



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

ABLE PARK BUILDING, 8200 ABLE STREET NE at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - [A.](#) Approval of Minutes - September 3, 2024 City Council Meeting
 - [B.](#) Approval of Claims List - General Disbursement #24-15 - \$1,578,935.09
 - [C.](#) Revenue and Expenditure Report - August 2024
 - [D.](#) Statement of Fund Balance - August 2024
 - [E.](#) Resolution No. 24-52, Appointing Election Judges for 2024 General Election
 - [F.](#) Third Quarter Billing for 2025 Payable 2026 Property Tax Assessment - Ken Tolzmann
 - [G.](#) Contractor's Licenses
- 7. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - [A.](#) Rental License Revocation for Certain Property Located at 529 78th Avenue NE
- 8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Police Report
 - [B.](#) Recreation Report
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - [A.](#) 2023 Annual Police Report
 - [B.](#) Discussion of Metropolitan Council Imagine 2050 Draft Policy Plan
 - [C.](#) Authorize Recruitment Process for Recreation Director position
- 10. REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Attorney Report
 - [B.](#) Engineer Report
 - [C.](#) Administrator Report
- 11. OTHER**
 - [A.](#) Correspondence
 - [B.](#) Motion to Close Meeting to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Purchase of Real Property Pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3)
 - [C.](#) Motion to Close Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.05, subd 3(a) to Conduct the City Administrator's Performance Evaluation
- 12. ADJOURN**

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

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RULES FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

- Discussion from the floor is limited to three minutes per person. Longer presentations must be scheduled through the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's office.
- Individuals wishing to be heard must sign in with their name and address. Meetings are video recorded so individuals must approach the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.
- Council action or discussion should not be expected during "Discussion from the Floor." Council may direct staff to research the matter further or take the matter under advisement for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The purpose of a public hearing is to allow the City Council to receive citizen input on a proposed project. This is not a time to debate the issue.

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

- The presenter will have a maximum of 10 minutes to explain the project as proposed.
- Councilmembers will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal.
- Citizens will then have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the project. Those wishing the comment are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

In cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced, the spokesperson should identify the audience group he/she is representing and may have a maximum of 10 minutes to express the views of the group.

- People wishing to comment are asked to keep their comments succinct and specific.
- Following public input, Councilmembers will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.
- After everyone wishing to address the subject of the hearing has done so, the Mayor will close the public hearing.
- The City Council may choose to take official action on the proposal or defer action until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. No further public input will be received at that time.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on September 3, 2024 at the Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street NE, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Mayor Robert Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember April Moran

STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director George Linngren, Recreation Director Kay Okey,
Police Chief Josh Antoine, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Vicki WazWaz 697 79th Avenue NE Spring Lake Park MN 55432

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz requested that the following change be made to the agenda: 1) that item 6H be added for consideration of four (4) Public Right of Way Applications.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Mayor Nelson inquired about buses and the use of their warning arms being out for motorists. Chief Antoine said that bus drivers need to extend the stop sign arm when children are getting on and off the bus and crossing the street. Chief Antoine stated that if the public observes unsafe driving behavior from the bus drivers they should contact the Police Department. He stated the department can contact the bus companies.

Ms. Vicki WazWaz, 697 79th Avenue NE addressed the Council concerning conflicting City codes concerning her tree planting. She stated that the City Code she found stated that her plantings had to be 20 feet from the right of way. Ms. WazWaz stated that Inspector Morris informed her that the plantings needed to be 50 feet from the corner.

Building Official Baker acknowledged that there are two conflicting codes. He stated that the first code is in the appendix of the zoning code, and it states that from the corner of the intersection, it's 50 feet in both directions. He said that the straight line from that 50 feet is the sight triangle. Building Official Baker said that the code Ms. WazWaz was quoting does say 20 feet, but that is from the property line, which is the edge of the right of way.

Administrator Buchholtz said staff will research the issue and be in contact with Ms. WazWaz and the Council with a possible resolution. He stated that when two sections of the code conflict the most restrictive version of the code applies.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. Mayor's Proclamation – Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2024
- C. Ratify City Administrator's Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Public Works Maintenance Worker Travis Betz
- D. 2024 Second Half Assessment – Suburban Rate Authority
- E. Contractor's Request for Payment #3 - 2024 Street Project
- F. Contractor's Request for Payment #7 - City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project - \$656,342.65
- G. Contract Change Order #1 – American Engineering & Testing – City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project
- H. Approval of Four (4) Public Right of Way Applications (2 for Centerpoint Energy, 1 for CenturyLink & 1 for Xcel Energy)

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Linngren gave an overview of the projects undertaken by the Public Works Department for the month of August. He stated that the work on the Hayes pond is complete and that the contractor put down seed and straw around the excavation areas.

Director Linngren updated the City Council on the construction taking place on Sanburnol Drive NE. He stated that the contractor would be paving within the next two weeks. He stated that the project on 83rd Avenue NE has started and will be finished by mid-September.

Director Linngren stated that the sewer line jetting for the year has been completed. He thanked the seasonal staff for all the hard work this summer. He stated that the sidewalk at

Terrace Park has been completed and that seed has been put down. Director Linngren stated that the the Able Park Playground is done and the inspections have been completed.

Director Linngren said that the grant was submitted to the Coon Creek Watershed District for the street sweeper.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker stated that the City issued 21 Administrative Offense tickets for various violations, including illegal rental properties, parking on unapproved surfaces, and long grass. Building Official Baker stated that Inspector Morris has identified or received complaints of properties conducting work without a permit. He reminded residents that they should call and ask questions to ensure the project is done correctly and safely.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2024-48, Adopting Proposed 2024 Tax Levy Collectible in 2025

Administrator Buchholtz said that Resolution 2024-48 will establish the proposed 2024 pay 2025, tax levy at \$4,721,272. He noted that this is an increase of 14.78% from the 2023, pay 2024, tax levy. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Resolution sets the date of the annual Truth-in-Taxation public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Able Park Building, 8200 Able Street NE. He noted that the City is required to submit the levy no later than September 30, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff Accepting Resolution 2024-48, Adopting Proposed 2024 Tax Levy Collectible in 2025.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 2024-49, Cancelling or Reducing Bond Levies – 2024/2025

Administrator Buchholtz stated that State Law requires the County Auditor to levy the amount of debt service originally certified unless the City passes a resolution cancelling the levy. He said that Resolution 2024-49 would cancel two debt service levies and reduce a third.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the bonds are able to be reduced due to a combination of Public Utilities funds, Special Assessments, Cable PEG fees, Municipal State Aid funds, and General Fund budget allocations.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Resolution 2024-49, Cancelling or Reducing Bond Levies – 2024-2024.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2024-50, Approving a Variance from the Side Yard Setback for a Driveway Expansion at 725 82nd Avenue NE

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City received an application from Gene Pagel, 725 82nd Avenue NE, for a variance from the side yard setback for a driveway addition to his property. He stated that the applicant is seeking a variance from the 5-foot side yard setback requirement, as set forth in SLPC 16.040.030 of the Spring Lake Park City Code.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that Mr. Pagel is seeking a 5-foot variance from the side yard setback (0 feet from the western property line instead of 5-feet).

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 26, 2024 to consider the request. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance, subject to the following conditions:

- Driveway modifications must be constructed pursuant to the standards set forth by the City of Spring Lake Park. Applicant must secure a zoning permit from the Code Enforcement Department for the expanded driveway.
- Drainage must be handled in such a way not to deposit storm water or snow onto a neighboring property.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 2024-50, Approving a Variance from the Side Yard Setback for a Driveway Expansion at 725 82nd Avenue NE.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about how this permit came to the Council. Building Official Baker stated that a resident called inquiring if a permit, was issued for work on the property.

D. Resolution 2024-51, Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for 2025 Street Improvement Project

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Public Works Director has identified 79th Avenue NE between Monroe Street and TH-65 as a priority street for a pavement mill and overlay.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that staff is requesting that the City Council order preparation of a Feasibility Report for 2025 79th Avenue NE Street Improvement Project.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired when the remainder of 79th Avenue would be completed. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Public Works Director would evaluate the remaining segment of 79th Avenue NE in conformance with the seal coat program.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 2024-51, Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for 2025 Street Improvement Project.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Purchase of Playground Equipment for Terrace Park

Recreation Director Okey gave an overview of the new playground equipment for Terrace Park recommended for selection by the Park and Recreation Commission. She stated that the new playground equipment is funded by the Community Development Block Grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling for Approval of Purchase of Playground Equipment for Terrace Park.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Accept Letter of Retirement from Recreation Director Kay Okey

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Accept Letter of Retirement from Recreation Director Kay Okey.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Authorize Hiring Process for Public Works Maintenance Worker

Administrator Buchholtz is seeking authorization from the City Council to initiate the hiring process for a Public Works Maintenance Worker. He said the process will include posting the job, conducting interviews, and making a recommendation for hire.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that it is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to proceed with the hiring process for a Public Works Maintenance Worker, due to the essential nature of the position and workload demands.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Authorize Hiring Process for Public Works Maintenance Worker.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

D. Police Officer Candidate Conditional Job Offer

Chief Antoine stated that he offered a conditional job offer to Rachelle Gulbranson for the position of Patrol Officer. He stated that Ms. Gulbranson is currently a Community Service Officer (CSO) for the Fridley Police Department.

Chief Antoine is seeking Council approval of Rachelle Gulbranson, pending passing a psychological, medical and drug exam, and a physical agility test.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Police Officer Candidate Conditional Job Offer to Rachelle Gulbranson.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

E. Authorize Hiring Process for Police Officer Position

Chief Antoine gave an overview of the March 2023 staffing study presented to City Council, indicating that the Police Department could support the addition of two new officers. He stated that the last time a new officer was hired was in 1990s when the School Resource Officer (SRO) was appointed. Chief Antoine stated that the new hire would bring the Department up to 12 licensed officers, including himself.

Chief Antoine is requesting authorization to advertise for the new officer position, accept applications and conduct interviews of the top candidates.

Muton made by Councilmember Dircks to Authorize Hiring Process for Police Officer Position.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

F. Accept Proposal for Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment – 8476/8478 Highway 65 NE

Administrator Buchholtz stated that as part of the City's due diligence, a Phase 1 Environmental Ste Assessment (ESA) was conducted at 8478/8476 Highway 65 NE. He stated that a recognized environmental condition (REC) was identified due to the historical use of the adjacent property as a dry-cleaning facility. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the REC warranted further investigation through a Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that Stantec Consulting Services Inc., submitted a proposal to conduct the Phase 2 ESA. The estimated cost for the assessment is \$11,360.00, to

include drilling, sampling and reporting. He stated that the cost does not include potential cost for waste disposal of participation in the MPCA Voluntary Brownfield Program.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that staff recommends approval of the quote from Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment at 8478/8476 Highway 65 NE in the amount of \$11,360.00.

Councilmember Wendling inquired about the City recouping the cost of testing. Administrator Buchholtz stated that if there is any disposal or remediation needed the City can apply for reimbursement from the Superfund.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Accept Proposal for Phase 11 Environmental Site Assessment – 8476/8478 Highway 65 NE.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

G. Approval of Loan Agreement between City of Spring Lake Park and Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Administrator Buchholtz gave an overview of the negotiated purchase agreement for the property located at 8478 Highway 65 NE. He stated that the total purchase price for the property is estimated at \$650,000.00.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City has approximately \$480,000.00 available from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ACHRA). He said there is a funding gap of \$170,000.00, and to bridge that gap the City requested a loan from the ACHRA of up to \$200,000.00. Administrator Buchholtz disclosed that the loan would be repaid through future ACHRA levy funds collected within the city.

Administrator Buchholtz stated staff recommends that the City Council approve the loan agreement between the City of Spring Lake Park and the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired what would happen if there was an issue with the boring test. Administrator Buchholtz said that during the due diligence period the Council still has an option to withdraw from the purchase. Attorney Thames stated that Council will have another opportunity before closing to withdraw.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling authorizing Approval of Loan Agreement between City of Spring Lake Park and Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried

H. Schedule City Administrator Performance Evaluation

City Council scheduled the Administrator's Performance Evaluation during the September 16, 2024 City Council meeting.

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report - Report

B. Engineer's Report - Reported accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report - Administrator Buchholtz gave an update on the City Hall Renovation/Expansion Project.

11. OTHER

A. Correspondence – None

B. Close Meeting to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Purchase of Real Property Pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3)

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to close the City Council meeting to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Purchase of Real Property Pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) for the property identified as 8480-8492 Highway 65 NE.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed at 8:28 PM

Meeting reconvened at 8:48 PM

Attorney Thames stated that the City Council met in closed session to discuss meeting to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Purchase of Real Property Pursuant to M.S. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) for the property identified as 8480-8492 Highway 65 NE. Attorney Thames stated that City Council has provided staff and attorney with direction.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
76186	ACTIVE NETWORK, LLC	ACTIVE NET SERVICE PKG	\$	2,400.00
76187	ARTSTART	4TH OF JULY MEDALLIONS	\$	480.00
76188	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE--BLOOMER	\$	122.39
76189	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	146.46
76190	CINTAS	FLOOR MATS	\$	108.25
76191	CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW	LAKESIDE PARK BUDGET	\$	12,500.00
76192	COMCAST	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	149.72
76193	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST	\$	32.25
76194	INDIGITAL	SCANNING SERVICES	\$	5,394.64
76195	KAREN FISKE	IMPACT ACCESSORIES REIMB.-UNIFORM ALLOW	\$	89.11
76196	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	DEDUCTIBLE CLAIM NO. 000000343076	\$	1,000.00
76197	MINNESOTA GFOA	MNGFOA CONFERENCE--M. BARKER	\$	250.00
76198	NORTHLAND SECURITIES INC	ANNUAL TIF REPORTING FOR TIF DIST 6-1	\$	1,200.00
76199	PITNEY BOWES INC	METER RENTAL	\$	502.64
76200	SHRED-IT USA	SHREDDING SERVICES	\$	134.76
76201	WILLIE MCCRAY	SOFTBALL UMPIRE	\$	910.00
76202	ALLIED BLACKTOP	SEAL COAT & CRACK REPAIR PMNT NO. 2-FINAL	\$	89,157.74
76203	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$	204.37
76204	ANOKA CO TREASURY DEPT	BATTERIES / MICROPHONE	\$	308.76
76205	ANOKA COUNTY PROPERTY RECORDS	ESCROWS ZD2024-0001 / ZD2024-0002	\$	92.00
76206	AT & T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE SERVICES	\$	1,129.57
76207	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	BATTERIES	\$	140.88
76208	BCA BTS	EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT COURSE--KRAMER	\$	300.00
76209	BCA BTS	ELECTRICIAN BACKGROUND CHK #1	\$	33.25
76210	BCA BTS	ELECTRICIAN BACKGROUND CHK #2	\$	33.25
76211	CADY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	PHONE SYSTEM	\$	1,679.20
76212	CANYONLANDS BY NIGHT & DAY	SOUND & LIGHT SHOW BOAT TOUR & DINNER	\$	3,421.83
76213	CAR WASH PARTNERS INC (dba: MISTER CAR W	CAR WASHES	\$	104.00
76214	CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER	ATTORNEY SERVICES	\$	9,642.75
76215	CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY	PARTS	\$	654.89
76216	CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRES	GREASE SUMMER 2025 DEPOSIT	\$	355.00
76217	CONNEXUS ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	\$	9.83
76218	CONSTRUCTION RESULTS CORP	CITY HALL RENO/EXPANSION PMNT NO. 6	\$	624,617.40
76219	CORE & MAIN LP	FLEXNET M2 SFTWR SUPPORT	\$	3,500.00
76220	CUSTOM CAP & TIRE	PARTS	\$	1,043.90
76221	DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	BASIC PIT/TVI--LEMKE	\$	700.00
76222	FASTENAL COMPANY	PARTS	\$	8.28
76223	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2518	PARTS	\$	65.48
76224	HAUGEN, CORY M	WASTEWATER SC CERT FEE REIMBURSEMENT	\$	45.00
76225	HEARTLAND TIRE INC	SQUAD 223 REPAIRS	\$	197.00
76226	IAPE	NEW MEMBER VIDO CLASS--SMITH	\$	395.00
76227	JIM GROEBNER	YOUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRE CONTRACT	\$	42.00
76228	JOEY D'S TREE SERVICE	CUT/HAUL 4 ASH--CITY HALL	\$	4,000.00
76229	JOSH ANTOINE	CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$	50.00
76230	KAREN FISKE	OFFICE SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT	\$	54.99
76232	LIND ELECTRONICS, LLC	EQUIPMENT FOR SQUADS	\$	900.00
76233	M-R SIGN CO INC	STREET SIGNS	\$	3,716.56
76234	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	UNLEADED / DIESEL FUEL	\$	4,996.87

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76235	MARIE RIDGEWAY LISS,LLC	SLP POWER PROGRAM	\$	400.00
76236	MARTIN, MARY	DAY TRIP OVER THE RIVER REFUND	\$	96.00
76237	MENARDS - BLAINE	FIREMANS' NOZZLE	\$	15.98
76238	MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	CC PMNT	\$	833.77
76239	METRO-INET	DATA SERVICES	\$	173.00
76240	MIR ALI	UB REFUND	\$	11.92
76241	MUNIAID, LLC	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$	600.00
76242	MUNICIPAL PAVING PLANT	HOT MIX ASPHALT	\$	2,642.15
76243	NORTH VALLEY INC	PATCHING SITES 3 & 4 / ST IMPRO PROJ PMNT N	\$	495,762.89
76244	ON SITE SANITATION INC	STD CONSTRUCTION RESTROOMS	\$	288.00
76245	PALEN KIMBALL, LLC DBA SIGNATURE MECHAN	8" CHECK VALVE IN WELL	\$	8,775.00
76246	REVOLUTIONARY SPORTS, LLC	2024 SUMMER SESSION II SOCCER CLASSES	\$	703.50
76247	SCHAAF FLORAL	FLORAL ARRAGEMENT--ROSEMARY GOODMAN	\$	94.99
76248	SCHMITTY & SONS TRANSPORTATION	MYSTERY TRIP 07/24 TRANSPORTATION	\$	1,655.50
76249	STANDARD SPRING PARTS	PARTS	\$	2,244.86
76250	THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	CC PMNT	\$	49.64
76251	TOLL GAS & WELDING SUPPLY	OXYGEN	\$	38.13
76252	UNLIMITED SUPPLIES, INC	SUPPLIES	\$	94.67
76253	WARGO NATURE CENTER	CANOE CLASS 07/30	\$	100.00
76254	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	1,434.11
76255	ZULEY AWARDS	YOUTH SOFTBALL EXTRA TROPHIES	\$	45.06
76256	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	\$	62.60
76257	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	\$	3,120.00
76258	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	\$	387.20
76259	HEALTH PARTNERS, INC	PAYROLL	\$	30,694.31
76260	LELS	PAYROLL	\$	634.50
76261	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	\$	210.00
76262	METLIFE	PAYROLL	\$	1,962.50
76263	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	\$	32.00
76264	ACTIVE NETWORK, LLC	ACTIVE NET SERVICE PKG	\$	2,400.00
76265	AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING	85TH/ SANBURNOL / 83RD ST PROJECT	\$	2,717.30
76266	ANTOINETTE MORTENSEN	ALBE PARK BLDG RENTAL / 08/13 ELECTION	\$	409.88
76267	ARLETHA BLANKS	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	314.50
76268	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE--LOHSE-JOHNSON	\$	134.90
76269	BORIKEN CULTURAL CENTER	LIONS LAKESIDE PARK SOFTBALL FIELD	\$	100.00
76270	CARDINAL INVESTIGATIONS	BULMAN & GULBRANSON BACKGROUND CHKS	\$	1,950.00
76271	CAROLYN LOHMAN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	380.00
76272	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	150.56
76273	CINTAS	FLOOR MATS	\$	108.25
76274	COMCAST	8251 ARTHUR ST NE	\$	113.07
76275	COMCAST	ABLE WARMING HOUSE	\$	299.44
76276	COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$	6,037.94
76277	CONNEXUS ENERGY	8463 TERRACE / 8500 CENTRAL	\$	331.50
76278	DARRELL RITZEMA	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76279	DAVID NOVAK	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76280	DEBORAH OSGOOD	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76281	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	2023 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE	\$	145.12
76282	ELEANOR PUUMALA	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	314.50

