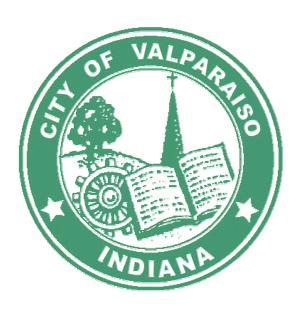
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EAST ANNEXATION FISCAL PLAN

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SUBJECT: 06-A-03 – Patko LLC – Request to annex property known as East

Annexation, Washington Township (Section 8, T35N, R5W)

DATE: April 20, 2006

The Planning and Building Department and the Clerk/Treasurer, Sharon Emerson-Swihart prepared this fiscal plan, with the cooperation and assistance from the following departments:

Engineering Department Fire Department Park and Recreation Department

Police Department Public Works Department Utilities Department

This report contains projected revenues and expenditures as well as a description of services to be provided to the newly annexed area, as required by law. While the City is committed to providing services in the same manner as similar areas within the city limits, dollar figures presented are estimates and are subject to some change. Variations are dependent upon the rate and extent of future development, future property assessments, and changes in the cost of providing services. Since this is a developing area, revenues and costs have been estimated based on a forecasted buildout of the areas in the proposed annexation. Assumptions were made with respect to assessed valuation and were based on estimates from developers of the property or existing comparable values. This report also assumes that property will develop substantially in accordance with the City of Valparaiso Growth Management Plan.

POLICY FOR PROVISION OF CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL SERVICES

Non-Capital Services

As required by IC 36-4-3-13 (d) (4), all non-capital services of the City including police protection, fire protection, street and road maintenance, and all other non-capital services normally provided within the corporate limits of the City of Valparaiso, will be provided to the annexed territory within one (1) year after the effective date of the annexation and they will be provided in a manner equivalent in standard and scope to those non-capital services provided to areas within the corporate boundaries regardless of similar topography, patterns of land use, and population density.

Capital Services

As required by IC 36-4-3-13 (d) (4), all capital services of the City including street construction, street lighting, sewer facilities, water facilities, and stormwater facilities will be provided to the annexed territory within three (3) years after the effective date of the annexation and they will be provided in a manner equivalent in standard and scope to those capital services provided to areas within the corporate boundaries regardless of similar topography, patterns of land use, and population density in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws, procedures, and planning criteria.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

The area included in this annexation consists of property located in Washington Township east of the current city limits. The land is generally located along the east side of State Road 49 between County Roads 500 North (Burlington Beach Road) and 400 North (Vale Park Road), more particularly described as the following:

See attached description

Development Summary

Total Acreage 299 acres (0.47 Square Miles)

Residential Acreage 164 acres (340 SFR estimated, 3 existing residences)

Commercial Acreage 135 acres (including State ROW)

(50 businesses estimated, 1 existing residence)

Percent Contiguous 26%

Existing Zoning (County) R3 (Residences, Multi-Family), RR (Rural Residential)

Proposed Zoning OP (Office/Professional Park), R1 (Single Family Residential)

Nearly all of the East Annexation area is undeveloped. Four single-family residences along County Road 500 North have been included in the annexation proposal.

The development proposal for the undeveloped annexation area includes the creation of a professional office development with support services and amenities along the State Road 49 corridor. This development is intended to complement the professional offices planned for Executive Park located along the west side of State Road 49. Together, the two developments will create an attractive, professional northern gateway into the City. Also planned for the annexation area is a single-family neighborhood to be designed to take advantage of the natural features of the land and to appropriately transition from the professional uses into the built environment. The proposal is consistent with the City of Valparaiso Growth Management Plan.

Contiguity

The northeast annexation area is 26% contiguous to the existing City limits.

Population Density

The estimated density of the annexation area is approximately 2.1 homes per acre for the residential component of the development. The estimated population at proposed buildout is 858 persons (2.5 per dwelling unit average).

"Needed & Can Be Used"

The East Annexation area is 'needed and can be used by the City for its development' at this time. The City of Valparaiso has taken steps to demonstrate this need and the intent to annex this land in the form of adopted city planning documents such as the Growth Management Plan. As the plans indicate, the areas included in this annexation are of vital importance to the positive development of the City as it continues to grow in the future. The inclusion of these areas within the city limits is crucial to protecting the character of the City, including existing commercial areas and downtown.

