

OCT 05 2005

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW
WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS WITH ANY ATTACHMENTS TO:**

Office of Administrative Hearings
Municipal Boundary Adjustments
300 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

NOTE:

Due to the size of the
Town of Columbus
Comprehensive Plan, it
is not attached to this
document as
referenced.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

FACTUAL INFORMATION

This form is being completed by Elizabeth Mursko who is the Town Manager of the Town of Columbus in reference to the Petition filed under Minnesota Statute 414.02:

The term "subject area" refers to the area that is proposed for the incorporation.

1. Present population and number of households, past population and projected population growth in the subject area:

Columbus

1980 Population	<u>3,232</u>
1990 Population	<u>3,690</u>
Current Population (2004)	<u>4,120</u>
Current Households (2004)	<u>1,388</u>
Projected in 5 years (Households)	<u>1,478</u>
Source of Data	<u>Census (1980-1990; Met Council (2004); Columbus (forecast)</u>

2. Geographic Features:

- a. Present Boundaries of Columbus Township _____

Total Acreage: 30,710

- b. Describe any waterways in or adjacent to the subject area: (rivers, streams, shorelands, protected water, protected wetlands, watershed districts):
Rice Creek, Sunrise River, Howard Lake, Mud Lake, Higgins Lake, Crossways Lake, Rondeau Lake, Columbus Lake, Coon Lake, Little Coon Lake; numerous public wetlands/waters; Rice Creek, Coon Creek and Sunrise River watersheds.

- c. Are the waterways subject to any State or Federal regulation? Describe if yes:
State shoreland regulations.
- d. Generally describe the soils in the subject area: Range from wet, poorly-drained soils and high water table to sandy, well-drained soils.
- e. Describe the terrain in the subject area: Flat.
3. Contiguity: The perimeter of the subject area is square approximately _____% bordered by the municipality and _____% by the township and _____% by _____.
4. Present pattern of physical development, planning, and intended land uses in the subject area and adjoining areas:
- a. The land uses are: (Fill in approximate acreage or percentages if available instead of yes or no.)

	<u>Township</u>	
<u>Residential (Current)</u>	<u>3,900 Acres</u>	<u>12.7% (Net of Wetlands)</u>
<u>Institutional</u>		
<u>(tax exempt) (Current)</u>	<u>660 Acres</u>	<u>2.15% (Net of Wetlands)</u>
<u>Commercial/Retail (Planned)</u>	<u>660 Acres</u>	<u>2.15% (Net of Wetlands)</u>
<u>Industrial (Planned)</u>	<u>540 Acres</u>	<u>1.8% (Net of Wetlands)</u>
<u>Agricultural/vacant (future residential)</u>	<u>4,740 Acres</u>	<u>15.4% (Net of Wetlands)</u>
<u>Wetlands/floodplain</u>	<u>20,210 Acres</u>	<u>65.8% (Actual)</u>
 Totals	 30,710 Acres	 100%

- b. What type of development is proposed for the community?
See the attached Town of Columbus Comprehensive Plan
- c. What are the current adjacent land uses and/or zoning?
See the attached Town of Columbus Comprehensive Plan
5. The present transportation network:
- a. _____
Present transportation network for Columbus Township

Number of Miles of Highway, Streets, and Roads
Town of Columbus: 52 miles Anoka County: 25 Highway: 4
- b. Are any transportation changes planned in the community? yes _____ no x

- c. What are the major roads/highways that serve the subject area and adjoining areas? See Town Comprehensive Plan - Transportation Section

6. Land Use Controls and Planning:

- a. Comprehensive Plan (Attach copy of portion that applies to subject area):

Town of Columbus

Adoption Date 1999

Status of Plan _____

No Existing Plan _____

- b. Have any area planning authorities adopted an official position on the proposed incorporation? (planning commissions, boards, joint boards, Met Council, Regional Development Commissions, county, etc.)

yes x no _____ supportive x non-supportive _____

If yes, describe and attach copy of position document: Resolutions from area jurisdictions supporting incorporation are pending.

- c. Please check where the following exists and give any necessary explanations on how it relates to the proposed incorporation. (Since it may be possible that two or more ordinances attempt to regulate the same area, please circle whose ordinance presently applies to the subject area.)

	Township	
	Yes	No
<u>Zoning</u>	Yes	1980's, as amended
<u>Subdivision Regulations</u>	Yes	1980's, as amended
<u>Official Map</u>	N/A	
<u>Capital Improvements/ Budget</u>	Yes	Annual
<u>Fire Code</u>	Yes	Semi-Annual
<u>Shoreland Ordinance</u>	Yes	Anoka County
<u>Floodplain Ordinance</u>	Yes	Anoka County

Wild & Scenic

Rivers Ord.

N/A

Sanitation Ordinance

(on-site sewage treatment)

Yes 1980's, as amended

Attach copies of maps and portions of ordinances that apply to subject area.

- d. What is the current zoning of the community? See zoning map
and how long has it been in effect? 1980's, as amended
- e. What is the anticipated zoning if this incorporation is approved?
No change
- f. Is the subject area, or any portion thereof, eligible for deferred tax treatment
"Green Acres" (M.S. 273.111) because of agricultural or other use?
yes x no ____ Describe if yes: Portions of lands within Columbus Township
are eligible and classified as "Green Acres".
- g. Has the city established separate Urban and Rural Taxing Districts (M.S. 272.67)
in the subject or adjoining area?
yes _____ no x Describe if yes: _____

7. Present governmental services being provided in the subject area:

	Town Services Yes / No
*Water	Yes
*Sanitary Sewer/ Wastewater Treatment	Yes
Storm Sewer	Yes
Solid Waste Collection & Disposal	Yes
Fire Protection	Yes
Law Enforcement	Yes

Street Improvements Yes

Street Maintenance Yes

Administrative Services Yes

Recreational Services Yes

Other Current township provides all township services.

* If city does not provide water to the subject area, who does? Columbus

What is the percentage of capacity currently being used by the city? N/A

* Would the city take over or allow existing use? N/A

** If city does not provide sewer to the subject area, who does? Columbus

What is the percentage of capacity currently being used by the city? N/A

** Would city take over or allow existing use? N/A

8. Describe any existing or potential environmental problems and whether the proposed action is likely to improve or resolve these problems: (Example: ground or surface water problems, water quality and levels, sewage treatment, air pollutant emissions, noise, odors, affect on fish or wildlife; affect on historical resources, archaeological resources, aesthetic resources; impairment of park lands, prime farmlands, wild and scenic rivers, critical area; abandoned dump or disposal site, etc.) Some archeological artifacts near water bodies; noise from interstate highway; no air quality violations known; no water quality violations known; no other known environmental issues

9. Plans and programs by the receiving governmental unit for providing governmental services to the subject area and the impact of the proposed action on those services: Columbus furnishes all services

10. Describe the fiscal impact on the city, the subject area and adjacent units of local government:

	Present Township Year: 2005	Trend Over Last 3 Yrs.:
Net Tax Capacity	3,932,156	Rising

Tax Rates:

County See attached Exhibit A

Local Unit of Gov't. See attached Exhibit A & Exhibit B

School District See attached Exhibit A

Special Tax District See attached Exhibit A

Insurance Rating (fire) 7

Levy Limit None

Actual Current Levy 1,440,381

Total Bonded Indebtedness Current Bonded Debit / Special Assessments
(Currently there is not any General Obligation Bonds funded directly through
Property Tax Revnue.

11. Would the proposed incorporation affect any school district boundaries or adjacent communities? yes _____ no x Describe if yes: _____
12. Are new services necessary for the subject area? yes x no _____ Describe if yes:
Water and sanitary sewer services in the Freeway District are being installed on a
continuing basis.
- What is the current capacity of the sewer and water systems, how much is being used and by whom? The sanitary sewer capacity is 2200 gallons per minute; presently one business is connected to be followed by several properties in the southwest sewer district by the end of 2005. The water system is currently being designed for the same capacity as the sewer system and will be completed within one year.
13. Can necessary governmental services best be provide by the proposed incorporation or would another type of boundary adjustment be more appropriate?
- yes x by proposed action no _____ by _____

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14. If the incorporation were approved:
- Would the city/township suffer any undue hardship? No
Describe if yes: _____

 - Would the symmetry of the city/township be affected? No
Describe if yes: _____

 - Should the subject area be increased or decreased? No
Describe if yes and attach a revised area map: _____

15. Has the township provided any improvements to the subject area? yes x no ____
If so, which ones and when: The Town of Columbus provides all services and improvements within the entire community.

16. Has the township assessed the subject area for the improvements? yes x no ____
Describe if yes: The Town of Columbus has assessed properties within the freeway corridor for public improvements

17. Will the township be assuming any township indebtedness? yes ____ no, incorporation will not affect indebtedness. Describe if yes: _____

18. Has there ever been a previous boundary adjustment filed for this community or substantially the same property before? yes ____ no x Describe if yes: _____

19. Why have you filed a petition/objection for incorporation? The reasons that incorporation is being requested are as follows: the Town government has provided services comparable to a municipality for many years an urban township, including planning and zoning, police and fire and building and inspections. More recently, the Town has established a public sewer and water district to serve the commercial development district adjacent to Interstate Freeway 35 (I-35). Incorporation is in the best interest of Columbus Township to provide for the continuation of planning, the stability of commercial and residential tax base and continued oversight and regulation of development. In addition, the petition for incorporation is consistent with and satisfies the relevant factors set forth at Minnesota Statutes, Section 414.02, Subd. 3, without restating such factors here.

20. Will the incorporation generate a need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)? yes ____ no x

If so, why: _____

Attach any additional information which you believe is important. If you have not supplied some information, please explain why.

Exhibit A

Pay 2005 TNT Tax Rates

Fis. Disp Ratio		ANOKA COUNTY, MN.										Total		City/County		Hosp Dist		County/Reg		Spec Dist wRRA		Total Tax Cap. Based Rate		Total SD MV Based Voter&Other		Total City Market Based		
Municipality	ne	U.T.A.	County	City/ Twp	Apprvd	Other	AVTI 916	School District	Met Agenc	Water-Shed	County HRA	County Reg Rail	City Radio	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City	County/ City
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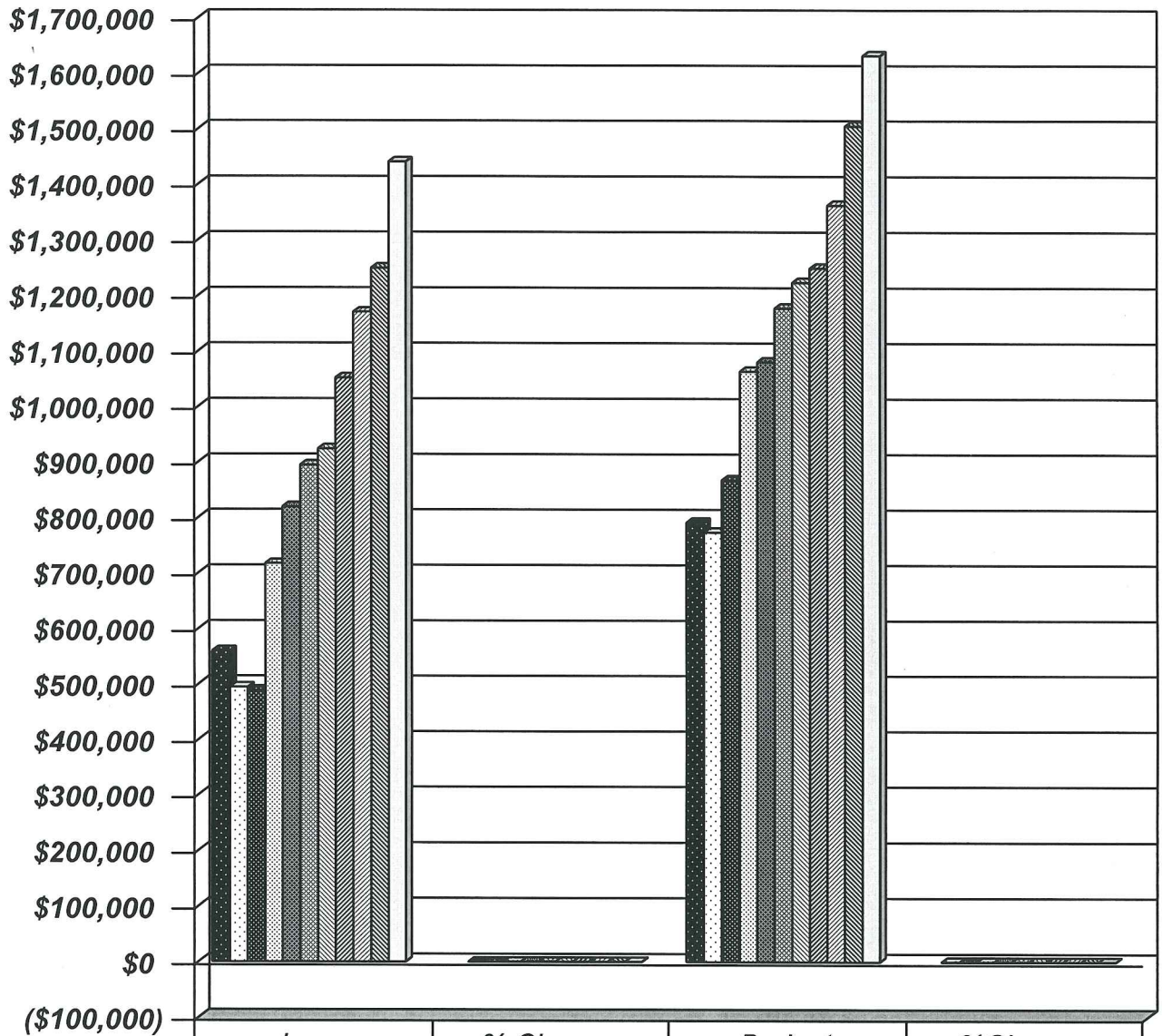
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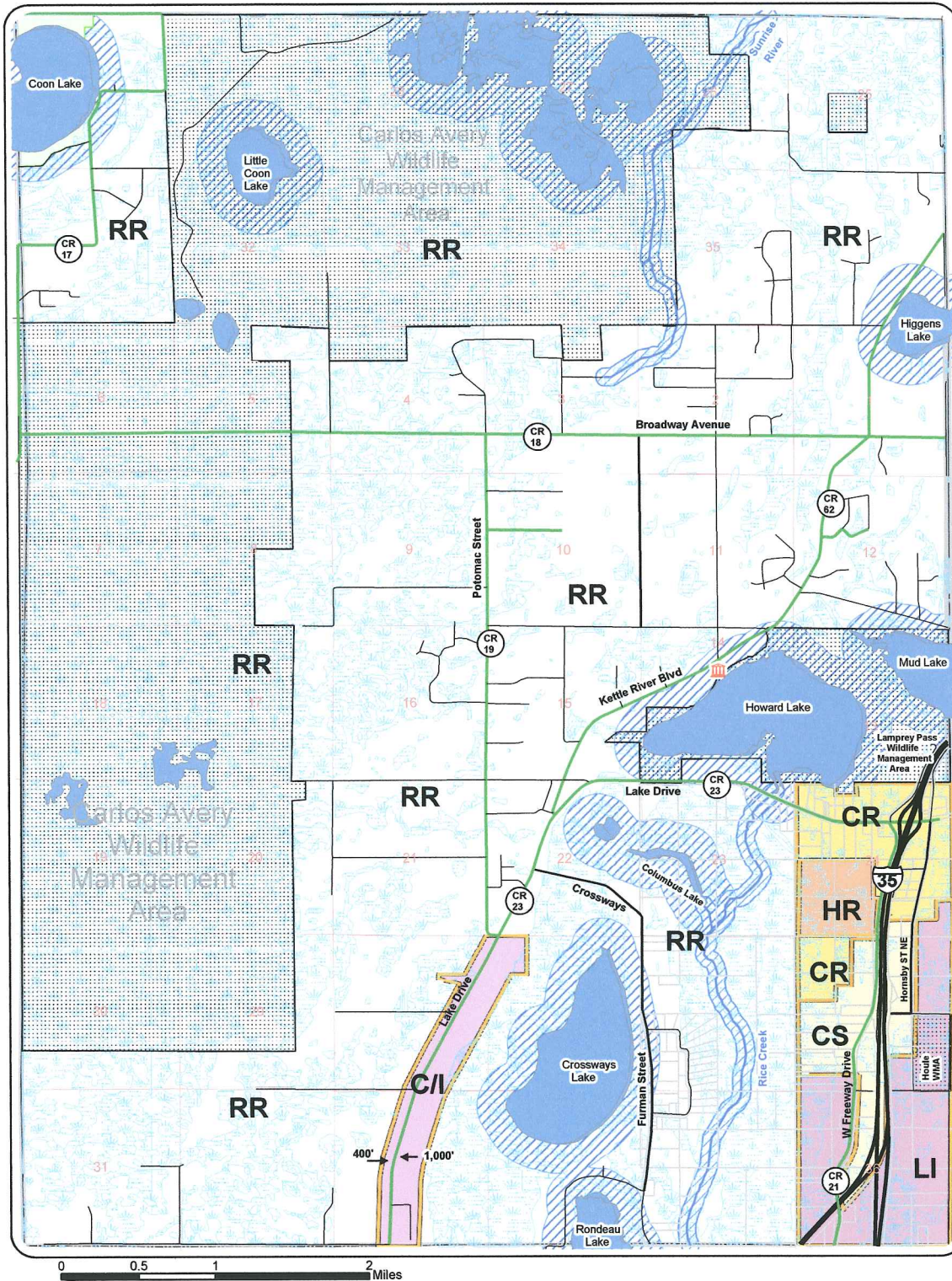


