

Planning for Economic Growth

Board of Supervisors Retreat – January 27, 2018

Presentation Overview

- Economic Development Areas
- Oak Grove Center
- Hollins Center
- Challenger Avenue
- Discussion/Questions

Roanoke County Zoning

78.35%

Agricultural

17.13%

Residential

1.85%

Commercial

2.17%

Industrial

County's Goals

“....leaders of the Community Development and Economic Development Departments initiated exploration of potential **opportunities to develop higher density, mixed-use activity areas in our existing commercial corridors ...**



Economic Development Areas

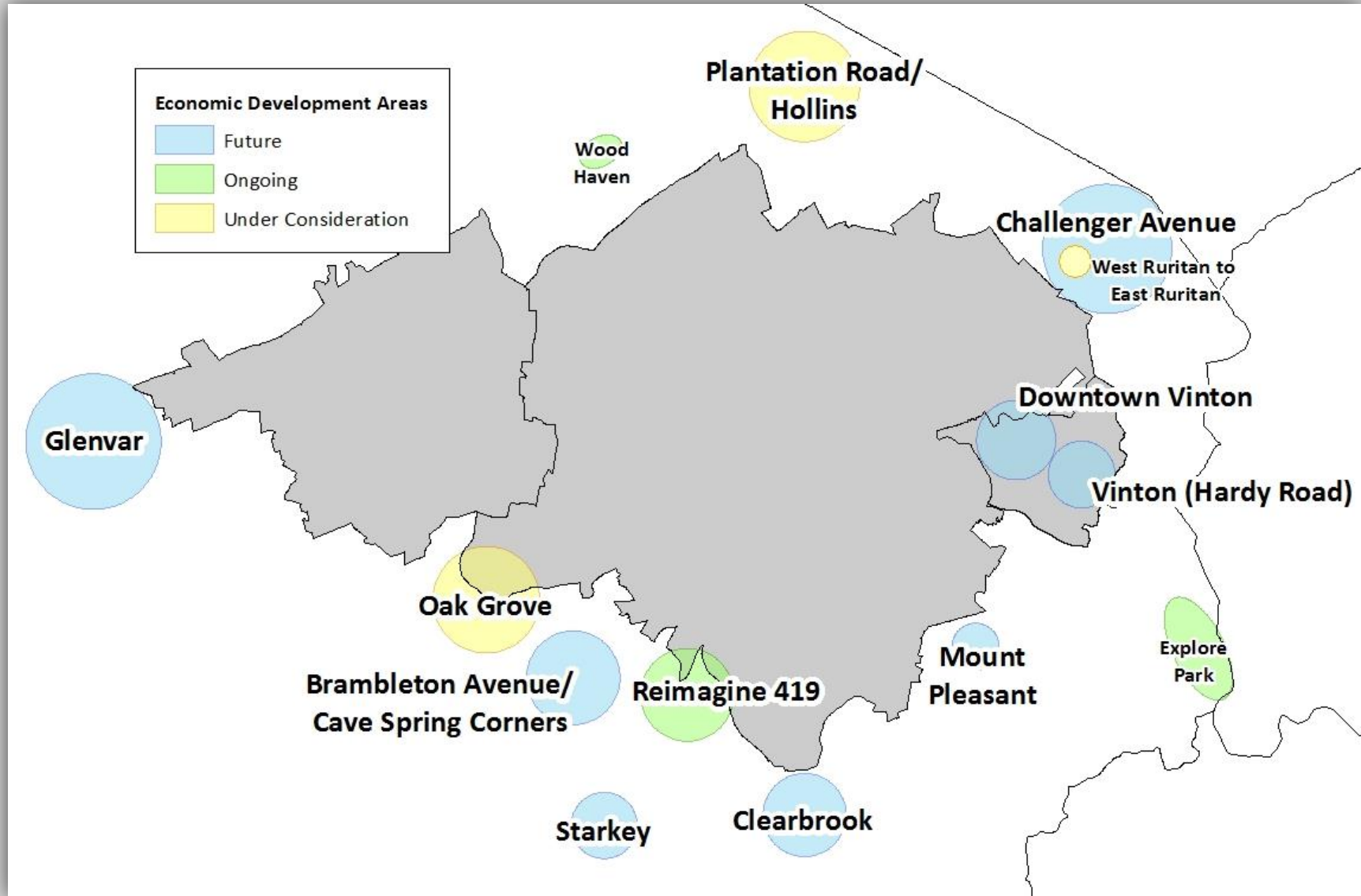
- Located on a **Major Transportation Corridor** with an existing or proposed transit line
- Contains both **employment** and **housing** opportunities as well as **public** and **institutional** uses
- **High population density** relative to neighboring areas
- **Offers potential for mixed-use, walkable development**



Economic Development Areas

Areas of Focus:

