

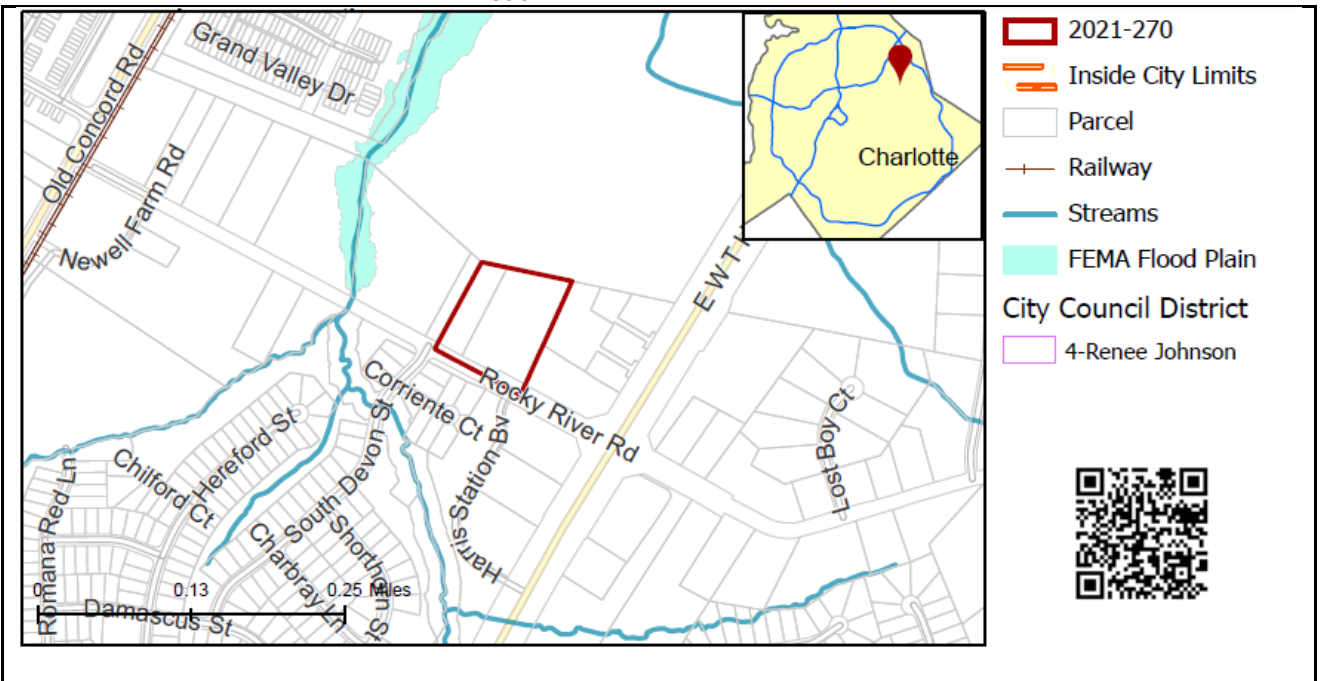
REQUEST

Current Zoning: R-3 (single family residential, up to three units per acre)

Proposed Zoning: UR-2(CD) (urban residential, conditional)

LOCATION

Approximately 4.09 acres located on the north side of Rocky River Road, west of East W.T. Harris Boulevard, and east of Old Concord Road.



SUMMARY OF PETITION

The petition proposes to allow up to 48 single family attached (townhome) dwelling units at a density of 11.74 units per acre on a parcel partially developed with a single family home and the remaining acreage vacant, located near the intersection of Rocky River Road and E. W.T. Harris Boulevard.

PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITY MEETING

Alan Fink
The Drakeford Company
Collin Brown and Brittany Lins/Alexander Ricks PLLC

Meeting is required and has been held. Report available online.
Number of people attending the Community Meeting: 4

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this petition upon resolution of outstanding issues related to transportation and site and building design.

