



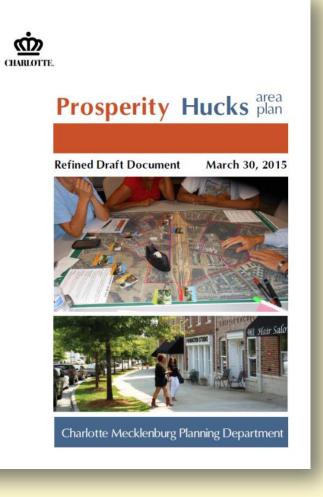
# **Prosperity Hucks Area Plan**

Planning Committee Public Comment

May 19, 2015



## **Presentation Outline**

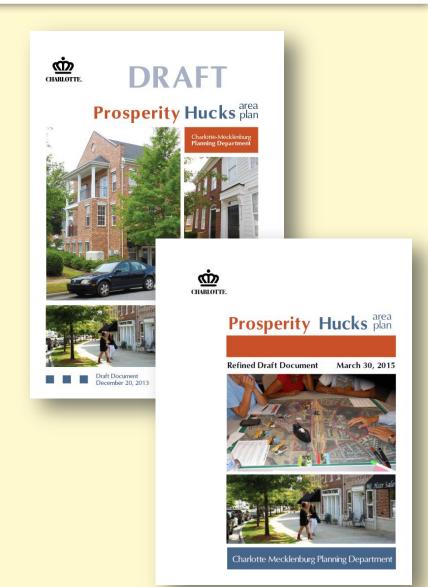


- 1. Background and Location
- 2. Community Dialog Process
- 3. Activity Center Recommendations
- 4. Wedge Recommendations
- 5. Next Steps



### **Process Background**

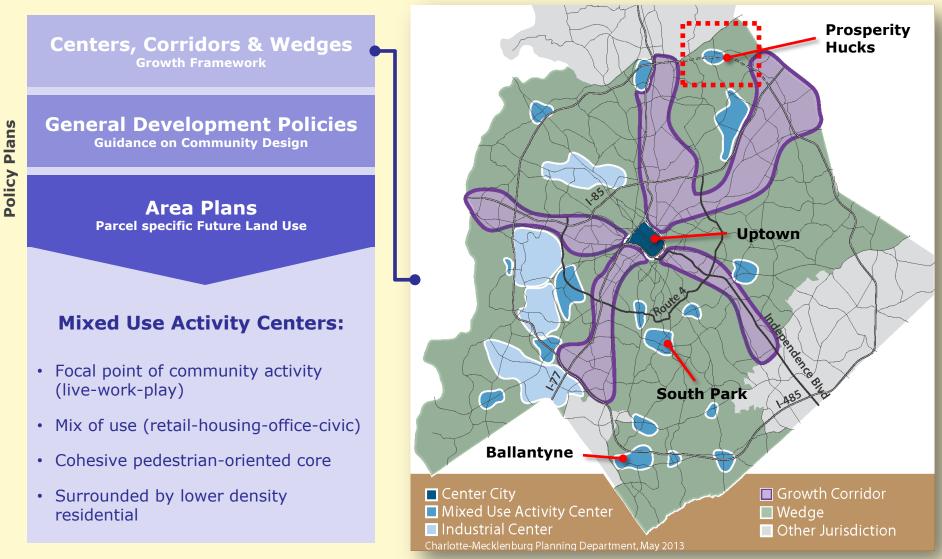
- Began public process to develop the plan in November 2012. Draft Plan completed in December 2013.
- Planning Committee recommended adoption of the Draft Plan in January 2014.
- Just prior to City Council public comment, significant concerns arose in community:
  - Extent of multi-family development
  - Location and type of retail uses
  - Level of detail in design guidance
  - Provision of open space
- Staff undertook an intensive Community Dialog process during the Spring and Summer 2014 to address concerns.
- New "**Refined Draft**" Plan addresses community concerns; provides greater detail in recommendations and design standards.

