

**URBAN RENEWAL PLAN**  
**STORY COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL AREA**  
**November 2011**  
***Amended October 2013***  
***Amended September 2014***  
***Amended October 2015***  
***Amended May 2016***  
***Amended September 2016***  
***Amended June 2017***  
***Amended August 2017***  
***Amended August 2018***  
***Amended October 2019***

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa* authorizes counties to establish areas within their boundaries known as "urban renewal areas," and to exercise special powers within these areas, including financing projects using property taxes generated from incremental property tax valuations.

County boards of supervisors may create "economic development" urban renewal areas. An economic development urban renewal area may be any area of a county, which has been designated by the board of supervisors as an area which is appropriate for commercial or industrial enterprises and in which the county seeks to encourage further development.

The process by which an economic development urban renewal area may be created begins with a finding by a board of supervisors that such an area needs to be established within the County. An urban renewal plan is then prepared for the area. The Board of Supervisors must hold a public hearing on the urban renewal plan, following which, the Board may approve the plan and may adopt a tax increment ordinance.

More than two dozen counties in Iowa have created economic development urban renewal areas in the last decade, and, more recently, a number of counties have created these areas primarily on the basis of the significant new taxable valuation that is related to the development of "wind farms."

This document is intended to serve as the Urban Renewal Plan for an urban renewal area in Story County, Iowa (the "County") to be known as the Story County Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"). The largest amount of new taxable valuation to be included in the Urban Renewal Area will be derived from the wind turbines located in Lincoln, Sherman, and Warren Townships, in the northeast portion of the County.

This document is an Urban Renewal Plan within the meaning of Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa*, and it sets out proposed projects to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area. It is also intended that this Urban Renewal Plan will guide the County in promoting economic development.

**II. PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA**

Using the authority in Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa*, the County Board of Supervisors has determined to include the following taxable property within the Urban Renewal Area:

1. Story Wind LLC and Garden Wind LLC wind farm turbine properties located in Lincoln, Sherman, and Warren Townships. (List of County tax parcel numbers attached as Exhibit A)
2. Demonstration wind turbine property located in Grant Township (County tax parcel

numbers 10-13-100-301 and 10-13-300-106)

3. Vetter Equipment property located at the intersection of Highway 30 and 590th Avenue (County parcel number 10-09-400-400)
4. Wind turbines as identified by the following County parcel numbers: 01-01-100-201; 01-01-100-101; 15-24-200-101; 04-05-100-101; 03-29-200-301; and 03-29-200-401.
5. Wind turbines as identified by the following County parcel numbers: 10-10-100-400, 10-10-100-400, 10-10-300-100, 10-16-200-200, 11-05-400-100, 13-27-300-200, 13-27-400-200 and 13-27-400-400.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors has determined to include the following property within the Urban Renewal Area on which projects will be constructed:

1. Dakins Lake County Park (County tax parcel number 04-16-400-125) including acquisition of additional adjoining property (County tax parcel number 04-16-400-105)
2. Right-of-way of Country Club Road from the Nevada city limits south to 260th Street.
3. One-quarter mile of 590th Avenue north of its intersection with Highway 30
4. City of Collins, Iowa – Proposed improvements to Collins Wellness Center for purchase and implementation of new scanner entry system; expansion of programs and services; and additional equipment purchases (County tax parcel number 16-21-160-575).
5. Colo-Nesco Community School District – Proposed construction of a community playground and park on three vacant lots located on the corner of N. Center Street and E. Cleveland Street (County tax parcel number 04-21-205-240).
6. City of Kelley, Iowa – Construct enclosure around post office boxes (County tax parcel number 09-32-474-600).
7. City of McCallsburg, Iowa – Water looping project throughout the community to help improve water quality for residents near existing dead ends, helps increase the flow of water, such as in cases of need for fire suppression, and also help create a secondary supply of water in cases where a water main line needs to be shut down in a certain area (such as a water main line break).
8. City of Roland, Iowa – Removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials on property located at 218 North Main Street. (County tax parcel number 02-14-360-340).
9. City of Zearing, Iowa – Building purchase and remodel and rehabilitation of building (County tax parcel number 04-21-254-335).
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23. City of Story City – South Park project.

