

#### Staff Report to the Weber County Commission

Weber County Planning Division

#### **Synopsis**

#### **Application Information**

Application Request: To consider and take action on GP 2018-02, a request to amend the General Plan

Future Land Use Map to change some of the proposed manufacturing area along 900 South near the Little Mountain manufacturing area to a future agricultural and

one acre residential area.

Staff Report Date September 18, 2018
Agenda Date: September 18, 2018
Tuesday, October 02, 2018

**Applicant:** John Price **File Number:** GP 2018-02

#### **Property Information**

**Approximate Address:** 7500 West 900 South **Project Area:** Approximately 372.58 Acres

**Zoning:** The area is currently M-1 (manufacturing) and A-1 (agricultural).

**Existing Land Use:** Agricultural/Residential **Proposed Land Use:** Agricultural/Residential

**Parcel ID:** 10-037-0009, 10-037-0010, 10-037-0032, 10-037-0037, 10-037-0041, 10-037-0042,

10-043-0010, 10-066-0001. 10-048-0027, 10-048-0029.

Township, Range, Section: T6N, R3W, Sections 15, 22

#### **Adjacent Land Use**

North: Residential/Agricultural South: Residential/Agricultural West: Residential/Agricultural

#### **Staff Information**

Report Presenter: Charles Ewert

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Report Reviewer: RG

#### **Applicable Ordinances**

§102-2-4 - Powers and Duties of the Planning Commission

#### Summary

This item is a proposal to amend the West Central Weber County General Plan's Future Land Use Map to reduce the area designated as "industrial" and increase the area designated as "residential/agricultural." The subject properties are located just east of the heavy manufacturing zone out at Little Mountain, in the 7500 West – 7900 West block, north of 900 South.

As recommended by the Planning Commission, this Future Land Use Map amendment will extend the industrial designation to 900 South for properties currently split by the industrial and residential/agricultural designation, and it will extend the residential/agricultural designation westward, changing future land designated for industrial to future agriculture and residential.

This Future Land Use Map amendment is being requested in order to support a rezone for the same lands. The rezone process is running concurrently with this general plan amendment, and will be on the same meeting agenda, after this item.

#### **Legislative Decisions**

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use code amendments. Legislative actions require that the Planning Commission give a recommendation to the County Commission. For this circumstance, criteria for recommendations in a legislative matter require compatibility with the general plan and existing ordinances.

#### **County Commission Considerations**

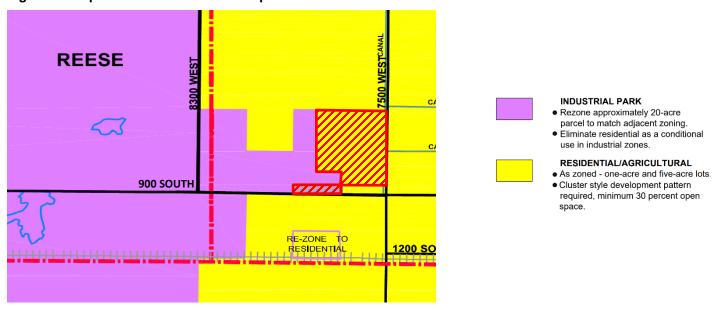
This application is concerning a change to the West Central Weber County General Plan. A favorable decision on this item from the county commission will offer better support for a pending rezone application for this same area. The rezone application is on the same meeting agenda.

The general plan's future land use map currently has a peninsula of area denoted as an "industrial" area projecting from the main "industrial" area at Little Mountain eastward along the north side of 900 South. This proposal will reduce that finger's projection eastward, and replace the subject area with the future "residential/agricultural" designation. It also eliminates the "residential/agricultural" area that is between 900 South and the "industrial" area to the north by extending the "industrial" designation to 900 South. See Figure 1 and Figure 2 for graphic reference.





Figure 2: Proposed Future Land Use Map of the area.



The County Code specifies very little process regarding a modification to the general plan. §102-2-4, "powers and duties of the planning commission," specifies that the planning commission "shall review the general plans and make recommendations to the county commission, as deemed necessary, to keep the general plan current with the changing conditions, trends, and planning needs of the county."

Given this, the criteria for making a decision regarding changes to the general plan are whether or not there are changing conditions, trends, and planning needs. The question can really be boiled down to whether or not the proposed modification to the future land use map, if implemented through zoning, will produce desirable community outcomes.

#### Planning Commission Recommendation

The planning commission has offered the county commission a favorable recommendation for amending the West Central Weber County General Plan's Future Land Use Map in accordance with the resolution attached to this staff report. They did so with the following findings:

- 1. Public opinion regarding the future land uses of the area have changed since the 2003 adoption of the West Central Weber County General Plan, and residential and agriculture are deemed more desirable land uses in this subject area.
- 2. Current development trends will make the property more useful as residential than industrial.
- 3. The changes are not harmful to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

#### Attachment

Attachment A: Resolution Changing the West Central Weber County General Plan's Future Land Use Map. Attachment B: Planning Commission Staff Report.

