

Zoning Staff Report

Date: December 14, 2021 Case Number: ZC-21-133 Council District: 8

Zoning Map Amendment

Case Manager: Beth Knight

Owner / Applicant: James Austin Jr./ Yvette Kent

Site Location: 3220 Mitchell Boulevard Acreage: 1.08

Request

Proposed Use: Auto Parts Retail Store

Request: To: Add Conditional Use Permit for Auto Supply Store in "B" Two Family and "E"

Neighborhood Commercial

Recommendation

Land Use Compatibility: Requested change is not compatible.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency: Requested change is not consistent.

Staff Recommendation: Denial

Zoning Commission Recommendation: Approval by a vote of 5-2 with the condition that all waiver

requests be removed.

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Project Description and Background

The site is located on the northwest corner of Mitchell Boulevard and E. Berry Street, with the Renaissance shopping center located diagonally across the intersection. Highway 287 is about ½ mile east of the site, and Cobb Park is noted less than ¼ mile to the west. The applicant is requesting a zoning change from "B" Two-Family and "E" Neighborhood Commercial to "E" Neighborhood Commercial and adding a Conditional Use Permit in order to develop an auto parts retail store; site plan included.

The applicant has applied for the (CUP) Conditional Use Permit to allow this use within an "E" district for an approximately 7,300 square foot retail building, fronting onto Mitchell Boulevard. Several comparable zoning requests have been submitted since 2014 on this lot, which have all been denied. Another auto parts store has been developed generally 700 feet from Highway 287 and is surrounded by other commercial uses. Conditional uses are those uses which are generally compatible with the permitted land uses in a given zoning district, but which require individual review of their proposed location, design and configuration, and the imposition of conditions in order to ensure the appropriateness of the use at a particular location.

While an auto parts store is not permitted in the "E" zoning district by right, allowing one by CUP with a site plan may help mitigate any neighborhood concerns, as well as give options for the CUP to be revoked in the event of code violation convictions. The site is currently a restaurant, that is shown to be demolished on the site plan. The nearest residential "A-5" district lies along the northern property line, with additional single family residences to the east and southwest. Because the site is directly adjacent to a single family residential use, a 20 foot supplemental setback is required. While the site plan shows no development waivers, the monument sign is shown too close to the northern driveway and must be moved. The site plan continues to need moderate revisions.

The subject site is designated as Neighborhood Commercial because of the surrounding single family homes and churches, which are lower intensity uses. A medical clinic is located to the southeast of the site. Through Ordinance 23609 effective March 29, 2019, the Conditional Use Permit allows for an unlimited time period for the operation of a use unless otherwise approved by the City Council. If a time limit is established for a Conditional Use Permit, the renewal of the CUP shall be considered through the public hearing process and approved by the City Council. A CUP shall expire if no permitting action is taken within six months of approval or cease of the use for six months. A CUP may be revoked through the public hearing process if necessary after convictions of one or more code violations.

Per Section 4.407 (a), the following general rules apply to all conditional uses:

- a) Conditional use permits in residential districts shall be limited to those uses designated "CUP" in the Residential District Use Table in Chapter 4, Article 6, Section 4.603.
- b) Approval of a conditional use permit shall authorize only the particular use or category of related uses for which the conditional use permit is issued.
- c) A conditional use shall not be enlarged, extended or otherwise modified unless approved by the City Council or approved administratively as applicable.
- d) The use of property for the purposes described in a conditional use permit shall not commence until a certificate of occupancy has been issued. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until all or approvals which may be required by the Codes and Ordinances of the City, including, but not limited to, a Building Permit, a Certificate of Occupancy and subdivision approval have been satisfied.

Section (d) provides the following Conditional Use Permit factors in consideration of appropriateness of a request:

a) The proposed use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;

- b) The proposed use is compatible with the existing and adjacent uses.
- c) The proposed use meets all supplemental use standards specifically applicable to the use as set forth in Chapter 5;
- d) The proposed use is compatible with and preserves the character and integrity of adjacent development and neighborhoods;
- e) The proposed use is not materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare, or results in material damage or prejudice to other property in the vicinity.

Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses

North "A-5" One-Family / single-family

East "CF" Community Facilities / church

South "A-5" One-Family and "CF" Community Facilities / single-family and church

West "A-5" One-Family / single-family

Recent Zoning History

- ZC-11-061, southeast of subject, from PD 720 for E uses and PD 721, add land to PD 720, approved;
- ZC-11-074, north, east, south, and west of subject, Council initiated to be in conformance with Comprehensive Plan, approved;
- ZC-14-151, ZC-17-073, ZC-18-034, ZC-19-158, subject, from B and E to FR (2014), PD for auto parts store (2017), PD for certain E uses (2018), and E (2019), denied;
- ZC-15-002, east of subject, from PD 720 to add auto parts sales, approved;
- ZC-19-133, east of subject, from A-5 to E, approved.
- Platting History: no preliminary plats within last 10 years.

