

2040 RICE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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2040 VISION STATEMENT

- **“As Rice County grows and evolves into the future, we will support and encourage orderly growth and a diverse economy that will continue to create jobs and a high quality of life for our citizens. We will aspire to maintain the small town feel of our cities and preserve our agricultural heritage.”**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business and Industry Economics

- Goal 1. Maintain and strengthen economic diversity.
- Goal 2. Build and retain a highly skilled, adaptable workforce.
- Goal 3. Retain and expand existing local businesses.
- Goal 4. Attract new businesses to Rice County.

Agricultural Economics

- Goal 1. Sustain a diverse economic mix for the County by promoting and strengthening agricultural and complementary businesses.
- Goal 2. Expand awareness of local agricultural opportunities and agriculture related businesses within the County.

LAND USE

Growth and Development

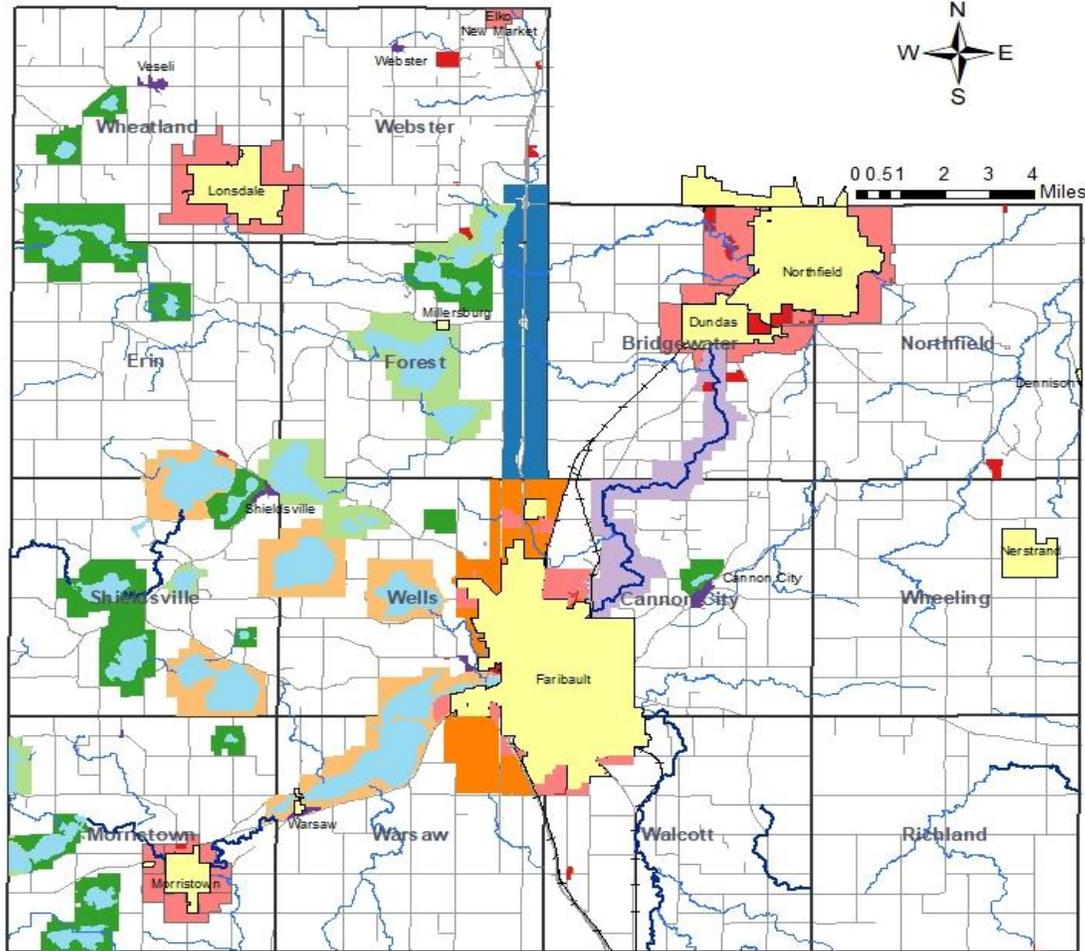
- Goal 1. Support and encourage orderly growth and development.

