Staff Report – Agenda Item # 1			
Case number	BZA-2024-01	Property size	40 ac
Applicant	Alan Small	Property zoning	IG
Property owner	Weihe Construction, Inc.	Hearing date	06/06/2024
Property address	9591 W. 650 S Penelton, IN 46064		

Requested action:

V 10.1.2. Special use to permit Equipment & Truck Service/Repair Center; V 10.1.2 Special Use to permit Storage of Petroleum Products (for Equipment Fueling); Lime Stabilization Storage Silos (for discussion only)

Recommendation:

APPROVE

Exhibits:

- 1. Existing Land Use Map
- 2. Silos Example
- 3. Submittal
- 4. Zoning Plan
- 5. Site Plan
- 6. Comprehensive Plan

ZONING MAP



ANALYSIS

The site is located at 9591 W. 650 S Pendleton, IN 46064. This property is on the south side of W 650 S, 0.5 miles west of the SR 13 and W 650 intersection. The 40-acre subject site consists of 2 parcels, under the same ownership, and currently zoned General Industrial and used for agricultural purposes.

The surrounding zoning districts and uses can be seen on the previous page and in Exhibit 1.

Proposal

The petitioners, Weihe Construction, requests permission to conduct an Equipment & Truck Service/Repair Center Special Use, and a Storage of Petroleum Products Special Use at the subject site. Specifically, Weihe would like to conduct vehicle repairs and storage operations, including petroleum product storage for equipment fueling (see Exhibit 3 Submittal). Exhibit 4 Zoning Plan and Exhibit 5 Site Plan show the following planned improvements for Lot 2:

- Drainage Detention Pond
- Fuel Depot
- Water Well
- Warehouse
- Asphalt parking lot to serve the office with parking landscaping
- Lime Silos (see exhibit 2 for example)
- Storage yard around the warehouse and on the rest of the lot
- 8-ft-tall metal fence to screen the storage yard around the entire perimeter of the yard

Analysis

Truck Sales and Service Centers land use, as well as Storage/Sale of Petroleum Products land use, are Special Uses in the General Industrial zoning district, which means that the BZA has the authority to approve it as long as the proposed projects meats 4 criteria listed in Lapel's UDO and analyzed below. Please note that while the granting variances is a matter committed to discretion of the BZA, granting a Special Use approval is mandatory once the applicant shows compliance with relevant statutory criteria.

Criteria 1

The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.

Truck Sales and Service Centers land use, as well as Storage/Sale of Petroleum Products land use, will not produce injuries to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community. While the truck service centers and storage of petroleum products could cause safety concerns, the manner in which the operations are conducted can eliminate these concerns. All building will be constructed and maintained according to zoning and building codes. The storage of the petroleum far from surrounding property lines will reduce the chance of fire spread. Additionally, the open access to the storage lot will allow emergency vehicles

clear access to the property should an accident occur. There are also no surrounding residential uses, eliminating any direct risk to residential health in the area.

Criteria 2

The requirements and development standards for the requested special use as prescribed by this Ordinance will be met.

Per Lapel UDO V10.2.6.I, the truck repair center is required to abide by the following standard "Outdoor storage shall be permitted as an accessory use subject to the following requirements:

- i. In the Ig District, outdoor storage of finished products and materials used in production shall be permitted.
 - Outdoor storage of vehicles being stored at auto repair facilities and junk yards shall be consistent with the Parking Standards of this Article."

Per Lapel UDO V10.2.12.Q, the petroleum storage is required to abide by the following standard "No highly flammable or explosive liquids, solids, or gasses specified by the State Fire Marshall be stored except in accordance with the rules established by the State Fire Marshall."

According to the currently proposed site plan, all zoning and building codes will be adhered to. This includes parking standards and the fuel storage rules of the State Fire Marshall.

Criteria 3

Granting the special use will not subvert the general purposes served by this Ordinance and will not permanently injure other property or uses in the same district and vicinity.

