

**C** Community Development Committee  
Meeting date: May 7, 2012  
For the Council Meeting of May 23, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Subject:</b>	City of Watertown 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment Review File No. 20436-3
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 4, Council Member Gary Van Eyll
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.175
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Tom Caswell, Principal Reviewer, 651-602-1319 Phyllis Hanson, Local Planning Assistance Manager, 651-602-1566
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Community Development / Planning & Growth Management

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Watertown to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

**Background**

The Council reviewed the City's Update, Review File No. 20436-1, on February 25, 2009, and allowed the City to put the Update into effect. The Council reviewed and accepted an amendment, Review File No. 20436-2, to the change the proposed land use on 0.65 acres from Commercial to Industrial on May 10, 2010.

This amendment is in response to the 2011 System Statement showing updates to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* and the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to acknowledge the County Road 10 Regional Trail Search Corridor, which will connect the planned Southwest Connection Regional Trail, the proposed Twin Cities and Western Regional Trail, the Carver County North-South Regional Trail Search Corridor, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and the Luce Line State Trail. No change in the transportation element of the City's plan was made or required by the revised system statements.

**Rationale**

The proposed CPA conforms to regional system plans, is consistent with Council policies, and is compatible with the plans of other local communities, school districts, and affected special districts.

**Funding**

None.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.

**REVIEW RECORD**  
**City of Watertown Comprehensive Plan Amendment**  
**2011 System Statement Response**

Review File No. 20436-3, Council Business Item No. 2012-

**BACKGROUND**

The *2030 Regional Development Framework* (RDF) identifies the City as a Rural Center. The Metropolitan Council forecasts that the City will grow between 2010 and 2030 from 1,800 to 3,000 households.

The Council reviewed and accepted an amendment, Review File No. 20436-2, to the Update on May 10, 2010 to reguide 0.65 acres from Commercial to Industrial.

**REQUEST SUMMARY**

The CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to acknowledge the County Road 10 Regional Trail Search Corridor, which travels through Watertown as it connects the planned Southwest LRT Connection Regional Trail, the proposed Twin Cities & Western Regional Trail, the Carver County North/South Regional Trail Search Corridor, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and the Luce Line State Trail.

**OVERVIEW**

<b>Conformance with Regional Systems</b>	The CPA conforms to the Regional System Plans for Parks, Transportation (including Aviation), and Wastewater, with no substantial impact on, or departure from, these plans.
<b>Consistency with Council Policies</b>	The CPA is consistent with the Council's RDF, with water resources management, and is consistent with Council forecasts.
<b>Compatibility with Plans of Adjacent Jurisdictions</b>	The CPA will not have an impact on adjacent communities, school districts, or watershed districts, and is compatible with the plans of those districts.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- The Council acted on the City's Update on February 25, 2009 (Review File No. 20436-1).

**ISSUES**

- I. Does the amendment conform to the regional system plans?
- II. Is the amendment consistent with the RDF and other Council policies?
- III. Does the amendment change the City's forecasts?
- IV. Is the amendment compatible with the plans of adjacent local governmental units and affected jurisdictions?

## **ISSUE ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS**

### **CONFORMANCE WITH REGIONAL SYSTEMS**

#### **REGIONAL PARKS**

*Reviewer: Jan Youngquist (651-602-1029)*

The CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The CPA acknowledges the County Road 10 Regional Trail Search Corridor, which will connect the planned Southwest Connection Regional Trail, the proposed Twin Cities and Western Regional Trail, the Carver County North-South Regional Trail Search Corridor, the Dakota Rail Regional Trail and the Luce Line State Trail.

#### **CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL POLICY**

The proposed CPA is consistent with the Council's policies for land use, housing, subsurface sewage treatment systems, and water supply. The proposed CPA is consistent with the *2030 Regional Development Framework (RDF)* policies for Developed communities. The CPA will not change the City's forecasts.

#### **COMPATIBILITY WITH PLANS OF ADJACENT GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND PLANS OF AFFECTED SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The proposed CPA is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. No compatibility issues with plans of adjacent governmental units and plans of affected special districts and school districts were identified.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Figure 1: 2030 Metropolitan Regional Parks System Plan Update

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