



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

*Planning Division*

**m e m o r a n d u m**

**TO:** Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, City Planner, Director

**DATE:** August 12, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Plan Case No. 1948-A-05: Annexation agreement for a 3.22-acre tract of property at 2803 E. Airport Road / Elmer and Betty Weemer

Plan Case No. 1948-M-05: Request to rezone a 3.22-acre tract of property at 2803 E. Airport Road from Champaign County C-R, Conservation-Recreation Zoning District to City, R-2, Single-Family Residential Zoning District upon annexation.

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**Introduction & Background**

The Weemer property is located at 2803 East Airport Road in unincorporated Champaign County. The 3.22-acre parcel is situated on the southeast corner of Airport and Brownfield Roads. Four separate residential buildings are located on the lot, including single- and multi-family units. The petitioners wish to connect to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, which requires that they commit to annex into the City once the property becomes contiguous. The property is currently zoned County C-R, Conservation-Recreation and is proposed to be annexed as City R-2, Single-Family Residential. The proposed zoning is consistent with the property as developed, and is the same zoning designation of other properties in the area.

For the past several weeks the petitioners have worked with City staff to negotiate an annexation agreement that would allow a sanitary sewer connection and ensure that the site conforms to City regulations. Due to the number of buildings on the lot, a private sanitary lift station is required to provide sanitary sewer service to the entire parcel. The petitioners have been working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to acquire the necessary permits to operate the lift station. IEPA has stated that they will not issue the permit until ownership of the lift station is explicitly resolved. The annexation agreement requires the creation of a homeowners association to own, maintain and operate the lift station in the event that the property is ever subdivided. Until such time, the owner of the property will be responsible for the lift station.

On August 4, 2005, the Urbana Plan Commission voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the annexation agreement. There was limited public testimony. The petitioner's engineer explained the relationship between the annexation agreement and the IEPA permit. A neighboring property owner expressed his concerns about the city annexing land in northeast Urbana. For more information regarding this case, please refer to the July 26, 2005 staff memorandum to the Plan Commission and to the minutes of the August 4, 2005 Plan Commission meeting.

## **Issues and Discussion**

### ***Annexation Agreement***

The attached agreement outlines a variety of provisions for zoning and land use. In addition to the change in zoning districts, the following provisions are highlighted:

- The Owners agree that if the property is proposed to be divided or any of the structures are individually sold, they will prepare and submit a subdivision plat to the city.
- The Owners agree to cause all new development, construction, or additions on the tract to be in conformance with all applicable codes in effect at the time of construction.
- The Owners will be wholly responsible for construction, operation and maintenance of the private sanitary lift station. At such time the property is subdivided, a homeowners association will be created to take over these duties. The lift station will conform with all IEPA standards.

The establishment of a homeowners association and identification of its duties will be contained in the Owner's Certificate, which is recorded with the subdivision plat. This ensures that the city, UCSD or any other entity besides the property owner(s) would not be responsible for the lift station. This provision is required by the IEPA as a condition of the lift station permit.

### ***Proposed Rezoning***

The property is currently zoned County C-R, Conservation-Recreation. The purpose of this zone is to restrict development in floodprone areas and to protect the natural and scenic beauty of stream corridors. Residential development of any kind is prohibited in this district. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned City R-2, Single-Family Residential. The majority of uses present on the property are allowed in this zoning district. Given that the property and surrounding area have already developed as single-family residential, the R-2 Zoning District is appropriate for the property. The 2005 Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as "rural residential" and outlines ways for development to occur in a manner that does not overly impact the natural amenities of the area. The R-2 Zoning District is the closest existing City zone that recognizes the intent of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and the actual use of the property.

## **The La Salle National Bank Criteria**

In the case of *La Salle National Bank v. County of Cook* (the “La Salle” case), the Illinois Supreme Court developed a list of factors that are paramount in evaluating the legal validity of a zoning classification for a particular property. Each of these factors will be discussed as they pertain to a comparison of the existing zoning with that proposed by the Petitioner.

1. *The existing land uses and zoning of the nearby property.*

Although multiple residential buildings exist on the property, the site was developed at a low density. This is consistent with the surrounding area, which has developed primarily as single-family homes on larger lots. The City R-2 Zoning District is consistent with other developments in the area, such as the Landis Farm and Somerset subdivisions.

2. *The extent to which property values are diminished by the restrictions of the ordinance.*

The property is already developed in a manner consistent with the proposed zoning, so there would be minimal impact on property values. County C-R, Conservation-Recreation prohibits residential uses and could negatively impact property values based on the current land use.

*It should be noted that the Urbana City Planning Division staff are not qualified as professional appraisers and that a professional appraiser has not been consulted regarding the impact on the value of the property. Therefore, any discussion pertaining to property values must be considered speculative and inconclusive.*

3. *The extent to which the ordinance promotes the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public.*

The area has already development in a manner inconsistent with the existing zoning district. The intent of the proposed zoning district is not to allow further construction, but to ensure that the property is maintained by a standard that reflects the existing land use.

