

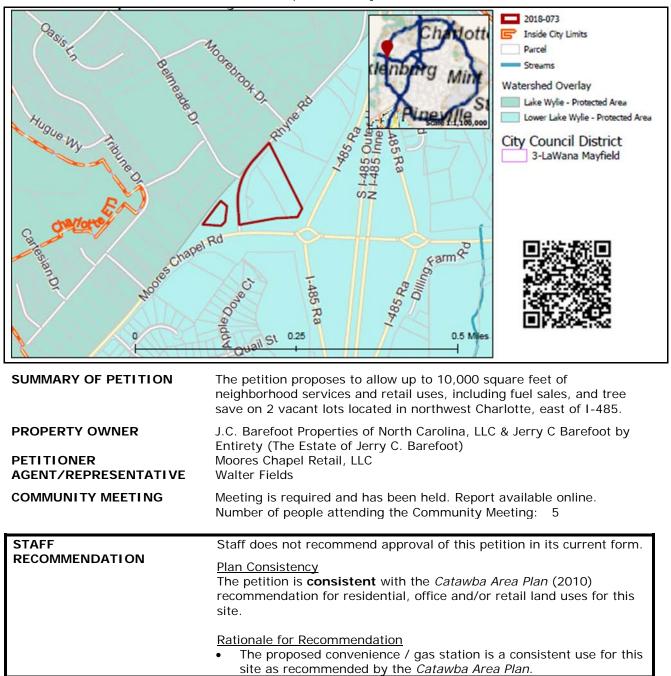
# Rezoning Petition 2018-073 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis September 16, 2019

#### REQUEST

Current Zoning: R-3 LLWPA (single family residential, Lower Lake Wylie Protected Area) Proposed Zoning: B-1(CD) LLWPA (neighborhood business, conditional, Lower Lake Wylie Protected Area)

#### LOCATION

Approximately 3.99 acres located at the intersection of Moores Chapel Road, Rhyne Road, and Belmeade Road.



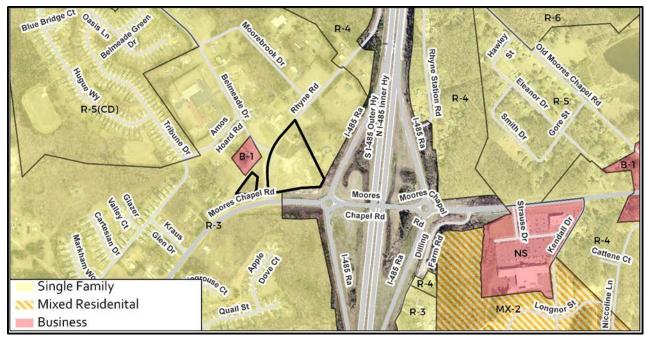
•	The site is located in an auto-oriented environment at the interchange of Interstate 485 and Moores Chapel Road, on one of the main routes into the U.S. National Whitewater Center. The proposed site plan provides a 43 foot class B buffer, between the development site and any future residential development to the north. While staff supports the proposed uses as outlined on the plan, due to the lack of incorporation of transportation commitments to mitigate traffic impacts identified in the Traffic Impact Study, staff cannot fully support the petition in its current form.

#### PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

#### Proposed Request Details

The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Proposes up to 10,000 square feet of neighborhood services and retail uses as allowed in the B-1 zoning district.
- A 6,600-square foot building with 3 drive through windows.
- Fuel canopy with 10 fuel stations.
- Future development area identified in northern portion of the rezoning site.
- A 43-foot wide Class B buffer along property line abutting acreage zoned R-3.
- Ingress/egress via 2 driveways connecting to Rhyne Road.
- Illustrates a proposed right-turn lane into the site.
- Identifies tree save areas.
- Proposes to avoid large expanses of wall exceeding 20 feet in length through introduction of articulated facades via various materials such as brick and other masonry products, stone, different colors of paint, glass windows, water table, and/or soldier course.
- Existing Zoning and Land Use



 The rezoning site is currently vacant and surrounded primarily by single family residential neighborhoods, religious use, and retail zoned R-3 LWPA, B-1 LWPA, R-3 LLWPA, and R-4 LLWPA. A portion of the site abuts I-485 to the east.