Public Notification

300-foot Legal Notifications were mailed on October 22, 2021.

The following organizations were notified: (emailed October 22, 2021)

Organizations Notified		
The New Mitchell Boulevard NA*	Streams and Valleys Inc.	
Glencrest Civic League NA	Trinity Habitat for Humanity	
United Communities Association of	Fort Worth ISD	
South Fort Worth		
East Fort Worth, Inc.	Southeast Fort Worth Inc	

^{*} Located within this registered Neighborhood Association

Development Impact Analysis

Land Use Compatibility

The applicant is requesting to change to zoning of this property from "B" Two-Family and "E" Neighborhood Commercial to "E" Neighborhood Commercial with a Conditional Use Permit an auto parts retail store. Surrounding land uses are single family to the north, south, and west, churches to the east and south, and the Renaissance Square shopping center to the southeast.

The site plan as submitted is not in general compliance with the site plan checklist and the sign regulations.

- 1. Please differentiate all the landscaped/grassed areas with a different pattern than the pavement. It's hard to tell how the site has 49% pervious area. The fire lane is the darkest pattern but does not have to be shown on the CUP site plan.
- 2. The required screening fence is to be shown on the site starting 60 feet west of the southern driveway (staying out of the projected front yard) and extending to the northeast corner.
- 3. Please remove the label "street frontage landscape area" from the southwestern property line. This area is adjacent to a house, instead of a street.
- 4. Please correct the spelling of the 20' building setback & landscape buffer along the northwestern side
- 5. Please remove any trees that are not within the site, as the applicant has no control over whether these off-site trees are kept or removed.
- 6. The City Code requires signs to be at least 20 feet from a driveway. Please move the sign the appropriate distance southward.
- 7. Double check the zoning of the land use to the southwest. Add back the land uses and zonings of the surrounding properties to the east and south. The entire drawing can be moved northwest, as only a portion of the adjacent residential lots needs to be shown.
- 8. Remove the proposed legal description from the right-hand side of page 1 and add the metes & bounds legal description of the site plan on a second site plan page, instead of a separate document. The legal description should reflect the boundaries as they are today. The following items can be removed to provide more space should the metes & bounds be desired on page 1: plant material schedule, construction notes, flood plain note, and site general notes.
- 9. Provide the Zoning case number in the lower right-hand corner of the plan, below the title.
- 10. Provide signature line labeled: "Director of Development Services" with a "Date" line below, at lower right-hand corner of the drawing, above the project title.

The proposed zoning request **is not compatible** with the surrounding land uses being lower intensity single-family, churches, and a medical clinic.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency – Southeast

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan currently designates the subject property as "Neighborhood Commercial", where vehicular uses are generally not allowed. (Significant Deviation).

Below is a portion from Chapter 4 Land Use of the Comprehensive Plan.

LAND USE AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS

LAND USE	DEFINITION	ZONING
Neighborhood Commercial	Retail, services, offices and mixed uses serving daily needs for a local market area	Multifamily Residential, ER, E, MU-1

The proposed zoning is **not consistent** with the land use designations for this area, nor with the following policies of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Preserve and protect residential neighborhoods from incompatible land uses, disinvestments, encroachment, speculation, demolition, neglect, and or other negative forces.
- Separate incompatible land uses with buffers or transitional uses. Some land uses have attributes such as height, proportion, scale, operational characteristics, traffic generated, or appearance that may not be compatible with the attributes of other uses.

Economic Development Plan

The 2021 Economic Development Strategic Plan identified four different results to facilitate the success and growth of Fort Worth:

- 1. High-wage job growth.
- 2. A more sustainable tax base, driven less by residential property valuation and more by commercial and industrial investment.
- 3. An economy that capitalizes on high-growth businesses and the creative individuals who fuel them, targeting specific industry classifications.
- 4. A commitment to "quality of place" throughout the community, including rising home values, new business startups, reduction of blighted areas, and the emergence of walkable corridors with a mixture of residential and commercial developments and related amenities.



Area Zoning Map

Applicant: James Austin Jr.

