

70th & Pine Lake

445 acres

88 parcels
(67 dwelling units)

The potential annexation area has been adjacent to Lincoln on multiple sides for several years. With annexation AN20004 (effective 10/13/2020) the final “gap” was closed and the area became completely engulfed by Lincoln. Per the City’s annexation policy, this area is being proposed for City-initiated annexation. A high level summary of annexation considerations is below.



Annexation criteria per Policy 80 of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan:

The City should annex land in Tier 1 Priorities A and B that is contiguous to city limits and generally urban in character. All land that is engulfed by the City should be annexed.



This area meets the criteria of the annexation policy. It is engulfed by the City, shown as a mix of Priority A and B on the Priority Growth Areas Map, and infrastructure is generally available. This is currently the only area on the fringe of Lincoln that is fully engulfed by the City and designated as a Priority A/B growth tier. The existing city limits extend two miles south of this proposed area.

Emergency Services

The new fire/police station at 66th & Pine Lake opened in August 2019. The area is currently within the service area of Southeast Rural Fire and Rescue (volunteer). Annexation would bring this area into Lincoln Fire and Rescue’s jurisdiction and increase the level of service for both fire and ambulance services. Police service would switch from Lancaster County Sheriff to Lincoln Police Department.

Schools

The area is currently a mix of three school districts: LPS, Norris, and Waverly. A majority of parcels (71 out of 88) are already within the LPS district. Upon annexation the entire area would be added to the LPS school district. LPS has made significant investments in the area in recent years, including Wysong Elementary, Moore Middle School, and Standing Bear High School.

Infrastructure

The area is surrounded by sewer and water lines. In addition, a sewer line bisects the southern portion of the area, and a water line along 70th Street is identified in the current 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The water line is not necessary to provide service to the area but allows for looping of the water system. Urban utilities are available in the area, and they would need to be extended to serve individual properties. Same as all urban development, the costs to extend utilities would primarily be the responsibility of the property owners to be served. In most cases lines are only extended at the request of property owners - existing wells and septic systems are allowed within city limits, with some restrictions.

The area includes 3.2 miles of roads, all paved. 70th Street is designated as a minor arterial and is currently built to rural standards. All other roads are local. Pine Lake and Yankee Hill were both recently improved to urban standards with roundabouts to accommodate future urban roads in this area.

The Star Tran Heart Hospital bus route travels along 70th Street. There are nearby stops located north of 70th & Pine Lake and at Moore Middle School.

October 2021: Notification letters sent to property owners. Planning Staff are available to answer questions and provide additional information.

Fall 2022: Informational neighborhood meeting, Planning Commission / City Council hearings, annexation approval.

Per State Statute (13-509[3], 79-1074) annexations after July 1 are not effective for tax purposes until the following year. In this instance property annexed in Fall 2022 would first be assessed “city taxes” (including city levy and LPS) in 2023, payable in 2024. Note that a majority of parcels in this area are already within the LPS district and paying the LPS levy.