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76283	EMBEDDED SYSTEMS, INC	6 MONTH SIREN MAINT FEE X2	\$	599.64
76284	ERNA THOMLEY	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	346.88
76285	EYER, GLORIA	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76286	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL INC	LOCATES	\$	130.95
76287	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	WATER CHEMICALS	\$	160.00
76288	HERB HOPPENSTEDT	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	328.38
76289	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	115.41
76290	JOANN HYDEMAN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	314.50
76291	JOANNE KNUTSON	UTILITY BILL--IRRIGATION REFUND	\$	1,693.94
76292	JOEY D'S TREE SERVICE	CUT DOWN 1 LG MAPLE / REMOVE BRANCHES	\$	3,200.00
76293	JOHN FAIRBAIRN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76294	JUDY ANN ROGGE	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	385.00
76295	JULIUS COSTANZA	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	296.00
76296	KAREN HOKENSON	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	337.00
76297	KATH FUEL OIL SERVICE	OIL	\$	317.04
76298	KATHY ROTHAM	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	435.00
76299	KELLY DELFS	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76300	KENNETH ORTIZ	LIONS LAKESIDE PARK SOFTBALL FIELD	\$	100.00
76301	KENNETH WENDLING	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76302	KIRSTEN STRAND	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76303	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	INTERPRETATION SERVICES	\$	122.57
76304	LAURANE ELY	ELECTION TRAINING	\$	37.00
76305	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	CLAIM NO. 00505172	\$	17.55
76306	LINDA HANSEN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	385.00
76307	LISA MONSON-HOKENSON	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	385.00
76308	LITHIA MOTORS SUPPORT SERVICES	PARTS & SERVICES	\$	2,400.86
76309	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	UNLEADED / DIESEL FUEL	\$	2,582.53
76310	MARY KAY PILTZ	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76311	METLIFE	COBRA DENTAL PMNT	\$	146.50
76312	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	WASTEWATER SERVICES DEF REV	\$	51,957.59
76313	MICHAEL MOREHOUSE	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76315	MINNESOTA-WIS PLAYGROUND INC	REMOVE EXISTING PLAY EQUIP & INSTALL	\$	68,090.00
76316	MN DEP'T OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	PRESSURE VESSELS	\$	60.00
76317	NANCY ROSE-BALAMUT	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	375.00
76318	NICK HUESER	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76319	OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	FIBER OPTICS	\$	44.60
76320	PAULIE SKUBITZ	TWIN CITIES RIVER RATS REFUND	\$	36.00
76321	PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS, INC.	SERVICE INTEGRATED PLANT MGMT SITE VISITS	\$	2,550.00
76322	RECYCLE TECHNOLOGIES	07/13 RECYCLING EVENT	\$	3,160.70
76323	SHARON DEINKEN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76324	SHRED-IT USA	SHREDDING SERVICES	\$	142.99
76325	STACEY HENDREN	08/13 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$	309.88
76326	TASC	COBRA ADMIN FEE	\$	35.20
76327	USS MINNESOTA ONE MT LLC	SOLAR	\$	16,067.75
76328	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	MONTHLY RECYCLING / ORGANICS / TRASH SERV	\$	12,093.56
76329	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	\$	692.39
76330	DVS	8064 GARFIELD VEHICLE TITLE TRANSFERS	\$	2,987.92
76331	AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$	2,987.92

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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
76332	BOYER TRUCKS - ST. MICHAEL	GROMMET	\$	1.25
76333	CANYON FEVER GUIDES	BRYCE CANYON STEP-ON-GUIDE NTL PARK TOUF	\$	241.60
76334	CENTRAL RENTAL CO	150' SNAK/ BASIN WRENCH RENTAL	\$	112.99
76335	CHANCES "R" RESTAURANT	NTL PARK TOUR EVENING MEAL 09/05/24	\$	757.70
76336	DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	PAINT SUPPLIES	\$	1,333.50
76337	EARL F. ANDERSEN A DIVISION OF SAFETY SIGN	BARACADES / EOR BOARDS	\$	1,396.05
76338	FASTENAL COMPANY	PARTS	\$	68.23
76339	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2518	PARTS	\$	779.30
76340	FLEETPRIDE	PARTS	\$	51.42
76341	I STATE TRUCK CENTER	AUTO REPAIRS	\$	5,938.74
76342	MENARDS - BLAINE	PARTS	\$	24.35
76343	MICHAEL LEDMAN	ADULT YOGA--AUGUST SESSION	\$	297.00
76344	MINNEAPOLIS SAW COMPANY, INC.	OIL MIX / SPEEDCUT NANO CHAIN	\$	106.80
76345	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	3RD QTR WATER CONNECTION FEE	\$	5,542.00
76346	NAVTEC EXPEDITIONS	HALF DAY ISLAND IN THE SKY MOTORCOACH	\$	5,039.82
76347	NYSTROM PUBLISHING CO	FALL 2024 PARK & REC CATALOG	\$	9,061.06
76348	RILEY BUS SERVICE INC	NATL PARK TOUR BUS 09/05 - 09/16	\$	19,050.00
76349	STANTEC	PROJ NO. 227707092	\$	4,793.28
76350	TWIN CITIES BMEU WEST	NEW JOURNEYS FALL MAILING	\$	391.74
76351	WILLIE MCCRAY	SOFTBALL UMPIRE	\$	630.00
76352	ZULEY AWARDS	YOUTH SOFTBALL MEDALS	\$	70.11
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$	<u>1,578,935.09</u>

WHEREAS,

the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park has considered the foregoing itemized list of disbursements; and

WHEREAS,

the City Council has determined that all disbursements, as listed, with the following exceptions:

are proper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that the City Council directs and approves the payment of the aforementioned disbursements this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed: _____

Mayor

Councilmembers:

ATTEST:

Daniel Buchholtz, Admin/Clerk-Treasurer

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Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 00000						
101.00000.31010	CURRENT TAXES	3,823,887.00	2,042,131.94	0.00	1,781,755.06	53.40
101.00000.31020	DELINQ TAXES	0.00	20,158.53	0.00	(20,158.53)	100.00
101.00000.31910	PENALTIES & INTEREST	0.00	12,851.88	0.00	(12,851.88)	100.00
101.00000.32110	LIQUOR LICENSES	31,827.00	7,766.74	0.00	24,060.26	24.40
101.00000.32111	OFF-SALE LIQUOR	310.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	0.00
101.00000.32179	PAWN SHOP LICENSES	6,252.00	4,168.00	521.00	2,084.00	66.67
101.00000.32180	CIGARETTE,DANCE,BINGO & MISC LIC	6,000.00	1,150.00	0.00	4,850.00	19.17
101.00000.32181	SIGN PERMITS	5,500.00	5,257.50	532.50	242.50	95.59
101.00000.32208	CONTRACTORS LICENSES	8,500.00	10,085.00	390.00	(1,585.00)	118.65
101.00000.32210	BUILDING PERMIT	75,000.00	56,499.07	13,497.35	18,500.93	75.33
101.00000.32211	BUILDING PERMIT SURCHARGES	5,000.00	1,709.65	536.29	3,290.35	34.19
101.00000.32230	PLUMBING PERMIT	5,000.00	4,109.35	894.10	890.65	82.19
101.00000.32231	PLUMBING PERMIT SURCHARGES	500.00	59.67	14.67	440.33	11.93
101.00000.32232	HEATING & A/C PERMITS	10,000.00	8,740.31	1,081.05	1,259.69	87.40
101.00000.32233	HTG & A/C SURCHARGES	1,000.00	176.20	29.72	823.80	17.62
101.00000.32240	PET LICENSE	400.00	928.00	110.00	(528.00)	232.00
101.00000.32260	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	3,000.00	2,450.00	0.00	550.00	81.67
101.00000.32261	VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION	2,000.00	600.00	0.00	1,400.00	30.00
101.00000.32262	SOLICITORS LICENSE	0.00	50.00	0.00	(50.00)	100.00
101.00000.33401	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID	771,720.00	385,860.00	0.00	385,860.00	50.00
101.00000.33416	POLICE TRAINING REIMB	10,000.00	11,150.06	11,150.06	(1,150.06)	111.50
101.00000.33421	INSURANCE PREMIUM-POLICE	95,000.00	0.00	0.00	95,000.00	0.00
101.00000.34102	ZONING LETTERS	200.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
101.00000.34103	SPEC USE,ZONING,SUB-DIV	5,500.00	11,806.43	4,811.26	(6,306.43)	214.66
101.00000.34104	PLAN CHECKING FEES	40,000.00	4,522.23	80.00	35,477.77	11.31
101.00000.34105	SALE OF MAPS,COPIES ETC	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
101.00000.34107	ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	100.00	25.00	0.00	75.00	25.00
101.00000.34108	ADMINISTRATION SAC CHARGES	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
101.00000.34109	FILING FEES	60.00	75.00	30.00	(15.00)	125.00
101.00000.34111	ADM. GAMBLING EXPENSES	41,027.00	0.00	0.00	41,027.00	0.00
101.00000.34115	GUN RANGE FACILITY USE	375.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	0.00
101.00000.34117	ROOM-FACILITY RENTAL	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
101.00000.34201	POLICE & FIRE ALARM PERMIT	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
101.00000.34202	POLICE REPORTS	500.00	1,140.00	260.00	(640.00)	228.00
101.00000.34204	HOUSING REGISTRATION	103,300.00	34,900.00	1,000.00	68,400.00	33.79
101.00000.34205	RIGHT OF WAY APPLICATIONS	2,000.00	1,850.00	200.00	150.00	92.50
101.00000.34801	INSURANCE DIVIDENDS	12,656.00	0.00	0.00	12,656.00	0.00
101.00000.34949	RESTITUTION	0.00	1,343.00	0.00	(1,343.00)	100.00
101.00000.34950	REFUNDS & REIMB	7,500.00	3,660.83	287.05	3,839.17	48.81
101.00000.35101	COURT FINES	45,000.00	29,621.64	3,575.17	15,378.36	65.83
101.00000.35102	ADM OFFENSE FINES	40,000.00	37,855.00	600.00	2,145.00	94.64
101.00000.35348	PROPERTY ROOM REVENUE	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
101.00000.35349	MN DRIVING DIVERSION PROGRAM	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
101.00000.35350	DETOX TRANSPORTATION	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
101.00000.36201	SOLAR ENERGY CREDITS-XCEL	0.00	23,254.41	0.00	(23,254.41)	100.00
101.00000.36210	INTEREST EARNINGS	10,000.00	230,297.63	30,463.01	(220,297.63)	2,302.98
101.00000.39100	REIM FOR SERVICES	0.00	75.00	0.00	(75.00)	100.00
101.00000.39202	TRANSFER FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES	57,002.00	0.00	0.00	57,002.00	0.00
101.00000.39205	TRANSFER-FROM TIF FUND	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00

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Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 00000						
101.00000.39206	TRANSFER FROM RECYCLING FUND	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
101.00000.39207	TRANSFER FROM RECREATION	62,500.00	0.00	0.00	62,500.00	0.00
101.00000.39208	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
Total Dept 00000		5,341,466.00	2,956,428.07	70,063.23	2,385,037.93	55.35
Revenues		5,341,466.00	2,956,428.07	70,063.23	2,385,037.93	55.35
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 41110 MAYOR AND COUNCIL						
101.41110.41030	PART TIME EMPLOYEES	31,297.00	20,863.04	2,607.88	10,433.96	66.66
101.41110.41211	DEFINED CONTR PLAN/PERA	1,565.00	1,043.28	130.41	521.72	66.66
101.41110.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	2,394.00	1,596.01	199.47	797.99	66.67
101.41110.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	70.00	62.10	0.00	7.90	88.71
101.41110.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	500.00	399.72	0.00	100.28	79.94
101.41110.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	500.00	230.02	0.00	269.98	46.00
101.41110.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,550.00	532.11	96.75	1,017.89	34.33
101.41110.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	4,830.00	0.00	0.00	4,830.00	0.00
101.41110.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	5,470.00	4,212.52	0.00	1,257.48	77.01
101.41110.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	16,139.00	7,503.00	488.00	8,636.00	46.49
101.41110.44955	DISCRETIONARY FUND	12,050.00	835.73	94.99	11,214.27	6.94
Total Dept 41110 - MAYOR AND COUNCIL		76,365.00	37,277.53	3,617.50	39,087.47	48.81
Department: 41400 ADMINISTRATION						
101.41400.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	367,554.00	243,911.71	28,000.79	123,642.29	66.36
101.41400.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
101.41400.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	27,567.00	18,736.82	2,093.13	8,830.18	67.97
101.41400.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	28,578.00	18,023.88	2,002.13	10,554.12	63.07
101.41400.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	66,802.00	41,526.43	5,170.94	25,275.57	62.16
101.41400.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	200.00	143.30	16.86	56.70	71.65
101.41400.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	3,095.00	2,095.00	0.00	1,000.00	67.69
101.41400.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,050.00	1,909.97	0.00	1,140.03	62.62
101.41400.42030	PRINTED FORMS	1,925.00	282.25	0.00	1,642.75	14.66
101.41400.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	615.00	1,043.70	0.00	(428.70)	169.71
101.41400.42220	POSTAGE	2,706.00	1,193.01	101.62	1,512.99	44.09
101.41400.43210	TELEPHONE	625.00	363.87	51.99	261.13	58.22
101.41400.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	3,500.00	2,139.74	230.76	1,360.26	61.14
101.41400.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
101.41400.43550	COUNTY FEES FOR SERVICE	1,550.00	1,773.48	0.00	(223.48)	114.42
101.41400.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	0.00	2,200.00	0.00	(2,200.00)	100.00
101.41400.44050	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	13,790.00	11,348.23	0.00	2,441.77	82.29
101.41400.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	6,335.00	4,129.40	0.00	2,205.60	65.18
101.41400.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,505.00	1,033.75	600.00	471.25	68.69
101.41400.44380	BANK CHARGES	2,000.00	1,261.35	209.79	738.65	63.07
101.41400.44390	MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	(1,336.75)	0.00	1,336.75	100.00
101.41400.44500	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,966.00	5,068.03	71.50	897.97	84.95
101.41400.44502	RECREATION REFUNDS	0.00	150.00	0.00	(150.00)	100.00
Total Dept 41400 - ADMINISTRATION		543,663.00	356,997.17	38,549.51	186,665.83	65.67
Department: 41500 ASSESSOR						
101.41500.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	39,140.00	18,851.26	0.00	20,288.74	48.16

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Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 41500 ASSESSOR						
	Total Dept 41500 - ASSESSOR	39,140.00	18,851.26	0.00	20,288.74	48.16
Department: 41540 AUDIT & ACCTG SERVICES						
101.41540.43010	AUDIT & ACCTG SERVICES	13,400.00	13,025.00	0.00	375.00	97.20
	Total Dept 41540 - AUDIT & ACCTG SERVICES	13,400.00	13,025.00	0.00	375.00	97.20
Department: 41600 I.T. SERVICES						
101.41600.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	70,453.00	62,725.98	4,818.60	7,727.02	89.03
	Total Dept 41600 - I.T. SERVICES	70,453.00	62,725.98	4,818.60	7,727.02	89.03
Department: 41610 LEGAL FEES						
101.41610.43040	LEGAL FEES	122,500.00	62,397.75	8,490.00	60,102.25	50.94
	Total Dept 41610 - LEGAL FEES	122,500.00	62,397.75	8,490.00	60,102.25	50.94
Department: 41710 ENGINEERING FEES						
101.41710.43030	ENGINEERING FEES	6,500.00	1,006.11	100.00	5,493.89	15.48
	Total Dept 41710 - ENGINEERING FEES	6,500.00	1,006.11	100.00	5,493.89	15.48
Department: 41720 PLANNING & ZONING						
101.41720.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
101.41720.42220	POSTAGE	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
101.41720.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	300.00	48.37	0.00	251.63	16.12
101.41720.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	2,000.00	1,106.95	0.00	893.05	55.35
	Total Dept 41720 - PLANNING & ZONING	2,500.00	1,155.32	0.00	1,344.68	46.21
Department: 41940 GOVERNMENT BUILDING						
101.41940.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	19,443.00	12,814.35	1,464.50	6,628.65	65.91
101.41940.41013	OVERTIME	0.00	373.01	27.49	(373.01)	100.00
101.41940.41020	ON CALL SALARIES	500.00	288.29	0.00	211.71	57.66
101.41940.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
101.41940.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	1,459.00	1,035.95	111.89	423.05	71.00
101.41940.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	1,557.00	1,036.43	110.23	520.57	66.57
101.41940.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,140.00	1,727.03	213.07	1,412.97	55.00
101.41940.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	13.00	9.28	1.09	3.72	71.38
101.41940.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,128.00	1,128.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
101.41940.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	115.41	115.41	(115.41)	100.00
101.41940.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	11,000.00	11,392.55	249.13	(392.55)	103.57
101.41940.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	12,000.00	6,554.03	20.00	5,445.97	54.62
101.41940.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	288.00	187.50	0.00	100.50	65.10
101.41940.43210	TELEPHONE	9,300.00	7,535.51	1,679.20	1,764.49	81.03
101.41940.43810	ELECTRIC UTILITIES	24,000.00	20,409.06	3,932.28	3,590.94	85.04
101.41940.43830	GAS UTILITIES	24,000.00	11,593.33	88.83	12,406.67	48.31
101.41940.43841	RUBBISH REMOVAL	4,800.00	6,436.59	516.81	(1,636.59)	134.10
101.41940.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	5,000.00	22,012.86	7,145.37	(17,012.86)	440.26
101.41940.45000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	9,178.98	0.00	(9,178.98)	100.00
101.41940.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	14,754.00	0.00	0.00	14,754.00	0.00
	Total Dept 41940 - GOVERNMENT BUILDING	132,782.00	113,828.16	15,675.30	18,953.84	85.73
Department: 42100 POLICE PROTECTION						
101.42100.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	1,213,735.00	815,588.70	87,049.39	398,146.30	67.20
101.42100.41013	OVERTIME	100,000.00	38,252.81	5,464.29	61,747.19	38.25