4. *The relative gain to the public as compared to the hardship imposed on the individual property owner.*

The property is located in an area that consists primarily of single-family residences. Zoning the property as such would ensure that the appropriate regulations are applied to the property.

5. *The suitability of the subject property for the zoned purposes.*

The property is already developed in an “urban” manner, as are surrounding properties, which is consistent with the proposed zoning district. The site is generally suited for the development. The annexation agreement includes provisions that will ensure any future development will meet all the applicable development standards of the Zoning Ordinance.

6. *The length of time the property has been vacant as zoned, considered in the context of land development, in the area, in the vicinity of the subject property.*

The property is not currently vacant.

## **Summary of Findings**

1. The proposed R-2, Single-Family Zoning District would be consistent with the current single-family zoning in the general vicinity.
2. The proposed R-2, Single-Family Zoning District would be generally consistent with the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan designation of the site.
3. The proposed annexation agreement includes provisions for the development of a private sanitary lift station to provide sanitary sewer service to the property in conformance with Illinois EPA standards.
4. The proposed annexation agreement includes provisions for the establishment of a homeowners association to operate and maintain the lift station in the event the property is ever subdivided.
5. The proposed annexation agreement includes provisions for the preparation of a subdivision plat for city approval at such time as the property is subdivided or individual structures are sold.
6. The proposed rezoning would not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare.
7. The proposed rezoning appears to generally meet the LaSalle Case criteria.

## **Options**

The City Council has the following options. In Plan Case 1948-A-05 / 1948-M-05, the City Council may:

- a. Approve the Annexation Agreement.
- b. Approve the Annexation Agreement with modifications if agreed to by the Owner/Developer.
- c. Deny the Annexation Agreement.

## **Recommendation**

In Plan Case 1948-A-05 / 1948-M-05 staff concurs with the August 4, 2005 Plan Commission decision to recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed annexation agreement as presented.

Prepared By:

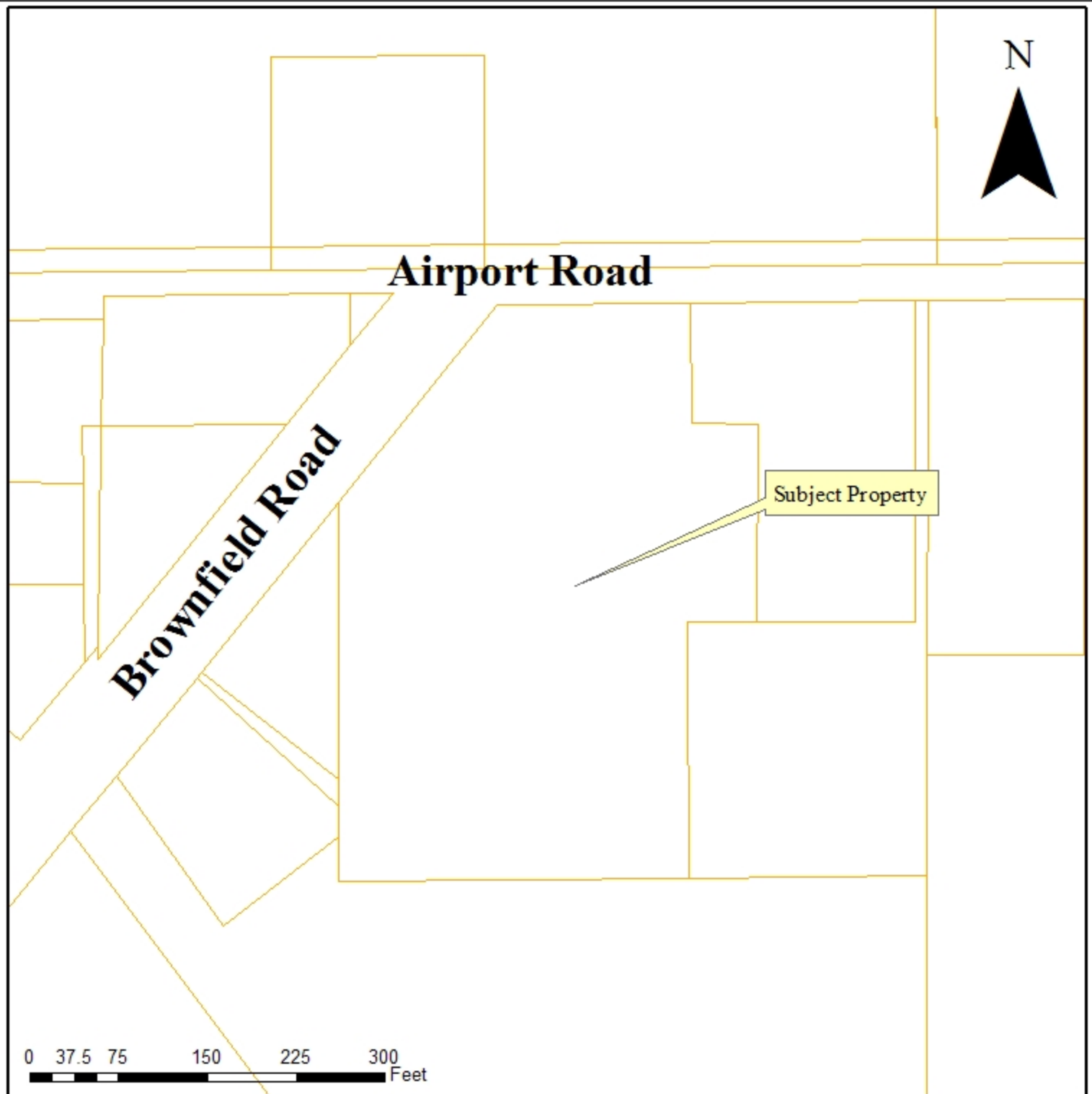
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Matt Wempe, Planner I

