REF-ID Source		Comp Plan Section	Comment (may be paraphrased or abbreviated)		
GEN-0082	Email	Arts and Culture	Emailer would like bus stops to be used for artist's exhibits. Emailer also thought art galleries near downtown are not viable and should be located in commercial areas closer to the clientele		
GEN-0009	Email	Downtown Raleigh	Emailer supports minor league baseball downtown		
GEN-0059	Online	Downtown Raleigh	Commenter supports minor league baseball downtown		
GEN-0095	Online	Downtown Raleigh	I think that the downtown high rise projects should not have a height restriction		
GEN-0208	Online	Downtown Raleigh	Downtown needs a coordinated rezoning process to allow for higher heights throughout downtown. This will allow our city to concentrate growth where it is best and allow for sustainable development.		
GEN-0016	Other	Environmental Protection	Recommend charging penalties to developers whose development causes damage to neighborhood, i.e. stormwater, damage to neighbor's trees		
GEN-0018	Other	Environmental Protection	Need ways to reduce residential fertilizer use. This will prevent pollution of streams. (Received via Post-it)		
GEN-0023	Other	Environmental Protection	The City should promote and/or require green building practices, green roofs, and stormwater management. Windows should be left open at night to let buildings cool off.		
GEN-0026	Other	Environmental Protection	The City should provide compost collection service. Plastic bags should be banned or require a fee. The City should incentivize rooftop solar on commercial developments. The City should increase outreach for resource efficiency. The City should promote rooftop gardens. The City should recycle biosolids from wastewater.		
GEN-0033	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter equated protecting solar access to HOA-level control		
GEN-0035	Online	Environmental Protection	Access to sunlight can fundamentally change land use (gardens, solar panels, etc.). I'd treat this similar to mineral rights or water rights.		
GEN-0042	Online	Environmental Protection	Sustainability should be incentivized in development. Our economic development plan should prioritize sustainability as a key policy.		
GEN-0048	Online	Environmental Protection	We need to balance community character with solar access		
GEN-0054	Email	Environmental Protection	EAB submitted comments related to new and existing Policies and Actions in the Environmental Protection chapter (see attachment)		
GEN-0058	Online	Environmental Protection	Leave the property owners alone.		

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GEN-0060	Email	Environmental Protection	NC Building Performance Association has expertise in green building, sustainability, and environmental planning	
GEN-0064	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter thinks sustainable energy needs to be facilitated and public transit needs to be improved.	
GEN-0070	Face-to- Face	Environmental Protection	Supports local food and pollinator protection; provided handout	
GEN-0074	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer opposes sustainability initiatives	
GEN-0092	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter thinks solar access is only a problem downtown	
GEN-0106	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter would like Comp Plan to address carbon reduction, solar energy, tree canopy, and transit	
GEN-0125	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer is concerned about side effects of invasive species control and would like a program to protect pollinators	
GEN-0126	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer is concerned about side effects of invasive species control and would like a program to protect pollinators	
GEN-0127	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer is concerned about side effects of invasive species control and would like a program to protect pollinators	
GEN-0128	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer suggests managing the City's urban trees for harvesting as well as planting edible landscaping	
GEN-0129	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer would like more restrictions on the use of pesticides	
GEN-0130	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer is concerned about side effects of invasive species control and would like a program to protect pollinators	
GEN-0131	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer supports: action on climate change, environmental justice, local food, LEED certification requirements, water conservation, tree protection, solar energy	
GEN-0132	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer presented a petition to add a policy to provide only vegetarian food and minimize food waste at City events	
GEN-0133	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer would like more frequent leaf collection and requiring users of public electric vehicle charging stations to pay a fee. Emailer is also concerned about the traffic volume on Oberlin Rd and what traffic studies were required for new development	
GEN-0136	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer believes: the City should not be allocating resources to climate change; mosquito controls are harming other insects; the City has placed too many protections on trees	