City Established Planning Jurisdiction/Influence

In agreement with Porter County government, any time a development is proposed that lies outside the official corporate boundaries of the City of Valparaiso, and the developer is seeking connection to municipal utilities the project is required to go through a joint city-county site review/TAC process. In this petition, the developers wish to proceed with the planning of the development simultaneously to the annexation of the land.

City of Valparaiso Growth Management Plan (2000)

The Growth Management Plan is a component of the Valparaiso Comprehensive Plan. The plan identifies the future land use goals for the areas outside of the corporate limits that the City sees as within its sphere of influence, and will eventually annex. Furthermore, the areas included in the plan are closely tied to the corporate boundaries, and thus more accurately describe the limits of the Valparaiso "community". The plan details future land use goals within the East Annexation area. It indicates that the majority of area falls within a five-year annexation boundary. A portion of the area planned for residential development extends into the ten-year annexation boundary.

Council District

It is recommended that the annexation area be assigned to the 5th Councilmanic District.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUES

Property-Based Tax Revenues

The principal source of revenue for the City is through local property tax. True Tax Valuations (TTV) are based on information provided by the Porter County Auditor's Office. The 2004 payable in 2005 City net tax rate of .607354/100 TTV will be used for revenue estimates. This net rate is arrived at by taking the total state certified tax rate of .8411 and subtracting the percentage attributed to PTRF% of .233746 (Property Tax Replacement Factor).

Total True Tax Value

Existing (Land and Improvements): \$842,100.00* Proposed Development: \$211,050,000.00**

City Net Tax Rate .607354/100 TTV

Total property tax revenue

Existing (Land and Improvements): \$5,115.00* Proposed Development: \$1,281,821.00**

Product Type and Average Value (AV) – Proposed Residential

SFR, Type 1	\$220,000.00 AV X 130 lots = \$28,600,000.00
SFR, Type 2	\$200,000.00 AV X 110 lots = \$22,000,000.00
SFR, Type 3	\$180,000.00 AV X 100 lots = \$18,000,000.00
TOTAL	340 lots = \$68,600,000.00
	<u>+ open space \$450,000.00</u>
	\$69,050,000.00

Product Type and Average Value – Proposed Commercial

<u>Professional Commercial Office Development = \$142,000,000.00</u> TOTAL Professional Development = \$142,000,000.00

Total Estimated Annual Tax Revenues (Property)

\$1,281,821.00

^{*} Projected revenue and values of land and improvements are based on current assessed values. **Projected revenue and values of land and improvements are based on expected average values. According to the developers, the expected buildout of the undeveloped land is within one to ten years of commencement.

Population-Based Tax Revenues

Another method by which various City functions are funded is population-based tax revenues. These revenues are paid in various ways, including through individual paycheck deductions and through the purchase of products such as cigarettes and alcohol. Revenues are also available to the City by State distribution through riverboat gaming revenues in locations throughout Indiana. It is reasonable to assume that as the City's population grows, including by way of annexation, that the City stands to benefit from the additional tax revenue from these sources. It is important to note that these revenues are based on population as certified by a decennial census or special census only, and do not automatically adjust annually. The following describes the population based tax revenues the City may collect. The City is eligible for increases to these funds based on the upcoming 2010 Census, or upon an accepted special census.

CEDIT Funds

CEDIT Funds, or County Economic Development Income Taxes otherwise known as EDIT funds, are collected via individual paycheck deductions or personal income tax, and may be used for funding projects or other activities or programs considered to be related to economic development. The current EDIT tax rate is 0.25% of total personal income. Any increase in population is a direct positive influence on the amount of EDIT funding available for the municipality. The city currently collects \$1.4 Million annually in EDIT funds. This annexation will result in the collection of additional EDIT funds distributed to the City based on a rate of \$31.00 per capita (City is currently 18.68% of county population), at an annual estimate of \$26,598.00 from the addition of the proposed 340 homes and four existing residences based on a median family income of \$66,457 per household for Center Township Unincorporated from the 2000 Census.

