



**LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**  
302 NORTH ACADEMY STREET, SUITE A, LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28092  
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To: Board of Commissioners  
Planning Board

From: Randy Hawkins, Zoning Administrator

Date: October 19, 2018

Re: PD #2018-3  
Blum, Inc., applicant  
Parcel ID# 02372 and 34251

*The following information is for use by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board at their joint meeting/public hearing on November 5, 2018.*

**REQUEST**

The applicant is requesting the rezoning of 68 acres from I-G (General Industrial) and R-T (Transitional Residential) to PD-I (Planned Development-Industrial) to permit expansions of manufacturing, warehousing and office facilities and allow a building height in excess of 60 feet but not more than 100 feet for a high-bay warehouse. A site plan had been submitted as part of the rezoning application.

Under the Unified Development Ordinance, the PD-I district is intended to allow greater flexibility in design and provide for appropriate use of land that is significantly unique in its circumstances to warrant special methods of development.

A main reason for the rezoning request is a proposed 98-foot-tall warehouse. The standards for the I-G district set a maximum building height of 60 feet. In a PD-I district, standards are established at the time of approval by the Board of Commissioners.

An existing automated warehouse on the Blum site is 85 feet in height. A variance was approved in 1998 to allow the warehouse to exceed the I-G district's maximum height, which at that time was 50 feet. In 2004, another variance was approved to allow an addition to the warehouse.

Rezoning the property to PD-I was recommended by staff as a more appropriate way to address the height issue.

Blum's existing facilities and the site of the proposed facilities are located on a 36-acre parcel. As part of the rezoning request, Blum has opted to include an adjoining 38-acre undeveloped tract that it owns. No facilities are proposed on that tract at this time.

Included with the rezoning application are minutes of a community involvement meeting that was held on Oct. 4.

### SITE AREA AND DESCRIPTION

The subject property is located at 7733 Old Plank Road, on the north side of Old Plank Road about 600 feet west of N.C. 16 Business. It is adjoined by property zoned I-G, R-T, B-N (Neighborhood Business) and B-G (General Business). Land uses in this area include industrial, business and residential. The subject property is part of an area designated by the Land Use Plan as an Industrial Center.

### STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the rezoning request be approved. See proposed statement on following page.



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### **Zoning Amendment Staff's Proposed Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness**

Case No. **PD #2018-3**

Applicant **Blum, Inc.**

Parcel ID# **02372 and 43251**

Location **7733 Old Plank Road**

Proposed amendment **rezone from I-G and R-T to PD-I to permit expansions of manufacturing, warehousing and office facilities and allow a building height in excess of 60 feet and not more than 100 feet for a high-bay warehouse**

This proposed amendment **is consistent** with the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and other adopted plans in that:

**This property is part of an area designated by the Land Use Plan as an Industrial Center.**

This proposed amendment **is reasonable and in the public interest** in that:

**A manufacturing plant has been in operation on this property for many years. The adjoining area includes industrial uses. The proposed expansions will result in additional jobs and increase the county's tax base.**



## **Planned Development Rezoning Application**

Lincoln County Planning and Inspections Department  
Zoning Administrator  
302 N. Academy St., Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: (704)736-8440 Fax: (704)732-9010

### **PART I**

Applicant Name Blum Inc

Applicant Address 7733 Old Plank Road Stanley, NC 28164

Applicant Phone Number 704.827.1345

Property Owner Name Julius Blum, Inc.

Property Owner Address 7733 Old Plank Road Stanley, NC 28164

Property Owner Phone Number 704.827.1345

### **PART II**

Property Location 7733 Old Plank Road & S NC 16 Business Highway

Property ID (10 digits) Parcel 1: 4601031941  
Parcel 2: 4601050296 Property size Parcel 1: 36.3 ac  
Parcel 2: 31.7 ac

Parcel # (5 digits) Parcel 1: 02372  
Parcel 2: 34251 Deed Book(s) Parcel 1: 553  
Parcel 2: 959 Page(s) Parcel 1: 801  
Parcel 2: 617

### **PART III**

Existing Zoning District Parcel 1: I-G  
Parcel 2: R-T Proposed Zoning District PD-I

Briefly describe how the property is being used and any existing structures.

