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Prosperity Hucks Area Plan

Refined Plan Public Meeting

April 15, 2015



Presentation Outline





2. Activity Center Refinements & Recommendations

3. Illustrative Development **Scenarios**

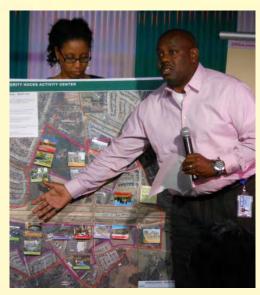
4. Next Steps

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Community Dialog



14 Teams... 70+ participants



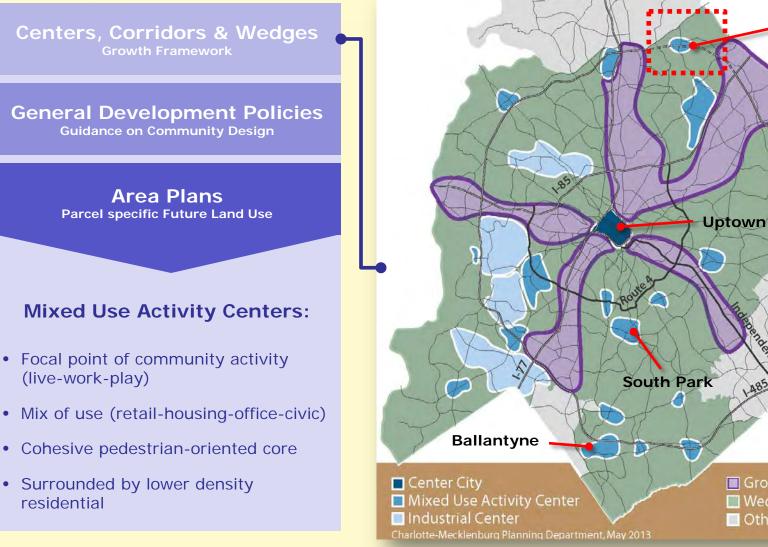










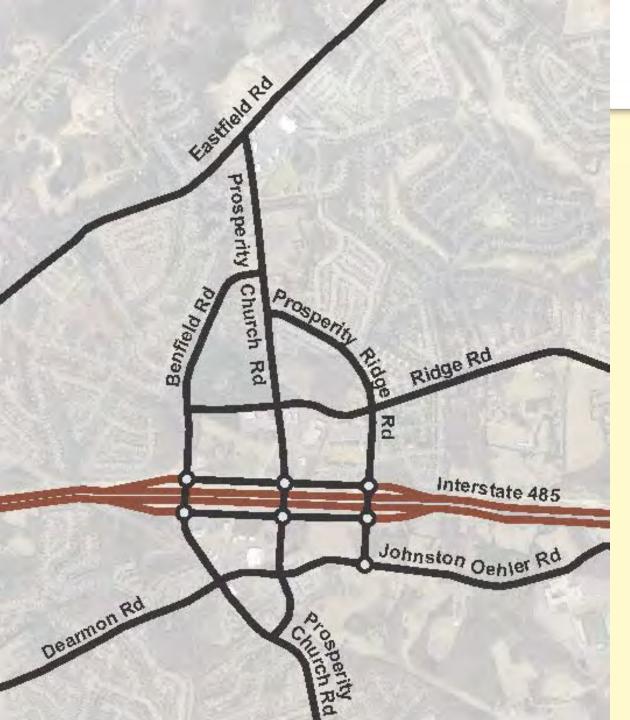


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Lower Density Residential Local Retail Huntersville Eastiedad Center (Mixed Use) William Manager Parks/Open Space Highland Creek Py Onester Dr. Institutional Greenway Arbot Fairviste Q. Highland Creek Py Christenburg Rd Ridge Rd Ext Plan Beauvista Dr Arosperity Ridge Rd Bell's Millo StreetAv Ridge Rd Area / Church Rd Seard Rd 1-485 Hy Browne Rd Johnston Oghler Rd Dearmon Rd Baskerville Av Delamere Un Suttonview D Qark Dr. Horsley Ln Polk And White Ry Due Hucks Rd Hucks Rd Ext Prosperify Hucks Rd hurch Rd Greenway k Rd



Transportation Plan

Major Street Network (parts still under construction)

- Envisioned in the 1999 Villages Plan
- I-485 Interchange
- Benfield Road
- Prosperity Ridge Road
- Ridge Road
- Johnston Oehler Road



Vision for the Activity Center

Activity Center will be a community serving Mixed Use place complementing and enhancing the surrounding neighborhoods; with a rich variety of retail, office, entertainment and residential uses in a well-designed and appropriately scaled form.



