

Appendix B – Focus Group and Public Workshop Summary

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 17, 2017 – 1 – 3 p.m.
Subject: Public Infrastructure & Services Focus Group

Attendees

- Clark Niemi (Town of White)
- Jennifer Otten (Lake Country Power)
- Wayne Scheer (MnDOT)
- Timothy Alvar (private landowner)
- Steven Lotz (Vermillion Lake Fire Department)
- Mark Bakk (Lake Country Power)
- Josh Bergstad (Arrowhead Regional Development Commission)
- Jeff Borling (Great River Energy)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Fire response also needs to consider response time for volunteer responders to first get to the fire hall.
- Were Forest Service Fire Halls taken into account?
- ARDC – how would the regional trail plan (just starting) fit into this process?
 - County recently passed an ATV ordinance that allows ATV use on county roads.
 - North Country trail planning just started. Corridor is east/east across the county.
- Many areas that have good road access do not have electrical distribution.
- Contact Lake Country Power to understand areas where electrical service might be expanded in the long term.
- Lake Country Power does not have any generation.
- Great River Energy provides generation and transmission, Lake Country provide distribution.
- Only certain fire departments can respond to certain emergencies.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 17, 2017 – 4 – 6 p.m.
Subject: Natural Resource-based Economy Focus Group

Attendees

- Larry Lindholm (RGGS Land & Minerals)
- Jim Plummer (Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board)
- Kirby Budrow (Minnesota DNR)
- Pete Clevenstine (Minnesota DNR)
- Kelsey Johnson (Iron Mining Association)
- Jesse Dunsmoor (Cleveland Cliffs)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Recognizing unmined areas is very important to protect areas from being compromised by other types of land use development.
- SRF and SLC will follow up with DNR and new mining contacts to confirm “appropriate” GIS layers to show and reflect potential mining areas.
- DNR Forestry is pushing private lands to harvest more. State forest lands are faced with high pressure to harvest, so private lands need to be encouraged to harvest more.
 - DNR has staff to assist private land owners with harvesting in a sustainable manner.
- Use what Itasca County has done with mining overlay zoning districts to protect areas anticipated to have mining activity.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 18, 2017, 9 – 11 a.m.
Subject: Tourism/Recreation Focus Group

Attendees

- John Voges (Minnesota DNR/Parks and Trails)
- Bob Manzoline (St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority)
- Tony Jeffries (Iron Range Tourism)
- Linda Johnson (Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Railroads have potential to be public use corridors for recreation, utilities, and transportation
 - Concern about the County selling tax forfeit land along railroads. There needs to be careful consideration on that part of the county to protect tax forfeit lands located along railroad lines in the event opportunities come up for any type of public use.
 - The County needs to have rules about which tax forfeit land can and cannot be sold.
- IRRRB recently prepared the Giants Ridge Economic Impact Study. This document could be helpful to understand future development in the Biwabik area.
- Since the County controls the CDBG program, what can the County do more in the way of partnering with local communities/cities to help improve quality of life in these areas?
- Making the development process easier is important—a clearer picture is needed on where and how to development certain areas.
- Think about the global perspective on how attractive property here can be to outsiders.
- The County should have time limits on PUD developments after the application has been approved.
- The County currently reacts to recreational opportunities coming from various organizations or agencies. There are a lot of different groups in the County, especially around the Iron Range, with varying plans for different recreational opportunities. The County needs to provide more leadership to better coordinate recreational opportunities so efforts are not duplicated and opportunities can be targeted and better funded.

- To provide a clear, comprehensive picture of where the County is at currently with recreational opportunities, a clear county-wide picture is needed that shows extent of:
 - Campgrounds (public/private)
 - Resorts (public/private)
 - Trails (all uses)
- Need to also show number of people that participate in recreational activities, or the percentage of land in the county used for recreational purposes versus other uses. The draft Land Use Report does have information from IRRRB regarding the economic impact (Linda Johnson is the contact for this).
- MnDOT traffic counts should also be looked at to understand seasonal fluctuations (if this is available).
- The County needs to continue to look at ways to better connect the Iron Range and Duluth.
- Need to be careful about cultural sites that do not meet national criteria for historic places.
- There have been conflicts with trail planning in mining areas. Mining companies have discouraged trails located in some areas because of the potential for those areas to be mined. Can trails be relocated/realigned by mining companies as part of mine mitigation?

