



June 1, 2012

Dear WEDC Site Certification Agent:

This letter is in support of the proposed site certification application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for the area defined as the East Park Commerce Center. Approximately 760 acres of land makes up the East Park Commerce Center, which lies east of Interstate 39, south of State Highway 10, and north of County Road HH, abutting the City of Stevens Point to the west and the Village of Plover to the south.

The area outlined above has been extensively examined within the City of Stevens Point's Comprehensive Plan and established as a definite growth area. Furthermore, the use of the extraterritorial area has been planned to accommodate business and industry.

The success of the Portage County Business Park within the City of Stevens Point and adjacent to the proposed East Park Commerce Center, supports the goal to expand to the east. This area is supported with the necessary services and utilities, and there are little to no development constraints. One of our land use goals within our comprehensive plan is to:

Minimize conflicts between adjacent land uses. Encourage re-development and new development that is consistent and compatible with surrounding areas in buildable vacant areas of the City and areas that may be annexed into the City.

In this case, East Park Commerce Center minimizes conflicts between adjacent land uses and is consistent and compatible with surrounding areas, as it borders an existing business park and agricultural land. Furthermore, large scale retail exists to the south in the Village of Plover. It is important to note that the East Park Commerce Center meets many additional goals outlined within our comprehensive plan.

East Park Commerce Center is compatible and consistent with the City of Stevens Point's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. See the attached City Comprehensive Plan map, Map 8.7B. Furthermore, it supports the City's goal to create a safe, diverse, dynamic, and vibrant community by enhancing the living, working, and recreation choices for community residents and visitors. Therefore, we fully support the proposed East Park Commerce Center and the application to obtain WEDC site certification. We look forward to working with the WEDC in the second step of the application process and are very enthusiastic about providing the necessary information, as we are confident that the proposed East Park Commerce Center is a prime site for certification.

Sincerely,

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Andrew J. Halverson
Mayor
City of Stevens Point

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Michael R. Ostrowski
Director of Community Development
City of Stevens Point