COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Planning and Zoning	Presenter(s):	Peter A. Frisina
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 27, 2009	Type of Request:	Public Hearing

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of proposed revisions to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Future Use Map and the Land Use Element Text regarding the SR 74 North Corridor; and proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance associated with the SR 74 North Corridor. This item was last discussed during the July 1, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting.

Background/History/Details:

On January 22, 2009, the Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and approved the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element Text and Map amendments; and authorized transmittal to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for coordination of regional and state review, prior to adoption, as required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. The Atlanta Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs approved the proposed amendments to the Land Use Element Text and Map of the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan. The Town of Tyrone also approved the revisions "in concept". At the July 1, 2009 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting, staff was instructed to advertise the proposed amendments for August 6, 2009 in order to be considered by the Planning Commission, and for the Board of Commissioners consideration on August 27, 2009. During the July 16, 2009 Planning Commission Workshop, Mr. Dennis Dutton explained that three (3) additional recommended revisions were made since the last review conducted by the Planning Commission. During the August 6, 2009 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval to the proposed revisions and proposed amendments.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Vote to adopt two documents: Ordinance No. 2009-02 amending the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, providing for changes associated with the SR 74 North Corridor; Ordinance No. 2009-03 revising the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Future Use Map and the Land Use Element Text regarding the SR 74 North Corridor.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Wednesday, July 1, 2009
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	Yes	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Tim Thoms made a motion to approve the proposed amendments. Al Gilbert seconded the motion.

Jim Graw asked what the Town of Tyrone was doing regarding their areas.

Chairman Powell replied that they are in concert with what the County is proposing; however, it is not legally binding.

Dennis Dutton explained that there had been three (3) revisions made since last review by the PC as follows:

Section 6-25. BTP Business Technology Park District, B. Permitted Uses
Added: 9. Colleges and universities (classrooms and administration only) were added.

Section 6-25. BTP Business Technology Park District, D. Rezoning Requirements.
Added: A Development Plan is required for the rezoning petition and will take the place of the required Concept Plan.

Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone, D. S.R. 74 North Overlay Zone, 2. Access, b. East Side of SR 74 North Access and Internal Roadways
Added: In addition, all residential properties proposed to be accessed through non-residentially zoned properties along SR 74 must be accessed via a public road built to County standards and dedicated to the County. Those affected properties are identified and addressed in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously passed 5-0.

Mr. Dutton advised that the proposed amendments had been advertised for the PC Public Hearing scheduled August 6, 2009.

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3. **Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding roof pitch for gasoline canopies in the SR 54 West Overlay Zone and General State Route Overlay Zone.**

Chairman Powell explained that RaceTrac had submitted a Variance petition requesting elimination of the mullions on the windows and a pitched peak roof; however, the request for elimination of the mullions on the windows was withdrawn by the applicant. He reported that due to the lack of an

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND LAND USE ELEMENT TEXT REGARDING THE S.R. 74 NORTH CORRIDOR; AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE S.R. 74 NORTH CORRIDOR:

Director of Community Development Pete Frisina discussed this item with the Board. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment No. 1", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof. He said this had been sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs approximately three months ago with the caveat that approval in concept was received from the Town of Tyrone. He said he had received approval from Tyrone and the A.R.C. and D.C.A. had approved the County's amendments to the Plan as well. He asked for the Board's consideration to allow him to bring this to the Board in a public hearing for adoption of the S.R. 74 corridor Land Use Element changes and Land Use Plan changes. He said this would create a land use called a Business Technology Park which was being considered for the West side of the S.R. 74 from Kirkley Road North to County Line. He said there would also be a corresponding zoning district that would be adopted for Business Technology Park as the new zoning district. He noted that on the East side of the road a strip of Office/Institutional would be created with a depth of approximately 800 feet. He said caveats for both of these zoning districts would be put in to have limited commercial uses after meeting certain thresholds. He said on the East side the offices would require a certain amount of frontage as well as acreage and without that the business would not meet the criteria and would not be allowed. He said there were also some transportation enhancements that would be required such as a service road in the office institutional area. He remarked that the S.R. 74 North Overlay had been enhanced with architectural standards for both sides of the road and looking to maintain the residential character on the East side with the Office/Institutional. He said the West side there are three large parcels that would fall under the Business Technology Park with one of them being in the Town of Tyrone. He said a road would connect these three parcels with an industrial park setting.

Chairman Smith felt there was a lot of concern on the citizens' part that by opening up the corridor for commercial that it would become a commercial corridor. He said he understood from the ordinance that this would be the exact opposite of what the Board was trying to accomplish. He asked if the limitations that had been mentioned was a normal part of the process to control the commercial development. Mr. Frisina replied that there was something similar to that already included in the Office/Institutional zoning district. He said it had never been used but it states if there was an office part of approximately 100,000 square feet that a certain percentage of that could be used for light commercial activity. Mr. Frisina said the intent was for this area to become a job center with the bigger picture of keeping people in the County and working here rather than driving to Atlanta every day.

Chairman Smith clarified that the Town of Tyrone had approved this in concept. He asked Mr. Frisina if a technology park was built, what was the likelihood that Tyrone would not follow suit or change what they were doing on the internal side. Mr. Frisina said there would have to be a transportation link through the property as well and that was the important part in the concept plan. He said the County would be putting in the transportation enhancements creating the road and hopefully Tyrone would follow suit to make that connection. Mr. Frisina interjected that this property had been vacant for several years and there was always someone inquiring but there had not been any real pursuit of any rezonings or anything of that nature. He said he had spoken to some of the landowners in that area and they were not totally happy with what the County was proposing and felt it was too restrictive and required them to do too much, but they were happier with that rather than residential. He said this area would be zoned as a technology park and only certain types of businesses that were listed would be allowed.

Commissioner Frady said a lot of citizens including him were concerned about this corridor as it was the gateway to Fayette County. He said this should be an attractive business park and the types of businesses that would be allowed should be limited.

Commissioner Horgan asked Mr. Frisina if he had received any input from residents in the River Oaks Subdivision. Mr. Frisina replied nobody specific from that area other than his meetings with the Tyrone Town Council in Tyrone. He said there were some citizens who had come in and voiced acceptance or opposition to this plan. He noted that the River Oaks Subdivision was located on the East side of the highway and not the side where the business technology park would be located.

Commissioner Maxwell asked Mr. Frisina if he needed a consensus from the Board today to advertise this for a public hearing and Mr. Frisina replied yes. Commissioner Maxwell said he had previously voiced his opposition to this and would remain silent until the public hearing. He felt this would turn S.R. 74 into another Riverdale Road.

There was a consensus by the Board for him to present this to the Board at a public hearing in August.

6. **Consideration of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Land Use Element Text regarding the SR 74 North Corridor and Consideration of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding:**

   Article IV. Establishment of Districts by adding 25. BTP Business Technology Park District (Sec. 6-25);

   Article VI. District Use Requirements, by adding Section 6-25. BTP Business Technology Park District;

   Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications regarding Section 7-1. Conditional Use Approval, B. Conditional Uses Allowed, 11. Colleges and Universities by adding BTP and 37. Single-Family Residence by adding BTP;

   Article VI. District Use Requirements, Section 6-17. Office-Institutional District by adding G. SR74 North – East Side Special Development District;

   Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay, C. General State Route Overlay Zone by adding SR 74 North; and

   Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay, by adding D. SR 74 North Overlay Zone.

Chairman Powell advised that the proposed amendments had been reviewed and discussed, by the PC and property owners along the SR 74 North corridor, at seven (7) Workshops/Public Meetings since August of 2007.

Tom Williams presented the following:

On August 1, 2007, the BOC instructed Staff to begin review of the Land Use Plan Text and Map and the Zoning Ordinance regarding the SR 74 North Corridor. Meetings were held with the Town of Tyrone.

Under the O-I Zoning District, a Special Development District was created for the East Side of SR 74 North. The purpose of this Special Development District is to promote planned office development along the frontage of SR 74 North to a depth of approximately 800 feet to fulfill the following goals for the future development of the corridor: (1) to maintain the efficient traffic flow

of SR 74 North as the County's main connection to Interstate 85; (2) to enhance and maintain the aesthetic qualities of the corridor, as it is the gateway into Fayette County; and (3) to protect existing and future residential areas in the SR 74 North corridor.

The assemblage of parcels will be necessary in some areas to meet the intent of the Special Development District. The minimum requirements for acreage and road frontage will necessitate large tracts of land to achieve a reduction in individual curb cuts, consistency and coordination in architectural scheme, and capacity to develop a required service road where applicable.

Under the Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone, the S.R. 74 North Overlay Zone was added for all property and/or development, which have frontage on and/or access to SR 74 North with nonresidential use or nonresidential zoning, shall be subject to the requirements of the SR 74 North Overlay Zone. The intent of the overlay is to set standards specific to SR 74 North from Sandy Creek Road to the Fulton County line.

Standards were established for the West Side of SR 74 North which requires internal roadways and limited access on SR 74 North. Lots created in conjunction with the development of these tracts will not be allowed individual curb cuts on SR 74 North or Kirkley Road. A multi-use path system is required as an integral component of site development to provide for alternative modes of transportation including golf carts, bicycles, and pedestrian traffic.

Standards were also established for the East Side of SR 74 North which requires a parallel service drive to be developed approximately 400 feet east of SR 74 North. This service drive must be constructed when improvements are made to the property. The service drive will connect to the service drive being developed in Fairburn from Milam Road southwards to the Fayette County line. Within Fayette County this service drive will extend from the Fulton County line into the property just north of the golf recreation facility. In addition, all residential properties proposed to be accessed through non-residentially zoned properties along SR 74 must be accessed via a public road built to County standards and dedicated to the County. Those affected properties are identified and addressed in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan. The multi-use path system must connect to any existing or proposed external multi-use paths. In the cases where a planned future multi-use path is to be located on abutting parcels, an alignment shall be established and the internal facilities shall be developed so as to provide for connection at the property line.

A new zoning district entitled BTP Business Technology Park District was created. The purpose of the Business Technology Park District (BTP) is to provide a business/employment center in a planned campus setting with internal streets serving individual lots that contain a single business or multi-tenant buildings housing uses which are free from such nuisances as noise, vibration, smoke, gas, fume, odor, dust, radiation or other injurious or noxious conditions related to those uses.

Additional requirements would include architectural standards. This district is to provide for high tech firms, light manufacturing/distribution firms, and professional firms with some support establishments (commercial and personal services) primarily for the employees. A Development Plan is required for the rezoning petition and will take the place of the required Concept Plan.

Chairman Powell asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the petition.

Angela Rosser stated she had attended every meeting regarding the SR 74 North corridor. She remarked she currently ran an in-home day care; however, she would like to expand and develop a day care facility. She added she was in favor of the proposed amendments.

Chairman Powell asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition of the petition.

Gordon Furr commented that he was not impressed with the County changing the Comprehensive Plan. He said the Town of Tyrone should be able to annex property along the SR 74 North corridor. He remarked that it is cheaper to develop in the County because there are no city taxes to pay. He noted there had been no wetland studies performed. He expressed concern about impervious run-off into Trickum Creek and the streams should be protected. He also expressed concern about the West Fayetteville By-Pass.

Al Gilbert advised Mr. Furr that the PC has nothing to do with the by-pass.

Mr. Furr remarked that once the by-pass is built, the County should let the City swallow up the property.

