

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
MARCH 4, 2014 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Approval of Land Use Plan Amendment on the southeast corner of Lindsey Road and Interstate 440.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p>	<p>To approve Land Use Plan changes on the southeast corner of Lindsey Road and Interstate 440 from Mining to Industrial.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p>	<p>Staff recommended approval. The Little Rock Planning Commission voted 9 for, 0 nays, and 2 absent to approve the changes.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</b></p>	<p>The following Neighborhood Association was contacted: East Roosevelt Neighborhood Association. No comments were received solely concerning the Future Land Use Plan amendments.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>The area proposed to be changed to show Industrial is in the northern one-quarter of the area presently shown as Mining. It is approximately nine (9) of the fifty-eight (58) acres currently shown as Mining. It is currently wooded. About one third of the current mining area immediately south of the application consists of a larger pond and a smaller pond.</p>	

**BACKGROUND  
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This pond is on a different owner's property. It appears that they may have been borrow pits at one time, the remnants of a past mining operation. In a review of past aerial photos since the 1997 flyover, it appears that the mining has stopped and the pond is slowly increasing in size to cover the entirety of the borrow pit. With the mining stopped in this area shown as Mining, the natural resource is either exhausted or for some reason not being pursued at this time.

This change to Industrial on the Land Use Plan would be a continuation of the general pattern of Industrial in the area. The Future Land Use Plan shows Industrial to the south and east of this site for approximately 5,000 acres. This includes the port area and industrial park. With the larger borrow pit as a barrier, the change to Industrial along the freeway and railroad frontage could provide opportunities for this land to develop.

The change to Industrial could be considered a less intensive use than Mining since the practice of mining in this vicinity is strip mining.