

Agency pares sewer service to halt growth

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The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has trimmed nearly 55 square miles from the amount of land to be served by sanitary sewers by the year 2000.

The seven-county regional planning agency trimmed back the sewer service area on its 1976 map in a 70-14 vote of the SEMCOG General Assembly.

For most area communities, there was little change because even their undeveloped acreage is largely platted. Negative votes came from northern Macomb and rural Monroe counties, which say they will have more development than SEMCOG anticipates.

The SEMCOG majority sees over-sewering as "urban sprawl" and a waste of local, state and federal money.

"SEMCOG'S 1976 map had an excess sewer capacity of 35 percent by the year 2000," said Executive Director Michael Glusac.

"We had a mandate of the executive committee in 1978 to cut the excess to 10 percent. That was an impossible task. We now have a 23 percent region-wide average over capacity for 2000."

SEMCOG staff member Dan Snider said the deletions were mainly croplands, wetlands, agricultural zoned

lands, floodplains and fringe lands. Platted lands were not deleted, Glusac added.

As amended, the sewer map's over-capacity now amounts to about 23 percent, Glusac said. This translates into 35,000 acres and 54.7 square miles.

OAKLAND COUNTY areas which were deleted were in Waterford and Orion Township.

Added to the map were about 800 acres in West Bloomfield Township, 650 acres in Orchard Lake, and 600 acres in Novi.

Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Troy had minor amendments to add very small areas.

Only Neal Schroder, Avon Township civil engineer, voted against the revision among area Oakland delegates.

Supporting the changes were County Commissioners Robert Page of Birmingham and Lillian Moffitt of Bloomfield, Councilman Warren Buckler of Farmington, Mayor Johan Savonen of Farmington Hills, Councilwoman Dorothy Warren of Lathrup Village, Councilman Thomas Werth of Rochester, City Planner Donald Gross of Southfield, Councilman Randall Husk of Troy, Supervisor Homer Case of Bloomfield Township and Supervisor John Doherty of West Bloomfield Township.

Rezoning a must for new GM plant

Now that it has an option to buy the 440-acre Oakland-Orion airport north of Pontiac for a new auto assembly plant, General Motors Corp. wants the land rezoned.

The first hearing on rezoning, required for construction of the proposed three-million-square-foot plant, will be at 7 p.m. April 24 before the Orion Township Planning Commission in Junior High West, 2509 Walden, Lake Orion.

Before GM commits itself fully to build the plant, which will replace two older assembly operations in Pontiac, it wants the land zoned to industrial use, a 12-year property tax break (allowed by state law) and local, county and state agreements to provide water, sewer and roads.

GM'S DEADLINE for its final decision is June 1, according to two company officials who spoke recently before the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The county board last month, with virtually no floor debate, unanimously approved giving GM an option to buy the county airport in Orion Township for \$2.5 million. The auto company can't exercise the option until June 1. The agreement expires June 1, 1981, should GM not purchase the property by then.

GM has agreed to sell the property back to the county, for the same price, should it not build a plant on the site.

Also contingent on GM's plans is State legislation requiring an auto maintenance and inspection program

in Michigan. GM can't apply for a federal environmental permit to build the new plant until the vehicle emission law is approved and complies with federal standards.

A bill establishing the program has passed the Legislature. However, differing provisions passed by the House of Representatives and Senate must be approved by both bodies before the bill is sent to Gov. William Milliken for signing.

SOME LAKE Orion residents have organized to oppose the plant, saying it would potentially ruin the area's semi-rural atmosphere.

"No one wants to lose 7,000 jobs," Patricia Roselli, a resident of Orion Township, told county commissioners before they approved the airport sale last month. "But had Pontiac known (of GM's plans) three years ago, some preparations could have been made to have the facility in Pontiac."

"Does this mean we have to give up all of our dreams of a semi-rural township?"

About 7,000 jobs at the two assembly plants to be closed in Pontiac would be moved to the new factory.

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