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To: [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment - re: North Fork Farms, LLC: Petrolia Area, record Number PLN-2020-16766 - hearing date 9/16/21
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To the Planning Commission of Humboldt County,

I was raised in Petrolia by the early pot farmers of the back-to-the-land movement. When I graduated college, I returned to Petrolia to work as a public school teacher, which I have done for the last decade. I live in the downtown area on the north side of the property where this plan has been proposed. It is here that I am raising two children who are four and seven.

I know this property well. I have walked nearly every square meter of it. It is the view scape of my children's walk to school and the backdoor to our local community center.

I know all of the farmers involved. I grew up with some of them and would call each of them friends. I have known since they began discussing purchasing this property that their intent was to use it for cannabis cultivation.

I appreciated that early on their intent was to have outdoor dry farming as is detailed in a portion of this plan. I was taken aback, however, to see the scale and the industrial nature of the proposed plan.

This property is in the heart of our small but vibrant town. The industrial properties that you have already approved in our little hamlet have created an intense negative impact on our community and way of life. The industrial aspect, not the industry itself, has been a divisive subject for our people.

Please stop treating Petrolia like an out-of-sight out-of-mind tucked away industrial zone for the industrial sized cannabis cultivation that the rest of Humboldt does not want to see.

The legalization movement billed itself as the way for the mom-and-pop farmers to go legal. This is not mom-and-pop farming. These grows are not only changing the face of the community we live in, they are also disrupting the scenic and quaint atmosphere that attracts a growing 24,000 visitors to our coastlines each year.

I don't oppose just this plan. I oppose all oversized industrial scale operations inappropriately placed in the midst of our small town. Please work to allocate an industrial zone within Humboldt County that can properly serve this market. Please encourage actual small mom-and-pop operations and give incentives to farmers to create grows that do not disparage our landscapes and communities.

I am attaching a map where I have marked the school on the adjacent parcel. I have marked on the map a place of worship adjacent to the parcel, a food truck adjacent to the parcel, and the local community center adjacent to the parcel. I have marked the Petrolia Pioneer Cemetery and the public access trail leading to it that exists within the parcel. This "pioneer" cemetery is alleged to also contain indigenous peoples' remains who were displaced to make room for white settlers. This site looks to be a near 600 ft from the proposed grow itself.

I am also including a photo taken from on the campus of the school looking directly at the site of the grow.

This permit needs to be scaled back dramatically. Light dep grows need to be zone out of our small towns.

Thank you,

-Malia Freedlund

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

- FROM EUREKA, CA
 -SOUTHBOUND ON US-101
 -TAKE EXIT 652 TOWARDS FERNDALE/FERNBRIDGE AND
 TURN RIGHT ON SINGLEY ROAD
 -TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-214 SOUTH (4.5 MILES)
 -TURN RIGHT ONTO BLUFF STREET/OCEAN AVENUE
 -TURN LEFT ONTO WILDCAT AVE / MATTOLE ROAD (~28.1 MI)
 -CONTINUE ONTO FRONT STREET IN PETROLIA (0.5 MI)
 -DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT

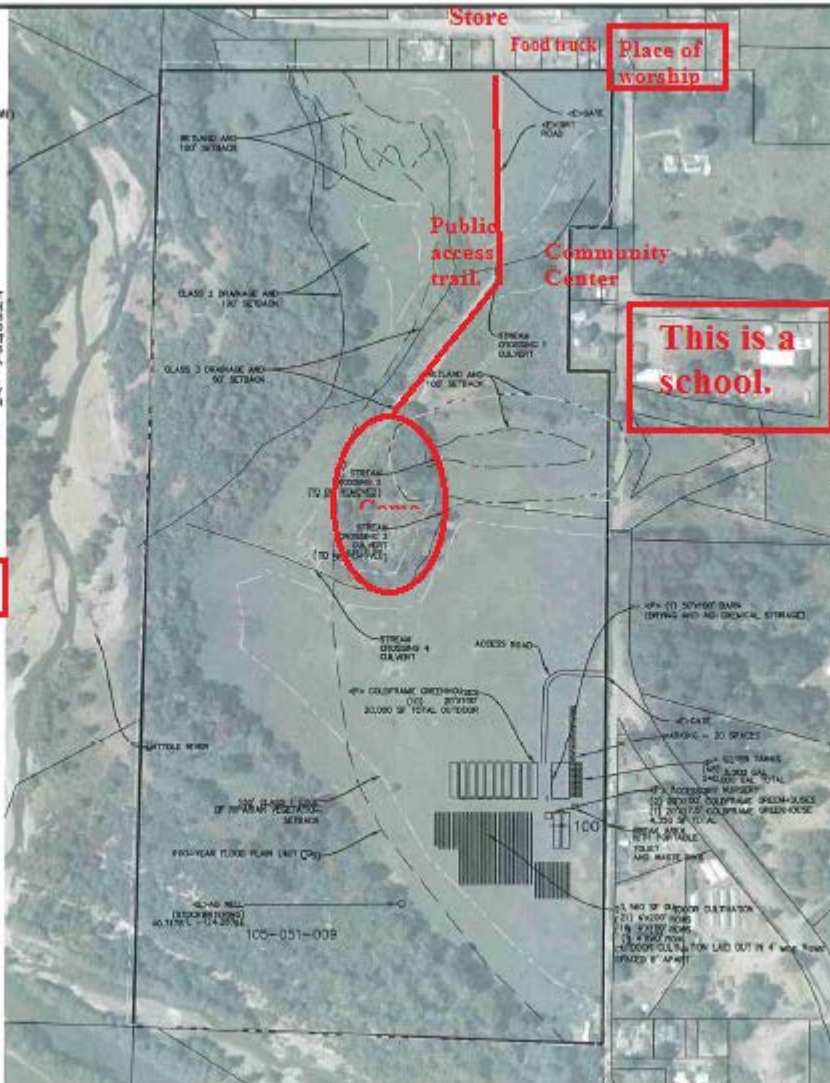
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

NORTH FORK MATTOLE FARMS, LLC IS PROPOSING TO PERMIT EXISTING CANNABIS CULTIVATION ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT (COUNTY) COMMERCIAL CANNABIS LAND USE ORDINANCE (CULUO). THE OPERATION INCLUDES 43,560 SQUARE FEET OF OUTDOOR CULTIVATION. THE PROJECT PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES APPURTENANT TO THE CULTIVATION, INCLUDING GREENHOUSES, FACILITIES FOR DRYING, CURING, GRADING OF CANNABIS.

IRRIGATION WATER SOURCED FROM RAIN CATCHMENT. DRY FARMING TECHNIQUES WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED TO REDUCE WATER USAGE.

GENERAL NOTES:

- DRAWING SCALE AS NOTED. WRITTEN DIMENSIONS SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SCALED DIMENSIONS.
- THIS IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY. BOUNDARY INFORMATION DEPICTED HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY 2015 GIS DATA. S.C. CONSULTING SERVICES INC. HAS NOT VERIFIED THIS BOUNDARY INFORMATION.
- THERE ARE NO NEARBY SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS, BUS STOPS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, PUBLIC PARKS OR OTHER RESOURCES WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROPOSED CULTIVATION AREA.
- THERE ARE NO RESIDENCES ON ADJOINING PARCELS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED CULTIVATION AREAS.
- ANY EXISTING DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF COUNTY REVIEW WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE ZONING CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE.

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

APPLICANT:
 NORTH FORK MATTOLE FARMS, LLC
 656 FERNCREST ROAD
 WINDSOL, CA 95570

PROPERTY OWNER:
 NORTH FORK MATTOLE RANCH, LLC
 656 FERNCREST ROAD
 TENDRAL, CA 95570

DRAWER AGENT:
 S.C. CONSULTING SERVICES INC
 973 DONKER DR
 EUREKA, CA 95501
 (707) 440-9033

SITE ADDRESS:
 103-051-009
 29330 MATTOLE ROAD
 PETROLIA, CA 95558

TREES TO BE REMOVED = NONE

EXISTING CULTIVATION AREA = 0 SQ. FT.

PROPOSED CULTIVATION AREA = 43,560 SQ. FT.

TOTAL CULTIVATION AREA PROPOSED = 43,560 SQ. FT.

EARTHWORK QUANTITIES = 80

WATER = PRIVATE

SEWER = PRIVATE

PARCEL SIZE = 282.15 ACRES

ZONING GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION = V₂, R_{OC}

SEA AREA = YES

IS COASTAL ZONE = NO

IS IN 100 YEAR FLOOD ZONE = YES

PLOT PLAN
 22x34 SHEET: 1"=50'
 11x17 SHEET: 1"=300'



NORTH FORK MATTOLE FARMS LLC APN: 103-051-009-000
 29330 MATTOLE ROAD, PETROLIA, CA 95558
 PLOT PLAN, VICINITY MAP AND PROJECT NOTES



