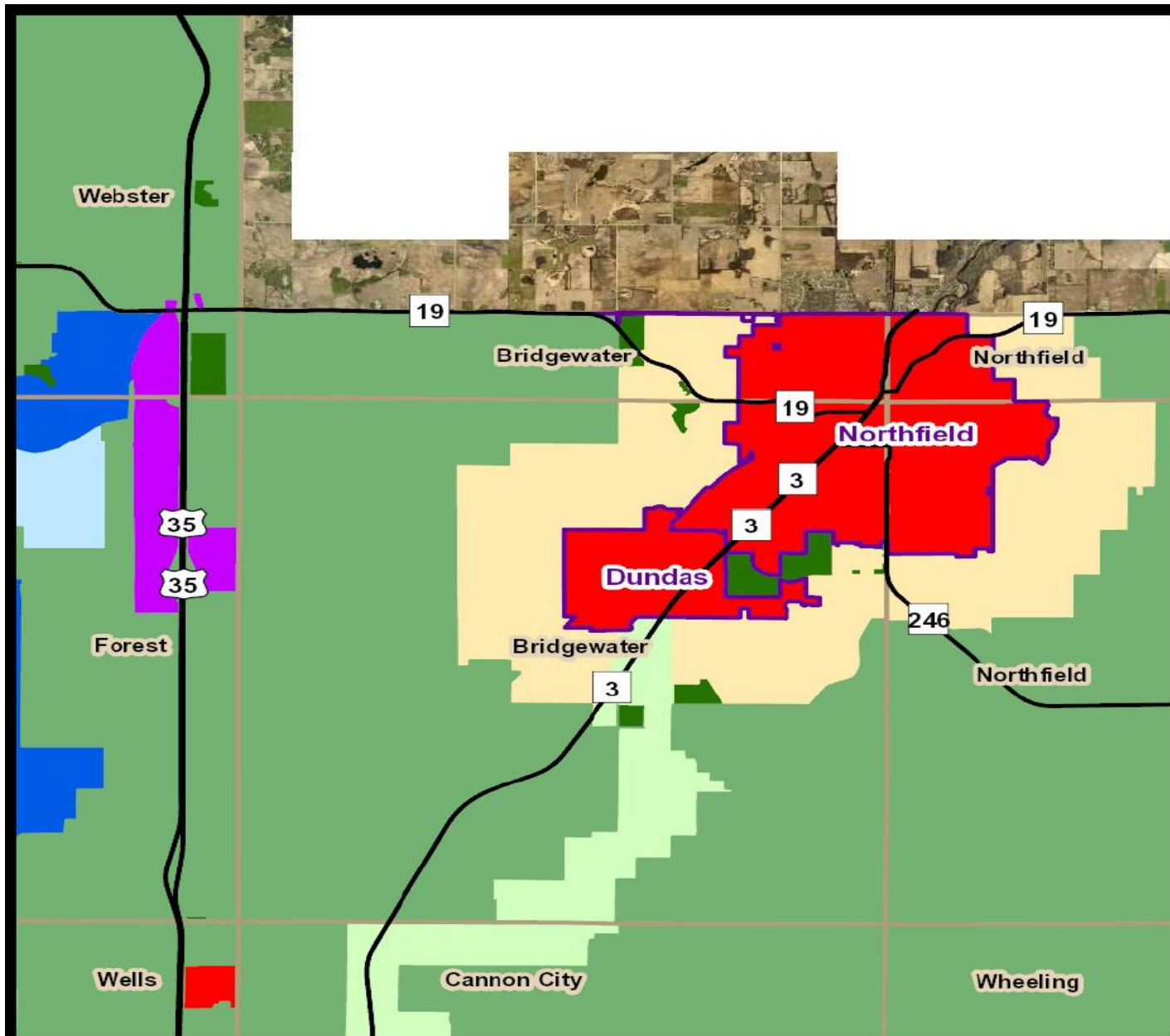


# Bridgewater Incorporation

- Motivation
- Objectives
- Process



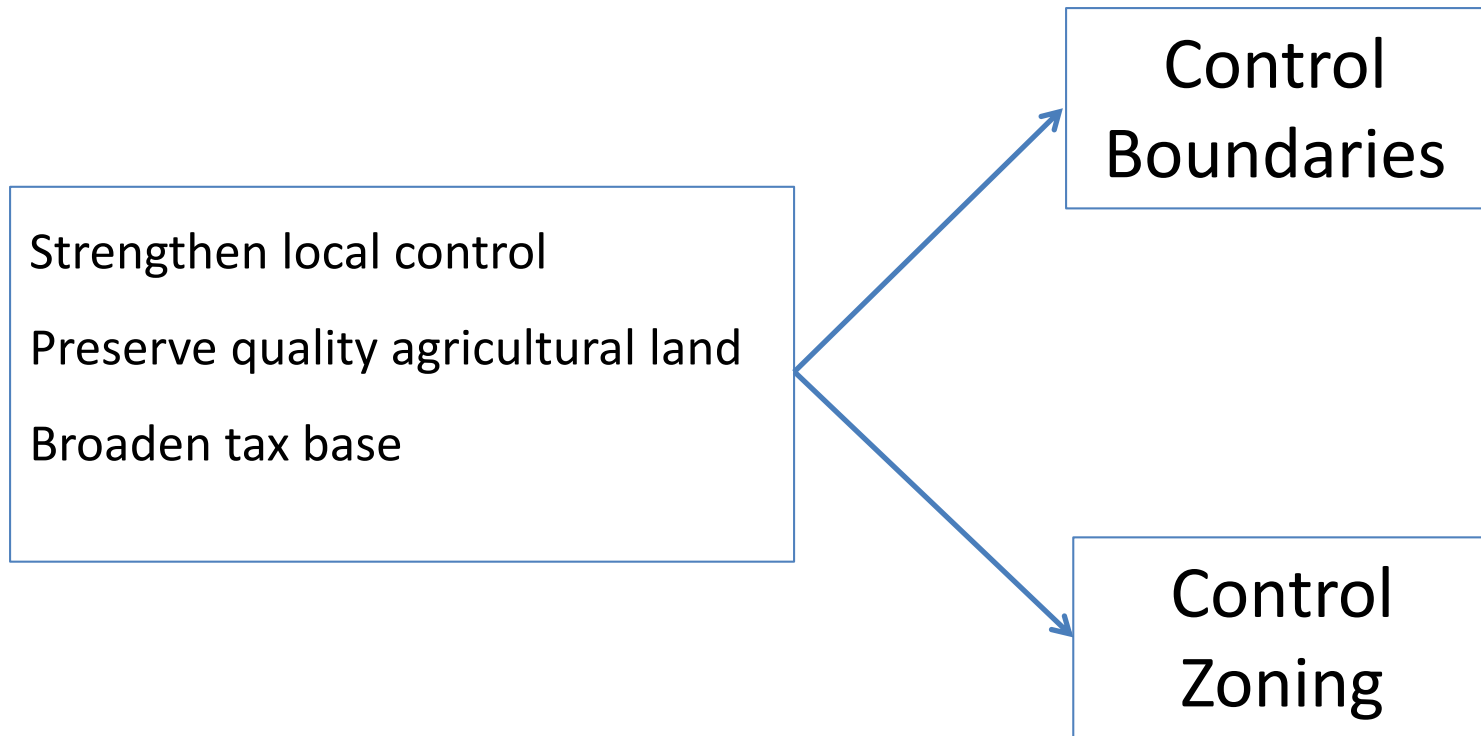
# Motivation

- **Northfield annexation agreement expires end of 2019**
  - Uncertainty about reaching a new agreement
  - Gill/Prawer annexation proposal
  - The Waterford situation
- **Limitations of Rice County zoning**
  - Restrictions on cluster housing
  - Restrictions on industrial development

