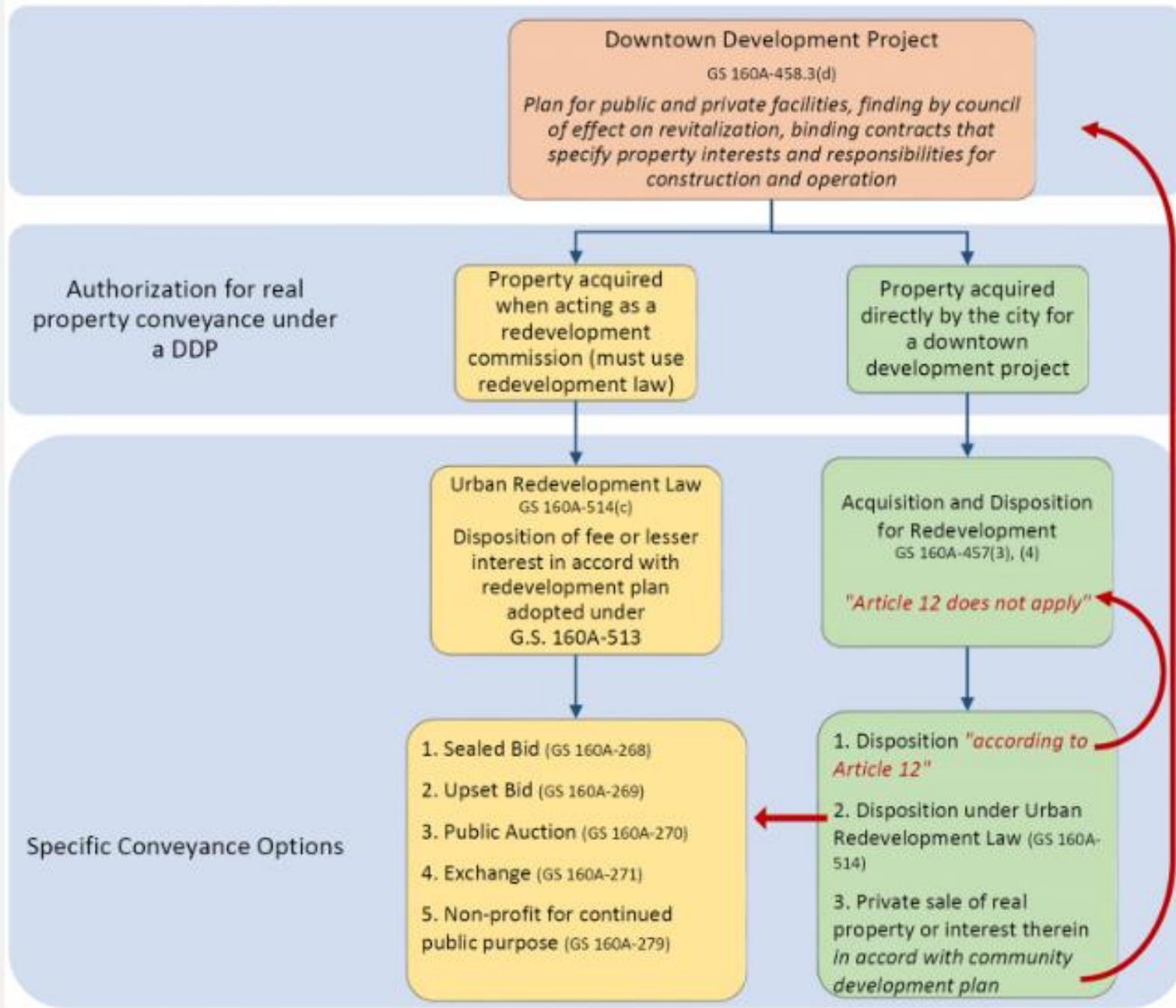
Special Considerations for Public School Property (real and personal):

- Must be sold for valuable consideration (cannot be donated)
- Real property must be offered first to county board of commissioners for fair market price or negotiated price; if county does not purchase, can be sold using property disposal procedures under Article 12 of Chapter 160A (*G.S. 115C-518*)
- Real property can be leased to another governmental unit for one dollar (\$1) per year (*G.S. 160A-274(c)*)

Special Considerations for Seized and Abandoned Property (personal):