Address: 3220 Mitchell Boulevard

Zoning From: B, E

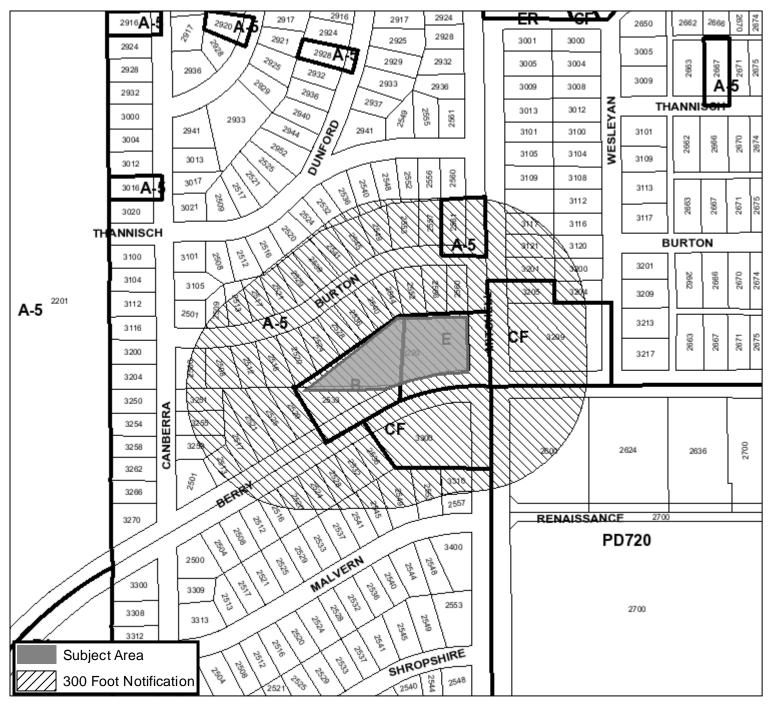
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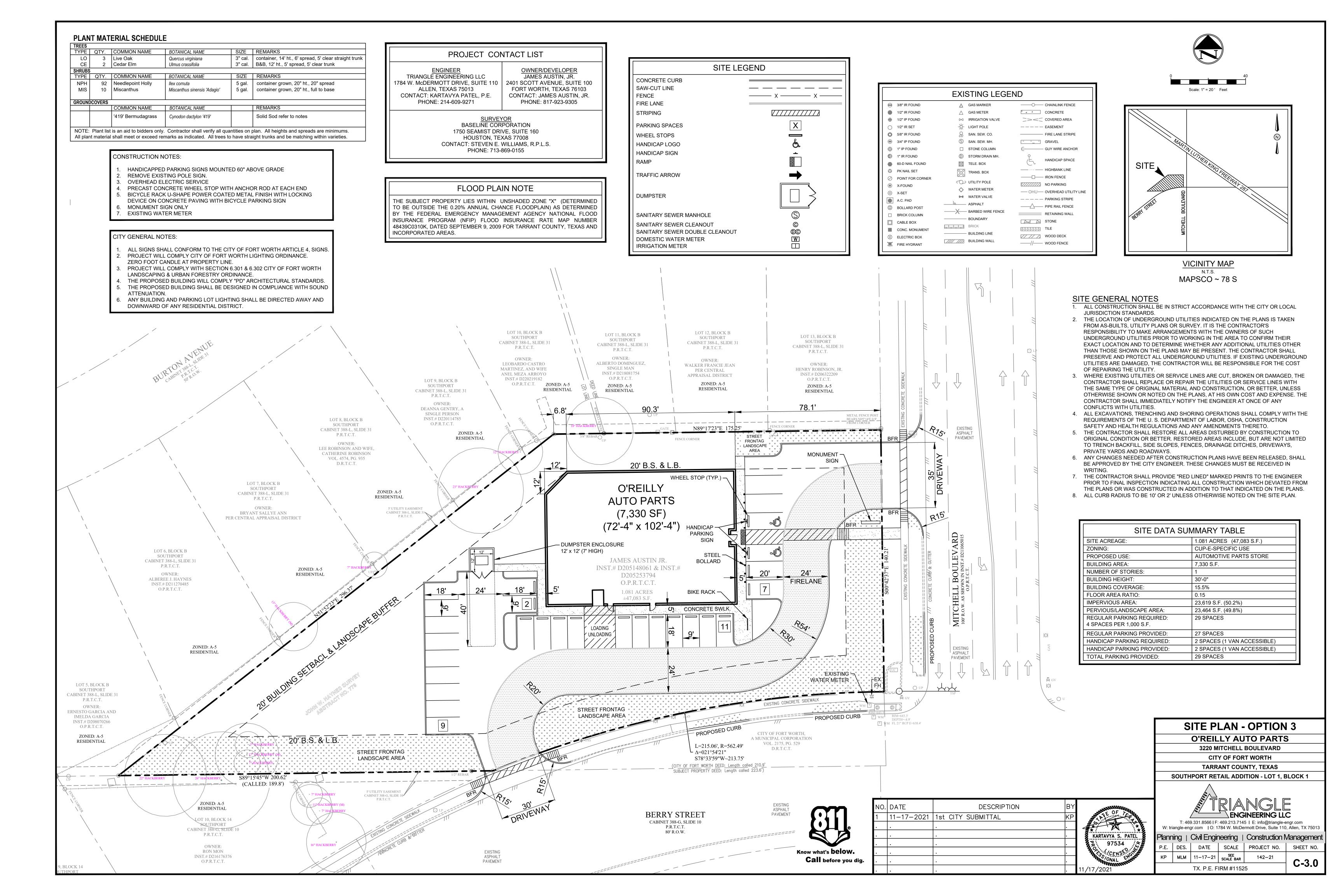