Parcel 1 is currently an industrial site with existing buildings having manufacturing, warehouse and office space.

Parcel 2 is currently vacant and wooded.

Briefly described the proposed planned development.

The proposed planned development will rezone both parcels to Planned Development - Industrial to allow future industrial development on both parcels.

### **\*SEE PLANNING DEPT. FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FEES.**

*I hereby certify that all knowledge of the information provided for this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant's Signature

Date

9/5/18

BLUM, INC.  
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MEETING  
October 4, 2018

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF MEETING:**

The Community Involvement Meeting (CIM) for Blum, Inc. was held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Lincoln Community Center located at 8160 Optimist Club Road, Denver, North Carolina. The purpose of the CIM was to provide information regarding the Blum, Inc. request to rezone from I-G (General Industrial) to PD-I (Planned Development-Industrial) to permit expansions of manufacturing, warehousing and office facilities and allow building heights in excess of 60 feet and not more than 100 feet for high-bay warehouses.

**PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETING (see attached copy of sign-in sheet):**

Lincoln County mailed CIM notification letters mid-September 2018 to surrounding property owners informing them of the upcoming meeting in accordance with the Lincoln County Unified Development Ordinance. The CIM was attended by those individuals identified on the attached sign-in sheet.

**INTRODUCTION:**

David Lutz with CES Group Engineers provided a presentation of the proposed Blum, Inc. expansion, identifying the proposed structure with a maximum proposed height of 98'. Currently, the maximum height of an existing structure onsite is 85'. Mr. Lutz and Blum representatives answered questions from the audience.

**QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

- Please clarify where the existing buffer is located, that was planted by Blum during prior structure expansions.
  - Petitioner: The property line on the east side of the property was identified as the location prior plantings were installed to provide a visual buffer between Blum and residential homes.

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## Lincoln County, NC

### Office of the Tax Administrator, GIS Mapping Division

Lincoln County and its mapping contractors assume no legal responsibility for the information contained on this map. This map is not to be used for land conveyance. The map is based on NC State Plane Coordinate System 1983 NAD.  
Date: 9/14/2018 Scale: 1 Inch = 500 Feet

