

Northwest Wake County Community Meeting

New Fire Station Discussions



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Welcome and Introductions



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- Opening Remarks



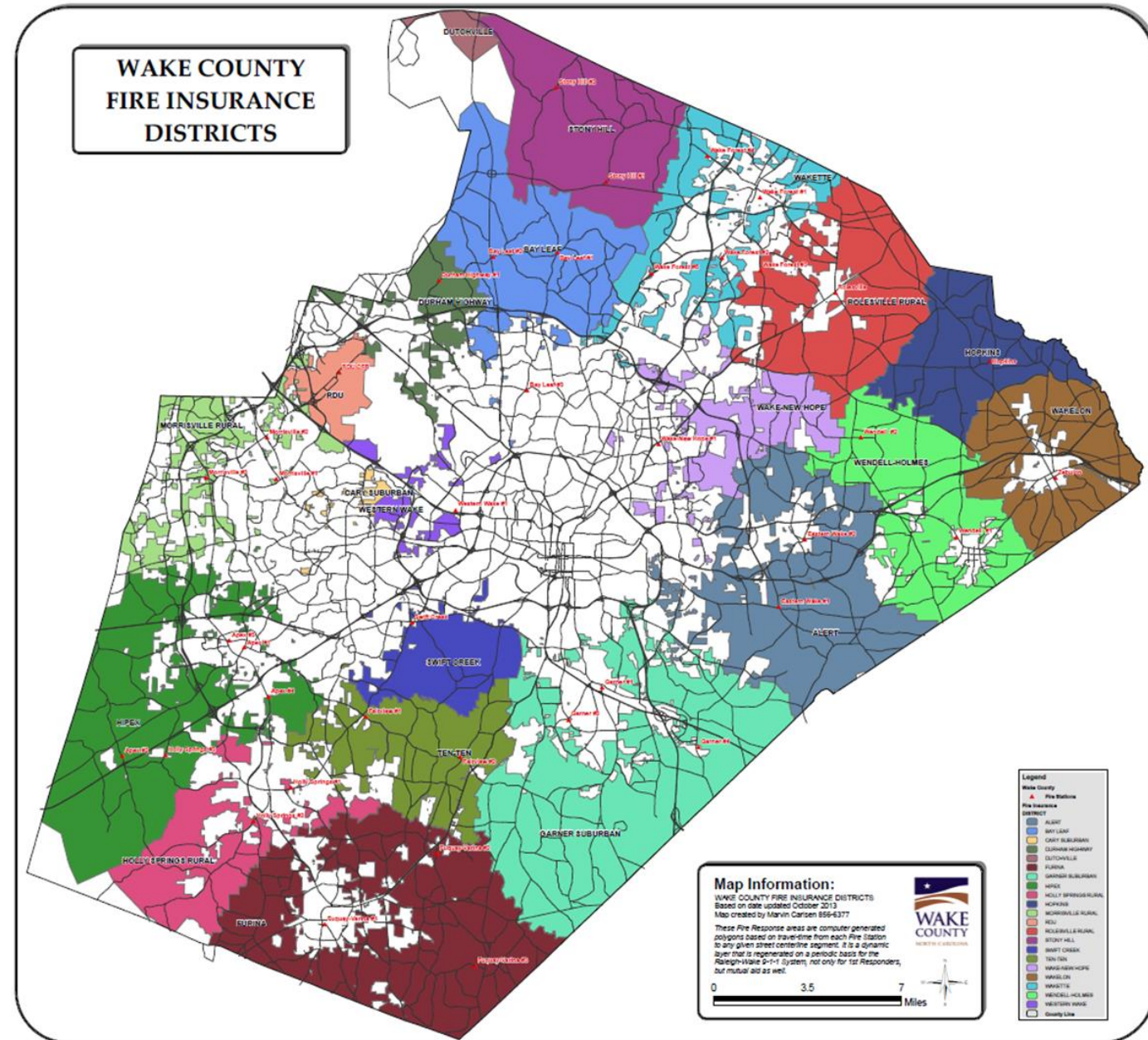
Topics of Discussion

- Current fire service delivery
- Wake County Response Standards
- Future service delivery options
- Impact on residents and the community
- Community feedback
- Next steps
- Questions