- Seized or abandoned personal property held by law enforcement must be disposed of according to procedures set out in Article 2 of Chapter 15 (*G.S. 15-11 through 15-17*)

Real Property Disposition Downtown Development Projects (G.S. 160A-458.3)★



DEFINITION OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- capital project
- central business district
- one or more buildings
- includes both public and private facilities.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- Governing board finding that redevelopment will have a significant effect on revitalization
- Local government may enter into binding contracts with one or more private developers with respect to acquiring, constructing, owning, or operating a downtown project
- If within community development project area, sale may be at private sale in accordance with a community development plan and subject to certain restrictions
 - Notice and public hearing required
 - Sale must be for appraised value
- Local government's contribution to the public element of a downtown development project shall not be more than 50% of the total cost of the entire project
- Note: Community Development Plan has not been adopted



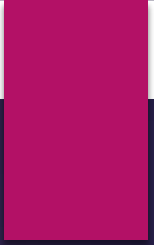
[UPDATE: Effective January 1, 2021, G.S. 160A-458.3 was moved to new Chapter 160D and the powers were made available to counties as well as municipalities. The new statute pertaining to downtown development projects is G.S. 160D-1315.]

Acme McCrary – Considerations for Sale

- ▶ Complexity/Length of time to complete the procedure for sale
 - ▶ Building is continuing to degrade
 - ▶ City may want to take steps to identify and stabilize critical elements (i.e. substantial water continues to enter the building – state grant funds may be usable for this purpose)
- ▶ Degree of control and input city wants to exert on redevelopment
 - ▶ For instance, if property is sold (at fair-market value) to a non-profit for historic preservation, city may be limited in terms of restrictions beyond historic preservation
- ▶ How much additional input does Council want to receive on potential redevelopment plans?
- ▶ How “wide a net” does the city wish to cast if a public private partnership is to be pursued?
- ▶ Ensuring that property sale leads to an active project that quickly supports downtown revitalization momentum (i.e. doesn't continue to sit unused or underutilized)

Acme McCrary – Current Status of Review

- ▶ Informal conversations have occurred with Downtown Asheboro, Inc. about the potential for a sale for historic preservation purposes should Council decide to utilize that option
- ▶ Staff have requested a proposal from the School of Government's Development Finance Initiative (DFI) that would provide specialized finance and development expertise – their role could be to:
 - ▶ Pre-development analysis, including site, market and financial analysis
 - ▶ Assistance finding private developers that compete to execute the city's vision
 - ▶ DFI fee can be contingent on the private development occurring
 - ▶ Provide architects and designers, development finance experts, and public engagement specialists
 - ▶ Process could take up to a year or more to complete
 - ▶ Staff plans to discuss whether an accelerated option utilizing DFI technical assistance may be available
- ▶ Continuing to consider all options; staff plans to make a recommendation following receipt and review of the School of Government proposal