Plan Consistency

The petition is **inconsistent** with the *Newell Small Area Plan* (2002) recommendation for office uses and industrial uses.

Rationale for Recommendation

- The site is currently developed as a single family residence.
- This area is identified in the Plan as appropriate for a neighborhood commercial center, however, a proposal for

residential development is in character with existing residential uses in the area.

- A proposal for townhome units, at 11.74 DUA, helps to further the Plan's Land Use Objective to, "encourage a range of housing types and densities that will meet the needs of different types of households".

The approval of this petition will revise the adopted future land use as specified by the *Newell Small Area Plan*, from office uses and industrial uses to residential uses up to 12 dwelling units per acre (DUA) for the site.

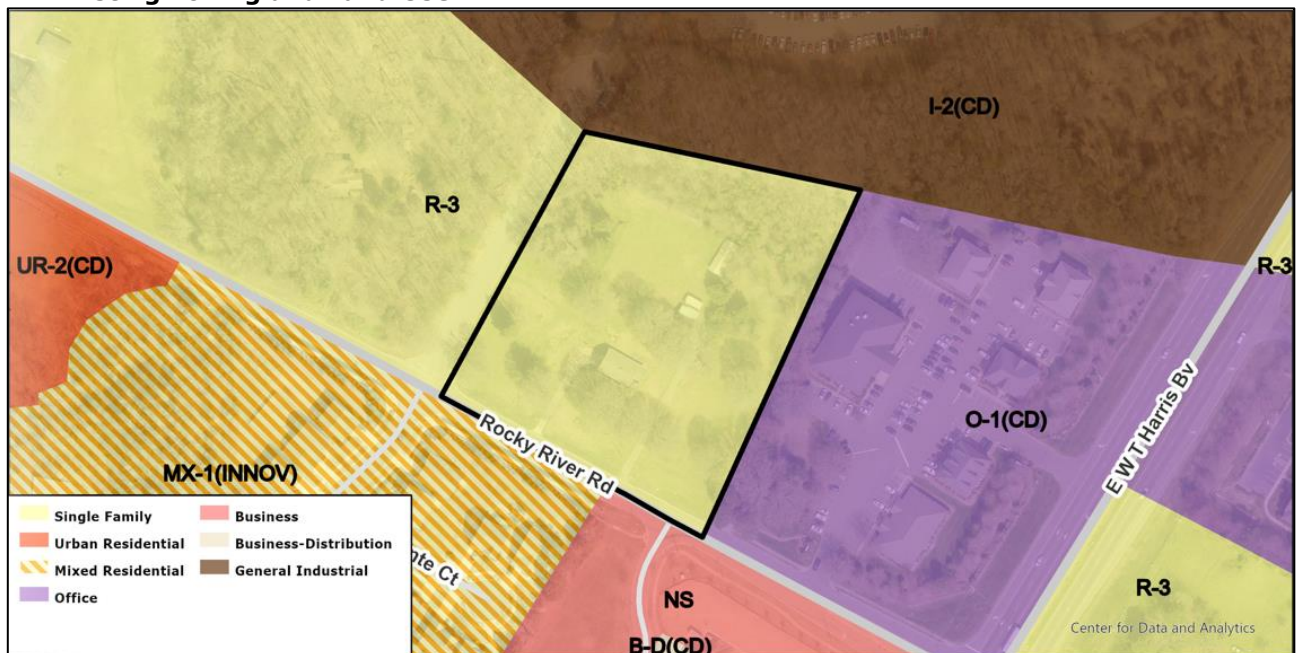
PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