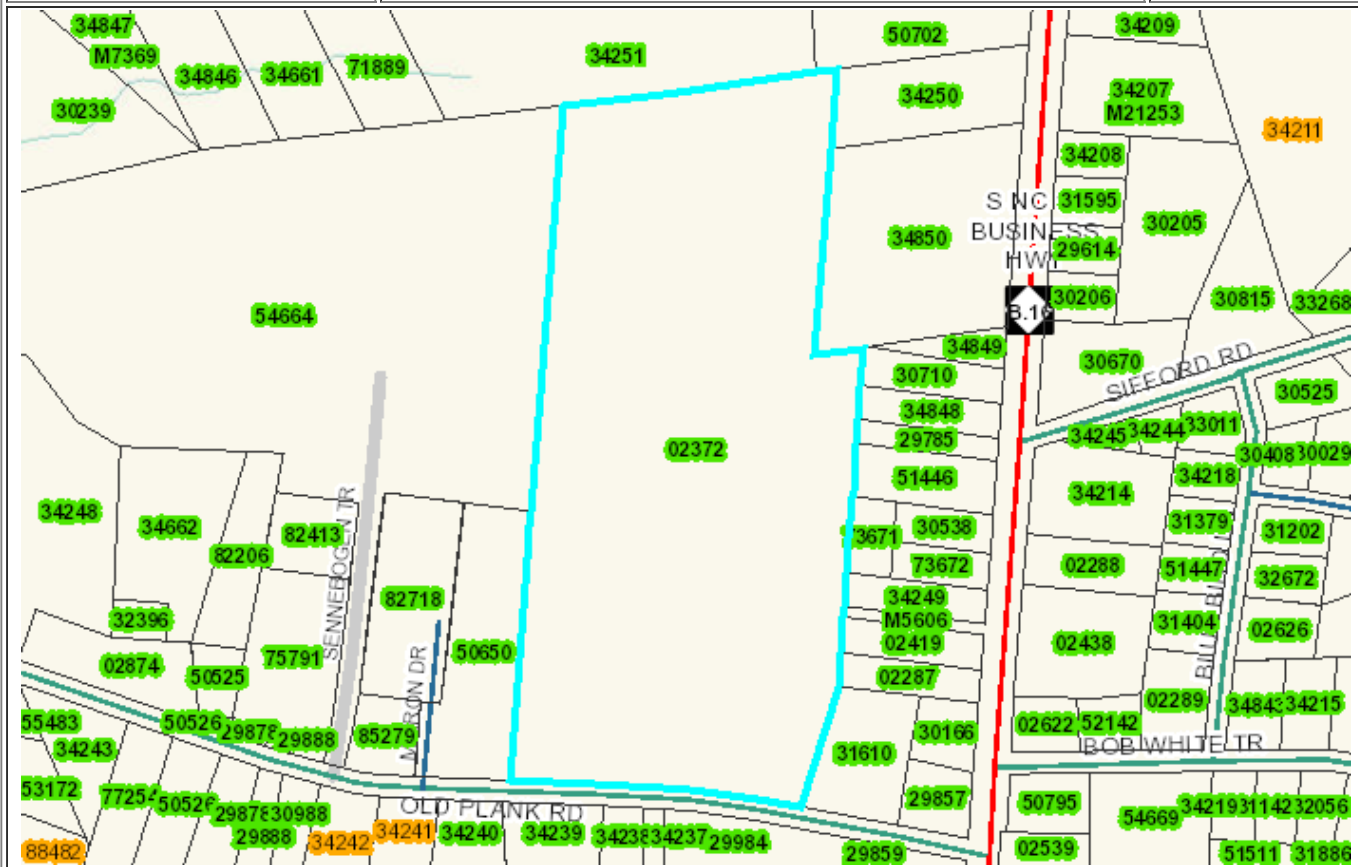


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<b>Parcel ID</b>	02372	<b>Owner</b>	JULIUS BLUM INC
<b>Map</b>	4601	<b>Mailing</b>	BLUM INDUSTRIAL PRK-LOWESVILLE 7733 OLD PLANK RD
<b>Account</b>	25296	<b>Address</b>	STANLEY, NC 28164-7774
<b>Deed</b>	553 801	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	01/01/1992
<b>Plat</b>		<b>Subdivision</b>	
<b>Land Value</b>	\$908,162	<b>Improvement Value</b>	\$17,494,786
<b>Previous Parcel</b>		<b>Total Value</b>	\$18,402,948