The vision for Prosperity Hucks is centered on a walkable Activity Center that supports the surrounding neighborhoods.



Activity Center Boundary

1. Focus on Interchange

- Small area similar to original Village Plan
- Tied to new roads
- 2. What's <u>Outside</u> the Center
 - Single family homes
 - Townhomes in select locations
 - Institutional

3. What's Inside the Center

- Retail, office, institutional
- Parks & Open Space
- Apartments & townhomes (limited to select locations, with integrated design, community amenities, designed to support vibrant & walkable retail)



Focus on a Walkable Center

Where is the "Town Center"?

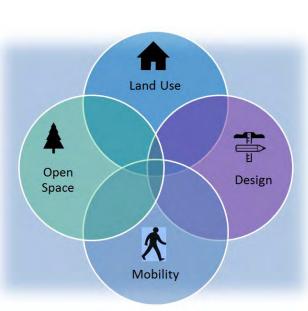
- Walkable, pedestrianoriented
- Community gathering spaces
- Retail/restaurants
- Office
- Residential
- Institutional

Comparable:

- Birkdale Village
 48 acres
- Phillips Place
 35 acres
- Downtown Davidson
 35 acres

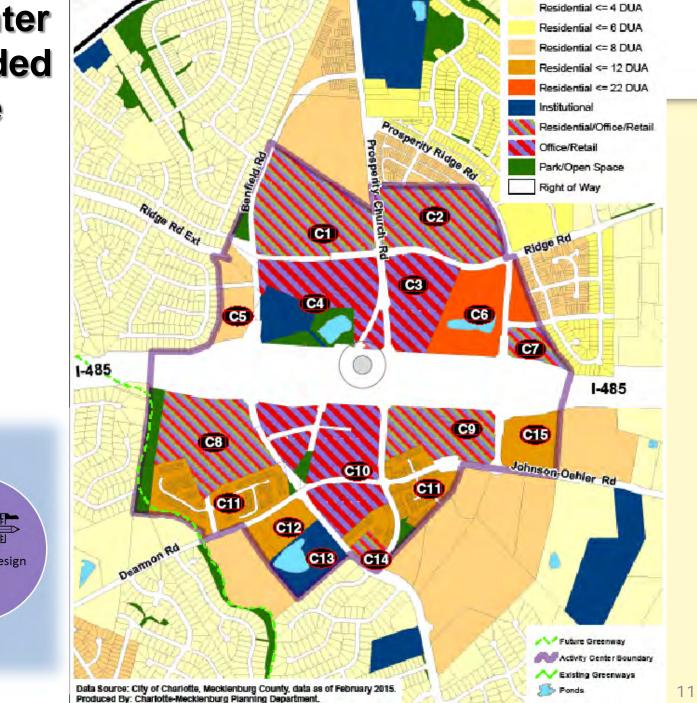
Activity Center Policy Areas

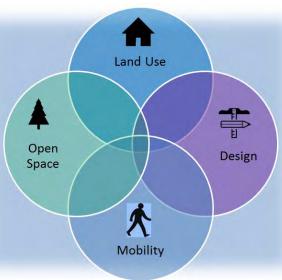
- 15 Policy Areas
- Specific Policy Guidance
- Greater detail



