



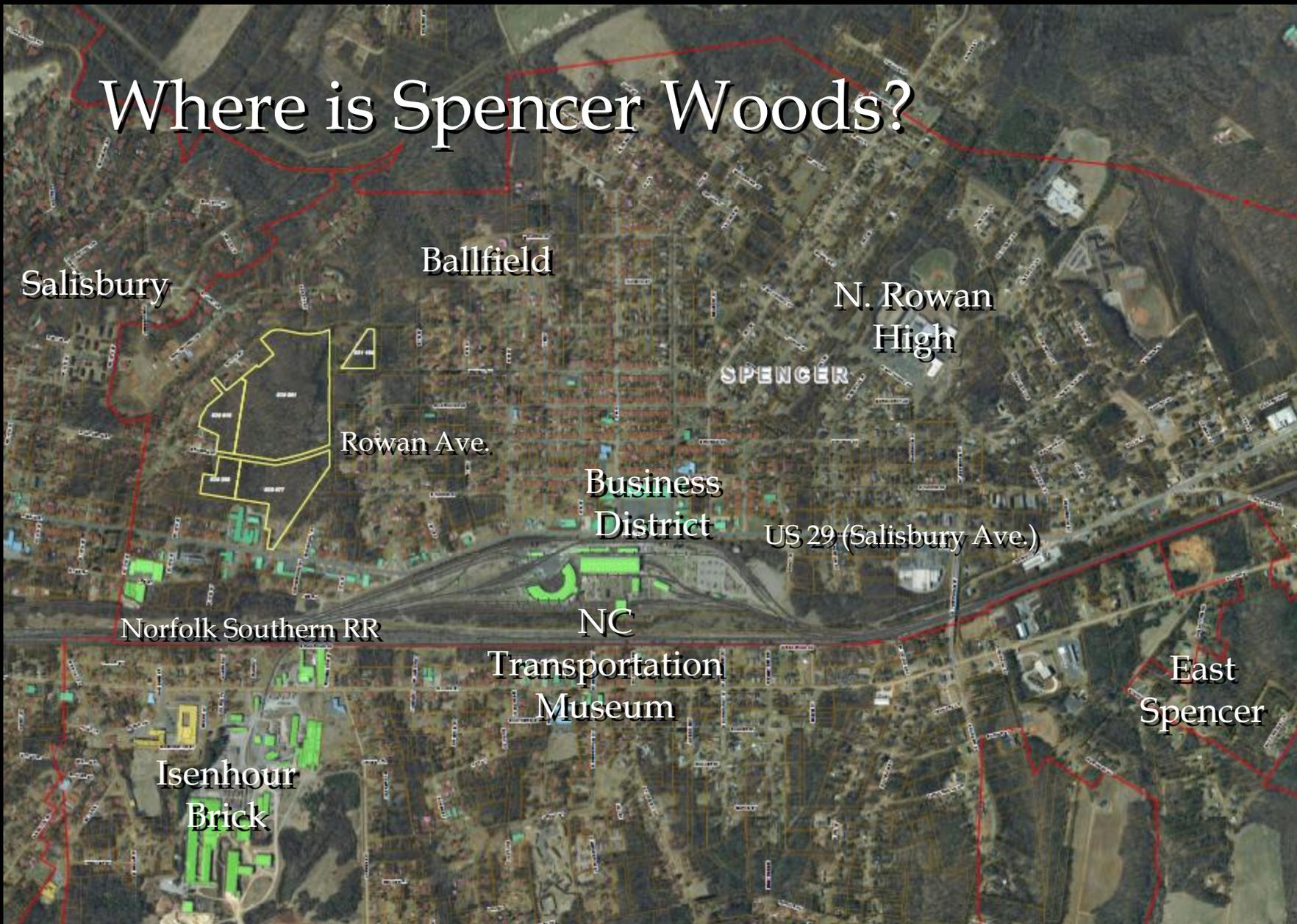
“My Woods....”

A vision for Spencer Woods
NCASLA Community Assistance Team
January, 2012

What we tried to achieve...

- Honor the Stanback family
- Preserve the forest property while providing enjoyment for the public
- Increase quality of life and strengthen community
- Commemorate the donors who made it possible.

