

Resolution 08-32

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LANDS DEFINED IN ORDINANCE 08-35

WHEREAS, the lands proposed to be annexed are contiguous to the City boundaries of the City of Westfield; and,

WHEREAS, IC 34-4-3-13 requires the City Council to adopt, by resolution, a fiscal plan for serving the area proposed to be annexed.

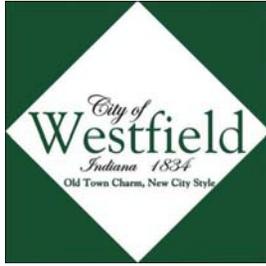
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a fiscal plan is hereby attached to this Resolution and is incorporated as part of the Resolution as Exhibit “A”.

**WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**

<u>Voting For</u>	<u>Voting Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
_____ Kenneth Kingshill	_____ Kenneth Kingshill	_____ Kenneth Kingshill
_____ Robert Horkay	_____ Robert Horkay	_____ Robert Horkay
_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel	_____ John Dippel
_____ Bob Smith	_____ Bob Smith	_____ Bob Smith
_____ Tom Smith	_____ Tom Smith	_____ Tom Smith
_____ Rob Stokes	_____ Rob Stokes	_____ Rob Stokes
_____ Melody Sweat	_____ Melody Sweat	_____ Melody Sweat

ATTEST:

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer



Fiscal Plan for the Annexation of Real Estate Contiguous to the City of Westfield, Indiana

**Generally described as the real estate located
at the southwest corner of 169th Street and Gray Road extending to within a 1/4 mile of the
intersection of 161st Street and Gray Road (commonly know as Brookside Section #5).**

**This Fiscal Plan Supports
Ordinance 08-35**

**This Fiscal Plan is
Exhibit "A"
Referenced in
Resolution 08-32**

Table of Contents

Introduction

Participants involved in Fiscal Plan Preparation

City of Westfield Annexation Philosophy and Plan

- A. Fiscal Policy of the City
- B. General Philosophy and Plan
- C. Further the City Shall:
- D. Financial Incentives in Support of Annexation

Requirements of Indiana Law

Parcel Analysis

- A. Location
- B. Contiguity
- C. Size
- D. Population
- E. Structures
- F. Patterns of Land Use
- G. Zoning
- H. Property Tax Assessment
- I. Municipal Property Tax Rate
- J. Council District(s)

Municipal Services

Per Capita Multiplier

Case Study

- A. Police Department
- B. Fire Department
- C. Public Works – Street Department
- D. Public Works – Water and Sewer Services
 - a. Utility Service
 - b. Municipal Water Utility
 - c. Fire Hydrants
 - d. Municipal Wastewater Utility
- E. Parks and Recreation Department
- F. Clerk-Treasurer’s Office
- G. Community Development Department
 - a. Planning & Zoning Division
 - b. Code Enforcement Division
 - c. Building & Inspections Division

Table of Contents

Financial Summary

- A. Financial Summary
- B. Capital Services for Water
- C. Capital Services for Wastewater Treatment

Recommendation

Exhibits

- A. Consideration Timeline for Annexation Process
- B. Legal Description
- C. Aerial Map
- D. Property Identification
- E. Zoning Map
- F. Petition for Annexation

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the estimated fiscal impact of annexation upon the City of Westfield (the “City”) and ability of the City to provide necessary municipal capital and non-capital services to an area proposed for annexation. The area proposed for annexation that is analyzed in this report is referred to as “Brookside Estates Section 5” and is generally located at the southwest corner of 169th Street and Gray Road extending to within a 1/4 mile of the intersection of 161st Street and Gray Road (commonly know as Brookside Section #5)..

The Indiana Statutes (IC.36-4-3-13(d)) governing annexation activity by the City of Westfield requires the preparation of a written fiscal plan and the establishment of an annexation policy by resolution, as of the date of the annexation ordinance. The fiscal plan is required to present cost estimates and a plan for the extension of municipal services to the areas proposed for annexation. Municipal services of a non-capital nature are required to be provided within one (1) year of the effective date of the annexation ordinance to the extent that such services are equivalent in standard and scope to those services already provided within the city limits. Likewise, municipal services of a capital improvement nature are required to be provided within three (3) years of the effective date of the annexation ordinance.

This report contains an estimate of the development revenues and expenditures that will result from the annexation of certain territory by the City. While the City is committed to providing the highest quality service to all areas of the community, the dollar figures presented here are only estimates and are subject to change. Variations may occur depending upon the rate and extent of future development, an increase or decrease in the cost of providing municipal services, or fluctuations in future property assessments.

Participants Involved in Fiscal Plan Preparation

City of Westfield

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor / Executive Officer

Bruce Hauk, Deputy Mayor / Chief Administrative Officer

Kevin Jowitt, Police Chief

Todd Burtron, Fire Chief

Kurt Wanninger, Director of Public Works

Joseph Plankis, Director of Economic Development

Curt Cooley, Director of Parks & Recreation

Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, Director of Community Development

Financial Consultants

O.W. Krohn Associates (Buz Krohn)

<p style="text-align:center">City of Westfield</p> <p style="text-align:center">Annexation Philosophy and Plan</p>
--

The proposed “Brookside Estates Section 5” Annexation is part of a larger, more comprehensive annexation plan and philosophy that has been in existence in the Westfield community for more than 10 years.

Although not currently confirmed through a resolution, the following philosophy will be forthcoming to represent the City’s annexation plan.

A. Fiscal Policy of the City

It is appropriate to state that the annexation policies of the City are expected to correspond with the fiscal policies of the City. Therefore, it is the policy of the City of Westfield that annexation(s) should only be undertaken under circumstances which are not adverse to the fiscal interests of the current residents and taxpayers of the City of Westfield.