Chairman Powell advised that the County has a Watershed Protection Ordinance and other ordinance to control run-off and to also protect the streams.

Jim Graw confirmed that the SR 74 North corridor contains both County and Town of Tyrone properties. He said that if the County portion is left alone with no planning that you would not know how it will be rezoned or what would be developed. He stressed that the PC is trying to protect the SR 74 North corridor so it doesn't look like Riverdale. He noted that the Town of Tyrone has agreed with the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. He commented that with good planning decent businesses would be attracted to the corridor.

Mr. Furr commented that once development begins, the corridor would be like Old National Highway.

Chairman Powell confirmed that the County is only amending the Comprehensive Plan at this time.

An unidentified citizen requested to speak in favor of the proposed amendments.

Chairman Powell advised that the opportunity to speak in favor had passed.

Hearing no further comments, he closed the floor from public comments.

Jim Graw made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Land Use Element Text and the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding the SR 74 North Corridor. Tim Thoms seconded the motion.

Tim Thoms said that Staff had done a tremendous job on the proposed amendments which should assist in bringing businesses to the corridor. He stated he was proud to have been a part of the creation of the proposed amendments. He asked the unidentified citizen if the proposal was feasible for the property owners along the corridor.

The unidentified citizen, a representative of the Etris family, replied that the proposed amendments were appropriate for the development of the SR 74 North corridor which serves as a pathway into the County.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Powell called for the vote. The motion unanimously passed 5-0. Said proposed amendments are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. Gilbert advised the public to attend the Board of Commissioners Public Hearing scheduled for August 27, 2009.

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Mike Beatty
Commissioner

April 15, 2009

Mr. Charles Krautler
Executive Director
Atlanta Regional Commission
40 Courtland Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Krautler:

Our staff has reviewed the Major Plan Amendment for Fayette County and finds that it adequately addresses the Local Planning Requirements. The next step is for the local government to adopt the amendment and revise your plan as the amendment specifies. As soon as your office confirms that the Major Plan Amendment has been adopted and provides DCA with a digital copy of your comprehensive plan, as amended, we will update our records to reflect the changes specified in amendment.

Sincerely,

James R. Frederick, Director
Office of Planning and Quality Growth

JF/jwh
cc: Dan Reuter, Atlanta Regional Commission Land Use Division Director
Jared Lombard, Atlanta Regional Commission Planner
Jon West, DCA Area Planner

STATE OF GEORGIA;
COUNTY OF FAYETTE

ORDINANCE NO. 2009 - 02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FAYETTE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE (1980), AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE IV (ESTABLISHEMENT OF DISTRICTS), ARTICLE VI (DISTRICT USE REQUIREMENTS), AND ARTICLE VII (CONDITIONAL USES, EXCEPTIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS) SO AS TO ADD THE BTP BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY PARK AND AMEND THE ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS OF SECTION 7-6. TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONE TO ADD CERTAIN ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS SET FORTH THEREIN; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended as follows: Article IV. Establishment of Districts by adding BTP Business Technology Park District; Article VI. District Use Requirements by adding Section 6-25. BTP Business Technology Park District (in its entirety) and by amending Section 6-17. Office-Institutional District by adding G. SR 74 North – East Side Special Development District (in its entirety); and Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications by adding BTP to Section 7-1. Conditional Use Approval, B. Conditional Uses Allowed, 11. Colleges and Universities and 37. Single-Family Residence; Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay, C. General State Route Overlay Zone by adding SR 74 North; and by adding Section 7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay, D. SR 74 North Overlay Zone (in its entirety).

Section II. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding BTP Business Technology Park to Article IV. Establishment of Districts, and in lieu thereof, enacting number 25. of Article IV. to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

25. BTP Business Technology Park (Sec. 6-25)

Section III. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding BTP Business Technology Park, in its entirety, to Article VI. District Use Requirements, and in lieu thereof, enacting Section 6-25. of Article IV. to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT USE REQUIREMENTS

6-25. BTP Business Technology Park District

A. Purpose. The purpose of the Business Technology Park District (BTP) is to provide a business/employment center in a planned campus setting with internal streets serving individual lots that contain a single business or multi-tenant buildings housing uses which are free from such nuisances as noise, vibration, smoke, gas, fume, odor, dust, radiation or

other injurious or noxious conditions related to those uses. Additional requirements would include architectural standards. This district is to provide for high tech firms, light manufacturing/distribution firms, and professional firms with some support establishments (commercial and personal services) primarily for the employees.

B. Permitted Uses. The following Permitted Uses shall be allowed in the BTP Zoning District:

1. Business, professional, or government offices;
2. Scientific, medical, or research laboratories;
3. Business support centers and call centers;
4. Financial, credit, real estate and insurance establishments;
5. Publishing and printing;
6. Computer services and information technology;
7. Television/radio broadcasting studio, media productions and telecommunication;
8. Training center, trade schools, and vocational centers;
9. Colleges and universities (classrooms and administration only);
10. Warehousing, wholesaling and/or distribution of products and merchandise, but not including retail sales of consumer goods such as are usually sold to the general public;
11. Shipping and courier service; and
12. Light manufacturing and fabricating and assembling of products, including, but not limited to the following:
    a. Production of food, beverages, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals, but not including fish and meat products, sauerkraut, vinegar, yeast, and rendering plants;
    b. Fabrication and assembly of metal, wood, cloth, and plastic products; and
    c. Production of computer and electronic components and products.

Each BTP development will consist of two basic sets of uses: the business uses consisting of Permitted Uses 1. through 9. and the light manufacturing/distribution uses consisting of Permitted Uses 10. through 12.

C. Conditional Uses. The following Conditional Uses shall be allowed in the BTP Zoning District provided that all conditions specified in Section 7-1 herein are met:

1. Single-Family Residence; and
2. Colleges and Universities.

D. Dimensional Requirements. The minimum dimensional requirements in the BTP shall be as follows:

1. Minimum Site Area for a BTP Development: 20 acres
2. Lot Area: 87,120 square feet (two [2] acres)
3. Lot width: 500 feet
4. Front yard setback:

a. Major thoroughfare:
   (1) Major Arterial: 100 feet
   (2) Arterial: 100 feet
   (3) Collector: 80 feet
b. Minor thoroughfare: 65 feet

5. Rear yard setback: 25 feet
6. Side yard setback: 25 feet
7. Buffer: If the rear or side yard abuts a residential or A-R Zoning District, a minimum buffer of 75 feet shall be provided adjacent to the lot line, in addition to the required setback. The setback shall be measured from the buffer.
   The business use areas shall be separated from the light manufacturing/distribution use areas by a 30 foot buffer.
8. Height limit: 40 feet
9. Lot coverage limit, including structure and parking area: 70 percent of total lot area.
10. Outside Storage and Refuse Area Requirements. The following requirements shall apply to outside storage and refuse areas. Where this section contradicts any other requirement, the most restrictive shall apply.
    a. Outside storage of merchandise, equipment, and parts shall be allowed in rear yards only, subject to screening, setback and buffer requirements.
    b. All refuse areas shall be allowed in side or rear yards only, shall be screened, and comply with the required buffers and setbacks.
11. Each BTP development shall have a minimum of 500 feet of frontage, and access, on an Arterial street as specified by the Fayette County Thoroughfare Plan.

E. Other Requirements.

1. Utilities. All utilities shall be underground.
2. Multi-tenant Buildings.
   a. Location – Developable frontage on a major arterial road to a minimum depth of 300 feet shall be reserved for Multi-tenant Buildings.
   b. Multi-tenant building in this area will be limited to the aforementioned light business uses.

   c. Support Uses – In addition to the Permitted Uses in section B, no more than 20 percent of the floor area of an individual multi-tenant building may consist of business operations providing support services for the larger development. Permitted support service uses include:

      (i) Restaurant/restaurant take-out (No drive-through, drive-in, or free standing facilities shall be allowed);
      (ii) Personal Services;

(iii) Convenience store (no gasoline sales);
(iv) Blueprinting, graphic, and copying service;
(v) Office and computer supplies; and
(vi) Cellular phone/communication device supplies and service.

F. Rezoning Requirements. The following is required for a rezoning request for the BTP Zoning District in addition to what is normally required for a rezoning request:

1. A Development Plan is required for the rezoning petition and will take the place of the required Concept Plan. The Development Plan, as approved, shall establish the layout and uses planned for the development. Any change in the approved Development Plan, which affects the intent and character of the development, the land use pattern, the location or dimensions of streets, or similar substantial changes, must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission. A request for a revision of the Development Plan shall be supported by a written statement as to why the revisions are necessary.
The Development Plan must include what is normally required on the Concept Plan as well as the following;

a. A delineation of the business use area and the light manufacturing/distribution use area including the acreage within each area and the 30 foot separation buffer;
b. A delineation of the internal transportation network including roads, multi-use paths, and inter-parcel access/roads as applicable.
c. Requirements of any overlay zone which is applicable to the property; and
d. Indicate and label existing structures to remain.

Section III. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding BTP to Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, and in lieu thereof, enacting Section 7-1.,B.,11. and 7-1.,B.,37.of Article VII. to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. CONDITIONAL USES, EXCEPTIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS

11. Colleges and Universities. (Allowed in the A-R and BTP Zoning Districts).

a. The lot area shall be at least ten (10) acres.
b. Such use shall be permitted only on a lot which fronts on a Major Thoroughfare as specified by the Fayette County Thoroughfare Plan.
c. A minimum 50 foot buffer plus the required setbacks shall separate all buildings and use areas from any residential or A-R Zoning District.
d. Minimum setbacks for structures and use areas (excluding parking areas) are as follows:
(1) Front yard: 100 feet

(2) Side yard: 50 feet
(3) Rear yard: 100 feet

e. Uses and/or structures incidental to colleges and universities such as a gymnasium, dormitory, and/or athletic field shall be allowed provided all buildings and use areas meet the minimum setback and buffer requirements specified in subsections c. and d., above.

37. Single-Family Residence. (Allowed in the C-C, C-H, M-1, M-2, O-I, and BTP Zoning Districts).

a. Said residence shall be a single-family detached residence.
b. Said residence shall not be less than 1,200 square feet, and said residence shall not be allowed in subdivision developments as defined by the Subdivision Regulations of Fayette County.

Section IV. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding SR 74 North, to Section 7-6.,C. of Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, and in lieu thereof, enacting Section 7-6.,C. of Article VII. to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. CONDITIONAL USES, EXCEPTIONS, AND MODIFICATIONS

7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone

C. General State Route Overlay Zone. All property and/or development which have road frontage and/or access on State routes with nonresidential use or zoning shall be subject to the following regulations, in addition to the zoning district requirements and other development regulations which apply. This Overlay Zone specifically excludes: SR 54 West, SR 85 North, and SR 74 North for which other Overlay Zones have been established herein. The Architectural Standards of this Overlay Zone Specifically excludes the L-C zoning district, for which other architectural standards have been established.

Section V. The Fayette County Zoning Ordinance (1980), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding SR 74 North Overlay Zone, in its entirety, to Section 7-6.,D. of Article VII. Conditional Uses, Exceptions, and Modifications, and in lieu thereof, enacting Section 7-6.,D. SR 74 North Overlay Zone of Article VII. to read as follows:

7-6. Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone

D. SR 74 North Overlay Zone. All property and/or development which have frontage on and/or access to SR 74 North with nonresidential use or zoning shall be subject to the requirements of the SR 74 North Overlay Zone. The intent of the overlay is to set standards specific to SR 74 North from Sandy Creek Road to the Fulton County line to achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District contained in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan.