Where is Spencer Woods?



Salisbury

Ballfield

N. Rowan
High

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Rowan Ave.

Business
District

US 29 (Salisbury Ave.)

Norfolk Southern RR

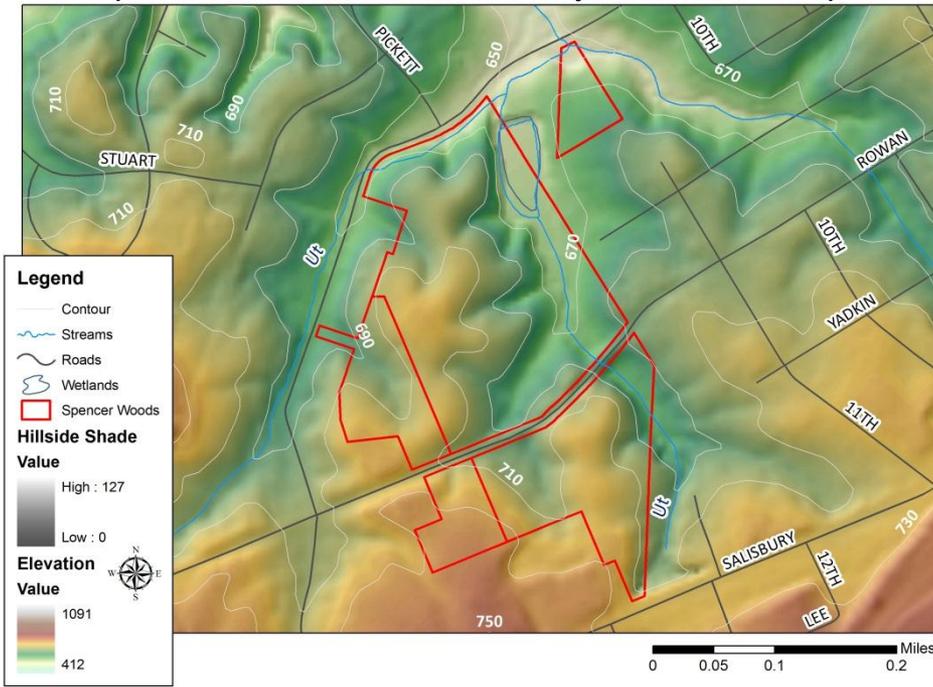
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Transportation
Museum

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Spencer

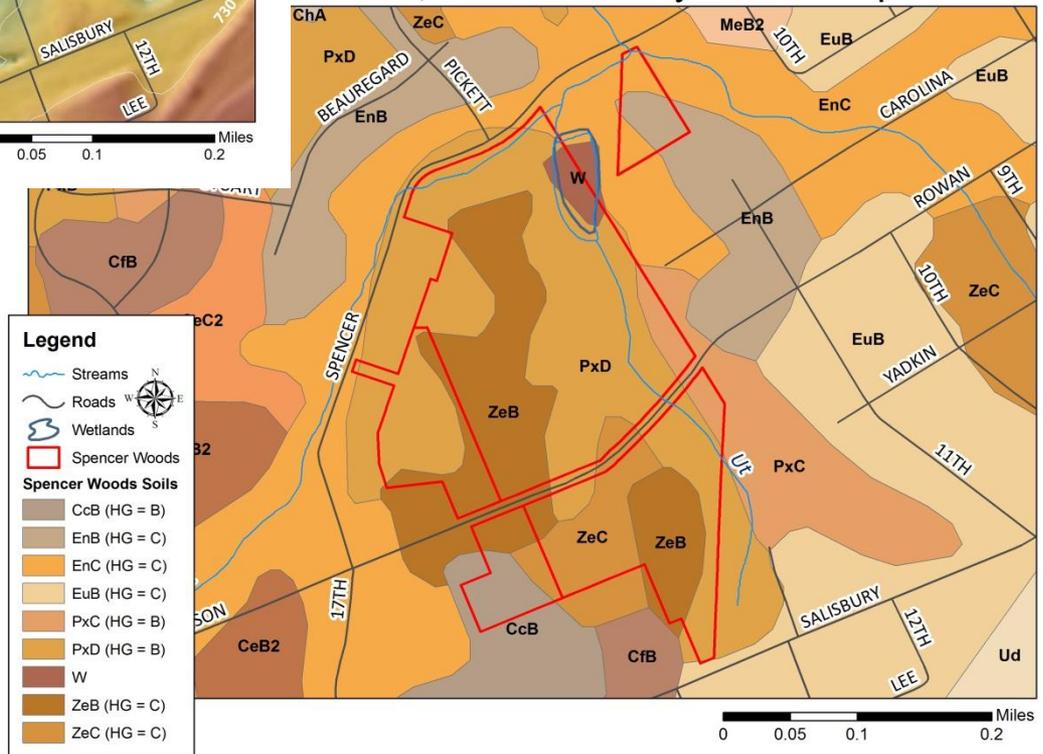
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Spencer Woods, Rowan County - Elevation Map