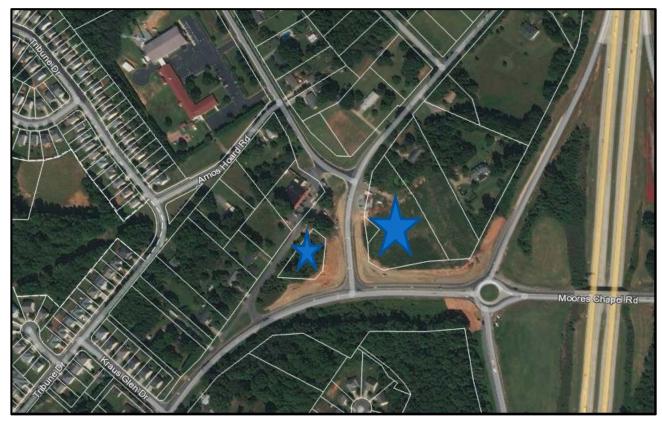
The site is currently vacant.



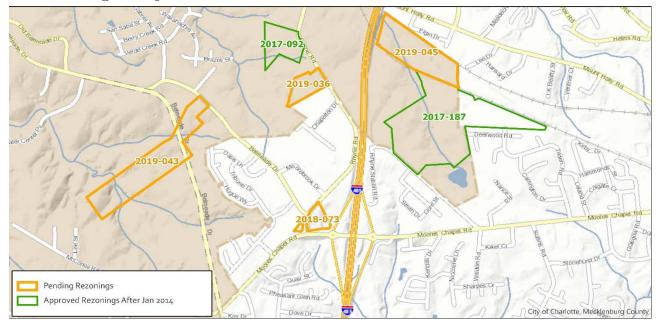
South and west of the site are single family homes.



West is a retail use.



The rezoning site is surrounded by single family residential neighborhoods, a retail use, a religious institution, and undeveloped/vacant acreage. Interstate 485 abuts a portion of the site to the east.

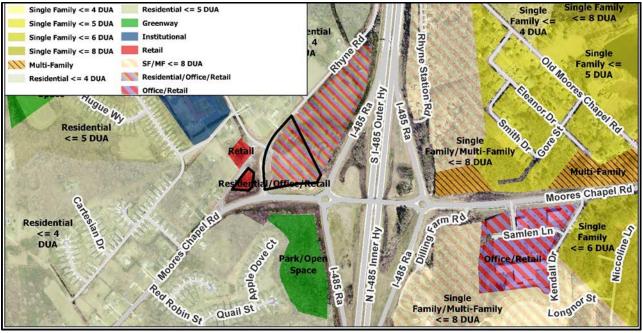


• Rezoning History in Area

Petition Number	Summary of Petition	Status
2019-045	MX-2 site plan amendment for 29.08 acres for an area originally approved for up to 192 apartments or condominiums to allow up to 152townhomes.	Approved

2019-043	Rezone 43.58 acres from R-3 LWPA to MX-2 LWPA to allow up to 165 dwelling units consisting of a combination of single family detached and townhomes.	Approved
2019-036	Rezone approximately 8.7 acres from R-3 LWPA to I-2(CD) LWPA to allow up to 19,800 square feet of industrial uses.	Pending
2017-187	Rezoned approximately 79.3 acres from various residential districts in the LWPA to R-6 LWPA to allow all uses in the R-6 district.	Approved
2017-092	Rezoned 14 acres from R-3 LWPA to I-1(CD) LWPA to allow a business/industrial park.	Approved

## Public Plans and Policies



- The Catawba Area Plan (2010) recommends residential, office and/or retail land uses for this site. The Plan also included language limiting retail uses up to 25,000 square feet, office uses up to 12,000 square feet and residential densities up to 6 dwelling units per acre.
- The Plan included community design guidelines and a development scenario for this site, which included a convenience store/gas station.

## TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- The site is located on two state-maintained facilities and in Charlotte's ETJ. The site's access will be served from Rhyne Road. CDOT and NCDOT need to review and approve a revised TIS, dated June 10, 2019. Therefore, additional transportation comments will be forthcoming. CDOT continues to request the site plan to commit to ordinance required infrastructure along the public street frontages.
- See Outstanding Issues, Notes 1-5.
- Vehicle Trip Generation:

Current Zoning:

Existing Use: 0 trips per day (based on vacant land).

