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Elizabeth Area Plan

September 22, 2009

4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Welcome



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St. John's Baptist Church, 1300 Hawthorne Lane

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes) | Alan Goodwin |
| 2. Meeting Purpose (5 minutes) | Alan Goodwin |
| 3. Area Plan Purpose and Process (20 minutes) | Alan Goodwin and Jim Kimbler |
| 4. Public Input – Likes & Dislikes (20 minutes) | Staff |
| 5. Questions and Answers* (15 minutes) | Kathy Cornett |
| 6. Wrap Up and Next Steps (5 minutes) | Kathy Cornett |

**Staff will be available after the meeting to answer questions*

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City/County Area Plan Team

- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department**
- **Engineering & Property Management**
- **Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation**
- **Neighborhood & Business Services**
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU)**
- **Stormwater Services**
- **Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT)**
- **Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)**
- **Charlotte Fire Department**
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department**
- **Solid Waste Services**
- **Land Use and Environmental Services (LUESA)**

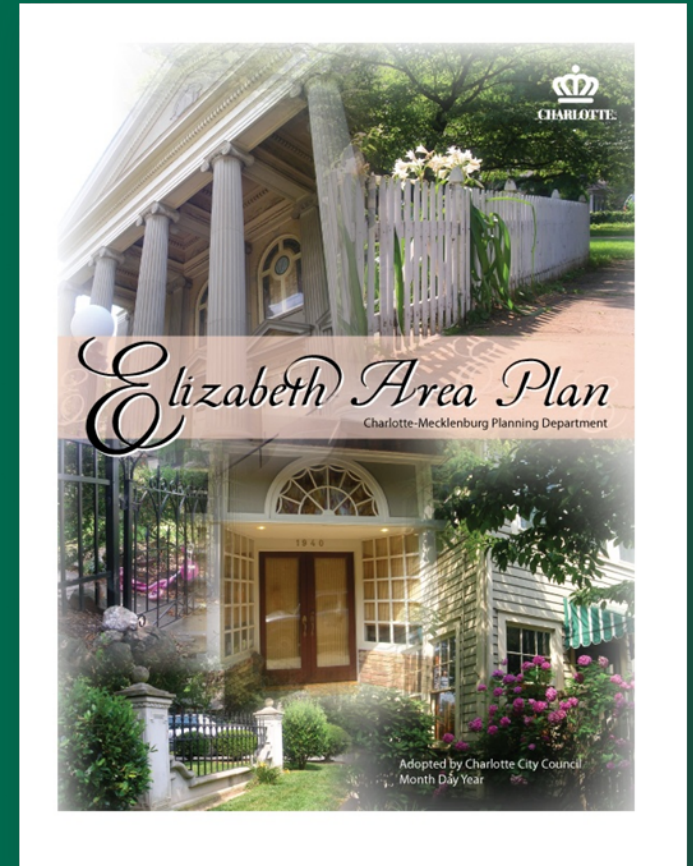
Meeting Purpose

1. Discuss the Purpose of an Area Plan
2. Introduce the Elizabeth Area Plan Initiative
3. Describe the Plan Development Process
4. Receive Community Input



What is an Area Plan?

- Policy Guide That Provides a Framework for Future Growth and Development
- Has a Specific Geographic Focus and Provides Detailed Land Use and Community Design Recommendations for that Particular Area
- Identifies Public and Private Investments and Strategies That Should Be Pursued in Order to Realize the Plan Vision
- Updates the Broader, More General District Plans
- Addresses How the Community Should Be Maintained and/or Changed in the Future
- Community's Shared Vision for the Future



What Can You Expect From an Area Plan?

Clarify the Vision for the Area

Identify and provide policies to address development opportunities and issues

But not . . .

Create regulations or laws

Identify public and private investments needed to achieve vision

But not . . .

Provide funding and implementation means overnight

Possibly recommend zoning changes in appropriate locations

But not . . .

Rezone property

Guide more appropriate development

But not . . .