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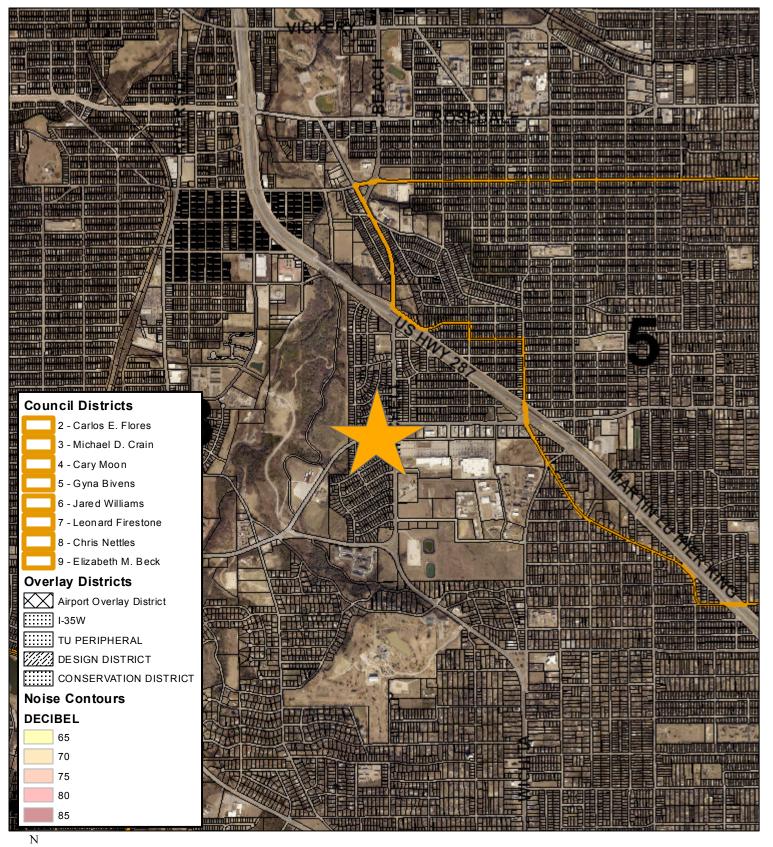
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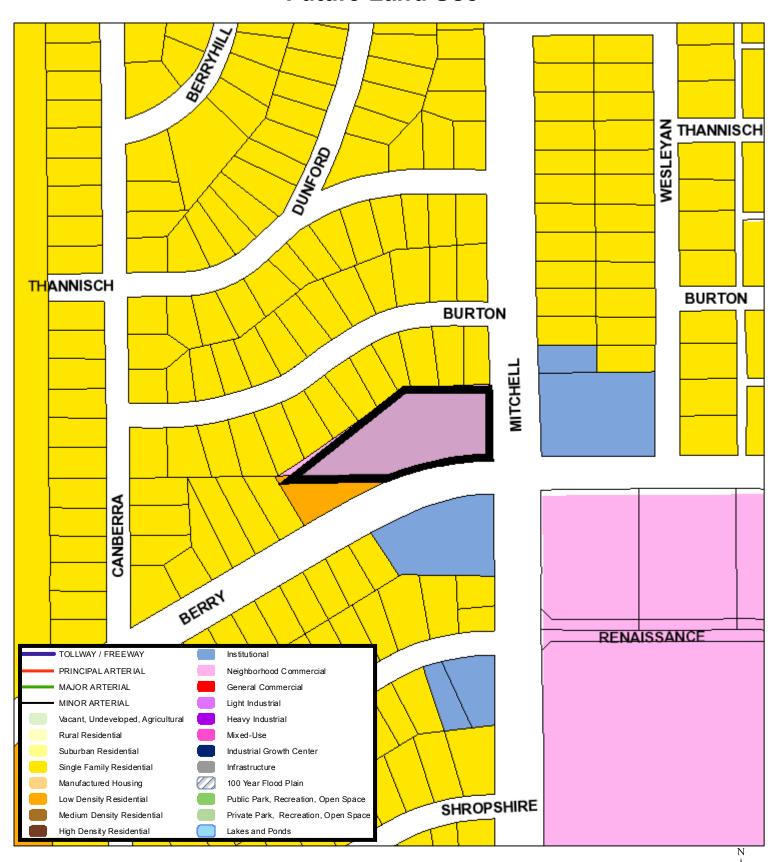








Future Land Use





Aerial Photo Map