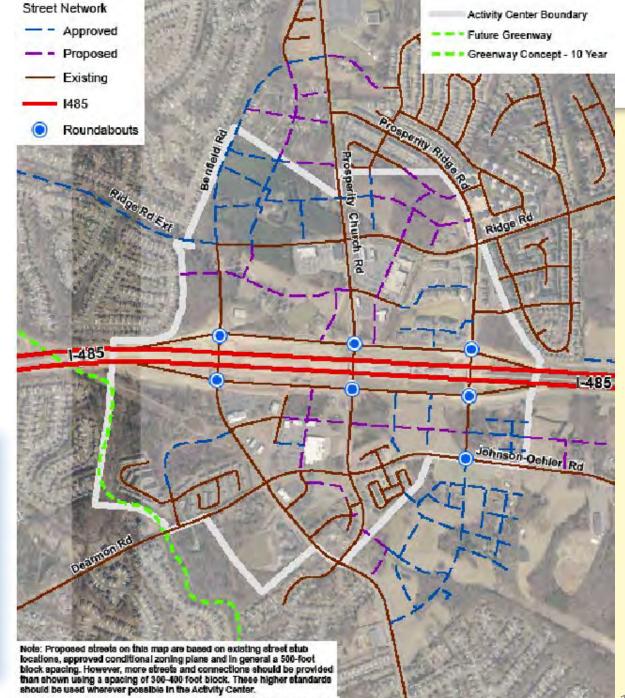


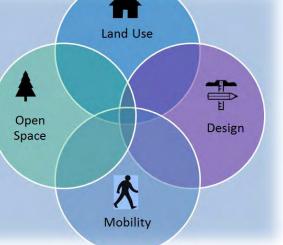
Activity Center Recommended Land Use





Activity Center Street Network





Data Source: City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, data as of March 2015. Produced By: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

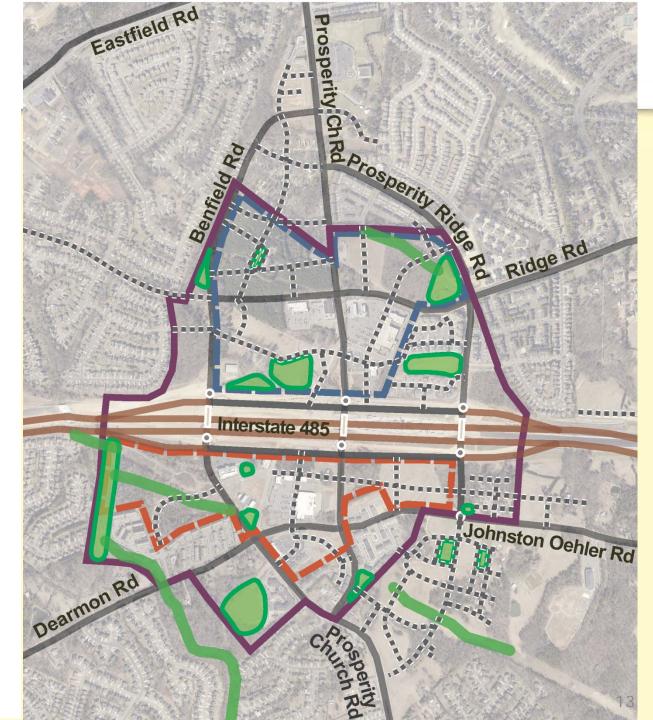
Activity Center Open Space Framework

Map shows some elements of a possible network:

- Existing open space,
- Approved site plan elements,
- Sensitive locations in Activity Center.

Map does not show all open space that could result through private development: an expectation of any and all development in

Activity Center.





Typical Policy Area Detail

Policy Area C4:

South of Ridge Road & West of Prosperity Church Road

Context:

Largely undeveloped site with pond and existing church.

Intent:

Connected and street-oriented retail, employment, and civic uses centered on the existing pond as a significant open space.

Land Use

- Future land use should be a mix of uses retail/ service, office, and institutional; (residential uses are only appropriate if vertically integrated with other uses). Larger development parcels (larger than about 5 acres) must include at least two of these uses, such that a single use does not dominate the area. The mix of uses may be vertical or horizontal, but must be designed and connected to create a unified walkable place.
- Retail development should include a variety of small shop space for uses such as retailers, offices, and restaurants. No single retail tenant space should exceed 20,000 square feet on the ground floor.
- The existing pond should remain and be incorporated into a significant open space. There could be small retail uses along a realigned McKay Road and the extension of Highland Shoppes Drive.
- The existing church facility is expected to remain. In the event of redevelopment, appropriate uses would be the same as the remainder of this policy area.
- Surplus NCDOT right of way should be used as open space in conjunction with land around the pond. This property is located along the I-485 frontage road and was left over from the construction of I-485.
- Additional land uses with drive-through facilities and/or gasoline pumps are not appropriate at this location. The area in combination with area C1 is already well served by several drive-through facilities in place or approved.

