

**C** Community Development Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 14, 2012

Item: 2012-63

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Subject:** Stillwater Township 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment  
Review File No. 20431-2

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council:

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

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions**

The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions without further discussion.

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Meeting date: February 21, 2012  
For the Council Meeting of March 14, 2012

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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 12, Council Member Harry Melander
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.175
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	LisaBeth Barajas, Principal Reviewer, 651-602-1895 Phyllis Hanson, Local Planning Assistance Manager, 651-602-1566
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Community Development / Planning & Growth Management

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**Background**

The Council reviewed the Township's Update, Review File No. 20431-1, on April 22, 2009, and allowed the Township to put the Update into effect. This is the Township's first CPA since the review of the Update.

The 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 reflect changes to transit market area designations affecting the community and to show the transitway corridor designations. The Township was not affected by changes to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.

**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

### Stillwater Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011 System Statement Response

Review File No. 20431-2, Council Business Item No. 2012-63

#### BACKGROUND

Stillwater Township (Township) is a rural community of approximately 16.9 square miles, located in eastern Washington County. It is bordered by May Township to the north, the St. Croix River and Wisconsin to the east, the City of Stillwater to the south, and the City of Grant on the west.

The *2030 Regional Development Framework* (RDF) identifies the Township as a Diversified Rural community. The Metropolitan Council (Council) forecasts that the Township will grow between 2010 and 2030 from 2,690 to 3,350 people, from 960 to 1,260 households, and that employment will remain at 120 jobs.

This is the Township's first CPA since the review of the Update.

#### REQUEST SUMMARY

The CPA proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan to show the changes to the transit market area designation for the Township, and to reflect revisions to the transitway corridor designation for TH 36/NE Transitway Corridor. No changes are proposed for the parks element of the Township's comprehensive plan. The amendment is in response to the 2011 System Statement reflecting updates to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* and the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*.

#### 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 Township's Update on April 22, 2009 (Review File No. 20431-1).

#### 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 Township'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 proposed CPA conforms to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The Township was not affected by changes to the regional parks system as contained in the updated *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*. The amendment to the comprehensive plan in response to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan* does not impact regional parks system facilities in the Township.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

*Reviewer: Ann Braden (651-602-1705), Scott Thompson (612-349-7774)*

The proposed amendment conforms to the *2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)*. The CPA accurately responds to updates to the TPP.

### **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 Diversified Rural communities. The CPA will not change the Township'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: Location Map with Regional Systems

**Figure 1. Location Map with Regional Systems**  
 Stillwater Township

