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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:00 PM Yorkville City Hall Council Chambers 800 Game Farm Road

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Previous meeting minutes: May 11, 2022

Citizen's Comments

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. **PZC 2022-09** Kendall County, Illinois is proposing a map amendment to the Kendall County Future Land Use map. Due to the extension of Eldamain Road south of the Fox River, the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee has discussed potential future land uses in the area and has proposed amending three parcels from "Rural Residential" to "Mixed Use Business." This request was approved by the Kendall County Board at the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Action Item

N/A

Additional Business

Adjournment

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

City Council Chambers 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, Il Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:00pm

NOTE: In accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the City of Yorkville is allowing remote attendance at this meeting. Social distancing is being encouraged due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Jeff Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, roll was called and a quorum was established.

Roll Call

Deborah Horaz-yes/electronic attendance Greg Millen-yes/electronic attendance Jeff Olson-yes/in-person Richard Vinyard-yes/in-person Danny Williams-yes/in-person

Absent: Rusty Hyett

City Staff

Krysti Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director/electronic attendance Jason Engberg, Senior Planner/in-person

Other Guests

Lynn Dubajic, City Consultant/in-person

Previous Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion and second by Commissioners Williams and Horaz, respectively.

Roll call: Millen-yes, Olson-yes, Vinyard-present, Williams-yes, Horaz-yes Carried: 4-yes and 1 present.

Citizen's Comments None

Public Hearings

Chairman Olson explained the Public Hearing procedure, however, there was no one present to give testimony. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm on a motion and second by Commissioners Williams and Vinyard, respectively.

Roll call: Millen-yes, Olson-yes, Vinyard-yes, Williams-yes, Horaz-yes Carried 5-0.

The Public Hearing description was read by Chairman Olson:

1. **PZC 2022-10** The United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, petitioner, is proposing a text amendment to Section 10-2: "Rules and Definitions" and Section 10-6: "Permitted and Special Uses" within the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance. The amendment proposes to amend the definitions of microbrewery, brewpub, and microwinery to provide consistency with current State statutes and the City's liquor license regulations. Additionally, the land use designation table and special conditions in Section 10-6 of the Yorkville Zoning Ordinance will also be amended to reflect the proposed definitions.

Mr. Engberg presented the background for the proposed Text Amendment. A business has approached the city about opening a microwinery in the downtown and when they applied for a liquor license, there was no language in the code for microwinery. The city amended title 3 of the liquor code to group the microbrewery, brewpub and microwinery together. Staff is recommending changes to the zoning ordinance to align with the liquor code and the State statute.

The recommended changes are:

- 1. Join microbrewery, brewpub and microwinery all in one single use for liquor code, Class M.
- 2. Remove requirement that they would have to be part of a restaurant use.
- 3. Established in liquor license code that 50,000 gallons of wine could be produced per year, consistent with State statute. That was approved by City Council.

He also gave background of the zoning ordinance. Microbrewery and brewpubs are defined as the same. Microdistillery and microwinery each have their own definition. Microwinery limits are currently established at 100,000 gallons per year. He said currently microbrewery and brewpubs have to be ancillary to a restaurant. Separating the definitions will allow for flexibility in the future, said Mr. Engberg. He also discussed the special conditions that apply. An additional change is that instead of saying "hand-capped" it will change to "seal".

There was no further testimony and a motion was made and seconded at about 7:11pm by Mr. Williams and Mr. Vinyard, respectively, to close the Hearing. Roll call: Millen-yes, Olson-yes, Vinyard-yes, Williams-yes, Horaz-yes Carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business None

New Business

2. PZC 2022-10 Text Amendment (see full description above under Public Hearing)
Action Item

Text Amendment

There was no further discussion and a motion and second to approve was made by Commissioners Horaz and Williams, respectively. Mr. Williams read the motion as follows: In consideration of testimony presented during a Public Hearing on May 11, 2022 and discussions conducted at that meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission

recommends approval to the City Council a request for a text amendment to Section 10-2-3: Definitions and Section 10-6: Permitted and Special Uses of the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance to amend the definitions of Microbrewery, Brewpub, and Microwinery as well as their placement and special conditions on the permitted and special uses table, as recommended in a staff memo dated May 4, 2022.

Roll call: Olson-yes, Vinyard-yes, Williams-yes, Horaz-yes, Millen-yes. Carried 5-0.

Additional Business

1. Appointment of Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Richard Vinyard was chosen as the new Vice-Chair by a unanimous voice vote.

2. City Council Action Updates

- a. PZC 2022-02 Dawn Leprich-Graves rezoning request approved.
- b. PZC 2022-06 Final Plat Amendment approved for Bristol Bay.
- c. PZC 2022-07 Final Plat of Subdivision approved for Bristol Bay.

Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm on a motion and second by Commissioners Williams and Vinyard, respectively. Unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by, Marlys Young, Minute Taker/electronic attendance

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(WHEREUPON, the following
proceedings were in had
public hearing:)

CHAIRMAN OLSON: There is one public hearing tonight scheduled for tonight's Planning and Zoning committee meeting. The purpose of this hearing is to invite testimony from members of the public regarding the proposed request that is being considered before this Commission tonight.

Public testimony from persons

present who wish to speak may be for or may be

against the request or ask questions of the

petitioner regarding the request being heard.

Those persons who wish to testify are asked to

speak clearly, one at a time and state your name

and who you are, if you represent anyone.

You are also asked to sign in at the podium. I don't think we have anybody except

Jason tonight. If you plan to speak during tonight's public hearing as a petitioner or a member of the public, please stand, raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Jason, do you have to do that, or

MS. HORAZ: Yes.

MS. YOUNG: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN OLSON: Thank you. The one public hearing up for discussion tonight is PZC 2022-10, United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, petitioner, is proposing a text amendment on Section 10-2, Rules and Definitions, and Section 10-6, Permitted and Special Uses within the United City of Yorkville Zoning Ordinance.

The amendment proposes to amend the definitions of microbrewery, brewpub and microwinery to provide consistency with current State statutes and the City's liquor license regulations.

Additionally, the land use designation table and special conditions in Section 10-6 of the Yorkville Zoning Ordinance will also be amended to reflect the proposed definitions.

Jason, would you like to present?

MS. WEST: I would. I would like to

come up closer to the mic.

CHAIRMAN OLSON: Okay.

MR. ENGBERG: Can anybody verify if you can hear me in Zoom?

CHAIRMAN OLSON: Can you guys hear Jason?

MS. HORAZ: Yes.

MR. ENGBERG: All right. So this is a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The City recently had a business owner that wants to open a microwinery in the downtown, and in April when they were applying for a liquor license, the microwinery was separate.

We have a microbrewery brewpub in the Liquor Code, but nothing really for microwinery, they have to be part of a restaurant, and so the City amended Title 3 of the Liquor Code to better put these all together, and then also align all the regulations with state statute.

So Staff is recommending some changes to the zoning ordinances, Zoning Ordinance, as these different land uses are defined in our code a little differently now and we're just trying to, one, align it with the new Liquor Code to make it a little bit easier to

understand when somebody comes in and there is no problem, say, well, I thought I could do this because I got this liquor license but now somebody is telling me this, and we are also aligning with state statute to make sure we're aligned with that as well.