B. General Philosophy and Plan

The philosophy and plan of the City of Westfield is to annex real estate into its corporate limits in accordance with the terms of Title 36, Article 4, Chapter 3 of the Indiana Code. The adoption of an ordinance authorizing such annexation shall:

1. Provide the residents of the City of Westfield with a broad, stable and growing economic tax base; and,
2. Provide a plan for the quality and quantity of urban development in a coordinated manner; and,
3. Provide for preservation and enhancement of the public’s overall health, safety, and welfare, regarding all of the City’s residents; and,
4. Allow for the provision of services to the annexed area in a cost effective manner that will not significantly impact existing residents.

C. Further the City Shall:

1. First seek the voluntary annexations of new development contiguous to the current City boundaries. It is certainly the preference of the City of Westfield to implement annexation action under the most amenable conditions possible. Therefore in cases where it is practical and possible to achieve consensus the City prefers to precede with annexation under the “voluntary” provisions of the statute (IC36-4-3-5); and,

2. Enhance the existing assessed valuation of our municipality through voluntary annexations such that future annexations of “built out” neighborhoods can be achieved without tax differentials being the overriding issue being debated; and,
3. Consider any requests for voluntary annexation from existing neighborhoods; and,
4. Consider any forced annexations that will positively impact the future economic development opportunity of the community.

D. Financial Incentives in Support of Annexation

Aside from the issue of municipal services, the City has developed annexation and growth policies with support for the concept of applying economic incentives to the annexation policies as a basis for building public support and popular consensus. The financial incentives possibly considered by the City of Westfield include:

- tax abatement provided by IC 36-4-3-8.5;
- delay of the effective date of the annexation provided by IC 36-4-3-8;
- negotiation of supplemental services (based on surplus tax revenues);
- elimination of utility services surcharges;
- appropriate arrangements as provided by IC36-4-3-21; and,
- agricultural tax liability exemption for municipal taxes provided by IC36-4-3-4.1.

It is the fundamental position of the City; however, that the extension of such financial incentives shall be made primarily in those cases where it is appropriate to the fiscal and governmental interests for the City of Westfield.

Requirements of Indiana Law

The City Council for the City of Westfield is granted the authority under Indiana law to annex land that conforms with the terms of Title 36, Article 4, Chapter 3 of the Indiana Code. The minimum criteria used to determine the eligibility of land for annexation must establish that:

1. The territory sought for annexation is contiguous to the corporate boundary of the municipality; or
2. The territory sought for annexation is not contiguous to the corporate boundary of the municipality, but is occupied by a municipally owned or operated airport or landing field; or
3. The territory sought for annexation is not contiguous to the corporate boundary of the municipality, but is occupied by a municipally owned or regulated sanitary landfill, golf course, or hospital.

Additionally the following criteria are also used to further determine the eligibility of land for annexation and must establish that:

1. The boundary of the area proposed for annexation must be at least 1/8 contiguous to the present corporate limits of the municipality, and:
 - a. have a population density of at least three persons per acre; or
 - b. be zoned for commercial, business, or industrial use; or
 - c. be at least 60% subdivided;
2. The boundary of the area proposed for annexation must be at least 1/4 contiguous to the corporate limits of the municipality, and the area must be needed and can be used by the municipality for its development in the reasonably near future. The preparation of a written fiscal plan is also required to outline the provisions for:
 - a. The cost estimates of planned services to be furnished to the area proposed for annexation;
 - b. The method or methods of financing the planned services;
 - c. The plan for the organization and extension of planned services;
 - d. The provision of planned services or a non-capital nature within one (1) year of the effective date of annexation; and,
 - e. The provision of planned services of a capital improvement nature within three (3) years of the effective date of annexation.

The fiscal plan must also discuss the provisions to be made to ensure the delivery of capital and non-capital services in a manner equivalent in standard and scope to those services currently being provided to other areas within the corporate boundary regardless of topography, patterns of land use, and population density. This document is intended to serve as the aforementioned fiscal plan.

Parcel Analysis

A. Location

The area proposed for annexation is generally described as the real estate located at the southwest corner of 169th Street and Gray Road extending to within a 1/4 mile of the intersection of 161st Street and Gray Road (commonly know as Brookside Section #5). (see attached Exhibit “C” – Aerial Map).

B. Contiguity

The area considered for annexation is contiguous to the corporate boundary of the City of Westfield. The perimeter of the parcels measure approximately 1.800 miles.

The area (property boundary) that is contiguous to the City is 0.340 miles, which exceeds the statutory requirements of 1/8 contiguity.

C. Size

The area proposed for annexation encompasses an area of approximately 0.102 square miles or approximately 64.96 acres.

D. Population

The population of the area proposed for annexation is estimated to be 0 persons. Census Tract and Block statistics from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing indicate an average of 3.44 persons per dwelling unit for Washington Township. The parcels do not have a population density greater than three (3) persons per acre.

E. Structures

Type of Structure	# of Bldgs	Population
Residential Households	0	0
Commercial	0	0
Industrial	0	0
Institutional	0	0
Total:	0	0

F. Patterns of Land Use

Patterns of Land Use		
Type	Acres	Percent
Single Family Detached	64.96	0.0%
Single Family Attached	0.00	0.0%
Multiple Family	0.00	0.0%
Commercial / Retail	0.00	0.0%
Industrial	0.00	0.0%
Institutional	0.00	0.0%
Public Rights-of-way	0.00	0.0%
Undeveloped / Agricultural	0.00	0.0%
Total:	64.96	0.0%

G. Zoning

The area proposed for annexation is currently located within the planning and zoning jurisdiction of the City of Westfield through a joinder agreement with Washington Township served by the Advisory Plan Commission. If annexed, the parcels will remain in the same planning jurisdiction.

Zoning designations in the proposed annexed area include: Single-Family-2 District (SF-2).