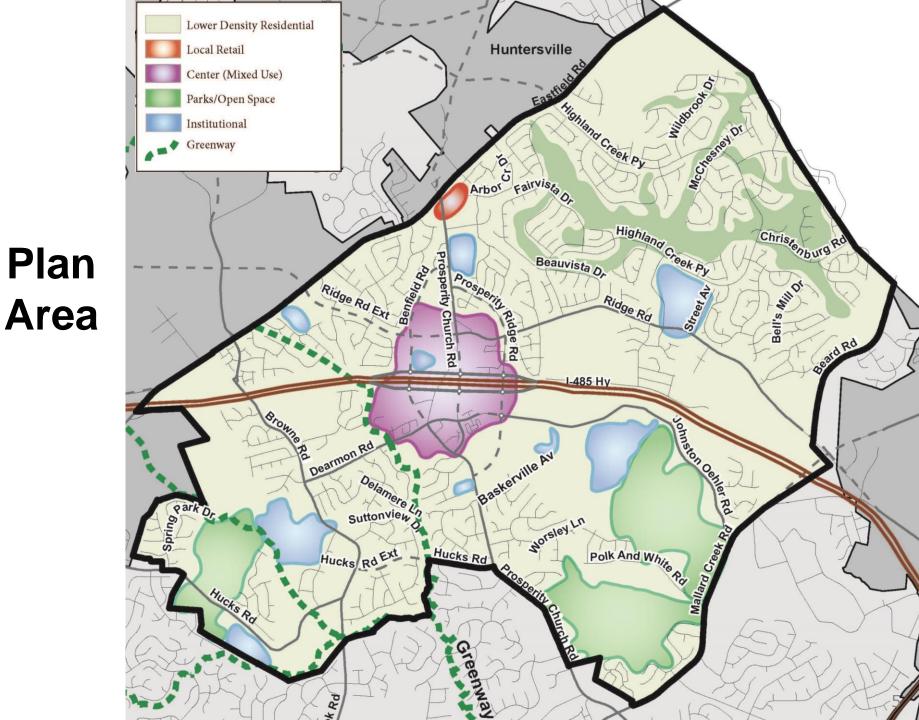


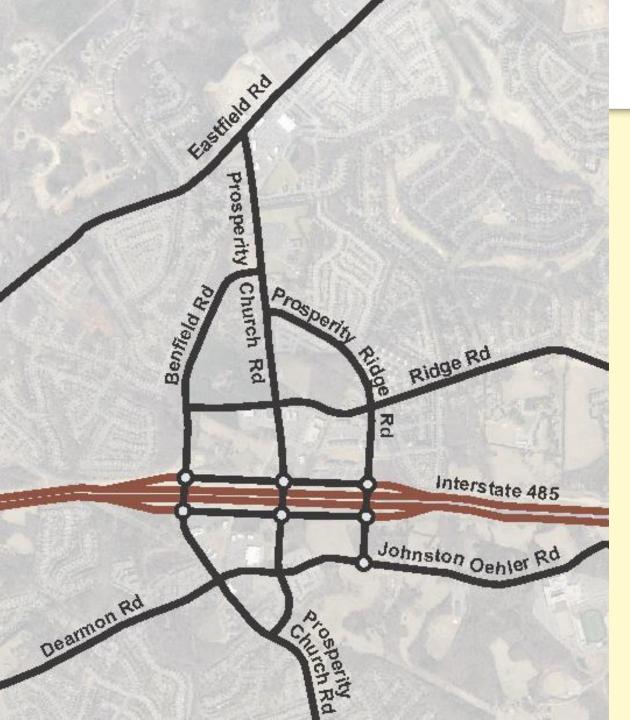


**Plans** 

## **Location & Policy Context**







#### Transportation Plan

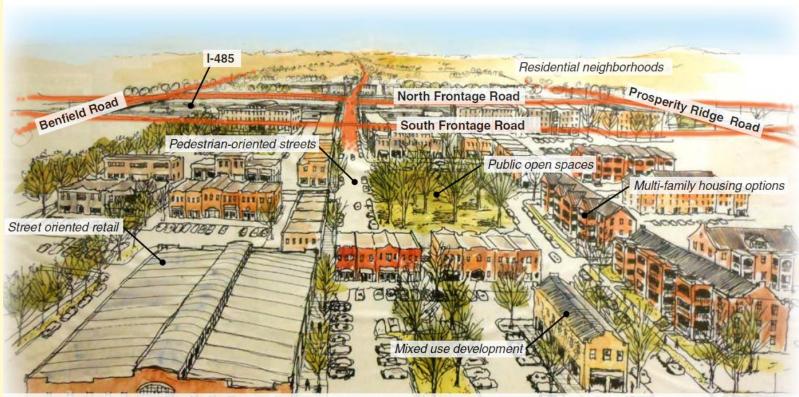
Major Street Network (parts still under construction)

