

Summary of Character Areas

	Description and Purpose	Character of Use	Building Types
<p>Transit Supportive Uses</p> 	<p>Characterized by an intense mix of residential and commercial uses oriented around a transit station and/or regional road corridors. The transit area maintains its pedestrian scale with connected streets, active streetscape and walkable block sizes even when building footprints are larger.</p>	<p>Mixed- or Multi-Use Retail, Office, Residential</p> 	<p>Mixed-Use Storefront Commercial Large-Format Retail Apartment Houses Townhomes</p> 
<p>Mixed Use</p> 	<p>Comprised of moderate office and/or retail area with some commercial services, scale depending on location. Include mixed-use buildings or mixed-use blocks of ground-floor retail and office uses which primarily serve the surrounding area with a high level of internal and external connectivity.</p>	<p>Mixed- or Multi-Use Retail, Office, Limited Residential</p> 	<p>Mixed-Use Storefront Commercial Apartment Houses Townhomes</p> 
<p>Institutional</p> 	<p>Civic infrastructure such as schools, libraries and community centers are critical to the quality of life in our Plan Areas. Locating these facilities in transit station areas will also maximize their accessibility for the entire Charlotte community.</p>	<p>Especially compatible with residential character</p> 	<p>Schools Libraries Day Care Centers</p> 
<p>Neighborhood Preservation</p> 	<p>These areas are the foundation of the Plan Areas. Existing residential neighborhoods should be strengthened and new neighborhoods created in appropriate places.</p>	<p>Residential</p> 	<p>Single-Family Homes Townhomes</p> 
<p>Park/ Open Space</p> 	<p>Places where open space connections are preferred for environmental preservation and/or pedestrian connection. Their application may vary widely, from stormwater facilities, to parks and greenways, to merely widened sidewalks.</p>	<p>Active and passive recreation use</p> 	<p>Open Space Greenway/ Trails</p> 
<p>Office</p> 	<p>Office uses are appropriate within the General Corridor area with low to moderate intensity single- or multi-use buildings. These areas should be designed to connect to existing and future transportation networks including those for automobiles, transit, and pedestrians. These developments can also be part of a mixed-use area, similar to an Activity Center.</p>	<p>Office Building or Office Park</p> 	<p>Single Use or Multi-Use Buildings Single-story or Multi-story Buildings Can be mixed-use</p> 