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**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
April 20, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda
- Item No. 3 Ad Hoc Committee for Greenspace Update
- Item No. 4 Update on Meeting With Dr. Michael Erwin, Dekalb County School Board Representative
- Item No. 5 South City Partners Vertical Mixed Use Redevelopment Update
- Item No. 6 Board of Mayor and Commissioners Compensation Ordinance
- Item No. 7 Board of Mayor and Commissioners Strategic Planning Session: Follow-up and Next Steps
- Item No. 8 Resolution for City Manager to Hire Contractor to Install Sidewalk Addition on Wiltshire Drive From Sussex Road to Forrest Boulevard
- Item No. 9 Resolution for City Manager to Purchase Lawnmower for Parks
- Item No. 10 Resolution for City Manager to Hire Contractor to Repair Bird Sanctuary Steps
- Item No. 11 Public Comment
- Item No. 12 Executive Session – Real Estate
- Item No. 13 Adjournment

TREE CANOPY SURVEY RESULTS

The tree canopy survey conducted by Interdev for the City of Avondale Estates is complete. The survey, suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee for Greenspace, found no change in the tree canopy from 2009 to 2015. The attached map illustrates the areas of canopy loss versus areas of canopy gain. The tree canopy has fluctuated over the past six years, but canopy loss and gain are roughly equal. These results will be followed up with a more detailed report.

Total City Canopy

- 2009 - 53.5% canopy coverage
- 2015 – 54.0% canopy coverage

Residential Area Only

- 2009 – 58.5% canopy coverage
- 2015 – 59.0% canopy coverage

Commercial Business District Area Only

- 2009 – 25.5% canopy coverage
- 2015 – 27.6% canopy coverage

For comparison, below is a list of how the tree canopy has changed in other nearby cities.

Sandy Springs

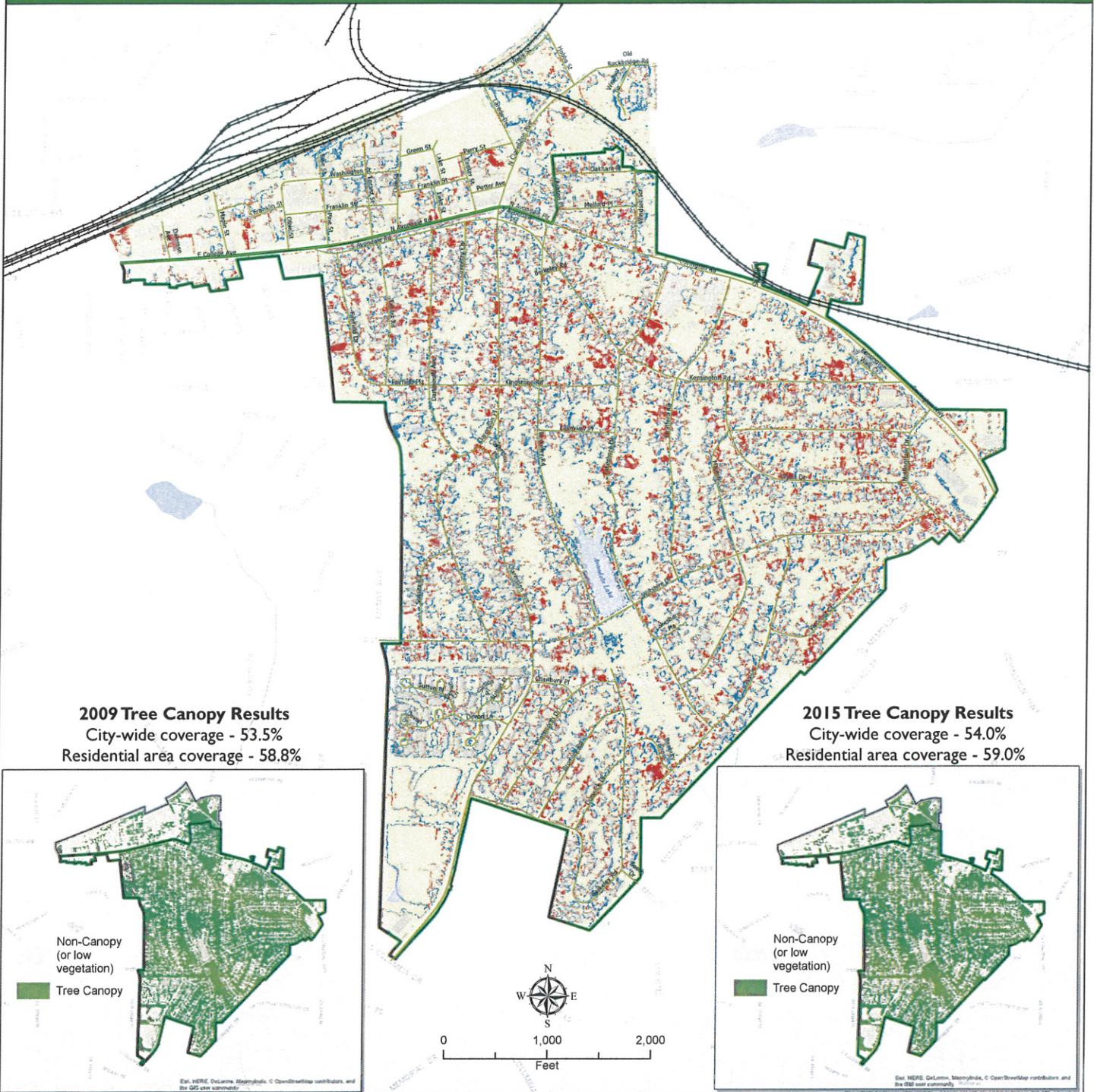
- 2010 – 59.02% canopy cover
- 2013 – 62.48% canopy cover