Agricultural and Natural Resources

- Goal 2. Preserve Agricultural Land and Natural Resources.

Rice County 2040 Future Land Use

Preliminary Draft



Roads	General Development Shoreland	Urban Expansion
Rivers	Commercial/Industrial	Urban Expansion- Industrial
Streams	Limited Industrial	Village Mixed-Use
Railroads	Natural Environment Shoreland	Wild and Scenic River
Lakes	Recreational Development Shoreland	Cities (Not under County Planning Authority)
Townships	Rural Residential	

GIS by Rice County
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Map features are representations of original data sources and do not replace or modify land surveys, deeds, or other legal instruments defining land ownership or use.

Future Land Use Map

General Development Shoreland – Shoreland around lakes that are classified as General Development. These lakes are categorized as large, deep lakes or lakes of varying sizes and depths with high levels and mixes of existing development. These lakes are extensively used for recreation and are heavily developed around the shore.

Commercial/Industrial – Areas adjacent Interstate 35 that promote employment and generate tax base in Rice County.

Limited Industrial – Commercial/industrial land use to promote employment and generate tax base in Rice County.

Natural Environment Shoreland – Shoreland around lakes that are classified as Natural Environment. These lakes are categorized as small, often shallow lakes with limited capacities for assimilating the impacts of development and recreational use. They often have adjacent lands with substantial constraints for development such as high water tables, exposed bedrock, and soils unsuitable for septic systems.

Recreational Development Shoreland – Shoreland around lakes that are classified as Recreational Development. These lakes are categorized as medium-sized lakes of varying depths and shapes with a variety of landform, soil, and groundwater situations on the lands around them. They often are characterized by moderate levels of recreational use and existing development.

Rural Residential – An area that recognizes exiting low-density residential development in already-developed areas. Most of these areas are located in agricultural areas or on the outskirts of unincorporated villages.