1. Purpose. The purpose of the SR 74 North Overlay Zone is to achieve the following:
   a. To maintain the efficient traffic flow of SR 74 North as the County's main connection to Interstate 85;
   b. To enhance and maintain the aesthetic qualities of the corridor, as

it is the gateway into Fayette County; and

c. To protect existing and future residential areas in the SR 74 North corridor.

2. Access. The following requirements shall apply to all nonresidential property and/or development within the corridor:

a. West Side of SR 74 North Access and Internal Roadways. An internal collector road connecting all three of the large tracts identified in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, in the SR 74 North Overlay District properties will be required, from the existing median break at Thompson Road south to Kirkley Road. The remaining large tract in the unincorporated County will be limited to one (1) right in/right out curb cut on SR 74 North for the construction of a street to provide internal access in the tract. Lots created in conjunction with the development of these tracts will not be allowed individual curb cuts on SR 74 North or Kirkley Road.

The design of the collector road will require left turn lanes at the intersections of SR 74 North and Kirkley Road as well as all intersections internal to developments. Final design approval of these intersections will be made by the Department of Engineering and the Department of Public Works.

b. East Side of SR 74 North Access and Internal Roadways.

To maintain efficient and safe operations on SR 74 North it is required that a parallel service drive be developed approximately 400 feet east of SR 74 North. This service drive must be constructed when improvements are made to the portion of the property. The service drive will connect to the service drive being developed in Fairburn from Milam Road southwards to the Fayette County line. Within Fayette County this service drive will extend from the Fulton County line into the property just north of the golf recreation facility. In addition, all residential properties proposed to be accessed through non-residentially zoned properties along SR 74 must be accessed via a public road built to County standards and dedicated to the County. Those affected properties are identified and addressed in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan.

c. West Side of SR 74 North Multi-use Path System. In order to provide for alternative modes of transportation (including accommodation of golf cart, bicycle and pedestrian traffic), a multi-use path system is required as an integral component of site development. The multi-use path system will connect all three (3) of the large tracts identified in the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan, in the SR 74 North Overlay District, and will be constructed in conjunction with the roads. Said multi-use path system must connect to any existing or proposed external multi-use paths. In the cases where a planned future multi-use path is to be located on abutting parcels, an alignment shall be established and the internal facilities shall be developed so as to provide for connection at the property line.

On roadways with a planned multi-use path system the public right-of-way will be used for location of the path system

components. The path will consist of a ten (10) foot wide paved surface and stabilized shoulders that extend two feet beyond the paved surface. Path construction will consist of a minimum of four inches of gravel base with two inches of asphalt. Final design approval of the multi-use path design and construction in the right-of-way will be made by the Department of Engineering and the Department of Public Works.

3. Dimensional Requirements. Unless otherwise specified, these standards shall apply to all nonresidential zoning districts within the areas described above.
   a. All impervious surfaces, other than approved access, shall comply with the following:
      (1) S.R. 74 North (Major Arterial): 50 feet from the right-of-way and a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side property lines
      (2) Minor Arterial: 35 feet from the right-of-way
      (3) Collector: 25 feet from the right-of-way
      (4) Local: 15 feet from the right-of-way
   b. Setbacks will be as follows:
      (1) Front yard setback on S.R. 74 North: 100 feet
   c. Impervious surface: Per zoning district
   d. Berms for nonresidential zoning districts: Berms, when required as a condition of zoning, shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and shall be placed to the inside of the applicable buffer.
4. Architectural Standards. These standards shall apply to all nonresidential development within this Overlay Zone.
   1. West Side of SR 74 North Architectural Standards:
      a. All buildings shall be constructed of brick/brick veneer, wood, fiber-cement siding (i.e.: Hardi-plank), rock, stone, cast-stone, split-face concrete masonry unit (rough textured face concrete block), architectural precast concrete wall panels, stucco (including synthetic stucco) or any architecturally engineered facades which simulate these materials.
      b. The design of accessory structures shall be consistent with and coordinate with the architectural style inherent in the primary structure on the property.
      c. No horizontal length of a roofline shall exceed 50 linear feet without a variation in elevation. Said variation in elevation shall not be less than two (2) feet.
      d. No blank or unarticulated horizontal length of a building facade shall exceed 25 linear feet without a variation in architectural elements, including but not limited to, building materials, colors, textures, offsets, or changes in planes.
   2. East Side of SR 74 North Architectural Standards:
      a. A pitched peaked (gable or hip) roof with a minimum pitch of four and one-half (4.5) inches in one (1) foot. A pitched mansard roof facade with a minimum pitch of four and one-half (4.5) inches in one (1) foot and a minimum height of eight (8) feet around the entire perimeter of the

structure can be used if the structure is two (2) stories or more or the use of a pitched peaked roof would cause the structure to not meet the applicable height limit requirements. The mansard roof facade must be of a residential character with the appearance of shingles, slate or terra cotta:

b. All buildings shall be constructed in a residential character of fiber-cement siding (ie: Hardiplank), wood siding, wood textured vinyl siding, brick/brick veneer, rock, stone, cast-stone, or stucco (including synthetic stucco);

c. Framed doors and windows of a residential character. To maintain a residential character, large display windows shall give the appearance of smaller individual panes and framing consistent with the standard residential grid pattern for doors and windows;

d. The design of accessory structures shall reflect and coordinate with the general architectural style inherent in the primary structure on the property including the roof pitch.

5. Landscape Requirements: In addition to the standard requirements of the Landscape Ordinance, the following landscape requirements shall apply to the Overlay Zone:

a. Street Frontage.

SR 74 (Major Arterial) - Landscape area: 50 feet along the right-of-way of SR 74 North. The first 25 feet as measured from the right-of-way is for required landscape planting only. The remaining 25 feet may be used for septic system placement; underground stormwater detention systems; and the following stormwater management facilities/ structures, if designed in full accordance with the specifications provided in the most current edition of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual: vegetated channels, overland flow filtration/ groundwater recharge zone, enhanced swales, filter strips, and grass channels. Septic systems and stormwater structures shall be exclusive of each other and the minimum distance of separation between wastewater and stormwater structures shall be established by the Environmental Health Department and the County Engineer.

Minor Arterial – Landscape area: 35 feet along the right-of-way of a minor arterial road.

Collector - Landscape area: 25 feet along the right-of-way of a collector road.

Local - Landscape area: 15 feet along the dedicated right-of-way of a local street.

b. Side Yard Landscape Area: Ten (10) feet in depth along side property lines unless adjacent to a residential district where buffer requirements will apply.

7. Lighting. Lighting shall be designed in such a way as to meet the following requirements:

a. Shielding standards. Lighting shall be placed in such a fashion as

to be directed away from any adjacent roadways for nearby residential areas.

b. Fixture height standards. Lighting fixtures shall be a maximum of 35 feet in height within the parking lot and shall be a maximum of ten (10) feet in height within non-vehicular pedestrian areas.

8. Additional Requirements. The following requirements shall be in addition to all district requirements. Where this section contradicts any other requirement, the most restrictive shall apply.

a. All refuse areas and equipment shall be allowed in the side or rear yards only and must be screened.

b. All roof top mechanical equipment and satellite dish antennas shall be visually screened from adjacent roads and property zoned residential or A-R. The screen shall extend to the full height of the objects being screened.

c. Bay doors shall not be allowed to directly face SR 74 North.

d. All utilities shall be underground.

Section VI. If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remainder of this enactment, and such remainder of this enactment shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VII. All laws, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section VIII. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO ORDAINED, this 27th day of August, 2009

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jack Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA;
COUNTY OF FAYETTE

ORDINANCE
NO. 2009 - 03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP; TO REVISE THE LAND USE ELEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

BE IT ORDTAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME THAT THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND NARRATIVE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. By deleting the Land Use Element in its entirety and replacing it with a new Land Use Element, to be read as follows:

LAND USE ELEMENT

"Planned growth is more desirable than uncontrolled growth, and more profitable; public and private powers can be joined in partnership in a process to realize the plan."
- Ian Mcharg

INTRODUCTION

The Land Use Element functions as a guide for county officials (both elected and appointed), the general public, the development community, and other interested parties as to the ultimate pattern of development in the unincorporated county. This Element provides the opportunity to inventory existing land use patterns and trends; to illustrate future patterns of growth, based on community needs and desires; and to develop goals, policies, and strategies for future land use that support and reflect the economic, housing, natural and historic resources, community facilities and services, and transportation and goals and policies of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

In practice, this is the most visible and often used element in the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Although all general plan elements carry equal weight, the land use element is often perceived as being the most representative of "the general plan." In addition to establishing the county's development policy in broad terms, the land use element plays a pivotal role in the zoning, subdivision, and public works decisions, as these are the primary tools for implementing the land use element.

The Land Use Element focuses on improving quality of life, and providing opportunities to protect and preserve rural character while allowing for reasonable and compatible growth. The policies within this chapter work together with the Future Land Use Plan Map to provide a guide for future development by use, size, density, and location. These plan elements are represented on the Map by color designations. They present a policy guideline for future development within unincorporated Fayette County.

EXISTING LAND USE

The intent of a land use plan is to guide development based on an understanding of the county's current development status and future development trends. A key element in this process is an inventory of existing land use. A knowledge and understanding of how land in the county is presently being used establishes the foundation for the preparation of a land use plan.

Fayette County's total land area is 127, 670 acres. Of this total, approximately 33,406 acres (or - 26 percent) lies within the incorporated limits of Fayette County's five municipalities. The remaining 94,264 acres lie within unincorporated Fayette County. The following section provides an inventory and assessment of existing land use in unincorporated Fayette County. The county's Geographical Information System, supplemented by windshield surveys and area knowledge, was used to develop existing land use data. This section identifies the products resulting from a typical land use survey: (1) a map showing existing land use (Map L-1); and (2) statistics describing the amount of land in each land use category (Table L-1).

The following land use categories, as defined by the Department of Community Affairs, were used to survey existing land use in unincorporated Fayette County:

Residential: In unincorporated Fayette County, the predominant use of land within the residential category is for single-family dwelling units. This category is further divided into the following categories: One Acre Minimum Lot, Two Acre Minimum Lot, Five Acre Minimum Lot, and Mobile Home Park

Commercial: This category is for land dedicated to non-industrial business uses, including retail sales, office, service and entertainment facilities. Commercial uses may be located as a single use in one building or grouped together in a shopping center or office building.

Industrial: This category is for land dedicated to manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, assembly operations, warehousing and wholesale trade facilities, mining or mineral extraction activities, or other similar uses.

Public/Institutional: This category includes certain state, federal or local government uses, and institutional land uses. Government uses include city halls and government installations, etc. Examples of institutional land uses include colleges, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, etc. Facilities that are publicly owned, but would be classified more accurately in another land use category, should not be included in this category. For example, publicly Park/Recreation/Conservation category; landfills should fall under the Industrial category; and general office buildings containing government offices should be placed in the Commercial category.

Transportation/Communication/Utilities: This category includes such uses as power generation plants, railroad facilities, radio towers, public transit stations, telephone switching stations, airports, port facilities or other similar uses.

