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### Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, October 4 - Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in regularly scheduled sessions at **1:00 P.M.** and **7:00 P.M.**  
The agenda for the meeting was published on Thursday:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/Board.nsf>

Please note there will be a **Closed Session** immediately following the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

**Reminder:** If there is an item you would like to have pulled from the consent agenda for discussion, please send an e-mail [mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov](mailto:mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov) by 11 A.M. on the day of the meeting.

## INFORMATION:

### **National Community Planning Month**

*Staff Resource: Katie Dombrowski, Planning and Development, 996-2683, [katie.dombrowski@raleighnc.gov](mailto:katie.dombrowski@raleighnc.gov)*

Staff from Raleigh Transportation, Raleigh Parks, and the Planning and Development department have come together in a collaborative celebration of National Community Planning Month. A series of events, projects, and public engagement opportunities are being highlighted on the City website for the month of October. The purpose of the celebration is to recognize the role that planning plays in creating the best Raleigh possible. Additional details are available [on the City of Raleigh website](#).

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### **Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Southeast Area Study Update**

*Staff Resource: Anne Conlon, Transportation, 996-2160, [anne.conlon@raleighnc.gov](mailto:anne.conlon@raleighnc.gov)*

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is updating the 2017 Southeast Area Study (SEAS), which covers part of the Raleigh jurisdiction as shown on the map included with the *Update* materials. The study update will refresh CAMPO policies and practices as well as produce recommendations for land use and transportation within the study area. Recommendations that come out of the SEAS update will inform the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a region-wide long-range transportation plan that is updated every four years.

Staff from both Transportation and Planning and Development are participating in the Core Technical Team of the study update; the study area overlaps with the City's *Southeast Special Area Study* (SESSA) and staff are actively coordinating between these two efforts.

Further information about the study can be found at [seareastudyupdate.com](http://seareastudyupdate.com).

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### **Weekly Digest of Special Events**

*Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Special Events Office, 996-2200, [sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov](mailto:sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov)*

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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## Council Member Follow Up Items

### General Follow Up Item

#### **Clark Avenue Townhome Parking Concerns**

*Staff Resource: Matthew Currier, Transportation-Parking, 996-4041, [matthew.currier@raleighnc.gov](mailto:matthew.currier@raleighnc.gov)*

Staff received a request from the Mayor's Office to provide an update on a prior request from the Clark Avenue townhomes to be included in an adjacent residential permit zone. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum which outlines current actions taken as well as modifications to the residential permit zone process that are being explored.

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### Follow Up from the June 21 Work Session

#### **Bus Shelters – Program Status Update (Council Member Cox)**

*Staff Resource: David Walker, Transportation-Transit, 996-4040, [david.walker@raleighnc.gov](mailto:david.walker@raleighnc.gov)*

During the work session Council requested that staff evaluate a policy for bus shelter installations to be prioritized when serving a passenger with disabilities and to include information on the GoRaleigh Access program in the response.

The Raleigh Transit Authority recently amended the Bus Shelter Policy to provide exceptions for bus stops, regardless of the average daily ridership at locations such as hospitals, clinics, senior centers or Parks and Recreation facilities serving seniors or persons with disabilities. They also included exceptions for bus stops located at or near Raleigh Housing Authority, DHIC and Habitat for Humanity housing.

Transit staff created and utilizes a transit propensity analysis at the route and stop level to equitably select new bus stops for improvements. Census and American Community Survey data are used within this propensity analysis and includes socioeconomic and demographic information such as persons with a disability, poverty, minority, car free households and seniors 65 and older. This demographic data helps direct staff to locations most likely to be used by those in need while also looking at existing ridership levels.

GoRaleigh Access, the complementary paratransit service for persons with disabilities provides door-to-door service for riders that may not be able to walk to a regular bus stop. GoRaleigh Access currently is providing approximately 1500 trips per day for persons with disabilities and is experiencing growth near 20 percent. Current ridership on GoRaleigh Access has exceeded pre-pandemic totals and continues to be an alternative solution for persons with disabilities.

