



PLZ-20-10

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

City Council Hearing Date: May 19, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT	Maria Lara
HEARING TYPE	Original Zoning Request
REQUEST	County AG (Agricultural) to City R-3 (Residential Single-family - 3)
CONDITIONS	N/A
LOCATION	A portion of 3617 Link Road and Link Road Right-of-Way
PARCEL ID NUMBER(S)	7887717978
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). 72 notices were mailed to those property owners in the mailing area.
TRACT SIZE	4.33 acres
TOPOGRAPHY	Flat
VEGETATION	Wooded

SITE DATA

Existing Use		Single family dwelling and undeveloped
	Adjacent Zoning	Adjacent Land Uses
N	County AG (Agricultural)	Undeveloped
E	R-3 (Single-family Residential - 3)	Single-family dwellings
W	County AG (Agricultural)	Single-family dwelling and undeveloped
S	R-3 (Single-family Residential -3)	Single-family dwellings.

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 Summaries**

Zoning District Designation:	Existing County (AG)	Requested City (R-3)
Max. Density:	Approx. 1 dwelling unit per acre	3 dwelling units per acre
Typical Uses	Various agricultural uses with limited residential uses.	Primarily intended to accommodate single family residential dwellings with a maximum density of 3 dwelling unit per acres

**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 in an overlay zoning 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 to North Buffalo Creek, non-watersupply watershed

Floodplains N/A

Streams Possible stream feature is onsite and must be identified. If stream feature is intermittent or perennial, a 50ft stream buffer measured from top of bank on each side is required.

Other: If >1 acre is disturbed and the BUA is increased, site must meet current Phase 2 requirements, water quality and water quantity control must be addressed.

Utilities (Availability)

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 housing.

Transportation

Street Classification: McKnight Mill Road – Minor Thoroughfare.
Link Road – Collector Street.

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

Traffic Counts: Link Road AADT = 1,600 vpd (NCDOT, 2018).

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 **City R-3 (Residential, Single Family, 3 du/ac)** zoning district 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 **City R-3 (Residential, Single Family, 3 du/ac)** zoning district is generally consistent with the **Low Residential (3-5 d.u./acre)** future land use designation. The Growth Strategy Map identifies the subject site as being located 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:

- Create a Fringe Area Land Use Plan;
- Establish a “tiered” approach that designates growth areas for staged development, annexation, and extension of public facilities within the water and sewer service boundary;
- Define specific criteria for water and sewer extensions and annexations;
- Initiate designation of the fringe as Greensboro's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and
- Establish a proactive plan to provide infrastructure in advance of development, consistent with the growth “tiers” and Fringe Area Land Use Concept Plan.

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 annexation and original zoning with owners of surrounding properties.

Staff Analysis

The 4.33 acre subject property is mostly undeveloped with a single family dwelling. North of the request is undeveloped land zoned County AG. East, south and west of the subject property are single-family dwellings and undeveloped land, zoned City R-3 and County AG.

The subject site is currently located in the County. The Growth Strategy Map designates the subject site as Growth Tier 1, Current Growth Area (2013-2019). Tier 1 includes areas 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. The Technical Review Committee voted to recommend approval of the annexation at their meeting on March 5, 2020. The Planning Board will hear the associated annexation request for this property at a Special Meeting on April 22, 2020.

The Comprehensive Plan's Generalized Future Land Use Map currently designates this site as Low Residential. The Low Residential 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 3-5 dwelling units per acre. The proposed R-3 zoning district is primarily intended to accommodate low density single-family detached residential development with a maximum density of 3 dwelling units per acre.

This request is consistent with 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 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. The request is also consistent with the surrounding pattern of residential development.

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 - 3)** zoning district.