Cigarette Tax and ABC Gallonage Tax Revenues

Like CEDIT funds, cigarette tax and ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission) Gallonage Tax revenues are collected and distributed by the State based on city population. These funds are determined by the total cigarette and alcohol sales in the State and the distribution to cities proportionally based on a formula including total population. Based on the estimated population numbers in this annexation (approximately 850), the city should expect to generate an increase in funds in annual cigarette taxes based on a formula of a total \$4.43 per capita or an estimated \$3,801.00 increase from the proposed 340 homes and four existing residences. Alcohol tax revenues generated by the annexation based on a formula of \$2.01 per capita are estimated to be an additional \$1,725.00.

Riverboat Gaming Fund revenues

Riverboat gaming money is a method of funding for communities that are located within a county that does not contain a casino, and therefore is less likely to derive direct financial benefit from a casino. This money is distributed to municipalities by the State, and is based on population of the municipality. Communities receiving this money may use it as they wish, and its use is subject to Council appropriation and approval. Currently, the City of Valparaiso receives \$172,000.00 in Riverboat gaming money from the State. This annexation and the population increase should result in additional

money to the City. It is estimated that this annexation could result in an increase of **\$5380.00** from the addition of the proposed 340 homes and four existing residences based on current population ratios.

Vehicle Excise Tax

Based on a formula of \$100.00 per new or transfer vehicle registration, this annexation is expected to generate an additional **\$68,800.00** in revenue to the City.

Other Income Tax revenues (future)

Other income tax revenue possibilities exist, including either CAGIT or COIT but not both. These funding mechanisms are also distributed based on population if they are collected. CAGIT stands for County Adjusted Gross Income Tax and is collected through personal paycheck deductions then redistributed by the State, and COIT, or County Option Income Tax is a second option collected in the same manner.

Other State Distributed Revenues

Local Road and Streets

Based on a formula of \$2,761.48 per mile (LRS receipts divided by 120 certified lane miles in City), this annexation is expected to generate an additional **\$13,807.00** in LRS funds.

Motor Vehicle Highway

Based on a formula of \$7,200.86 per mile (MVH receipts divided by 120 certified lane miles in City), this annexation is expected to generate an additional **\$36,004.00** in MVH funds.

Total Estimated Annual Tax Revenues (Population)

\$155,915.00

TOTAL Estimated Annual Tax Revenues (All Sources)

\$1,437,736.00

Utility-Based Revenues

The following utility-based revenues are not part of the general fund or civil city budget, and are derived from sewer and water monthly billing for user fees. The total revenues generated from these fees are based upon total buildout of the development.

Minimum Annual Water Revenues

Residential (340 SFR estimated, 4 existing residences)

\$13.02/month minimum (0.75" meter) per residence (\$156.24/year) \$53,746.56

Commercial (50 businesses estimated)

\$27.30/month minimum (1" meter) per business (\$327.60/year) \$16,380.00

TOTAL Minimum Annual Water Revenues \$70,126.56

Minimum Annual Sewer Revenues

Residential (340 SFR estimated, 4 existing residences)

\$11.35/month minimum (0.75" meter) per residence (\$136.20/year) \$46,852.80

Commercial (50 businesses estimated)

\$26.35/month minimum (1" meter) per business (\$316.20/year) \$15,810.00

TOTAL Minimum Annual Sewer Revenues \$62,662.80

Total Estimated Annual Revenues (Utilities)

\$132,789.36

Garbage Collection Fee

The current \$9.00 per month per property garbage collection fee brings the City \$108.00 annually per property. The proposed 340 residential properties and four existing residences will bring the City a total of **\$37,152** annually. Commercial buildings will use private collection services.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUES

\$1,607,677.00

ESTIMATED ONE-TIME REVENUES

Utility Connection Revenues

These revenues are generated at the time a particular property is connected to the municipal sewer and water systems. The total revenues generated from these fees are based upon total buildout of the development. Each home and business will connect upon occupancy of the units as they are developed.

Water Connection Fees

Residential (340 SFR estimated, 4 existing residences) \$1300 minimum per principal structure (1" service)	\$447,200.00		
Commercial (50 businesses estimated) \$1300 minimum per principal structure (1" service)	\$65,000.00		
TOTAL Minimum Water Connection Revenue	\$512,200.00		
Sewer Connection Fees			
Residential (340 SFR estimated, 4 existing residences) \$2024 minimum per principal structure (1" service)	\$696,256.00		
Commercial (50 businesses estimated) \$3238 minimum per principal structure (1" service)	\$161,900.00		
TOTAL Minimum Sewer Connection Revenue	\$858,156.00		
Total Minimum One-time Revenues (Utilities)	\$1,370,356.00		
Building and Engineering Permit Fees			
Residential (340 SFR estimated) \$694 per average 2500 square foot home	\$235,960.00		
Commercial (50 businesses estimated) \$2464 per average 8000 square foot structure	\$123,200.00		
Total Minimum One-time Revenues (Permit Fees)	\$359,160.00		