So, just briefly, the liquor

license -- the change -- the major changes in the

Liquor License Code, it put brewpub,

microbrewery, microwinery and winery together all

in one single use for the Liquor Code, so if

anybody wants to do that, that's a Class M. They

will come in and ask for that.

They have also removed the requirement that it would have to be accessory to a restaurant use. Naturally the winery, microwinery was previously, but the breweries and brewpubs were not in the Liquor Code.

And then, finally, they reduced the amount -- or they established in the Liquor License Code 50,000 gallons per year for wine produced, and that is consistent with the state statute in the statement of license, so the actual language is there in the middle from what

was approved, and that was approved by City Council.

So to give you a little background on the Zoning Ordinance, currently in the definition section, we have microbrewery or brewpub as one definition, we have microdistillery as one definition, and a microwinery.

Microdistiller would be for a hard alcohol, for a whiskey or something like that, and a microwinery is its own as well.

Currently our microwinery says

100,000 gallons a year, which is different, and
then in Table 10.6.3, all of those uses are as
one and they are permitted in the commercial
districts and the two manufacturing districts.

Also, in that Section 10-6 there are some special requirements, and similar to the definitions, the microbreweries and brewpubs are supposed to be -- or currently have to be ancillary to a restaurant use to a certain extent. At the time this was added into the code and written, at the time I believe the recommendations were from say, you know, we don't

just want breweries popping up, you know, if
they're not going to be part of a, you know,
commercial business, and I think the -- you know,
over the last ten years microbreweries and
tasting rooms and food trucks parked outside or
bring your own food, those types of uses have
become very popular, so the recommended change
that we have discussed is to remove that from
microbreweries, so what we're actually proposing
to do, we're going to separate brewpub out.
Brewpub will still be a restaurant with a, you
know, brew -- a microbrewery in it, so that will
still be ancillary to that.

Microbreweries and microwineries will be treated the same, we put them in the one definition, and then microdistilleries we're just leaving alone as a single definition as well.

This way when someone comes in for a Liquor Code license, it all lines up the same.

While all of those are put together, at least now we can say brewpubs are the only ones that -- those require a restaurant, all the others will not.

We changed the microwinery as well

to the 50,000 gallons per year to be produced as well to align with state statute and liquor codes, and then in Section 10-6, we sectioned them out just like they are in the definition, so brewpub has its own line, microbrewery, microwinery and -- well, the microbrewery and microwinery have a line, and the microdistillery should have a line.

This also gives us flexibility for the future, if we want to change any one of them, remove if, you know, trends change, it will make it easier to say just this one.

If they want to amend the Liquor

Code at some point, too, it makes it a little

flexible for us to change in the future as well.

So with that, again, in 10-6 there are special conditions, so the brewpub will still be ancillary and then the microbrewery will still have the same special conditions, just like the other special conditions are not being changed. Those are the ones that deal with like outside storage and things like that.

The one other change we made -- and this came out at the Economic Development

Committee -- the original definition said off-premise consumption is allowed, all sales must be in a hand-capped, sealed container with a total maximum production being hand packed. The question was what does that mean. It's like well, it might as well just mean sealed at Subway, right, because really all you're really trying to say is you can't give people open containers to walk around town in, so we're just going to remove that, clean that language up a little bit.

So we are recommending this change.

We think it's going to help keep things

consistent, lower confusion between business

owners and people going and trying to open these

uses and make it a lot easier. And, sorry, we're

still allowing the B-1 through B-4 and M-1 and 2

as well at this time.

So that is my presentation for the public hearing. I will answer questions now or when we get to the new business.

CHAIRMAN OLSON: We will do it in new business. Thank you.

Is there anyone who wishes to speak

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1	MS. YOUNG: Vinyard.						
2	MR. VINYARD: Yes.						
3	MS. YOUNG: Williams.						
4	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.						
5	MS. YOUNG: And Horaz.						
6	MS. HORAZ: Yes.						
7	MS. YOUNG: Okay, thank you.						
8	CHAIRMAN OLSON: All right, thank you.						
9	The public hearing portion of the meeting is						
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To: Planning and Zoning CommissionFrom: Jason Engberg, Senior PlannerCC: Bart Olson, City Administrator

Krysti J. Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director

Date: June 2, 2022

Subject: PZC 2022-09 Kendall County Petition 22-09 (Future Land Use Change)

South Eldamain Corridor Properties

SUMMARY:

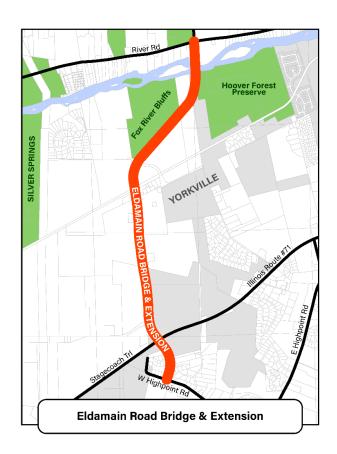
Staff received a petition from the Kendall County Planning, Building, and Zoning Department along with the subsequent attached documents. In the fall of 2020, the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee initiated discussions regarding the funding for the Eldamain Road Bridge and Extension project and potential future land uses along the southern leg of the new thoroughfare.

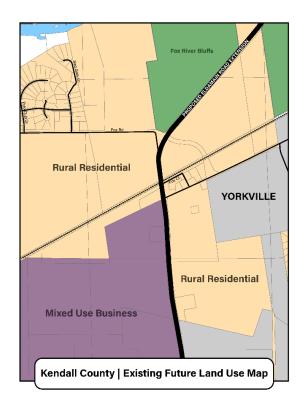
Since then, the Committee has been in discussion with the adjacent communities, including Yorkville, about each municipality's plans for the future of the area. After debating the topic in more depth and reaching out to property owners in the area, the Committee has decided to move forward and have proposed to amend the Kendall County Future Land Use map. They are proposing to redesignate three (3) properties west of Eldamain and south of the railway from "Rural Residential" to "Mixed Use Business." The proposal was approved by the Kendall County board at the May 17, 2022 meeting.

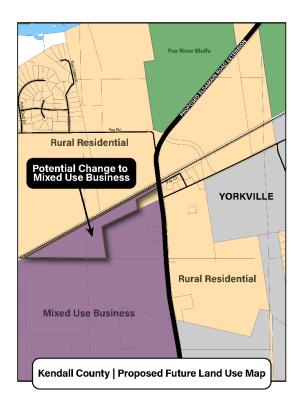
BACKGROUND & PROPOSED CHANGES:

It was announced at the end of 2020 that the planned bridge construction and extension of Eldamain Road south of the Fox River was funded and construction began in 2021. The extension begins at River Road and crosses the river heading south and connects to the existing W Highpoint Road. It terminates after Stagecoach Trail (State Route 71) at a realigned Highpoint Road.

After the announcement of funding, the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee began discussing the potential future land uses along the southern extension. The committee felt the area would be ideal for Mixed Use Business, as this new roadway connects State Route 71 with U.S. Route 30. In the spring of 2021, the County contacted the surrounding communities to evaluate the future land use plans along the extension. City staff attended the meeting to discuss potential future land use changes.







