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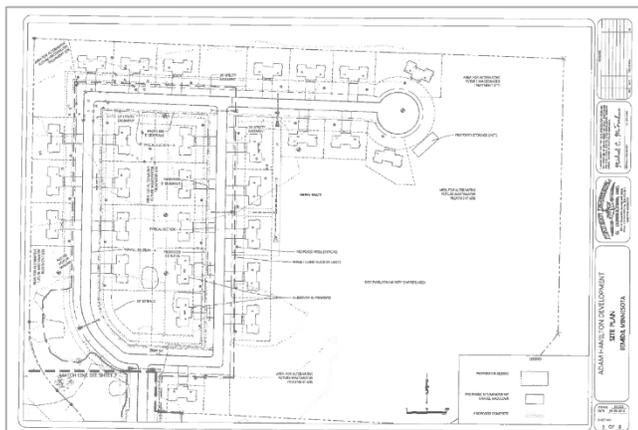
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What's going on?

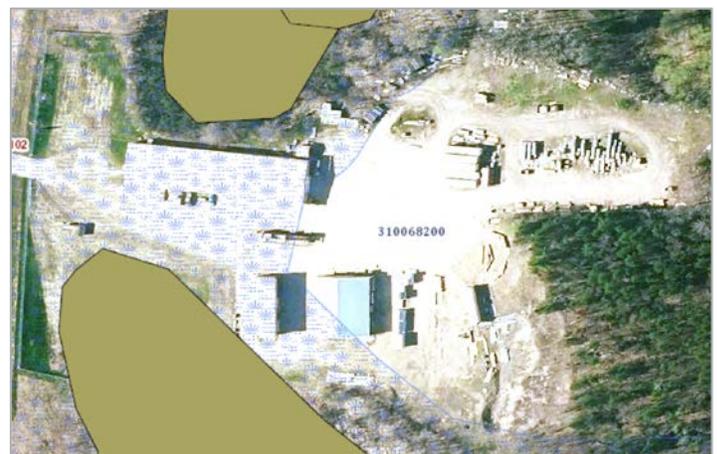
Planning Cases for December/January

Northern Township: PUD-16-31.00448.00—Great Western Properties, LLC is requesting preliminary/final approval for a Planned Unit Development located at 6857 Hamilton DR NW in ZONE R-5 High Density Residential.



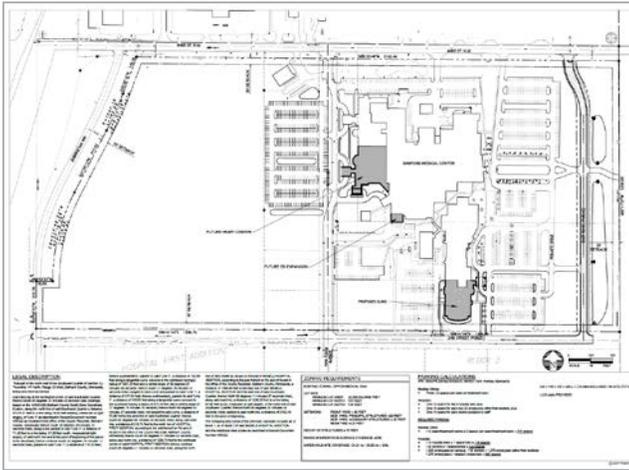
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Northern Township – V-16-31.00682.00: Northwoods Lumber is requesting two (2) variances. The first variance being requested is a five (5) foot setback variance for an after-the-fact installation of a septic drain field placed fifteen (15) feet from a structure, as well as a variance for a sixty-five (65) foot setback for the after-the-fact installation of a septic drain field placed ten (10) feet from a wetland within the Sensitive Overlay Area. Northwoods Lumber is located at 5102 HWY 71 N in a General Commercial District (B2) in Northern Township.



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PUD-17-80.05081.00 – Sanford Medical is requesting CONCEPT approval of a Planned Unit Development for their medical campus located at 1300 Anne Street. This primary parcel is 80.05081.00. Additional parcels as part of the application include: 80.00469.00, 80.00470.01, 80.04727.00, 80.04728.00, 80.04729.00, 80.04730.00, 80.04731.00, 80.04732.00, 80.04733.00, 80.04734.00, 80.04735.00, 80.04735.01, 80.04736.00, 80.04737.00, 80.04738.00.



Development Projects

Bemidji Chrysler Center
 Culvers
 Med Express (Old Bowling Alley)
 Cenex Gas Station/Car Wash/A&W
 Red Barn Estates
 Great Western Properties
 Holiday Store Redevelopment
 Cedar Pointe Multi Family
 Center City Housing Multi Family
 University Heights
 Toyota
 First Assembly Church
 Lazy Jacks
 South Beach Apartments – Pace Project
 South Shore Crossing– Icon Project – Condos

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Comprehensive Plan

JPB staff has continued to make great strides in developing the comprehensive plan. The fourth Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for the middle of January. This fourth meeting will be for review of the previous objectives and strategies that were developed for these final chapters from prior sub-committees. JPB staff will finalize recommendations for the plan.

- ➔ **Chapter 10: Sustainability** is a broad and enduring concept (ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just) that will be summarized as to how it involves all aspects of the Greater Bemidji Area operations, business decisions and daily life.
- ➔ **Chapter 11: Community Culture** provides an overview of the commitment by the residents and businesses to be a model community in hosting and promoting the arts, culture and events that will attract a wide range of people; and is conducive to both economic and community development.

Staff has been formalizing all final objectives and strategies and plugging them into a community action plan that will be utilized in the comprehensive plan. Staff still plans to meet the proposed July competition date.



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Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW)

The City of Bemidji and the Greater Bemidji Area recently was selected as one of five new communities from across the country to receive technical assistance under a national program that helps reduce future wildfire risk and costs.

As cities and counties across the country are experiencing the devastating impacts from wildfire, the CPAW program offers much-needed support at the local level. Through CPAW, City of Bemidji and the Greater Bemidji Area will collaborate with a team of consultants, including land use planners, foresters, and risk mapping experts, to develop wildfire planning and regulatory strategies.

CPAW is a partnership between Wildfire Planning International and Headwaters Economics, two organizations dedicated to working with communities to develop and implement local planning measures to reduce wildfire risk.

On January 31st and February 1st, CPAW Representatives will be in Bemidji for a site tour and a kick-off stakeholder meeting. Day 1 will consist of a quick kick-off meeting with the CPAW Representatives followed by a site tour of the Greater Bemidji Area. Day 2 will consist of a stakeholder meeting compiled of key individuals/groups who will be part of the ongoing engagement of the CPAW program.

Upcoming JPB/JPC Meetings

- JPC – January 11th
- JPC – January 26th
- JPB – February 8th
- JPC – February 23rd
- JPB – March 8th
- JPC – March 23rd
- JPB – April 12th
- JPC – April 27th
- JPB – May 10th