- Oak Grove
- Plantation Road/Hollins
- Challenger Avenue



Planning Study Objectives

- Identify opportunities for **higher density residential and commercial development and redevelopment** (alternatives)
- Develop **a multi-modal transportation plan** to include cross street sections, parking needs, recommended improvements and planning cost estimates
- Develop recommendations and planning cost estimates to upgrade **the existing infrastructure systems**
- Develop **design standards** for future development and redevelopment
- Provide **recommendations** to implement the plan





Oak Grove Center

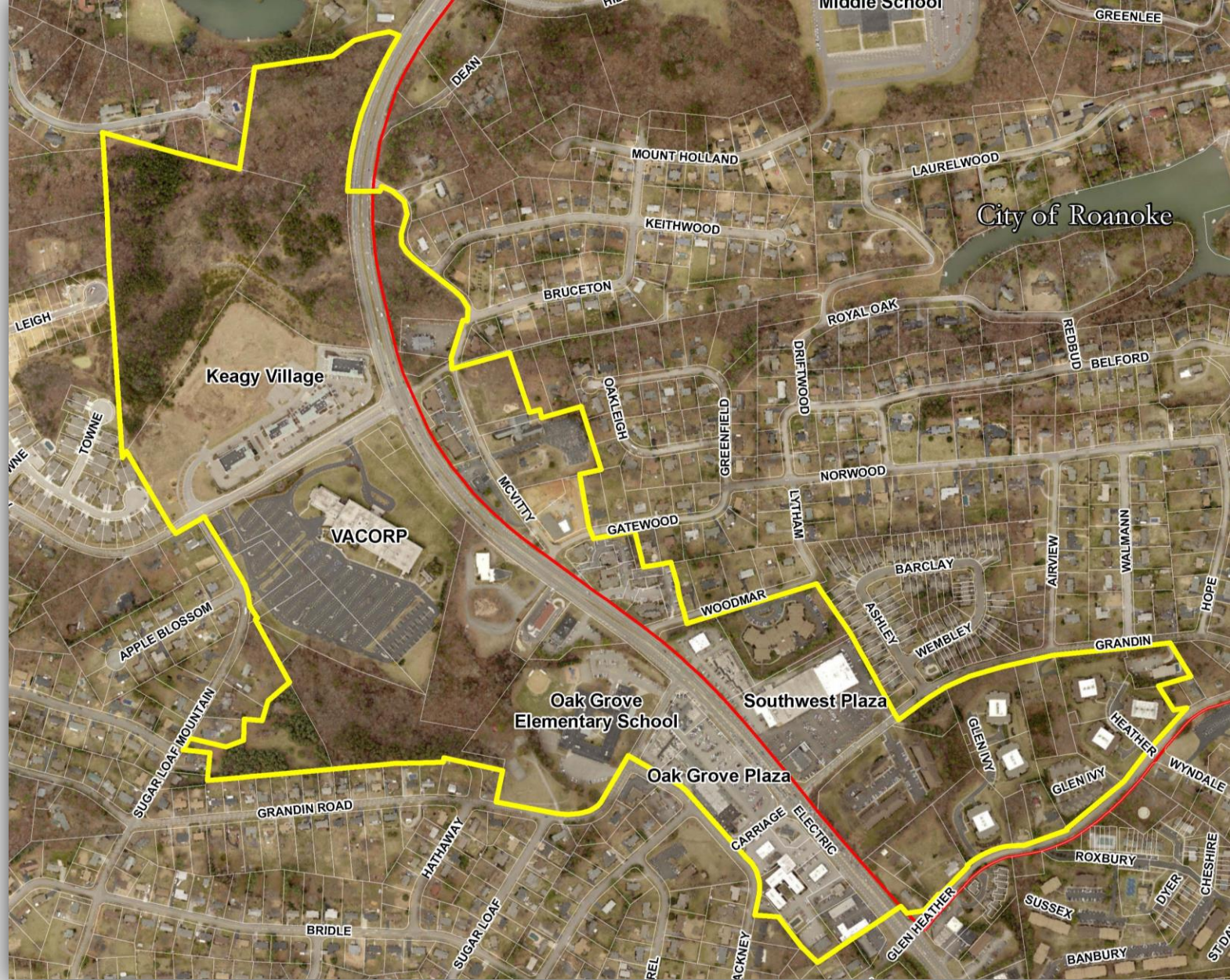


Study Area

173 acres

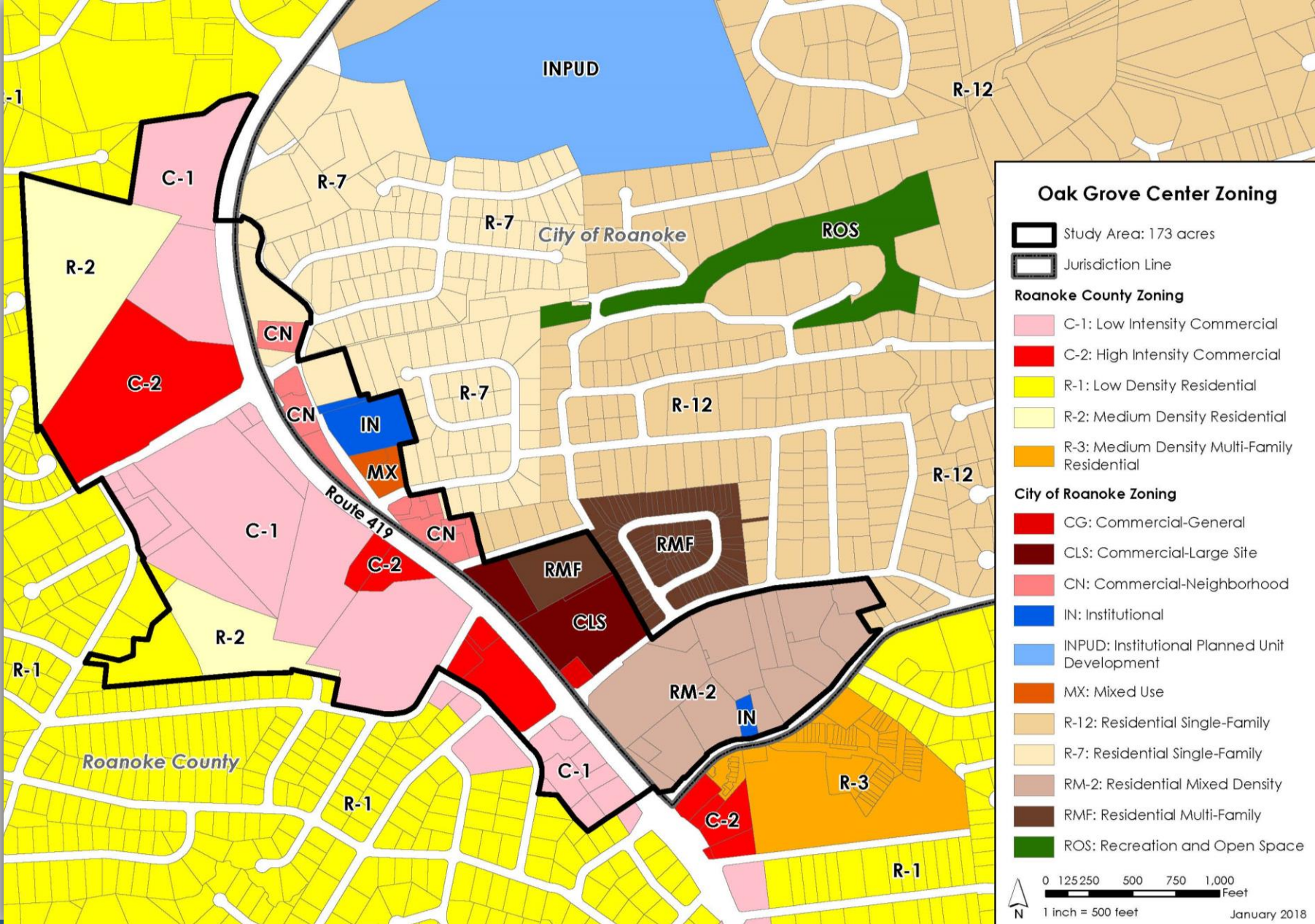
City parcels: 45

County parcels: 30



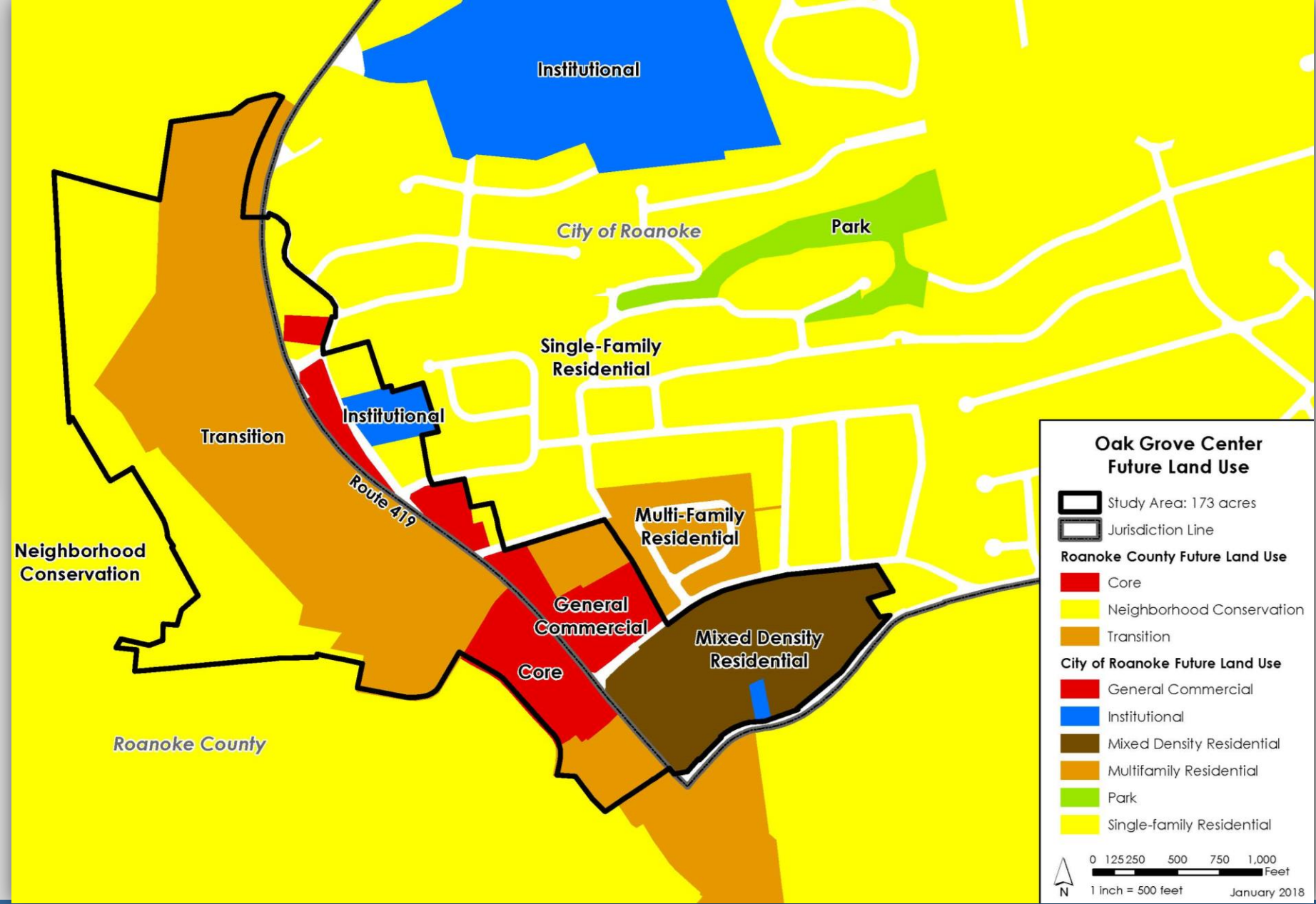


Zoning





Future Land Use



Redevelopment Possibilities













Student Advisory Council Meeting Visual Preference Survey Results



40% Trolley



32% Sculpture



40% Natural Hiking Trail



60% Modern Mixed Use



