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"A Growing Community"

Community Forum-Baxter's Future
October 28, 2013
7:00 p.m.

1. 7:00-7:10 Gathering, welcome
2. 7:10-7:40 Presentation
3. 7:40-8:50 Questions/Concerns/Comments
4. 9:00 Close

City of Baxter Comprehensive Plan Update

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Community Forum
October 28, 2013

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Why do we plan?

"The purpose of planning is to protect public and private investment over time."

Howard Dahlgren, Founder,
Stantec St. Paul Planning Team

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What is this Plan?

- **Long-range vision**, guide and design for the community's future
- **Guide** for elected officials to use when making decisions
- **Legal foundation** for rules and regulations adopted by the community – zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, etc.

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Process: 5 Phases

1. Project Initiation
2. Vision, Goals & Policies
3. Land Use, Growth, & Alternatives
4. Plan Preparation
5. Implementation & Adoption

1		**Project Initiation, Inventory and Data Analysis**
	1.1	Kickoff Meeting
	1.2	Data Collection and Analysis
	1.3	Background of the Community
	1.4	LRPC Meeting
	1.5	Community Meeting
2		**Vision Goals and Policy Development**
	2.1	Public Participation/Visioning Sessions
	2.2	Prepare Vision and Goal Statements
	2.3	LRPC: Vision and Goals Meeting
	2.4	Community Forum #2: Goals and Policies
	2.5	CC Goals and Policies Review
3		**Land Use, Growth and Alternatives**
	3.1	Develop Alternatives
	3.2	LRPC Meeting: Alternatives
	3.3	Community Forum #3: Alternatives
	3.4	CC Meeting: Alternatives
4		**Plan Preparation**
	4.1	Draft Plan
	4.2	Review and Revise Draft Plan
	4.3	LRPC: Draft Plan Review
	4.4	CC: Draft Plan Review
	4.5	Review and Revise Draft Plan
	4.6	Comm. Forum #4: Draft Plan Open House
5		**Implementation and Adoption**
	5.1	LRPC: Final Plan
	5.2	CC Meeting: Final Plan
	5.3	Prepare Final Plan Document

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Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)

- [illegible] Planning Commission [illegible] issues, [illegible] in Baxter
- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats each discussed separately
- General and specific ideas
- All responses were written down, prioritized by voting
- Key topics summarized from all comments

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SWOT results – Strengths

- Location to natural amenities – 7
- Trail system – 4
- Uniqueness of neighborhoods (space, big lots, variety) – 3
- Easy regional access – 3
- Tourism – 3
- Strong community support for school bonding, sales tax – 3
- Regional retail hub and variety of retail –

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SWOT results – Weaknesses

- Public - perception that the City is difficult to work with. (City approval process) – 6
- Conflicting expectations – between residents & tourists who (expect more) for services, (i.e. restaurants service / hi-speed internet) retail, amenities - 5
- Condition of infrastructure – 4
- Pedestrian trail crossing of Hwy. 371 (connect to Paul Bunyan trail) - 4
- Lack of industrial/manufacture head of household jobs – 4

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SWOT results – Opportunities

- Connected trail systems – hike, bike, snowmobile, etc. – 6
- Guided planning around demographics – 6
- Commercial land / store fronts available
- Get ahead of growth with Planning & Visioning – 4

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SWOT results – Threats

- Deteriorating / aging infrastructure – 7
- Breakdown of communication with neighbors – 5
- Loss of Natural Resources – 5

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Baxter Key Issues

Taken together the issues identified by the LRPC can be summarized in six main topics:

- Managing growth and development
- Maintaining infrastructure
- Baxter's character and identity
- Traffic and transportation
- Parks, trails and open space
- Effective local government

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A Changing Baxter

Demographic snapshots 1990-2010

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Baxter's Numbers

- 7,610
- 39
- 94%
- 3,176
- $59,643
- 4.2%
- 597

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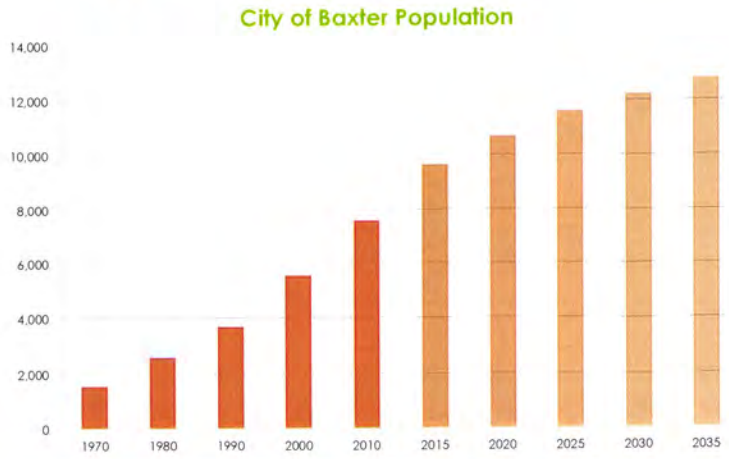
Population 1970 - 2035



