

Scott County may defy Met Council

Proposal would violate policy against urban sprawl

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Scott County officials have granted preliminary approval to a proposed development that would violate Metropolitan Council policies against urban sprawl, with the acquiescence of the council staff.

The County Board recently approved a development of 54 houses on 2.5-acre lots in eastern Credit River Township, a rural area that council policies say should have minimum lot sizes of 10 acres. The board is expected to give final approval to the Credit River project this month. Seven similar projects also are expected

to win county approval soon.

Charles Ballentine, director of the Metropolitan Council department that oversees development policies, said the council would be "on shaky legal ground" to try to stop the Credit

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