

# On Twin Cities' outskirts, a Met Council challenge

Development proposals in two Scott County townships could affect neighboring Lakeville – and the Metropolitan Council's control of growth in the region.

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Residents of Credit River and New Market townships and the city of Lakeville are thinking about money.

Landowners in the rolling hills of the townships want to subdivide their property into 2.5-acre lots that sell for \$80,000, instead of the less profitable 10-acre lots that the Metropolitan Council

wants to see on the edge of the urban area.

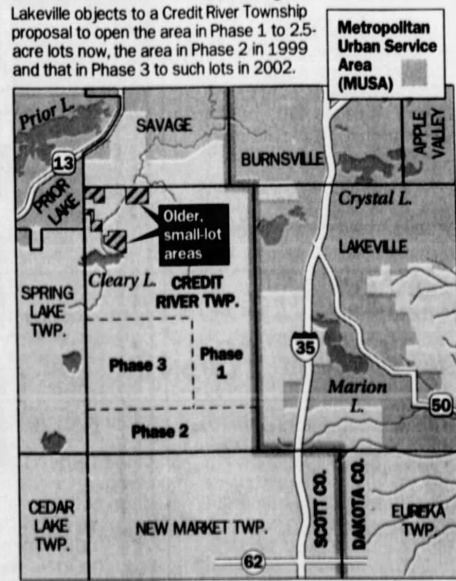
But taxpayers in neighboring Lakeville clearly aren't in the mood to help pay for the additional school classrooms, bigger roads and more athletic fields that they say a four-fold increase in housing density would require.

Just last week voters in the Lakeville School District, which includes parts of the two townships, rejected three bond proposals totaling \$34 million. The bonds were intended to finance extensive additions to secondary and elementary schools and to buy a site for a future secondary school.

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## Growth controversy

Lakeville objects to a Credit River Township proposal to open the area in Phase 1 to 2.5-acre lots now, the area in Phase 2 in 1999 and that in Phase 3 to such lots in 2002.



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