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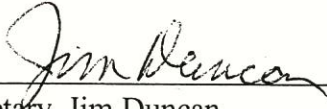
RECOMMENDATION OF THE
URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
OF LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

IN RE: ZOTA 2016-1: AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 7, 23, AND 26 FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Articles 7, 23, and 26 to strengthen oversight by the Urban County Board of Adjustment for the protection of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) within the community.

Having considered the above matter on **June 9, 2016**, at a Public Hearing and having voted **8-3** that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend **APPROVAL** of this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment will help to guide the Board of Adjustment in their review of conditional use permit applications, specifically for properties that may be environmentally sensitive and could be impacted by a future land use, and will strengthen the Board's oversight of our environmentally sensitive land in Fayette County.
2. The 2013 Comprehensive Plan's Goals and Objectives related to protection of environmentally sensitive land are advanced by implementing the proposed text amendments. If approved, the Board of Adjustment will be able to assist in promoting the protection of natural features and landscapes prior to development (Theme A, Goal #3c. and Theme B, Goal #3a.); reducing the community's carbon footprint (Theme B, Goal #1); encouraging environmentally sustainable uses of natural resources (Theme B, Goal #1b.); and protecting and enhancing the natural, cultural, historic, and environmental resources of the Rural Service Area and rural farmland (Theme E, Goal #2b.).
3. The proposed text amendment will correct outdated references to the Land Subdivision Regulations as it relates to environmentally sensitive areas and geologic hazard areas.

ATTEST: This 24th day of June, 2016.



Secretary, Jim Duncan

MIKE OWENS
CHAIR

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by **Traci Wade, AICP, Division of Planning.**

OBJECTIONS

OBJECTORS

VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: (8) Berkley, Brewer, Mundy, Owens, Penn, Plumlee, Smith, Wilson

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Cravens, Richardson, Drake

ABSTAINED: (0)

DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for **Approval** of **ZOTA 2016-1** carried.

Enclosures: Application
Recommended Text
Staff Report
Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting