

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Public comment will be taken for each regular agenda item as each item is discussed. Individuals will be limited to one comment per agenda item. Individuals are asked to come to the microphone, sign in, and state their name. Speakers are asked to sign in so that the spelling of names is correct in the minutes of the meeting. Speakers should address all comments/questions to the Commission.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

4:00 p.m. WORK SESSION

-Zoning Regulations Update (Tonya Voigt)

5:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) (a) Consider approval of Commission Orders;
- (b) Resolution adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan (Robert Bieniecki)
- (c) Accounts payable.

REGULAR AGENDA

- (2) General Public Comment

General Public Comment will be at the end of each meeting with a limit of one comment per person and keep their comments brief. Individuals may not give unused time to other speakers. As a general practice, the Commission will not discuss/debate these items, nor will the Commission make decisions on items presented during this time, rather they will refer the items to staff for follow up, if necessary.

- (3) Committee Reports
- (4) Commissioner and/or Administrator Miscellaneous
- (5) Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

-No Work Session

Business Meeting:

-Behavioral Health Resources for Douglas County Farmers Presentation (Mallory Meek)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

Work Session – Cemeteries in the Unincorporated Area and County responsibilities

Business Meeting:

-Proclamation for 4-H Week (Kaitlyn Peine)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

Work Session – Comprehensive Plan

Business Meeting:

-CSR-19-00373 and CSR-19-00374; Amended certificates of survey for land previously included within certificate of survey, CSR-18-00469. Approximately 50.32 acres located within the southwest corner of the intersection of N. 1200 Road and E. 2000 Road. Submitted by All Points Surveying for Barb R. Hermreck and Mary M. Williams, trustees of the Norbert M. Grosdidier revocable living trust, property owners of record. Administratively approved on August 30, 2019. Mary Miller is the Planner.

-CSR-19-00349 and CSR-19-00350; certificates of survey for approximately 40 acres located in the southeast corner of the intersection of N. 725 Road and E. 475 Road. Submitted by All Points

Surveying for Steven M. Hornberger and Cynthia A. Hornberger Trustees, property owners of record. Administratively approved on August 19, 2019. Mary Miller is the Planner.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

-No Work Session

Business Meeting:

-Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Will Averill)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 - cancelled

***Note:** The Douglas County Commission meets regularly on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., and at 4:00 p.m. for Work Sessions as needed. Meetings are held at the Douglas County Courthouse (2nd Floor) at 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. Specific regular meeting dates that are not listed above have not been cancelled unless specifically noted on this schedule.*



DOUGLAS COUNTY ZONING & CODES

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Tonya Voigt
Zoning Director

MEMORANDUM

TO : Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tonya Voigt (Zoning Director) and Mary Miller (Planner)

DATE : September 18, 2019

RE : Zoning Regulation Update Work Session

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission initiated a text amendment to revise the Zoning Regulations in 2008. These have been ongoing since that time due in part to staffing changes and staff's workload. The Revised Zoning Regulations are now ready to move forward and changes proposed with the revised regulations require revisions to the Subdivision Regulations.

The revisions to the Zoning Regulations are intended to update the terminology and uses, clarify the various processes, and to align the regulations more closely with recommendations in the comprehensive plan regarding the unincorporated portion of the county. Some of the changes in the Zoning Regulations, requiring zoning and platting for properties within the Urban Growth Area for instance, require revisions to the Subdivision Regulations.

The revised Zoning Regulations are nearly complete and staff will soon be gathering public input through a series of public meetings and by posting the revised regulations on the Planning and County websites. Staff is providing the proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations to the Board of County Commissioners for their input and direction.

DISCUSSION

One purpose of zoning is to minimize the negative impacts of certain types of land use by separating them from one another. Another purpose is to create districts of suitable size to allow certain types of development to occur. This is achieved by restricting uses to classified districts, such as residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial zones. At this time, there's no distinction between agricultural and residential uses in the zoning regulations.

The draft revised regulations propose to add zoning districts so the Agricultural District contains land that is used for agriculture or is large parcels. The District would not allow the variety of uses that are permitted in the A District today (schools, churches, conditional use permits for non-agricultural uses) A secondary Agricultural District would be established for smaller parcel agriculture (less than 20 acres), and other various non-agricultural uses, which is not zoned

to allow for a residential or other non-agricultural use, would have to be rezoned from the Agricultural District, and possibly site planned, before a building permit can be issued for that use.

The rezoning process would allow staff to consider the character of adjacent parcels, the zoning and uses nearby, the suitability of the property to the proposed use, the impact of the proposals on infrastructure, the length of time that the subject and adjacent properties have been utilized for their current uses and the benefits to the public health, safety and welfare. In addition to these factors, staff proposes that the suitability of the property for agricultural uses be evaluated to help maintain the agricultural land inventory in the county. The rezoning process would include public notification, and a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

The regulations are intended to allow these different land uses to be located and organized in a manner that promotes the public health, safety and general welfare, to conserve property values and to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, and other public infrastructure. The ideal outcome of these updates would be a set of zoning regulations that recognize the importance of maintaining agricultural land and productivity within Douglas County while permitting growth in accordance with the recommendations in the comprehensive plan to meet the evolving needs of Douglas County.

In addition to requiring zoning for non-agricultural uses to occur in the A District, the following changes are being proposed:

- A new zoning district, the Village District, would provide a suitable district for the existing villages within Douglas County but would not expect these villages to grow beyond their current borders.
- Public notification required for site plan applications so property owners are aware of development proposed in their area and can have input into the review process.
- Grouping of some zoning districts so there is only 2 industrial districts, rather than the current 4 and 3 business districts instead of the current 4.

The principal change proposed to the Subdivision Regulations is to allow platting for the subdivision of residential land within the urban growth area when more than 4 parcels are proposed. This may involve the addition of public roads; however, this would require the approval of the county and township.

ACTION REQUESTED

No formal action is requested with this study session item. Staff is providing this information as a status update on the progress of the revised regulations and request the Board provide feedback and direction on the proposed changes.

ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS UPDATE



Background

- April 6, 2000 – Diagnostic prepared
- Dec. 2006 – RZC, Rural Zoning Committee, subcommittee of PC formed
- July 14, 2008 – Draft to PC agenda for discussion
- Dec 22, 2008: text amendment and draft language to BoCC; Board provided comments, planned a study session with county staff in which they will make comments within 30 days
- Staff changes and workload slowed progress; however, staff continued to work on the revisions completely revising and re-organizing the Zoning Regulations

Key Observations & Recommendations from Diagnostic

- Consider overhauling the 'A' District into a true agricultural/rural preservation district with permitted max densities of no greater than 1 unit per 20-40 acres.
- Make greater use of maximum density as control on density in rural area.
- Add cluster development regulations and requirements
- Revise minimum lot area and road frontage standards



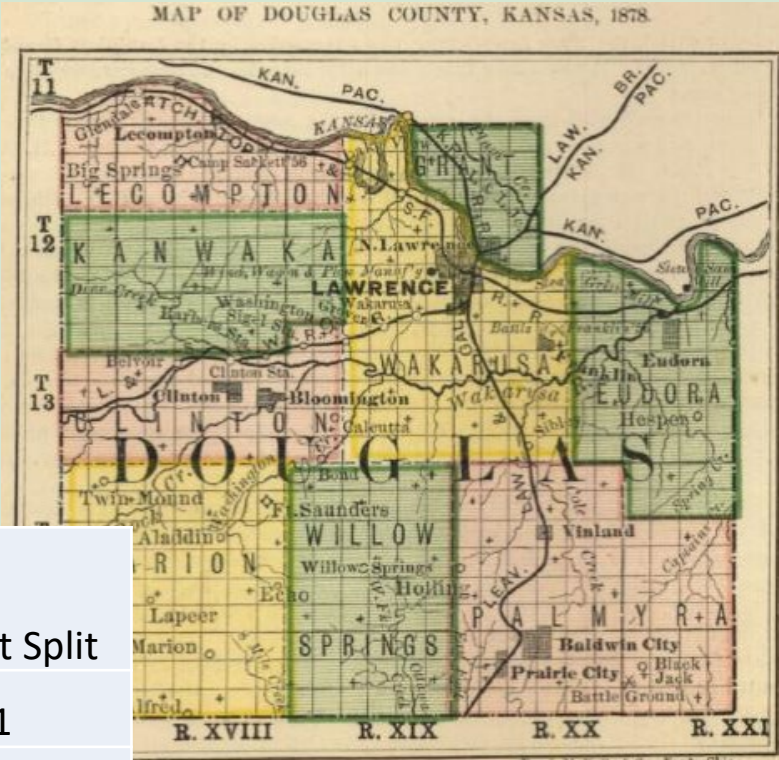
Douglas County Facts

- Douglas County- 475 sq. miles

year	total parcels	rural parcels	parcels > 20 acres	parcels > 40 acres	percent rural > 20 acres	percent rural > 40 acres
2019, to date	40,760	8,999	3,290	2,166	36.6%	24.1%
2014, certified	39,856	8,713	3,258	2,202	37.4%	25.3%
2009, certified	39,464	8,508	3,198	2,204	37.6%	25.9%
2004, certified	37,473	8,370	3,232	2,277	38.6%	27.2%

Kansas Zoned Counties

Kansas-
54 counties are zoned



County	Zoned	Ag Zone	Residential Zone	Rezone	Plat	Ag Lot Split
Jefferson	Yes	40	RR, SR	Yes	Yes	1
Leavenworth	Yes	N/A	RR5	Yes	Yes	N/A
Shawnee	Yes	N/A	RR3	No	Yes	N/A
Osage	Yes	40	R1, SR	Yes	Yes	N/A
Franklin	Yes	40	A-2	Yes	Yes	N/A
Johnson	Yes	N/A	RR- 1 du/10	Yes	Yes	N/A

Horizon 2020- Agriculture

- Agricultural uses should continue to be the predominant land use within the areas of the county beyond the designated Urban Growth Area (5-5).
- Uses should be limited to those which are compatible with agricultural production and uses and should be limited so that new development does not unnecessarily remove productive land from agricultural use (5-6).
- Uses which allow farmers to sell directly to the consumer, such as seasonal farm stands and you pick your own farm operations, provide flexibility and incentives to retain agricultural land in production (5-6).
- The zoning regulations should include a system using land evaluation and site assessment as evaluation tools to identify prime agricultural lands (17-4).

Horizon 2020- Preservation

- Recommends the increased preservation of natural areas and open spaces, including floodplains, wooded areas, and prime agricultural lands, in unincorporated Douglas County (9-6).
- Preservations would serve multiple purposes; including maintaining the rural character and providing regional recreational opportunities for trails and community connections, encouraging sustainable agricultural practices, increasing storm water and floodwater management capabilities, improving wildlife habitat quality, and enhancing overall ecological function of the natural environment.

