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Dakota County Rural Planning Comprehensive Plan Public Open House

CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP—Minn. Castle Rock Township is hosting a public open house Monday, November 20, at 7:00 PM at Castle Rock Town Hall, 2537 240th Street West, to provide background information and obtain public input on the new Dakota County Rural Collaborative Comprehensive Plan.

State law requires all cities, townships, and counties in the seven-county metropolitan area to update their comprehensive plans at least every 10 years. The new plan, which will be submitted by Dec. 31, 2018, will review existing conditions and address and project land use, housing, roads, transit, airports, wastewater services, parks, and open space for the next 10 years.

The Dakota County Township Officers Association (DCTOA) is coordinating the update of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, which includes planning for 11 townships (Castle Rock, Douglas, Empire, Greenvale, Hampton, Marshan, Nininger, Randolph, Ravenna, Vermillion and Waterford) and five cities (Coates, Miesville, New Trier, Randolph and Vermillion).

DCTOA selected the consulting team of Bolton and Menk, Inc. and Resource Strategies Corporation to assist in the completion of the collaborative comprehensive planning process, which began in January, 2017. Some key areas that have been explored so far include: existing conditions, issues, and trends; population analysis; housing and economic trends and projections; existing land use evaluation; housing needs analysis; a review of existing plans for transportation, water resources, parks and trails, and utilities; and finally, developing goals, objectives, policies, and strategies to implement the plan.

Following the open houses, a final draft plan will be completed and public hearings will be held in each community sometime in late winter and spring of 2018. Once the plan has been adopted, it will be sent to adjacent communities and other jurisdictions (such as counties, school districts and watersheds) for review and comment, as required by law, prior to submission to the Metropolitan Council for official review. This referral will begin in May or June 2018.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend the open house to share their ideas and vision for the future of Castle Rock Township.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Kansier at 952-358-0604 or at janeka@bolton-menk.com.

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