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From: Ted C Baggett
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Mary Kay Woodworth; Allen Venet; Scott Holcomb
Cc: Kris Sikes; Nancy G Benoit
Subject: RE: LaVista Hills YES CVI Study

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Thanks Mark Kay,

We have received the new boundaries and we will communicate with Allen henceforth.

Allen, may I get updated contact information for you?

(Phone and address)

Best regards,

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PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 2:05 PM
To: Ted C Baggett; Allen Venet; Scott Holcomb
Subject: LaVista Hills YES CVI Study

Dear Ted,

I hope that you are well.

I trust that you have received updated boundaries (since bill was passed) to commence the updated study.

In case you were not aware, I have resigned from the LaVista Hills YES board. Allen Venet is chairman of the group,

If you would, please address all correspondence and questions about the study to Allen

Also, please send the first installment invoice to him so that it can be paid.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Woodworth

Nancy G Benoit

From: Ted C Baggett
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Brian P Freese; Nancy G Benoit
Subject: FW: LaVista Hills
Attachments: LaVista Hills prop.docx

Brian and Nancy,

Can you please work the attached proposal into an MOU and process it?

The client is LaVista Hills, Yes!, Inc.

The contact is:

Mary Kay Woodworth

And this is her email address:

I will forward a budget soon.

Thanks,

Ted

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PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Ted C Baggett; Steve Schultz

Cc: Rep. Scott Holcomb
Subject: Re: LaVista Hills

Ted, thank you.

I am the contact person.

The boundaries that were sent previously this week by Tom Kurrie are the boundaries that we will submit with our bill.

However, the map that we submitted was not completed by the Reapportionment Office, as it was done by Interdev, using plats, in order to be more precise than census blocks. We will coordinate the map file with Gina and Brian Monday.

Thank you, Mary Kay

On Fri, Jan 30, 2015 at 2:38 PM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote:

Thanks very much Representative Holcomb, it was great talking with you earlier in the week.

Ms. Woodworth, to get the study process going, I will need to send a proposal to the group representing the LaVista Hills effort.

The cost of the study will be \$15,000 and I will need a contact person, address, phone number, and email address.

Would I be correct in assuming that contact person will be you?

Also, as I you probably know, we need the proposed city boundaries to be settled before we begin work (changes to the boundaries after we've obtained data can set us back weeks).

We will need the final city boundaries in a map with a shapefile and the corresponding demographic statistical data from the State Reapportionment office to get started on the actual study.

Rep. Holcombe should be able to get that from the office Director, Ms. Gina Wright, once there is a settled boundary.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we need to discuss further.

Thank you,

Ted

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From: Rep. Scott Holcomb [mailto:scott@repsscottholcomb.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Ted C Baggett
Cc: Mk Woodworth
Subject: LaVista Hills

Ted:

As a follow-up to my formal request, I want to let you know that Mary Kay Woodworth, who is cc'd, will coordinate with you regarding changes to the southern border. The map that I attached has already been slightly tweaked and she will send you the current version.

Many thanks,

Scott

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Meeting to Discuss CVI Study

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ALV

Tue 5/26/2015 4:59 PM

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I should be at my desk, , all day tomorrow except for an 11am meeting. Thanks. Allen

Allen Venet

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Ted C Baggett

Tue 5/26/2015 4:55 PM

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Allen Venet

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Allen,

Can we speak sometime tomorrow, Wednesday the 27th?

I'd like to discuss some of the details about the conference call.

Thanks,

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Ted,

I am confirming our discussions. First, please do not prepare any supplemental or other additional report on behalf of LaVista Hills YES. Subject to our further discussion, we believe that the report you have produced is sufficient.

Second, we would very much like to set up a meeting, or a conference call, with some of our key members and supporters to discuss the report and some of the questions that have been raised. While it would be great to meet in person, a conference call would probably be easiest. Are you available any day next week either before 9:30 am or after 3:00 pm? (And, not to be presumptuous since I suggest the call, but do you happen to have access to a conference call number? If not, we will work of setting this up.)

It is important to the supporters of LaVista Hills that we understand the issues that have been raised. As I have already let you know, Mr. Carleton is not affiliated with us, and we believe that he is active in the opposition to LaVista Hills.

Thank you again. Allen

From: Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu>
To: "allen.venet";

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 8:37 AM
Subject: FW: error in feasibility study

Allen,

I wanted to make you aware of this email I received this morning.

I also received a call yesterday from Kevin Levitas.

Do you want to schedule a meeting of your group so that I can answer their questions altogether?

I'm not sure if Mr. Carleton is part of your group or not, but he is apparently aware of some of our correspondence.

Thanks,

Ted

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From: Russell Carleton
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:12 PM
To: Ted C Baggett
Subject: error in feasibility study

Dr. Baggett,

May this find you in good health and spirits!

I am writing to you to point out two errors in a municipal feasibility study completed recently by your organization for the proposed city of LaVista Hills. I have attached a copy of the report for your reference.

Before I mention the first error, I should point out that I am aware of the message that you communicated to members of LaVista Hills, Yes! that can be seen here: http://lavistahills.nationbuilder.com/cvi_update

Indeed, it was a message that I sent to the members of the organization via their Facebook page which prompted them to contact you. I would ask your forbearance that I have troubled you previously.

