**DATE:** March 22, 2017

TO: Michael O. Geisel, P.E.

City Administrator

FROM: James A. Eckrich, P.E.

Public Works Director City Engineer

**RE:** Wilson Avenue



It has recently come to my attention that Wilson Avenue is signed as both "Wilson Avenue" and "Wilson Road." There are twelve City of Chesterfield street signs on Wilson Avenue, of which five read "Wilson Avenue" and seven read "Wilson Road." This has initiated a complaint from an area resident who desires that the name of the street be clarified and signed appropriately.

Public Works Staff has reviewed the history of Wilson Avenue, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Civil Engineer Michael McMillion. We have found that the majority of the subdivision plats reference Wilson Avenue, and that the U.S. Post Office and St. Louis County both use the name "Wilson Avenue". Accordingly, it is the finding of the Public Works Department that the official name is "Wilson Avenue", and that the signs should be adjusted accordingly.

#### Action Recommended

This matter should be forwarded to the Planning and Public Works Committee for consideration. Should the Committee concur with Staff's recommendation, the Public Works Director will authorize the replacement of all signs referencing "Wilson Road" with new signs which read "Wilson Avenue." Letters will be sent adjacent Subdivision Trustees notifying them of this action. Additionally, a letter will be sent to the Missouri Department of Transportation requesting that signage on Clarkson Road be changed to "Wilson Avenue."

Please framed to provide the property with the p

DATE:

March 8, 2017

TO:

James A. Eckrich, P.E.

Public Works Director / City Engineer

FROM:

Michael McMillion, P.E.

Civil Engineer

RE:

Wilson Avenue – Incorrect Street Signs

A resident recently contacted the City requesting that Wilson Avenue be signed correctly and consistently. Existing signs refer the roadway as both Wilson Avenue and Wilson Road (Attachment 1).

In 2005 there was a similar inquiry. On 4/14/2005 a memo was written addressing the Road vs. Avenue issue. The memo indicates that: the original documents that named the roadway Wilson were not able to be found; subdivision record plats along the roadway show both Wilson Avenue and Wilson Road; St. Louis County property records show Wilson Avenue; and the US Postal Service uses Wilson Avenue for mailing addresses. The memo suggests that the correct name is Wilson Avenue, recommends that 13 signs be replaced to the correct name, and states that MoDOT be advised that their signage should be changed.

In response to the attached work order, staff worked to verify the findings of the 2005 memo. Subdivision plats were reviewed with nine showing Wilson Avenue and six showing Wilson Road (Attachment 2). St. Louis County & US Postal still use Wilson Avenue for the name of the roadway.

The oldest document found was a subdivision plat from 1972 for the Walnut Hill Farms subdivision; this document listed the roadway as Wilson Avenue (Attachment 3).

In 2014, the Wilson Avenue Culvert project (2014-PW-08) used the name Wilson Avenue in recorded documentation for easements.

There are currently seven street signs (Walnut Hill Farm Dr., Chesterfield Lakes Dr., Wilson Woods Ct., Wilson Forest Ct., Wilson Forest View Ct., Chamfers Farm Rd., Bent Tree Dr., Wilson View Estates Dr.) that list the roadway as Wilson Road as well as the two MoDOT signs at Clarkson Rd. This is obviously less than the 13 signs referenced in the 2005 memo. It is likely that no direct action for replacement was taken as a result of the 2005 memo; however, when signs were replaced the name Wilson Avenue was used.

In conclusion, this roadway should be referred to as Wilson Avenue. For the street signs along the road to be to be consistent and reflect this name, seven street signs will have to be replaced. Additionally, MoDOT will have to be advised that the signage at the Clarkson Rd.-Wilson Avenue intersection should be changed. Subdivision trustees should be contacted regarding this change (Attachment 4).



**ATTACHMENT 1 - WO# 83023** 

## Work Order

Reported: 02/23/2017

WO# 83023

**Disposition:** Engineering Analysis

Assigned To: Jim

Eckrich

Reported By

Anthony Tharenos

**Email** 

**Home Phone** 

636-537-9835

**Problem Location** 

Wilson Ave

**Problem Subdivision** 

No Subdivision Ward 4

Problem: Signs on Right of Way

Resident had questions pertaining to Wilson Rd. vs. Wilson Ave. He said the street signs are not correct. He would like someone to call him regarding this.

Solution

Entered By: Erica Blesener

Man Hrs:

Sched. Start:

Started:

Sched. Comp:

Completed:

Priority: No

# ATTACHMENT 2 - Subdivision Plat Comparison

### Subdivision Record Plats with Wilson Rd

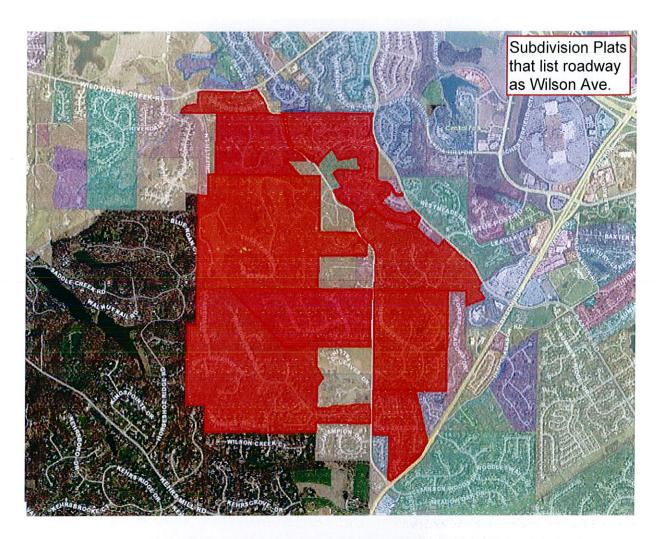
Sub Code	Subdivision Name	Year of Record	Rd. or Ave.
191	Wilson View Estates	1993	Road
197	Sea Beauty Farms	1994	Road
3	Bent Tree-Plat 1	1979	Road
169	Falling Leaves Estates	1982	Road
294	Wilson Bluffs	2008	Road
122	Christopher Woods	1990	Road

