

## Zoning Map Amendment Staff Report

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#### MAY 9, 2013

### 10100 BLK INDIAN HILL RD ZONE CHANGE

From: EX-1 Coal Mining

To: A-R Rural Agriculture

Proposed Use: Agricultural
Acreage: 14.916

Applicant: Lawrence Eddie McCarty, Jr.

(1305.1876)

**Surrounding Zoning Classifications:** 

North: EX-1 South: A-R
East: A-R West: A-R

#### **Proposed Zone & Land Use Plan**

The applicant is seeking an A-R Rural Agriculture zone. The subject property is located in a Rural Maintenance Plan Area, where rural farm residential uses are appropriate in general locations.

#### **SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA**

(a) Large Tracts with agricultural potential – Each dwelling should be located on a separate, large tract that has potential for productive agricultural use.

(b) Access to existing public road via private drive – Each dwelling/tract should have access to an existing public road; public roads should not be created or extended to provide access. Access should be provided via private drives. No more than two dwelling/tracts should share a single private drive where it connects with a public road.

# Planning Staff Review GENERAL LAND USE CRITERIA

#### Environment

- It appears that the subject property is not located in a wetlands area per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service dated March 6, 1990.
- The subject property is not located in a special flood hazard area per FIRM Map 21059CO170D.
- A portion of the property may be designated as prime agricultural farmland per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service map dated March 1980.
- The developer is responsible for obtaining permits from the Division of Water, The Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA or other state and federal agencies as may be applicable.

#### **Urban Services**

Electricity, water and gas are existing to the subject property. Sanitary sewage disposal would be accomplished by an on-site septic system.

#### **Development Patterns**

The subject property consists of a large tract with frontage on both Highway 915 and Indian Hill Road. Land uses in the vicinity are primarily rural residential with some agriculture and timber potential. According to the applicant's finding, mining activity has ceased and the site is ready to revert to the original zoning classification. The nearly 15 acre parcel was created by plat in February 2013.

#### **SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA**

The applicant's proposal is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The subject property is a large tract at 14.916 acres and the applicant proposes agricultural use on the property. The subject property has access to both Highway 915 and Indian Hill Road with no new streets proposed.

#### **Planning Staff Recommendations**

The planning staff recommends approval subject to the findings of fact that follow:

#### Findings of Fact:

- Staff recommends approval because the proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted Comprehensive Plan;
- The subject property is located in a Rural Maintenance Plan Area, where rural farm residential uses are appropriate in general locations;
- 3. The subject property is a large tract at 14.916 acres;
- The subject property has access to Highway 915 and Indian Hill Road;
- 5. Strip-mining activity has ceased; and,
- **6.** The Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance Article 12a.31 requires that property shall revert to its original zoning classification after mining.