While I appreciate that because of HOST credits and homestead exemptions, residential property millage rates between city and county can not be directly compared, there is still a problem with the revenue estimate in the report.

The report assumes revenue of \$11,690,718 from real property taxes (page 8). According to page 8 and 17, these are based on 2014 tax actuals provided by Dekalb County.

According the Georgia HB 520 (attached for your reference), the city of LaVista Hills would be prohibited from charging a millage of more than 5.00 on real property (see line 221ff). While residential properties are eligible for HOST credits in the county -- but not within a municipality -- that would allow a city to charge a lower "sticker price" millage to the same value of home, and still raise an equivalent amount of money, these HOST credits do not apply to commercial and industrial properties.

According to page 9 of the report, the assessable value of the commercial (\$660,145,946) and industrial (\$33,131,057) properties in the proposed area is \$693,277,003. As the report points out on page 17, the estimate of revenues is based on the county's millage rate of 7.64, which includes the police (6.18) and special services (1.46) funds.

If the assessable value of the commercial and residential properties is \$693,277,003, it implies a fair market value of \$1,733,192,507.50. Assessed at a millage of 7.64 these provided an estimated revenue of \$5,296,636 to the county. However, because the maximum that the city could charge in taxes for these properties is a millage rate of 5.00, set at the maximum rate, these properties would only be able to provide \$3,466,385 in revenue to the new city. The difference between these two figures is \$1,830,251, representing revenue assumed by the feasibility study that the city of LaVista Hills would not legally be allowed to collect.

The other specific issue that I noticed in this report is that in the revenue section (see page 8) that the Institute has assumed that the proposed city would receive a State Administered Community Development Block Grant, and receive \$482,652 in revenue.

However, according to the program's website (<https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-state/>),

Eligible cities are "...cities with populations of less than 50,000 (except cities that are designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas), and counties with populations of less than 200,000." The proposed city of LaVista Hills has an estimated population of 67,446 (see page 12 of the report.)

Because of this, it does not appear that LaVista Hills would be eligible to receive this revenue.

Taken together, these two items represent \$2,312,903 in revenue that a new city can not reasonably expect to collect, as proposed by their charter and the available data. The problem is that this amount of lost revenue is greater than the surplus initially reported for the proposed city on page 21 (\$2,139,180 with motor vehicle taxes included, \$1,726,682 with them excluded)

Page 4 of the report declares that the LaVista Hills study area is fiscally feasible. However, given the evidence that I have presented above, I would submit that this is not the case and request your reconsideration.

It is my understanding that the purpose of the municipal feasibility process is to ensure that enough tax (and other) revenue already exists within a proposed area to support the city as proposed. While there would be sufficient residential property tax revenue already present in the study area, there would not be enough statutorily available commercial revenue to support the city.

I would kindly request that upon confirmation of these calculations, your organization would properly correct the report. I am aware that this is not an easy matter, as the bill allowing for a referendum has already been signed by Governor Deal. I do believe that the public should have the most complete and accurate information available to them as they make a decision concerning this issue. However, I am sensitive to the fact that this matter would best be handled in a spirit of diplomacy.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at this address.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Carleton

Kevin Levitas

Wed 5/20/2015 12:19 PM

Hi, Ted. I am writing to get some clarification regarding the CVI study supplement. (I believe that Allen and/or Liz have given you permission to discuss the Supplement with me.)

Do the most recent figures include the 1 mil offset to account for the lack of HOST property-tax reduction for city residents? As you know, new cities (most? all?) provide an additional 1-mil homestead to make up for the fact that city residents do not get HOST-based reductions on their tax bills, so the LaVista Hills group needs to make sure that we know whether CVI's numbers account for this offset. (As an aside, it would be interesting to know how much the new city would get if the proposed LOST is approved.)

Thanks for any guidance that you can provide.

Kevin Levitas

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Allen Venet

Sat 5/16/2015 10:23 AM

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Ted C Baggett;

Kris Sikes;

Don Broussard

lavista-hills-core@googlegroups.com;

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You replied on 5/16/2015 11:23 AM.

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Ted and Kris,

Please know that LaVista Hills YES appreciates all of your hard work and the difficulty of working through all of the details and assumptions of a study like the LaVista Hills Feasibility Study. We also appreciate your willingness to help us explain its positive findings to the public as questions are raised. Rather than line by line explanations, if anything, we may need help with explaining the results in lay terms. Thank you again. Allen

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Don Broussard

Sat 5/16/2015 9:19 AM

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CVI needs to give us a detailed line by line calculation / explanation of the millage rates and HOST factors used in our \$15,000 study. A four sentence reply by Ted -- one of which is the "apples

to oranges" cliché -- is NOT adequate to answer our critics — nor answer our OWN questions about the validity of the study's numbers.

Don Broussard

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen Venet

To: HL GMail <hills@lavista-hills-core.com>; lavista-hills-core <lavista-hills-core@lavista-hills-core.com>

Sent: Fri, May 15, 2015 9:18 pm

Subject: Re: CVI -- serious question? Summary (I sincerely hope)

A roller coaster of a few days regarding the CVI study. And I, for one, do not like roller coasters. I have a few thoughts:

Municipal finance, at least in Georgia, is almost hopelessly complex.