cc: Elmer Weemer  
Merle Ingersoll, HDC Engineering

Attachments: Location Map  
Zoning Map  
Comprehensive Plan Map  
Aerial Map  
Draft Annexation Agreement  
Draft Ordinance  
August 4, 2005 Plan Commission Minutes

# Exhibit A: Location Map



**Plan Case No. 1948-A-05: Annexation Agreement between the City of Urbana and Elmer and Betty Weemer for a 3.22-acre tract of property located on the southeast corner of Airport and Brownfield Roads**

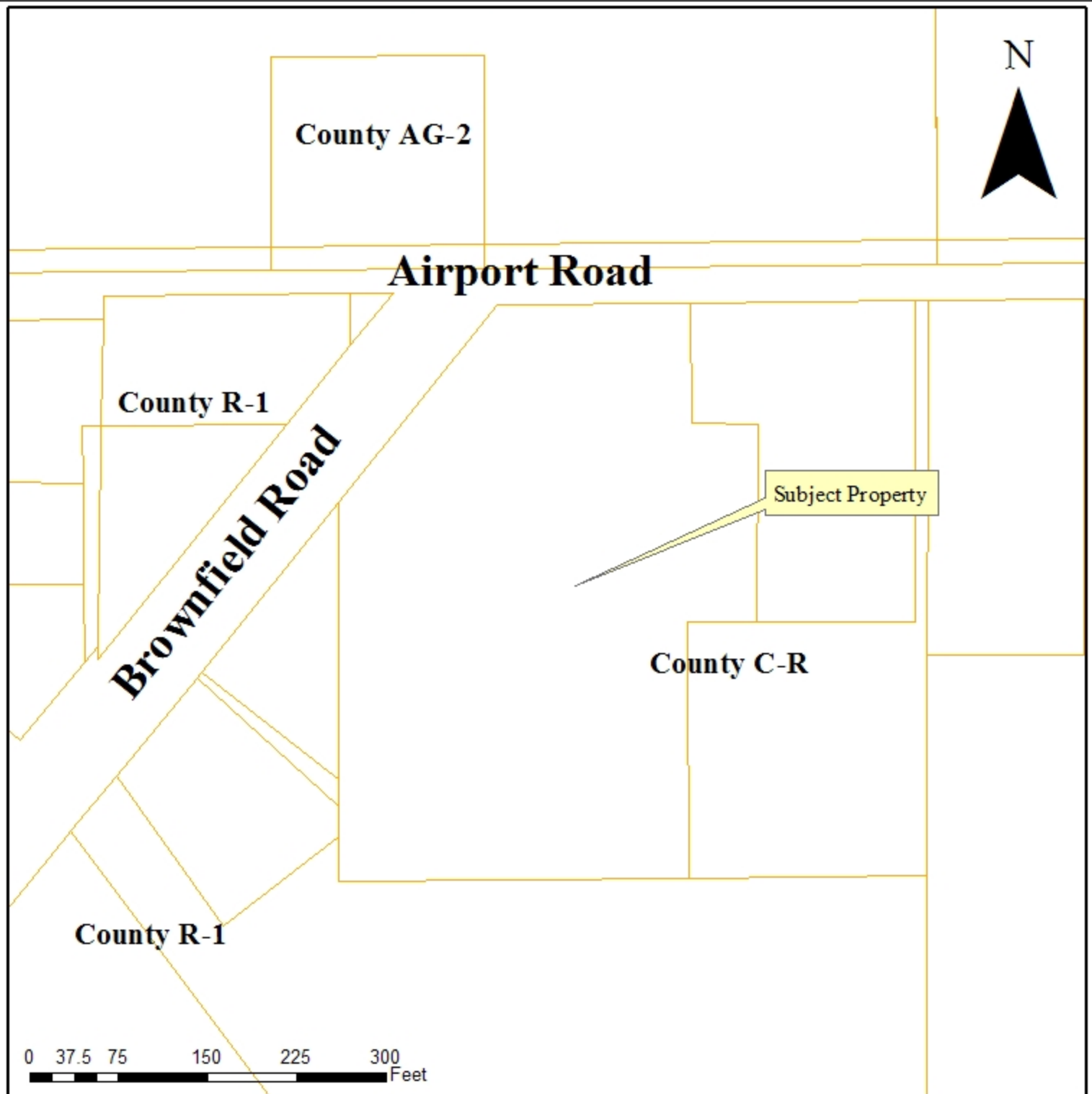


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**Petitioner: Elmer and Betty Weemer  
Address: 2803 East Airport Road**