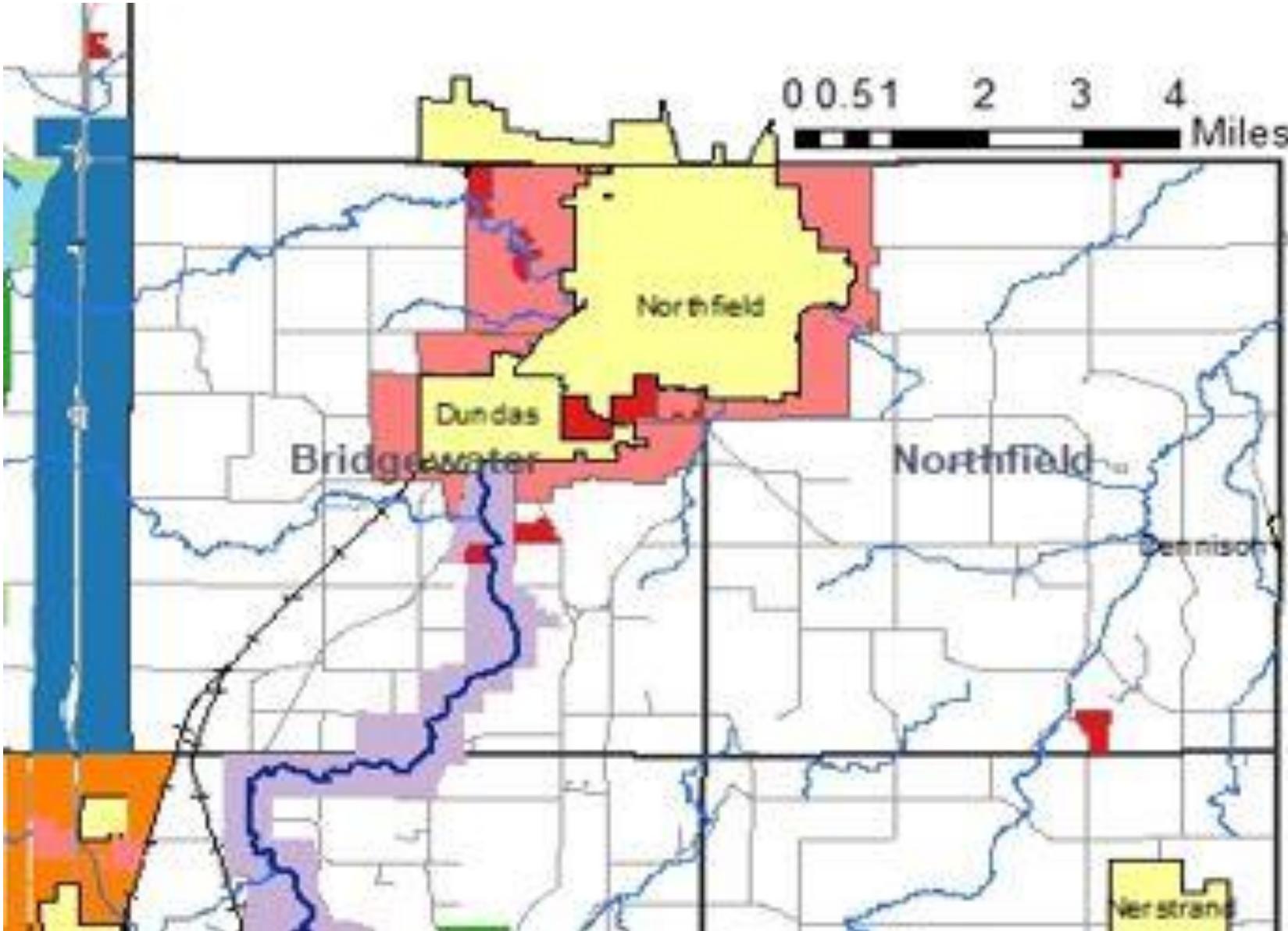
Urban Expansion – An area around the municipal boundary of an incorporated City/Village that is reserved for future residential and business growth.

Urban Expansion -Industrial – An area reserved in the urban expansion zone for the growth of industrial business.

Village Mixed-Use –Existing unincorporated villages that are compatible for new development and a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Wild and Scenic River – This district protects and preserves the scenic, recreational, natural and historical values of the Cannon River in Rice County by ensuring that development within this river corridor is consistent with the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers Statewide Standards.

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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation

- Goal 1. Enhance and maintain a transportation system that supports economic development along with existing and future land uses.
- Goal 2. Preserve and improve the transportation infrastructure in Rice County to maximize safety and efficiency.
- Goal 3. Develop multi-modal and integrated transportation components to enhance options for a diverse population.

HOUSING AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DESIGN

Housing

- Goal 1. Create a diverse range of housing types for all income levels.
- Goal 2. Make available adequate housing for all life stages to ensure diverse communities.
- Goal 3. Encourage maintenance and improvements of existing housing stock.
- Goal 4. Advocate for housing near basic amenities and features necessary for a high-quality of life and to maintain a healthy life style.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

- Goal 1. Utilize all available resources to further enhance the quality of the Rice County Park System.
- Goal 2. Protect, Enhance, and Maintain County Parks and Open Areas.
- Goal 3. Encourage a healthy and active lifestyle by promoting the use of parks and trails.
- Goal 4. Conserve and protect natural resources that are present in the County park system.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

- Goal 1. Enhance, protect, and restore natural lands and systems.
- Goal 2. Advocate and expand the use of energy efficient methods and renewable energy resources.
- Goal 3. Encourage waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Summary of Goals, Strategies & Action Items

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Fundamental Inventory Guide
- Appendix B: Public Forum Summary
- Appendix C: Community Survey & Results
- Appendix D: 2025 Rice County Transportation Plan (May 9, 2006)
- Appendix E: Comprehensive Housing Study
- Appendix F: Le Sueur & Rice Active Living Profile
- Appendix G: Rice County Parks, Recreation & Open Space 2011-2021



QUESTIONS?