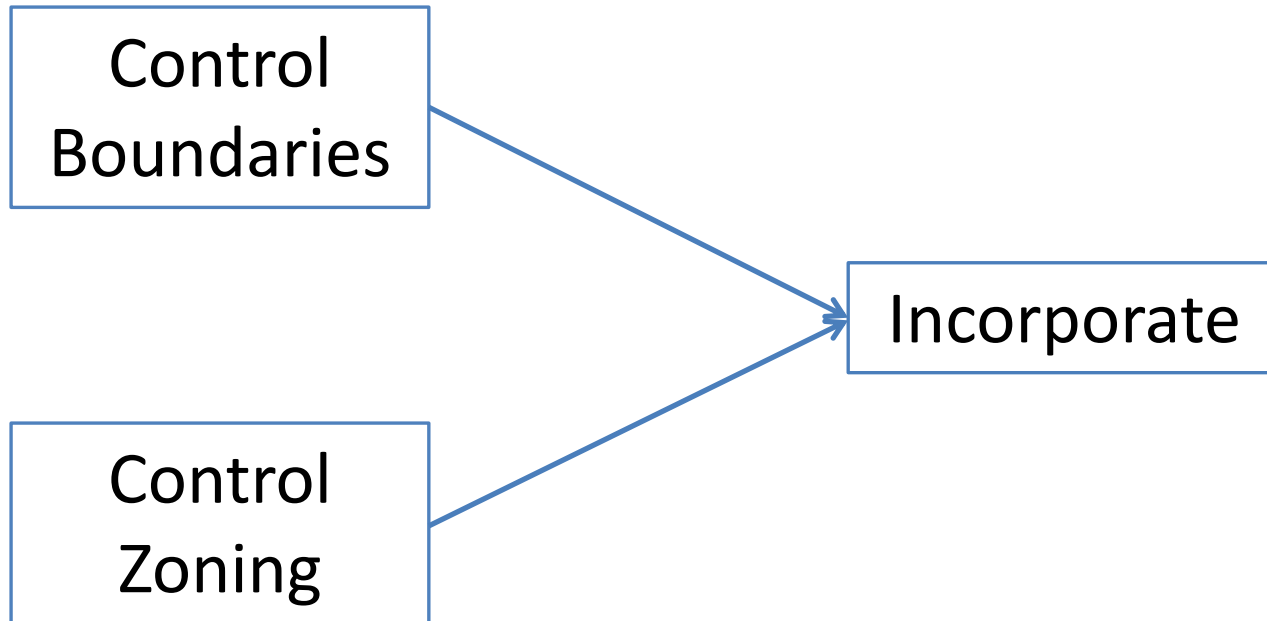
# OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen local control
2. Preserve quality agricultural land
3. Broaden tax base

