

**TOWNSHIP OF FOREST LAKE  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FOREST LAKE FOR  
INCORPORATION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 414.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Township of Forest Lake  
(the Township), Minnesota as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township consisting of approximately 20,098 acres is not included within  
the limits of any incorporated municipality and includes land that has been platted into lots and  
blocks in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 414.02 provides the exclusive method of  
incorporating a municipality in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 U.S. Census reported the Township population at 6,690 residents  
and the current population is approximately 7,792 residents.

WHEREAS, the Township, is now, or about to become, urban or suburban in character;  
and

WHEREAS, the Township and the City of Forest Lake had entered into a process through  
the Board of Government Innovation and Cooperation to complete a merger plan for a referendum  
vote by the residents of both communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Lake unilaterally withdrew  
from the merger process by passing a formal resolution in March of 1999; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the City of Forest Lake demonstrate that they have no intention  
to let the residents of the City or the Township make the determination on their own future; and

WHEREAS, Independent School District #831 has filed a petition to annex certain  
property in the Township to the City of Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Lake passed a resolution supporting the annexation of a  
portion of the Township; and

WHEREAS, a group representing approximately 100 residents have filed a petition for  
annexation of the entire Township; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Lake passed a resolution on April 26, 1999 supporting the  
annexation of the entire Township; and

WHEREAS, The Township has received a petition by approximately 200 residents seeking support of the Township to incorporate the Township; and

WHEREAS, the actions of School District #831 and the City of Forest Lake will not allow a referendum of the residents of the City of Forest Lake and the Town of Forest Lake to make a determination on a merger and the form of government which they would be governed by; and

WHEREAS, the existing Township form of government is not adequate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and

WHEREAS, incorporation would be in the best interests of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has submitted a Comprehensive Plan update through the year 2020 and said update has been reviewed and will be approved by the Metropolitan Council in May or June of 1999; and

WHEREAS, there has been a rapid increase in population within the Township in recent years, and future increases are projected by both the Metropolitan Council and the Township; and

WHEREAS, areas within the Township, are now, and will be in the future, the subject of urban and suburban scale development; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not receive Municipal State Aid for roads and highways to properly build, restore, and repair and maintain the road and highway infrastructure of the Township; and

WHEREAS, incorporation as a city would allow the Township to be more effectively served in the areas of land planning, zoning, municipal utilities, road maintenance, and administration, and;

WHEREAS, the Township has a certain assessed valuation, tax capacity, indebtedness, and other fiscal disclosures all of which are listed on the attached Exhibit A and herein incorporated by reference; and;

WHEREAS, Incorporation of the Township will have no adverse effect on communities adjacent to Forest Lake, nor on school districts within and adjacent to the area; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Supervisors of the Township of Forest Lake hereby declares that:

The Township of Forest Lake, through this resolution, formally requests that the Minnesota Municipal Board institute a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.02, Subd. 2, and, subsequent to said hearing, enter an order incorporating the Township of Forest Lake as the City of Forest Shores pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.02, Subd. 3.

Prior to the hearing on this matter, the Board notify all municipalities abutting the Township of Forest Lake, Washington County, and each planning agency which has jurisdiction over the affected area, all of which are listed on the attached Exhibit B which is herein incorporated by reference.

That final order of the Board set the boundaries of the City at the present Township boundaries which are indicated on the attached Exhibit C, "Proposed Corporate Boundary Map, And Legal Description" which is herein incorporated by reference.

That final order provide for election of Municipal Officers in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.09, Subd. 3 and for the ordering of at large election of council members, and to provide that the plan of Government shall be "Optional Plan B".

Passed and Adopted by the Town Board of Supervisors this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

ATTEST:

  
Richard F. Tschida., Chairman


  
Dorothy Baland, Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

The 1999 market value of the Township of Forest Lake is \$401,032,600. The taxable net valuation (tax capacity) for 1999 is \$5,416,649. After certain deductions the tax capacity is \$5,429,288. After the Fiscal Disparity distributions the tax capacity is \$6,083,466.

There are homestead parcels and non-homestead parcels within the Township of Forest Lake.

The total bonded indebtedness of the Township of Forest Lake as of December 31, 1998 is \$785,000.

