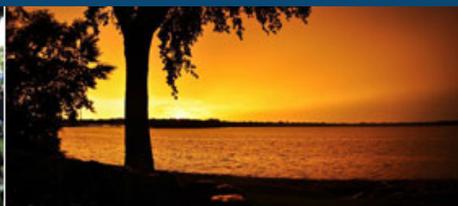


BIG LAKE COMMUNITY PROFILE





Committed to ensuring its citizens with a safe, healthy and pleasant community to live and work

Community Snapshot

Northstar Commuter Rail



10,452
Big Lake
Population



31 years

Median Age

3,377 Households

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online

\$157,200
Median Home Value

\$77,111
Average Household
Income

215
Acres of City Parkland



Big Lake Lake Walk

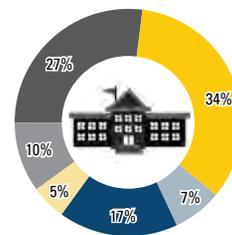
19 City Parks

20 Miles of Trails



Education

Source: American Community Survey (2014)



- Some High School
- High school graduate
- Some College
- Associates degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Post graduate degree

Greater Big Lake Area Employment Profile	Population Employed	Percentage of Employed Population
Civilian Employed Population (16+ yrs)	46,526 employed	70%
Services (includes Health Care employment)	10,185	21.9%
Retail Trade	6,184	13.3%
Manufacturing	7,457	16.0%
Government	1,525	3.3%
Construction	3,866	8.3%
Finance/Ins	2,052	6.5%

Source: American Community Survey (2010 - 2014 5 yr Estimates)

Population Growth Projections for Greater Big Lake Area

Source: MN Demographers Office

Radius	2015	2015 Average HH Income	2015 Number of HH	2015 Median HH Value
5 Miles	35,418	\$82,702	12,350	\$185,764
10 Miles	101,235	\$88,698	34,624	\$200,570
15 Miles	184,953	\$90,652	64,113	\$213,643

Sherburne County was the 4th fastest labor force growth in Minnesota from 2002 to 2012 at 18.5%



Map of Drive Times



Passenger Rail/Light Rail: The Northstar lightrail line runs from Big Lake to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area, and also offers Northstar Link bus service to St. Cloud.



Air: Big Lake is located 45 miles northwest of the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, and just 24 miles southeast of the ST. Cloud Regional Airport



Interstate/Highway Interstate 94 and Highway 10 connect Big Lake to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro



Regional Assistance Programs

- **Sherburne County Revolving Loan Fund:** Eligible are land and building acquisition, land improvement, new building construction, building renovation and modernization, and machinery, equipment, and fixtures. Amounts available range from \$25,000 - \$100,000.
- **Minnesota Investment Fund:** Provides assistance for new industrial projects in the form of a low interest loan or forgivable loan.
- **Job Creation Fund:** Provides assistance to companies in the form of rebates based upon new job creation and capital expenditures.
- **The Initiative Foundation:** Offers financing programs to small businesses. They prioritize technology-based and green businesses as well as value-added manufacturing and agriculture operations.
- **The Center for Energy and Environment's Commercial Energy Efficiency:** Provides loans that allows borrowers to get a loan for 6-120 months at a 3.9% fixed interest rate. Improvements can be made to, but not limited to lighting, HVAC, insulation, envelope air sealing and more.

Local Assistance Programs

- **City Owned Property:** Reduced cost for available industrial park land for new projects.
- **Property Tax Abatement:** Assistance to reduce the annual property taxes for commercial industrial facilities.
- **Tax Increment Financing:** Assistance for the increased cost of new development and redevelopment including land acquisition, demolition, and environmental cleanup.



Jefferson Square Park Veterans Memorial Plan

Big Lake Welcomes You!

Established businesses and prospective businesses will be subject to a positive expansion and/or development experience including: a welcoming and friendly relationship with City staff, local and regional financing incentives, a workforce with Midwest talent and ethics, variety of housing types, access to a full service community hospital, and opportunities to participate in the many exciting community events that Big Lake has found to be successful. Big Lake is sure to be the City in which your business will grow, prosper, and succeed!

Education in the Community:

Big Lake School District:

<http://www.biglake.k12.mn.us/>

Anoka Ramsey Community College:

<http://www.anokaramsey.edu/>

Anoka Technical College:

<http://www.anokatech.edu/>

St Cloud State University:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/>

St Cloud Technical & Community College:

<http://www.sctcc.edu/>

Helpful Links:

City of Big Lake:

<http://www.biglakemn.org/>

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce:

<http://biglakechamber.com/>

GREATERMSP:

<https://www.greatermisp.org/>

Department of Employment and Economic Development:

<http://mn.gov/deed/>

Minnesota Business Finance Corporation:

<http://www.mbfc.org/>

Northstar Rail

www.metrotransit.org/Northstar

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