24. Praeri Rail Trail Extension Planning and Construction.
25. Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor – Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 at the Iowa State University Research Park - Financing the design, construction and facilitation of certain improvements and other work to serve the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor as described in the approved "Agreement for Public Improvements and Other Work Pertaining to the Iowa State University Research Park Phase III" including:
  - Native vegetation and restoration within the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor
  - Limited amount of mowed greenspace within the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor
  - Trails generally as shown on Exhibit B, both within and outside of the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor
  - Bridges over streams and waterways
  - Stream/Channel restoration
  - Removal of invasive species and replacement with native species
  - Assisting in the design of storm water management and treatment features within the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor
  - Maintenance and management of storm water management and treatment features (from outlet of storm sewer service line from HUB Building to stream) within the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor
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A map showing the location of each of these properties is set out as Exhibit B.

### **III. URBAN RENEWAL AREA OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives of the Board of Supervisors in creating the Urban Renewal Area are to use incremental property tax revenues to finance public improvements that are intended to promote the quality of life for all residents of Story County and to encourage private investment and development that will lead to greater job retention, creation of new jobs, an increase in the tax base and the promotion of economic growth throughout the County.

### **IV. INITIAL PROJECTS**

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed a number of possible projects that would be consistent with the objectives set out above and has determined that the following projects could be undertaken effectively during the current fiscal year:

1. Improvements to Dakins Lake County Park, including acquisition of adjacent property
2. Construction of bike trail on Country Club Road from the Nevada city limits south to 260th Street
3. Paving one-quarter mile of 590th Avenue north of its intersection with Highway 30

### **V. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS**

The Board of Supervisors has reviewed a number of requests submitted during August 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 that would be consistent with the objectives set out above and has determined that the following projects could be undertaken effectively during the current fiscal year and fiscal year 2020:

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## **VI. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROCEDURES**

As part of the establishment of the Urban Renewal Area, the County will adopt an ordinance to designate certain taxable property within the Urban Renewal Area from which the property taxes generated from new private development may be used to pay costs of urban renewal projects, including construction of public improvements. The use of these tax revenues in this manner is known as tax increment financing ("TIF").

Depending on the date on which debt is initially certified, an original taxable valuation is established for the property that has been designated in the ordinance, which is known as the "base valuation." The "base valuation" is the assessed value of the taxable property in an Urban Renewal Area as of January 1 of the calendar year proceeding the calendar year in which the County first certifies the amount of any obligations payable from TIF revenues to be generated within that Urban Renewal Area. When the value of this taxable property increases by virtue of new construction or any other reason, the difference between the base valuation and the new property value is the "tax increment" or "incremental value."

It is expected that the County will incur debt that can be certified by December 1, 2011, which will result in establishing the base valuation of the property in the Urban Renewal Area as of January 1, 2010. For new properties added with amendments approved October 2013, it is expected that the County will incur debt that can be certified by December 1, 2013, which will result in establishing the base valuation of the property in the Urban Renewal Area as of January 1, 2012. For new properties added with amendments approved October 2015, it is expected that the County will incur debt that can be certified by December 1, 2015, which will result in establishing the base valuation of the property in the Urban Renewal Area as of January 1, 2014. For new properties added with amendments approved September 2016, it is expected that the County will incur debt that can be certified by December 1, 2016, which will result in establishing the base valuation of the property in the Urban Renewal Area as of January 1, 2015.

Procedurally, after tax increment debt has been incurred within an Urban Renewal Area, property taxes levied by the county, the school districts, townships and the area college against the incremental value, with the exception of taxes levied to repay debt incurred by those jurisdictions and the school district physical plant and equipment levy, are allocated by state law to the County's tax increment fund rather than to each jurisdiction. These new tax dollars are then used to repay any tax increment obligation incurred in the Urban Renewal Area.