Upon the annexation of the properties stated herein, none of the adjoining designations will in effect change from this annexation.

H. Property Tax Assessment

The 2008 pay 2009 total net assessed valuation of all real property and its improvements located within the area proposed for annexation is \$599,150 .

I. Municipal Property Tax Rate

The existing 2008 pay 2009 property tax rate assessed to all real property and its improvements within the area proposed for annexation is \$2.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This is the total Washington Township tax rate assessed to all real property and its improvements.

J. Council District

The areas for the proposed annexation will be incorporated into Council District(s) 1.

Municipal Services

The City of Westfield currently extends to its citizens a diverse range of public services. These services are provided by seven different municipal departments. Each department has a unique and separate function within the municipal service system of the City. These departments include: Police, Fire, Public Works, Information Technology, Administration, Parks and Recreation and Community Development.

Each of the municipal service sectors are analyzed in this section to determine the impact of annexation on their ability to provide both capital and non-capital services to the area proposed for annexation as required by Indiana law. The method used to determine the fiscal impact of annexation is known as “*fiscal impact analysis*”.

Fiscal impact analysis is a method of evaluation that is used to measure and project the direct public costs and revenues associated with residential and non-residential growth within a municipality. It explores public (government) costs and revenues. It does not consider private costs of public actions. Therefore, special assessments on real property or the value of land dedications required of developers are considered private revenues. Individual services contracted for homeowners associations, neighborhoods, and similar groups are also considered private.

Fiscal impact analysis has been used throughout the United States for nearly seventy-five years as a means of objectively evaluating development proposals, including those involving annexation. Throughout its tenure as a fiscal management tool of local government, fiscal impact analysis has evolved along with the maturation of the towns and cities in which it has been used. We are using two of the methods of fiscal impact analysis known as Per Capita Multiplier and Case Study.

Per Capita Multiplier

The “*Per Capita Multiplier*” method is the most widely used and relies on average municipal costs per person as an indicator of future costs incurred due to various types of development. This method is commonly employed in situations where service infrastructure bears a close relationship to service demand such that average costs of providing services to current users is as reasonable approximation of the cost to provide similar services to future users.

Case Study

The “*Case Study*” method of fiscal impact analysis is applied in very large, stable or declining cities, or very small, rapidly growing rural fringe areas. These communities typically exhibit excess or deficient service capacity. It projects future costs based on future demand determined by interviewing municipal department heads. This method assumes that each department head knows best the functional capacity of their agency and can respond most accurately to specific

questions about existing and future service demand and the costs associated with the extension of services.

All municipal departments were analyzed to determine the extent of the affect of annexation. The Police, Fire, Public Works, Information Technology, Administration, Parks and Recreation and Community Development departments were identified as being affected by the annexation of new territory.

The affect on some of these departments was determined to be minimal and is likely to create no demand for additional personnel and associated expenditures. It can therefore be assumed that these departments are characterized by having adequate or possibly excess service capacity, and that the area proposed for annexation will not affect the workload of these departments or cause the need for additional expenditures associated with the provision of services.

The existing levels and costs of service provisions for each department are outlined below:

A. Police Department

The 32 uniformed officers of the City of Westfield Police Department provide the citizens of Westfield with public safety and emergency response service throughout the corporate limits of the City. The individual services include: neighborhood patrols for the prevention of crime; detection and apprehension of criminal offenders; resolution of domestic disputes; anti-crime and anti-drug public education; traffic control and accident reporting; and the creation and maintenance of a general feeling of safety and security throughout the community.

The services provided by the Police Department vary in their individual requirements for personnel and financial resources and are subject to annual review and approval by the Westfield City Council.

Annual operating costs associated with the addition of one (1) uniformed police officer(s) include salary, overtime pay, holiday pay, clothing and uniform allowance, health insurance, training, pension benefits and administrative overhead.

Capital one time costs associated with the addition of one (1) uniformed police officer(s) include a patrol vehicle and related equipment. These costs have been factored together to arrive at necessary service level increases for various areas under consideration for annexation.

The area identified for annexation includes 64.96 acres and an estimated population of 0 persons. The City of Westfield will provide police service to the proposed annexation area upon the effective date of annexation through the extension of an existing patrol area.

Provisioning of planned service of a non-capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with existing personnel. Any additional cost for overtime for police officers in the amount of \$250 can be accommodated within the existing budget.

Provision of planned services of a capital improvement nature within three years.

Any additional capital requirements can be accommodated in future budgets through the annual budgeting process.

B. Fire Department

The 53 Firefighters and EMS personnel employed by the City of Westfield Fire Department respond to fire emergencies, chemical and hazardous material spills, and general life safety emergencies through the corporate limits of Westfield and throughout the remainder of Washington Township, Hamilton County.

The personnel of the Fire Department are assigned to two (2) fire stations located on Dartown Road (Headquarters) and 151st Street, respectively. Each station is the primary respondent to emergencies within its assigned geographical area. Secondary response is provided by personnel and equipment by volunteer and paid city and town fire departments in adjacent communities.

The existing Fire Department currently has the entire responsibility for services throughout Washington Township; therefore, the annexation of this new territory will not change the impact or the need for additional personnel.

Current costs associated with fire services in Washington Township, where the operating and capital costs have been calculated at \$173 per person.

Provisioning of planned service of a non-capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with existing personnel because current services already serve the entire township.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for future growth in the fire services for Washington Township will be managed through the annual budgeting process.

C. Public Works - Street Department

The street department of the City of Westfield is part of the Public Works Department and has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of all streets and public rights-of-way within the City Limits of Westfield. Maintenance activities include potholes and curb repair, mowing of weeds and other vegetation, street sweeping, sign maintenance and replacement, pavement striping, and snow removal. It is also responsible for reconstruction of sidewalks and removal of dead or damaged trees from the City rights-of-way.