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Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 42100 POLICE PROTECTION						
101.42100.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	8,000.00	1,599.29	1,279.43	6,400.71	19.99
101.42100.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	218,203.00	144,998.05	15,881.27	73,204.95	66.45
101.42100.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	28,372.00	17,415.13	1,918.36	10,956.87	61.38
101.42100.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	223,659.00	125,667.22	14,840.24	97,991.78	56.19
101.42100.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	722.00	472.30	52.20	249.70	65.42
101.42100.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	91,531.00	88,530.74	0.00	3,000.26	96.72
101.42100.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,600.00	872.32	130.71	2,727.68	24.23
101.42100.42030	PRINTED FORMS	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	0.00
101.42100.42040	RANGE EQUIP & SUPPLIES	9,400.00	1,272.85	0.00	8,127.15	13.54
101.42100.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	6,330.00	2,458.53	144.42	3,871.47	38.84
101.42100.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	27,500.00	15,078.47	770.48	12,421.53	54.83
101.42100.42220	POSTAGE	1,500.00	187.80	23.94	1,312.20	12.52
101.42100.43050	MEDICAL EXPENSE	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
101.42100.43210	TELEPHONE	3,425.00	2,129.58	386.50	1,295.42	62.18
101.42100.43211	DATA SERVICES	39,105.00	32,631.85	440.61	6,473.15	83.45
101.42100.43300	CLOTHING & PERSONAL EQUIP	11,450.00	6,798.06	160.60	4,651.94	59.37
101.42100.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,200.00	275.45	0.00	924.55	22.95
101.42100.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	61,683.00	43,089.99	4,110.20	18,593.01	69.86
101.42100.44050	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	8,600.00	7,544.04	0.00	1,055.96	87.72
101.42100.44060	AUTO EQUIPMENT REPAIR	22,500.00	11,726.92	3,160.76	10,773.08	52.12
101.42100.44070	OTHER EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,500.00	1,945.12	1,608.76	554.88	77.80
101.42100.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	30,000.00	11,293.87	1,590.58	18,706.13	37.65
101.42100.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,895.00	1,213.00	395.00	682.00	64.01
101.42100.45000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	56,000.00	46,698.71	0.00	9,301.29	83.39
101.42100.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00
Total Dept 42100 - POLICE PROTECTION		2,194,110.00	1,417,740.80	139,407.74	776,369.20	64.62
Department: 42200 FIRE PROTECTION						
101.42200.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	279,344.00	162,505.00	0.00	116,839.00	58.17
101.42200.45000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	66,742.00	33,371.00	0.00	33,371.00	50.00
Total Dept 42200 - FIRE PROTECTION		346,086.00	195,876.00	0.00	150,210.00	56.60
Department: 42300 CODE ENFORCEMENT						
101.42300.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	213,203.00	141,865.54	16,215.50	71,337.46	66.54
101.42300.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	0.00
101.42300.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	23,864.00	10,904.22	1,213.21	12,959.78	45.69
101.42300.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	11,778.00	6,958.20	806.40	4,819.80	59.08
101.42300.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	43,789.00	25,378.80	2,563.20	18,410.20	57.96
101.42300.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	129.00	92.39	10.86	36.61	71.62
101.42300.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,519.00	1,519.00	0.00	1,000.00	60.30
101.42300.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	10.86	0.00	589.14	1.81
101.42300.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,500.00	2,823.20	0.00	676.80	80.66
101.42300.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	2,500.00	1,001.76	51.37	1,498.24	40.07
101.42300.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	2,250.00	39.95	0.00	2,210.05	1.78
101.42300.43210	TELEPHONE	1,500.00	592.51	101.75	907.49	39.50
101.42300.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	250.00	14.28	0.00	235.72	5.71
101.42300.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
101.42300.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	2,600.00	570.00	0.00	2,030.00	21.92
101.42300.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,085.00	5,235.49	0.00	(150.49)	102.96

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Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 42300 CODE ENFORCEMENT						
Total Dept 42300 - CODE ENFORCEMENT		318,367.00	197,006.20	20,962.29	121,360.80	61.88
Department: 43000 STREET DEPARTMENT						
101.43000.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	175,108.00	116,957.09	13,399.47	58,150.91	66.79
101.43000.41013	OVERTIME	9,218.00	1,423.85	27.49	7,794.15	15.45
101.43000.41020	ON CALL SALARIES	4,214.00	2,212.65	408.59	2,001.35	52.51
101.43000.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	1,900.00	0.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00
101.43000.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	14,141.00	9,295.20	1,037.70	4,845.80	65.73
101.43000.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	14,570.00	8,834.05	968.14	5,735.95	60.63
101.43000.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	25,611.00	22,477.87	2,775.82	3,133.13	87.77
101.43000.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	105.00	75.23	8.84	29.77	71.65
101.43000.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	14,797.00	13,797.00	0.00	1,000.00	93.24
101.43000.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0.00	1,160.97	0.00	(1,160.97)	100.00
101.43000.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	18,000.00	12,378.83	892.19	5,621.17	68.77
101.43000.42150	SHOP MATERIALS	5,000.00	2,131.46	69.81	2,868.54	42.63
101.43000.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	8,500.00	2,916.90	127.21	5,583.10	34.32
101.43000.42210	EQUIPMENT PARTS	10,000.00	9,029.78	62.37	970.22	90.30
101.43000.42221	TIRES	1,500.00	1,384.28	0.00	115.72	92.29
101.43000.42224	STREET MAINT SUPPLIES	3,000.00	958.02	0.00	2,041.98	31.93
101.43000.42226	SIGNS & STRIPING	9,000.00	8,498.71	6,580.87	501.29	94.43
101.43000.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,723.00	1,312.50	0.00	410.50	76.18
101.43000.43210	TELEPHONE	370.00	183.18	14.91	186.82	49.51
101.43000.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,040.00	0.00	0.00	1,040.00	0.00
101.43000.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	800.00	110.00	0.00	690.00	13.75
101.43000.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	220.00	61.00	0.00	159.00	27.73
101.43000.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
Total Dept 43000 - STREET DEPARTMENT		368,817.00	215,198.57	26,373.41	153,618.43	58.35
Department: 45100 RECREATION DEPARTMENT						
101.45100.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	284,923.00	193,057.26	22,307.69	91,865.74	67.76
101.45100.41040	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	30,645.00	25,149.70	8,853.25	5,495.30	82.07
101.45100.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
101.45100.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	21,370.00	14,863.72	1,673.09	6,506.28	69.55
101.45100.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	24,372.00	16,640.85	2,331.60	7,731.15	68.28
101.45100.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	45,934.00	28,705.51	3,600.46	17,228.49	62.49
101.45100.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	155.00	111.00	13.05	44.00	71.61
101.45100.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	17,903.00	16,903.00	0.00	1,000.00	94.41
101.45100.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,261.00	1,960.45	0.00	300.55	86.71
101.45100.42220	POSTAGE	13,710.00	7,611.14	3,467.28	6,098.86	55.52
101.45100.42290	RECREATION EQUIP SUPPLIES	3,000.00	788.35	0.00	2,211.65	26.28
101.45100.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,000.00	469.37	0.00	530.63	46.94
101.45100.43410	EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
101.45100.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	22,700.00	13,339.30	6,069.85	9,360.70	58.76
101.45100.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	1,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,550.00	0.00
101.45100.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	680.00	407.93	0.00	272.07	59.99
101.45100.44502	RECREATION REFUNDS	0.00	36.00	36.00	(36.00)	100.00
Total Dept 45100 - RECREATION DEPARTMENT		473,253.00	320,043.58	48,352.27	153,209.42	67.63
Department: 45200 PARKS DEPARTMENT						
101.45200.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	180,012.00	118,183.44	13,534.90	61,828.56	65.65

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Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 45200 PARKS DEPARTMENT						
101.45200.41013	OVERTIME	9,218.00	413.49	27.41	8,804.51	4.49
101.45200.41020	ON CALL SALARIES	4,214.00	288.20	0.00	3,925.80	6.84
101.45200.41040	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	35,000.00	44,557.50	8,229.50	(9,557.50)	127.31
101.45200.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
101.45200.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	14,509.00	9,153.85	1,017.14	5,355.15	63.09
101.45200.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	17,706.00	12,510.02	1,626.13	5,195.98	70.65
101.45200.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	26,096.00	20,606.10	2,600.90	5,489.90	78.96
101.45200.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	105.00	74.75	8.80	30.25	71.19
101.45200.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	14,730.00	13,747.55	17.55	982.45	93.33
101.45200.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,000.00	601.96	0.00	398.04	60.20
101.45200.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	16,500.00	10,961.30	857.94	5,538.70	66.43
101.45200.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	25,300.00	4,347.96	129.95	20,952.04	17.19
101.45200.42205	LAKESIDE PK EXP TO BE REIM	0.00	2,828.12	114.12	(2,828.12)	100.00
101.45200.42210	EQUIPMENT PARTS	6,000.00	1,738.65	120.76	4,261.35	28.98
101.45200.42221	TIRES	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
101.45200.42225	LANDSCAPING MATERIALS	15,852.00	8,200.81	0.00	7,651.19	51.73
101.45200.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,922.00	1,312.50	0.00	609.50	68.29
101.45200.42290	RECREATION EQUIP SUPPLIES	6,600.00	2,288.92	0.00	4,311.08	34.68
101.45200.43210	TELEPHONE	500.00	328.65	46.95	171.35	65.73
101.45200.43810	ELECTRIC UTILITIES	5,500.00	3,816.48	447.30	1,683.52	69.39
101.45200.43830	GAS UTILITIES	5,000.00	2,140.47	61.73	2,859.53	42.81
101.45200.43841	RUBBISH REMOVAL	1,000.00	63.90	0.00	936.10	6.39
101.45200.44190	SATELLITE RENTAL	1,998.00	2,026.56	288.00	(28.56)	101.43
101.45200.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	2,500.00	740.00	0.00	1,760.00	29.60
101.45200.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	88.00	0.00	0.00	88.00	0.00
101.45200.44500	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,780.00	1,245.96	0.00	534.04	70.00
101.45200.44901	LAKESIDE PARK EXPENSE	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total Dept 45200 - PARKS DEPARTMENT		409,630.00	274,677.14	29,129.08	134,952.86	67.05
Department: 49000 MISCELLANEOUS						
101.49000.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	800.00	383.29	35.20	416.71	47.91
101.49000.43600	INSURANCE	60,000.00	67,763.70	0.00	(7,763.70)	112.94
101.49000.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
101.49000.44389	CONTINGENCY FUND	10,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	10.00
101.49000.44390	MISCELLANEOUS	10,000.00	1,639.63	0.00	8,360.37	16.40
101.49000.44420	SURCHARGES-PLBG	200.00	53.50	0.00	146.50	26.75
101.49000.44430	SURCHARGES-HTG	400.00	85.90	0.00	314.10	21.48
101.49000.44440	SURCHARGES-BLDG	5,000.00	730.30	0.00	4,269.70	14.61
101.49000.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	127,500.00	25,000.00	0.00	102,500.00	19.61
Total Dept 49000 - MISCELLANEOUS		223,900.00	96,656.32	35.20	127,243.68	43.17
Expenditures		5,341,466.00	3,384,462.89	335,510.90	1,957,003.11	63.36
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		5,341,466.00	2,956,428.07	70,063.23	2,385,037.93	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		5,341,466.00	3,384,462.89	335,510.90	1,957,003.11	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:		0.00	(428,034.82)	(265,447.67)	428,034.82	

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Fund: 601 PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 00000						
601.00000.34950	REFUNDS & REIMB	6,691.00	543.52	0.00	6,147.48	8.12
601.00000.36200	MISC REVENUES	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
601.00000.36210	INTEREST EARNINGS	51,356.00	0.00	0.00	51,356.00	0.00
601.00000.37101	WATER COLLECTIONS	839,772.00	267,776.92	85.16	571,995.08	31.89
601.00000.37103	SALES TAX ADDED	6,200.00	4,277.04	0.00	1,922.96	68.98
601.00000.37104	PENALTIES/WATER	8,497.00	12,480.52	5,959.08	(3,983.52)	146.88
601.00000.37109	SAFE DRINKING WATER FEE	21,500.00	10,740.70	13.54	10,759.30	49.96
601.00000.37111	ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE	86,100.00	84,763.43	103.07	1,336.57	98.45
601.00000.37115	ESTIMATE READING CHR	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
601.00000.37149	WATER CONNECTION CHR	0.00	42.40	0.00	(42.40)	100.00
601.00000.37150	WATER CONNECTION CHARGES-WAC	0.00	1,034.11	0.00	(1,034.11)	100.00
601.00000.37151	WATER RECONNECTION	625.00	250.54	0.19	374.46	40.09
601.00000.37170	WATER PERMITS	125.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
601.00000.37171	WATER PERMIT SURCHARGES	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
601.00000.37172	WATER METER SALES	1,500.00	1,311.83	37.03	188.17	87.46
601.00000.37174	INSTALL CHGS-NEW PERMITS	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
601.00000.37201	SEWER COLLECTIONS	964,675.00	470,614.47	411.77	494,060.53	48.78
601.00000.37204	PENALTIES-SEWER	8,498.00	14,690.21	6,364.60	(6,192.21)	172.87
601.00000.37250	SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES-SAC	0.00	2,587.58	0.00	(2,587.58)	100.00
601.00000.37251	SEWER CONNECTION CHR	0.00	109.44	0.00	(109.44)	100.00
601.00000.37270	SEWER PERMITS	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
601.00000.37271	SEWER PERMIT SURCHARGES	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
601.00000.37273	SEWER HOOK-UP CHARGES	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
601.00000.39206	TRANSFER FROM RECYCLING FUND	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
Total Dept 00000		2,001,209.00	871,222.71	12,974.44	1,129,986.29	43.53
Revenues		2,001,209.00	871,222.71	12,974.44	1,129,986.29	43.53
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 49400 WATER DEPARTMENT						
601.49400.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	137,607.00	90,325.34	10,348.08	47,281.66	65.64
601.49400.41013	OVERTIME	9,480.00	982.40	170.91	8,497.60	10.36
601.49400.41020	ON CALL SALARIES	5,417.00	144.14	0.00	5,272.86	2.66
601.49400.41040	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	0.00	5,728.22	1,221.90	(5,728.22)	100.00
601.49400.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
601.49400.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	11,057.00	7,040.74	788.99	4,016.26	63.68
601.49400.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	11,899.00	7,451.94	872.09	4,447.06	62.63
601.49400.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	25,128.00	14,499.00	1,807.35	10,629.00	57.70
601.49400.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	95.00	66.63	7.86	28.37	70.14
601.49400.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	7,240.00	6,628.51	0.00	611.49	91.55
601.49400.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	631.04	0.00	368.96	63.10
601.49400.42030	PRINTED FORMS	1,600.00	87.58	0.00	1,512.42	5.47
601.49400.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,543.57	0.00	(543.57)	154.36
601.49400.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	5,000.00	3,488.53	182.00	1,511.47	69.77
601.49400.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	75,000.00	84,674.16	780.62	(9,674.16)	112.90
601.49400.42210	EQUIPMENT PARTS	1,500.00	3,970.70	0.00	(2,470.70)	264.71
601.49400.42220	POSTAGE	2,500.00	1,748.17	88.67	751.83	69.93
601.49400.42221	TIRES	1,500.00	1,518.48	0.00	(18.48)	101.23
601.49400.42222	STREET REPAIRS	22,500.00	3,320.19	65.48	19,179.81	14.76
601.49400.42261	WATER TESTING	1,100.00	820.00	192.00	280.00	74.55

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Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 49400 WATER DEPARTMENT						
601.49400.42262	WATER METER & SUPPLIES	6,500.00	13,707.85	0.00	(7,207.85)	210.89
601.49400.42264	SAFE DRINKING WATER FEE	21,500.00	16,620.54	5,542.00	4,879.46	77.30
601.49400.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,100.00	843.75	0.00	256.25	76.70
601.49400.43010	AUDIT & ACCTG SERVICES	6,700.00	6,512.50	0.00	187.50	97.20
601.49400.43030	ENGINEERING FEES	2,500.00	213.00	0.00	2,287.00	8.52
601.49400.43040	LEGAL FEES	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
601.49400.43210	TELEPHONE	875.00	460.26	60.74	414.74	52.60
601.49400.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
601.49400.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	11,250.00	10,221.11	0.00	1,028.89	90.85
601.49400.43600	INSURANCE	14,000.00	21,355.65	0.00	(7,355.65)	152.54
601.49400.43870	WATER USAGE-CITY OF BLAINE	31,000.00	2,849.17	0.00	28,150.83	9.19
601.49400.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	8,500.00	6,951.50	3,500.00	1,548.50	81.78
601.49400.44050	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	11,613.00	10,171.44	3,621.48	1,441.56	87.59
601.49400.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	2,000.00	895.00	0.00	1,105.00	44.75
601.49400.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	500.00	62.50	0.00	437.50	12.50
601.49400.44370	TAXES	10,000.00	12,299.58	0.00	(2,299.58)	123.00
601.49400.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	173,875.00	30,000.00	0.00	143,875.00	17.25
Total Dept 49400 - WATER DEPARTMENT		627,336.00	367,833.19	29,250.17	259,502.81	58.63
Department: 49402 WATER TREATMENT PLANT						
601.49402.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	300.00	277.69	0.00	22.31	92.56
601.49402.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
601.49402.42160	CHEMICALS & CHEMICAL PROD	30,000.00	19,521.59	160.00	10,478.41	65.07
601.49402.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	20,000.00	16,726.21	153.07	3,273.79	83.63
601.49402.42210	EQUIPMENT PARTS	8,000.00	5,913.71	101.09	2,086.29	73.92
601.49402.43030	ENGINEERING FEES	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
601.49402.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
601.49402.43600	INSURANCE	14,000.00	18,855.00	0.00	(4,855.00)	134.68
601.49402.43810	ELECTRIC UTILITIES	102,000.00	70,547.31	13,242.40	31,452.69	69.16
601.49402.43830	GAS UTILITIES	3,500.00	2,344.25	0.00	1,155.75	66.98
601.49402.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	2,000.00	2,909.33	635.00	(909.33)	145.47
601.49402.44370	TAXES	2,600.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,600.00	38.46
601.49402.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	24,271.00	15,000.00	0.00	9,271.00	61.80
Total Dept 49402 - WATER TREATMENT PLANT		210,971.00	153,095.09	14,291.56	57,875.91	72.57
Department: 49450 SEWER DEPARTMENT						
601.49450.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	137,607.00	90,319.46	10,347.36	47,287.54	65.64
601.49450.41013	OVERTIME	9,480.00	982.15	170.82	8,497.85	10.36
601.49450.41020	ON CALL SALARIES	5,417.00	144.16	0.00	5,272.84	2.66
601.49450.41040	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	0.00	5,728.03	1,221.85	(5,728.03)	100.00
601.49450.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
601.49450.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	11,057.00	7,039.47	788.82	4,017.53	63.67
601.49450.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	11,900.00	7,450.84	871.89	4,449.16	62.61
601.49450.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	25,128.00	14,497.25	1,807.11	10,630.75	57.69
601.49450.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	95.00	66.04	7.78	28.96	69.52
601.49450.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,286.00	7,674.50	0.00	611.50	92.62
601.49450.42000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
601.49450.42030	PRINTED FORMS	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	0.00
601.49450.42100	OPERATING SUPPLIES	500.00	307.40	0.00	192.60	61.48
601.49450.42120	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANTS	4,000.00	3,488.47	181.99	511.53	87.21

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Balance As of 08/31/2024

GL Number	Description	2024 Amended Budget	YTD Balance 08/31/2024 Normal (Abnormal)	Activity For 08/31/2024 Increase (Decrease)	Available Balance 08/31/2024 Normal (Abnormal)	% Bdgt Used
Fund: 601 PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS						
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 49450 SEWER DEPARTMENT						
601.49450.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	9,779.16	9,217.23	5,220.84	65.19
601.49450.42210	EQUIPMENT PARTS	8,000.00	488.52	112.99	7,511.48	6.11
601.49450.42220	POSTAGE	2,500.00	1,316.85	88.66	1,183.15	52.67
601.49450.42221	TIRES	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
601.49450.42222	STREET REPAIRS	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
601.49450.42262	WATER METER & SUPPLIES	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
601.49450.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,050.00	843.75	0.00	206.25	80.36
601.49450.43010	AUDIT & ACCTG SERVICES	6,700.00	6,512.50	0.00	187.50	97.20
601.49450.43030	ENGINEERING FEES	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
601.49450.43040	LEGAL FEES	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
601.49450.43210	TELEPHONE	875.00	460.34	60.75	414.66	52.61
601.49450.43310	TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
601.49450.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
601.49450.43600	INSURANCE	15,300.00	21,179.65	0.00	(5,879.65)	138.43
601.49450.43810	ELECTRIC UTILITIES	5,800.00	3,546.37	656.04	2,253.63	61.14
601.49450.43840	METRO WASTE CONTROL	623,491.00	415,660.72	51,957.59	207,830.28	66.67
601.49450.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	10,000.00	4,211.79	3,414.17	5,788.21	42.12
601.49450.44050	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	9,868.00	9,268.40	1,671.47	599.60	93.92
601.49450.44300	CONFERENCE & SCHOOLS	2,000.00	355.00	0.00	1,645.00	17.75
601.49450.44330	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	340.00	62.50	0.00	277.50	18.38
601.49450.44390	MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
601.49450.44450	RESERVE CAPACITY CHARGES	12,425.00	2,771.44	0.00	9,653.56	22.31
601.49450.47000	PERMANENT TRANSFERS OUT	216,333.00	30,000.00	0.00	186,333.00	13.87
Total Dept 49450 - SEWER DEPARTMENT		1,162,902.00	644,154.76	82,576.52	518,747.24	55.39
Expenditures		2,001,209.00	1,165,083.04	126,118.25	836,125.96	58.22
Fund 601 - PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS:						
TOTAL REVENUES		2,001,209.00	871,222.71	12,974.44	1,129,986.29	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,001,209.00	1,165,083.04	126,118.25	836,125.96	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:		0.00	(293,860.33)	(113,143.81)	293,860.33	