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 21, 2017 – 9 – 11 a.m.
Subject: Natural Resources/Environment Focus Group

Attendees

- Kim Boland (Minnesota DNR – Ecological and Water Resources)
- Erin Loeffler (Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources)
- John Snyder (Voyageurs National Park)
- Beth Peterson (Soil & Water Conservation District)
- Phil Norvitch (North St. Louis SWCD)
- Anita Provinzino (North St. Louis SWCD)
- Edie Evarts (Minnesota DNR – Fisheries)
- John Paulson (Minnesota Power - Environmental)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Groundwater protection zones should be incorporated into the land use analysis, if the information is available in GIS. If the plan utilizes and plans with groundwater data, this may open the door to groundwater management planning grant opportunities.
- The DNR and SWCD noted the following data as being beneficial to the land use analysis:
 - Trout streams (in particular on the north shore of Lake Superior)
 - Cisco lakes
 - Trout stream lakes
 - High resource value lakes
 - Fisheries management easement areas
 - Outstanding resource value areas (MPCA data)
 - SFIA properties (Sustainable Forest Incentive Act—properties where individual landowners are enrolled to receive property tax breaks in return for enhanced management of forested areas on their property.)

- IIC managed forest lands
- The WRAPS (Watershed Approach to Restoring and Protecting Water Quality) project is important to consider for watersheds. The Little Fork and St. Louis River watersheds are currently undergoing WRAPS plans and there is an opportunity to coordinate with these plans. Mike Kennedy is the state contact for this area.
- Areas with few natural resource constraints, such as sensitive wetlands, are still important from a natural resource perspective, even if that is the only constraint—a good example is Sax Zim bog.
- Gap analysis will be important. This can be accomplished by using existing GIS data layers and displaying protected natural resources (public waters, wetlands, wilderness areas, etc.) as solid black. The remaining, visible (unmasked) natural areas may not be protected under existing state and federal laws, highlighting areas that may warrant protection via County policies.
- The state's One Watershed One Plan grants are a good opportunity that can lead to funding for more septic system improvements.
- From a forest harvest perspective (what is commercially viable), timber areas under 40 acres are not economically viable.
- There needs to be an understanding of the percentage of the county's tax base that is supported by shoreland properties. This could help underline the value of the county's lakes and supporting the integrity/quality of these lakes.
- The County Environmental Services Department may have good information on the location of impaired waters, failing septic systems in hot zones.
- Consideration could be given to areas with soils unsuitable/suitable for septic use.
- Voyageurs and BWCA Parks are specially-designation air pollution zones by MPCA. The location of industry in the county is important for this reason.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 21, 2017, 1-3 p.m., 4 – 8 p.m.
Subject: Public & Local Government Workshop – Virginia

Attendees

- Jim Hofsommer (Colvin Township)
- Carl Hofsommer
- Linda Ross Sellner
- Chuck Bainter (North St. Louis SWCD)
- Jerry Shuster (Willow Valley Township)
- Michael Kippley (Community of Palo)
- Tony Zupancich (City of Mountain Iron farmer)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Need to focus on preserving agricultural areas.
- County ditches are not well maintained—they are crowded with invasive species (such as Reeds Canary Grass), beavers and resulting impacts.

Location: 2210 E Sheridan St. Suite 2 (County Public Works Building), Ely, MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 22, 2017; 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 7 p.m.
Subject: Public & Local Government Workshop – Ely

Attendees

- Gary Rantala (North St. Louis SWCD)
- Lee Peterson (Greenwood Township)
- Frank Brula (resident)
- Tom Rukavina (St. Louis County)
- Steven Lotz (Vermillion Lake Township)
- Byron Moren (resident)
- Hidi Omerza (resident)
- Harold Langowski (City of Ely)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Clear cutting on private often has impacts to adjacent private property (tree falls from wind, storms). Can private forested be harvested more carefully to avoid significant impacts to adjacent properties.
- What do the DNR's Wildlife Action Network white colored mapping category mean? hite is not scored, which means it is not unimportant, but not in primary focus. Species are not specific for areas of heightened concern.
- Concern with people building and renting very large lakeshore homes.
- The Embarrass area used to be a major potato starter production area.
- Limit any potential area that could restrict hunting and trapping opportunities.
- Older lakeshore residents are losing the interest in staying in lakeshore communities.
- Wildlife Action Network (WAN) – Doug explained this is the result of a MnDNR analysis that considered rare or declining wildlife species (also known as Species of Greatest Conservation Need, or SGCN). Rare wildlife records as well as a variety of habitat mapping data were used to develop the WAN, including high quality terrestrial and aquatic habitats for SGCN.

- MnDNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, Edie Evarts, mentioned that several additional fisheries-related data could be considered in our natural resources analyses. Data mentioned included:
 - lake trout lakes
 - trout streams
 - high resource value lakes
 - outstanding natural resource value waters
 - State and MnDNR Fisheries Aquatic Management Areas (AMAs)

[The Comprehensive Plan team discussed these additional fisheries-related datasets following the meeting. Because most of these additional aquatic habitat resources were already identified via other data included in our County-wide analyses (e.g., MnDNR Public Watercourses and Basins encompass most of these areas, and the WAN encompasses high quality aquatic habitats), it was decided that only the State and MnDNR Fisheries AMAs data would be added to the Natural Resources Assessment. However, it is useful to note all of these fisheries-related datasets, and goals and policies developed for the Comprehensive Plan may further address and/or utilize these data for fisheries protection and conservation.]

Location: 4543 Highway 53 (American Legion), Orr, MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: August 23, 2017; 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 7 p.m.
Subject: Public & Local Government Workshop – Orr

Attendees

- Keith Aho (Field Township)
- Whitney Ridlon (Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board)
- Cheri Carter (City of Orr)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Koochiching County has a very good example of a multi-use trail map/recreational area map. SLC had a similar map approximately 20 years ago.
- There should be one County resource for all ATV trail information. Currently there are multiple groups, plus the USFS and DNR that have separate trails and maps.
- A significant portion of Lake Vermilion and areas to the north recently lost TV signal.
- CenturyLink is currently maxed-out in Orr, no new broadband connections can be made.
- Broadband and TV limitations in the area make attracting new development extremely difficult.
- For very remote areas that don't expect broadband, will wireless be an option in the future?
- Orr recently built a nursing home with a memory center on the northeast side of the city. The City has two small apartment buildings. Townhome development could serve a need in the future for older people who want to stay in the area but do not want to deal with a larger property.
- Orr could have growth potential to the northeast near the new assisted living facility.
- Orr Center is a multiple-use community center that uses what was a former school.
- The community of Cotton also reused an old school, called "Old School Lives" that is now a community facility with multiple uses.
- Meadowlands community is another example of a small community with assisted living facilities.

- Is there a way to provide flexibility to allow smaller parcels to be platted for residential use, while preserving larger, contiguous areas for farming?

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- Location:** 4787 Midway Rd (Richard H. Hansen Public Works and Transportation Complex),
Pike Lake, MN
- Project:** St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Date:** August 24, 2017; 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 7 p.m.
- Subject:** Public & Local Government Workshop – Pike Lake

Attendees

- Theresa Jensen (Solway Township)
- Richard Turcott
- Mary Pat Skafte (Fredenberg Township)
- Timothy Alvar (private landowner)
- Clayton Cich (Fredenberg Township)
- Debra Pawlowicz (Fredenberg Township)
- Brian Fritsinger (St. Louis County)
- Brandy Meidl (St. Louis County)
- Robert Aho (Gnesen Township)
- Janet Kennedy (Health in All Policies)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services provided a presentation to introduce the project, provide an overview of the draft Land Use Report, and solicit input on key issues.
- Solway Township concerned about ready-mix plants and impacts to residential areas.
- Several attendees asked for regular mail plan updates.
- There are road maintenance issues in County forest lands—generally a lack of maintenance. The County should do a better job maintaining these roads to promote recreational access and use of forest lands.
- Biomass should be more promoted in the County because of the forest resources available. This is an economic opportunity.
- Members from Friedenbergh Township have a desire to plan for land use in parcel by parcel detail. The desire to take back zoning control was discussed.
- The County isn't enforcing their ordinance—this came from Fredenberg Township folks regarding the Positive Energy Dog Sled Operation. They would like to know why they can't take their zoning back.

- Is there a way to provide flexibility to allow smaller parcels to be platted for residential use, while preserving larger, contiguous areas for farming?

