

Planning Commission voted to NOT accept these parcels as an unattached Growth Area to Berlin



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Ms. Keener:

This letter is a follow-up to our recent conversation regarding the planned update to the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan. I am writing to you on behalf of the Taylor family that is currently the owners of several parcels, further described as the "Taylor Properties". See attached Parcel Exhibit and Real Property Data. These properties are located west of the Town of Berlin and are identified as Map 19 Grid 0017 Parcel 0047, Map 19 Grid 0018 Parcel 0136, Map 19 Grid 0024 Parcels 0062 and 0063, Map 24 Grid 0006 Parcels 0008, Map 25 Grid 0001 Parcel 0001 consisting of approximately 703.57 acres.

As referenced in the 2006 Comprehensive Plan, there are many goals, objectives and recommendations pertaining to future growth and the establishment of growth areas in Worcester County. We are confident that the Taylor properties are suitable for future growth based upon the County's Determination of growth area suitability and we respectfully request the parcels be considered for a future growth area.

We would be pleased to discuss this request further with you, County staff, the Planning Commission, or the County Commissioners if helpful in further consideration of this request.

Thanks in advance for your time and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

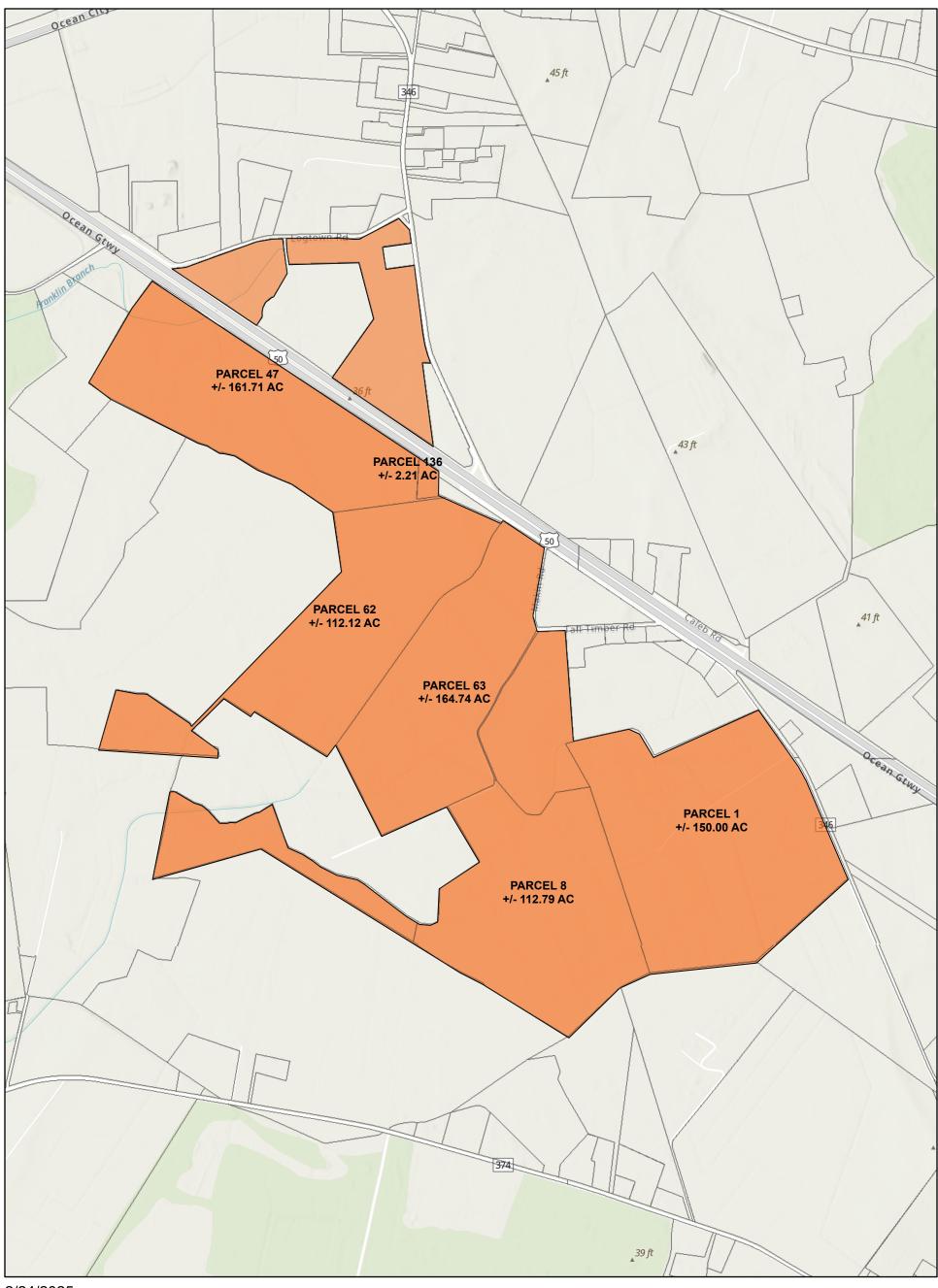
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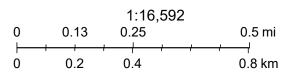
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Select Parcels



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Parcel Boundaries
World Hillshade



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Re: BLS Realty, LLC/Update to Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Maps

Dear Ms. Keener:

As you know, I represent BLS Realty, LLC ("BLS") that owns substantial acres of unimproved real property along MD Rt. 589 and US 113 in northern Worcester County (collectively referred to as the "BLS Properties"). In particular, the BLS Properties include the following:

- 1. Tax Map 15/Parcels 184 (a) and (b)/205.60 acres;
- 2. Tax Map 15/Parcel 132/21 acres;
- 3. Tax Map 15/Parcel 133/8.368 acres;
- 4. Tax Map 15/Parcel 241/26.572 acres;
- 5. Tax Map 15/Parcel 137/25 acres;
- 6. Tax Map 15/Parcel 136/9.13 acres;
- 7. Tax Map 15/Parcel 206/1.08 acres; and
- 8. Tax Map 15/Parcel 207/1 acre.

(See attached as Exhibit "A" the Tax Map, Zoning Map, State Department of Assessments and Taxation Data pages and other information).

The BLS Properties total 297.75 acres and are located in extremely close proximity to the subdivisions of Ocean Pines (approximately 8500 homes/lots), River Run (195 homes/lots), Refuge at Windmill Creek (90 homes/lots), Pennington Estates (29 homes/lots) and White Horse Park (465 homes/lots). They are also bordered on the south by extensive commercial developments such as the Valero gas station, Ocean Pines Health Pavillion medical complex (near the north gate of Ocean Pines), BB&T Bank, Walgreens, Taylor Bank, Royal Farms Store, Pines Plaza Shopping Center, Pennington Commons Shopping Center and many other commercial or retail businesses surrounding them. They are near the River Run and Ocean Pines water and wastewater treatment facilities and are located along the major roadways of MD Rt. 589 and US 113.

Accordingly, the BLS Properties are perfectly situated to be rezoned for either residential or

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commercial development, or a combination of both. At the very least, they are appropriate to be designated as "future growth areas" to be rezoned at a later time. Doing so, would be a natural progression of land development consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan ("Plan") and the growth that has occurred in this area since the last update to the Plan in 2009.

Please present this request to the Worcester County Planning Commission while it is discussing recommendations to the Worcester County Commissioners and let me know when I can meet with the Planning Commission to further discuss the merits of this request. I look forward to hearing from you. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mark Spencer Cropper

Enclosures

EXHIBIT "A"

