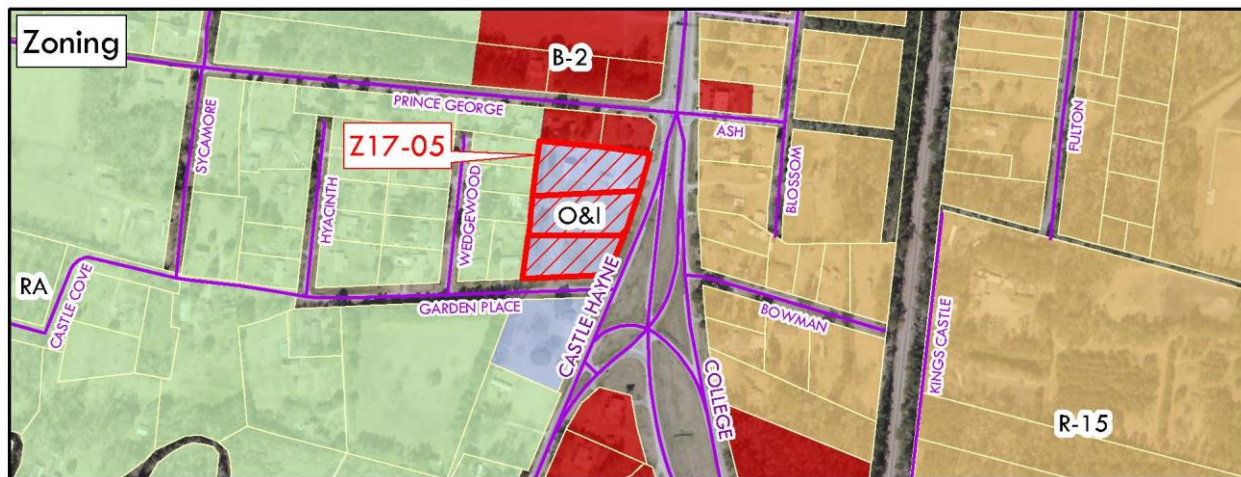


# STAFF SUMMARY OF Z17-05 CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICT APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUMMARY	
<b>Case Number:</b> Z17-05	
<b>Request:</b> Conditional B-2 Zoning District in order to develop a 4,800 square foot warehouse and office building with outside storage for a specialty trade (roofing) contractor.	
<b>Applicant:</b> Cindee Wolf of Design Solutions	<b>Property Owner(s):</b> Castle Hayne Junction Partnership Castle Hayne Volunteer Fire Dept.
<b>Location:</b> 5301, 5307, 5311 Castle Hayne Road	<b>Acreage:</b> 3.16 acres
<b>PID(s):</b> R01100-012-001-002 R01100-012-001-000 R01100-012-001-001	<b>Comp Plan Place Type:</b> Community Mixed Use
<b>Existing Land Use:</b> Undeveloped (5301 & 5307) Fire Station (5311)	<b>Proposed Land Use:</b> Specialty Trade Contractor (5301) Vacant (5307) Fire Station (no changes proposed) (5311)
<b>Current Zoning:</b> O&I	<b>Proposed Zoning:</b> (CZD) B-2



SURROUNDING AREA		
	LAND USE	ZONING
<b>North</b>	Restaurant and Single Family Residential	B-2
<b>East</b>	Low Density Single Family Residential	R-15
<b>South</b>	Office – Existing Southbay Roofing Admin Office	O&I

West	Low Density Single Family Residential	RA
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ZONING HISTORY	
July 1, 1985	Initially zoned RA (Castle Hayne)
February 1, 1988	5301 and 5307 Castle Hayne Road (2.08 acres) rezoned to O & I
February 7, 1994	5311 Castle Hayne Road rezoned to O & I

COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Water/Sewer	Public water and sewer is not available; well and septic will serve the development.
Fire Protection	New Hanover County Fire Services, New Hanover County Northern Fire District, New Hanover County Castle Hayne Station
Schools	Castle Hayne Elementary, Eaton Elementary, Holly Shelter Middle, and Laney High
Recreation	Northern Regional Park

CONSERVATION, HISTORIC, & ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES	
Conservation	No known conservation resources
Historic	No known historic resources
Archaeological	No known archaeological resources



Trip Generation			
LAND USE	INTENSITY	AM PEAK	PM PEAK
Contractor Office (715)	4,800 square feet	9	8

- Traffic Impact Analysis are required to be completed for proposals that will generate more than 100 peak hour trips in either the AM or PM peak hours.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- The property does not contain any Special Flood Hazard Areas, wetlands, or Natural Heritage Areas.
- The subject property is within the Prince George Creek (C;Sw) watershed.
- Soils on the property consist of Kenansville Fine Sand and Stallings Fine Sand. The septic drain field and repair area will be located in Kenansville Fine Sand, which poses slight limitation for septic tank absorption fields.