The general purpose of Lapel's UDO per V1.2.4 is to "secure adequate light, air, and convenience of access; and safety from fire, flood, and other dangers" and to "promote the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, morals, and general welfare." Analysis for criteria 1 addresses these general ordinance purposes.

The UDO describes General Industrial district in the following way:

"The "Ig", General Industrial District is intended to provide locations for general industrial manufacturing, production, assembly, warehousing, research & development facilities, and similar land uses. This district is intended to accommodate a variety of industrial uses in locations and under conditions that minimize land use conflicts. This district should be used to support industrial retention and expansion in Lapel."

Permitting this proposal would help accommodate an industrial business in Lapel that is operated at a high standard that protects the environment and the general welfare of the community.

Most uses around the subject site are either vacant, agricultural or commercial (Exhibit 1). It is likely that the way that the applicant is proposing to conduct its operations will NOT be injurious to the surrounding properties.

Criteria 4

The proposed use will be consistent with the character of the zoning district in which it is located and the Town of Lapel Comprehensive Plan.

The Equipment & Truck Service/Repair Center and Storage of Petroleum Products land uses are consistent with other uses typically permitted in the General Industrial zoning district as a Special Use: boat/RV storage (indoor/outdoor), junk yards, sand/gravel operations, and mineral extraction. Some of these Special Uses are bound to have more pollution than applicant's proposal, like dust from mineral extraction. Based on Weihe's proposed operations that include outdoor storage of petroleum products and truck service operations, it is similar to an outdoor or indoor warehousing use that is permitted in the General Industrial district by right. So, the proposed use is consistent with the character of the zoning district that it is in.

Lapel's Comprehensive Plan (CP) shows the area around the subject site with the recommendation for the general industrial use to the north of the subject site, general commercial to the east, and an agricultural use to the west and south (Exhibit 6). The proposed character of operations is consistent with the general industrial uses recommended by CP. In Lapel, auto repair facilities, are permitted in the Commercial 1 zoning district, which is consistent with the proposed Commercial use in CP to the east of the subject site.

SPECIAL USE FINDINGS

AGENDA ITEM #1

If the Board should decide to APPROVE the requested Special Use, please use the following findings of fact:

The Lapel Board of Zoning Appeals is authorized to approve or deny Special Uses by Indiana Code 36-7-4-918.2 and by Lapel UDO V1.6.3. The BZA may impose reasonable conditions as part of its approval. A Special Use may be approved upon a determination in writing that the following four (4) criteria are met (V1.6.8.A):

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It is likely that this variance will NOT be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community. The applicant shows site features like parking and buffer landscape areas, tall fencing, and preservation of the flood plain that add to the general welfare of the community by creating an aesthetically pleasing design.

2. The requirements and development standards for the requested special use as prescribed by this Ordinance will be met:

All applicable standards, including parking and Fire Marshall, will be adhered to.

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4. The proposed use will be consistent with the character of the zoning district in which it is located and the Town of Lapel Comprehensive Plan:

