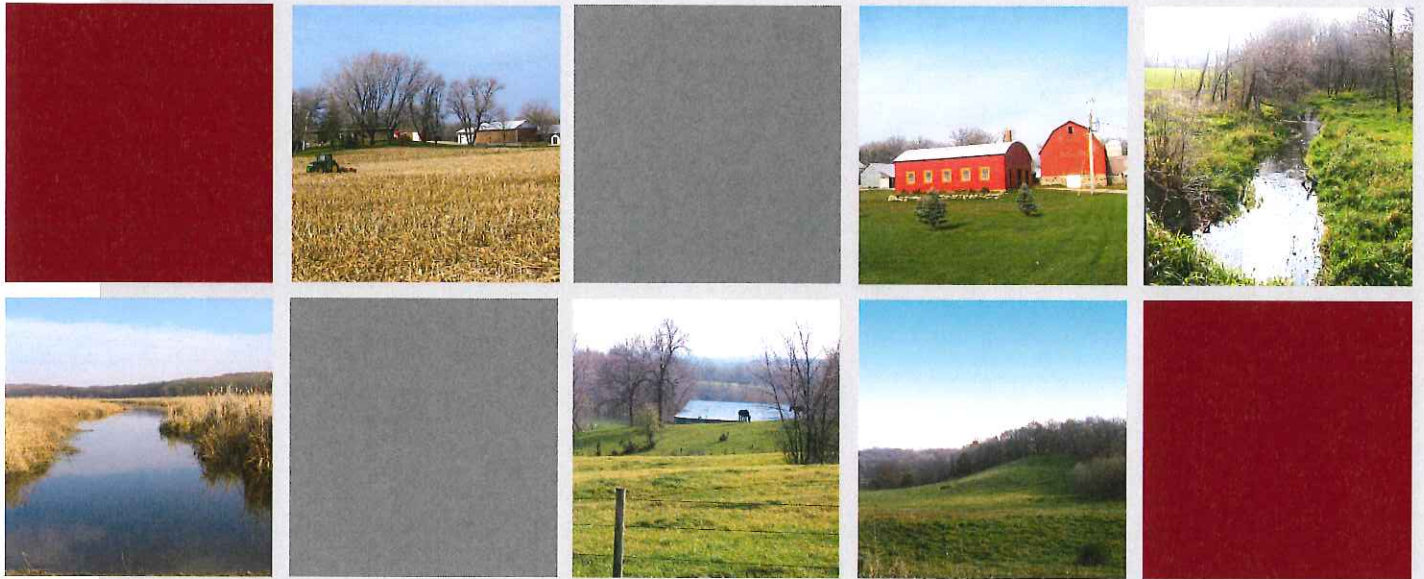


EUREKA TOWNSHIP 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Eureka Township, Minnesota

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Executive Summary

Eureka Township's 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes the Township's Vision statement and discussion of planned land use and infrastructure through 2040. **The plan emphasizes that the Township will remain agricultural and rural through 2040.** Some key highlights of the plan include the following:

- The Township is expected to add approximately 280 households between 2014 and 2040.
- Employment is expected to remain approximately the same through 2040.
- The **land use goals and policies** place a priority on protecting the Township's rural and agricultural character. The plan states that the Township will maintain its current agricultural zoning that limits densities to 1 single-family housing unit per quarter-quarter section. The plan's policies include continuing the Transfer of Building Rights program that allows some flexibility in the location of building rights while maintaining the overall agricultural density in the Township.
- The Township is not expecting major changes to its **transportation system** through 2040. Dakota County is predicting growth in traffic on all county roadways. The County will study its Principal Arterial System to identify future needs on CSAH 23, CSAH 70, CSAH 86, TH 3, and TH 50. The Township noted that the study to realign CSAH 23 may impact Century Farms in the Township and requested to be involved in this study, and the County indicated that it will work with the Town on any proposed changes to that roadway.
- The **Airlake Airport** runway extension that is recommended in its latest Long-Term Comprehensive Plan has proposed that Cedar Avenue be relocated. However, the Metropolitan Airports Commission is looking at options for the runway extension that may not require the relocation of Cedar Avenue.

The Airlake Airport plan is also looking at the potential to extend municipal sewer and water services to the Airport. Metro Council staff noted that the Council's *2040 Water Resources Policy Plan* does not include an extension of sewer services into the Township through 2040.

- The **Water Resources** chapter of the plan states that the Township will continue to rely on private septic systems and wells for sewer and water services through 2040.
- The plan recognizes the existing **natural areas and preserves** in the Town, such as the Chub Lake WMA, and notes that the Metropolitan Council's long-term plans identify two **future regional trail corridors** through the Township. No master plans exist for these corridors. Dakota County confirmed that the greenway corridors that the County has identified in the Township (including the regional trail corridors) have no plans for recreational trails through 2040, and are primarily habitat corridors that provide natural resource benefits.

- The Township's **Local Water Management Plan** adopts the North Cannon River WMO and Vermillion River Watershed JPO watershed management plans, and states that the Township's Ordinance 9 will be the primary implementation tool for managing stormwater, erosion, and surface and groundwater resources within the Township.
- The 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes a **post-2040 vision statement** that says that the Township wants to maintain its strong identity, sense of community, and geographic integrity for the long term. It states that while the Township intends to remain agricultural and rural through 2040, the Township may look at approaches to diversify land use and provide municipal services to some uses in the next (post-2040) Comprehensive Plan.

The post-2040 vision statement is included in the draft Comprehensive Plan as a result of the recent Boundary Protection Study that concluded that the Township needs to be pro-active in determining its long-range future and in communicating its long-range goals to the Metro Council and neighboring communities.