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GEN-0177	Online	Environmental Protection	Solar panels should not be visible from the street		
GEN-0186	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter believes large developments have increased flooding along Crabtree Creek but homeowners are the one forced to mitigate it		
GEN-0191	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter thinks protecting solar access is already covered by current zoning		
GEN-0194	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter thinks protecting solar access is already covered by current zoning		
GEN-0195	Online	Environmental Protection	Clear-cutting lots and allowing massive tree removals in major developments need to be discouraged.		
GEN-0196	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter thinks protecting solar access will only be a cost to property owners		
GEN-0199	Online	Environmental Protection	There should be a review of new development adjacent to an existing home or business utilizing solar panels that could be negatively impacted		
GEN-0205	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter believes protecting solar access infringes on property rights		
GEN-0206	Online	Environmental Protection	Commenter believes higher density is needed to become more sustainable, especially in the downtown core		
GEN-0209	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer would like: all nurseries to label invasive species; to take advantage of the sunflowers on the Neuse River Greenway Trail; only native plantings by the City; exploration of a habitat protection ordinance		
GEN-0210	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer opposes STAR Communities and other sustainability initiatives		
GEN-0213	Email	Environmental Protection	Emailer suggested changes to a number of policies that all support tree conservation, natural buffers, etc.		
GEN-0014	Other	General / Unspecified	Recommend more active notification and involvement of wider neighborhood area. Neighbors surrounding property requesting adjustment to code like BOA hearing.		
GEN-0030	Online	General / Unspecified	My thoughts on the subjects did not mean anything to any one but me		
GEN-0068	Email	General / Unspecified	Emailer requested a blackline version of area plans, as well as an extended comment period		
GEN-0072	Online	General / Unspecified	Commenter thinks the actions of City Council and staff do not represent the values of the plan		
GEN-0089	Online	General / Unspecified	Commenter thinks the Comp Plan is a waste of money		
GEN-0093	Online	General / Unspecified	Commenter would like a stricter definition of family, and for the City to be less wasteful with tax dollars		

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GEN-0111	Email	General / Unspecified	Emailer expressed a strong opposition to city growth, citing other international examples	
GEN-0179	Online	General / Unspecified	I try to keep up with city events, but meetings are really hard to get to. I also feel like the meetings are geared more towards answering questions that soliciting real feedback.	
GEN-0184	Online	General / Unspecified	Commenter wonders is a local news station would produce a regular segment about planning issues. Commenter would also like more meetings via the web, and a continued relationship between the City and citizen advisory groups	
GEN-0190	Online	General / Unspecified	There needs to be a virtual way to attend or participate in this process. Perhaps providing the content covered or video of the session.	
GEN-0192	Online	General / Unspecified	Commenter believes that the City's growth needs to be managed via TOD and density, and that connecting people to employment should have a more prominent role in the Comp Plan	
GEN-0198	Online	General / Unspecified	The information provided by City staff at open meetings and feedback sessions and at our CAC meetings has been very helpful.	
GEN-0218	Email	General / Unspecified	Emailer recommends the Comp Plan be shortened to remove "fluff" statements and to strengthen the commitment of certain Actions	
GEN-0013	Other	Historic Preservation	Character Preservation Overlay District, Residential Infill Compatibility, have available at every meeting	
GEN-0214	Email	Historic Preservation	Emailer would like the City to prevent more demolition of historic homes	
GEN-0003	Email	Housing	Emailer asked questions regarding affordable housing set- asides and City relationships with affordable housing providers	
GEN-0011	Other	Housing	Predatory buyers are trying to purchase homes in downtown / SE Raleigh. Educate people on what is a low offer and Predatory Practices	
GEN-0049	Online	Housing	We need greater housing density along commuter lines.	
GEN-0051	Online	Housing	Let's get Accessory Dwelling Units approved across the city limits.	
GEN-0061	Email	Housing	Emailer supports allowing tiny houses as ADUs	
GEN-0087	Online	Housing	New multi-family housing should be as close as possible to the homes of the city councilors and the mayor.	
GEN-0094	Online	Housing	Commenter cautions about taller infill residential development increasing home prices	
GEN-0098	Online	Housing	Commenter supports affordable housing and diversity	

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GEN-0102	Online	Housing	Put [multi-family housing] wherever you want to increase or share the higher crime rate - just not near my home
GEN-0105	Online Email	Housing Housing	Create neighborhood plans that include mixed housing, sidewalks to a lively environment, bus transportation with shelters to work, and a variety of affordable, local food sources.  Emailer would like affordable housing to be dispersed throughout the City
GEN-0158	Online	Housing	The fill trend of splitting lots and building excessively tall houses is heading towards being an epidemic. This will be the ruination of the character of our historic neighborhoods.
GEN-0188	Online	Housing	Accessory Dwelling Units, duplexes, triplexes, bungalow courts, and townhouses can provide more dense neighborhoods, support public transit, and also make our neighborhoods more lively
GEN-0189	Online	Housing	Commenter wants to focus on "missing middle" housing
GEN-0200	Online	Housing	New development that integrates well into existing neighborhoods is welcome as long as the scale is reasonable and there's a good mix of older and newer homes to keep the character and variety of homes at different, reasonable price points.
GEN-0202	Online	Housing	Also want there to be a focus on affordable housing for people who plan to remain in Raleigh vs. approving more and more student housing.
GEN-0203	Online	Housing	Commenter believes affordable housing should be built throughout Wake County. However, low-income families should be subject to requirements of neighborhood associations.
GEN-0204	Online	Housing	I do not agree with multi-family affordable housing. I feel the owners should have more options, this will work if the homes are spread through out the city.
GEN-0207	Online	Housing	We need to find ways to increase overall housing supply in order to increase the affordable supply. I think we need to approve Accessory Dwelling Units, and encourage other small multifamily dwelling types in single family neighborhoods. We also should encourage higher density in downtown throughout.
GEN-0216	Email	Housing	Emailer proposes a tax credit for property owners who rent ADUs to low-income households. Emailer would also like to see fair housing monitoring of city-owned housing.
GEN-0112	Email	Land Use	A ham radio operator, emailer would like to see policies regarding antennas

