



**March 13, New Prague High School:** Approximately 25 people attended. Of those who indicated where they lived on the map, 6 attendees were from Cedar Lake, 4 from Helena, 2 from Spring Lake, and 1 each from the cities of Shakopee, Prior Lake, Savage and New Prague. Five attendees turned in evaluations.

**March 19, Jordan High School:** Approximately 45 people attended. Of those who indicated where they lived on the map, 6 attendees were from Louisville, 5 from Sand Creek, 4 from Belle Plaine, 3 from Blakeley, 2 from Spring Lake, 1 from Helena and Cedar Lake, 2 from the cities of Shakopee and Jordan, and 1 from the city of Savage. Seventeen attendees turned in evaluations.

**Do you support the 2040 Planned Land Use Map?**

(15 support)

(4 oppose)

Written Comments:

Oppose: *“I do not support cluster zoning. I do not support development of ghost lots. I do not support single level townhomes!!!! Keep 1 home per 10 in Cedar Lake Township. Do not allow cluster zoning!”*

Support: *“Great options for hamlets.”*

Support: *“Maybe consider modification to transition area in southern Helena and Belle Plaine Townships.”*

Oppose: *“Not liking cluster housing for Cedar Lake. Maybe that’s what the township wanted back then, but the majority of people don’t want clusters. The roads are not able to handle the extra traffic the 300 homes would bring.”*

Maybe: *“My support depends on road turn backs in Blakeley Township. If county roads are turned back to the township, housing densities would need to change. We would need to cluster housing to get a developer to be interested to get more tax base.”*

Oppose: *“Most residents of Cedar Lake Township are opposed to further clustering and the road and infrastructure don’t support the areas that exist now.”*

Support: *“Jobs support expanding sanitary sewers. Jobs support developing the hamlets. Jobs support all homeowners and businesses to use good storm water runoff management practices, including curb cuts, rain barrels and rain gardens. Please allow “granny houses”. Please also increase workforce housing. Please increase low-income housing and “tiny home” communities. I support Mayor Williams 16-bed facility to be built in Savage.”*

Support: *“Overall yes. A little worried about a gas station too close to the public landing at Cedar Lake.”*

Support: *“A good balance of rural, city land use options.”*

Oppose: *“There needs to be better land use in the County. Keep cities more in boundaries and keep housing from chewing up ag land. Try to keep more rural areas or Scott County will look like Minneapolis or St Paul.”*

Support: *“Very well presented.”*

Support: *“Good to see that the County applied some of the township recommendations.”*

Support: *“It would have been helpful to see the current land use map so I could identify what changes are being proposed.”*

Support: *“Growth is inevitable and most people will obviously want to live on north side of county, closer to the cities. The planning of the land seems sufficient to all Scott County to still maintain its rural farm history, and hopefully to keep the many wonderful family farms, but to also accommodate 200,000 people by 2040.”*

Support: *“I like the annexation borders around Jordan. This gives us neighboring property owners more freedom to do what we want. I love the idea of supporting the historic hamlets with all kinds of growth opportunities even at some cost.”*

## **Do you support the 2040 Transportation Future Studies Map?**

**(13 support)**

**(3 oppose)**

### Written comments:

Support: *“I like the future plans.”*

*“Hard to plan when several existing roads are in poor shape.”*

Support: *“169/282/9 intersection needs to be a transportation priority. It is a constant source of congestion and safety issue. Numerous accidents and even deaths have resulted. The current intersection causes division and reduces access for children and non-drivers.”*

Oppose: *“I believe the County should accept a disproportionate cost for roads in the rural townships. This may dictate retention of roads that guidelines would suggest that they become turnbacks. Other county costs in these townships are disproportionate in the other direction.”*

Support: *“Please add a north- and south-bound lane to 169! Please reduce speed on McColl Drive, between Dakota and 13. The addition of the subdivision Providence will make the intersection of Taylor and McColl very dangerous. A stop sign would be an idea.”*

*“Helena is very concerned about road turn backs (4, 15, and 89) and effect on budgets and property taxes.”*

*“No road turn backs in Blakeley Township! We simply do not have the tax base to support more roads without more homes.”*

Oppose: *“We need to fix and maintain our roads. Stop building new roads just for development. Slow down cutting the County up so bad.”*

Support: *“A little surprised at projected traffic growth.”*

*“I’m impressed with the road, highway system in Scott County. Not a big fan of trains, buses and mass transportation.”*

Support: *“The road planning looks good.”*

Support: *“With a future projection of 200,000 people, public transportation will become even more important.”*

**Which of the goals in the WMO Water Resources Management Plan do you support the most (pick top priority)?**

- Wetland Management. Protect/Enhance Wetlands, Ensure Net Gain Of Wetland Functions And Acreage **(6 picks)**
- Surface Water Quality. To Protect And Improve Surface Water Quality **(2 picks)**
- To Protect Groundwater Quality and Supplies **(5 picks)**
- Flood Management. Protect human life, property, and surface water systems from damage caused by flood events. **(1 pick)**
- Collective Action. Increase Adoption of Actions and Practices that Protect and Improve Water Resources **(4 picks)**
- Optimize Public Expenditure
- Build a Resilient Landscape
- Public Drainage. Maximize the public value of the public drainage systems

