

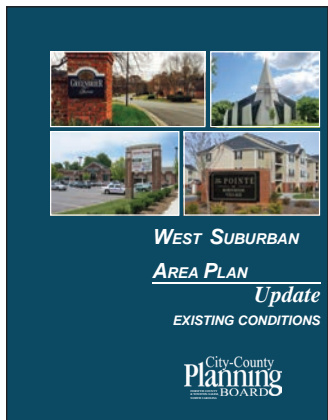


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West Suburban Area Plan Update Underway



The *West Suburban Area Plan Update* is the last of the current cycle of area plans being updated by Planning and Development Services staff. The plan area is generally bounded on the north by Reynolda Road, on the east by Silas Creek Parkway, on the south by US 421, and on the west by the Lewisville municipal limits and the general area of the proposed western leg of the Northern Beltway. The West Suburban Planning Area is the largest planning area in both land area (19,800 acres) and population (46,000 people).

The Community Kickoff Meeting was held at Mount Tabor High School with a record-setting 80 people in attendance. At the meeting, the purpose of the plan within the context of the *Legacy 2030* comprehensive plan and the process for updating the plan were

explained. Existing conditions of the plan area were presented related to demographics, land use, transportation features, community facilities, and historic resources.

Citizens took part in small group discussions on their likes, dislikes, and opportunities in the area. This feedback will be reviewed and incorporated into the upcoming plan recommendations. Perhaps the greatest concern at the meeting was traffic congestion and the lack of area road connectivity. An on-line input survey was made available for meeting participants who had additional input to share following the meeting and for citizens who were unable to attend the meeting.

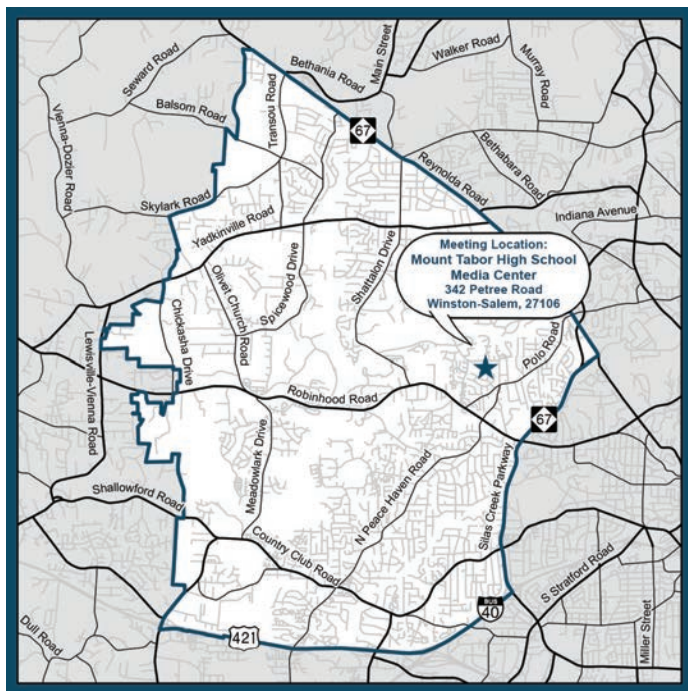


There will be three additional citizen meetings for the plan update:

- Tuesday, December 5, 2017 to discuss land use recommendations;
- Tuesday, January 23, 2018 to summarize land use recommendations and review transportation, community facilities, and historic resources recommendations; and
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 for a drop-in session to review and comment on a draft version of the updated plan.

All of these meetings will be held in the Mount Tabor High School Media Center and begin at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please visit www.cityofws.org/planning for future updates and further information about the plan, or you may contact Steve Smotherman at steves@cityofws.org (336.747.7066) with questions.



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2017 Community Roots Day in Atwood Acres



On a warm and sunny October 21, 2017, the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County, the Winston-Salem Vegetation Management

Department, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful held Community Roots Day within the Atwood Acres neighborhood. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the event that began in 1993 in the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood. Volunteers planted approximately 275 trees within the neighborhood during the event. Six different varieties of trees – Blackgum, Kousa Dogwood, Okame Cherry, Hearts of Gold Redbud, Forest Pansy Redbud and Snowcharm Styra – were planted throughout the neighborhood during the event. Over the past 25 years, volunteers have planted over 8,000 trees throughout the City of Winston-Salem

in neighborhoods such as Bellview, East Winston, West Salem, Sunnyside, Smith Farm, Happy Hill, and Castle Heights. Given the success of the event over the years, and other City tree-planting efforts, the City was named North Carolina's Tree City USA of the Year for 2017.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines and City Council Member Dan Besse welcomed the crowd of volunteers during the opening ceremony. Winston-Salem Assistant City Manager Ben Rowe and Planning and Development Services Director Paul Norby were also in attendance at the event. Reverend Elizabeth Forrest of Unity Church of Winston-Salem provided the invocation.



Volunteers were treated to coffee, donuts, and fruit in the morning and a hotdog lunch in the afternoon. Hats and t-shirts were presented to the volunteers. The event is made possible through grant funds and donations.

Fourteenth Street School Historic Marker Unveiling



The Historic Resources Commission held an unveiling ceremony on September 16, 2017 for a marker for the 14th Street School. The marker unveiling was well attended and

The Fourteenth Street School was built in 1922 to serve African American schoolchildren for grades first through eighth. Originally named Colored Graded School, the four-story Classical Revival style facility was located in the prominent African-American E. 14th Street neighborhood. Shortly after the first phase was completed, a building addition and a 20-classroom addition doubled the size of the school. Graduates included mayors, professional athletes and an opera singer. The school was integrated in 1970, closed in 1973, and became offices for the school system until it was demolished in 1977.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke, Council Member Derwin Montgomery, Council Member Dan Besse, Council Member John Larson, and Forsyth County Commissioner Fleming El-Amin made remarks. Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, former Representative Larry Womble, Durham Mayor William "Bill" Bell, Historic Resources Commission Member Kristen McManus, Fourteenth Street School Alumni President Alfred Harvey, East/Northeast Winston Neighborhood President Marva Reid, Fred Terry, Barbara Hayes and area residents also gave remarks.



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