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GEN-0012	Other	Land Use	Transitions between neighborhoods and commercial should also apply to mixed use	
GEN-0015	Other	Land Use	For developers who violate code, discontinue after work is done	
GEN-0017	Other	Land Use	Suggestion to give developers incentives for honoring intent of UDO to conserve existing neighborhood. Infill development that complements existing character, and resource conservations	
GEN-0031	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks development is allowed too close to roads	
GEN-0037	Online	Land Use	No; would you want that new 3 story building beside your home?	
GEN-0038	Online	Land Use	Greater density is necessary for successful transit options.	
GEN-0039	Online	Land Use	Density of the population will require more height and transitioning existing areas with homes being higher and closer as well as taller buildings. This will help to increase density for public transport and reduce sprawl.	
GEN-0040	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks that heights of new buildings should be influenced by existing nearby buildings	
GEN-0052	Online	Land Use	Commenter linked increased density and transit with affordable housing	
GEN-0055	Online	Land Use	Seems like concerns with changing view sheds and solar access are being conflated by this question	
GEN-0056	Online	Land Use	Commenter would like penalties for sprawl development and protections against displacement	
GEN-0065	Online	Land Use	Increase density and create a robust public transportation system	
GEN-0066	Online	Land Use	Planning should consider solar access in these height transitions to maintain winter solar access from prime solar hours - about 9 - 3	
GEN-0067	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks height regulations to preserve solar access are too restrictive	
GEN-0076	Online	Land Use	Commenter supports split building height because it results in more access to housing and transit	
GEN-0085	Online	Land Use	Infill can be a welcome addition to help keep the cost of new homes lower and provide for more affordable housing for a residents.	
GEN-0086	Online	Land Use	Get out of people's business. Less government is good government.	
GEN-0096	Online	Land Use	Increased density, mixed-use, and walkability should be encouraged everywhere	
GEN-0097	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks that context is important and that small lot single family neighborhoods should be better protected through transitions	