Tax Rates: (Tax Capacity)

Washington County .....	30.016
WMO .....	2.585
Forest Lake Township .....	15.845
School District #831 .....	60.44

Payable 1999 figures - Source: Washington County Auditor

EXHIBIT B

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ADJACENT TO TOWNSHIP OF FOREST LAKE

Washington County:	Chairperson, Wally Abrahamson Washington County Board of Commissioners Washington County Government Center 14900 - 61 st Street North P.O. Box 6 Stillwater, MN 55082
Chisago County	Chisago County Board of Commissioners Chisago County Government Center 313 North Main Street Center City, MN 55012
Anoka County	Anoka County Board of Commissioners Anoka County Government Center 2100 Third Avenue Anoka, MN 55303-2489
City of Forest Lake	Charles Robinson, Administrator 220 North Lake Street Forest Lake, MN 55025
City of Hugo	Mary Ann Creager, Clerk-Treasurer 5524 Upper 146th Street North Hugo, MN 55038-9367
Town of Columbus	Barbara Masteller, Clerk 16319 Kettle River Blvd. Forest Lake, MN 55025
Town of Wyoming	Norma Olson, Clerk 7645 Wyoming Trail Forest Lake, MN 55092
May Township	Linda Klein, Clerk 13519 May Avenue North Stillwater, MN 55082
Town of New Scandia	Delores Peterson, Clerk 14727 209 <sup>th</sup> St. North P.O. Box 128 Scandia, MN 55073

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School District #831

Donald Ruble, Superintendant  
6100 210<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Forest Lake Watershed  
Management Organization

Rice Creek Watershed District

Forest Lake Cable Television Commission

Washington County Planning Commission

Forest Lake Township Planning Commission

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School District #831

Donald Ruble, Superintendent  
6100 210<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Chisago Lakes Township

Herb Grossmann  
34415 Oasis Road  
Lindstrom, MN 55045

City of Lino Lakes

1189 Main Street  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

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Exhibit C

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

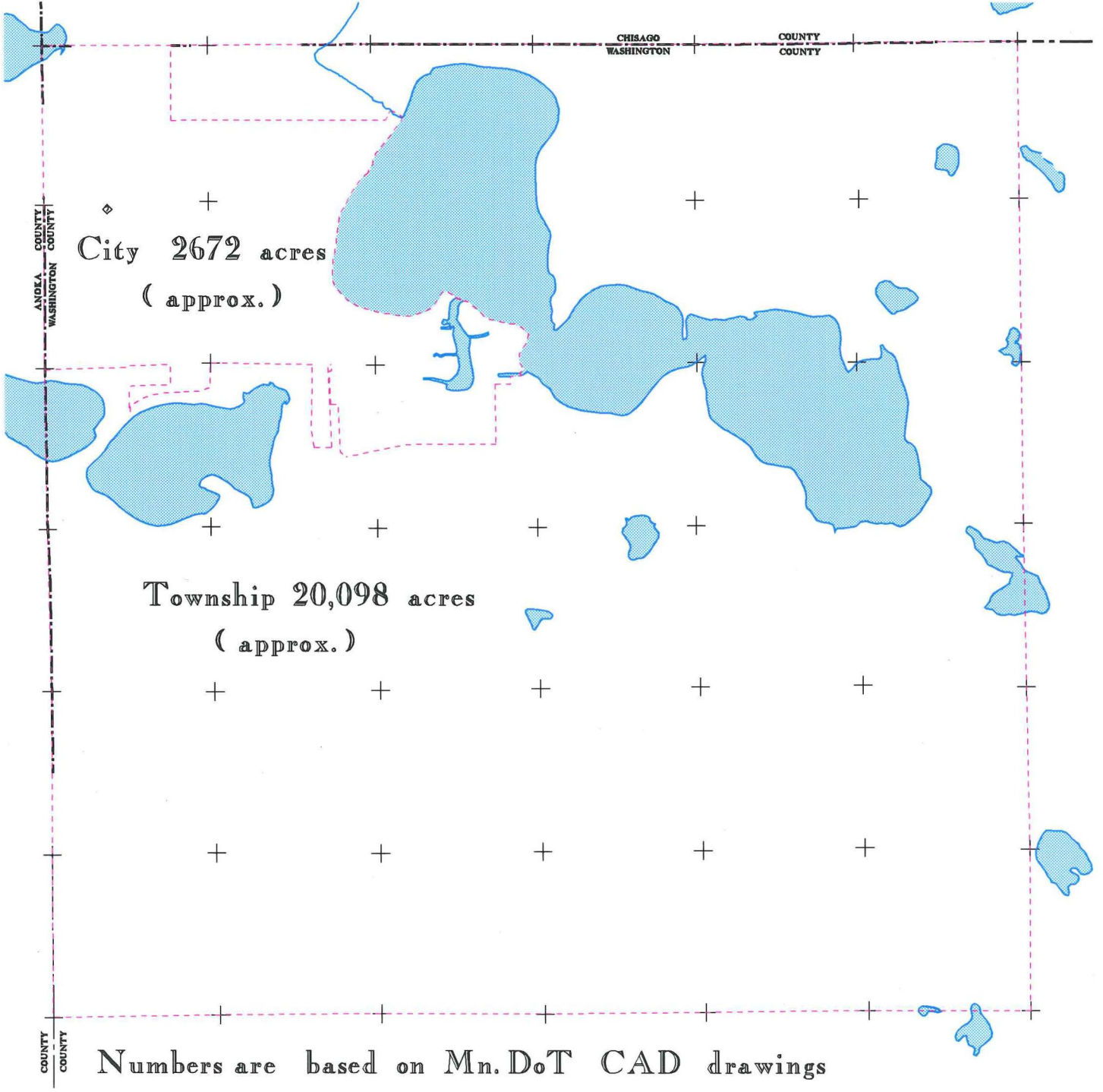
**TOWN OF FOREST LAKE**

Sections 1 through 36, Township 32N, Range 21W, Washington  
County, Mn. excluding the corporate boundary of the City of  
Forest Lake, Mn.