Community Design

refer also to General Policies starting on Page 49

 Development should be compact, pedestrianoriented, and well-connected internally, and to surrounding development.



Policy Area Location





The existing pond should remain as a significant open space, with possible small retail uses on the perimeter. (Photo from residents' inspiration collection.)

- New buildings should be oriented toward streets, with the majority of parking located to the side or rear of buildings. Shared parking and/or structured parking is encouraged.
- 9. The ground floor of buildings should be designed to activate streets and open space through a combination of design techniques that may include: Non-residential ground floor uses with clear glass windows and prominent entrances with operable doors allowing access from the sidewalk; and/or Building corners that feature prominent entrances and distinctive architectural design. Multi-story buildings are encouraged.
- Landscaping, architectural features, materials and other techniques should be used to tie development together to establish a sense of place.
- 11. Development should recognize the existing pond as a key open space element. Any additional required open space should build upon this unique amenity, and ground floor uses should orient to it or to the adjacent street.
- Parks and open spaces should be oriented toward building entries and strategically located near pedestrian walkways to create desirable gathering destinations. Consolidation of required open space is encouraged.

Mobility

fer also to Transportation Policies starting on Page 60

 Complete improvements to Prosperity Church Road, Benfield Road, and Craven Thomas Road (the I-485 service road), to include planting strips or amenity zones, sidewalks, on-street parking, and bike lanes.

- 14. Build a network of local streets as development occurs. Block spacing should be 500 feet or less.
- Extend Highland Shoppes Drive through the site to connect to Benfield Road as a local public street, and make a street network connection north to Ridge Road.
- 16. Provide for the relocation of McKay Road to intersect with the Highland Shoppes Drive extension and to align with the Aldi/Rite Aid Driveway. Consider an enhanced extension north to Ridge Road in the event of redevelopment.

Open Space

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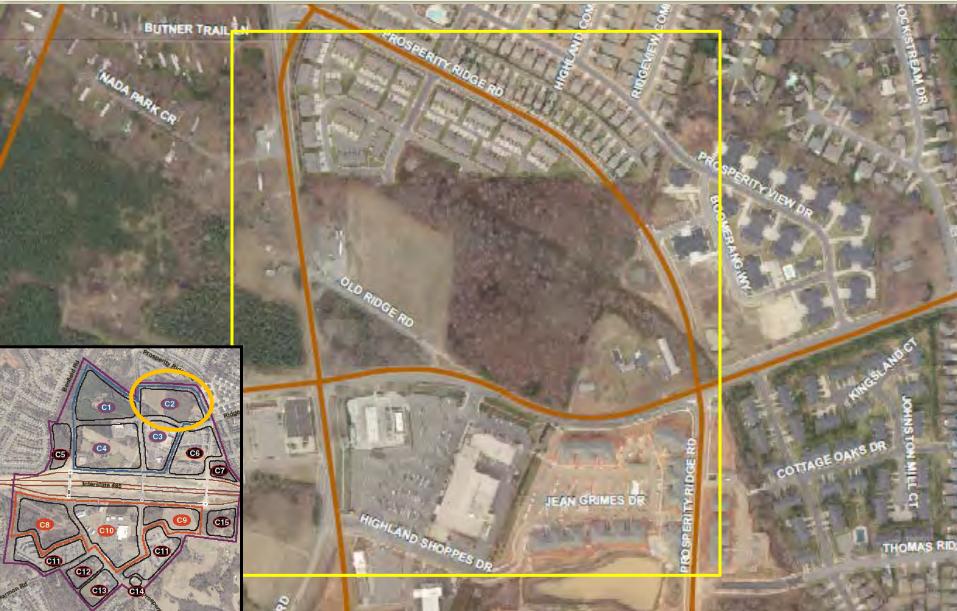
- 17. Incorporate open space such as plazas, gazebos, courtyards, fountains, and play areas, into new development. Design these spaces to maximize common or shared access and to encourage outdoor dining socializing and larger community gatherings.
- 18. The existing pond should remain and be incorporated into a significant open space. This could include passive open space, walking trails, and community amphitheater, as well as potential small scale, well integrated retail/ commercial/ restaurant uses that take advantage of water orientation.
- Surplus NCDOT right of way should be used as open space in conjunction with land around the pond.
- When feasible, connect open space to existing and planned greenways and other open space amenities to establish an area-wide network.