The folks at CVI are supposed to be the true experts, and they have pronounced LH as feasible. With Ted's confirmation, I hope that this is all we need. Folks who oppose us will try to nit pick, but as long as we can say that we've been judged viable by an organization with more experience and more expertise than DS, or any journalist, I think that we are on solid footing. I am not saying that CVI is infallible (they are not), or even that they are correct in this case (I cannot say). I am saying that any such prediction by its nature is very complex and involves countless variables and assumptions. The "rules" of creating a city say that CVI (or GSU) must pronounce the city as feasible, and they have done exactly that.

Moreover, we all know intuitively that LaVista Hills is viable. If our community does not have the tax base to be a viable city, then very few communities are going to be viable. Everyone who knows our area knows that we have the financial strength to be an economically viable city. Experience of the other new cities shows that we will not need to raise taxes. It is ironic that DS is seemingly ready to attack us simultaneously for having a disproportionately strong tax base which should be shared with less wealthy parts of the county, and for having a tax base too weak to succeed. We can honestly counter both arguments.

The one potential problem which has (hopefully had) the potential to be our Achilles Heel is a suggestion that the tax cap in the charter was set too low. We all know that the intent was to cap taxes at the current rate, but if the language of the charter is wrong because it uses an outdated millage rate, we have a very big problem. On the one hand, I suspect that this could be "fixed" in January, but it would

make it much harder to win a referendum in November. Happily, Ted countered the DS argument. The actual explanation of how the rates work is mired in the complexity already noted.

I am not suggesting that Herman, Dan, and others stop analyzing, or that we are done with difficult questions, but I am hoping that the worst of this particular matter is behind us. With luck and perseverance, we move on to raising money and convincing undecided voters.

Allen

From: HL GMail
To: 'ALV'
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 5:56 PM
Subject: RE: CVI -- serious question?

Not to muddy the waters even more, but now that we have the real facts another objection is possible.

In 2014 5 mills without homestead adjustment is equivalent to 14.36 mills *with* the homestead adjustment. That compares to the county charge of 7.64 mills. So a raw comparison is that we're *raising* the property tax, not lowering it. The host credit reduced the gross tax by 54%. In my case, this will be an increase of about 50% for the city services and police (because there are also other adjustments).

Others probably should check their 2014 tax bills to see if I'm right.

So the less we say about this the better.

Herman Lorenz

(home)

www.linkedin.com/in/HermanLorenz

From: lavista-hills-core@googlegroups.com [<mailto:lavista-hills-core@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of**
ALV

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 4:58 PM

To: <lavista-hills-core@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Fwd: CVI -- serious question?

Allen Venet

Begin forwarded message:

From: ALV

Date: May 15, 2015 at 4:47:07 PM EDT

To: Dan Whisenhunt

Subject: Fwd: CVI -- serious question?

Dan,

I am forwarding the reply we received a short time ago from CVI. We all wish that the laws regarding municipal finance were easier to understand, but it is fair to say that no one in Georgia has a better understanding than the CVI, and we are relieved and reassured that LaVista Hills is in fact viable. Allen

Allen Venet

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu>

Date: May 15, 2015 at 3:35:06 PM EDT

To: ALV · Kris Sikes <_____>

Cc: "<_____>" <_____> !>

Subject: RE: CVI -- serious question?

A county millage rate is not equivalent to a city millage rate in this context.

A city millage rate does not come with the HOST county property tax rollback or the applicable county homestead exemptions.

Thus a lower city millage rate will generate more revenue than DeKalb County's millage rate.

It compares apples to oranges.

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From: ALV _____
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Ted C Baggett; Kris Sikes
Cc: <
Subject: Fwd: CVI -- serious question?

Ted and Kris,

Please see the posting below from the website of the chief anti-city group, so called DeKalb Strong. Are these criticisms valid? Do they risk our status as being feasible? Can we talk sometime this afternoon? Thank you again. Allen

Allen Venet

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Schultz
Date: May 15, 2015 at 11:25:51 AM EDT
To: Allen Venet
Subject: CVI

Dan, Herman and CVI will have to look at this

Russell Carleton - DeKalb Strong post:

Page 6: "The revenue estimates outlined below include all major revenue sources a city representing the study area would have collected had it existed in 2014 and assessed taxes and fees at rates similar to DeKalb County in that same year"

Page 17: "The figures given here represent the amount of real property taxes being paid by study area residents to the county for the services being provided through county special service tax districts... The 2014 millage rate for the police services that were previously included in the special services tax district is 6.18 mills and the millage rate for the remaining unincorporated special services is 1.46 mills. Together, these two millage rates equal 7.64 mills and represent services funded from the previous unincorporated special tax district."

HB 520 (the LaVista Hills Charter), line 221ff: "The millage rate imposed for ad valorem taxes on real property shall not exceed 5.00 unless a higher limit is recommended by resolution of the city council and approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City of LaVista Hills voting on the issue in a referendum;"

Page 8 of the report states an estimated revenue of \$11,690,718 from property taxes. Page 21 reports the operating surplus of \$1,726,682 that the press release mentions above.

Problem: The property tax revenue estimate of \$11.6M is based on a millage of 7.64, which is what the county charges now for police and special services. That suggests that one mill generates \$1,530,198 in revenue.