	Levy	% Change	Budget	%Change
■ 1995	559,782		791,037	
▨ 1996	494,234	-11.71	773,565	-2.21%
■ 1997	488,594	-1.14	867,930	12.20%
▨ 1998	716,815	46.71	1,063,665	22.55%
■ 1999	819,522	14.33	1,079,975	1.53%
▨ 2000	894,439	9.14	1,177,129	9.00%
▨ 2001	923,533	3.25	1,223,737	3.96%
▨ 2002	1,051,691	13.88	1,249,077	2.72%
▨ 2003	1,170,075	11.26	1,362,322	9.07%
▨ 2004	1,249,069	6.75	1,504,725	10.45%
□ 2005	1,440,381	15.32	1,631,968	8.45%
■ 2006				

Columbus Township - Zoning Map

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Zoning Districts

RR Residential	C/S Commercial Showroom	DNR Lands	Primary Arterial
C/I Commercial / Industrial	HR Horse Racing	NWI Wetlands	Minor Arterial/Collector Road
CR Commercial Retail	LI Light Industrial	Lakes	Local Road
Coon Lake Overlay		Shoreland Areas	
		Town Hall	

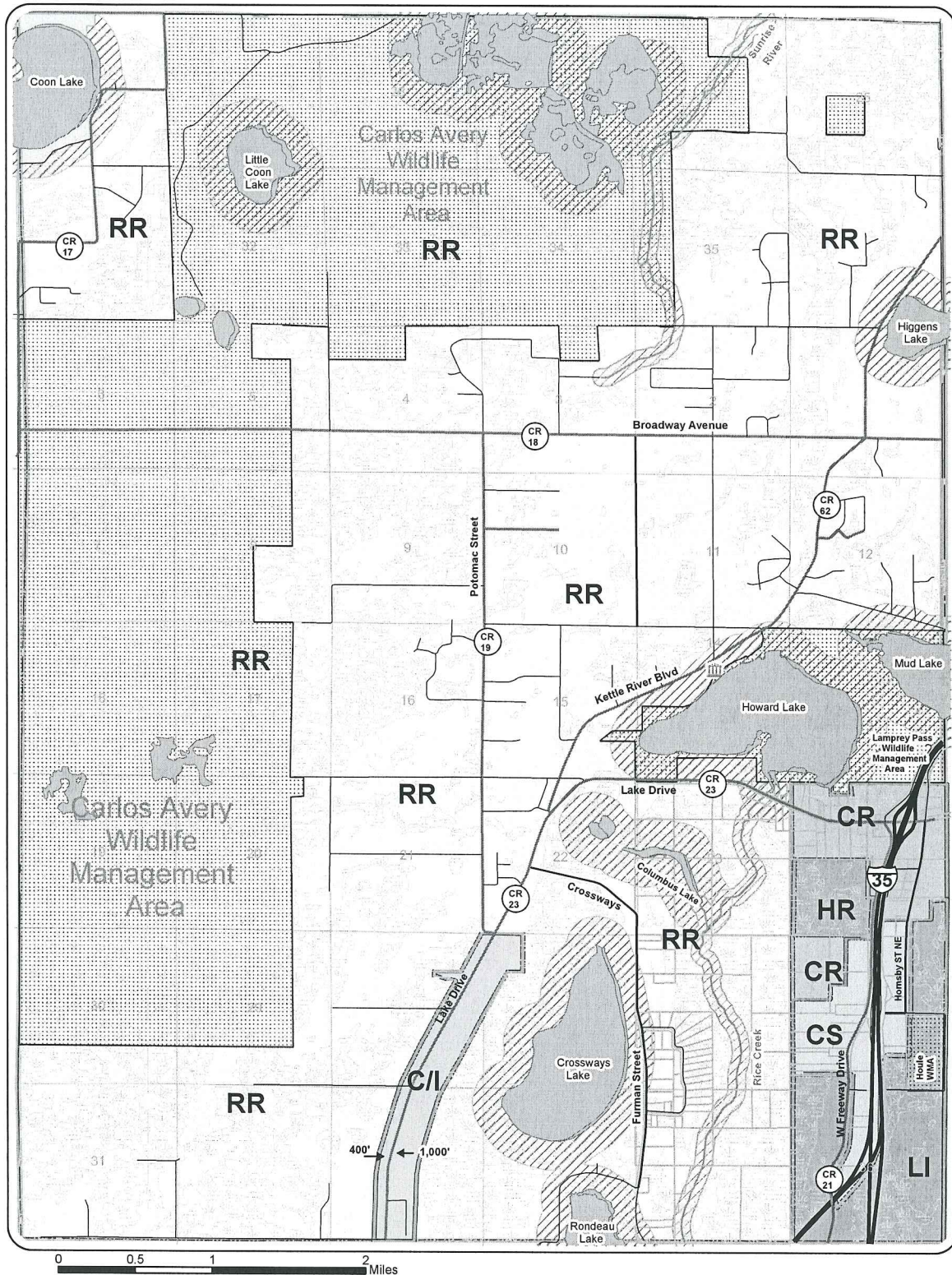
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Effective Date: 1.27.05

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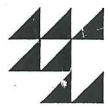


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Resource
Strategies
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Metropolitan Council

Building communities that work

DATE: October 5, 2005

TO: Christine Scotillo, Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments
Office of Administrative Hearings
State of Minnesota

FROM: James Uttley, AICP, Planning Analyst
Planning and Growth Management Department (651-602-1361)

SUBJECT: Information Submission
Metropolitan Council Review No. 18557-1
Metropolitan Council District 11 (Georgeanne Hilker; 651-426-1750)
MBA Docket No. I-68 Columbus Township Incorporation

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BACKGROUND

In accord with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Minnesota Municipal Board (MMB) of June 28, 1983, Council staff prepares an Information Submission for any MMB, now MBA (Municipal Boundary Adjustments, Office of Administrative Hearing, State of Minnesota), contested case hearing within the Metropolitan Area. The Information Submission presents demographic, land use, environmental and regional utility information for the jurisdiction(s) involved in the hearing. Most of the information comes from local comprehensive plans, and the Council's Metropolitan Development Guide, which includes the *2030 Regional Development Framework (Framework)* and the Council's metropolitan system plans for Parks, Transportation (including Aviation and Transit) and Wastewater.

Columbus Township is a nearly 31,000-acre community in northeastern Anoka County. It is bounded by Linwood Township on the north, the City of Ham Lake on the west, the City of Lino Lakes on the south, and the Washington County City of Forest Lake on the east, and Wyoming Township in Chisago County to the northeast. See Figures 1 and 2. Note: Wyoming Township (Chisago) is not identified in Figures 1 and 2, as it is outside of the Council's jurisdiction.

More than 65 percent of Columbus Township is in lakes, wetlands and floodplain. The largest landholder in the Township is the State of Minnesota, which owns and operates three wildlife management areas: Carlos Avery, Lamprey Pass and Houle. Most of the remainder of the township is in rural residential and agricultural uses. A growing commercial corridor is developing along primarily the west side of I-35 south of the STH 97/Co. Rd. 23 interchange with I-35.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The Council adopted new forecasts for cities, townships and counties in the metropolitan area in January 2004 as part of its new *Framework*. The new forecasts extend to 2030 and anticipate the addition of nearly one million people to the region between 2000 and 2030. Table 1 presents the

Council's adopted 2004 forecasts. In 2000, there were an estimated 3,957 people living in 1,328 households and 482 people employed in jobs in the Township. By 2030, the Township is forecasted to add approximately 700 people in 420 households and 520 jobs.

The Council's forecasts are based on the Township's intention to remain substantially rural, with a small area of urban (municipally- sewerred) land -- primarily commercial development -- adjacent to I-35W and I-35; and, continued preservation and protection of environmentally sensitive areas.

If the township's proposed incorporation is based on its intention to become substantially more urban by 2030 than the Council's *Framework* proposes, the Council's forecasts and its related metropolitan system plans, which are based on the *Framework*, will need to be re-examined.

Table 1					
Columbus Township					
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Population	3,690*	3,957*	4,000	4,240	4,680
Households	1,129*	1,328*	1,450	1,600	1,750
Employment	100*	482*	730	900	1,000

*Actual U.S. Census counts

REGIONAL POLICY

The *Framework*, which was adopted by the Council in January 2004, presents the Council's most recent "vision" for the region. Figure 1, which is based on a map contained in the *Framework* entitled "2030 Framework Planning Areas" shows the township area as a mix of Developing, Diversified Rural, and Regional Natural Resource Areas (including terrestrial and wetland areas)." See Figure 1.

A strip of land generally along both sides of I-35, I-35E and I-35W in the southeastern part of the township is classified as *developing* in the *Framework*. It is planned to receive regional sewer service during the planning period. Indeed, a small part of this area is in the process of being connected to the regional wastewater system at this time.

The term *developing* as used in the *Framework* implies that a community is urbanizing (developing on municipal sewers at residential densities of at least 3-5 residential dwellings per acre with associated commercial services and industries). At the present time, Columbus Township has not amended its comprehensive plan to permit urbanization of any of the township other than that area described above.

Framework policies related to Natural Resources says that the Council will "work with local and regional partners to reclaim, conserve, protect and enhance the region's vital natural resources." Substantial portions of the western and northern Columbus Township are owned by the State of Minnesota as part of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area. In addition, there are three other major Regional Natural Resource Areas in the Township: Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area, Houle Wildlife Management Area; and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve.

REGIONAL SYSTEMS

Figure 2 shows existing and planned regional systems in the Columbus Township area. Regional systems include aviation, parks, transportation and wastewater services.

Aviation

There are no regional airports located in Columbus Township. There is a small public airport located in the City of Forest Lake, which is south of Hwy. 97 and west of US 61. In addition, there is a privately-operated seaplane-base located in the City of Lino Lakes on Rice Lake. The proposed incorporation is not expected to impact the regional aviation system.

Parks

East Anoka County Regional Trail – This trail will connect Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve on the south with Martin Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park in the northeast part of Anoka County. The trail generally parallels Lexington Avenue. A small segment of the trail is completed in the south part of Ham Lake.

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve – This unit has an approved master plan. A portion of the park reserve is located in the township.

The 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan includes six regional park boundary adjustments and seven regional trail boundary adjustments. One of them is an adjustment of the boundary of Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve. The primary purpose of the park boundary adjustment is to protect regionally significant natural resource areas with significant recreation potential and which are adjacent to the park. Any change to this park reserve boundary will result from an update to the Anoka County Park System Plan. Anoka County Parks Department is in the process of updating their plan and they will be reviewing the boundaries of the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve as a part of that process. They will work with Columbus Township and others on the Anoka County Park System Plan update. John Von De Linde, Anoka County Parks Director, can be contacted for further information at (763) 767-2860. There may or may not be any expansion of the park in the township based on the conclusions of the Anoka County Park System Plan update process. The township's comprehensive plan should reflect any park boundary change within the township's limits.

The following state park and open space (natural resource) units provide outdoor recreation opportunities and natural resource conservation for the public and are considered part of the regional recreation open space system. These facilities as shown in Figure 2 should be acknowledged in the township's comprehensive plan.

- Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR
- Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR
- Houle Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR

Figure 2 shows the location of all parks and trails listed above in Columbus Township, plus any parks and trails adjacent to the township's border.

Transportation

The Council's Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) identifies I-35, I-35E and I-35W as principal arterials, County Road 17 (in the NW corner of the Township) as an "A-minor" arterial, and County Roads 18, 19, 21, 23 and 62 as "B-minor" arterial highways in Columbus Township. Anoka County Traveler provides limited on-demand transit services.

Wastewater Services

Columbus Township has a limited municipal trunk sewer system, which connects through trunk sewer in Forest Lake to a Council interceptor (sewer) 7029. Wastewater flows ultimately to the Metropolitan wastewater treatment plant in St. Paul.

In 2004, Columbus Township had no wastewater flow into the Metropolitan Disposal System. It is anticipated that the Township will have a small flow into the regional system beginning in the fall of 2005. The forecasted wastewater flows for Columbus Township are 3.75 million gallons per year (MGY) by 2010, 36.5 MGY by 2020, and 47.45 MGY by 2030 based on Council forecasts.