Analysis of Existing Info

Woods, Rowan County - Soils Map





Public Meetings





Site Visits / Observation

The Vision for this plan...

- Site
 - Preserve and maintain forest and streams
 - Primitive trails on the interior
 - General access trails on the periphery
 - Public Education / Interpretive signage for natural resources
- Local
 - Neighborhood connection / community preservation
 - Connection to local activities & points of interest
- Regional
 - Connection to Grants Creek Greenway and Yadkin River



Elements of the plan...

- Local
 - Neighborhood access points
 - Provide several locations/options for neighborhood access to Spencer Woods
 - Provide several parking improvements for trail walkers on existing town R/W
 - Enhance and preserve sense of community through Rowan St. street tree plantings
 - Connection to local activities & points of interest
 - Linking 8th Street Ball Park to Spencer Woods
 - Main Street linkage between Spencer Woods and Transportation Museum



Spencer Woods

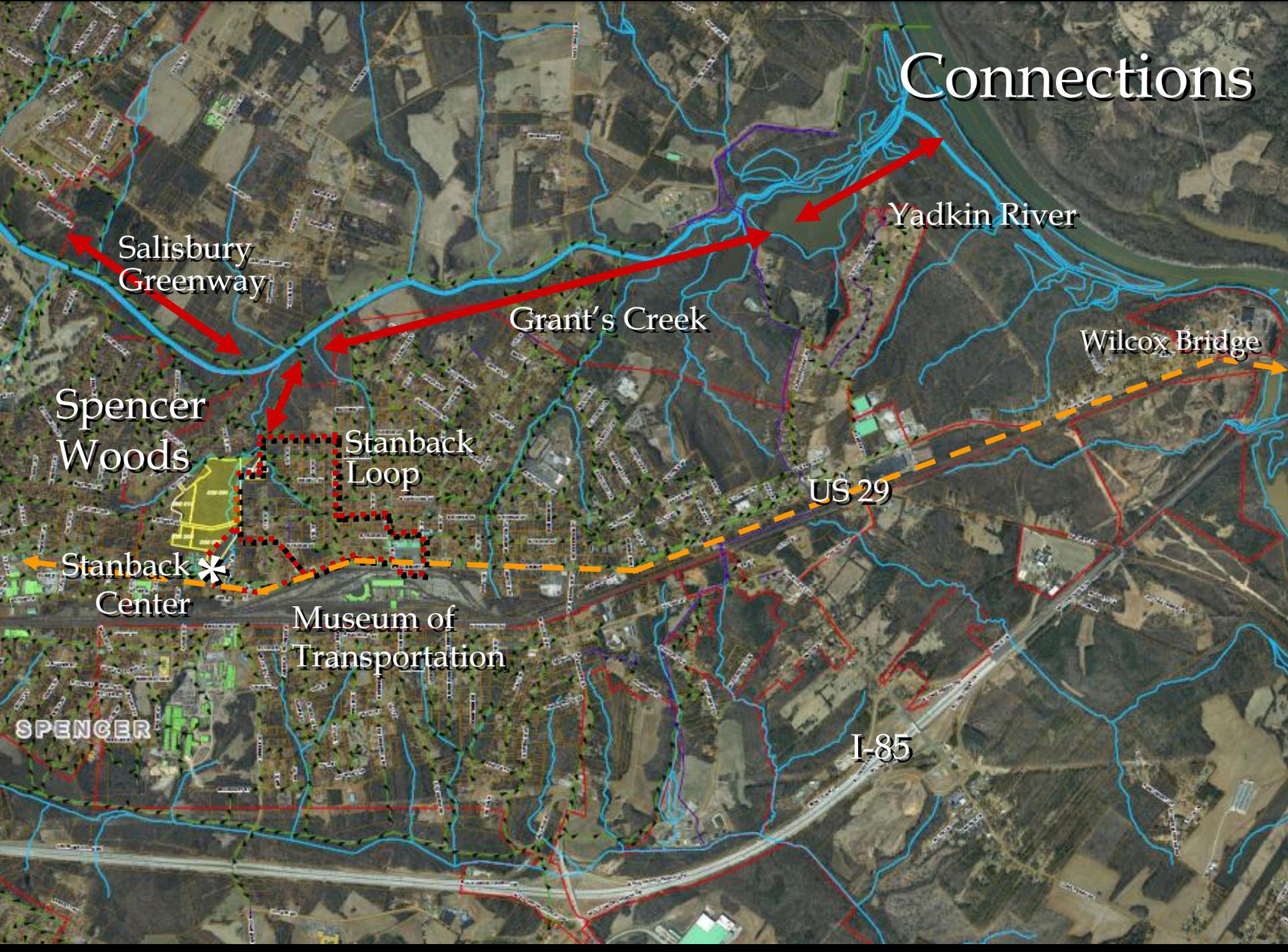
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Elements of the plan...