Such a millage rate would exceed what the city charter allows without a referendum (see above). If the city government were to set its millage rate at the maximum allowed by the charter (5.00 mills), it would generate \$7,650,993 in revenue from property taxes, which is a difference from the above of \$4,039,725.

Once this adjustment is put into place, the city has a projected operating deficit of \$2,313,043.

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Steve Schultz

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LIZ HANFELT ·

Fri 5/15/2015 5:13 PM

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Allen Venet

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Ted, just to clarify... Is there a \$1.7M surplus after the city gives back the 1 mil HOST? In other words, the surplus takes into consideration that the city will give back 1 mil to property owners.

Thank you,

Liz Hanfelt

Co-Chair LaVista Hills YES

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Fri 5/15/2015 3:44 PM

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Ted,

Thank you. I will not pretend to understand all of the details, but I am greatly relieved to know that we are viable and that we can refute the assertion that we are not. Allen

Allen Venet

Kris Sikes

From: Kris Sikes
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 10:14 AM
To: 'ALV'; Rep. Scott Holcomb
Cc: Ted C Baggett
Subject: RE: LaVista Hills
Attachments: lavista hills 051415 final edition.pdf

Good morning –

Attached is the final edition of the LaVista Hills feasibility study with the updates that were discussed with Mr. Venet.

Representative Holcomb – I tried to reach you this morning but you are likely in court. Please feel free to call me at your convenience and I'll be happy to walk you through the updates. I can be reached at 706 542-2857.

Thank you,

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Allen Venet

Wed 5/13/2015 8:49 AM

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Ted C Baggett;

Kris Sikes;

Herman Lorenz

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Yes, thank you. (Herman, I will be at home this afternoon, so either come to my house, or I will conference you in before I call Ted.) Allen

From: Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu>
To: Allen Venet
Cc: Kris Sikes <ksikes@uga.edu>; Herman Lorenz
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 8:44 AM
Subject: RE: LaVista Hills -- Questions

Allen,

Dr. Sikes and I can be available at 4pm today.

She and I will be in my office together and you can reach us at this number:

706-542-6252

Will that work for you and Mr. Lorenz?

Ted

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Allen Venet

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Ted,

If possible, I would like to set up a time to talk this afternoon, and I want to include one of our volunteers, Herman Lorenz. We have a number of questions about the study. We are available today anytime after 2:00 pm. Are you or Ms. (Mr.?) Sikes available to talk? If so, please let us know a convenient time for us to call. Thanks much! Allen

From: Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu>
To: Rep. Scott Holcomb <scott@repsscottholcomb.com>
Cc: Kris Sikes <krissike@uga.edu>; Allen Venet
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 4:49 PM
Subject: RE: LaVista Hills

Thank you.

Unless Mr. Venet and his group see anything that we need to address, the study will be considered final and therefore a public document.

Ted

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Thanks Ted. I look forward to reading it and I appreciate your hard work and that of your team to complete this study.

Is this final and releasable more broadly to the public? I'll wait for LaVista Hills to do so and then will release it as well.

Very best,

Scott

On Tue, May 12, 2015 at 4:32 PM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote:

Rep. Holcomb,

Attached please find a copy of the completed study for the proposed City of LaVista Hills.

Allen Venet has assumed the role of the key contact point for the client group and he and his group have only just received a copy and are looking it over.

In our last conversation I indicated that we were nearly done with the study but that was during the session and before the Senate amended the boundaries of the proposed city.

Accordingly, we recalibrated the study to reflect the map as passed by the General Assembly.

Please let me know if we can answer any questions.

Thank you,

Ted Baggett

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Tue 5/5/2015 9:00 AM

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Wonderful. Can we assume that LaVista Hills will have a projected surplus? Allen

Allen Venet

On May 5, 2015, at 8:53 AM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote:

Thanks Allen,

We had to recalculate everything in the study when the State Senate changed the boundaries, but we are nearly finished.

I hope to get the report to you early next week.

Ted

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Allen Venet

LaVista Hills study

Sun 5/3/2015 9:55 PM

Ted, We send the \$5,000 check on Friday by UPS next day, so it should arrive on Monday. Please let me know what else you still need, and when the updated study may be ready. Thank you. Allen Venet (404) 561-4208

From: Ted C Baggett
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Mary Kay Woodworth; Allen Venet; Scott Holcomb
Cc: Kris Sikes; Nancy G Benoit
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Re: LaVista Hills YES CVI Study

Thu 4/16/2015 2:29 PM

Ted, I am still at: 2336 Sagamore Hills Drive Decatur, GA 30033-1217 (404) 561-4208 I look forward to working with you again. Allen Allen Venet On Apr 16, 2015, at 2:08 PM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote: Thanks Mark Kay, We have received the new boundaries

Mary Kay Woodworth <

Thu 4/16/2015 2:05 PM

Inbox

Ted C Baggett;

Allen Venet

Scott Holcomb <scott@repsscottholcomb.com>;

Inbox

Dear Ted,

I hope that you are well.

I trust that you have received updated boundaries (since bill was passed) to commence the updated study.