Written comments:

*“Keep planning for the sake of our children”*

*“Protect our lakes.”*

*“How can I choose just one? They are all essential. Protect the wetlands and groundwater.”*

*“Farmland is being tilled at a high rate with little planning of where the water ends up. Seems to lead to more erosion in ravines and creeks downstream.”*

*“Protect it!”*

*“I need more information and time to review prior to framing an opinion on value.”*

*“I was surprised by the water quality issues in local lakes.”*

*“#1 priority should be to protect groundwater, our water source for drinking water, etc. Things like gravel pits, and other destructive business opportunities, which provide a short-term profit, but long-term consequences should be discouraged. Without quality water there won't be any long-term population growth.”*

## **Do you support the County vision for Parks & Trails?**

**(19 support)**

**(1 oppose)**

### Written comments:

Support: *“Keep trails coming. Any chance of a multi-purpose path that would allow snowmobiles – keeps that rural feel”*

Support: *“Please use porous surface for trails. Use railroad lines and existing roadways whenever possible and adjacent existing parks, such as Murphy Hanrehan. Minimal impact on wetlands and areas near lakes.”*

Support: *“Parks and trails in Helena are getting more used; feels like a well-kept secret, but really glad to see improvements. Agree with need for trails.”*

*“I'm not much of a park or trail person. If I had to pick on to support it would be the trail system. I think people like the idea of “going somewhere/moving” which a trail provides (walking, biking, snow shoeing, etc.).”*

*“I like the plans for Cleary Lake. I like the regional parks concept.”*

Support: *“Would support trail systems for bikes, communities, etc.”*

Support: *“Need more in the Jordan area that can be tied into by the city.”*

Support: *“I think it’s a nice grand plan. I understand that it will probably take a much longer period to actually complete but it proposes a vision.”*

**On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate the overall experience of this Open House (please circle)?**

Poor	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Excellent
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

**Average = 8.0**

**On a scale of 1 to 10, how informative or educational was this Open House (please circle)?**

Poor, Not informative	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Excellent, Very informative
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

**Average = 8.0**

**Please offer any comments, suggestions, or opinions you have on how this Open House could have been improved in the space provided below.**

*“Appreciate County’s time and efforts”*

*“You should have paper copies of maps for all stations! Not everyone sits on the internet. Many people I talked to do not have the time to look at a computer to find through your sites. Many of us feel we are being forgotten and getting shorted on information.”*

*“Adding more homes to the smaller towns ruins the small-town feel. People move out to the rural areas for wiggle room – not to be on top of each other.”*

*“We always want more people to attend but frankly I don’t know what else could be done to get more people other than offering free dinner, etc. Problem is they’d only come for that.”*

*“Speaker needed a microphone. Ensure that good wayfinding signs are used on trails and show connections to other regional trails.”*

*“Allow accessory dwellings for rentals.”*

*“We just happened to hear about this meeting by accident. Informing residents would be nice.”*

*“Great interaction with staff, great cookies.”*

*“I appreciate the opportunity to discuss my thoughts with the folks at the county. I was never made to feel I wasn’t important.”*

*“I thought the material and support staff were very helpful.”*

*“So sad to see so few residents here.”*

*“Well done. Staff was very helpful.”*

*“When you have updated maps, the past comp plan maps should also be on display to compare present to future.”*

*“Previous questions in this survey refer to station numbers. I didn’t see any station numbers at the Open House, so it wasn’t convenient to find them.”*

**Please offer any comments, suggestions, or opinions you have on the County’s 2040 planning process in the space provided below.**

*“I don’t think we need affordable housing in the rural areas.”*

*“Make sure your township reps are getting a better sampling of their citizens – before they sign off on OK-ing further development, clustering, townhomes...they may be premature in going forward with more density.”*

*“Keep agricultural land from being put out of production. Short term gain is going to be a long term loss!! Once it’s gone it’s gone.”*

*“Try and get Credit River Township on-board with the County plan.”*

*“I believe Scott County has been very receptive to all comments.”*

*“Hoping annexation of Spring Lake area slows some.”*

*“I would ask that those of us who own outlots be able to build at least one home or maybe up to 1 per 10 acres. It’s better to allow development on outlots than to put houses in larger farm land.”*

*“One comment I noticed is the 2040 land use map is fairly similar to the 2030 land use map but still differs from the current zoning map. Why? I thought when approved it took some time but not forever to update.”*

*“The Townships felts like they had more input on the 2040 Comp Plan than on any previous plans.”*

*“Well done.”*

*“Helena will discuss moving to all 1 per 10 category for uniformity with the rest of the townships and our neighboring townships. Really like the new GIS mapping.”*

*“Please continue to do open houses in various locations around County. Although turn out might be low, it is informational for those in attendance.”*