Table 2					
Columbus Township					
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
TOTAL					
Population	3,690*	3,957*	4,000	4,240	4,680
Households	1,129*	1,328*	1,450	1,600	1,750
Employment	100*	482*	730	900	1,000
SEWERED (Urban)					
Population	0	0	0	1,040	1,620
Households	0	0	0	350	560
Employment	0	0	250	420	520
SEWER FLOW**			0.01	0.10	0.13

*Actual U.S. Census counts

**Flows shown in millions of gallons per day (MGD)

TOWNSHIP LAND USE PLAN

Columbus Township's comprehensive plan was reviewed by the Council in June 1999. Columbus Township has not submitted any plan amendments to the Council's for review since the Council's action on Township's comprehensive plan.

The Columbus Township comprehensive plan indicated that nearly 55 percent of the Township's 31,000 acres is in wetlands and lakes, with another 11 percent in floodplain. This left approximately 10,000 acres of developable land, of which 3,700 acres was planned to continue in permanent rural residential use (typically 5-acre lots), 6,500 acres in agricultural use or vacant, 206 acres in commercial use and 81 acres in public and institutional uses.

The plan proposed that 4,337 acres of vacant/agricultural lands be developed for permanent rural residential uses. This would accommodate approximately 867 additional households, bringing the total housing supply to 2,132, which was well below the 3,100 units that would be permitted on a 1 dwelling per 10 gross acre basis but higher than the forecasted demand for housing through 2020. This aspect of the plan was considered fully consistent with the Council's policy for the Permanent Rural area at the time of the review.

As submitted, the plan proposed that most of the southwest area of the Township should be developed as Rural Residential/ Agriculture, which permitted 5-acre lots. In addition, the plan proposed a commercial-industrial strip of land approximately one-half mile wide, centered on CSAH 23, which extended approximately 2 miles north from the southern border of the Township. This commercial-industrial area covers slightly less than one square mile or 522 gross acres in area. According to the plan, the Lake Drive Commercial/ Industrial District had 55 acres of water, wetlands and floodplains, 145 acres of existing commercial uses, 108 acres of existing residential uses and 214 acres of vacant, developable land.

In the southeast corner of the Township, I-35W and I-35E come together about one-half mile north of the Township's southern border to form I-35. Columbus Township lies on both sides of these principal arterials from the southern boundary of the Township to the point approximately 3.3 miles north, where I-35 crosses into Washington County and Forest Lake Township.

The Township's plan identified an area of slightly less than three square miles (1,866 gross acres) for MUSA expansion and urbanization in four stages beginning in the year 2000 with lands west of I-35 near the interchange with Anoka County 23. The entire area is planned for future commercial/industrial development.

In its review of the Columbus Township comprehensive plan (Review File No 16804-2), the Council advised that the Township could put its Comprehensive Plan, including MUSA areas to 2010, into effect under certain conditions which it has generally met. Figure 3 presents a 2003 Ortho (aerial) photo showing Columbus Township and nearby communities. Figure 4 shows the approved Comprehensive Plan MUSA Staging (1999). Figure 5 shows the planned land use based on 1999 Columbus Township Plan.

In March 2004, the Council reviewed Environmental Review documents and other materials related to a proposed harness racing track proposed in Columbus Township. Attachment 1 is a copy of a March 8, 2004 letter sent to the Minnesota Racing Commission by Council Chair Peter Bell, which discusses the proposed racing track and provides information about the potential impact of the proposal on regional wastewater and transportation systems.

Communities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area are required by statute (MS §476.864, Subd. 2) to review and, if necessary, amend their comprehensive plans every ten years. On September 12, 2005, the Council sent out System Statements to local communities to begin the next round of comprehensive plan updates. Attachment 2 is a copy of the System Statement that was sent to Columbus Township. It presents the most current regional system plan data for the Township's use in updating its 1999 comprehensive plan. The Township has 60 days to appeal the information contained in its system statement. If it chooses not to appeal, it is expected to begin a process of updating its 1999 plan and submitting the new plan to the Council by the fall of 2008.

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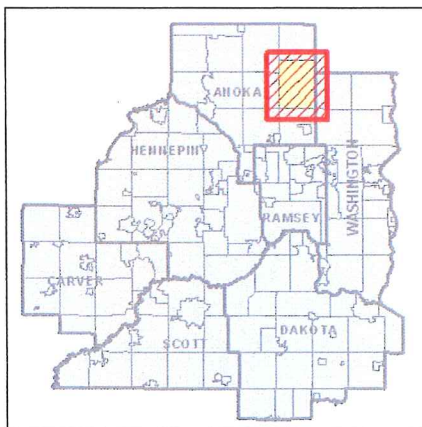
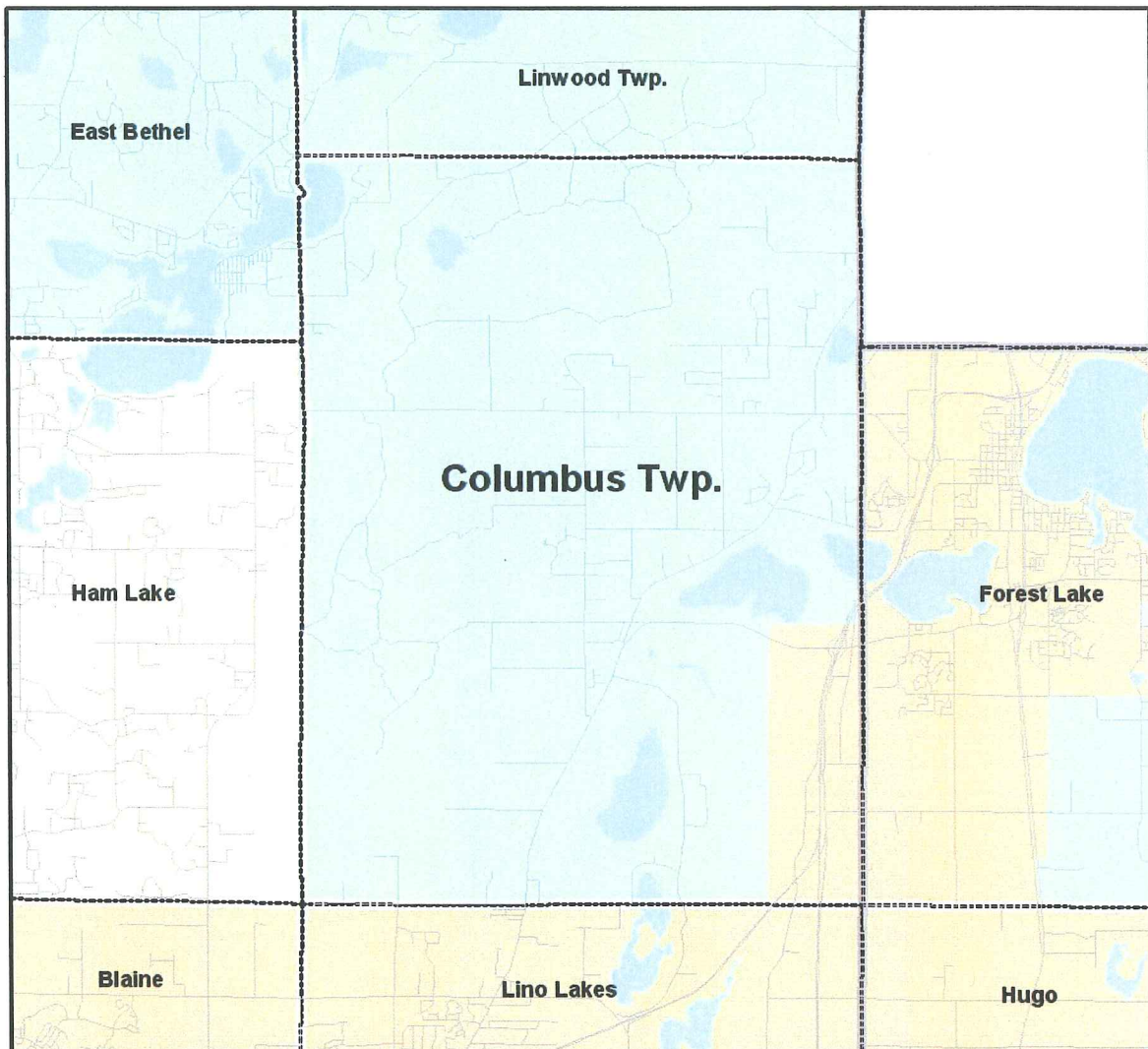
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**Figure 1. Location Map, Columbus Township
Showing 2030 Framework Planning Area Designations**

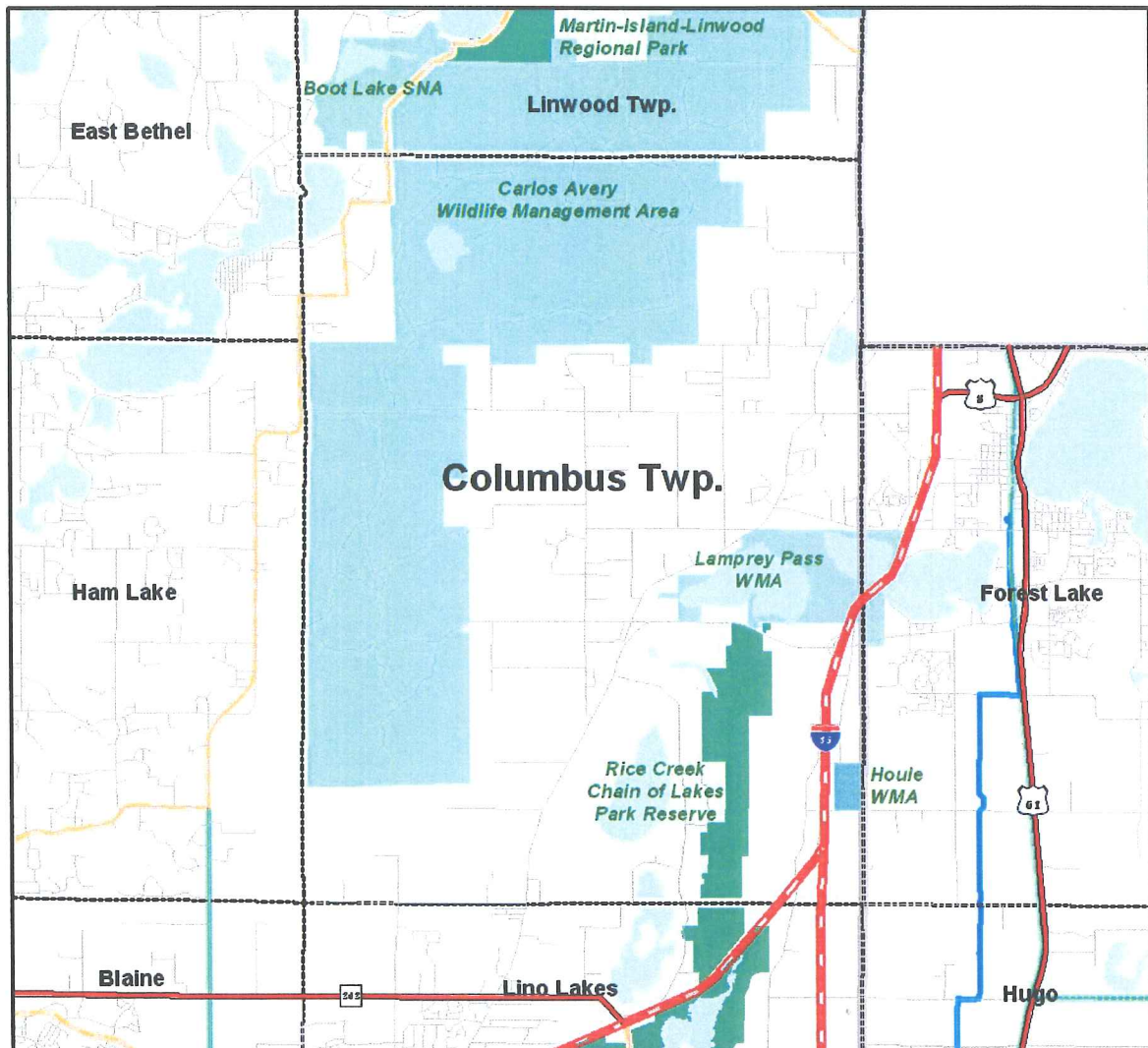


Framework 2030 Planning Areas

- Agricultural Area
- Developed Area
- Developing Area
- Diversified Rural
- Non-Council Area
- Rural Center
- Rural Residential

Street Centerlines (TLG, 2005)

Figure 2. Regional Systems, Columbus Township



Recreation Open Space

- Regional Park Reserve
- Regional Park
- Special Recreation Feature
- Federal Land
- State Land