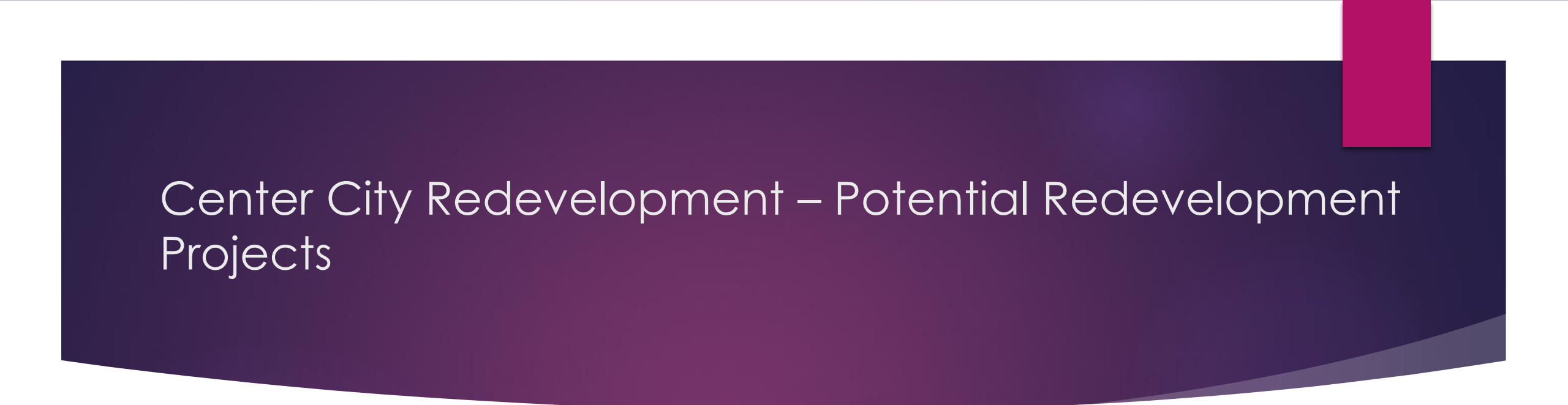


Center City Redevelopment – Trade Street Improvements

Trevor Nuttall, Community Development Director

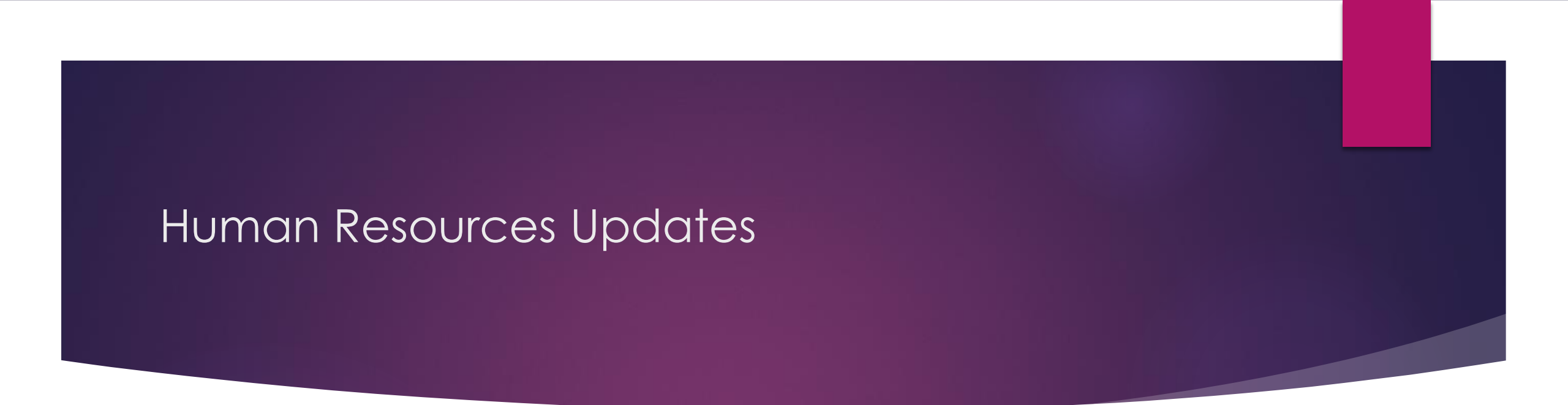
Trade Street – Rehabilitation Design

- ▶ Wooten Engineering leading design efforts, including
 - ▶ traffic data collection and study in consultation with Ramey Kemp Associates
 - ▶ Counts received and traffic analysis underway, including evaluation of impacts from a maximum redevelopment of the former Acme building – investigation likely to include looking at impacts if North St. were to be converted to one-way and closing the portion of North St. between Trade St. and Sunset Ave.
 - ▶ Consultation with city and Duke Energy related to burying power
 - ▶ Subsurface Utility Engineering mapping (SUE) – results should be available soon
 - ▶ Geo-technical work scheduled for later this month – North St. and Trade St. may be temporarily impacted as work occurs
 - ▶ Field topo and property/right-of-way verification begins next week
 - ▶ Once data collection is complete, design work can begin