Brookhaven

- 2010 - 51.7% canopy cover
- 2013 - 49.0% canopy cover

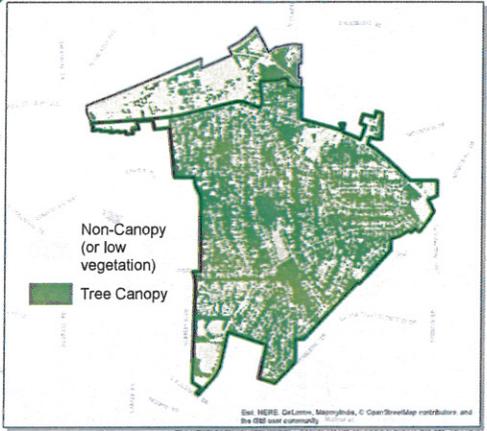
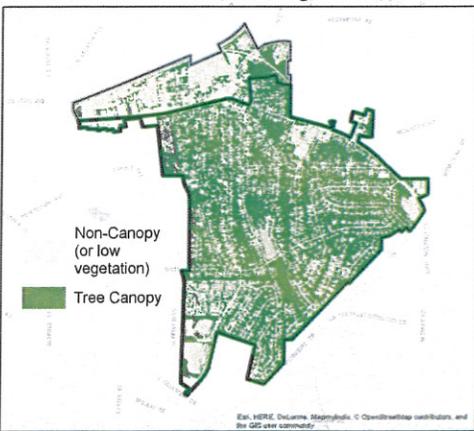
Tree Canopy Change Detection Between 2009 and 2015

City of Avondale Estates, Georgia



2009 Tree Canopy Results
 City-wide coverage - 53.5%
 Residential area coverage - 58.8%

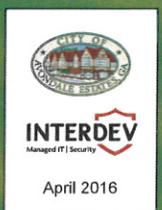
2015 Tree Canopy Results
 City-wide coverage - 54.0%
 Residential area coverage - 59.0%



Map Content

- Railroad
 - Streets
 - Creek
 - Lake or Pond
 - Building
 - Residential Area
- Change Detected Between 2009 & 2015**
- Areas of Canopy Gain
 - No change
 - Areas of Canopy Loss

This study was created using satellite imagery obtained through U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP). The NAIP imagery program was developed to provide satellite imagery during the "leaf-on" season (typically July) to provide information that is used for a variety of different uses. This study uses this imagery to calculate the total tree canopy coverage for the City of Avondale Estates between 2009 and 2015. Variables such as satellite camera angle, shadow effects, and time of day can introduce small amounts of error to the analysis.



Development Agreement: South City Partners 2702, 2718, 2730, 2734 East College Avenue

South City Partners (SCP) submitted a proposal for a vertical mixed use redevelopment project at the corner of Sams Crossing and US 278. The development team informally appeared and gave a presentation before the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and the Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC). The project was formally reviewed and approved by the ARB on March 25th with minimal recommendations. A Development Agreement conditioned to a site plan and elevations is being developed. The project will appear before the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) on Monday, April 18th. The PZB has 60 days to forward a recommendation to the BOMC. The PZB will establish a Public Hearing and Meeting date which will be advertised. SCP contacted staff today indicating there may be exterior changes to the approved exterior finishes. Staff alerted the applicant that exterior changes may require review and approval from ARB again. The applicant indicated that the required changes, if any, should be known by the middle of next week.

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INSTALL A SIDEWALK ALONG
WILTSHIRE DRIVE FROM SUSSEX ROAD TO FORREST BOULEVARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is dedicated to providing a safe environment for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates has received requests from the community to provide a sidewalk from Sussex Road west along Wiltshire Drive to Forrest Boulevard as shown in Exhibit A, which will connect to the existing sidewalk system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates has been working with DeKalb County to gain access to their portion of the right-of-way to install the proposed sidewalk;

NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby authorizes the City Manager to contract for expenses not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for sidewalk installation.

