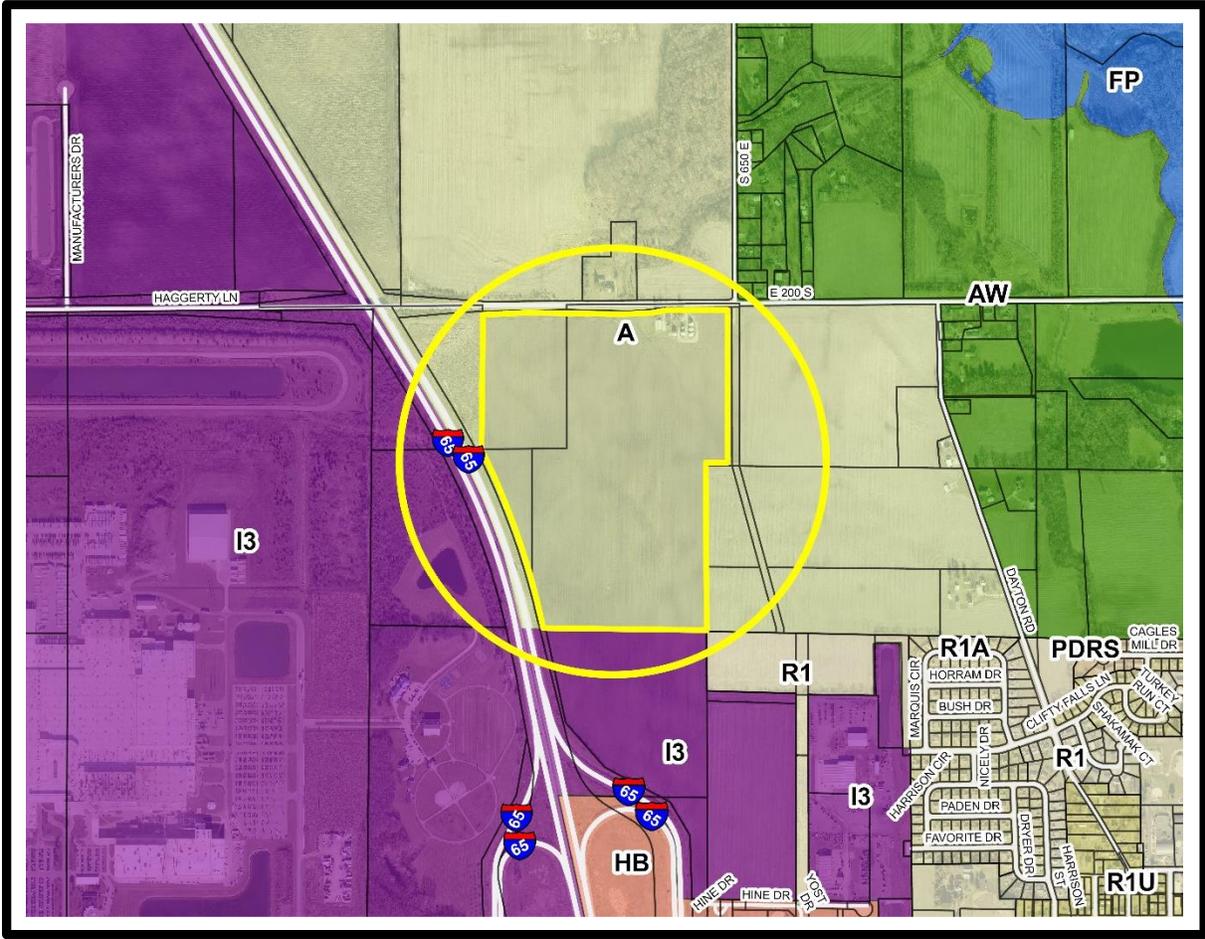

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REQUEST MADE, PROPOSED USE, LOCATION:

Petitioner and property owner, Carr Family Farm, LLC, by member Guthrie P. Carr, represented by attorneys Daniel Teder and Kevin Riley, is requesting rezoning of three tracts totaling 97.806 acres east of I-65, south of Haggerty Lane and west of the T-intersection of CR 650 E with Haggerty Lane, adjacent to the north of the Dayton Town limits, specifically 6445 E 200 S, Sheffield 5 (NW) 22-3. Petitioner has no specific plans for the land in the rezone request, other than to make the land “shovel ready” for future industrial businesses.

