



Partnership Meeting

January 20, 2022 • 7:30-9:00 am

Sherburne County Government Center, County Board Room

[under COVID-19 guidelines, meetings are either in-person or virtual; see [Agenda](#) for dial-in information]

Routine Business

1 Welcome

Welcome and call to order

2 Introduction

Introductions/roll call
[in-person and online]

3 Agenda

Routine Business

- 1) Welcome and call to order
- 2) Introductions/roll call
- 3) Agenda: Review, revise, approve
- 4) Previous meeting notes: Review, approve
- 5) Treasurer's report: Review, receive

 **Action Requested:** *Review, revise, approve*

Action Items

- 6) CMRP officer elections
- 7) CMRP Affirm Governing documents
- 8) CMRP Accountability Report on 2021 WP, Budget
- 9) CMRP 2022 Workplan and Budget
- 10) FW 2030 Strategy-Action Update
- 11) FW 2030: State of the Region guidance

Discussion or Information Items

- 12) CMRP Community update: Becker
- 13) CMRP/FW 2030: Committee/TF reports from Transportation, Placemaking
- 14) CMRP Required signed documents
- 15) CMRP Confirm 2022 meeting dates
- 16) Other business/future agenda items
- 17) Adjourn

4 Previous Notes

December 2, 2021 meeting [Notes](#)



Action Requested: *Review, revise, approve*

2 Treasurer's Report

[Report](#)



Action Requested: *Accept*

Action Items

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CMRP. Elect 2022 Officers

- a. Officer elections are held at the January meeting each year: Chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer. Bylaws prohibit an individual from serving more than 3 consecutive terms in the same office.
 - i. Darek Vetsch has served 3 consecutive terms as chair and may not serve as chair in 2022
 - ii. Tim Dolan has been replaced by Raeanne Danielowski as the Partner rep (Tim is the new Alternate), so he may not serve as treasurer in 2022
- b. Self-nominations
- c. Discussion
- d. Vote and seat new officers

 **Action Requested:** *Elect and seat 2022 officers*

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CMRP. Affirm Governing Documents

Decision Memo

- a. Routine annual affirmation of governing documents
- b. Only change in 2021 was approved refinement of Code of Conduct

 **Action Requested:** *Approve*

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CMRP. Accountability Report on 2021 Workplan and Budget

Decision Memo

a. 2021 Workplan had 2 parts: Framework 2030 and CMRP oversight/governance

- FW 2030: Completed/adopted plan; developed Action Plan; updated public and jurisdictions; created monitoring process for Action Plan
- CMRP: Met commitments on providing staff and consulting supports; maintaining governing documents; ensuring transparency and strong communications; managing the budget; and new branding. Member fee payments and signatures on required forms were all completed, but later than planned

b. 2021 Budget

- Revenues are primarily from member dues and all were received; CMRP decided not to pursue grant funds, and interest rates on the fund balance were somewhat lower than budgeted
- Expenditures were well under budget, primarily due to pandemic: Shift to virtual vs. in-person engagement reduced those and comms costs, and delayed hiring the FW2030 project manager



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CMRP. 2022 Workplan and Budget

Decision Memo

- a. **2022 Workplan: Maintained in two parts, FW 2030 and CMRP oversight, governance**
- FW 2030: This includes key strategies and action steps, progress, and timing
 - Strategy changes are now routinely presented to CMRP for information and/or approval
 - Detailed progress on upcoming action items are now routinely updated and presented monthly
 - CMRP: These include communications, engagement, are routinely refined and updated

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CMRP. 2022 Workplan and Budget

Decision Memo

a. **2022 Budget;** draft prepared in July per the JPA

- **Revenue highlights:**

- Total member dues reduced **33%** from 2021 given strong cash position, completion of Framework 2030 consulting contract, and slight Action Plan implementation delays
- Projects \$50,000 in funding for economic development efforts (likely requires a match, to be met by contract staff salary)

- **Expenditure highlights:**

- Separates contract project manager; continues bundling other implementation supports
- Reduces engagement, CMRP, and communications costs
- Does *not* yet include costs for State of the Region, as planning has just begun; to be updated later

- **Fund balance remains strong and able to cover additional costs**

INCOME	Budget, 2022
Member fees	\$100,000
Economic devel funding	\$50,000
Interest	\$1,200
<i>Subtotal, income</i>	\$151,200

EXPENDITURES	Budget, 2022
Staff, contract project manager	\$52,000
Implementation support, incl consultants	\$93,500
Engagement+CMRP hard costs	\$2,500
Communications, website	\$2,500
<i>Subtotal, expenditures</i>	\$150,500

Current cash on hand (12/31/21): \$394,524



10 Framework 2030 Updates

Monthly: Strategy-Action Update

- a. Action update for items scheduled in current and next quarter
- b. Discussion and feedback on progress and dashboard

 **Action Requested:** *Partnership direction on progress and feedback on dashboard*

FW 2030 Action Plan Dashboard: Land Use

Land Use Strategy L2. Promote life-cycle housing

Action L2-A: Present an annual dashboard and report on regional housing trends and development