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# Exhibit B: Zoning Map



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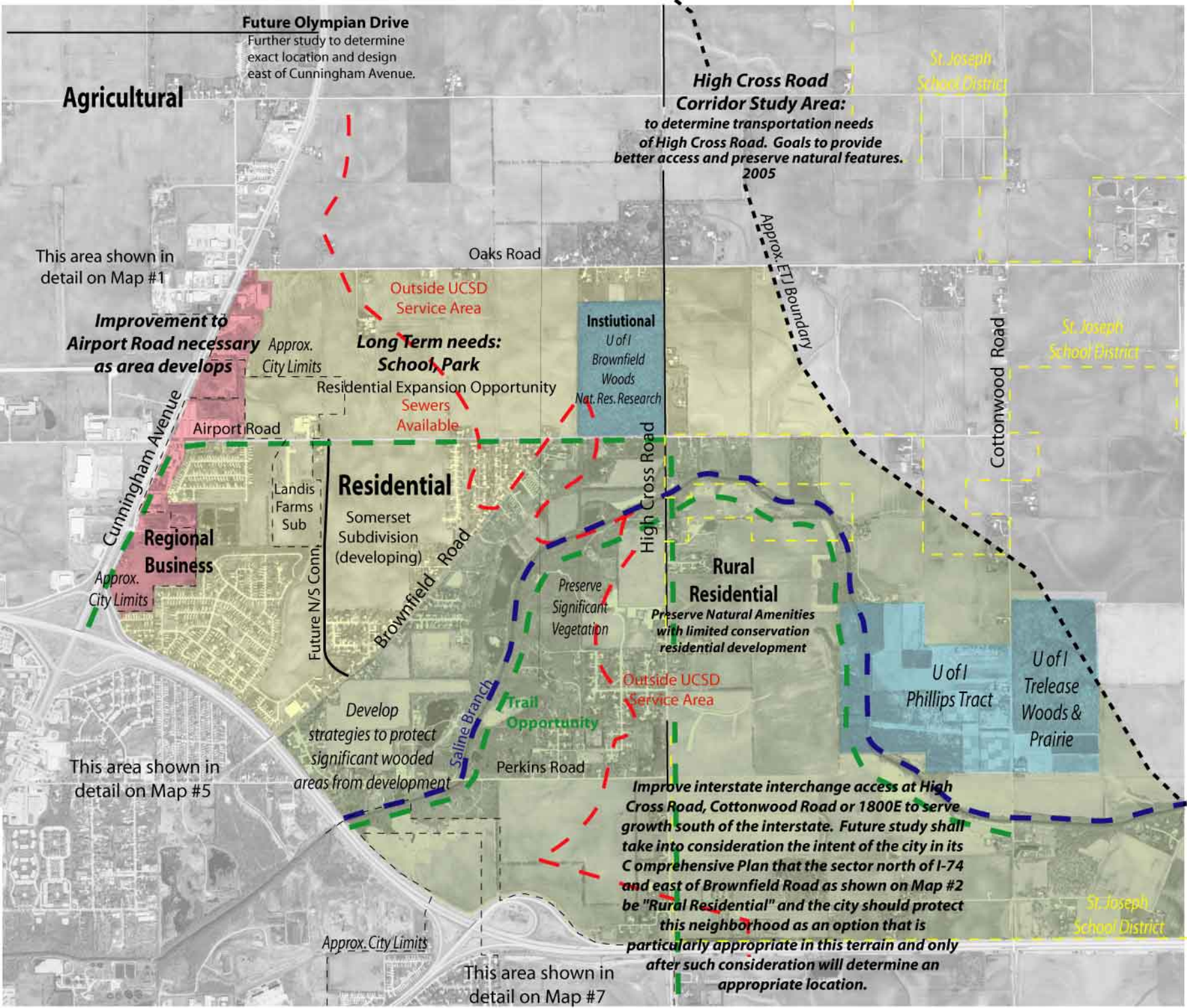
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County AG-2: Agricultural  
County C-R: Conservation-Recreation  
County R-1: Single-Family Residential



# Map #2

## Northeast Urbana / Champaign County



# ADOPTED

April 11, 2005  
Map Created by City of Urbana  
Community Development Services Dept.



# Exhibit D: Aerial Map



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Address: 2803 East Airport Road**

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## **Annexation Agreement**

(2803 East Airport Road / Elmer and Betty Weemer)

THIS Agreement is made and entered into by and between the **City of Urbana**, Illinois, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Corporate Authorities" or the "City") and **Elmer and Betty Weemer** (hereinafter referred to as the "Owners"). The effective date of this Agreement shall be as provided in Article III, Section 6.

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11-15.1-1 et seq., of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-1); and

WHEREAS, Elmer and Betty Weemer are the Owners of record of a certain parcel of real estate located at 2803 East Airport Road, the legal description of which real estate is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and referenced herein as "the tract".