• Proposed Request Details

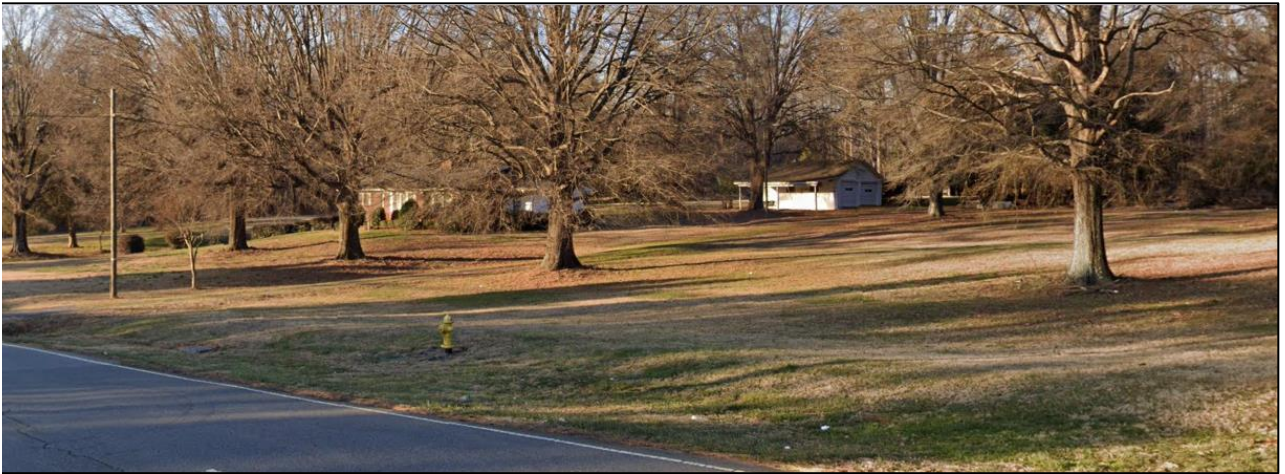
The site plan accompanying this petition contains the following provisions:

- Allow up to 48 single-family attached (townhomes) dwelling units at a density of 11.74 units per acre.
- Limit building height to 50 feet.
- Propose internal network of private alleys with six-foot sidewalks and possible guest parking, served by a private street accessing Rocky River Road.
- Propose a minimum 12-foot wide multi-use path and 8-foot wide planting strip along Rocky River Road.
- Propose a left turn lane into the site off Rocky River Road, creating a 3-lane section along the site's frontage.
- Prohibit concrete masonry units not architecturally finished as an exterior building material.
- Note that building facades adjacent to Rocky River Road will either include a front-facing façade, be screened with fencing or landscaping, or provide blank wall provisions limiting the maximum blank wall expanse to 10 feet on all building levels.
- Limit number of units per building to 5 or fewer.
- Provide a minimum 15-foot wide Class C buffer along property line abutting parcel zoned industrial, with a fence, and a minimum 10-foot wide Class C buffer.
- Provide amenitized open space areas as Possible UCOS A and Possible UCOS B. Amenities in these areas may include, but not be limited to, seating, walkways or paths, and/or enhanced landscaping.
- Identify possible water quality location at the front of the site, adjacent Rocky River Road.

• Existing Zoning and Land Use



The site is developed with a single family residence and remainder vacant land and is surrounded by a mix of single family residential neighborhoods, townhomes, office, retail, industrial uses, and vacant land zoned R-3, MX-1 (Innov), UR-2(CD), NS, B-D(CD), and I-2(CD).



The site is developed with a single family residence and vacant land.



North retail and industrial uses (above) and multi-family residential developments (below).





East are office and retail uses.



West are lower density single family homes.