Park/Recreation/Conservation: This category is for land dedicated to active or passive recreational uses. These areas may be either publicly or privately owned and may include playgrounds, public parks, nature preserves, wildlife management areas, national forests, golf courses, recreation centers and similar uses.

Agriculture/Forestry: This category is for land dedicated to farming (fields, lots, pastures, farmsteads, specialty farms, livestock production, etc.), agriculture, or commercial timber or pulpwood harvesting.

Undeveloped: This category is for land not developed for a specific use or land that was developed for a particular use but that has been abandoned for that use. This category includes woodlands or pasture land (not in agricultural crop, livestock or commercial timber production), undeveloped portions of residential subdivisions and industrial parks, water bodies (lakes, rivers, etc.), and locations of structures that have been vacant for some time and allowed to become deteriorated or dilapidated.

Map L-1, provides a generalized picture of how land in Fayette County is currently being used. Table L-1 lists the total estimated acreage of each of the land use categories illustrated on Map L- 1.

TABLE L-1
EXISTING LAND USE DISTRIBUTION, SUMMER 2003
UNINCORPORATED FAYETTE COUNTY

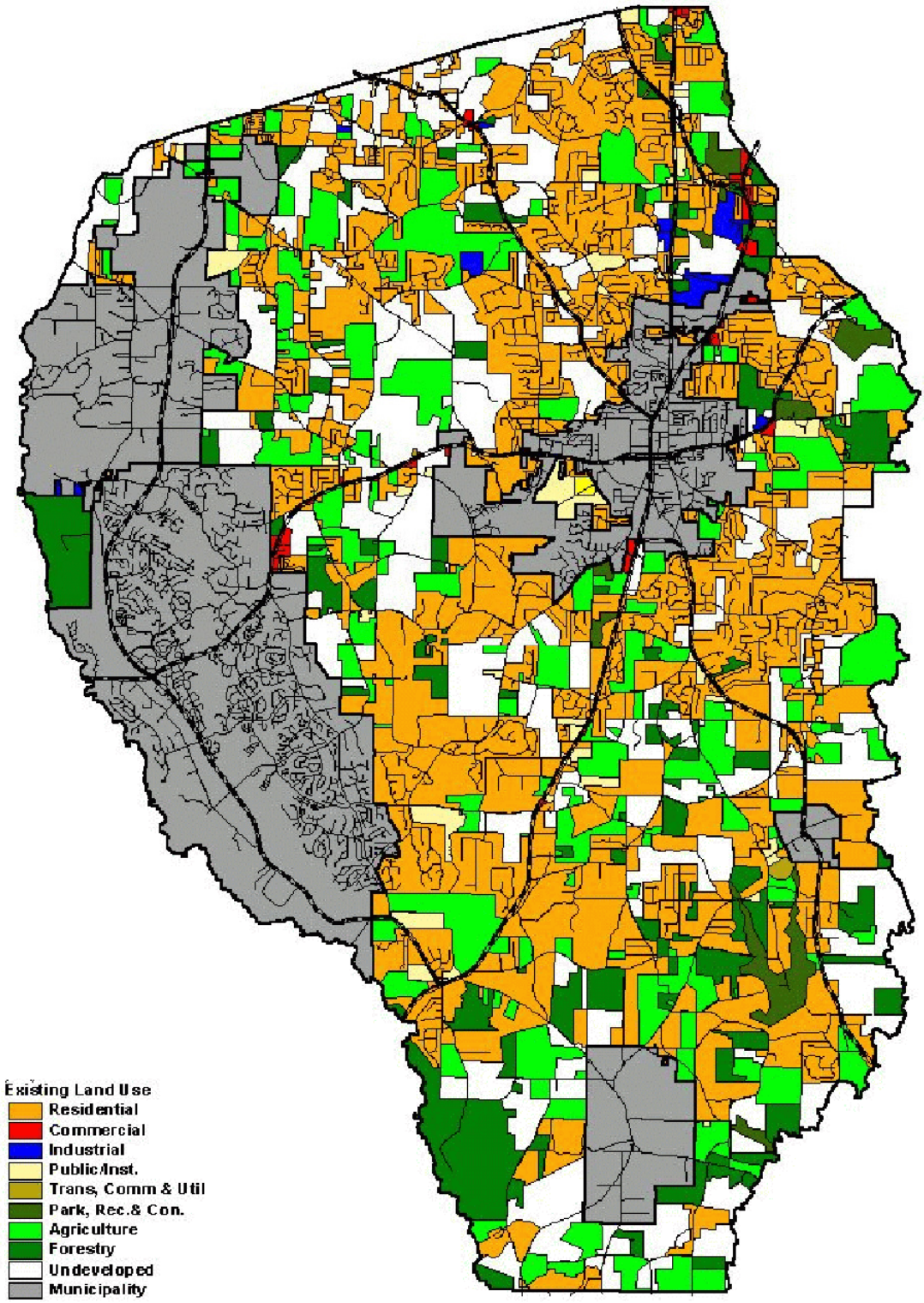
Land Use	Acres	Percent of Area
Residential	42,990	45.61%
Commercial & Office	516	.55%
Industrial	581	.62%
Public/Institutional	2,048	2.17%
Transportation/Communication/Utilities	92	.10%
Park/Recreation/Conservation	1,466	1.55%
Agriculture & Forestry	24,701	26.20%
Undeveloped	21,870	23.20%
Total Acreage	94,264	100.00%

Source: Fayette County Planning Department

As Table L-1 indicates, unincorporated Fayette County's land area totals approximately 94,264 acres, of which 21,870 acres (23.2 percent) are classified as undeveloped.

Residential land use, comprising 46.61 percent of the unincorporated county's developed acreage, is the predominant land use in the unincorporated county. This land use is characterized by single family dwellings on lots ranging from a minimum of one acre to lots of five acres or more. Single family dwellings on lots of a minimum one acre are developed in conjunction with the availability of public water. These areas are concentrated in the vicinity of the various municipalities and in the northern end of the county east of SR 92. Lots that are a minimum of two acres in size are further removed from the urban areas, where county water may or may not be available. Residential land uses in the southern end of the county are characterized by single family dwellings on lots of five acres or larger. This is due not only to the lack of available infrastructure, but to the support and maintenance of the rural environment that is characteristic of this area. There are seven mobile home parks in the unincorporated county. These parks contain approximately 1,460 mobile home pads.

MAP L-1 - EXISTING LAND USE



Source: Fayette County GIS

Commercial and Office land uses comprise approximately .55 percent of the total land area. Commercial activity is generally limited to small, neighborhood, convenience-retail centers. These centers are characterized by a gas station/convenience store. Two areas, SR 85 North and

SR 54 West adjacent to Peachtree City, contain a mix of small shopping centers, offices and service establishments. Office uses are generally concentrated along SR 85 North and SR 54 West where an overlay zone allows the conversion of existing residences to office uses.

Industrial land use comprises .62 percent of the total acreage. The majority of industrial activity is centered north of Fayetteville along SR 85 North (BFI Landfill property, numerous auto salvage facilities, and Kenwood Business Park) and SR 314 (Lee Center). Major industrial land uses and parks are found within the cities of Fayetteville, Peachtree City and Tyrone.

Public/Institutional land uses, comprising nearly 2.17 percent of the total developed acreage, consist mainly of churches, schools, and county-owned facilities and property. There are over 100 churches in the unincorporated county as well as four existing or planned high schools, four existing or planned middle schools, and four elementary schools. Existing or future water tank sites are located on Ellis Road, SR 92 North Porter Road, and Summerfield Place. A large water treatment plant is located on Antioch Road.

Transportation/Communication/Utilities land uses comprise .1 percent of the land area. Five utility substations are located in the unincorporated area. These substations are located on SR 54 West, Bernhard Road, Ebenezer Church Road, Friendship Church Road, and New Hope Road.

Park/Recreation/Conservation land uses comprise 1.55 percent of the land area and are represented by McCurry Park, Kiwanis Park, Lake Horton Park, Starr's Mill Pak, and future parkland on Kenwood Road. This area also includes the Lake Horton Reservoir and County wetland mitigation sites.

Agricultural/Forestry lands comprise 26.2 percent of the land area. Located throughout the unincorporated county but mainly in the southern end of the county, these lands are generally characterized by small farms, plant nurseries, commercial timber, pulpwood harvesting or large residential lots with associated horse or cattle raising/grazing. All of these properties are participating in the Conservation Use Covenant with the county. Approximately 24,701 acres are under the Conservation Use Covenant.

Undeveloped land comprises 23.2 percent of the land area. Some of these large undeveloped tracts contain agricultural and forest lands but are not participating in the Conservation Use Covenant with the county.

EXISTING LAND USE ASSESSMENT

The existing land use pattern in Fayette County is the result of many individual and policy decisions over many years. These decisions are based on physical constraints and opportunities, and outside market forces. This section discusses the factors leading to the existing pattern of development and the market forces in effect that seek to influence land use decisions.

Factors Leading to the Existing Pattern of Development

Throughout most of its history, Fayette County has had an agricultural-based economy. Farms producing both crops and livestock, dominated the landscape. In less than a generation, Fayette County changed from a rural, farm-oriented county on the far fringes of the Atlanta area to a primarily residential, suburban, bedroom commuter-oriented county. Fayette County's

population grew by 115 percent between 1980 to 1990. From 1990 to 2000, the county grew by another 46 percent. This twenty-year period saw the county's population grow from 29,043 residents in 1980 to 91,263 residents in 2000. Much of this growth occurred within municipal limits, often accommodated through annexation. Map L-2 shows the annexation activity by municipality since 1985.