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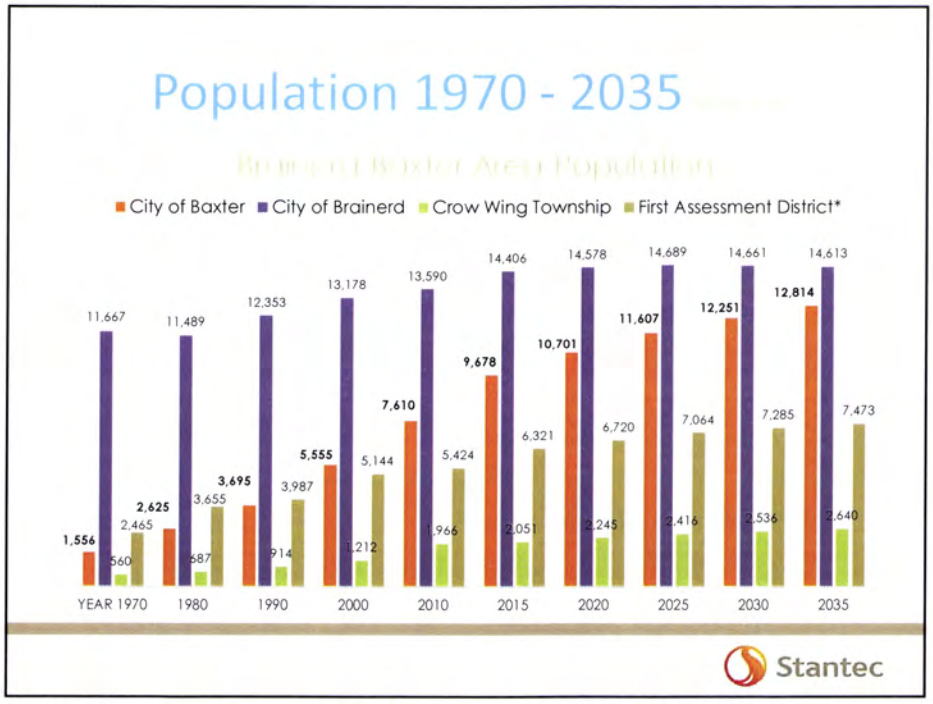
Population 1970 - 2035
City of Baxter
City of Brainerd
Crow Wing Township
First Assessment District*
YEAR 1970
1980
1990
2000
2010
2015
2020
2025
2030
2035
1,556
11,667
560
2,465
2,625
11,489
687
3,655
3,695
12,353
914
3,987
5,555
13,178
1,212
5,144
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7,473
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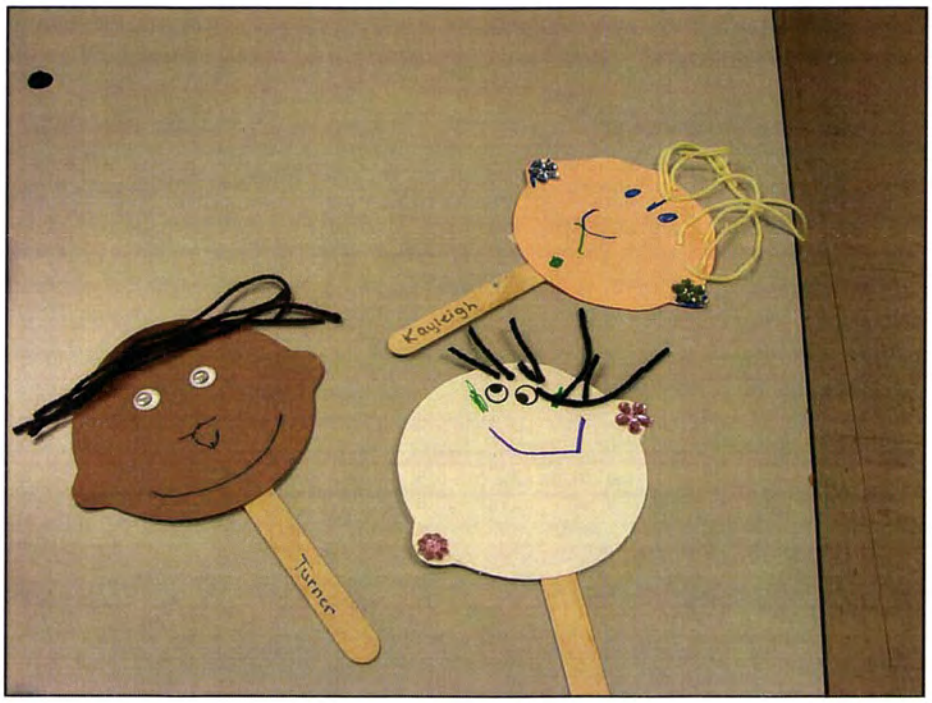
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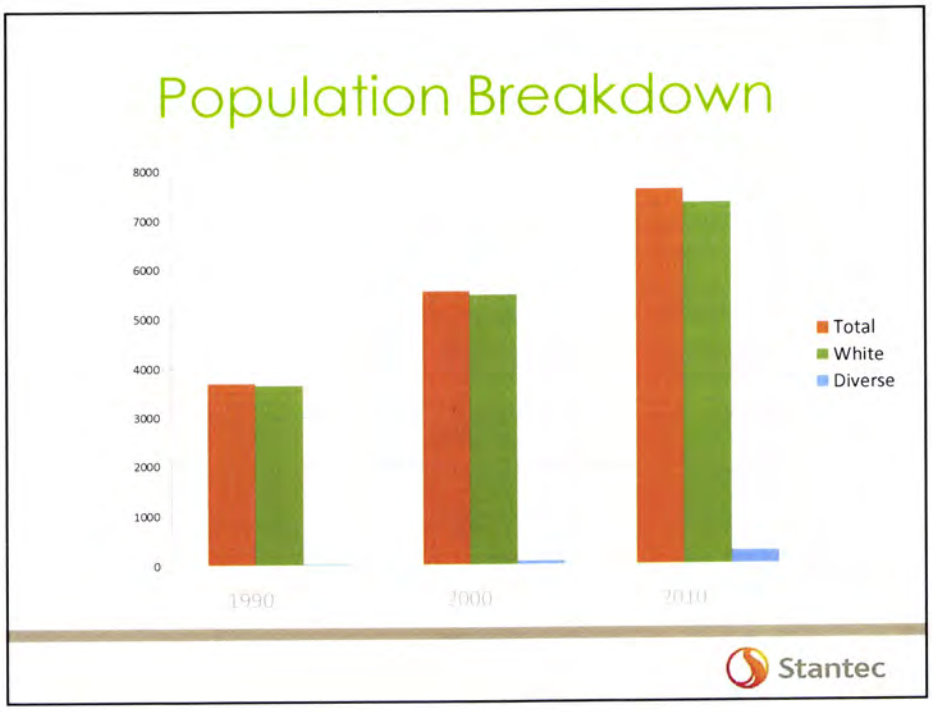
Population Breakdown
8000
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000
2000
1000
0
1990
2000
2010
Total
White
Diverse
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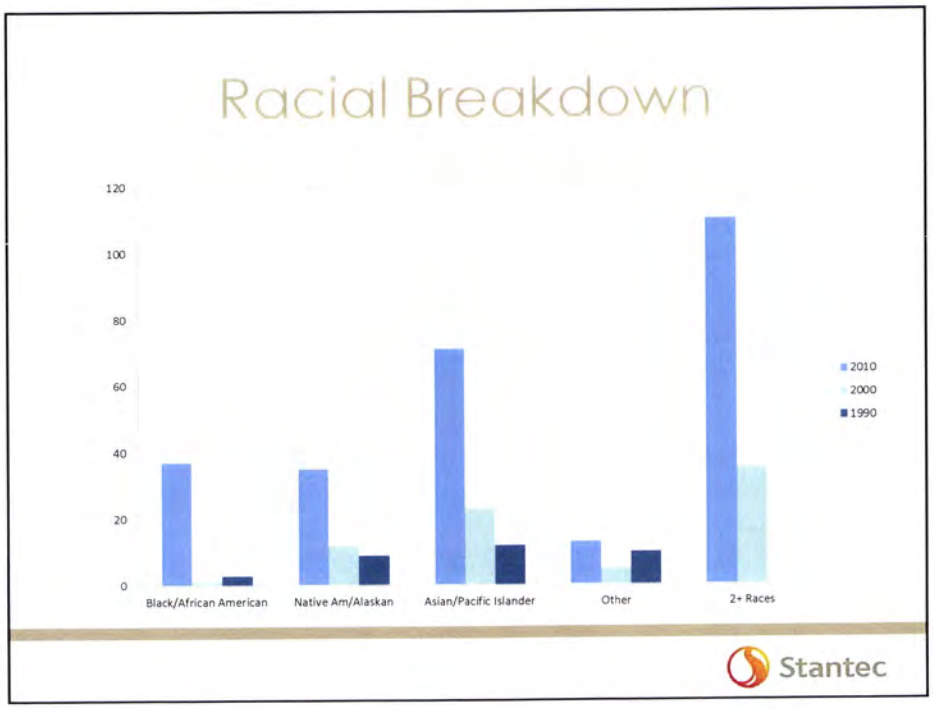
Racial Breakdown
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
Black/African American
Native Am/Alaskan
Asian/Pacific Islander
Other
2+ Races
2010
2000
1990
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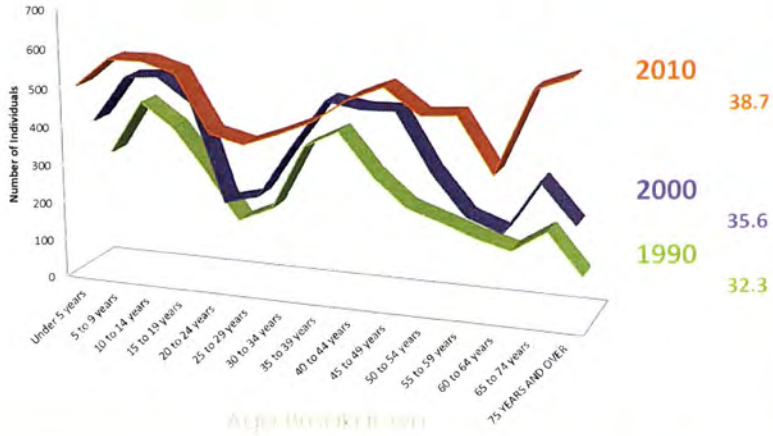
Age Breakdown



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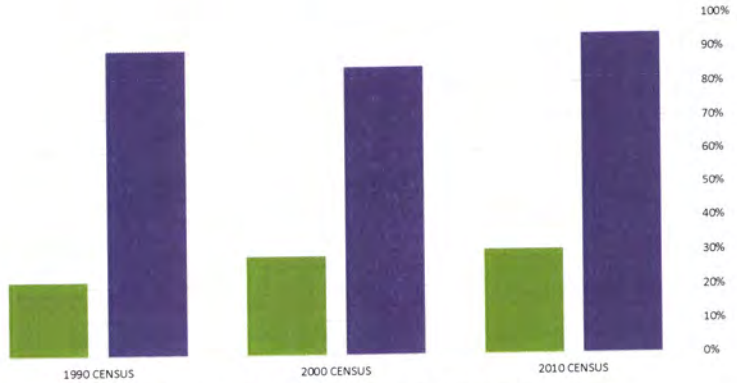
Education Degree Attainment



- Percent high school graduate or higher
- Percent bachelor's degree or higher

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Housing Units 1970-2010

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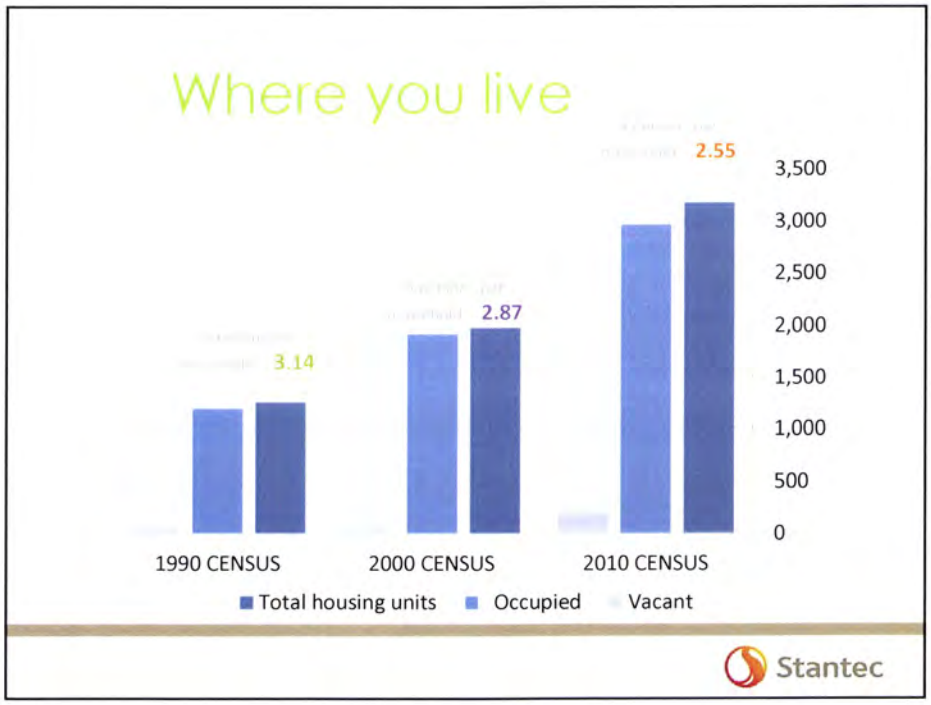
Where you live
2.55
3.14
2.87
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
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1,000
500
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1990 CENSUS
2000 CENSUS
2010 CENSUS
Total housing units
Occupied
Vacant
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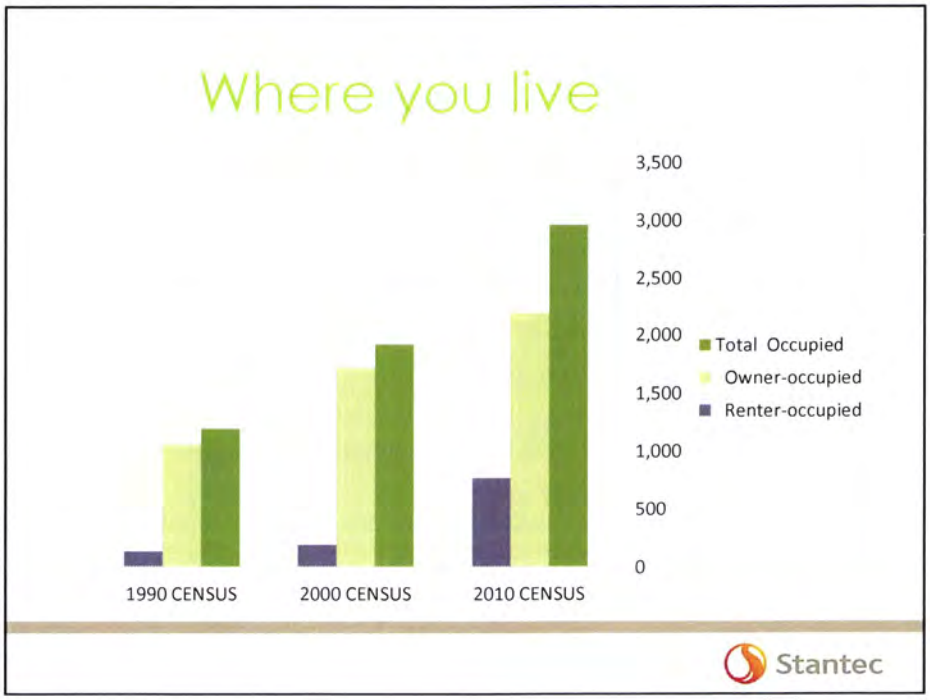
Where you live
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
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Total Occupied
Owner-occupied
Renter-occupied
1990 CENSUS
2000 CENSUS
2010 CENSUS
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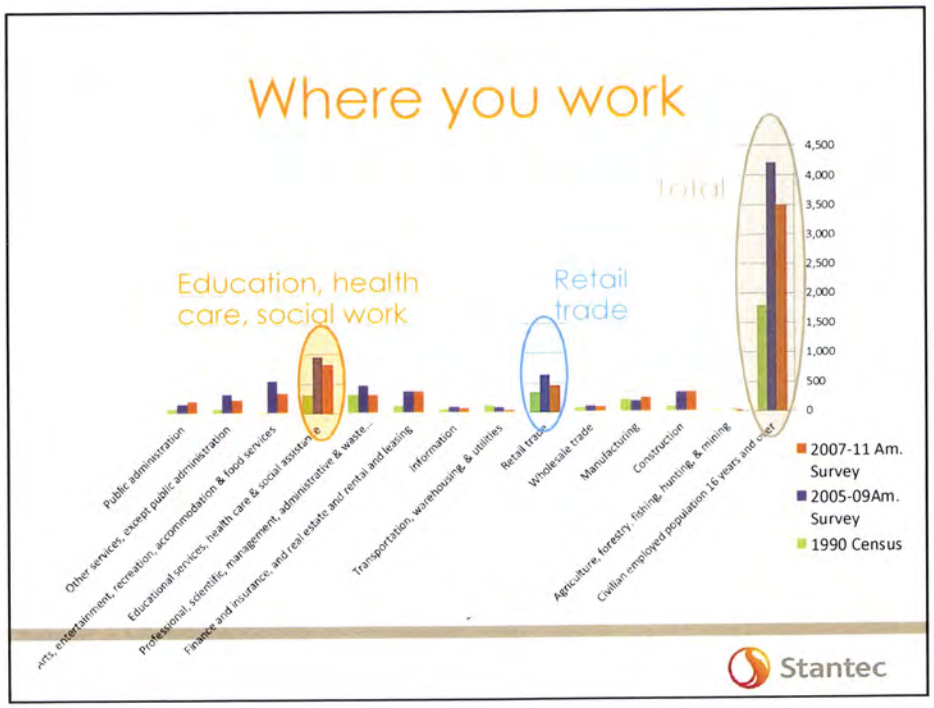
Where you work
Education, health care, social work
Retail trade
Total
4,500
4,000
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
0
Public administration
Other services, except public administration
Educational services, health care & social assistance
Professional, scientific, management, administrative & waste...
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing
Information
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities
Retail trade
Wholesale trade
Manufacturing
Construction
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining
Civilian employed population 16 years and over
2007-11 Am. Survey
2005-09Am. Survey
1990 Census
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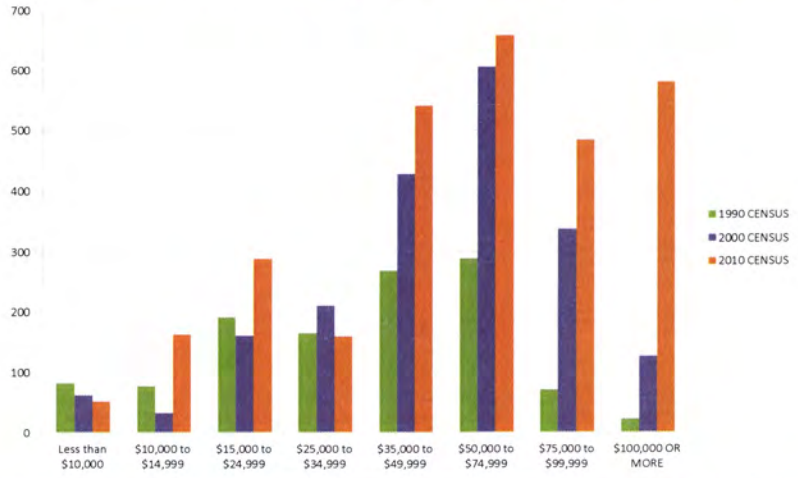
How much you take home