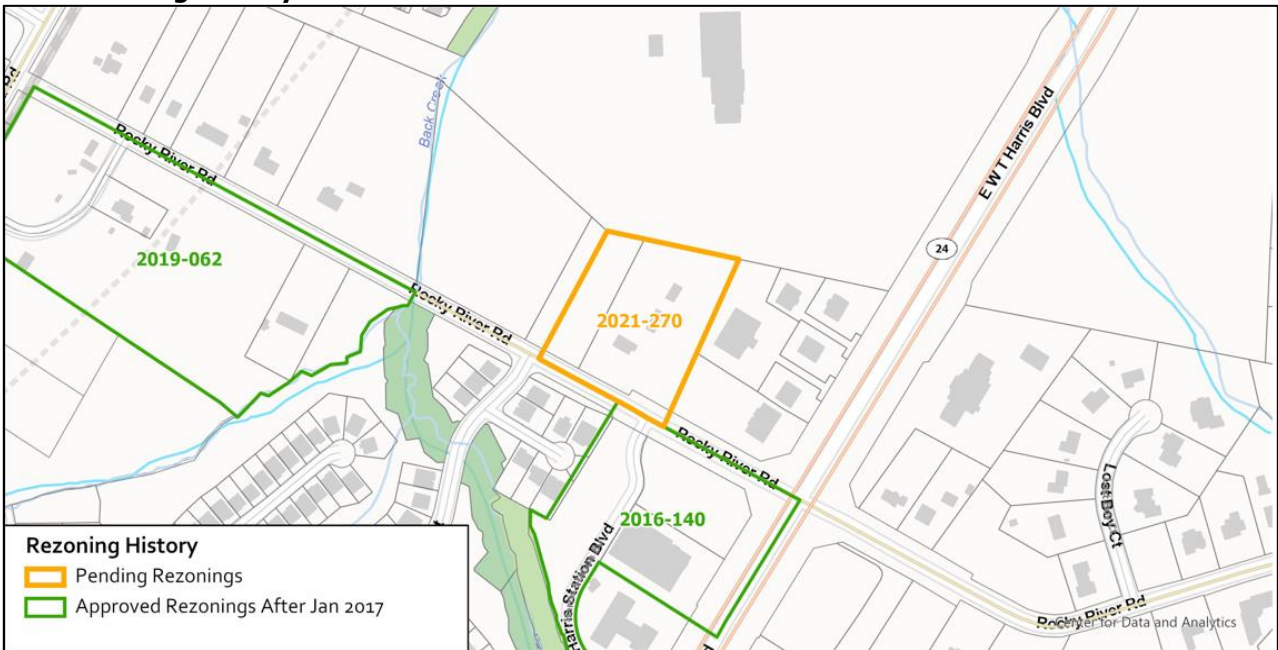


South is a single family residential subdivision.



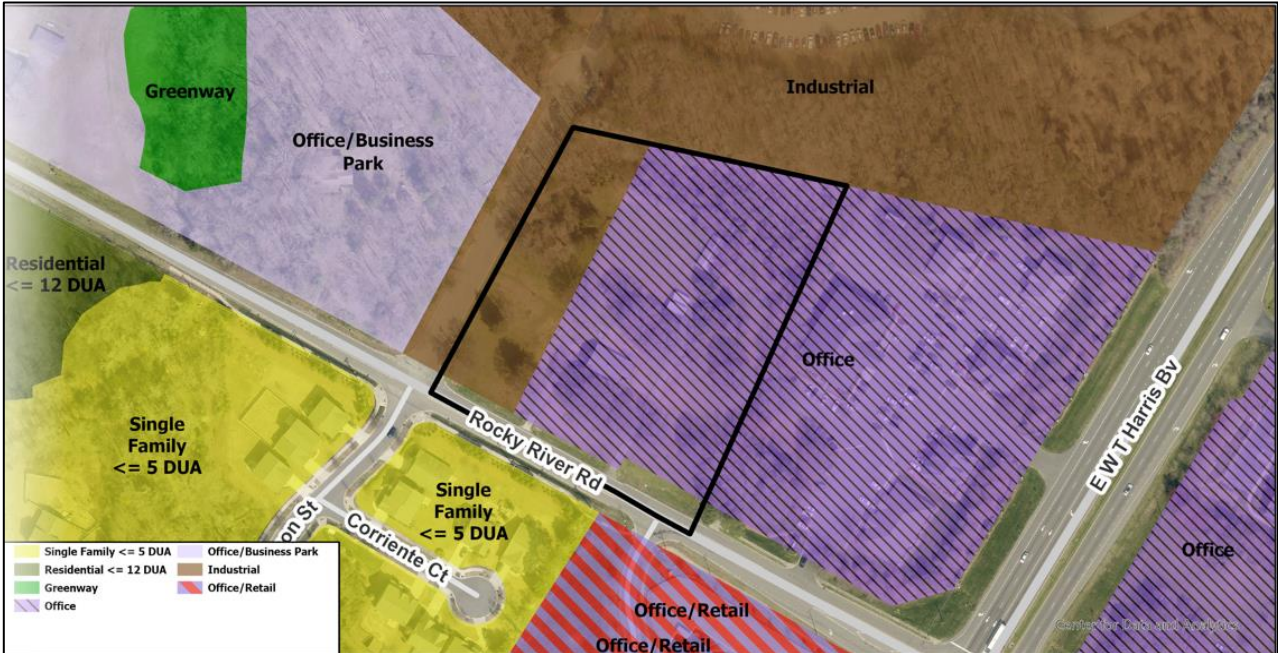
The site (denoted by the purple star) is immediately surrounded by single family residential, retail, office, and industrial uses.

