

PETITION
For Designation as a Neighborhood Conservation District

To: Town of Chapel Hill

From: Mason Farm Neighborhood Association

Date: October 17, 2005

We, the undersigned, ask that our neighborhood be designated a Neighborhood Conservation District. We represent 59% of the homeowners in the proposed district. Our neighborhood is a residential area in existence for over 50 years. It is an attractive, well-maintained area of single-family homes, many of which are of architectural interest, including several houses designed by James M. Webb, the renowned Chapel Hill architect. It meets the criteria pertaining to a minimum of one block face, percent improved property and cohesive character for designation as a Neighborhood Conservation District.

We have serious concerns about trends in development that threaten the single-family nature of the neighborhood. Our neighborhood abuts an ever-growing University of North Carolina campus and is therefore increasingly attractive to groups of students seeking housing. Within the past decade, the number of non-owner occupied, all-rental single family homes within the proposed district for our neighborhood has increased from one of the total 39 homes (2.6%) to 7 homes (17.9%). Homeowners in our neighborhood have been forced to file legal actions based on restrictive covenants in order to seek to protect the character of the neighborhood. Homeowners have, on several occasions, contacted the town inspections and planning departments to ask for enforcement of the Town's occupancy restrictions. We feel that the character of our family-based neighborhood will change dramatically to the detriment of existing homeowners and property values unless steps are taken in the very near future to preserve its integrity.

In addition, our neighborhood has been dramatically impacted by university expansion. The university has purchased 7 of our original single family homes, contracted to buy 2 more, and has recently declared its intention to acquire 5 more homes - a total of 28% of our former and current neighborhood homes - and to add two lanes to Mason Farm Road on the south side of the new family housing units. We petition the Town for help in resisting these further incursions into our neighborhood.

Proposed Boundaries of the District

A map outlining the District we propose is shown below. The District would include all properties along Whitehead Circle, Whitehead Road, Gooseneck Road, the west side of Otey's Road, and the south side of Mason Farm Road from Purefoy Road to Otey's Road.

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The Undersigned homeowners support the petition:

Name	Address
<u>Peter Barton Fair</u>	<u>412 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>James A. Wald family</u>	<u>410 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Ann D. Binkhous</u>	<u>400 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Ed + Holly Tangle</u>	<u>1302 Mason Farm Rd</u>
<u>Bruce K Payne</u>	<u>1300 Mason Farm Rd</u>
<u>Aravind deL</u>	<u>419 Whitehead Cir.</u>
<u>Julia R Jennings</u>	<u>2 Gooseneck Rd</u>
<u>Lillian D. Smith</u>	<u>488 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Michael E. White</u>	<u>413 Gooseneck Rd.</u>
<u>Floyd G. Fried</u>	<u>416 Whitehead Cir.</u>
<u>Erma H. Kirkpatrick</u>	<u>503 Whitehead Park</u>

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The Undersigned homeowners support the petition:

Name	Address
<u>Kenneth S. Brown</u>	<u>414 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Wendy [Signature]</u>	<u>421 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Herbert M Alexander</u>	<u>401 whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Paul Ann (Brad Harris)</u>	<u>2124 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Gail M. McIlwain</u>	<u>8 Gooseneck Road</u>
<u>Diana W. Steele</u>	<u>1207 Mason Farm Road</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>402 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>Dennis J. Moody</u>	<u>406 Whitehead Circle</u>
<u>James Kirkpatrick</u>	<u>6 Gooseneck Rd.</u>
<u>Peter W. Doyek</u>	<u>404 WHITEHEAD CIR.</u>
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