Horizon 2020- Preservation

- Development is not precluded nor is it encouraged within natural areas or environmentally sensitive areas due to severe slopes, the presence of floodplain, lakes, streams, ponds, forestation, or natural/wildlife habitat (5-9).
- Priority natural areas that should be protected or acquired due to unique environmental and natural contributions are: 1)The natural corridors along the KS River, the Wakarusa River and the corridor between Douglas County State Lake, Lone Star and Clinton (9-2) 2) and the clusters of undisturbed tallgrass prairie in the northwest and southeast portions of Dg Co (9-2).

Horizon 2020- Residential

- Requires developments within the UGA to be platted (4-8).
- The majority of subdivisions should be directed to the designated UGA and not scattered through the rural area (5-5).
- Non farm residential development should be directed to urban areas (4-9).
- Residential development should be limited in these areas so that new development does not unnecessarily remove productive land from agricultural use (5-5).
- New residential development in the county should protect & enhance the rural character & quality of the unincorporated portions of co (5-1).
- The Rural Area is the land that lies outside the designated UGA. Lands in the RA are not planned to develop or to support urban densities of development during the planning period (4-4).

Horizon 2020- Development

- The land use assessment criteria to be used include road classifications and entrance spacing, minimum acreage requirements, access to rural water or public water, access to hard surfaced roads, compliance with environmentally sensitive lands (4-4).
- An evaluation of traffic impacts of development on the surrounding area should consider the existing and projected traffic conditions and their impact on the existing transportation system (4-6).

Horizon 2020- Commercial

- Require proponents of commercial and/or industrial development beyond the city limits to provide reasonable documentation to substantiate that sites are not available within the municipality (4-7).
- Commercial development beyond the UGA's shall be limited and carefully reviewed based on the intensity of use; impact on surrounding land uses; and impact on public services and transportation systems (4-9).

Compliance with Comp Plan

- Preservation of Agricultural land
- Directing higher density development to the UGA
- Created density requirements and restricted uses in the Ag-1 district
- Added ancillary ag retail sales
- Agritourism uses allowed in Ag-1 and Ag-2
- Accessory dwelling units and farm employee housing options
- Define environmentally sensitive lands
- Neighbor notification for transparency
- Additional studies such as storm water and traffic to minimize negative impacts



Draft Zoning Regulation Goals

Retaining the rural character of Douglas County is vital for our community.

- Protect and preserve rural character through compatible design, conservation, and strong growth management principles.
- Conserve the distinction between urban growth and rural areas throughout Douglas County.
- Seek conservation of identified natural resources and environmentally sensitive lands that define Douglas County's rural character.



Draft Zoning Regulation Goals

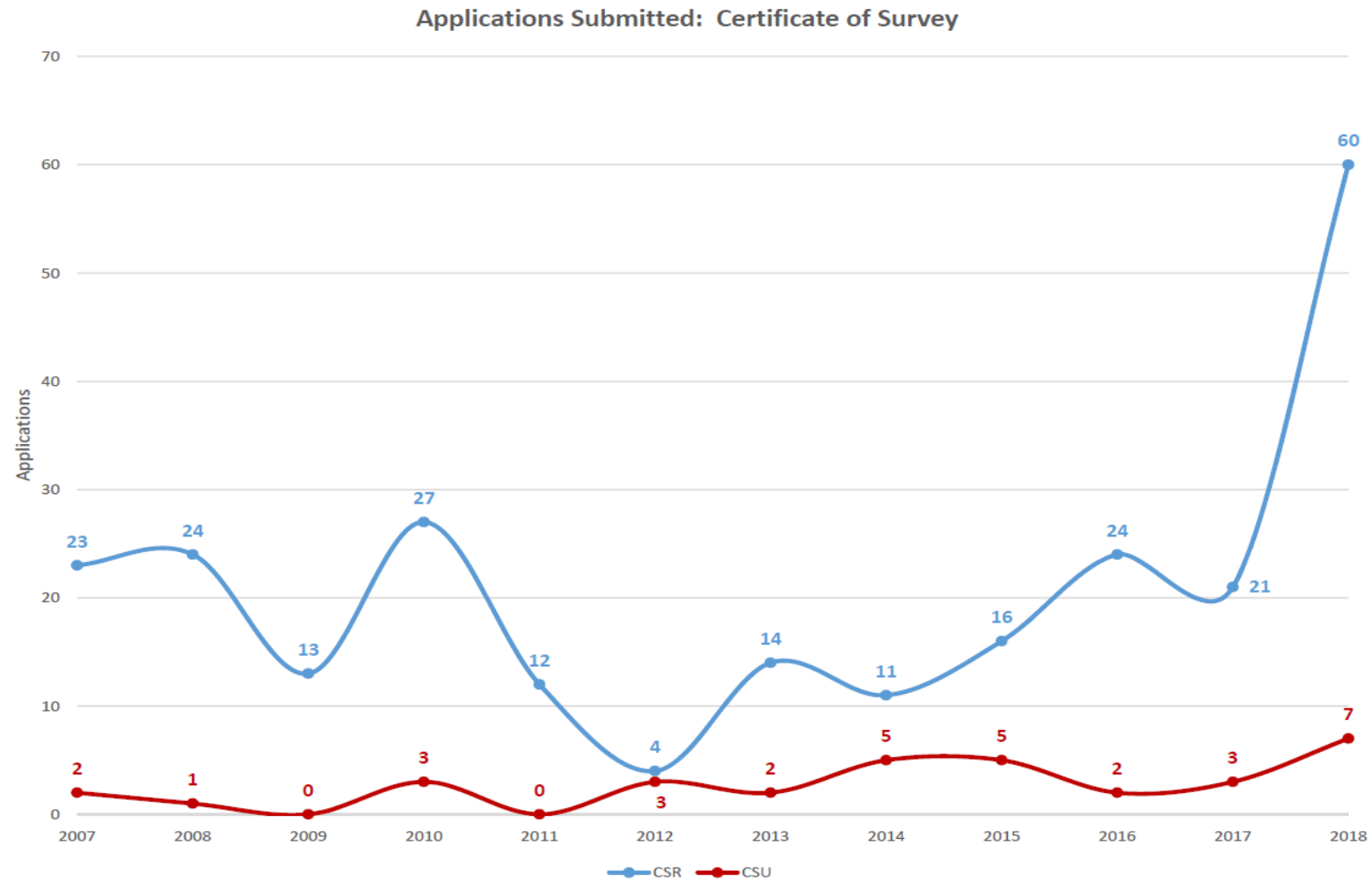
- Identify and adopt appropriate zoning that supports rural character and development patterns.
- Minimize agricultural land conversion to nonagricultural uses and high density residential development outside the Urban Growth Area.
- Cluster residential developments to preserve agricultural lands within urban growth areas.
- Maintain working lands and prime agricultural lands.
- Define environmentally sensitive lands.

Draft Zoning Regulation Goals

- Ensure a variety of appropriate housing options in the rural areas to meet the needs of the rural communities, economy, and agriculture industry.
- Create zoning regulations to provide guidance and protection for the County's historic unincorporated towns.
- Promote development reviews based on the intensity of use; impact on surrounding land uses; and impact on public services and transportation systems.



