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INDUSTRIAL AND OPEN SPACE PLAN
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July 31, 2008

Mr. David Corliss, City Manager
City of Lawrence
City Hall
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Dear Dave,

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you concerning your June 5th email about the 87 acre tract of land. The Eco² Commission did not meet in June and we did meet in July. There, we discussed the tract and we have come to some conclusions. I discussed those Monday when I met with Roger Zalneraitis and Diane Stoddard. The following are our thoughts:

- We think that although there are only 87 acres and it does technically fall below our threshold of 100 acres, that it should be considered as an Eco² project. We think the argument will be made otherwise that since it is contiguous to the East Hills Business Park, that it becomes an extension of that park.
- We think that because public funds will be used to prepare the site and to provide infrastructure that too will cause it to be viewed for later open space considerations.
- We think that the public may have little disagreement in bringing this property up to qualify for development and it will serve as an excellent first industrial space project.
- Also, since the City and County will not have to purchase the property for fair market value, which will reduce the public outlay expenditures, it will therefore reduce the net equity that will be used to calculate the public expenditure for an open space project later.

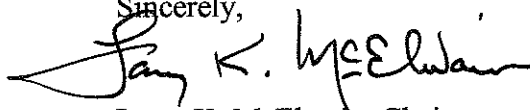
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I want to assure you that we are ready to help you in any way possible. Please direct us. We will also work expeditiously to make some needed amendments to the Eco² Plan and forward those on to the two Commissions for their action.

ECO² = The exponential benefits of economic development + ecological preservation

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry K. McElwain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "K".

Larry K. McElwain, Chairman

Cc: Craig Weinaug, County Administrator