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**PLANNING FORUM – APRIL 17, 2003**  
**Regional Existing Land Use**  
**Common Information Need**

*Dear Prospective Participant:*

You are invited to participate in a Regional Existing Land Use Planning Forum, scheduled for April 17, 2003. Your expertise with land use and community development issues and organizational operations are valuable assets to the goals of the Forum. Your involvement in this Forum will help guide discussions on how best to fulfill the region's need for information on existing land use. Like you, participants of the Forum will include planners, administrators, land use consultants and other community development professionals; this is not intended to be a technical forum. This forum is being sponsored by MetroGIS, a consortium of local, regional, state governments and organizations working on regional data solutions to common information needs.

In 1997, MetroGIS, designated regional existing land use as a priority information need that is essential for their business practices. You can help us understand how the various internal business needs of communities, what communities need to know about their neighbors, and the relationship between existing land use and other information (i.e. planned land use and parcels) will assist in developing a regional existing land use solution.

To date, MetroGIS has endorsed an aggregation scheme of land use designations that is implemented in both the MetroGIS Regional Planned Land Use and the Metropolitan Council's 2000 Generalized Land Use. It may be possible that this same scheme could be used to address the regional existing land use information need. To help direct the next steps in defining a solution, a thoughtful and thorough review by the user community of past events is necessary. The Planning Forum is designed to record the comments on past events and voice any previously overlooked needs regarding existing land use. Your comments will help direct a final regional solution.

If you wish to participate, please contact Steve Fester at (651) 602-1363 or by email at [steve.fester@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:steve.fester@metc.state.mn.us). Prior to the Forum, participants will receive an information packet that will help them understand the goals of the Forum, formulate comments and concerns, and consider specific information needs. **The Forum will be held from 1:00-4:30 p.m. at the Roseville Skating Facility, 2660 Civic Center Dr., Roseville.** If you have questions regarding the Forum, please contact Randall Johnson, MetroGIS Staff Coordinator, at 651-602-1638 or by email at [randy.johnson@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:randy.johnson@metc.state.mn.us).

Also, please feel free to pass this invitation along to any colleagues who you believe may have an interest in participating.

Thank you for considering this request. Your time and involvement is greatly valued.

Sincerely,

Jane Harper  
MetroGIS Coordinating Committee Chair *and*  
Principal Planner, Washington County