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November 29, 2005

Mrs. Anne Marie Townshend
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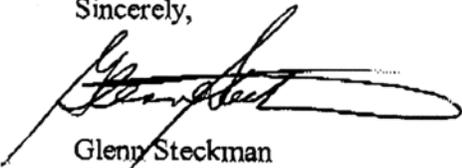
Dear Mrs. Townshend,

Please find enclosed the Town of Laurel's request to amend its "Growth and Annexation" boundaries as certified by the Governor's office in March of 2004. When Laurel originally proposed its boundaries, the town had had virtually no growth in the last ten years. In fact, less than seven percent of our housing stock was less than seven years old.

With the town proceeding forward with construction of a new wastewater plant and development pressure from the eastern part of Sussex County, the Town has a clearer picture where growth is planning to take place. As part of the amendment request, the Town proposes to shift approximately 510 acres of proposed growth and annexation area to another portion of town. We are not proposing enlarging the foot print for development, but simply reconfiguring the foot print.

The Town is requesting to be placed on your December 28, 2005 agenda for discussion, and hopefully approval. If you have any questions, please call me at 302-875-2277. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Glenn Steckman
Town Manager

CC. Mayor and Council

**Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS)
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Date of Most Recently Certified Comprehensive Plan: March 29, 2004

Application Type:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment: X

Ordinance: _____

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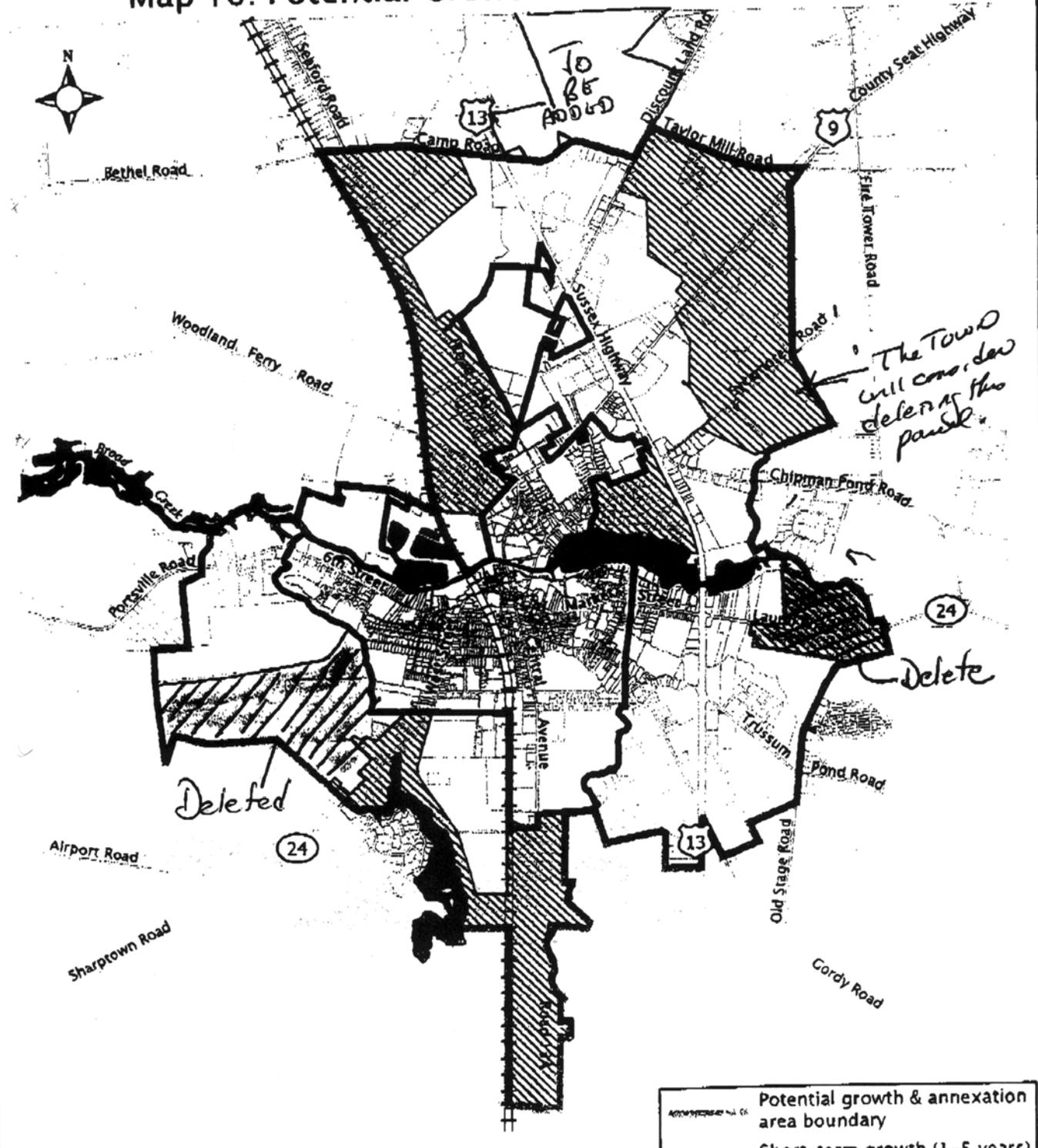
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Please describe the submission: The Town of Laurel is requesting to amend its growth and annexation boundaries. The Town proposes to add 510 acres of land in its Northeast and Eastern quadrants of its growth and annexation boundaries. The Town is also agreeable to amend out a similar amount of acreage. We do not plan to increase our footprint of growth merely reconfigure the footprint.

It should be noted that the larger of the two parcels, 480 acres, was asked to be included by the Mayor and Council in 2004 as a result of their final public hearing before adopting the comprehensive plan and forward to the Governor's office. The request to amend was turned down, unless the Town wished to begin the process anew on growth and annexation boundaries. The Mayor and Council believed it was in the best interest of the town to proceed to get the plan approved and to be in compliance with state law. The second parcel is 30 acres and is sandwiched in between an existing mobile home park (Shady Acres) and a housing development. Essentially, this is an infill development lot.

The Town is attaching maps on the proposed reconfiguration.

2004 Greater Laurel Comprehensive Plan Map 10: Potential Growth and Annexation Area



The Town will consider deletion of this parcel.

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Delete

TO BE ADDED

	Potential growth & annexation area boundary
	Short-term growth (1-5 years)
	Long-term growth (>5 years)
	Municipal boundary
	Railroad



Sources:
 Delaware Office of State Planning, 2002
 Sussex County, Dept. of Mapping and Addressing, 2002
 Prepared for the Town of Laurel, Delaware by
 Nu Associates and the Mapping Science Group
 at Salisbury University, January 2004.