Recreation Impact Fee

The City currently has a recreation impact fee of \$931.00 per new residential unit. The proposed 340 homes in this annexation will bring the City **\$316,540.00** over the course of development of the areas included in the annexation.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ONE-TIME REVENUES

\$2,046,056.00

ANTICIPATED ANNUAL COSTS AND IMPACT ON CITY SERVICES

Administrative Services

Administrative functions of the City, including Mayor's Office, Clerk-Treasurer, Economic Development, Human Resources, Project Management, and Information Technology, and Legal services affected by this annexation will be handled with current staffing levels and resources funded by the current and future City General Fund revenues generated by the tax levy.

Inspection Services

Zoning, building, and engineering inspection services within this annexation area are capable of being handled by the present staff of inspectors and with current levels of resources. These services will be provided upon the effective date of annexation. The additional fees generated will offset added costs for additional inspections generated.

Refuse Collection

Trash and recycling pick up for residential properties is the responsibility of the city and will be provided by the City of Valparaiso Solid Waste Department within one year of the effective date of annexation. The current waste collection and recycling cost to the city is \$238.10 annually per property based on dividing the 2006 budget of \$1,768,856 including vehicle maintenance of \$216,585.30 by the number of homes serviced (7,429). Therefore, the anticipated cost to the city will be **\$81,906.40** annually within ten years of annexation for operational costs.

Based on a standard of maintaining a current level of service (1 employee per 248 homes) and current service thresholds, it is estimated that this annexation will require the addition of one (1) employee, a driver within ten years of annexation for a total annual salary of \$41,766.00.

Based on current levels of service (one truck per 929 homes), it is estimated that this annexation will not require the purchase of a truck for a total equipment cost of **\$0** for equipment.

The annexation area's 344 homes will require new trash carts at a cost of \$50.00 each for a total cost of **\$17,200.00**.

These costs will be handled by way of additional general fund tax revenues generated by the annexation area with collection anticipated to begin in Spring 2008.

The total annual cost to the City for refuse collection for this annexation is \$140,872.40 upon buildout.

Police Protection

Police protection will be furnished by the Valparaiso Police Department within one year of the effective date of annexation as required by law. For the purposes of estimating the number of calls expected in the annexation area the number of calls (9) to a similar neighborhood (Windsor Park) is used for comparison of the residential section. With 344 homes, the residential section is expected to generate 27 calls. The estimated cost to the city at buildout is \$3,357.45 for the residential section. For the purposes of comparison, Eastport Centre with 41 lots will be used to calculate the office and commercial section of the development. In 2005, Eastport Centre generated 42 calls, so the anticipated cost for providing service to the office and commercial section of the development is based on an expected 52 calls is \$6,466.20 annually. This results in total annual costs of \$9,823.65 for the provision of police service to the annexation area. This figure is calculated by dividing the total 2005 Police Department Budget of \$2,920,579 by the number of calls in 2004 (23,486), for a value of \$124.35 per call.

In order to maintain high levels of service, it will be necessary to add staffing and equipment to cover the proposed growth in the annexation area over the next ten years. The projected population upon buildout for this area is 860 persons. Based on recommended FBI and Criminal Justice Department staffing levels of 2.1 officers per 1000 persons, and the addition of 50 businesses to the area it will be necessary to add a total of two (2) officers to the Valparaiso Police Force over that period. The current total salary, benefits, and equipment (including vehicle lease based on 5 year payout) package per non-probationary officer is \$61,046 per year or a total of \$122,092.00 for two officers.

The ultimate cost for providing police service to this area within ten years is **\$131,915.65** annually upon buildout.

