

We thought you'd like to know...

“The County Property”

As you turned off of IN. S.R. 2, you drove back to Essex Park through some 20 acres of open space land that is still owned by Porter County Government. We are often asked “what is going to happen with this land”, and while we don't own the land, we can tell you what has been communicated to us by the Porter County Commissioners.

When the Essex Park property was purchased through the County Commissioners several years ago, we agreed to purchase the 40 acres some 400 feet off of Highway 2, as the Commissioners specifically wanted to preclude the possibility that any of the property along the highway might be developed commercially. The property is zoned single family residential, but the Commissioners wanted to ensure that under no circumstances could commercial development occur in that location.

During the development planning process, at the request of the County Commissioners, we met on several occasions with the City of Valparaiso School Corporation to incorporate sufficient space for an elementary school, although we have no way of knowing whether that will ever happen. At the present time, it's our understanding that student populations in Valparaiso are not increasing, and there are no urgencies for new elementary schools.