ZONING HISTORY AND AREA ZONING PATTERNS:

Originally zoned R1, Single-family Residential, this site became zoned Agricultural in 1983 with the overall rezone of Sheffield Township. Land to the south of this site, located in the Town of Dayton, has been rezoned to I3 over the years as shown below.

- Z-2724: Carr Family Farm, A & HB to I3, approved July 2018
- Z-2723: McCoy Group, R1 & HB to I3, approved May 2018
- Z-2612 and three other rezone requests: MacAllister Machinery, all to I3, approved between 2015 and 2002.

Land adjacent to the east and north is also zoned A. AW, Agricultural Wooded zoning exists to the northeast; 15 acres of R1 zoning is in place to the southeast. Land west of the interstate and adjacent to the south of the rezone site is zoned I3. A triangular-shaped tract of land located southeast of the Haggerty Lane bridge and adjacent to the east of the interstate is not part of this request and is owned by the state. The Lafayette corporate boundary runs along the I-65 western right-of-way line, crosses the interstate at Haggerty, then extends due north across the road from this site. Also, the Dayton town limits run along the southern line of this rezone request. The Town of Dayton is in the process of annexing all of the land in this request as well as properties to the east to Dayton Road.

AREA LAND USE PATTERNS:

These 97 acres are gently rolling farmland with an existing farmstead including a house and several agricultural-related structures near its northeast corner. Current surrounding land uses are all agricultural except for one residence to the north and a couple of houses farther to the east along Dayton Road. Farther to the southeast is MacAllister Machinery. South of the rezone site, on the west side of Yost Drive extended, a 26 acre site rezoned to I3 in 2018 will soon be home to a Daimler truck dealership; construction is due to begin this spring. West

of I-65 and north of Haggerty is a Toyota commercial warehouse and the Lafayette Armory; the 608 acres south of Haggerty stretching to SR 38 is home to the Subaru automotive plant.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION:

Haggerty Lane is classified as a rural secondary arterial by the adopted *Thoroughfare Plan*. Yost Drive, which will eventually connect SR 38 to the south with CR 650 E at Haggerty will be a collector and will provide about a quarter mile of frontage to the rezone site. The Town of Dayton is currently using federal funds to develop the necessary engineering on this road project. A small piece of right-of-way is still needed and will be obtained in fiscal year 2024 with the actual construction of the road occurring after that.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND UTILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The site in question has water from the town, but currently not sewer. There is a water main located in the Yost Drive right-of-way to Haggerty. Sewer exists just to the south of the rezone site. An agreement between Dayton and Lafayette states that Dayton will serve this area south of Haggerty Lane with utilities. Before development can occur, the standard utility/service agreement with Dayton would have to be approved.

A type C bufferyard is a requirement between I3 and Agricultural zoned land and would be necessary along two sections of the rezone site's property line.

STAFF COMMENTS:

In 1996, the Town Board of Dayton as well as the County Commissioners adopted the *Second Amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan for Dayton and Vicinity*. (The first amendment was done in 1987 when the announcement of the SIA plant was made.) This *Second Plan* was very specific regarding future land uses between the town proper and the interstate and SR 38 and Haggerty Lane to the north. The Plan calls for Office Research/Light Industrial on the site in question on the west side of Yost Drive, extended.

Currently the town is finalizing the "Dayton & Tippecanoe County Joint EDA-TIF district that includes this rezone site; this area is also in the process of being annexed by the town. Once this is completed, APC staff will begin work on a new Comprehensive Plan Amendment for this area to replace the amendment written almost 25 years ago.

Until the annexation is completed and the new plan amendment is finished, staff feels it is premature to rezone this land currently under the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners. However, if the hearing moves forward, staff can only recommend rezoning to the I1, Light Industrial district since that is what the adopted plan currently in place recommends.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Denial

If revised to I1, Light Industrial, staff recommends approval