



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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To the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Westminster Presbyterian Church ("WPC"), we respectfully request that the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors ("WTBOS") revise the January 2019 draft of the Township's Comprehensive Plan Update ("the Plan") before it is officially adopted.

WPC's property, located at 10 West Pleasant Grove Road and U.S. 202 Wilmington Pike, is currently zoned "Agricultural/Cluster Residential." The Plan indicates that WPC's property would be divided into two different zoning classifications (see the Plan Future Land Use Map 20 and the attached excerpt from that map):

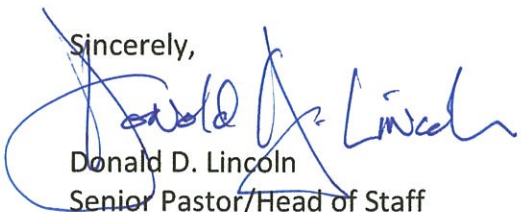
- Mixed Use (color coded orange) for the original land obtained from the Robinson family by WPC in 1992 and 1997; and
- Neighborhood Conservation (color coded yellow) for the rest of the property, recently obtained from the Robinsons.
- Under the desired Plan, the entire WPC property (outlined in red) is designated for "Institutional Use."

WPC requests that the WTBOS, during this 45 day period of public comment, amend the Plan to indicate that its entire property be considered Mixed Use, for reasons as follows:

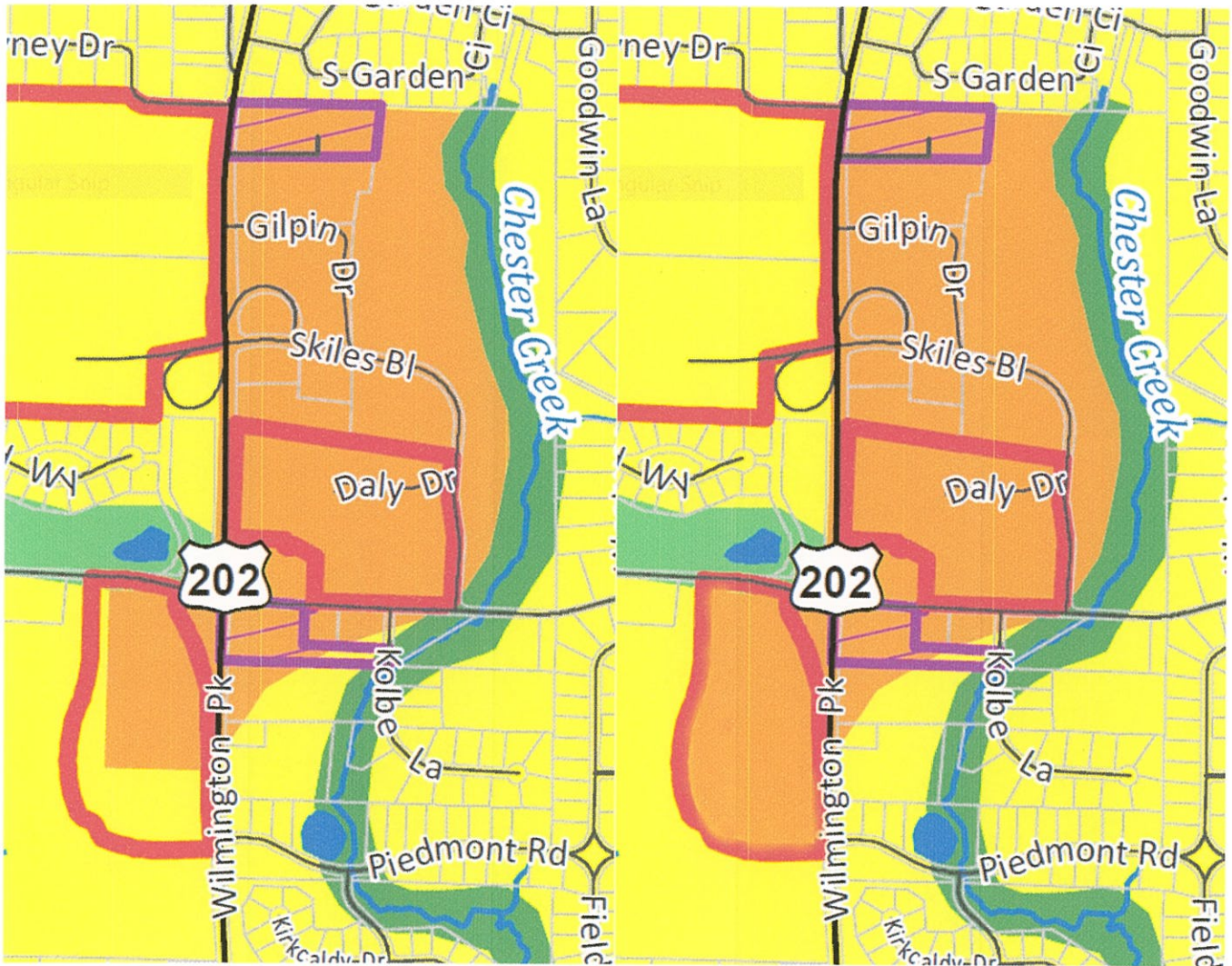
- Neighborhood Conservation focuses on single family dwellings over institutional uses and multi-family dwellings (Page 11-8 of the Plan). Single family dwellings are inconsistent with the current use of the WPC property as a church.
- A Mixed Use designation is consistent with properties on the east side of U.S. 202 opposite WPC's church property (see the attached map).
- WPC has just completed a visioning process that includes several potential uses of its recently acquired land, now proposed by the Plan as Neighborhood Conservation. The uses being considered are a multi-purpose community center for sports, entertainment, and similar gatherings, and affordable apartments. Such uses would not be consistent with Neighborhood Conservation, but are consistent with the WTBOS' vision for Mixed Use (see Page 11-10 of the Plan).

Representatives of WPC are available to meet with WTBOS to discuss this request at your earliest convenience if necessary. Thank you so very much for your consideration and anticipated cooperation with our request.

Sincerely,


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Edward E. McFalls
Clerk of Session



Current Proposed Land Use

Requested Change