REF-ID Source Comp Plan Section C		Comp Plan Section	Comment (may be paraphrased or abbreviated)		
GEN-0099	Online	Land Use	Tear downs are fine just not monster ones. Should not be higher than adjacent homes or previous house.		
GEN-0100	Online	Land Use	Commenter worries that changing height regulations could result in tall buildings in residential areas		
GEN-0101	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks that homes should not have tall buildings allowed next to them		
GEN-0107	Online	Land Use	Please be extremely careful with more than two story construction in or near neighborhoods.		
GEN-0116	Email	Land Use	Emailer dislikes the two large homes that were recently constructed in her neighborhood		
GEN-0118	Email	Land Use	Emailer is against allowing ADUs in R-4 and R-6 districts		
GEN-0121	Email	Land Use	Emailer requested a change to the FLUM for a specific property		
GEN-0140	Online	Land Use	Commenter believes that limiting density is a cause of increasing prices		
GEN-0142	Online	Land Use	Core and transit areas often include Edge areas. When the two overlap, the Edge conditions should prevail		
GEN-0143	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks that some transit corridor designations are inappropriate and that lower building heights in edge areas are a good idea		
GEN-0144	Online	Land Use	Maximum height adjacent to a residential areas should be taller than two times the average height of the existing dwellings and should occur 150 feet or more away from existing dwellings		
GEN-0146	Online	Land Use	Greater density along genuine transit corridor areas is logical, but the character and variety of housing and locations, including existing neighborhoods, are important to keep Raleigh appealing		
GEN-0147	Online	Land Use	There are so many locations in Raleigh that are not adjacent to existing neighborhoods. Surely it makes the most sense to build in these areas and to preserve existing neighborhoods		
GEN-0148	Online	Land Use	Three stories should be the height limitation when adjoining medium and low density housing		
GEN-0149	Online	Land Use	Commenter thinks that height should be limited next to residential areas		
GEN-0151	Online	Land Use	We need to encourage density in our transit areas.		
GEN-0152	Online	Land Use	Mixed use buildings adjoining single family and townhomes should be limited to 3 stories.		
GEN-0154	Online	Land Use	Three stories max adjacent to single family homes and townhomes is the better option.		
GEN-0155	Online	Land Use	This would effectively throw the existing family homes into shadow. Is this how we want to be?		
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GEN-0156	Online	Land Use	The residences will still be overpowered by the adjacent tall buildings.	
GEN-0159	Online	Land Use	Do not allow combination of multiple lots in an established neighborhood. It's best to avoid "McMansions" in the bungalow district!	
GEN-0161	Online	Land Use	I do not want a non-owner of my property to impose restrictions on MY PROPERTY after I purchased MY PROPERTY.	
GEN-0162	Online	Land Use	None of these statements best capture my views regarding infill houses.	
GEN-0163	Online	Land Use	It seems short sighted to limit the next 50 years of housing choice based on the last 50 years.	
GEN-0187	Online	Land Use	Transitions between older neighborhoods and new development are critical to the health of existing neighborhoods.	
GEN-0047	Email	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	Emailer supports the acquisition and preservation of green space	
GEN-0062	Online	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	Public park bathrooms should be serviced throughout the day	
GEN-0073	Email	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	Emailer suggested investing in a mental health facility instead of other large projects like Dorothea Dix Park or a new civic campus. Emailer also suggested allowing tiny homes for persons with special needs.	
GEN-0134	Email	Parks, Recreation and Open Space Emailer offered modifications to policies affecting to on behalf of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority attached)		
GEN-0024	Other	Public Utilities	People are concerned about regulation of tree coverage in water supply watersheds. There is interest in the Walnut Creek Watershed Study and its applications. General questions about stormwater management and City assistance.	
GEN-0025	Other	Public Utilities	The City should continue to promote energy efficiency and should think about reducing peak demand. Homeowners should be encouraged to reduce fertilizer use.	
GEN-0004	Email	Transportation	Emailer's opinion is that improved transit options would help reduce traffic congestion	
GEN-0019	Face-to- Face	Transportation There should be policies that address autonomous vehi and other leading edge tech		
GEN-0020	Face-to- Face	Transportation	There should be policies that address car/ride sharing	
GEN-0021	Face-to- Face	Transportation	There should be policies that address evolution of parking management technology	
GEN-0022	Email	Transportation	Emailer requested the removal of Prospect Ave extension from the Street Plan	
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GEN-0027	Email	Transportation	Emailer offered comments supporting complete streets, healthy living, and equity on behalf of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (see attachment).	
GEN-0028	Online	Transportation	More sidewalks, please. This is key to a thriving municipality.	
GEN-0032	Online	Transportation	Commenter's opinion is that residents do not want transit and bike sharing	
GEN-0041	Online	Transportation	Commenter desires sidewalks on more residential streets	
GEN-0043	Online	Transportation	I like having walkway and bike bridges at busy areas, especially North Hills.  Please include the criteria shown in the sections 6.23.3 thru	
GEN-0044	Email	Transportation	6.23.6 of the Raleigh Street Design Manual for initiating traffic studies	
GEN-0046	Email	Transportation	Emailer suggested dropping the one-mile service area description for Neighborhood Mixed Use as unrealistic. Emailer also pointed out discrepancies between the FLUM and the transportation plan maps	
GEN-0050	Online	Transportation	High volume bus route stops should have covered seating	
GEN-0057	Online	Transportation	More bike lanes and public education about driving with cyclists.	
GEN-0069	Online	Transportation	Coordinate our transit investments with land planning that invites transit-friendly urban form. Moving away from parking requirements seems helpful.	
GEN-0071	Online	Transportation	Commenter thinks that although transit centers will have more expensive housing, increasing transit access is a necessary practical solution	
GEN-0075	Online	Transportation	Bike share is a boondoggle that will primarily benefit the leisure class. Improved public transit benefits those in our community who are least well-off and our community should prioritize those projects.	
GEN-0077	Online	Transportation	Commenter suggested allowing increased height for reduced parking provided	
GEN-0078	Email	Transportation	Emailer is concerned about traffic in Country Club Hills	
GEN-0079	Email	Transportation	Emailer is concerned about traffic in Country Club Hills	
GEN-0080	Email	Transportation	Emailer is concerned about traffic in Country Club Hills	
GEN-0081	Email	Transportation	Emailer thinks increased connectivity can destroy neighborhood character, and that speed bumps or other traffic calming should be required on new residential streets.	