- Rezoning History in Area**



Petition Number	Summary of Petition	Status
2019-062	Rezoned 13.01 acres from B-1(CD) and O-1(CD) to UR-2(CD) to allow 126 duplex units.	Approved
2016-140	Rezoned 6.63 acres from NS to NS SPA and B-D(CD) to allow a mix of retail, restaurant, office and climate controlled self-storage uses.	Approved

- **Public Plans and Policies**



- The Newell Small Area Plan (2002) recommends office uses and industrial uses for the site.

- **TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY**

- The site is located on Rocky River Road, a State-maintained minor thoroughfare, South Devon Street, a City-maintained local street, and Harris Station Boulevard, a private local street. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is not needed for this site. The petitioner has committed to right-of-way dedication along Rocky River Road, constructing an 8-foot planting strip and 12-foot multi-use path along the site's frontage on Rocky River Road to meet the City's Charlotte BIKES policy and constructing a left-turn lane into the site off of Rocky River Road. Site plan revisions are needed to meet ordinance requirements and/or the outstanding items including, but not limited to committing to construct ADA curb ramps at proposed street intersections, and utility relocations to be determined and coordinated during permitting. Further details are listed below:

- **Active Projects:**

- No active projects near the site.

- **Transportation Considerations**

- See Outstanding Issues, Notes 1-2.

- **Vehicle Trip Generation:**

Current Zoning:

Existing Use: 10 trips per day (based on 1 single family detached dwelling).

Entitlement: 145 trips per day (based on 12 single family detached dwellings).

Proposed Zoning: 320 trips per day (based on 48 single family attached dwellings).

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

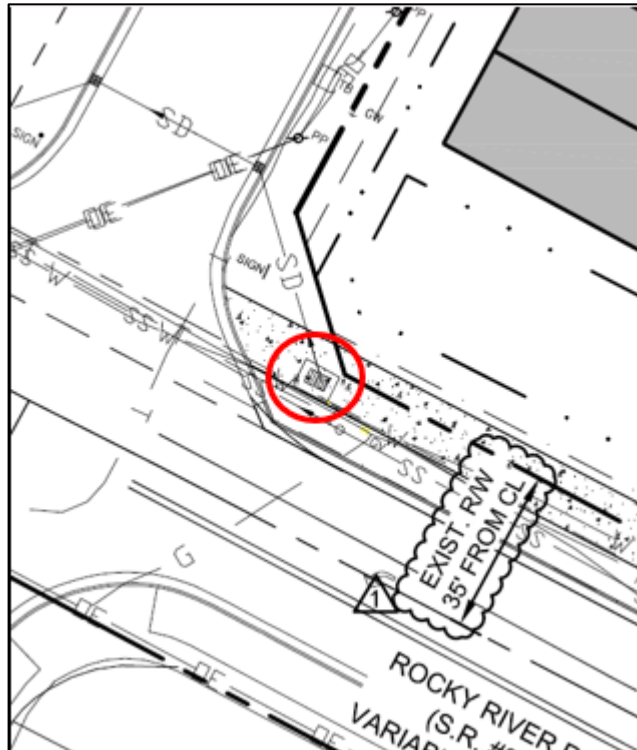
- **Charlotte Area Transit System:** No outstanding issues.
- **Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services:** No comments submitted.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** The development allowed under the existing zoning could generate 7 students, while the development allowed under the proposed zoning may produce 9 students.
 - The proposed development is not projected to increase the school utilization over existing conditions (without mobile classroom units) as follows:
 - Newell Elementary remains at 109%
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle remains at 101%
 - Julius L. Chambers High remains at 137%.