## **VII. EFFECTIVE PERIOD**

This Urban Renewal Plan will become effective upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors and will remain in effect until it is repealed by the Board. The collection of incremental property tax revenues will be limited by state law to no more than twenty years following the fiscal year in which the first such revenues are collected.

## **VII. PLAN AMENDMENTS**

This Urban Renewal Plan may be amended in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa* in order to carry out any purposes consistent with Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa*, to add other taxable property that may produce incremental revenues

and to add projects that may be financed from incremental revenues.

### VIII. COUNTY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Chapter 403 of the *Code of Iowa* requires that any urban renewal plan include certain information about County general obligation debt, the legal ability to incur additional debt and the amount of proposed debt to be incurred that would be eligible to be paid from incremental property taxes. This chart shows that information for Story County and the Story County Urban Renewal Area (December 1, 2019).

Outstanding general obligation debt	\$815,000
Current constitutional debt limit	\$410,894,835
TIF debt incurred	\$4,959,800

This chart shows that information for Story County and the Story County Urban Renewal Area as amended (October 2019):

Outstanding general obligation debt	\$815,000
Current constitutional debt limit	\$410,894,835
Proposed TIF debt to be incurred	
Existing TIF debt	\$4,959,800

**EXHIBIT A**

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03-12-300-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	04-35-100-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
03-12-300-201	2	GARDEN WIND LLC	04-35-100-301	1	STORY WIND LLC
03-12-400-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	04-35-200-101	2	STORY WIND LLC
03-13-400-201	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	04-36-100-401	1	STORY WIND LLC
03-25-100-401	1	STORY WIND LLC	04-36-200-301	2	STORY WIND LLC
03-25-200-301	2	STORY WIND LLC	04-36-200-401	1	STORY WIND LLC
03-25-200-401	1	STORY WIND LLC	04-36-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-04-100-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-02-100-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-04-100-201	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-02-100-201	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-04-200-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-04-200-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-04-300-401	2	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-04-200-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-04-400-301	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-08-100-401	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-06-100-201	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-08-200-301	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-06-200-101	2	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-08-200-401	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-08-100-301	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-09-100-301	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-08-100-401	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-09-100-401	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-17-100-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-10-300-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-17-100-201	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-10-400-101	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-17-200-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-10-400-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-18-200-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-11-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-18-200-201	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-11-300-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-18-300-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-13-100-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-18-400-101	1	GARDEN WIND LLC	08-13-200-101	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-27-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-14-200-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-27-300-201	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-14-200-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-28-300-201	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-15-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-28-400-101	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-15-300-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-28-400-201	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-15-400-101	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-29-100-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-15-400-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-29-100-401	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-16-100-401	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-29-200-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-16-200-301	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-30-100-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-16-200-401	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-30-100-401	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-22-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-30-200-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-22-300-201	2	STORY WIND LLC

04-30-200-401	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-22-400-101	2	STORY WIND LLC
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04-31-200-426	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-25-400-201	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-32-100-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-26-300-101	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-32-100-401	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-26-300-201	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-32-200-301	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-26-400-106	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-32-200-401	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-26-400-126	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-33-300-106	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-26-400-226	1	STORY WIND LLC
04-33-300-206	2	STORY WIND LLC	08-35-200-301	2	STORY WIND LLC
04-34-400-101	1	STORY WIND LLC	08-36-200-301	2	STORY WIND LLC
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11-05-400-101	1	OPTIMUM WIND 7			
13-27-400-401	1	MICHELANGELO 3			