Halt development



Growth Framework

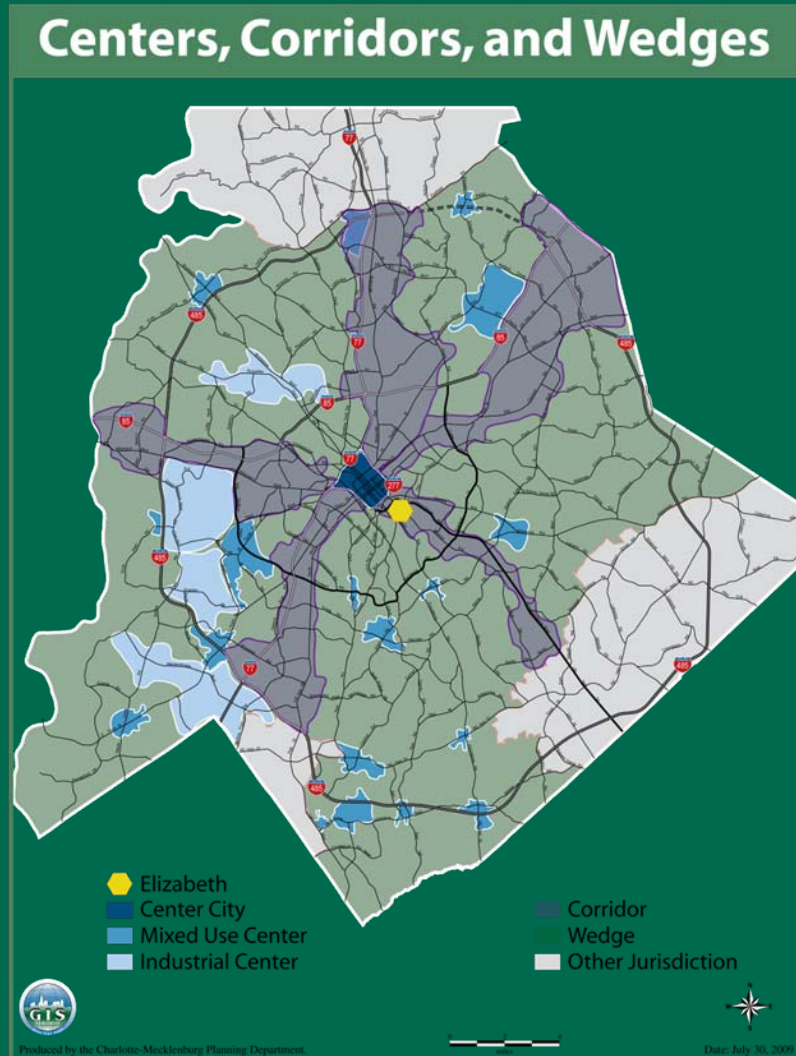
Activity Centers

- Center City
- Mixed Use Center
- Industrial Center

Growth Corridors

- Established Neighborhood Areas
- Transit Station Areas
- Interchange Areas
- General Corridor Areas

Wedges



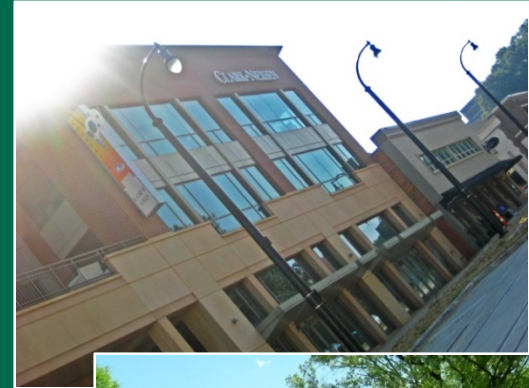


Why Do a Plan for This Area?

- To update existing plans to provide more specific guidance for growth and redevelopment