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GEN-0084	Email	Transportation	Emailer identified a number of technical errors in the plan text
GEN-0088	Online	Transportation	Commenter thinks it should be faster to commute between North Raleigh and RTP
GEN-0090	Online	Transportation	Good roads to RTP where real people work.
GEN-0091	Online	Transportation	Current buses are running nearly empty!demonstrates a lack of need or inappropriate routes.
GEN-0103	Online	Transportation	My biggest issue is the routes and frequency. The main bus I would like to use doesn't run at all during the day, only at commute times.
GEN-0108	Online	Transportation	Traffic calming on neighborhood streets should be a priority.
GEN-0115	Email	Transportation	Emailer would like City to be more proactive in neighborhood clean-ups
GEN-0117	Email	Transportation	I would like to see the comprehensive plan to address greenway and sidewalk connectivity.
GEN-0120	Email	Transportation	Emailer would like policies to promote and facilitate carpooling
GEN-0122	Email	Transportation	Emailer requested that road designations within Cameron Village Shopping Center be removed
GEN-0123	Email	Transportation	Emailer experiences speeding and cut-through traffic in her neighborhood and would like stronger, more specific policy language to deal with these issues
GEN-0124	Online	Transportation	Commenter would like buses to have priority to ensure timeliness
GEN-0137	Online	Transportation	Disagree that more, un-used, bike lanes are needed.
GEN-0138	Online	Transportation	Commenter thinks complete connectivity of bicycle routes is important
GEN-0165	Online	Transportation	The City should prioritize reducing vehicle miles traveled
GEN-0166	Online	Transportation	In addition to transit, traffic calming would make the most difference.
GEN-0167	Online	Transportation	Commenter would use transit to/from RTP if it were frequent and had dedicated parking
GEN-0168	Online	Transportation	Commenter thinks improved transit and residential traffic calming should be priorities
GEN-0169	Online	Transportation	We need the commuter rail to connect transit centers to the airport.
GEN-0170	Online	Transportation	I do believe some form of transit that is not on the roads may be the answer.
GEN-0171	Online	Transportation	Commenter believes most people will choose to drive as longs as it's more convenient
GEN-0172	Online	Transportation	Commenter anticipates on-demand autonomous vehicles.  Commenter also claims to have not received the level of infrastructure as warranted by taxes paid.

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GEN-0174	Online	Transportation	Commenter points out areas not serviced by buses - namely 540.	
GEN-0175	Online	Transportation	Rail is too expensive and static. Stick to buses and zoning reform.	
GEN-0176	Online	Transportation  I think the present priority should be on increasing exhibit high traffic roads prior to bus transit or rail.		
GEN-0197	Online	Transportation	The city of Raleigh should remain within its budget and not add additional taxes to the workforce.	
GEN-0201	Online	Transportation	Would like to see total separation of bike lanes from street.  Also agree more sidewalks and bus shelters needed, particularly for the areas that currently have no sidewalks or shelter at all. Would like to see the Greenways better connected.	
GEN-0211	Email	Transportation	Emailer thinks the current bike infrastructure is too limited, and that designated streets should prioritize bike/ped over other modes of transit	
GEN-0212	Email	Transportation	Emailer would like encouraging alternative modes of transit over increasing road capacity in North Hills	
GEN-0219	Email	Transportation	Emailer provided the BPAC's comments on the Transportation section (see attached)	
GEN-0083	Email	Urban Design	Emailer thinks increased connectivity can destroy neighborhood character, and that speed bumps or other traffic calming should be required on new residential streets.	
GEN-0104	Online	Urban Design	Commenter thinks affordable housing should be in convenient locations	
GEN-0215	Email	Urban Design	Emailer suggests: commercial uses be prohibited from adding curb cuts too close to intersections; bus routes to be more clearly advertised on buses; sidewalks as a mandatory component of traffic calming.	

Attention: Bynum Walter, Senior Planner Department of City Planning The City of Raleigh 1 Exchange Plaza Suite 204 Raleigh, NC 27601

RE: City of Raleigh 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Dear Ms. Walter:

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) is pleased to offer these comments in response to the proposed City of Raleigh 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The AHA/ASA's mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. We know the way communities are designed and developed can affect physical activity and obesity rates impacting overall health. Safe environments built with walking, biking and other physical activities in mind are correlated with lower body weights and reduced cardiovascular disease.

Integrating health considerations within community design and planning can create more active communities along with providing more transportation options for healthier living. Community planning and health behavior research demonstrate that built environments influence people's decision to use public transport, drive, walk, or cycle to get to their destination. The AHA/ASA is excited to see the way Raleigh has included the vision for complete streets, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, greenways and Safe Routes to Schools in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Raleigh's Complete Streets policy which was adopted in 2015 provides a foundation that helps guide the Comprehensive Plan. The AHA/ASA is encouraged to see the attention to further developing the infrastructure needed to create a more active community in the Land Use, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation, and Open Use Sections. The land use plan envisions more compact and walkable development that will reduce auto dependency and help provide increased access to employment, education, parks, shopping and other key destinations. The transportation plan promotes transportation choices for all users by providing safe, balanced, and efficient multimodal transportation which will enhance quality of life. The attention to making Raleigh bicycle and pedestrian-friendly is an important priority that will work to provide community members opportunities for daily physical activity and improved health.