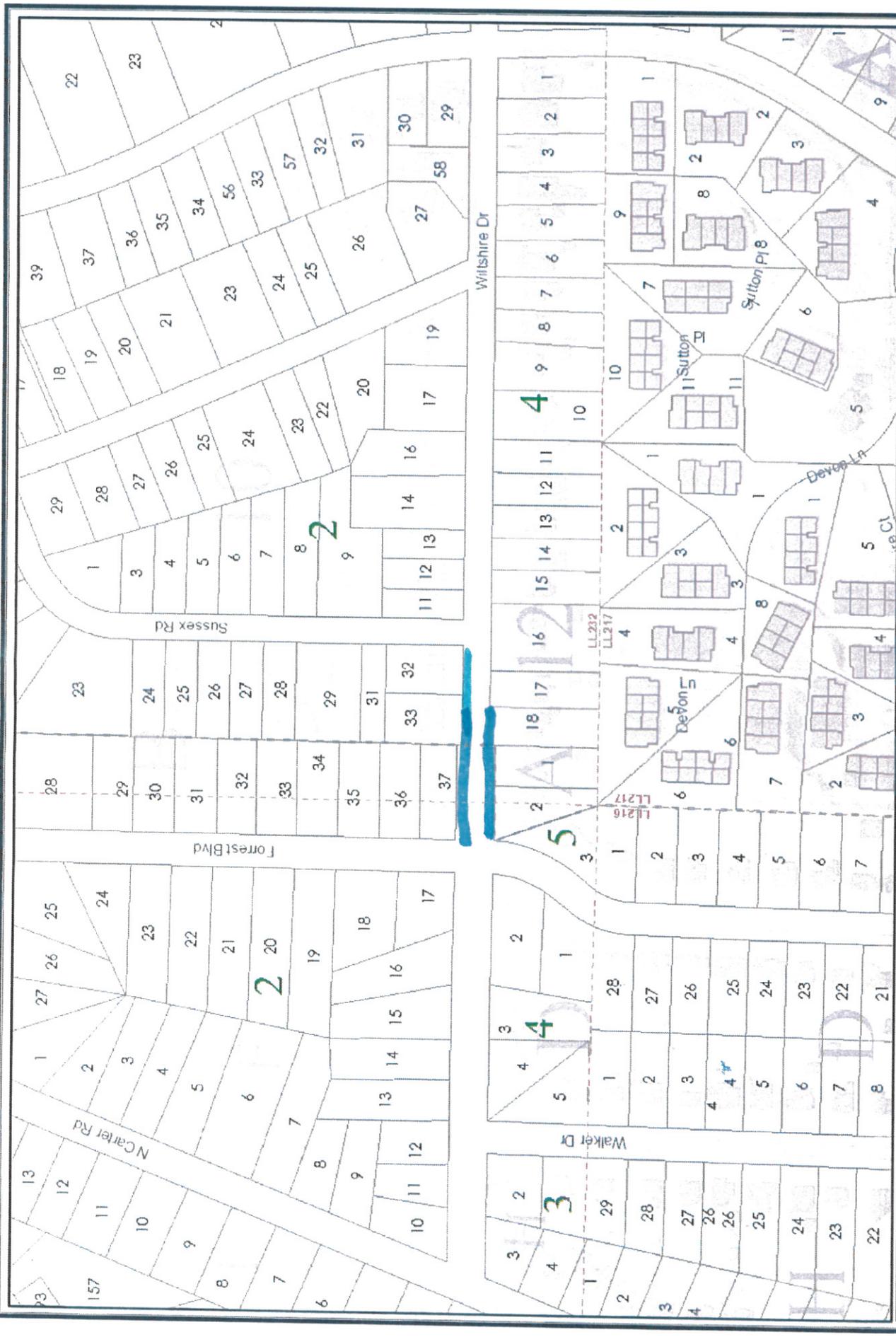
SO RESOLVED, this 25 day of April, 2016.

CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

Attest: _____
Gina Hill, City Clerk

Exhibit A



Sidewalk Options



DeKalb County GIS Disclaimer

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A LAWN MOWER**

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is dedicated to providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing City where the residents can live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Public Works Director have determined that to maintain the current high quality maintenance in City greenspaces a new lawn mower is required;

NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Avondale Estates hereby authorizes the City Manager to purchase a lawn mower contract for expenses not to exceed Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$7,750.00).

SO RESOLVED, this 25 day of April, 2016.

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Attest: _____
Gina Hill, City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT TO REPAIR STEPS
LEADING TO THE BIRD SANCTUARY**

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is dedicated to providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing City where the residents can live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is proud of its history and is committed to maintaining its historical markers and access to them; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the steps next to the Willis Monument leading to the bird sanctuary, installed in 1940, are in need of repair;

NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby authorizes the City Manager to contract for expenses not to exceed Five Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,905.00) to repair the steps.

SO RESOLVED, this 25 day of April, 2016.

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Attest: _____
Gina Hill, City Clerk