

October 26, 2011

City of Anoka  
Attn: Erik Thorvig  
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RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Planning Area to Low Density and Medium Density Residential

Erik:

The City of Ramsey recently received a notice regarding an action by the City of Anoka that recently approved a 2030 Comprehensive Plan Land Use map amendment and official zoning map amendment to approximately 22.5 acres located generally east of the Rum River and Anoka Nature Preserve, north of County Road 116 (CSAH 116), south of the Anoka Nature Preserve, and west of the Anoka County Library. The land use map amendment would change the land use on the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Land Use map from Planning Area to Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential. Planning Area was a designation the Metropolitan Council allowed the city to use for this area because when the comprehensive plan was approved in 2008, discussions of future land use in this area had not been completed. The Low Density Residential area is approximately 12.8 acres and located entirely within the Rum River Wild and Scenic. The Medium Density Residential area is approximately 9.7 acres and located outside of the Rum River Wild and Scenic.

The City of Ramsey has no objection to the amendment, but does note a desire to continue to work collaboratively with the City of Anoka to address transportation goals for the region. The proposed amendment will add vehicle trips to a segment of roadway classified as an A Minor Reliever that already experiences congestion at peak times. The City of Ramsey wants to ensure that our communities continue to work together to address future needs on regional roadways based on forecasted traffic volumes in the 2030 Comprehensive Plans.

Sincerely

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Senior Planner