The proposed equipment & truck service/repair and Storage of Petroleum Products operation is consistent with the character of other General Industrial uses and with some Light Industrial (indoor industrial uses) and commercial uses (car repair) recommended in the area around the subject site proposed in the Comprehensive Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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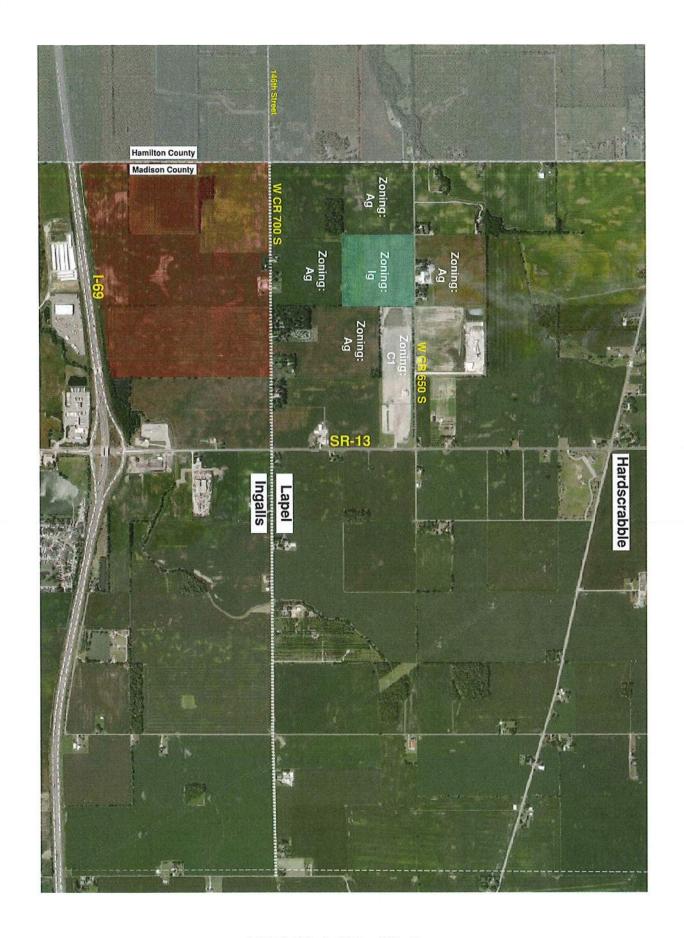
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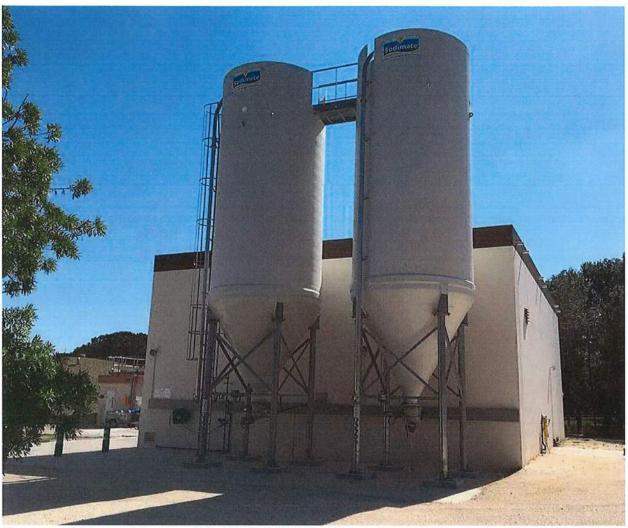
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9591 W. 650S - Weihe Location Map/Existing Zoning Map

Park 13



Conceptual Photo of Proposed Dry Bulk Silo Structure



To:

Oksana Polhuy

Town of Lapel

4/5/24

Submittal for:

Weihe Construction, Inc. New Shop

RE: Town of Lapel Rezoning Application, 9591 W 650 S, Pendleton, IN 46064

Submittal Includes:

- 1. Primary Plat Submittal Updated with missing information from October 2023.
- 2. Zoning Variances & Special Use Application

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Sincerely,

Alan Small

Bow & Arrow Investments/Weihe Construction



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given the	at on theda	y ofJune	, 202 <u>4</u> at6:	30 P.M. a pub	lic hearing
will be held by the (select	t one) Lapal Plan Commissi	ion or – Lapel Boa	rd of Zoning Appeals it	n the Lapel Lic	on's Club
329 S. Main Street, Lapel, I	ndiana or virtually. Virtua	I meeting informat	tion can be seen at <u>wv</u>	vw.lapelindiana	.org. The
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9591 W. 650S, Pendleto	on, IN 46064, Weihe Consti	ruction Shop Projec	ct		
on the following describe	ed real estate. The nature	of the petition is a	s follows: (briefly desc	ribe the reques	t)
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Contact Name	Alan Small				
Contact Address	15215 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville, IN 46060				
Contact Phone					
	317 - 776 - 2966				

Available Plans: The project plans are available for examination at the office of Lapel Town Hall.

