



PL(Z) 24-18

City of Greensboro Planning Department Zoning Staff Report

City Council Hearing Date: September 24, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Kristy Lynn and Bill Dean Buckner
HEARING TYPE	Annexation and Original Zoning Request
REQUEST	County RS-30 (Residential Single-family) to City R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)
CONDITIONS	N/A
LOCATION	5019 Summit Avenue
PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)	7887036303
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION	The notification area for this public hearing was 750 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). 59 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
TRACT SIZE	1.97 acres total
TOPOGRAPHY	Mostly flat near the street frontage, with significant falloff toward the western property line
VEGETATION	Wooded behind the principal structure

SITE DATA

	Existing Use	Single-family dwelling
	Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Uses
N	County RS-30 (Residential Single-family)	Single-family dwelling
E	County RS-30 (Residential Single-family)	Undeveloped land

S	County RS-30 (Residential Single-family)	Undeveloped land and the Greensboro Urban Loop (Interstate 840)
W	City CD-R-5 (Conditional District - Residential Single-family – 5)	Undeveloped land

Zoning History

Case #	Effective 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-30)	Requested (R-3)
Max. Density:	1 dwelling per acre	Up to 3 dwellings per acre
Typical Uses	Typical uses in the County RS-30 district include single-family dwellings with a density of not less than 1.0 unit per acre.	Typical uses in the R-3 district include single family residential of up to 3 dwelling units per acre

**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

The subject site is not located within an overlay district.

The subject site is not:

- Located in a City of Greensboro Historic District or Heritage Community
- Designated as a Guilford County Landmark Property
- Recognized as a State of North Carolina Historic Site
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Located in a National Register Historic District

Environmental/Soils

Water Supply Watershed	Site drains Middle Reedy Fork Creek, Non-Watersupply Watershed
Floodplains	N/A
Streams	Blue Line stream/pond are onsite and possible Non-Blue Line Stream features onsite. Non-Blue Line Stream features must be identified for possible stream buffers. Perennial streams and Intermittent streams require a 50' stream buffer measured from top of bank on each side. Show and label top of stream bank. Label zones with dimensions and restrictions within the buffer. "No BUA is allowed in the entire buffer" (see section LDO 30-12-3.9 for buffer restrictions). Show and label the different zones within the buffer (see LDO 30-12-3.9F for information about the different zones). Intermittent and Perennial streams that have no special flood hazard area must shall apply a non-encroachment area to the stream. Please show & label non-encroachment area (measured 30ft from top of bank or 5x's the width of the channel) for intermittent & perennial streams. See the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) Flood Damage Prevention, Chp.30-12-2.3F for description of requirements.
Other:	If the site continues to remain single-family, then site does not need to address Water Quality or Water Quantity Control. If the site is developed as multi-family or commercial, both Water Quality and Water Quantity Control must be addressed to meet current watershed requirements. If developed, all new BUA must be treated by a State approved water quality BMP/SCM and any existing BUA that would drain to the BMP/SCM to the maximum extent practicable

Utilities (Availability)

Water is available on Summit Avenue but the waterline is a 36" PCCP and the City of Greensboro's Water Resource Operations department will be the only one that can make the connection. Sewer is available to the northwest of the property on Hicone Road. Private Developer will need to extend water and sewer to City of Greensboro's Water and Sewer Design Standards.

Airport Overlay District & Noise Cone

N/A

Landscaping & Tree Conservation Requirements

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

Transportation

Street Classification: Summit Avenue – Minor Thoroughfare.
I-840 – Freeway.

Site Access: All access(es) must be designed and constructed to the City of Greensboro standards.

Traffic Counts: Summit Avenue AADT = 9,500 vpd (NCDOT, 2019).

Trip Generation:	N/A.
Sidewalks:	Sidewalks are a requirement of the Development Ordinance and shall be installed per the Streets Design Standards Manual. Sidewalk does not exist along the frontage of this property.
Transit in Vicinity:	Yes, GTA Route 15 (Yanceyville Street/Brightwood School Road) is within 1200' of the subject site, at the intersection of Summit Avenue and Brightwood School Road.
Traffic Impact Study: (TIS)	No TIS required per Ordinance.
Street Connectivity:	N/A.
Other:	N/A.

IMPACT/POLICY ANALYSIS

Land Use Compatibility

The proposed **City R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)** zoning district would allow land uses that are compatible with the general character of the area.

GSO2040 Comprehensive Plan Policies

The requested **City R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)** zoning district would allow uses that are generally consistent with those currently on the property and described in the **Residential** future land use designation. The **GSO2040** Future Built Form Map designates this location as **Urban General**. The subject property is located in **Growth Tier 1** of the Growth Tiers Map. The subject property is also located in a **Scenic Corridor Overlay District (SCOD-1)**, which requires a 50 average undisturbed buffer for the portion of the property adjacent to the Greensboro Urban Loop.

GSO2040 Written Policies:

Filling In Our Framework – How we arrange our land uses for where we live, work, attend school, shop and enjoy our free time can create a more vibrant and livable Greensboro.

Goal C – People choose to live in Greensboro because every neighborhood is safe and has convenient access to first-rate schools, services, shopping, parks, and community facilities.

Strategy 2 – Invest in building and maintaining quality, accessible public recreation centers, libraries, neighborhood park facilities and other services to sustain livable neighborhoods.