Fire Protection Services

Fire protection will be furnished by the Valparaiso Fire Department within one year of the effective date of annexation as required by law. The annexation area will be served by station two located on Vale Park Road at Cumberland Drive. The area is estimated to produce approximately 3 calls per year based on calls received within a comparison neighborhood, Windsor Park which received one call in 2005. The annual cost is anticipated to be \$3,930.99 per year at buildout for the residential section of the development. For the purposes of comparison, Eastport Centre with 41 lots will be used to calculate the office and commercial section of the development. In 2005, Eastport Centre generated 2 calls, so the anticipated cost for providing service to the office and commercial section of the development is \$3,930.99 annually based on 3 calls. This figure is calculated by dividing the total 2005 Fire Department Budget of \$2,568,243 by the number of calls in 2004 (1,960), for a value of \$1,310.33 per call.

The ultimate cost for providing fire service to this area within ten years is \$7,861.98 annually upon buildout.

Street and Road Maintenance

Street maintenance, street reconstruction, snowplowing, and similar services will be provided by the Street Department. The annexation will result in the addition of approximately 5.8 centerline miles to the City street system, including approximately eight-tenths (0.8) mile of existing county Road 500 North, and five (5) miles of roads internal to the development. Currently there are 120 State certified centerline miles in the city. The annual maintenance cost per mile is \$14,288. This will result in an additional annual maintenance cost of **\$82,870.40** upon buildout. This value is based on a formula in which the 2005 Motor Vehicle Highway Budget of \$1,497,983 plus \$216,585 in annual maintenance costs or a total of \$1,714,568 is divided by the 120 existing certified miles in the City.

The annual cost of road surface replacement based on a 15-year resurfacing schedule is \$100,188 per centerline mile per year. With 5.8 centerline miles included at a total of \$581,090.40 divided by a 15-year replacement schedule, the road replacement cost is \$38,739.36 annually upon buildout.

The yearly cost of salt for 5.8 centerline miles is based on a cost of \$41.62 per ton. Requiring 41.66 tons per mile, the cost to the city would be approximately **\$10,056.56** annually upon buildout.

Based on a standard of maintaining a current level of service (1 employee per 7.1 centerline miles) and current service thresholds, it is estimated that this annexation will require the addition of 0.7 (1) employee, a laborer, at an estimated annual salary of \$36,640.00 for the maintenance of roadways upon buildout.

Based on current levels of service, no additional street department trucks will be needed based on this annexation.

These costs will be handled by way of additional general fund tax revenues generated by the annexation area with collection anticipated to begin in Spring 2008.

In total, the overall cost to the City for streets and roads for this annexation is **\$168,306.32** annually upon buildout.

TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS FOR SERVICES

\$448,667.95

ANTICIPATED ONE-TIME COSTS

Water Utility Service

The Valparaiso City Utilities owns and operates the water department that will serve this area with potable water. The policy of the Valparaiso City Utilities with respect to water service is and shall be to provide areas within the city with access to city potable water. However, this "access" does not include direct connection and/or construction of water lines in front of every residence and business. Valparaiso City Utilities will construct water lines for new developments at the expense of the developer. In the case of off site water mains for such developments, Valparaiso City Utilities will allow the developer to recoup off site water main expenses from those who directly connect to said off site water main¹.

Municipal water service is available to the annexation area at this time via a main on County Road 500 North (Burlington Beach Road) west of State Road 49. The developers will provide water infrastructure to and throughout the development at their cost. The homes and businesses will connect upon occupancy of the units as they are developed. The city cost of providing water service to this area is **\$0**.

Sewer Utility Service

The Valparaiso City Utilities owns and operates the water reclamation department that will serve this area with sanitary sewers. The policy of the Valparaiso City Utilities with respect to sewer service is and shall be to provide areas within the city with access to city sewer. However, this "access" does not include direct connection and/or construction of sewer lines in front of every residence and business. Valparaiso City Utilities will construct sewer lines for new developments at the expense of the developer. In the case of off-site sewer mains for such developments, Valparaiso City Utilities will allow the developer to recoup off-site sewer main expenses from those who directly connect to said off site sewer main.²

Municipal sanitary sewer service is available at this time to the site. Both the utility and city engineer are reviewing the location of the new lift station. The developers will provide extension of the sewer utility to and throughout the development at their cost. The homes and businesses will connect upon occupancy of the units as they are developed. The city cost of providing water service to this area is **\$0**.

TOTAL One-Time Costs (Utilities)

\$0

¹ Assessment will include one-half of the cost of the off-site main for the frontage of the connector's frontage. Reimbursement period is limited to 10 years.