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### Follow Up from the September 6 City Council Meeting

#### **Public Comment – Watershed Protection Initiatives – Martha Brock (Mayor Baldwin)**

*Staff Resource: Ed Buchan, Raleigh Water, 996-3471, [edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov](mailto:edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting staff was requested to provide an update on watershed protection initiatives in response to citizen concerns about source water protection. The City has developed several proactive measures to protect drinking water resources including the following:

- **Watershed Protection Program:** Established in 2006, this program works with local land conservation groups to identify and acquire natural areas within our water supply watersheds and to permanently protect the streams and creeks on these properties. To date, the program has helped protect 10,821 acres and 117 miles of streams in our water supply watersheds.
- **Water & Sewer Service Extension Policy:** Prior to the construction of Falls Lake in 1978, the City of Raleigh developed a policy which significantly limited the extension of water and sewer service into water supply watersheds as a way to minimize development potential.
- **Minimum Lot Size and Impervious Surface Requirements:** The City of Raleigh has also instituted a policy which substantially limits impervious surface (6%-12%) for residential properties and requires a large lot size (1 – 2 acres) as another way to minimize impacts from development. Wake County has a similar policy in place.
- **Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) Membership:** The City of Raleigh has worked with the members of the UNRBA to help implement the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy, which is designed to reduce nutrient inputs into the lake and improve water quality. Recent water quality monitoring data indicates water quality (algae levels and total organic carbon) have improved and/or stabilized.

A staff memorandum is included with the *Update* materials.

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## Follow Up from the September 20 City Council Meeting

### **Public Comment – Remote Voice Mail - Suzanne Hemond (Council Member Melton)**

Staff Resource: Chief Estella Patterson, Police, 996-3155, [estella.patterson@raleighnc.gov](mailto:estella.patterson@raleighnc.gov)

In advance of the meeting Mrs. Suzanne Hemond participated in the remote public comment by leaving a voicemail message for Council. The message related concerns about the sounds of gunfire she believes is stemming from Lions Park during nighttime hours. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum.

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### **Personal Police Vehicle Program Update (Council Members Buffkin, Cox)**

Staff Resource: Chief Estella Patterson, Police, 996-3155, [estella.patterson@raleighnc.gov](mailto:estella.patterson@raleighnc.gov)

During the meeting Council requested an update on the Police Take Home Vehicle Program, including status, number of vehicles needed and recent policy changes. In addition, Council asked about officers residing just outside of Wake County relative to assigned place of work. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum prepared in response to the requests.

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**Fiber Installation - Inman Park Neighborhood (Council Member Buffkin)**

*Staff Resource: Michael Moore, Transportation, 996-3030, [michael.moore@raleighnc.gov](mailto:michael.moore@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council requested a report on a recent fiber installation in the Inman Park neighborhood, located off of Lead Mine Road. Google Fiber installed approximately 2.27 miles of underground facilities within the neighborhood using the microtrenching method in 2017. Microtrenching is the process of cutting a narrow trench (approximately 3/8" - 3/4") between the existing edge of asphalt pavement and the existing curb and gutter, installing a fiber optic cable in the trench, and backfilling the trench with a sealant material. Within a few years of installation, sealant and asphalt failures, and other issues, were identified by residents and by City staff. The sizeable extent of these deficiencies led to Transportation staff developing a list of repairs needed for Google to restore the streets.

As a result of the extensive repair list, the Google Fiber Engineering Team elected to abandon the existing fiber optic cable installed by the microtrenching method. Instead of this method, Google Fiber installed new fiber optic cable in lawn and landscaping areas behind the curb. The Google Fiber contractors notified residents of the of the work via door hangers and started installation work on September 14.

Since construction has started, City staff and Google Fiber staff have responded to a number of complaints from residents about damage to yards, damage to other utilities in the area, and substandard traffic control. Staff will make frequent site visits and work with residents and Google through the construction process to resolve any outstanding issues, as well as any new issues that may arise.

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**Five Points Streetscape and Safety Study Update (Mayor Baldwin)**

*Staff Resource: Jason Myers, Transportation, 996-2166, [jason.myers@raleighnc.gov](mailto:jason.myers@raleighnc.gov)*

During the meeting Council asked for a status of the Five Points Streetscape and Safety Study and an update on upcoming public input sessions that Council Members can share with constituents.

Staff and the consultant team will hold a public open house for the project on October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Five Points Center for Active Adults. The drop-in open house will kick off a period of online engagement and direct outreach to stakeholders. This meeting will be a chance to:

- Learn about the existing conditions analysis and stakeholder engagement performed by the team.
- View nine conceptual interventions that may address challenges found in the data and the community's feedback.
- Provide feedback on the conceptual improvements through an online survey.

