

Athens Drive Library Site Approval

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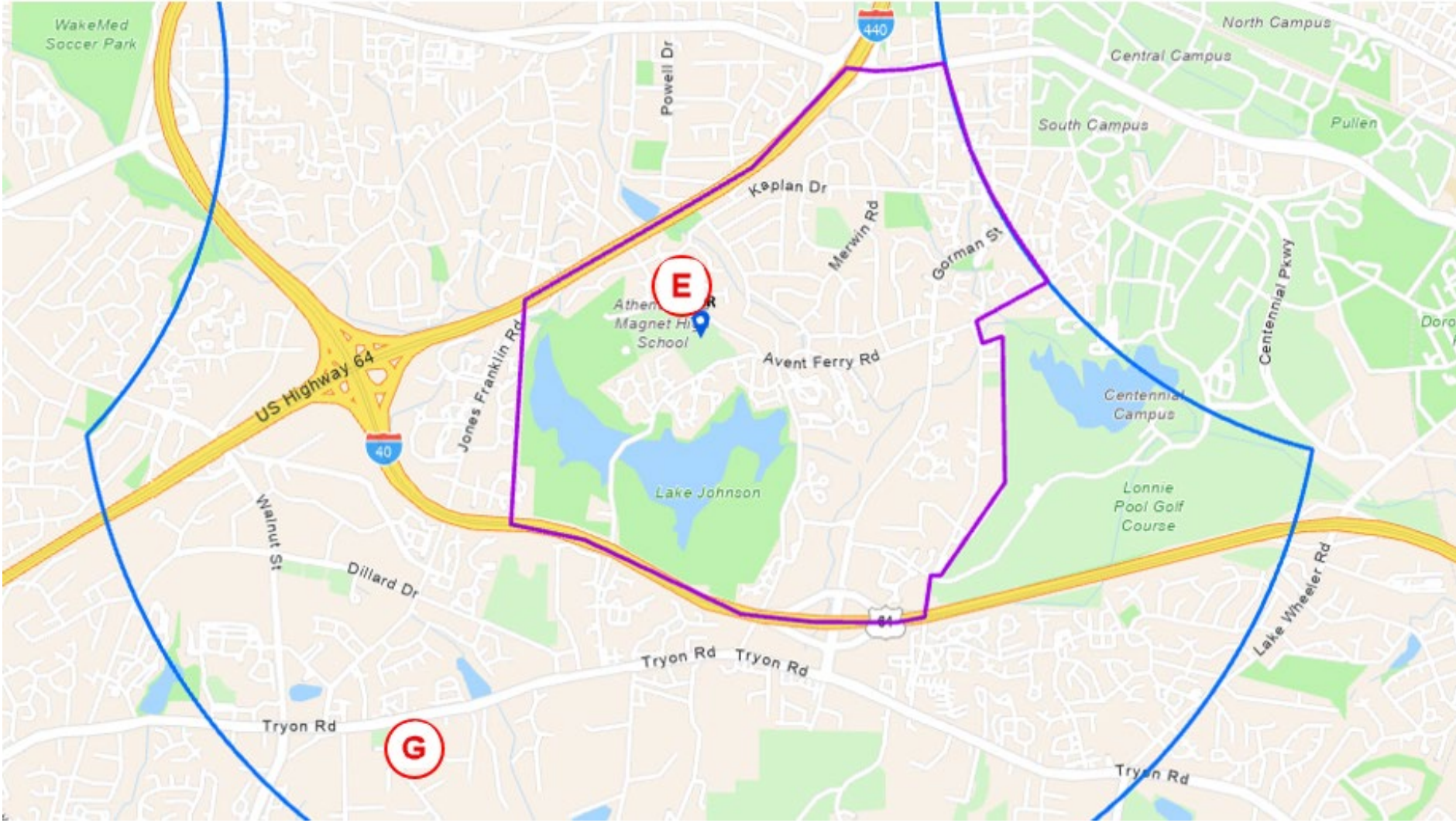
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Two Sites Considered



Well Fed Garden

- Across the street from current library location
- Site is very tight (2.6 acres), difficult/expensive to develop
- Two-story library likely
- Not expandable in the future
- Must maintain driveway access to rear adjacent property (not for sale)
- \$1.8M asking price



Well Fed Garden

- Staff proceeded as directed by the Board at the March work session
- Owner and County appraisals completed
- Agreed upon price \$1.586M
- Letter of Intent signed
- At the June 8 work session, Board directed staff to bring the site to June 15 for approval



Tryon Road

- 12 acres – surplus WCPSS property
- Could include future expansion and/or other uses such as affordable housing
- Town of Cary jurisdiction
- Acquisition terms TBD; possible land swap with WCPSS
- Not currently served by public transit



Board Action Requested

- Staff recommends approval of this acquisition.
- The design phase will begin later in this fiscal year, and construction is projected to begin in FY 2027, with completion anticipated in early FY 2029.
- Board action requested: That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract to acquire 1321 and 1405 Athens Drive, Raleigh, NC, for a new Community Library facility, along with any other documentation necessary to acquire the property, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.