² A developer may be given a sewer reimbursement district contract in order to recoup the costs of the off-site sewer expenses. The City Engineering Dept. will determine the amount of area, which could reasonably connect directly and/or indirectly into the said off-site sewer and create a district. District fees will be calculated by the Engineering Dept. for said district.

Parks and Recreation

The proposed annexation will result in the need for additions to existing City recreation facilities and will necessitate the addition of a new City parks and additional links to the city pathway system. Based on accepted community standards from the recreation impact fee process, expected needs for this area are as follows:

Land Needs – 24 AC/1000 persons – Currently developed, 10 persons = 0.24 Acres (\$7200.00). Total residential buildout proposed, 860 persons = 20.64 Acres (\$619,200.00)

It is anticipated that impact fees will pay for 51% of the land needs due to growth and annexation based on impact fee ordinance standards and the remaining 49% of land costs will be covered by a combination of the Valparaiso Parks Foundation and other benefactors.

Capital Outlay Needs –1 Mile of Pathway = \$200,000 – 1 mile/2,000 - Total Capital Outlay Needs - \$200,000.00

It is anticipated that the pathways needs for the annexation (one mile) will be paid by developers as part of development agreements or via foundation sources or other benefactors.

Total One-time Costs (Parks and Recreation**)

\$619,200.00

TOTAL ONE-TIME COSTS

\$619,200.00

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Location

The area included in this annexation consists of property located in Washington Township east of the current city limits. The land is generally located along the east side of State Road 49 between County Roads 500 North (Burlington Beach Road) and 400 North (Vale Park Road), more particularly described as the following:

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Existing Zoning (County) R3 (Residences, Multi-Family), RR (Rural Residential)

Proposed Zoning OP (Office/Professional Park), R1 (Single Family Residential)

The proposed annexation complies with the following criteria:

- (1) Ability to meet State contiguity requirements

 The area is 26% contiguous to the corporate limits of the City, exceeding the minimum 12.5% contiguity requirement of the State annexation law.
- (2) Infrastructure capacities and feasibility of provision of services
 The extension of utilities will be at the cost of the developer.
- (3) Exploration of cost/benefit ratio through a detailed fiscal plan

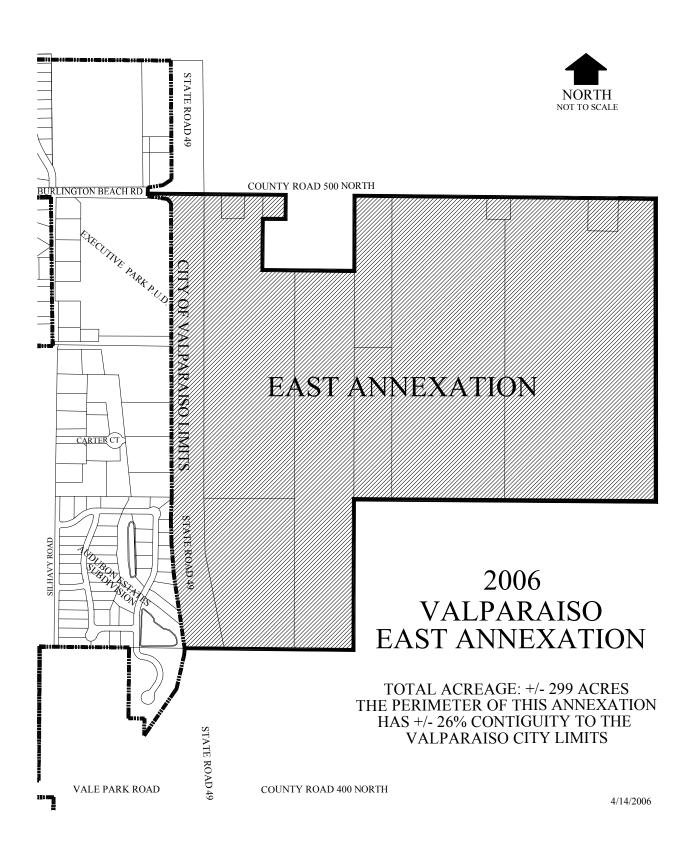
 The area has an acceptable cost/benefit ratio for buildout of the development as proposed.