Current Subdivision Trends

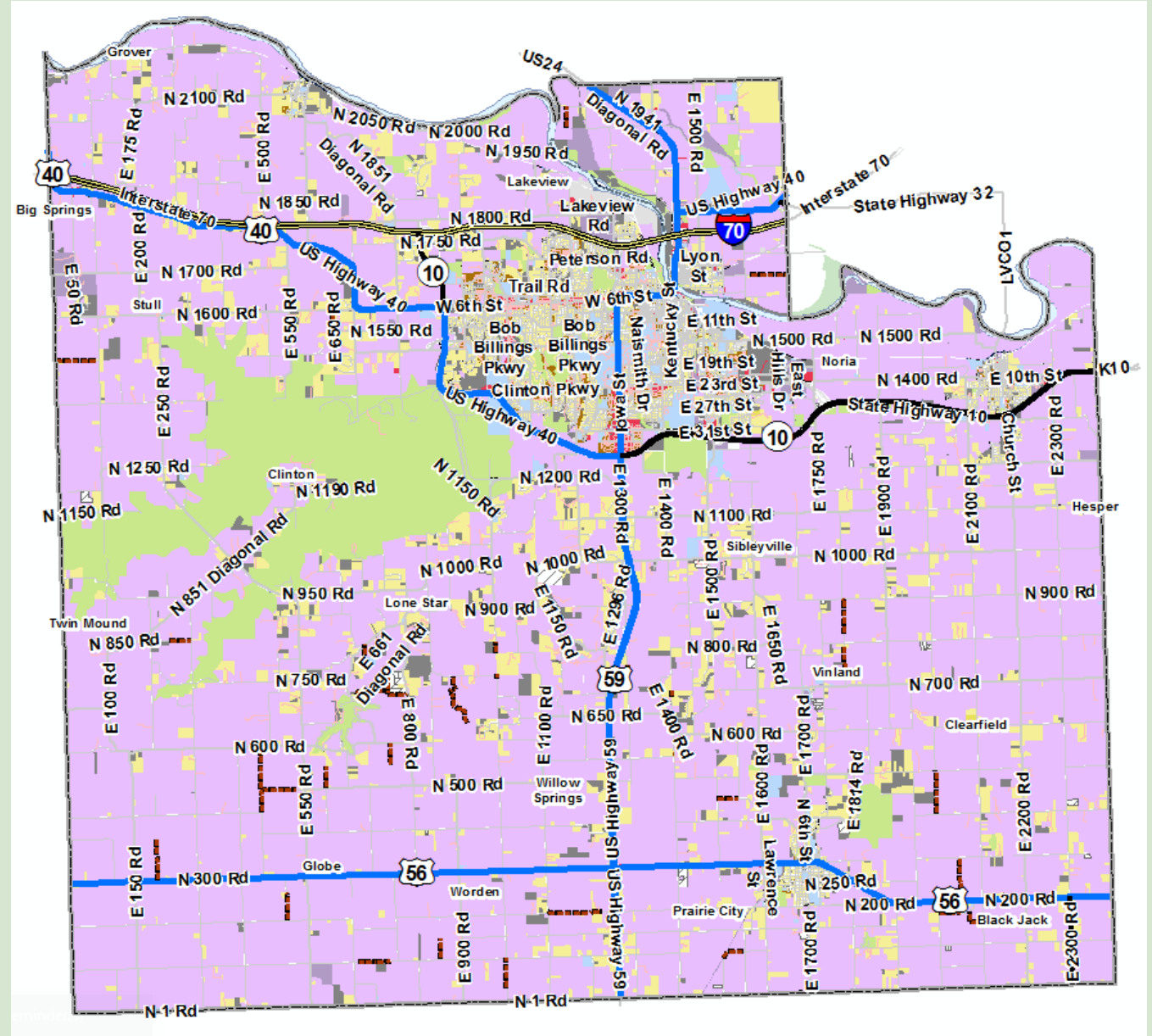


Land Use in 1992

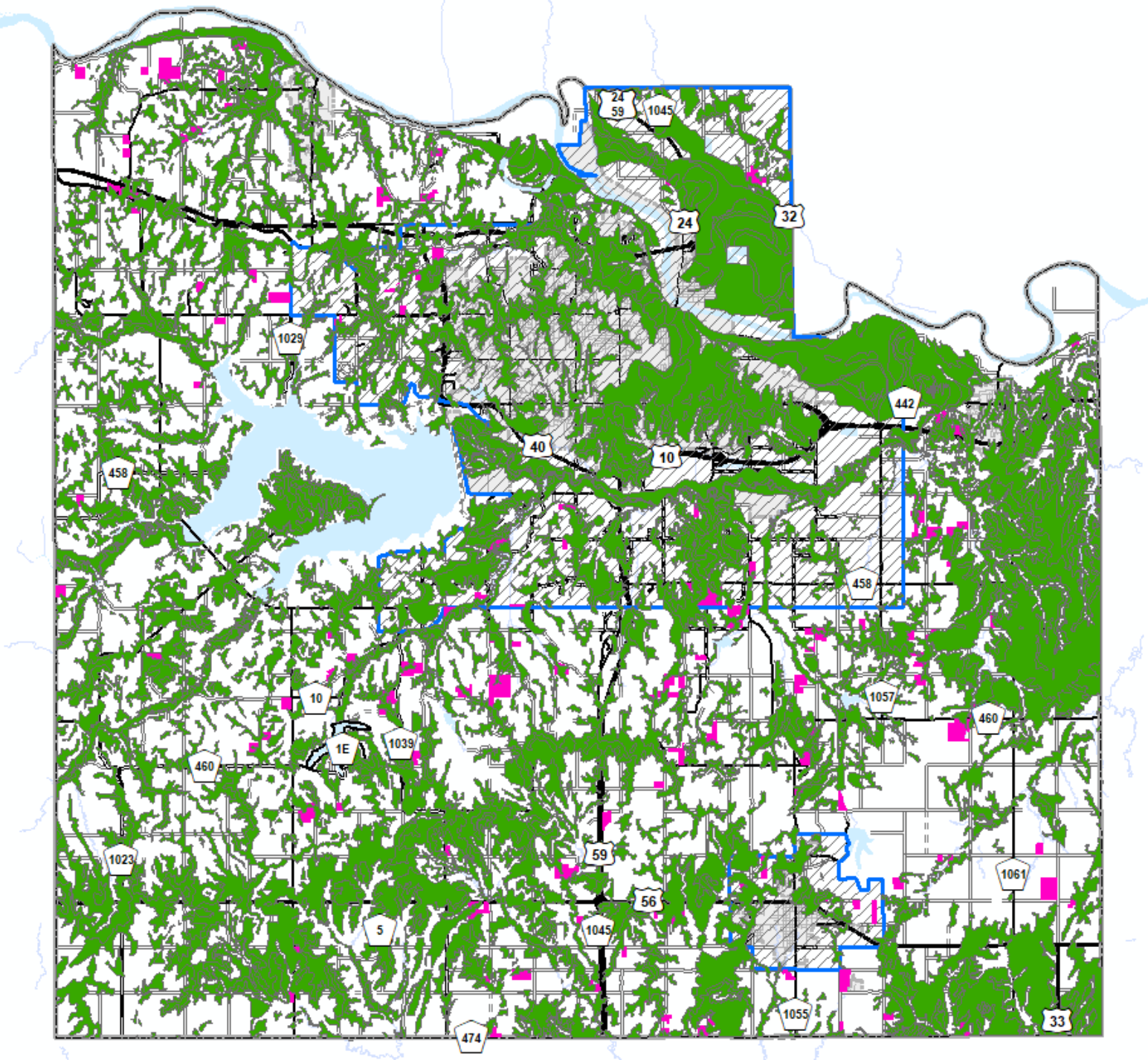
- 42% Ag Only (Nonresidential)
- 38% Working Farm with Residence
- 5% Single Family Residential



- 36% Single Family Residential

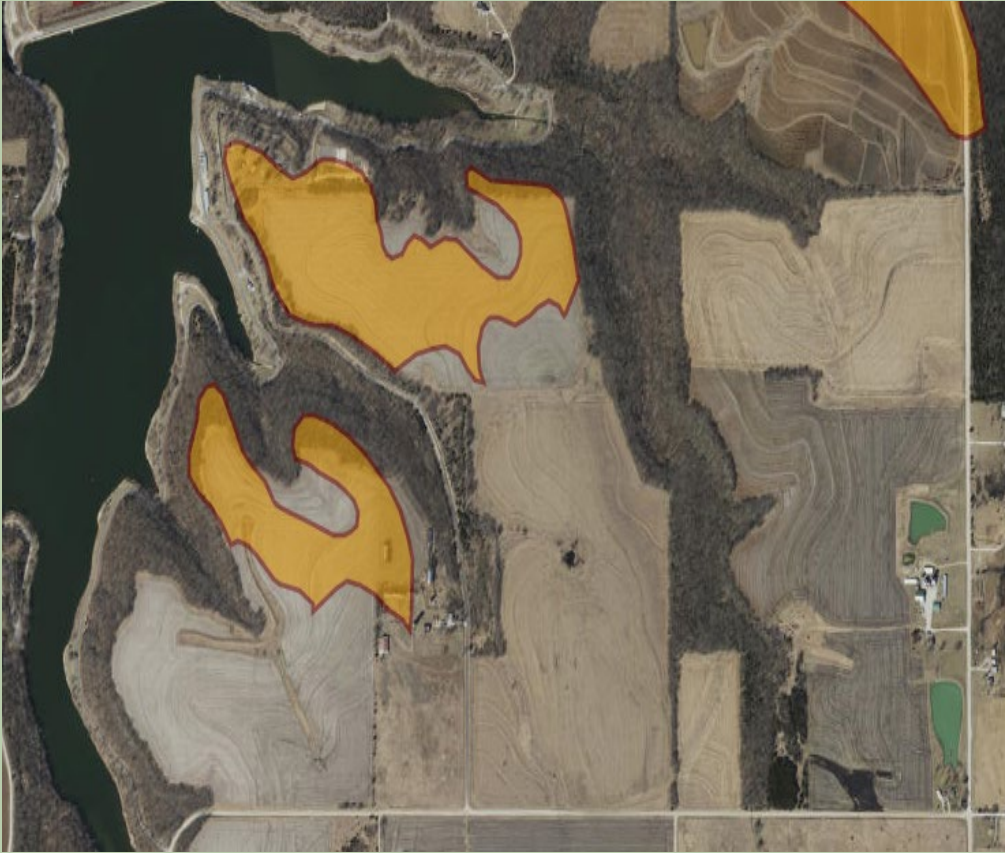


Prime Farmland Map



Prime Farmland

Type I and II Soils



Prime Soils



Farm Friendly Regs to include:

- Expanded environmentally sensitive lands and required protection
- Farm Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Units (existing)
- Ancillary Ag Retail Sales
- Agritourism allowed use in A-1 and A-2 districts
- Agricultural Agreement required for land divisions in the A District





Proposed Rural Zoning Districts

DRAFT

This map represents proposed zoning districts containing all rural parcels greater than and parcels less than approximately 20 acres. The 20ac parcels were calculated by adding an estimated average Right of Way of 1/2 ac to our existing 20 Parcels. Then through a process of removing parcels within City Limits and parcels that are associated with either Plats or Certificates of Survey, we came to the results depicted below.

Legend
Urban Growth Area
Incorporated City Limit
A1
A2
CP

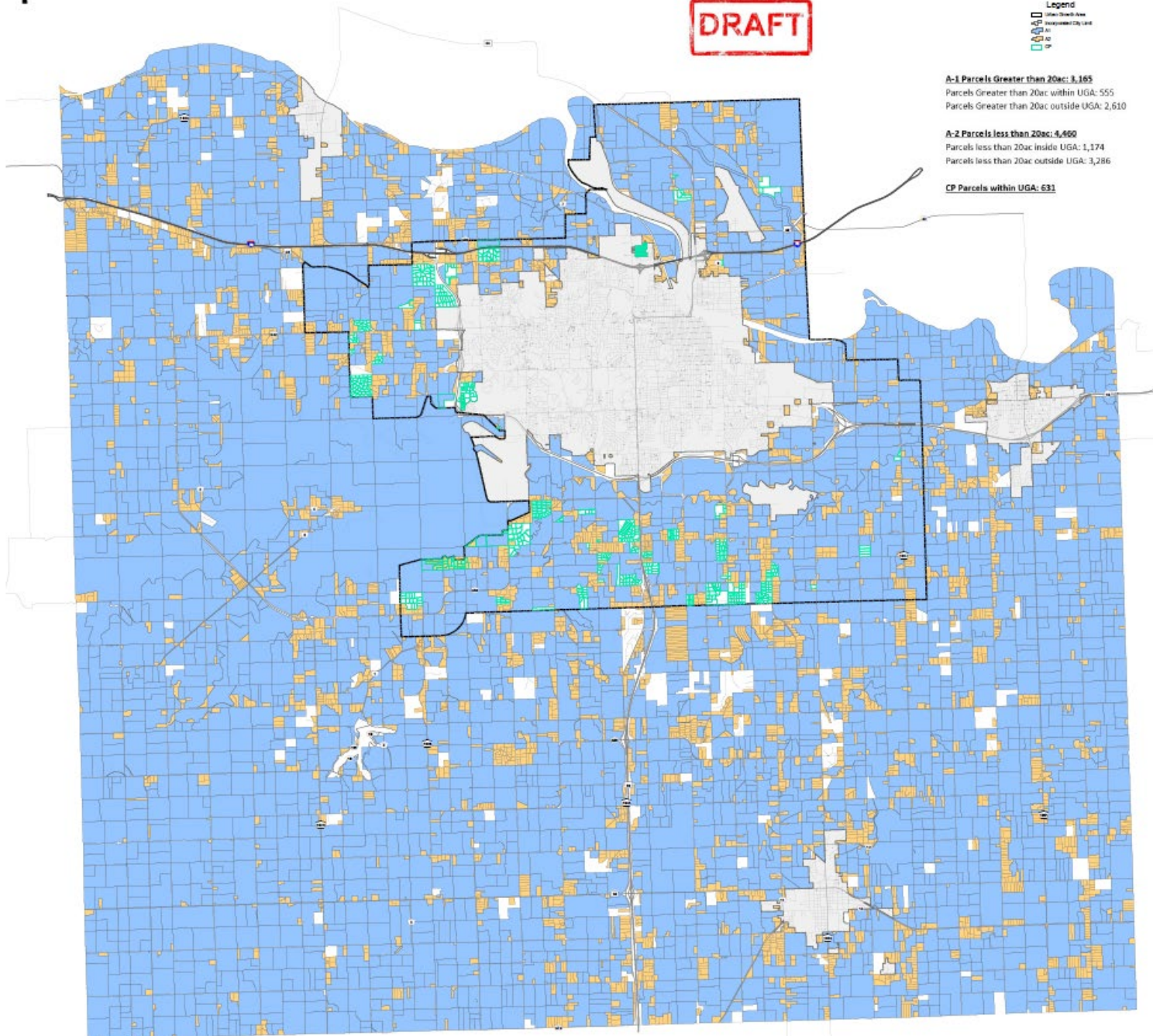
A-1 Parcels Greater than 20ac: 3,165
Parcels Greater than 20ac within UGA: 555
Parcels Greater than 20ac outside UGA: 2,610

A-2 Parcels less than 20ac: 4,460
Parcels less than 20ac inside UGA: 1,174
Parcels less than 20ac outside UGA: 3,286

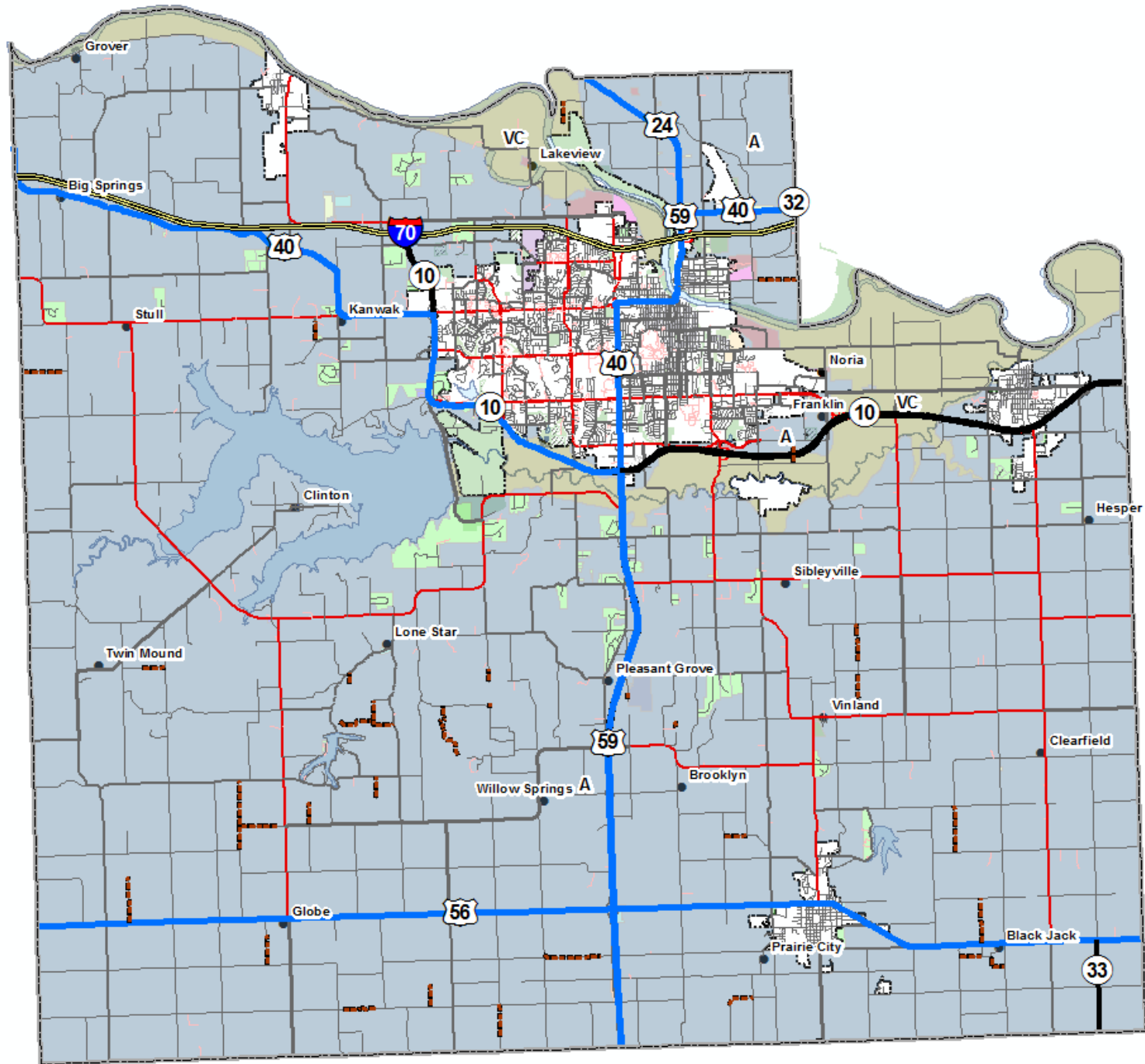
CP Parcels within UGA: 631

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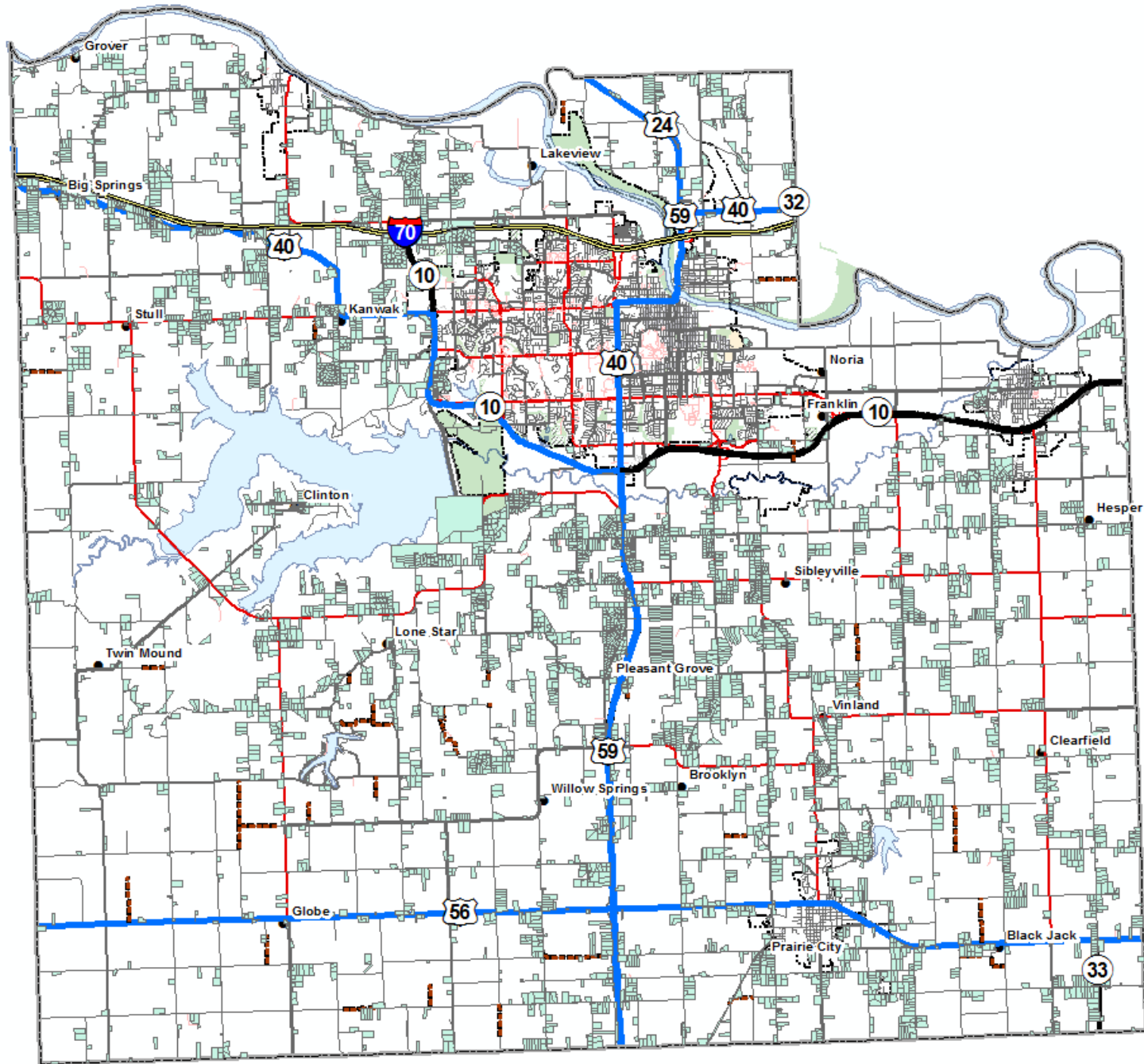
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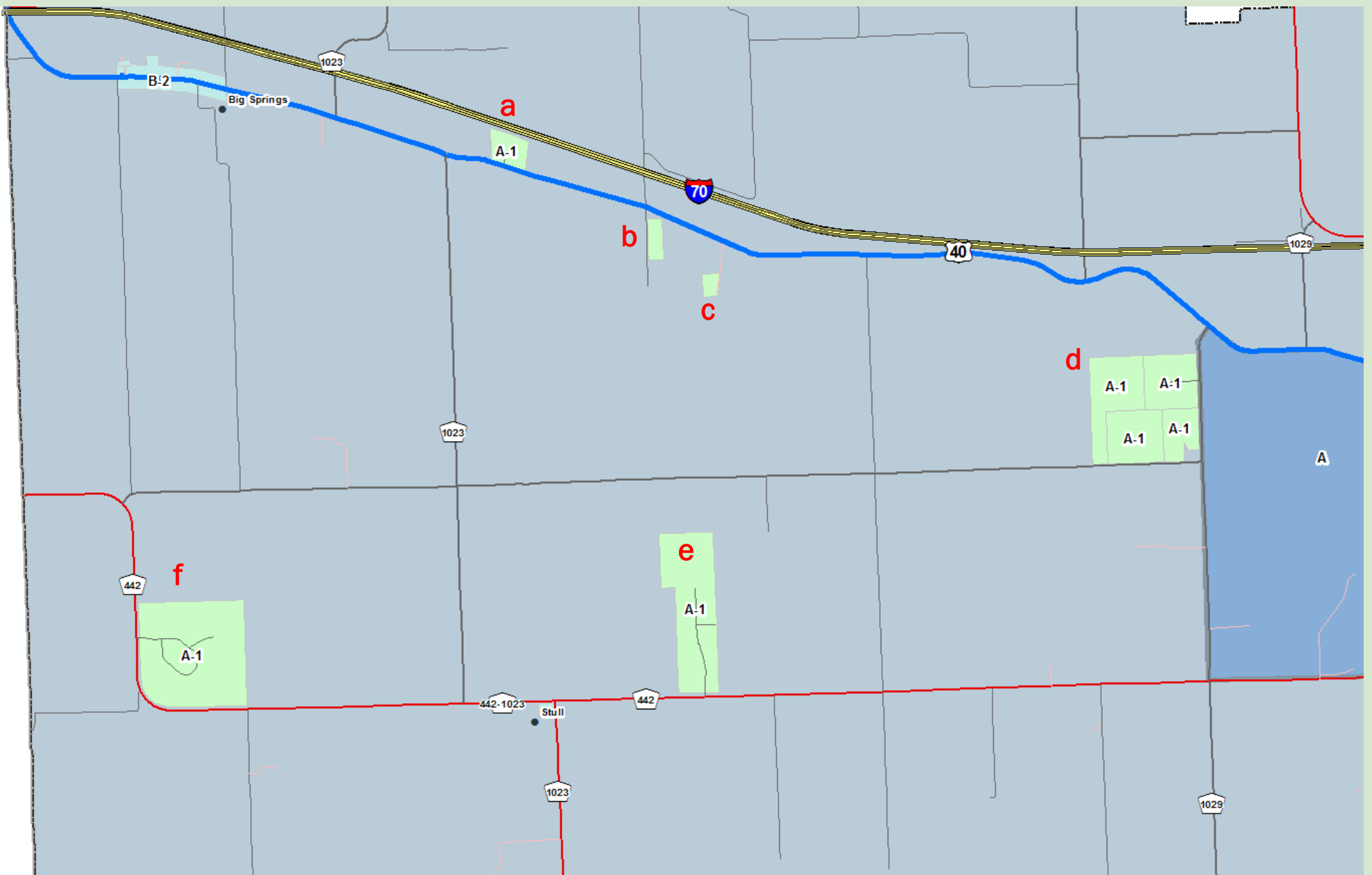
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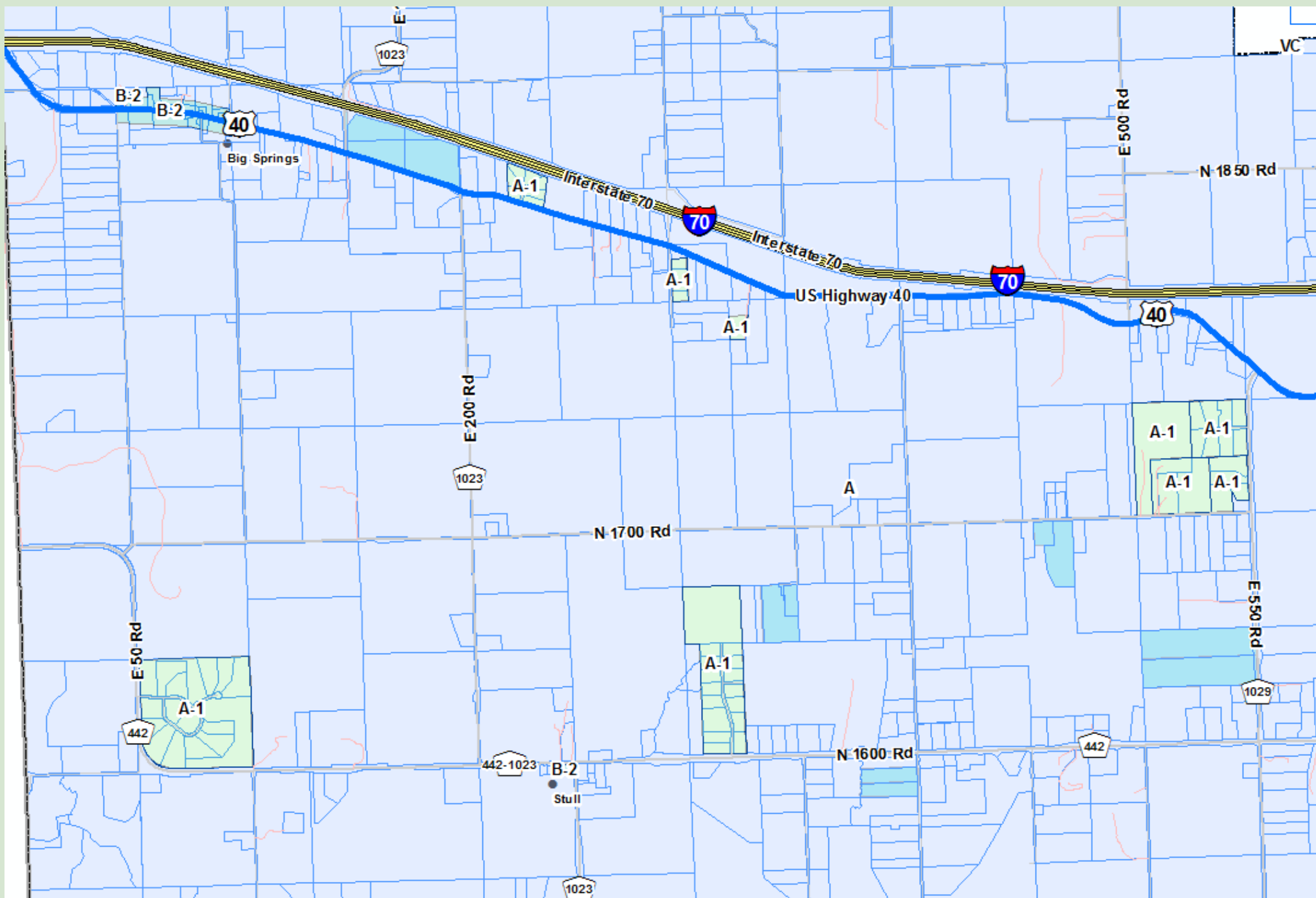
Zoning and Land use



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Zoning Districts

Ag-1 -Agricultural (20 acres or more)

Ag-2-Transitional Ag- (Less than 20 acres)

CP-Clustered Preservation – (A-1 and R-1, Inside UGA)