<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER</b>	

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WEST CENTRAL WEBER COUNTY GENERAL PLAN TO PROVIDE MORE ACREAGE FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURAL AND TO EXTEND THE FUTURE INDUSTRIAL AREA TO 900 SOUTH FOR LAND IN THE 7500 WEST – 7900 WEST BLOCK, NORTH OF 900 SOUTH

**WHEREAS**, the Weber County Board of Commissioners have adopted a West Central Weber County General Plan (herein "Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan offers general land use recommendations for future land uses and land use regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** Weber County Board of Commissioners have received an application to amend the Plan to enable more residential/agricultural land uses in the 7500 West – 7900 West block, just north of 900 South; and

**WHEREAS,** after a duly noticed public hearing, the Western Weber Planning Commission have given the Weber County Board of Commissioners a recommendation regarding the amendment to the plan; and

**WHEREAS,** after a duly noticed public hearing, the Weber County Board of Commissioners have determined that changed or changing conditions and trends and site specific considerations exist that merit the proposed Plan amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Weber County Commissioners have also determined that the proposed Plan amendment is not detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public;

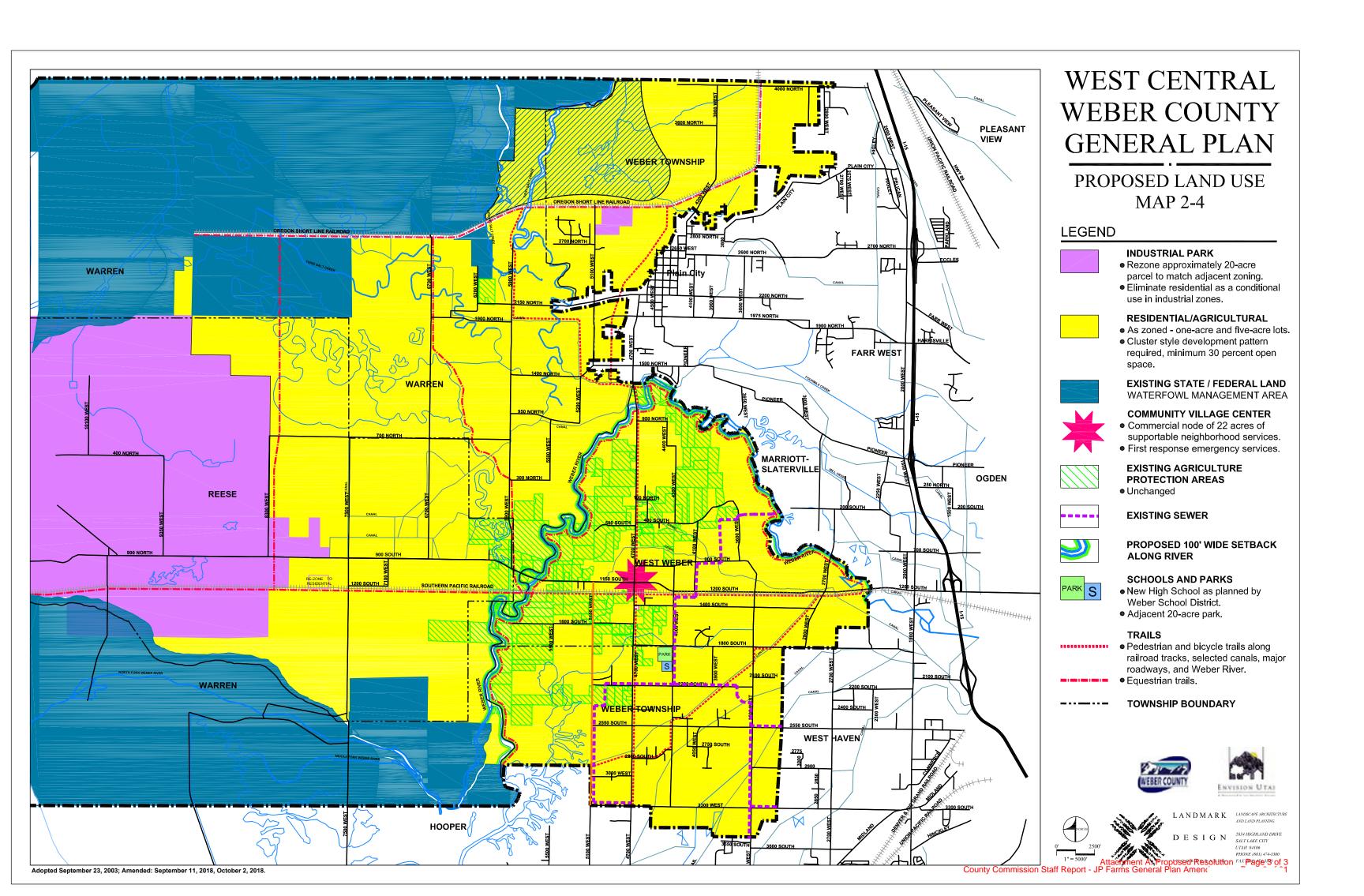
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Passed, adopted, and ordered published this Board of Commissioners.	_day of, 2018, by the Weber County
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBE	R COUNTY
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	Commissioner Harvey voted  Commissioner Ebert voted  Commissioner Jenkins voted
ATTEST:	

