
MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: Addition of Territory to Enterprise Zone/FedEx Project

DATE: 10/15/13

Staff is in the process of making application to add a 177.77 acre parcel to the existing Rock Island Enterprise Zone to support future projects and the development of a new distribution center. The parcel is adjacent to the boundary of the existing zone and will be connected by a three-foot wide strip starting at the south right of way line of 78th Avenue west and the east right of way line of Turkey Hollow Road. The addition will increase the total Rock Island Enterprise Zone area to 4.6577 square miles, well under the statutory limit of 12 square miles.

The reason for the territory addition at this time is to facilitate the future home of an 189,000 square-foot distribution facility for FedEx Ground. The new facility will be situated on a 29.5 acre site on the parcel and accommodate the company's expansion needs. The site was chosen due to its convenient access to major highways and its proximity to other distribution centers.

As part of the application process, a public hearing to consider the territory expansion was held on October 17, 2013. An ordinance to amend the original ordinance to create the zone must also be passed by the City Council and sent with the application. Copy of the amending ordinance for this addition is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: The Community & Economic Development Department recommends that the City Council approve the amending ordinance adding approximately 177.77 acres of territory to the City's existing Enterprise Zone and authorize the Mayor to sign the expansion application.

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Chappell, Development Programs Manager
Jeffery Eder, Community and Economic Development Director

Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE VI DESIGNATING AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island received certification of an enterprise zone from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs under the provision of the "Illinois Enterprise Zone Act" (20 ILCS 655/1 et. Seq.) on July 1, 1985; and received certification from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on August 30, 2004 extending the termination date of the enterprise zone to December 31, 2014;

WHEREAS, enterprise zones provide incentives in order to promote the economic growth of the area, to reduce unemployment, and to encourage expansion, rehabilitation and new construction within the proposed zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island finds it necessary and desirable to further amend the terms of the Ordinance, as previously amended, pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Act; and,

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2013, the Administrator of the City of Rock Island Enterprise Zone duly caused public notice to be published in The Argus, a newspaper of general circulation within the certified Enterprise Zone, of a public hearing to be conducted within the Enterprise Zone on whether the Ordinance, as amended, should be further amended; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2013, the Administrator of the City of Rock Island Enterprise Zone duly conducted a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of the City of Rock Island at which information was presented and public comment was elicited on the proposed amendment to the Ordinance as specified in the notice as published.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

Section One. Section 121, Chapter 11 of Article VI is hereby amended, enlarging the limits of the Enterprise Zone previously designated, by that area described as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section Two. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, insofar as they do so conflict.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Mayor of the City of Rock Island