The nine concepts are not mutually exclusive designs to choose between, but rather a menu of options that may be combined in multiple ways. The project team seeks feedback on how the design options might address operational and community concerns, and how the project impacts are balanced with improvements. Following this round of engagement, the project team will reduce the large set of rough concepts to a smaller number of alternative designs for more detailed development and analysis. These alternatives will be presented at a round of public engagement later this winter.

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## SEAS

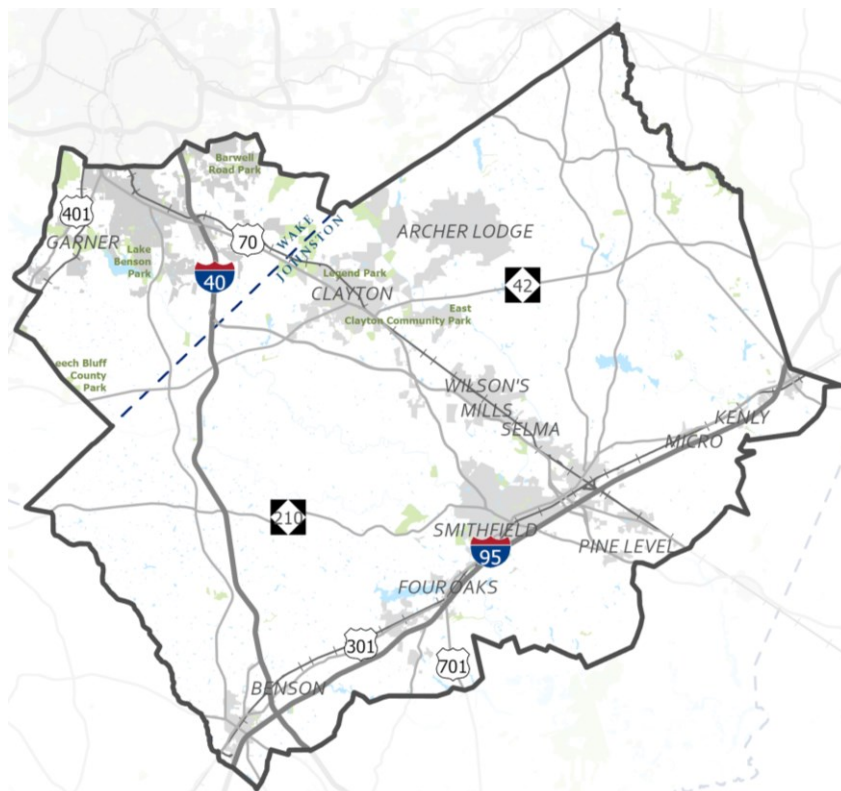
SOUTHEAST AREA STUDY

### UPDATE

Archer Lodge | Benson | Clayton | Four Oaks  
Garner | Kenly | Micro | Pine Level | Selma  
Smithfield | Wilson's Mills  
Parts of Raleigh, Johnston Co. and Wake Co.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) conducts area studies to allow a deep dive into the local road network, multimodal plans, and opportunities in a smaller study area of the region. We are excited to introduce the Southeast Area Study Update with some background information. You have been identified as a key stakeholder in the study area and your feedback and participation is vital to the success of the study.

The SEAS Update is an update to the original [2017 Southeast Area Study](#) that looked at land use and multimodal transportation needs of the study area shown below. The study covered parts of Wake and Johnston Counties, and the municipalities of Archer Lodge, Benson, Clayton, Four Oaks, Garner, Kenly, Micro, Raleigh, Selma, Smithfield and Wilson's Mills, and was conducted in coordination with NCDOT and the Upper Coastal Plain RPO. This update has expanded the boundary (including the addition of Pine Level) and will produce recommendations across all modes as well as refresh policies and priorities that may have evolved since the original study. CAMPO conducts area studies such as this one in order to achieve more robust public engagement and take a deeper dive into specific network issues within a smaller area. Recommendations from the Update will inform the [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#), which is a region-wide long-range transportation plan updated every 4 years. The study officially began in February of 2022 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2023.