Other responsibilities include resurfacing and reconstruction of all public roads with the exception of the roads falling under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Department of Transportation or the Hamilton County Highway Department. These operations are primarily funded from the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) fund, the Local Road and Street Fund (LR&S), and the Road and Street Improvement Fund.

There is approximately 2,060 lineal feet of public roads proposed in the annexation area. These roads include parts of the following named roads: East 169th Street North Gray Road

Provisioning of planned service of a non-capital nature within one year.

The street department services can be provided for the annexed area with existing personnel with possible overtime expenditure not to exceed \$250. This additional expenditure can be accommodated within the current budget.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for the new area will be achieved through increased MVH and LR & S funds received through the expanded road mileage formulas that result in funds from the State. Road improvements are evaluated each year and the new annexed area would be in that annual review process for consideration of improvements.

D. Public Works Department - Water and Sewer Services

The Westfield Public Works department is responsible for the operation of the Water and Wastewater works for the City of Westfield. Services for both water and sewer are provided within the corporate limits and into portions of Washington Township.

The proposed area for annexation is currently not served by City water and sewer service and would have to be provided within the three (3) year capital service requirements.

a. Utility Service

The City of Westfield will provide access to sewer and water utility service for any proposed development, with the costs for connecting to that utility service to be borne by the developer/owner, in accordance with the policies and fee structure set forth by the Westfield City Council.

The development policies of the City of Westfield and the Westfield-Washington Advisory Planning Commission have required developers to install sewer and water utilities within their developments for the vast majority of developed sites in the Township for many years. In most cases, the developer installs such infrastructure and then adds this cost to the price of the developed parcel. This means that the cost of such infrastructure is paid by each individual property owner. However, in some cases, based upon the specific request of the developer or owner, the development has been allowed to proceed without utility connections.

The City's policy for utility connection shall be that the developer or owner may choose not to connect the proposed development to the municipal utility systems, and thus avoid the immediate cost of said connection. However, *when utility connections are later required, for whatever reason, the system of fees and charges promulgated by the Westfield City Council shall apply to that utility connection.* In this manner, the cost of installation of utility infrastructure is equitable to all property owners within the service area of the utility, whether the owner decides to connect to the utility systems when the development first occurs, or whether the owner decides to connect

at some later date. The City currently has a method for allocating the cost of utility connections in a manner which is favorable to the property owners.

The City also reserves the right to consider other options for providing utility services when working with proposed annexation areas. Options which may be considered include, but are not limited to: payment plans, enlargement of payment periods, discounts, Barrett Law funding, bonds, inter-local agreements and BOT agreements.

b. Municipal Water Utility

The municipal water utility provides potable water service to properties within the service area of the water utility and in many cases outside of the corporate limits of the municipality. The municipal water utility technically provides the service of pumping water from the water source, treating the water to some level, distributing the water into the system of municipal water lines, storing the water for peak demand and fire protection purposes, and maintaining the system, in its entirety. This policy states that the water utility meets the parameters of providing access to water utility service, to a property, when a municipal water distribution line is within the distributive area of a main trunk line or lateral line. When water lines are already developed with respect to a specific property, the water utility is made directly available to that property when a water line is located within 300 lineal feet of the nearest property line of the developed parcel. Water utility service and connection costs are handled in a manner similar to that of the wastewater utility.

In some cases, property owners have not connected their property to the municipal water system and use private water sources (primarily wells) instead. This election is made by the property owner in accordance with the development standards of the property at the time of the original development. The municipal water system also extends beyond the corporate limits of the municipality and service is provided to property in unincorporated areas. The water utility is administered by the Westfield City Council who is responsible for recommending user charges to the legislative body of the municipality for implementation. The legislative body of the municipality may consider changes to the user charge system to reflect special situations, as well as changes in policy with regard to the type of customer and/or the location (inside or outside of the corporate limits of the municipality).

The policy of providing municipal water service is not to be construed as being “free” in any respect, and these costs are certainly not covered by property taxes. The water utility is supported by a system of user charges which is administered by the Westfield City Council. In addition, the development policies and standards of the municipality require the developer or owner to pay any capital costs associated with the extension of water distribution facilities into any proposed development. The major capital expenditures covered by the water utility (outside of the service extensions afforded by the developers) are the capital cost of constructing and maintaining water pumping and treatment and storage facilities. These are paid either directly or indirectly through the utility’s user charge system. The cost of extending distribution lines is to be borne by the property owner or developer.

Property tax revenues are not a part of the water utility budget. The water utility sets a system of user charges which are generally paid on a monthly basis. Those user charges cover both the capital and operating costs of the water utility. In addition to monthly service charges, the water utility may consider and/or establish a system of fees or other services such as various connection fees, or supplemental fees for special facilities installed to meet the needs and demands of customers. The water utility is also subject to some regulatory requirements which are administered at the State and Federal level. As such, the system of fees and charges must be adjusted from time to time to remain current with regulatory and other requirements.

c. Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants are generally supported by the user charge system of the water utility. As stated with regard to other services, the municipality may seek changes in the system of revenues used to pay for such services; however, at this time the policy of the City is that the developer of the site – without regard to the nature of the development – is responsible for installing the fire hydrants necessary to protect the proposed development from catastrophic fire.

d. Municipal Wastewater Utility

The municipal wastewater utility provides access to wastewater collection, treatment and disposal service to all properties within the corporate limits of the municipality. This policy states that the municipality meets the parameters of providing access to municipal wastewater service when the parcel is within the drainage watershed of a major interceptor, trunk or lateral sewer *which ultimately delivers wastewater to the municipal wastewater treatment plant*. In cases where sewer laterals are made available to developed parcels, the standard for service is met when a municipal sewer is located within 300 lineal feet of the nearest property line of the parcel.