2022		2023		2024
Jan-Jun	July-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun

Activities: Populating the metric/dashboard; this will be used for the report at the Annual State of the Region forum in spring 2022

Issues: None

Land Use Strategy L3. Invest in placemaking

Action L3-A: Host a regional placemaking committee and microgrant program

2022		2023		2024
Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun

Activities: With Partnership direction, Committee has finalized the grant [information and online application](#)

Issues: Requesting active support from Partners to promote microgrant opportunities in 2022

FW 2030 Action Plan Dashboard: Economic Growth

Economic Growth Strategy E1. Expand on the quality and diversity of employment opportunities

Action E1-A: Facilitate expansion of high-speed internet access across the region

2022		2023		2024	
Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec

Activities: The final draft of the Wright County Study is being reviewed. [Presentation](#) by Diane Wells of DEED's Broadband Office lists current maps and funding sources.

Issues: None

Economic Growth Strategy E4. Measure impacts of action locally and regionally

Action E4-A: Establish and update regional indicators dashboard; monitor progress

2022		2023		2024	
Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec

Activities: Developing this dashboard using CMRP's priority indicators; this will be hosted on the CMRP website, presented at the Annual State of the Region, and reported out later each year. Working with Sherburne County staff, process consultant, and a graphic designer to ensure it is valuable and user-friendly.

Issues: Finding best source of the data to easily update

FW 2030 Action Plan Dashboard: Interconnections

Interconnections Strategy 12. Enhance regional connections

Action 12-A: Continue conversations with MnDOT and the counties regarding special projects

2022		2023		2024	
Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec

Activities: Transportation Task Force developed a Workplan and a staff team has been assembled to move forward with that; *first staff meeting was held on [Dec. 22](#)*; the Workplan will incorporate several of the Land Use action items.

Issues: None at this time

Interconnections Strategy 13. Share talent, time, and information

Action 13-B: Pursue a regional lobbying effort, "Our fair share"

2022		2023		2024	
Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec

Activities: December 2021 update: Federal infrastructure bill passed and signed 11-15-2021, providing money for broadband, roads and bridges, transit and rail, power and water systems, and more.

Issues: None at this time

11 State of the Region

Purpose + Planning Task Force

- a. Purpose: Present and facilitate discussion with key regional stakeholders on CMRP, FW2030, key regional indicators, and how we can work together to help the region thrive
- b. TF members: CMRP reps + staff/consultants
- c. Charge:
 - i. Plan and organize SOR agenda, content, presenters/facilitators, discussion topics
 - ii. Set date, location
 - iii. Determine invitees and notify/invite
 - iv. Handle logistics: Venue, refreshments, materials, etc.

 **Action Requested:** *Appoint and charge Task Force; provide initial direction*

Discussion, Information Items

Community Update: City of Becker

Marie Pflipsen, Community Development Director



Becker: Housing Construction

Building Permit and Development Stats

Single-Family Homes

- Fossum Fields Third Addition – 44 Homes
- 2020 Permits: 18 Units
- 2021 Permits: 11 plus 10 Manufactured Homes