- Envisioned in the 1999 Villages Plan
- I-485 Interchange
- Relocated Prosperity Church Road
- 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.

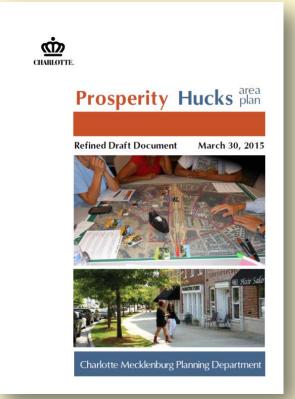


# **Community Dialog**

#### 2014

March 27	- Meeting at Oehler Barn	
May 13 May 21	<ul><li>– Core Group meeting</li><li>– Core Group meeting</li></ul>	
June 11-12	- Small Group Discussions (6 meetings in small groups, 70 participants)	
Aug 5 Aug 20 Sept 3	<ul> <li>Core Group meeting</li> <li>Core Group meeting</li> <li>Core Group meeting</li> </ul>	
Sept 16-17	- Small Group Work Sessions (14 table groups, 70 participants)	
Sept 23	<ul> <li>– Public Summary Review (80 participants)</li> </ul>	
<b>2015</b> April 15	<ul> <li>Refined Plan Public Meeting</li> </ul>	

(100 participants)





### **Community Dialog**



14 Teams... 70+ participants





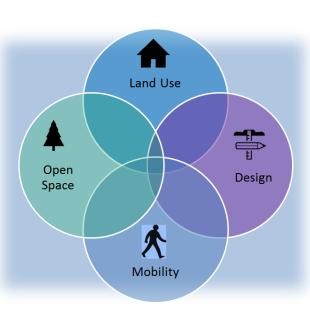






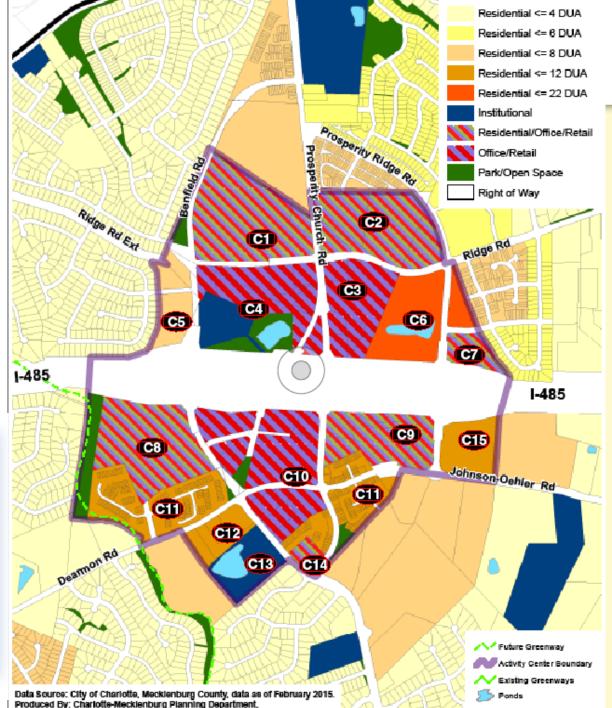
# Activity Center Policy Areas

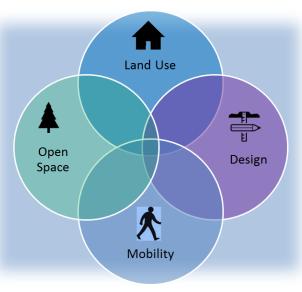
- 15 Policy Areas
- Specific Policy Guidance
- Greater detail





