



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: 3-19-2019  
**CONSENT**

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ken Roberts, Planning Director  
**AGENDA ITEM:** **City of Pine Springs - Comprehensive Plan Adjacent Jurisdictional Review Comments**  
**REVIEWED BY:** Jack Griffin, City Engineer

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Pine Springs has completed a draft of their 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update and has submitted for adjacent jurisdictional review. The review period ends April 1, 2019. Staff has prepared draft comments for the review by the City.

### **ISSUE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL:**

The City Council is being asked to review and approve staff comments about the Pine Springs Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update.

### **PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:**

Below provides a summary and analysis of Pine Springs 2040 Comprehensive Plan update and how it affects Lake Elmo:

**Introduction and Land Use.** The City is 579 acres in size and they are expecting its population to remain at about 415; its number of households at 144; with no employment in the City by the year 2040. It is indicated that residential areas do not have nor do they require urban services such as municipal sewer and water. Some future commercial or mixed use development might occur on the southwest corner of the intersection of I-694 and Highway 36. If that development occurs, it would provide a location for jobs, but the City plans to remain mostly residential.

**Transportation.** The City indicates that the existing principle and arterials are sufficient to handle existing and future development and they will work with the State of Minnesota and Washington County to assure that minor arterials are protected and upgraded as needed to handle additional traffic.

**Parks and Open Space.** The City will not be seeking out land for public use but relies on large lots for open space to maintain its rural character.

**Public Facilities and Services.** The City will continue to only provide basic services such as roads, road maintenance, and arrangements for police, fire protection, and emergency medical services. The City is planning to continue to obtain these services from neighboring communities. They do not have nor do they expect to provide full time administrative services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends, as part of tonight's consent agenda, that the City make no comment regarding Draft 2040 Pine Springs Comprehensive Plan. If the City council chooses to remove this item from the consent agenda, the recommended motion is as follows:

*“Move to make no comment about the Draft 2040 Pine Springs Comprehensive Plan.”*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

The Draft 2040 Pine Springs Comprehensive Plan can be found by doing a right-click on the following link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/567ed48bc21b8647030a5edd/t/5b9010524fa51a29d707d0d3/1536168030118/Draft+Pine+Springs+Comprehensive+Plan+2018.pdf>