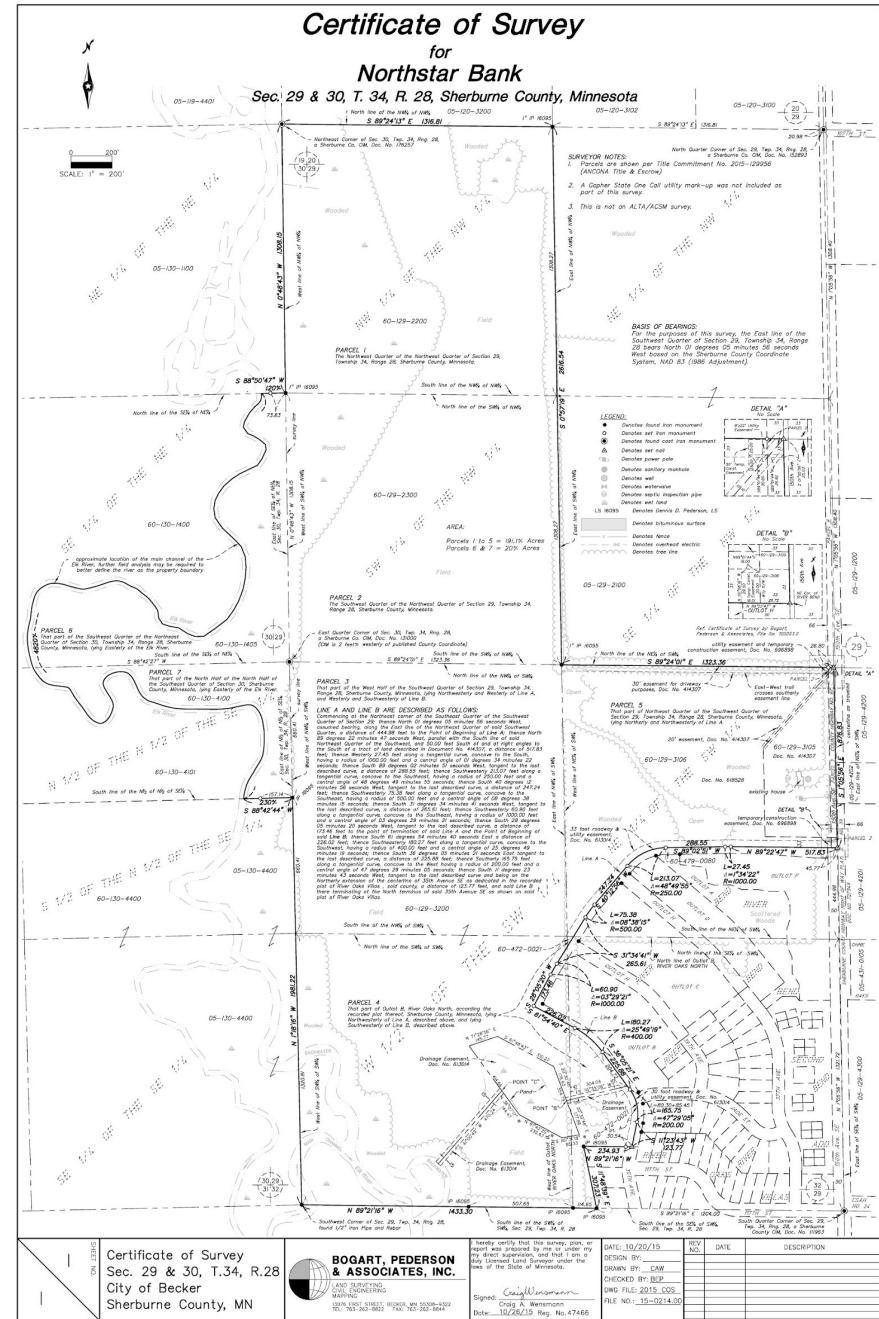
Multi-Family Homes

- River Oaks Estates Second Addition – 12 twin home units
- River Oaks Estates Third Addition – 4 twin home units
- 2020 Permits: 2 twin home units
- 2021: 7 twin home units

Housing Initiatives

The City is currently underway with a land purchase of 212-acres on the east side of Becker.

City also owns a 10-acre parcel adjacent to the Community Center and Pebble Creek Golf course situated well for medium to high density residential projects.



Becker: Public Services/Parks

- **GIS Implementation:** Coordination across multiple city departments
- **Streets:** 2022 project includes several reclaim and pave projects both in our Business Park and some highly traveled residential streets.
- **Streets:** Joint project with Becker Township to improve a boundary road from gravel to a paved surface.
- **Parks:** In 2021, we updated and improved equipment at multiple parks, including new play equipment, a splashpad, full court outdoor basketball court, two new pickleball courts, and a dog park. The City has invested over \$300,000 with plans for more improvements in 2022 and beyond.
- **Utility Plans:** Additional well exploration and trunk study for city services



Becker Industrial Development

Becker has experienced industrial growth in both business attraction and expansion.

Recent (2020-2021)

- **Thousand Hills** - Warehousing Expansion
- **Hubbard Electric** – New Facility in Business park
- **TJ Potter Trucking** – New 54,000 Sq. ft. Warehouse

Current

- **TJ Potter Trucking:** ~100,000 sq ft expansion of newest building
- **Xcel Energy:** New boiler system

Pending

- **Jet Stream LLC Data Center**
- **Recent and Expanding - Full Buildout of Northern Metal Recycling Facility**
- **(CLOSING) Sherco Unit 2 in 2023, Unit 1 in 2026, Unit 3 in 2030 (tbd)**