In some cases, property owners have chosen not to connect their development to the municipal sewer system and use private wastewater disposal facilities (primarily septic tanks), instead. This decision is based purely upon the owner's election and the development standards of the original property development. As noted above, the general policy of the City is that the developer pays the cost of installing wastewater utility service in accordance with the schedule of fees and charges in effect at that time, and then adds that cost to the price of the developed parcel. In this manner, the property owner ultimately pays for the cost of the wastewater utility connection.

In the case of developers or owners who elect not to pay the cost of wastewater utility connections for whatever reason, it is the policy of the City of Westfield to respect that decision. However, when those private wastewater facilities become dysfunctional, it is the policy of the City of Westfield to provide such wastewater utility connections at the capital expense of the owner, and in accordance with the schedule of fees and charges set forth by the Westfield City Council at the time the work is undertaken. In this manner, the provision of wastewater utility services is equitable to all property owners.

The municipal wastewater system extends beyond the corporate limits of the municipality and municipal wastewater service is provided to property in unincorporated areas. The wastewater utility is also administered by the Westfield City Council which is responsible for developing and recommending a system of user charges for implementation. These user charges must cover the cost of both capital and operations of the wastewater utility. The municipality may consider changes to the user charge system to reflect special situations, as well as changes in policy with regard to the type of customer or the location (inside or outside of the corporate limits of the municipality).

The policy of providing municipal wastewater service is also not to be construed as being “free” in any respect, and the costs of such services are certainly not covered by property taxes. The wastewater utility is supported by a system of user charges which is administered by the Westfield City Council to cover both capital and operating expenses, in cooperation with the municipality. Property tax revenues are not a part of the wastewater utility budget. The development standards of the municipality are such that the capital cost of wastewater utility services are afforded by the developer as part of the development of the property (and that cost is ultimately passed on to property owners). In addition to monthly service charges, the wastewater utility has established a system of fees for other services such as various connection fees, and/or supplemental fees for special facilities installed to meet the needs and demands of various customers. The cost of extending distribution lines is to be borne by the property owner or developer. The wastewater utility is also subject to regulatory requirements which are administered at the State and Federal level. As such, the system of fees and charges must be adjusted from time to time to remain current with regulatory and other requirements.

Wastewater utility services which are within the wastewater service area of the City of Westfield will be extended to any property desiring wastewater services and charges for the capital and non-capital cost of extending these wastewater services will be paid by the property owner in accordance with the approved schedule of rates and charges of the wastewater utility, and in accordance with approved annexation policies of the City. Currently, private developers install the local collector sewers as part of their development cost and pay access, as well as, capacity fees for the interceptor and treatment plant costs.

E. Parks and Recreation

The Westfield Parks and Recreation services are funded out of the Parks budget with the City of Westfield. The inventory of facilities include: Quaker Park, Simon Moon Park, Asa Bales Park, Liberty Park, Hadley Park and Freedom Trail. These parks and recreation operations are supported by the City’s General Fund. The proposed annexation is not anticipated to have an appreciable effect on exiting park facilities and no additional costs for this function are anticipated.

Provisioning of planned service of a non capital nature within one year

The services can be provided for the annexed area with the existing budget.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years

The capital services required for future growth in parks will be accomplished through the annual budgeting process.

F. Clerk-Treasurer

The Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Westfield is responsible for the maintenance of all city records.

Provisioning of planned service of a non capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with exiting personnel.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for this department can be accomplished through the annual budgeting process.

G. Community Development Department

a. Planning Division

The Planning Division of Community Development is responsible for all of the planning and zoning support for the Advisory Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. These responsibilities currently involve all of Washington Township; therefore, no service level increases are expected for this department with respect to the proposed annexation area.

Provisioning of planned service of a non capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with exiting personnel who already serve the entire Township area.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for this department can be accomplished through the annual budgeting process.

b. Code Enforcement Division

The Code Enforcement Division of Community Development is responsible for all of the code and ordinance enforcement within the City of Westfield corporate limits. No service level increases are expected for this department with respect to the proposed annexation area.

Provisioning of planned service of a non capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with exiting personnel who already serve the entire City area.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for this department can be accomplished through the annual budgeting process.

c. Building & Inspections Division

The Building & Inspections Division of Community Development processes building permits throughout all of the Washington Township, Hamilton County area. It conducts inspections on new buildings and unsafe structures. Since this department currently functions throughout the entire Township, no service level increases are expected for this department with respect to the proposed annexation.

Provisioning of planned service of a non capital nature within one year.

The services can be provided for the annexed area with existing personnel, who already serve the entire Township.

Provision of planned service of a capital nature within three years.

The capital services required for this department can be accomplished through the annual budgeting process.

Financial Summary and Recommendations

The area proposed for annexation has been researched and analyzed in accordance with the terms of the Indiana Code, title 36, Article 4, Chapter 3.

A. Financial Summary

The primary source of revenue for the City of Westfield is that which is received from property taxes and COIT (County Option Income Tax).

The net assessed valuation of all real property and its improvements within the area proposed for annexation is \$599,150 .

As a result of additional population and road miles, the City of Westfield also receives revenue from other sources that include Alcohol Gallonage Taxes, Cigarette Tax, Vehicle Excise Tax, MVH road miles tax, and LR& S road mile tax.

Assuming the annexation occurs prior to March 1, 2009; the property within the area proposed for annexation will then be entered into public record and assessed for taxation as an incorporated area.

Revenue received by the City of Westfield from property assessed on or before March 1, 2008 will not be realized until May and November of 2009. The delay in the collection of property taxes will cause the City to experience a cost of services from existing budgets due to the required provision of non-capital services in the first year following annexation. To the extent that real costs exceed revenue as a result of this annexation, the City of Westfield is prepared to use funds from other budgeted line items in order to assure that services required by State Statute are provide to the proposed annexation area.