- Regional
 - The connection to Grants Creek Greenway and eventually the Yadkin River will provide greater hiking distances and access to regional scale recreational opportunities that may include cross country running & eco-tourism.



Connections



Salisbury Greenway

Yadkin River

Grant's Creek

Wilcox Bridge

Spencer Woods

Stanback Loop

US 29

Stanback Center

Museum of Transportation

I-85

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The Stanback Loop

Approx. 1.75 mi.

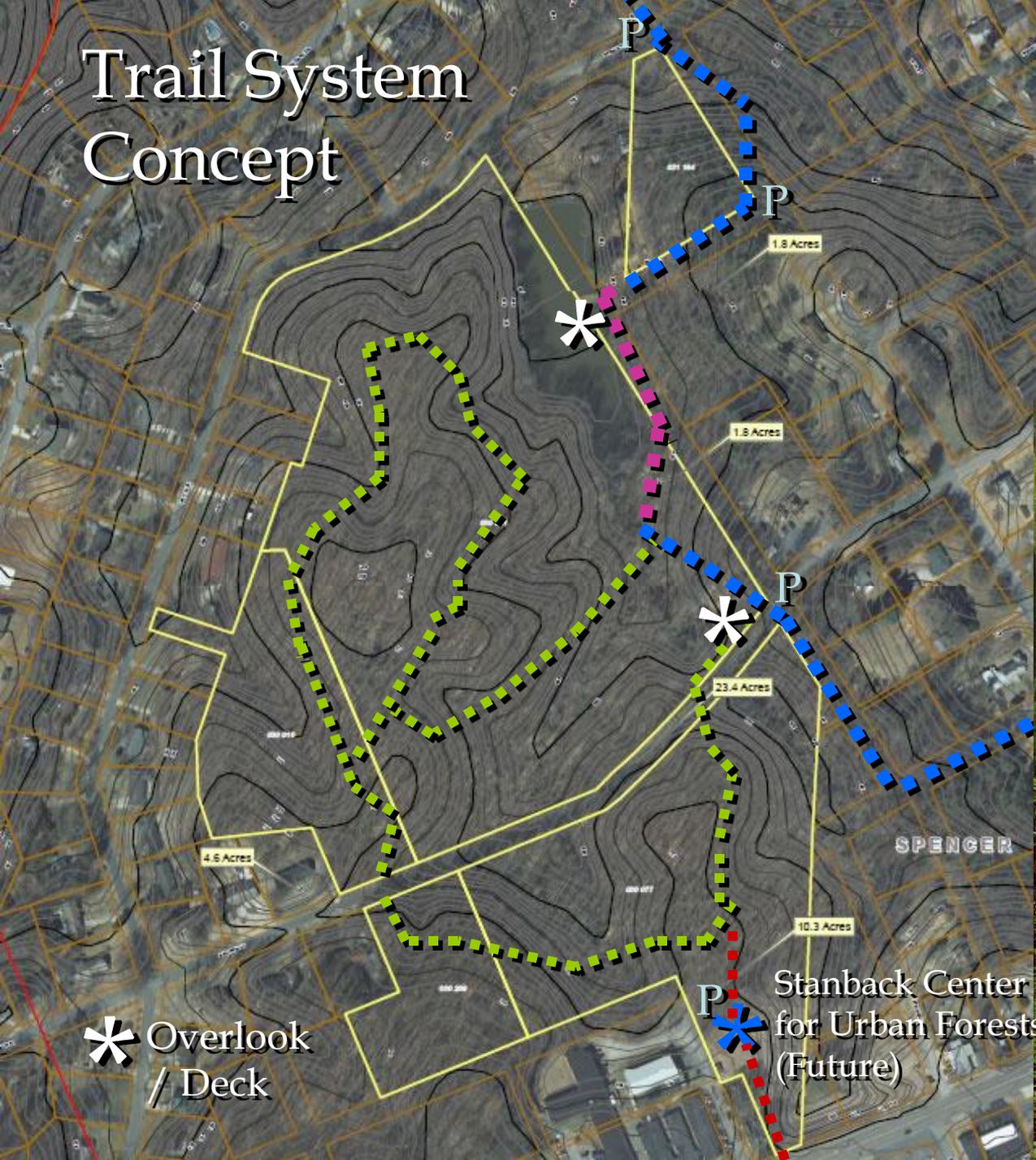


Elements of the plan...

- Site
 - Encourage limited access
 - Preservation of the forest is primary
 - Limited, informal parking
 - Primitive trails on the interior of the site
 - More developed access on the periphery for those less able to hike on the primitive trails
 - Environmental Education
 - Provide opportunities for schoolchildren and other groups to learn from Spencer Woods
 - Create a system of interpretive signage to educate visitors along the pathways



Trail System Concept



* Overlook / Deck

P Stanback Center for Urban Forests (Future)



