



**PLZ-20-03**

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

**City Council Hearing Date: February 18, 2020**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>APPLICANT</b>	Borum, Wade , & Associates for Sonny Vestal and Herbert Wright
<b>HEARING TYPE</b>	Rezoning Request
<b>REQUEST</b>	R-3 (Residential Single-family - 3) to R-5 (Residential Single-family - 5)
<b>CONDITIONS</b>	N/A
<b>LOCATION</b>	1610 Dodson Street
<b>PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)</b>	7876292773
<b>PUBLIC NOTIFICATION</b>	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). <b>72</b> notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
<b>TRACT SIZE</b>	1.07 Acres
<b>TOPOGRAPHY</b>	Flat
<b>VEGETATION</b>	Partially Wooded

**SITE DATA**

<b>Existing Use</b>	Single-family dwelling and vacant land
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	<b>Adjacent Zoning</b>	<b>Adjacent Land Uses</b>
N	R-5 (Residential Single-family – 5)	Single-family dwellings
E	R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)	Single-family dwellings
S	R-5 (Residential Single-family – 5)	Single-family dwellings
W	R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3)	Single-family dwellings

**Zoning History**

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

**ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS****District Summary \***

Zoning District Designation:	Existing (R-3)	Requested (R-5)
Max. Density:	3 dwelling units per acre	5 dwelling units per acre
Typical Uses	Primarily intended to accommodate low-density single-family detached residential development of up to 3 dwelling units per acre.	Primarily intended to accommodate low-density single-family detached residential development of up to 5 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**

n/a

**Environmental/Soils**

Water Supply Watershed Site drains to N. Buffalo Creek, Non-watersupply Watershed

Floodplains > 2000LF

Streams N/A

Other: If >1 acre is disturbed and new BUA is proposed, site must meet current watersupply watershed requirements for Phase 2, water quality and water quantity control must be addressed. If <1ac is disturbed and the BUA is not increased, Water Quantity control must be addressed.

**Utilities (Availability)**

Water: Water Available  
Sewer Available

**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: Dodson Street – Local Street.  
Savannas Run – Local Street.

Site Access: All access(s) must be designed and constructed to the City of 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 15 (Yanceyville Street / Brightwood School Road) is within 0.33 miles of the subject site, along Lees Chapel Road.

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-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 **Low Residential (3-5 d.u./acre)**. The requested **R-5 (Residential, Single Family – 5 du/ac)** zoning is generally consistent with the **Low Residential (3-5 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.

**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.

## **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 1.07 acre subject property currently contains a single-family dwelling and vacant land. North, east, south, and west of the request contain single-family dwellings, zoned R-3 and R-5.

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

The proposed R-5 request is limited to single-family residential uses not to exceed 5 dwelling units per acre. The proposed rezoning request supports both the Comprehensive Plan's Reinvestment/Infill goal to promote sound investment in Greensboro's urban areas and the 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. The request is also consistent with the pattern of development in the area that includes both R-3 and R-5 zoned residential lots.

The 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 - 5) zoning district.