

8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The local business sector has been exclusively the product of private initiative. As local businesses required additional industrial space, a few located in the industrial park. While there is ample room available for new development in the industrial park, the lack of municipal sewer and water facilities and other infrastructure improvements preclude the likelihood of rapid development of the park. The park's location at the western edge of the metropolitan area will probably translate to minimal demand and slow absorption of this industrial space. It is anticipated that a majority of the in-fill will come from local start up businesses needing expansion space.

Industrial park space is available in Maple Plain. While the City has not engaged in promoting this land that does have municipal utilities, it has been a proponent for business needing City sewer and water service to locate locally. The City continues to support local economic growth and job opportunities. This neighborly reciprocity is part of the City's informal intergovernmental cooperation efforts.