



**See how our gardens grow!**

## Join us for the Third Annual Tour of **Guilford County's** Community Gardens!

Thursday, June 2, 2011 – 5 – 8 pm

Sponsored by the Guilford County Cooperative Extension Service and Guilford County's Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, this self-guided Tour illustrates the *many* ways in which community gardening is growing and thriving in our area. Included in the Tour are 22 community gardens located throughout Guilford County — in High Point, Jamestown, Greensboro, and Gibsonville.

Plot holders and Master Gardener Volunteers will be on site at each location to answer your questions.

*This is a rain or shine event; no public restrooms or refreshments will be available at any of the gardens; pets will not be allowed. If you have any questions, please call Cooperative Extension at 336-375-5876.*

### *Welcome to the THIRD Annual Tour of Community Gardens!*

Guilford County's Cooperative Extension office and Master Gardener Volunteers are pleased to present this Tour once again. The diversity of gardens featured will suit everyone, no matter what your particular Community Gardening interest. The growth of community gardening in our area has been astounding, with Guilford County's total exceeding thirty gardens at this point, with more in the works all the time. This is your chance to talk to some of the participants to learn what makes community gardening so appealing and such a satisfying investment of time and energy. We're delighted to feature twenty-two of Guilford County's Community Gardens this year.

### *What is a Community Garden?*

Community gardens are as varied as the neighborhoods in which they grow. Each is developed to meet the needs of the participants who come together to grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, and ornamental plants on common ground. In addition to providing fresh fruits and vegetables to those on a limited income, gardens can also build community, teach life skills, promote health, and much more. Community gardens can be found at such diverse locations as schools, parks, housing projects, places of worship, vacant lots, and private properties. Community gardens provide a place for individuals and families to grow healthy, nutritious food while enjoying the pleasures and benefits of a natural setting. This opportunity is especially important to people who do not possess garden space of their own. These gardens serve as catalysts for bringing people together and improving community.



### *Interested in Getting Involved With Community Gardening?*

For a startup, you'll want a strong leadership team of at least 3 - 5 people, as well as land and a source of water. Want more information? Please contact the Master Gardener Volunteers by emailing [GuilfordMG@gmail.com](mailto:GuilfordMG@gmail.com) or calling 375-5876. Our Community Garden Outreach team can assist with technical support and guidance that can help ensure your success. For info on working with an existing community garden, call or email us; we can put you in touch with the right person.

## What is North Carolina Cooperative Extension?

NC Cooperative Extension is an outreach of NC State University and NC A&T State University. Offices in every county give state residents easy access to the resources and expertise of these state universities. Through educational programs, publications, and events, Cooperative Extension field faculty deliver unbiased, research-based information to North Carolina citizens to help them enhance the quality of their lives and become better stewards of the environment. Guilford County's Cooperative Extension office is located at 3309 Burlington Road in Greensboro.

## Who Are Extension Master Gardener Volunteers?

Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are experienced gardeners who want to learn more about horticulture and to share their learning with the community. We receive extensive training through our Cooperative Extension office; in exchange, we volunteer our knowledge and time to help the public learn more about good gardening practices and about solving gardening problems. In Guilford County, we currently have almost 160 active volunteers who contributed a total of more than \$340,000 in time and services to our neighbors during 2010. If you think you might be interested in becoming an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, please call 336-375-5876.

*Participating Gardens are listed roughly East to West; we hope this information will help you plan your route so you can visit as many gardens as possible.*

*(Please note that the photos do not correspond to the gardens described.)*

GIBSONVILLE, EAST GREENSBORO (MAP 1): <http://mapq.st/mz2nfd>

### 1-1 Gibsonville Community Garden – 614 Dick Street, Gibsonville (street parking)

<http://mapq.st/iJfxAd>

Gibsonville Community Garden, purposely designed as a labyrinth, was established in 2009 as a chemical free, low maintenance and sustainable garden for novice and experienced gardeners and their children. We have 10 x 3 raised beds and 4 x 4 raised beds. Some beds are 'community plots' and the produce is shared among the gardeners. All walkways are mulched. We have installed a 100 x 100 x 6 ft tall fence to keep out deer which has worked very well for us. This year we added more beds and have several new gardeners. We have also planted an herb circle around our center apple tree. We also have a display of various vegetable plants and herbs growing in containers. Other plans for this year include either a drip irrigation system or additional water outlets. The town of Gibsonville provides us with water, mulch, composted leaves and mows the exterior grassy areas. We are very fortunate to have their support. Our gardeners love their easy maintenance plots and the friendships that have been made in the garden.