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# FOREST LAKE TOWNSHIP ACREAGE MAP



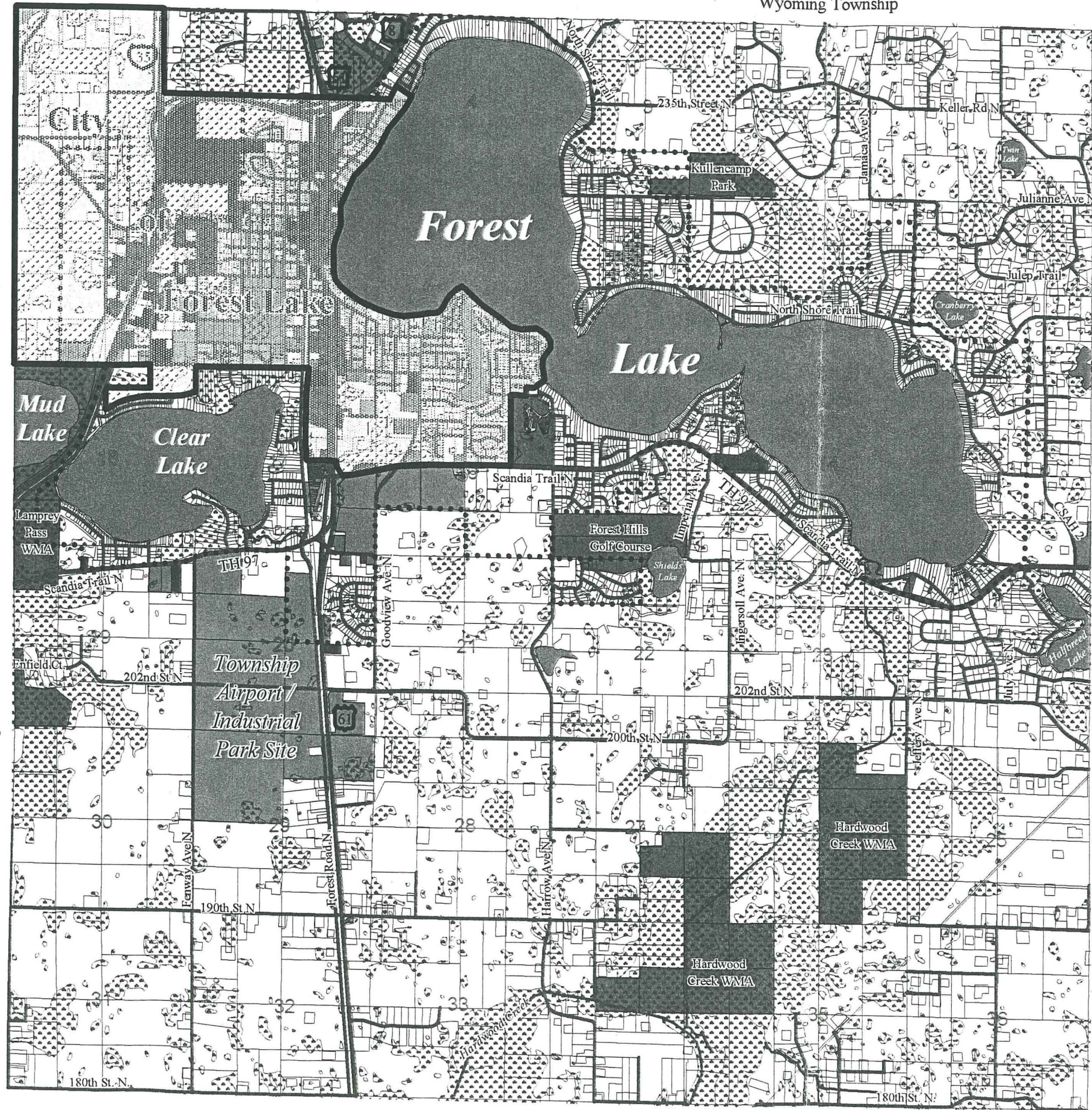


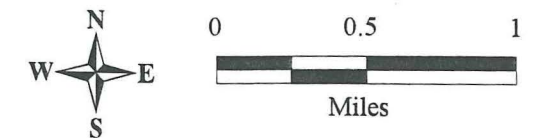
Figure 3

Existing Land Use  
Town of Forest Lake

Land Uses

-  Single Family Residential
-  Multiple Family Residential
-  Public/Institutional
-  Commercial
-  Industrial
-  Vacant/Agricultural
-  Parks / Open Spaces
-  Water Bodies
-  Wetlands
-  MUSA Boundary

Source of data: 1990 Generalized Land Use for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, Metropolitan Council; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Town of Forest Lake. GIS parcels provided by Washington County Surveyor's Office.