## Activity Center Recommended Land Use





### Activity Center Street Network

Land Use

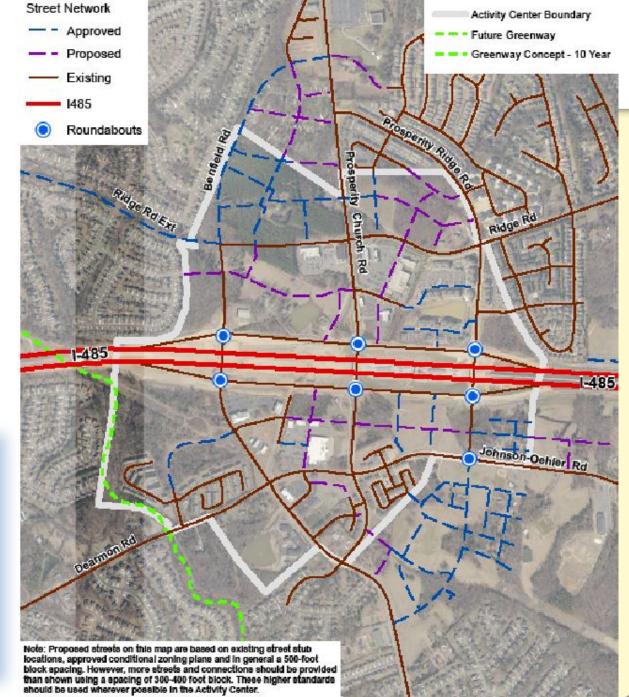
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Mobility

Open

Space

Design



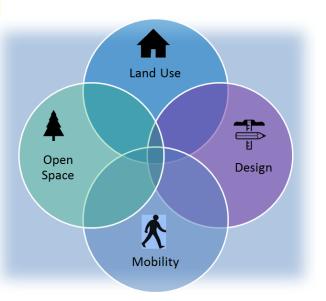
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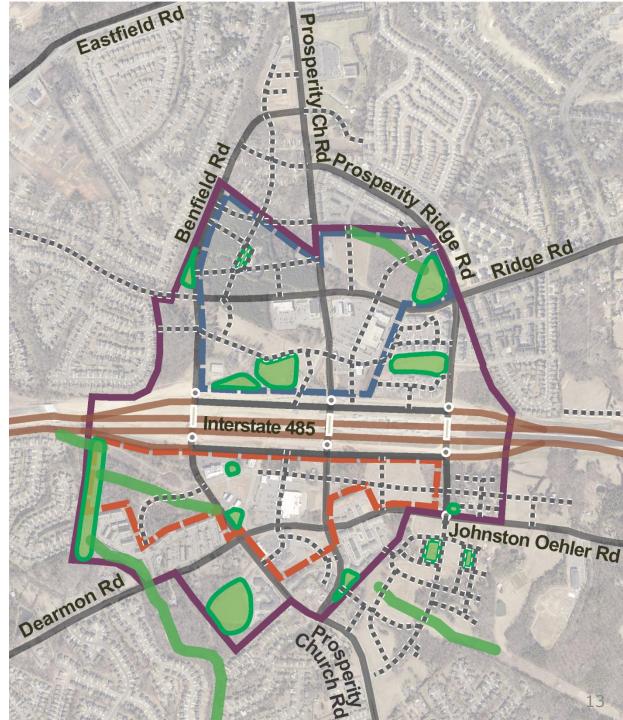
### Activity Center Open Space Framework

Map shows 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 all development in Activity Center.