General Access Trail



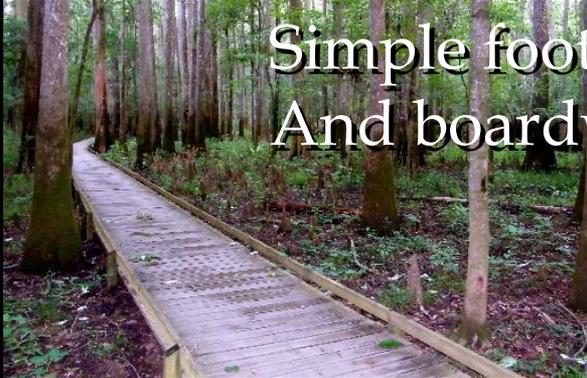
Boardwalk



Primitive Footpath



Observation
Decks /
Outdoor
Education

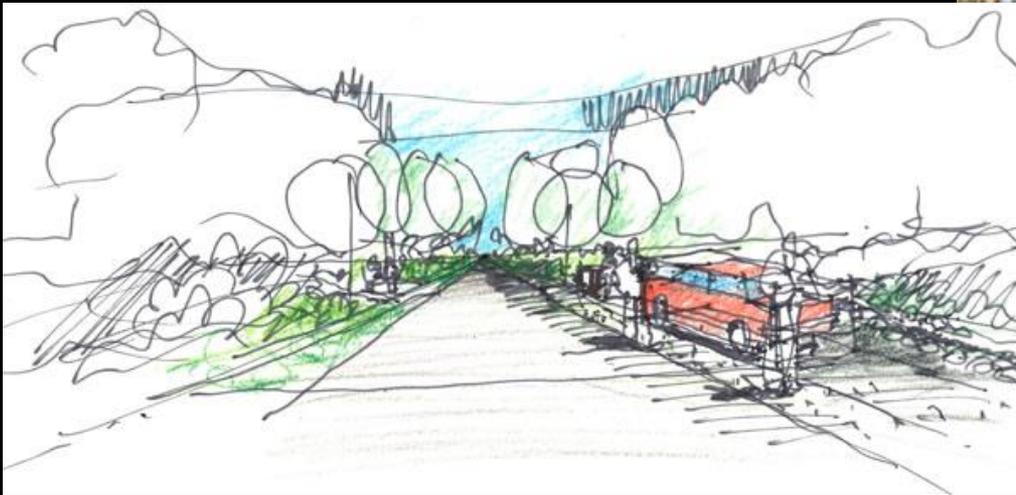


Simple footbridges
And boardwalks





Observation
Deck



Informal
Parking

Educational signs



Educational and marketing brochures



Commemorative plaques

Elements of the plan...

- The Stanback Center for Urban Forests
 - Educational resource for the community
 - Meeting room