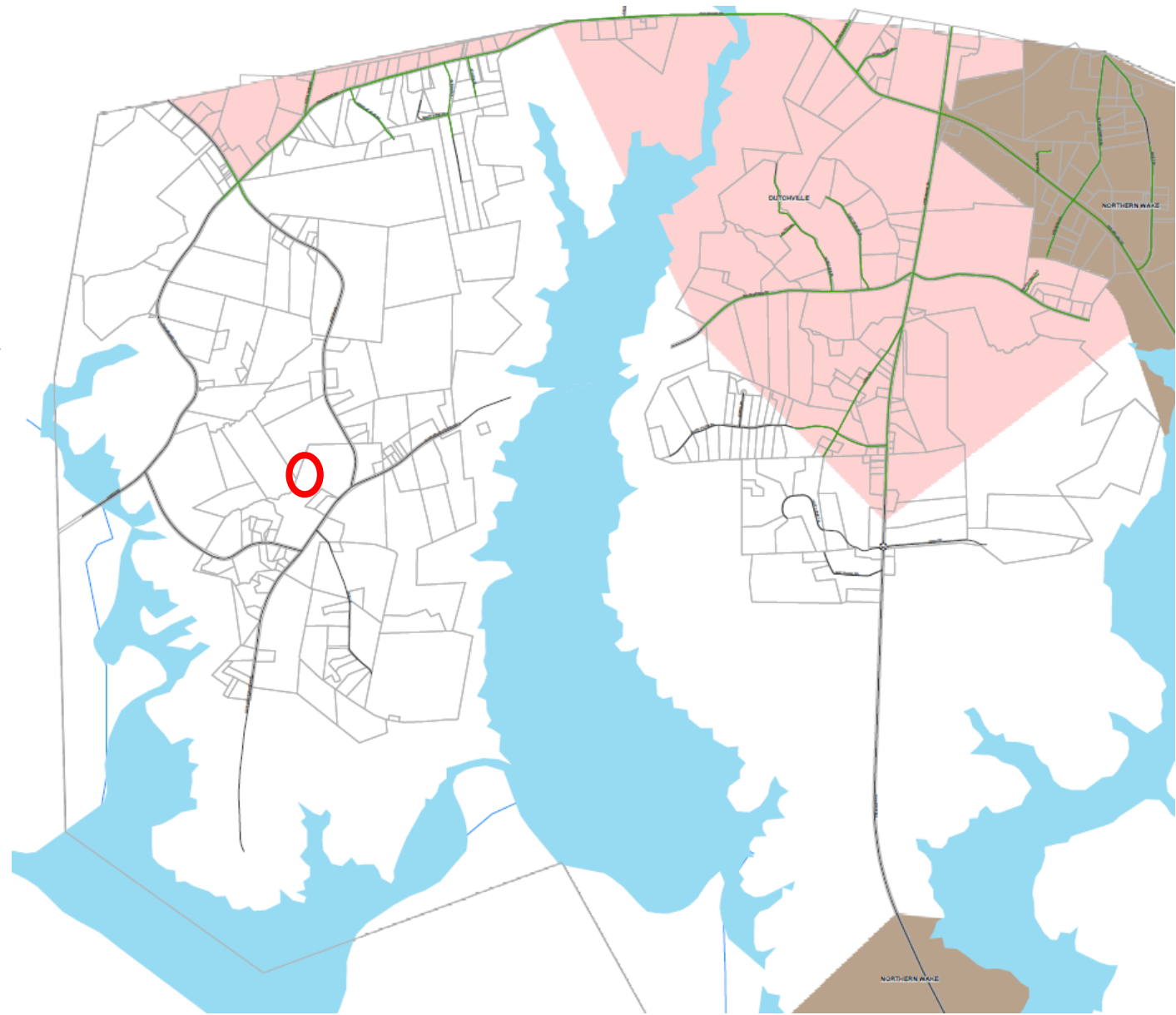
Overview

- 18 fire departments with individual insurance districts
- 1998 county commissioners adopted a single fire tax district for all areas within a fire department's insurance district