36% Organized Park



60% Entertainment Center



60% Off-Road Bike/Ped Facility



44% Modern Apartments



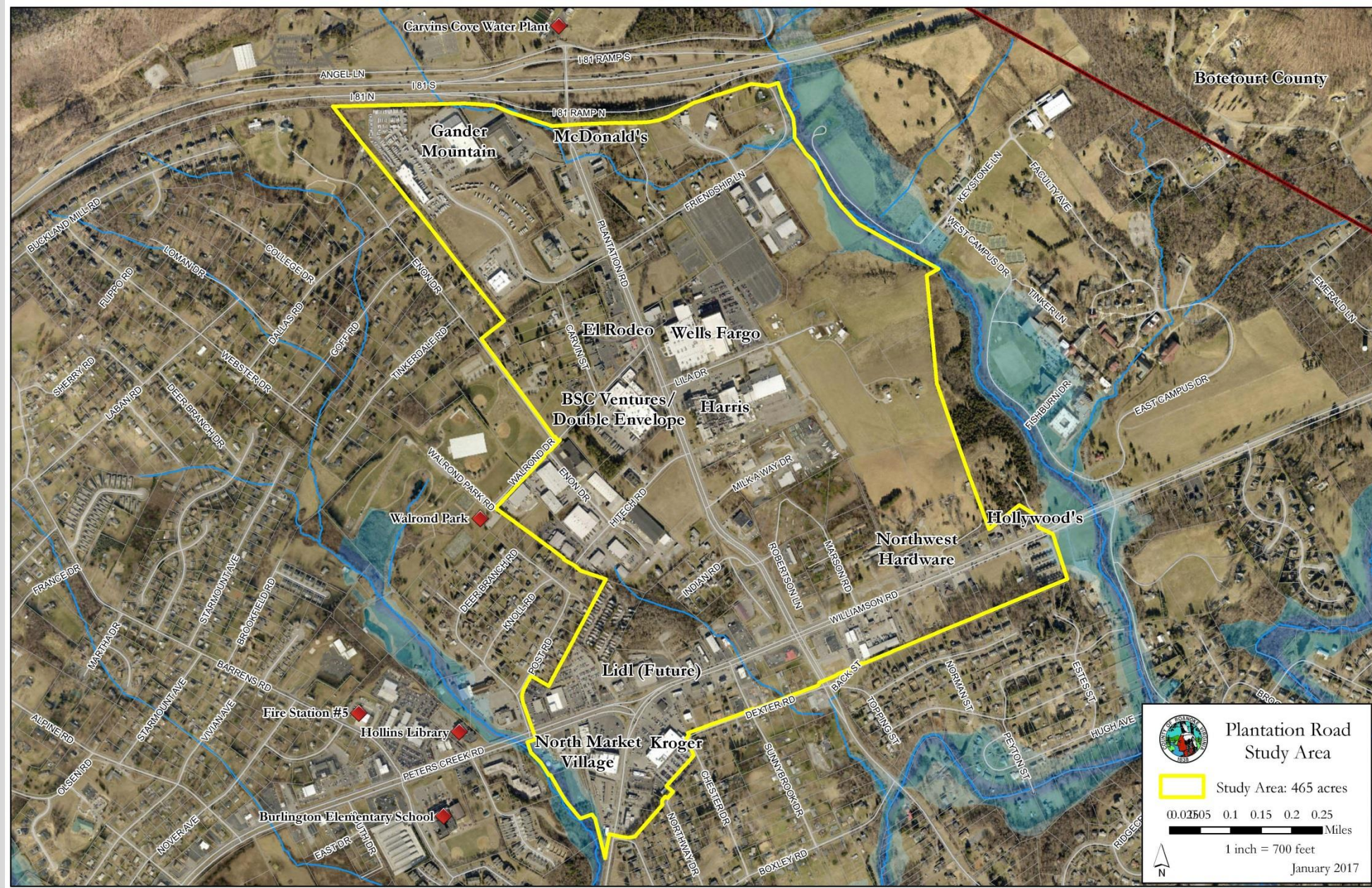
Hollins Center



- Gateway Corridor into the County from I-81
- Potential for mixed-use redevelopment projects
- Multifamily housing opportunities for Botetourt overflow and Hollins University
- Infrastructure improvements needed in the area to expand development site potential (roads, utilities)
- Several pedestrian projects underway in the vicinity

