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The urban expansion of Charlotte will pose many new challenges for the City of Locust over the next two decades. In mid-1996 therefore, the City Council embarked on the development of a new and improved Master Plan containing strategies for growth management for their community. The objectives were for Locust to enjoy the benefits of growth while avoiding its drawbacks, and in so doing, to reinforce and enhance its small scale urban character while conserving its rural heritage. This new Zoning Ordinance is a major component of this new Community Master Plan, and it has been the fruit of extensive community participation within the City of Locust from August 1996 to March 1997.

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