

OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM

The Wilson section of Windsor has been designated as an “opportunity zone” by the state and federal government. The Town Council is interested in enabling the use of this tool to spur economic development and job creation in the Wilson area.

What is an Opportunity Zone?

An Opportunity Zone is a location designated by the state and federal government where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool—that is, they are designed to spur economic development and job creation in specific areas.

Opportunity Zones are fairly new tools for promoting community investment (since 2018).

How do Opportunity Zones spur economic development?

Opportunity Zones are designed to spur economic development by providing tax benefits to investors.

The tax benefits to the investor may be obtained by investing in a Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) which is an investment vehicle set up (as either a partnership or corporation) for investing in eligible property that is located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone.

Where can I get additional information?

Additional information from the Internal Revenue Service can be found at:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/opportunity-zones-frequently-asked-questions>