Regional and State Trails

- Existing
- Planned
- Proposed

Waste Water Treatment

- Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Interceptors

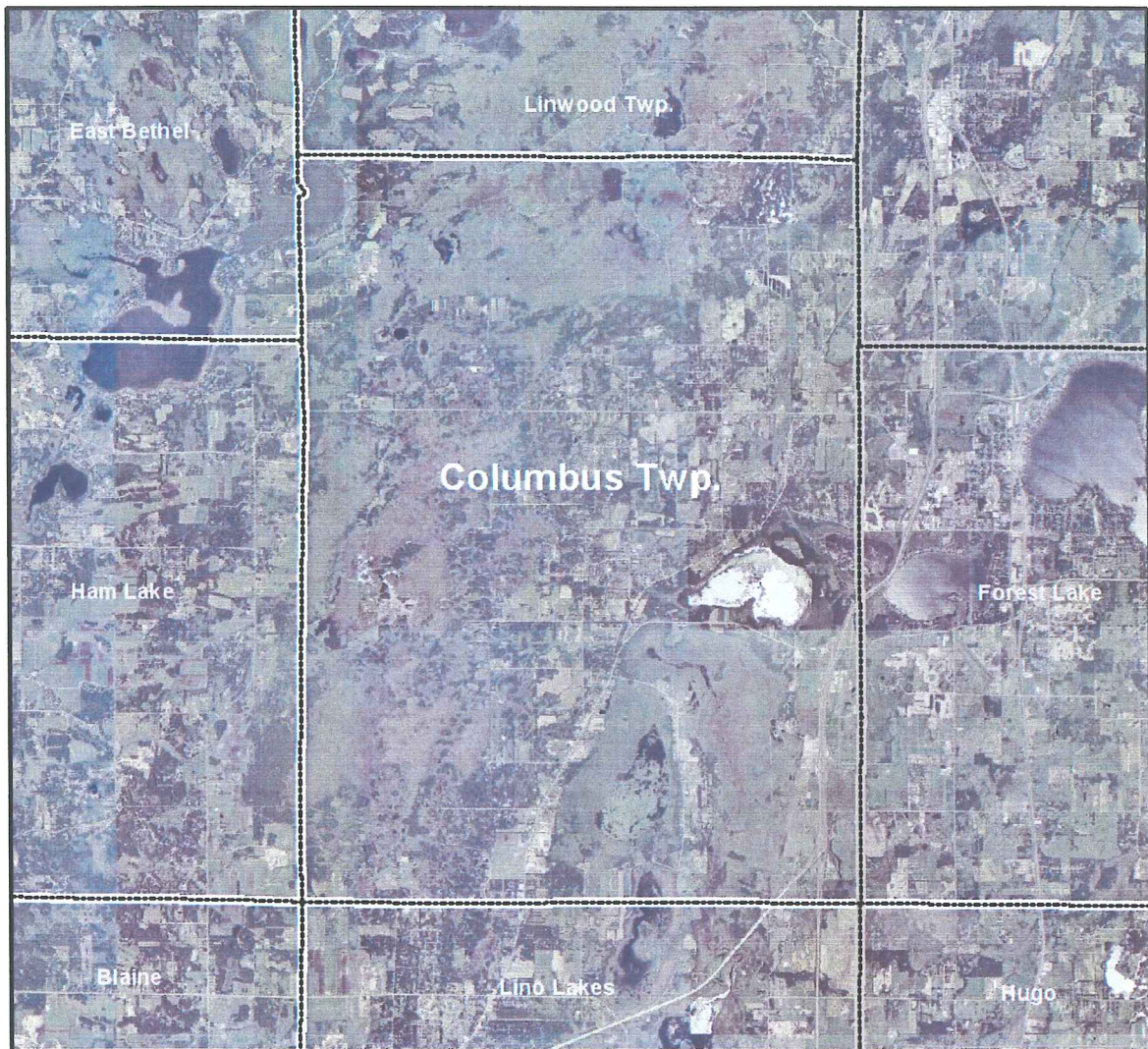
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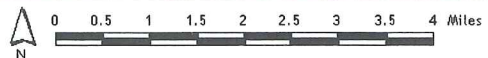
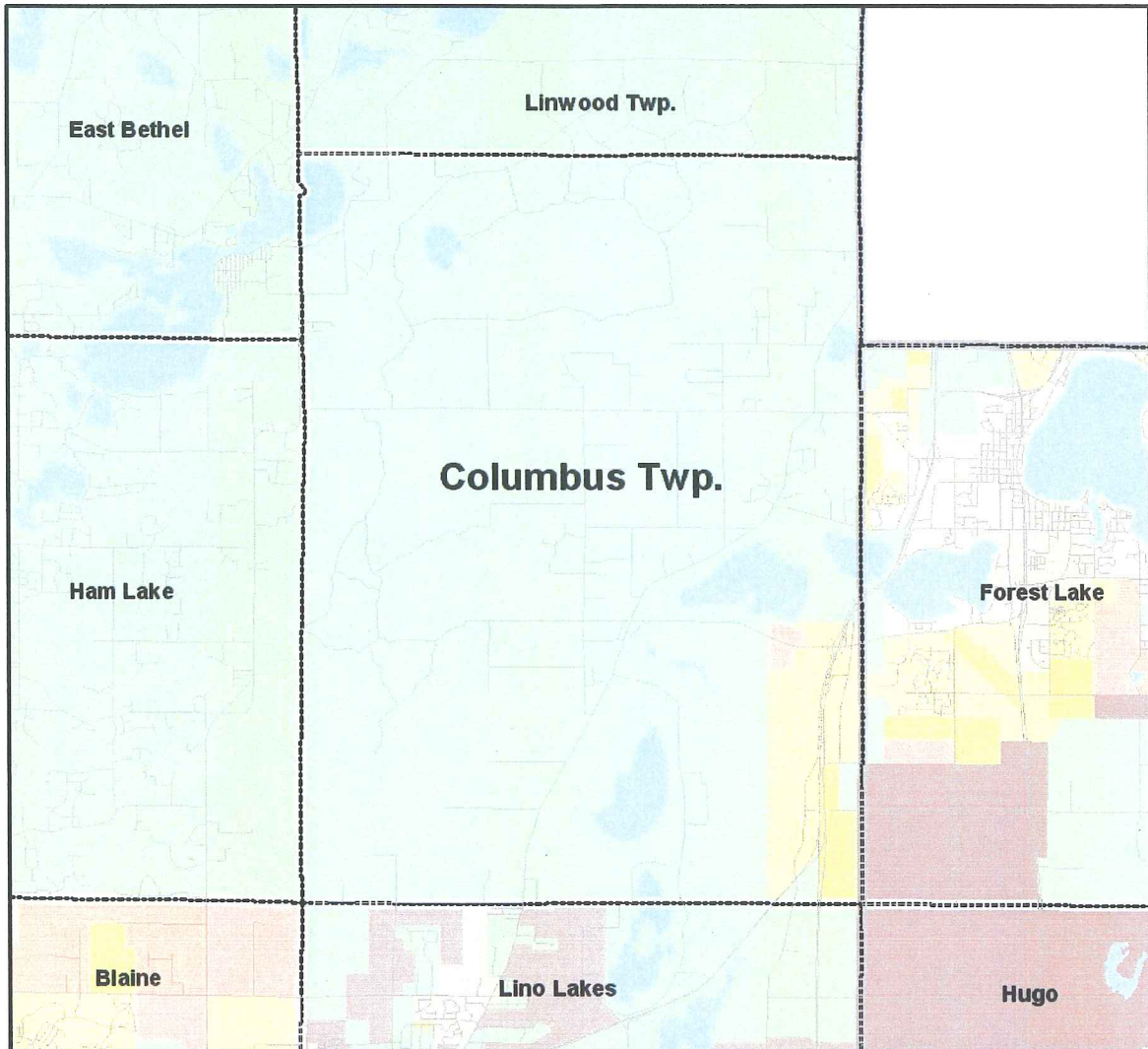
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Figure 3. 2003 Color Aerial Photo, Columbus Township and Surrounding Area



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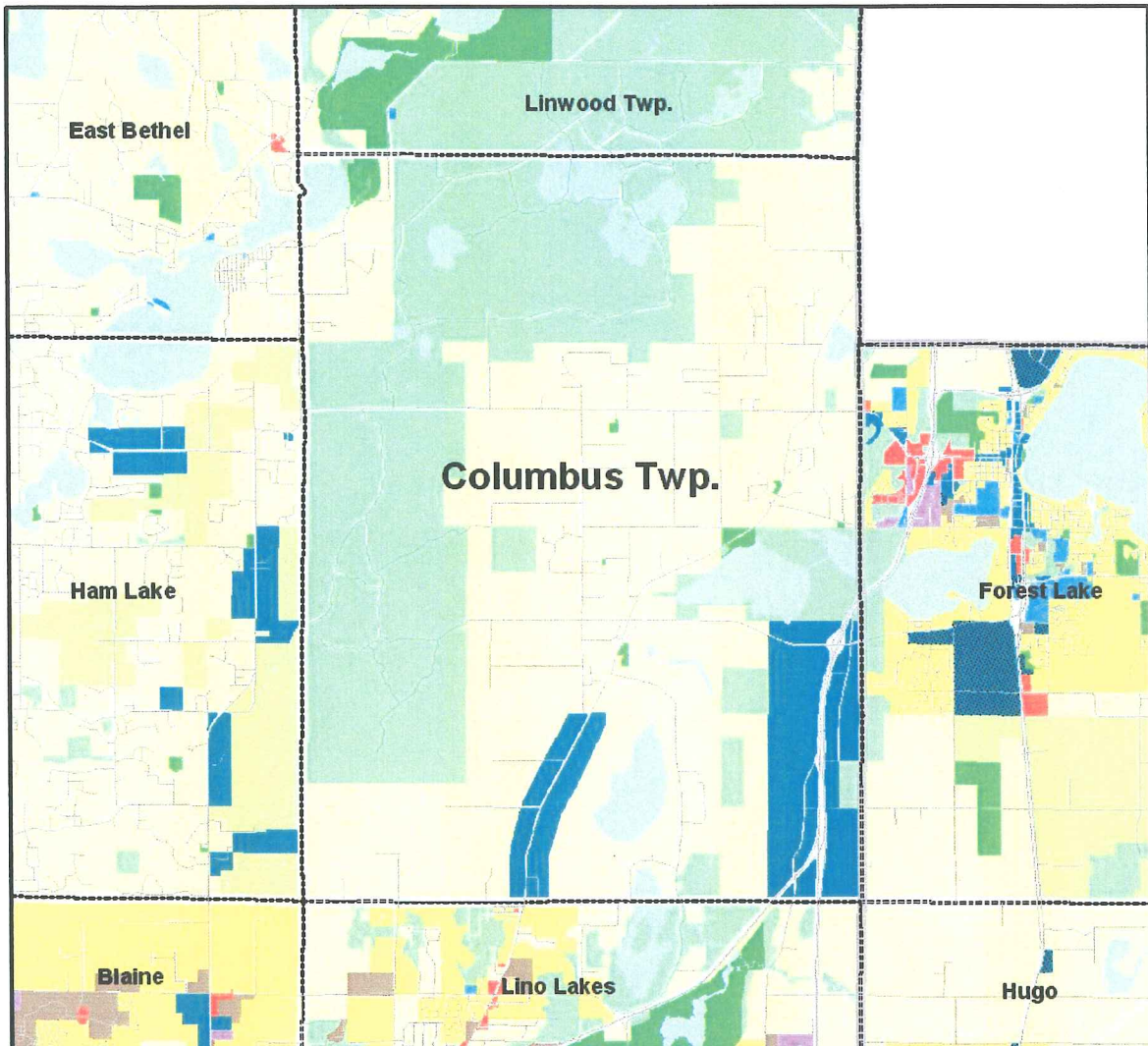
Figure 4. Comprehensive Plan Composite Planning Area Map - MUSA Staging, Columbus Township and Surrounding Area



**Comprehensive Plan Composite
Planning Areas**

- Urban Core
- 2005 Staging Area
- 2010 MUSA as of 12/00
- Undesignated MUSA
- 2015 Staging Area
- 2020 MUSA
- 2040 Urban Reserve
- Permanent Agriculture
- Permanent Rural
- Non-conforming Rural
- Unsewered Urban

Figure 5. 2020 Planned Land Use, Columbus Township and Surrounding Area



Planned Land Use (2020, Level One)

Agricultural	Institutional
Rural Residential	Park and Recreation
Single Family Residential	Open Space: Restricted Use
Multi-Family Residential	Vehicular Rights-of-Way
Commercial	Railway Corridor
Industrial	Airport
Mixed Use - Single Units	Vacant or No Data
Multiple Uses - Several Units	Open Water

Street Centerlines (TLG, 2005)

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March 8, 2004

Richard Krueger, Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
P.O. Box 630
Shakopee, MN 55379

RE: North Metro Harness Initiative – Columbus Township
Class A/B Racetrack License Application
Metropolitan Council District 11 (Georgeanne Hilker, 651-426-1750)
Review File No. 19078-2

Dear Mr. Krueger:

The North Metro Harness Initiative proposes constructing a harness racing track, card room, casino, and 4700 parking spaces on 165 acres in two phases. The proposed project is located near the southwest quadrant of the I35/TH 97/CSAH 23 interchange in Columbus Township. Phase I, the subject of the racetrack license application, would construct the harness racing track, card room, 1850 parking spaces and associated facilities starting in 2004.

In January 2004 Council staff reviewed and commented on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for both phases of the proposed project. Minnesota Statutes Section 240.06 requires the Minnesota Racing Commission to request Metropolitan Council comments on the racetrack license application. The EAW is included as part of the racetrack license application. The EAW Findings of Fact and Record of Decision (FOF/ROD), dated 2/3/04, includes updated information which Council staff has considered in the following comments on Phase I, the subject of the racetrack license application:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 240.06, subdivision 2, Council staff review finds that:

- The license application is complete and accurate with respect to regional system plans and regional policies.
- The current road and highway system is adequate to facilitate present and future vehicular traffic expeditiously to and from the proposed harness race track and card room facility.
- Since Columbus Township will be served through the same sanitary sewer system that serves the City of Forest Lake, the Council will recommend the approval of sewer extensions for the Township through 2004. These extensions could provide wastewater services to the harness race track and card room facility.
- Prior to the Township initiating the construction of a local sanitary sewer system, the Township needs to submit to the Council a Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan-Comprehensive Plan Amendment that shows the location of its proposed trunk sewer system, as well as providing projected flow data by year for 7 years and for 2020.
- It appears that a wetland buffer will be maintained between the proposed project and the adjacent regional park reserve. Council staff recommends that the buffer be retained and further defined in the final site plan to provide effective natural buffers to the reserve.
- The Township will need to prepare and submit to the Council a Comprehensive Plan Amendment regarding its Water Supply Plan, and any applicable updated land use and/or transportation plans.

Transportation Policy Plan

The EAW's FOF/ROD indicates that additional traffic analyses were performed following the EAW comment period to assess operational issues without other roadway improvements. The additional analyses found that the Phase I (harness track and card room) development traffic resulted in the same intersection operation levels-of-service (LOS) as the No-build Condition. Thus, the current road and highway system is adequate to facilitate present and future vehicular traffic expeditiously to and from the proposed harness race track and card room facility.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Anoka County, Columbus Township and the developer have been working cooperatively to analyze traffic impacts of the proposed racetrack and casino and to identify roadway improvements needed in the vicinity of the Freeway Corridor district. Based on the traffic analysis prepared for the EAW, and subsequent discussions, it was agreed that revising the site plan to accommodate the north-south local roadway connection through the development site would be the development's contribution to relieving operational issues of CSAH 21. In addition the proposed site plan has been configured to accommodate the possible future realignment of CSAH 21 along the northern perimeter of the site, if the County decides to pursue CSAH 21 realignment in the future. The park and ride lot, currently located at the northwest quadrant of CSAH 23 and I-35, would be relocated to the development site.

Council staff encourages the Township, County, MnDOT and the developer to continue discussions regarding short-, mid- and long-range roadway improvement programming in the area of the harness track.

Please contact Ann Braden, 651-602-1705, ann.braden@metc.state.mn.us if you have questions or need further information regarding transportation planning and services.

Water Resources Management Plan: Wastewater System

The application states that the proposed development plans to connect to the Forest Lake Interceptor in 2004 for its wastewater services.

The existing regional interceptor system is at its capacity during heavy rainfall periods because of excessive inflow and infiltration (I/I) from within the City of Forest Lake. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) has reached an agreement with the City of Forest Lake on the removal of Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) from the City's system, but it may still be necessary to construct a regional wastewater overflow structure to contain wet weather flows. This option is being studied and if necessary will be constructed in late 2004 or early 2005.

Since Columbus Township will be served through the same system that serves the City of Forest Lake, the Council will recommend the approval of sewer extensions for the Township through 2004. These extensions could provide wastewater services to Phase 1 of the Harness Track. The success of Forest Lake in removing excessive I/I from its system during 2004, and the possible construction of a regional wastewater overflow structure, will determine if the MCES will be able to recommend to the MPCA that further sewer extension permits for projects in 2005 can also be approved. As alternative solutions for the I/I problem are developed the MCES will continue to notify the Township of our progress.

Columbus Township needs to submit a Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan that shows the location of its proposed trunk sewer system as well as providing projected flow data by year for 7 years and for 2020.

Currently, Met Council Environmental Services (MCES) is doing facility planning for the Northeast Interceptor Project. The project will provide additional capacity within the metropolitan disposal system to serve the long-term needs of tributary communities, including Columbus Township. The project will be constructed in three phases. Phase A, a relief interceptor within the City of White Bear Lake is scheduled for completion in 2008. Phase B, scheduled for completion in 2012, includes a parallel interceptor from the limits of the City of Hugo and White Bear Township to MCES lift station L-3 within Hugo. Lift stations L-2 and L-3 will be improved and additional capacity added. Phase C, scheduled for completion in 2015, will build another parallel interceptor through the lower portion of the City of White Bear Lake.

Please contact Don Bluhm, MCES, 651-602-1116, donald.bluhm@metc.state.mn.us if you have questions or need further information regarding wastewater planning and services.

Recreation/Open Space System Plan - Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve, located directly adjacent to the west of the project site, is part of the Regional Recreation Open Space System. The boundaries of the park reserve were expanded in 2003. The Columbus Township Board supported and approved this expansion. Of the land acquired, 160 acres abut the western edge of the proposed project. Based on the preliminary site plan, it appears that a wetland buffer will be maintained between the development and the adjacent park reserve. The wetland buffer will help maintain water quality in Rice Creek and provide habitat for wildlife in the Park Reserve.

Please contact Michael McDonough, 651-602-1054, michael.mcdonough@metc.state.mn.us if you have questions or need further information regarding the adjacent park reserve.

Water Use

The document states that water will be obtained through a connection to a future water supply system to be constructed by the Township. However, a private well may be used until that system is completed. The use of a private well will require permits from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. It does not require any action from the Council.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 473.859, subdivision 3 (4) a municipal water supply system such as the one planned to be constructed by the Township will require preparation of a Water Supply Plan as an amendment to its Comprehensive Plan. This must be completed prior to approval by the Department of Natural Resources of a water appropriation permit. Contact Chris Elvrum, 651-602-1066, christopher.elvrum@metc.state.mn.us, if there are questions concerning the Water Supply Plan amendment submission and supply plan content requirements.

Compatibility with Plans and Land Use Regulations

On June 23, 1999, the Metropolitan Council acted on the Columbus Township Year 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The Council action included conditions allowing the Township to put its Plan into effect, including the requirement that the Township submit a Tier II Sewer Plan. This action is necessary prior to the Township initiating the construction of a local sanitary sewer system. The Township will need to prepare a comprehensive plan amendment regarding the Tier

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II Sewer Plan, the Water Supply Plan, and any updated land use/transportation plans. Council Sector Representative Bob Mazanec is available to assist the Township as appropriate in the development of the comprehensive plan amendments.

This will conclude the Council's review of the racetrack license application. The Council looks forward to your consideration and response to our comments. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Phyllis Hanson, Manager, Planning and Technical Assistance, at 651-602-1566.

Sincerely,

Peter Bell
Chair

Cc: Elizabeth Mursko, Columbus Township Town Manager
Georgeanne Hilker, Metropolitan Council District 11
Keith Buttleman, Environmental Services
Bob Mazanec, Sector Representative, Planning and Technical Assistance
Greg Pates, Principal Reviewer, Planning and Technical Assistance
Cheryl Olson, Referrals Coordinator
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System Statement

Columbus Township

Following the January 2004 adoption of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework*, and the more recent adoptions of the *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, and the *Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the Metropolitan Council is issuing system statements pursuant to state statute.

Receipt of this system statement and the metropolitan system plans triggers communities' obligations to review and, as necessary, amend their comprehensive plans within the next three years. The complete text of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework* as well as complete copies of the recently adopted metropolitan system plans are available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>. Paper copies are available by calling the Council's Data Center at 651-602-1140.

Metropolitan system plans are long-range comprehensive plans for the regional systems – Transportation and airports, wastewater services, and parks and open space, along with the capital budgets for metropolitan wastewater service, transportation and regional recreation open space. System statements explain the implications of metropolitan system plans for each individual community in the metropolitan area. They are intended to help communities prepare or update their comprehensive plan, as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act:

Within three years following the receipt of the metropolitan system statement, every local governmental unit shall have prepared a comprehensive plan in accordance with sections 462.355, subdivision 4, 473.175, and 473.851 to 473.871 and the applicable planning statute and shall have submitted the plan to the Metropolitan Council for review pursuant to section 473.175.

Local comprehensive plans will be reviewed by the Council for conformance with metropolitan system plans, consistency with Council policies and compatibility with adjacent and affected governmental units.

The system statement includes forecasts at densities that assure regional growth is achieved consistent with adopted policies. These forecasted densities help ensure regional services and costly regional infrastructure can be provided as efficiently as possible, and that development and growth within the metropolitan area occur in a coordinated manner. The system statement also contains an overview of the transportation and aviation, transit, wastewater, and regional parks system plan updates, and system changes affecting each community.

Forecasts

The following forecasts are part of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework* (adopted January 14, 2004 and updated on August 24, 2005). They are used by the Council to plan for its regional systems. Communities should base their planning work on these forecasts. However, given the nature of long-range forecasting, the Council will maintain an on-going dialogue with

communities to consider any changes in growth trends or community expectations about growth that may have an impact on regional systems.

Forecast of population, households and employment:

	1990	2000	Revised Development Framework		
			2010	2020	2030
Population	3,690	3,957	4,000	4,240	4,680
Households	1,129	1,328	1,450	1,600	1,750
Employment	100	482	730	900	1,000

The Council forecasts growth at appropriate densities for communities in order to protect the efficiency of wastewater, transportation and other regional system investments, and to help ensure the metropolitan area can accommodate its projected growth by the year 2030.

Growth Management

The Regional Development Framework sets an overall minimum residential density standard of 3 to 5 units per acre in developed and developing areas where urban service is located or planned. The average minimum standard of 3 units per acre is important to the efficient use of regional systems, including wastewater system investments. Communities that significantly over-utilize or under-utilize regional systems can cause inefficiencies in the use of regional resources. Additionally, achieving housing at these density levels may help communities meet their obligations under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act to plan to and address their housing needs.

Geographic Planning Area

Columbus Township is designated partially as a “developing community” and partially as a “diversified rural” geographic planning area in the *2030 Regional Development Framework*. Geographic planning areas are shown on the 2030 Planning Area map. The planning area sets overall densities that the planned development patterns in your community can be expected to achieve. (If there are discrepancies between the 2030 Framework Planning Area map, and the metropolitan systems plans because of adjustments that occurred subsequent to the adoption of the *2030 Regional Development Framework* document, communities should follow the specific guidance contained in this system statement.)

The portion of Columbus Township designated as a developing community should plan to develop at overall densities of at least 3 to 5 dwelling units per acre within that geographic planning area. Developing communities are also encouraged to preserve areas for post-2030 growth, where appropriate.

As Columbus Township plans for current and future residents, it should focus on protecting natural resources, ensuring sufficient public infrastructure, and developing transition strategies to increase density and encourage infill development. Specific strategies for developing communities are found on page 28 of the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

The portion of Columbus Township designated as diversified rural area should plan to be consistent with regional forecasts, at densities of no more than 1 housing unit per 10 acres. Specific strategies for the diversified rural planning area are found on page 32 of the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

System Statement Review Process

If your community disagrees with elements of this system statement, or has any questions about this system statement, we urge you to contact your sector representative, Bob Mazanec, 651 602-1330, to review and discuss potential issues or concerns.

The Council and local units and districts have historically resolved questions about forecasts and other components of the system statement through discussions.

Request for Hearing

If a local governmental unit or school district and the Council are unable to resolve disagreements over the content of a system statement, the unit or district may by resolution request that a hearing be conducted by the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee or by the state Office of Administrative Hearings for the purpose of considering amendments to the system statement. According to Minnesota Statutes section 473.857, the request shall be made by the local unit or district within 60 days after receipt of the system statement. If no request for a hearing is received by the Council within 60 days, the statement becomes final.

System Statement Issue Date

The official date of the issuance of this system statement is September 12, 2005.

Regional Parks System Statement- *Columbus Township*

Key Changes in the Plan

The *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* adopted by the Metropolitan Council in June 2005 is the metropolitan system plan for regional recreation open space with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's website:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>.

To meet the needs of the region in 2030, the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* includes the following changes to the current regional parks system.

- ✓ **Designate two existing county parks and three trails as "regional."**
 - ◆ In Washington County, Pine Point Park
 - ◆ In Ramsey County, Tony Schmidt Park
 - ◆ In Ramsey County/St. Paul, three regional trails – Trout Brook, Summit Avenue, and Lexington Parkway
- ✓ **Acquire and develop three new parks. Search areas include:**
 - ◆ Northwestern Anoka County
 - ◆ Empire Township in Dakota County. Please note that the Metropolitan Council approved a park master plan and a boundary for the park has been established.
 - ◆ Blakeley Township in Scott County
- ✓ **Acquire and develop seven new trails. Search areas include:**
 - ◆ The Crow River, in Carver County and Three Rivers Park District
 - ◆ Both a north/south and an east/west trail traversing Dakota County
 - ◆ An east/west trail traversing Scott County
 - ◆ In Three Rivers Park District, a trail connecting parts of Baker Park Reserve; a trail connecting Baker and Crow-Hassan Park Reserves; and a trail connecting Crow-Hassan and Elm Creek Park Reserves
- ✓ **Acquire land within the current boundaries of 30 existing parks and four trails.**
- ✓ **Acquire natural-resource lands adjacent to six existing parks and six existing trails.**

To meet the needs of the region beyond 2030, the Council proposes four new regional parks or reserves and three new trails be acquired. These parks and trails would not be developed until

after 2030, but the opportunity to acquire them will likely be lost if the lands aren't identified and purchased before 2030. The goal is to complete the acquisition of the regional park system and secure opportunities for future generations. Search areas include:

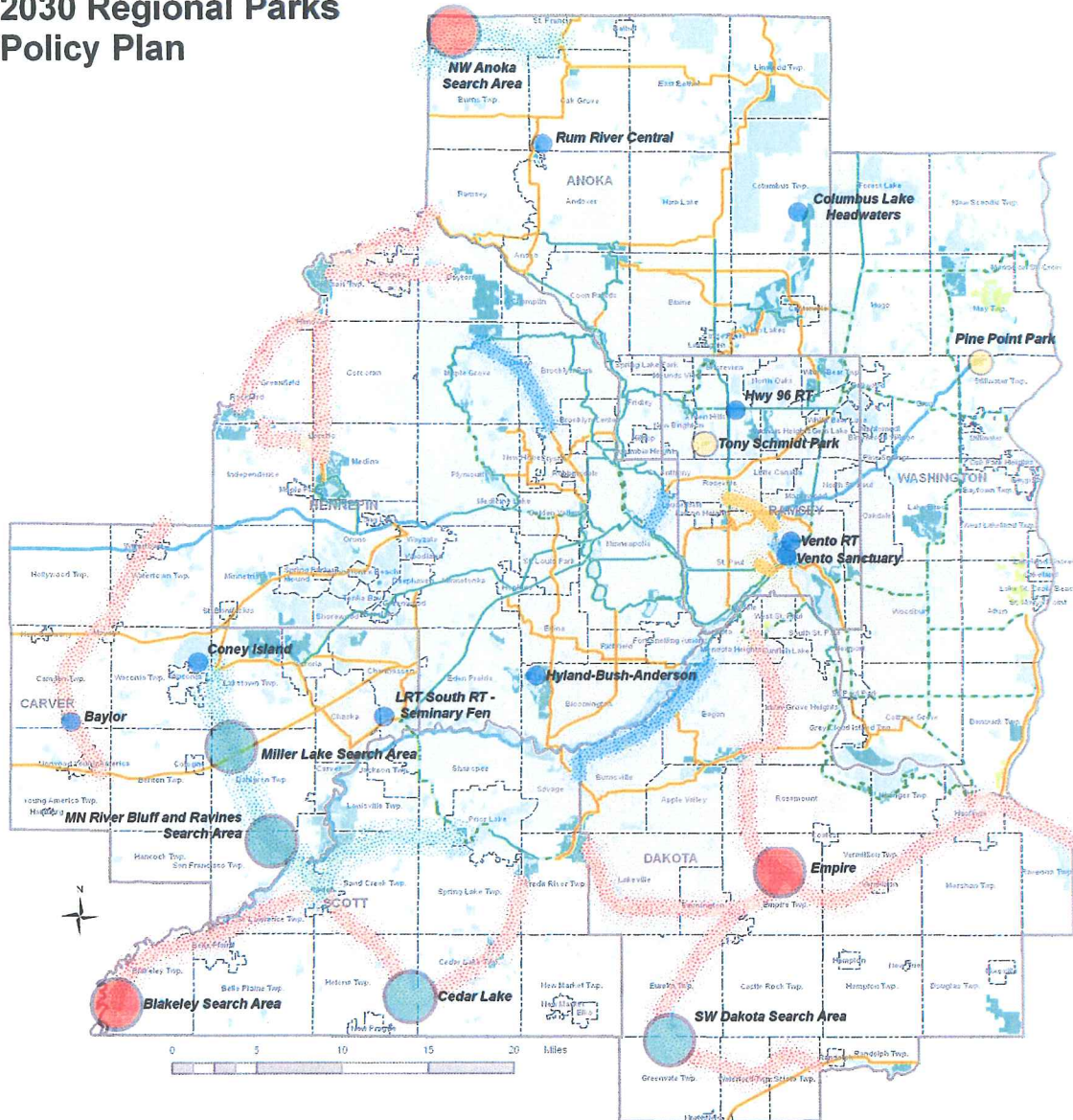
- ✓ **Parks – Miller Lake area and Minnesota River Bluff and Ravines in Carver County; southwestern Dakota County; and Cedar Lake area in Scott County.**
- ✓ **Trails – northwestern Anoka County; central to south Carver County; and Minnesota River to Spring Lake in Scott County.**

Figure 1: All additions and changes to Regional Park System Plan

Figure 1. Regional Parks System Statement

July 2005

2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan



Regional Park Search Areas *

- Boundary Adjustment
- Recognition of Regional Status
- New Unit
- Completing the System

Regional Trail Search Corridors *

- Boundary Adjustment
- Recognition of Regional Status
- New Unit
- Completing the System

Parks and Preserves

- Federal Land
- Private Non-Profit
- Regional
- State Land

Regional Trails

- Existing
- Planned
- Proposed
- State Existing

Lakes and Major Rivers
2020 MUSA

* Search areas (parks) and corridors (trails) as shown are for planning purposes only and are not indicative of specific proposed park boundaries or trail alignments.

