

Memo

To: Members of the Edenton Town Council
From: Elizabeth Bryant, Director of Planning & Community Development
cc: Anne-Marie Knighton, Town Manager
Date: August 17, 2021
Re: Process for Minor Subdivision, Monument

This memorandum is meant to summarize the minor subdivision and historic district approval process should the Council accept the recommendation of the Human Relations Commission to relocate the Confederate monument currently located at the foot of South Broad Street.

Certificate of Appropriateness, Historic Preservation Commission

The Town will need to request a Major Certificate of Appropriateness for the relocation of the monument. This involves an application to the Historic Preservation Commission that includes documentation regarding the new site for the statue, the historical appropriateness of the new site, and reasons for wishing to relocate from the current parcel.

As you can note from Edenton's National Register listing below, the monument is currently listed as "Non Contributing." Likely, it is so listed because of the relocation of the statue from its original site in 1961.

NPS Form 10-900-a
(8-86)

OMB Approval 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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500 Block South Broad Street
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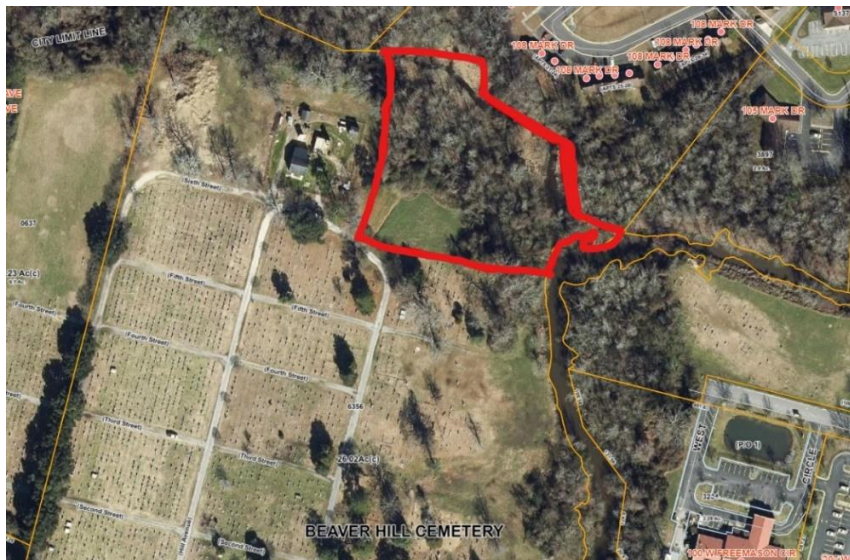
Confederate Monument. Originally located on the north end of the courthouse green. The Confederate Monument was moved to this site in 1961. A brick paved section that contains the monument is flanked by grass to the north and south and surrounded by shrubbery. Facing north the statue of a Confederate soldier is set on a granite base. A cannon set on a brick base faces the bay to the south.

Because the current site is not the original site, staff is of the opinion that the Town has a justifiable position that a new 2021/22 site would be as appropriate, if not more so, than the current site. The Preservation Commission will make Findings of Fact regarding the relocation, and based on those will either award or deny the requested Major Certificate of Appropriateness.

Minor Subdivision

Should Historic District approval be received, the next step would be to pursue subdivision of the property. The Zoning Administrator may review and approve any subdivision of residential property that results in the creation of not more than three new lots.

The zoning for the proposed park location is R-14, Residential. A minimum of 14,000sf is required for new lots in this district. The proposed location has adequate size and frontage on Sixth Street within Beaver Hill Cemetery. The below is a very rudimentary sketch of the possible lot area for the park.



The first step in the Minor Subdivision process, should Council wish to proceed with the park, is to have a survey and subsequent subdivision plat drawn up. The surveyor will note any existing topographical conditions of the property (like flood zones), and its dimensions, boundaries and area for recording. You may note on the flood zone map below that the area of the lot proposed to house the statue is well outside of any flood zone.



Once a subdivision plat is complete, and reviewed by myself and the Chowan County Land Records Office, it may be recorded and the parcel separated.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions. You may reach me at (252) 482-2155 ext.182 or elizabeth.bryant@edenton.nc.gov.