Sketch showing the extension of Highland Shoppes Drive through the policy area to Benfield Road, and the relocation of McKay Road. The pond is shown as a significant open space in this illustrative development scenario.

Activity Center











Townhomes Extends and completes existing form

Retail/Office Uses

Built up to the street edge, with parking to the side or rear

Retail Shops

Built up to the street edge to hold the corner, with any automobile uses away from the public right of way



Townhomes

Extension of existing residential form for seamless connection

Open Space

Use of natural topography and stormwater feature for use as an amenity

Retail Anchor

Sited along street edges so as to help frame a walkable street network, with parking to the side

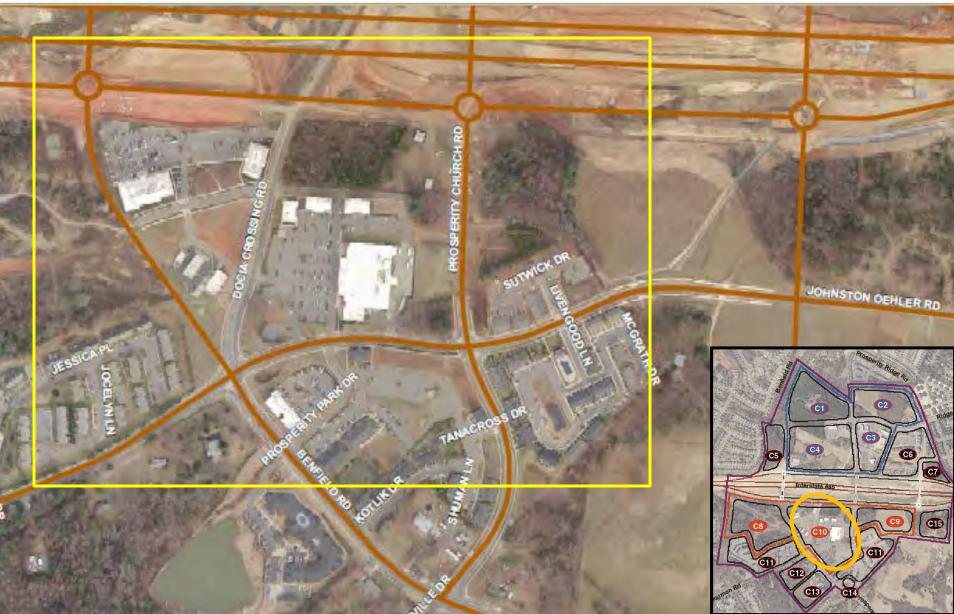


Retail/Office Uses Parking Built up to the street edge, with Located behind buildings, parking to the side or rear off main pedestrian spines Parking NewStreet

