



Recent Activity

An open house meeting was held at the Dent Community Center on June 9, 2016 to share information with the public and gather feedback regarding local resident concerns relative to potential development in the limited area surrounding Star Lake. Residents of Star Lake Township and the surrounding area that attended were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. The comment cards were distributed in hard copy at the meeting and were also available to complete online. The link to access the comment form can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LASLCP>

Where Are We Now?

The Limited Area Star Lake Comprehensive Plan is in the final stages, with document preparation taking place. The study team has reviewed qualitative information from area stakeholders and quantitative data from various resources throughout this process, assessing and analyzing this material along the way. Two open forum, public engagement events have taken place and significantly contributed to the study process. A third and final open house meeting will be held in early September to present the Comprehensive Plan to the public.

A study partner to the Limited Area Star Lake Comprehensive Plan – White Earth Nation – continues to review their potential development of a Resort and Casino on the property immediately adjacent to Star Lake. Additional information regarding their progress will be provided at the next open house meeting.

History of White Earth Nation Trust Land and Rice Camps on Star Lake

The Star Lake trust parcel is registered in the name of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT). White Earth Nation is one of the Tribal Bands of the MCT. The MCT enacted a Land Ordinance, which provides for the use of MCT lands on each of the Reservations, as well as MCT lands located off any of the Reservations including rice camps. The MCT Land Ordinance provides that the rice camps shall be managed by the MCT Reservation in closest geographic proximity; and provides for the use of rice camps for economic development purposes so long as access to the lake for ricing purposes is maintained. In the case of Star Lake, White Earth Nation is the closest Reservation, and the Tribal Council leased the Star Lake trust parcel to Shooting Star Casino for economic development purposes in conformity with the MCT Land Ordinance. White Earth Nation will maintain access to Star Lake for those MCT members who wish to rice there.

Study Tasks

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Project Management and Administration	■	■	■				■		■
Data Collection and Preparation of Study	■								
Transportation and Land Use Evaluation		■							
System Improvements Identification			■						
Cost Participation Policy Development					■				
Implementation Plan						■			
Public Involvement	■								
Open House Meeting(s)					■			■	
Neighborhood Meeting		■							
Study Website Update(s)		■	■		■	■	■	■	■
Study Newsletter(s)				■			■		

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Next Steps / Coming Soon...

The Study Team will finalize the comprehensive plan documentation, including an implementation plan for potential area improvements or future coordination that should take place. The Draft Plan will be published online for public and industry stakeholders to review prior to last open house. The Study's Project Management Team is meeting in mid-August to approve the draft plan for publication. Beyond the last public open house for this effort, additional public outreach may also take place as part of any future environmental review conducted for the proposed resort and casino development.

Open House

Save the date for an Open House style meeting to be held September 8, 2016 at the Dent Community Center. An Open House style meeting is an informal meeting with information on display for review by the public and interested persons. **No formal presentation will be conducted.** Anyone that would like to attend can do so anytime throughout the stated time period of the meeting. **The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Stay connected at <http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/1150/Limited-Area-Star-Lake-Comprehensive-Pla>



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