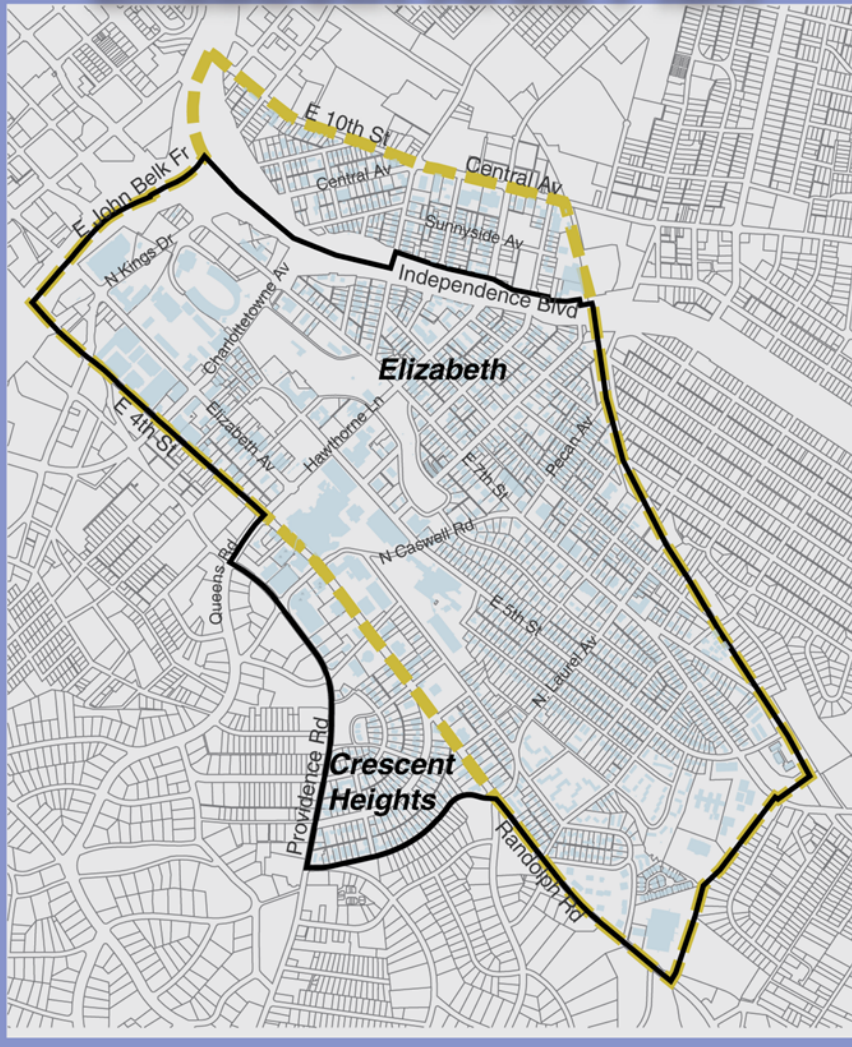
Elizabeth Small Area Plan (1985)
Central District Plan (1993)

- To follow up on the concepts developed in the *Seventh Street Developer Response*
- To better integrate community design, transportation, and land use planning
- Requested by the Elizabeth Community Association





Elizabeth Area Plan



- The solid black line shows the area plan boundary.
 - The dashed gold line shows the commonly recognized boundary of the Elizabeth neighborhood.
 - Three recent land use and pedscape plans cover a portion of the Elizabeth neighborhood:
 - Belmont Area Plan (2003)
 - Plaza Central Pedscape Plan (2004)
 - Sunnyside Pedscape & Land Use Plan (2003).
- The Elizabeth Area Plan process will not revise those plans.



Plan Development Process



Transportation Issues

Street Type and Network

- Avenues
- Local Streets

- Land Use Context

Other distinct nodes

- Balance the needs of all users

- Pedestrians
- Cyclists
- Motorists
- Transit Users

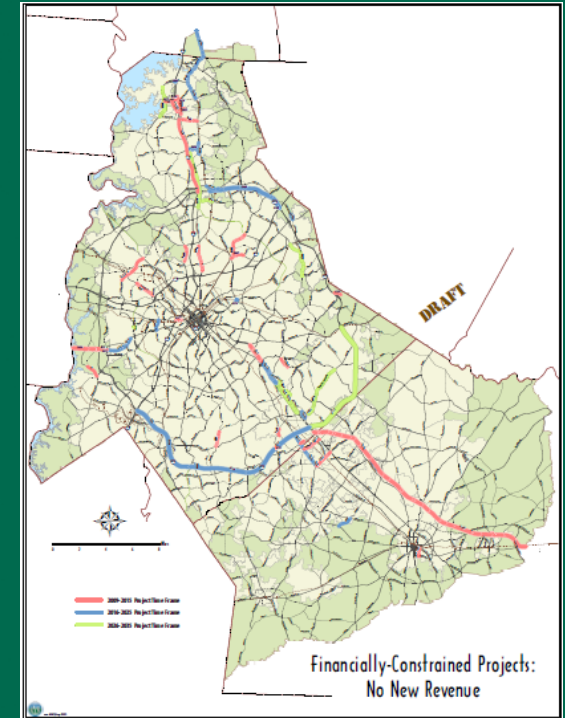




Seventh Street - Background

History

- Prior to 1990, four narrow lanes
- Reversible lanes as “interim” solution
- Widening was included in past Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP)



Today

Widening no longer funded in draft 2035 LRTP

- Expanded effort by CDOT to create “Complete Streets”
- Growing public support for “Livable Streets”



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How You Can Participate

- Online survey

Public meetings

Citizen Advisory
Group

Follow process online at:
www.charlotteplanning.org

2. Ten Questions

1. I am interested in the new Elizabeth Area Plan because (please check all that apply):

☐ I live in Elizabeth.