Source: 2010, 2000, 1990 Census

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How much you take home

195%

$40,362
mean
household
income
(1990)

$56,643
mean
household
income
(2000)

$78,965
mean
household
income
(2010)

Source: 2010, 2000, 1990 Census

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Median HH Income 1990-2010

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Households 2010 - 2035

- 3,176 HH, 2010
- 5,399 HH, 2035 (projected)
- +2,223 HH, Growth

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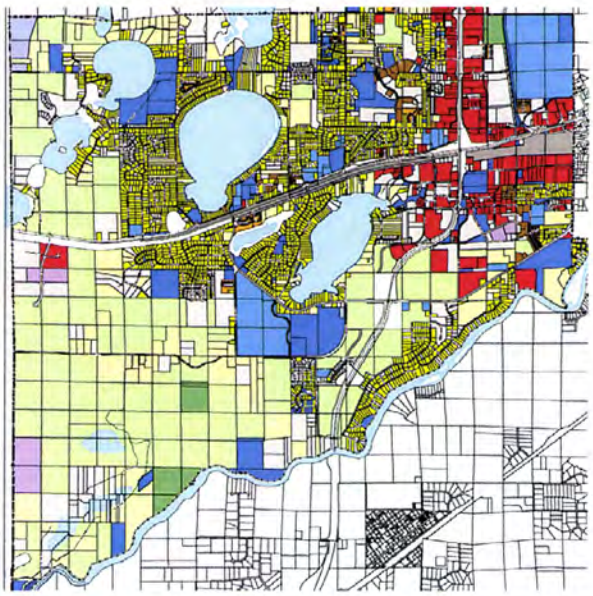

Future Household Growth

2,223 HH total

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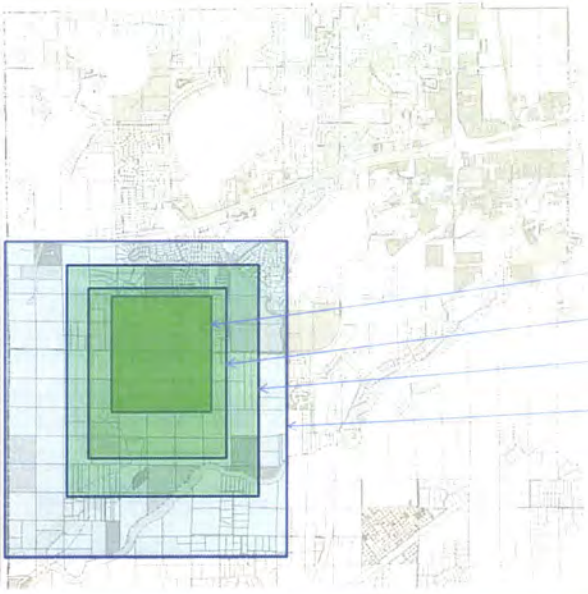

Future Residential Growth

- +2,223 HH, Growth
- 4 u/a = 550 ac
- 2 u/a = 1,100 ac
- 1 u/a = 2,200 ac
- 0.5 u/a = 2,200 ac

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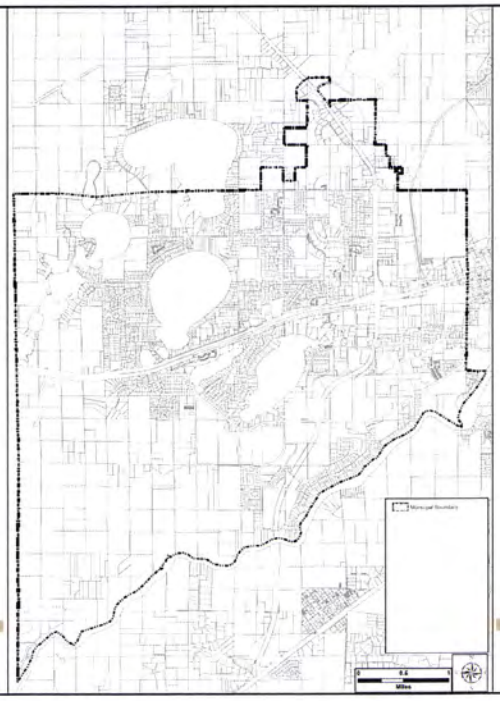