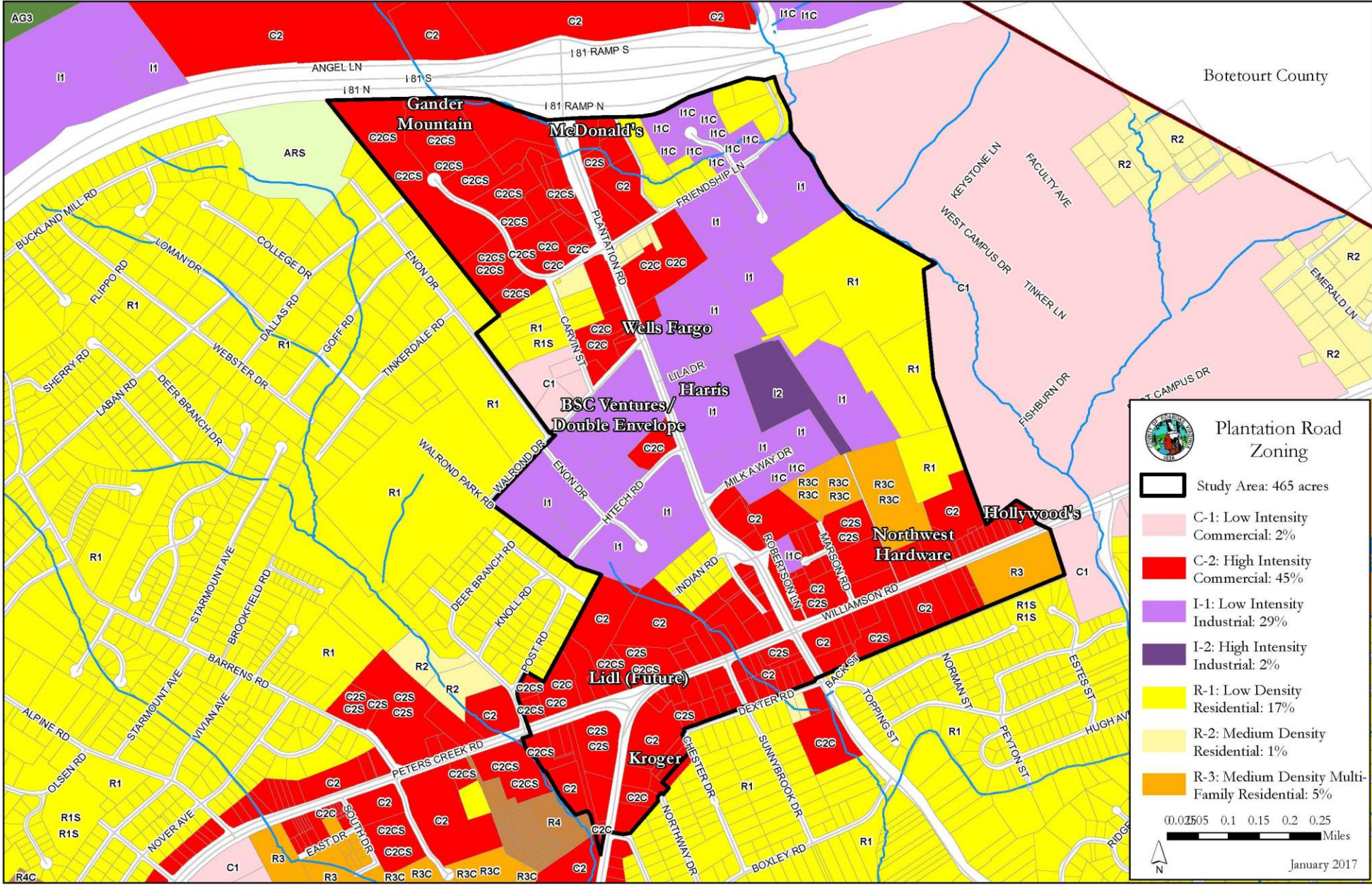


Study Area
465 acres



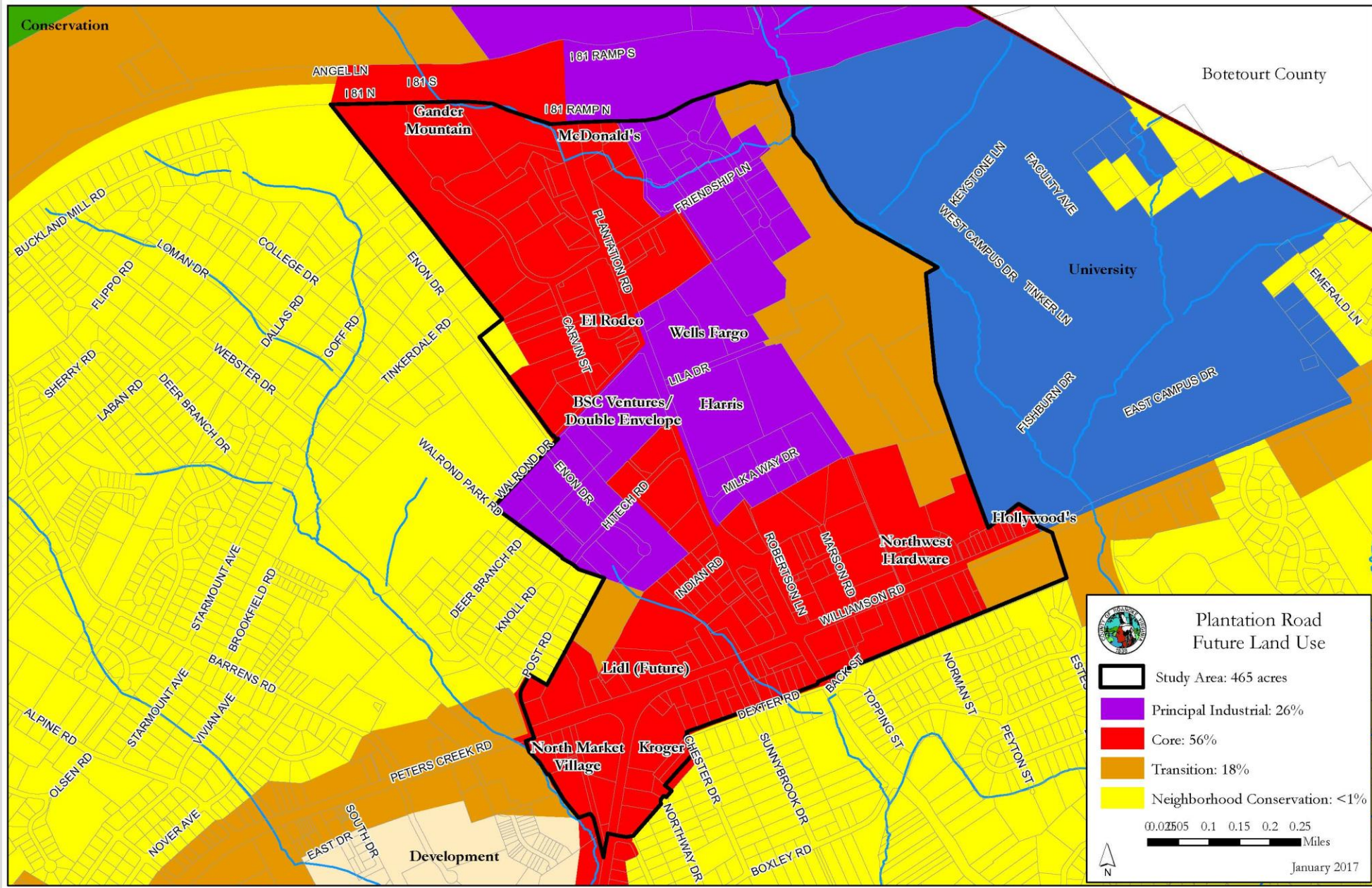


Zoning





Future Land Use



Overall Schedule – Oak Grove & Hollins

January-March: Stakeholder Interviews and Small Group Discussions

February-April: Survey Open

March: Community Meetings (Existing Conditions, Issue Identification)