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Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 16, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Subject: Natural Environment Focus Group

Attendees

- Dan Prazak
- John Snyder (Voyageurs National Park)
- Edie Evarts (DNR - Fisheries)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Land use report is helpful for background information. Future use discussion on boating and hunting is there, but fishing discussion is lacking. Discussion took place.
- DNR has old growth forest policy for state-owned land; special restrictions are in place for these areas.
- Native plant communities are important to consider, especially the more rare, higher quality, and more intact areas. Lakes of biological significance are a higher-level resource and surface municipal water resources are important to recognize and protect.
- Much of the Northshore Trout Streams are out of the County's zoning jurisdiction.
- Discussion took place on how to include protective buffers around streams, especially trout streams. Buffers should be based on state shoreland standards at a minimum.
- Clarification of goal NE-2 (water resource protections) was discussed with a possible rewording needed.
- Recommend increased focus on education of responsible resource management.
- Need to address possible conflicts between different Plan goals and the future land use plan.
- Water quality and land use connection needs to be stronger. Critical to address land use effects on water bodies such as lakeshore development.
- Suggestion that the dollar amount value of fishing be identified somewhere in the planning documentation.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 16, 2018 –1:30 p.m.
Subject: Public Infrastructure and Services Focus Group

Attendees

- Steven Lotz (Vermillion Township)
- Clark Niemi (Eveleth)
- Chris Clark (Virginia Fire Department)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- County Public Works needs to post road capacity, opposed to placing a tax on gravel or sand. Cost is passed down to users of the roads.
- County road safety plan updates might be needed with design issues and access management issues.
- Light Rail in the Iron Range has been discussed with the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. Consider this in the Plan.
- Expanding sanitary districts may not always be a good idea due to the failing systems that already exist due to maintenance issues.
- Need to map areas of failing septic systems and sanitary districts for better communication on what is needed in the future.
- FireWise education should be stressed strongly in the Plan.
- Rename the Isolated Rural Communities land use category to just “Rural Communities”.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 16, 2018 – 4:00p.m.
Subject: Public Workshop

Attendees

- Jim & Charlene Luke (Britt residents)
- Jim Hofsommer (Colvin Township)
- Steven Lotz (Vermilion Township)
- Kenny Adams (Independent business and property owner – Virginia)
- Duane Nelson (Wuori Township)
- Anita Provinzino (North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District)
- Roy Pontinen (Resident of Gilbert)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- In the Iron Range there is a need for more people, not more jobs, and the need of decent housing (not just number of bedrooms in houses).
- There is still a significant need to expand broadband internet. The Land Use Report mentions 86% of the county has access, this is misleading.
- With the expansion of broadband, there needs to be better coordination with the location of lines.
- Gravel pits are not always located on forestry and agricultural lands.
- Need to add a definition for “paratransit”.
- What about horse/equestrian use? This needs to be addressed in the Plan.
- The goals and objectives have lots of generalization – it is too vague in some areas.
- Need to continue to support the septic loan program.
- Need to mention that the Board of Adjustment has gone against Planning Dept. staff in some decisions.
- The difference between unorganized and organized township territory needs to be explained.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 17, 2018 –9:30 a.m.
Subject: Natural Resource-based Economy Focus Group

Attendees

- Kelsey Johnson (Iron Mining Association)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Wetland impact mitigation in the same watershed is now required by law. Mining companies work with DNR and BWSR in addition to the county on wetland mitigation when necessary.
- Does the county have a list of all mineral land owners? Both active and inactive? It is important to have a current list of mineral owners to contact regarding planning applications/proposals.
- Need to contact the DNR regarding proposed mining impact map before it is released to the public.
- Expansion of 53 & 169 in St. Louis and Koochiching Counties to four lanes for heavy truck traffic would help to facilitate trade/business between the Iron Range and adjacent Canadian mining operations. Consider improvement to roads for heavy truck traffic – work closely with MnDOT.
- Rail capacity between Canada and the Iron Range needs to be expanded.
- There are opportunity areas of growth for industrial business in and around the development of non-ferrous mining and wood products in Canada can spur growth into Minnesota. Many businesses that serve mining and forest product operations in the Iron Range will benefit from mining and forest product development in Canada.

