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CITY OF FOLEY COMMISSIONS LAND USE STUDY/COMMUNITY SURVEY TO PREPARE FOR RAPID GROWTH POST WASTEWATER PROJECT AND ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Foley, Minn. – March 23, 2021 – The City of Foley is expected to add 300 to 800 new residents and 120 to 325 new households by the year 2040.

To help answer questions and prepare for the influx of new residents and businesses, the City has commissioned a land use study to determine how to achieve preferred land use patterns (developments) that align with the its values.

The study, led by the consultant group HKGi, will result in a future land use plan that will help guide development and growth over the next 20 years, while finding opportunities to strengthen existing neighborhoods and businesses. The study will occur over a six-month planning process and is anticipated to conclude in August/September of 2021.

As part of the study, Foley residents are being asked to complete a community survey and comment form that can be found on the City's website at www.ci.foley.mn.us.

Most of the city's anticipated growth will likely occur after investments are made to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. This includes a pipe that will run from Foley to the regional treatment facility in St. Cloud. The project will address aging infrastructure needs, while adding capacity for future development. The project is currently on track for construction to start late summer or fall of 2021 with completion in 2022.

The City also expects that property owners will have an interest in developing their land as Foley's population increases. These development interests have led to an Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA) between the City of Foley and Gilmanton Township.

Property owners located in the OAA will have the option to develop their land by connecting to city services if they are available. This presents a unique opportunity for the City and Township to plan for growth accordingly and to determine what the community needs to thrive as a great place to live, work, and play.

For questions about the study, please reach out to the City's Consultant Lance Bernard at 320-420-7768

Foley, Minn. is the County Seat of Benton County, a rural community located 50 minutes north of Minneapolis and St. Paul and 15 minutes northeast of St. Cloud, Minn. Living in Foley offers a small town atmosphere along with many recreational opportunities, including two city parks, a skateboard park, golf course, a municipal swimming pool and walking trail. Foley has a population of more than 2,700.

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