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Balance As of 08/31/2024

GL Number	Description	2024 Amended Budget	YTD Balance 08/31/2024 Normal (Abnormal)	Activity For 08/31/2024 Increase (Decrease)	Available Balance 08/31/2024 Normal (Abnormal)	% Bdgt Used
Fund: 603 STORMWATER UTILITY						
Account Category: Revenues						
Department: 00000						
603.00000.36210	INTEREST EARNINGS	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
603.00000.36504	STORMWATER COLLECTION	103,364.00	51,580.84	35.24	51,783.16	49.90
603.00000.36506	STORMWATER PENALTIES	1,000.00	1,506.27	607.17	(506.27)	150.63
Total Dept 00000		104,864.00	53,087.11	642.41	51,776.89	50.62
Revenues		104,864.00	53,087.11	642.41	51,776.89	50.62
Account Category: Expenditures						
Department: 49785 STORMWATER UTILITY						
603.49785.41010	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	12,434.00	8,305.23	949.17	4,128.77	66.79
603.49785.41050	VACATION BUY BACK	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
603.49785.41210	PERA CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	1,008.00	640.10	71.20	367.90	63.50
603.49785.41220	FICA/MC CONTRIBUTIONS-EMPLOYER	1,028.00	635.25	70.66	392.75	61.79
603.49785.41300	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,370.00	1,120.43	140.49	249.57	81.78
603.49785.41313	LIFE INSURANCE	7.00	3.72	0.43	3.28	53.14
603.49785.41510	WORKERS COMPENSATION	452.00	0.00	0.00	452.00	0.00
603.49785.42200	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	25,000.00	59.77	0.00	24,940.23	0.24
603.49785.42280	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	65.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00
603.49785.43030	ENGINEERING FEES	8,000.00	1,200.25	692.75	6,799.75	15.00
603.49785.43040	LEGAL FEES	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
603.49785.43500	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
603.49785.44000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	25,000.00	8,007.88	2,550.00	16,992.12	32.03
603.49785.45000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00
Total Dept 49785 - STORMWATER UTILITY		104,864.00	19,972.63	4,474.70	84,891.37	19.05
Expenditures		104,864.00	19,972.63	4,474.70	84,891.37	19.05
Fund 603 - STORMWATER UTILITY:						
TOTAL REVENUES		104,864.00	53,087.11	642.41	51,776.89	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		104,864.00	19,972.63	4,474.70	84,891.37	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:		0.00	33,114.48	(3,832.29)	(33,114.48)	
Report Totals:						
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS		7,447,539.00	3,880,737.89	83,680.08	3,566,801.11	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS		7,447,539.00	4,569,518.56	466,103.85	2,878,020.44	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:		0.00	(688,780.67)	(382,423.77)	688,780.67	

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE
8/31/2024

Fund	Description	Ending Balance 08/31/2024
101	GENERAL FUND	2,923,510.74
102	ELECTION FUND	85,622.77
103	POLICE RESERVES & SAFETY EDUCATION FUND	14,926.01
104	NORTH CENTRAL SUBURBAN CABLE	21,049.94
108	POLICE FORFEITURES	16,157.09
112	ESCROW TRUST FUND	184,243.15
115	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE	10,516.58
224	SMALL EQUIPMENT FUND	12,071.12
225	PARK ACQUISITION & IMPRV FUND	181,140.83
226	PARK EQUIPMENT & IMPRV	88,729.96
227	HRA EXCESS	1,179,317.78
229	SANBURNOL PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND	27,807.49
230	RECYCLING FUND	107,142.41
234	STREET LIGHTING FUND	88,792.13
235	RIGHT OF WAY MAINT	1,967.12
237	PARK & RECREATION SPECIAL PRJ	5,137.19
238	GRANTS & SPECIAL PRJ	1,644.02
240	TOWER DAYS	25,217.55
243	PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO REPLACEMENT	103,459.15
244	RECREATION PROGRAMS FUND	491,369.99
248	TRAFFIC EDUCATION FUND	39,351.96
249	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	20,115.34
250	ANIMAL CONTROL	6,062.54
251	FORESTRY	37,977.92
304	N METRO TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2016A	312.55
306	LEGENDS OF SLP-TIF 6.1	23,594.72
331	2017A GO EQUIP CERT DEBT (SBM FIRE)	16,444.14
333	2018A BLAINE FIRE DEBT SERVICE	(4,632.72)
334	2021A G.O. IMPRV REFUND BOND	410,954.61
384	2005A G.O. CAPITAL (FIRE) IMPROV BOND	508.12
400	REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND	639,448.79
401	CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND	1,752,884.32
402	MSA MAINTENANCE	228,271.93
403	CAPITAL REPLACEMENT	427,373.33
407	SEALCOATING FUND	133,454.03
410	LAKESIDE LIONS PARK IMPROVEMENT	22,314.32
416	BUILDING MAINT & RENEWAL FUND	157,232.68
434	EQUIPMENT FUND	252,299.28
435	2024 CITY HALL RENOVATION/EXPANSION PROJ	4,178,525.69

600	PUBLIC UTILITIES RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT	901,200.78
601	PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATIONS	805,465.03
602	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	1.12
603	STORMWATER UTILITY	275,087.94
700	SEVERANCE FUND	114,023.02
705	PUBLIC SAFETY AID	236,048.15

REPORT TOTALS:	16,244,142.61
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CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-52

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE
2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota General will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that the following persons are hereby appointed as Election Judges for the 2024 General Election and they are authorized and directed to perform all duties of the office of Election Judge as provided by law.

Lisa Monson-Hokenson
Linda Hansen
Judy Ann Rogge
Julius Costanza
Kelly Delfs
Gloria Eyer
Nick Hueser
David Novak
Terry Cronin
Darrell Ritzema
Harold Sorenson

Kirsten Strand
Carolyn Lohman
Lauriane Ely
Karen Hokenson
Joann Hydeman
Eleanor Puumala
Kathy Rootham
Nancy Rose-Balamut
Sharon Deinken
Carol Sorenson
Marilyn Troop

John Fairbairn
Stacey Hendren
Herb Hoppenstedt
Michael Morehouse
Antoinette Mortensen
Deborah Osgood
Mary Kay Piltz
Erna Thomley
Kenneth Wendling
Arletha Banks
Laura Savage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to appoint additional election judges to fill any vacancies that may arise prior to or on Election Day.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of September 2024.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Daniel Buchholtz, City Administrator

Kenneth A. Tolzmann, SAMA
Spring Lake Park City Assessor

August 29, 2024

City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, Mn 55432
Attn: Mr. Daniel Bucholtz, Admin.

Re: Third Quarter Billing for 2025 Payable 2026 Property Tax Assessment.

Dear Mr. Bucholtz,

The annual cost for Assessment Services in accordance with our contract is as follows:

2086 Residential improved parcels @ \$10.00 per parcel -----	\$20,860.00
305 Comm/Ind/Apt/Pub Utility parcels @ \$55.00 per parcel -----	16,775.00
27 Unimproved land parcels @ \$ 2.50 per parcel -----	67.50
90 Exempt parcels	nc
103 Mobile Home Parcels	nc
2611 Total Parcels	

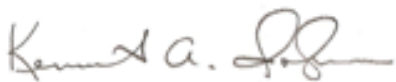
Total Cost for year 2025 assessment payable in 2026: \$37,702.50

Third Quarter Amt. Due: \$ 9,425.63

The above figures are in accordance with our contract for services dated June 8, 2021.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 651 605-5125.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Tolzmann, SAMA#1939
Spring Lake Park City Assessor
13921 45th Ave. N
Plymouth, MN. 55446

City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Contractor's Licenses

September 16, 2024

Concrete Contractor

Earth Wizards, Inc.

General Contractor

CJ's Enterprise, LLC.

Montgomery Brinkman, LLC.

Single Ply Systems, Inc.

Plumbing Contractor

Kuznia Plumbing, LLC.

NRH Plumbing, Inc.

Paul Bunyan Plumbing, LLC.

United States Mechanical, Inc.

City of Spring Lake Park

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 529 78th Ave NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, Kaura Akshay (Hereinafter "License Holder") is the legal owner of the real property at 529 78th Ave NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, 12.16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park written notice setting forth the causes and reasons for the proposed council action contained herein and notice of a public hearing to be held on at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2024 was given to the license holder on August 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that, in accordance with the foregoing, and all ordinances and regulations of the City of Spring Lake Park, the City Council adopts the following.

Findings of Fact

1. That on or about July 23, 2024 Code Enforcement staff attempted to complete an initial rental housing inspection at the property of 529 78th Ave NE in the City of Spring Lake Park MN.
2. That on or about August 27, 2024 Code Enforcement completed a follow up inspection at the property of 529 78th Ave NE in the City of Spring Lake Park MN. The property failed this rental inspection.
3. That on or about August 27, 2024 the property owner Kaura Akshay and all tenants were notified of a public hearing scheduled for September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
4. That based upon said records of the Code Enforcement, the following conditions and violations of the City Property Maintenance Code were found to exist, to-wit:
 - a. Failure of rental housing inspection on July 23, 2024.
 - b. Failure of rental housing inspection on August 27, 2024.
5. That all parties, including the license holder and any occupants or tenants, have been given the appropriate notice of this hearing according to the provisions of the City Code, Chapter 12 Article 16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park.

Order of Council

1. The rental license belonging to the license holder described herein and identified as Kaura Ashkay is hereby revoked;
2. The City will post for the purpose of preventing occupancy a copy of this order on the buildings covered by the license held by license Holder;

3. All tenants shall remove themselves from the premises within 45 days from the first day of posting of this Order revoking the license as held by license Holder.

The foregoing resolution as moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Where the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this the 16th day of September, 2024.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator



Police Report

August 2024

Submitted for Council Meeting: September 16, 2024

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to seven hundred and ninety-eight calls for service for the month of August 2024. This is compared to responding to seven hundred and fifty-two calls for service in August 2023.

The police department would like to remind residents that school is back in session. We will be having school buses driving on our streets, along with students driving and walking to and from school. The police department would like to remind everyone to allow extra time for traveling to and from your destinations to help prevent any unfortunate incidents happening and to help keep our roadways and those utilizing them safe! On behalf of the police department, I would like to thank everyone in advance for your attention with this matter. Working together, we can help each other keep everyone safe. For further information on bus safety please see the **Minnesota Department of Public Safety website and navigate to the Commercial Vehicle section for School Bus Safety.**

The Spring Lake Park Police Department participated in "Night to Unite" again this year on August 6th, 2024. It was great for all of us to get out and connect with the individual neighborhoods again this year. The officers, Dan and myself attended 16 parties throughout the city. We look forward to next years events on August 5th, 2025.

Investigator Bennek reports handling thirty-eight cases for the month of August 2024. Thirty-five of these cases were felony and three were misdemeanor cases. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor five forfeiture cases. For further details, see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

The month of August 2024 kept me busy with the operations of the police department along with the below meetings and trainings:

- Anoka County Emergency Communication Center police department visit.
- Several UKG scheduling meetings
- Weekly city hall remodel project meetings
- Department head meeting
- New Officer background and scheduling items
- IT Security Audit

- Records Management demo discussion
- IACP Officer Resilience training at the MN BCA

This will conclude my report for the month of August 2024. I will take any questions there may be.



Investigator

Tony Bennek

Spring Lake Park Police Department

Monthly Report

August 2024

Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 38

Felony	35
Gross Misdemeanor	0
Misdemeanor	3

Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	35
Juvenile County Attorney	0
City Attorney	3
Forward to Other Agency	0
SLP Liaison	0
Carried Over	0
Unfounded	0
Exceptionally Cleared	0
Closed/Inactive	0

Forfeitures:

Active Forfeitures	5
Forfeitures Closed	1

Parks and Recreation Department

August 2024 Report

Recreation Programs offered during the month

- Summer Playground Programs ended August 14
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Zumba - Session IV (Ages 18+)
- Yoga - August Session (Ages 18+)
- Adult Pickleball Ladder Leagues - Summer - Session II
- RevSports Flag Football - Fall Session I (Ages 3-9)
- Free Class: Thinking about Buying a Home?
- Pickleball for Beginners (Ages 18+)
- DAY TRIP: Hinckley Fire Museum & Wildlife Center
- RevSports Soccer - Fall Session I (Ages 3-9)
- Free Class: Thinking about Buying a Home?
- North Metro Tournament - Bean Bag Toss (Ages 18+)
- Social Simple-Virtual - Social Media Content w/out Panicking
- Evening / Family Outing: Twin Cities River Rats
- Mature Drivers - 4 Hour - Aug 21
- Dungeons & Dragons: Miniature Monster Painting (Ages 10+)
- Introduction to Kayaking
- Adult Pickleball Ladder League
- Adult Co-Rec Softball League

Parks

- Rental Reservations Form for rentals located at <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/facility-use-permit-application>.
- New online facility reservation form will be live mid-September, www.slprrec.org
 - Able Park Activities Building rented 4 times during August mainly on weekends since summer programs still occurring.
 - Terrace Park picnic shelter was rented two times.
 - Lakeside Lions softball field rented once a week for the month
- Music in the Park: August 7 Dan Ferstenou. Concludes the summer music program

Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

- Able Park Playground officially opened August 5.
- Secured RFP for Terrace Park Playground Replacement. Please note Public works will begin removing old equipment in the next several weeks to prepare site for new equipment. Goal is to install this fall and finish with the surfacing in the spring. Area will be fenced off.
- Terrace Park -sidewalk installed to playground and tennis courts. Parking lot and dirt/seed will be completed in September.
- Terrace Park courts – securing estimates on repairing cracks or rebuilding

Tower Days -

- 2025 Planning Meeting will meet again on September 30 at 6:30pm at Able Park Activities Building

Parks & Recreation Commission

- The Commission next meeting will be in September, Commission voted to not meet on July 4 and August 1 (Nite to Unite) but reserves the right to meet if needed.

Department Activity

- Staff are busy with day to day operations, program registrations, facility reservations and attending programs.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council
 - Terrace Park Playground meetings
 - Construction meetings on City Hall
 - Staff meetings

Upcoming Park and Recreation Activities

- Classes by Life Legacies: Legacy Letter Writing Workshop
- RevSports Flag Football - Fall Session II (Ages 3-9)
- Kayaking on the St Croix
- Dungeons & Dragons: Tabletop Gaming (Ages 10+)
- Pickleball Skills & Drills (Ages 18+)
- VIRTUAL: Cell Phones & Parenting

Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

- Knitting & Crocheting Classes - Beginning Knitting
- Knitting & Crocheting Classes - Beginning Crocheting
- Parent/Child Pickleball Clinic (Ages 10+)
- Art Classes: Paint with Me - "Owl of Me"
- Music Together - Fall Session (Ages 0-5)
- Bingo
- Classes by Life Legacies: Guided Autobiography
- Art Classes: Mixed Media Sunflower, paint resin & glass
- Hand and Foot Card Club
- DAY TRIP: Fall Boat Cruise with Mounds View
- Art Classes: Day Painting - Autumn Scene
- VIRTUAL - Introduction to Online Genealogy
- Spark School of Music Classes (Ages 6-17)
- Art Classes: Mandala Rock Painting - Oct 2
- QC Dance - Weekly Classes
- FREE Class - Medicare 101
- Zumba - Session I (Ages 18+)
- VIRTUAL - How to use Venmo Safely
- Yoga - October Session (Ages 18+)
- Art Classes: Day Painting - Fall Leaves
- Jeff Sandino Cooking Class - Asian Favorites
- RevSports Basketball - Fall Session I (Ages 3-9)
- DAY TRIP: Osceola Fall Train
- Art Classes: Paint with Me - "Spooky Friends"
- Art Classes: Mixed Media Wood pumpkins, glass and resin
- Virtual Cooking Class: Soups for Fall and Winter
- Getting Started with Libby: October
- Adult Pickleball Ladder Leagues - Fall (Ages 18+)

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Mission

**“TO SERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH HONOR, INTEGRITY AND SERVICE”**

Message from Chief Josh Antoine

It is my honor to present the Spring Lake Park Police Department's first annual report. As you read through this report please remember it is an attempt to give a general overview of the Spring Lake Park Police Department's day to day operations in 2023 and not a whole picture of what the Police Department accomplished throughout the year.

In 2021 and 2022 the police department experienced many changes due to the retirements of the Police Chief and several long-time officers. During that time the Police Department was able to continue to provide our community with a high-level service through our core values of Honor, Integrity and Service. In 2023, we saw stability in the police department staffing and were able to implement our goal as a police department of community outreach, along with providing safety and security for our residents. Just a few of the programs we were able focus on were Coffee with a Cop, Heroes and Helpers and several Special Olympics events. You can read more about these events in the Patrol Division report.

Despite being surrounded by larger cities Spring Lake Park has continued to keep that small-town feel. Our overall crime has been decreasing every year since 2021 and we are working hard to continue that decrease into future years. Although we have seen decreases in our overall crime we do continue to see our calls for service rising and 2023 was no different with a 10.79% rise. A part of that rise in calls was officer self-initiated calls such as traffic stops, resident contacts and other misc. calls. We continue to believe that self-initiated activity by officers is a deterrent to crime and will continue to encourage the officers to make as many contacts during their shifts as possible.

We continued as a department to add new technologies and new tools for the officers to utilize on the street meant to enhance officer, community, and offender safety. You can read about some of these new tools in the Patrol Division report. These new tools will help us carry out our mission "To Serve, protect and enhance the quality of life in our community through Honor, Integrity and Service".

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I want to thank our community for continuing to put your trust in the Spring Lake Park Police Department in 2023 and for future years to come.

Lastly, I wish to thank our entire staff, City Administrator, Council Members and our community for their continued support of the Police Department.

Sincerely,

Joshua Antoine

Chief of Police

Patrol Division:

The patrol division consists of six patrol officers and one school resource officer lead by two sergeants allowing for 24-hour coverage for our residents. The patrol officers have experienced the continued increase in the number of calls for service during the past year, which creates the majority of our contact with residents. In addition to the calls for service, our officers also conduct self-initiated activities such as traffic stops, neighborhood patrols, and after-hours business checks.

During 2023, the patrol division increased our community outreach and education. We partner with other community groups and agencies to help each other out. Here are a few of the programs in which we participated:

- Coffee with a Cop and Pizza with the Police events
- Assisted our Parks and Rec with Mature Drivers classes, Easter Egg hunt and Family Fall Fest
- Met with our local Cub Scouts groups
- Partnered with SBM Fire for their Santa Parade and open house events
- Partnered with SLP School District on the Start Your Engines and Tower Days 5K Fun Run events
- Partnered with neighboring agencies and school districts for the Heroes and Helpers event
- Participated with Special Olympics Minnesota for the Torch Run and Polar Plunge
- Assisted SLP Lions with their Trunk or Treat event

In efforts to make Spring Lake Park streets a safer city to travel, our patrol division participates in “Selected, Intensified Traffic Enforcement” or “SITE” program. Officer concentrate their traffic enforcement activities on areas where the police department receives the most traffic related complaints.

Officers also participate in the “Toward Zero Deaths” program, administered by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and has received several state awards and grants for our effort in traffic safety.

With the advances in technology the department began utilizing tools meant to enhance officer, community, and offender safety. These tools consist of a robot that can go up and down stairs and allow the officers to view unknown areas without putting themselves in harm's way. The robot would be utilized in a call such as a burglary in progress. The robot is great to use as a de-escalation tool.