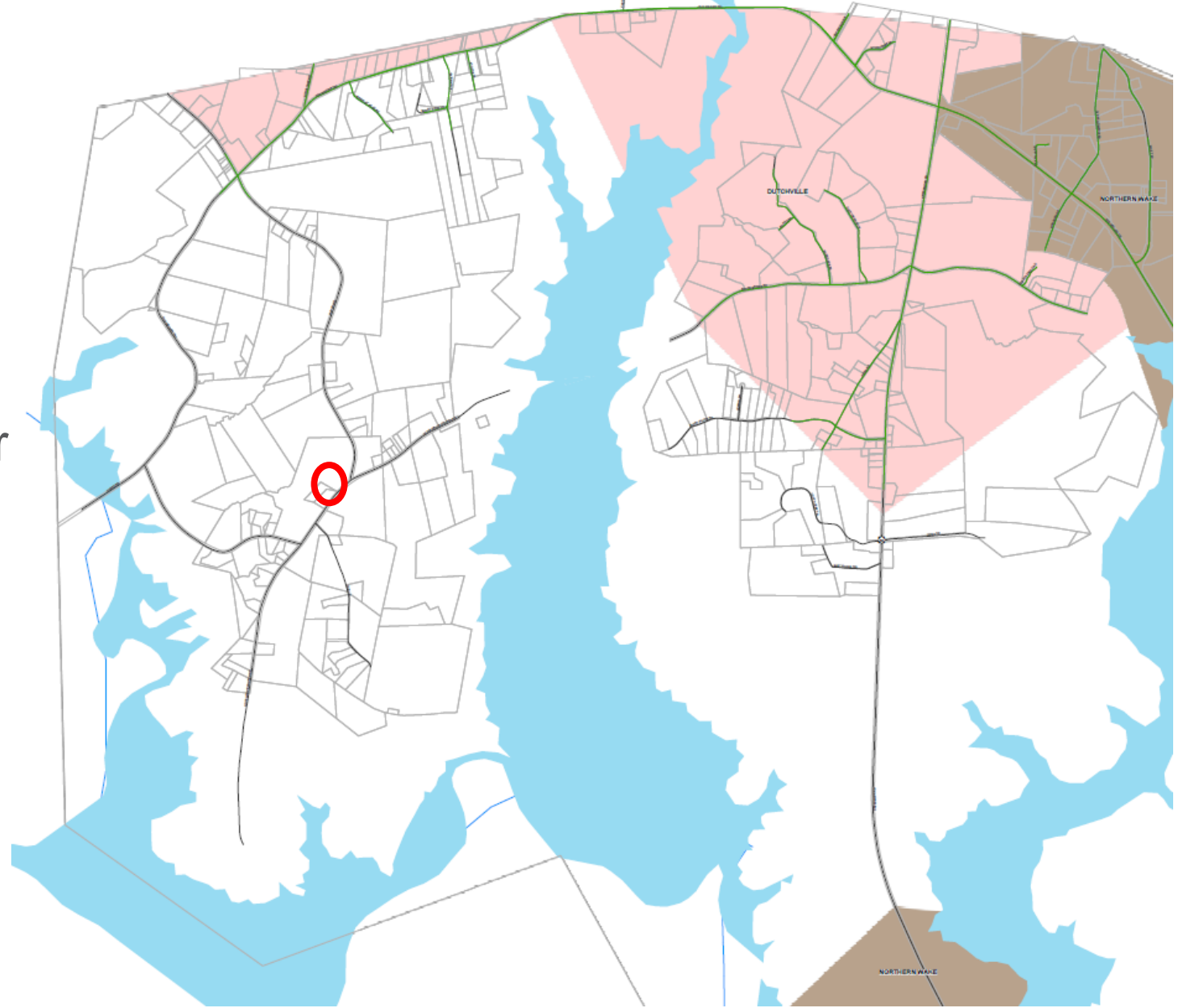
Current Fire Service Delivery for Northwest Wake County

- Served primarily by Creedmoor Fire Department (areas in pink) and Northern Wake Fire Department (areas in white)
- Creedmoor Fire Insurance Protection Class 5 (areas in pink)
- Areas in white do not have a protection classification and are rated at a Class 10



Current Fire Service Delivery for Northwest Wake County

- Creedmoor Fire does not provide medical first responder services
- 911 services and call transfer
- Wake County's closest station is Northern Wake = 8 minutes on Creedmoor Road to 15 minutes at our location tonight



Wake County Response Standards

Wake County Board of Commissioners Goals and Objectives

Establish a County-wide standard for fire service in the unincorporated areas and develop a plan to achieve and sustain agreed upon service levels.