Entitlement: 140 trips per day (based on 11 single family dwellings).

Proposed Zoning: 4,550 trips per day (based on convenience market with 20 fueling positions; drive thru retail).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No outstanding issues.
- Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services: No outstanding issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** Nonresidential petitions do not impact the number of students generated.

- **Charlotte Water:** Charlotte Water has accessible water system infrastructure for the rezoning boundary via existing 16-inch transmission mains located along Rhyne Road and Moores Chapel Road. Charlotte Water has sanitary sewer system infrastructure accessible for the rezoning boundary via an existing 8-inch gravity sewer main located along Rhyne Road.
- Engineering and Property Management:
  - **Arborist:** See advisory comments online at <u>www.rezoning.org</u> regarding trees in the right-ofway and NCDOT planting tree planting requirements.
  - Erosion Control: No comments submitted.
  - Land Development: See Outstanding Issues, Note 6.
  - Storm Water Services: See Outstanding Issues, Note 6.
  - Urban Forestry: See Outstanding Issues, Note 7.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: See advisory comments at <u>www.rezoning.org</u> regarding GWS records indicating pre-existing septic system on the site.
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department: No outstanding issues.

## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

#### **Transportation**

- 1. The proposed zoning district has a setback measured from back of the existing or proposed future curbline. The future back of curb locations are as follows:
  - a. Moores Chapel Road is designated as a 4-lane divided minor thoroughfare with buffered bike lanes; therefore its future back of curb is 42' as measured from its proposed centerline (see below typical section).
  - b. Rhyne Road is designed as a 3-lane divided avenue adjacent to the site. The proposed future back of curb is 26' (5.5' (1/2 left turn lane)+12 travel lane +6' bike lane+2.5' curb/gutter from its centerline.
- 2. The existing and future right-of-ways for both Moores Chapel Road and Rhyne Road need to be shown, labeled, and dimensioned from the its centerline.
- 3. Revise the site plan and conditional note(s) to include required streetscape improvements along the site's Moores Chapel Road and Rhyne Road frontages, including depicting 8' planting strips and 6' sidewalks along the site's Moores Chapel Road and Rhyne Road frontages.
- 4. The petitioner should revise the site plan to add a note specifying dedication and fee simple conveyance of all rights of way to the City before the site's first building certificate of occupancy is issued. CDOT requests right of way set at 2' behind back of sidewalk where feasible.
- 5. The petitioner should revise the site plan to add a note specifying all transportation mitigation improvements as identified in the *June 10, 2019 TIS* and mutually agreed upon with NCDOT and CDOT shall be approved and constructed before the site's first building certificate of occupancy is issued. The petitioner may phase transportation improvements if said improvements and phasing are explicitly described in site plan notes.

Environment

- 6. Please add the following note under the *Envrionmental Features* heading: *The location, size, and type of storm water management systems depicted on the Rezoning Plan are subject to review and approval as part of the full development plan submittal and are not implicitly approved with this rezoning. Adjustments may be necessary in order to accommodate actual storm water treatment requirements and natural site discharge points.*
- Show tree save area and tree save calculations on site map. Site is in a wedge and will be required to provide 15% tree save area based on gross acreage. 15% of 3.99 acres = 0.59 acres tree save. Tree save must contain existing healthy tree canopy. Tree save must be 30 feet in width minimum.

## Site and Building Design

- 8. The adopted plan recommends existing grades and enhanced planting areas screen the use from adjacent streets and neighboring parcels. Petitioner needs to commit to these improvements on the site plan.
- 9. Screen the drive thru component from the adjacent rights-of-way through utilization of shrub plantings and screening wall.
- 10. Provide language committing to façade treatment for building(s) within future development envelope including windows, doors, landscape screening.

## REQUESTED TECHNICAL REVISIONS

- 11. Under Site Data Summary, note R-3 LLWPA and B-1(CD) LLWPA.
- 12. Add a note limiting the smaller parcel to tree save only.
- 13. Specify the number of fuel stations.
- 14. Clarify what is proposed for the area labeled Future Development.
- 15. Label "possible" detention area.

- 16. Remove "wall pak" from Lighting Note a.
- 17. Per Section 12.102, provide a 30-foot setback along Rhyne Road.

# See Attachments (applications, department memos, maps etc.) Online at www.rezoning.org

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