Center City Redevelopment – Potential Redevelopment Projects

John Ogburn, City Manager



Human Resources Updates

Doug Kemp, Human Resources Director

Mark Lineberry, Police Chief

Willie Summers, Fire Chief

John Ogburn, City Manager

Human Resources – Public Safety

- ▶ Since 7-1-22 a total of 38 full-time employees have been hired (19 terminated)
 - ▶ 12 police officers (10 trainees, 2 lateral entry)
- ▶ (The Police Department will be full with 4 more new hires)
 - ▶ 5 firefighters
- ▶ (The Fire Department will need 15 new firefighters when the new station is complete)
 - ▶ 2 water treatment plant operators
 - ▶ 3 wastewater treatment plant operators
- ▶ Supplemental Compensation for Public Safety
 - ▶ Police – POPAT, 2nd Language, Lateral Sign On Bonus, State Certificates, College Degrees
- ▶ (Other items to boost morale – neatly trimmed beards, new style uniforms, schedule changes)
 - ▶ Fire – Special Operations Certifications, 2nd Language, College Degrees
- ▶ Increased the Starting Pay for the Trainee programs – 10%
- ▶ Working with PTRC for recommendations to increase pay rates for all city employees next year
- ▶ Substance abuse policy change

Human Resources – Communications

- ▶ City has been without Public Information Officer since 2015
- ▶ Public Information Officer responsibilities would include:
 - ▶ all internal and external communications related to city operations
 - ▶ Media relations
 - ▶ Website management | City App Development (ability to interact with the city through a specialized mobile application)
 - ▶ Channel 8 content
 - ▶ Event promotions and advertisements
 - ▶ Facility marketing
 - ▶ Employee newsletters
 - ▶ Semi-annual Meter Reader newsletters to all utility customers
 - ▶ administrative assistance with federal and state grant pursuit and management
- ▶ Community Development (C.D.) staff have attempted to continue these functions but communication needs, including Spanish-speaking capabilities, have continued to grow while C.D. staff have been re-focused on capital project development and unprecedented land use interest as a result of Toyota and Wolfspeed announcements
- ▶ Recommendation is to resume funding for that position

Review of Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

John Ogburn, City Manager

Review of Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan



Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Economic Development



Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Economic Development
- **Background**

Asheboro's economy is at risk! The Asheboro 20/20 Economic Development Task Force began its deliberations in September 2006 and has met frequently over the past several months. The Task Force has heard several presentations and has engaged in a lively and constructive dialogue related to the many issues, challenges, and opportunities facing Asheboro. In this same positive spirit, Task Force respectfully submits its recommendations.

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- **Mission**

The task force was charged by the Asheboro 20/20 Steering Committee with a mission as it began its work.

The mission statement follows:

'The mission of the Economic Development task force is to recommend goals and strategies to support residents' access to high wage jobs, sufficient skills to perform the jobs, and a local retail, commercial, and leisure economy that is sufficiently developed to entice residents to do much of their spending within the Asheboro economy. **Pay particular attention to:**

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Energized and Comprehensive Approach to Economic Development.
 - City was part of county wide effort to reorganize Randolph County EDC.
 - We have recruited both new high-tech industries like Fibertex, grown our existing industries like Technimark, had some projects like MAS Acme that started but just couldn't make it in U.S. marketplace (still in global marketplace), and of course Toyota Battery and the new Wolfspeed computer chip manufacturer.
 - We also passed ABC sales which allowed local investment in our downtown as part of our efforts to “put more arrows” in our economic development quiver, and this has created positive energy for our entire economy.
 - Saved Randolph Health

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Excellent Public Education
 - Partnership for Children, Asheboro City Schools Second Chance Breakfast, and all the programs at Randolph Community College were the key drivers of our All-America City campaign

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Growth, Annexation and Infrastructure



Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Annexations Since 2008
 - Changed our W/S extension policy effective January 1, 2008 which now requires annexation. Since changing the policy, there have been a total of 54 annexations, adding 1.565 square miles to the City limits, which now equals 19.449 square miles.

Major Subdivisions Approved Since 2008

- 11 approved and built – 430 lots
- 5 approved but not yet built – 337 lots
- 767 new lots for single-family dwelling units became available since 2008 or are planned
 - Number does not include multi-family developments built or planned

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Population in 2008: 24,456

- Taken from US Census Bureau Data online via Google

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

- Population in 2021: 27,473

- Taken from NC State Demographers Office Website

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Installed generator
- Replaced Digester # 2
- Replaced Digester # 1
- Rebuilt both presses
- Replaced all pumps in press building
- Rehabbed Final clarifiers
- Upgraded SCADA
- Installed new spiral lifts LS#5.
- Installed new bar screens WWTP.
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- Installed new bar screens WWTP.
- Replaced pumps and motors TF pump station, Nitrification pump station,