Long Range Plan was recommended for use on January 21, 2021, by the Fire Commission



Standard is for Rural
“unincorporated”
areas only.



This standard will become measuring factors for decision making on increasing or decreasing fire service resources (Stations, staffing, equipment, etc.).

Wake County Response Standards

Two Main Guiding Principles

- Travel time for the first arriving unit running emergency traffic shall be within 7 minutes 90% of the time
- An effective response force of 16 firefighters, for any structure fire where hose lines are deployed, should arrive on scene within 12 minutes



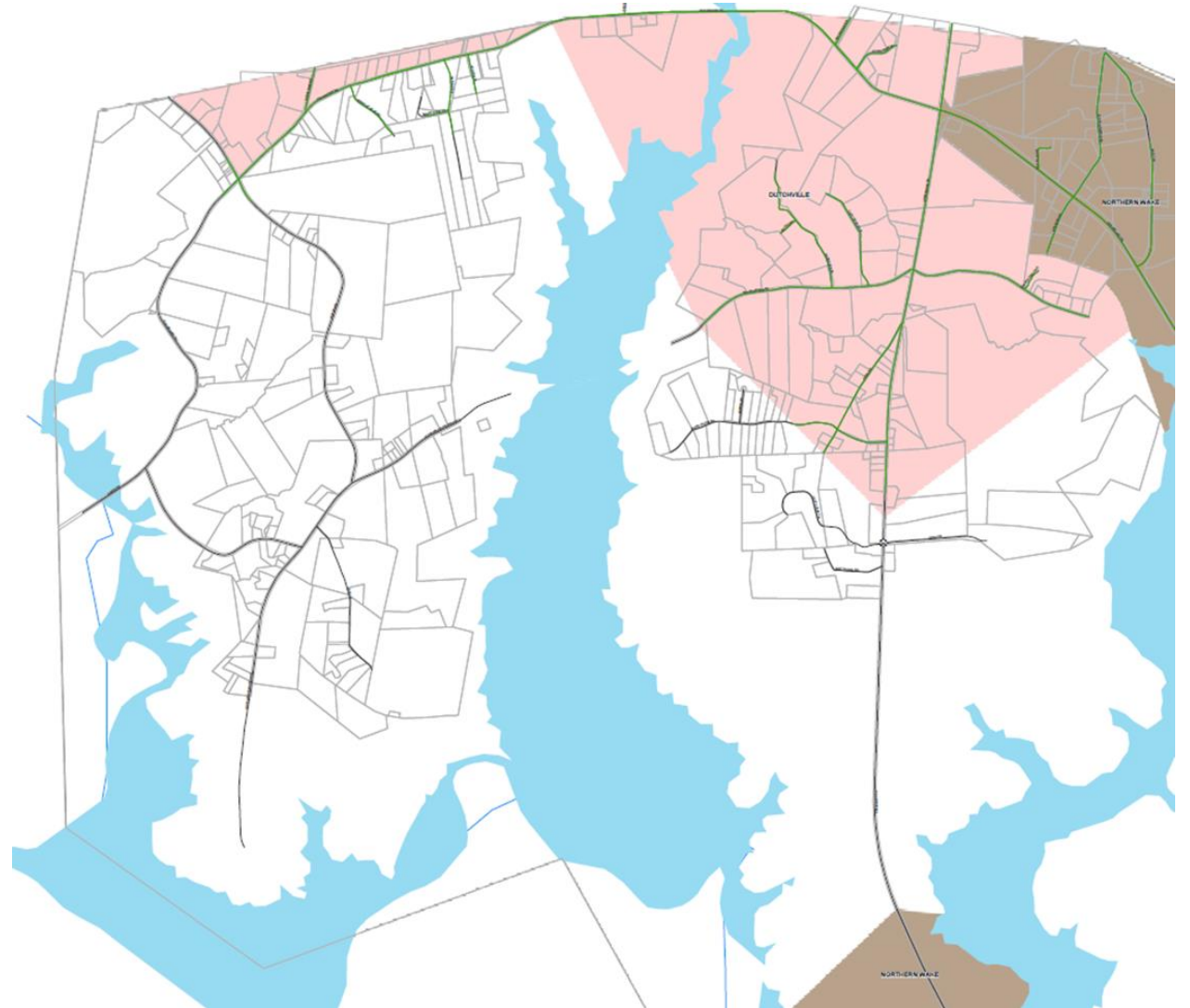
Proposed Future Fire Service Delivery Options