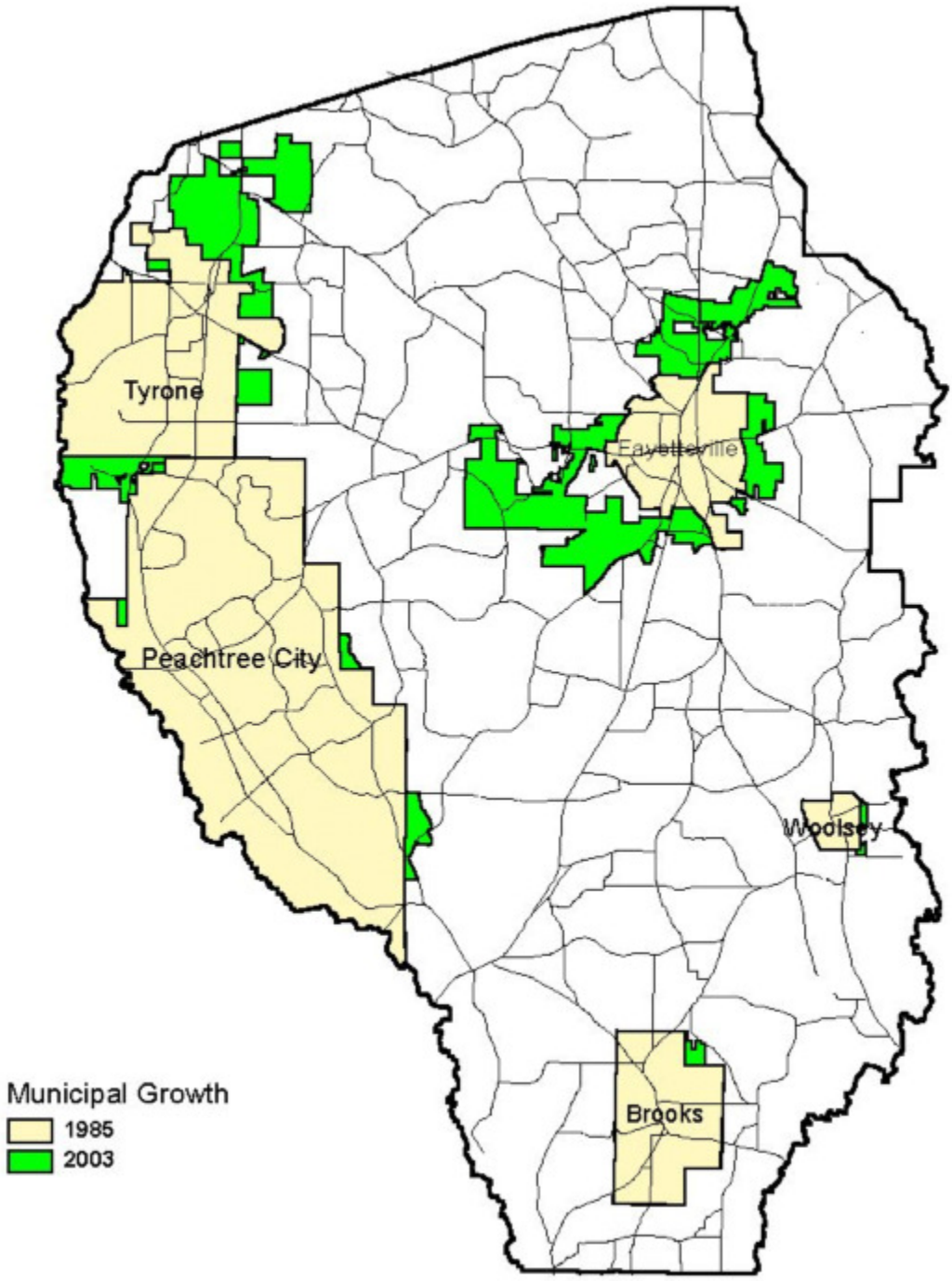
Transportation Improvements. In the last 20 years, Fayette County saw the widening of SR 85 North, SR 74 North, SR 54 between Peachtree City and Fayetteville, and SR 314 from Fayetteville to SR 279 from two lane roads to four lane divided highways. SR 74 North is the county's nearest access to Interstate 85 and the Atlanta metropolitan area. SR 314 is the county's most direct route to Hartsfield International Airport. Such transportation improvements allowed the movement of vehicles into and out of the county. Fayette County was now within commuting distance of Atlanta and, particularly, Hartsfield International Airport. Besides the influx of new (commuting) residents, increasing numbers of existing Fayette County residents either converted to part-time farming while holding regular jobs to which they themselves commuted, or they sold their farm holdings for subdivision development.

Infrastructure Development. The availability of infrastructure, and the lack thereof, has also contributed to Fayette County's existing land use pattern. While not available county-wide, public water service is provided by the Fayette County Water System to portions of the unincorporated county as well as the municipalities of Peachtree City, Tyrone and Woolsey. Sanitary sewerage service is available only within the cities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City and within limited areas of Tyrone. Such infrastructure availability allows these cities to offer the highest residential densities and to provide for nonresidential uses in the form of office parks, commercial centers, and industrial parks.

No public sewer is available in unincorporated Fayette County. Development in the unincorporated area relies on individual septic systems for on-site sewage disposal. The soil and space requirements of septic systems necessitate a larger development area. Therefore, the unincorporated county is characterized by low density single-family residential lots. Fayette County as a whole, however, is able to offer residents a wide choice of housing opportunities, from smaller lot, high end single family homes, duplexes, and apartments in the cities to larger single-family lots and sprawling farmsteads in the unincorporated county.

Environmental Constraints. Development constraints, associated with environmentally sensitive land, are generally characterized by poor soils, wetlands, and flood plains typical of streams and other water bodies. The county is home to seven major water supply streams (Antioch Creek, Flat Creek, Flint River, Horton Creek, Line Creek, Whitewater Creek, and Woolsey Creek), 16 named tributaries to these water supply streams, and a large number of minor unnamed streams. Development in the southern end of the county, which serves as the confluence of many of these streams, is impacted by the relatively low topography, poor soils, and a high water table.

MAP L-2 - MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION



Source: Fayette County Planning Department

Market Forces

Local and regional influences are working to exert pressures on the rural landscape that is unincorporated Fayette County. Land prices continue to rise as residential land uses creep closer and closer to rural areas. As land prices rise, it becomes economically unfeasible to continue to hold land vacant or use it for agricultural purposes.

With the increase in population and income, market forces are working to provide for the prerequisite commercial development, usually in the form of small shopping areas along major highway corridors. Convenience facilities (e.g. the quick stop store located on transportation routes, dispensing gasoline and/or the corner grocery) will continue to request rezonings around the county in response to perceived market demand. Improperly planned and located, such commercial uses can lead to traffic problems, deterioration of neighborhoods, and unsightly developments. The proliferation of these types of stores causes keen competition among them. The nature of such competition is that some stores do not survive. The county is then left with empty storefronts which become eyesores scattered around the county.

FUTURE LAND USE DEMAND

The following table provides projections of the amount of land which will be required for each of the various land uses through the year 2025. The projections are based on the population projections presented in the Population Element of this comprehensive plan. In determining future land use demand, ratios of existing land use per population were calculated and applied to the number of new residents projected to reside in the unincorporated county through the year 2025.

While sufficient undeveloped land exists to accommodate the projected growth, the choice of land is often determined by access to infrastructure and suitable roads, as well as by ownership patterns and owner expectations.

TABLE L-2
PROJECTED LAND USE DISTRIBUTION
UNINCORPORATED FAYETTE COUNTY

Land Use	2025 Acreage	% of 2025 Total
Residential	**76,867** ~~77,017~~	**82.16** ~~82.32%~~
Commercial & Office	**1,502** ~~1,352~~	**1.61** ~~1.45%~~
Industrial	591	.63%
Public Facilities/Institutional	992	1.06%

TABLE L-2 Continued PROJECTED LAND USE DISTRIBUTION UNINCORPORATED FAYETTE COUNTY		
Land Use	2025 Acreage	% of 2025 Total
Parks, Recreation and Conservation Areas	13,512	14.44%
Transportation/Communication/Utilities	96	.10%
Total Acreage*	93,560	100.00%

* Total Acreage does not include Lake Horton (740 acres)
Source: Fayette County Planning Department

FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND NARRATIVE

The Land Use Map for the Comprehensive Plan depicts the proposed general uses of land in the unincorporated portion of Fayette County. It functions as the official county policy on the allocation and distribution of different land uses. Different color shadings are used on the map to indicate different categories of recommended future land use, with the color shadings defined in the map's legend.

The land uses shown on the map generally follow key geographic features, such as roads, streams, open spaces, but in some cases they transition at existing lot lines. Development will normally follow these boundaries. However, the final boundaries may vary according to the merits of a development proposal and whether it meets the intent of the plan's vision as a whole. The county's Zoning Map implements the Comprehensive Plan land use designations by ordinance, at a much more detailed, parcel-specific level. In evaluating a specific development proposal, the direct impacts of the project on adjacent and nearby properties, transportation, the environment, and public facilities will be identified. The resolution of any impacts is critical if a proposal is to receive favorable consideration. In order to achieve the density ranges indicated in the Plan, these direct impacts must be mitigated to the satisfaction of the county.

The Future Land Use Map of this Comprehensive Plan uses eight major land use designations to depict the types of land uses that are allowed in the county: Residential, Commercial, Office, Industrial, Public Facilities/Institutional, Conservation Areas, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation, Communication and Utilities. The following provides a brief description of each of the land use categories illustrated on the Future Land Use Map (see inside back cover).

Residential

This category includes all properties with the principal structure designed for human habitation, Appropriate density ranges, in terms of dwelling units per acre, are recommended in this Plan and are shown on the Land Use Plan Map. The county's residential density pattern has generally developed from one of higher densities in the northern portion to lower densities in the southern portion. This is due to the proximity of the northern county to the higher density development in Clayton County and the availability of public services. The southern portion of the county is more characteristic of the more rural adjacent counties of Spalding and Coweta and offers fewer public services. Transition areas between these two land uses are provided.

The plan's general intent regarding future residential development is to (1) channel higher density development (less than one acre) into areas served by public water and sewer; (2) channel lower density development into areas served by public water; (3) limit development in those areas of the county which lack public facilities.

The residential land use category is broken down into seven sub-categories as described below:

Agricultural Residential: This category identifies areas with a residential density of one dwelling unit per five acres or more. The Estate Residential Zoning District is appropriate for this area. The area has a general lack of public water service, the presence of unpaved and/or unimproved roads, and a long-standing characteristic of large lot residential development, often in conjunction with an agricultural activity. These factors, along with environmental constraints due to the presence of numerous streams and associated poor soils, dictate large lot development. Agricultural Residential land use is shown as occurring in the southern portion of the county where the aforementioned factors exist to the greatest degree in Fayette County.

Rural Residential: These are areas which allow a low intensity residential density of one dwelling unit per two to three acres. County water is available in some areas; the Conservation Subdivision (CS) Zoning District is appropriate in this area. This category offers larger lot development of a residential, rather than agricultural, nature. The Land Use Plan Map generally identifies the Whitewater Creek Drainage Basin and the area between Low Density Residential to the north and Agricultural Residential to the south as appropriate for this land use category.

Low Density Residential: This category identifies areas of intended residential subdivision development in a density range of one dwelling unit per one to two acres. County water is generally available; the Conservation Subdivision (CS) Zoning District is appropriate for this area. Low Density Residential land uses are located in the northern portion of the county and in areas adjacent to the cities of Fayetteville and Tyrone. These areas represent the most urbanized areas of the unincorporated county and offer the greatest number of public services (water, access).

Low Medium, Medium, and High Density Residential: These categories consist of residential uses with more than one unit per acre, from duplexes and ½ acre lots up to five units per acre. There are no areas designated Low Medium, Medium, and High Density Residential at this time due to the lack of public sewer in the unincorporated county.

Mobile Home Park: This category designates mobile homes in mobile home parks.

Office

The Office land use category designates office development which can be located as stand-alone structures or in office parks or centers. Office land use is shown as occurring generally in three areas of the unincorporated county: (1) along the east side of SR 314 between the Fayetteville city limits and the Fernwood Mobile Home Park; (2) along SR 54 between Fayetteville and Peachtree City as an overlay district (see Transportation Corridors) and, in particular, in the

vicinity of Fayette Community Hospital; and (3) along SR 54 West just outside the Peachtree City limits between SR 54 West and Sumner Road South.

The area along SR 314 provides a transition area from the commercial and industrial development oriented to SR 85 to the residential uses on the west side of SR 314. The Office use designation in the vicinity of the hospital allows for the location of associated uses. Office uses north of the hospital along Sandy Creek Road terminate at the unnamed stream just north of the hospital entrance; office areas extending west along SR 54 are bounded by the proposed school access road to the north and the area between the proposed high school site and existing hospital property. The Sumner Road area serves as a transition area between the commercial areas to the east across SR 54 and the residential areas to the west in Peachtree City. This area is limited to the area south of Land Lot 70, District 7 and the limits of Peachtree City.

