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CROW WING COUNTY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON LAND USE MAP REVISION

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is requesting public comment on a proposed revision to the County Land Use Map. The map revision can be viewed on the County website at www.co.crow-wing.mn.us. Follow the Land Services Department tab to locate the map revisions. Written comments on the proposed changes will be accepted until October 24, 2011, and may be submitted to Environmental Services at environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us or mailed to: Crow Wing County, Land Services Department, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 14 Brainerd, MN 56401.

Many individual changes to the land use map have occurred over the last 40 years, but it has never been updated to reflect current and desired future development patterns. Recent updates to the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance revised the County's land use districts, necessitating a revision of the land use map. The map revisions are consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and township comprehensive plans where available.

In addition to viewing the proposed changes via the County web site and the opportunity to submit written comments during the public comment period, the Land Services Department will host four Open House forums to be held in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 of the Land Services Building for residents to review the updated land use maps. This will be an opportunity to meet with staff, review maps and address questions. The Open House Forums will be on the following dates:

October 3, 2011, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
October 4, 2011, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
October 25, 2011, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
October 26, 2011, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Following the Open Houses, the Crow Wing County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed map changes in November. Check local newspapers and the County website for hearing dates and times. For more information or to view the proposed county-wide map, see the Environmental Services page on the Crow Wing County website at: http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/planning_zoning/index.html

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect the extraordinary natural resources Crow Wing County is blessed with. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us to discuss land use questions before starting building projects. Information about land use in Crow Wing County can be found at www.co.crow-wing.mn.us.

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