WHEREAS, the attached map, labeled Exhibit B, is a true and accurate representation of the tract to be annexed to the City of Urbana under the provisions of this agreement.

WHEREAS, although the tract is not yet contiguous to the City of Urbana, said Owners find that in order to best utilize the Owners' property, it is desirable to annex the tracts to the City of Urbana when said tract becomes contiguous to the City, pursuant to, and as provided for in this Annexation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the tract is currently zoned C-R, Conservation-Recreation in Champaign County and the City and the Owners find it necessary and desirable that the tract be annexed to the City with a zoning classification of R-2, Single-Family Residential, under the terms and provisions of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance in effect upon the date of annexation, as amended, and subject of the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find annexation of the tract as described herein as R-2, Single-Family Residential reflects the goals, objectives and policies set forth in the City's 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan, as amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, such annexation and zoning designation will allow Elmer and Betty Weemer to continue to utilize their current use of the site as single and multi-family residential; and

WHEREAS, the Owners desire to have the aforementioned real estate annexed to the City of Urbana upon certain terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this Agreement at such time as the property is contiguous to the corporate limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE I. REPRESENTATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE OWNERS**

The Owners agree to the following provisions:

**Section 1:**

- (a) The Owners represent that the Owners are the sole record Owners of the tract described in Exhibit A and that the Owners shall, within thirty (30) days of the property becoming contiguous to the Urbana City limits cause the tract to be annexed to the City of Urbana by filing a legally sufficient annexation petition with all required signatures thereon, all in accordance with Illinois Statutes. Until annexation of the subject tract occurs, the Owners shall require that any persons intending to reside thereon, whether as tenants or owners, shall, prior to residing thereon, irrevocably agree in writing to sign, join in, and consent to any petition for annexation of the subject tract. The Owners shall file such written agreement with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days of the signing of such.
- (b) The Owners further agree that the substance of this Section of the Annexation Agreement shall be included in any sales contract for the sale of any portion of the subject tract. If the subject tract is to be platted for subdivision, the Owners agree that the substance of this provision regarding annexation shall be included in the subdivision covenants and such will constitute a covenant running with the land.
- (c) The Owners agrees that if owners fail to include the substance of Section 1(a) of this Agreement in sales contracts or subdivision covenants, as provided herein, and if said annexation is delayed or contested by subsequent owner(s) as a result, the Owners shall be liable to the City for all real estate taxes and other taxes that would have been due to the City had annexation been able to proceed as outlined herein. The Owners agree for themselves, successor and assigns, and all other persons intended herein to be obligated to consent to annexation, to cooperate in signing or joining in any petition for annexation for the subject tract and that mandamus would be an appropriate remedy in the event of refusal so to do, and, if the City has to resort to Court proceedings to enforce this obligation, the City shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees. The parties agree that nothing in this section shall preclude the voluntary annexation of the subject tract or any portion thereof earlier than would otherwise be required.

**Section 2:** The Owners accept the City of Urbana zoning classification of R-2, Single-Family Residential, as provided for in Article IV of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance. The Owners agree that, unless changed upon the initiative of the Owners the said City zoning classifications for said tract shall remain in effect for the term of this Agreement, subject to the right of the Corporate Authorities to amend the Zoning Ordinance text even if such amendment affects the tract. The Owners agree to use the tract only in compliance with the Urbana Zoning Ordinance and this agreement as such may be amended from time to time.

**Section 3:** The Owners agree that at any such time subsequent to execution of this agreement that the property is proposed to be divided or any of the structures are to be sold individually the Owners will prepare and submit to the City of Urbana a subdivision plat to be recorded under the requirements of the City of Urbana Subdivision and Land Development Code.

**Section 4:** The Owners agree to cause any new development, construction, or additions on said tract to be in conformance with all City of Urbana building, electrical, fire, and plumbing codes, orders or regulations in effect at the time of such construction. The Owners agree to submit all building construction plans to the City of Urbana for review and further agree to pay the building permit fee. The Owners further agree to correct any deficiencies identified in said plan review. In addition, the Owners agree that all construction will be subject to the same building and construction inspection requirements as construction projects within the City limits.

**Section 5:** The Owners shall take no action or omit to take action during the term of this Agreement which action or omission, as applied to the tract, would be a breach of this Agreement, without first procuring a written amendment to this Agreement duly executed by both the Owner and the City. Said action includes petitioning for a county rezoning of said tract without a written amendment to this Agreement.

**Section 6:** In order to comply with Illinois EPA permit requirements, the Owners intend to install a private sanitary lift station. The Owners shall be wholly responsible for construction, operation and maintenance in conformance with Illinois EPA requirements. At such time as the property is subdivided (see Section 3), a homeowners association shall be established to operate and maintain the private sanitary lift station in conformance with Illinois EPA requirements. Establishment of the homeowner's association and identification of its duties shall be contained within the Owner's Certificate to be recorded along with the subdivision plat(s).

