LONG TERM GROWTH PLAN

While the previous pages 21 and 22 of the comprehensive plan considered a possible growth pattern in the next 15 years, it is apparent that another map was needed to address Plato's potential growth pattern in the entire1 to 30-year time frame. As previously discussed in the comprehensive plan, rapid development of Plato is possible because of the established transportation system and Plato's strategic proximity to the seven-county metro area.

The map titled "LONG TERM GROWTH PLAN" shows (purple boundary) the location of an area up to two (2) miles in any direction surrounding the current city limits of Plato (yellow boundary). That enclosed land area is classified as "Long Term Agricultural" which means it is encouraged to preserve that land for sustained future agricultural oriented use and character.

This map also serves as a conversation starting point with McLeod County and Helen Township on future land use developments, including infrastructure upgrades as needed.

For further reference, the long term growth area boundary is described as:
1. The western boundary of the growth map is Cable Avenue (and its extension) which runs north and south. This line is just east of Buffalo Highlands and the Glencoe Airport runway.

2. The eastern boundary is Zebra Avenue which is also the dividing line between McLeod and Carver County.

3. The northern boundary runs east of Cable Avenue for 1-mile along the 125th Street extension until turning north at Babcock Avenue (extension) for 1/2 mile until intersecting 130th Street (extension) which is also the boundary line between Helen and Bergen townships. Boundary follows 130th Street (extension) east for 1 mile before turning south at Acorn Avenue (extension) for 1/2 mile before turning east on 125th Street (extension) and continuing to Zebra Avenue.

4. The southern boundary runs east of Cable Avenue for 1-mile along 90th Street until turning south on Babcock Avenue for 1/2 mile until intersecting 85th Street (extension). Boundary follows 85th Street (extension) east for 1 mile before turning north at Acorn Avenue for 1/2 mile before turning east on 90th Street and continuing to Zebra Avenue.

5. All of the long term growth plan outside the existing Plato city limits is within Helen Township.