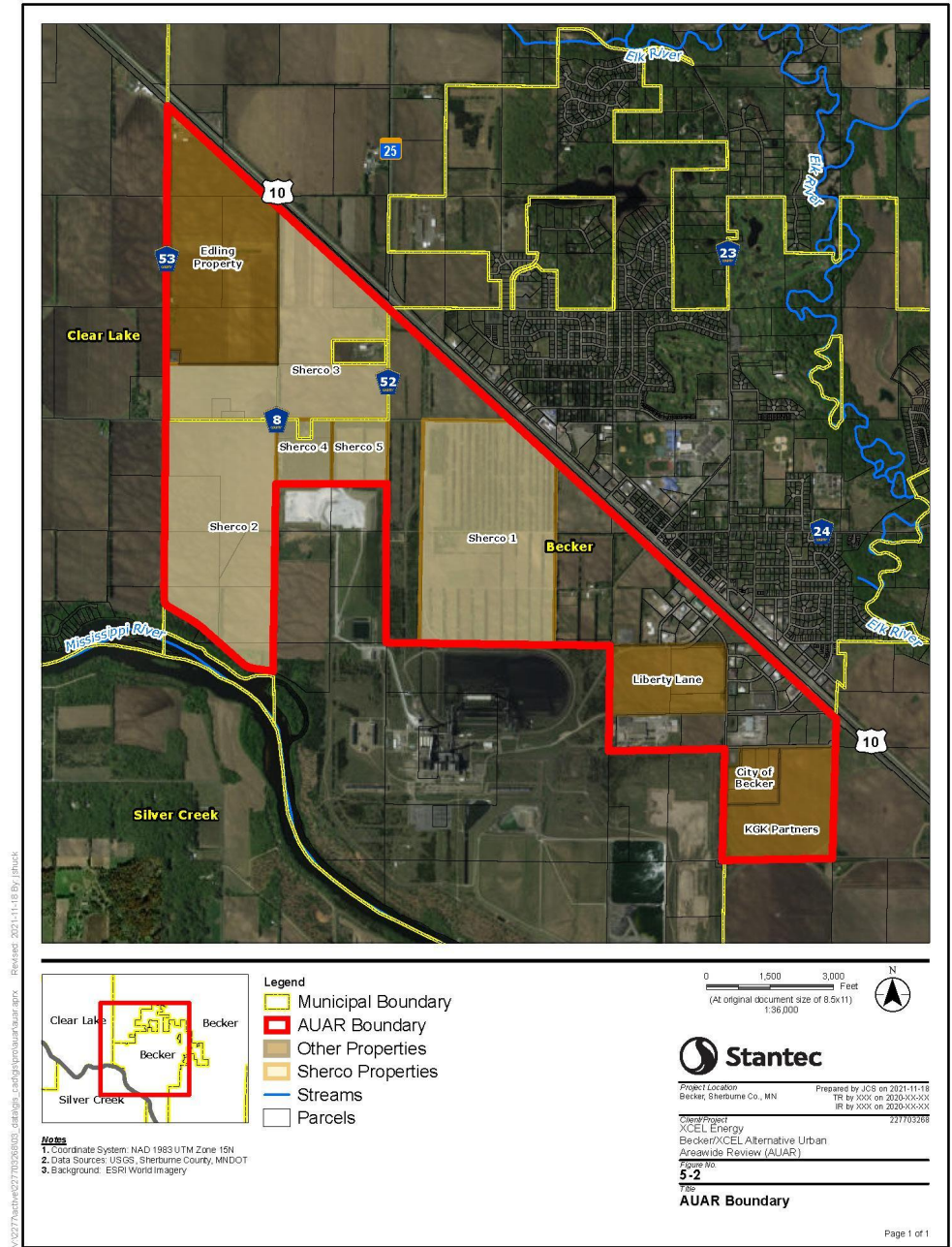
Industrial Development

Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

- Encompasses approximately 1500 acres of developable Industrial property

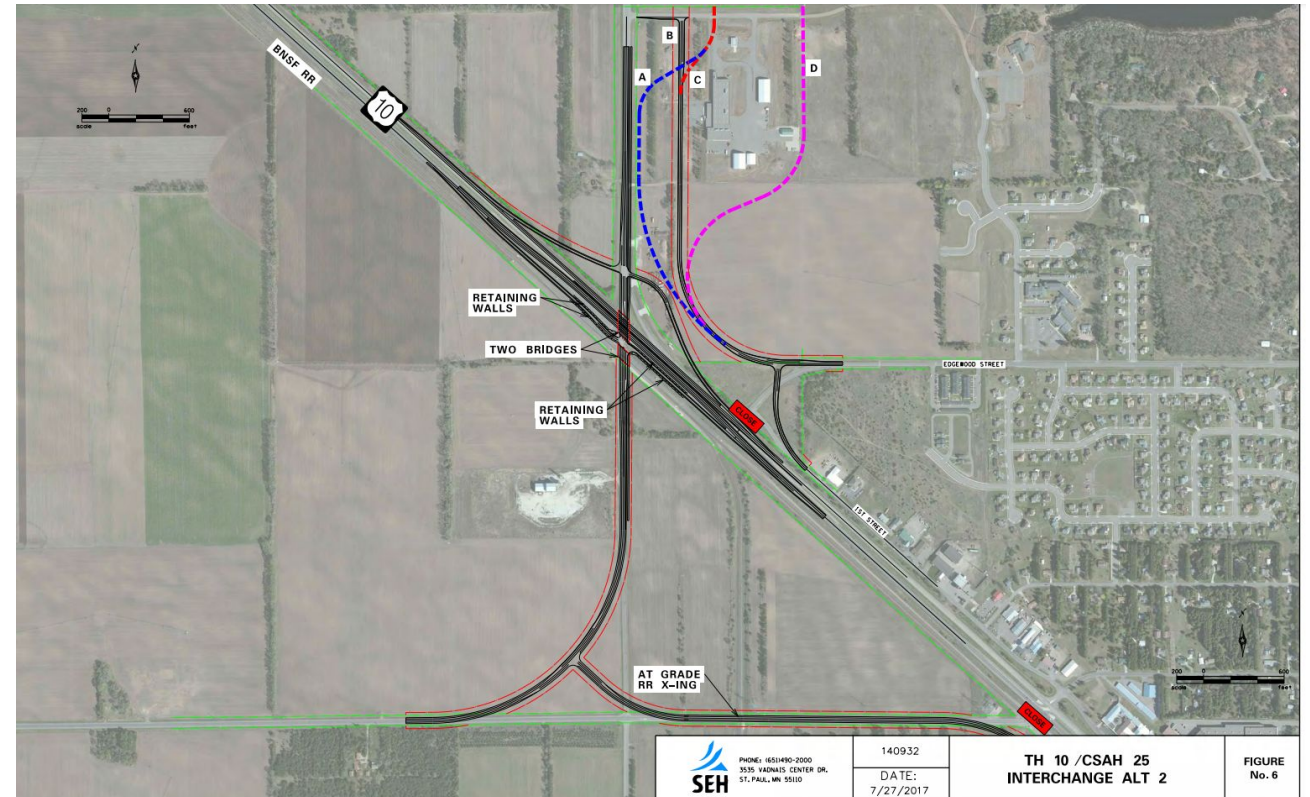
Sherco Master Planning Efforts

- Addressing long term development plans for the Becker Business Park
- Outlines industrial property available for business expansion and attraction efforts