Staff informed the committee that Eldamain Road creates the boundary between Yorkville and Plano's future planning areas which is also stipulated in the municipalities' boundary agreement. Therefore, only the properties on the east side of the roadway were designated for future Yorkville annexation. The current 2016 Comprehensive Plan has these areas designated as "Estate/Conservation Residential". This future land use is intended to provide flexibility for residential design in areas of Yorkville that can accommodate low-density detached single-family housing, but also include sensitive environmental and scenic features that should be retained and enhanced. It is very similar to the County's "Rural Residential" land use designation. The committee requested that Yorkville consider changing their future land use designations in the area to align with the County's plans. This information was provided to the elected officials in the summer of 2021.

Since then, the committee has been contacting property owners in the area which are currently designated for "Rural Residential" land uses on the existing Kendall County Future Land Use Map (shown above) to see if they wanted to have their properties changed to the Mixed Use Business category. Contacting the owners is an essential step in any long-term planning process as it will have an effect on the properties' future development potential.

After reaching out to many of the property owners in the area, a majority wanted to remain within the "Rural Residential" designation. There was a single property owner who was interested in converting three (3) of their parcels from "Rural Residential" to "Mixed Use Business" (shown above). This request has been reviewed by the Kendall County Regional Plan Commission, the Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeal, and Kendall County board. The proposed amendment was approved by the board at the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Staff Comments

Staff has reviewed the materials and has no objections to the County's Future Land Use Map amendment. The proposed future land use designations are on the west side of Eldamain Road which is outside the City's planning boundary. Also, the conversions of these properties to the County's "Mixed Use Business" designation has little, to no effect, on the City's future planning efforts.

It should be noted that the new bridge and improved roadway may affect potential future land uses in the area. As stated in the attached June 3, 2021 memorandum to the Planning and Zoning Commission, there are many considerations to be contemplated when changing a future land use designation. Staff's recommendation is to reevaluate the potential for different types of future developments in this area when the City begins updating its Comprehensive Plan within the next few years.

Since the proposed map amendment has already been approved through the County, this item is for informational purposes and staff will direct any comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the County.

Attachments

- 1. Petition 22-09 with attachments
- 2. Yorkville Future Land Use Map
- 3. Planning and Zoning Commission Memorandum June 3, 2021



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MEMORANDUM

To: Kendall County ZPAC

From: Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM Senior Planner

Date: 3/25/2022

Subject: Potential Changes to the Future Land Use Map Along the Eldamain Road Corridor

In October 2020, the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee initiated discussions regarding changing the Future Land Use Map for properties located along the Eldamain Road Corridor south of the Fox River, in light of the funding for the Eldamain Road Bridge and the abandonment of the centerline for the Prairie Parkway. In particular, the Committee discussed possible commercial and/or manufacturing investment in this area.

The Kendall County Future Land Use Map currently calls for this area to be Rural Residential (Max Density 0.65 DU/Acre) and Mixed Use Business. A copy of the existing Future Land Use Map is attached.

The Yorkville Future Land Use Map currently calls for this area to be Estate Residential. The Millbrook Future Land Use Map currently calls for this area to be Business Park Office and Commercial with Industrial near the former Prairie Parkway alignment. The Plano Future Land Use Map currently calls for the area in their planning jurisdiction to be Estate Residential (0-0.8 DU/Acre). Copies of all of the Future Land Use Maps for this area are attached.

Following meetings with property owners in the area in October and December 2021, the Committee decided to limit changes to three (3) properties along the railroad tracks west of Fox Road. Letters to impacted property owners were mailed in mid-December 2021, mid-February 2022, and mid-March 2022.

At their meeting on February 23, 2022, the Comprehensive Land and Ordinance Committee voted to forward the proposal to the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission.

At their meeting on March 24, 2022, the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission voted to initiate the amendment to the Future Land Use Map.

A copy of the updated map is attached.

Petition information will be sent to Fox Township, the Village of Millbrook, and the United City of Yorkville on March 28, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please let me know.

Thanks,

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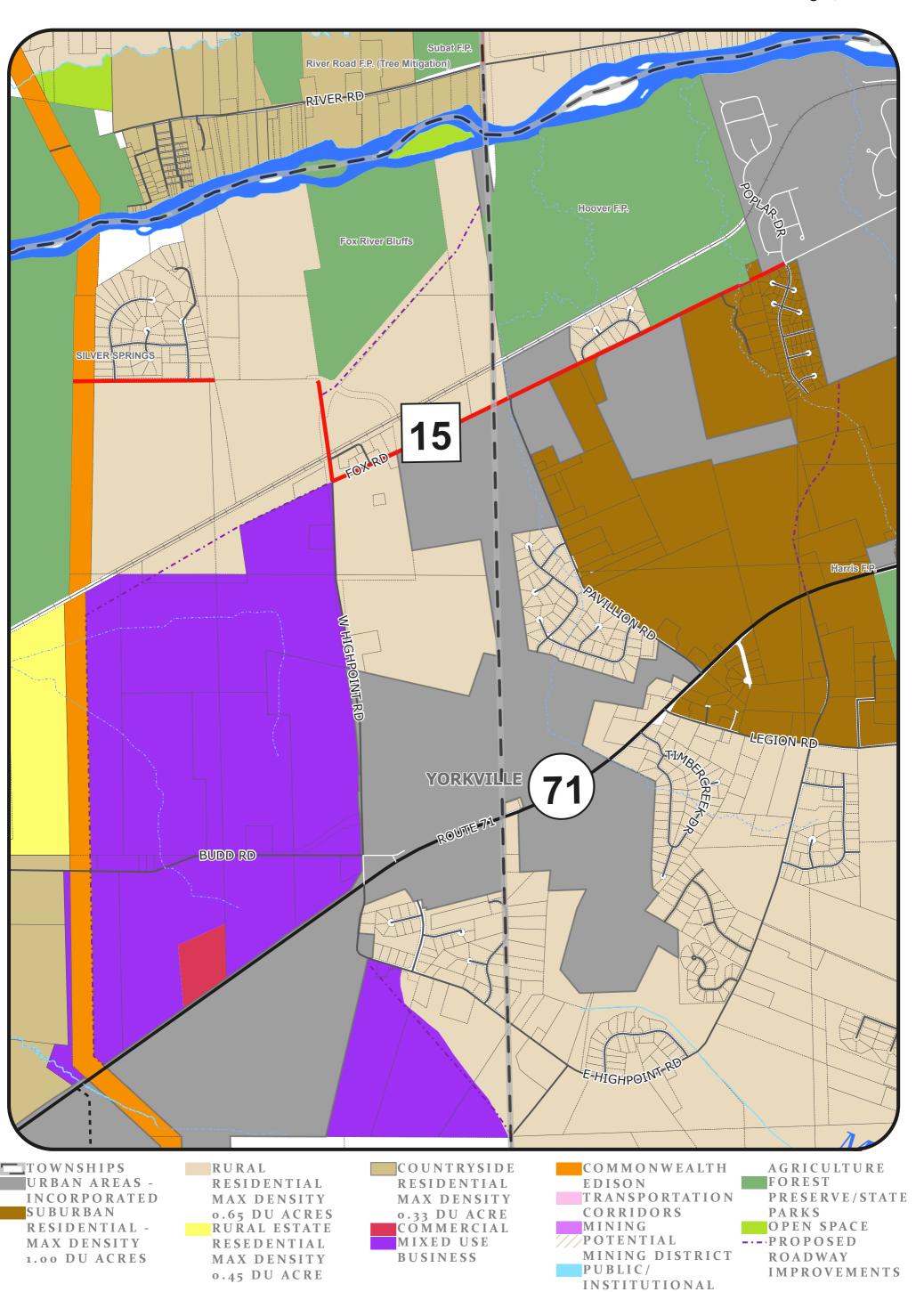
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Proposed Changes to Kendall County Future Land Use Map

