

# **Developer eyes water line looping Summerfield**

**One option for extending water from the city of Greensboro to Summerfield Farms Village envisions a line reaching beyond the proposed development**

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SUMMERFIELD - A proposal by developer David Couch to extend water from the city of Greensboro for the expansion of Summerfield Farms envisions nearly 13.2 miles of water line looping through the town of Summerfield.

The line from Greensboro would travel north on Pleasant Ridge Road to Summerfield Farms, where it would supply water to Couch's proposed residential and commercial development of 650 acres. It would then follow some of Summerfield's major roads.

The proposal by Couch's engineering firm is one possibility for supplying water to Summerfield Farms Village, the developer said in an interview earlier this week. Another would follow a shorter route, supplying homeowners and businesses in his proposed development, not the wider area of town, he said.

Any plan for running a water line, as well as sewer services, from Greensboro is tentative. Extending the utilities would require the cooperation of Summerfield, the city of Greensboro and Guilford County. In the end, the city of Greensboro would approve the final alignment of a water line, Couch said.

Couch's proposal for developing his property would require rezoning approval by the Summerfield Town Council. A rezoning application has not yet been submitted to the town.

Exactly where a water line would run would depend partly upon technical considerations, such as water pressure. Regardless of its route, the line would have to connect Greensboro's water supply in two places, creating a loop to generate sufficient pressure for water flow in Summerfield, Couch said.

A line through Summerfield would allow for the installation of fire hydrants widely across town, while supplying water to Couch's proposed shopping center on N.C. 150, he said.

In conversations with officials in the three municipalities since announcing plans for Summerfield Farms Village last September, Couch has shared some details about his proposal. He has raised the possibility of extending a water line from Summerfield Farms to businesses along U.S. 220. The developer hasn't mentioned publicly his proposal for looping the line through Summerfield.

If the proposed line winds up being built as proposed by Couch's engineer, it would follow this course: Once reaching Summerfield Farms, it would continue north on Pleasant Ridge Road to Summerfield Road.

Turning left (or northwest), the line would follow Summerfield Road to the stoplight at N.C. 150, at Town Hall, Couch said. It would again turn left (or west), onto N.C. 150, until reaching Brookbank Road at the site of the developer's proposed shopping center.

The line would follow Brookbank Road southwest until it dead-ends into Bunch Road, Couch said. It would then turn left (or southeast) on Bunch Road until turning right (or south) on Northwest School Road. At that point, it would tie into city water lines at Northwest Guilford middle and high schools.