Commercial

This category identifies all property where business and trade are conducted, both retail and wholesale, and accessory use areas, such as parking. The Land Use Plan Map seeks to provide necessary commercial activity within a reasonable distance to unincorporated county residents. However, county policy recognizes that major commercial facilities should be located within incorporated areas where infrastructure is available and population densities are most concentrated. The county should attempt to discourage additional commercial development along major roadways, as strip commercial development is neither desirable from a safety standpoint nor attractive.

The Land Use Plan Map illustrates the concentration of commercial land uses in various locations throughout the unincorporated area. The land used areas vary from smaller, neighborhood commercial areas to larger, concentrated areas of commercial activity. The following section provides a brief description of these designated commercial areas.

<u>SR 54 and Corinth Road</u>: This area represents existing, zoned commercial land use of a neighborhood convenience nature. The adjacent subdivisions exclude the expansion of this area to the north; Corinth Road on the south side of SR 54 remains an unpaved dirt road. No expansion of the existing commercial zoning is recommended.

<u>SR 85 and Bernhard Road</u>: This area houses a convenience store, a motorcycle shop, a pesticide control company, and a fire station, thus providing neighborhood convenience services to the surrounding area. Located in the less-populated southern portion of the county, no expansion of this area is recommended.

<u>SR 314 and SR 138</u>: As an entrance to Fayette County, this area is a mix of nonresidential developed land and vacant land zoned for commercial uses. The opportunity exists here for infill development and redevelopment of older establishments.

<u>SR 92 and Westbridge Road</u>: This area is a mix of old and new nonresidential development. The opportunity exists here for infill development and redevelopment of older establishments.

<u>SR 54 and Tyrone Road</u>: Long considered a nonresidential node in Fayette County, this area's proximity to Fayette Community Hospital and a new high school site makes it a candidate for

nonresidential development. The Land Use Plan supports these future uses by designating a mix of commercial and office uses in this area.

SR 54 and Sumner Road (south): This area is a mix of commercial retail and office uses with well-established boundaries - it is defined by the existing commercially zoned tracts south of Land Lot 70, District 7 and the limits of Peachtree City.

SR 74 and Redwine Road: Currently undeveloped, this area is defined by the existing nonresidential zoning. No expansion beyond the existing zoned areas is recommended.

SR 85 North of Fayetteville: A nonresidential corridor, this area extends from the city limits of Fayetteville north to the county line. It provides for a variety of nonresidential uses including commercial, office, industrial, and service. The area contains opportunity for infill, redevelopment and new development.

SR 54 East of Fayetteville: The existing nonresidential development consists of commercial, office and industrial uses. Commercial land uses are indicated from the city limits of Fayetteville east to McDonough Road. On the south side of SR 54, this commercial activity is limited to the properties fronting on SR 54 only for a depth necessary to provide adequate acreage for commercial uses. This allows for the coordination of commercial uses along the frontage of SR 54 with residential uses to the rear. Office land uses then continue on the north side of SR 54 opposite McCurry Park.

SR 85 South of Fayetteville: This area extends from the city limits of Fayetteville southward to the northern boundary of Land Lots 59 and 60 of the 5th District. This area is largely undeveloped at this time.

Industrial

This category designates all land dedicated to manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, warehousing and wholesale trade facilities, mining or mineral extraction activities, or other similar uses. For more descriptive purposes, industrial land use is subdivided into "Light" and "Heavy" categories:

> **Light Industrial:** Includes non-heavy manufacturing and uses such as trucking terminals, warehousing, and other industrial uses.
>
> **Heavy Industrial:** Designates land uses which heavily impact adjacent land uses such as heavy manufacturing industries, rock quarries, and auto salvage yards.

Industrial land uses are important consideration in any community, due to the unusually large sites they require, the tax and employment base they yield, and the safety, health, or environmental problems they can create. Industrial land uses in the unincorporated county consist primarily of service industries that serve the local economy. The Land Use Plan Map concentrates future industrial activity along SR 85 North and SR 314 where such activity already exists. As with commercial activity, county policy supports the location of major industrial activity, which requires adequate infrastructure and transportation (rail) access, within the existing industrial park in Peachtree City.

Business Technology Park

This category designates properties where the Business Technology Park (BTP) zoning district is appropriate. The purpose of the BTP zoning district is to provide a business/employment center in a planned campus setting with internal streets serving individual lots that contain single business or multi-tenant buildings. **(This paragraph added in its entirety)**

Special Development District

A purpose of a Special Development District is to designate an area where specific land use policies and regulations will apply to achieve a specific development pattern. The Special Development District will be depicted as a hatched pattern over a land use designation. **(This paragraph added in its entirety)**

SR 74 North East Side Special Development District: The purpose of this Special Development District is to promote planned office development along the eastern frontage of SR 74 to a depth of approximately 800 feet to fulfill the stated goals for the future development of the corridor as stated in the SR 74 North Overlay District. **(This paragraph added in its entirety)**

Public Facilities/Institutional

Public Facilities/Institutional land uses indicate all land owned by local government for the provision of services (courthouses and jails, government building complexes, schools, fire stations, etc.) and semi-public uses such as churches and their grounds. Representing uses that are considered to be more location-sensitive for proximity (e.g. fire/EMS stations, schools), these uses are scattered throughout the unincorporated county. Both the existing and (known) future locations of public and institutional facilities in the unincorporated county are indicated on the Land Use Plan Map. The location of certain facilities can change the characteristics of an area. Existing and future residents should be aware of such uses and their implication.

Conservation Areas

This category identifies environmentally sensitive areas, containing waterways, watershed protection areas, flood plains, poor soils and steep slopes that are not conducive to development. Conservation Areas are useful as passive recreational areas and wildlife habitat. The Land Use Plan Map shows Conservation Areas concentrated along the county's major water supply streams and their tributaries. These major water supply streams include the Flint River, Whitewater Creek, and Line Creek. The Conservation Areas also generally coincide with the proposed greenspace areas indicated in the Fayette County Community Greenspace Program

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation land use shows all land that is dedicated to active or passive recreational uses, including associated buildings and parking areas. Open space includes parks as well as other undeveloped land designated or reserved for public or private use or enjoyment. The unincorporated county's existing (Kiwanis, McCurry) and future parkland is indicated on the Land Use Plan Map. These are areas that offer both active and passive recreation opportunities.

Transportation/Communication/Utilities

This land use category indicates water system facilities, and other private and public utility land uses such as substations. The location of such facilities is often beyond the control of the local government. The Land Use Plan Map identifies the both the existing and future locations of these facilities as well as the location of railroads, gas pipelines, and electrical transmission lines.

Agricultural/Forestry or **Undeveloped**

The Land Use Plan Map does not designate any areas as **Agricultural/Forestry** or **Undeveloped.** It is not anticipated that any area will be strictly limited to agriculture of forestry uses or will be required to remain in an undeveloped state during the planning period of this plan.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FACTORS

The factors that established the county's existing pattern of development (transportation, infrastructure, and the environment) will continue to influence development decisions in unincorporated Fayette County. The existing **transportation pattern** does not support large scale commercial activity, such as a regional mall or major industrial distribution, warehousing, or fabrication uses. Such uses require more immediate access to an interstate system. Thus, Fayette County will continue to receive interest from smaller commercial and industrial uses.

There will be areas of the unincorporated county that will not have water service within the planning period of this plan; there are no plans at this time to provide sanitary sewer service in the unincorporated county. The cities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City will continue to have both water and sewer service. The Town of Tyrone has water service and limited sewer service. Such **infrastructure availability** will allow these cities to accommodate higher residential densities than the unincorporated county and provide for more intense nonresidential uses in the form of large office parks, commercial centers, and industrial parks.

The impacts of **environmentally sensitive land** will continue to affect the development of land through the permitted uses and intensity limitations. Environmental constraints in the form of poor soils, groundwater recharge areas, and significant wetland and flood plain areas will influence future development patterns.

Transition Areas/Incompatible Land Uses

Inevitably, there are occasions when new land uses create disturbances as perceived by adjacent land owners and residents, especially in relatively rural areas that have been buffered in the past by surrounding undeveloped land. In Fayette County, the potential for these conflicts is greatest just outside the incorporated areas where annexation brings new, higher density housing developments which encroach on rural residences. Fayette County tries to ensure an orderly and appropriate pattern of land use whenever a proposed development appears to have the potential to create conflicts with existing adjacent land uses.

Efficient Location of New Development

Locational decisions made by developers take into account the availability of needed infrastructure among other considerations. The incorporated areas of Fayetteville and Peachtree City have the county's only public wastewater treatment systems, both with expansion potential. Development requiring this service is encouraged to locate within the service areas of these systems. Without such infrastructure available, there is little opportunity for the encouragement of larger commercial, much less infill development in the unincorporated area. Nonresidential development tends to be smaller, stand alone facilities catering to the nearby residential areas. For these reasons, county policies encourage larger commercial development to occur within the city limits where proper infrastructure and appropriate population density is available.

Appropriately located retail facilities will allow the community to escape haphazard and blighting strip commercial development. The concentration of such shopping facilities will support the continued commercial growth in a manner that underscores the objectives of this comprehensive plan.

Transportation Corridors

Over the next twenty years, a number of state routes in Fayette County are scheduled to be widened from a two-lane highway to four-lane divided highways. These state routes are the connecting corridors for the incorporated municipalities in Fayette County and neighboring counties. With few exceptions, in the unincorporated areas of the county these roads traverse residential and/or agricultural land uses.

With the widening of these state routes comes the increased pressure for nonresidential development. The County is now in the position where it must balance this demand with its own growth and transportation policies. These state routes are first and foremost transportation corridors; the efficient flow of traffic must be maintained. Nonresidential land uses are indicated on the Land Use Plan Map where their location and intensity is most appropriate for the surrounding area.

In order to better facilitate the desired development along its transportation corridors, Fayette County has adopted an Overlay District***s*** on SR 54 ***West and SR 74 North*** and several Overlay Zones. The particular requirements pertaining to these transportation corridors are discussed below.

SR 54 West Overlay District: With the widening of SR 54 West, the Board of Commissioners adopted the SR 54 West Overlay District. This District identifies the county's goals and recommendations for the corridor and sets out the desired development pattern. SR 54 connects the communities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City, and serves as the only major east-west thoroughfare through the county. The following section defines the District.

Existing Development: Existing **residential development** is scattered along the SR 54 West Corridor. Residential tracts range in size from large agricultural tracts of as much as 200 acres down to minimum one (1) acre subdivisions. Large tracts are still used for agricultural purposes and may or may not contain a single-family residence. These tracts vary in size from approximately five (5) to 200 acres. The majority of the larger tracts are located between Sandy Creek and Tyrone Roads. Single-family residential development consists of smaller lots, varying

in size from one (1) to five (5) acres, fronting on SR 54 West or within subdivisions which access SR 54 West. Three single-family residential subdivisions (Newton Estates, Fayette Villa, and The Landings) are developed in this area.

These subdivisions are zoned for one (1) acre minimum lots. Fayette Villa and The Landings are located between Flat Creek Trail west to Sumner Road (north) on the north side of SR 54 West. Newton Estates is located west of Huiet Drive on the south side of SR 54 West. Existing **nonresidential development** consists of two commercial areas, one at Tyrone Road and one at Sumner Road (south).