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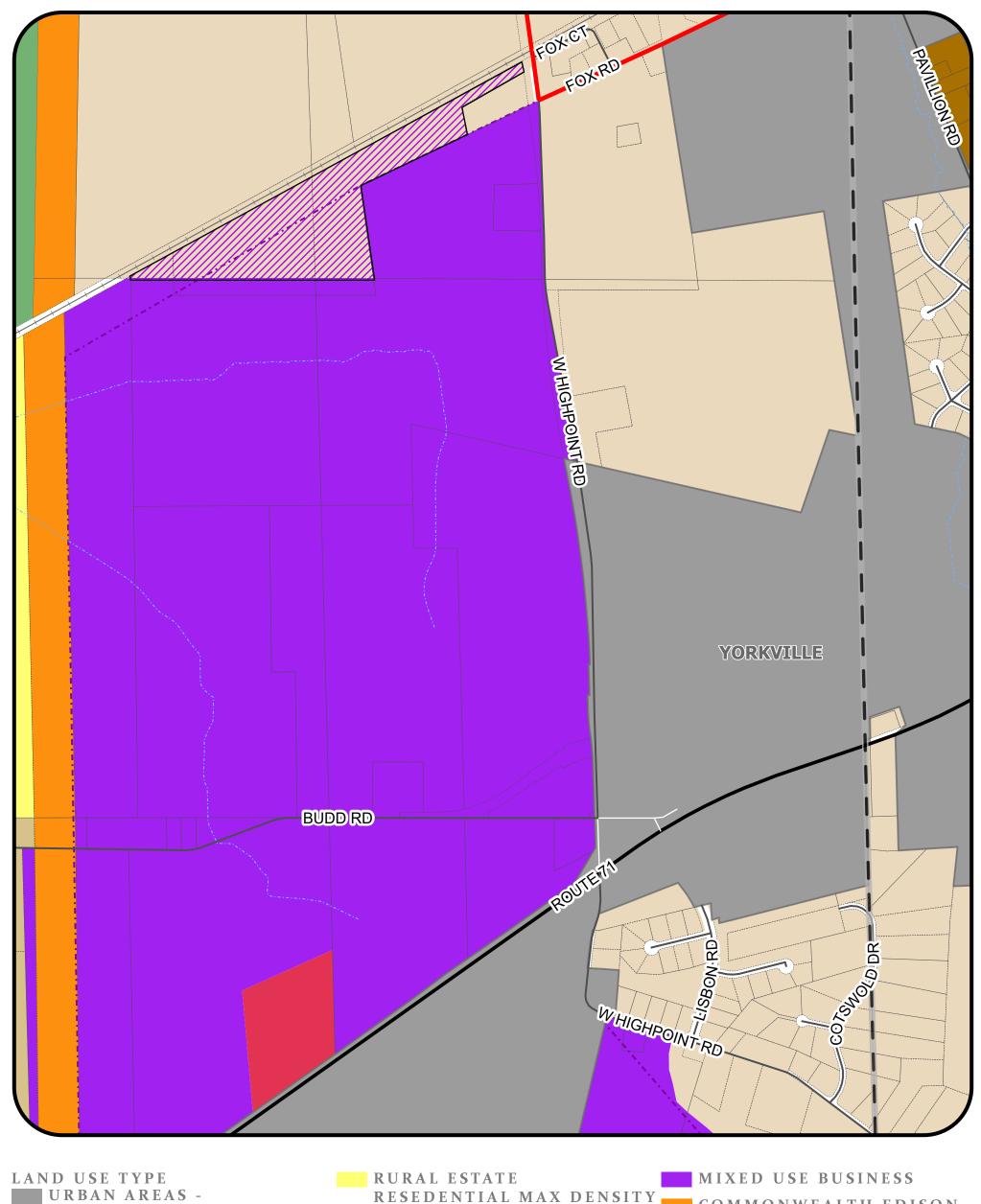
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Proposed Future Land Use Plan





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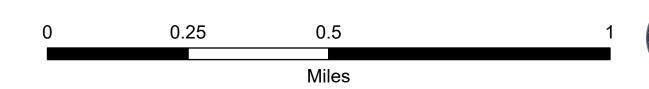
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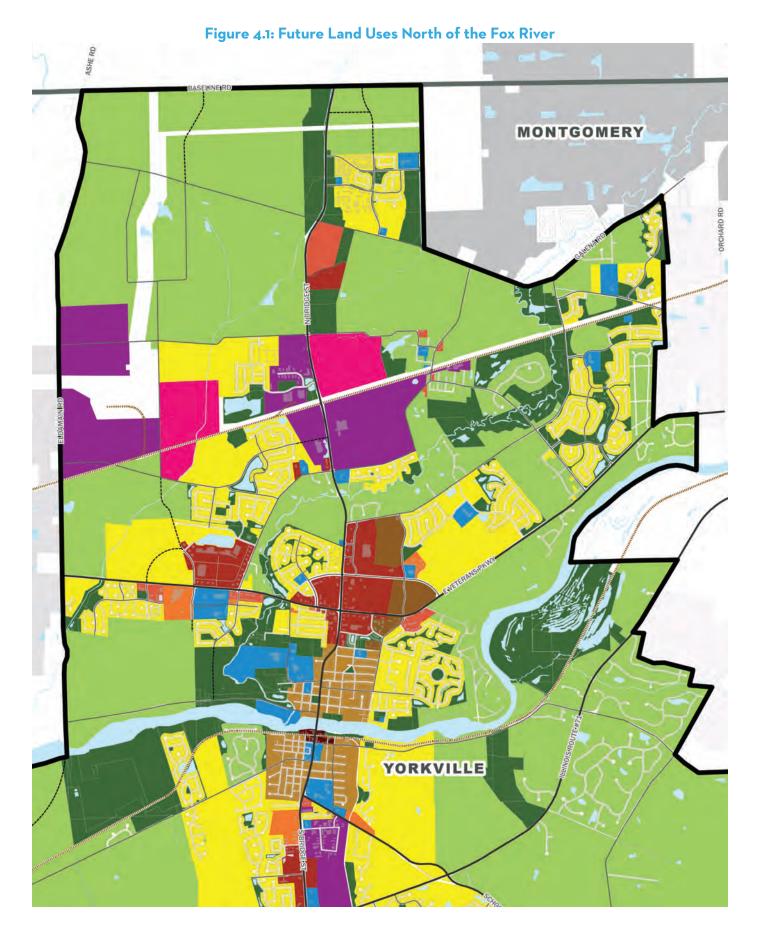






