

TO: Community Development Committee

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SUBJECT: Pending Referrals # 090311/ # 090392 and #090322



A few months ago, the Committee provided direction on a spatial representation of an area in East Gainesville that would be the future focus of visioning, public service and infrastructure provision for the City in ensuing years. This direction is captured in pending referral **#090311 and #090392**, Utility Infrastructure to Support Small Urbanized Areas and Vision for East University Avenue to Hawthorne Road Corridor – Five Points area, respectively.

Staff has prepared a map that attempts to incorporate the input of Committee members as to the boundaries of said area. This area uses the Waldo Road, East University Avenue and Hawthorne Road corridors as its main spines. It incorporates the Five Points area and has SE 24th Street as its eastern most boundary, SE 9th Street as its western most boundary, NE 8th Avenue as its northern most boundary and SE 4th Avenue as its southern most boundary along Waldo Road.

Staff Recommendation: Endorse the East Gainesville Public Investment Area Map or amend it as appropriate; direct staff to analyze the area in terms of any public service deficiencies and bring back this information to the Committee for review and referral to the City Commission.

With respect to referral **#090322**, Greenbelt Study for City Perimeter, a second map is enclosed that provides an outline of the existing greenbelt. In addition, verbiage from the Comprehensive Plan's Data and analysis sections are included for Committee review.

Staff indicates that there does not appear to be any substantive direction in the Comprehensive Plan (Goals, Objectives or Policies) that requires the City to implement a Green belt around the City perimeter.

However, the Conservation Element Data Analysis discusses a Greenway Network see attached the first 12 pages and the Recreation Element discusses the Emerald Necklace (Greenbelt referenced) remaining pages. Recreation Element Policy 1.1.3, references Green Belt Value as a criteria for prioritizing land acquisitions for parks.

Staff Recommendation: Review information and provide direction to staff.

I look forward to seeing you on February 1st.