Written Comments: Written comments on the application will be accepted prior to the public hearing and may be submitted to the Planning Commission.

All interested persons desiring to present their views on the petition will have an opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any individual interested in attending the hearing should contact the Town of Lapel Planning Commission and advise what, if any, accommodation is needed to attend the hearing. Said hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice.

For more information, contact the Town of Lapel Planning Commission at 765-534-3157. The Commission office is located at 825 N Main Street, Lapel, Indiana.

NOTE TO PUBLISHER: THIS NOTICE MUST APPEAR AT LEAST ONE (1) TIME NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE.



PETITION CHECKLIST

Note: All documents must be legible. All text documents must be typewritten, or computer generated. All drawings, such as site plans, elevations, sign details, maps, surveys, must be drawn to an appropriate scale, dimensioned, and in ink.

- 1. One (1) completed checklist (this form).
- 2. One (1) completed petition, signed by the owner of the subject property or an authorized agent, notarized, and filed at least 35 days prior to a scheduled public hearing.
- 3. One (1) copy of a general location or area map indicating (in a reproducible manner) the location of the property and the surrounding area. Maps created using internet mapping sites are acceptable.
- 4. Four (4) copies of the legal description attached to the petition. Attach one to the petition; attach one copy to each of the Ordinances as referenced above.

Metes and bounds descriptions should include two (2) copies of the perimeter survey, drawn to scale. - or - Recorded subdivision legal description includes lot number, section number, subdivision name, plat book number with page number and must include a plat map (plat maps are available in Room 741 of the City-County Building/or a nominal charge).

- 5. Three (3) copies of a site plan must be filed. Plans must be legible and drawn to a scale of 1= 10, 1=20, 1=30, or 1=40. Additional information may be required, but at the minimum, plans must include the information described on the site plan form.
- 6. Non-refundable filing fee. See Fee Schedule for fee.
- 7. On-site hearing notice sign fee. The On-Site Notice must be posted in a conspicuous location along each street frontage of the affected property. There is a non-refundable fee of \$10 per sign required.
- 8. Surrounding property owners (optional). As part of the legal notice requirement, the petitioner is required to notify the owners of surrounding properties per the Rules of Procedure. Petitioners can request a list of those property owners requiring notice of their petition for an optional \$25 fee. The list of owners compiled will be provided to the petitioner on label form. Petitioners are still required to make copies of the legal notice and mail it to the list provided. If petitioners do not choose this option, they must obtain their own list of surrounding property owners from the County Assessor's Office.
- 9. Contact person identified. This Contact Person is notified when Legal Notice is prepared; contacted to provide additional information; and receives the written Staff Report.

Contact Name	Alan Small	
Contact Address	15215 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville, IN 46060	
Contact Phone	317-538-2106	
Contact Email	asmall@weiheconstruction.com	

Acceptable methods of payment include cash, check, or MasterCard, VISA, Discover or American Express credit card. Checks must be made payable to "Town of Lapel." Credit cards are accepted; however, the credit card processing agency assesses a fee ~3% of the transaction amount.



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PETITION APPLICATION

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MEETING DATE REQUEST	May 8th, 2024		
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OWNER'S EMAIL ADDRESS	asmall@weiheconstruction.com		
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OWNERSHIP	DOES THE PETITIONER OWN 100% OF THE AREA INVOLVED IN THE PETITION? (YES) NO OTHER OWNERS?		
TAX PARCEL NUMBERS	48-15-16-300-004.000-044		