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Municipal Boundary

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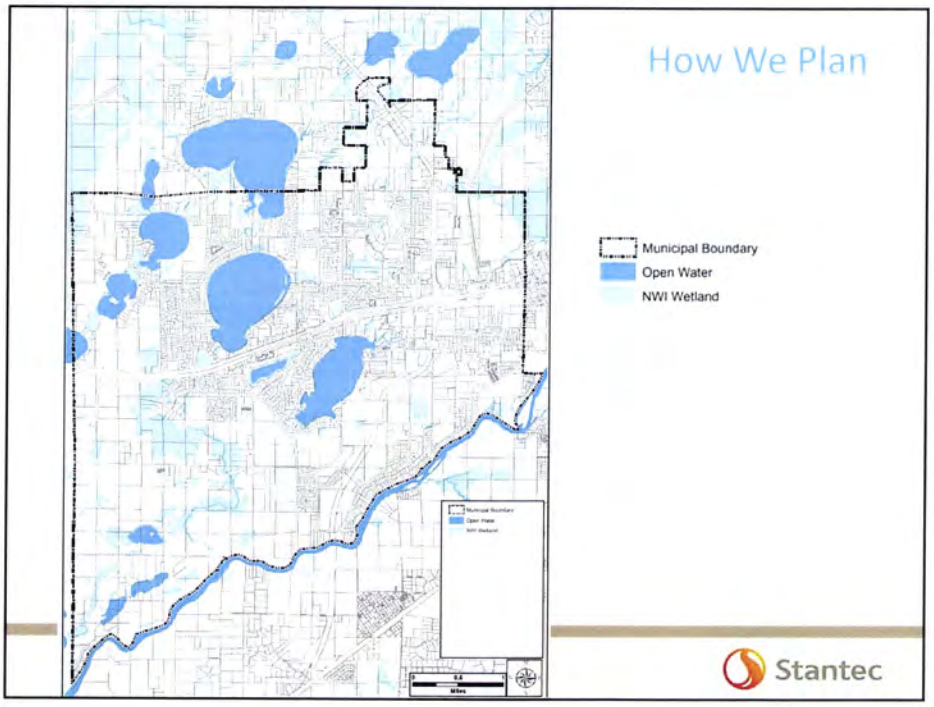
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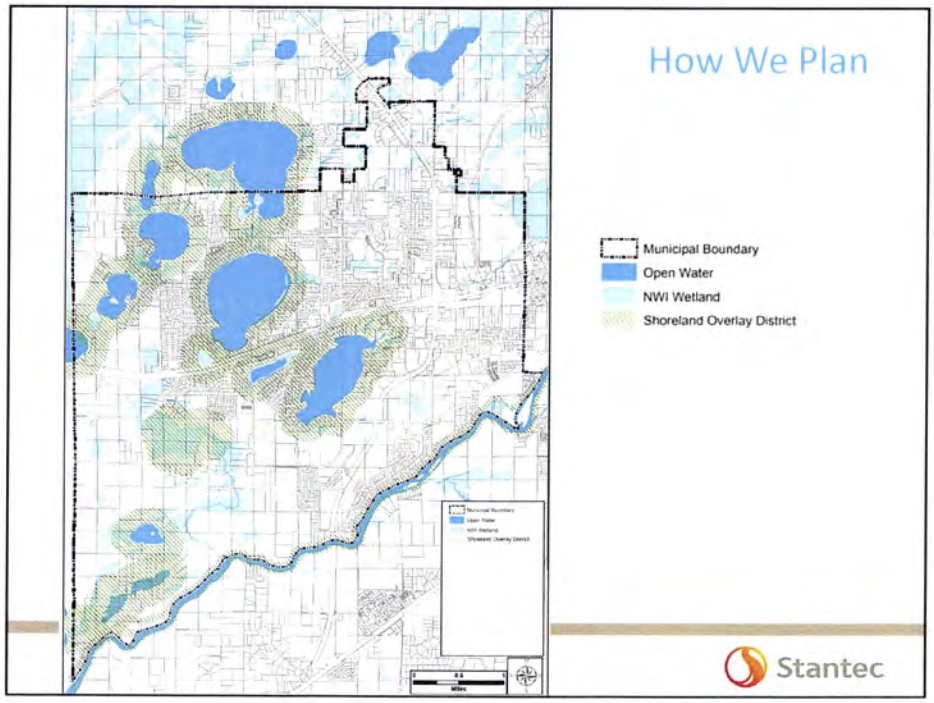
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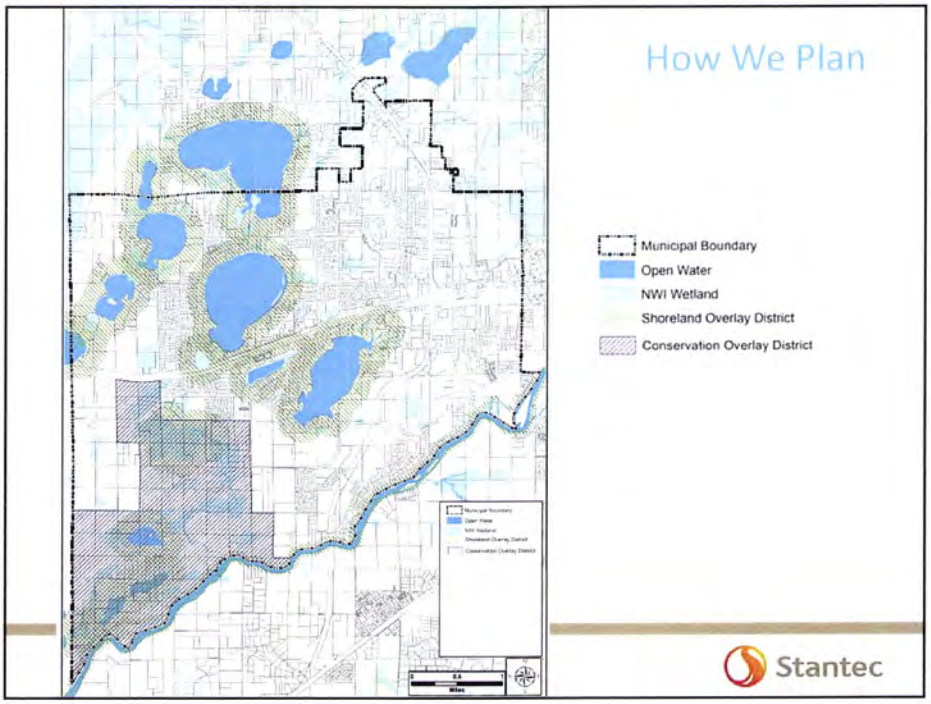
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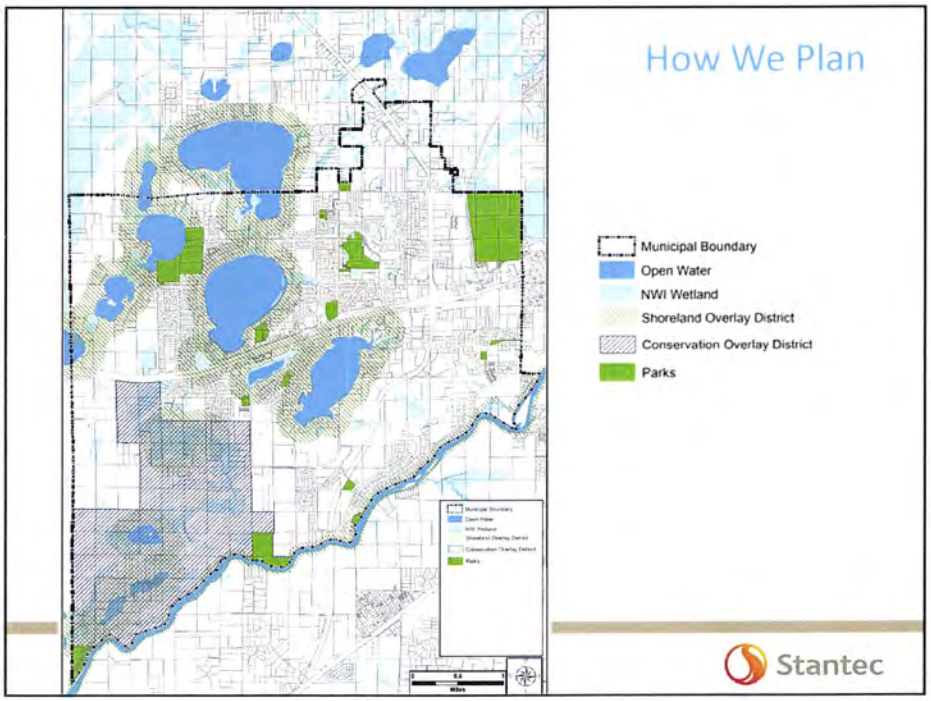
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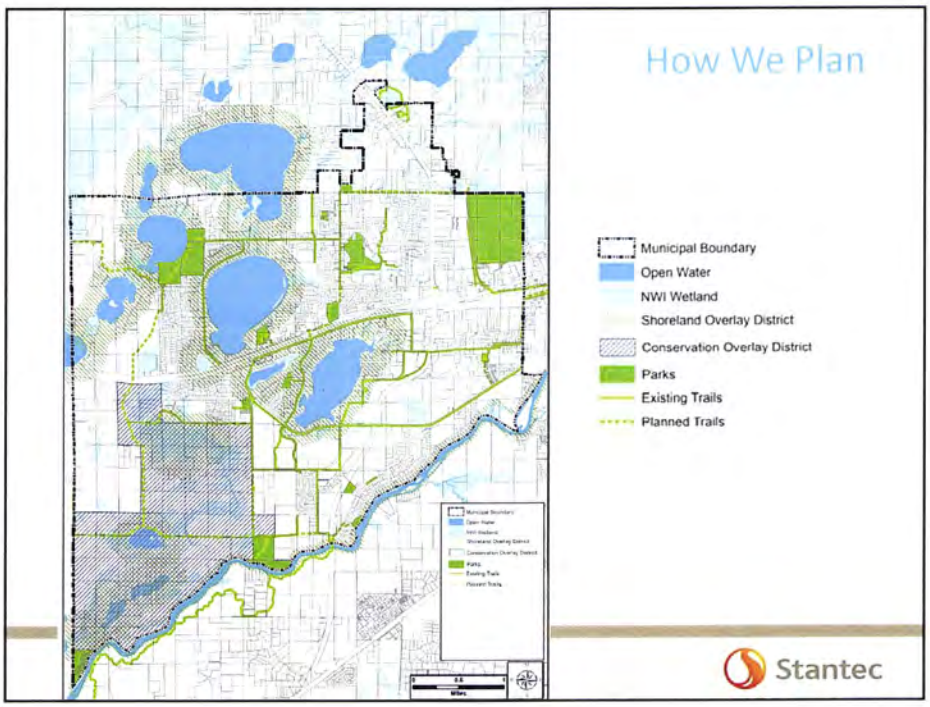
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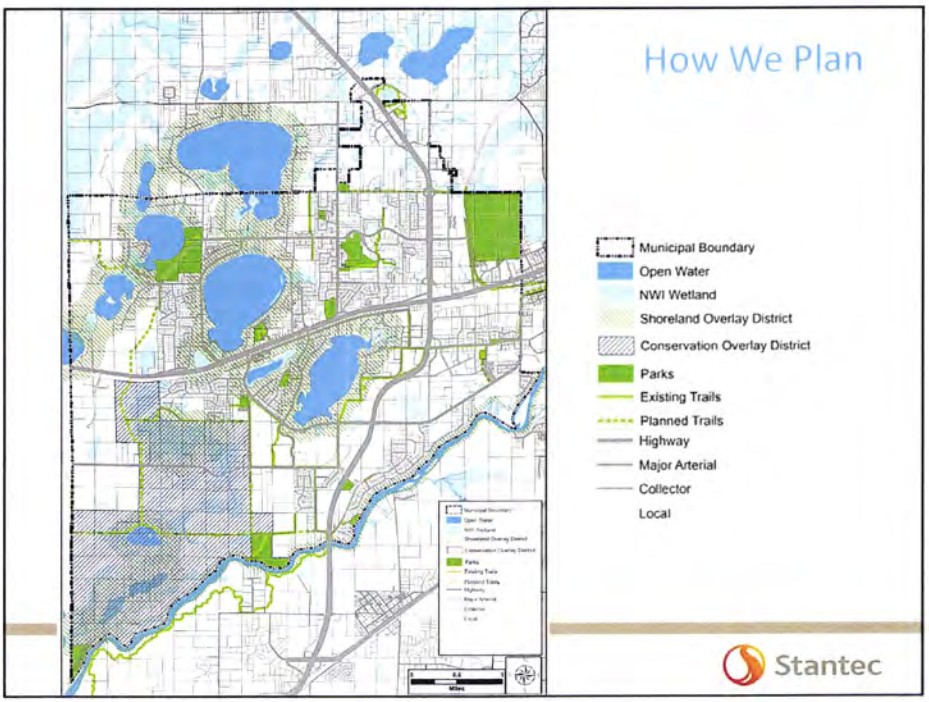
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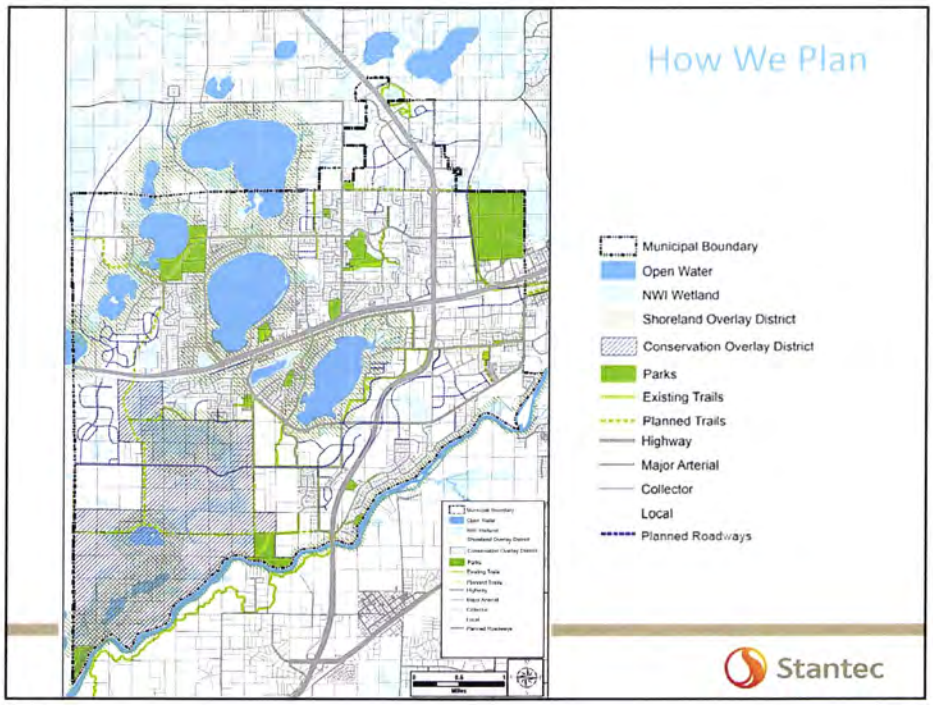
