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## **Murfreesboro Planning Commission Public Hearings, March 22**

*Public Comment on Historic Bottoms and North Highland Avenue Planning Studies*

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** — On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, the Murfreesboro Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. to hold important public hearings on two key downtown-area studies. The City has been studying “North Highlands Avenue” and the “Historic Bottoms” for the past nine months.

The public hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 West Vine Street in Murfreesboro. These two studies—the Historic Bottoms Planning Study and the North Highland Avenue Planning Study—are important drivers for the future of downtown Murfreesboro and include many aspects, including residential and commercial development, transportation and access, parks and recreation, arts and entertainment, among others.

The public Hearings follow previous public input opportunities, including Public Open Houses spearheaded by planning consultant Ragan-Smith. These studies, and the decisions that will come from them, will help chart the future course of the downtown Murfreesboro area for many years to come. Input at the March 22 Public Hearing is this next important step in the process before the plans are adopted.

The North Highland Avenue Planning Study area includes downtown Murfreesboro and includes the intersection of East Clark Boulevard and North Highland Avenue south to Lytle Street, east along Lytle Street to Middle Tennessee Boulevard and west along Lytle Street to Northwest Broad Street.

The Historic Bottoms study area is historically known as “The Bottoms” because of its low terrain and frequent flooding and includes the area of downtown Murfreesboro that is south of the historic Downtown Square, east along Southeast Broad Street to Discovery Center, and west along Southeast Broad Street to Memorial Boulevard to the CSX Railroad as the western boundary. The study area includes Murfreesboro’s Civic Plaza, Cannonsburgh Village and the West Main Street area, to name a few key landmarks.

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A draft copy of the Historic Bottoms Planning Study is available for review on the City of Murfreesboro website at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/documentcenter/view/4813>

A draft copy of the North Highland Avenue Planning Study is available for review on the City of Murfreesboro website at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/documentcenter/view/4499>

For information about the studies, contact Murfreesboro Planning Staff at 615-893-6441. Copies of the studies are available for public review in the office of the Planning Director in City Hall as well as on the City's webpage at [www.murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov). For specific information about the North Highland Avenue Planning Study, contact Matthew Blomeley at 615.893.6441 or via email at [mblomeley@murfreesborotn.gov](mailto:mblomeley@murfreesborotn.gov). For information about the "Historic Bottoms" Study, contact Donald Anthony at 615.893.6441 or via email [danthony@murfreesborotn.gov](mailto:danthony@murfreesborotn.gov).

Facebook users can follow the North Highland Avenue Planning Study on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/murfreesboronorthhighlandstudy/>. Follow the Historic Bottoms Planning Study on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MurfreesboroHistoricBottomsStudy/>.

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1. *Historic Bottoms.jpg*
2. *North Highland Avenue.jpg*

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