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STATEMENT ON DIMUCCI PROPERTY PROPOSED REZONING/DEVELOPMENT

The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is aware of a proposal to rezone and develop the 109 acre property at the southeast corner of Route 12 and Old McHenry Road in Ela Township, commonly known as the DiMucci property. The property owner has filed an application with Lake County to rezone the property under the Lake County Zoning Ordinance and is seeking a conditional use without a specific plan for a shopping center of approximately 800,000 square feet. The property is immediately adjacent to the Village of North Barrington, a member of BACOG, which will be substantially affected by this development as proposed, as will other members of BACOG. The Executive Board of BACOG is opposed to the property developing under the jurisdiction of Lake County and outside the jurisdiction of the Village.

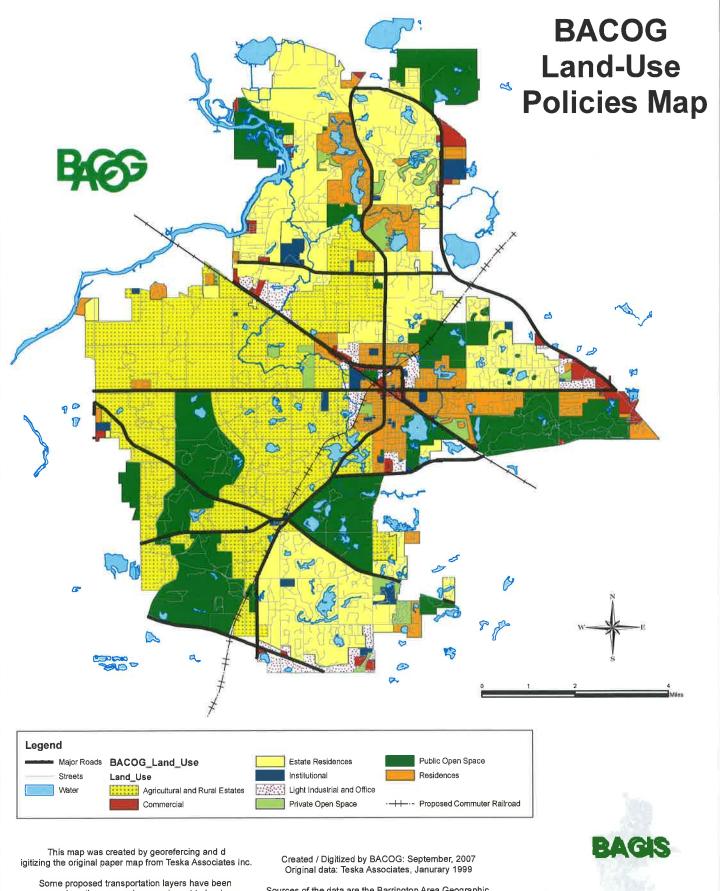
BACOG is aware of and supports the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Villages of North Barrington and Hawthorn Woods regarding development guidelines for the property, adopted in 1999 as amended. The BACOG Comprehensive Plan specifically supports the development of IGAs between and among the BACOG villages and non-member adjacent communities, promotes intergovernmental cooperation within the area, and supports a strategy of mutual support whereby local planning takes into account Lake County planning and vice versa. North Barrington's Comprehensive Plan states the property will be developed in accordance with the IGA. The Lake County Framework Plan provides for development in accordance with the IGA between North Barrington and Hawthorn Woods. All documents are currently in effect.

In considering and supporting the proposal for rezoning and development of the DiMucci property under the control of Lake County instead of the municipalities, Lake County is ignoring and circumventing all of the aforementioned publicly-developed and adopted documents including its own Framework Plan. These documents were developed with the trust of the citizens of the county, region and municipalities. The Lake County action sets aside documents developed from an established process of citizen review and input and the lengthy deliberation of committees and elected boards.

BACOG believes that the municipalities and their residents will bear the impacts and costs of any development on the site such as police, fire and EMT needs and response, road wear/damage and repair, and various quality of life effects on surrounding neighborhoods. Any development that occurs on the site should therefore be controlled by the municipalities according to existing plans and documents, the property should be annexed

into the municipalities, and any tax revenues that may be generated should accrue to the municipalities to help cover services and impacts.

The members of BACOG urge Lake County to honor the long-standing municipal Intergovernmental Agreement, the regional intergovernmental cooperation and planning efforts, and their own citizen-based Framework Plan and to return the DiMucci proposal to the Villages of North Barrington and Hawthorn Woods for their consideration as described in the IGA.



Some proposed transportation layers have been removed, as they are no longer relevant to land-use policy. All other land-use policy data has been digitized and included in this map.

Sources of the data are the Barrington Area Geographic Information System (BAGIS) and Lake, Cook, Kane and McHenry Counties.