As a part of this study (similar to 2017) a Core Technical Team (CTT) made of local planning and engineering municipal staff has been created. They will focus on key deliverables for the study providing local context, integrating planning efforts, and meeting frequently during the study timeframe. A Stakeholder Oversight Team (SOT) has also been created to provide oversight direction and valuable feedback on the study findings and recommendations. The SOT is also instrumental in “getting the word out” on special events, meetings, and public engagement activities such as surveys or maps for the project. We also will rely on both the CTT and SOT to inform your local governing boards and committees of any pertinent information and identify any organizations or key individuals within the SEAS Update area that would like to be involved.

The SEAS Update is necessary to:

- Update local road networks and multi modal plans for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Comprehensive Transportation Plan in this area
- Conduct land use scenario planning
- Coordinate extensive public engagement on the needs of the community and transportation recommendations
- Evaluate transportation projects, policies, and priorities that may have shifted
- Evaluate progress on the original SEAS recommendations (including policy recommendations and changes)
- Evaluation of congestion management
- Consider multi-modal options in the area
- Analyze more specific hotspot/“emphasis” areas

More information can be found on the project website at <https://seareastudyupdate.com/>. The first round of public engagement is anticipated to run through July 31, 2022. Please check the website for public engagement materials and special events. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Shelby Powell at 919-996-4393 and [shelby.powell@campo-nc.us](mailto:shelby.powell@campo-nc.us) or Alex Rickard at 919-996-4396 and [alex.rickard@campo-nc.us](mailto:alex.rickard@campo-nc.us).

## Weekly Events Digest

Friday, September 30 – Thursday, October 6

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events  
[specialevents@raleighnc.gov](mailto:specialevents@raleighnc.gov) | 919-996-2200 | [raleighnc.gov/special-events-office](http://raleighnc.gov/special-events-office)

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### Permitted Special Events

**NOTE:** All schedules are subject to change due to potential impacts from the remnants of Hurricane Ian. Please check individual event websites for the most up-to-date information.

#### [IBMA Bluegrass Live!](#)

Raleigh Convention Center

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1

Event Time: 12:00pm - 11:00pm on 9-30-22 & 10-1-22

Associated Road Closures: Note that this event has been relocated from the Fayetteville Street District to the Raleigh Convention Center due to anticipated inclement weather. Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 6:00pm on 9-29-22 until 7:00am on 10-2-22, and Lenoir Street between S. Dawson Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed from 6:00am on 9-29-22 until 7:00am on 10-2-22.

#### [Dorothea Dix Park High School Cross Country Race](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, October 1

Event Time: 7:45am - 11:30am

Associated Road Closures: Blair Drive between Umstead Drive and Barbour Drive and Barbour Drive/Biggs Drive between Blair Drive and Goode Street will be closed, and Big Field will be used from 5:00am until 2:00pm.

#### [City Plaza Music Series](#)

City Plaza

Wednesday, October 5

Event Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street, eastside portion of City Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 1:30pm every Wednesday through 10-26-22.

### Other Upcoming Events

#### [IBMA Bluegrass Live! Main Stage](#)

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1

Memorial Auditorium

#### [Raleigh Youth Summit](#)

Saturday, October 1

John Chavis Memorial Park

#### [Florida Panthers vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Saturday, October 1

PNC Arena

#### [Moore Square Market](#)

Sunday, October 2

Moore Square



**Puccini's Manon Lescaut in Concert - NC Opera**

Sunday, October 2  
Meymandi Concert Hall

**Panic! At The Disco**

Sunday, October 2  
PNC Arena

**Downtown Raleigh Restaurant Week 2022**

Monday, October 3 - Sunday, October 9  
Downtown Raleigh

**Death Cab for Cutie**

Monday, October 3  
Red Hat Amphitheater

**Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Carolina Hurricanes**

Monday, October 3  
PNC Arena

**Five Points Public Open House**

Thursday, October 6  
Five Points Center for Active Adults

**Jazz in the Square**

Thursday, October 6  
Moore Square

**Dr. David Jeremiah**

Thursday, October 6  
PNC Arena

## **Public Resources**

**Pilot Text Alert Program**: Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

**Event Feedback Form**: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

**Road Closure and Road Race Map**: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

**Online Events Calendar**: View all currently scheduled events that impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.

# Council Member Follow Up

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Michael Moore, Assistant City Manager
From	Matthew Currier, Parking Manager
Department	Transportation
Date	September 23, 2022
Subject	Controlled Residential Permit Zone Request – Clark Avenue Townhomes

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During Public Comment at the November 2, 2021, Council Meeting, residents of the town homes recently built at the corner of Chamberlain Street and Clark Avenue expressed multiple concerns with parking around their property frontages.

