

September 21, 2020

Mayor John Haila
City of Ames
515 Clark Ave.
Ames, IA 50010

RE: Prairie View Industrial Center zoning

Mayor Haila,

I write to you respectfully asking the City of Ames to proceed with the rezoning of the 1,300+ acre corridor, on East Lincoln Way, known as Prairie View Industrial Center. My desire is that this area would move from an agriculture zoning classification to something flexible and suitable for industrial development. Through a partnership of the Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC), Alliant Energy, and the City of Ames, this area is proving to be very unique as we talk to prospective industry.

What makes this corridor of industrial land most attractive is that it has been classified as a Certified Site by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. A Certified Site ensures that the approvals are in place for a project to mobilize quickly. This allows for greater predictability and eliminates time from the overall approval process, which ultimately allows for a business to be under construction, and ultimately in operation more rapidly. Projects are won and lost by which community can make the process more seamless. Putting the requisite zoning in place will help us do that.

Most important is making sure the area is zoned to allow for the types of industries this area will attract. Zoning that will allow for industrial opportunities that align with the attributes of the property is what is desired. It is with this in mind that I respectfully ask the City of Ames to mobilize and assign the zoning that will allow for growing and expanding industries to locate in our community.



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The board of directors of the AEDC appreciates the partnership we have and asks that this re-zoning be made a high priority by the City of Ames to ensure that the proper zoning is in place no later than the close of 2020. We are firm, in our belief, that once the sewer and water is deployed, we will be entertaining opportunities that create significant investment and meaningful employment opportunities for our community.

Please feel free to let me know how we can assist in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel A. Culhane', written in a cursive style.

Daniel A. Culhane, President & CEO
Ames Economic Development Commission

CC: Chuck Winkleblack, Chair, AEDC
Scott Dryzcimski, Alliant Energy