

# **Blue Earth County Land Use Plan**



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**ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 1998 UPDATED  
BLUE EARTH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394.23 gives County Boards the authority to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans which serve as the basis for Official Controls adopted under the provisions of sections 394.21 to 394.37; and,

**WHEREAS**, The original Blue Earth County Land Use Plan was adopted by the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners in a special session on July 11, 1975, and was intended to be in effect from 1975 to the year 2000. No amendments or updates have been made to the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, A comprehensive plan is a dynamic guiding document which must be updated from time to time to reflect changing needs of the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, This update process was initiated in the fall of 1996 because of growth pressure, conflicts between existing land uses, changing technologies in the agricultural field, new transportation corridors, and the desire to amend regulatory ordinances to better guide future development of Blue Earth County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Input into the process was solicited from Blue Earth County Department Heads, Blue Earth County Township Officers, Blue Earth County City Officials, and the general population of Blue Earth County. Copies of the Draft Land Use Plan were furnished to each Township and City within Blue Earth County and informational meetings were held in Amboy, Lake Crystal, Mankato, Mapleton, Madison Lake, and St. Clair; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Agency of the County has completed the draft 1998 Blue Earth County Land Use Plan and presented said draft plan to the Planning Commission for review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of Blue Earth County on the 22nd day of April, 1998, following proper notice held a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the land use plan and, following the hearing, scheduled a special workshop to finalize the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of Blue Earth County on the 13th day of May, 1998, following proper notice conducted a workshop and resolved the issues identified at the April 22,

1998 planning commission meeting. Following the meeting the commission voted approval of the plan and recommended that it be forwarded to the County Board with a recommendation for approval; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners on the 30th day of June, 1998, following proper notice ~~held a public hearing~~ to take testimony and review the Land Use Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners finds:

1. Attempts were made to solicit input from citizens, Township Officers, and City Officials while the planning process was underway.
2. Testimony was taken from citizens at area informational meetings in Amboy, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake, Mankato, Mapleton, and St. Clair.
3. Goals and Policies were established in the 1998 Land Use Plan to address concerns expressed by the public during various public meetings and public hearings.
4. Public hearings were held by the Blue Earth County Planning Commission and County Board and required public notices were published as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394.
5. An update to the 1975 Comprehensive Plan is necessary due to growth pressures in the rural area and around cities, conflicts between existing land uses, changing technologies in the agricultural field, new transportation corridors, and the need to amend regulatory ordinances to better guide and control the future development of Blue Earth County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners, that the 1998 Comprehensive Land Use Plan is hereby adopted by Ordinance as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394.23.

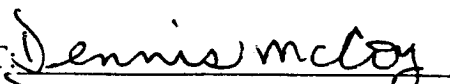
The Land Use Plan shall become effective 30 days after adoption and upon publication thereof.

Adopted this 30th Day of June, 1998.



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Chair, Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Dep. County Administrator

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