

June 27, 1975

TO: Mr. Nelson Forrest, Chairman  
BACOG Comprehensive Planning Committee

FROM: Maryjo S. Garre, Member  
Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission

At the June 11 meeting of the BACOG Comprehensive Planning Committee, the Village of Barrington Hills representative (being the undersigned) made various comments relating to the following planning documents prepared by Barton-Ashman Associates:

1. Goals and objectives for BACOG, dated May 12, 1975;
2. BACOG Comprehensive Planning Studies report, dated April, 1975;
3. Community Development Policies Map, as revised, dated April, 1975;
4. Environmental Policies map, dated June, 1975.

The purpose of this memo is to review and summarize these statements.

Barrington Hills strongly supports the concept of area-wide comprehensive planning and commends those who have worked so hard to bring the BACOG Comprehensive Plan so close to fruition. We are in general agreement with the basic goals and objectives set forth in the above mentioned documents and especially support the concepts of limited population growth and the maintenance of a countryside character. However, we find certain specific recommendations contained in these documents to be objectionable. These objections fall in the following categories:

Open Space

1. While Barrington Hills strongly supports the general concept of increased open space, and the protection of the natural environment, we object to recommendations

which might lead to the condemnation of private property which is already developed in a residential fashion. The Village's existing land-use ordinances and comprehensive plan are designed specifically to preserve a rural character, and its residents are highly oriented toward conservation and environmental goals. We wish to encourage this private initiative and strongly urge that ~~all~~ <sup>certain</sup> Barrington Hills properties shown on the Environmental Policies Map as a "potential conservation area" be reclassified as a "private conservation area". This recommendation applies specifically to properties designated by numbers 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 on Figure 4 in the BACOG Comprehensive Planning Studies report which lie in the Spring Creek and Flint Creek corridors.

2. The picnicing and other recreational activities recommended for the Spring Creek Forest Preserve (Comprehensive Planning Studies, p.57) should be deleted. This property is, and has always been, classified as a conservation and wildlife refuge area, and recreational uses are not appropriate. Furthermore, a "consent decree" entered into by the Cook County Forest Preserve District specifically prohibits such uses.
3. The open space "goal" (Goals and Objectives for BACOG, p.7) should be further defined by inserting the phrase "for area residents" after the word "needs". This change would strengthen the primary open space objective of

"creating...open spaces...to meet the...recreational needs of the area population."

#### Fox Valley Freeway

Under goal #7, transportation, the location of the Fox Valley Freeway on the Community Development Policies Map simply does not meet the objective of routing "external traffic around the area rather than through it." This freeway, as located, runs through several miles of property contained within the Village of Barrington Hills. In addition, it is our understanding, as a result of conversations with **Mr. Dan Dees, Bureau Chief of Planning, Illinois Department of Transportation** in Springfield, that there are no longer any State plans to construct such a highway north of Interstate 90. For both of these reasons, we strongly urge that any reference to this highway be deleted from the map.

#### Convenience Commercial Centers

Barrington Hills objects to the general concept of "convenience commercial centers" to be located "throughout the area". We believe that adequate facilities can be provided without extending commercial uses into the countryside, and we fear that this concept would be used primarily to serve the financial interests of potential developers. Instead, we recommend "reinforcement" of "the traditional role of the Village of Barrington as the major business...center within the area". (Goals and Objectives, p.4)

Inconsistencies With Barrington Hills Maps

The Community Development Policies Map is inconsistent with the existing Barrington Hills Zoning and Comprehensive Plan maps in a number of respects. (See attachments.) It is our view that these differences should be reconciled by bringing the BACOG map into conformity with those of Barrington Hills.

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