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**Wilson Family Grave Removal Petition
7545 White Oak Road (Garner Area)**

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Purpose of Grave Removal

To accommodate the widening of White Oak Road as required by the Town of Garner as part of a pending residential development and to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.

Petitioner:	Deborah Joy, Legacy Research Associates
On Behalf of:	Current property owners Elevate White Oak LLC
Location:	7545 White Oak Road (PIN 1720521929)
Zoning:	Residential (Garner Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, ETJ, Area)
Number of Graves in Petition:	Approximately 4—Actual number cannot be determined with certainty until the site is fully excavated.

Cemetery Location

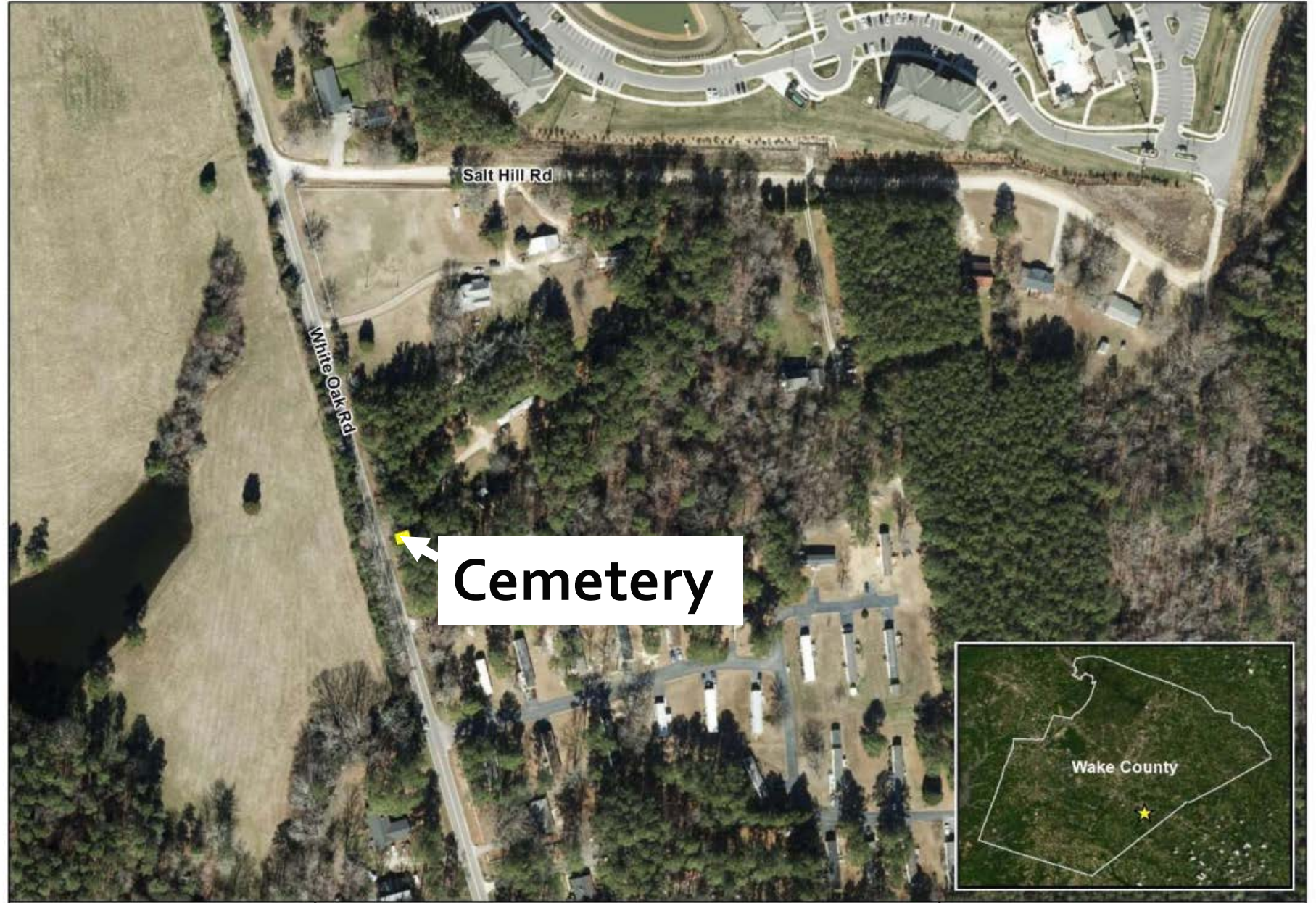




Figure 4. Jefferson Basil Wilson Family Cemetery, view southwest, White Oak Road in the background.

Cemetery Summary

- There are two inscribed markers with names and birth-death dates for 4 members of the Jefferson Basil Wilson family (death dates range from 1905 to 1966).
- No other possible graves were identified within the fence enclosed area, or outside of the fenced area.
- The petitioner conducted extensive genealogical research of the Wilson family in an effort to identify if anyone else may be buried in this cemetery, and to identify any living next of kin.
- Notification letters were sent to 27 living relatives

Cemetery History

- No records of historical significance were found.
- Resources Consulted
 - Wake County Cemetery Census
 - Wake County GIS/Revenue Database
 - Capital Area Preservation
 - Irene Kittinger, Wake County Cemetery Survey Group
 - Town of Garner planning staff

Reinterment Sites – Oakwood Cemetery



Primary Site



Alternate Site

Staff Findings

1. The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Removal is necessary to accommodate the widening of White Oak Road as required by the Town of Garner as part of a pending residential development and to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.
3. The remains will be reinterred at Oakwood Cemetery, where they will receive perpetual care.

Staff Findings

4. All required public notifications were complied with by the petitioner and Wake County planning staff (i.e.-legal ads in the newspaper and public hearing sign posted at the site).
5. No opposition to the removal and relocation of the cemetery.
6. No evidence of any historical significance and their removal and relocation would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the County.

Planning Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Commissioners APPROVE the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of the cemetery as requested.

Public Hearing



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Suggested BOC Motion

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and approves the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of the cemetery as requested.
2. Directs county staff to continue receiving public comments on this item until January 20, 2021 at 5:00PM, and to place this item on the agenda of the February 1, 2021 Board meeting.