

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 13, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: May 24, 2007

Subject: New Germany Planning Designation and Forecast Revision

Summary of Committee Discussion:

Jim Uttley presented an over view of the request and staff recommendations. Council Member Steffen asked how this amendment differed from the East Bethel matter to be discussed later on the committee's agenda, which involves a public hearing and amendment of regional policy plans. Uttley responded that East Bethel item involves a new regional wastewater treatment plant, which the New Germany amendment does not.

Recommendation:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the changes in the total forecasts as recommended by staff for New Germany.
2. Approve changes in geographic planning area designations for New Germany from "Rural Center" to "Rural Growth Center."

C	Community Development Committee	Item: 2007-200
	Meeting date: May 21, 2007	

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date	May 15, 2007
Subject	New Germany Planning Designation and Forecast Revision Review No. 19678-2
Districts, Members	Council District 4, Vacant
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BACKGROUND

The City of New Germany is a small rural center located in western Carver County. It is surrounded by Camden Township to the east, south and west, and by Hollywood Township to the north. New Germany grew by 5 households and 9 jobs between 1990 and 2000. Council forecasts contained in the 2030 Regional Development Framework (RDF) anticipated very limited growth by 2030 adding less than 40 additional households by 2010 and less than 230 households by 2030.

In early 2007, the City indicated to Council staff that

- it was interested in planning for additional growth,
- it wanted to be designated as a Rural Growth Center rather than continuing as a rural center,
- it wanted to plan for higher forecasts than its System Statement allowed, and
- it was interested in studying the possibility of having the Council take over its WWTP.

On March 22, 2007, the Council received a resolution from the New Germany city council (Attachment 1). The City requests that the Council designate New Germany as a Rural Growth Center and change its forecasts to reflect discussions with city and Council staff.

REQUEST SUMMARY

This staff report responds directly to the City's resolution. It proposes that the Council change the designation of New Germany from Rural Center to Rural Growth Center and change the forecasts for New Germany to allow it to plan for higher growth.

PROPOSED ACTION

That the Metropolitan Council

1. Approve the changes in the total forecasts as recommended by staff for New Germany.
2. Approve changes in geographic planning area designations for New Germany from "Rural Center" to "Rural Growth Center."

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: City of New Germany Resolution 2007-09

Attachment 2: Proposed Revised Forecasts for New Germany

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-09

CITY OF NEW GERMAN Y

MARCH 20, 2007

WHEREAS, the City of New Germany was issued a Systems Statement by the Metropolitan Council on September 12, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Systems Statement designates the City of New Germany as a "rural center" geographic planning area in the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and includes the following forecasts:

	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030
Population	353	346	420	570	830
Household	138	143	180	250	370
Employment	43	52	70	90	140

WHEREAS, in a letter dated December 12, 2005, the City Council appealed the forecasts included in the Systems Statement to the Metropolitan Council.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council declined to adjust the forecasts, as noted in a letter dated January 27, 2006, but indicated that the Council would reassess the City's forecast if the City of New Germany requested that the Metropolitan Council take over its Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed the City Engineer to investigate the acquisition of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant by the Metropolitan Council.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and the Metropolitan Council staff have met to discuss potential acquisition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant by the Metropolitan Council, the phased expansion of the plant and the forecasts for future development.

WHEREAS, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* establishes a process for the Metropolitan Council to consider acquisition of municipally owned wastewater treatment plants.

WHEREAS, the first step in the Metropolitan Council process to initiate consideration of Metropolitan Council involvement is for the City and the Metropolitan Council to reach agreement on the 2030 forecasts for the City and the designation of the City as a "rural growth center".

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of New Germany as follows:

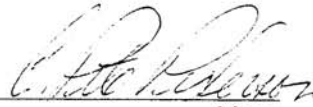
- E. That the Metropolitan Council designate the City of New Germany as a Rural Growth



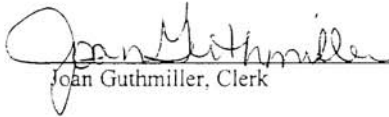
Center and the Rural Growth Center designation be incorporated into the City of New Germany's 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

2. That the City Council accepts the revised Metropolitan Council forecast of 650 households for 2030 to be included in the City of New Germany's 2008 Comprehensive Plan.
3. That the City Council reserves the right to request the Metropolitan Council to consider amendments to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with State Law.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2007.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Joan Guthmiller, Clerk

City of New Germany, July 2007

Amend the City of New Germany's forecasts for population, households and employment as follows:

	2000	2010	2020	2030
		Total	Total	Total
Population	346	620 420	1,100 570	1,500 830
Households	143	250 180	450 250	650 370
Employment	50	70 50	200 90	300 140