The police department has implemented new "less lethal tools." One of these tools is a 40mm launcher. These propel large less-lethal munitions, with the objective on gaining compliance from an uncooperative offender without resulting in a higher level of force. The department is also implementing PepperBall, which consists of small rounds that are deployed similar to that of a paintball. These projectiles contain chemical irritant so officers can deploy chemical agent at a safe distance and this also allows offenders to decontaminate more quickly than traditional pepper spray.

Implementing these new tools is becoming increasingly important as law enforcement does have the overall goal of safety for everybody, including the offenders.

Due to the demand of more equipment being utilized by law enforcement, the department is transitioning to sport utility vehicles so officers can carry equipment with them to better serve our community the sport utility vehicles also are beneficial as they do perform better in inclement weather

As we look ahead to the future, the patrol division has been given approval to add an additional officer for more coverage. This will occur in 2024 and will be a great benefit to our department and community as a whole. The additional officer will allow additional coverage on schedule rotation making it easier for officers to focus on their own physical and mental health. It may be somewhat difficult to measure or quantify these increases, but it is critical benefit to our staff and will continue to grow their effectiveness as officers.

Investigative Division:

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Investigations Unit is dedicated to serving our community and ensuring justice for victims by conducting thorough criminal investigations and empathetic victim communication. In 2023, our Investigator Tony Bennek, pursued our mission by performing investigations into various crimes against individuals and property.

Crimes against individuals encompassed assault, criminal sexual assault, violation of protection orders, neglect of vulnerable adults, and child endangerment. Property-related offenses included fraud, property damage, arson, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and retail theft, among others. Throughout the year, we delved into a total of 307 criminal cases and referrals from child and adult protection agencies, with 90 cases forwarded for charging consideration.

Beyond case investigations, Investigator Bennek assisted with managing evidence and property, squad car maintenance and oversaw civil forfeitures.

In addition to our investigative responsibilities, Investigator Bennek provided crucial support to the patrol unit. This involved responding to complex and resource-intensive calls, covering open shifts, and assisting in training of officers when needed.

Records Tech Division:

Our Spring Lake Park Records Technician Division continued to provide a high level of custom service and efficiency in 2023. The Spring Lake Park Records Technician Division staffs the front police department window at the Spring Lake Park Police Department and provides phone support for citizens Monday-Friday. In addition to helping connect citizens to public safety services, our records unit achieved the following:

- Processed approximately 3000 police reports and supplement reports
- Filed approximately 569 citations
- Processed 65 permits to purchase firearms
- Completed 200 local records checks
- Processed 110 criminal history queries
- Processed 30 background checks for city employment and business licensing

Reserve Division:

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Reserve Unit provided many valuable volunteer hours to the department and the community in 2023. During the course of 2023, our Reserve Unit consisted of three individuals who worked two hundred and six hours in our community throughout the year. The reserves provided services that would normally take up a considerable amount of time of our officers. This allows officers to focus on other incidents in our community. Utilizing the 2023 Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours for the State of Minnesota, this equated to approximately \$6,676.15 in wages saved.

On behalf of the entire department, we thank each and every one of our Reserve Officers for their service and dedication to the police department and our community.

Crime Statistics:

Summary of Index Crimes Submitted to the State for the 2023 National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS)

Group A Crimes	Agency 2021 Totals	Agency 2022 Totals	Agency 2023 Totals
Arson	2	0	1
Assault Offenses	114	118	126
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary	30	25	16
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	11	16
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	98	45	38
Drug/Narcotic Violations	18	21	13
Drug Equipment Violations	3	7	2
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	0
Fraud Offenses	52	49	40
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Offenses	0	0	0
Kidnaping/Abduction	2	0	2
Theft Offenses	226	156	120
Motor Vehicle Theft	28	33	23
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	1
Prostitution Offenses	1	0	0
Robbery	7	2	3
Sex Offenses	10	5	2
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	8	10	7
Weapon Law Violations	8	9	8
Animal Cruelty	1	2	4
Group A Totals =	619	493	422

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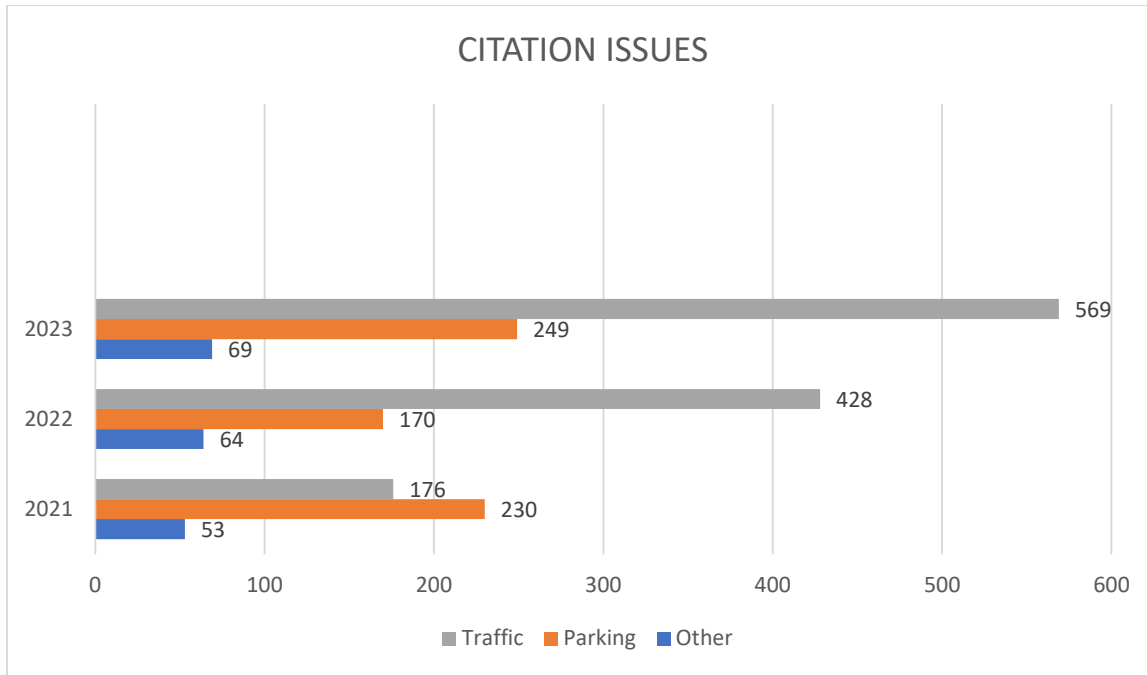
<u>Group B</u> Crimes	Agency <u>2021</u> Totals	Agency <u>2022</u> Totals	Agency <u>2023</u> Totals
Bad Checks	2	4	1
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	57	64	78
Driving Under the Influence	24	26	25
Drunkenness	0	0	6
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	1	2
Liquor Law Violations	6	1	6
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	8	15	17
All other Offenses	<u>120</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>111</u>
Group B Totals =	218	225	246

Non-reportable- 6,507

Traffic stops- 2,123

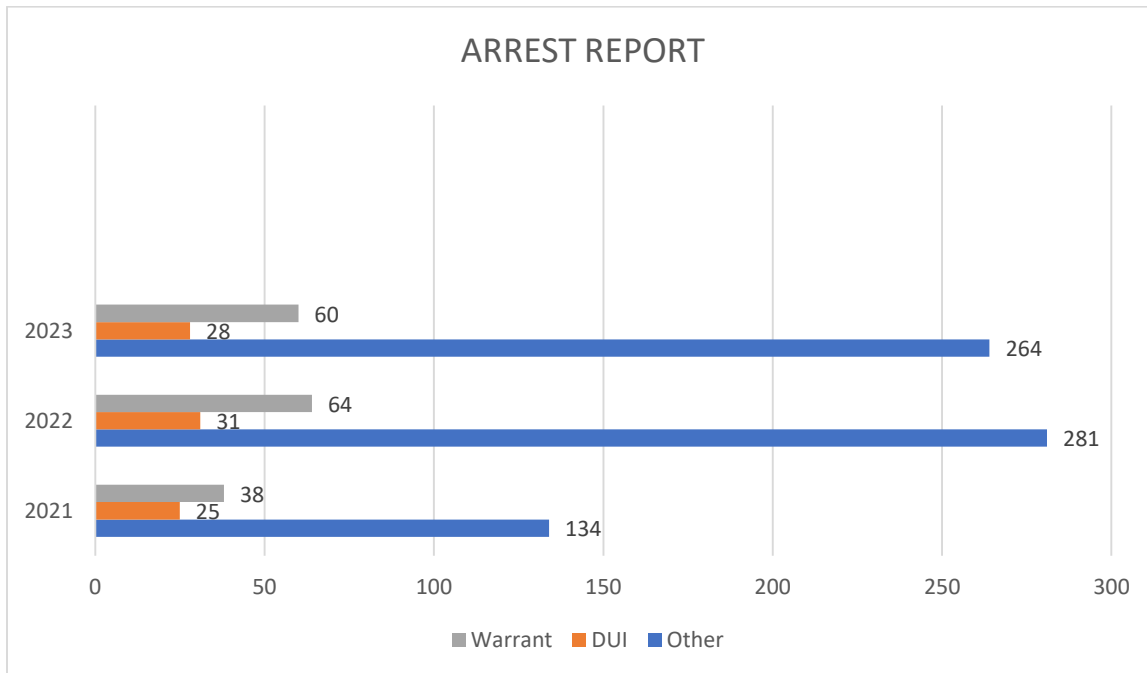
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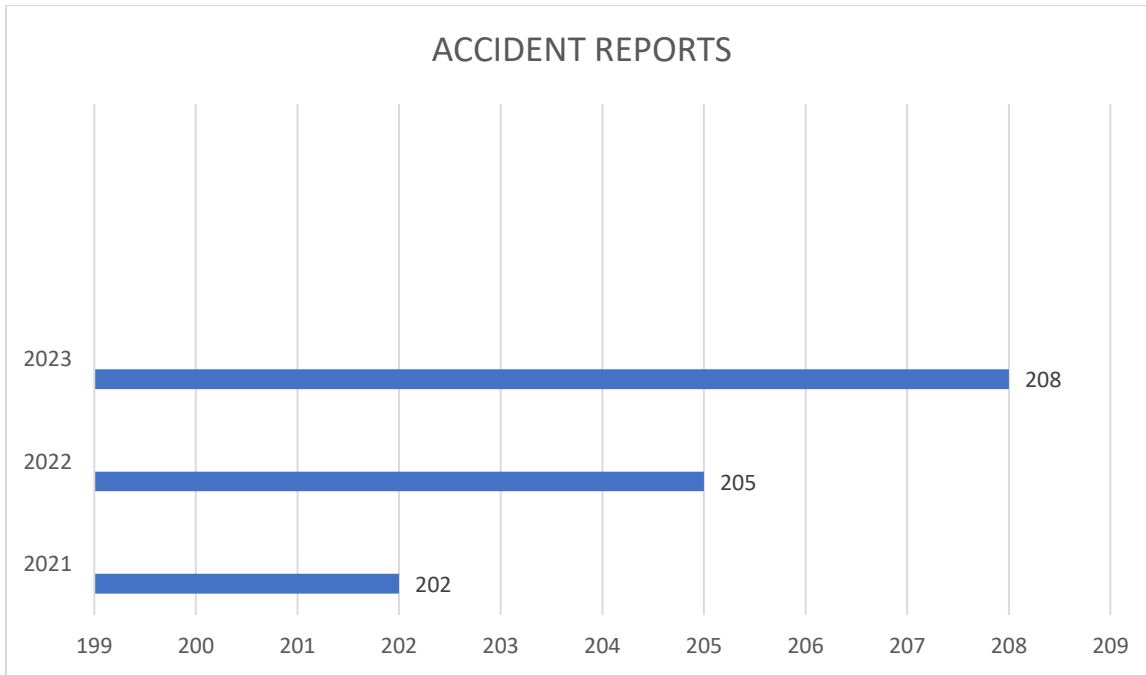
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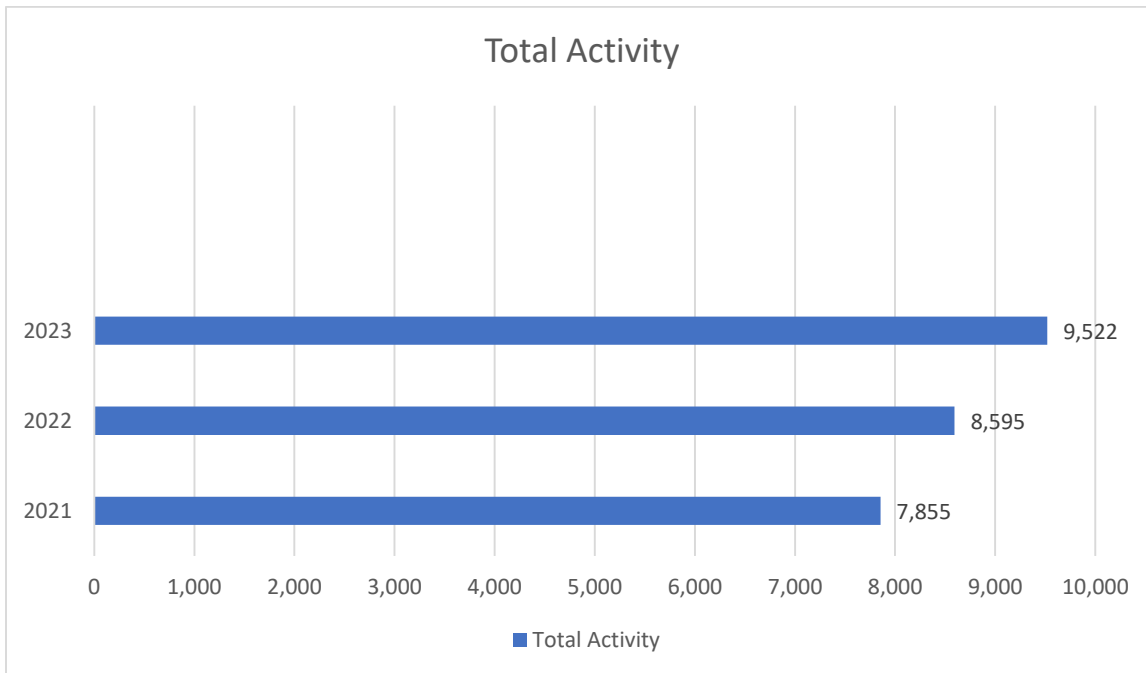
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Traffic Accidents:



Agency Total Activity:



Community Engagement



Coffee with a Cop at HyVee



2023 Special Olympics Torch Run



Career Fair at HCTC

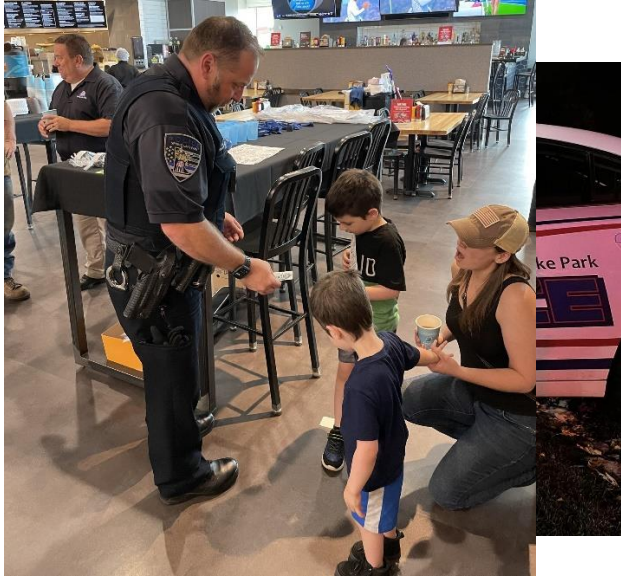


Night to Unite Party – Westwood Park



Start Your Engines Event

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Coffee with a Cop



Halloween Trunk or Treat



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Heroes and Helpers Event





Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2024

Subject: Imagine 2050 Policy Plan

The Metropolitan Council has begun a public comment period on the new Imagine 2050 Policy Plan. This plan will guide the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2027.

The full Imagine 2050 Plan is available at <https://metro council.org/Planning/Imagine-2050.aspx>. I have included the Draft 2050 Land Use Policy for your review.

The biggest change impacting the City of Spring Lake Park is the community designation. In the current Thrive 2040 plan, the City is guided as suburban. In the proposed Imagine 2050 plan, the City is guided as urban edge. Under the Urban Edge designation, the City will face more emphasis on higher-density development and integration with transit systems. This new designation encourages Spring Lake Park to shift away from its more traditional suburban character to embrace more urban characteristics.

The public comment period is open until October 7, with a public hearing planned for the September 25 Metropolitan Council meeting.

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council on if the City Council would like to submit formal comments on the Imagine 2050 Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

DRAFT 2050 LAND USE POLICY

A CHAPTER OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE, IMAGINE 2050



IMAGINE²⁰₅₀
the region's plan for an equitable and resilient future

A prosperous, equitable, and resilient region
with abundant opportunities for all to live,
work, play, and thrive.

Regional core values

Equity | Leadership | Accountability | Stewardship

Regional goals

Our region is equitable and inclusive

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all people feel welcome, included, and empowered.

Our communities are healthy and safe

All our region's residents live healthy and rewarding lives with a sense of dignity and wellbeing.

Our region is dynamic and resilient

Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and economy including issues of choice, access, and affordability.

We lead on addressing climate change

We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.

We protect and restore natural systems

We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for the people of our region.



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Guiding Growth and Development in the Region

In the late 1960s, community leaders saw value in collaborating to solve the issues facing the region. At that time, the Twin Cities region was facing challenges resulting from rapid population growth and uncoordinated and disconnected urban sprawl:

- Rapid growth was threatening ecosystems and natural areas better suited for preservation as parks and open space.
- Inadequately treated wastewater was emptying into lakes, rivers, and waterways.
- The Twin Cities' privately owned bus company was rapidly deteriorating, a victim of rising fares, declining ridership, and an aging bus fleet.
- Growing fiscal disparities were making it difficult for communities with inadequate tax capacity to fund essential services.

The Minnesota Legislature took unprecedented action to address these challenges. In 1967, the Legislature created the Metropolitan Council and gave it responsibilities for planning and coordinating the region's growth and setting policies to deal with regional issues. On signing the bill, then Governor Harold LeVander observed that the Council "was conceived with the idea that we will be faced with more and more problems that will pay no heed to the boundary lines which mark the end of one community and the beginning of another."

In 1976, through the passage of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act (MLPA), the Legislature took further steps to connect the Council's efforts around regional infrastructure planning with local comprehensive planning. As we approach the 50th anniversary of the passage of the MLPA, the region has decades of experience of working together to solve regional issues. As we look toward 2050, we are faced with new challenges around post-covid economic recovery, changes in the way we travel and work, water supply contamination and shortages particularly in the east metro, impacts from climate change including increasing rainfall amounts and increasing heat, and continued racial disparities across many factors. As a regional plan, Imagine 2050 addresses issues greater than any one neighborhood, city, or single county can tackle alone to build and maintain a prosperous region.

At the same time, the future's increasingly complex challenges demand that we tap into our imaginations to develop new strategies and greater collaboration. Building on our region's past planning successes, the Council took an integrated approach to developing Imagine 2050 across all of its planning areas in an effort to seek strategies and solutions that have co-benefits across multiple dimensions. And it will take all of us in our continued and new partnerships to effectively address the demanding challenges facing the region.

Imagine 2050 guides the growth and development, both public and private, in the region. The Council sets the framework for land use patterns and guides the orderly and economical development of the region, as directed by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act (Minn. Stat. 473.145). To be fiscally responsible, the Council guides land uses and development patterns that leverage the region's infrastructure investments and private development to the benefit of both. Directing growth where infrastructure already exists also reduces the need to add roads and expand the regional wastewater system to support the same growth elsewhere.