> **Future Development:** SR 54 West is first and foremost a transportation corridor. The efficient flow of traffic must be maintained. High intensity nonresidential uses should be targeted to the major intersection with Tyrone Road and SR 54 West. As one moves away from this node, the intensity of nonresidential development should decrease. The **goals** of the SR 54 West Overlay District are: (1) to maintain the efficient traffic flow of SR 54 West as the County's only major east-west thoroughfare; (2) to maintain a non-urban separation between Fayetteville and Peachtree City; and (3) to protect existing and future residential areas in the SR 54 West Corridor.
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> If lots which front on SR 54 West are allowed to change from a residential use to a nonresidential use, care must be taken to protect existing or future residential property. This can be accomplished by requiring enhanced landscaping, buffers and berms to protect these residential areas.
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> **Recommendations:** The intent of the SR 54 West Overlay District is to offer existing tracts of five +/- acres the option to convert to office uses. Outside of the commercial designation at Tyrone Road and the commercial and office-institutional designation at Sumner Road (south), these parcels would be considered for the Office-Institutional Zoning District. Conditions should be placed on property at the time of rezoning to address unique situations.

(The following section is added in its entirety)
<u>SR 74 North Overlay District</u>: This District identifies the county's goals and recommendations for SR 74 North north of Sandy Creek Road and sets out the preferred development pattern for this area. SR 74 runs north/south through the western side of the County and is the main connection to Interstate 85. It also connects the communities of Peachtree City and Tyrone. The SR 74 North Overlay District lies in the jurisdictions of both unincorporated Fayette County and Tyrone. The SR 74 North Overlay District is also adjacent to Fairburn in Fulton County where substantial development in the form of commercial, industrial, and higher density residential is taking place.

Existing Development

Unincorporated Fayette County: Individual parcels fronting SR 74 North range in size from small one acre parcels to large parcels of approximately 80 acres. Smaller residential parcels range in size from one acre to ten acres and the majority are clustered in the area of Sandy Creek Road and Thompson Road. The large parcels vary in size from approximately 13 to 80 acres. The majority of these large parcels are located north of Kirkley Road. These parcels may or may

not contain a single-family residence. Currently, all parcels in the unincorporated area are zoned for residential uses.

Tyrone: Parcels in Tyrone fronting on SR 74 are zoned for residential, office, commercial and light industrial per the Tyrone Official Zoning Map. There are two residentially zoned parcels fronting SR 74 North, one contains a single-family residence, the other contains a church. Two residential subdivisions are located in this area, River Oaks and Rivercrest. River Oaks contains two acre lots and Rivercrest contains one-half acre lots. One parcel zoned for office uses contains a small multi-tenant building and is located on the western side of SR 74 North just north of Kirkley Road. Other parcels zoned for office uses are vacant at this time. The commercially zoned parcel contains a golf recreation facility on the east side of SR 74 North. One of the parcels zoned for light industrial contains a single-family residence and the other is vacant at this time.

Fairburn: Plans for SR 74 North in Fairburn indicate commercial on both sides of the road from the County line to Interstate 85 as depicted on Fairburn's Community Character Areas map. The area outside of this commercial area is indicated as residential. The area beside Interstate 85 along Oakley Industrial Boulevard is indicated as industrial.

Future Development: As SR 74 North lies in the jurisdictions of both unincorporated Fayette County and Tyrone, it is essential that both jurisdictions work together to develop a plan for the corridor. SR 74 North is first and foremost a transportation corridor providing critical access to Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and the City of Atlanta via Interstate 85. The maintenance of an efficient flow of traffic is essential. While the design, construction and maintenance of SR 74 is the responsibility of Georgia Department of Transportation, local governments have the responsibility of the control of land development through land use planning and zoning. Land use decisions on the local level will have an impact on the operational efficiency of roadway. For example, numerous curb cuts reduce the roadway capacity and safety due to the number of vehicles entering and exiting the road in multiple locations. For the purpose of maintaining a higher level of operational efficiency and safety it is recommended that a system of new roads and service drives be pursued to provide interconnectivity and reduce the number of individual curb cuts.

The goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District are: (1) to maintain the efficient traffic flow of SR 74 North as the County's main connection to Interstate 85; (2) to enhance and maintain the aesthetic qualities of the corridor, as it is the gateway into Fayette County; (3) to provide for economic expansion and jobs commensurate with the educational and skill level of Fayette's labor force; and (4) to protect existing and future residential areas in the SR 74 North corridor.

Recommendations:

SR 74 North West Side: The area from Kirkley Road north to the County line on the west side of SR 74 North is designated as Business Technology Park. This land use designation will correspond to the Business Technology Park Zoning District and the SR 74 North Overlay Zone in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. The Business Technology Park Zoning District consists of office and high tech light industrial uses with a limited amount of commercial support services.

Presently, there are three large parcels that make up the majority of the area. Two of these parcels are in unincorporated Fayette County (72 acres and 28 acres) and the other parcel is in Tyrone (37 acres). The 72 acre parcel is the northern most parcel and a portion of it is in Fulton County, City of Fairburn. The 28 acre parcel is the southern most parcel and has frontage on both SR 74 and Kirkley Road. Both of these parcels are zoned Agricultural-Residential. The 37 acre parcel in Tyrone separates these two parcels. The front 400 feet of this parcel is zoned Office-Institutional and the remainder is zoned M-1 (Light-Industrial).

Besides these parcels there are five smaller parcels that make up the remainder of this area. In Tyrone these parcels include two five acre Agricultural-Residential parcels that contain a church located beside the aforementioned 37 acre parcel, a four acre parcel zoned M-1 that contains a single-family residence and a two acre Office-Institutional parcel that contains a multi-tenant building. Also included in this area is a two acre R-40 parcel on Kirkley Road in the unincorporated County that must be assembled with the aforementioned 28 acre parcel for purposes of rezoning to Business Technology Park.

The greatest development potential is in the three large parcels. Because these parcels are contiguous to each other, they create the potential for a continuous development pattern, as they can all be linked. To promote this continuous development pattern and connection, a connecting road from SR 74 North through these properties to Kirkley Road will be required. The purpose of this road is to allow internal circulation through these properties. The road would be aligned with Thompson Road where a median break exists on SR 74 North; this will serve as the curb cut for the 72-acre parcel, and will run south through the three properties to Kirkley Road. Another median break is located where Kirkley Road intersects SR 74 North. The other large parcel in the unincorporated county will be allowed one curb cut for the construction of a street that will be right in/right out only, as no median break on SR 74 North is located in this area. Curb cuts for individual properties created in the development of these parcels would not be allowed on SR 74 or Kirkley Road. In addition, a multi-use path system will be required to allow for pedestrian, bicycle, and golf cart connectivity between these aforementioned properties.

SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District: The area along the east side of SR 74 North is designated as a Special Development District. The purpose of this Special Development District is to promote planned office development along the frontage of SR 74 to a depth of approximately 800 feet to fulfill the aforementioned goals for the future development of the corridor. As an incentive the Office-Institutional Zoning classification will allow a limited amount of commercial uses in conjunction with office uses when the minimum requirements for acreage (ten acres) and road frontage (600 feet) are met. This minimum requirement for acreage and frontage will achieve a reduction in individual curb cuts on SR 74, consistency and coordination in architectural design, and capacity to develop a required service drive where applicable. The assemblage of parcels in some areas will be necessary to meet the minimum requirements of the SR 74 North – East Side Special Development District in the Office-Institutional Zoning classification.

The property located beyond 800 feet from SR 74 will remain designated for Low Density Residential (1 unit/1 to 2 acres). This would include the area along Thompson Road where residential lots exist ranging in size from two to nine acres and undeveloped large parcels where it is anticipated that residential subdivisions could be developed in the future. It is anticipated that the entrance to some of these residential areas, both exiting and future, will be through the planned office development along the frontage of SR 74. It is recommended that curb cuts on

these roads be minimized, landscaping be enhanced, and a multi-use path connection between theses residential areas and the planned office developments be established. This will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

Area 1: North of Thompson Road extending approximately 700 feet north to the Fulton County line. This area contains seven parcels totaling approximately 19 acres in the Special Development District. Five of the seven parcels have frontage on SR 74 and the other two parcels front on Thompson Road. Of the five parcels fronting SR 74, three contain single-family residences and two are vacant. The two parcels fronting Thompson Road each contain a single-family residence. The existing boundaries of most of these parcels are in the range of 800 feet from SR 74. However, one of these parcels is ten acres in size and is approximately 1,400 feet in depth, well beyond the 800-foot depth of the Special Development District.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels will achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required as applicable for parcels in Area 1 that are zoned for non-residential uses. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions put in place at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval. Individual curb cuts for nonresidential uses should not be allowed on Thompson Road.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, those parcels within the Special Development District, Area 1 with frontage on SR 74 can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning. This would include the aforementioned ten acre parcel. If the entire ten acres were rezoned to O-I it is recommended that the front 800 foot portion of the property be targeted for the O-I development and rear portion of the property be limited to parking and/or stormwater facilities. This could be accomplished through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning.

Parcels that do not have frontage on SR 74 that are within the Special Development District, Area 1 should not be given individual consideration for O-I zoning as they only have frontage on Thompson Road. Consideration for O-I zoning should not be given to these parcels until they are assembled with adjacent properties to meet the requirements of the SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District in the O-I Zoning classification.

Area 2: South of Thompson Road extending south approximately 800 feet. This area contains four parcels totaling approximately 10.4 acres in the Special Development District. Two of the four parcels have frontage on SR 74 and the other two parcels front on Thompson Road. Of the two parcels fronting SR 74, one contains a single-family residence and the other is vacant. The two parcels fronting Thompson Road each contain a single-family residence. The existing boundaries of these parcels are in the range of 800 feet from SR 74.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels will achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required as applicable for parcels in Area 2 that are zoned for non-residential uses The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of

site plan approval. Individual curb cuts for nonresidential uses should not be allowed on Thompson Road.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, those parcels within the Special Development District, Area 2 with frontage on SR 74 can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning. Parcels that do not have frontage on SR 74 that are within the Special Development District, Area 2 should not be given individual consideration for O-I zoning as they only have frontage on Thompson Road. Consideration for O-I zoning should not be given to these parcels until they are assembled with adjacent properties to meet the requirements of the SR 74 North - East Side Special Development District in the O-I Zoning classification.

Area 3: This area starts approximately 800 feet south of Thompson Road and extends approximately 1,300 feet to the south from this point. This area contains approximately 24 acres in the Special Development District. These 24 acres are part of an 81 acre parcel which contains a single-family residence. The single-family residence is not within the 24 acres contained in the Special Development District.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels is not necessary to achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn will be required if this property is zoned for non-residential uses. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

Area 4: North of Sandy Creek Road extending north approximately 1,400 feet. This area contains four parcels totaling approximately 24 acres in the Special Development District. All four parcels have frontage on SR 74 and one parcel also has frontage on Sandy Creek Road. Of the four parcels, three parcels each contain a single-family residence and one is vacant. The existing boundaries of these parcels are in the range of 700 feet from SR 74.

This is an area where the assemblage of parcels is necessary to achieve the goals of the SR 74 North Overlay District. Assemblage would meet the threshold of a minimum of ten acres and 600 feet of road frontage on SR 74 set forth in the SR 74 Special Development District in the zoning ordinance. The continuation of the service drive in Fairburn would not be required. The number of curb cuts will be addressed through conditions placed on the property at the time of rezoning or as a condition of site plan approval.