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Exhibit A

Legal Description

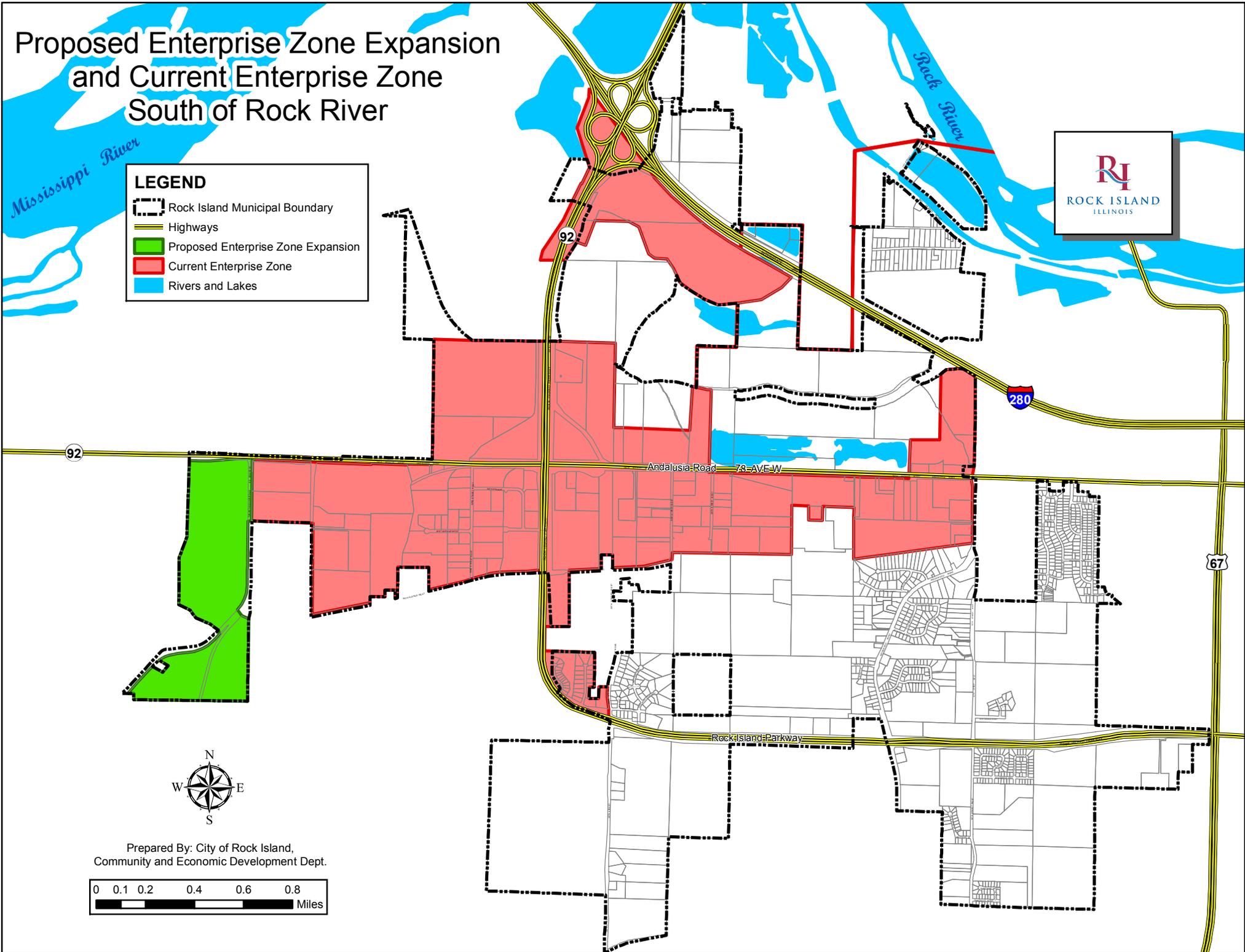
Part of the East Half of Section 30, Township 17 North, Range 2 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, Rock Island County, Illinois, described as follows:

Commencing the intersection of the south right of way line of 78th Avenue West, Andalusia Road (S.A. Route 9) and the east right of way line of Turkey Hollow Road (S.A. Route 10); thence south in a three foot wide strip along said east right of way line to the intersection with the southerly right of way line of 85th Avenue West; thence west to the intersection with the east line of said Section 30; thence south to the southeast corner of Section 30; thence west to the southeast corner of Blackhawk Township Parcel 358-1; thence northerly and westerly along the boundary of said Parcel 358-1 to the intersection with the southeasterly right of way line of Turkey Hollow Road; thence northeasterly along said southeasterly line to the west corner of Blackhawk Township Parcel 2308; thence southeasterly, northeasterly and northwesterly along the boundary of said Parcel 2308 to said southeasterly right of way line of Turkey Hollow Road; thence northeasterly along said southeasterly line to the intersection with the southeasterly projection of the southwesterly line of Blackhawk Township Parcel 358-3; thence northwesterly and northerly along the westerly boundary of Parcel 358-3 to the intersection with said south right of way line of Andalusia Road; thence easterly along said line to the point of commencement.