### 1-2 Mixed Greens Garden at the Cooperative Extension office – 3309 Burlington Rd, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/mJjbv2>

Built in 2002 and administered by the Extension Master Gardener volunteers, this is the oldest and largest community garden in Guilford County. Since its initial installation the garden has undergone three expansions and now features 90 (4' x 50') raised beds which are leased to the general public; currently there is a waiting list. All plotholders commit to donating a minimum of 10% of their produce for local food banks. The Master Gardener volunteers maintain four other garden beds for educational pur-



poses. This year we are also featuring a cucumber and pepper display in the Legacy Demonstration Garden area. New to the garden this year is a "Hydroponics Garden" growing a variety of vegetables. **Water for "Mixed Greens"** is provided in two ways. A well located at the site feeds spigots strategically located at the ends of a majority of the raised beds. Two large cisterns which collect water off the roof of the Extension barn also provide water for a number of the lower raised beds. There are two sheds located on the property. One shed houses power equipment and hand tools that are available for use by the gardeners. A solar panel on the roof of the second shed collects solar energy used to power several tillers, a lawnmower and a trimmer.

### 1-3 North Yanceyville Community Garden – 3910 North Yanceyville Street, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/mFfdsJ>

The North Yanceyville Community Garden is located across from the Craft Recreation Center on the property of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, just south of Lees Chapel Road. In the Spring of 2009 with the help of Daniel Woodham and several strong Montegnards (and three pick-up trucks), the North Yanceyville Community Garden laid minerals, cardboard, horse manure and eventually topsoil in a small area on the property of the Church. A grant from Quaker Oats provided the lumber and some tools. A rain barrel was donated and has been placed. Planting began in the spring of 2010. We are still a beginning garden and are still working to involve the community, not just the Church. We are working with Urban Harvest, have plots started, and have cleaned out the front of our property for better visibility.

### 1-4 Guilford County Health Department Centennial Garden – 1203 Maple Street

<http://mapq.st/kKgMEt>

This garden received its name because on May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, Guilford County Health Department celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Guilford County Health Department is the oldest County Health Department in the State of North Carolina and the second oldest County Health Department in the nation. The Centennial Garden is beginning its **second year of existence. It is approximately 25' x 90' and consists of thirty rows which have been planted this year with** fruits and vegetables, including cantaloupes, watermelons, tomatoes, corn, squash, zucchini, peppers, beans and cucumbers. Volunteers from the health department have been working the garden by cultivating, planting and weeding it. The garden will begin producing the crops in late June or early July and the produce will be donated to a local community organization that provides food for the hungry. Last season this limited space garden produced approximately 600 pounds of produce for a local community organization.

### 1-5 Eastside Community Garden – 209 Gillespie Street, Greensboro (street parking)

<http://mapq.st/jbDqUw>

The Eastside Community Garden broke ground on June 8th, 2010, and is an exciting addition to the constantly evolving Eastside neighborhood. Thanks to the generous funding of the George Andreve Foundation, **the garden currently has 14 (4' x 20') individual raised beds leased** to neighborhood residents. There are also three communal beds with plenty of room for future development. In addition to growing fruits and vegetables, the garden serves as a catalyst for community involvement and an opportunity to strengthen the neighborhood in a variety of ways that reach beyond the activity of gardening.

### 1-6 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church – 212 West Smith Street, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/jwePcx>

This faith-based community garden, located near the intersection of Smith and Simpson Streets, was established in May of 2009. There are **22 (4'x 16') rented raised-bed** garden plots, 2 plots used for educat-



ing pre-school students, and three plots in which all of the produce grown is donated. For 2011 we have welcomed 2 new gardening families. Members are growing tomatoes, yellow squash, green beans, spices, Swiss chard, cucumbers, zucchini, peas (earlier in spring), onions, carrots, broccoli, eggplant, etc. Garden members donate 10% of produce grown to the needy. This year's donations are slated for the Servant Center. Last year's donations totaled slightly over 300 lbs.