May: Community Meetings (Survey Results; Vision/Goals/Objectives)

June: Roanoke City/Roanoke County Planning Commission Meeting (tentative)

June-September: Develop draft document

September: Community Meetings (Draft Plan)

October-December: Finalize Plan with Planning Commissions, Board of Supervisors and City Council



Challenger Avenue

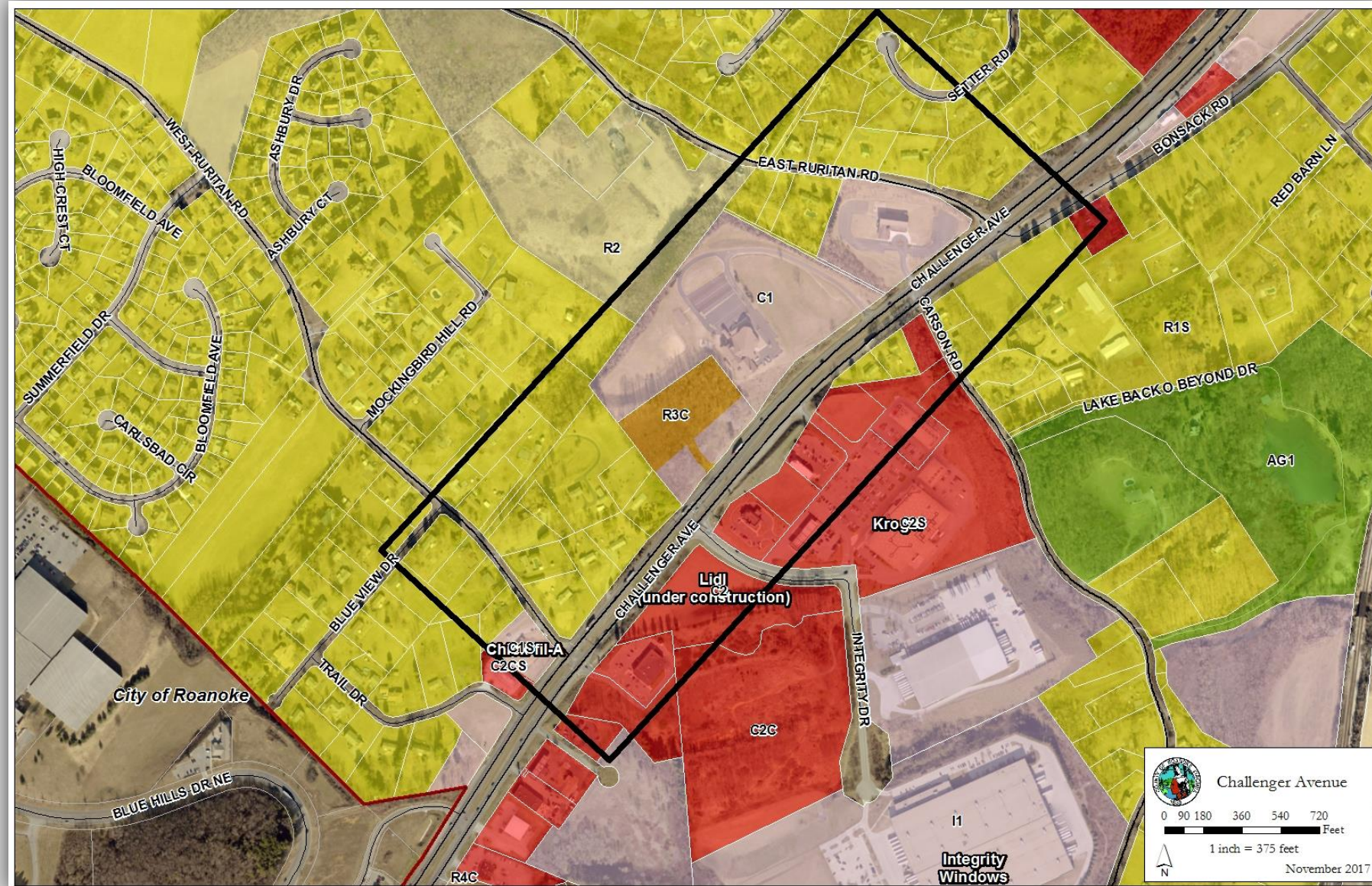
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- Study looking at Challenger Avenue between East Ruritan Road and West Ruritan Road/City Line
- Focus on Transportation Access/Safety/Congestion and Future Development Potential