## **ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES**

The Corporate Authorities agree to the following provisions:

**Section 1:** The Corporate Authorities agree to annex said tract subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement, when properly and effectively requested to do so, by

submission of a legally sufficient petition from the Owner, by enacting such ordinances as may be necessary and sufficient to legally and validly annex said tract to the City.

**Section 2:** The Corporate Authorities agree that the tract will be zoned R-2, Single-Family Residential, in accordance with Article IV, Section IV-5 of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance upon annexation and as defined in the City of Urbana Zoning Ordinance as such exists at the time of annexation of tract. The Corporate Authorities agree that all applicable development regulations existing at the time of construction will apply to said tract.

### **ARTICLE III: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1: Term of this Agreement** -- This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns, for a full term of twenty (20) years commencing as of the effective date of this Agreement as provided by the Illinois State Statutes, unless other provisions of this Agreement specifically apply a different term. To the extent permitted thereby, it is agreed that, in the event the annexation of subject tract under the terms and conditions of this Agreement is challenged in any court proceeding, the period of time during which such litigation is pending shall not be included in calculating said twenty-year term.

If this Agreement imposes any obligation, restraint, or burden (hereinafter called collectively "obligation") on the Owners, his/her (their) successors or assigns, which obligation extends beyond the termination date of this Agreement, such obligation may be released by the Urbana City Council enacting an Ordinance releasing such obligation by a majority vote of all Alderpersons then holding office and the recording of such Ordinance in the Champaign County Recorder's Office, Champaign County, Illinois.

**Section 2. Covenant running with the land** -- The terms of this Agreement constitute a covenant running with the land for the term of this Agreement unless specific terms are expressly made binding beyond the term of this Agreement. Furthermore, the terms herein are hereby expressly made binding upon all heirs, grantees, lessees, executors, assigns and successors in interest of the Owners as to all or any part of the tract, and are further expressly made binding upon said City and the duly elected or appointed successors in office of its Corporate Authorities.

**Section 3. Binding Agreement upon parties** -- The Corporate Authorities and Owners agree that neither party will take any action or omit to take action during the term of this Agreement which act or omission as applied to the tract would be a breach of this Agreement without first procuring a written amendment to this Agreement duly executed by both the Owners and the City.

**Section 4. Enforcement** -- The Owners and Corporate Authorities agree and hereby stipulate that either party to this Agreement may, by civil action, mandamus, action for writ of injunction or other proceeding, enforce and compel performance of this Agreement or declare this Agreement null and void in addition to other remedies available. Upon breach

by the Owners, the City may refuse the issuance of any permits or other approvals or authorizations relating to development of the tract.

**Section 5. Severability** -- If any provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid for any reason, such invalidation shall not render invalid other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect even without the invalid provision.

**Section 6. Effective Date** -- The Corporate Authorities and Owners intend that this Agreement shall be recorded in the Office of the Champaign County Recorder with any expenses for said recording to be paid by the Corporate Authorities. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is recorded; or if not recorded for any reason, the effective date shall be the date the Mayor signs the agreement on behalf of the City.

**Section 7. Irrevocability** -- In consideration of the City of Urbana granting approval allowing an Urbana-Champaign sanitary sewer connection pursuant to Resolution No. 9394-R13, this offer of annexation agreement is not revocable for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of execution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Corporate Authorities and Owners have hereunto set their hands and seals, and have caused this instrument to be signed by their duly authorized officials and the corporate seal affixed hereto, all on the day and year written below.

**Corporate Authorities**  
**City of Urbana:**

**Owners:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elmer Weemer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Betty Weemer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**ATTEST:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Exhibits attached and made a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A: Legal Description

Exhibit B: Location Map

**Exhibit "A"**  
**Legal Description**

The North  $5 \frac{7}{8}$  acres of Lot 1 of a Subdivision of the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, as shown in the Partition of John Brownfield Estate, being Chancery No. 845, filed June 19, 1953 (being the same as Lot 12 in the Assessor's Plat of the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., per plat of record in Deed Record 19, page 599), being a part of the  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., in Champaign County, Illinois, excepting the following two tracts, known as Parcel A and Parcel B:

Parcel A:       The north 133 feet of the west 200 feet of the east 210 feet of Lot One, and the south 167 feet of the north 300 feet of the west 144 feet of the east 154 feet of said Lot One.

Parcel B:       All that part of the east 201 feet of the north  $5 \frac{7}{8}$  acres of said Lot One except the west 191 feet of the north 300 feet of said east 201 feet.

**Exhibit “B  
Location Map**

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-08-126

An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement

(2803 East Airport Road / Elmer and Betty Weemer)

WHEREAS, an Annexation Agreement between the City of Urbana, Illinois and Elmer and Betty Weemer has been submitted for the Urbana City Council's consideration, a copy of which is attached; and,

WHEREAS, said agreement governs a tract totaling approximately 3.22 acres located at 2803 East Airport Road and said tract is legally described as follows:

The North 5 7/8 acres of Lot 1 of a Subdivision of the W½ of the NE¼ of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, as shown in the Partition of John Brownfield Estate, being Chancery No. 845, filed June 19, 1953 (being the same as Lot 12 in the Assessor's Plat of the N½ of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., per plat of record in Deed Record 19, page 599), being a part of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 3, Township 19 N. R. 9 East of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., in Champaign County, Illinois, excepting the following two tracts, known as Parcel A and Parcel B:

Parcel A: The north 133 feet of the west 200 feet of the east 210 feet of Lot One, and the south 167 feet of the north 300 feet of the west 144 feet of the east 154 feet of said Lot One.