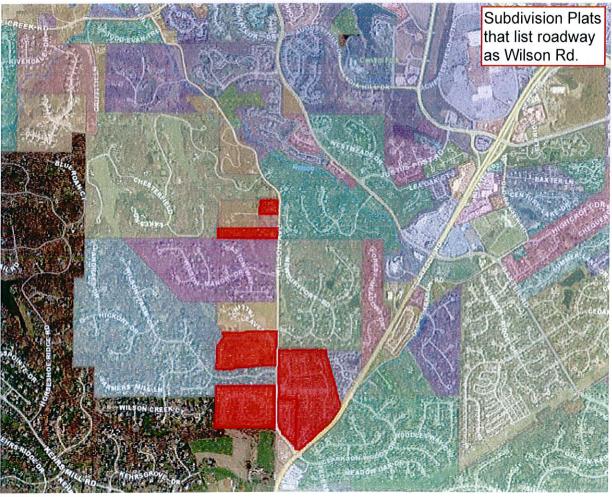
### **Subdivision Record Plats with Wilson Ave**

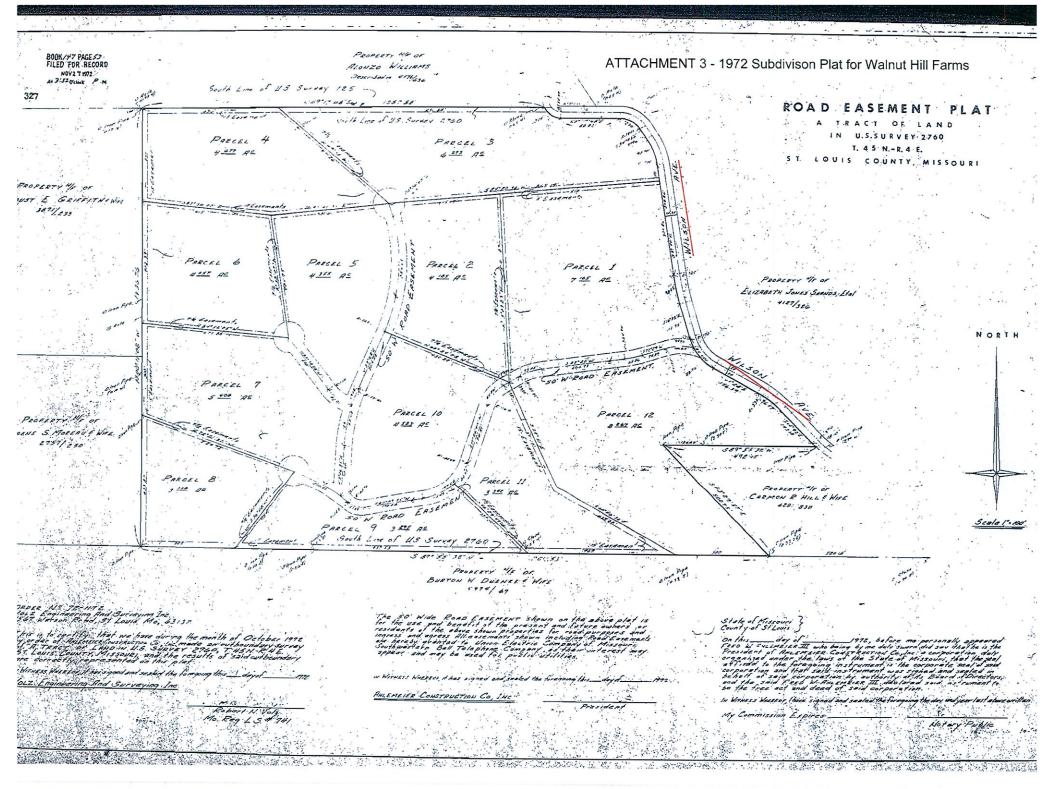
Sub Code	Subdivision Name	Year of Record	Rd. or Ave.
93	Wilson Farm Estates	1983	Avenue
10	Chesterfield Meadows	1977	Avenue
3	Bent Tree-Plat 3	1982	Avenue
94	Wilson Manors 2-Plat 1	1987	Avenue
74	The Forest-Plat 1 Amended	1987	Avenue
9	Chesterfield Lakes	1973	Avenue
106	Baxter Crossings	1988	Avenue
82	Walnut Hill Farms	1972	Avenue
299	Wilson Creek	2007	Avenue

### No Sub. Ward 4

5004	1901 Wilson Ave BAP	2013	Avenue
5004	Road Improvement Plans	1997	Road
5004	Road Improvement Plans	2001	Road









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March 8, 2017
Chesterfield, MO
RE: Wilson Avenue Street Signs
Dear:
It has recently come to the attention of the City of Chesterfield that Wilson Avenue is signed inconsistently. City Staff has researched the matter and determined that the correct name of the roadway is Wilson Avenue. Accordingly, all signs referencing "Wilson Road" will be removed and replaced with "Wilson Avenue". Please be advised that this action is being taken solely to correct signage on Wilson Avenue. It is in no way tied to any current or future road improvement project of any kind.
Sincerely,
James A. Eckrich, P.E. Public Works Director, City Engineer