Estimated Revenues		<u>Anticipated Costs</u>	
Annual	\$1,607,677.00	Annual \$448,667.95	
One-Time	\$2,046,056.00	One-Time \$619,200.00	
TOTAL	\$3,653,733.00	TOTAL \$1,067,867.95	

- (4) Undeveloped areas in close proximity to existing City limits

 The annexation area is currently unimproved. The area will provide opportunities for commercial growth and increased homeownership, goals of the City of Valparaiso Annexation Policy.
- (5) Importance of control of entrances to the city

 The annexation area is strategically important to the City's priorities and goals. It will complete the southern half of the Route 49/Burlington Beach Road Regional Gateway.



PROPOSED EAST ANNEXATION LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the Northeast Quarter, the Northwest Quarter, and the Southwest Quarter in Section 8, and part of the Southeast Quarter and Southwest Quarter in Section 5, all in Township 35 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Porter County, Indiana, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 8; thence Southerly on and along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, a distance of 2654.44 feet to the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence Westerly on and along South line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, a distance of 2655.50 feet to the Center of said Section 8; thence Southerly on and along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 8, a distance of 1321.36 feet to the Southeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter Section; thence Westerly on and along the South line of the North Half of said Southwest Quarter, a distance of 1483 feet, more or less to the southwest corner of a tract of land described to the State of Indiana in Deed Record 337, page 344 in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana; thence on and along the westerly right-of-way of State Road 49 as described in said Deed Record 337, page 344, Deed Record 337, page 505, and Deed Record 337, page 202 all in said Office of the Recorder the following six courses and distances: Northerly, a distance of 157.58 feet; thence Northerly on and along a curve having a radius of 5874.58 feet and a chord length of 1053.79 feet, an arc length of 1055.21 feet; thence Northerly, a distance of 2697.72 feet; thence Northwesterly, a distance of 69.82 feet; thence Westerly, a distance of 100.12 feet; thence Northwesterly, a distance of 52.20 feet to the northwesterly corner of said tract of land described in Deed Record 337, page 202; thence Northerly on and along an east line of a tract of land described to 214 East County Road 500 North, LLC in Document Number 2002-003266 in said Office of the Recorder, a distance of 20.00 feet to the intersection with the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 8; thence Easterly on and along the North line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 24.53 feet to the southeasterly corner of a tract of land described to Loren Johnson and Patricia Johnson in Deed Record 330, page 397 in said Office of the Recorder; thence Northerly on and along the east line of said Johnson tract a distance of 35.00 feet to the westerly corner of a 0.104 acre tract described to the State of Indiana in Deed Record 339, page 316 in said Office of the Recorder; thence Easterly on and along a northerly line of said 0.104 acre tract, a distance of 126.43 feet to a corner of said 0.104 acre tract; thence Northeasterly on and along a northerly line of said 0.104 acre tract, a distance of 71.33 feet to the northeasterly corner of said 0.104 acre tract; thence Easterly passing through a 7.511 acre tract described to the State of Indiana in Deed Record 341, page 540 in said Office of the Recorder, a distance of 281 feet, more or less, to a corner of said 7.511 acre tract; thence Southeasterly on and along a northerly line of said 7.511 acre tract, a distance of 63.65 feet to a corner of said 7.511 acre tract; thence Easterly on and along a northerly line of said 7.511 acre tract, a distance of 101.98 feet to the southeasterly corner of said 7.511 acre tract; thence Easterly on and along the northerly right-of-way line of County Road 500 North, a distance of 3814 feet, more or less, to the intersection with the East line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5; thence Southerly on and along the East line of Southeast Quarter of said Section 5, a distance of 20 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 35 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Porter County, Indiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 8, thence Westerly on and along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, a distance of 2647.38 feet to the North Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence South on and along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 8, a distance of 20 feet to the south right-of-way line of County Road 500 North, and being the point of beginning of this description; thence Westerly on and along the south right-of-way line of said County Road 500 North, a distance of 663.7 feet, more or less to the intersection with a west line of a 10.82 acre tract described to Loren L. Johnson and Patricia Johnson in Document Number 2004-007242 in said Office of the Recorder; thence on and along the lines of said 10.82 acre tract the following five courses and distances: Southerly, a distance of 190 feet; thence Westerly, a distance of 140 feet; thence Southerly, a distance of 450 feet; thence Easterly, a distance of 808.71 feet; thence Northerly, a distance of 640.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing after said exception approximately 299 acres, more or less.