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Community Forum Regarding “Study Area No. 2”

MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown is kicking off a neighborhood-level small area plan for “Study Area No. 2.” The Development Services Department invites the public to the Spruce Street United Methodist Church for a community forum on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The department will introduce the Comprehensive Plan’s recommended small area planning process, conduct a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and trends (SWOT) analysis, and develop a vision for North Willey Street, Snyder Street, and Richwood Avenue adjoining the Woodburn Neighborhood. The area includes approximately 700 parcels with around 300 different property owners. The Zoning Districts within this study area include a mix of student rental housing, single-family homes, and business and commercial establishments.

Ideas to improve the area include providing opportunities for increased residential development and adding sidewalks, pedestrian’s crossings, and street lighting. Additionally, the transition from these new developments to the existing Woodburn Neighborhood will be studied.

“Land use planning projects have a better chance of success when citizens are involved from the beginning,” said Chris Fletcher, Director of Development Services. “Residents and property owners within and near this study area are encouraged to attend the Community Forum on Thursday, April 27 to learn more about the planning project and participate in the planning process.”



BACKGROUND:

The Comprehensive Plan uses the “Areas for Future Study” portion to look at zoning that does not align with the existing land uses or pattern of development. It may also be an area where the zoning is not compatible with, or does not fully support the desired future of the area as indicated in the Comprehensive Plan’s Land Management Map.

The Morgantown Planning Commission studies these areas to enable zoning map or text amendment recommendations to City Council. These recommendations are made to advance the goals, objectives, strategies, and consistency principles of this Comprehensive Plan update.

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