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LAND USE CHANGES

The Land Use Strategy and Future Land Use Map presented above describes the distribution of general land use categories (Residential, Commercial, industrial, Open Space and Parks, and so on) that will set the framework for achieving the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. It is not a zoning map but should set the stage for future changes and modifications to the Yorkville Zoning Ordinance. The Land Use Strategy seeks to "re-position" Yorkville's future land use pattern given current development conditions in Yorkville since the 2008 economic downturn and the unlikelihood that the Prairie Parkway will be constructed within this Plan's time horizon. Several changes in land use classifications are proposed from those included in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Changes in the land use categories are summarized below:

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A Mid-Density Residential land use zone is proposed in order to encourage new multi-family housing types in Yorkville; new housing types could diversify housing opportunities and provide housing at different price points that what is currently offered in Yorkville's housing market. The Rural Neighborhood land use classification in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan is eliminated given that such residential development is unlikely to occur in the southeastern portions of the Yorkville planning area where there are significant infrastructure and market constraints. The primary infrastructure constraint is the need to construct a lift station along a ridge line, generally located south of Illinois Route 71. In its place, an Estate/Conservation Residential land use category has been created to accommodate large-lot residential development in areas where infrastructure exists and smaller-lot single family residential subdivisions are less likely

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Several new commercial land use categories are suggested in this Comprehensive Plan. A Downtown Mixed-Use Core zone is intended to focus revitalization and redevelopment efforts in Yorkville's traditional downtown; new mixed-use development is envisioned on various opportunity sites that expand the Downtown's footprint further to the east on Van Emmon Street with potential residential and commercial development. The need to address particular development design and land use issues within the Downtown necessitates the need for a Downtown-specific land use classification.

The general Commercial land use classification in the 2008 Plan is now designated Destination Commercial to recognize that a high percentage of commercial land in Yorkville accommodates large format and chain store formats, usually located along major transportation thoroughfares. Destination Commercial uses have their own particular physical design and development issues and should be distinguished from commercial uses located in the Downtown and in neighborhood retail