 - Sustainable design
 - Redevelopment and reforestation of Salisbury Ave. frontage of the site
 - Research and Preservation Partnerships
 - Possible cooperative program with Catawba College
 - Possible co-location with Land Trust
 - Funding effort required

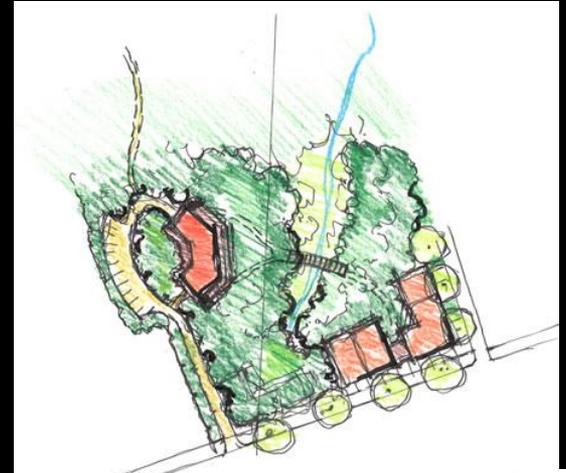


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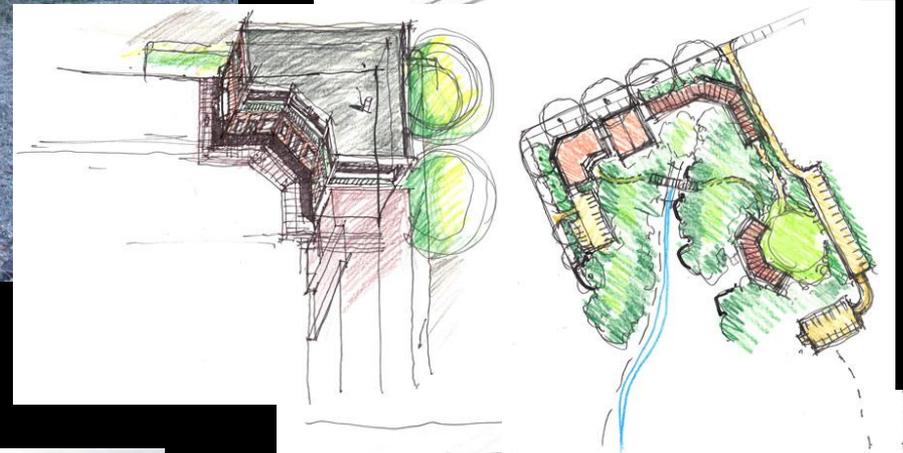
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Existing conditions