### 1-7 Beloved Community Center – 417 Arlington Street, Greensboro (street parking)

<http://mapq.st/m8nsl3>

This community garden, located 2 blocks north of Lee Street, was established in 2008 and expanded in 2009. It has a large open tilled area with row plantings, and 2 (4'X20') raised beds which are 2 feet high. There are 4 additional (3'X20') wide mounded beds. The soil is primarily existing clay soil with leaf compost and lime added. As of spring 2011, the garden began integrating an educational program that focuses on sustainability and community building within the context of community gardening and permaculture design. The vegetables are used for the Center's Hospitality Home kitchen and for donations to needy families. Produce is also distributed to the church congregation, and members would also like to donate produce to Urban Ministries and Hospice. The garden is maintained by volunteers from within the church and larger community. In addition to providing vegetables the garden's purpose includes fostering community spirit, and teaching values like teamwork and responsibility. For more information please visit [www.belovedcommunitycenter.org](http://www.belovedcommunitycenter.org), and the garden program's blog at <http://belovedcommunitygardening.blogspot.com>

### 1-8 St. James Presbyterian Church - 820 Ross Avenue, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/iPWUNg>

This faith-based, sustainable community garden was established in February 2009 and is in its third season of growing produce for donation to those in need. The garden consists of 8 beds measuring 4'X40' and can be reached by way of a sturdy new staircase leading downhill from the church parking lot. The mission of the garden includes establishing community relationships outside of the walls of the church.

### 1-9 Steelman Park – near 902 Gregory Street, Greensboro (street parking)

<http://mapq.st/kx8PF1>

The Steelman Park Community Garden was constructed in March of 2007 and has 20 (4'X20') raised beds gardened by neighborhood residents. The garden also has a tool shed, a fence with 2 double wide gates, and 4 frost-free water hydrants. Partial funding came from an "Eat Smart, Move More" grant obtained by the Guilford County Health Department. Other partners are the N.C. Cooperative Extension and the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.



### 1-10 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Garden Ministry - 4321 S. Elm-Eugene Street, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/mNaTRP>

The garden ministry of First Christian Church (located at 1900 West Market Street) began in the spring of 2009, and since then we have spent countless hours with our hands in the dirt. This year our garden has been expanded to approximately half an acre, which is tended communally by church members and volunteers. The produce we grow is shared with our congregation and with the Servant Center Food Pantry. The Garden Ministry also includes programs beyond the garden: a summer intern helps us organize volunteers and coordinates activities like harvest dinners, canning classes, and educational programs. See our website: [www.fccgreensboro.org](http://www.fccgreensboro.org).

## CENTRAL GREENSBORO – JAMESTOWN – HIGH POINT (MAP 2): <http://mapq.st/m0Ttkn>

### 2-1 Lindley Elementary Garden – 2700 Camden Road, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/jMFgih>

This garden was started in the spring of 2010 through a grant from Syngenta and assistance from Home Depot. Most of Lindley's 450 students have had a chance to plant, pick and taste from the garden. We have 16 beds divided among grade levels and some special classes, including our Hearing Impaired program. We also have a small orchard. Parent volunteers helped create the garden and build our tool shed, and also help lead activities in the garden with classes. During the summer, the garden is cared for by parent volunteers. Most of what is grown is consumed by students, or by families caring for the garden in the summer. We plan to participate in a farmer's market once a month this summer. Please use the Northridge Street entrance to visit the garden.

### 2-2 Starmount Presbyterian Church – 3501 West Market Street, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/lawUgj>

This faith-based community garden is in its third year and now has 8 tilled beds. The soil in the beds is a combination of existing soil and Greensboro City compost. The paths were mulched with wood chips donated by a tree trimming company. This year the Men of the Church added wood sides to some of our raised beds in an effort to minimize erosion. Two volunteers built the handsome pea trellis which will be used later in the season to support cucumbers. A core group of church members takes care of the beds by tilling, planting, weeding and harvesting. 95% of the vegetables in six of the beds are donated to those in need in the community. A seventh bed is tended by a Montagnard family who consumes what they grow. The larger bed on the left was planted by the pastor of the Vietnamese congregation that meets at Starmount. The produce grown there is for the benefit of his family and congregation.