In the 2016 Smart Growth America's Best Complete Streets Policies, Raleigh's Complete Streets policy received a total score of 56.80 out of a possible 100. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan is an opportunity to take the City's Complete Streets policy to the next level. The AHA/ASA recommends the City update its' Complete Streets policy to one that fully embraces the ideal elements of a complete streets policy as identified by Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan should include goals to fully fund and successfully implement complete streets in low and moderate-income communities and evaluate those goals annually.

We suggest that the plan include more specific language regarding exceptions to complete street infrastructure in new and reconstructed streets to ensure projects accommodating all travel modes are prioritized. It will increase the likelihood the plan is followed in real world situations with fewer loopholes to the complete streets infrastructure when circumstances necessary to build infrastructure that does not include biking and pedestrian accommodations are clearly stated.

The AHA/ASA applauds Raleigh for actively engaging the community in the planning process and seeking input into the proposed plans. We encourage the City to expand those efforts to involve the community, especially residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods, in that process. The plan currently states the City is dedicated to improving the lives, health, and well-being of its residents and visitors, regardless of age, income, health, or mode of transport. The best way to achieve these goals is to work intentionally to address disparities and build equity.

The AHA/ASA has identified the need to take steps to address the social determinants of health as a key priority for building healthier communities. The Raleigh 2030 Comprehensive Plan should provide strategies to tackle the social determinants of health. We encourage including stronger language about prioritizing projects in low and moderate-income communities that have historically been excluded from creating built environments that promote health and safety. Further, we hope that bike and pedestrian infrastructure projects in low and moderate-income communities will be prioritized throughout implementation to ensure greater health equity and safe access to public transit and economic centers.

The AHA/ASA welcomes an opportunity to work with the City of Raleigh as it develops the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Raleigh has demonstrated a commitment to building a community that is visionary and seeks to provide its residents a healthy quality of life. The AHA/ASA recommends the City use this opportunity to take this work to the next level. Building a healthier Raleigh should be a core component of the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the plans and we look forward to working with the City to build a healthier community.

Sincerely,
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To: Ken Bowers, Planning Director

From: Environmental Advisory Board Members

Date: 11/09/2017

Re: Environmental Advisory Board Comprehensive Plan Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2017 Update to the 2030 Comprehensive Plan update. The Environmental Advisory Board has reviewed the current document with proposed changes and would offer the following suggestions.

We have specified some plan sections for revision and provided some as broad recommendations. The final details of implementation we feel are best identified by subject experts and community consensus. Therefore, we hope that the spirit of these comments is incorporated throughout the new revision and leads to holistic protection and enhancement of our environment.

## **5.1 ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS**

## Policy EP 1.11 Renewable Energy

Establish a goal and plan for Raleigh's municipal operations to use renewable energy to meet 100 percent of peak electric load, or maximum electric demand that is typically reached during normal business hours.<sup>1</sup>

## Action EP 1.8 Solar and Distributed Energy Resource Incentives

Encourage and provide financial incentives to encourage homebuilders and residents to install solar and other distributed energy resource technologies such as solar photovoltaics, solar thermal, geothermal heating and cooling and energy storage facilities.

## **Action EP 1.10 Community Supported Energy**

Recommend deleting this action in place of the one below.

## Action EP 1.11 Clean Energy Deployment

Evaluate siting renewable energy facilities on the rooftops of highly visible public facilities, parking garages and other city-owned property, installing signage and information to promote awareness of the financial and environmental benefits of renewable energy use.

## **Action EP 1.12 Solar Access**

Evaluate the feasibility of adding considerations to building site-plan review and approval that address the current and future use of solar energy (i.e. solar easements, landscaping, building height restriction, and orientation) and incentives for new construction to be built "solar ready."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Earlier in 2017, leaders from over 250 cities gathered at the U.S. Conference of Mayors to accept a resolution to meet a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. See <a href="https://sierraclub.org/press-releases/2017/09/us-conference-mayors-passes-landmark-resolution-supporting-100-clean">https://sierraclub.org/press-releases/2017/09/us-conference-mayors-passes-landmark-resolution-supporting-100-clean</a>.

## Action EP X.XX: Clean Energy Economic Development

Provide outreach and education to non-profits and affordable and multi-family housing developments to develop partnerships with local installers, banks and other service providers to encourage cost-effective renewable energy investments.