Creating Great Places – Creating interesting and attractive places and vibrant public spaces in neighborhoods, across Greensboro, in downtown and with our historic resources.

Goal A – Greensboro's citywide network of unique neighborhoods offer residents of all walks of life a variety of quality housing choices

Strategy 2 – Meet housing needs and desires with a sufficient and diverse supply of housing products, prices and locations.

GSO2040 Map Policies:

Future Land Use Map

Future Land Uses: The future land uses from that that plan are described below.

Residential: Includes both single-and multi-family residential. Other uses should generally be in the scale of a Neighborhood- or a District- Scaled Activity Center as described in the Future Built Form Map, in a form that is appropriate to the character of the area. Many residential areas include commercial corridors, and future development along these corridors should be oriented to the corridor to avoid negative impacts to adjacent residences.

Future Built Form

Place Types: Areas that have a consistency of character, identity or purpose and that are most often bounded by corridors, natural features, or parks that create transition or separation from other neighborhoods that may not share the same characteristics.

Urban General should reflect these characteristics:

1. Setbacks, building orientation, building materials, height, and scale of residential buildings are considered within the existing neighborhood context.
2. New housing helps increase the range of choice, supply, and adds additional appropriately-scaled density with: Missing Middle housing; mid-rise multi-family; and high-rise multi-family in Active Centers and along Mixed-Use corridors.
3. Transitions between neighborhoods and different land uses provide continuity in scale, density, intensity with adjacent uses.
4. Cut-through traffic is minimized.
5. New freestanding or expanded business areas are created within or adjoining an existing Activity Center or as part of creating a new Activity Center.
6. Exterior building materials are durable, sustainable, and contribute positively to the character of the public realm.
7. The size and impact of surface parking lots is minimized through landscaping, screening, narrow curb-cuts, and use of glare-free, no-spill lighting.
8. New sidewalks contribute to the completion of a sidewalk network.

Growth Tiers Map

Growth Tiers: areas outside Greensboro's city limits but inside the area in which the City can legally annex property and extend water and sewer services; this is called the Water Sewer Service Area (WSSA). Three tiers are delineated based on the cost to extend City services to the area, primarily water and sewer, solid waste collection, and Police and Fire protection, as well as long-term maintenance of City facilities. In Growth Tier 1, due to the nearby presence of existing City infrastructure, the City is able to extend services currently, if an annexation is requested; Tiers 2 and 3 will require significant City investment to serve.

Growth Tier 1: This is the area 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.

Other Plans

N/A

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

Community Outreach

Applicant is strongly encouraged to discuss this proposed original zoning and development with the surrounding community.

Staff Annexation Analysis

The subject property is currently located in the County. On September 1, 2020 the Planning and Zoning Commission assumed responsibility for reviewing annexation petitions and making a recommendation to City Council regarding annexation requests. Upon submittal of a valid annexation petition, Planning staff forwards annexation requests to City services providers. These service providers include Water Resources (water and sewer), Fire Marshal's Office, Police Department, and Solid Waste (trash and recycling services). Each service provider stated that infrastructure is in place to provide City services to this location. The Technical Review Committee recommended approval of this annexation request at its August 2, 2024 meeting. The subject property is located within the Tier 1 Growth Area on the Growth Strategy map in the Comprehensive Plan. The subject property is located in a Scenic Corridor Overlay District (SCOD-1), which requires a 50 average undisturbed buffer for the portion of the property adjacent to the Greensboro Urban Loop (Interstate 840). Since this property can be served by City utility providers, it is the City of Greensboro's policy to annex the property pending approval of the associated original zoning.

Staff Original Zoning Analysis

The subject property is approximately 1.97 acres and contains a single-family dwelling in the front and wooded area in the rear of the property. North of the request contains a single-family dwelling, zoned County RS-30 (Residential Single-family). East and west of the request contain undeveloped land, zoned RS-30 (Residential Single-family) and City CD-R-5 (Conditional District- Residential Single-family -5) respectively. South of the request contains undeveloped land and the Greensboro Urban Loop (Interstate 840).

The proposed original zoning request supports both the Comprehensive Plan's Creating Great Places goal to expand Greensboro's citywide network of unique neighborhoods offering residents all walks of life a variety of quality housing choices and the Filling in Our Framework Big Idea to arrange our land uses for where we live, work, attend school, shop and enjoy our free time to create a more vibrant and livable Greensboro.

This property is currently designated Residential on the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map. The requested zoning district is generally consistent with the Residential Future Land Use Designation. The Residential designation includes both single-and-multi-family residential. Other uses should generally be in the scale of a Neighborhood- or a District- Scaled Activity Center as described in the Future Built Form Map, in a form that is appropriate to the character of the area. Many residential areas include commercial corridors, and future development along these corridors should be oriented to the corridor to avoid negative impacts to adjacent residences.

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Built Form Map currently designates this property as Urban General. Applicable characteristics of the **Urban General** classification include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Setbacks, building orientation, building materials, height, and scale of residential buildings are considered within the existing neighborhood context.
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The proposed R-3 zoning district is primarily intended to accommodate low-density single-family detached residential development of up to 3 dwelling units per acre. The proposed original zoning request allows uses that are similar to existing uses in the surrounding area.

This request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the zoning code, the Comprehensive Plan (GSO2040), and is generally compatible with the existing development and trend in the surrounding area.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of the requested **R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)** zoning district.