Looking ahead to a growing and changing region

The Twin Cities region will continue to grow, but at a slower pace than in previous decades. Our region will gain 657,000 residents between 2020 and 2050, bringing the region's total population to 3,820,000. Though the region's population grew 11% between 2010 and 2020, growth rates of 6% to 7.5% per decade are expected through 2050. Our region's population will continue to age, and the share of the

region’s population age 65 and older will nearly double by 2050 to comprise 22% of the region’s population. Further, the region’s population will become more racially and ethnically diverse, a shift that we already see today in schools and workplaces. The share of Black communities, American Indian communities, and populations of color will nearly double between 2020 and 2050, going from 29% to 45% of the region’s population. Together, both of these demographic trends will fuel a transformation of the region’s schools and workplaces.¹ These demographic trends also drive the plans we make across all aspects of the built environment including housing needs, transportation choices, recreational needs, and the design of our neighborhoods and cities.

The Twin Cities region added 238,000 jobs between 2010 and 2019, before temporarily losing these gains in 2020 due to the economic disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Employment has since rebounded; mostly.) Participation rates (the share of the population working or seeking work) are expected to reach a ceiling around 2024, as employers struggle to replace aging workers. This results in an employment slowdown between 2025 and 2040, before employment accelerates again in the 2040s. The total number of jobs is forecasted to reach over two million by 2050.

Table 1. 2050 Regional forecasts of population and employment

	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population	2,850,000	3,163,000	3,364,000	3,555,000	3,820,000
Employment	1,541,000	1,581,000	1,802,000	1,895,000	2,074,000

Recent land use and development trends

The seven-county metro contains about 1.9 million acres of land, with just over half of the region’s acres in agriculture or undeveloped land uses. Residential development, primarily single-family homes, take up about one quarter of the region’s acres, while parks, recreation, and natural preserves account for 10% of the region’s land uses (Figure 1).² This distinction between the developed portion of the region and the rural portion of the region is reflected and advanced through the decades of regional planning that has distinguished between the urban and rural service areas.

In this last decade, the region has accommodated growth in a more compact fashion, consuming 290 acres per 1,000 households, down from 490 acres per 1,000 new households from 2000-2010. Single family detached housing remains the main driver of land consumption, accounting for nearly two thirds of the growth in developed acres from 2016-2020 (approximately 12,500 acres) and constituting nearly two thirds of all developed land in the region. At the same time, the region has also seen an increase in the acreage of land dedicated to parks, open space, and natural preserves, as formalizing those land uses often accompanies land development.³

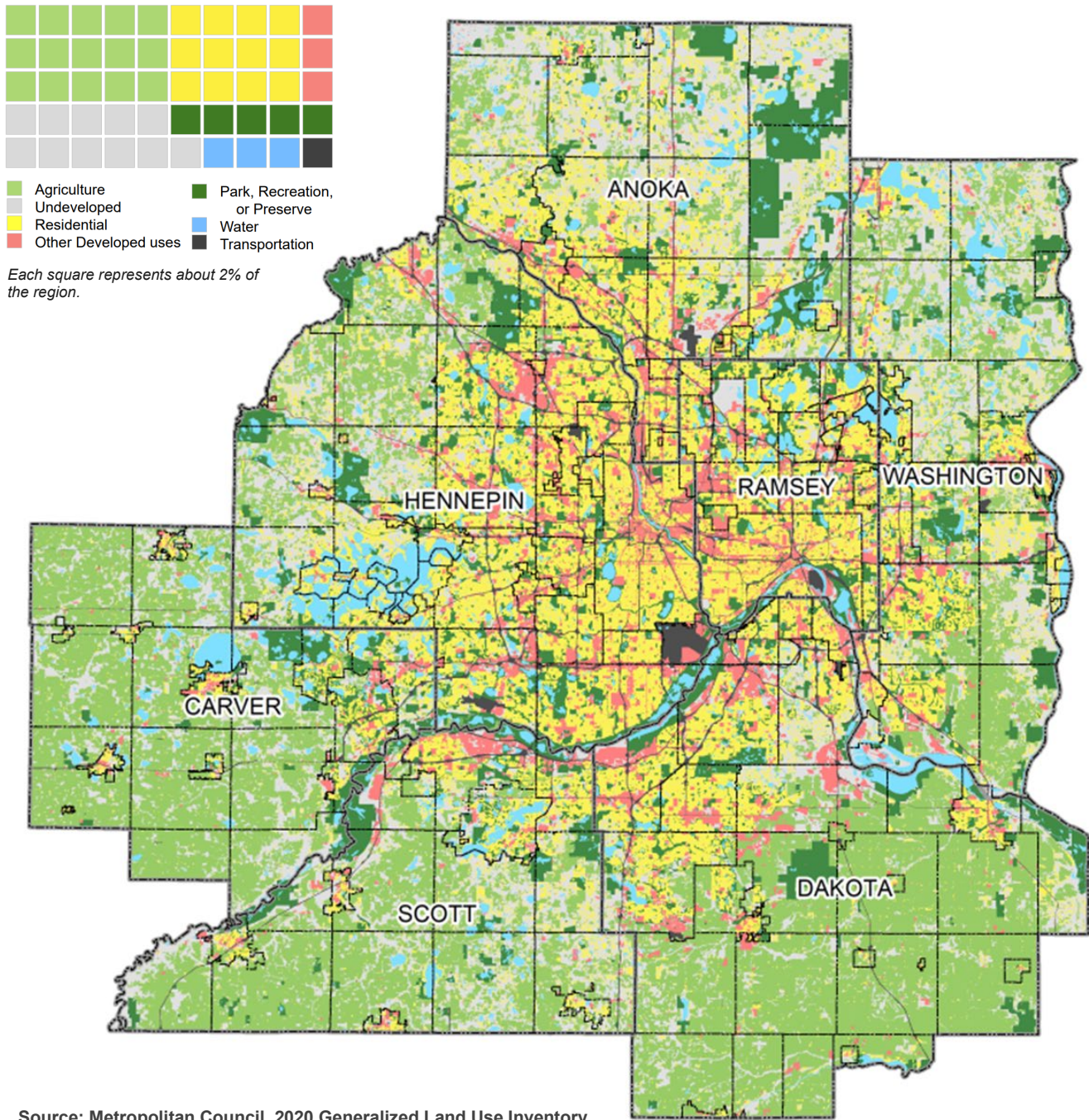
This growth in more compact development has also been buoyed and furthered by local comprehensive plans. During the 2010-2020 decade, local governments amended their plans frequently to accommodate new development on land that had been previously guided for non-residential uses or to accommodate development at higher densities than had been previously planned.

¹ Metropolitan Council. (2023). *The Regional Forecast: Population and Employment in the Twin Cities Region in 2050*. <https://metro council.org/Data-and-Maps/Publications-And-Resources/MetroStats/Land-Use-and-Development/The-Regional-Forecast-Update-2023.aspx>

² Metropolitan Council. (2021). *2020 Generalized Land use Inventory*. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole/2021/08-04-21/Info-Item-Release-of-Land-Use-Inventory-PPT.aspx>

³ Ibid.

Figure 1. Generalized land use composition, 2020



About 25% of the total housing units constructed during this period were facilitated through a comprehensive plan amendment.⁴

At the same time, local governments were developing their 2040 comprehensive plans, which on the whole planned for densities well above the minimum densities required in Thrive MSP 2040, particularly in the more urbanized portions of the region. Cities planned to accommodate growth on fewer acres, while at the same time increasing the allowable densities. These planning efforts resulted in increased land capacity to support forecasted growth.⁵ As the rate of projected population and employment growth slows, recent Council analysis of the existing capacity within the Metropolitan Urban Service Area shows that the region has more than 100 years' worth of land supply.

Housing development was relatively slow during the early 2010s as the region recovered from the great recession. But the latter half of the decade was marked by rapid development, particularly multifamily. On average, 12,900 housing units were added per year from 2010 to 2020⁶. Strong housing development has continued into the 2020s, with over 20,000 housing units added in both 2021 and 2022⁷.

Considering the implications of different scenarios in policy development

Imagine 2050 considers several factors when localizing the regional forecasts and developing policies to guide growth across the region. As part of preparing for Imagine 2050, the Metropolitan Council initiated a scenario planning process to ensure that it can advance toward its regional goals in the face of uncertainties. The main purpose of this process was to identify policies and investments that can help the Council navigate those uncertainties and be prepared for them. In the face of those uncertainties, understanding the implications of these different scenarios can aid in developing policies and strategies to advance the regional goals as well as in developing policies and strategies to mitigate undesired impacts of different scenarios.⁸

The scenario process started by identifying uncertainties that the Council should explore. Staff from multiple divisions collectively examined a set of uncertainties and settled on two that had the most impact on the Council's main role of planning for regional growth: "How much will the region grow?" and "Where will residents and employers decide to locate in the region?"

Most of the region's growth depends on external factors such as immigration rates and the performance of the national economy. Since the region has very little impact on these larger-scale factors, the amount of growth in the region presents an uncertainty for which the region needs to be ready. Council staff simulated alternative futures with varying levels of regional growth to explore the future impacts of

⁴ Metropolitan Council. (2018). *Trends in Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 2010-2017*. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Community-Development-Committee/2018/February-5,-2018/Trends-ppt.aspx>

⁵ Metropolitan Council. (2021). *2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite*. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole/2021/04-07-21/Info-Item-Comp-Plan-Composite-PPT.aspx>

⁶ Metropolitan Council. (2021). Residential Development Trends. [Residential Development Trends \(metro council.org\)](#)

⁷ Metropolitan Council. (2021). Lessons from 2023 Population Estimates. [A Growing, Changing Region \(metro council.org\)](#)

⁸ For additional details about the methodology and further discussion on the analysis, see Metropolitan Council (2024). *Scenario Planning Consolidated Findings and Connections to Policy*. <https://metc1new.metctest.state.mn.us/Council-Meetings/Committees/Metropolitan-Council/2024/3-27-2024/INFO-1.aspx>

this uncertainty. They analyzed three growth levels - business as usual (continuation of current growth levels), higher growth, and lower growth.

Similarly, the Council and local jurisdictions do not know exactly where people and businesses will decide to locate and what demand in real estate markets will look like. While the Council works with local jurisdictions to make land available for development, unforeseen dynamics in the real estate markets play a big role in determining where actual development occurs. Once again, planners need to be prepared for alternative futures where market demand plays out differently in the region.

These variables yielded five future scenarios: business-as-usual growth; high growth compact; high growth dispersed; low growth compact; low growth dispersed. In forming these scenarios, staff used the region's current planned density ranges within locally adopted comprehensive plans, its existing transportation and wastewater infrastructure, as well as its current housing and land use policies.

To ensure plausibility, staff utilized the Council's forecast and land use models and simulated alternative futures with realistic growth rates based on conditions experienced in the past. While plausible, the simulated scenarios were also different enough from each other that staff could identify significantly different impacts on the Council and the region.

Key findings of scenarios analysis

The results of this analysis showed that compact scenarios compared to dispersed scenarios would bring the region closer to achieving the regional goals across all policy areas. To summarize:

Land Use: Compact development uses land more intensely and efficiently, regardless of how much the region grows. It also puts less pressure on the region's agricultural areas and natural systems. These findings suggest that compact development makes it easier to protect the region's natural systems by reducing the footprint of development. They also imply that compact growth patterns can make the region more dynamic and resilient by preserving its agricultural economy.

Transportation: Compared to dispersed growth, compact growth results in lower vehicle miles traveled, lower transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, greater job accessibility, and better transit access, regardless of how much the region grows. These findings show that compact growth patterns are in alignment with the Council's goal of being leaders in climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. They also imply that compact growth is more conducive to generating a more dynamic and equitable region.

Housing: The cost of meeting the affordable housing needs of the population is lower in compact growth scenarios than dispersed ones. As such, compact growth promotes a more dynamic and equitable region. However, compact growth might lead to gentrification and displacement of low-income residents in areas where growth pressures make housing more expensive. If not addressed, gentrification and displacement risks can undermine equity in the region.

Water Quality: One type of growth is not better in terms of surface water runoff and quality. Each pattern of growth generates different types of pollutants and the results of each scenario depend on the type of pollutant. For instance, dispersed growth scenarios produce larger reductions in nitrate runoff while compact growth scenarios produce lesser amounts of chloride runoff. Regionwide differences in scenario results do not tell the whole story since surface water impacts occur locally on small streams and lakes.

Water Supply: In all scenarios, industrial development increases in very highly vulnerable areas of water supply. More industrial development occurs in high-growth scenarios. In dispersed growth

scenarios, the region relies more on groundwater than surface water and this brings the region closer to the sustainable groundwater limits. These scenarios also increase the pressure to use additional private wells in areas not served by municipal systems. In compact growth scenarios, the region relies more on existing water systems such as the Mississippi River, which has higher monitoring, treatment, and costs. These scenarios create higher risk of impact from sudden drought, making the region less resilient.

Wastewater Management: In compact growth scenarios, the region utilizes its existing wastewater infrastructure more efficiently. Dispersed growth scenarios have the greatest potential to shift resources toward early and unplanned expansion efforts. They also increase the use of septic tanks and rural local treatment plants, which can lead to long-term environmental degradation if they are not appropriately managed. This implies that the region's goal of protecting natural systems in the region may be harder to achieve in dispersed growth scenarios.

Parks and Trails: The amount of growth rather than its location plays a more important role in determining park and trail acquisition, protection, and use outcomes. High growth scenarios increase the cost of acquisition, constitute a challenge for conservation, and might lead to overuse of parks and trails. In addition, higher growth could imply higher visitation, which might lead to increases in funding appropriations. The specific challenges and opportunities associated with acquisition, protection, and use of parks and trails depend on where growth happens, in mature or developing parks and trails.

Climate: Compact growth produces lower GHG emissions than dispersed growth, no matter how much the region grows. This is also the case for transportation and residential building energy related GHG emissions. These findings suggest that compact growth patterns would serve the region better in terms of reaching its climate goals.

Natural Systems: Dispersed development patterns pose a higher risk of natural systems loss, fragmentation, and species loss than compact patterns. This means that compact growth patterns are better aligned with the region's goal of protecting and restoring natural systems.

The findings suggest that, compared to dispersed scenarios, compact growth scenarios offer more opportunities for achieving the Council's regional goals. However, compact growth scenarios also pose some challenges, such as gentrification and displacement risk, that can get in the way of achieving these regional goals. These challenges need to be addressed for the region to be sufficiently prepared for all scenarios.

Infrastructure and landscape factors that continue to influence planning choices

As part of the long-range planning process, a number of land use and infrastructure features were identified as important variables that play an integral role in long range planning. Many of these variables are factors in different parts of the long-range planning process, including factoring into localizing the regional population and employment forecasts, transportation planning within jurisdictions, water planning, housing planning, and others. Local governments may also find these data sources important as they commence their future land use planning and in determining the most optimal location for various uses within their communities.

These factors include considerations across water supply, climate and natural resources, transportation infrastructure, and economic development and employment. As local governments dive into local planning processes, there may be additional localized features that also influence their planning decision-making.

Water Considerations

- Metropolitan Region Water Supply Planning Atlas
- Source Water Protection and Pollution Prevention
- Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) and Vulnerability Ratings
- Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) and Emergency Response Area (ERA)
- MPCA Groundwater Contamination Atlas
- County Geologic Atlases
- Minnesota Hydrogeology Atlas (MHA)
- Groundwater infiltration
- Wastewater Service Area – regional and local, including the Long Term Sewer Service Area

Climate and Natural Resources

- Regionally Significant Ecological Areas
- Extreme Heat
- Localized Flooding
- Tree Canopy
- Prime Agricultural Soils
- Aggregate resources

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Transitways
- Existing and Planned Station Areas
- Freight terminals and related infrastructure

Economic Development and Employment Centers

- Job Concentrations
- Manufacturing/Distribution Locations
- Educational Institutions
- Housing Affordability
- Redevelopment Opportunities

The *Local Planning Handbook* will provide datasets, tools, and resources to aid local governments as they conduct their local comprehensive planning processes.

Urban and Rural Service Areas

The region consists of a range of local characteristics, from the agricultural areas to the urban center, and the Met Council applies different policies tailored to each one. Imagine 2050 sets the visionary strategic direction for incorporating and implementing regional development goals in local comprehensive plans. This direction provides specific land use and development strategies for implementation but provides flexibility for local governments to determine how best to align with regional policies and work toward regional outcomes while still accomplishing local goals. The Met Council recognizes that variation exists in development patterns, neighborhoods, and land uses within each jurisdiction. Through its comprehensive plan, each local government determines how to implement the regional land use and development strategies in a manner that best meets local goals and suits the variation within their jurisdiction.

The Met Council has distinguished between urban and rural areas with the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) as a means to manage land consumption, to deliver efficient regional services, and to preserve valued rural and agricultural areas. Examples of regional services differentiated in this manner include metropolitan wastewater services, the regional highway system, and the regular route transit system. In the Rural Service Area, the Met Council has discouraged high development densities typically seen in urban and suburban areas to ensure the orderly development of the region, efficient use of regional investments, and to protect agricultural land, natural resources, the quality and quantity of our water sources, and the rural landscape.

While the Urban Service Area, including Rural Centers, constitutes about half of the land in the region, in 2020 about 93% of the population lived within this area. The Urban Service Area has the highest level of investment in regional and local services, including regional wastewater services. The Urban Service Area includes a diverse set of municipalities ranging from the urban downtowns in Minneapolis and St. Paul to developing areas planning for staged growth and expansion with varying challenges and development expectations. A variety of residential neighborhoods, housing types, and densities, along with a varying mix of commercial and industrial areas that developed at different times in the region's history, serve different development patterns and needs. The Met Council will continue to provide these regional services and will work with local governments to support growth that best capitalizes on regional systems and infrastructure investments.

About half of the Twin Cities metropolitan area land is within the Rural Service Area. These areas include a range of uses including cultivated farmland, vineyards, hobby farms, gravel mines, woodlands, small towns, scattered and clustered housing, open spaces and significant expanses of the region's natural systems. Aside from the investments in the regional parks system, investments in regional services are limited in the Rural Service Area. The Met Council strives to protect the vital agricultural lands and natural amenities in the Rural Service Area, and to recognize the desire for rural and small-town residential choices.

Community Designations

Recognizing the variety of landscapes, in local jurisdictions and across the region, the Met Council sets the strategic direction using *community designations* and regional land use policies to accommodate regional forecasted growth, respond to development trends, and adapt the regional planning landscape to current challenges. These community designations continue the longstanding history of distinguishing between the Urban and Rural Service Areas while adding policy guidance to form the geographic planning areas that will guide the orderly and economical development of the region. Imagine 2050 builds upon the foundation of community designations by categorizing cities and townships based on defining characteristics essential for effective regional planning. (see Figure 1)

As part of the regional development guide, community designations work in concert with land use policies to guide growth in areas with urban infrastructure; establish distinct land use policies and density expectations; protect agricultural land and natural amenities; and outline strategies to meet the region's forecasted growth. Community designations are further used to plan and implement regional policies at the local level.

