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Selective Vegetation Removal Permit Requests

April 19, 2012

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What is it?

- SL 2011-397 passed July, 2011
- NCDOT temp. rules effective March 1
- Additional clearing within the right of way
- Billboards and businesses
- NCDOT and federal highways

- Does not allow new billboards

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Changes from Previous Rules:

- Clear-cutting allowed
- Cut zone has increased
- Mitigation or payment required for large trees
- City notified
- Exception for large dogwoods and redbuds

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Local Review Process

- 30 day review and comment period
 - Planning
 - Transportation
 - General Services (Urban Forestry)
 - Public Works
- City recommendation to NCDOT

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Main Issues for Comment:

- Screening of signs and businesses
- Beautification projects
- Safety concerns
- Existing utilities within State ROW not covered by legislation

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Other Considerations

- NCDOT will locate dogwoods and redbuds
- Urban Forestry will document “before” and “after” conditions
- Any City employee or citizen may report a violation of private property-only access
 - May result in revocation of permit and denial of future requests

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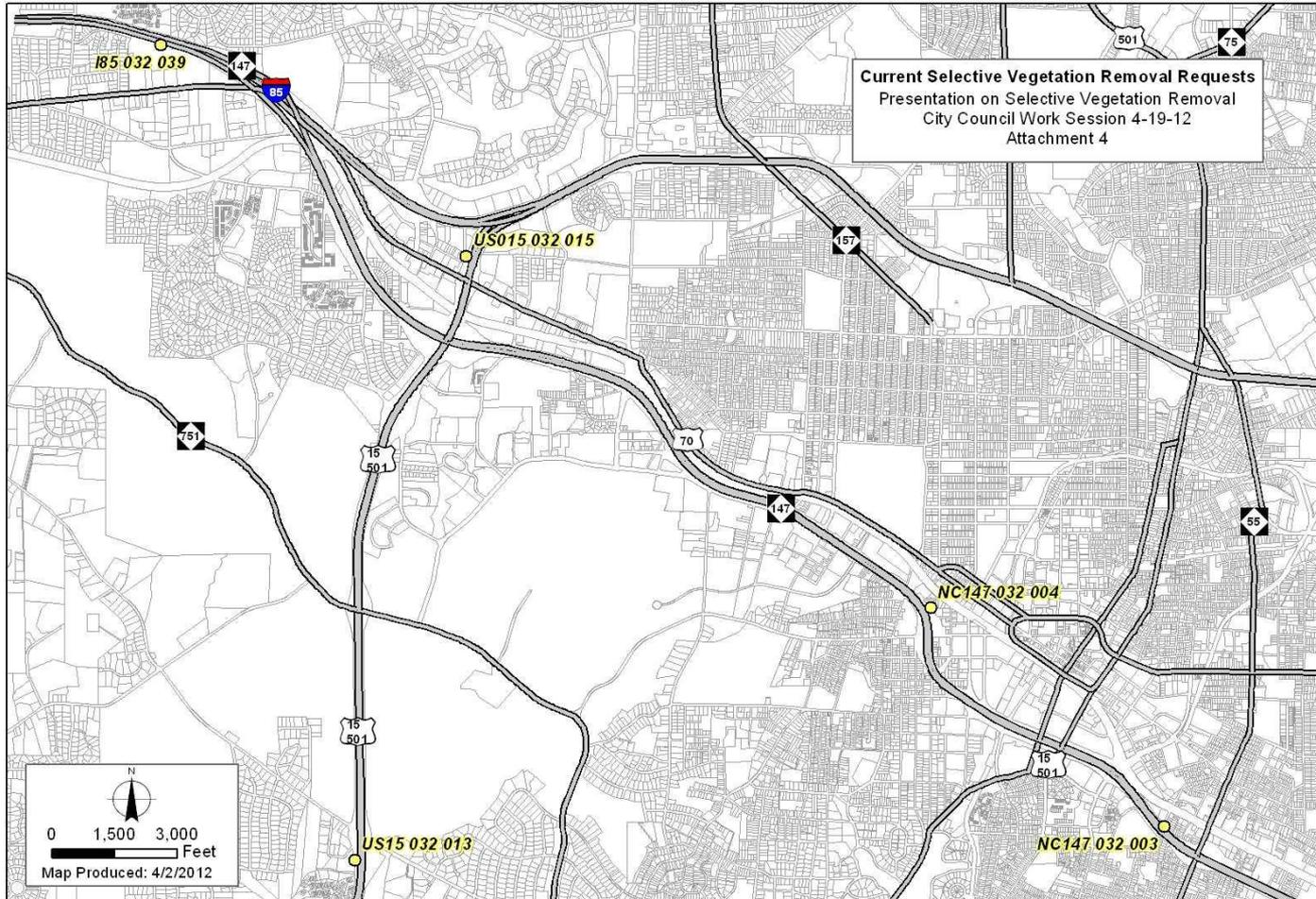
Status of Current Applications

- Five applications received
- No major issues identified
- Public Works concerned about existing utilities and heavy equipment
- City comments to NCDOT on March 30

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Questions?