Parcel B: All that part of the east 201 feet of the north 5 7/8 acres of said Lot One except the west 191 feet of the north 300 feet of said east 201 feet.

WHEREAS, The City Clerk of Urbana, Illinois, duly published notice on the 31st day of July, 2005 in the News-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Urbana, that a public hearing would be held with the City Council of Urbana on the matter of the proposed Annexation Agreement and the proposed rezoning of the tract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois also mailed notice of the public hearing to each of the Trustees of the Carroll Fire Protection District on the matter; and

WHEREAS, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, the Urbana City Council held a public hearing on the proposed Annexation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, prior to the aforesaid public hearing held by the Urbana City Council, after due and proper notice, a public hearing was held before the Urbana Plan Commission on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005, to consider the proposed Annexation Agreement and the rezoning from Champaign County C-R, Conservation-Recreation to the City R-2, Single-Family Residential Zoning District upon annexation in Plan Case No. 1948-A-05 and 1948-M-05; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council has determined that the proposed Annexation Agreement is in conformance with the goals and objectives of the City of Urbana's Official Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council, having duly considered all matters pertaining thereto, finds and determines that the proposed annexation agreement will not negatively impact the City of Urbana and would be in the best interests of the City of Urbana and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annexation Agreement between the City of Urbana, Illinois and Elmer and Betty Weemer, a copy of which is attached and hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to attest to said execution of said Annexation Agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to record a certified copy of this Ordinance and the Annexation Agreement herein approved, as amended, with the Recorder of Deeds of Champaign County, Illinois.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called of two-thirds of the members of the Corporate Authorities

of the City of Urbana, Illinois, then holding office, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor



**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM**

I, Phyllis D. Clark, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement(2803 East Airport Road / Elmer and Betty Weemer)" which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form. The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**URBANA PLAN COMMISSION**

**DRAFT**

**DATE:** August 4, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Urbana City Building  
400 South Vine Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurie Goscha, Benjamin Grosser, Marilyn Upah-Bant, James Ward, Don White

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lew Hopkins, Randy Kangas, Michael Pollock, Bernadine Stake

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Tyler, Director of Community Development Services; Paul Lindahl, Planner I; Matt Wempe, Planner I; Teri Andel, Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** George and Nancy Boyd, William Campo, Bernard Coffey, Lisa Denson-Rives, Ray Elliot, George Friedman, Merle Ingersoll, Jr., Christine McCormick, Rick Mills, Art Russell, Kelly Strube, Susan Taylor

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**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

■ Revised Annexation Agreement for Plan Case No. 1948-A-05

**NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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Matt Wempe, Planner I, presented these two cases together to the Plan Commission. He stated that this is an annexation agreement and that the property would not be annexed until it becomes

contiguous to the city limits. The Weemers' septic tank is failing, and they are in the process of connecting to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District (UCSD).

Mr. Wempe talked about some of the conditions of the proposed annexation agreement. He noted the current County zoning and the proposed City zoning when the property is annexed. He, then, answered any questions that the Plan Commission members may have had.

Mr. Grosser noticed that the term of the proposed annexation agreement was 20 years. What would happen if the City did not annex the Weemers' property within the next 20 years? Ms. Tyler stated that City staff could renew the annexation agreement. She mentioned that this particular property may take a very long time before it annexes because of sanitary sewer and other limitations. The proposed annexation agreement can also be called a pre-annexation agreement. She stated that they were not currently rezoning the property. The proposed rezoning was merely to allow what City staff felt would be the most appropriate zone to occur at such time as the annexation takes place.

Ms. Tyler explained that it was an important provision from the City's agreement with the UCSD that they do not provide sewer connections unless there was a pre-annexation agreement in place. Staff looked at the Comprehensive Plan, and in this case, the C-R, Conservation-Recreation Zone did not appear to be appropriate for the current and future land uses. Staff wanted to correct the zoning now as part of the pre-annexation agreement.

Ray Elliot, of 2609 North High Cross Road, stated that he has several acres that border the Weemers' property. He remarked that he did not want any of this area to become incorporated as Big Grove, become part of the City of Urbana, or anything else that would change the area in any way from the unincorporated rural area that it has been for many years. The area is great as it is, which was the reason why he moved to the area. There was something to be said about preserving some things and leaving them alone. It seemed to him that there were plenty of opportunities for people who want to live in the city to do so.

