

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GUILFORD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TO REJECT  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #21-04-GCPL-03572

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council has learned the Guilford County Planning Board is considering a Special Use Permit for 800+ acres of land at their June 21, 2021 meeting referred to as Special Use Permit Case #21-04-GCPL-03572: West River Solar. The Greensboro City Council wishes to express its perspective on this proposed development;

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro has adopted growth policies first with the *Connections 2025 Comprehensive Plan* adopted in 2003 and subsequently with its update *GSO2040* adopted in 2020 which indicate growth strategy;

WHEREAS, these parcels are located in Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the Cities Growth Tier Map *GSO2040* plan, wherein there have been significant investments in water and sewer capacity, “to the end that a healthy, orderly and coordinated system of continued growth and development will be attained in a manner most conducive to public health and general welfare” as stated in the adopted Greensboro Water and Sewer Service Policy (2012);

WHEREAS, removing these acres from intended utilization of water and sewer infrastructure is counter to the goals of the comprehensive plan *GSO2040*; in particular that of Prioritizing Sustainability which states in Goal A, Strategy 1 that we “Promote resilient, efficient, and environmentally beneficial patterns of land use...to achieve an appropriate jobs-housing-service balance” and “use the Growth Tier Map and policies to evaluate infrastructure investments when making capital investments and land use decisions”;

WHEREAS, the parcels in this proposal are shown in *GSO2040* as “Residential” on the Future Land Use Map and as “Urban General” on the Future Built Form Map, and the proposed use does not complement and is not compatible with the City’s growth plan, the City’s housing priorities, and makes obsolete intended utilization of water and sewer infrastructure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greensboro City Council respectfully requests the Guilford County Planning Board reject Special Use Permit Case #21-04-GCPL-03572: West River Solar for the above sound planning and development principles and in the interest in promoting sound development for the county and city and in keeping with adopted growth plans.