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Upgraded electrical services newer VFD's TF and Nitrification pump stations.
- Replaced all pumps in digester
- Replaced both boilers and heat exchangers
- Replaced all pumps at raw sludge pump station
- Installed new press filtrate pump station
- Installed new sugar water tank and pump room
- Rehabbed aeration basins and bridges
- Installed new sand filter air compressors
- Installed new equipment storage building
- Rehabbed DAF sludge thickener
- Replaced both sludge screw conveyors (June 2023)

Asheboro 20/20 Strategic Plan

Water Treatment Plant

- Installed Chlorine Dioxide treatment system
- Installed Sodium Permanganate Feed System at Lake Lucas
- Upgraded filters
- Installed air scour
- Replaced Hypo tanks
- Enclosed Chemical building
- Installed Generator – WTP
- Installed Generator – Lake Lucas
- New 16” transmission water line from WTP to Pineview St.
- Upgraded WTP electrical service.
- Installed flow control valve to conserve water Lake Reese pump #1.
- Installed solid state soft starts on High service pumps 1,2,3,4,5.
- Upgraded Lake Lucas raw water pump station electrical service and installed solid state soft starts on the 250 hp, 300 hp, and 450 hp raw water pumps.
- Added solid state soft start to Lake Bunch raw water pump
- Upgraded SCADA

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Lift Stations

- Installed generators at LS #1,3,4,7,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,21,22
- LS # 2 & 6 Upgrade
- LS # 8 Replacement
- Upsized LS#1 force main.
- Replaced calcium nitrate tanks.LS#2 & #3.
- Added wastewater capabilities to the airport with LS#26.
- Phase 1 lift station sportsplex complete.
- Phase 2 lift station sportsplex materials purchased.
- New roofs on multiple water and wastewater facilities.

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- Converted to Radio Read Water Meters
- Completed upgrade of Billing and Meter Reading Software

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- All Major Subdivisions now require curb and gutter.
- Established a sidewalk maintenance program
- Established Pedestrian Plan

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Background

The Quality of Life Task Force is one of four task forces appointed to recommend goals and strategies for Asheboro's citizen-based strategic planning initiative. Task Force members devoted their energies to identifying practical and creative approaches to enhancing Asheboro's quality of life over the next ten to twenty years. There was unanimous agreement that the strategies recommended in this Task Force report present opportunities for both public and private sector leadership. While the City Council will be the first official recipient of this report, Task Force members believe that every opportunity should be sought to forge community partnerships to achieve the strategies recommended here.

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- Quality of Life – Public Safety

- Created a neighborhood watch program
- Created a citizen's police academy
- Working on a citizen's fire academy
- Completed improvements to Fire Station #1 and #2.
- Working on Fire Station #3
- Steered Organization through the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Completed improvements to Police Station #1 and the North Asheboro Police Substation.
- Bought all new fire fighting equipment and became certified in all phases of Rescue.
- We added a gang intelligence officer and 2 crime scene investigators.

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- Quality of Life – Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces
 - Facilitated and helped fund the Senior Adult's Center
 - Starting Greenway Project
 - Completing Rec Master Plan including Sportsplex and Upgrade of McCrary Ballpark.
 - Developed funding partners with YMCA and all of our contributors
 - David and Pauline Jarrell Center City Garden

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality

- Participated with the County in the Development of the Historic Preservation Commission
- Created the Downtown Redevelopment Plan
- Working to establish 2 national musical festivals (Rhythm and Zoo blues music festival and Zoogress festival)
- Provided extensive support for the arts and public events including the Randolph Arts Guild, RhinoLeap Professional Theatre, Concerts in the Park, Auto Shows, Street Festivals, St. Patrick's Day and Cinco De Mayo Events.
- Commissioned the theatre play Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France
- Rehabbed McCrary Gym into Asheboro Recreation Center
- Working to complete Acme McCrary conversion.
- Supported Boys and Girls Club, GWCCEC after school program, Backpack pals, United Way, Boy Scout Eagle Award Projects, Student Internships, Chamber programs, etc.
- City has received the following awards since 2008
- Saved Randolph Health