-----All values for Tax Year 2018 -----

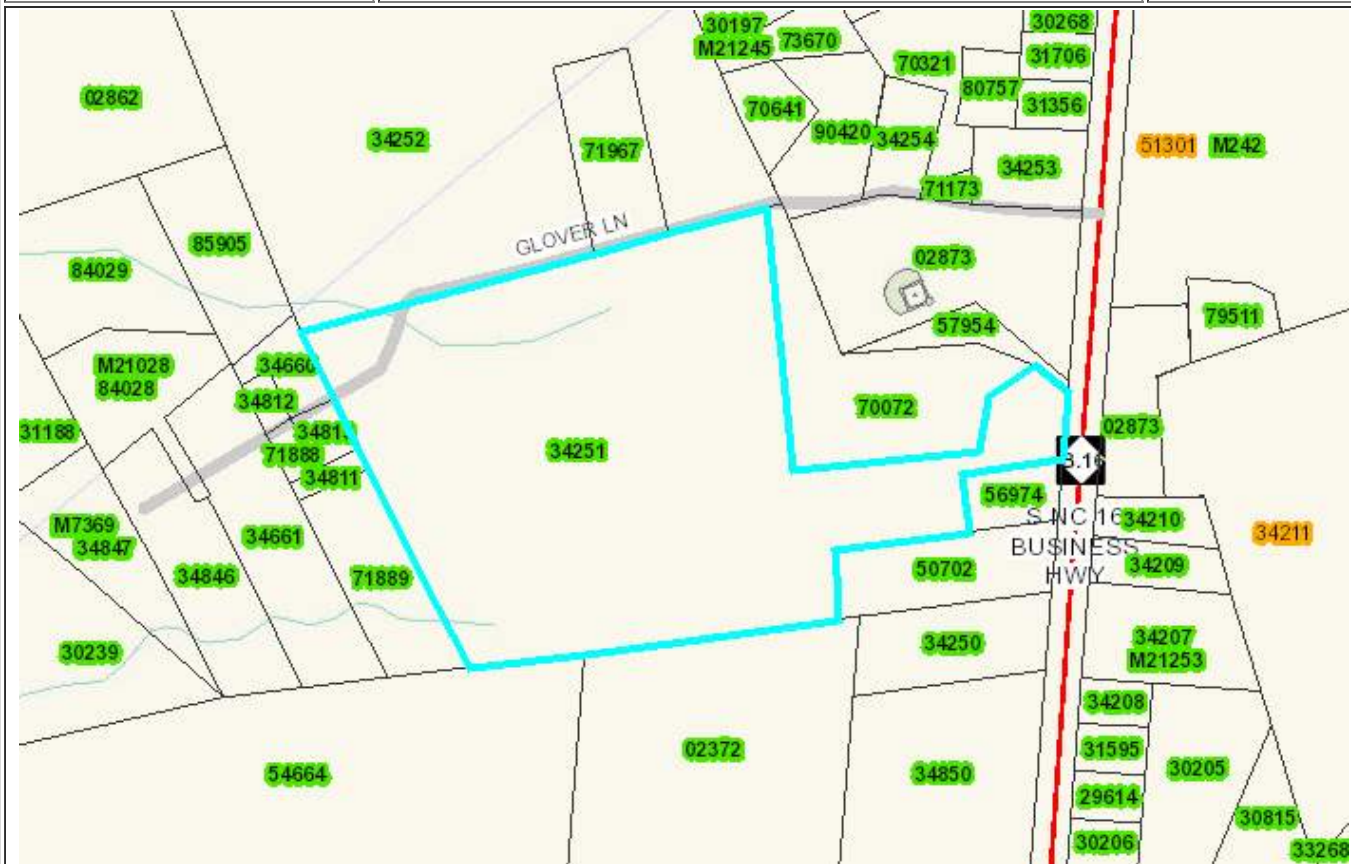
<b>Description</b>	BLDG RD 16	<b>Deed Acres</b>	36.43
<b>Address</b>	7733 OLD PLANK RD	<b>Tax Acres</b>	36.306
<b>Township</b>	CATAWBA SPRINGS	<b>Tax/Fire District</b>	EAST LINCOLN
<b>Main Improvement</b>	SECTION 11& 2005 AUTM WH	<b>Value</b>	\$2,566,225
<b>Main Sq Feet</b>	37752	<b>Stories</b>	1
		<b>Year Built</b>	2005

<b>Zoning District</b>	<b>Calc Acres</b>	<b>Voting Precinct</b>	<b>Calc Acres</b>
I-G	36.31	LW31	36.31

<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Sewer District</b>
0.48	
35.83	36.31

