Dover Farm Right-of-Way Closure ROW-C-01-24



Keith A. Lankford, Planner III

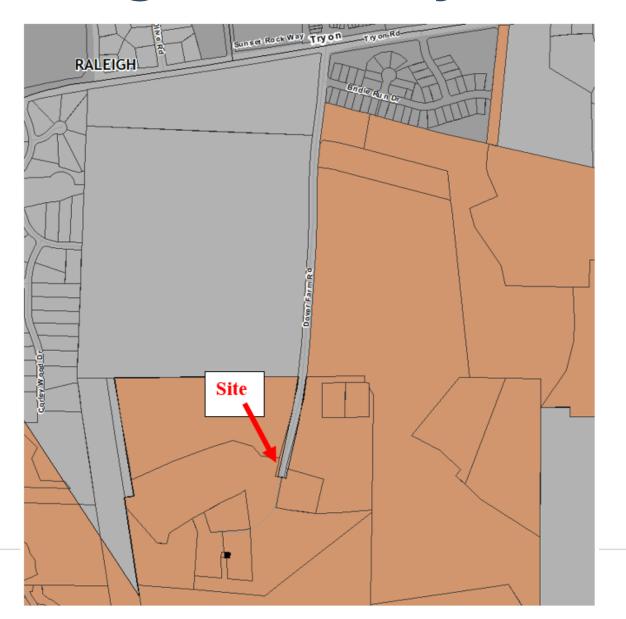
August 18, 2025



Right-of-Way Closure Request

- This request is from the Dover family to close a 139-foot section of the right-of-way at the end of the existing Dover Farm Road (SR 1350).
- This request from the family stems from a pending development of the adjacent 24.92-acre tract into a 17-lot subdivision and their desire to secure their family properties' access from the adjacent subdivision and the general public.
- State law requires that a public hearing be held by the Board of Commissioners prior to making a determination about a right-ofway closure request.

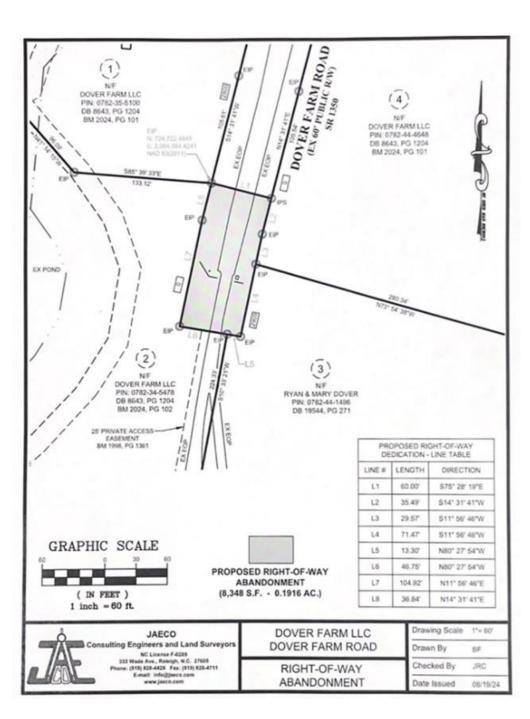
Location of Right-of-Way to be Closed



Aerial Map



Survey of Right-of-Way to be Closed



Previous Actions on This Request

- The Wake County BOC adopted a resolution of support for the abandonment of this 139-foot section of Dover Farm Road from the state road maintenance system on November 18, 2024.
- The North Carolina Board of Transportation, at their March 6, 2025, meeting, approved the abandonment of this 139-foot section from the state road maintenance system, leaving it to the Wake County Board of Commissioners to close this portion of the public right-ofway.
- On July 7, 2025 the Wake County BOC adopted a resolution declaring their intent to close this section of the public right-of-way and setting a public hearing for this date.

Staff Findings

- 1. The requested closure of this 139-foot-long section of the Dover Farm Road right-of-way will not deny anyone a reasonable means of ingress or egress to their property.
- 2. Dover Farm Road does not appear on the Wake County Transportation Plan as intended for a road extension.
- 3. The owners of all seven (7) properties having access via the relevant section of Dover Farm Road have signed the petition for the abandonment of the indicated road segment from the state road maintenance system and its subsequent right-of-way closure.

Staff Findings

- 4. All of the property owners past the portion of Dover Farm Road right-of-way that will be closed are family members and will continue to have access to their properties via a private road easement.
- 5. The owners of the family-owned lots will maintain the abandoned portion of Dover Farm Road (the County has no financial obligation to maintain this road segment).
- 6. NCDOT will continue to maintain the remainder of Dover Farm Road back out to Tryon Road.

Staff Findings

- 7. The Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution of support for the abandonment of this 139-foot portion of Dover Farm Road from the state road maintenance system on November 18, 2024.
- 8. The North Carolina Board of Transportation, at their March 6, 2025, meeting, approved the abandonment of this 139-foot section of Dover Farm Road from the state road maintenance system, leaving it to the Wake County Board of Commissioners to close this portion of the public right-of-way.
- 9. On July 7, 2025 the Wake County BOC adopted a resolution declaring their intent to close this section of the public right-ofway and setting a public hearing for this date.

Staff Recommendation

The planning staff recommends approval of the request to close the 139-foot section of the Dover Farm Road right-of-way, ROW-C-01-24, as presented.

WAKE.GOV

Public Hearing

WAKE COUNTY 11