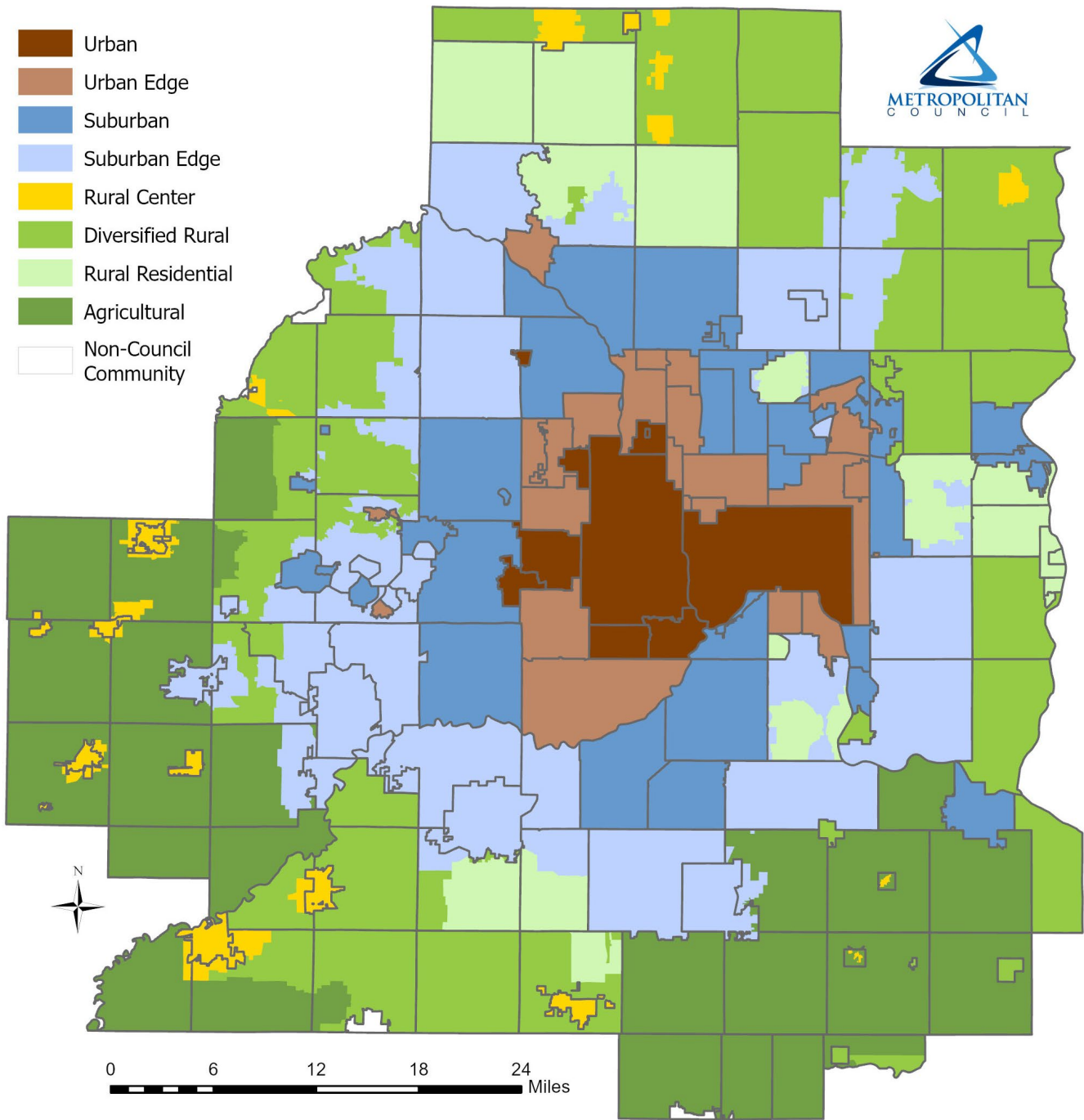
The Met Council assigns a community designation to each city and township, although cities and townships along the developing edge of the region may have more than one community designation based on forecasted growth and current or planned development patterns. This designation indicates the overall state of development and regional issues faced by that city or township. Community designations are also used to guide growth and development to areas that have urban infrastructure in place and capacity to accommodate development or redevelopment, to establish land use and density expectations for different planning areas, and to outline the roles of the Met Council and the individual local governments. Land use policy sets overall densities, by community designation, that planned development patterns of a city or township can be expected to achieve, along with planning considerations that local governments incorporate into their planning processes.

Regional land use policies are framed around common characteristics of different jurisdictions. These common characteristics are the basis for community designations. These community designations are informed by key variables that guide development towards areas equipped with the necessary urban infrastructure to support forecasted growth. Key variables used to define community designations include:

- **Age of Infrastructure:** Acts as a proxy for the infrastructure's overall condition and anticipated service life.
- **Planned Residential Density:** Extracted from 2040 local comprehensive plans; this variable helps in anticipating future growth patterns.
- **Intersection Density:** Serves as an indicator of connectivity, urban form, and accessibility within the city or township.

By incorporating these main variables, Imagine 2050's designations are tailored to implement regional policies effectively at the local level, accommodating projected growth in a structured and foresightful manner. Community designations not only support the planning of local policies but also help implement these strategies effectively, accommodating the region's projected growth in a sustainable and efficient manner.

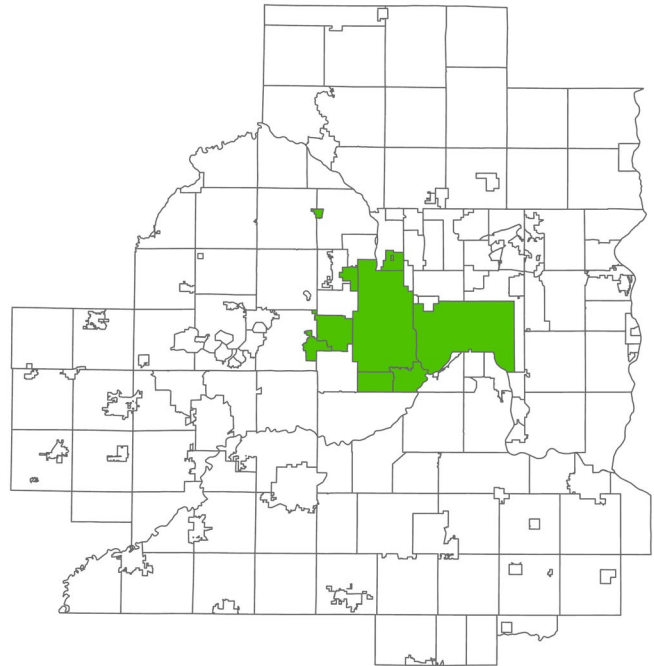
Figure 2. 2050 Community Designations, Draft for public comment



Community Designations Descriptions

Urban

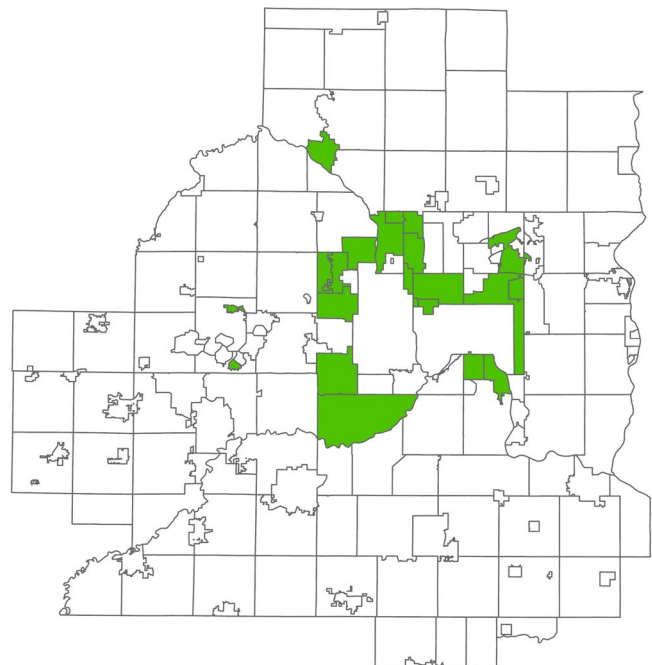
Urban community designations represent the densest and most centrally located local governments within the metro area, proven by extensive development that includes mixed-use areas combining residential, commercial, and cultural uses. Urban communities are fully developed and most of their housing stock was built prior to 1965. They experience the most opportunities for redevelopment, have interconnected neighborhoods, and are more conducive to high frequency transit use and reducing reliance on personal vehicles. At the same time, they also confront significant environmental challenges, including elevated median surface temperatures that often exceed 93 degrees Fahrenheit, necessitating strategies for urban cooling and greening to mitigate urban heat island effects.



Local governments with an Urban community designation include Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Osseo, Richfield, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park, and St. Paul.

Urban Edge

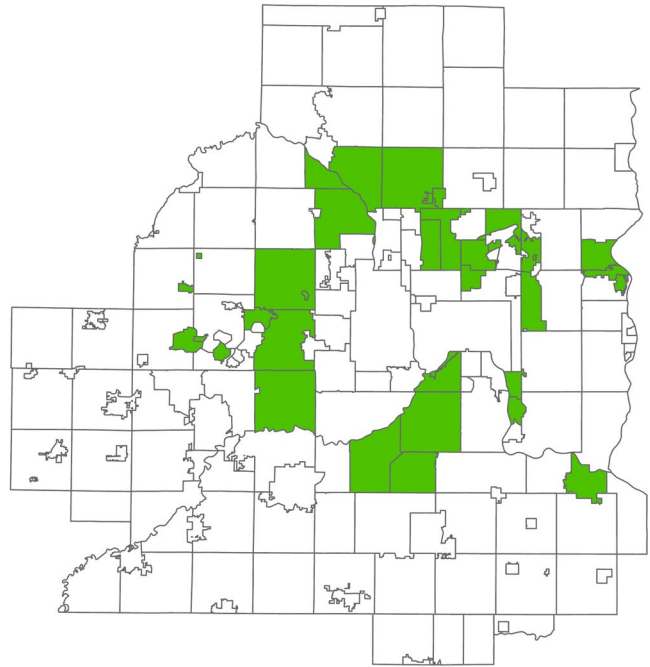
These cities are characterized by growth that occurred just before the economic downturn of 1973-1974, which contributes to their transitional character between dense urban cores and more spread-out suburban areas. Similar to Urban areas, they experience rapid growth and redevelopment at high densities, have high job densities as well, and offer good access to transit, supported by their relatively high street connectivity. Urban Edge areas face similar urban challenges, such as managing increased surface temperatures and safeguarding drinking water quality, which requires tailored environmental and infrastructural solutions.



Local governments with an Urban Edge community designation include Anoka, Birchwood Village, Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, Edina, Excelsior, Falcon Heights, Fridley, Golden Valley, Landfall, Lauderdale, Long Lake, Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, North St. Paul, Roseville, South St. Paul, Spring Lake Park, St. Anthony, West St. Paul, and White Bear Lake.

Suburban

Developed during the housing expansions of the 1980s and 1990s, Suburban areas are primarily residential, featuring auto-oriented, medium-density housing developments. These areas are mainly designed with expansive subdivisions that prioritize vehicle access and exhibit limited intersection density, which affects the efficiency of public transit. Additionally, these jurisdictions often include small amounts of undeveloped land, providing opportunities for future development or green space conservation. Many Suburban areas also feature park-and-ride facilities to enhance connectivity to larger transit networks, supporting commuter needs. As these areas continue to grow, they face challenges such as rising surface temperatures and strains on local water supplies, emphasizing the importance of integrated resource management strategies.

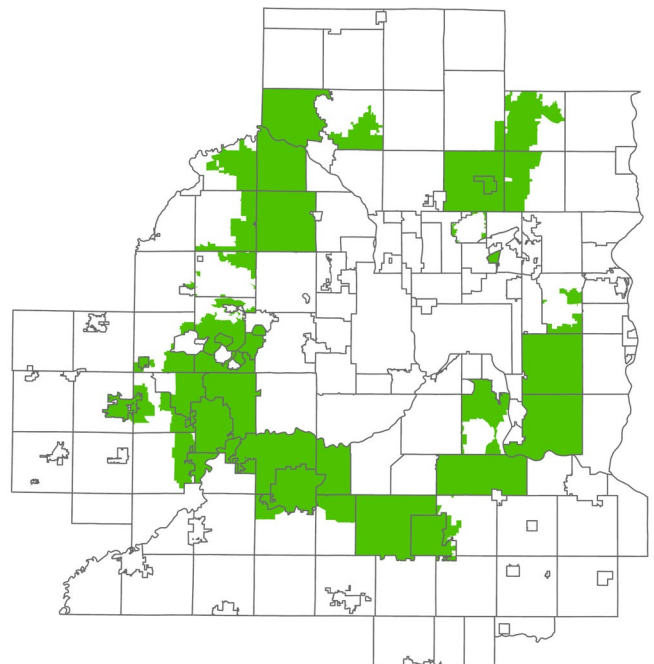


Local governments with a Suburban community designation include Apple Valley, Arden Hills, Bayport, Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Hastings, Lexington, Lilydale, Little Canada, Loretto, Mahtomedi, Maple Plain, Medicine Lake, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Minnetonka, Mound, Newport, Oak Park Heights, Oakdale, Plymouth, Shoreview, Spring Park, St. Paul Park, Stillwater, Tonka Bay, Vadnais Heights, Wayzata, White Bear Township, and Willernie.

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Suburban Edge

Suburban Edge cities are on the edge of the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) and primarily developed after the 1990s. These areas feature extensive undeveloped land planned for low to medium residential densities. The planning challenge in Suburban Edge areas is to improve street connectivity and integrate sustainable development practices, ensuring that growth and conservation effectively coexist. Suburban Edge cities may have more than one community designation based on forecasted growth and current or planned development patterns. This happens generally when areas in a city either have an historic development pattern more appropriate for a different designation or portions of the city are not currently planned for future development.



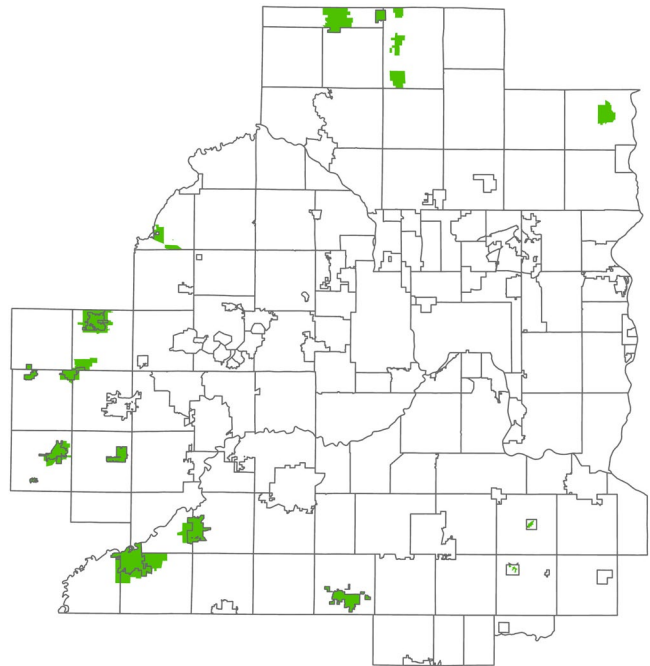
Local governments with a Suburban Edge community designation include Andover*, Carver, Centerville, Chanhassen, Chaska, Columbus*,

Corcoran*, Cottage Grove, Credit River*, Dayton, Deephaven, Empire*, Farmington, Forest Lake*, Gem Lake, Greenwood, Hugo*, Independence*, Inver Grove Heights*, Lake Elmo*, Lakeville, Lino Lakes, Maple Grove, Medina*, Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista*, North Oaks*, Orono*, Prior Lake, Ramsey, Rogers*, Rosemount, Savage, Shakopee, Shorewood, St. Bonifacius, Victoria, Waconia, Woodbury, and Woodland.

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Rural Center

Rural Center cities serve as vital commercial, employment, and residential hubs for the surrounding rural and agricultural areas. While these centers are developed at higher densities similar to urban areas within the MUSA, they maintain a unique character that supports the rural economy. They traditionally operate their own municipal wastewater treatment services, facilitating denser land uses. Most of these areas were developed prior to 2000 and have relatively higher intersection density, compared to the surrounding agricultural areas. Similar to their Urban counterparts, they face the challenges of higher surface temperatures and include less than 5% prime agricultural land. Rural Center cities may have more than one community designation due to surrounding township areas that were included in an orderly annexation agreement where growth was planned in previous planning cycles.

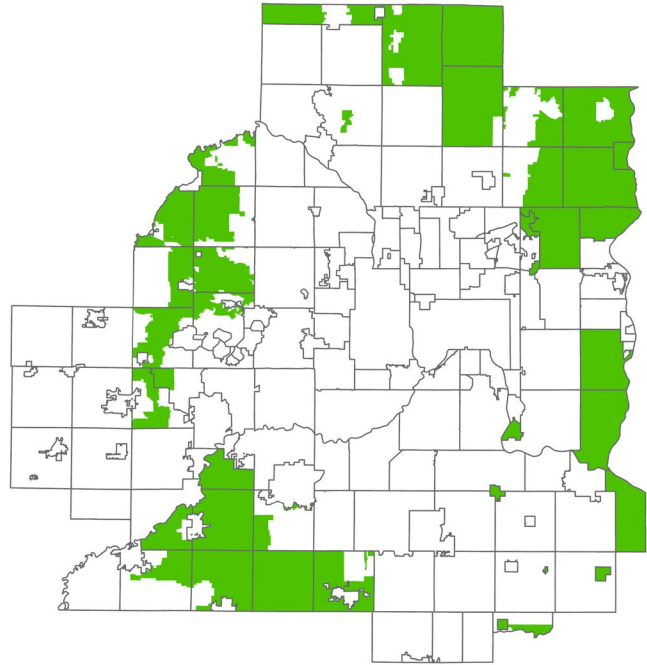


Local governments with a Rural Center community designation include Belle Plaine, Bethel, Cologne, East Bethel*, Elko New Market, Greenfield*, Hamburg, Hampton*, Jordan, Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America, Scandia*, St. Francis*, Vermillion*, and Watertown.

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Diversified Rural

These cities and townships include some prime agricultural land and farms, as well as large-lot residential development and clustered housing. Most of these areas were developed just prior to 2000 with lower residential densities. This pattern of development is most conducive for future expansion of urban infrastructure, as some of these areas are within the Met Council's Long-Term Service Area. Considering the long-term plans for orderly growth of these areas, urbanized levels of residential development is discouraged to avoid premature demand for wastewater expansion. Diversified Rural cities and townships may have more than one community designation based on forecasted growth and current or planned development patterns.

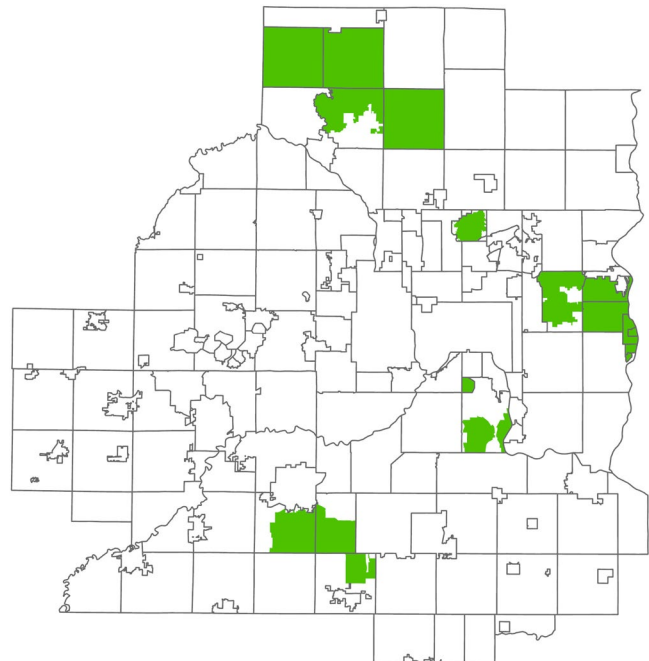


Local governments with a Diversified Rural community designation include Afton, Andover, Belle Plaine Twp.*, Cedar Lake Twp., Coates, Columbus*, Corcoran*, Dellwood, Denmark Twp., East Bethel*, Forest Lake*, Grant, Greenfield*, Grey Cloud Island Twp., Helena Twp.*, Hugo*, Independence*, Laketown Twp., Linwood Twp., Louisville Twp., Marine on St. Croix, May Twp., Medina*, Miesville, Minnetrista*, New Market Twp.*, New Trier, Orono*, Pine Springs, Randolph, Randolph Twp.*, Ravenna Twp., Rogers*, Sand Creek Twp., Scandia*, Spring Lake Twp.*, St. Francis*, St. Lawrence Twp., and Stillwater Twp.