The first concern expressed was surrounding safety when attempting to exit the complex's shared driveway onto Chamberlain Street. After hearing the comments of the residents, staff completed a review of the parking along this corridor. Staff found that the vehicles parked along the west side of Chamberlain Street present an ongoing concern for two-way traffic to operate safely. When traffic was queued while waiting to exit onto Clark Avenue, parked cars created insufficient room for motorists to gain access when entering Chamberlain Street and pass the queued motorists. At the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Council approved a request from staff to remove the parking along the west side of Chamberlain Street from the back driveway of the town homes northward to Clark Avenue to resolve the issue.

The second concern raised during the November Council meeting was regarding a section of parking directly in front of the townhomes along Clark Avenue. As a part of the townhome development, unregulated parking was created along Clark Avenue, and is often used by all day parkers leaving little access for the adjacent townhome properties. The residents requested that this section of parking be modified to be included in either of the two adjacent Controlled Residential Permit Zones and Council asked staff to review this request.

The Residential Permit Parking program was first adopted by City Council in 1979. The program goal was to reduce on-street parking demand for neighborhood residents by restricting habitual parking by non-residents for long periods of time from generators like schools or commercial and entertainment districts. Since the program's inception, staff's policy has limited the scope of this program to single family detached homes. However, as denser development

occurs throughout the City, staff feels that the current policy is antiquated. Staff has now begun to evaluate how to modify the program to support these new developments, while continuing to provide support and meet the expectations of residents who are already a part of this program.

Through staff's evaluation of the program, it was clear that there are various types of housing developments that have varying degrees of impact to the curb space.

The first are large scale housing developments such as apartment complexes, condos, student housing projects, etc. These projects have typically provided a minimum number of parking spaces on-site based on prior UDO requirements. The impact to the curb space from projects like these varies greatly due to their location and proximity to other housing types or commercial areas. The recent adoption of the removal of parking minimums from the UDO could have effects on future project's impact at the curb. However, staff does not anticipate any short-term impacts due to current project financing conditions and demand for some level of parking at multi-family projects.

The second are low density housing types similar in nature to the Clark Avenue townhomes. These include townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, and other similar small scale multi-family projects. These properties typically provide fewer off-street parking options due to their density and desire to maximize housing units. In denser urban areas these projects are typically providing parking for one or two vehicles with very little or no parking on property for additional cars or visitors. This leaves adjacent streets to provide parking for these needs. However, the impact to the curb space for these additional parked vehicles and visitors is relatively minor.

Modifying staff policy to include the Clark Avenue Townhomes location in either of the two adjacent residential permit zones can be achieved via the standard petition process with Council approval. Staff anticipates limited impact on adjacent users or current residential permit holders.

However, making this modification would likely trigger several other similar developments to seek the same restrictions or be added into existing adjacent residential permits zones. Unlike the Clark Avenue Townhomes property, these other requests would have higher impact to the curb space in their adjacent communities and staff would expect some resistance. Below is a list of requests received by staff over the past few years that by been opposed by adjoining neighborhoods due to concerns around increased parking demands on existing parking permit programs:

1. [Blount Street Commons](#) – adjacent to the “C” Permit Program located in the Oakwood neighborhood due to insufficient off-street parking options within the community.
2. [The West Street Townhomes](#) – adjacent to the “R” Permit Program located in the Boylan Heights neighborhood due to commuter parking concerns.

3. [Boylan Condominiums](#) – adjacent to the “R” Permit Program located in the Boylan Heights neighborhood due to commuter parking concerns.
4. [Transfer Food Hall Townhomes](#) - along the 400 block of Chavis Way wished to create a program due to the overuse of parking by all day commuters.

Staff has had periodic discussions with the residents of the Clark Avenue Townhome community in an effort to keep them updated on the timeline and the concerns that staff is working through. Knowing that this initiative could be complicated and take longer than normal for similar requests, staff made a short-term recommendation to restrict the parking along the portion of Clark Avenue. in front of the townhomes to be 2hr time-restricted during the daytime in order to create turnover and to prevent all day parkers from storing their vehicles. The townhome owners advised staff that they did not want to pursue that option but rather would wait for a resolution on Residential Permit Parking.

