



Z-17-04-001

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

Zoning Commission Hearing Date: April 17, 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Jeffonda Watkins
HEARING TYPE	Original Zoning
REQUEST	Original zoning from County RS-40 (Residential Single-Family) to City R-3 (Residential Single-Family)
CONDITIONS	N/A
LOCATION	3911 Hickory Tree Lane
PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)	7883991276
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). 71 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
TRACT SIZE	0.47 Acres
TOPOGRAPHY	Primarily flat
VEGETATION	Undeveloped

SITE DATA

Existing Use	Undeveloped
Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Uses
N County RS-40 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling

E	County RS-40 (Residential Single-Family)	Place of religious assembly
W	County RS-40 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling
S	County RS-40 (Residential Single-Family)	Single-family dwelling

Zoning History

Case #	Date	Request Summary
N/A	N/A	The subject property is not currently located in the City's jurisdiction.

ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

District Summary *

Zoning District Designation:	Existing (County RS-40)	Requested (City R-3)
Max. Density:	1.0 units per acre	3.0 units per acre
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate single-family detached dwellings on large lots in areas without access to public water and wastewater services	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 Site is located in the Lake MacIntosh Watersupply Watershed WS-IV, Watershed Little Alamance Creek sub-basin

Floodplains >2000FT

Streams N/A

Other: Max.High Density development is 70% BUA, Low Density is 24%. Site must meet current watersupply watershed requirements.

Utilities (Availability)

Potable Water Available

Waste Water Available

Airport Overlay District & Noise Cone

n/a

Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements

There are no landscaping and tree conservation requirements for single-family development.

Transportation

Street Classification: Hickory Tree Lane – Local Street.
Youngs Mill Road – Major Thoroughfare.

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: No.

Traffic Impact Study: No TIS required per TIS Ordinance.
(TIS)

Street Connectivity: N/A.

Other: N/A.

IMPACT/POLICY ANALYSIS

Land Use Compatibility

The proposed **R-3 (Residential, Single-Family – 3 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 **Low Residential (3-5 d.u./acre)**. The requested **R-3 (Residential, Single-Family – 3 du/ac)** zoning district is generally consistent with the **Low Residential (3-5 d.u./acre)** GFLUM designation. The Growth Strategy Map identifies the subject site as being within **Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013 – 2019)**.

Connections 2025 Written Policies

Land Use Goal 4.3 – Growth at the Fringe: Provide a development framework for the fringe that guides sound, sustainable patterns of land use, limits sprawl, protects rural character, evidences sound stewardship of the environment, and provides for efficient provision of public services and facilities as the City expands. Development will increase density and mix land uses at a pedestrian scale with sidewalks, bikeways, and where possible, public transit.

Policy 4F: Initiate a fringe area growth management framework comprising the following elements.

Policy 4G: Improve the quality and patterns of development through incentives and regulatory guidelines.

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

Low Residential (3-5 d.u./acre): This category includes the City's predominantly single-family neighborhoods as well as other compatible housing types that can be accommodated within this density range. Although there are some existing residential areas in the City developed on lots greater than 1/3 acre, future residential developments and "conventional" subdivisions should generally maintain a gross density of no less than three dwellings per acre, except where environmental constraints (e.g., the Watershed Critical Area) prevent such densities from being achieved. Compact developments that include clustered, small lots with substantial retained open space are encouraged.

Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013 – 2019): Where infrastructure systems are in place, can be economically provided and/or will be proactively extended and where continued annexation and consolidation of the City's development pattern shall be encouraged over the next six years.

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 original zoning and development with owners of surrounding properties.

Staff Analysis

The 0.47-acre subject property is currently undeveloped. North, west and south of the request are single family dwellings (zoned County RS-40). East of the request is a religious assembly use (zoned County RS-40).

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map designates this area as Low Residential. This category includes the City's predominantly single-family neighborhoods as well as other compatible housing types that can be accommodated within a density range of 3 to 5 dwelling units per acre.

The request to annex and assign original zoning is a result of changes to the City Council adopted Water Sewer Services Policy. Effective May 20, 2014 all public water and sewer extensions require voluntary annexation prior to receiving the City's utility services. The subject property is located within Growth Tier One, is contiguous to the City's primary corporate limits and the Technical Review Committee and Planning Board recommended approval of this associated annexation request.

The request to assign original zoning of R-3 (Residential Single Family) is driven by the desire of the applicant to connect to public utilities. The requested zoning district is the closest equivalent to the current County zoning designation and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's future land use designation.

As such, the request is compatible with adjacent residential development and 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 that offer security, quality of life, and the necessary array of services and facilities. It is also consistent with the Growth at the Fringe goal to promote sound and sustainable patterns of land use.

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 **City R-3 (Residential Single-Family)** zoning district.