- Construct a new fire station and provide staffing in a location that is best suited to cover this area
- New station and staffing would allow this area to meet Wake County's Response Guidelines
- Three-year process to obtain land, design and construction



Impact on Residents and Community

- Lower insurance premiums for most residents
- Quicker service delivery for fire and medical calls
- Property owners would be assessed Fire District Tax, increasing overall property tax bills



Impact on Residents and Community

Fire Department ISO Class Rate Versus Insurance Premium Costs								
ISO Rating	ANNUAL PREMIUM COST BASED ON HOME VALUE							
	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$500,000
10	894	1358	1856	2341	2826	3311	3844	4918
9	806	1224	1674	2112	2549	2986	3468	4436
7	430	652	892	1125	1359	1592	1848	2365
6	399	607	829	1046	1262	1479	1717	2196
5	373	566	774	976	1179	1380	1603	2051
HOMEOWNER'S RATES DO NOT DECREASE BELOW A CLASS 5.								

As the ISO class improves, fire insurance rates decrease until Class 5 for homes. Businesses generally benefit from further reductions down to Class 1. A homeowner whose property is valued at \$100,000 would save \$433 per year if the fire department improved from a 9 to a 5!

There are several factors that affect homeowners' insurance prices.

- 1. Type of Construction:** Frame houses usually cost more to insure than brick or other fire resistive materials
- 2. Age of House:** New homes are usually less expensive to insure than old homes.
- 3. Local Fire Protection:** The home's distance from a fire hydrant and the quality of the local fire department determines the fire protection class.
- 4. Amount of Coverage:** The amount of coverage on the house, contents and personal liability will affect the price.
- 5. Deductible Amount:** A higher deductible will reduce the price for home insurance.