### Action EP X.XX: Clean Energy Education

Create and promote online and print educational material to help Raleigh residents and businesses understand the relevant policies and terms they need to evaluate and compare renewable energy and energy efficiency options.

## Action EP X.XX: Clean Energy financing

Partner with local banks and economic development organizations to provide favorable financing rates that reduce economic barriers for lower-income Raleigh residents to install renewable energy on their property.

## Action EP X.XX: Energy Security and Resiliency

Consider the financial feasibility of pairing solar energy with energy storage systems at critical facilities to supplement backup generators.

#### **5.3 WATER QUALITY AND CONSERVATION**

## Action EP 3.13 Stormwater Reimbursement Program

Expand opportunities under the city's stormwater program for partnerships with other agencies, including projects that do not have specific addresses, such as interchanges.

#### **5.4 FLOOD REDUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS**

## **Action EP 4.4 Daylighting Streams**

Provide incentives for projects that daylight streams currently piped underground.

#### **Action EP 4.5**

Provide areas for flood control in city projects (particularly parks and greenways) to accept and store stormwater during large storm events.

#### 5.5 TREE CANOPY GROWTH AND PRESERVATION

#### **Action EP 5.7 Tree Conservation Ordinance**

Revisit the Tree Conservation Ordinance and consider allowing areas on a development site to be planted and then designated as tree conservation areas.

## 5.9 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARENESS AND COORDINATION

#### Policy EP 9.9 Food Systems Education

Partner with community garden sites and encourage schools to develop an educational program that educates students about food systems, healthy eating, and food security.

## **Action EP 9.7 Community Gardening Grants**

Administer a grants program to help distribute funds to non-profits and community organizations that manage community gardens in Raleigh.

## Action EP 9.8 Community Gardening Feasibility Study

Conduct a study to determine locations where community gardens would provide the most benefit to the surrounding community. Lower income communities classified as food deserts which have historically had issues related to environmental justice, should be given the highest priority, when allocating funding and resources for community gardens.

## Action EP 9.9 Community Gardening on City Land

Evaluate the opportunities to site community gardens on City of Raleigh park properties as well as other vacant or underutilized city properties.

## Action EP 9.10 Urban Agriculture Program

Develop an Urban Agriculture Program for the City of Raleigh.

The board appreciates your consideration of these suggestions as you move forward with the Comprehensive Plan revision. We hope the intent of these items is prominently featured in the revised document. If you have any questions or require clarification of an item's intent, please let us know.

Thank you, The Environmental Advisory Board

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December 5, 2017

Bynum Walter 1 Exchange Plaza, Suite 204 Raleigh, NC 27601 Via Electronic Mail

Re: Feedback on proposed changes to City of Raleigh 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear Ms. Walter:

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority has reviewed the City of Raleigh's draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update (the Update) and offers the following feedback.

Page Number	Section	Subsection Header	Text	Recommended Change
5-30	Environmental Protection	Policy EP 8.5 Airport Overlay Zone	Keep the boundaries of the Airport Overlay District zone current with the future expansion plans of Raleigh-Durham International Airport to protect residents from impacts of increased flight patterns and activity. (3, 5, 6)	Keep the boundaries of the Airport Overlay District zone consistent with recommendations of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to protect residents from impacts of increased flight patterns and activity. (3, 5, 6)
8-14	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	PR-3: Capital Area Greenway System	See attached figure	"Figure PR-3 that identifies Non-City of Raleigh Greenway Corridors in three areas as shown in the Attachment to this letter that should be removed from the Figure PR-3. Those proposed corridors are not an approved airport land use pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration approved RDU Airport Layout Plan dated

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8-15	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	PR-4: Capital Area Greenway Corridor Classifications	See attached figure	"Figure PR- 4 that identifies Non-City of Raleigh Greenway Corridors in three areas as shown in the Attachment to this letter that should be removed from the Figure PR-3. Those proposed corridors are not an approved airport land use pursuant to the Federal Aviation Administration approved RDU Airport Layout Plan dated November 20, 2017."

The Attachment, which the Authority created from the Wake County GIS, highlights in yellow and shows in higher resolution than Figures PR-3 and PR-4(also attached for convenience) the proposed greenways that need to be removed from the figures. The Authority will work separately with the County GIS to remove the proposed greenways from the GIS but requests that the City not reproduce the error in the Update.

Please consider revising the Update to address the Authority's comments. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our comments in more detail with the City of Raleigh Planning Department. Please contact Ellis Cayton, our Director of Planning and Environmental, if you would like to set up a meeting or if you have other questions. He may be reached by email at <a href="mailto:ellis.cayton@rdu.com">ellis.cayton@rdu.com</a> or by telephone at 919-840-7744.