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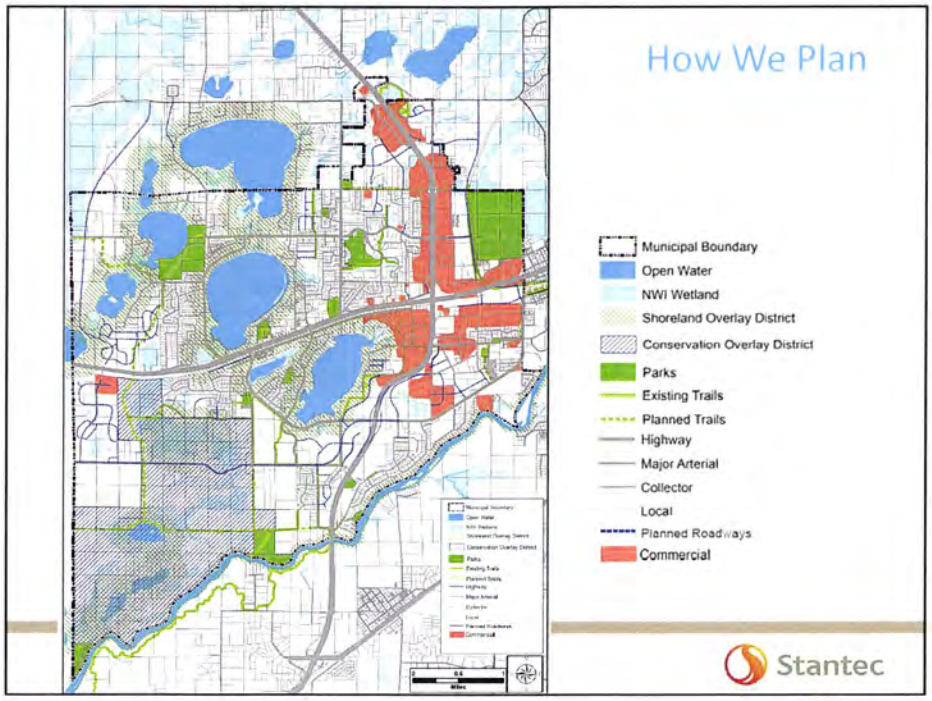
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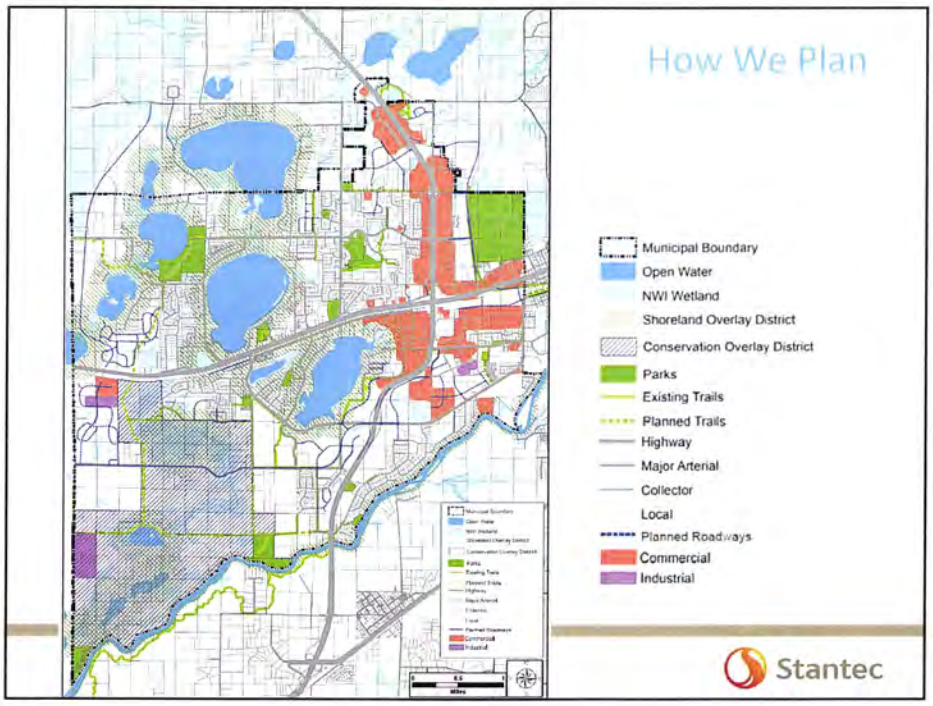
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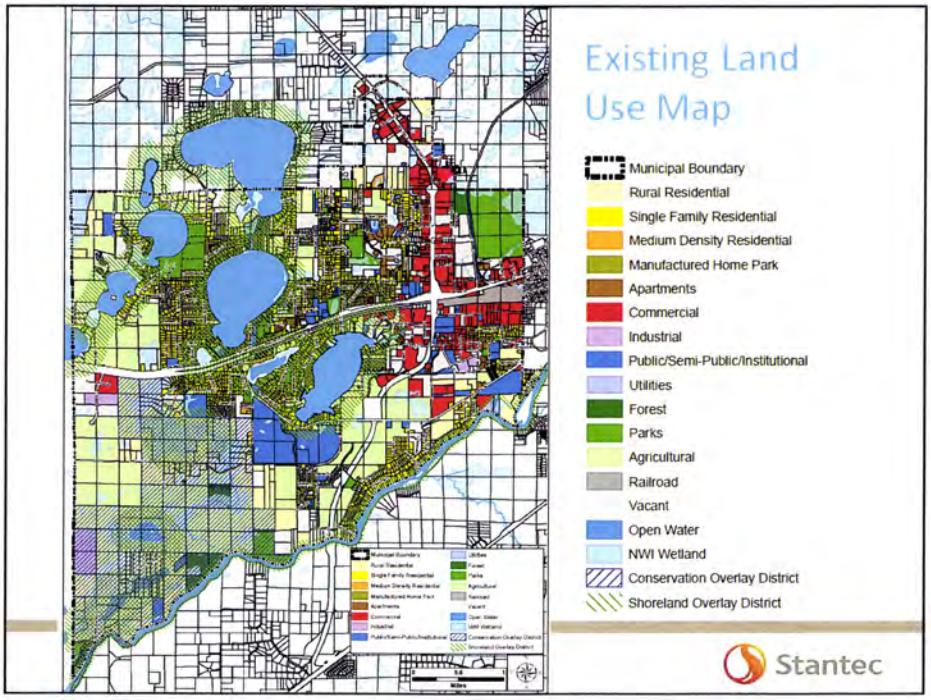
Existing Land Use Map
Municipal Boundary
Rural Residential
Single Family Residential
Medium Density Residential
Manufactured Home Park
Apartments
Commercial
Industrial
Public/Semi-Public/Institutional
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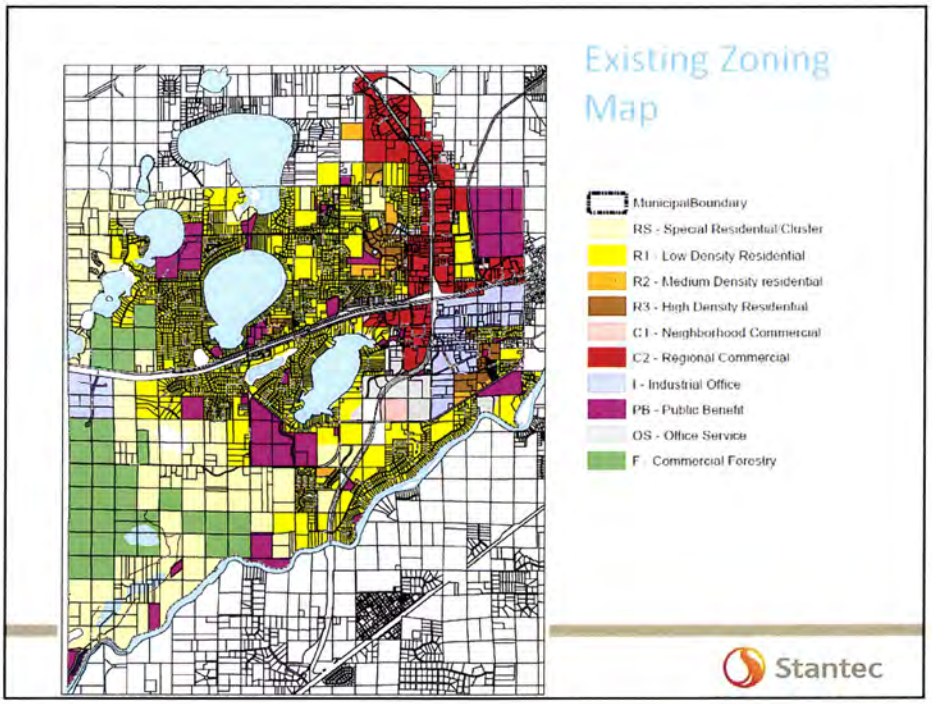
Existing Zoning Map
MunicipalBoundary
RS - Special Residential/Cluster
R1 - Low Density Residential
R2 - Medium Density residential