ACREAGE	40 acres	PARCEL COUNT	1
CODE ENFORCEMENT	IS THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANY CODE ENFOREMINE YES NO	ENT ACTION?	
CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION	Ig (General Industrial)		
CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATION	Commercial/Industrial		
EXISTING PROPERTY USE	Agriculture		
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OATH: THE PETITION APPLICATION INFORMATION, TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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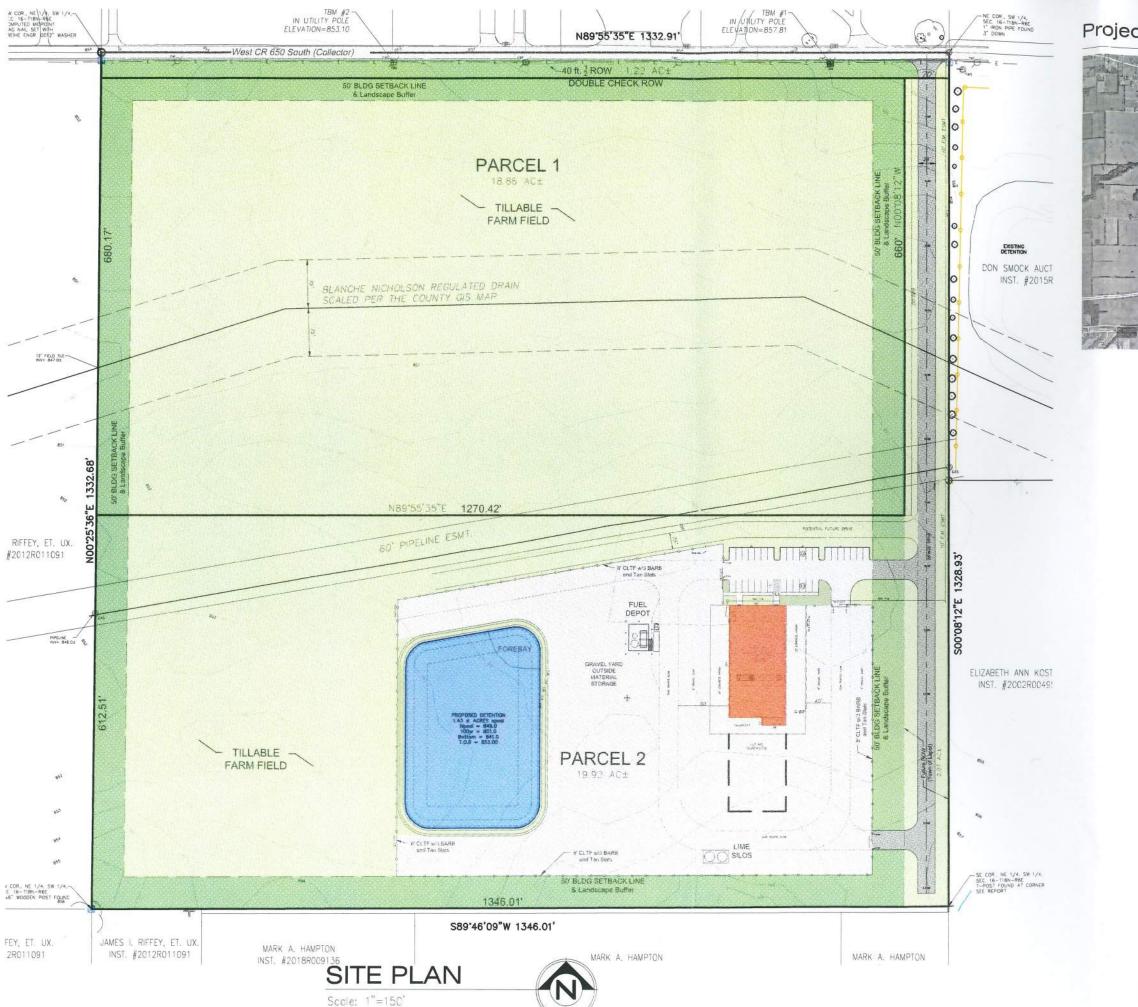
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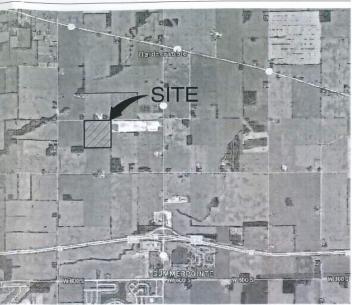
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Project Location



