RESOLUTION No. 2016-05-CM

A Resolution to Amend the Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County to Include the Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development Plan

WHEREAS, the AREA PLAN COMMISSION of TIPPECANOE COUNTY pursuant to IC 36-7-4-511, has adopted the *Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development Plan* as an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County* at a public meeting held on January 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, hearings and the meeting notices required by IC 36-7-4-507 were held, and complied with; and

WHEREAS, a certified copy of the new *Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development Plan* has been filed with the Auditor of Tippecanoe County, and copies distributed to the Commissioners, and is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR TIPPECANOE COUNTY IS HEREBY AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE *HOOSIER HEARTLAND CORRIDOR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.*

This Resolution shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 1st DAY OF February. 2016.

VOTE:

Y — President

Y — Vice President

Y — Member

ATTEST:

Robert Plantenga, Auditor

THE Area Plan Commission of TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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SALLIE DELL FAHEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 21, 2016
Ref. No.: 16-007

Tippecanoe County Commissioners
20 N. 3rd Street
Lafayette IN 47901

CERTIFICATION

RE: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
HEARTLAND CORRIDOR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLAN:
An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that includes the land surrounding the Hoosier Heartland Highway from I-65 to the Tippecanoe County line

Dear Commissioners:

As Secretary to the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, I do hereby certify that at a public hearing held January 20, 2016, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, by a vote of 13 yes – 0 no, approved **Resolution 2016-01**, adopting the *Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development and Land Use Plan* as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County, and thus recommended it for APPROVAL by the Tippecanoe County Commissioners.

Enclosed is a copy of the Plan with our staff report as certified by me to the Lafayette Common Council and the resolution to be adopted by the Lafayette Common Council.

For the Tippecanoe County Commissioners to adopt this Comprehensive Plan amendment, it will need to pass the enclosed Resolution and return it to me. At that time I will file the signed Resolution and the plan amendment with the County Recorder as per statute.

If there are questions concerning the above, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sallie Dell Fahey
Executive Director

Enclosures (3)

cc: Dave Luhman

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

WHEREAS, the *Comprehensive Plan* was adopted in 1981 and allows for the inclusion of economic development and land use plans; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County derives authority to approve amendments to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan* from *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-511*; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County did hold a public hearing following proper publication of meeting notices under *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-507*, to inform and hear discussion on this amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County after due consideration, adopted this amendment known as the *Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development Plan*, an amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, finding it to be in accord with its own goals, thus recommending the amendment to Tippecanoe County and the City of Lafayette;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, THAT:

The *Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development Plan*, a part of the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County*, is hereby adopted.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Gerry Keen, President

Attest:

Sallie Dell Fahey, Secretary

Tom Murtaugh
David Byers
Tracy Brown

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January 20, 2016

Dear Plan Commission Members, Council Members, and Commissioners:

The Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development and Land Use Plan Steering Committee, consisting of 20 community members of varied backgrounds and interests, has been working with American Structurepoint since April 2015 to develop an economic development and land use plan for the Heartland Corridor TIF area that provides a guide to improve, develop and redevelop this area of the county over the next several decades. After five steering committee meetings, two days of focus group meetings, one general public meeting, one online review period, three informational meetings, countless email communications, hundreds of postcard mailings, and many draft documents, we now have a plan that is before you for your consideration. This plan is forward thinking, providing objectives and strategies for decision makers, organizations, and citizens throughout Tippecanoe County to improve and grow our community over the next 20 years and beyond.

Over the last two months, each committee member has had the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the draft plan, and each of those ideas has been incorporated into the plan in some fashion. Subsequently, the Steering Committee is in **full support** of the draft plan before you tonight and encourages each advisory or legislative body to recommend favorably for and/or adopt this plan as required.

On December 2, 2015, the Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development and Land Use Plan was introduced to the Lafayette City Council and reviewed by the Ordinance Committee and forwarded to the Area Plan Commission. On January 13, 2016, the Hoosier Heartland Corridor Strategic Economic Development and Land Use Plan was approved by the Redevelopment Commission and forwarded to the County Commissioners.

As with any plan of this nature, we need to continue to meet periodically to evaluate the goals and strategies, review progress, and make changes as needed. We look forward to the opportunity to implement our plan in Tippecanoe County.

Thank you to American Structurepoint for their hard work and a job well done.

Sincerely,

Tom Murtaugh, Tippecanoe County Commissioner
Heartland Corridor Steering Committee Chairperson