In case you were not aware, I have resigned from the LaVista Hills YES board. Allen Venet is chairman of the group,

If you would, please address all correspondence and questions about the study to Allen

Also, please send the first installment invoice to him so that it can be paid.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Woodworth

Mary Kay Woodworth

Fri 4/3/2015 9:36 AM

Inbox

Ted C Baggett;

Scott Holcomb <scott@repscottholcomb.com>;

Fran Millar ·

Gina.Wright@legis.ga.gov;

Kris Sikes;

Inbox

Good morning, again,

I've just looked closely at the Brookhaven annexation area, and there are overlaps. How can this be corrected, since the census block mapping conflicts with GIS map associated with Brookhaven?

Thanks, Mary Kay

On Fri, Apr 3, 2015 at 8:48 AM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote:

Thanks Mary Kay,

It would be very helpful to us if the Reapportionment Office would share their demographic/population statistics and a shapefile associated with this map.

Ted

Ted Baggett, J.D.

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From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Ted C Baggett
Cc: Scott Holcomb; Fran Millar
Subject: Re: LaVista Hills

Good morning, Ted,

HB520 passed the House and Senate last night. Attached, please find the final map.

Please let me know if there is anything else that you need to continue the feasibility study for the city of LaVista Hills.

Thank you, Mary Kay

On Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 10:58 AM, Ted C Baggett <baggett@uga.edu> wrote:

Tom,

We'd like to use this map in the study?

Can you identify by whom it was produced/should be credited?

Thanks,

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Kris Sikes

From: LaVista Hills YES <lavistahillsyes@lavistahills.emailnb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:29 PM
To: Kris Sikes
Subject: Call to Action - Urgent - email House members to pass City of LaVista Hills

x

Kris --

HB520 (City of LaVista Hills) was passed by the state Senate today and is headed back to the House for an agree or disagree vote.

Please email the House members NOW and ask for them to support our bill and pass it from the House.

You can copy and paste the following information:

Subject: Please vote in favor of HB520 LaVista Hills!

To: Your local rep (from list below)

Bcc: All legislators (copy and paste from below)

HB520 was passed by the state Senate today and is headed back to the House for an agree or disagree vote.

I support the passage of all city proposals and ask for your favorable consideration of HB 520 - the city of LaVista Hills.

Please vote **YES** to LaVista Hills HB520 so that residents of the proposed city can determine our future!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

(Insert your name and your street address here)

Please copy and paste these emails directly into the blind copy (BCC) field:

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From: LaVista Hills YES [<mailto:lavistahillsyes@lavistahills.emailnb.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 11:38 AM

To: Kris Sikes

Subject: Call to action - show your support and attend town hall meeting Thursday, March 12

Kris --

It's too late too wait - your attendance and participation is critical!

We are over our first big hurdle - the House approved our HB520 129 to 37, and we move to the Senate.

Senator Elena Parent, District 42, is hosting a town hall meeting Thursday, March 12th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, about cityhood and annexation.

Please come and show your support. We will be in the lobby with lapel stickers prior to the meeting

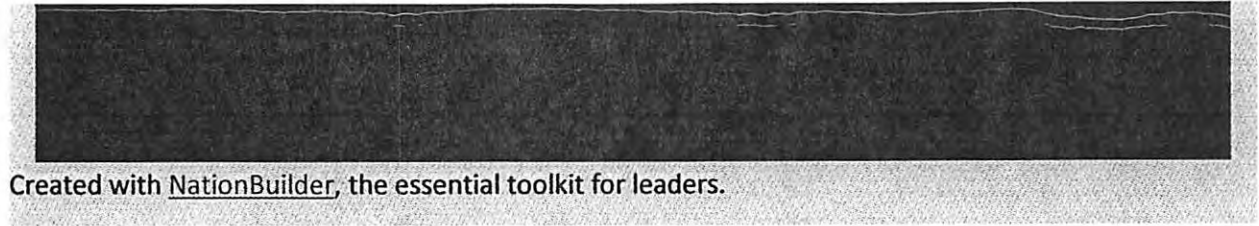
Where: Young Israel of Toco Hills 2056 LaVista Road Atlanta, GA 30329

When: Thursday, March 12 - 6 - 7:30 pm

Parking on site is very limited. You may want to park across LaVista Rd at Intown Church or over by Bruster's.

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Kris Sikes

From: LaVista Hills YES <lavistahillsyes@lavistahills.emailnb.com>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:32 PM
To: Kris Sikes
Subject: LaVista Hills Cityhood Bill Announced in Legislature



LaVista Hills YES

Kris --

Today we officially filed our cityhood bill in the Georgia Assembly, sponsored by Representatives Tom Taylor and Scott Holcomb.

Now is the time to let the legislature know we want a chance to vote on cityhood!

Legislators have heard from a group opposing cityhood - trying to deny us the opportunity to vote - and we need to make our voices heard!

Please contact the House Governmental Affairs Committee and DeKalb Delegation TODAY- please copy and past the the sample email below or compose your own personal email to these legislators.

For more information, please read the press release below and be on the lookout for additional calls to action in the next few days! Your voice is important in order to succeed with this effort to determine the future for our community.

Subject Line: Let Us Vote On LaVista Hills - HB 520

To: karen.bennett@house.ga.gov; billy.mitchell@house.ga.gov;
darshun.kendrick@house.ga.gov; dee.dawkins-haigler@house.ga.gov;
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Email Body:

Please support the cityhood bill for LaVista Hills.

My community deserves the chance to express our feelings at the ballot box. Please pass this bill and let us vote on our future!

[OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PERSONAL NOTES, WHY YOU SUPPORT CITYHOOD ETC]

Thank you for your service to the people of Georgia.

Sincerely, YOUR NAME and ADDRESS

(note the address is important, so that they will know you are a resident of the proposed city of LaVista Hills)

Press Release - March 3, 2015

For immediate release

**REPS TAYLOR, HOLCOMB introduce Bill to Let Residents Vote on New
City of Lavista Hills**

City Would Mean Low Taxes, INCREASED police PATROLS,

More Control Over Local Government

Citizens Tired of DeKalb County Corruption

March 3, 2015 - DeKalb County, Georgia. State Representatives Tom Taylor (R) and Scott Holcomb (D) have introduced a bipartisan bill to incorporate the city of LaVista Hills.

The legislation, HB 520, would authorize a referendum in November of 2015, in which residents of the proposed city would vote on whether they want to form a new city.

"Brookhaven, Sandy Springs and Dunwoody all have lower tax rates than DeKalb County and LaVista Hills will too," said Allen Venet, LaVista Hills YES co-chair and former City of Briarcliff chairperson. "Instead of paying DeKalb County for services including police, zoning, and roads, the same tax dollars would shift over to a leaner city government."

"The City of LaVista Hills will benefit all of DeKalb County," said Mary Kay Woodworth, LaVista Hills YES co-chair and former Lakeside YES chairperson. "A smarter, well managed government is good for everyone in LaVista Hills, and a successful city will help all of DeKalb County."

Studies by UGA's non-partisan Carl Vinson Institute completed for the former Lakeside and Briarcliff cityhood proposals (the two groups that merged to form LaVista Hills) showed multi-million dollar annual surpluses. Using the new boundaries and CVI's methodologies, LaVista Hills YES projects the new city will start with a surplus of approximately \$4.9 million. CVI is currently conducting a new study for LaVista Hills YES, the results of which will be released when the study is complete.

"The daily headlines citing DeKalb County government corruption and fiscal malfeasance have taken their toll on taxpayers. Legislators are now talking about reform, but when the current and former DeKalb ethics board chairs express concern about the sincerity of those reforms, it is clear that citizens must take action to preserve and improve their communities," said Woodworth. "A locally elected city council – with focused citizen scrutiny on accountability, financial stewardship and ethical behavior - will deliver more efficient, honest government."

"It's too late to wait for DeKalb County to fix itself. The City of LaVista Hills will start out with plans for auditing and ethics that have been recommended to the County by multiple groups and studies during the last several years, which the County still has not implemented. We will support the efforts for DeKalb to clean up its problem areas and set an example of good governance. The time for action is now," say Venet and Woodworth.

More information, including extensive background on cityhood and LaVista Hills, can be found at www.lavistahillsyes.com.

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From: Mike Edelson [mailto:medelson@Interdev.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Ted C Baggett; Mary Kay Woodworth; Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
Cc: Steve Schultz; Kris Sikes
Subject: RE: Population Data

OK. Thanks Ted. I'll go ahead with the calculations and then I'll let you know the process for your records. I'll have something for you tomorrow.

Thank s again for your patience.

Mike

Kris Sikes

From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Kris Sikes
Cc: Ted C Baggett
Subject: Re: LaVista Hills Feasibility Study

Thanks, Kris.

The mapping issue is this - our boundaries are not drawn by census blocks, but individual plats along the southern (SE and SW) borders. We are aware that this doesn't not correlate with Reapportionment Office mapping information, but there are relevant and specific reasons that the boundary was drawn this way.

We have contacted Interdev to provide that data.

Thank you, Mary Kay

On Wed, Feb 18, 2015 at 12:09 PM, Kris Sikes <krissike@uga.edu> wrote:

Hi Ms. Woodworth –

Thank you for the population number of 67,951. We will speak to Rep. Holcomb about using a population number that is different than Reapportionment's population of 64,654.

Just as a head's up to everyone, this is a fairly large difference and there could be problems in using source data that is not from the Reapportionment Office.

If Rep. Holcomb is comfortable in going forward with the InterDev numbers, we would appreciate the following information if it is available:

Median Household Income

Poverty Rate

Race – White

Race – Black

Race – Asian

Race – Hispanic*

Race – Other

(*this is an ethnicity rather than a race, so it will overlap with the other race categories)

Thank you for your help!

Kris Sikes, Ph.D., J.D.
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From: Mike Edelson [<mailto:medelson@Interdev.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 8:25 PM
To: Ted C Baggett; Mary Kay Woodworth; Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
Cc: Steve Schultz; Kris Sikes
Subject: RE: Population Data

I summed up all the 2010 Census Blocks that were located in the LaVista Hills boundary. Using this method our total population is 68,990. There are a couple of Blocks around the Toco Hills area that crossed the border of LaVista Hills and DeKalb County, which is the reason for the extra @1,000 population count from our earlier number.

Attached are the demographics for the LaVista Hills area. The first Sheet of the spreadsheet are the demographics. The second sheet called Definitions will describe what each column means.