Weihe Construction Shop

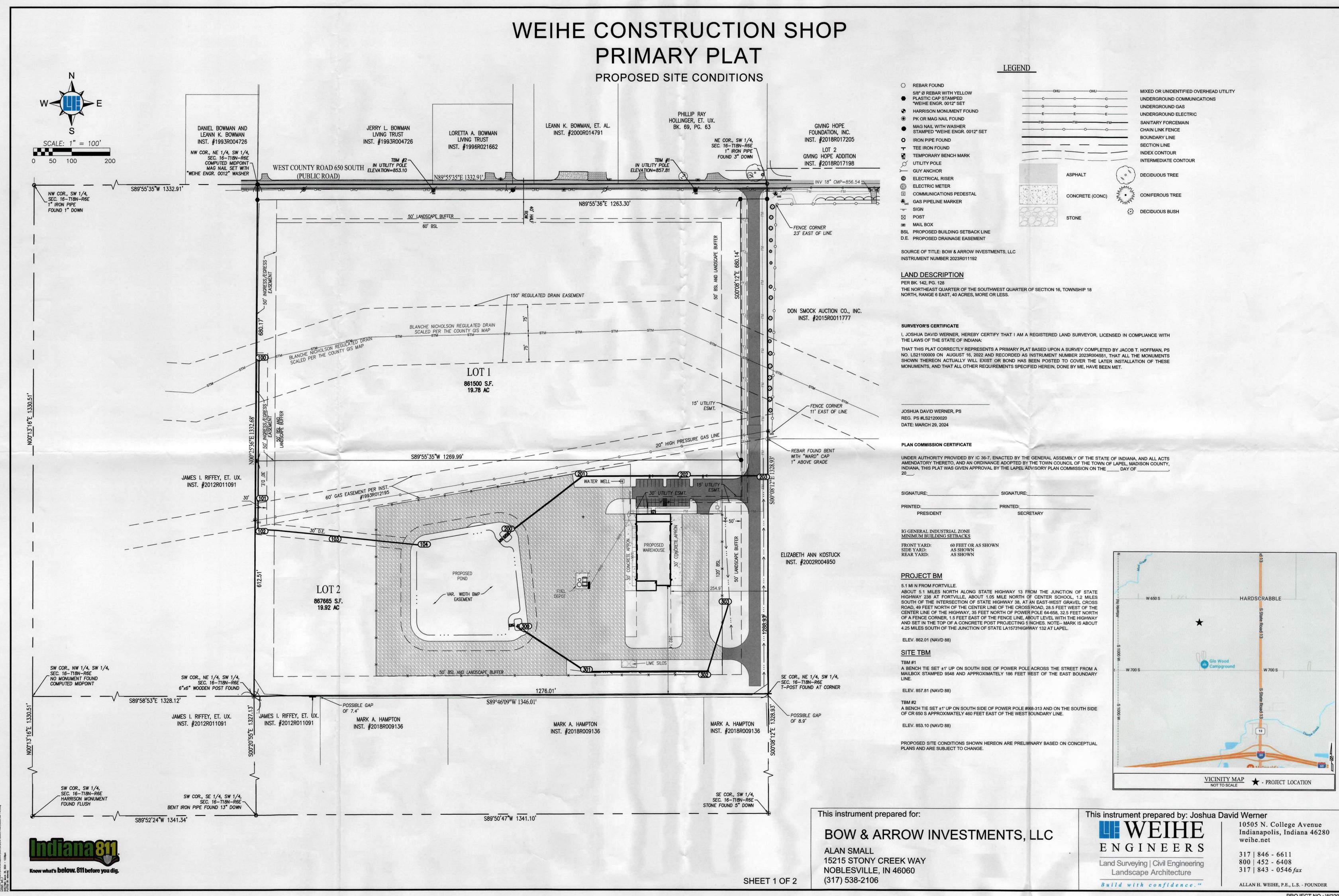
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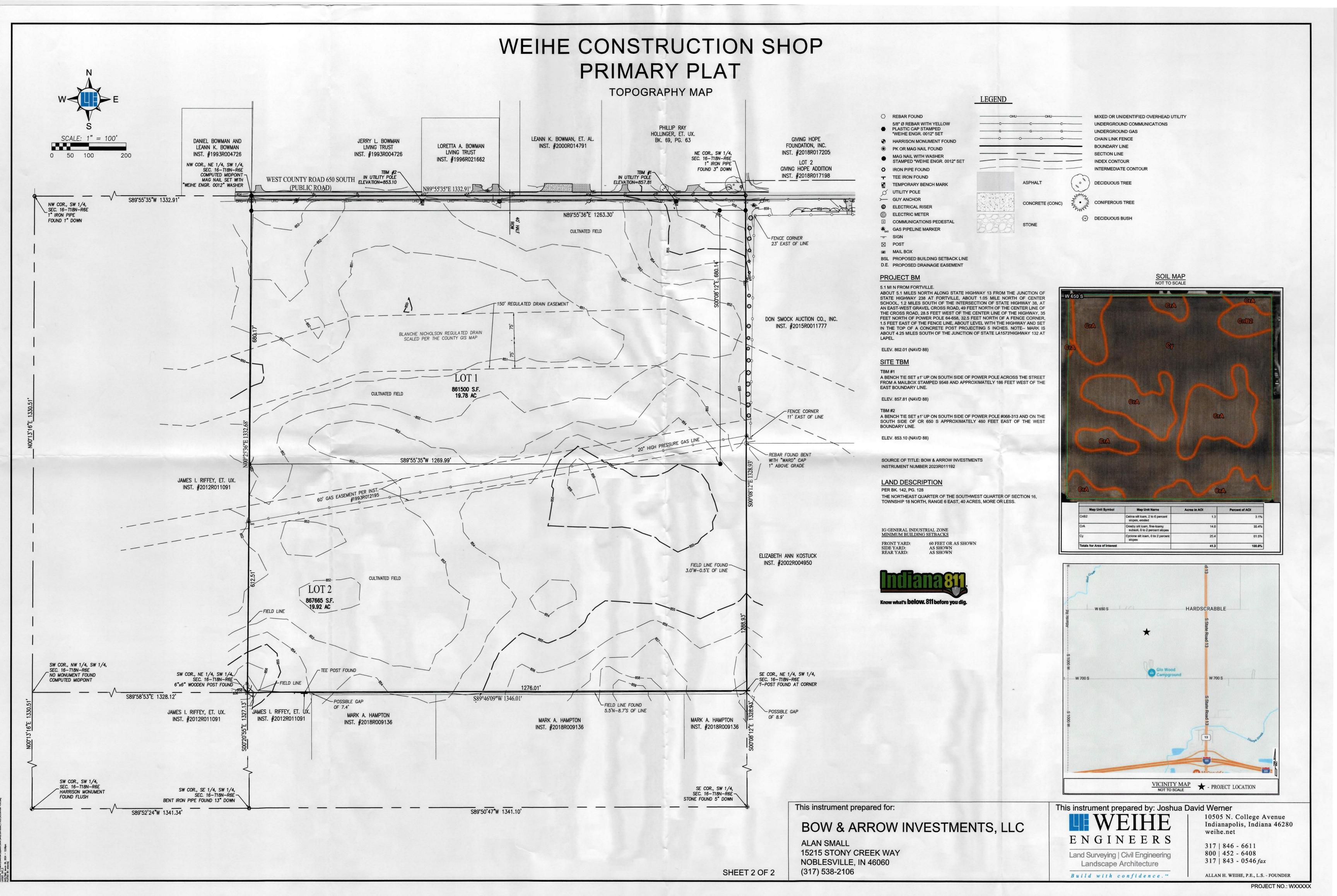
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Proposed Zoning Plan





RECOMMENDATION: Diversify land use near and south of SR 38