- **Charlotte Water:** Charlotte Water has accessible water system infrastructure for the rezoning boundary via an existing 12-inch water distribution main located along Rocky River Rd. Charlotte Water has accessible sanitary sewer system infrastructure for the rezoning boundary via an existing 8-inch gravity sewer main located along Rocky River Road. See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- **Erosion Control:** No outstanding issues.
- **Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency:** See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- **Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department:** No outstanding issues.
- **Stormwater Services Land Development Engineering:** No outstanding issues.
- **Storm Water Services:** See advisory comments at www.rezoning.org
- **Urban Forestry / City Arborist:** Choose an item.

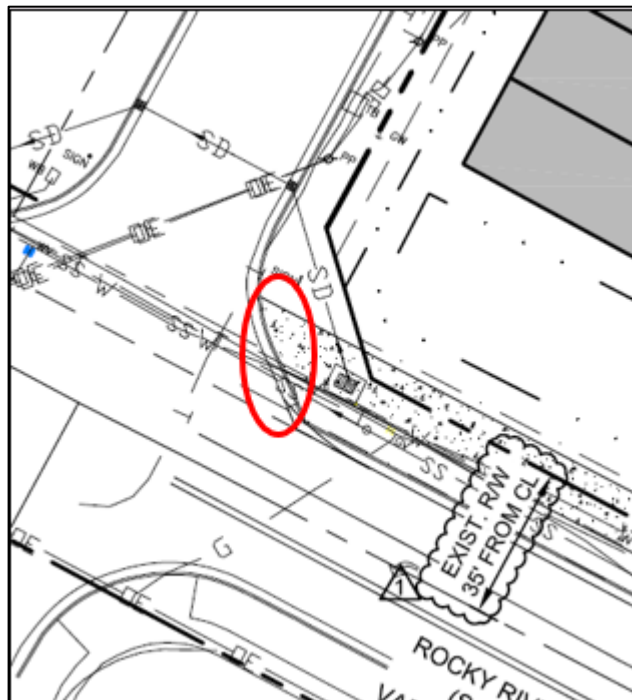
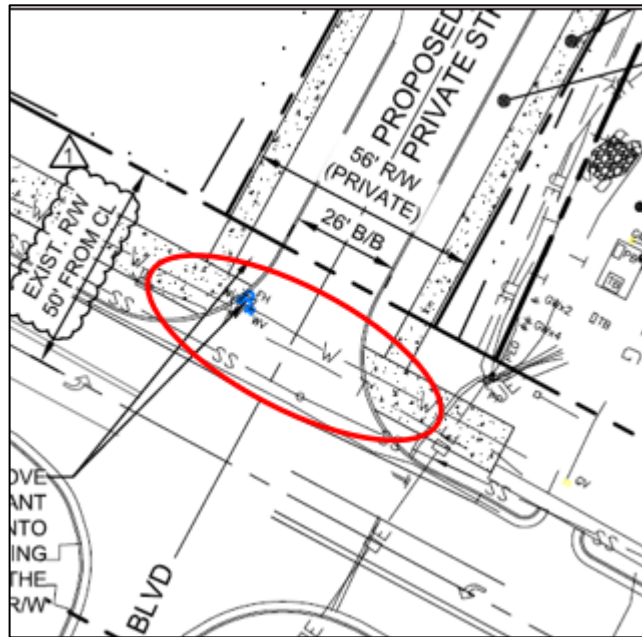
OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Transportation

1. Revise site plan and conditional note(s) to commit to relocating existing storm drainage infrastructure to location to be determined during permitting.