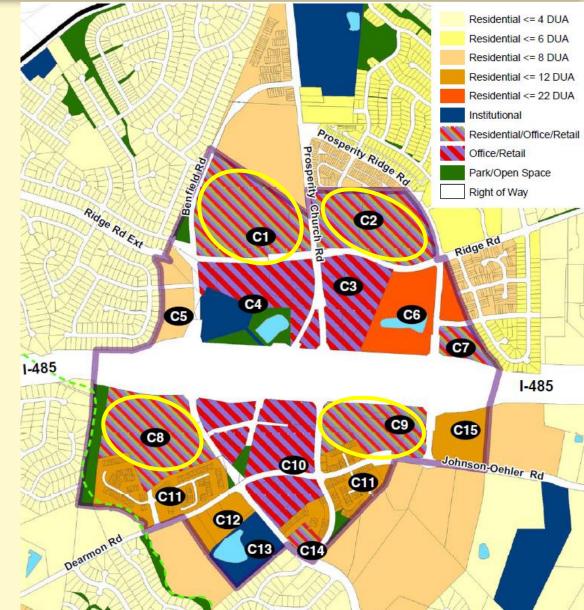




#### Policy Areas C1, C2, C8, C9

#### Large undeveloped sites

- Mixed Use: Retail, Office, Residential. Institutional also appropriate.
- Residential only as part of a mix; maximum density differs slightly from area to area.
- Retail anchor uses permitted in some areas while also providing small shop space.
- New drive-through facilities and gasoline pumps generally limited to I-485 frontage roads, with design standards.
- Internal street network.
- Buildings oriented to streets, with most parking behind; additional design standards.
- Open spaces and plazas, connected to each other.

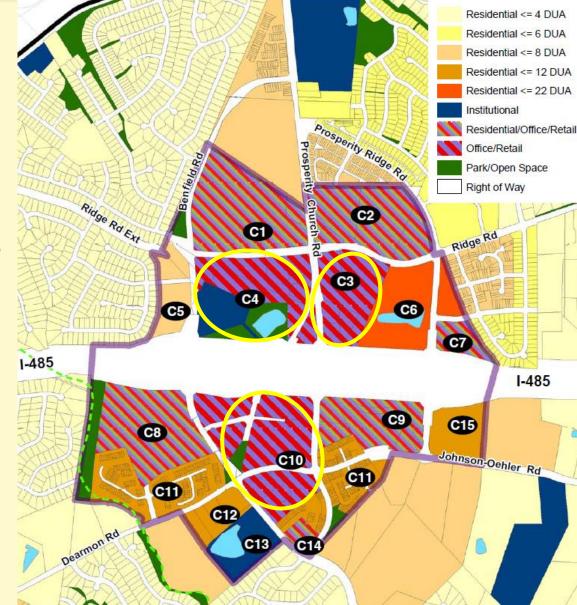




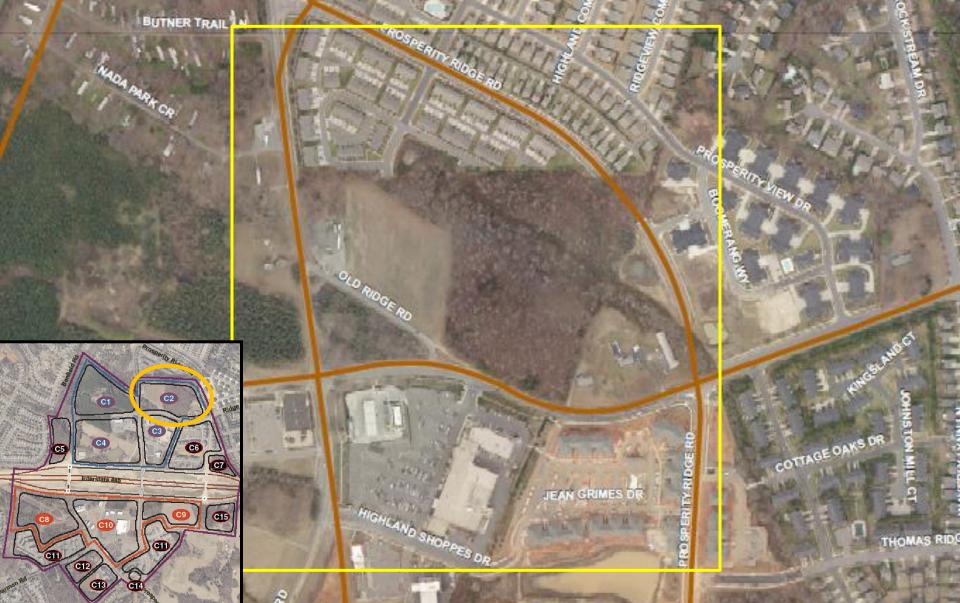
#### Policy Areas C3, C4, C10

## Sites with existing shopping centers or other development

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#### 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**