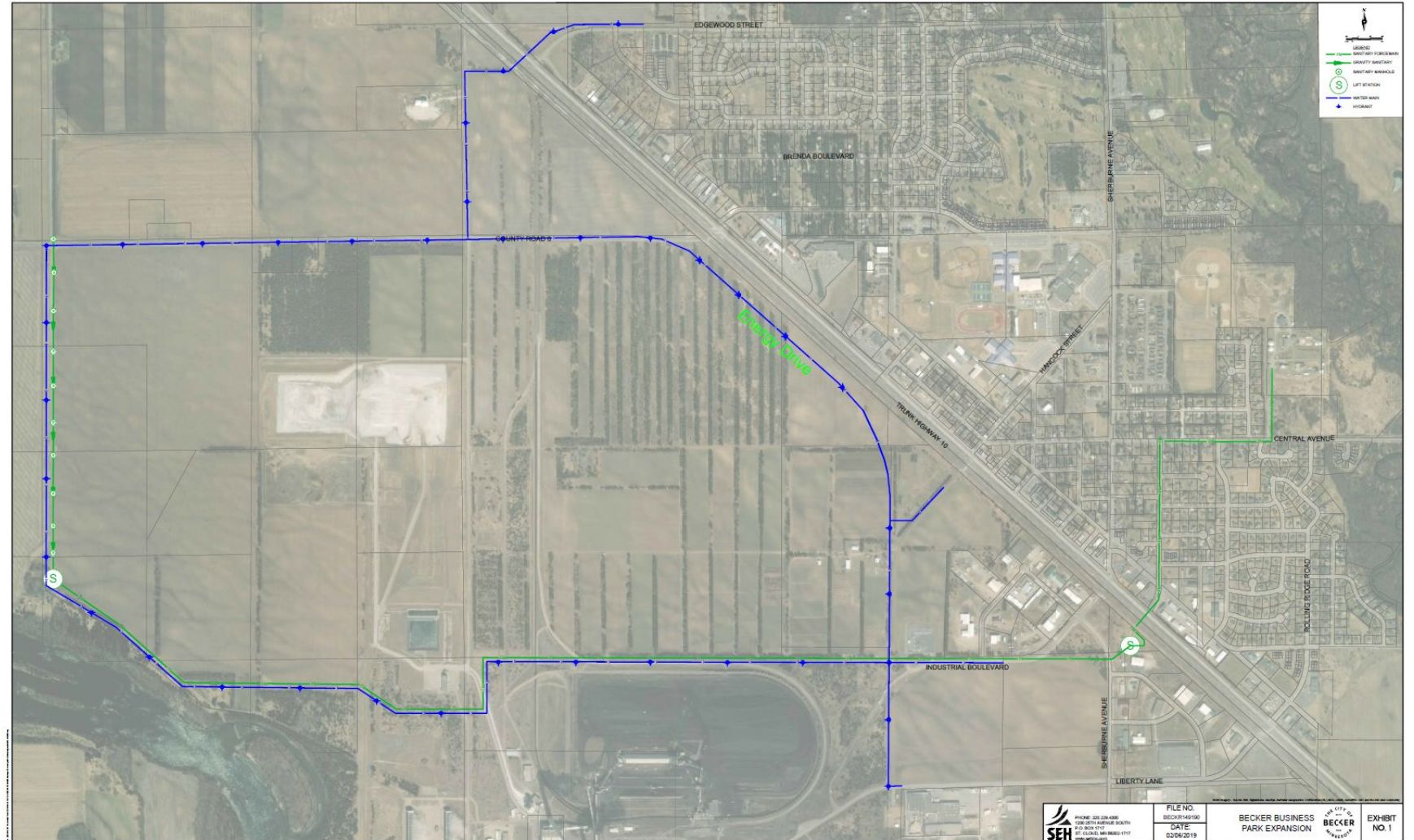
Legislative Priorities/ Opportunities

- MNDEED's new Community Energy Transition Grant Program:
 - Becker \$455,000 for engineering and design fees for the Business Park Build Out
 - Sherburne County awarded \$500,000 for the preliminary engineering of upgrades to the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 25 in Becker
- City continuing lobbying efforts for Highway 10/Highway 25 funds