Ricky Hatch, CPA

Weber County Clerk/Auditor

#### **Exhibit A**

### West Central Weber County General Plan Amendment (On the following page)





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#### **Proposal History**

This proposal was presented at public hearing to the Western Weber Planning Commission on July 10, 2018. It was combined into a bigger decision regarding a rezone of the area and other general plan and zoning text administrative cleanup. This report only addresses an amendment to the general plan's future land use map.

On the evening of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, this proposal was on the agenda for consideration and action. Due to there not being a quorum, a final decision was not made. Instead, the planning division held an informal public comment meeting to discuss the proposal's concerns with the public that were present.

This proposal was also discussed by the planning commission in a work session on the evening of Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

#### **Legislative Decisions**

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#### **Background and summary**

This application is concerning a change to the West Central Weber County General Plan. It has previously been packaged as a bigger decision regarding not just a change to the general plan, but also a change to the zoning map. In their July 10, 2018 meeting, the planning commission pulled apart the packaged decision in favor of making a decision on each item individually.

A favorable decision on this item from the county commission will offer better support for a pending rezone application for this same area. The rezone application is on the same meeting agenda, in which staff has offered three alternatives with several other alternative variants. The planning commission should be familiar with that in order to make an effective decision regarding this application. In order to support the various alternatives of the potential rezone, staff has provided three alternatives to this decision as well.

The general plan's future land use map currently has a finger of area denoted as an "industrial" area projecting from the main "industrial" area eastward along the north side of 900 South. This proposal would effectively change that projected finger to reflect the "residential/agricultural" designation that is currently adjacent to it.

See Figure 1 for graphic reference.

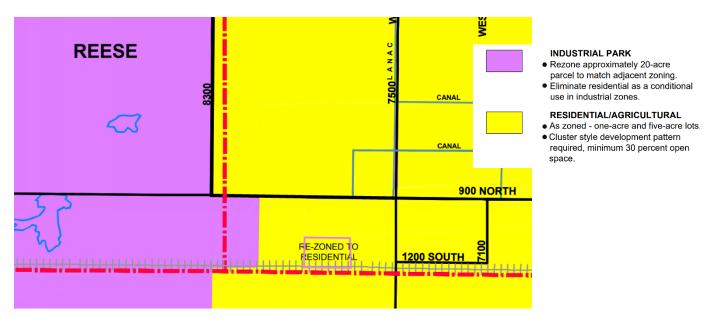


Image 1: Zoom of affect area showing the plan's existing "future land use map."

#### Alternative One.

This alternative one supports alternative one of the applicant's rezone. This alternative would change the "industrial" area on the map as it extends eastward along the north side of 900 South to "residential/agricultural." This change enables a rezone of this entire area to the A-2 zone. See **Figure 2** for graphic reference of this change. Please see the staff report for the rezone application for a list of pros and cons for this change. In order to support this change, the planning commission should consider the needs and desires of the community regarding their desired future development outcomes.

Figure 2: Zoom of affected area showing proposed change to the "future land use map."



#### Alternative Two.

This alternative two supports alternative two of the rezone application staff report. In it, this application and the rezone application are recommended to be denied due to lack of adequate public support and the disruption of the adopted plans that are currently in place for the area.

#### Alternative Three.

Like alternative three of the rezone application staff report, this alternative has variants. In it, the planning commission may find that part of the land included in the rezone application merits a zone change (and therefore, a future land use map change) but other parts do not. The rezone application has four variants that staff have prepared for the planning commission to choose from. This is not a finite list, but offers clear direction. If the planning commission would like to explore other variants this should be discussed with the applicant and staff in the meeting.

For a decision on this alternative, though, staff are only recommending two variants. Both give the ability for the planning commission to make any of the four rezone decision presented in alternative three of the rezone staff report. See **Figures 3-4** to review the two.