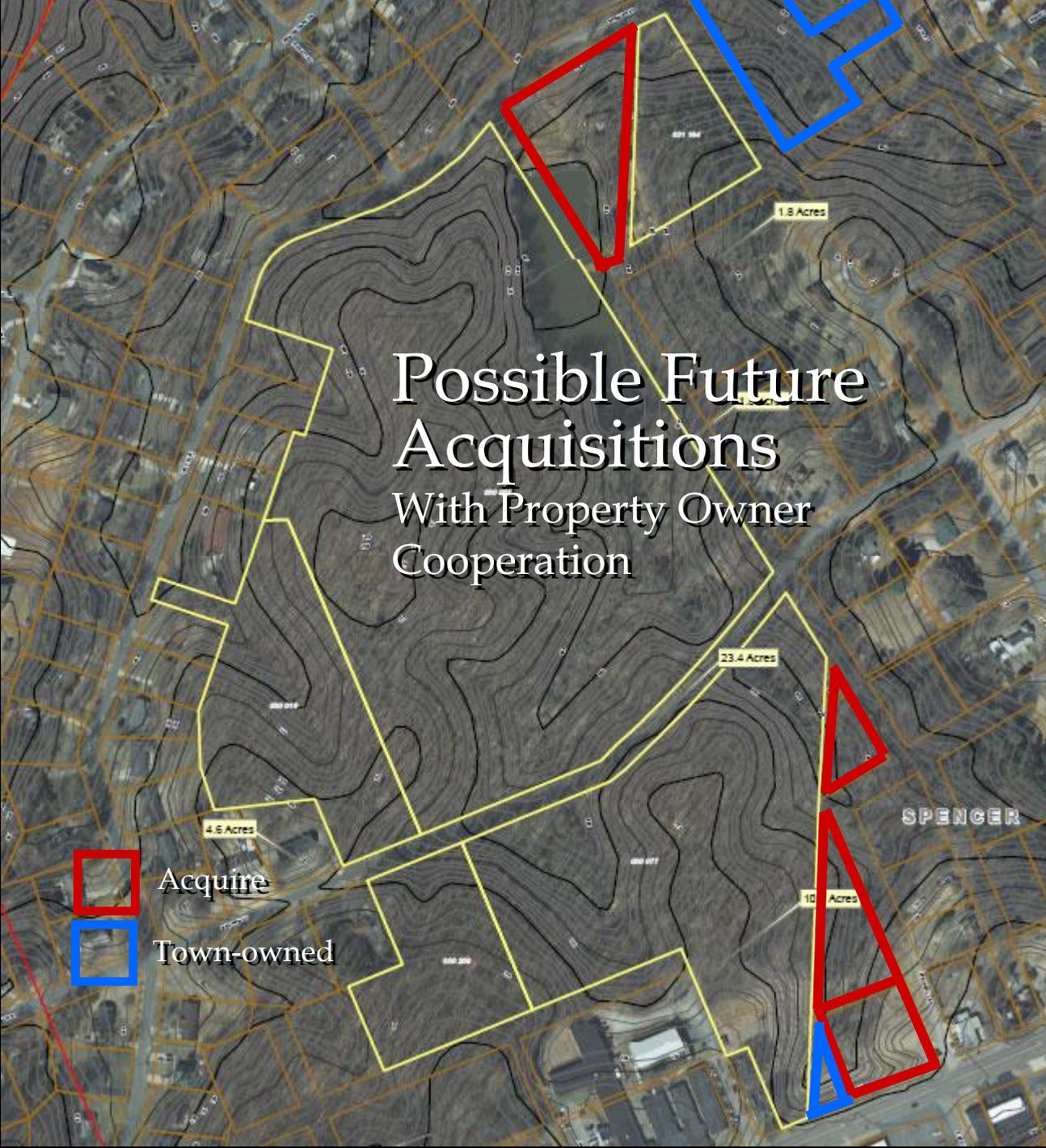
Pedestrian suspension bridge over ravine



Building and site ideas

Possible Future Acquisitions With Property Owner Cooperation

-  Acquire
-  Town-owned



Phased Tasks...

- Define trails
 - Field locate primitive trails on sites interior
 - Stream cleanup / assessment for problems
 - Field locate general access trail linking 8th St. Ball Park to Spencer Ave.
 - Field locate general access trail linking Spencer Avenue to S. Yadkin St.
- Construct Trails
 - \$ 100K Construct general access trail linking 8th St. Ball Park to Spencer Ave.
 - \$ 140K Construct general access trail linking Spencer Ave. to S. Yadkin St.



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Phased Tasks...

