

# **SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET**

Commissioner Langan Proposed Comments Regarding the City of Woodbury Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission of the City of Afton, MN representing its citizens is very concerned about the large public works, commercial development and various zonings of residential developments which the City of Woodbury MN continues to promote. These projects and others like it are placing a huge burden on the water supply aquifers which supply the drinking water to both Woodbury and Afton. The majority of these developments drastically reduce pervious surface area allowing less and less water infiltration each day. The water stream via treatment eventually ends up in the Mississippi River system as discharge accumulatively contributing to downstream river flooding in other towns and cities and agricultural areas. The vast majority of Woodbury's water source is the conjoining aquifers that serve both Woodbury and Afton, putting Afton's sole residential water source of one-on-one residential wells at significant risk without planned repercussions to Woodbury.

It is the Planning Commission of Afton's point of view that for Woodbury to significantly improve its ecological responsibility it needs to place into service a drinking water treatment system which uses Mississippi River System water as its source and return its treated water respectively back to this source. This would significantly improve the condition of the poorly replenished aquifers due to Woodbury's above ground land use practices and lower the risk of downstream Mississippi River system flooding.