

# Limited Area Star Lake Comprehensive Plan Neighborhood Meeting

March 30, 2016

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Otter Tail County, in collaboration with the White Earth Nation, is working with SRF Consulting Group to complete a Limited Area Star Lake Comprehensive Plan. The purpose is to better understand and plan for potential changes in transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, housing, and more. An outcome will be the identification of the concerns of Star Lake and Dead Lake Township residents and property owners relative to the White Earth Nation's plans for a resort and casino development in Star Lake Township. It is understood that not all concerns identified will relate to the proposed resort and casino development. Adjacent land in the surrounding area will also be reviewed to understand how it may change over time, affecting the adjacent transportation infrastructure as well.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- Inform the neighborhood about the land use and transportation study,
- Provide updated information about the proposed resort and casino development,
- Explain where updated information will be displayed in the coming months,
- Inform meeting participants about future meetings, and
- Gather input about the concerns of residents and property owners.

Otter Tail County and the White Earth Nation understand that residents of Star Lake Township highly value the quality of life within the township. Your input is sought so the County, Tribal Council, and Star Lake Township can work together to plan for the future, and ensure as best as possible that what you most value about the area is addressed.

After a brief presentation, SRF will walk meeting participants through the following questions, providing further explanation as needed or requested.

## Quality of Life

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**Q1 From the list below, please select five positive aspects that contribute most to your quality of life in Star Lake Township.**

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- Rural character - agricultural use of land
- Proximity to Maplewood State Park
- Water quality of nearby lakes
- Good facilities for senior citizens
- Government services
- Outdoor recreational opportunities (fishing, hunting, boating, summer water sports, winter activities)
- Job and financial security
- Local shopping and services
- Personal safety and security
- Public school system
- Shopping, dining, and other commercial services
- Social opportunities
- Traffic safety and roadway conditions
- Quiet environment
- Other (please specify)

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**Q2 From the list below, please select five potential challenges impacting your quality of life in Star Lake Township.**

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- Reduction in rural character and agricultural use of land
  - Increased demand for outdoor recreational opportunities (fishing, hunting, boating, summer water sports, winter activities)
  - Changes to housing availability and/or affordability
  - Traffic safety
  - Lack of living-wage jobs
  - Distance to shopping and service options available locally
  - Noise and odors from agricultural land uses
  - Pollution or degradation of the natural environment
  - Crime/public safety
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**Quality of Life – continued...**

- Demands on emergency services
- Roadway condition / maintenance needs
- Other (please specify)

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**Public and Quasi-Public Facilities/Services**

**Q3 Describe the extent to which the following services meet your needs in Star Lake Township:**

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not Sure	Not Applicable
Access to Social Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and Culture Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day Care Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electric Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gas Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internet Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety Services (police, fire, first responders)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm Sewer/Drainage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trash collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Transportation

**Q4 Please select the top three areas of concern related to vehicular transportation in the Star Lake Township area.**

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Availability of transportation choices other than driving (i.e. transit, bicycling, or walking)

Congestion (identify location: \_\_\_\_\_)

Lack of roadway connections

Need for major improvements (i.e., pavement, additional lanes, turn lanes, new connections, etc.)

Dust from gravel roadway surfaces

Roadway safety (i.e., sight lines, curves) (describe general location: \_\_\_\_\_)

Roadway maintenance

Snow and ice removal

Speed on roadways

Trucks traveling through the township

Unacceptable delays (identify location: \_\_\_\_\_)

Other (please specify)

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## Natural Resources

**Q5 How important are natural resources, in general, for your sense of place, quality of life, and your vision of Star Lake Township's future?**

Not At All Important	Not Very Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Not Sure
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Q6 If you are aware of any surface water quality problems within Star Lake Township, what do you perceive to be the two biggest sources of this problem?**

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Agricultural stormwater runoff (from fields or pastures)

Residential septic systems

Non-agricultural stormwater runoff (runoff from buildings, residential yards, roads, etc.)

Reduction in vegetation and buffer areas around lakes and wetlands

Recreational use of water bodies

Other (please specify)

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## Land Use/Growth Management

**Q7 Please state your level of agreement with the following statements:**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure
Star Lake Township needs more commercial areas to provide jobs, services, and retail shopping opportunities.	0	0	0	0	0
Additional areas for job development are needed within Star Lake Township.	0	0	0	0	0
Star Lake Township should consider a zoning ordinance to address future development proposals, because increased control of land use conflicts may be needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Additional land for parks and recreation is needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Addresses within the township are easy to find and get to.	0	0	0	0	0

**Q8 What are the top five elements that should be considered in making future development decisions?**

- Water provision and adequacy of waste water treatment
- Land use compatibility
- Building aesthetics
- Development of underutilized or vacant areas
- Maintaining scenic views
- Protecting the Township's natural features/open space
- Ability of emergency service providers to serve proposed development/response time
- Proximity to emergency service facilities and response time
- Proximity to goods and services
- Sufficient road capacity
- Other (please specify)

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## Demographics

Q9 Which statement best describes your residency/ownership in Star Lake Township?			
Non-farm year-round resident	Farm year-round resident	Seasonal resident	I do not own a residence in Star Lake Township
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**Q10** Please provide any other comments that would be helpful in the review of land use and transportation characteristics of Star Lake Township.

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If desired, please provide your name and contact information below:

Name:

**Q11** Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

\*Please mail completed survey by **April 13, 2016**: to:

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