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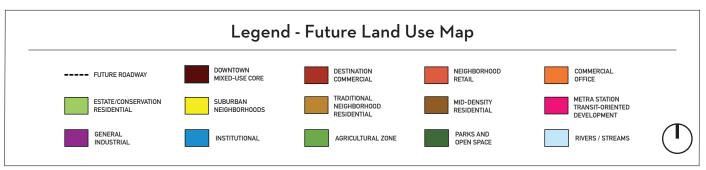
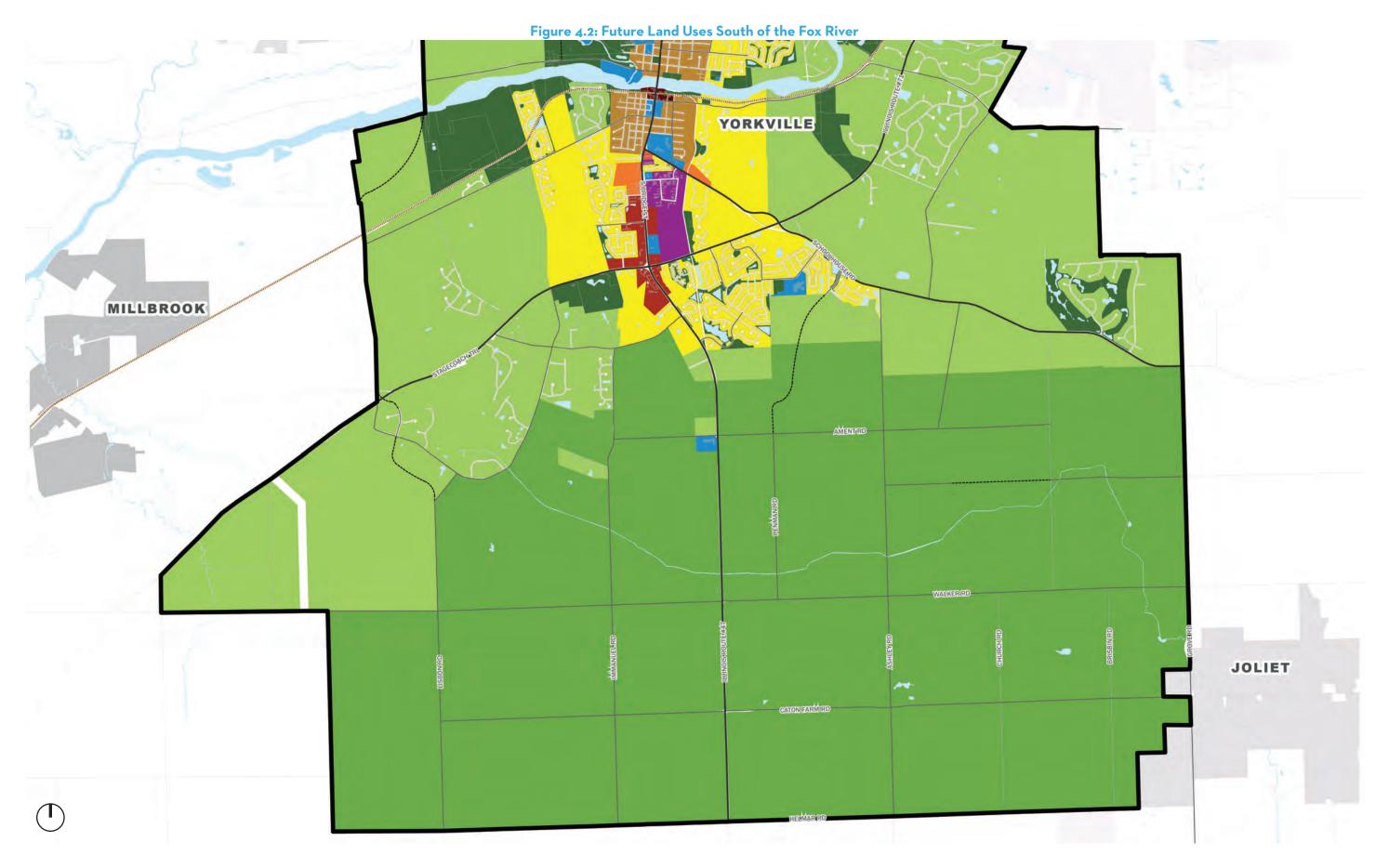
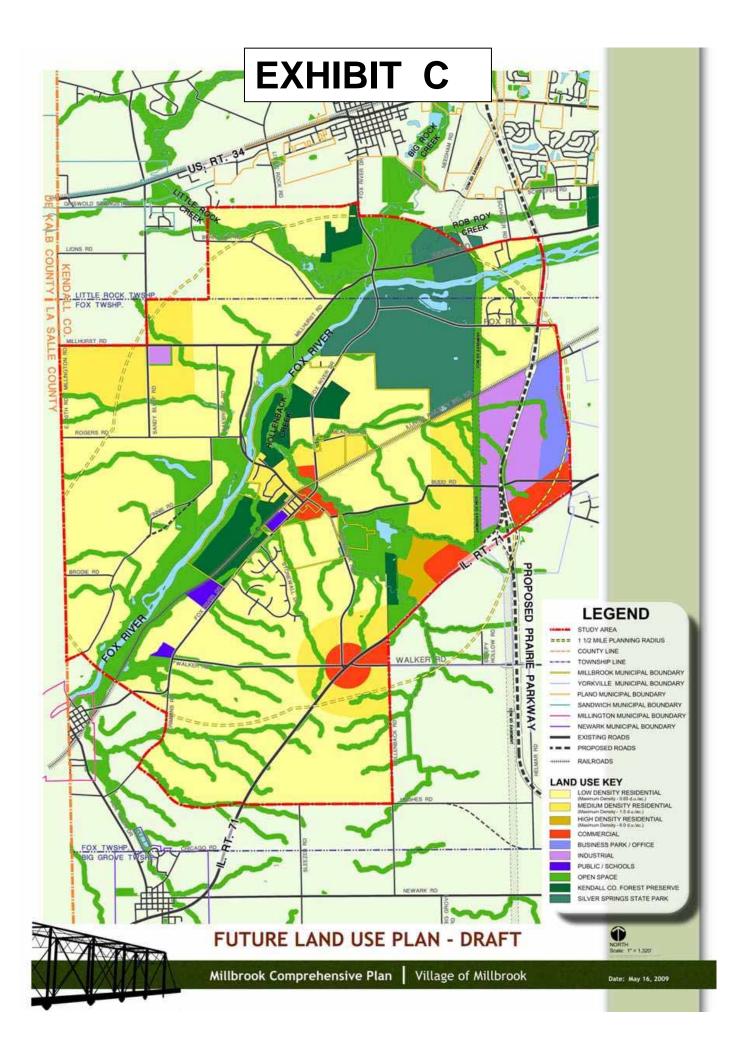
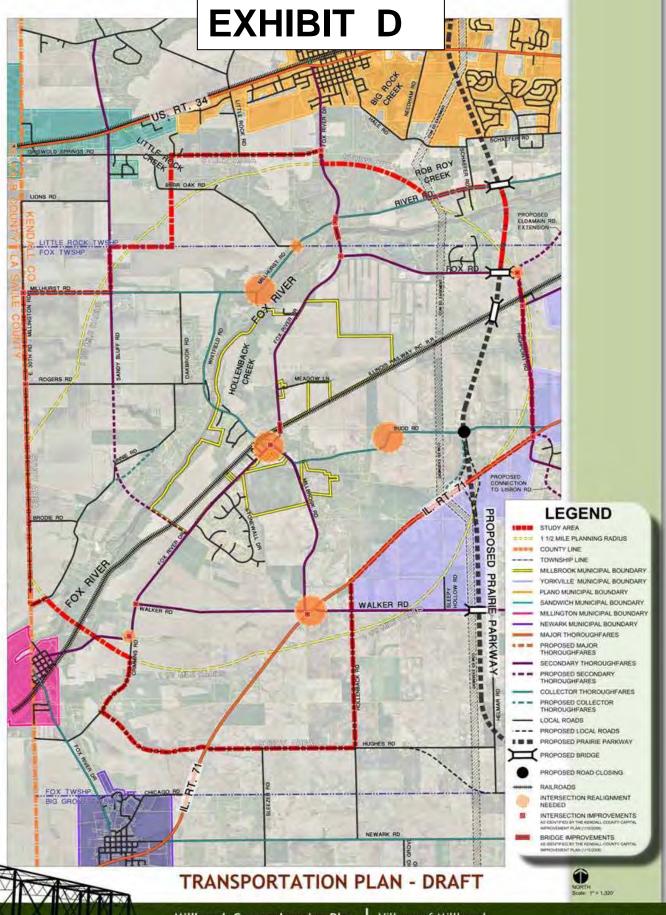
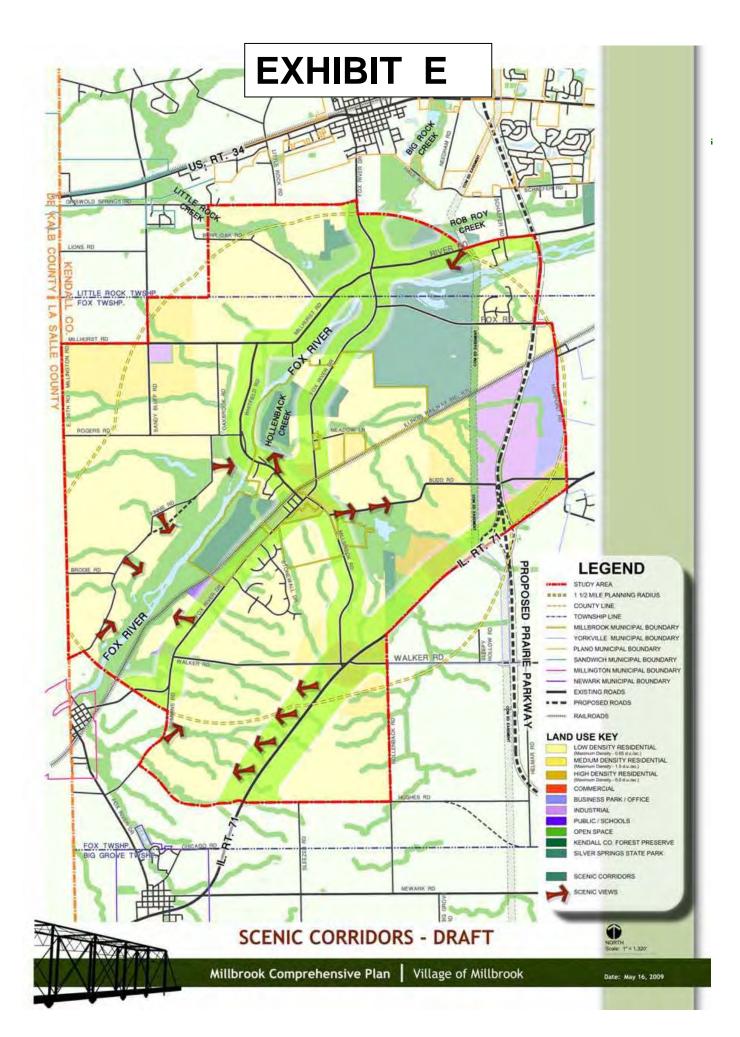