### 2-3 Charlie's Garden at First Lutheran Church – 3600 West Friendly, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/iHIQhO>

Located just east of the intersection of Friendly Avenue and Holden Road, this faith-based community garden was established in 2009 to honor our pastor on his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the church. The garden was enlarged this spring and now consists of 2 (4 x 25 ft) beds, 6 (4 x 12 ft) beds and 3 (4 x 3 ft) beds. Fencing was installed this spring and a tumble style composter was donated by another church committee. Rain barrels with a pump system are used to supplement watering. One hundred percent of the vegetables grown are donated to local food banks and organizations assisting individuals and families. In 2010 over 700 pounds of produce were harvested and donated. The purpose of the garden is to utilize church resources to serve the community, and provide a fellowship opportunity for church gardeners. The garden is tended by a group of church members who have enjoyed the assistance of several young Sunday school classes.



### 2-4 St. Francis Episcopal Church – 3506 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/ii920w>

This is a faith based community garden located just south of the intersection of Lawndale Drive and Pisgah Church Road. **There are more than 30 (4'X20') tilled beds which are rented by church and community members. The plot renters agree to donate 10% of their vegetable yield to local food banks.** A new greenhouse has been built along with three tall raised beds for limited mobility access. In addition there is a large open tilled area which has row plantings. The vegetables harvested from these rows are all donated to local food banks. Currently there are tomato plants, sweet potato plants, eggplants, cucumbers, green peppers, and several hills of squash being cultivated in this area.

## 2-5 The Village Greens at Brandt Village – 2399 Brandt Village, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/k9JQOj>

This is our garden's second year, and we are excited to be part of the Community Garden Tour. We have received funding on two separate occasions thanks to Building Stronger Neighborhoods grants, and currently have 18 raised beds, with 2 of them built to a height of 20" for those gardeners preferring a slightly more elevated garden. All beds have been planted and are growing nicely. Our overall plan includes room for 20 raised beds. We are using some of our raised beds for sharing/donating. The remaining open space currently has a Sunflower House and a Green Bean Tee Pee planted in it. Our children are excited about the possibilities as these structures will be large enough for them to enter when completed. A small bed of herbs is located in the center of the garden. The six blueberry plants installed last year survived the winter and are doing well. Our hardscape structures with vines growing on them have been improved and add much to the beauty of this garden located in this townhouse community.

## 2-6 St Barnabas Episcopal Church, Garden of Eatin' – 1300 Jefferson Road, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/in4YxR>

Another startup from the spring of 2010 and now in its second year, this 16-bed garden is open to the parish and the community. The produce from one plot is donated to those in need. The garden also includes a communal herb garden.

## 2-7 Cardinal Manor Community Garden – across from 3705 Sawgrass Road, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/j2QiMN>

Cardinal Manor is a diverse community of townhomes and patio homes surrounded by the Cardinal Golf Course, off Fleming Road. Follow Cardinal Way until you see the pool – the garden is beside it. The garden started in April of 2010; we currently have 10 (5' x 12') raised stone/block beds and one circular bed, with plans for expansion. The beds were filled with leaf compost from the city landfill and organic bagged topsoil. We raise organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers and donate 10% of produce. Our community garden was funded by a grant from Building Stronger Neighborhoods. We thank everyone involved in helping to make this beautiful garden project possible, it has become a tremendous asset for our community and a catalyst for bringing people together.



## 2-8 Guilford College Community Garden – opposite 1128 New Garden Rd, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/miOIR3>

This garden has 20 (4' x 20') beds which are leased to members from Guilford College and the surrounding area for \$30./year. We are committed to the principles of organic gardening and grow our vegetables, fruits and flowers without the use of chemical pesticides or herbicides. Several beds are maintained by volunteer student groups for produce that is donated to local hunger-relief groups. Much of the upkeep of the garden as a whole is done by members and non-member volunteers. The Guilford College Community Garden also seeks to foster community through community work days and events, as well as educational workshops on sustainable garden management held in conjunction with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. In doing so, the Guilford College Community Garden intends to provide a locus for community-oriented sustainable gardening efforts in the northwest Greensboro area, and a point of connection between the Guilford College community and the surrounding neighborhoods.

