



Z-17-02-006

City of Greensboro Planning Department Zoning Staff Report and Plan Amendment Evaluation

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: February 20, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro, Inc.
HEARING TYPE	Rezoning Request
REQUEST	Rezone from R-3 (Residential Single-Family) to R-5 (Residential Single-Family)
CONDITIONS	N/A
LOCATION	720-722 Prince Road
PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)	7866272464
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION	The notification area for this public hearing was 600 feet (Chapter 30-4-1.4 of the Land Development Ordinance requires notification of the owner of that parcel of land and the owners of all parcels of land adjoining and contiguous to that parcel of land as shown on the County tax listing). 65 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
TRACT SIZE	0.68 Acres
TOPOGRAPHY	Undulating
VEGETATION	Residential

SITE DATA

Existing Use	Undeveloped
Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Uses
N R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single family dwelling
E R-5 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling
W R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling
S R-3 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling

Zoning History

Case #	Date	Request Summary
N/A	N/A	The subject property is currently zoned R-3 (Residential Single Family) and has been since the adoption of the Land Development Ordinance in July 2010. Prior to the LDO, the site was zoned RS-12 (Residential Single-Family).

ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

District Summary *

Zoning District Designation:	Existing (R-3)	Requested (City R-5)
Max. Density:	3.0 units per gross acre	5.0 units per gross acre
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate low density single family detached residential development.	Primarily intended to accommodate low density single family detached residential development.

**These regulations may not reflect all requirements for all situations; see the City of Greensboro Land Development Ordinance for all applicable regulations for site requirements for this zoning district.*

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Overlay District Ordinance/Historic Preservation

n/a

Environmental/Soils

Water Supply Watershed Site is located in Greensboro Watersupply Watershed WS-III, Lake Jeanette Sub-basin.

Floodplains >2000FT

Streams N/A

Other: Site must meet current watershed requirements, water quality and water quantity must be addressed. Maximum High Density Development with sewer is 70% BUA. Low Density Development is 24% BUA.

Utilities (Availability)

Potable Water Available

Waste Water Available

Airport Overlay District & Noise Cone

n/a

Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements

There are no Landscaping or Tree Conservation requirements for single-family development.

Transportation

Street Classification:	Prince Road – Local Street. Primrose Avenue – Collector Street.
Site Access:	All access(s) must be designed and constructed to the City off Greensboro standards.
Traffic Counts:	None Available.
Trip Generation:	N/A.
Sidewalks:	Sidewalks are a requirement of the Development Ordinance. 5' sidewalk with a 5' grass strip is required along both sides of thoroughfares. 5' sidewalk with a 3' grass strip is required along one side (at a minimum, collectors may require sidewalk on both sides) of all other street types. Sidewalk does not exist along the frontage of this property.
Transit in Vicinity:	Yes, GTA Route 3 (North Elm Street) is within 0.50 mi of subject site, along Pisgah Church Road.
Traffic Impact Study: (TIS)	No TIS required per TIS Ordinance.
Street Connectivity:	N/A.
Other:	N/A.

IMPACT/POLICY ANALYSIS**Land Use Compatibility**

The proposed **R-5 (Residential, Single Family – 5 du/ac)** zoning would allow land uses that are compatible with the general character of the area.

Connections 2025 Comprehensive Plan Policies

The Generalized Future Land Use Map designates this location as **Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre)**. The requested **R-5 (Residential, Single Family – 5 du/ac)** zoning district is generally consistent with the **Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre)** GFLUM designation.

Connections 2025 Written Policies

Land Use Goal 4.1 – Growth Strategy: Promote sound investment in Greensboro's urban areas, including Center City, commercial and industrial areas, and neighborhoods.

Policy 4A: Remove present impediments to infill and investment in urban areas.

Policy 4B: Target capital investments to leverage private investment in urban areas.

Policy 4C: Promote new patterns and intensities of use to increase economic competitiveness and enhance quality of life in urban areas.

Policy 4D: Identify potential opportunities and selectively target, plan and promote development/reuse initiatives.

Community Character, Goal 5.2 – Man-Made Environment: Preserve and enhance the character and visual quality of Greensboro’s built environment, including historic resources, private developments, and public landscapes.

Policy 5E: Improve the aesthetic quality of publicly owned and maintained landscapes.

Policy 5F: Implement and improve design standards governing the appearance of development from public roadways.

Housing and Neighborhoods, Goal 6: Meet the needs of present and future Greensboro citizens for a choice of decent, affordable housing in stable, livable neighborhoods that offer security, quality of life, and the necessary array of services and facilities.

Policy 6C: Promote the diversification of new housing stock to meet the needs of all citizens for suitable, affordable housing.

Economic Development, Goal 7: Promote a healthy, diversified economy with a strong tax base and opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship and for-profit and non-profit economic development for all segments of the community, including under-served areas such as East Greensboro.

Policy 7A: Target city investment and regulatory policies for economic development.

Policy 7C: Ensure that city land use policies and regulations allow for an adequate supply of land to accommodate economic development.

Transportation, Goal 8: Develop and maintain a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system that provides convenient choices for accessing destinations throughout Greensboro and the Triad, including a range of well-integrated transit, pedestrian, and bicycle linkages.

Policy 8A: Maintain a roadway network that safely and efficiently accommodates vehicular traffic while supporting other community objectives defined in the Comprehensive Plan.

Connections 2025 Map Policies

Moderate Residential (5-12 d.u./acre): This category accommodates housing types ranging from small-lot, single-family detached and attached single-family dwellings such as townhomes to moderate density, low-rise apartment dwellings.

CONFORMITY WITH OTHER PLANS

City Plans

Sustainability Action Plan

Element 1) Transportation and Land Use:

Policy 1) Encourage increased density, a mix of land uses and more integrated links between transportation and land use through changes to Greensboro’s Comprehensive Plan, Development Ordinance and other related plans.

Element 2) Green Jobs and Buildings:

Policy 3) Develop a coordinated City program to provide technical support, energy audits and education and outreach to increase energy efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential buildings.

Policy 4) Use a combination of code changes, incentives, partnerships and education to promote green building in Greensboro.

Policy 6) Promote more efficient use of water through education, partnerships and pilot projects.

Element 3) Waste Reduction and Recycling:

Policy 7) Employ a combination of expanded recycling infrastructure, regulations and incentives to increase Greensboro's solid waste diversion and recycling rates.

Element 6) Education and Outreach:

Policy 11) Provide technical support, awards and recognition to individuals and organizations furthering Greensboro's energy and sustainability efforts.

Other Plans

n/a

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

Community Outreach

Applicant is strongly encouraged to discuss this proposed rezoning and development with owners of surrounding properties.

Staff Analysis

The 0.69-acre subject site is currently undeveloped. North, south, west and east of the request are single-family dwellings (zoned both R-3 and R-5).

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use map designates this area as Moderate Residential. This category accommodates housing types ranging from small-lot, single-family detached and attached single-family dwellings such as townhomes to moderate density, low-rise apartment dwellings.

The proposed zoning does not change the types of uses allowed but does allow for smaller lot sizes than under the current zoning designation. However, the smaller lot size is consistent with existing adjacent development. The request supports the Comprehensive Plan's Housing and Neighborhoods goal to meet the needs of present and future Greensboro citizens for a choice of decent, affordable housing in stable, livable neighborhoods and the Reinvestment/Infill goal to promote sound investment in Greensboro's urban areas.

This request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the zoning code, the Comprehensive Plan (Connections 2025) and is generally compatible with the existing development and trend in the surrounding area.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of the requested **R-5** (Residential Single-family) zoning district.