Regional Park System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

Regional Park System Units in your community

The following regional parks and trails within Columbus Township as contained in the adopted *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* are listed below.

Table 1: Regional Parks and Trails in Columbus Township

Regional Park or Trail Unit Name	Master plan boundary of unit is set. Comprehensive plan should acknowledge boundary	Master plan boundary is not set. Comprehensive plan should acknowledge general location with final boundary or alignment subject to park or trail master plan
East Anoka County Regional Trail		X
Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve	X	

East Anoka County Regional Trail – This trail will connect Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve on the south with Martin Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park (RP) in the northeast part of Anoka County. The trail generally parallels Lexington Avenue. A small segment of the trail is completed in the south part of Ham Lake. The trail's alignment in the township as shown in Figure 2 should be acknowledged in the township's comprehensive plan. John Von De Linde, Anoka County Parks Director, can be contacted for further information at 763-767-2860.

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve – This unit has an approved master plan. A portion of the park reserve is located in the township.

The *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* includes six regional park boundary adjustments and seven regional trail boundary adjustments. One of them is an adjustment of the boundary of Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve. The primary purpose of the park boundary adjustment is to protect regionally significant natural resource areas with significant recreation potential and which are adjacent to the park. Any change to this park reserve boundary will result from an update to the Anoka County Park System Plan. Anoka County Parks Department is in the process of updating their plan and they will be reviewing the boundaries of the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve as a part of that process. They will work with Columbus Township and others on the Anoka County Park System Plan update. John Von De Linde, Anoka County Parks Director, can be contacted for further information at (763) 767-2860. There may or may not be any expansion of the park in the township based on the conclusions of the Anoka County Park System Plan update process. The township's comprehensive plan should reflect any park boundary change within the township's limits.

State Lands

The following state park and open space (natural resource) units provide outdoor recreation opportunities and natural resource conservation for the public and are considered part of the regional recreation open space system. These facilities as shown in Figure 2 should be

acknowledged in the township's comprehensive plan.

- Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR
- Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR
- Houle Wildlife Management Area – Minnesota DNR

For more information about the DNR sites, call 651-296-6157.

Figure 2 shows the location of all parks and trails listed above in Columbus Township, plus any parks and trails adjacent to the township's border.

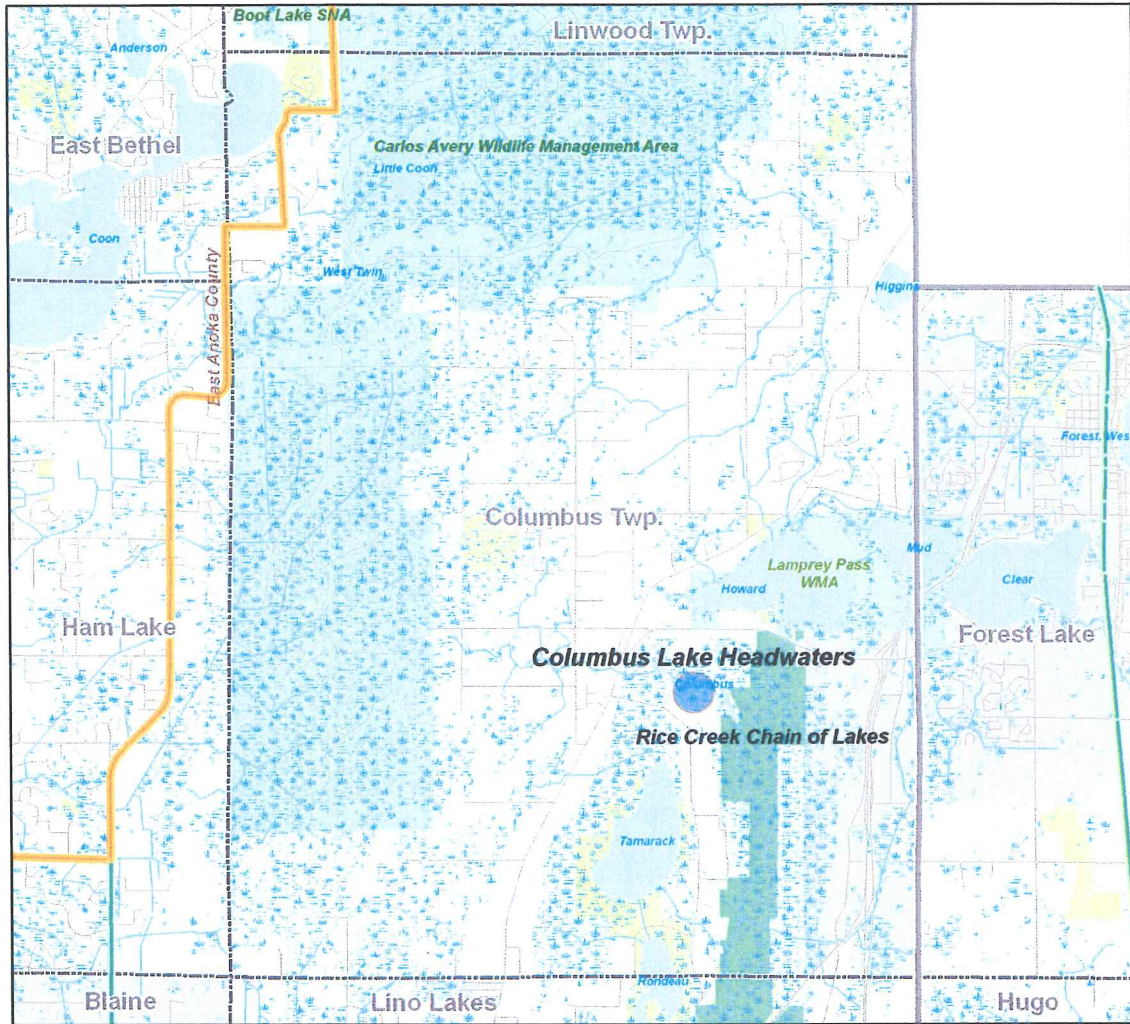
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Figure 2: Map of Columbus Township with the Regional Park System units in the township and adjacent to the city

Figure 2. Regional Parks System Statement Map

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Regional Park Search Areas *

- Boundary Adjustment
- Recognition of Regional Status
- New Unit
- Completing the System

Regional Trail Search Corridors *

- Boundary Adjustment
- Recognition of Regional Status
- New Unit
- Completing the System

* Search areas (parks) and corridors (trails) as shown are for planning purposes only and are not indicative of specific proposed park boundaries or trail alignments.

Proposed boundaries within park search areas pending master plan approval are highlighted in yellow

Parks and Preserves

- Federal Land
- Private Non-Profit
- Regional
- State Land
- Local and County Land

Regional Trails

- Existing
- Planned
- Proposed
- State Existing

- Wetlands (NWI)
- Lakes and Major Rivers
- Minor Rivers and Streams
- Trout Streams
- 2020 MUSA
- TLG Street Centerlines (2005)



Wastewater System Statement - Columbus Township

Key Changes in the Plan

The revised *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, adopted by the Metropolitan Council in March 2005, is the metropolitan system plan for metropolitan wastewater services with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's Web site: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/overview.htm>.

The revised *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* incorporates the following changes:

- A coordinated approach to water supply planning in the metropolitan area with the goal of providing for a sustainable, reliable and secure supply of high quality water to support orderly economic growth and maintain the region's high quality of life.
- An approach to surface water management that ties together the control of pollution from point and nonpoint sources. Local surface water management plans will be reviewed for impacts on the regional wastewater system.
- A policy under which the Council will consider acquiring and operating local wastewater treatment plants in rural growth centers upon request where enough growth is projected to make it economically feasible for the Council to become involved.
- A plan that provides for cities to reduce excessive inflow and infiltration (I/I) of clear water into the metropolitan sewer system. A financial assistance/surcharge program is included that will provide a funding mechanism to help solve the I/I problem.
- A policy that continues to require inspections of individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS) at least once every three years by trained individuals. In addition, the Council has added further clarification on what is needed in a community's local ISTS management program.

System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

1. Metropolitan Sewer Service

As shown on the *2030 Regional Development Framework* Planning Areas Map, portions of Columbus Township is to be guided for either diversified rural or as a developing community. The diversified rural area needs to accommodate growth to not exceed the Council's forecasts for unsewered development and cluster development not to exceed one unit per ten acres.

Forecasts

The forecasts of population, households, employment, and wastewater flows for Columbus Township as contained in the adopted *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* are listed below. These forecasts are for sewered development. The sewered housing forecasts were estimated based on SAC data, annual city reports, current trends and other information relating to your community. The wastewater flows are based on historical wastewater flow data and the projected sewered housing and employment data.

Table 1

Year	2010	2020	2030
Sewered Population	0	1,040	1,620
Sewered Households	0	350	560
Sewered Employment	250	420	520
Average Annual Wastewater Flow (MGD)	0.01	0.09	0.13
Allowable Peak Hourly Flow (MGD)	0.04	0.36	0.51

The flow projections represent the Council's commitment to a level of service, assuming that the Council's underlying demographic forecasts are maintained. Adjustments may be required based on verified growth or lack of growth. The community should contact Council staff to discuss any proposed adjustments. Flow projections do not represent an allocation of interceptor capacity except in the event a temporary system constraint occurs. The community must strive to keep its wet weather flows within the allowable peak hourly rate.

At a minimum the Council will reevaluate flow projections every five years. Moreover, the Council will also continue to monitor each city's flow on a continuous basis and note any significant changes. The Council will use these growth and wastewater flow forecasts to plan all future interceptors and treatment work needed to serve your community. The Council will not design future interceptor improvements or treatment facilities to handle peak hourly flows in excess of the allowable rate for your community. Columbus Township, through its comprehensive planning process, must decide the location and staging of development, and then plan and design its local wastewater collection system to serve this development. If you plan a total wastewater flow from your community in excess of the Council's forecasts, your assumptions will be analyzed by the Council for their potential adverse effects on the capacity or operation of the metropolitan system.

You should also note that urban development at overall densities that are substantially lower than identified for your community in the Council's Growth Management Strategy Section of the Systems Information Statement will also be analyzed by the Council for their potential adverse effects on the cost of providing metropolitan sewer service.

Description of Metropolitan Disposal System Serving your Community

The attached map shows the location of the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS) serving your community. The following paragraphs contain information on the existing and planned metropolitan facilities serving your community.

The wastewater flow from Columbus Township is treated at the Metropolitan WWTP located within St. Paul, MN. There are many projects scheduled for the Metropolitan WWTP through

2030. These projects will provide additional capacity at the plant as well as improve its ability to meet required permit standards.

Columbus Township is served by Council interceptor MSB 7029. This interceptor currently has an available capacity of 0.49 mgd to provide for the long-term needs of the township. The Council has several proposed interceptor improvement projects scheduled to support the long-term needs of the township. These improvements are shown in the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* under the title of Northeast System improvements. These improvements should be completed by 2015. The township needs to verify its long-term needs as part of its comprehensive plan update. If necessary, detailed information regarding metropolitan facilities is available from the Council's Municipal Services Section by calling the staff at (651) 602-1005.

Increases in growth rates and resulting increases in flow beyond those shown in Table 1 may result in short-term capacity limitations within the MDS.

Inflow/Infiltration Reduction Goal

The Council's *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* states that the Council will establish I/I goals for all communities discharging wastewater to the MDS. Communities that have excessive I/I in their sanitary sewer systems will be required to eliminate the excessive I/I by 2012. The Council will begin the implementation of an I/I assistance/surcharge program in 2007. The money collected from the communities with excessive I/I may be used by those communities to remove I/I from their systems. The Council will limit increases in service within those communities that have not met their I/I goal(s) starting in 2013. The Council will meet with the community and discuss this alternative before it is implemented. This time period may be shorter if excessive I/I jeopardizes the Council's ability to convey wastewater without an overflow occurring. In this case the Council may limit increases in service within those communities that have excessive I/I immediately upon notification to the community. The Council plans to implement a wastewater rate demand charge program, starting in 2013, for those communities that have not met their I/I goals. These revenues will be used to help defray the cost of providing attenuation within the MDS to recover the capacity lost to excessive I/I.

The I/I goal established for Columbus Township is the allowable peak hourly flow rate as shown in Table 1 and varies based on annual average flow.

Specific Requirements for the Sewer Element of the Township's Comprehensive Plan

The Council has completed a review of the current information in the township's existing comprehensive plan and has determined that the following information is needed to update the sewer element of the township's comprehensive plan/local sewer policy plan:

- A sewer map showing the township's existing service area and proposed trunk sewer system through 2030 and ultimate sewer service area.
- A table showing the projected population, households, employment and flow forecasts for the township for 2010, 2020 and 2030.

- A description of the township's I/I program. What efforts does the township make in the maintenance of its sanitary disposal system? Does the township prohibit the connection of sump pumps, rain leaders and passive drain tile from the sanitary sewer system?

2. Management of Individual Sewage Treatment Systems

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires the sewer element (local sewer policy plan) of the local comprehensive plan to describe the standards and conditions under which the installation of individual sewage treatment systems will be permitted and to the extent practicable, the areas not suitable for public or private systems.

The new *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* states that the appropriate density for development with individual sewage treatment systems depends on the suitability of the soils to treat wastewater and whether space is available for a primary and back up drainfield. It is the Council's position that all municipalities and counties allowing individual sewage treatment systems should incorporate current MPCA regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 7080) as part of a program for managing individual sewage treatment systems in the sewer element of their local comprehensive plan and implement the standards in issuing permits. Columbus Township should adopt a management program consistent with state rules. An overview of Columbus Township's management program must be included in the community's local comprehensive plan update. If adequate information on the management program is not included; the comprehensive plan will be found incomplete for review until the required information is provided to the Council.

3. Management of Private Wastewater Treatment Plants (Cluster Systems)

Small private treatment plants are located throughout the metropolitan area serving such developments as individual industries, mobile home parks, and other urban type uses. The Council will not provide financial support to assist communities if these systems fail.

Columbus Township should include in the sewer element (local sewer policy plan) of its local comprehensive plan the conditions under which private treatment plants would be allowed. The use of private wastewater treatment plants must be consistent and compatible with the long-term regional wastewater system plan.