## 2-9 Brandywine Community Garden – Collwood Court, Greensboro

<http://mapq.st/jy1BZf>

This is a private community garden consisting of 14 (5'X20') raised beds. The gardeners here are all residents of the Brandywine community. Some of the beds are organic. The raised beds were filled with a mixture of existing clay soil and leaf compost. The garden area was initially tilled before the beds were installed, and excess soil in the paths was then used as fill for the raised beds. This is the 3rd year for this community garden which initially was funded by a "Building Stronger Neighborhoods" grant, and is now self sustaining.

## 2-10 Jamestown Friends Community Garden – 509 Guilford Road, Jamestown

<http://mapq.st/j7Vkt1>

Located at the corner of East Fork Road and Guilford Road, this garden began in 2010, sponsored by Jamestown Friends Meeting. There are 2 (4' x 30') beds and 2 (4' x 40') beds. Eleven gardeners from Jamestown and Adams Farm are thrilled to be gardening together here. They are donating a minimum of 10% of their produce to Open Door Shelter, or the charity of their choice.

## 2-11 Pennybyrn Community Garden – 109 Penny Road, High Point

<http://mapq.st/kH9h2l>

Pennybyrn is a private senior "independent living" residential community and all of the gardeners are residents. The garden consists of 13 (4'X10') raised beds, originally tilled and soil tested in 2008. A 4 foot high wooden picket fence was subsequently erected around the perimeter of the garden in 2009, the garden's first planting season. The raised beds were constructed by a local furniture maker and brought onto the site. The soil is a combination of existing red clay and leaf compost. In addition to the beds, blueberry bushes and various flowering shrubs have been planted inside the fence. We are excited about showing our beds on the Tour – this has been a good year for rain and growing weather, and everything is doing well. Anyone needing additional directions to the site can call 336-821-4000.

## 2-12 Southside Community Garden - 508 Vail Avenue, High Point

<http://mapq.st/jj0vtW>

This beautiful garden is new in 2011 and the gardeners are just beginning their first season of growing both vegetables and community. The 20 raised beds are leased by Southside Neighborhood Association members and a few community members from surrounding neighborhoods, many of whom are new to gardening. This community is located in a food desert and one of the objectives is to give the gardeners access to healthy, fresh produce. The garden was created as a partnership between N.C. Cooperative Extension, The City of High Point's Parks and Recreation Department and Community Development Department, as well as Guilford County Public Health.



