

March 25, 2025

Mr. Brad Chapulis  
Baxter City Administrator  
13190 Memorywood Dr  
Baxter, MN 56425

Dear Mr. Chapulis,

I am writing to formally request that the City of Baxter request to, and work with, Crow Wing County to delay the 2026 Mapleton Road mill and overlay project between the north and south intersections of Jasperwood Drive and Mapleton Road in the Ironwood Drive/Mapleton Ct. land area. The reason for this request is that Sourcewell has recently purchased three adjacent properties and is actively working on its strategic plan for these properties.

The development of this strategic master plan is crucial to ensure that the land is utilized in the most effective and beneficial manner for the community. This plan will provide a comprehensive vision for the area, taking into consideration various factors such as infrastructure, governmental collaboration, and community needs. By delaying the project, we can ensure that the master plan is thoroughly developed and implemented, ultimately leading to a more cohesive and well-planned area within our community.

We understand the importance of the Mapleton Road mill and overlay project and appreciate the efforts of Crow Wing County and the City of Baxter in maintaining and improving our infrastructure. However, we believe that a short delay to this small section of roadway will allow for the full development of the strategic master plan and will result in mutual long-term benefits for the community while ensuring that tax dollars are used wisely on a strategic vision.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to your positive response and are available to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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