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
 - 2008
 - Community Leadership Award, Received from United Way
 - 30 Year Service Award for Domestic Violence, Received from Family Crisis Center
 - 2009
 - Trees Asheboro Award, Received from Trees Asheboro

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
 - 2010
 - Outstanding Achievement Award in Local Government Innovation, Received from the Alliance for Innovation
 - Certificate of Appreciation for Veterans Support, Received from the Veterans Council
 - Preserve America Community Designation, Received from Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States of America
 - John Stake – WWTP Operator won the Wilbur E Long, Jr. Operator of the Year Award

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
- 2011
 - Giga Award for Mobile 311 Project
 - Herbert G. Stout Award - GIS Conference
 - Mobile 311 Project Award, Received from ICMA
 - Healthiest Employees Award, Received from The Business Journal

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
- 2012
 - Spirit of North Carolina, Received from United Way
 - Certified Retirement Community, Received from RetireNC
- 2013
 - - Designation of Excellence - Asheboro Mill Lofts Project, Received from The Landmark Group
 - - One Million Employee Hours Without Illness or Injuries, Received from The North Carolina Department of Labor
 - - Finance Officer, Debbie Reaves won the Triad Business News Financial Executive of the Year

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
- 2014
 - - Spirit of North Carolina, Received from United Way
 - - Housing NC Award, Received from The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency
 - - Mike Wiseman, WWTP Plant Manager won the William D. Hatfield Award
 - - TPO Magazine awarded Asheboro WWTP its Top Performer Award as one of the best treatment plants in the country.
 - - Ed Brown, Code Enforcement Officer, won NC Certified Zoning Official (CZO) of the Year
 - - Bernadine Wardlaw, Judy Smith and Dina Tutterow certified as Class IV Wastewater Laboratory Analyst, NC-AWWA (3 of only 56 in NC)

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
- 2015
 - - Great Main Street Designation, Received from North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association
 - - 2015 All-America City Finalist
 - - Cornerstone Award, Received from The Asheboro Randolph Homebuilders Association
 - Awarded for Risk Management Services for Innovative Risk Management Programs to Reduce Employee Injuries, Received from The North Carolina League of Municipalities
- 2016
 - The City of Asheboro received the 2016 All America City Award

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- Quality of Life – Civic and Cultural Vitality
- 2018
 - John Ogburn was awarded the Randall Billings Lakes Public Service Award
 - Mike Wiseman, Jeff Cagle, and Sarah Laughlin earned their Utility Management Certification Credentials
- 1990-2021
 - 31 Straight Years receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting, Received from the Government Finance Officers Association

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- NC ZOO



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NC ZOO - Background

The North Carolina Zoo Task Force is one of four task forces appointed to recommend goals and strategies for the city of Asheboro's strategic planning process. The task force was given the following mission statement under which to work:

"To explore the relationship between the Zoo and the community and to recommend goals and strategies to allow the community to increase its benefit from the presence to the zoo and the zoo to increase its benefit from the presence of the community. "

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- North Carolina Zoo
- Placemaking Activities with Downtown art, Downtown sidewalks, Asheboro Copperheads to Asheboro Zookeepers, the entrance gateway signage on Interstate. The city worked hard to push for the development of the US 64 Southern Loop and the Zoo connector.
- Our new “Stamp” logo. We named our new sports complex Zoo City Sportsplex. In June of 2023, we will have the Rhythm and Zoo blues music festival at Sunset Theatre featuring *bands*.
- In the fall we will host 2 festivals in 2024, the Rhythm and Zoo blues music festival and Zoograss, a 3 day bluegrass festival with the Zoo connection.
- Our passenger bus line we are working on will be the Zoo City Loop.

Manager's Update

1. Budget worksheets will go out soon -- watch your email be looking for them
2. Remember supply chain issues still exist -- vehicles/equipment may not arrive within FY ordered
3. We have hired Steve Hackett, CPA to come serve as our Assistant Finance Director effective 1 March.
4. Begin the process to centralize purchasing per best practices guidance from various agencies including UNC SOG guidelines
5. This is a property reevaluation year (4 th year of cycle) so we'll be setting a new tax rate. We'll communicate to everyone what the new total assessed value is as soon as we receive it from RC Tax Department.
6. Worksheets for city-supported organizations ha been developed; will go out to agencies next week for budget planning purposes