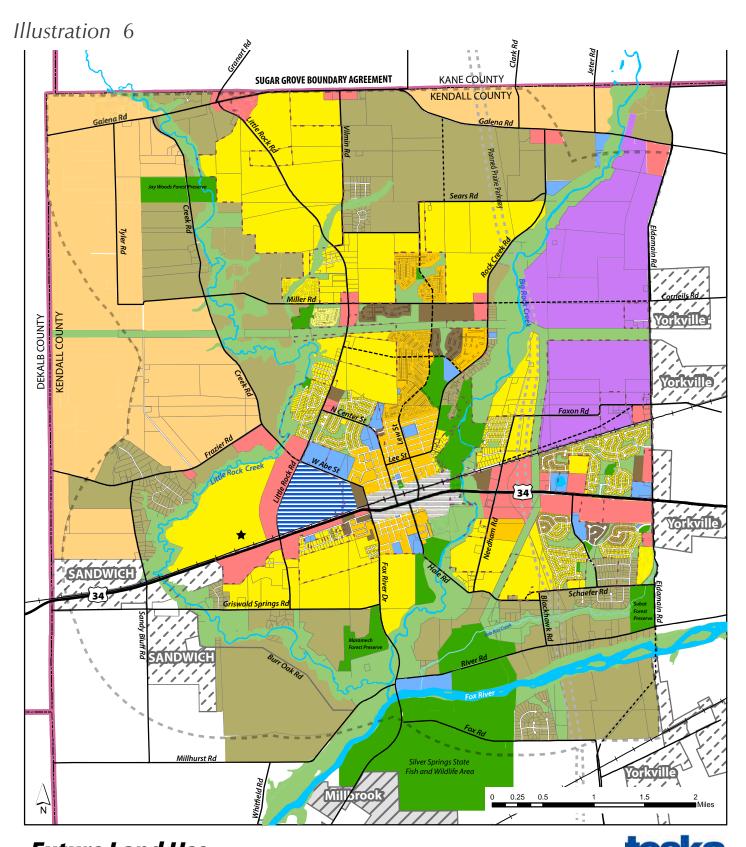
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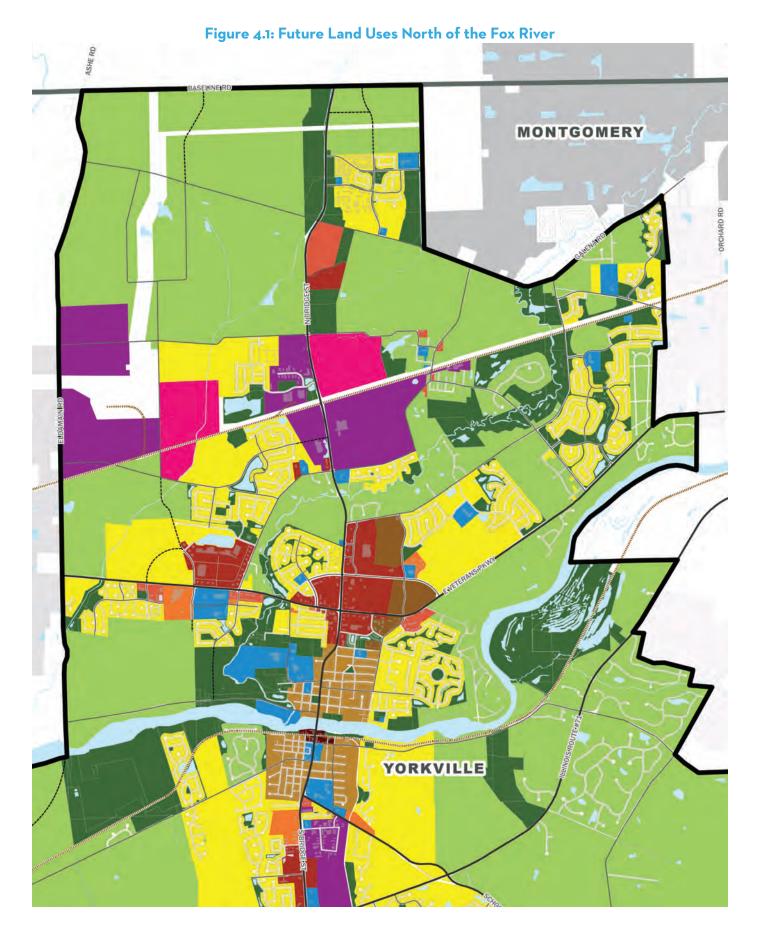








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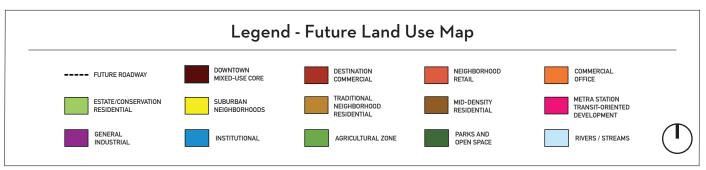
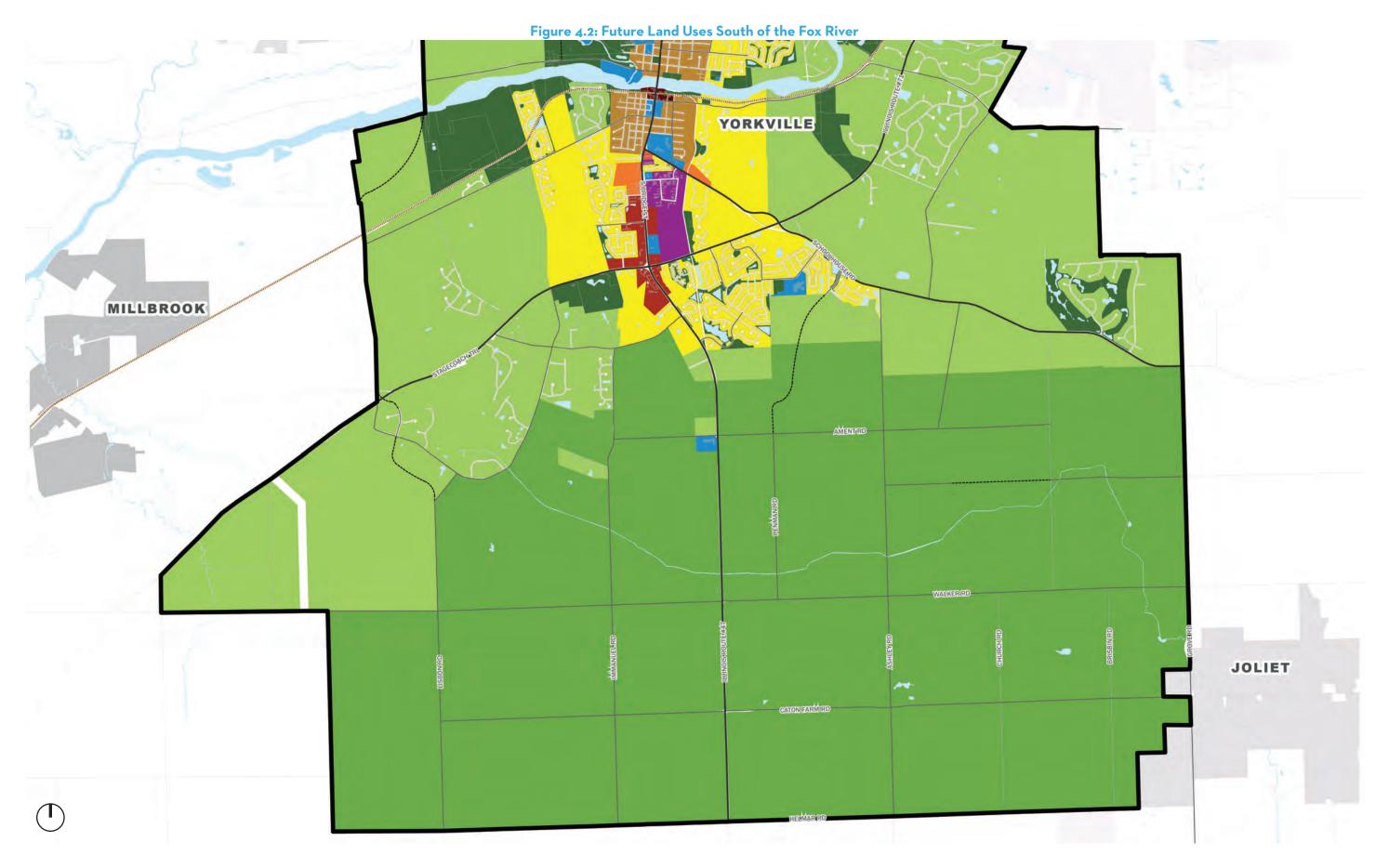