- Open neighborhood access points
 - \$50K Provide gravel parking improvements / trail heads @ 8th St. Ball Park, Spencer Ave. , Rowan St. & S. Yadkin St.
 - \$15K Provide interpretive signage and commemorative signage
 - \$25K Incorporate rest stops (benches), vistas (observation deck) and creek crossings (primitive bridges)
 - \$10K Marketing - Promote “Stanback Loop”
 - \$15k - Incorporate Street trees along Rowan St. as a visual cue for Spencer Woods



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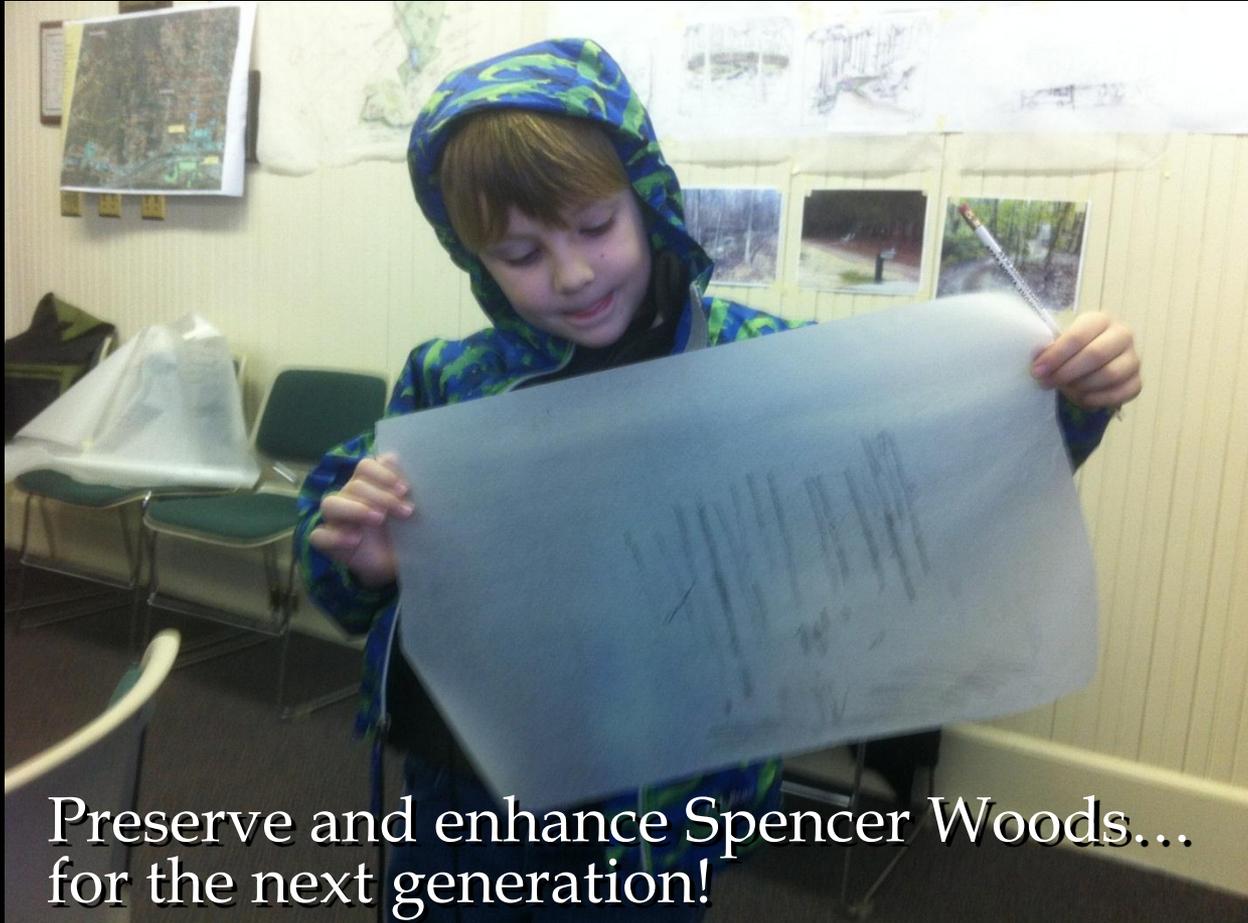
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Phased Tasks...

- Property acquisition????
 - Kudzu Eradication / Reforestation
 - Main St. access / linkage to Transportation Museum
 - Look for opportunities to do strategic acquisitions to protect the existing woods
- Stanback Center for Urban Forests
 - Partnerships?
 - Building construction? \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



The Legacy...



Preserve and enhance Spencer Woods...
for the next generation!



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Thank you...

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