☐ I own property in Elizabeth.

☐ I have a business in the Elizabeth area.

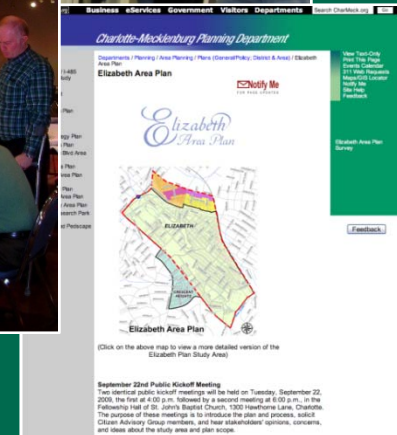
☐ I work in the Elizabeth area.

Other: _____

2. This question is about what you value most about the Elizabeth area. Please tell us how important each of the following things is to you.

	very important to me	Somewhat important	I don't have a strong opinion one way or the other	Somewhat not important	not important at all to me
Walking distance to shops and dining	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy access to local and interstate highways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shared community values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interacting with other Elizabeth residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organic and historic neighborhood character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schools and colleges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic architecture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tree-lined streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenient to urban Charlotte	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(Optional) Comments: _____



Citizen Advisory Group



- The purpose of the CAG is to help shape the area plan's goals, objectives, and recommendations.
- The CAG will meet 6 to 8 times over the next 5 or 6 months. Each meeting will focus on specific topics and issues.
- Interested volunteers may sign up here or by sending an email to:
LKeich@CharlotteNC.gov

Online Survey Results (through 11:00 a.m. Sept. 22)

What do you value most about the plan area?

86% - Tree-lined streets

79% - Parks and open space

75% - Walking distance to shops and dining

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76% - Adequate sidewalks

68% - Pedestrian and bicyclist safety

64% - Pedestrian crosswalks

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47% - Walkable streets

44% - Preservation of existing neighborhoods

44% - Preservation of tree canopy



Public Input - Likes/Dislikes



20 minutes has been allotted for this exercise. Here's how it works:

1. Take your 3 green and 3 red stickers to one of the pairs of large maps on the wall.
2. On the map titled “Likes”, place your **green** stickers on places that you like or enjoy, or on places you think are good examples of what makes Elizabeth so special to you.
3. On the map titled “Dislikes”, place your **red** stickers on places that you don't like at all, or on problem areas, or on things that you wouldn't want to see any more of in Elizabeth.
4. A staff person will be stationed next to each map to maintain a record of why dots are being placed in various locations. Please feel free to elaborate to the staff person why you are calling out certain places or things with your dots.