Figure 4.1 - Future Land Uses North of the Fox River



Memorandum



To: Planning and Zoning CommissionFrom: Jason Engberg, Senior PlannerCC: Bart Olson, City Administrator

Krysti J. Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director

Date: June 3, 2021

Subject: Comprehensive Plan – Future Land Use Review

Summary

On March 24, 2021, Community Development staff attended a meeting upon request of the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee to discuss future land use plans for the area south of the river along Highpoint Road. The long-planned road extension and expansion received partial funding last year and is considered under "Initial Construction" per the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

To view a map of the project, click the link below. https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/MapViewer/?config=ANNconfig.json.

The road creates the southern planning boundary between Yorkville on the east side and Plano on the west side. Similar to the roadway improvements on North Eldamain Road, this new thoroughfare and access across the river may change the potential long-term land uses in and around the area. The committee requested that staff discuss the idea of reviewing the proposed future land uses outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan with City officials to consider possible revisions to the plan.



Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee Meeting

The meeting held in March was attended by members of the committee, County staff, Yorkville staff, and representatives from Plano and Millbrook. There was a broad discussion about what the County's future land use plan has designated for the unincorporated areas along the future South Eldamain Road. Currently, per their Land Resource Management Plan's Future Land Use Map (attached) the western side of the road is currently designated as mixed-use business while the eastern portions which are not within Yorkville's boundary are designated for Rural Residential. The members of the committee considered designating all of this area for mixed-used business. They then asked municipal representatives what their plans for this area currently are and if they would be open to discuss changes to align with Kendall County's plans.

As seen in the image above, the entire eastern edge of the road is a light shade of green which designates this area for Estate/Conservation Residential Land Use. This future land use is intended to provide flexibility for residential design in areas of Yorkville that can accommodate low-density detached single-family housing but also include sensitive environmental and scenic features that should be retained and enhanced. The most typical form of development within this land use will be detached single family homes on large lots. The properties to the west of the road are outside the City's planning boundary as Eldamain Road is the border of an existing boundary agreement with Plano. Therefore, the City does not have a future land use for this area.

Staff stated that the request to review the City's future land use map would be brought to the attention of elected officials. The extension of Eldamain Road across the river and its connection to Route 71 will definitely have an impact and future development in the area. Before amending the Comprehensive Plan, there are many factors to consider as outlined below.

Considerations

The County is seeking to expand the mixed-use business designation on their future land use map and have requested that Yorkville evaluate their future land use map to better coincide with the County's plan. While strategizing regionally is a solid planning principle, there are many factors to consider when making the decision to reevaluate the City's Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map.

Current Projections

The current designated future land use as Estate/Conservation Residential was provided as this area is currently outside of the City's boundary and far from the planning the other developed parts of town. The 2016 plan focused on development and improvement of Yorkville's core and existing unfinished developments from the 2008 recession. The properties east of Highpoint Road are on the edge of the City's planning boundary and were designated this way as development of this area was unlikely when the plan was created. Considerations need to be made on determining whether the Eldamain Road extension will change the possibility of development in this area being located far from the City's current developments.

Scope of the Plan

The 2016 Comprehensive Plan has a general planning horizon of 10 years. When developing a Comprehensive Plan, all existing conditions, imminent projects, and future projections are all considered during the drafting of the plan. Making projections past this 10-year horizon is difficult as certain local, regional, and national events can impact the projection. Some examples include funding for a new road, an economic recession, or global pandemic.

Community Development staff have scheduled for a new or updated plan to be drafted by 2026. This project would require extensive research into the existing conditions and focus on changes from the 2016 plan. Similar to the previous plan, an update or new plan will require assistance from a consultant and would most likely be a two-year process. Which means the evaluating of current conditions of the area could start between 2023-2024. With a potential update occurring in the next few years along with the length of time it will take to have the roadway built, it might be best to consider waiting until a full update of the plan is complete.

Metra Rail Access

While the extension of Eldamain Road will definitely impact traffic flows and potential types of development in the area, there are other potential factors that may play into future land uses in this area such as a commuter train station. Metra is currently creating a long-term plan for extended rail service to Montgomery, Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich. Metra has been in contact with staff and officials to determine where a commuter station could be located. At this moment, there are two possible locations including one near Route 47 and the other near Eldamain Road which both intersect the BNSF railway. Both locations could change the type of potential uses in this area. While just a plan for potential future expansion of rail service, this needs to be taken into consideration when drafting future plans for the City as well.

Utility Access

Any major development whether it is residential, commercial, or industrial will need utilities provided to them. Currently, this area has no major water or sanitary facilities in the area with the closest being at the Route 71 and Route 47 intersection. Development of this area will depend on a developer or business installing and paying for utilities to be brought to these properties. Again, this needs to be considered when determining the future land use of an area due to its likelihood for future growth within the plans horizon.

Guide for Development

It should always be noted that while a Comprehensive Plan is a necessary tool for proper growth and implementing a vision for the community, it is still a guiding document that is not codified. As has happened in the past, certain developments may be better suited in some areas even though the future land use map illustrates a different designated use. Things change and a written long-term document cannot predict certain events or developments. It is up to committee members and elected officials to determine if a proposed project meets the vision of the community and whether the designation on the future land use map is justified at the time. Therefore, the Estate/Conservation Residential land use is not set in stone and does not hinder development of potential future projects.

Potential Other Land Uses

In conjunction with the other considerations in the memorandum, the County has expressed interest into expanding their mixed-use business land use designation but there may be better and more likely future land uses in the area. The development of a large mixed-use business area is enticing as it would provide jobs and tax revenue for the City, it does not necessarily mean this area is not better utilized for another land use. With all the other forces in play as listed above, considerations into all types of land uses should be considered.

Economic Development Committee

This item was brought forth for review at the May 4, 2021 Economic Development Committee Meeting. The committee stated it would discuss the request at a City Council level on June 8, 2021 as it wanted input from all members of the Council. At the time of this PZC meeting, the item will have been discussed by City Council and staff will relay their comments to this committee.

Staff Comments/Next Steps

Staff is seeking input from the Planning and Zoning Commission on the request from the Kendall County Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee. Staff is seeking input and feedback from the committee to provide to the County.

Attachments

- 1. Yorkville's Future Land Use Map
- 2. Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan Map
- 3. Yorkville and Kendall County Future Land Use Comparison Map