

AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BEACON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE INVOLVING CHANGES TO THE CENTRAL MAIN STREET (CMS), CENTRAL BUSINESS (CB), OFF-STREET PARKING (PB), R1-5, RD-4, LOCAL BUSINESS (LB), FISHKILL CREEK DEVELOPMENT (FCD), GENERAL BUSINESS (GB), LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI), AND WATERFRONT PARK (WP) DISTRICTS.

The Proposed Action involves individual parcel adjustments to the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan Update, Sections 11 and 12, as adopted April 3, 2017. The Beacon City Council is proposing to adopt amendments to the Zoning Map and text for the purpose of implementing the general recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan Update. During discussions regarding certain parcels, the City Council agreed on adjustments to the overall recommended changes in the Comprehensive Plan Update, most specifically represented in Figure 11-1, Future Land Use Map, Table 12-1, Proposed Zoning Changes, and Figure 12-1, Proposed Zoning Changes. The particular parcels and reasoning are described below.

A portion of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad right-of-way along Tioronda Avenue, tax parcel number 6054-37-096715, with the owner's address at 347 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017 is proposed to be changed from LI to FCD. The Comprehensive Plan Update recommended other sections of the Metro-North right-of-way just to the north be merged into the FCD district. This additional section of the track right-of-way will link two currently zoned FCD parcels to make a continuous FCD district. Because of the existing tracks and steep slopes on the parcel, the rezoning will not significantly affect any development potential.

A 1.3-acre parcel along the Fishkill Creek owned by the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, tax parcel number 5954-16-910293, is proposed to be changed from FCD to WP. The parcel is contiguous with other properties zoned WP and is very near another Scenic Hudson parcel that is part of Madam Brett Park. The City Council agreed to extend the WP district to include this parcel because of its sensitive nature along the Fishkill Creek and proximity to the other Scenic Hudson-owned park parcels.

A 2.582-acre parcel along the Fishkill Creek owned by the City of Beacon at 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508, tax parcel number 6054-37-037625, is proposed to be changed from LI to GB. The Comprehensive Plan Update Table 12-1 recommended this parcel be rezoned to FCD, but the City Council issued a Request for Proposals for this property and subsequently entered into an agreement with a potential buyer. The property is at the end of a dead-end street with the adjacent parcel along the same street to the north zoned GB. The City Council agreed that the GB district zoning would be less of a change from the LI district and more consistent with the GB district to the north.

An 8.7-acre parcel at 11-89 Mason Circle owned by Beacon Hip lofts, LLC. with a tax parcel number 6055-04-535128 is proposed to remain in the LI district. The Comprehensive Plan Update Table 12-1 and Figure 12-1 recommended this parcel be rezoned to FCD, but the owner subsequently proposed an amendment to the Special Permit approval that would include a new building and other site plan changes. Since an active application has been before the Planning Board for several months and the property will then be built-out substantially consistent with the LI district regulations, the City Council is proposing to have the parcel remain in the current LI district.

The Comprehensive Plan Update Table 12-1 and Figure 12-1 recommended that the existing CB districts at the upper and lower ends of Main Street be merged into the CMS district, which would provide all of Main Street with the more specific architectural and design standards in the CMS district. The City Council is proposing to extend the east end expansion to the Fountain Square area, which is currently zoned LB. The CMS designation includes detailed architectural graphics, streetscape illustrations, and site design standards to better protect the historic character of this area. This would include the following parcels:

6054-30-168772	8 East Main Street	10 Boulevard LLC. 24 Woodbine Avenue, Northport, NY 11768
6054-38-182748	20 East Main Street	Kurt L. and Donald P. McMillan 168 Chelsea Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
6054-38-186736	5 Leonard Street	Brian D. Haight 5 Leonard Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-183732	28 East Main Street	Rafiq Ahmed 28 East Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-188729	36 East Main Street	Larry Way 39 Van Buren Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-190723	44 East Main Street	Echo Properties I LLC. 1777 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512
6054-38-181714	49 East Main Street	Sophia Stuart 3 Water Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-180717	47 East Main Street	47 East Main Street LLC. 47 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-163747	15 East Main Street	Sharon Bronte 180 W. 58 th Street, New York, NY 10019
6054-38-166745	17 East Main Street	Gwenno M. James 20 S. Chestnut Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-167740	19 East Main Street	Charatambos M. Peratikos P.O. Box 16, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-167735	25 East Main Street	Weber Projects II LLC. 25 East Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-169731	27-31 East Main Street	Accord Realty & Development, Inc. P.O. Box 269, Somers, NY 10589
6054-38-170728	33 East Main Street	VBK Properties LLC. 10 North Gate Road, Carmel, NY 10512
6054-38-174726	East Main Street	Pok Beacon LLC. 3 Water Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-170722	3 Water Street	Pok Beacon LLC. 3 Water Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-38-167716	5 Water Street	Pok Beacon LLC. 3 Water Street, Beacon, NY 12508

The Comprehensive Plan Update recommended the extension of the CMS district north on Fishkill Avenue to Verplanck Avenue. After careful consideration of the primarily residential uses along this block and the historic character of several of the buildings, the City Council is not proposing to permit commercial zoning on this block. This would prevent commercial expansion into these parcels and protect the primarily residential buildings along this block. Instead, the Council agreed to two more modest changes that would have far fewer impacts on the neighborhood.

Two single-family houses with historic qualities currently in the RD-5 district will be merged with the adjacent R1-5 district:

6054-29-041858	183 Fishkill Avenue	Lucy M. Cullinan 183 Fishkill Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-047864	189 Fishkill Avenue	Emily De Cordova 189 Fishkill Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508

One parcel with a commercial use in the RD-5 district is proposed to be included in the adjacent RD-4 district to encourage redevelopment into a more consistent use with the rest of the block:

6054-29-042814	158 Fishkill Avenue	The Rocky Harbor LLC. 20 Dallis Place, Beacon, NY 12508
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A row of parcels on the south side of South Street currently in the R1-5 district is proposed to be rezoned to PB. Several of these properties are the rear portions of parcels that front on Main Street. Two buildings facing South Street in this area have commercial uses. A PB district designation would give these parcels more flexibility for additional uses and act as a transitional area between Main Street and the R1-5 district. Uses in the R1-5 would still be permitted in the PB. The following parcels are proposed to be in the PB:

6054-29-056780	Main Street (rear)	McDermott properties 43 Jelliff Mill Road, New Canaan, CT 06840
6054-29-063780	48 South Street	John W. H. Dacey and Holy R. Sumner 48 South Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-062771	424-428 Main St. (rear)	Beacon Main Real Estate Group 8 Bellford Lane, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-068768	432 Main St. (rear)	Neil E. Vaughn 432 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-075770	34 South Street	Neil E. Vaughn and Erika M. Foy 432 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-079768	32 South Street	Eric A. Brown and Danielle F. Brown 32 South Street, Beacon, NY 12508
6054-29-082764	28 South Street	Norah Hart 305 Broadway, New York, NY 10007
6054-29-086757	Main Street (rear)	Qualamar Corp. P.O. Box 4292, New Windsor, NY 12553

These proposed changes are consistent with the overall intent and general recommendations in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update, but involve the City Council making more specific adjustments to individual streets and parcels. The Comprehensive Plan Update primarily focused on the waterfront area with less parcel-by-parcel attention concentrated on the area covered by these amendments. In many cases, such as the Fishkill Avenue block, the proposed zoning will result in fewer potential impacts. In some areas, such as the extension of the CMS into the Fountain Square area, it may allow additional development potential, but the existing historic character of the area will be better protected by the architectural, streetscape, and design standards not present in the current LB district. These modifications to the Comprehensive Plan Update are modest in relation to the larger City context, reflect more recent information, or were the result of a more careful look at individual parcels by the City Council.

The Proposed Action is an exercise of the police powers of the City to protect, health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and property owners. These rezonings do not involve site-specific construction or development activities. Therefore, any subsequent site development actions would be subject to more complete analysis in accordance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.