4. Surface Water Management

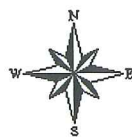
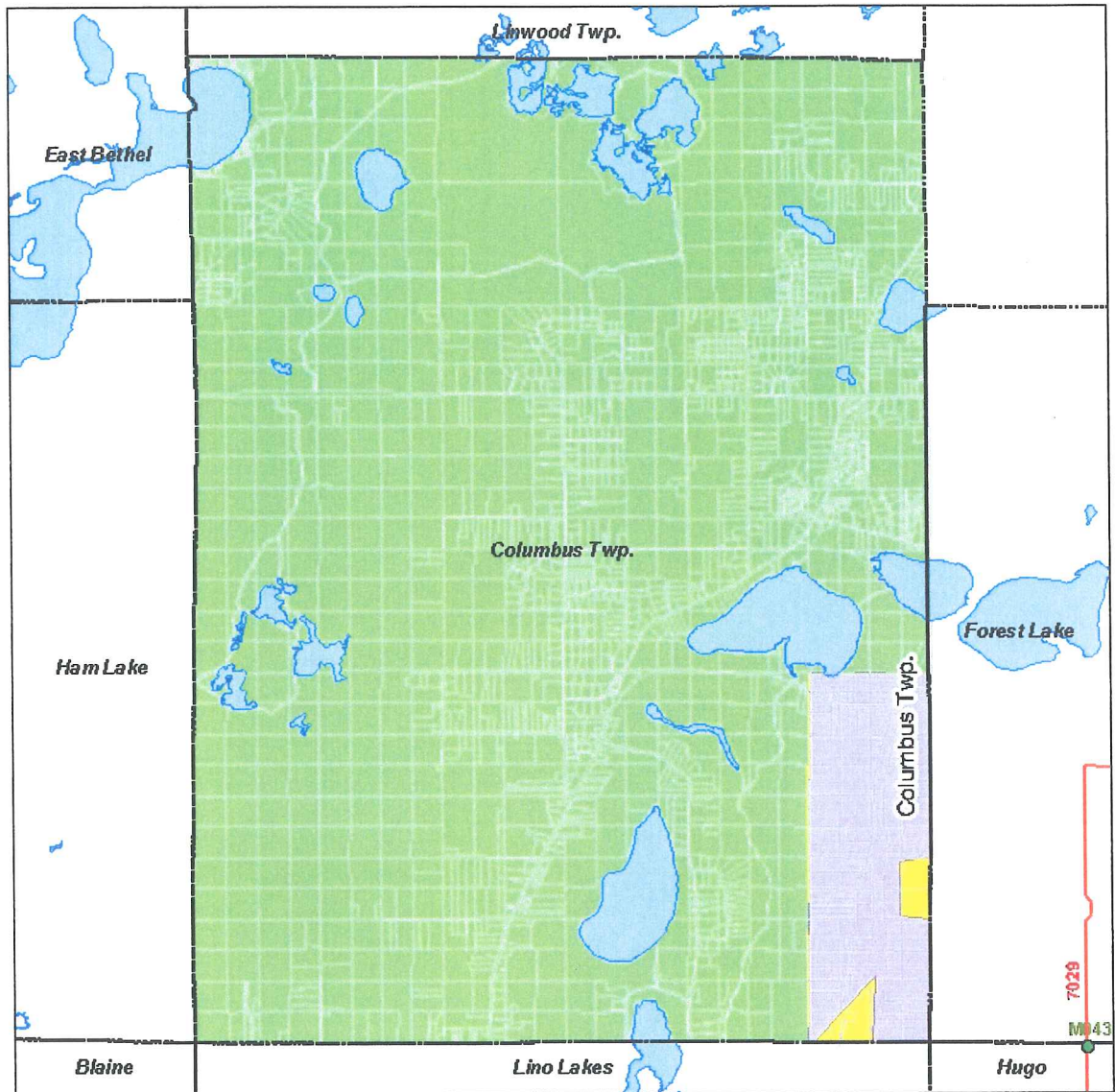
In 1995, Minnesota Statutes section 473.859, subd. 2, was amended to make the local surface water management plan required by Minnesota Statutes section 103B.235 a part of the land use plan of the local comprehensive plan. Section 103B.235 provides that a local surface water management plan should be prepared once a watershed plan for the area has been approved. Section 103B.235 also generally identifies the content requirements for the plan. The local surface water management plan must be submitted to both the watershed management organization(s) within whose watershed the community is located and to the Metropolitan Council for its review. For guidelines on the contents of local surface water management plans, please refer to Appendix B2-b of the Council's *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*.

Council records indicate that Columbus Township is in the Coon Creek and Rice Creek Watershed Districts and the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (see attached map). The Sunrise River watershed plan was approved by BWSR in 2001. The

Rice Creek watershed plan was approved by BWSR in 1997. The Coon Creek watershed plan was approved by BWSR in 2004. Therefore, Columbus Township is required to update its local surface water management plan by the end of 2006. The plan should be submitted to the Council for its review concurrent with the review by the watershed management organizations. Failure to have an updated local surface water management plan consistent with the local surface water management plan content requirements found in Appendix B2-b of the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* will result in a metropolitan system impact.

The Council also updated its priority lake list that was first developed in the 1980s as part of the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* update. There is 1 priority lake, Coon Lake, in Columbus Township. The Council uses the priority lake list to focus its limited resources. The list is also used in the environmental review process. Where a proposed development may impact a priority lake, the project proposer must complete a nutrient budget analysis for the lake as part of the environmental review process.

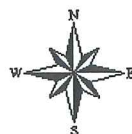
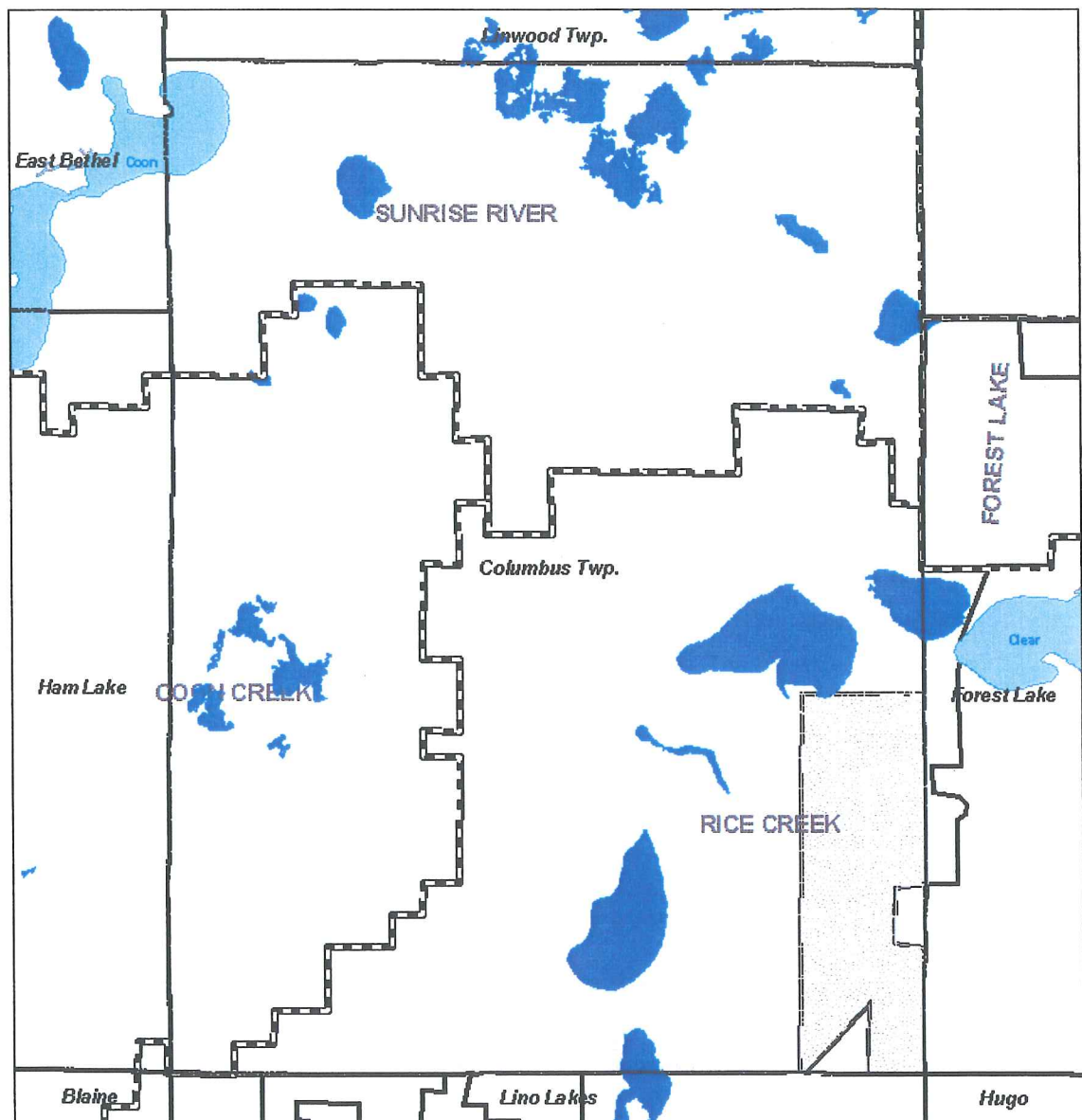
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- MCES Meter
- MCES Interceptor
- Future Meter Area
- Framework 2030**
- Developing Area
- Diversified Rural

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- Watershed Management
- Priority Water Features
- Community Boundary
- parcels_anok selection
- Service Area

Transportation System Statement -- Columbus Township

Key Changes in the Plan

The revised *Transportation Policy Plan* adopted by the Metropolitan Council in December 2004, is the metropolitan system plan for airports and transportation with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents, including the *Aviation Policy Plan*, to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire revised *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's Web site: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>. The *Aviation Policy Plan*, adopted in 1996, is not available electronically, but a copy can be obtained by contacting the Metropolitan Council's Data Center at 651-602-1140.

The revised *Transportation Policy Plan* incorporates the following changes:

- The planning period has been extended from 2025 to 2030
- No significant increase in the level of transportation funding was assumed.
- The expenditures shown in the *Transportation Policy Plan* must be constrained by the level of funding that is anticipated. However, the revised plan also examined two alternative scenarios – what could be built if highway revenues were increased by 30% over the next 25 years, and what it would cost to provide enough additional capacity to hold congestion to the 1998 levels.
- The highway expansion projects shown in the plan have changed little since the 2001 plan, due to this lack of additional resources. (See Fig 4-11 for highway expansion proposals.) Metropolitan Highway System Plan investment priorities no longer contain the “Improvements” category. Most improvement corridors are now designated “Management” corridors.
- The new investment timing provisions are contained in the Plan. Table 4-11 contains projects in Mn/DOT's Highway Work Plan (scheduled in 2009-2013) construction, reconstruction, and bridge replacement greater \$10 million. Table 4-12 contains Regional Priority Project to move into the 10-Year Highway Work Plan, if there are resources available in the 2005-2009 time period.
- Funds have also been allocated to obtain right of way for new crossings of the Mississippi River between NW Hennepin and Anoka Counties and of the Minnesota River in the vicinity of Chaska. Construction dollars for these projects are not foreseen before 2030.
- Chapter 5 contains new policies and procedures on managing the scope, cost and revenue sources of projects to insure that sufficient resources are available to implement the region's transportation priorities as shown in this plan. This includes procedures to manage the use of

Federal High Priority Project (HPP) funds and matching funds for these federal dollars. The Council and Mn/DOT will monitor scope and costs to ensure major projects continue to meet regional objectives in a cost effective manner.

- The plan envisions significant improvements in the bus system, including new express bus routes, arterial corridor enhancements, suburb-to-suburb service, transit stations, park-and-ride lots and other features. The goal is to increase transit ridership 50 percent by 2020 and double it by 2030.
- The plan proposes additional express commuter bus corridors as well as enhancement and expansion of existing bus service in freeway corridors. Within each corridor, express bus routes will be supported by park-and-ride facilities, circulator networks, and "transit advantages."
- The plan includes construction of five new "transitways" on dedicated rights-of-way by 2020 to help slow the growth in traffic congestion and improve mobility, and three additional transitways by 2030. Unlike the 2001 plan, the technology for each corridor was not identified in the Plan; rather the most appropriate and cost-effective mode for any given corridor is best determined after extensive study of the individual corridor. Figure 4-2 (attached) shows the 2030 Transitway System and Express Commuter Bus System.
- The plan now includes detailed information on the facilities needed for transit passengers, such as stations and park and ride lots, as well as facilities needed to support the transit system, such as garages and bus layover sites (Figures 4-5 and 4-6). Communities should plan for development and redevelopment around stations and park-and-ride lots.
- Policy 18 (previously policy 17) on transportation and land use elements in local comprehensive plans was rewritten and more detail provided in some strategies as to what the Council expects in local comprehensive plans.
- The TPP now includes references to the regional aviation system as defined in the *Aviation Policy Plan*. The 1996 Aviation Policy Plan remains in effect with the exception of the *Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Aircraft Noise*. These guidelines have been updated and included in the TPP as Appendix H.

System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

1. Metropolitan Highways

Metropolitan highways and regional highway investment priorities for 2030 are shown in Figure 4-11. There are no expansion plans for the metropolitan highways located within the Township of Columbus.

2. Transit Routes and Facilities

Columbus Twp is outside of the Metropolitan Transit Taxing District. Therefore, there is no regular route transit service existing or planned in the township.

Columbus Township is in Market Area IV. Service options for Market Area IV include dial-a-ride, volunteer driver programs, and ridesharing. Rural dial-a-ride service is provided by Anoka County Traveler and Anoka County Volunteer. There is a park-and-pool lot located at I-35 and County Road 23.

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3. Aviation Plan and Facilities

The TPP/APP includes policies and text on protection of the region's airspace resources. The airspace policy states that both Federal Aviation administration (FAA) and MnDOT Aeronautics safety standards must be a major consideration in the planning, design, maintenance and operation of air transportation facilities and services. There are no existing or planned aviation facilities within Columbus Twp. However, each community has a responsibility to include airspace protection in its comprehensive plan. The protection is for potential hazards to air navigation including electronic interference. Airspace protection should be included in local codes/ordinances to control height of structures, especially when conditional use permits would apply. The comprehensive plan should include policy/text on **notification to the FAA** as defined under code of federal regulations CFR - Part 77, using the FAA Form 7460-1 "Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration". Instructions can be found at www.faa.gov/arp/ace/part77.cfm.

Flying in the metro region involves all types of aircraft including amphibian and float-equipped planes. For purposes of safe use of surface waters and compatible land use Communities should recognize that certain public waters within the seven-county metro area are designated by MnDOT Aeronautics as permitted seaplane use areas under state Rules. For a listing of authorized operating areas and other relevant information refer to the following web site: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/8800/2800.html>.

The Township is within the Influence Area of the Forest Lake Airport, which is owned and operated as a municipal facility. The airport functions as a general aviation facility and will continue its regional system role as a Special Purpose airport. A new category of airport has been added to the state system plan, which is also called Special Purpose; Columbus Twp. needs to review that change with MnDOT Aeronautics to see if it affects any future planning for the airport. The airport is not in the national plan of integrated airports (NPIAS); if the Columbus Township contemplates a change in the airports role it should request the Council to amend the regional system plan.