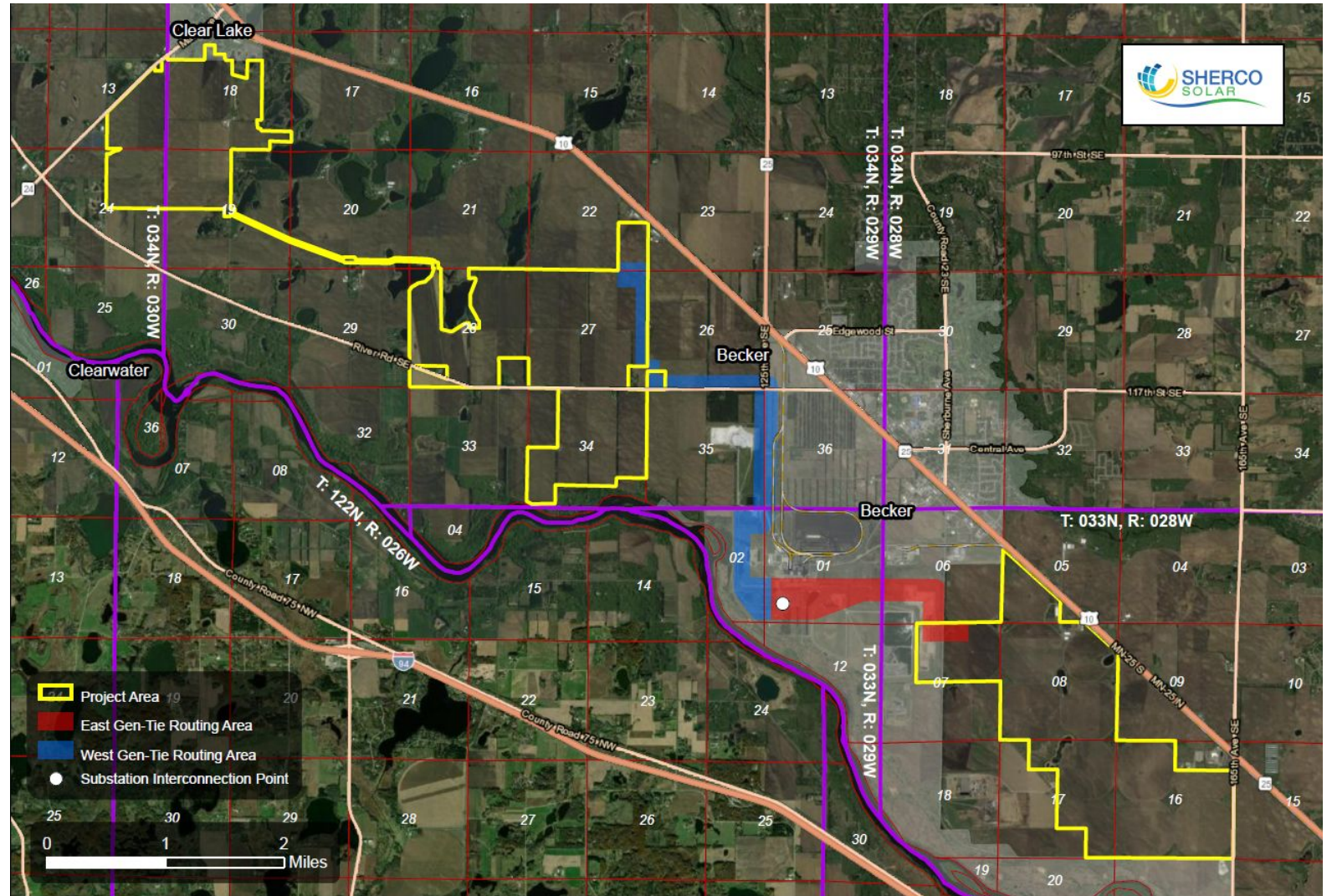
\$20.5 Million Bonding Bill Award

In 2020, Becker awarded \$20.5 million for a large utility expansion project for the Becker Business Park Buildout, which includes water, sewer, and road improvements