## 2016 COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

The New Hanover County Future Land Use Map provides a general representation of the vision for New Hanover County's future land use, as designated by place types describing the character and function of the different types of development that make up the community. Specific goals of the comprehensive plan are designated to be promoted in each place type, and other goals may be relevant for particular properties.



<b>Future Land Use Map Place Type</b>	Community Mixed Use
<b>Place Type Description</b>	Focuses on small-scale, compact, mixed use development patterns that serve all modes of travel and act as an attractor for county residents and visitors. Types of appropriate uses include office, retail, mixed use, recreational, commercial, institutional, and multi-family and single-family residential.

<b>Consistency Analysis</b>	The proposed contractor office use is consistent with this place type and will serve as an attractor for county residents and visitors. The proposed rezoning also includes provisions for multi-modal transportation in the form of a bicycle/pedestrian easement across all three properties, providing access to other commercial properties in the community.
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<b>Relevant Goals of the Comprehensive Plan</b>	
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<b>Goal I: Support business success</b>	<b>Desired Outcome:</b> A vibrant economy for New Hanover County based on business success
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**Consistency Analysis:** One of the implementation guidelines for this goal includes encouraging office, retail, and other light intensity nonresidential uses within existing residential areas to provide community level service. The proposed contractor office will provide light intensity contracting services for local residents.

<b>Goal III: Promote fiscally responsible growth</b>	<b>Desired Outcome:</b> Growth patterns that achieve efficient provisions of services and equitable distribution of costs between the public and private sectors
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**Consistency Analysis:** The proposed use provides important commercial services along a major highway corridor, on a lot with access restrictions, in an area without water and sewer utilities.

<b>Goal VII: Promote place-based economic development in the region that is tied to our natural resources</b>	<b>Desired Outcome:</b> Coordinate economic development efforts with New Hanover County’s naturally bio-diverse region and unique features
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**Consistency Analysis:** The proposed rezoning incorporates an easement for bicycle and pedestrian facilities that will support a future network of greenways and trails that highlight the county’s environmental assets.

<b>Goal VIII: Integrate multi-modal transportation into mixed land uses that encourage safe, walkable communities</b>	<b>Desired Outcome:</b> A community with a mixture of land uses that allows for individuals to perform daily tasks without the use of an automobile. A community where individuals can safely walk, bike, and access transit.
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**Consistency Analysis:** The proposed bicycle and pedestrian easement will support the ability of residents to safely walk and bike.

<b>Goal XVIII: Increase physical activity and promote healthy active lifestyles</b>	<b>Desired Outcome:</b> A built environment that encourages active lifestyles and increased health through walking and biking.
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**Consistency Analysis:** The proposed bicycle and pedestrian easement will support pedestrian activity and is in conformity with implementation guidelines to encourage dedication or provision of easements for multi-use paths consistent with the Greenway Master Plan. The Greenway Master Plan does recommend a bike lane along Castle Hayne Rd.—the multi-use path supported by the easement would also provide safe access for pedestrians.

**Goal VI: Conserve and enhance our unique sense of place to attract individuals, companies, and organizations**

**Desired Outcome:** Enhance our reputation as a desirable community to live and operate a business based on New Hanover County’s rich history, natural environment, and unique features

**Consistency Analysis:** One of the guidelines for this goal is supporting development that is consistent with adopted Small Area Plans. The land use plan included in the 2009 Castle Hayne Plan designates the contractor office property as Commercial/Mixed Use.

**Staff Consistency Recommendation**

The proposed rezoning **is consistent** with the goals of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, and the Community Mixed Use place type, as it provides commercial services at a density appropriate for a major thoroughfare without water and sewer utilities and includes an easement to support future multi-modal transportation.

**COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES**

- A community meeting was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in accordance with the requirements for such an application.
- The applicant has provided a summary of the meeting in the application. Stormwater, drainage, and buffering concerns were discussed at the meeting.
- No modifications were made to the proposed site plan after this meeting.

**PLANNING BOARD ACTION**

The Planning Board considered this application at their June 1, 2017 meeting. No one from the public spoke in support or opposition to the request. The Board recommended approval (6-0) of the application finding that it is:

1. Consistent with the purposes and intent of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan because the proposal contributes to the mixture of uses encouraged within the Community Mixed Use place type.
2. Reasonable and in the public interest because the proposed development would locate a light intensity nonresidential use along a major road corridor and serve as a transition to the adjacent residential zoning.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Staff recommends approval of the application as stated in the Planning Board's action.** Staff concurs with the Planning Board's statements that the application is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and is reasonable and in the public interest.