Impact on Residents and Community

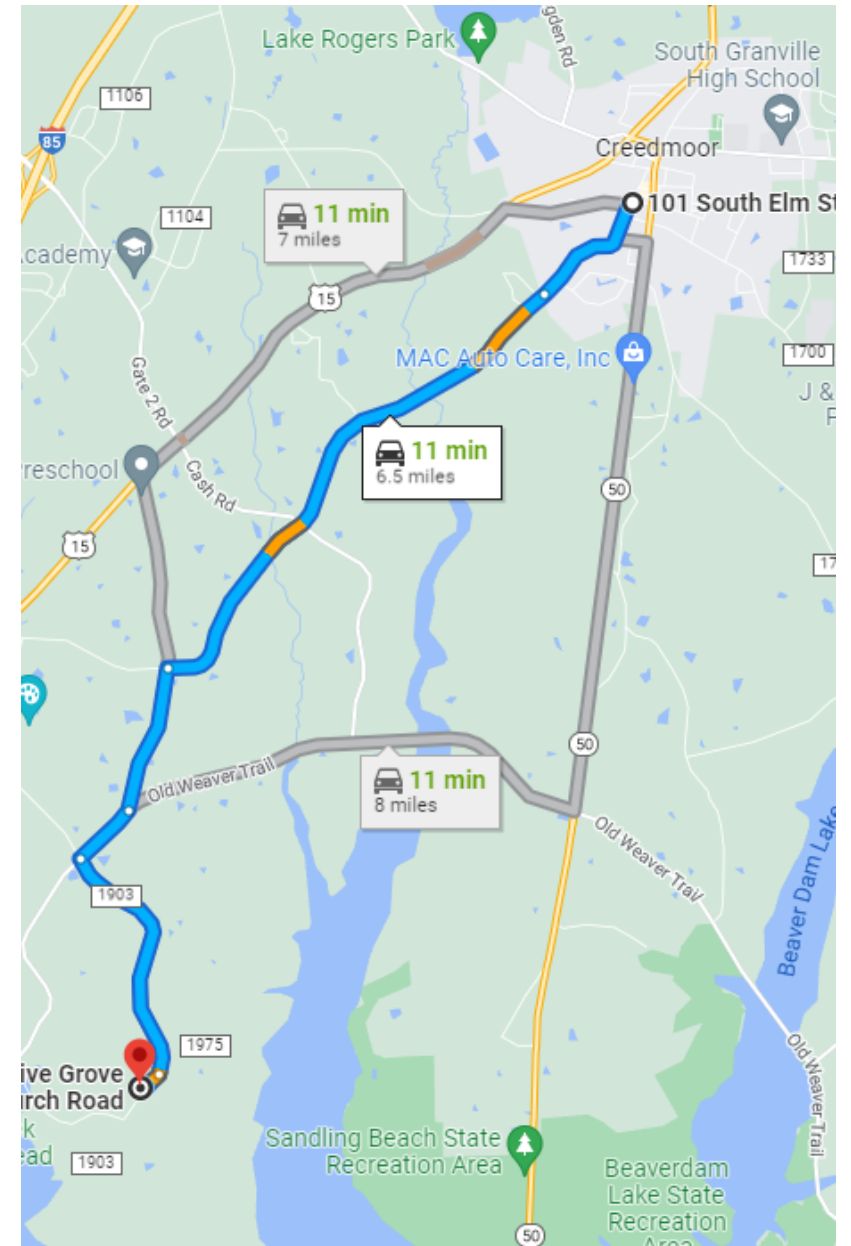
Additional
taxation vs.
insurance
premium savings
examples

	Example 1	Example 3
Building Type	Manufactured Home Single Family	One-Story Single Family with Other Dwellings
Year Built	1992	1933 - 1957
Effective Year	1992	1950 - 1960
Square Footage	1522	3782
Acres	3.1	33.45
Building Value	\$ 65,877.00	\$ 201,323.00
Land Value	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 346,735.00
Total Value	\$ 120,877.00	\$ 548,058.00
Fire Tax District Rate Per \$100	\$ 0.1027	\$ 0.1027
Proposed Fire Tax	\$ 124.14	\$ 562.86
Estimated Class 10 Annual Insurance Cost	\$ 1,517.00	\$ 2,053.00
Estimated Class 3 Annual Insurance Cost	\$ 883.00	\$ 1,210.00
Taxation versus Insurance Cost Savings	\$ 509.86	\$ 280.14

