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## **Proposed Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan Added to City-County Mapping Website**

The Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) has added the proposed Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Area to the Knoxville-Knox County-Knoxville Utilities Board Geographic Information System's (KGIS) interactive mapping website, KnoxNetWhere. This map will enable residents to determine whether all or portions of their property falls within the proposed Hillside Protection Area through searches by address, parcel ID number or owner name.

To access KnoxNetWhere, follow the link from the KGIS website, [www.kgis.org](http://www.kgis.org). To view the plan, select the "MPC Proposed Hillside Protection Plan" theme from the list of themes in top, right-hand corner of the webpage. To search for a property via address, select "Search" link on the top of the site and then click "Search by Address".

Adoption of the plan itself will have no effect on the rights of property owners to utilize or develop their parcels as permitted under their existing zoning. No regulations

would be enacted by the adoption of this plan. Property owners whose parcel falls within the proposed Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Area that are planning to seek rezoning of their property to allow more intensive development can contact MPC to learn more about how adoption of the plan could modify the practice of determining the recommended number of dwelling units for proposed subdivisions.

The Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan, which was adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission on December 9, must be made operative by an affirmative vote of the Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission and is currently under consideration by both bodies. More information about the plan is available on the MPC website, [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org) , or by calling (865) 215-2500.

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