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City of Hendersonville Pump Station

# REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

#### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

**Technical Review Committee** 

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Major Site Plan Review for a Utility Substation for City of Hendersonville located at 20 Oak Knoll Drive off Drexel Road in Etowah

PRESENTER: Toby Linville, Code Enforcement Director

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Staff Report
- 2. Photographs
- 3. Site Plan

## **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Major site plan review for a utility substation.

## **Suggested Motion:**

I move to approve the site plan for City of Hendersonville because it meets the requirements of the Land Development Code.



# **Henderson County, North Carolina Code Enforcement Services**

## 1. **Board Request**

- 1.1. **Applicant:** City of Hendersonville
- 1.2. **Request:** Major Site Plan Review for a utility substation
- 1.3. **PIN:** 9528-76-6495
- 1.4. **Size:** 3.23 acres +/-
- 1.5. **Location:** The subject area is located at 20 Oak Knoll Drive off Drexel Road in Etowah
- 1.6. Supplemental Requirements:

#### SR 9.14. Utility Substations

- (1) Site Plan. Major Site Plan required in accordance with §42-331 (Major Site Plan Review).
- (2) Lighting. *Lighting mitigation* required.
- (3) Separation. *Utility substations* shall not be placed within 75 feet of an existing *dwelling unit* (located in a *residential zoning district* and not located on the same property as the *use*).
- (4) Security. Transformer stations shall be enclosed by a woven wire fence at least eight (8) feet in height. Other utility stations shall be completely enclosed either by a *building* or a wire fence at least eight (8) feet in height.
- (5) Screening. Screen Class One (1), Two (2), Three (3) or Four (4) shall be provided where the *structure footprint* exceeds 200 square feet if adjacent to an existing residential use, consistent with the requirements of §42-182 (Screen Classification).

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Map A: Aerial Photo/Pictometry



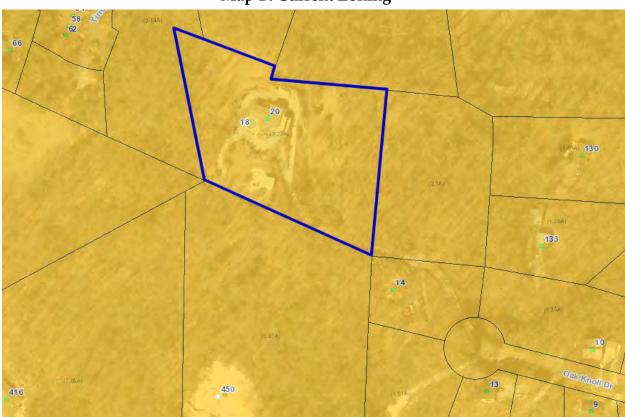


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## 2. <u>Current Conditions</u>

- **2.1 Current Use:** This parcel is currently a utility substation.
- **2.2 Adjacent Area Uses:** The surrounding properties consist of residential undeveloped land.
- **2.3 Zoning:** The surrounding properties are zoned Residential 1 (R1).



Map B: Current Zoning

- **3. <u>Floodplain /Watershed Protection:</u>** The property is not located in a special flood hazard area. The property is not in a Water Supply Watershed district.
- **4. Water and Sewer**: This property will be served by public water.

Public Water: City of Hendersonville.

Public Sewer: Not applicable.



**Map C: CCP Future Land Use Map** 

#### 5. Staff Comments

**The 2020 CCP:** The CCP Future Land Use Map places the Subject Area in the Rural / Urban Transition Area (RTA) and Conservation Area. The text and map of the 2020 CCP suggest that the Subject Area would be more suitable for the following:

**Rural/Urban Transition Area:** The CCP states that, "The RTA is currently rural in character, with existing pockets of limited higher density residential and commercial development. The text of the 2020 CCP suggests that the subject area would be suitable for clustering development and conservation design encouraged with the intent of maintaining a rural environment, protecting sensitive natural areas, and reserving land for future development. (2020 CCP, Pg. 134).

**Conservation:** This category includes land areas that are intended to remain largely in their natural state, with only limited development. Such areas should be targeted for protection through regulations and incentives. Conservation areas are lands that generally exhibit any of the following characteristics:

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- 1. Sensitive natural areas such as steep slopes, floodplains, major wetlands, forest reserves and wildlife conservation areas, and key watersheds
- 2. Areas of historic and archeological significance
- 3. Local, state or federally-managed natural areas
- 4. Areas managed for agricultural or forestry land uses

# 6. Staff Recommendations

Staff's position at this time, under the guidelines of current plans, policies and studies, is to recommend approval of the major site plan because it is consistent with the current surrounding land uses and future land use recommendations.

## 7. Photographs