The following tables show the net assessed valuation that would be achieved through the proposed annexation. This takes into account the exempt properties and the tax abatement applied to all of the other parcels.

With the exception of calendar year 2008, the City of Westfield will accrue a net addition to budget line items that support the operating costs of the newly annexed area.

Estimated Net Assessed Valuation Table

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total AV of Annexed Area		\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150
Less AV Agr. (Exempt)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total AV Non-Agriculture		\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150
Less Abatement			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Est. AV net of Abatement			\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150	\$ 599,150

Estimated Revenue and Expense Table

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Revenue Sources						
COIT		\$ -	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,935
Property Tax Rev.		\$ -	\$ 2,546	\$ 2,546	\$ 2,546	\$ 2,546
Other Revenue		\$ -	\$ 907	\$ 907	\$ 907	\$ 907
MVH		\$ -	\$ 3,894	\$ 3,894	\$ 3,894	\$ 3,894
LR&S		\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
TOTAL:		\$ -	\$ 11,182	\$ 11,182	\$ 11,182	\$ 11,182
Operating Costs		\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 5,440	\$ 9,792
Net Realized		\$ (500)	\$ 9,182	\$ 7,982	\$ 5,742	\$ 1,390

B. Capital Services for Water

The total estimated cost to provide for water services to the annexed area is \$204,700.00. The anticipated connection fees associated with the 64.96 acres of land will be dependent upon how this particular parcel is incorporated into the overall development plan.

This evaluation indicates that the City of Westfield could provide these services to the annexed area.

C. Capital Services for Wastewater

The total estimated cost to provide for wastewater services to the annexed area is \$418,300.00. The anticipated connection fees associated with the 64.96 acres of land will be dependent upon how this particular parcel is incorporated into the overall development plan.

This evaluation indicates that the City of Westfield could provide these services to the annexed area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Annexation is recommended due to its conformity with the Indiana State Statutes governing annexation by a municipality, as noted below. The effective date of the annexation is expected to be ninety (90) days following its passage and publication as required by law. Pursuant to I.C. 36-4-3-1.5, the area proposed for annexation is at least one-fourth contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of Westfield. Furthermore, this report has established a plan and cost estimate for the provision of municipal services to the area proposed for annexation and outlined provisions for the following, pursuant to IC 36-4-3-13(d).

1. The cost estimates of planned services to be furnished to the area proposed for annexation;
2. The method or methods of financing the planned services;
3. The plan for the organization and extension of planned services;
4. The provision of planned services of a non-capital nature within one (1) year of the effective date of the annexation; and,
5. The provision of planned services of a capital improvement nature within three (3) years of the effective date of the annexation.

EXHIBIT “A” - Timeline

Feasible Timeline for City of Westfield

Introduction	June 9, 2008
Public Hearing	July 14, 2008
Adoption of Ordinance	August 11, 2008
Effective Date	October 10, 2008