Staff plans to bring forward recommendations to City Council in early 2023 to discuss modifications to the City’s Residential Permit Program.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager; Michael Moore, Assistant City Manager
Thru	Whit Wheeler, P.E., Interim Raleigh Water Director
From	Edward Buchan, Raleigh Water
Department	Raleigh Water
Date	September 27, 2022
Subject	Watershed Protection Initiatives

During the evening City Council work session on September 6, 2022, Ms. Martha Brock (Raleigh, NC) expressed concern about potential pollution in the City's water supply watersheds and the need to protect these resources. In response, Raleigh Water staff have compiled a list of actions which have been undertaken to ensure the long-term protection of the City's drinking water supplies:

**Watershed Protection Program:**

This initiative was established in 2006 in recognition of the potential impacts from existing and future urban development in the Falls Lake watershed. The program has largely been focused on watershed protection through land conservation and protective easement acquisition, as well as some innovative stormwater treatment projects such as the Duke Fitness Center project in downtown Durham. The program is funded through a fee (\$0.15/1,000 gallons of water used) assessed to all water customers and generates approximately \$2.3 million per fiscal year. These funds are often used in partnership with upstream open space programs and State grant fund programs to acquire and permanently protect fee simple land acquisitions and easements. To date, the program has helped protect 10,821 acres and 117 miles of streams, mostly in the Falls Lake watershed (with a smaller amount located in the Swift Creek watershed upstream of Lake Benson). More information about this program is available here: <https://raleighnc.gov/services/water-and-sewer/watershed-protection-program>

**Water and Sewer Service Extension Policy:**

Prior to the construction of Falls Lake in the early 1980's, the City of Raleigh adopted a policy of not extending water and sewer service into water supply watersheds. This policy was established to reduce the potential for substantial urban development in



these areas and has proven very effective in this regard. The only exceptions have been a few areas which were in the service area prior to the adoption of the policy and a small number of cases where there were septic systems failures or well water contamination.

#### **Minimum Lot Size and Impervious Surface Requirements:**

Areas that are in Raleigh's jurisdiction and inside the Falls Lake primary watershed are restricted to prescribed maximum impervious surface areas and the number of dwellings. These requirements are effective strategies to prevent high density developments and minimizing environmental impacts from limited residential development. Wake County has adopted similar requirements for areas outside of Raleigh's jurisdiction that fall inside the Falls Lake Watershed. More information about these requirements is available here:

<https://cityofraleigh0drupal.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/drupal-prod/COR22/CPUAreaPlanFallsLake.pdf>

#### **Membership in the Upper Neuse Basin Association (UNRBA):**

The UNRBA is a regional planning organization made up of the municipal governments within the Falls Lake watershed. One of the primary functions of this group is to ensure member governments are in full compliance with the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy, which is a State promulgated set of rules designed to reduce nutrient inputs (i.e. phosphorous and nitrogen) into Falls Lake. The Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy requires significant reductions of nutrient inputs from upstream sources through retroactive stormwater improvements and nutrient limits for new developments. These nutrient reductions are intended to reduce algae related water quality issues as well as sediment loads to the lake. More information about these rules is available here: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-planning/nonpoint-source-planning/falls-lake-nutrient-strategy>

In addition, the UNRBA is tasked with analyzing and modeling water trends in Falls Lake and based on this work it appears water quality in Falls Lake has stabilized and improved in some areas. More information about the UNRBA and their work is available here: <https://www.unrba.org/monitoring-program>

In summary, the City of Raleigh is considered a national leader in water supply watershed protection, and Raleigh Water staff are committed to ensuring these resources are monitored, protected and available for today and future generations.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Estella Patterson, Chief of Police
From	Scott Oosterhoudt, Deputy Chief of Police
Department	Police
Date	September 28, 2022
Subject	Council Response – Lions Park Gunfire Concern

This memorandum is in response to Council Member Melton's request from a District-C resident concerning the sounds of gunfire near Lions Park.

During the Council Work session on September 20, 2022, Mrs. Suzanne Hemond participated in the public comment portion of the meeting remotely by leaving a voicemail message for Council. The message related her concerns about the sounds of gunfire she believes is stemming from Lions Park during nighttime hours. Mrs. Hemond stated that the frequency and intensity of the gunfire are increasing.