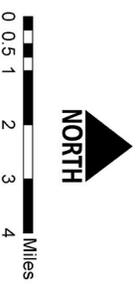
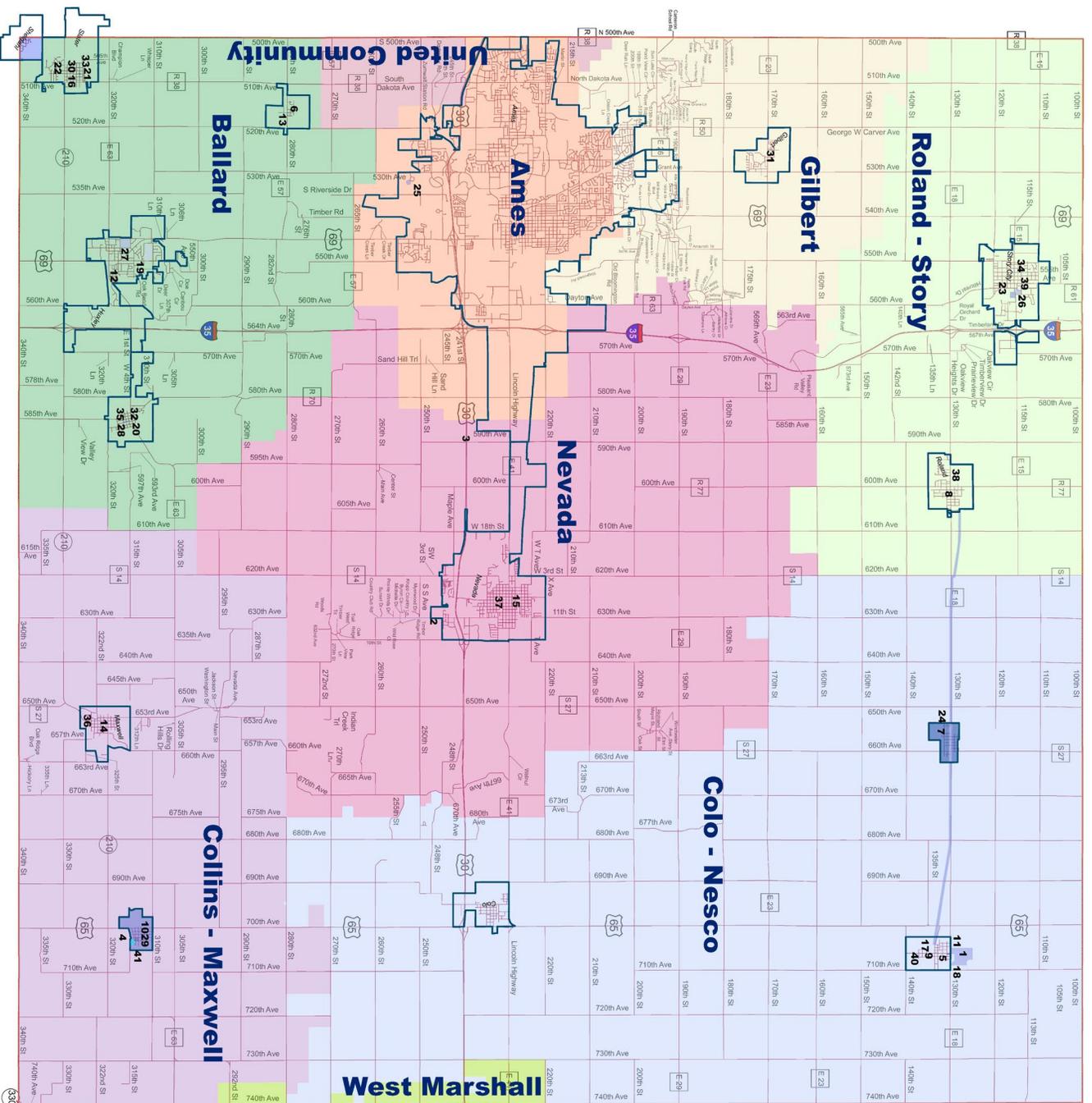
**EXHIBIT B**

**Map showing taxable property and location of projects to be undertaken in Story County  
Urban Renewal Area**

# Story County Urban Renewal Plan



- Legend**
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  - Ballard School District
  - Collins - Maxwell School District
  - Colo - Nesco School District
  - Gilbert School District
  - Nevada School District
  - North Polk School District
  - Roland - Story School District
  - United Community School District
  - West Marshall School District
- City Limits  
 Roads  
 County Boundary



Map printed on September 24, 2018 by the County Outreach and Special Projects Manager

## Key to Urban Renewal Projects

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