Other Options

Coverage by Creedmoor Fire Department

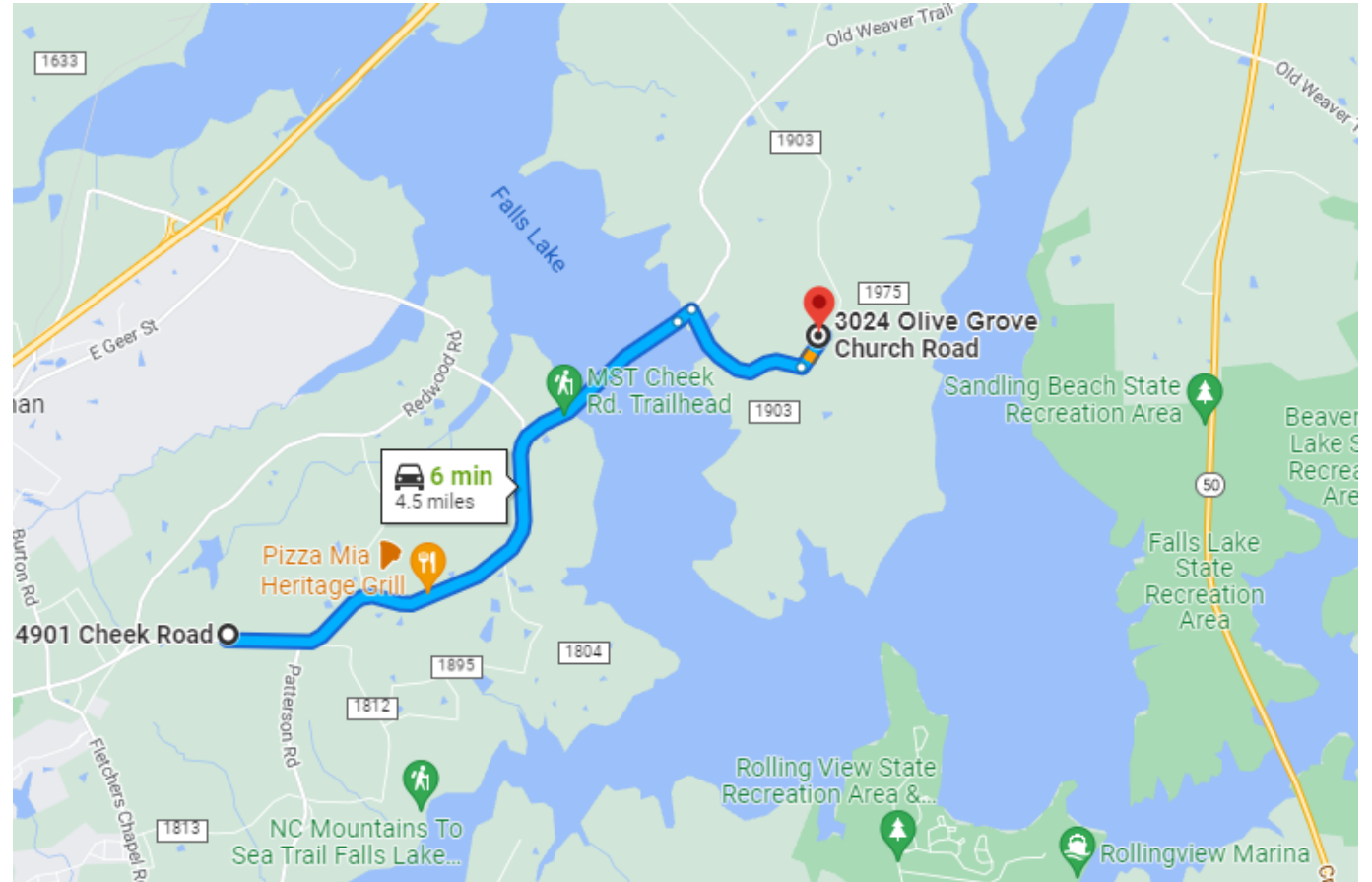
- Delays in dispatch
- Most areas would be outside of Creedmoor's 5-mile response boundary and would not receive lower insurance premiums
- Properties would still need taxation to cover the cost of Creedmoor covering the area
- Creedmoor does not currently provide EMT level medical service