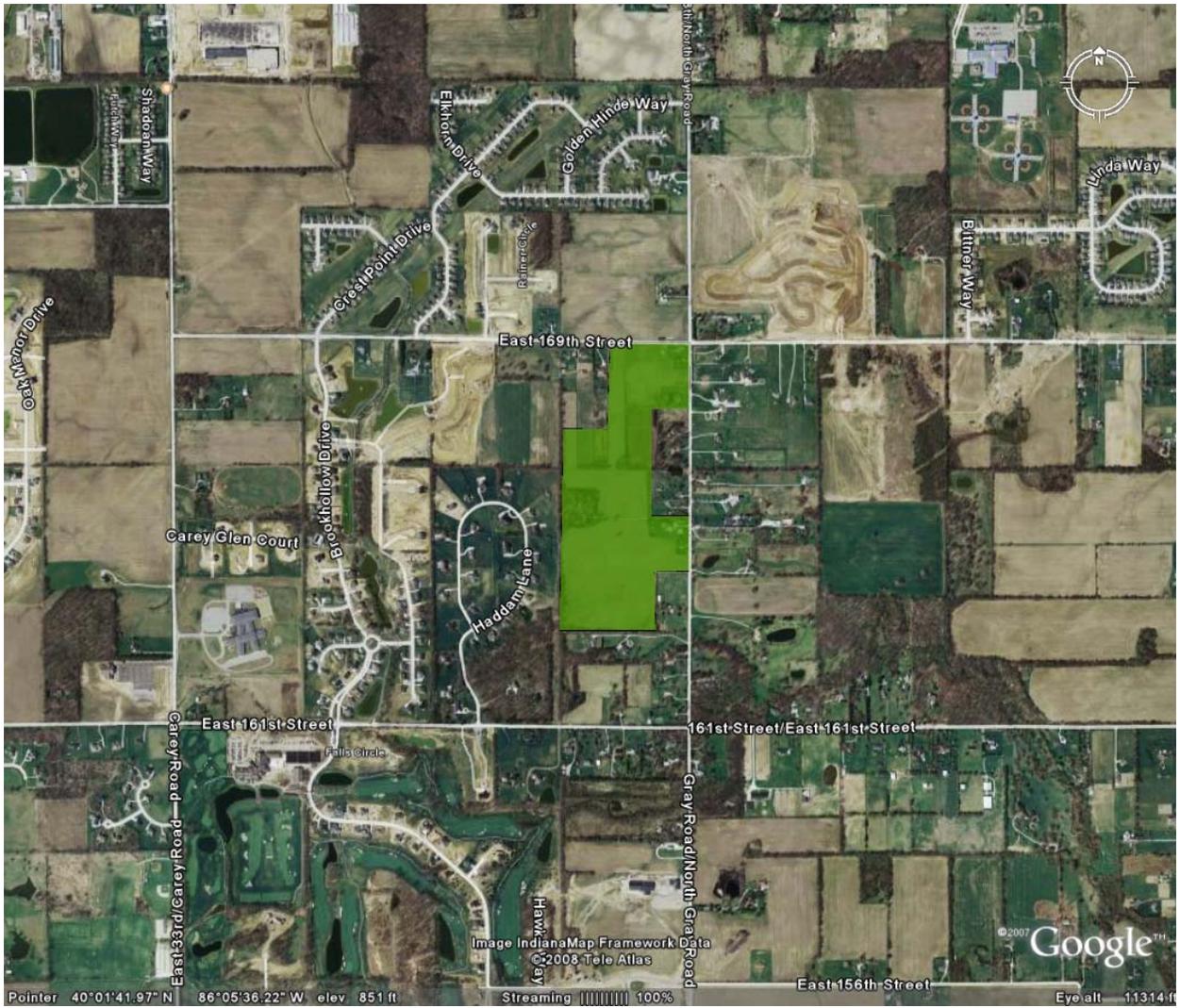
EXHIBIT “B” – Legal Description

DESCRIPTION OF OVERALL PERIMETER OF REAL ESTATE

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 4 East and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, all in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, Hamilton County, Indiana; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter (assumed bearing is the east line of said Southeast Quarter having a bearing of North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West) a distance of 440.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described real estate; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West parallel with the east line of said Southeast Quarter 660.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Southeast Quarter 440.00 feet to a point on said east line; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West on said east line 621.04 feet to the southeast corner of the real estate conveyed to the Town of Westfield, Indiana, per Instrument No. 2005-76021 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana; thence the following three calls on the perimeter of said real estate: 1.) South 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds West 16.50 feet; 2.) North 44 degrees 24 minutes 02 seconds West 36.24 feet; 3.) North 01 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds East 16.50 feet to a point on the north line of the South Half of said Southeast Quarter, said point being 41.50 feet North 88 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West from the northeast corner of said South Half; thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West on said north line 795.11 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 31 seconds West 533.09 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West 46.23 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 31 seconds West 396.45 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West 466.19 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 01 seconds West 82.54 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds West 307.52 feet to a point on the north line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 4 East; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East on the north line of said Northeast Quarter 10.79 feet to the northeast corner of Woodshire Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 743 in said Recorder's Office; thence the following four calls on the perimeter of said Subdivision: 1.) South 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 445.72 feet; 2.) South 00 degrees 09 minutes 57 seconds West 326.06 feet; 3.) South 00 degrees 06 minutes 57 seconds West 851.49 feet; 4.) South 00 degrees 13 minutes 41 seconds West 52.99 feet to a point which is on the north line of the real estate described in Instrument No. 2004-73840; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Northeast Quarter 878.49 feet to the southwest corner of the real estate described in Instrument No. 90-27427; thence the following two calls on the perimeter of said real estate: 1.) North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter 623.50 feet; 2.) South 89 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Northeast Quarter 349.50 feet to a point on the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East on said east line 545.83 feet to a point which is South 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds West 495.00 feet from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West parallel with the north line of said Northeast Quarter 440.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East parallel with said east line 495.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 64.96 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT "C" – Aerial Map



Brookside – Section 5

EXHIBIT “D” – Property Identification

Generally described as follows:

PIN: 08-10-05-00-00-017.000
Address: 16706 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-05-00-00-018.002
Address: 0 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-05-00-00-019.000
Address: 0 169th Street East
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-05-00-00-019.101
Address: 0 169th Street East
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-05-00-00-019.102
Address: 0 No Street
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-08-00-00-004.000
Address: 16544 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

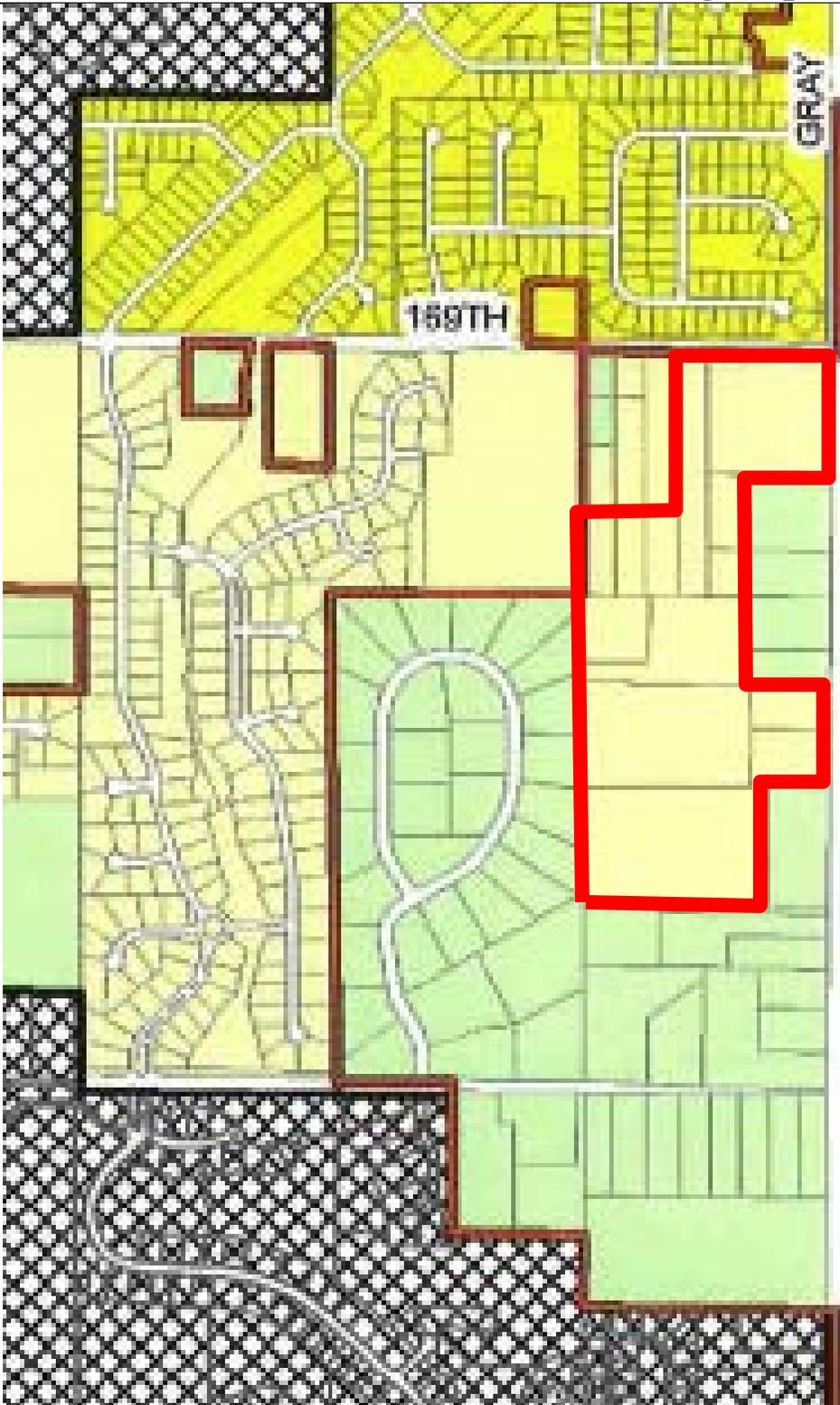
PIN: 08-10-08-00-00-004.001
Address: 16552 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-08-00-00-004.002
Address: 0 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-08-00-00-004.003
Address: 16544 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

