



REZONING MEMORANDUM
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COMMENTS:

The 'tree save' areas shown on the conceptual plan should be removed for most of trees, or additional comments added to the plan to ensure they will truly be 'preserved'. It does not appear that most of them could be preserved, or be expected to live with the proposed site configurations. Consultation with Tom Johnson (704.336.3622), Urban Forestry Specialist, is recommended early in this project. Concerns include:

Newland Rd. – the existing trees are approximately 25-30 feet from the back of curb and on a hill. They've also been pruned for overhead utilities. 3 of them are within the building envelope and will require much detail to grading and building placement and construction methods to ensure preservation lasting more than a couple of years. The 4th tree is in the sight triangle, but has the best chance of being preserved if the grades work.

Samuel St. – These trees appear to be approximately 15-20 ft behind the back of curb, and the plan calls for a 14 ft setback. All are in sight triangles. The 2 trees on either side of the driveway for Parcel 1 will be extremely close to the proposed buildings, which will require special construction methods to preserve them properly. The 3rd tree, closest to Statesville Ave has the best chance for preservation, but lies within 2 different sight triangles. Every effort should be made to preserve this tree.

Statesville Ave. – There only appear to be 2 remaining trees on the Statesville Ave side. Both are close to 40 ft behind the back of curb, not within the planting strip as shown on the rezoning plan. If the rezoning plan is referring to the existing street trees in the planting strip, the size needs to be changed to 3" instead of 30 & 36".