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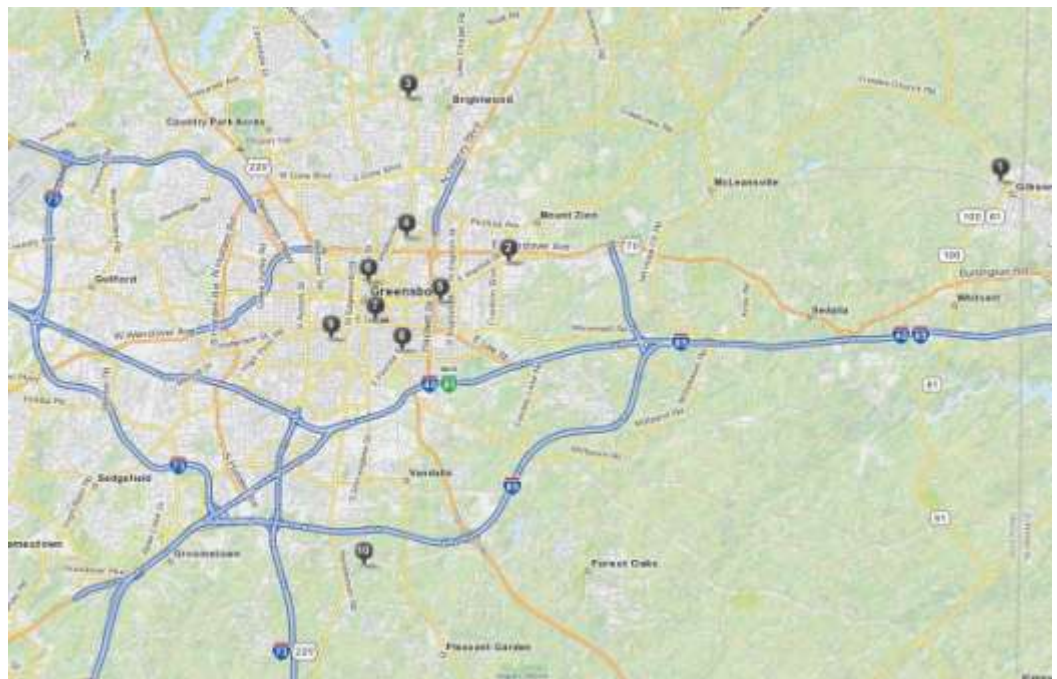
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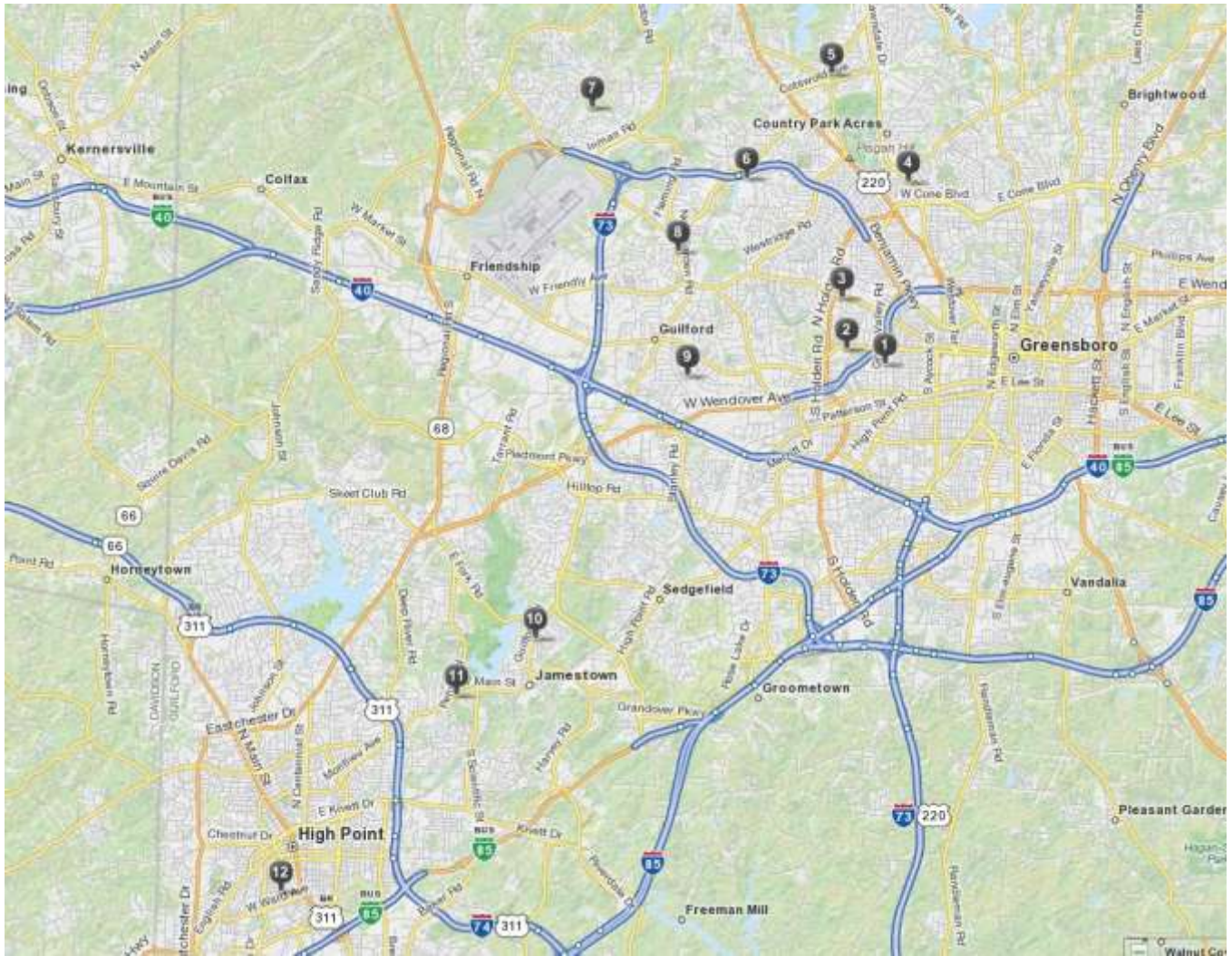
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## Map 2



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