Mrs. Hemond resides on Timber Drive, which is immediately north of the northern boundary of Lions Park. Her residence is also approximately .16 miles west of the Raleigh North Apartments on Burgundy Street and .24 miles North of the Raleigh North Apartments on Lehman Lane. Northeast District Crime Prevention Officers have been working with Mrs. Hemond to address her concerns. Officers have visited Lions Park numerous times during daytime and nighttime hours and have not found evidence of shots fired in the park.

The Raleigh Police Department's Intelligence Center evaluated the shots fired calls in the area of Lions Park for 90 days, from June 24, 2022, through September 27, 2022. During this period, the Emergency Communications Center received thirteen 911-generated calls for service from residences bordering Lions Park concerning shots fired in the park. In response to the calls for service, officers responded to the park and circulated for evidence of gunfire. CAD notes or reports for each call indicate that officers did not find evidence of shots fired within the park. During the same period, the Emergency Communications Center received twelve calls for service for shots fired somewhere within the Raleigh North Apartments. One of these calls concerned witnesses observing a person discharge a weapon close to another subject. Another call involved a subject being shot while in the 1600 block of Burgundy Street.

During the same 90-day period in 2021, the Emergency Communications Center received one 911-generated call for service from a residence bordering Lions Park concerning shots fired within the park. Nine calls were received during the same period of 2021 for shots fired in the Raleigh North Apartments. Because of the lack of evidence within Lions Park after complaints of shots fired and information confirming shots fired in the Raleigh North Apartments, it is apparent that gunfire is originating within the Raleigh North Apartments. Complainants are led to believe the gunfire originates within Lions Park because of the apartment community's close proximity and the significant noise the gunfire makes during the nighttime hours.

RPD is committed to addressing public safety concerns. In response to concerns of residents of the Lions Park community, the following actions have been taken:

- Northeast District personnel have organized a community meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM on 11/16/2022. Discussions will focus on the concerns of the residents and what the Police Department and other city partners can do to better address them.
- RPD personnel will continue patrolling Lions Park and the Raleigh North Apartments to identify and arrest persons responsible for the gunfire.
- Northeast District personnel will continue working with the management of the Raleigh North Apartments to increase their resident's sense of real and perceived safety within their community.
- The surveillance camera system at Lions Park will be evaluated by Crime Prevention Officers who will provide recommendations to Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources personnel on the strategic positioning or repositioning of cameras to better observe activity within the park.

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
From	Estella D. Patterson, Chief of Police
Department	Police
Date	September 29, 2022
Subject	Personal Police Vehicle Expansion Program

This memorandum is in response to Council Members Buffkin and Cox regarding Raleigh Police Department's Personal Police Vehicle Expansion (PPV) program. RPD's PPV program has been in effect since June 2000. It is the policy of the Raleigh Police Department to provide take home vehicles to sworn personnel who meet the criteria for the PPV program. Personal Police Vehicles are intended to promote high visibility, deter crime by vigilant patrol, allow quick response, reduce vehicle maintenance costs, increase morale, and enhance community relations through more public contact. The use of a PPV is a privilege, not a right for officers. Participants must meet and maintain eligibility requirements and abide by all guidelines for continued use of the vehicle.

In September 2022, the PPV Program was expanded to include officers residing within Wake County, not just the Raleigh city limits. If a qualifying officer resides outside of the county limits, the officer is permitted to park the PPV at a designated location within Wake County and drive their personal vehicle from that location to their residence. Senior Officers with assignments in the Field Operations Division are also eligible to receive a take-home car under the PPV program as a retention incentive. The issuance of cars is based on seniority and availability of vehicles.

The PPV expansion will be implemented in 3 phases:

- Phase I: 18 vehicles distributed to Senior Officers assigned to Field Operations
- Phase II: 22 vehicles (based on availability) will be distributed in FY23 & FY24
- Phase III: 20 vehicles (based on availability) will be distributed in FY24 & FY25

Based on fleet inventory and staffing numbers, sixty (60) vehicles are needed to provide to officers eligible for the PPV program. This will necessitate the purchase of additional vehicles. The total cost at current pricing per fully equipped vehicle is approximately \$66,000.

Currently, there are ten (10) officers residing outside the Wake County limits who have elected to participate in the PPV expansion program. Two reside outside of Wake County, within one mile of the county line.

Personnel throughout the department who are assigned to specialty units or other assignments that require call-back responsibilities are assigned take-home cars. Those on call-back duty must reside within 60 miles of the City of Raleigh Municipal Building and are permitted to take their assigned police vehicle home within that 60-mile radius.