LS- Lone Star Lake (NEW)

LB- Lake Oriented (B-3)

RT- Rural Tourism (No Change)

GB General Business (B-1 and B-2)

LI Limited Industrial (I-1 and I-2)

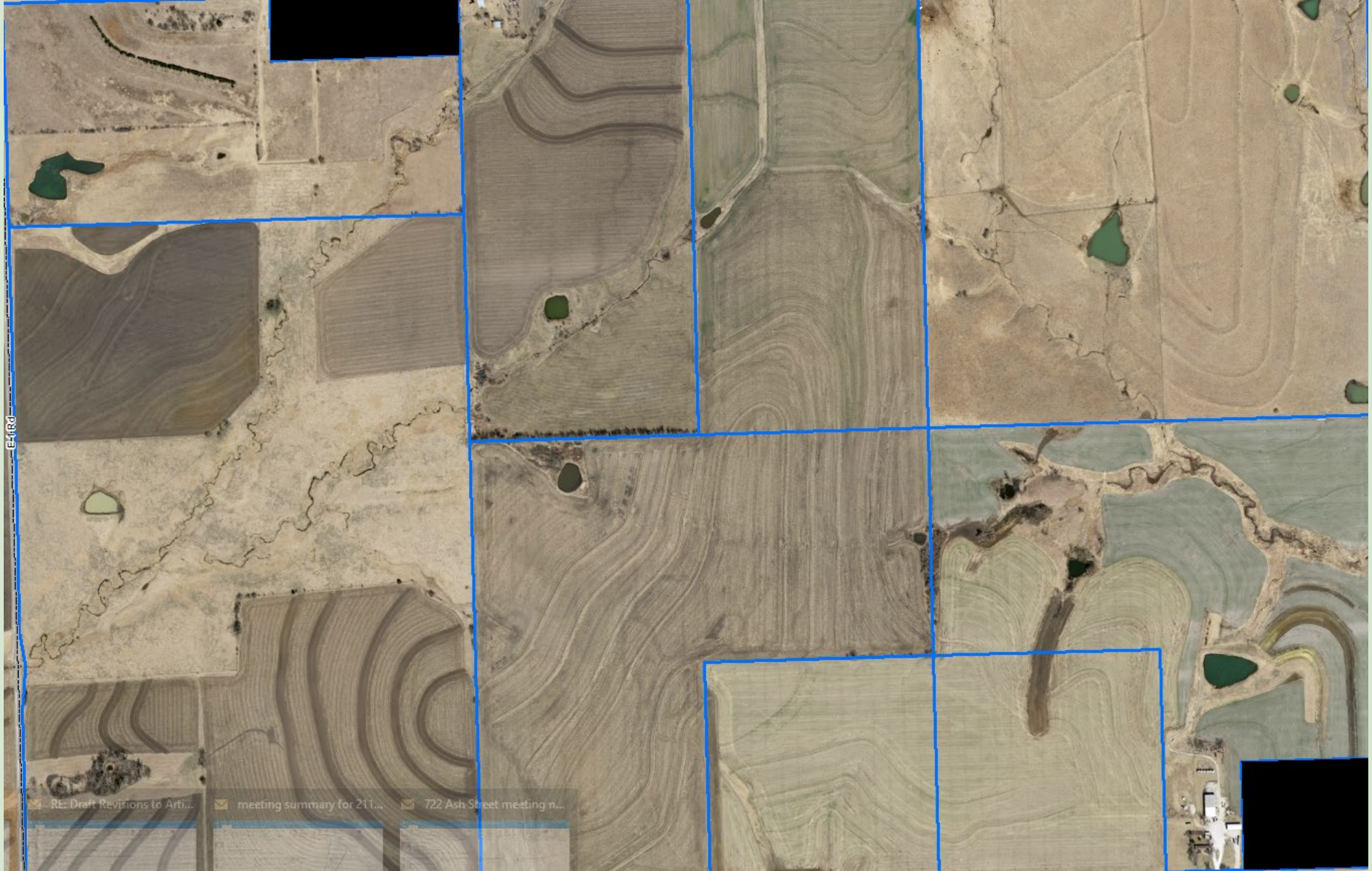
General Industrial (I-3 and I-4)

V Village (NEW)

Ag-1 - Agricultural

- Only parcels with 20 acres or more
- Uses permitted are associated with agriculture and farm residences

Any request to change the use of land in the A (Agricultural) District from agriculture to a non-agricultural use will be evaluated with regards to the suitability of the property for agricultural uses in order to maintain a strong inventory of agricultural land and may require rezoning or approval of a conditional use permit.