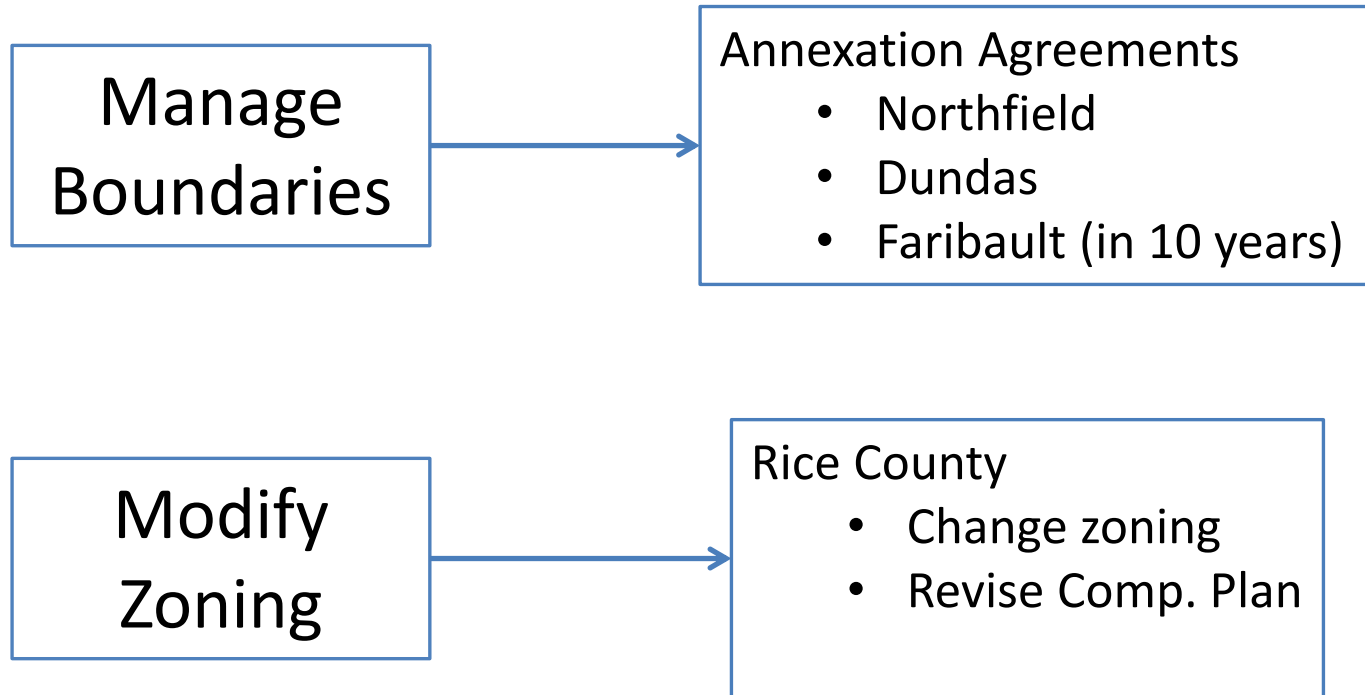
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# Objectives alternative approach



# The Process

- If decision is to incorporate Aug – Sept 2019
- Submit application Sept – Oct 2019

## **If application is approved**

- Become Statutory City Q1 – 2020
- Appoint Charter Commission 2020
- Become Charter City 2021



# The Process

- Application sent to Boundary Adjustment Unit
- Administrative Law Judge presides
  - Considers only the 13 factors in MN Statute 414.02
  - Holds public hearing within 90 days
  - Renders decision

# The Process

<b>Analyze benefits &amp; risks of incorporation</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Education on the law &amp; process</li><li>2. Case studies</li></ol>	<b>1/2018 – 6/2018</b>
<b>Decided to consider incorporation</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Engaged Northland Securities for neutral view (July 2018)</li><li>2. Discussions with Planning Commission (Aug. – Dec.)</li><li>3. Discussions with small group of citizens (Aug. – Dec.)</li></ol>	<b>6/2018</b>
<b>Public Meetings (7)</b>	<b>1/2019 – 3/2019</b>
<b>Decision on whether to proceed with developing application</b>	<b>4/2019</b>
<b>Prepare application</b>	<b>4/2019 – 8/2019</b>
<b>Decision on whether to submit application</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Status of annexation agreement negotiations</li><li>2. Status of Rice County Comprehensive Plan revisions</li><li>3. If YES then notify adjacent jurisdictions</li></ol>	<b>8/2019 – 9/2018</b>

# The Process

Council members are invited to the public meetings in Q1 – 2019

Contact any of the supervisors to discuss concerns and possibilities

The Northland Securities Report will be sent to Council Members

The Bridgewater Board will convey its thoughts on an annexation agreement to the City by the end of February

The Bridgewater Board has sent its recommendations on zoning changes to Rice County