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From: mikejohnson [mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 8:32 AM
To: 'George E. Morrison III'
Subject: RE: Support for Sussex County's Mega Site Project - Draft Letter and Mapping

Thanks, George – I'll place this on our September 27 meeting agenda for Board action.

Best,
Mike

From: George E. Morrison III [mailto:gmorrison@sussexcountyva.com]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2010 3:27 AM
To: mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us
Cc: Davis, Deborah A.
Subject: Support for Sussex County's Mega Site Project - Draft Letter and Mapping

12 September 2010

Mr. Mike Johnson
County Administrator
Southampton County, Virginia

Mike:

I hope this email finds you well.

I have attached a draft letter of support, as a guide, that Sussex County would appreciate having as we prepare to submit our grant application to VEDP for the Mega Site Project on 1 October 2010.

Just some back ground information regarding Sussex County's proposed Mega Site Project:

- Sussex County is submitting an application to VEDP for Site Preparation to develop the County's Mega Site Project. Sussex County's Mega Site was first identified by the Virginia Tobacco Commission's feasibility study for an automotive plant in 2005. In the evaluation of the nineteen sites considered; Sussex County's site along the Highway 460 corridor was deemed "...the best 'strategic' location of the dozen candidate sites". Detailing the flat topography, and relatively close distances to Metro Richmond as well as Hampton Roads for workforce and close proximity to the Port of Norfolk and duel rail line on the property provided by Norfolk Southern.

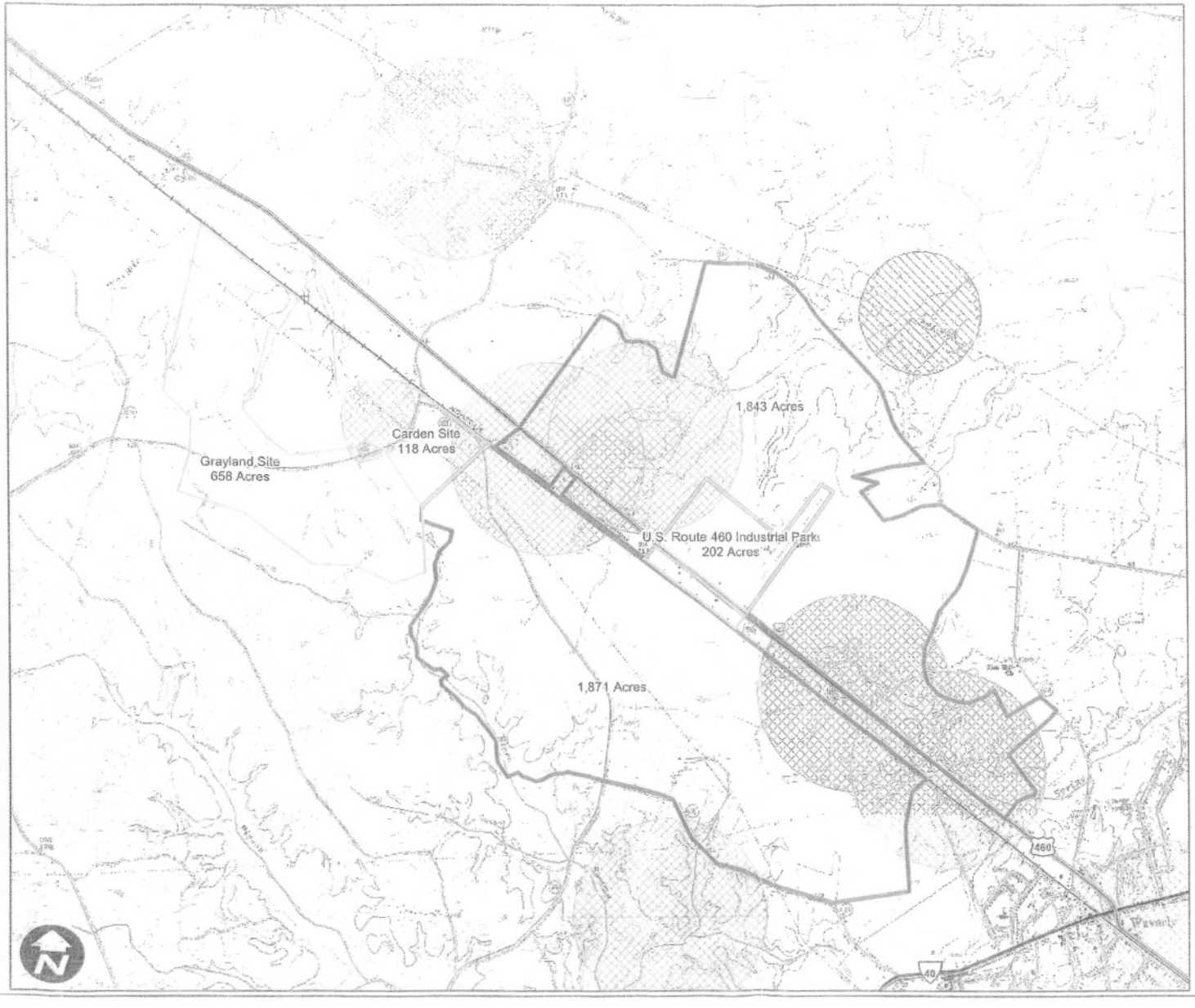
- The County's Mega Site Project consists of approximately 4,000 acres.

- The County has hired the law firm of Williams Mullins to obtain options on the property on several remaining properties.

I would appreciate it if you could forward this information on to your Board of Supervisors. If you should have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I remain

Sincerely,

George E. Morrison, III
Interim County Administrator
Sussex County, Virginia
Office: 434.246.1000



460 - Waverly Megasite

County of Sussex

Environmental Map

- Site
- Other Available Site
- Historic Resource - Architecture
- Historic Resource - Archaeology
- Threatened/Endangered Species
- T&E Stream Reach
- Federally Listed Species Present
- State Listed Species Present
- No State/Fed Listed Species Present
- Rivers/Streams
- Water Bodies (NHD)
- Wetlands
- US Highway
- VA Primary Highway
- Railroad

Sources

Virginia Economic Development Partnership 2004
Virginia Dept. of Transportation 2001
National Geographic Society 2004
National Wetland Inventory
Virginia Department of Historic Resources 2004
Virginia Dept. of Conservation & Recreation 2004
Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries 2003

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September 7, 2010

Mr. George E. Morrison, III
Interim County Administrator
Sussex County, Virginia
Post Office Box 1397
Sussex, Virginia 23847

Dear Mr. Morrison:

This letter is written to offer the County of Southampton's support for Sussex County's application to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) for funds for the development of a Mega Project for industrial development in Sussex County.

Sussex County's Mega Site consists of approximately 4,000 acres; that is topographically flat, therefore suitable for multiple construction types and uses; and that has a two-line rail siding which is extremely rare in the region, making this site highly marketable for potential future projects provided it is developed with the proper infrastructure. The proposed site is strategically located on, and is bisected by, the Highway 460 corridor, as it is approximately 60 miles south of the Richmond Metropolitan Area and approximately 60 miles west of the ports of Hampton Roads.

Southampton County is fully supportive of Sussex County's mega project initiative and sees the development of its park as a crucial element to the long-term commitment for business growth in Sussex County and the region as a whole.

If we can in any way be of further assistance please, do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Mike Johnson
County Administrator

cc: Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors

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