Other Options

Coverage by Durham County/Redwood Fire Department

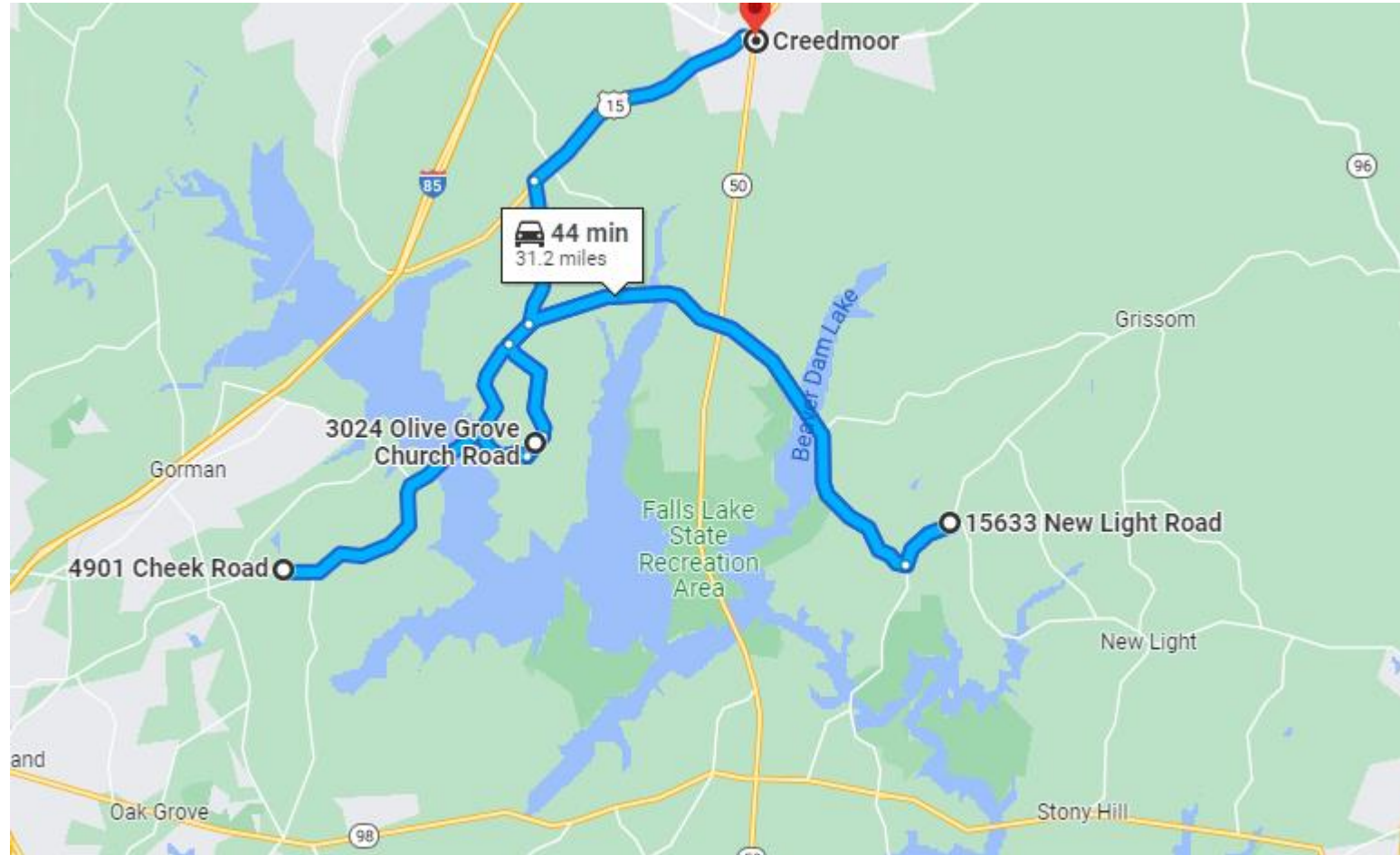
- Delays in dispatch
- Most areas would be outside of Durham County's 5-mile response boundary and would not receive lower insurance premiums
- Properties would still need taxation to cover the cost of Durham County covering the area



Other Options

Remain status quo

- Delays in response time
- High insurance premiums
- Properties would not pay fire tax



Next Steps and Community Feedback

- Website – wakegov.com/FirePlan
- It is important for us to understand the community's expectations and desires on this endeavor
- Land search
- Design and construction – (three years)
- Legal requirements – see next slides



Legal requirements for extending service district (N.C.G.S. 153A-303)

- Wake County Board of Commissioners may annex additional district if:
 - 1) At least 1/8 of the territory to be annexed is contiguous to the existing district
 - 2) The area requires fire services.
- There are two ways this could occur:
 - 1) Petition signed by 100% of property owners in territory; or
 - 2) Report is provided to Board of Commissioners and property owners, notice of public hearing, public hearing and then subsequent resolution of Board of Commissioners.

Proposed Next Steps if Sufficient Interest in Proceeding

- Consent item on BOC agenda setting forth desire to annex territory to Fire District and seeking resolution to authorize preparation of report, map and plan
- Direct clerk to keep report on file, and designate party to mail and certify notice and publication.
- Report available for public inspection for two weeks

Proposed Next Steps if Sufficient Interest in Proceeding

- Notice of public hearing mailed to all property owners in territory four weeks in advance and published at least one week prior to hearing
- Public hearing at regular meeting of BOC
- Resolution to include territory in Fire Tax District, set minimum tax rate, include territory in Fire Insurance District
- Effective fiscal year after resolution passes.

Closing Remarks and Questions