R3 - High Density Residential
C1 - Neighborhood Commercial
C2 - Regional Commercial
I - Industrial Office
PB - Public Benefit
OS - Office Service
F - Commercial Forestry
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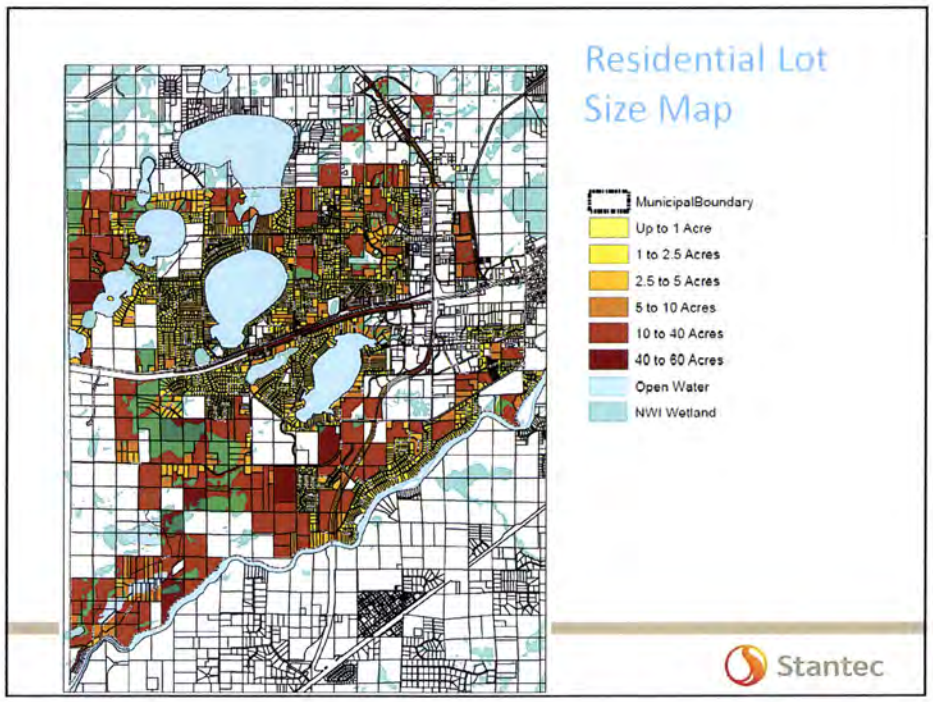
Residential Lot Size Map
MunicipalBoundary
Up to 1 Acre
1 to 2.5 Acres
2.5 to 5 Acres
5 to 10 Acres
10 to 40 Acres
40 to 60 Acres
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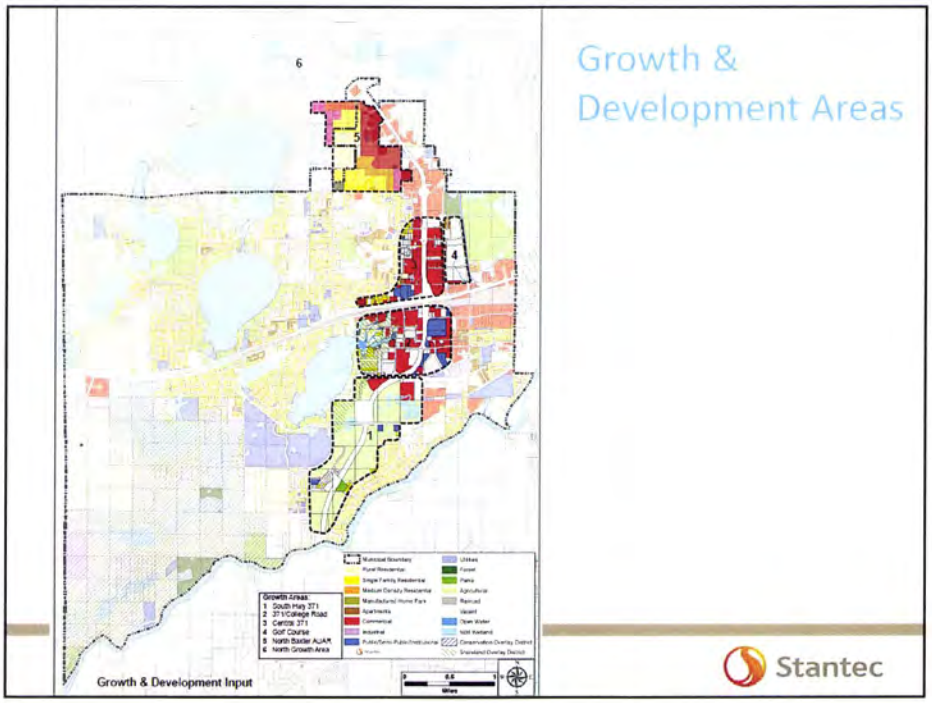
Growth & Development Areas
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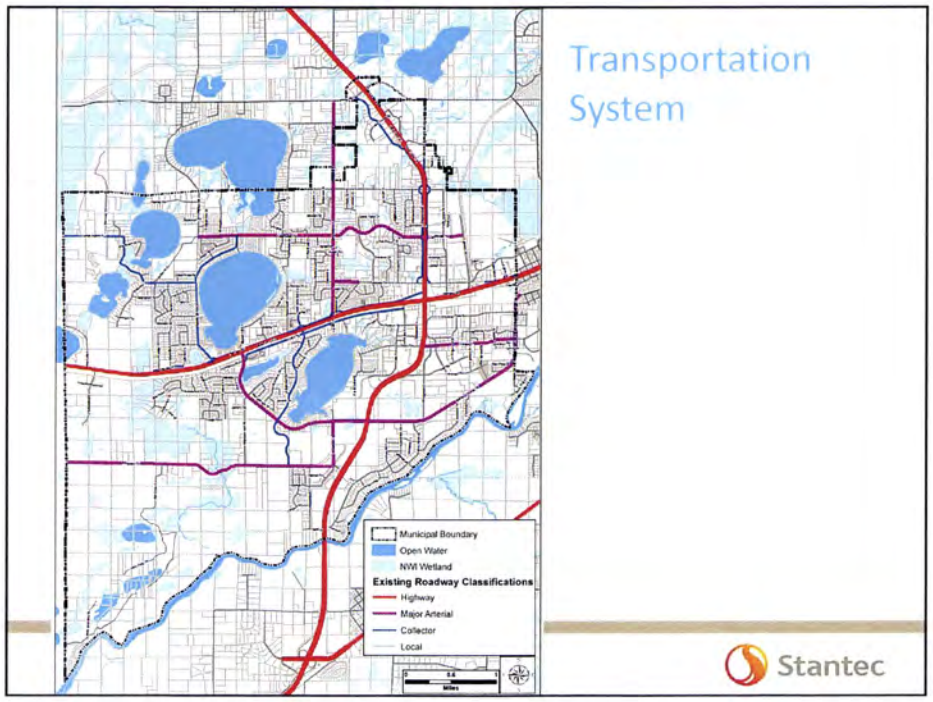
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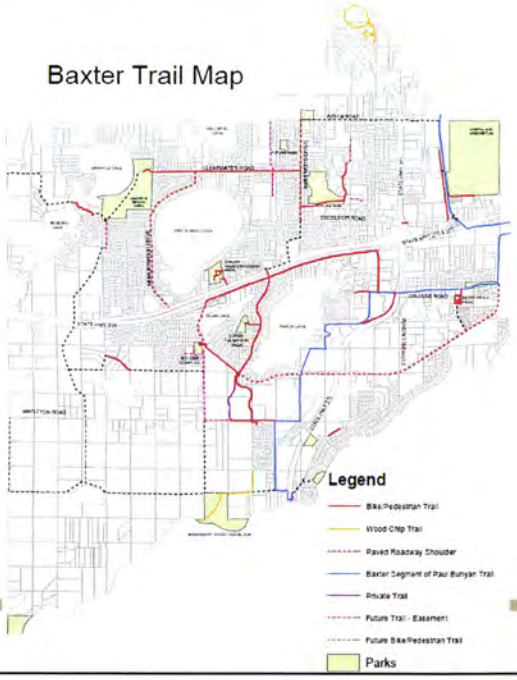
Parks, trails and open space