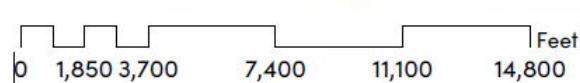
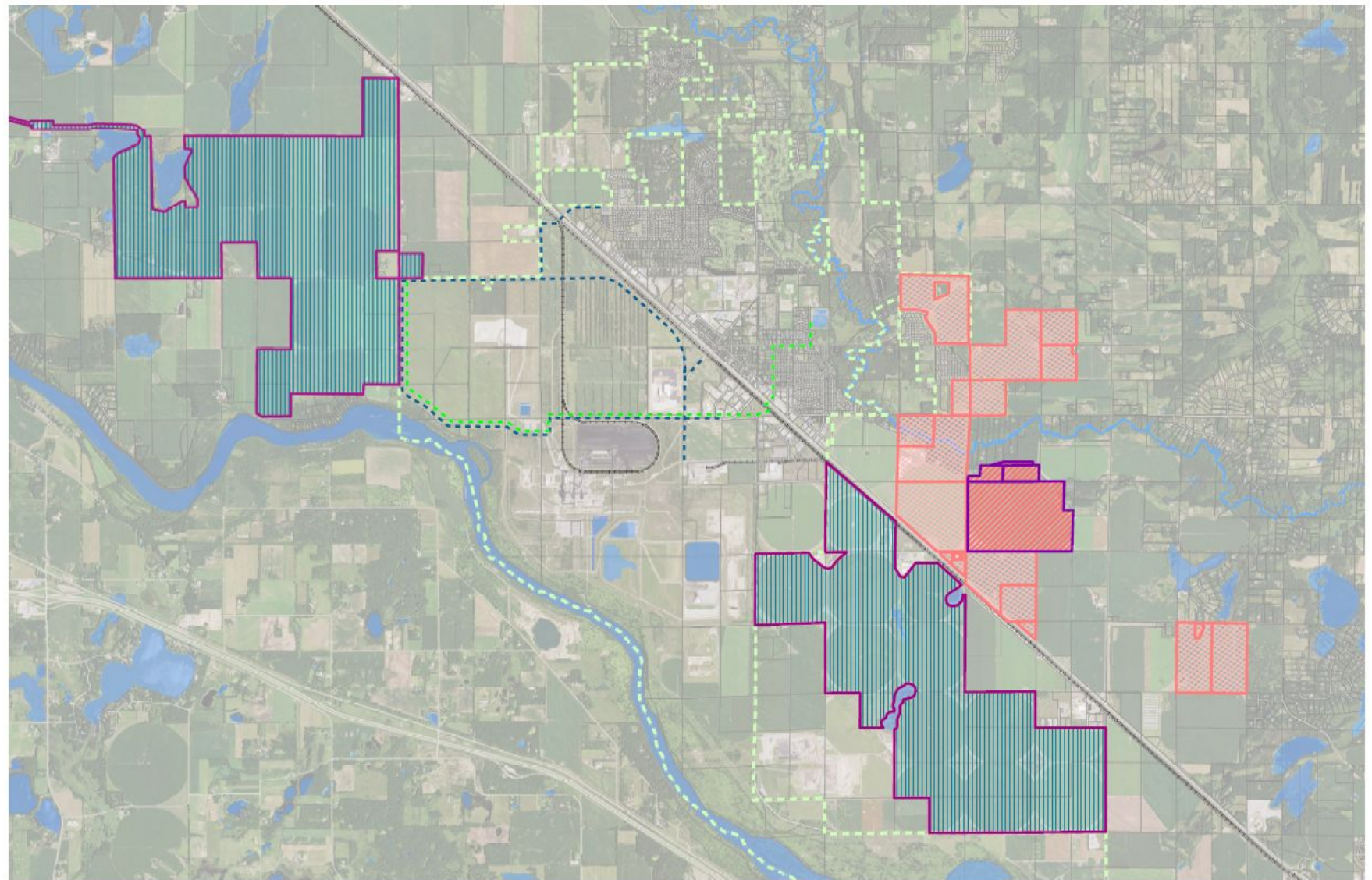
Sherco Solar Development

Xcel Energy, in partnership with National Grid Renewables, is planning to construct 3,480 acres of solar near Sherco plus 1,000 acres proposed for expansion near Clear Lake. This totals 7 sq. miles.



Sherco Solar
Sherburne County, Minnesota

- The proposed solar is adjacent to the City's current boundaries and expanded infrastructure
- Confirmed leases outlined in purple
- Speculative in pink



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Legend

-  Existing Solar Farms
-  Signed Solar Leases
-  Speculative Solar Parcels - Unknown Status
-  Xcel Energy Solar Project Area
-  Becker Boundary