MAJOR CHANGES: A TO AG-1

ADDED USES

Ancillary Ag Retail Sales (P/CUP)
Personal Camping (P)
Research Facility, Ag Related(P/CUP)
Slaughter, Small Scale (CUP)
Cemeteries (CUP)
Campgrounds (CUP)
Clustered Housing (CUP)
Farm Employee Housing (CUP)

CUP TO PERMITTED

Farm Stand

PERMITTED TO CUP

Commercial Dog Kennel
Hospital/sm or lg animals
Day Care Home—non-occupant
Religious Institution

Ag-2 – TRANSITIONAL Agriculture

- All existing parcels in the A District - <20 acres
- All A-1 Zoned property outside the UGA
- When land division < 20 acres, not covered by exemption, is proposed (up to 2 du/20 acres)

This district permits non-farm related residential development to occur throughout the unincorporated portion of the county where the property is not well suited for agricultural land uses or where the development has been designed to minimize the impact on agricultural land uses.



MAJOR CHANGES

Many uses permitted in AG-1
are also permitted in the AG-2
District.

PERMITTED TO CUP
Religious Institution

NOT PERMITTED IN A-1: TO CUP
Home Occupation Type II

CP-Clustered preservation

- All parcels in the current A-1 and R-1 Districts within the UGA
- Land within the UGA that is divided to greater density than permitted in AG-2 (1 du/10 acres)

The District also provides a suitable zoning district for medium density residential development within the Urban Growth Area while preserving agricultural lands and open space by clustering development.

MAJOR CHANGES

CP USES ARE MORE LIMITED
THAN AG-2—DUE TO GREATER
RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

Is-Lone Star lake lot res.

- Special district for property that was platted as Lone Star County Lake

MAJOR CHANGES

Limited uses and specific setbacks and dimensional requirements applied

LS DISTRICT- Setbacks



Ib Lake Business

Parcels in the B-3 District and new parcels
when rezoned

...intended to accommodate the grouping of uses that serve the users of, or are dependent upon, the recreational lakes in the County (Clinton Lake, Lone Star Lake, Douglas County Lake, Ski Lake, and Lakeview Lake).



ADDED USES

Commercial Riding Stable
Bank/Financial Institution
Bar or Tavern
Personal Services
Meat Lockers
Comm. Center/Museum
Gov Buildings
Religious Institution, Small
Temporary Uses
Campgrounds
Event Center
Parks/Playground
Outdoor Sports
Recycling Collection

MAJOR CHANGES

CUP TO PERMITTED

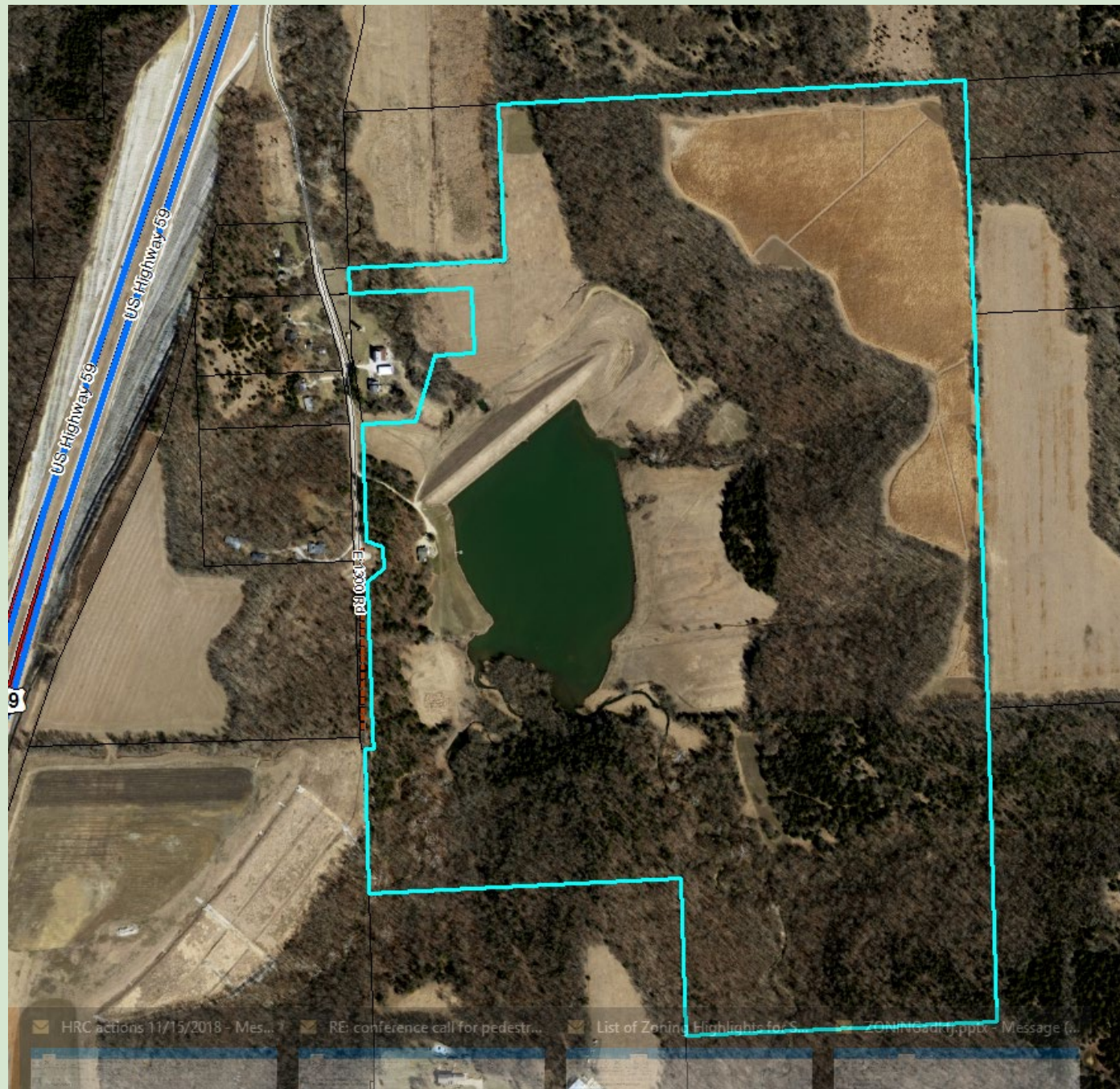
Farm Stand
Farmer's Market
Gov. Buildings
Event Center
Outdoor Recreation
Comm. Centers, Museums, Libraries, etc

RETAIL SALES USES COMBINED

RT- RURAL TOURISM BUSINESS

District for uses which could be approved with a CUP, such as a conference center or recreation area but that desire the permanence of a rezoning.

Uses limited / site plan must be submitted with rezoning / must be compatible with and benefit from the rural character of the area



✉ HRC actions 11/15/2018 - Mes... ✉ RE: conference call for pedestr... ✉ List of Zoning Highlights for S... ✉ ZONINGaditry.pptx - Message (...)

MAJOR CHANGES

REDUCED LIST OF
CONDITIONAL USES

gb GENERAL BUSINESS

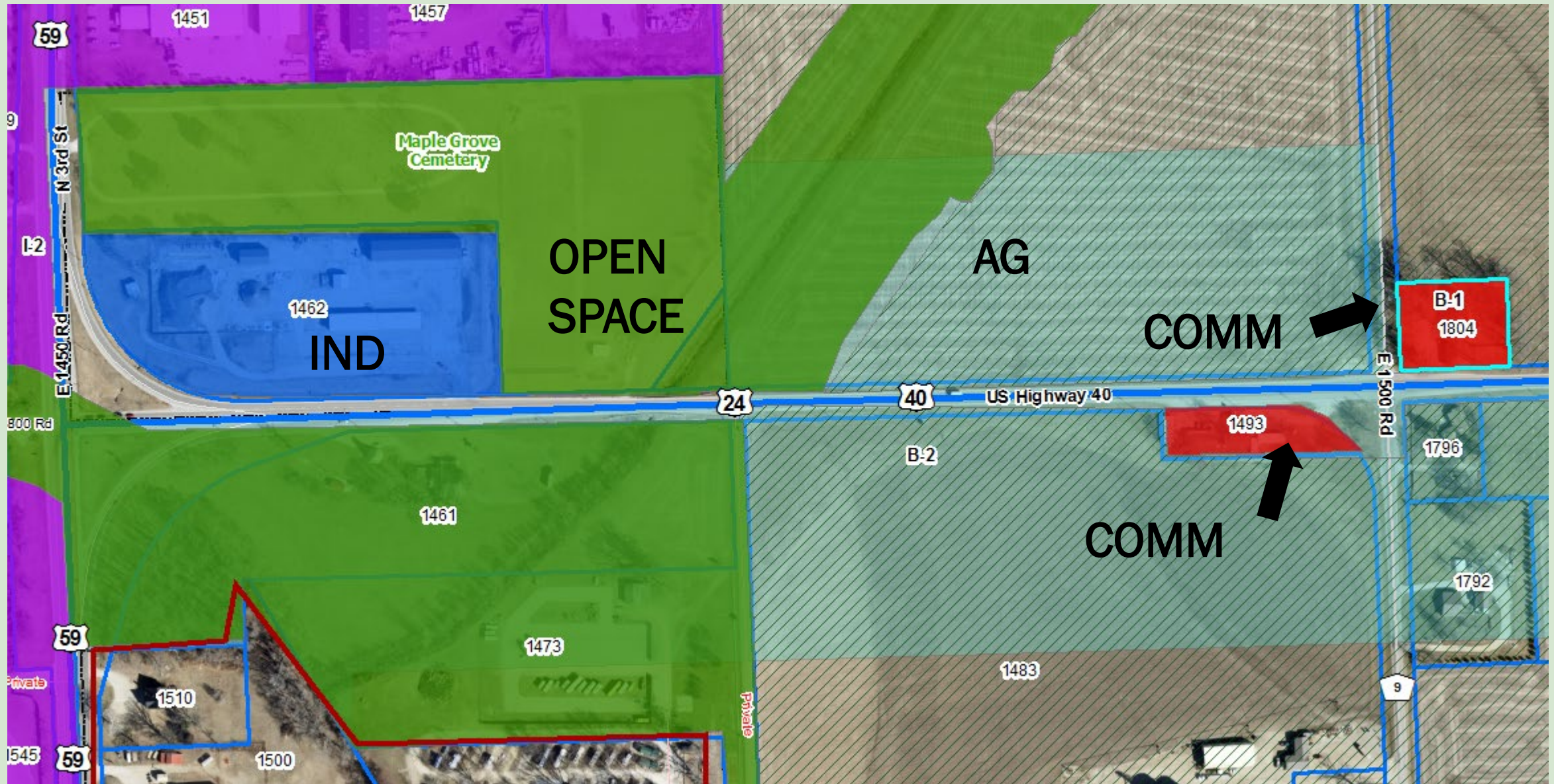
Parcels in the B-1 and B-2 Districts

The purpose of the GB District is to provide commercial space in appropriate locations for a variety of business, commercial, and service uses along principal arterials and other major thoroughfares where a general mixture of commercial and service uses now exists, or where the businesses could serve the motoring public or residents in the area.