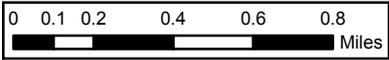
Proposed Enterprise Zone Expansion and Current Enterprise Zone South of Rock River

LEGEND

- Rock Island Municipal Boundary
- Highways
- Proposed Enterprise Zone Expansion
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- Rivers and Lakes



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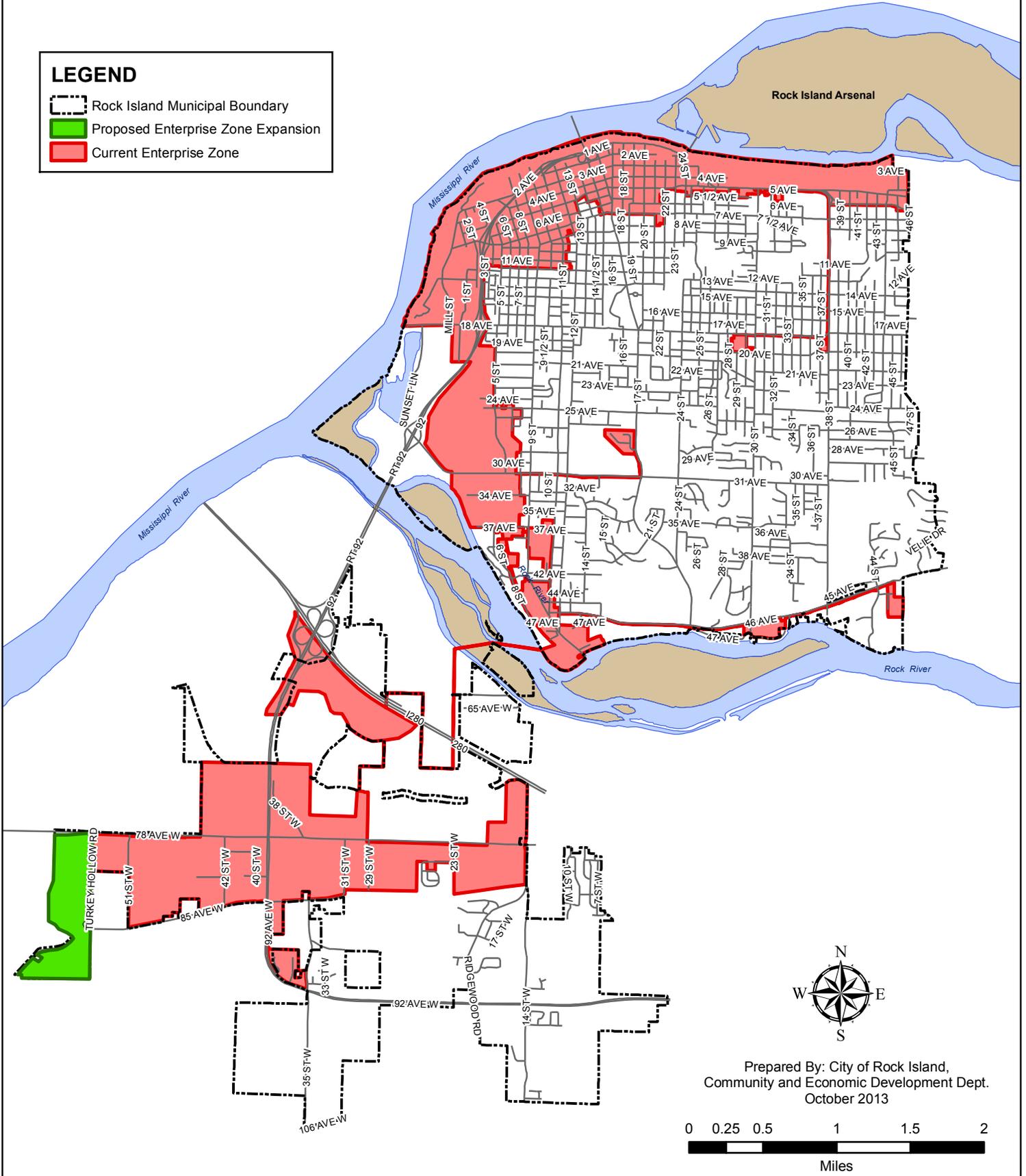


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