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TO: Wesley Prater, Chair
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Anthony VanDerworp
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DATE: May 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution to Set a Public Hearing on July 5, 2006 to Receive Comment on the Adoption of the proposed Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County for the City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners consider approval of the attached Resolution, calling for a Public Hearing to be held before the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2006. The Public Hearing, as stipulated by State of Michigan law, will serve as the mechanism for citizens to provide comment on the proposed Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County for the City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project, prior to the Board of Commissioners consideration of its approval.

BACKGROUND:

In May of 1999, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (WCBRA) through Resolution 99-0110, and subsequently appointed members to its Board of the same year (Res. 99-0122). In February 2000, the Commissioners approved the bylaws of the Authority, as approved by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board on October 22, 1999 (Res. 00-0035). In October of 2000, Commissioners adopted the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for Washtenaw County. The City of Saline joined the WCBRA as a municipal member, by adoption of a resolution, on May 17, 1999.

Pursuant to the State of Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act (P.A. 381 of 1996, as amended), the WCBRA is preparing an Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County for the City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project being located within the brownfield redevelopment zone. The Amendment must be submitted to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners for adoption. Prior to that adoption, the law stipulates that a Public Hearing be held.

DISCUSSION:

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has demonstrated its support for the sustainable redevelopment of environmentally distressed sites in Washtenaw County. By establishing and supporting the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and its Board, the commissioners have begun the process to transform underutilized brownfields into productive properties. Calling for a Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County will assist in moving the Authority towards fulfilling its purpose.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

In collaboration with the City of Saline who has joined the WCBRA to be included in the redevelopment zone, notice of this Public Hearing will allow for public comment on the proposed Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

The resolution conforms to County policies, and has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Finance and County Administration

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

<u>Attachment A</u>	Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing.
<u>Attachment B</u>	Notice of Public Hearing

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 5, 2006 TO RECEIVE COMMENT ON THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2005

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, supports the sustainable redevelopment of environmentally distressed sites designated as brownfields; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and designated the boundaries of the County as the boundaries of the brownfield redevelopment zone to facilitate the implementation of plans relating to the identification and treatment of environmentally distressed areas in Washtenaw County (Res. 99-0100); and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners adopted the Brownfield Plan (Res. 00-0215); and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (WCBRA) is preparing an amendment to the Brownfield Plan to include the proposed City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, P.A. 381 and P.A. 382 of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act calls for the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to set a date for holding a Public Hearing to receive comment on the proposed Amendment to the Brownfield Plan and to publish two notices of the Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County with such notices being published not less than (20) twenty or more than (40) forty days before the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office and the Corporation Counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2006, at 6:45p.m., in the Board Room at 220 N. Main, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to receive comment on the adoption of the Amendment to the Brownfield Plan as it relates to the proposed City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project located within the brownfield redevelopment zone of Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to give notice to the public of the Public Hearing by causing such notice to be published two separate times, in the form attached as Attachment A in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti editions of the *Ann Arbor News*, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Washtenaw County on the 29th of May and 26th of June, 2006, and by posting this notice.

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD PLAN

**PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the adoption of an Amendment to the Brownfield Plan for the City of Saline's Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project, an approximate 10.6 acres site in downtown Saline, bordered by the Saline River, Monroe Street, and Curtiss Park; and is located in the Washtenaw County Redevelopment Zone, subject to local government unit approval.

The Hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2006, in the Board of Commissioner's Meeting Room, County Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan at 6:45 p.m.

All citizens of Washtenaw County have the right to be heard and shall have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions.

Copies of the proposed Amendment to the Brownfield Plan are available for review at the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office, 200 N. Main Street, First Floor, Ann Arbor, 734.222.6798; or the Department of Planning and Environment, 705 N. Zeeb Road, 2nd Floor, Ann Arbor, 734.222.6877.

This notice is given pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, As Amended.