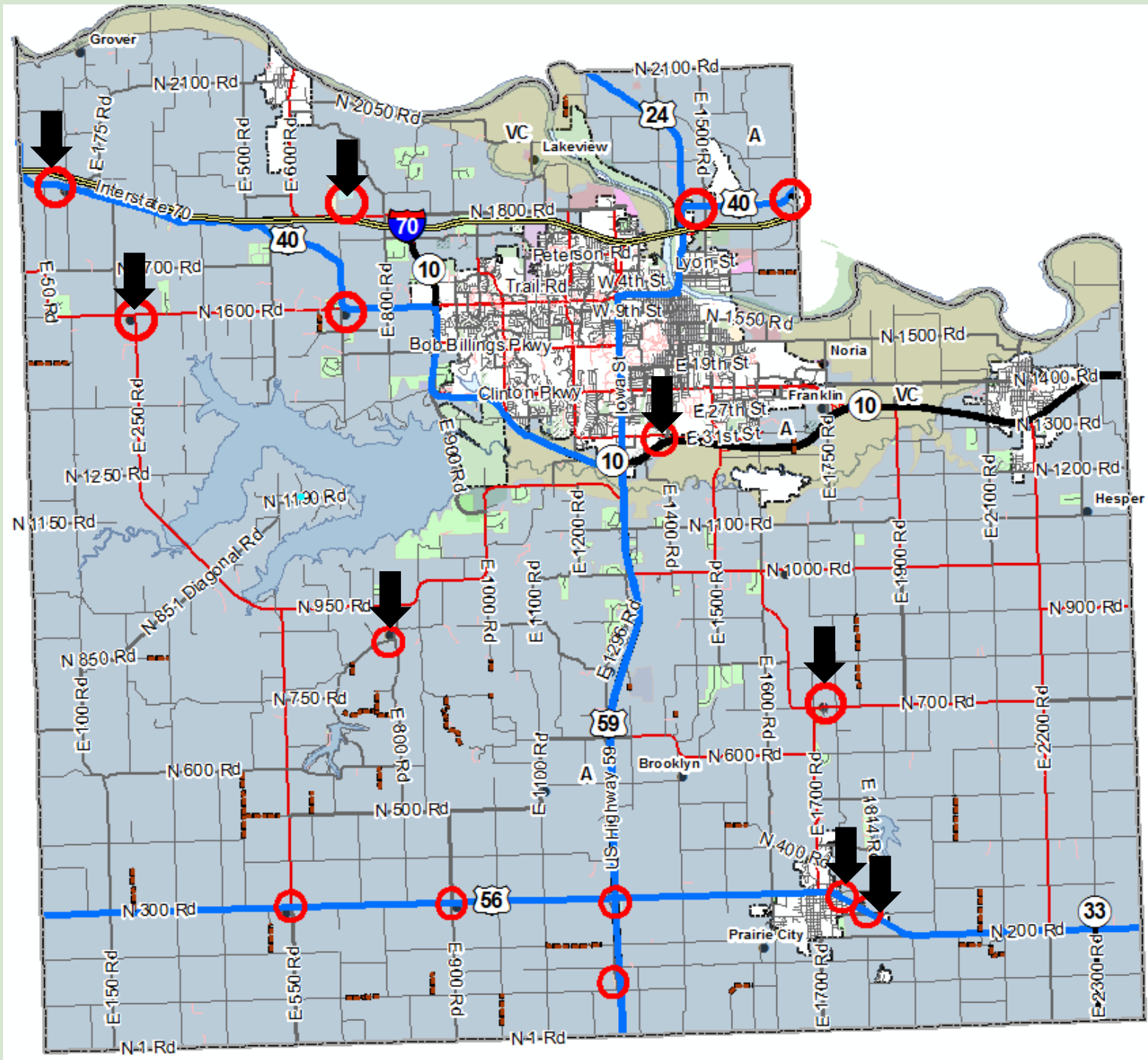


B-2

B-1







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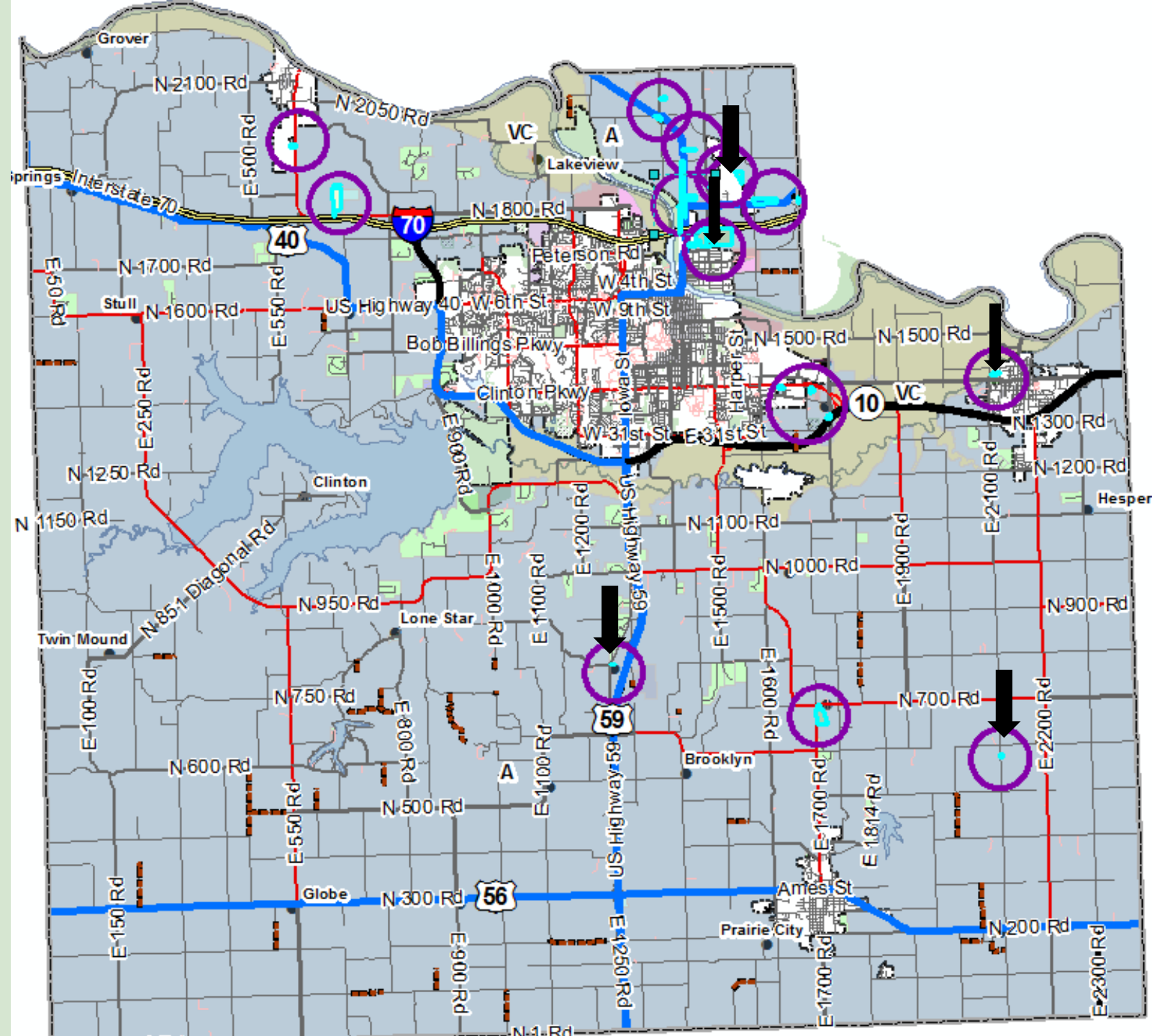
Updated and expanded uses to permit a wider range of commercial uses and small scale industrial

Removed residential from the permitted uses

LI-Light Industrial

Parcels in I-1 and I-2

The purpose of the Light Industrial District is to provide space in appropriate areas and locations for industrial and manufacturing uses that are relatively free from offense and are compatible with less-intense commercial and residential uses.



MAJOR CHANGES

REMOVED USES

Offices

Banks/Financial Institutions

Restaurants

Hotel/Motel

Acc. Farm Dwellings

Pound/Humane Society

Fairgrounds

Circus Grounds

Riding Stable

Personal Services: Bar, Barber Shop, etc.

