



## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item # 12

**Date:** September 7, 2017  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Gerald Green, Executive Director  
**Prepared By:** Amy Brooks, Integrated Planning Manager  
**Subject:** East Knox Community Plan – 7-A-17-CP

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE THE EAST KNOX COMMUNITY PLAN (AN AMENDMENT TO THE THE KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2033 AND AN UPDATE TO THE EAST COUNTY SECTOR PLAN).**

### **BACKGROUND**

Beginning in July of 2016, the East Knox Community Plan Stakeholder Committee began engaging community members to identify recommendations to guide growth in a way that preserves and enhances the area's rural character and landscape. Community comments gathered through four meetings helped design a strategic direction for the plan. The completed East Knox Community Plan (attached) amends the 2010 East County Sector Plan and the General Plan.

The community meetings engaged approximately 160 people and identified four key action areas.

Summarized below are the key action area recommendations:

1. Embrace and apply the land use development concept,
2. Design and deploy a community discussion forum,
3. Develop new zoning tools for
  - a. Agricultural zoning
  - b. Rural residential zoning,
  - c. Protecting the French Broad River Corridor,
  - d. Directing development to rural crossroads and development corridors,
  - e. Maintaining the rural experience through rural corridors, and
  - f. The Midway interchange
4. Promote and enjoy the area.

### **SCHEDULE**

If approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the plan update will be scheduled for adoption by the Knoxville City Council on October 10, 2017, and October 24, 2017, and by the Knox County Commission on October 23, 2017.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Draft East Knox Community Plan

**Resolution 7-A-17-CP**

**KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EAST KNOX COMMUNITY PLAN  
UPDATING THE EAST KNOX COMMUNITY PLAN AND AMENDING THE KNOXVILLE /  
KNOX COUNTY GENERAL PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, a regional planning commission established pursuant to state statute, has the duty to make and adopt plans for the physical development of the City of Knoxville and Knox County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff, a consultant team and the East Knox Stakeholder Committee prepared an East Knox Community Plan, summarizing citizen input; and provided amendment recommendations updating the 2010 East County Sector Plan, and Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Knox Community Plan is consistent with the plan maps and policies of the Farragut-Knoxville-Knox County Growth Policy Plan, maintaining the Urban Growth Boundaries, Planned Growth Areas and Rural Areas of the Growth Policy Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Knox Community Plan is consistent with the goals of the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033, including those related to the development of a strong economy, provisions for transportation choices, development and enhancement of neighborhoods, communities and corridors, strategic investments, and protection of historic resources and water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff held four public meetings to solicit public input and incorporated the input into this plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Knox Community Plan includes recommendations concerning rural land preservation for managing growth and development pressures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOXVILLE-KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**SECTION 1:** The Commission hereby adopts the East Knox Community Plan, updates the East County Sector Plan and amends the General Plan.

**SECTION 2:** The Planning Commission further recommends that the Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission adopt the plan and amend the General Plan.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

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Date

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_