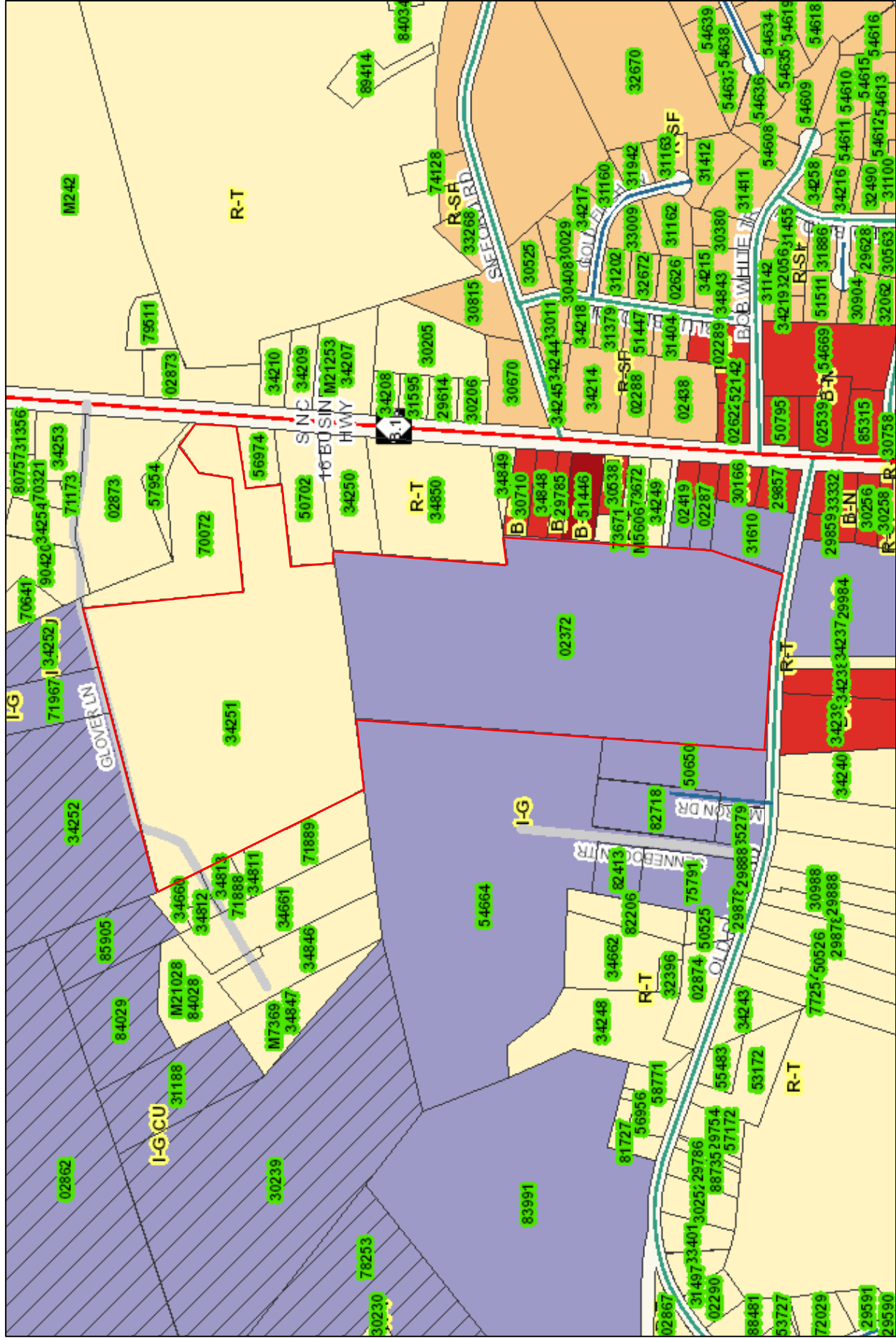
<b>Census County</b>	<b>Tract</b>	<b>Block</b>	
109	071102	1070	36.31

<b>Flood</b>	<b>Zone Description</b>	<b>Panel</b>	
X	NO FLOOD HAZARD	3710369100	14.94
X	NO FLOOD HAZARD	3710460100	21.37

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PD #2018-3  
subject property is outlined in red



September 14, 2018

Esri, Inc., Lincoln County, NC









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# DECOM INC. LEARNED DEVELOPMENT REZONING

BLUM INC.  
7733 OLD PLANK ROAD  
STANLEY, NC 28164

BIUM INC

ECT NO:  
7134 - 0918

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OWN BY: SMC	REVISED BY: __
CKED BY: DSL	ISSUED BY: SMC

# ZONING TE PLAN

WING NUMBER:

# C1.0