Thank you,
Mike

From: Ted C Baggett [<mailto:baggett@uga.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Mike Edelson; Mary Kay Woodworth; Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
Cc: Steve Schultz; Kris Sikes
Subject: RE: Population Data

I'm not sure we've ever tried to break census blocks, we simply attribute all or nothing of the block based on the best information available and then note how we went about it in the report itself.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Mary Kay Woodworth; Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
Cc: Steve Schultz; Ted C Baggett
Subject: RE: Population Data

Hi Folks,

Sorry for the delay. I can get working on this tomorrow. I'm not exactly sure of the accuracy of the data I'll be providing, we have about 10 Census Blocks that are spilt in the LaVista Hills boundary. Ted, can you give me an idea of the accuracy of the data you typically use for this type of work?

Thanks,
Mike

From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:40 PM
To: Thompson Kurrie, Jr.
Cc: Steve Schultz; Ted C Baggett (baggett@uga.edu); Mike Edelson
Subject: Re: Population Data

Tom,

I've talked to Kris Sykes today, and responded to email questions. Steve is getting the required demographic info from Interdev.

Sorry for any confusion,

Mary Kay

On Wed, Feb 18, 2015 at 3:38 PM, Thompson Kurrie, Jr. <

> wrote:

Steve and Mary Kay,

I need for one of you to follow up with Ted Baggett regarding the population demographic data discussed in his email attached. This data is needed to for CVI to complete the study in the time frame discussed.

Regards,

Tom

Thompson Kurrie, Jr.

Partner

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From: Thompson Kurrie, Jr. [mailto:tom.kurrie@colemantalley.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:22 PM
To: Ted C Baggett
Cc: Mary Kay Woodworth
Subject: LaVista Hills

Ted,

Rep. Scott Holcombe should be reaching out to you regarding an update to the study.

It was good talking with you today.

Regards,

Tom

Thompson Kurrie, Jr.

Partner

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Thompson Kurrie, Jr.

Sun 2/8/2015 8:36 AM

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Ted C Baggett;

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You replied on 2/10/2015 3:21 PM.

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From: Steve Schultz

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 3:09 PM

To: Mary Kay Woodworth

Cc: Thompson Kurrie, Jr.

Subject: Fwd: RE: LaVista Hills legislative

Attached is the gis information

Tom

Do we need anything else

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From: "Mike Edelson" <

Date: Feb 4, 2015 10:52 AM

Subject: RE: LaVista Hills legislative

To: "Steve Schultz"

"Thompson Kurrie Jr"

<

Cc:

Attached is the shapefile of the latest Lavista Hills city limits.

Thank you,

Mike

From: Steve Schultz
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Mike Edelson; Thompson Kurrie Jr
Subject: RE: LaVista Hills legislative

We will need to get the gis of the city foot print. What would it take to get that and how long

On Feb 1, 2015 11:06 AM, "Mike Edelson" <[redacted]> wrote:

Nope, I never directly supplied this information. What I'll do over before we meet is gather the 2010 population data, the voting districts, and the city limits, once we overlay the 3 layers we may be able to see some patterns jump out. For tasks like this, I also like to look at natural features, like lakes and streams as a natural border, so I'll see if I can gather that information as well. Let me know if you can think of anything else that is useful.

From: Steve Schultz
Sent: Sunday, February 1, 2015 1:00 PM
To: Mike Edelson
Subject: Re: LaVista Hills legislative

We have to divide by population. I like to stick to voting precincts as much as possible. There is 5 distinct communities in our footprint but the group wants 6 so I will work on it today and tomorrow. Hey and feel free to divide into 6 equal areas before we meet.

Have you supplied this information to the state before? If not I will get into contact with them to make sure we are providing the right information.

Thank you

On Sun, Feb 1, 2015 at 12:10 PM, Mike Edelson <_____> wrote:

Ok, I'll come up with a time and get back to you. How do you plan on breaking up the city? Population? Area size? School boundaries? Or something else? I'm just curious because I may be able to get some datasets that might help.

On Feb 1, 2015, at 11:58 AM, Steve Schultz · wrote:

Tuesday works well for me as well...Just name the time and your address and Ill be there

We need to break the city into 6 council districts and provide a legal description of the boundaries

On Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 3:54 PM, Mike Edelson <|> wrote:

I can meet next week if that works for you. We have a nice space up in the InterDev office on Holcomb Bridge Rd we can work in. How about Tuesday? I have a couple of engagements next week, but I'm usually pretty flexible.

From: Steve Schultz

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:20 PM

To: Mike Edelson; Mk Woodworth

Subject: Re: LaVista Hills legislative

Mike

We need to break the footprint of the city into council districts and get a legal description of the boundaries.

Let me know when is good for you to sit down and work that out....I have done this many times so it will not be labor intensive and it will not be done by committee so 5 people will not be in a room arguing over whether main street is in one district over another.

Thank you

On Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 3:09 PM, Mike Edelson <> wrote:

Sounds good. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for the heads up.

From: Mary Kay Woodworth
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:09 PM
To: Mike Edelson; Steve Schultz; Gary Nichols
Subject: LaVista Hills legislative

Mike, Steve Schultz is working with LH and would like to get with you re: legislative description for bill (hopefully will have ready soon!)

Thanks, as always!

MK

feasibility request

Rep. Scott Holcomb <scott@repscottholcomb.com>

Thu 1/29/2015 2:47 PM

Ted C Baggett;

Mk Woodworth

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Dear Ted:

Please see the attached written request to begin the feasibility study for the proposed city of LaVista Hills.