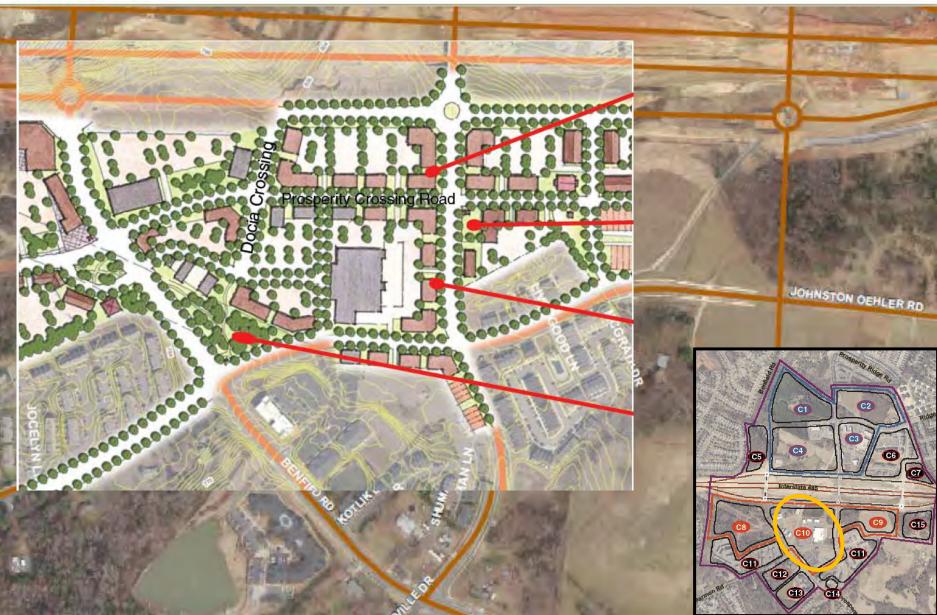
An aerial perspective view of the above Community Design concept.

Open Space Use of natural topography and stormwater feature for use as an amenity













Streetfront Retail/Office

fronting on extended Prosperity Crossing Road provides a pedestrian experience and street connectivity through the Core of the Activity Center.

Small Open Space

at strategic locations throughout the Activity Center improves the pedestrian experience.

Retail/Office Uses

built on available land serves to screen the existing grocery store loading area.

Open Space Element

added on former right of way of what is now Docia Crossing can become part of a network of connecting open space between parcels.

Sketch showing the extension of Prosperity Crossing Road, and streetfront mixed use development facing onto it. Small open spaces add to the pedestrian experience.





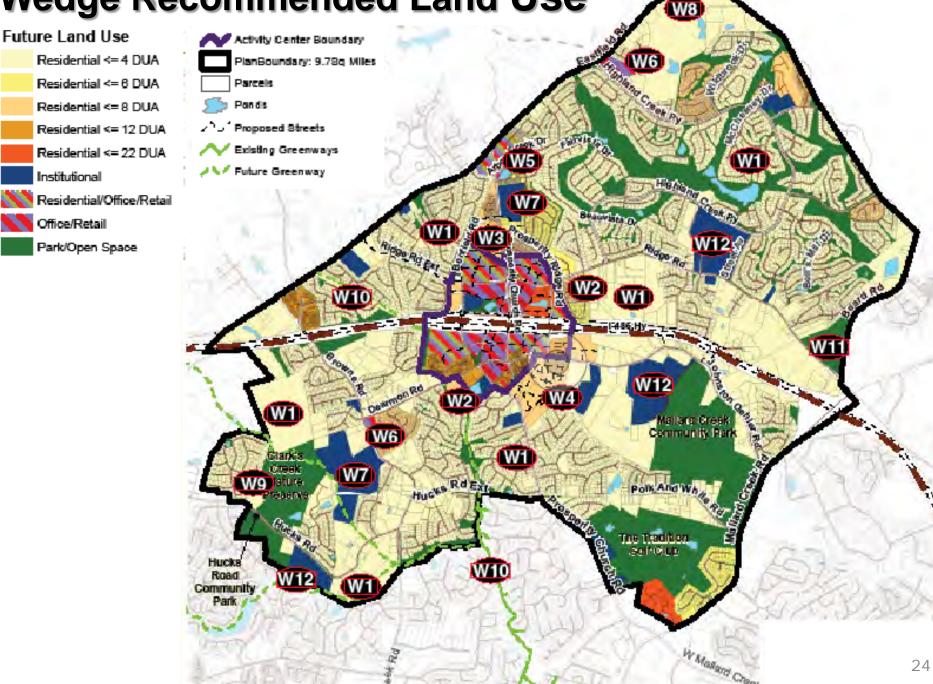
Prosperity Crossing Rd.