MSP International Airport is defined as the region's Major airport and is expected to fulfill that role for many years to come. A proposed MSP 2020 development plan is being examined and the city should monitor that planning process for potential implications it may have on the Forest Lake Airport. The Aviation Guide identifies a regional need for additional runway and hangar area improvements for traditional general aviation users, and the new light sport aircraft that will soon be joining the fleet. Some of that growth is expected to use the Forest Lake airport. Projects associated with this demand should be included in future capital improvement plans. The MAC has substantially increased fees at their reliever airports that may increase pressure on other public-use facilities in and near the metro area for aircraft storage. The MAC is currently evaluating on-site airport parcels for potential new [non-aeronautical] revenue opportunities. In addition, there is a task force review of MAC-owned reliever airports that is examining a revenue funding plan, review of outside management, and ability to close and/or sell airports. Potential impacts to the regional system could occur, as a result of these reviews, and the township should monitor these activities for potential implications to its local airport

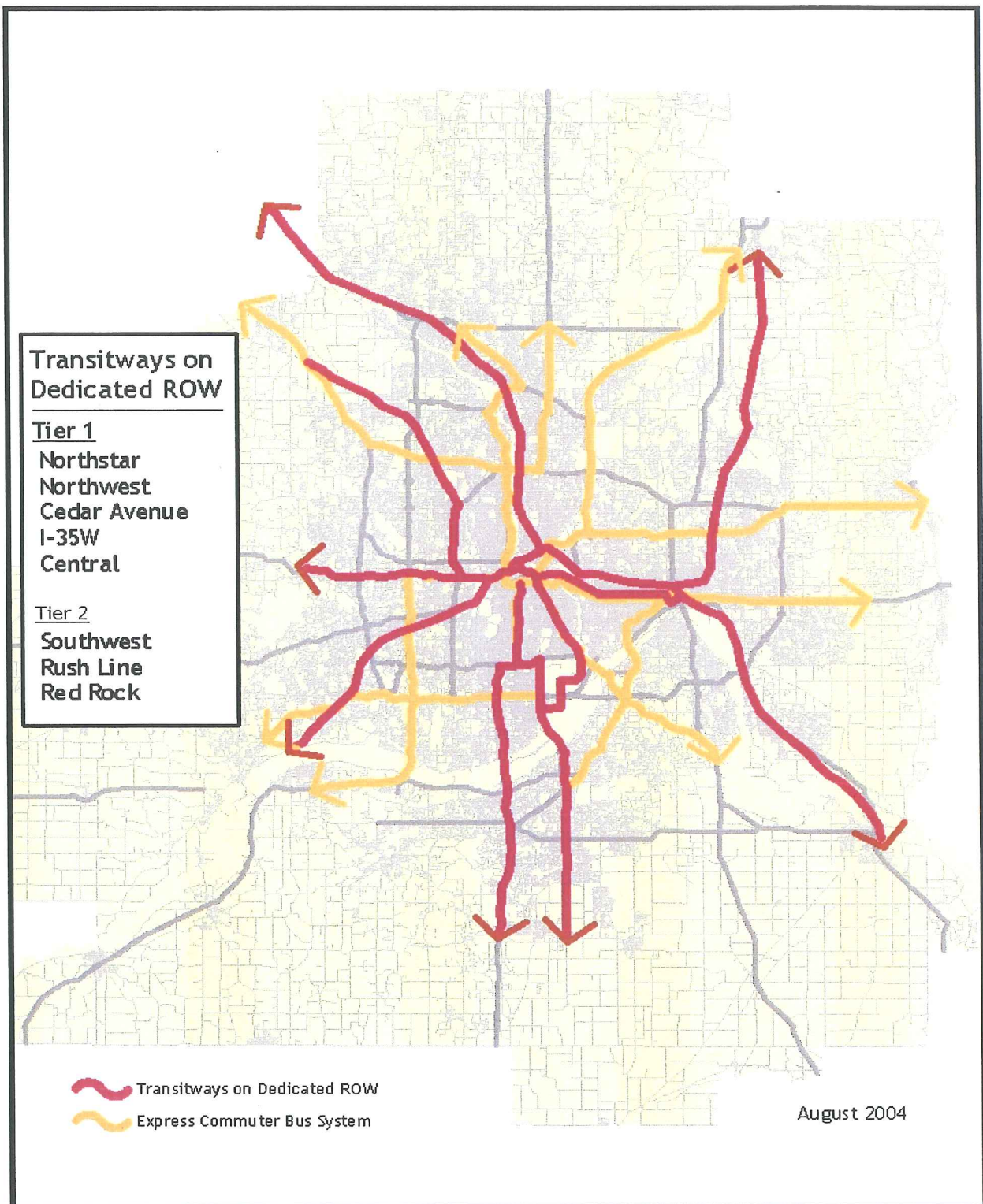
Forest Lake Airport has an approved airport zoning ordinance. However the township should review the MnDOT changes to Rules Chapter 8800 to see if revisions are necessary. The Council has previously reviewed a public acquisition feasibility study, city and township

comprehensive plans and an airport area AUAR; but has not yet reviewed/approved an airport long term (10 year) comprehensive development plan for this facility. An airport plan and approved airport layout plan were not available as part of the 1998 local comprehensive plan updates. A long-term comprehensive development plan should be prepared by Forest Lake, and also used as input to the 2008 community comprehensive plan update.

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Figure 4-2

2030 Transitway Corridors



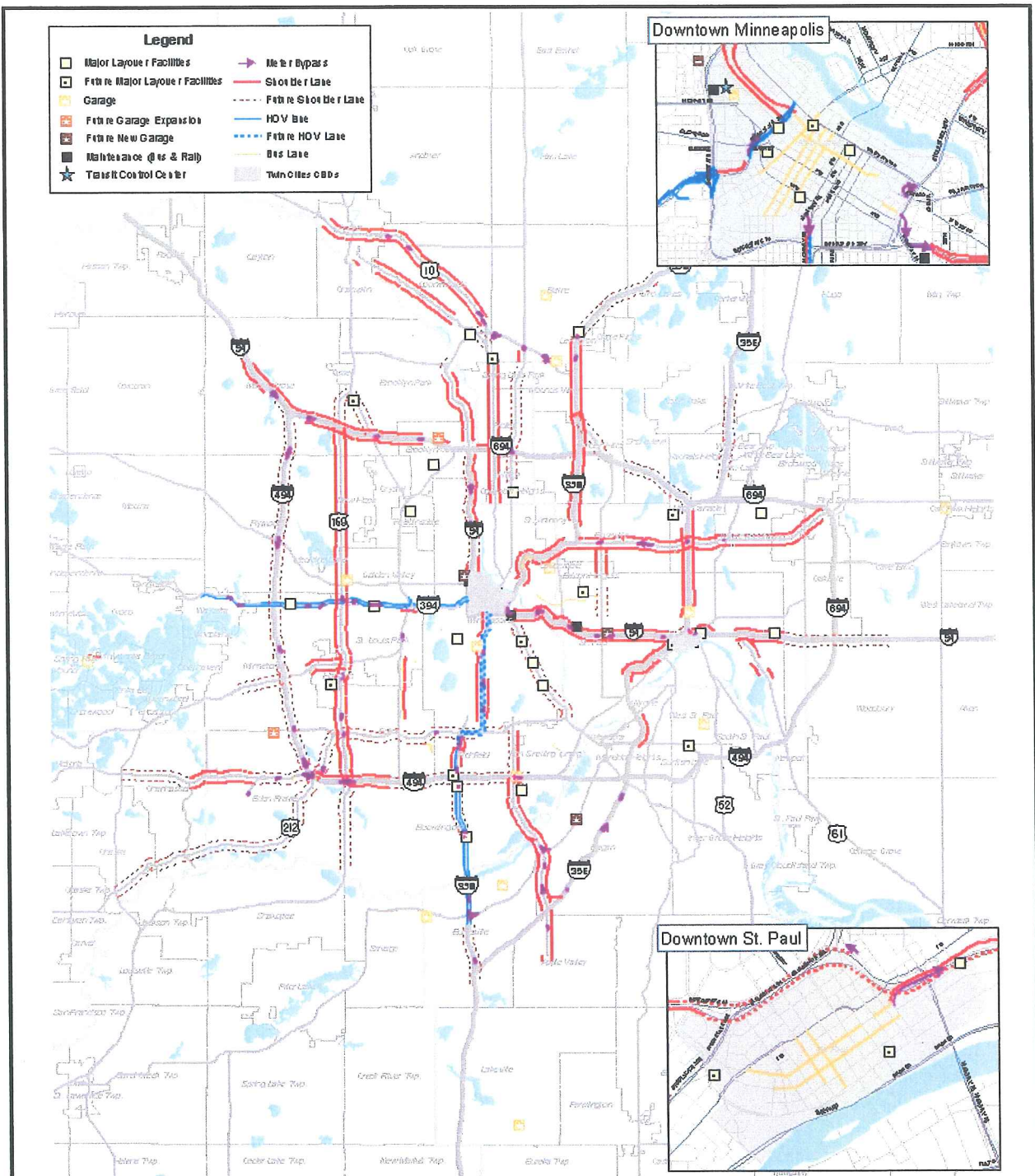
Transit Passenger Facilities



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Figure 4-6

Transit Support Facilities



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Figure 4-11

2030 Constrained Metropolitan Highway System Plan Investment Priorities

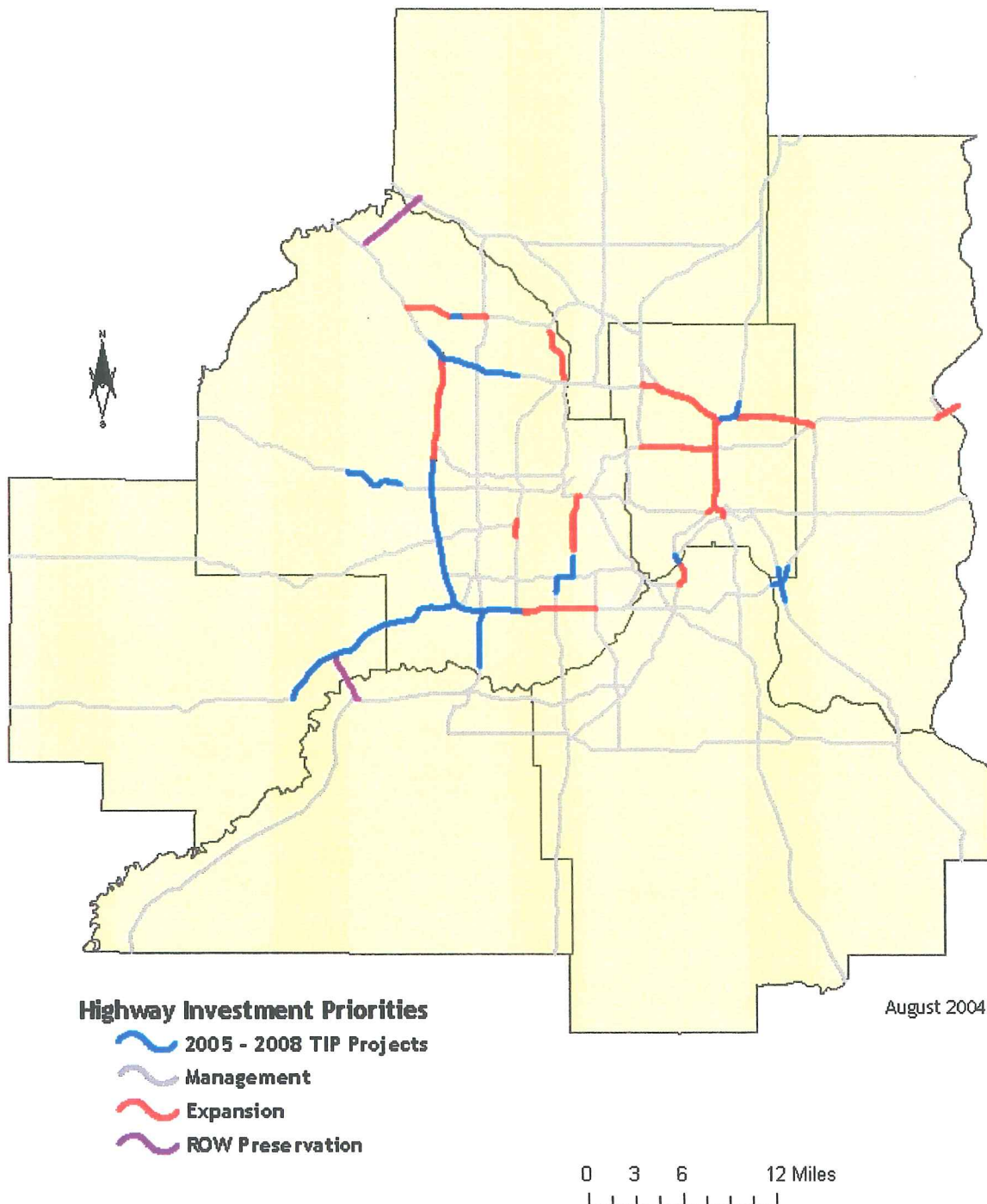


Table 4-11

MnDOT Highway Work Plan, 2009-2013

Major Construction, Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement Greater Than \$10 Million

Highway	Project Description	Program	Construction Fiscal Year	Project Cost Estimates				Total Project Cost (\$000)
				Design Estimate (\$000)	R/W Estimate (\$000)	Year-of-Construction Estimate (\$000)	Construction Engineering Estimate (\$000)	
35E	I-94 to Maryland Ave. in St. Paul, grading, surfacing, brs., etc., including Cayuga Br. and Phalen Blvd. connection	MC	2010	7,687	Limited	76,755	6,140	90,571
35W	At Lake St. in Minneapolis, reconstruct interchange (Ph. 1)	MC	2009	1,160	Continuous/Major	11,600	928	13,688
35W	At Lake St. in Minneapolis, reconstruct interchange (Ph. 2)	MC	2010	1,785	Continuous/Major	17,850	1,428	21,063
36	At Lexington Ave.. in Roseville, replace Br. 5723 and reconstruct interchange	MC	2009	1,380	Limited	13,804	1,104	16,289
100	36 th St. to Cedar Lake Rd. in St. Louis Park, grading, surfacing, Brs., etc. for 6-lane freeway	MC	2011	6,150	Continuous/Major	61,500	4,920	72,570
169	Near CSAH 6 in Belle Plaine, grading, surfacing, Br., etc. for new interchange	MC	2010	1,904	Limited	19,040	1,523	22,467
694	E of I35W in Arden Hills to E of Lexington Ave.. in Shoreview, grading, surfacing, Brs., etc. to add third lane and correct weave at TH 10/51	MC	2012	6,960	Minimal/Spot	69,596	5,568	82,123
TOTALS				27,015		270,145	21,611	318,771

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Table 4-12
Regional Priority Projects to Move into
10-Year Highway Work Plan, 2005-2009

Highway	Project Description
I-35E	TH 110 to TH 5, add one through lane
I-494	TH 55 to I-94, add one through lane
TH 610	CSAH 81 to I-94, Complete four-lane freeway
Total: \$ 300 million	

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2004 POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES**

ANOKA COUNTY	2004 POPULATION	2004 HOUSEHOLDS
Columbus Township	4,120	1,388