He described the area with the Saline Branch Drainage Ditch to the south crossing under High Cross Road among a mature growth of trees on both sides of the road that adds to the aesthetic beauty of the area. To the north was Clements Cemetery, where early pioneers, who settled this country, were buried. Some of the people buried in this cemetery even served in the Revolutionary War. Across the road from the cemetery was Brownfield Woods, which was a virgin part of the Big Grove owned by the University of Illinois for research and teaching purposes. All of this creates a beautiful pastoral area that preserves some of the early look that was rapidly being taken over by suburbia and the urban sprawl. Large chunks of farmland all around this area give way to housing developments, supermarkets, parking lots, gas stations, etc. So called "progress" is inevitable, but he saw no benefit for the people in the North Urbana area to be annexed to the City of Urbana or have any pre-annexation agreement. Granting this proposed agreement to annex next door to his property would only guarantee that someone else would come along with another reasonable request to annex.

Merle Ingersoll, of HDC Engineering, represented the petitioners. He stressed that this was a proposal for a pre-annexation agreement. The Weemers came to him because their septic tank had failed. There was no possibility of providing another septic system. The proposed property

is within a certain distance that allows the Weemers to extend the public sanitary main to their property. In doing so, the standard procedure was that the Weemers had to apply for a pre-annexation agreement with the City in order to get a permit to connect to UCSD's septic system. This was required by the UCSD, as well as the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The Weemers do not have much choice. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the Weemers are strongly in favor of the proposed pre-annexation agreement and rezoning, because if the City does not grant these two requests, then the Weemers would be without a septic system. Therefore, he strongly urged the Plan Commission to recommend approval.

Mr. White inquired if this would open up the area where other people would be able to hookup to the UCSD sanitary system if they had problems with septic/drainage fills. Mr. Ingersoll replied by saying that only one other home owner had property between the Weemers' property and where the end of the sanitary sewer line currently was located.

George Friedman, of 1115 Newbury in Champaign, mentioned that he owned the adjacent triangular property immediately to the west of the Weemer property. He expected that in the near future, he would be asking for a pre-annexation agreement in order to hookup to the extended sewer line. Therefore, he supports the petition of the Weemers.

Ms. Goscha questioned how Mr. Friedman's land was being utilized, commercial or residential? Mr. Friedman answered by saying that his son and daughter-in-law currently lived on the property, so it would be considered residential.

Ms. Tyler presented a little more background on the City's agreement with the UCSD. The agreement dated back to the early 1990s. This agreement required the City of Urbana and the City of Champaign to have pre-annexation agreements to allow the sanitary sewer hookups. This was based on the principle of providing sanitary sewers in the urban areas. This did not mean that there were areas outside of the cities which do not have sanitary sewers. This area was one of them. Therefore, the proposed pre-annexation agreement was not about the City of Urbana reaching out and grabbing areas that were rural. It is to make sure that areas that are sewered in the future are incorporated. It was an important planning principle that the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana and the UCSD brought into their agreement.

The agreement has worked very well for the City of Urbana in keeping compact contiguous growth around the City. In this case, it was true that the petitioners really had no choice. It was a health and safety issue for the petitioners.

Ms. Goscha inquired if City staff was working on creating a new rural residential zoning category. Ms. Tyler responded by saying that was one of the implementation items of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. There were other zoning categories under commercial that needed to be created as well.

City staff felt that the R-2 Zoning District was the most appropriate for the proposed property considering today's zoning classifications. She mentioned that there were several homes on the proposed parcel, which was why there was a subdivision requirement. It could be very well be that, when the owner annexes the proposed property, there may be a better zoning classification; in which case, it would come back to the Plan Commission and the City Council with the more

appropriate zone at that time. Ms. Goscha added that she was not sure if the proposed property would fall under “rural residential” with the number of structures on it. Therefore, she believed it would be appropriate to go with the R-2 Zoning District.

Ms. Upah-Bant asked staff to explain what might prompt annexation of the proposed property. Ms. Tyler responded by saying that the only thing that would prompt annexation of the proposed property would be contiguity to the City limits. The City cannot reach out beyond the City limits. So, looking at where the proposed property is located, one would see that there are many properties that would need to be annexed first.

Mr. Ward stated that since property must be contiguous to the City limits in order to be annexed and the proposed property was not any where near the City limits, then he did not see anything in granting this proposal that would accelerate the annexation of the area to the City. It seemed to him to be quite neutral in terms of whether the proposed property would ever be annexed into the City.

Mr. Grosser inquired if there ever had been a case where the desire to connect to UCSD’s sewer system had a domino-effect to make an area contiguous. Ms. Tyler replied that there was perhaps a little bit of this effect possible for some of the properties in the Scottswood area, but it was very minor. There are several pre-annexation agreements with owners in the area, but they were scatter-shot throughout. She did not feel that they comprise an annexation strategy in and of themselves. Although the Scottswood area was surrounded by the City of Urbana, it was a large area that the City did not intend to annex any time soon.

Ms. Goscha moved that the Plan Commission forward these two cases to the City Council with a recommendation for approval of both. Mr. Grosser seconded the motion. The roll call was as follows:

Ms. Upah-Bant	-	Yes	Mr. Ward	-	Yes
Mr. White	-	Yes	Ms. Goscha	-	Yes
Mr. Grosser	-	Yes			

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.