ADDED USES

Comm. Grain Storage

Commercial Compost

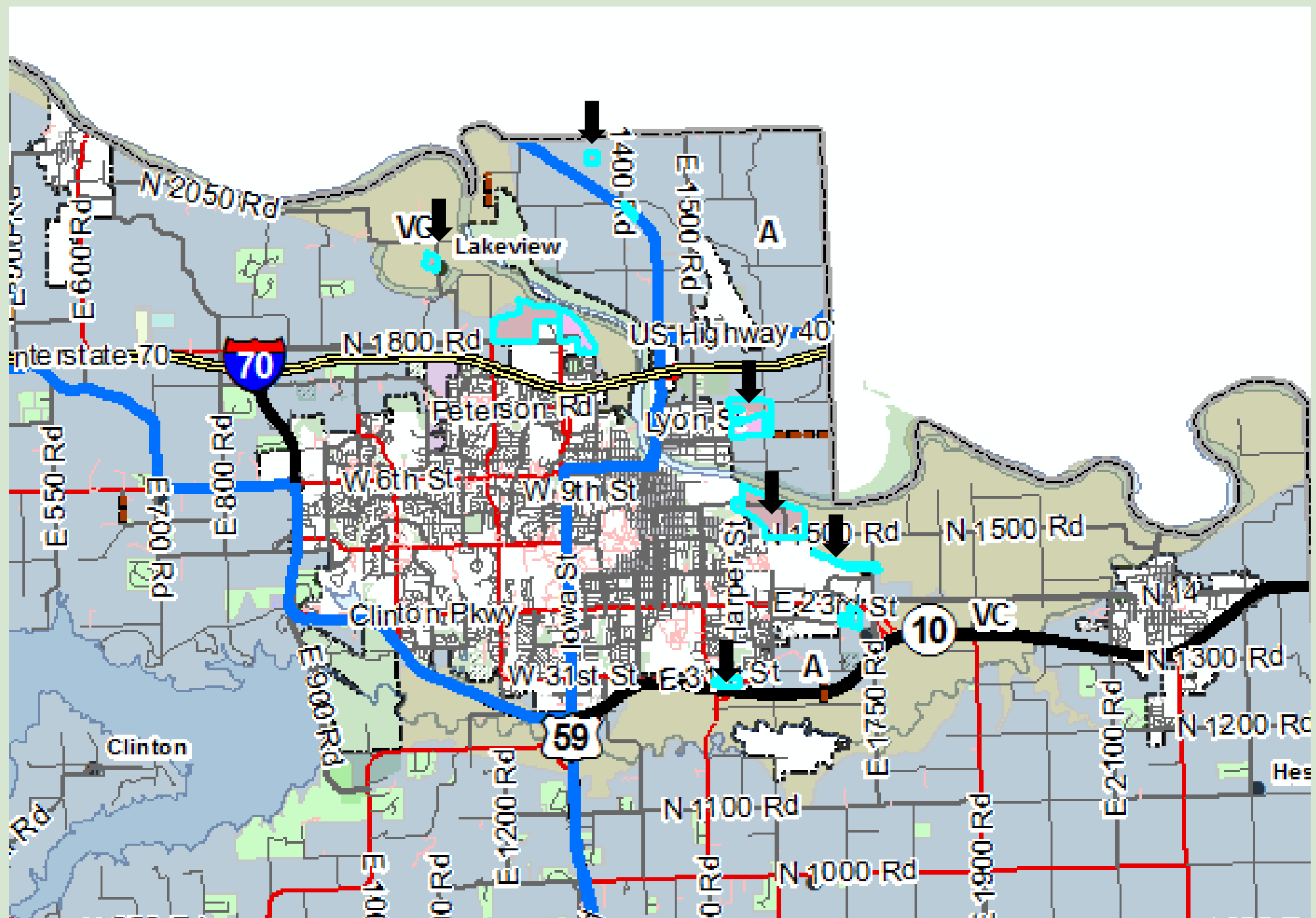
Recycling Collection

Recycling Processing

GI General Industrial

Parcels in I-3 and I-4

The purpose of the General Industrial District is to accommodate moderate- and high-impact industrial uses for which space is not available or the use is not appropriate for location within the urbanized areas of the county, including large-scale or specialized industrial operations requiring good transportation access, and ready access to public facilities and services.



MAJOR CHANGES

ADDED USES

Comm. Grain Storage

Commercial Compost

Recycling Collection

Recycling Processing

REMOVED USES

Acc. Farm Dwellings



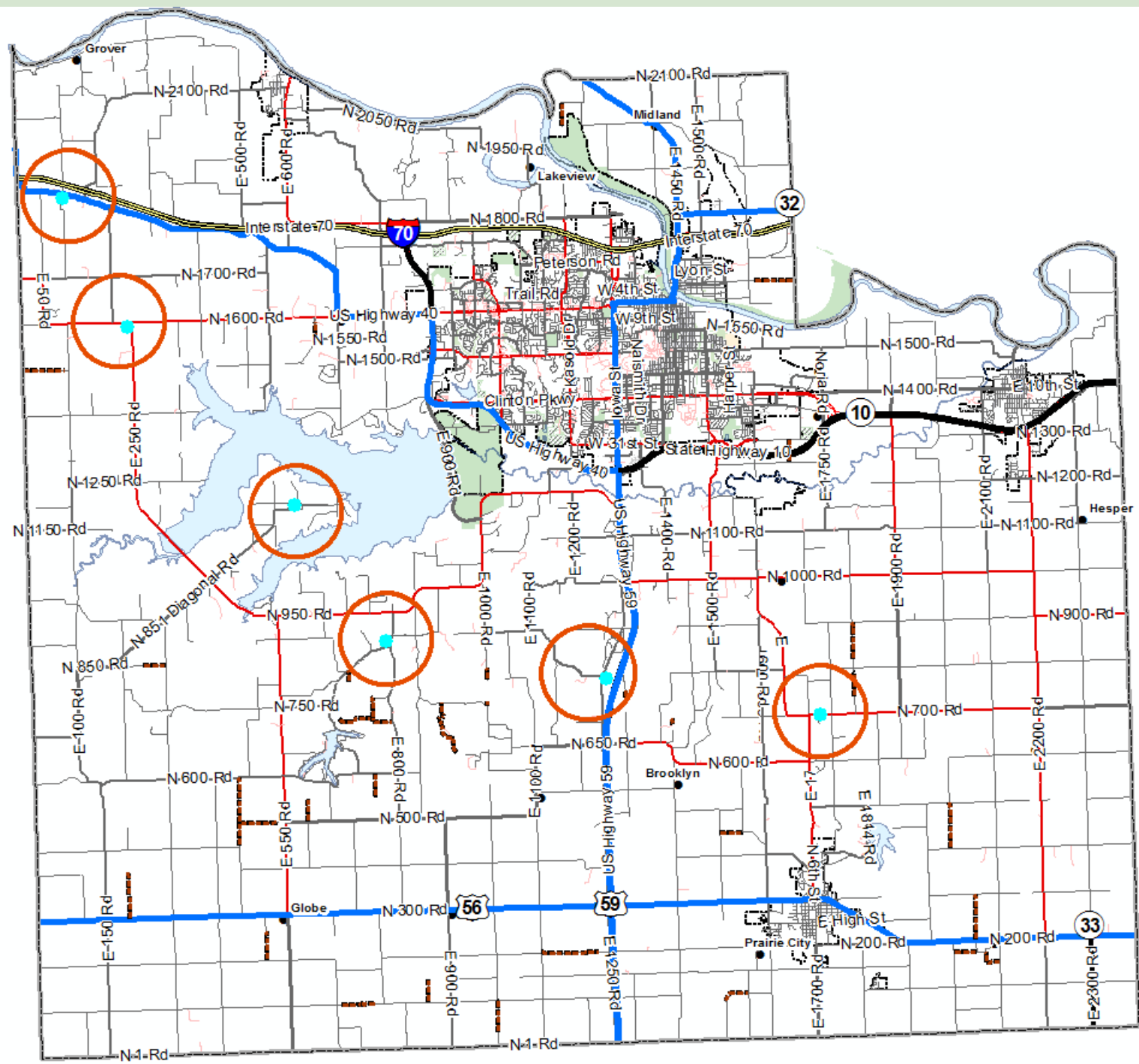
V Village

Parcels within unincorporated communities:
Vinland, Big Springs, Stull, Lone Star,
Pleasant Grove, Clinton

The purpose of the V (Village) District is to encourage the continued existence of small unincorporated villages by establishing a unique set of dimensional and density standards and allowing a variety of uses without the requirement to rezone.



Big Springs



Other Changes

- BZA
 - Permit successive terms
 - Revised duties
 - Mailed notice of site plans
 - Site postings of site plans, rezones and CUPS.
- ASO Overlay District with standards
- Sign Code
- Lighting Standards
- Updated setbacks and dimensional standards
- Development Standards

Potential Subdivision Regulation Changes:

- Change RDPs to remove limit of residential only uses.
- Surveys to allow 20 acre or larger parcels to be divided (ag lot split) provided they have road required frontage, while maintaining vested status.
- Agricultural protection agreement (APE) allows smaller parcel for mortgage and clustering, while maintaining farmland.
- Allow both types of certificate of surveys in the UGA
 - Rural and Cluster

Transparency

- Site Plans will require neighbor notification
- Projects will include posted notice on site
- The use of agricultural ground for anything other than farm purposes will require rezoning



Environmentally Sensitive Lands

- Regulatory floodway and floodway fringe
- Jurisdictional Wetlands
- Stream Corridors
- Stands of mature trees/ *priority to heritage woodlands*
- Archaeological or historic sites located on a federal, state or local register.
- Prime farmland and productive or potentially productive ag land
- Native and restored prairies

Proposed changes shown in **bold**

Rezone Review Criteria

- Zoning & uses of properties nearby
- Character of the area
- Suitability of subject property
- Length of time subject property has remained vacant as zoned
- Relative gain to the public health, safety, and welfare
- Conformance with the comp plan
- ✓ Preservation of sensitive lands
- ✓ Maintaining inventory of agricultural lands
- Professional staff recommendation



Future Conversations

Establish tools to protect High Quality Agricultural Land such as a LESA system in addition to prime farmland as defined by the National Resources Conservation Service.

Develop incentives for the protection, maintenance, and improvement of agricultural land and open space.

Acquire new parkland and open space areas to stay ahead of growth and to meet anticipated community demand.

Reach out to agricultural property owners to facilitate farmland and open space preservation.

Adding platting for higher density development in UGA
Allow platted roads to be publicly maintained



Public Township Meetings

October 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Historic Taylor Barn, 1827 E 1150 Road. Encouraged to attend: Residents from Kanwaka, Lecompton, and Grant Townships.

October 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Wakarusa School, 1104 E 1000 Road. Encouraged to attend: Residents from Clinton, Marion, and Willow Springs Townships.

October 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Douglas County Zoning and Codes Office, 3755 E. 25th St. Encouraged to attend: Residents from Wakarusa, Eudora, and Palmyra Townships.

Timeline

- November 2018- Internal Staff Presentation
 - *Receive staff comments --Develop communication methods & materials*
- August 2019: Additional staff review/ work sessions
 - *Set public meetings – township halls/ rural water districts/ churches/ etc.*
- September 18, 2019: Work session with BOCC
- September 2019: Launch public engagement
 - LJW press release
 - Zoning and Codes website
 - Dates/times/locations for community meetings
- October 9, 2019: Planning Commission brief on code changes
- October 2019: Township Meetings
- November, 2019: Note public input and return to Planning Commission
- December 2019 or January 2020: BOCC

Questions & Comments

<https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/zoning-and-codes>

Feedback and comments to zoning@douglascountyks.org

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Date: September 11, 2019

To: Douglas County Board of Commissioners

From: Joe Hoelscher, Interim Director

Re: Region K Mitigation Plan Adoption

A resolution adopting the Kansas Region K Mitigation Plan has been submitted for consideration. Douglas County is one of seven counties in Region K and members from many of our county's jurisdictions and districts have given feedback in identifying the risks of natural and man-made disasters and plans to mitigate against them. This occurred through a series of meetings this spring, along with a request to the public for their input as well. The plan can be viewed at:

[July 2019 Kansas Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

Adoption of this plan is important in that it indicates our commitment to preventing and lessening the effects of these natural and man-made disasters through planning and mitigation. It also is an important step in the process of acquiring funding for projects related to these efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-__

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION K HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Whereas, the Douglas County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the Douglas County fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, the Douglas County desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for the Douglas County demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Douglas County adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region K Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, the Douglas County will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan’s final approval

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, this 18th day of September, 2019.

Board of County Commissioners:

Michelle Derusseau, Chairperson

Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair

Nancy Thellman, Member

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jamie Shew
County Clerk