

Preserve Tony Tank Pond

A neighborhood note to our friends along the water.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS

The pond is asking us to pay attention.

For generations, Tony Tank Pond has been the quiet center of our corner of Salisbury — a working pond, a heron's morning route, a place where children learned to fish. It is the reason many of us chose to live here.

The owner of **1522 S. Salisbury Boulevard** — the peninsula that reaches out into the middle of the pond — has applied to rezone the property from **R-5A Residential** to **General Commercial**. If approved, the full § 17.36 use list would attach to the land, by right, regardless of any specific plan being discussed today.

The City's own staff report, dated May 14, 2026, says General Commercial “*may be too broad in terms of by-right uses*” for this site, and notes that the rear of the property is visible from our neighborhood. The Comprehensive Plan designates this parcel as High Density Residential — a rezoning would step outside that plan.

We are not against thoughtful change. We are asking the City to follow its own Plan, heed its own staff, and protect the pondfront character that defines this stretch of Salisbury. Please read the proposal, sign the neighborhood letter, and — if you can — say a few words at the public hearing.

Learn more and stay informed at [PreserveTonyTank.org](https://www.preservetonytank.org) — read the full staff report, review the permitted uses, and **join our mailing list** so we can let you know how to help and keep you current as the hearing approaches.

With gratitude for this place we share,
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AT A GLANCE

What's being proposed

THE SITE

1522 S. Salisbury Blvd — a peninsula extending into Tony Tank Pond, currently a single-family home.

THE REQUEST

Rezone from R-5A Residential to General Commercial (§ 17.36).

THE COMP PLAN

Designates this property as High Density Residential. The draft update does not change that.

STAFF'S CAUTION

“May be too broad in terms of by-right uses.” Select Commercial suggested as a narrower alternative.

THE CATCH

Once rezoned, the Council cannot limit uses otherwise permitted by right in the new district.

PUBLIC HEARING · PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, June 11, 2026 · 4 PM

Council Chambers, Room 301 (Third Floor)
125 N. Division Street, Salisbury

Next Planning Commission meeting — please join us.

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