



History of Annexation



- Annexation has, is and will be common place in Prior Lake and Spring Lake Township.
- The 1972 Orderly Annexation Agreement confirms the need for and appropriateness of annexation.
- Prior Lake history is replete with annexation, growing from a 1 sq. mile community to the 16-sq. mile one it is today.
- The Metropolitan Council and Scott County recognize the Urban Expansion Area as the area into which urban centers, such as Prior Lake, will expand.
- Scott County is the 8th fastest growing County in the Nation.
- Annexation is not limited to Prior Lake and Spring Lake Township. Other Scott County cities and Townships are affected as well.
- County / City growth has led to additional transportation needs, including:
 - *County Road 82 (targeted for 2004)*
 - *County Road 12 (targeted for 2005-2006)*
- The 1972 Orderly Annexation Plan has been ineffective in many ways:
 - No way of planning with some certainty
 - Allowed for pollution of Spring lake via development dependent upon well and septic.
 - Continues to allow well and septic.
 - Did not provide for sewer and water extension which had to be accomplished outside of the agreement.
- Therefore, the City's 2020 Vision and Strategic Plan, has a Vision Element devoted to Urban Expansion to address this important issue.
- Discussions have occurred with a subcommittee of the Township Board and City Council to address the complex issues associated with annexation, and to assemble the current proposal.