Sincerely,

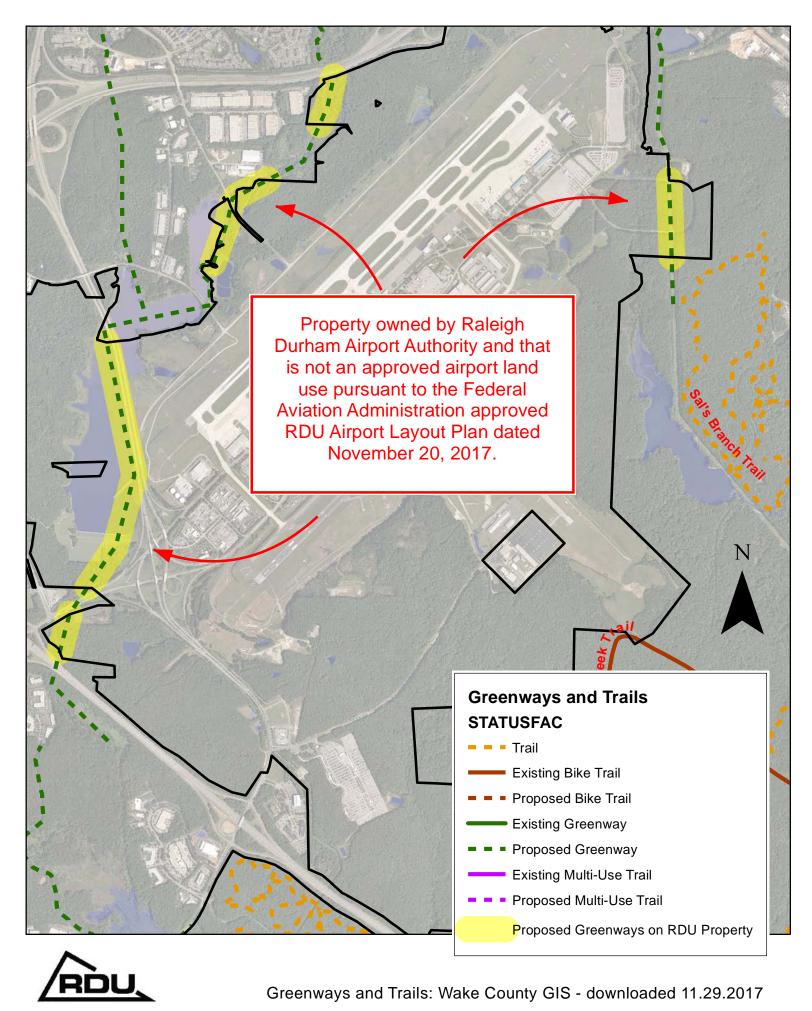
**Ellis Cayton** 

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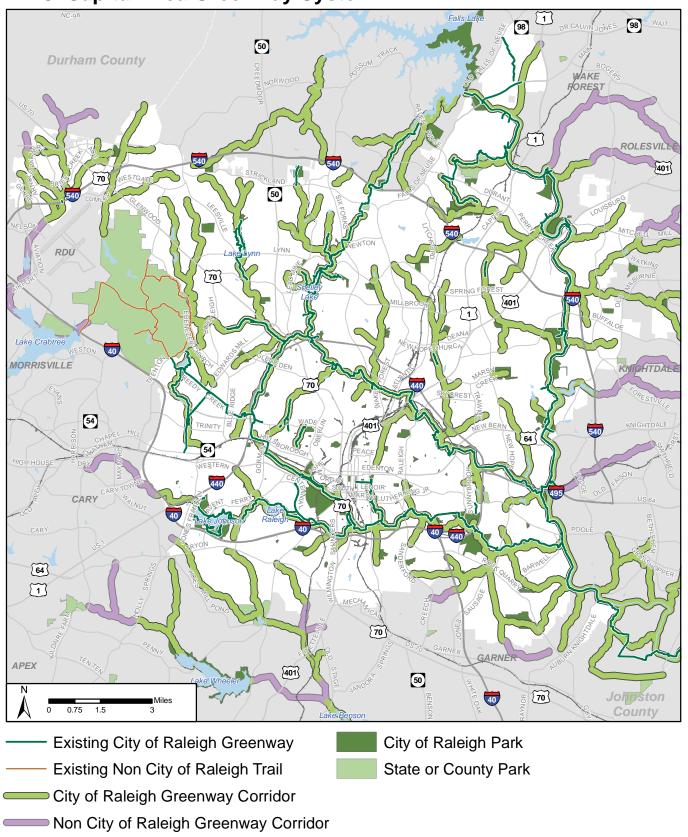
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Attachment

Figures PR-3 and PR-4



PR-3: Capital Area Greenway System



PR-4: Capital Area Greenway Corridor Classifications

