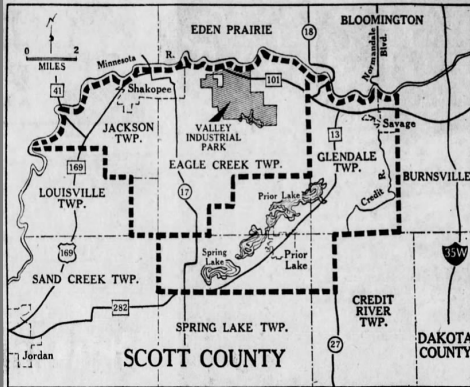


IN NORTHERN SCOTT COUNTY

2 New Metro Communities Urged

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HEAVY BROKEN LINES SHOW TWO PROPOSED SCOTT COMMUNITIES
Incorporation proposals by Metropolitan Council staff

Creation of two large communities in northern Scott County, each about 40 square miles, was recommended today by planners for the Metropolitan Council.

The larger community, the planners said, would be 43 square miles and include Shakopee, Jackson Township, most of Eagle Creek Township and parts of Louisville Township.

The other community suggested by the planners, 39 square miles, would include Savage, Prior Lake, Glendale Township and parts of Spring Lake, Credit River and Eagle Creek townships.

The testimony by the Metropolitan Council planners came at the start of a public hearing in Shakopee by the Minnesota Municipal Commission. Three proposals for incorporation of most of northern Scott County are on file with the municipal commission.

Under present law, Shakopee, with the approval of the

municipal commission and affected residents, could annex all of the township areas suggested by the planners.

However, the other proposal would require a two-step process. First, the Metropolitan Council planners suggested that Savage annex all of the proposed area except Prior Lake.

The second step would consist of a consolidation of Prior Lake Village and the expanded Savage. It also would be possible for Prior Lake to initiate the process, planners said.

The Metropolitan Council staff also recommended construction of a new Hwy. 169 bridge east of Shakopee near the Valley Industrial Park and a Hennepin - Scott County bridge as an extension of Hennepin County Road 18, about a half mile west of the present Bloomington Ferry Bridge.

The Hwy. 169 bridge site is the same one proposed last year by the Minnesota

Highway Department district engineers. The county bridge location recommendation is the same suggested in a report to the Scott County board by Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson and Associates, Minneapolis consulting engineers.

"Coupled with the Shakopee Bridge (Hwy. 169), a bridge at Hennepin County Road 18 near Bloomington Ferry would meet all the traffic needs and would have the most beneficial effect on land development," a report by the planners stated.

A County Road 18 bridge, the planners continued, could best be used to "create a new focus of development in Scott County, taking advantage of topography."

Other Hennepin - Scott County bridge locations would tend to spread current development of Burnsville into Scott County by creating a wider corridor along Interstate Hwy. 35W, the planners added.

Stating that the Metropolitan Council staff "recognizes that there may be some legal and political difficulty" in bringing about its primary recommendation for the two large communities, the planners also presented an alternative at the hearing today.

In the first alternative, a community of 67 square miles, Shakopee would annex Jackson and Eagle Creek townships and parts of Louisville, Spring Lake, Credit River and Glendale townships.

The resulting community then also would be consolidated with Prior Lake village under the first alternate. The second community, 16 square miles, would be created by annexing the remainder of Glendale Township to Savage.

The primary recommendation was urged, planners said, because present and future development better ties the Prior Lake area with Savage than with Shakopee.

Planners noted that their main recommendation also creates two communities nearly the same size, while the alternative would result in one large and one small community.

In the petitions originally filed with the municipal commission, Shakopee sought annexation of Louisville, Eagle Creek and Jackson townships; Prior Lake asked annexation of portions of Eagle Creek, Glendale, Credit River and Spring Lake townships, and Savage and Glendale Township sought a merger.

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