In the interim pending assemblage of this area, the four parcels can be given individual consideration for O-I zoning.

Other Transportation Corridors: Section 7-6 Transportation Corridor Overlay Zone of the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance establishes Overlay Zones on state highways that traverse Fayette County. Regardless of the underlining zoning, any new nonresidential development along these corridors must meet the requirements of the particular Overlay Zone. The Zoning Ordinance establishes Overlay Zones on SR 54 West and SR 74 North, SR 85 North, and a General State Route Overlay Zone on all other state routes.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, GUIDELINES

The objectives and policies presented in this section provide guidance for an appropriate pattern and pace of development and they indicate how this development should relate to the existing and future community. They also provide a logical framework for land-use decision-making at a conceptual level as well as on an area-wide basis. Uniform application of these objectives and policies should result in a balanced and harmonious community where a high quality of life can be maintained. Since policy areas, whether housing, employment or the environment, achieve physical realization through the land use plan, the development and implementation of sound and consistent land use principles are critical to the realization of county goals.

The following goal, objective, and policy statements provide the basis for dealing with the growth and development which will impact the county over the next 20 years. Following each goal is a listing of objectives and policies which address specific issues. Recommendations, or guidelines, which suggest courses of action for addressing these issues, are also provided.

Goal for Land Use: Growth and development should be consistent with the county's land use plan, which provides for the orderly, balanced, and quality development of all land uses consistent with the physical and economic limitations of the county. Growth should take place in accordance with criteria and standards designed to preserve, enhance, and protect an orderly mix of residential, commercial and/or industrial facilities, and open space without compromising existing residential development.

LAND USE PATTERN

Through most of its recent history, the unincorporated county could be characterized primarily as a residential area. Major nonresidential land uses generally occur within incorporated areas, where infrastructure and higher population densities are located.

It is a policy of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners that the county's residential neighborhoods are the cornerstone of the community. As such, every effort must be made to ensure that these neighborhoods are protected from the negative aspects of growth and development.

As the county has matured, residential development continues to be the dominant land use. The pattern of land use in Fayette County provides a variety of housing choices. The type and density of residential development complements its location within Fayette County. The unincorporated portions of the county, as well as the towns of Brooks and Woolsey, are characterized by agricultural uses and/or low density single-family subdivision residential development with lot sizes ranging from a minimum of one acre up to a minimum of five acres. Higher density residential development can be found in the cities of Fayetteville, Peachtree City; and Tyrone where residents can choose from a variety of housing styles such as apartments, townhouses, row houses, duplexes, and single family homes on smaller lots.

Objective L-1: **The County's land use plan should project a clear vision of an attractive, prosperous, harmonious, and efficient community.**

Policy a. Direct growth and development to occur in locations and in a manner which enhances community identity and can be supported by the availability of public facilities.

Policy b. Maintain the individual character and identity of established communities, neighborhoods, and rural areas.

Policy c. Identify the location of nodes to accommodate nonresidential development and prevent the sprawl of strip development.

Policy d. Allocate a supply of land sufficient to meet the projected land use demands.

Objective L-2: The County's land use pattern protects, enhances and/or maintains stability in established residential neighborhoods.

Policy a. Protect and enhance existing neighborhoods by ensuring that infill development is of compatible use, density/intensity, and that adverse impacts on public facility and transportation systems, the environment, and the surrounding area will not occur. Note: Infill development is the development of new housing or other buildings on scattered vacant sites in a built-up area.

Policy b. Prevent the encroachment of incompatible land uses, both residential and nonresidential, into established or designated land use areas. Prohibit access to nonresidential uses via residential areas.

The intensity of land use has a direct effect on the ability to provide adequate levels of service for transportation and public facilities. The Comprehensive Plan is the primary mechanism available to the county for establishing appropriate locations for various levels of land use intensity. Through this mechanism, development occurs in accord with the Plan, at intensities that can assist in achieving various county goals. For instance, higher intensity uses will be located in areas of the county where public facilities can best accommodate the demands from such uses, thereby efficiently using county resources.

Objective L-3: The location and level of development intensity should be utilized as a means to best accommodate the demands on county resources.

Policy a. The highest level of development intensity should be concentrated in the incorporated areas of Fayette County that offer a full range of infrastructure and a concentration of population densities.

Policy b. Development in the unincorporated areas should be of less intensity than those in the incorporated areas and blend in with the character of the surrounding area.

Policy c. Limit development intensity to that which can be accommodated at acceptable levels of service with consideration of the cumulative, long-term impacts of development on the adequacy of public facilities and transportation systems.

Policy d. Locate and limit development intensity in a manner which will not adversely impact sensitive environmental areas.

Policy e. Ensure that the intensity and type of development will be compatible with the physical limitations of the land; such as soils, slope, topography, etc.

Policy f. Discourage development which would conflict with environmentally sensitive and historic areas of the county.

In the past twenty years, Fayette County has experienced rapid growth and development. Planned development intensities must be appropriate for the level of available public services.

Objective L-4: The pace of development in the County should be in general accord with the Comprehensive Plan and sustainable by the provision of transportation and public facilities.

Policy a. Influence the timing of development to coincide with the provision of public facilities.

Policy b. Commit, through the Capital Improvement Program, funding for facilities in general accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy c. Coordinate the zoning of land for nonresidential usage with residential growth patterns, trends, and densities.

Recommendations for land use are depicted on the map entitled "Fayette County Land Use Plan." This guidance assists in determining a property's appropriate use and intensity. Implementation of the Plan will occur through the zoning process which requires an analysis of basic development-related issues which include, but are not limited to, the requested use and intensity of that use, affect on surrounding development, access and circulation, buffering and screening of adjacent uses, parcel consolidation, and protection of the environment.

Objective L-5: The County seeks to achieve a harmonious and attractive development pattern which minimizes undesirable visual, auditory, environmental, and other impacts created by potentially incompatible uses.

Policy a. Promote the adaptive reuse of existing structures in established areas that are compatible with existing and/or planned land use and that is at a compatible scale with the surrounding area.

Policy b. Achieve compatible transitions between adjoining land uses through a step down of land use density and/or intensity and the use of appropriate landscaping, buffering, berms, setbacks, a smooth transition in building height, and consistent architectural design.

Policy c. Stabilize residential neighborhoods adjacent to nonresidential areas through the establishment of transitional land uses, vegetated buffers and/or architectural screens, and the control of vehicular access.

Policy d. Require additional site design standards when necessary to minimize the affect of nonresidential uses both visually and environmentally.

Policy e. Utilize landscaping and open space along rights-of-way to minimize the impacts of incompatible land uses separated by roadways.

Policy f. Minimize the potential adverse impacts of the development of frontage parcels on major arterials through the control of land use, circulation and access.

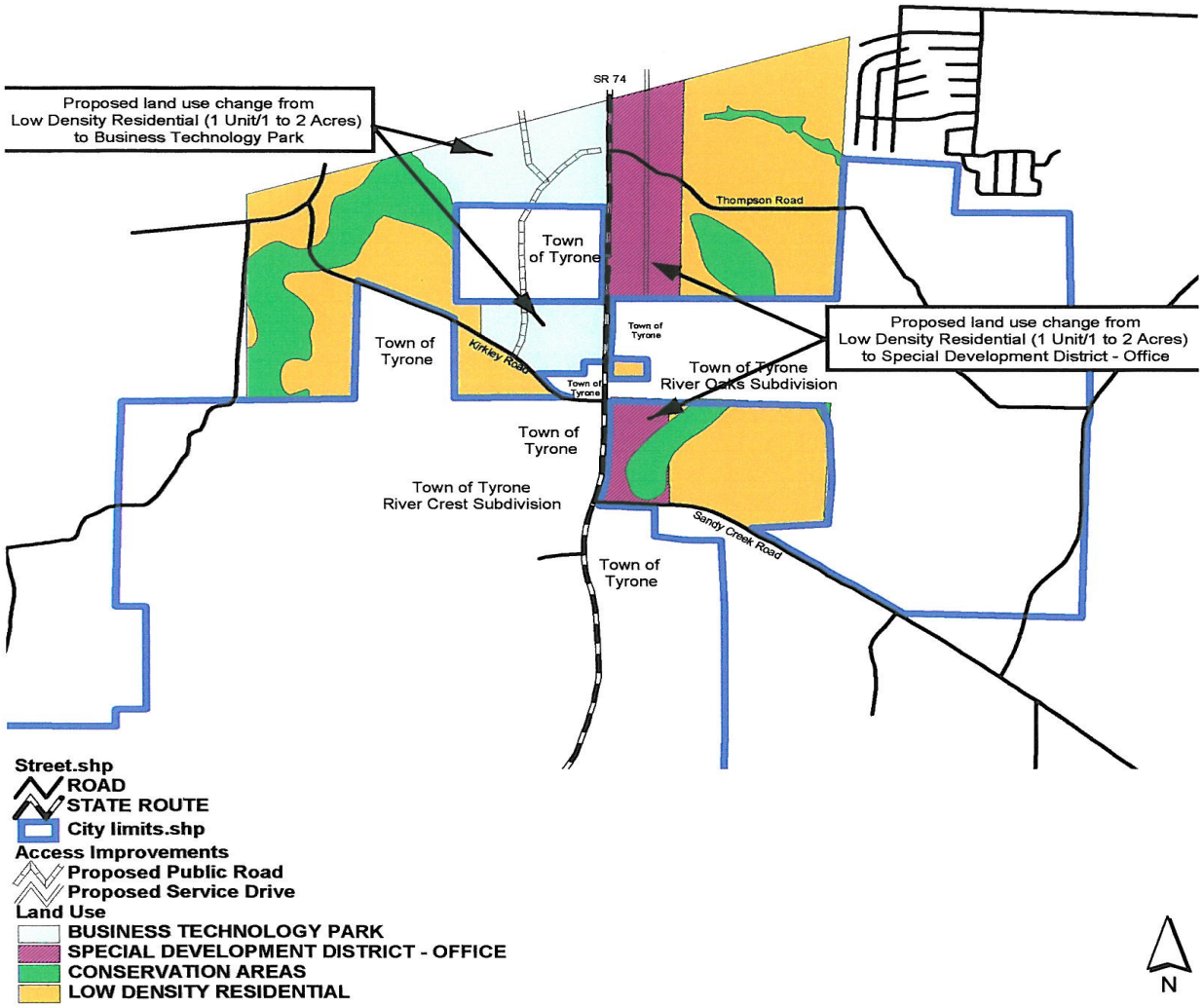
Policy g. Use cluster development as a means to preserve open space in conjunction with the Georgia Greenspace Program.

Policy h. Promote nonresidential development which does not produce excessive noise; smoke, dust, or other particulate matter; vibration; toxic or noxious waste materials; odors; fire; and explosive hazards or other detrimental impacts to minimize impacts on any nearby residential property.

Policy i. Anticipate the effects of road widening by increasing setbacks accordingly.

Section 2. By amending the Land Use Plan Map along the SR 74 North Corridor on the west side in two (2) areas from Low Density Residential (1 unit/1 to 2 acres) to Business Technology Park and on the east side in two (2) areas from Low Density Residential (1 unit/1 to 2 acres) to Special Development District – Office as follows:

SR 74 North
Future Land Use Plan
Amendments



SO ENACTED this 27th day of August, 2009, by the

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