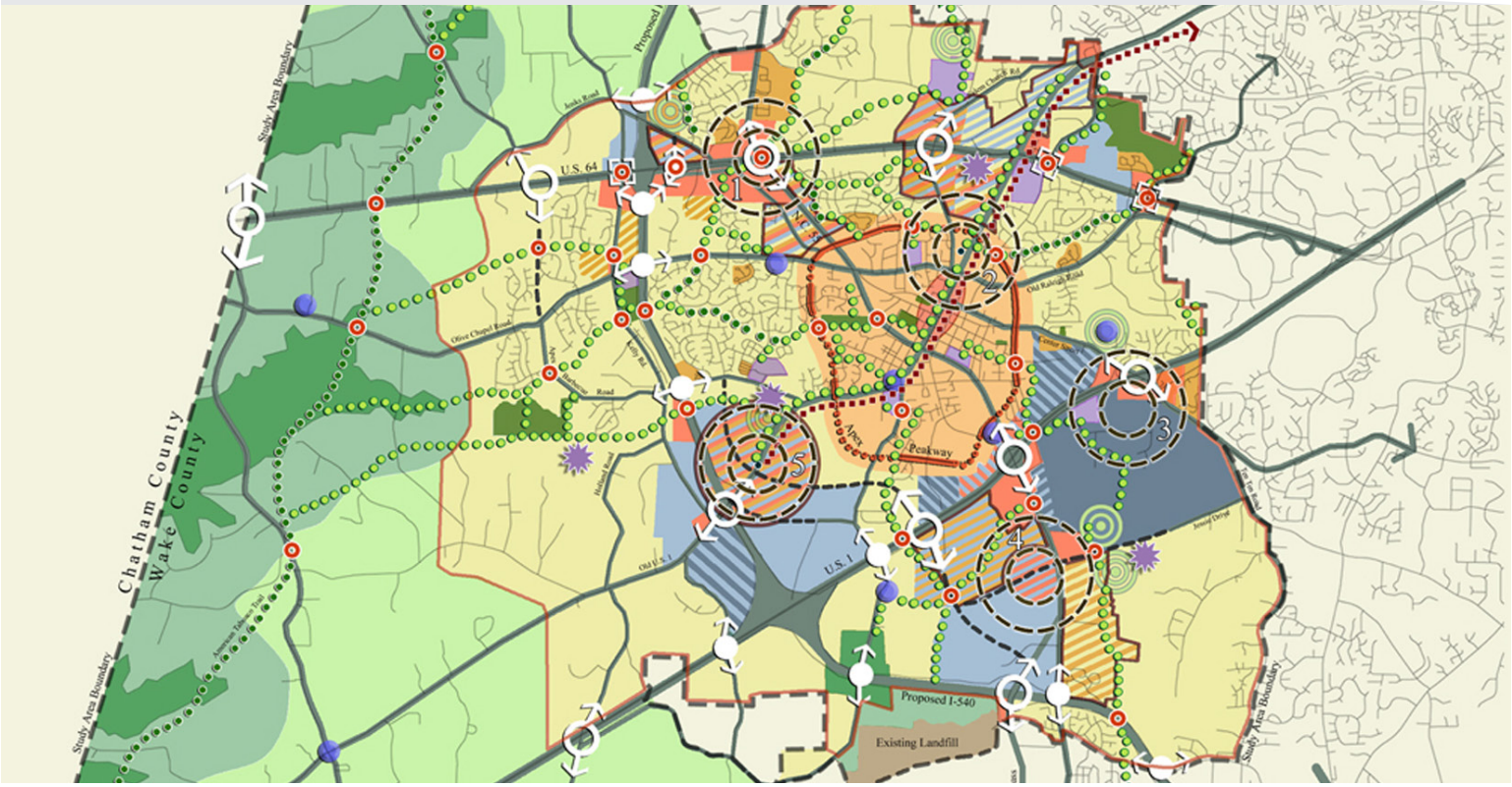

Apex Comprehensive Plan & Plan Update

LOCATION
Apex, NC

CLIENT
Town of Apex, NC

MARKET
Planning-City & Town Plans

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS
American Planning Association NC Chapter Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award for Comprehensive Planning (2014)

In 2013, Money Magazine ranked Apex, North Carolina as the #9 Best Place to Live in America, and the #1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina. This accolade is merely the latest in a long list of testimonies recognizing Apex's high quality of life, rich cultural and historic amenities, outstanding Town services, and quality schools.

Apex has a long-standing tradition of utilizing plans to help guide growth and development decisions in the community. In 2003, the Town retained LandDesign to prepare a comprehensive plan in response to a period of unprecedented growth. Apex sought to ensure that its small-town charm and other intrinsic qualities were not lost in a blur of conventional suburban development. The Town also faced significant utility issues, including the expiration of its inter-basin transfer permit. LandDesign, coordinating with Town staff, outlined a progressive approach to help facilitate growth and development to desired community outcomes.

In 2012, additional growth and major infrastructure projects, such as the completion of the water reclamation facility and I-540, warranted an update to the plan. The Town contracted with LandDesign to lead the update. "Peak Plan 2030" recognizes that mixed-use development is a key component of Apex's future land use pattern, and defines mixed-use development in terms of scale and intensity that are appropriate for a small-town setting. Apex is preparing to grow in a way that maximizes resources while respecting key community values so that the Town remains the "Peak of Good Living."