PIN: 08-10-08-00-00-004.004
Address: 16540 Gray Road North
Owner: Langston Dev. Co., Inc.

EXHIBIT "E" – Zoning Map



Property █

EXHIBIT "F" – Petition for Annexation

**PETITION FOR ANNEXATION INTO
THE CITY OF WESTFIELD**

The undersigned petitioner (hereinafter, the "Owners"), being the Owners of the Real Estate shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, in support of this Petition for Annexation, alleges:

1. That the undersigned are the sole owners of the real estate legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter "Real Estate").
2. That the Real Estate is contiguous to public highways and the public rights-of-way thereof (jointly hereinafter "Public Highway").
3. That the City Council of the City of Westfield, Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana (hereinafter Council) has by ordinance defined the corporate boundaries of the City of Westfield, Indiana.
4. That more than one-eighth (1/8) of the aggregate external boundaries of the Real Estate coincides with the corporate boundaries of the City of Westfield, Indiana.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Council adopts an ordinance annexing the Real Estate, and the contiguous areas of the Public Highway (in Exhibit B), into the town of Westfield, Indiana

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this Instrument on the 4th day of June, 2008

"OWNER"
Langston Development Company, Inc.

By: [Signature]
(Authorized Signature)

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON

Before me, the undersigned NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State, the above party personally appeared and acknowledged executing the foregoing Petition for Annexation.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 4th day of June, 2008.

Barbara L. Metsker
Notary Public

BARBARA L. Metsker
Notary Public (printed)

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9-28-09

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE Hamilton

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF OVERALL PERIMETER OF REAL ESTATE

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 4 East and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, all in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, Hamilton County, Indiana; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West on the south line of said Southeast Quarter (assumed bearing is the east line of said Southeast Quarter having a bearing of North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West) a distance of 440.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described real estate; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West parallel with the east line of said Southeast Quarter 660.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Southeast Quarter 440.00 feet to a point on said east line; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West on said east line 621.04 feet to the southeast corner of the real estate conveyed to the Town of Westfield, Indiana, per Instrument No. 2005-76021 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana; thence the following three calls on the perimeter of said real estate: 1.) South 89 degrees 58 minutes 48 seconds West 16.50 feet; 2.) North 44 degrees 24 minutes 02 seconds West 36.24 feet; 3.) North 01 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds East 16.50 feet to a point on the north line of the South Half of said Southeast Quarter, said point being 41.50 feet North 88 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West from the northeast corner of said South Half; thence North 88 degrees 46 minutes 52 seconds West on said north line 795.11 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 31 seconds West 533.09 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West 46.23 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 31 seconds West 396.45 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West 466.19 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 01 seconds West 82.54 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds West 307.52 feet to a point on the north line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 4 East; thence South 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East or) the north line of said Northeast Quarter 10.79 feet to the northeast corner of Woodshire Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 743 in said Recorder's Office; thence the following four calls on the perimeter of said Subdivision: 1.) South 00 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West 445.72 feet; 2.) South 00 degrees 09 minutes 57 seconds West 326.06 feet; 3.) South 00 degrees 06 minutes 57 seconds West 851.49 feet; 4.) South 00 degrees 13 minutes 41 seconds West 52.99 feet to a point which is on the north line of the real estate described in Instrument No. 2004-73840; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Northeast Quarter 978.49 feet to the southwest corner of the real estate described in Instrument No. 90-27427; thence the following two calls on the perimeter of said real estate: 1.) North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter 623.50 feet; 2.) South 89 degrees 05 minutes 28 seconds East parallel with the south line of said Northeast Quarter 349.50 feet to a point on the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East on said east line 545.83 feet to a point which is South 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds West 495.00 feet from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds West parallel with the north line of said Northeast Quarter 440.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East parallel with said east line 495.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 64.96 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT B

Adjacent Public Roads

169th Street
Gray Road

BROOKSIDE

Section 5

Aerial Site Location Map