Location: 2210 E Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731 (County Public Works Facility)
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 17, 2018 –4:00p.m.
Subject: Public Workshop

Attendees

- Gary Rantala (Embarrass)
- Paul Kess (Ely)
- Kristin Anderson (Ely)
- Mark Crenshaw (Ely)
- Lee Peterson (Greenwood Township)
- Ben Peterson (Greenwood Township)
- Terry Soderberg (Morse Township)
- Len Carsine (Morse Township)
- Kris Kidd (Morse Township)
- Nick Wognum (Ely)
- Phil Heff (Waasa)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Look to future recreation opportunities. County should be careful in selling tax forfeit lands. Repurpose this land into recreation areas where it makes sense.
- Don't restrict public use of lands.
- Vacation rentals cause significant problems in the Morse Township and Ely area. They steal business from tax-paying, law-abiding hotels and resorts.
- Outdoor concerts and noise in lakeshore areas are increasingly becoming a nuisance (late in the evening). Options pertaining to code enforcement were discussed.
- Zoning overlay district was discussed as a desirable way to accomplish more detailed zoning districts/controls after the Plan is completed. Implementation measure should specify how this would work.

Location: 7823 Highway 135 (County Public Works Building), Virginia MN
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 18, 2018 –9:30a.m.
Subject: Tourism and Recreation Focus Group

Attendees

- Greg Sorenson (Snowmobile Association)
- Delyle Pankratz (Snowmobile Association)
- Rick Johnson (Region 2 Recreational Trail Development)
- Josh Gillson (Lake Vermillion Resort Association)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Maintain trails and allow for trail connections as part of new subdivisions/development.
- Desire for accurate, on-line repository of trails in the county; DNR maps are wanting/erroneous. Data is missing to complete the whole mapping system. Look to the Superior National Forest mapping project as a resource.
- Volunteers (in the form of trail clubs mostly) are heavily involved in trail maintenance.
- Requests for off-trail (e.g., deep snow) snowmobile riding areas is increasing.
- Make sure only permitted trails are shown on maps.
- Be aware that often short-term license agreements with private landowners get cancelled (i.e., no easement is in place).
- Natural trail surfaces are increasingly desired and have minimal improvement cost as opposed to hard surface trails.
- ATVs, UTVs, etc. should be referred more generally as “motorized” since it is unknown what will be used on trails in the long term (e.g., new hybrid snowmobile-cycles).
- Use term “overnight lodging” to address VRBOs and related “vacation” rentals, which are a significant problem in the Vermilion area.
- Polaris Ride Command is an on-line trail mapping application that the county should leverage.

- The county has some trail system pinch points with trail crossing constraints, and one user group should not block opportunities for other user groups (e.g., allow shared trail segments through pinch points).

Location: 4543 US-53, Orr, MN 55771 (American Legion Facility)
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 18, 2018 – 4:00-7:00p.m.
Subject: Public Workshop

Attendees

- Keith Aho (Field Township)
- Cheri Carter (City of Orr)
- Bernie Mettler (Embarrass)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Some county roads are in poor condition.
- The new Cook county garage was poorly designed and executed.
- There is poor communication between the county and townships.
- The City of Orr recently completed their City Comprehensive Plan.
- Consider mutually-supportive services and facilities between cities, townships and the county (shared garages/TV service/ Broadband).
- Smaller cities need help with technical issues. County needs to help small communities with bigger projects that community staff can't keep up on.
- Younger adults want to tent camp in Orr area, and there are no/few options.
- Broadband is needed and could be provided through temporary or permanent use of public office spaces in town or at schools. This approach may be feasible in Orr, Tower, Cotton, etc. This could support incubator businesses.

Location: 2030 N. Arlington Avenue, Duluth MN 55811 (County Public Safety Building)
Project: St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Date: July 19, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Subject: Public Workshop

Attendees

- Duayne Anderson (Grand Lake Township)
- Joel Berke (Normanna Township)
- Barb & Noel Pearnan (Fredenberg Township)
- Walter Rapp (Fredenberg Township)
- Carter Williams (Gnesen Township)
- Teresa Koivula (Rice Lake)
- Scott Mead (Fredenberg Township)
- Dennis Gonzalez (Normanna Township)

Summary of Meeting

- SRF Consulting Group, Inc. provided a presentation to reintroduce the project, provide an overview of the alternative future land use maps, and solicit input on draft goals and objectives.
- Don't take away township rights to plan their own jurisdiction; one size does not fit all. Zoning overlay district concept was discussed and explained.
- A single county comprehensive plan is like a single toolbox with everything you need in one place rather than tools scattered all over the workshop (i.e. multiple township/area plans).
- Future land use mapping needs to consider emergency response time restrictions.