Neighborhoods are the backbone to the stability of the area. Continuing development in and around the neighborhoods will take into account its impact on the quality of life of area residents and protect the tree canopy.



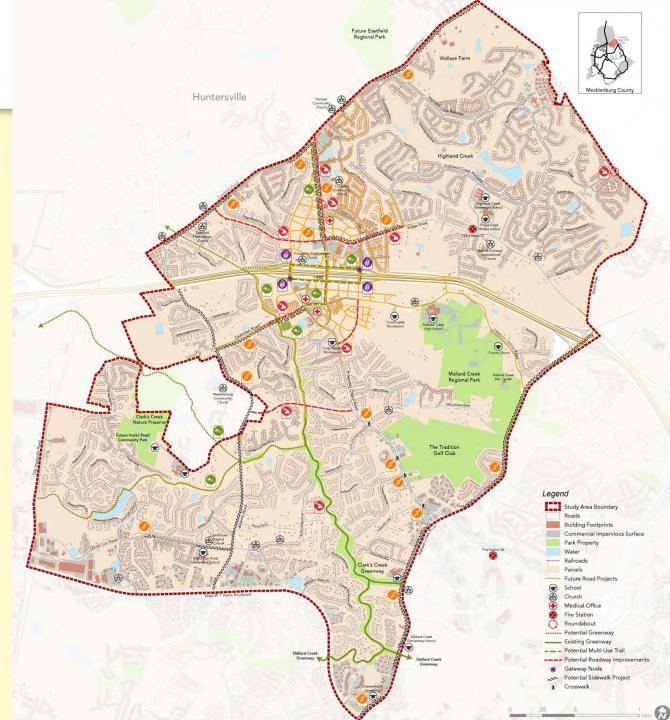
Wedge Recommended Land Use





CNIP: Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program

\$30 million in funding for capital projects: Mapping of potential projects





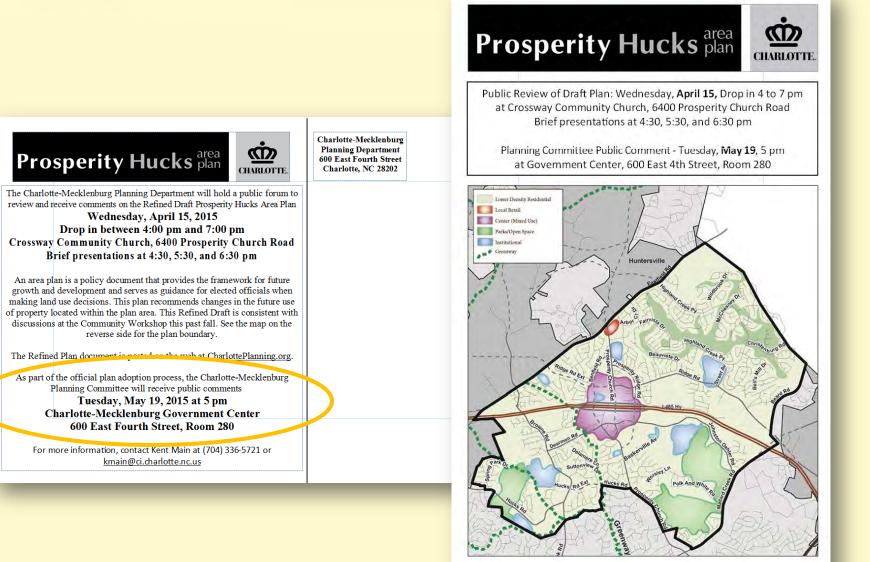
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Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program (CNIP): Prosperity Village area including neighborhoods along Ridge Road, Prosperity Church Road, David Cox Road and Mallard Creek Road



Next Step: Planning Committee Public Comment





Prosperity Hucks Area Plan Next Steps - *Tentative*

- 2015 ✓ April – Public Meeting
- May
 - May Planning Committee public comment
 - TAP Committee introduction
 - June Planning Committee recommendation
 - TAP Committee referral to Council for public comment
 - City Council public comment
 - Planning Committee recommendation
 - July TAP Committee recommendation – City Council Action



Questions?



Prosperity Hucks area plan

Refined Draft Document

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