2. Revise site plan and conditional note(s) to commit to constructing ADA curb ramps at proposed street intersections.



Site and Building Design

3. Confirm there is no conflict between an existing utility easement and one of the units in Building I.
4. Add a note committing to enhancement of the possible water quality location with approved plantings.

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





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Goals Relevant to Rezoning Determinations

Rezoning Petition # 2021-270

The following table represents an overview of the relationship between the **Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan** and **Rezoning Petitions**. This is an evolving analysis that is expected to be refined when **Policy Mapping** is completed and adopted (anticipated early 2022).

Please note: not all goals will apply to all rezoning petitions.

Goals	Goal Description	Relationship to Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan
	Goal 1: 10- Minute Neighborhoods All Charlotte households should have access to essential amenities, goods, and services within a comfortable and tree-shaded 10-minute walk, bike, or transit trip by 2040. Not all neighborhoods are expected to include every essential amenity, good, or service, but every resident should have access within a ½ mile walk or a 2-mile bike or transit ride.	✓
	Goal 2: Neighborhood Diversity & Inclusion Charlotte will strive for all neighborhoods to have a diversity of housing options by increasing the presence of middle density housing (e.g. duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, accessory dwelling units, and other small lot housing types) and ensuring land use regulations allow for flexibility in creation of housing within existing neighborhoods.	✓
	Goal 3: Housing Access for All Charlotte will ensure opportunities for residents of all incomes to access affordable housing through the preservation of naturally occurring affordable and workforce housing and increasing the number of affordable and workforce housing units through new construction.	X
	Goal 4: Trail & Transit Oriented Development (2-TOD) Charlotte will promote moderate to high-intensity, compact, mixed-use urban development along high-performance transit lines and near separated shared-use paths or trails.	N/A

	<p>Goal 5: Safe & Equitable Mobility</p> <p>Charlotte will provide safe and equitable mobility options for all travelers regardless of age, income, ability, race, where they live, or how they choose to travel. An integrated system of transit and tree-shaded bikeways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and streets will support a sustainable, connected, prosperous, and innovative network that connects all Charlotteans to each other, jobs, housing, amenities, goods, services and the region.</p>	
	<p>Goal 6: Healthy, Safe & Active Communities</p> <p>All Charlotteans will live and work in safe and resilient neighborhoods that enable healthy and active lifestyles by reducing exposure to harmful environmental contaminants, expanding and improving the quality of tree canopy, encouraging investment in walking, cycling, and recreation facilities, and providing access to healthy food options and healthcare services.</p>	
	<p>Goal 7: Integrated Natural & Built Environments</p> <p>Charlotte will protect and enhance its surface water quality, tree canopy, and natural areas with a variety of trees, plantings, green infrastructure, green building practices, and open space at different scales throughout the entire community as a component of sustainable city infrastructure that addresses the threat of climate change.</p>	
	<p>Goal 8: Diverse & Resilient Economic Opportunity</p> <p>Charlotteans will have opportunity for upward economic mobility through access to a diverse mix of jobs and careers that align with education and skill levels of residents and the economic strengths of the region.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Goal 9: Retain Our Identity & Charm</p> <p>Charlotte will cultivate community-driven placemaking and identity, while limiting displacement and retaining the essence of existing neighborhoods by intentionally directing redevelopment.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Goal 10: Fiscally Responsible</p> <p>Charlotte will align capital investments with the adopted growth strategy and ensure the benefit of public and private sector investments benefit all residents and limit the public costs of accommodating growth</p>	<p>N/A</p>