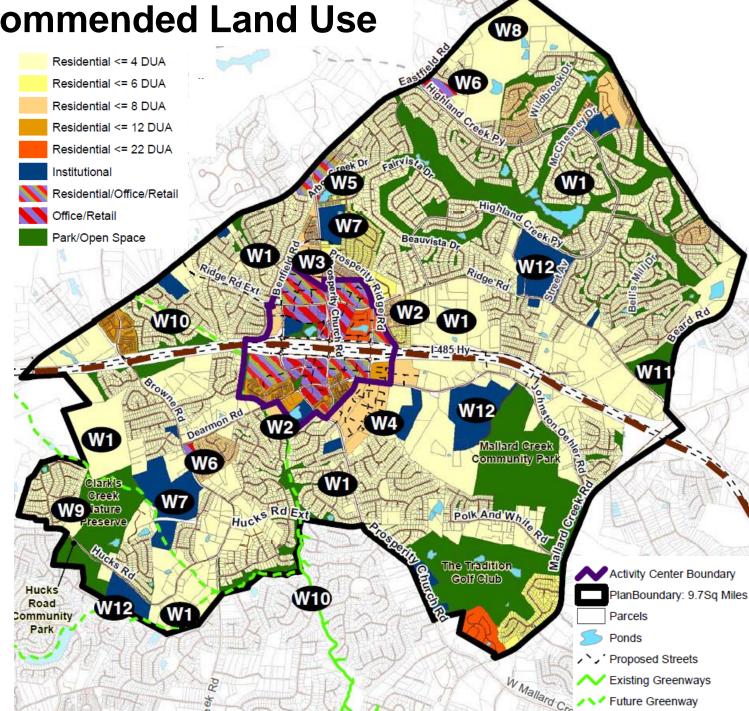
Use of natural topography and stormwater feature for use as an amenity

#### **Retail Anchor**

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

## Wedge Recommended Land Use

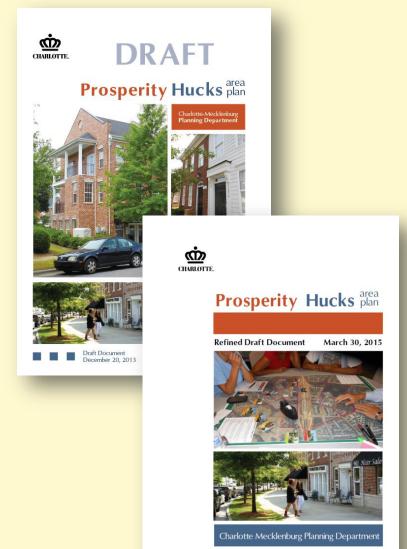
- Few concerns expressed.
- Changes mainly to cover areas removed from Activity Center.
- Largely built out, but with scattered remaining parcels.
- Primarily single family residential with provision for small nodes of commercial or slightly higher density.





### **Addressing the Concerns**

- New "Refined Draft" Plan addresses community concerns:
  - Extent of multi-family development reduced and defined more precisely
  - Location and type of retail uses specified by area, including appropriate locations for anchor uses, drive throughs, and gasoline pumps
  - Level of detail in design guidance increased, and tailored to specific areas
  - Methods for provision of open space laid out in greater detail
- Community was involved in the refined recommendations, and reception of the plan has been good to date.





#### Prosperity Hucks Area Plan Next Steps - *Tentative*

- 2015 ✓ April 15 – Public Meeting
- ✓ May 11 TAP Committee introduction
- ✓ May 19 Planning Committee public comment
  - May 28 TAP Committee referral to Council for public comment
  - June 16 Planning Committee recommendation June 22 – City Council public comment (Tentative)
  - July 13 TAP Committee recommendation
  - July 27
  - or Aug 24 City Council Action



# **Questions?**



#### **Prosperity Hucks** area plan

Refined Draft Document Mare

March 30, 2015





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