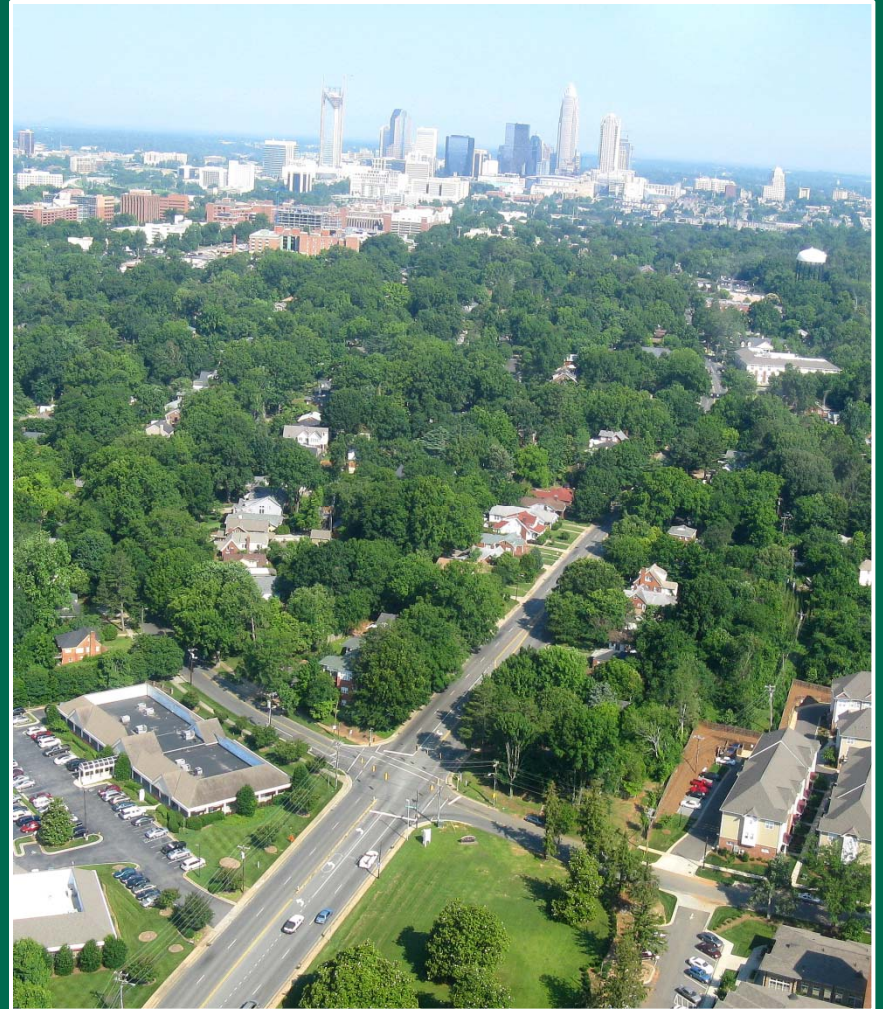
- Citizen Advisory Group Meetings
(Fall 2009 – Spring 2010)
- Second Public Meeting with Focus on
Transportation
(Spring 2010)
- Final Public Open House Meeting to Present
Draft Plan
(Late-Spring 2010)
- Plan Adoption Process
(Summer 2010)



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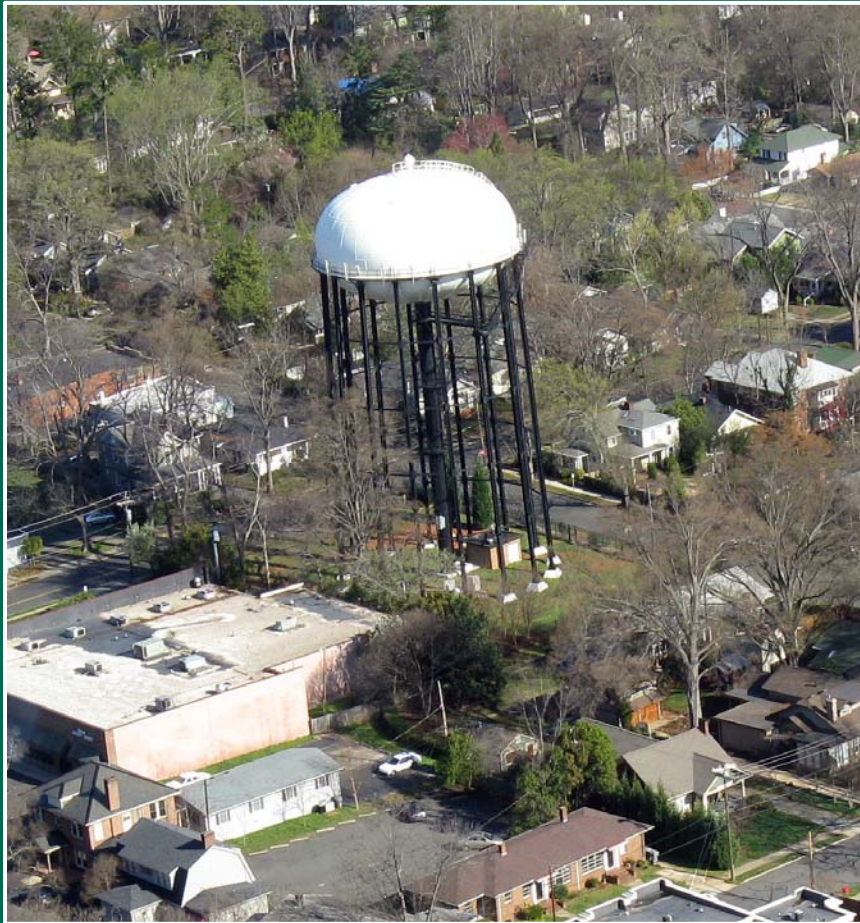
Questions?

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Thank You!

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