

Northeast Suburban Area Plan Update

Kick-Off Meeting Notes

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Likes about the Northeast Suburban Planning Area

- Bad buildings (neighborhood eyesores) have been removed, such as the Old Ferguson School
- Improvements to Fire Station #9, funded by recent bond
- Easy access to all areas of the plan area, easy to travel by car
- Friendly people
- Northwood Estates is a great neighborhood

Dislikes about the Northeast Suburban Planning Area

- Lack of home maintenance in some areas
- Need for more office development
- Lack of full service grocery store
- Need for a fresh food restaurant
- Lack of a drug store/pharmacy
- Need more recreation opportunities or recreation center near Northwood Estates
- No event centers to hold small to medium-sized events

Possibilities for the future of the Northeast Suburban Planning Area?

- New grocery store in the old Paragon store or elsewhere
- Re-use of the Gant gas station in Ogburn Station
- More new businesses
- Economic engine to bring more jobs in redevelopment areas such as Patterson Avenue and along the Motor Road Extension
- More commercial spaces for entrepreneurs and small businesses to move into the area
- New hotel along Patterson Avenue and/or in the general US-52 area
- Re-use of existing vacant sites for redevelopment
- New event centers