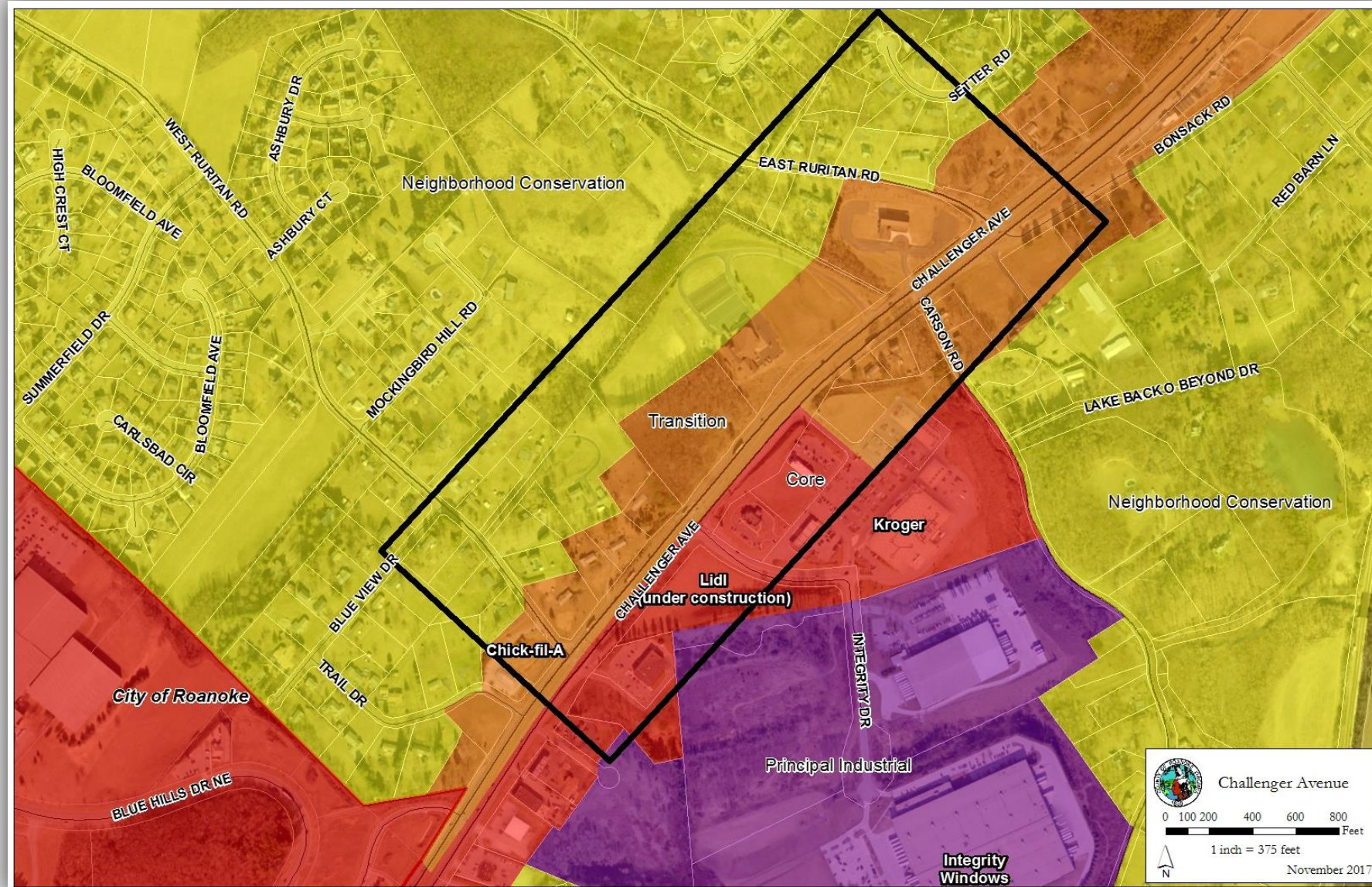
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- Zoning Analysis: Is the zoning appropriate along this corridor for future economic growth?



Challenger Avenue: East Ruritan to West Ruritan / City Line

- Future Land Use Analysis: What changes, if any, are necessary for future economic growth?



Overall Schedule – Challenger Avenue

February – March/April: Finalize Project Scope & Consultant Selection

April – August: Development of Conceptual Alternatives

September – October: Community Meetings

November – December: Finalize Recommendations & Implementation Steps

January – March (2019): Finalize Study with Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors

Discussion/Questions