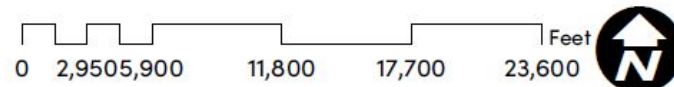
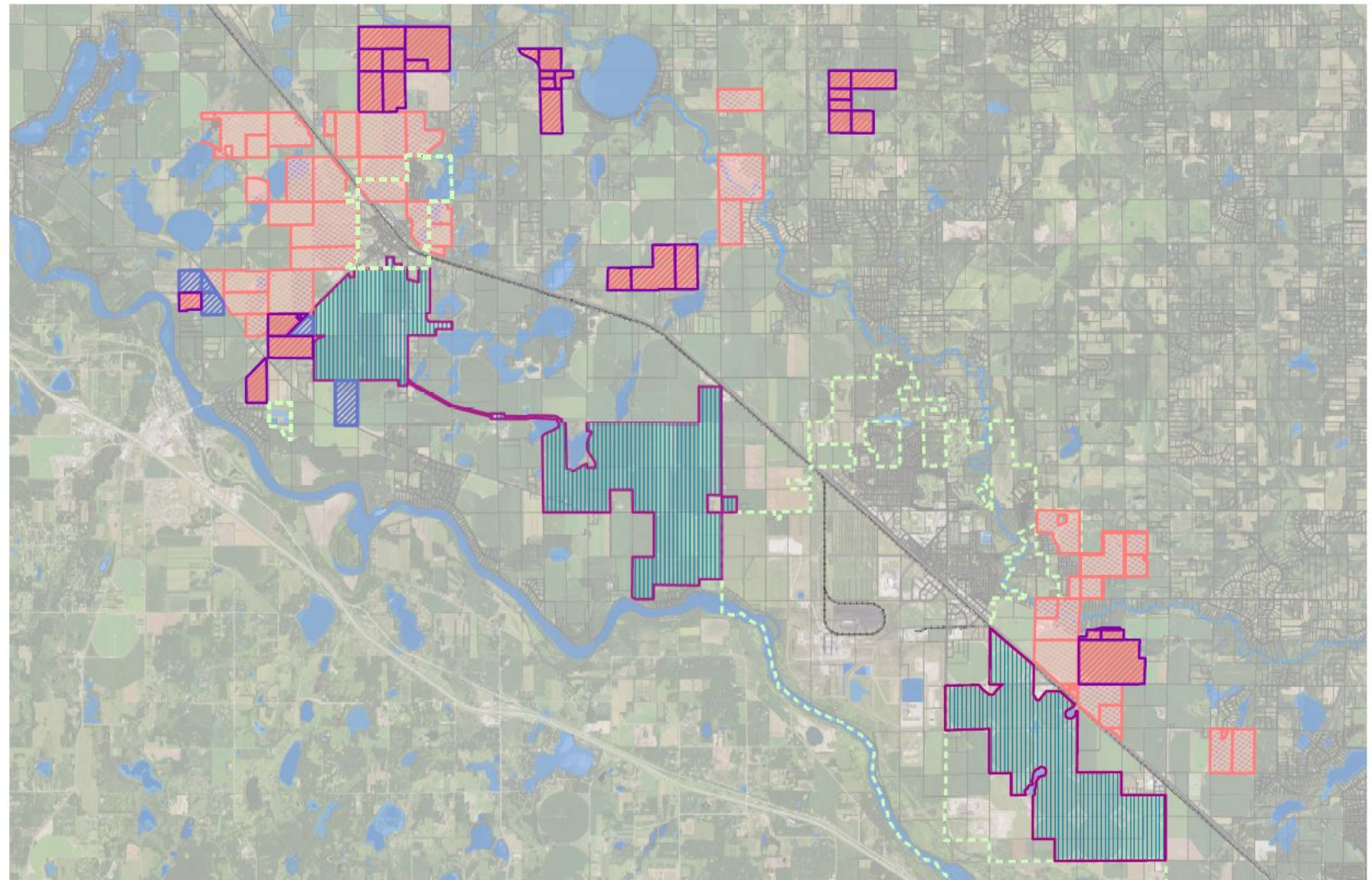
Existing Solar Farms & Signed / Speculative Solar Parcels

-  Proposed Business Park Water
-  Proposed Business Park Sewer

Becker Area



- Approximately 1600+ additional acres confirmed (only 500 acres shown on map) by a different company
- This brings the **total to over 6,000 acres of solar -- 9.375 sq. miles**
- Confirmed leases outlined in purple
- Speculative in pink



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- Becker and Clear Lake City Boundaries

Existing Solar Farms & Signed / Speculative Solar Parcels

Questions? Thank you!



13 Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Transportation Task Force:

- a. Led by Partnership members, a team of staff planners and engineers are starting to analyze current land use and transportation plans to identify common goals and address plan conflicts

2. Placemaking Committee:

- a. Committee has completed the [Placemaking Microgrant information and online application](#)
- b. Request for Partner jurisdictions to actively promote application

14 Required Signed Documents

- CMRP requires the conflict of interest and revised code of conduct forms to be signed each year (reference: Bylaws, conflict of interest policy and form)
- Both have been sent electronically for e-signature and **are due now**

15 2022 Meeting Dates: Confirmation

- Regular Partnership meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday of each month
- Partnership may call special meetings
- Meetings may be rescheduled to avoid major holidays or conflicts affecting multiple Partners

16 Other Business, Future Agenda Items

- Request from Silver Creek Twp to meet with other CMRP member townships and a couple of other Partners (County reps?) to discuss how to optimize CMRP benefits
- Community update volunteer for February 2022: Who will volunteer?
- Framework 2030 Partner communications going forward: To be revisited in February
- Treasurer's Report/Budget Update: With the January meeting moved a week earlier, the February meeting will include income and expenses from both January and February, tracked against the approved 2022 budget

17 Adjourn



Thank You