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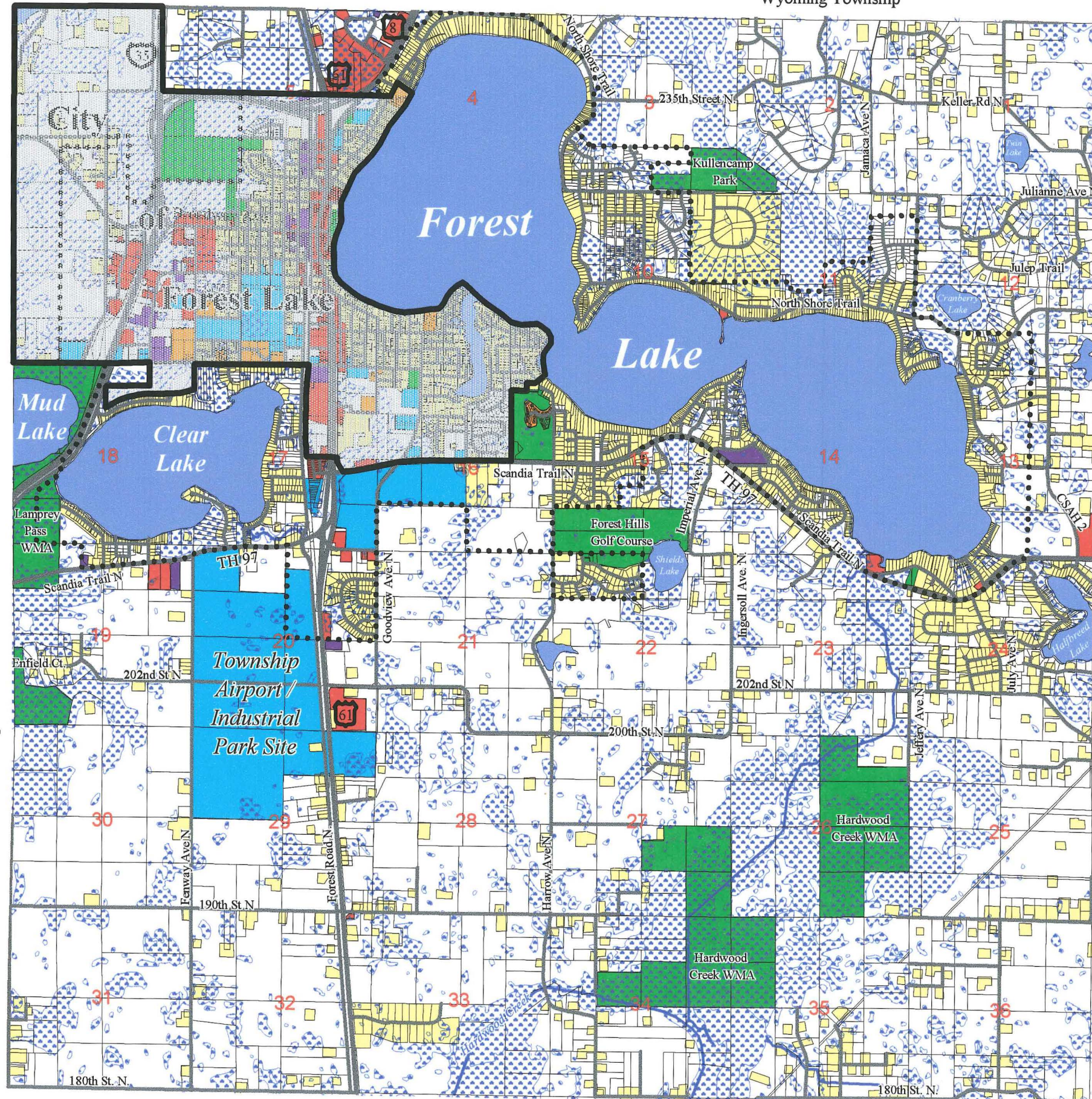
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ANOKA COUNTY

Columbus Township

New Scandia Township













City of Hugo

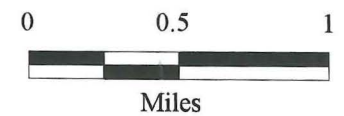
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