Very truly yours,

Scott

--

Representative Scott Holcomb

Georgia House District 81

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City of LaVista Hills

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Wed 1/21/2015 12:45 PM

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Ted,

These have more information.

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From: LaVista Hills YES <yes2lakeside@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 7:23 PM
To: Kris Sikes
Subject: Call to action!!! Please email now, view hearing online if you can't attend



LaVista Hills YES

Kris --

The House DeKalb County Cityhood Subcommittee will meet tomorrow (Wednesday, December 3, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. At this meeting the committee will hear testimony from representatives from the Tucker and LaVista Hills cityhood organizations. Following the testimony, the committee will take public comment. **We anticipate that this will be the first of several hearings regarding cityhood and annexations in the near future.**

Tomorrow's hearing regarding the boundary issues for LaVista Hills and Tucker will be broadcast over the internet so you can watch if you cannot attend in person. Beginning at 1 PM, you can go to house.ga.gov, click on "video broadcasts" and that will take you to a link to the live stream of the hearing.

We know that this is a very difficult time for most residents to attend the meeting. However, you can still make your voice heard. Emails to the House members on the committee expressing your desire for inclusion in the City of LaVista Hills are important.

Have you expressed your opinions? If not, we would kindly appreciate it if you would do so now.

Email addresses:

buzz.brockway@house.ga.gov
barry.fleming@house.ga.gov
mark.hamilton@house.ga.gov
howard.mosby@house.ga.gov

mmo@mmolaw.com
lavistahillsyes@gmail.com

You can copy and paste this message, and personalize if you would prefer. Please include your full name and address.

Dear Representatives,

Please include my neighborhood in the City of LaVista Hills. The City of LaVista Hills will provide the local representation, fiscal responsibility, police responsiveness and other services that my neighbors and my family think most important for our future.

Thank you for listening to the citizen's voice. Thank you also for your service to our community and our state.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Address

Thank you for your support!

For LaVista Hills YES, Co-chairs Allen Venet and Mary Kay Woodworth

Meeting information:

WHO: House DeKalb County Cityhood Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs
Rep. Buzz Brockway (R-Lawrenceville), Chair
Rep. Barry Fleming (R-Harlem)
Rep. Mark Hamilton (R-Cumming)
Rep. Howard Mosby (D-Atlanta)
Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (D-Decatur)

WHAT: Public Meeting to hear from cityhood organizations

WHEN: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 506
18 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

PARKING: Public parking is available at several nearby lots for \$5-10.
Pete Hackney Parking Deck (directions provided below)
162 Jess Hill, Jr. Dr

Steve Polk Parking Plaza
65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr

DIRECTIONS:

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From: LaVista Hills YES [<mailto:lavistahillsyes@lavistahills.emailnb.com>]

Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 11:27 AM

To: Kris Sikes

Subject: Crucial legislative panel on city boundaries meets Dec 3

Kris --

Since the proposed city of LaVista Hills and city of Tucker have not been able to come to an agreement on city boundaries, a House legislative panel of 5 members will set the borders. As chair of this panel, Rep. Buzz Brockway has scheduled a public meeting for Wednesday Dec 3, 1-2:30pm and invited the community to attend.

Please let us know if you are able to show your support by attending this crucial meeting.

You are also invited to give public comment, especially if you live outside the perimeter in the area that is in both proposed maps of LaVista Hills and Tucker. *This is the most important opportunity for you to voice which city you desire to live in and why!*

Contact us at lavistahillsyes@gmail.com and let us know if you will be able to participate in this way. Please plan to *arrive early* to allow for parking.

The panel's sole charge will be to produce a boundary map no later than December 31 by majority vote of the panel.

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From: LakesideYES! [mailto:LakesideYES@lakesideyes.emailnb.com]

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 4:21 PM

To: Kris Sikes

Subject: Here's the new city map

Kris --

The Lakeside and Briarcliff cityhood groups announced today their full merger -- under the new name LaVista Hills. You may find the full media announcement and also the link to the City of LaVista Hills interactive map on our website here: lavistahillsyes.com

The new map that Lakeside and Briarcliff have agreed to reflects considerable input from neighborhoods outside the perimeter and along the proposed southern boundaries, as well as businesses around Northlake and I-285.

Unfortunately a three-party agreement with the Tucker 2015 cityhood movement was not achieved:

"We have made multiple offers to the Tucker cityhood movement and we're still hopeful we can reach an agreement on the boundaries," said Allen Venet (formerly of the City of Briarcliff Initiative). "After merging the vision of Lakeside and Briarcliff, and presenting neighborhood survey and petition preference input to Tucker, we are disappointed that the groups were unable to reach an agreement by the November 15th deadline."

In the coming weeks the combined group will continue work towards readying LaVista Hills for the 2015 legislative session.

Keep up with news about LaVista Hills YES by liking our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/LaVistaHillsYES

Please keep your yard signs up; we will replace them once we have a new logo. If you would like to request a sign please do so [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in this effort. The success of this new city depends on you!

Mary Kay Woodworth
Allen Venet
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Steve,

Would you or would you ask mike edelson to send all of his gis files. CVI has the software to read these files. Unless I am missing this term, he believes having the "shape" files will save them a lot of time. His v card is attached.

Thank you.

Tom