Baxter Trail Map



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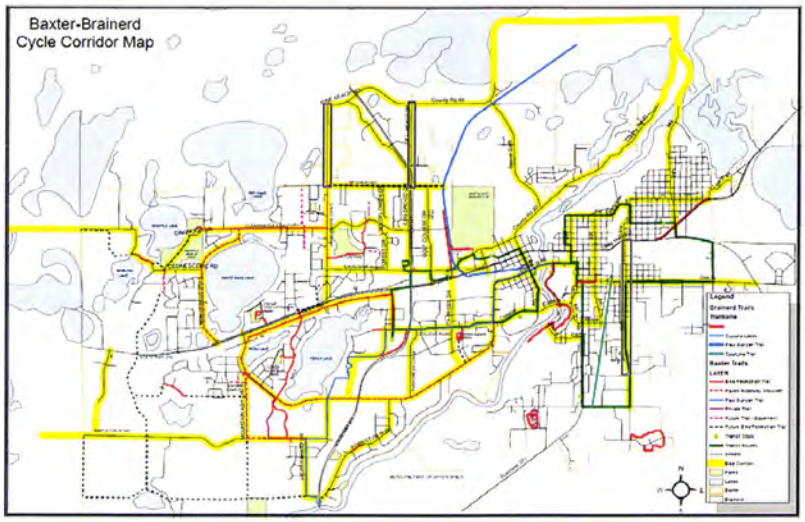
Bicycle Corridor Map

Baxter-Brainerd
Cycle Corridor Map



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Discussion

- Beginning [illegible] with [illegible] information [illegible] on each of [illegible] topics
- Recommendations visit each topic table
- Discuss, offer comments
- Rotate among topic tables every 10 minutes

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Baxter Key Issues

Managing growth and development

- Where should Baxter grow?
- What should be planned for five key areas in the City?
- What else should we know about specific areas that are being considered for development?
- Note corrections on the map

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Baxter Key Issues

Maintaining infrastructure

- What elements in Baxter do you care most about?
- What elements are not being taken care of?
- What would be your priorities for maintenance and improvement?

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Baxter Key Issues

Baxter's character and identity

- What places or features in Baxter represent the real "essence" or "feel" of Baxter?
- What places, buildings, landmarks or other elements in Baxter are unique?
- Where do you feel most comfortable in Baxter?
- Where do you feel most connected to the community?
- What place sets Baxter apart?

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Baxter Key Issues

Traffic and transportation

- Where and when is the worst traffic in Baxter?
- What roads or intersections do you think need to be improved? How?
- If you walk or bike – how well can you get around? What could be improved?
- What are roads and trails that work well?

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Baxter Key Issues

Parks, trails and open space

- Where do you – or your family & children – go to play or relax in Baxter?
- What kinds of parks or recreational facilities does Baxter need?
- What kind of trails/sidewalks/paths does Baxter need?
- Are there open space areas that need to be protected/preserved?

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Baxter Key Issues

Effective local government

- What is Baxter's competition in the region?
- How would you improve cooperation among Baxter and its neighbors in the region?
- What would you recommend to improve local government processes procedures?

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Next Steps

- Comments will be summarized
- Consultants/staff:
  - Develop draft goals
  - Propose draft land uses, transportation, park/trail, growth maps
- LRPC Meeting November 18

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