Variant one offers more future residential land uses for the subject area than manufacturing uses. It offers a future land use map that shows a greater amount of the land currently zoned M-1 to be rezoned [at a later time of the county's or landowner's choosing] to a large lot residential/agricultural zone. The future changes from the M-1 zone could then occur as a result of a landowner's rezone application, as is the case with this applicant's current rezone application, at any time in the future, and have the full support of the general plan. The future zone changes could also occur by the county taking the initiative to rezone in compliance with this new map at any time in the future. Changing this map in this manner does not rezone the property – but if offers a direction for future action.

Variant one also extends the "industrial" designation southward along 900 South to include all of the parcel in the area that is currently used for manufacturing purposes, as well as the local water company property. Both property owners expressed concern that they needed the front of their lots currently zoned A-1 to be rezoned to M-1 for their anticipated future uses of their property. This enables those future uses. This new configuration of the future "industrial" area also includes a few parcels that currently contain single family dwellings currently in the A-1 zone. Changing this map in this manner does not change the A-1 zone of the properties, but it does offer a directive for the future should those landowners or the county ever choose to do so.

Variant two offers more future manufacturing uses for the subject area than future residential land uses. It removes the eastern most end of the "industrial" finger from the "industrial" designation and changes it to "residential/agricultural." Like variant one, it also extends the "industrial" future land uses southward to 900 South and eliminates the strip of "residential/agricultural" land that currently buffers that street.

Figure 3: Variant 1 - More Future Residential than Future Manufacturing

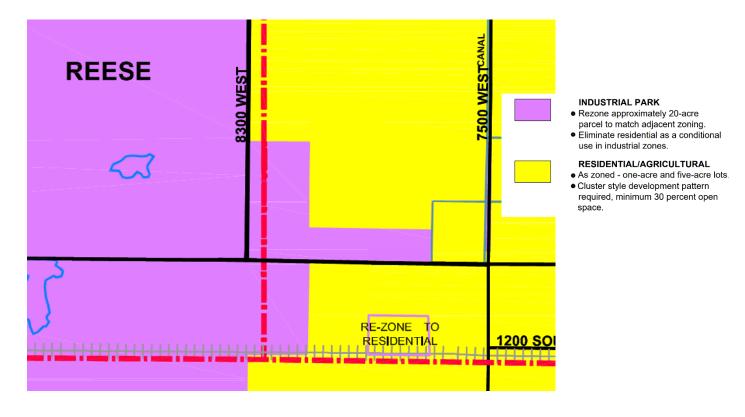
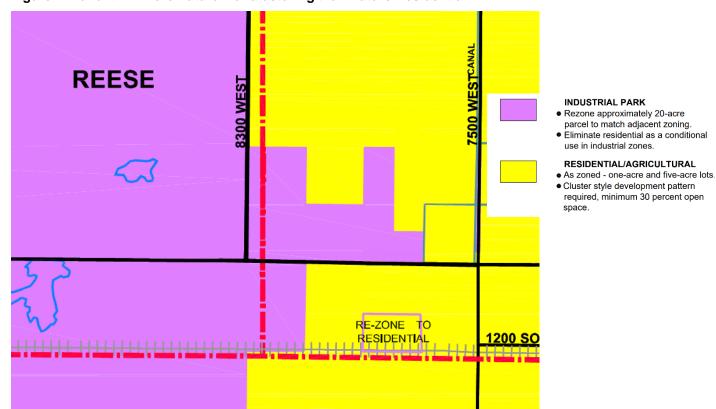


Figure 4: Variant 2 - More Future Manufacturing than Future Residential



#### **Summary of Planning Commission Considerations**

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Given this, the criteria for making a decision regarding changes to the general plan are whether or not there are changing conditions, trends, and planning needs. To make a favorable recommendation on this application to the county commission the planning commission will need to be able to make these findings.

The question can really be boiled down to whether or not the proposed modification to the future land use map, if implemented through zoning, will produce desirable community outcomes.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

If the planning commission finds that the land uses in this area are better suited for large lot residential or agriculture rather than industrial uses, then the planning commission should offer the county commission a favorable recommendation of amending the West Central Weber County General Plan, specifically citing either alternative one or three of this staff report as the recommendation.

This recommendation may come with the following findings, or any additional as the planning commission sees fit:

- 1. Public opinion regarding the future land uses of the area have changed since the 2003 adoption of the West Central Weber County General Plan, and residential and agriculture are deemed more desirable land uses in this subject area.
- 2. Current development trends will make the property more useful as residential than industrial.
- 3. The changes are not harmful to the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

If the planning commission is desirous to deny this application to amend West Central Weber County General Plan, they may choose to do so with the following findings:

- 1. That changed or changing conditions are not present sufficient enough to merit an amendment to the plan.
- 2. That the amendment does not have sufficient community support.
- 3. That the amendment is not found to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, or general welfare.

#### **Exhibits**

- A. Application and project narrative
- B. Future Land Use Map (Current)
- C. Alternative One Future Land Use Map
- D. Alternative Two Future Land Use Map

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