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Rural Residential

These are areas with larger lot developments which preclude the provision of urban infrastructure, such as the regional wastewater service. Rural Residential areas represent historic development patterns of average lots sizes of 1-2.5 units per acre that were mostly built in the 1980s and 1990s. The growth pattern in Rural Residential areas is not aligned with the Met Council's mission of orderly and economic growth and therefore they generally plan to accommodate minimal growth while preserving natural areas. Rural Residential cities and townships often have more than one community designation representing the historic development patterns which exist alongside newer planned development areas which may be anticipating regional sewer service or are part of orderly annexation areas in nearby cities.



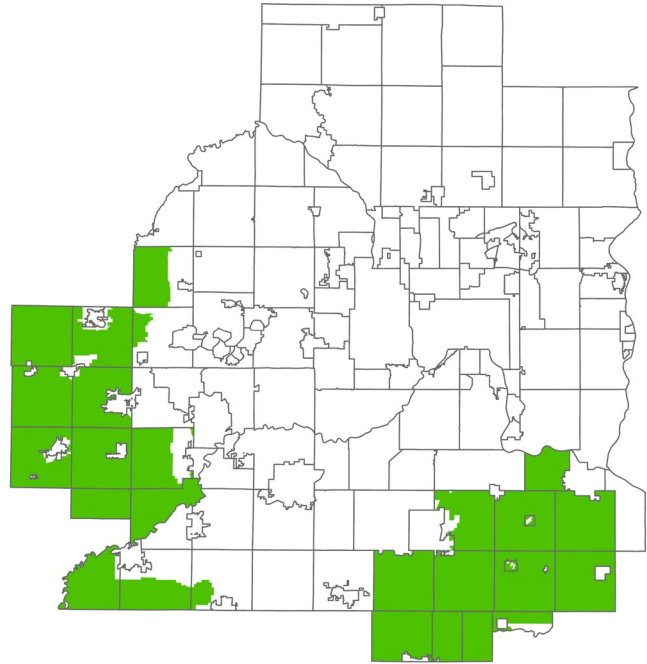
Local governments with a Rural Residential community designation include Andover, Baytown

Twp., Credit River*, Ham Lake, Inver Grove Heights*, Lake Elmo*, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, New Market Twp.*, North Oaks*, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Spring Lake Twp.*, St. Mary's Point, Sunfish Lake, and West Lakeland Twp.

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Agricultural

Agricultural cities and townships mostly include more than 50% prime agricultural land with large areas dedicated to farming. These farming activities support the economic competitiveness of the region and promote local food production. Most of these areas are enrolled in the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program and are discouraged from higher density development. While most Agricultural areas have lower surface temperatures compared to the rest of region, they also include some higher vulnerability drinking-water areas, as well as high potential for groundwater and surface water interaction. Preservation of these agricultural areas and implementing best management practices in farming operation is important for overall water quality improvement. Agricultural cities and townships often have more than one community designation representing the existing patterns of development within and nearby. Some jurisdictions have orderly annexation agreements with adjacent cities and some represent the transition from areas with large agricultural production to smaller farms or homesteads.



Local governments with an Agricultural community designation include Belle Plaine Twp.*, Benton Twp., Blakeley Twp., Camden Twp., Castle Rock Twp., Dahlgren Twp., Douglas Twp., Empire Twp.*, Eureka Twp., Greenvale Twp., Hampton*, Hampton Twp., Hancock Twp., Helena Twp.*, Hollywood Twp., Independence*, Marshan Twp., Minnetrista*, Nininger Twp., Randolph Twp.*, San Francisco Twp., Sciota Twp., Vermillion*, Vermillion Twp., Waconia Twp., Waterford Twp., Watertown Twp., and Young America Twp.

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Land Use Objectives, Policies, and Actions

The land use objectives, policies, and actions in this chapter balance both urban and rural characteristics of the region to create the most healthy, sustainable, and welcoming environment for the people in this region. The land use objectives in this chapter are intended to support the regional vision and achieve the 2050 goals while addressing key land use and regional growth issues. Each objective should achieve more than one regional goal and the land use direction in this chapter sets the stage for development throughout the region. Crafted with both an equity and environmental justice focus, the land use objectives, policies, and actions center the voices of community members in the same measure as stakeholders like local governments and partners like the American Indian Advisory Council. Outcomes for land use policy will be measured with both quantitative and qualitative efforts.

To achieve the five cross-cutting regional goals established in Imagine 2050, the Met Council identifies eight land use objectives with accompanying land use policies and actions for both local governments and the Met Council to implement. Each objective has specific policies and actions and while nested under a specific objective, in practice they serve multiple purposes. Land use objectives impact all planning and policy areas and serve to guide how growth and development occur in the region.

The land use objectives are:

1. Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.
2. Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.
3. Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live, work, and recreate in.
4. Prioritize land use and development activities that protect, restore, and enhance natural systems at all scales.
5. Ensure that people in all types of communities find housing opportunities that align with their needs.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Implement land use and development practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, embed climate adaptation, and create resilient communities.
8. Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

As a policy, land use is interrelated with all aspects of the built form and the people that live and move within the region. Alignment of land use with housing, transportation, parks, natural systems, water, climate mitigation and adaptation, and more is critical to achieving regional goals of Imagine 2050. One objective or policy alone cannot achieve the outcomes the people of this region need from the regional development guide. Instead, a comprehensive approach to address all the objectives will set the stage for people's individual success. While an objective may appear to directly support some of the regional goals more than others, all of the land use objectives, policies, and actions are interrelated.

Each of the following land use objectives applies to all local governments albeit application in urban and rural areas will and must look different in order to be successful. Community Designations will be used to refine requirements for individual cities, townships, and counties. The Local Planning Handbook, the PlanIt program, Sector Representatives, and a full suite of technical assistance tools will provide guidance and resources to help local governments implement specific local planning expectations.

Objective 1: Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

Land and water are essential for sustaining all life. We recognize that planning for the region is about more than accommodating a growing human population, but also about respecting the integrity and needs of all living beings in the region. This approach to growth management emphasizes the importance of stewardship and interconnectedness. By acknowledging and respecting this connection, a broad and shared understanding of the impact humans have on the environment and all living beings within it can change the relationship between development, people, and the environment. Development doesn't have to disturb or disrupt, but instead can care for and protect the region's assets, both natural and human.

To achieve this balance, regional growth requires an orderly and efficient approach to land development to meet evolving and expanding needs. A development pattern that reduces the amount of land used to accommodate growth supports this outcome by leveraging the region's existing resources and limiting impacts to existing habitats. These land use patterns exist throughout the region in cities and townships of all sizes.

Directing growth within local governments to areas where infrastructure already exists promotes efficient use of available infrastructure capacity in the urban and rural service areas and reduces the need for infrastructure expansion. The concentration of growth in existing service areas also prevents premature development of agricultural areas and destruction of natural systems. Managing growth in this manner allows our region to preserve its agricultural economy and rural lifestyles while accommodating the needs of residents and businesses.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Incorporate Indigenous approaches, values, and practices in management of land and water sources. Sovereignty of Tribal nations requires a government-to-government relationship, which compels the Met Council to take a leadership role in elevating the needs and contributions of American Indian community members in the region. Actions that integrate Indigenous perspectives towards caring for the land, water, and living beings are intentional and attempt to alleviate some of the historic harms that American Indians continue to experience. (Met Council)
 - A1. Adopt regional land management guidelines co-created with American Indian community partners to share with local governments and interested partners as a resource for planning purposes and implementation in areas where there may be local discretion or desire to use such tools. Resources at the regional scale can help provide consistent, clear guidance to a large area of Dakota land and reduce the burden on small American Indian community organizations overtaxed with many individual requests to engage with multiple governments, organizations, or community groups. (Met Council)
 - A2. Establish an American Indian Advisory Council with authority and dedicated resources to implement land management guidelines in areas of Met Council influence or ownership. This Advisory Council would need to be established by the Met Council and participants with a mutually agreed upon structure, purpose, and role in the Met Council's decision-making process. This Advisory Council is intended to focus on Imagine 2050 implementation, issues of regional importance, and does not interact with or assume responsibilities of others in established review of cultural or archeological assets. (Met Council)
 - A3. Provide educational resources for non-native populations about American Indian practices as it relates to caring for the land and water. (Met Council)

- A4. Encourage more broad application of American Indian land and water management practices at the individual, neighborhood, community, and regional level. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P2. Accommodate orderly and economical regional growth through efficient land use practices to reduce the cost of infrastructure expansion and service improvements.
- A1. Promote more compact development in areas with existing infrastructure. Infrastructure investments at all scales, in all community types, need to be planned for a more compact development pattern. Compact development occurs in all areas with existing infrastructure, from rural downtowns to the growing suburban areas to the most densely developed urban neighborhoods. Planning for compact development patterns at all scales maximizes the benefits of investment, mitigates impacts of climate change, and builds localized resilience. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Using a rolling land supply analysis, the Met Council will evaluate requests to connect a new municipality outside of the Met Council's long-term sewer service area - or a new area within an already served municipality - to the regional wastewater system. The evaluation will be based on the regional need for additional land to accommodate growth and local development trends. Identifying a 20-year rolling land supply ensures that there is sufficient land within the planned Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) to accommodate the region's forecasted growth without having an oversupply that leads to premature infrastructure investments. This evaluation helps prevent inadvertent restriction of land supply that can drive up land prices, while also carefully evaluating MUSA expansion requests within a local jurisdiction and across the region. Analysis shows that there is more than adequate land supply within the current MUSA boundary to accommodate the 2050 regional growth forecasts. (Met Council)

To ensure efficient and cost-effective growth management, the Met Council standard criteria for MUSA expansion where growth had not previously been planned at a regional or local scale, is described herein. The Met Council will consider the following criteria:

- i Requests must meet system conformance requirements and maintain consistency with regional policies and goals.
- ii Proposed additions must demonstrate a need for additional land supply, including the need for a change to adopted forecasts. The Met Council will review requests to ensure a 20-year rolling land supply considering both regional and local market demand.
- iii For local governments already served by regional wastewater services, planned sewer-served densities must be consistent with regional density policy for the applicable community designation, including existing planned densities and the planned densities for the new area to be served.
- iv Any previous conditions related to Met Council-authorization of comprehensive plan or plan amendments must be fulfilled and program participation (Plat Monitoring Program, building permit survey, etc.) must be current and complete.
- v Past performance must meet density expectations. The Met Council will consider a shorter look-back period for performance and/or measure performance against rules in place at the time.
- vi When calculating land capacity, the following will be excluded: publicly protected areas, water bodies, wetlands, steep slopes, areas with limited depth to bedrock, depth to water table, and areas protected by public ownership/easement.

- A3. Residential density requirements are based on adopted community designations for both the rural and urban services areas (see community designations section). Local governments and land within the MUSA receive a higher level of regional services and investments than those in the rural service area, such as regional wastewater services, regional highways, transit service, and programs that support redevelopment. In return, the Met Council expects jurisdictions in the MUSA to plan for and build the higher levels of development that economically support those regional services. Compact development also reduces the pressure on agricultural land areas and decreases the impact of development on natural systems which helps manage the region’s land supply consistently and more effectively.

In addition, density requirements are necessary planning tools to meet the legislative requirement for NetZero by 2050 as well as the regional goal to lead in addressing climate change. While not the only tool needed to achieve the legislative requirement, every tool available must be used. Compact development has been shown to lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, irrespective of the development trajectory, which is crucial in meeting the state's new GHG reduction targets and regional climate goals.

The Met Council analyzed current and projected development densities across local governments within the MUSA. The conclusions from the density analysis highlight differences between actual developed densities that exist in the built environment and planned minimum densities that are authorized as part of local comprehensive plans. Additional information on the methodology, analysis, and possible policy and planning approaches that were assessed can be referenced in the [Density Analysis for Imagine 2050](#). The overall density requirements for both the Urban and Rural Service Areas based on the adopted community designations are included in the table below. (Local Government)

Table 2: Overall Density expectations by community designation and service area

Metropolitan Urban Service Areas Minimum Average Net Density	
Urban	25 units per acre
Urban Edge	14 units per acre
Suburban	7 units per acre
Suburban Edge	4 units per acre
Rural Service Area Maximum Allowed Density, except Rural Centers	
Rural Center	3 units per acre minimum
Rural Residential	1-2.5 acre lots existing, 1 unit/10 acres where possible
Diversified Rural	4 units per 40 acres
Agricultural	1 unit per 40 acres

Average minimum and maximum densities apply to all areas planned to accommodate forecasted growth in the planning period.

The following standards implement regional density policy: (Met Council/Local Government)

- i Plan for the overall minimum average net density expectations across all land within the city or township guided to support growth within the planning period.
- ii Each local government determines how and where density is guided consistent with regional policies. Setting minimum average densities for new development provides municipalities with the flexibility to determine which areas are best suited for higher or

- lower density development under the framework of meeting that overall minimum on available developable lands. (Local Government)
- iii Measure minimum net density by taking the minimum number of planned housing units and dividing by the net acreage. Net acreage does not include land covered by wetlands, water bodies, public parks and trails, public open space, arterial road rights-of-way, and other undevelopable acres identified in or protected by local ordinances such as steep slopes. This applies to local governments within the MUSA and Rural Center communities. (Local Government)
 - iv Plan for forecasted growth and land supply by decade in local comprehensive plans, meeting the community designation minimum density requirements within each planning decade. (Local Government)
 - v Evaluate the practical feasibility of demand and development to ensure that both the intensity (density range) and location of planned developments are practical. Local governments need to plan land uses that are realistically marketable within the planning period, focusing on plausibility and long-term viability. This helps prevent the overestimation of development outcomes, thereby reducing the risk of underutilized infrastructure, inefficient land management, and implausible planned densities. This differentiates between what is merely allowed and what is plausible, providing a realistic framework for land use planning. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - vi Use a programmatic and performance-based approach to flexible application of density requirements to support local implementation of regional goals. The structure and requirements where flexibility may be acceptable must not jeopardize conformance with regional system plans or consistency with Met Council policies. Past plans and actions including regional goal and regional policy consistency, existing development patterns, plat monitoring data, adopted plans and ordinances as well as other relevant data may be used to determine eligibility. Criteria will be established in partnership with local governments and other regional stakeholders as part of the implementation work plan. (Met Council)
 - vii In the Rural Service Area, the Met Council discourages higher development densities to ensure the orderly development of the region, promote the efficient use of regional investments, and protect agricultural land, water resources, and the rural landscape. At the region's developing edge, some local governments are split between the Urban Service Area and the Rural Service Area. All jurisdictions in the Rural Service Area are expected to set maximum allowable densities, except Rural Centers. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - viii In the Rural Service Area, the development pattern in Rural Residential community designations reflects both historic large lot subdivisions and areas with environmental limitations to development. This effectively precludes provision of urbanized infrastructure in an effective, connected, and efficient manner and in some cases increases the potential for damage to the environment. These areas need to accommodate minimal growth while protecting natural areas, water quality and quantity, and ensuring sufficient public infrastructure. Expansion of the Rural Residential community designation is inconsistent with regional goals and objectives and considered a departure from regional system plans. (Met Council)
 - ix Evaluate the need for and updates to administrative guidelines including the MUSA Implementation Guidelines and Flexible Development Guidelines to align with regional goals and to effectively advance the policies in Imagine 2050. (Met Council)

- A4. Guide an adequate supply of land at the following appropriate minimum densities to meet their allocation of the regional Future Affordable Housing Need. This applies to local governments with forecasted sewer service. Refer to section 4 of the Housing Policy Chapter on Land Guided for Affordable Housing for more information. (Local Government)

Table 3. Future affordable housing need minimum density requirements

Local Options	Minimum density requirement
Option 1	Guide sufficient land at a minimum density of 10 units/acre to meet the city or township’s total Future Need.
Option 2	Guide sufficient land at a minimum density of 12 units/acre to meet the city or township’s Future Need for 30% AMI or less and a minimum density of 8 units per acre to meet the Future Need at 31-60% AMI.

- A5. Focus local-level growth near high frequency transit service and station areas, to leverage infrastructure investments, support transit ridership, and encourage compact and vibrant mixed-use, walkable areas. Housing is a vital element of a transit supportive land use mix, and average residential density is a common metric employed in transit-oriented development plans regionally and nationally. The appropriate scale of residential density around stations varies by community designation and transit mode, Residential development around station areas, existing and planned, accounts for nearly half of all multi-family residential development in the region. Between 2009 and 2023, new residential development around station areas frequently ranged from 30 to 40 units per acre, with higher average densities at stations in the urban areas. (Met Council/Local Government)
- i Jurisdictions with transit investments need to meet higher average minimum densities within station areas, depending on the transit type. The average minimum density requirements for all areas planned to accommodate forecasted growth for each transit type and geography by community designation are in the table below. (Local Government)
 - ii Residential density is measured as an average of all new residential development and redevelopment in the station areas, calculated on the basis of net developable acres. The average provides flexibility for individual jurisdictions to plan for a range of residential types and densities, mixed with other uses in the station areas. (Met Council/Local Government)

Table 4. Transit station area minimum density requirements by community designation, mode, and geography

Transit Type	Geography	Urban Min. Required	Urban Edge Min. Required	Suburban Min. Required	Suburban Edge Min. Required
Light Rail	1/2-mile radius	50	35	30	25
Dedicated BRT / Commuter Rail	1/2-mile radius	50	30	25	20
Highway BRT	1/2-mile radius	30	25	20	15
Arterial BRT	1/4-mile radius	30	25	20	15
Modern Streetcar	1/4-mile along	30	25	20	15
High Frequency Bus	1/4-mile along	25	15	10	10

Average minimum densities apply to all areas planned to accommodate forecasted growth in the planning period.

- A6. Allow for more than one housing type in land use categories with residential uses. To accommodate this, residential densities for land use categories need to provide a wide enough range of densities so that more than one housing type can be developed within individual land use categories. Single-use residential districts, particularly on the lower density end, limit the diversity of housing within the region and prevent more efficient use of land. Also, single-family residential districts occupy more land than any other use within the Urban Service Area. Limiting such a large land supply to one housing product impacts land use efficiency, diversity of housing stock within neighborhoods and across the region, and availability of options for residents to stay within the community of their choice as their needs and abilities change.
- A7. Encourage orderly annexation agreements between growing Rural Centers and adjacent townships to encourage planned and orderly development in rural areas, where applicable. (Met Council/Local Government)
- i Local governments may only plan for areas within their municipal boundaries unless an orderly annexation agreement authorizes another jurisdiction to assume planning authority. Planning to use the annexation-by-ordinance process does not convey long-term planning authority and will not be considered as part of comprehensive plan review. As annexations-by-ordinance occur, a comprehensive plan amendment should be submitted to integrate new growth areas into the local plan and update land uses, forecasts, and other changes as needed. Local planning that encompasses areas outside of jurisdictional authority will not be considered as part of the Met Council’s review and authorization of local comprehensive plans. (Local Government)
 - ii Orderly annexation agreements must encompass the planning horizon and identify needed updates that occur within the planning period. Plan authorization may only apply to timelines permitted within the orderly annexation agreement. (Local Government)
 - iii The Met Council supports a cooperative, orderly planning approach that protects the long-term viability of growth and development of Rural Center communities. Where appropriate and requested, the Met Council may act as a convener between jurisdictions to help facilitate discussion and resolution of annexation-related issues. (Met Council)
 - iv Where the extension of long-term regional sewer service may be under consideration or planning, the Met Council will evaluate the overall impact of interim uses in rural and agricultural areas to ensure conformance with regional system plans and avoid departures from those plans. (Met Council)
- P3. Protect rural and agricultural areas from premature development and retain the ability to provide urban services based on regional system plans and long-term needs. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Promote enrollment in the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program including supporting legislative changes to strengthen the program. Promote enrollment in the Green Acres Program for properties not enrolled in the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program. (Met Council)
 - A2. Encourage preservation of land identified as prime agricultural soils from uses other than agricultural production and its ancillary uses. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Discourage solar developments on areas identified as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance. (Local Government)

- A4. Encourage promulgation of right-to-farm policies and ordinances at the local level (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A5. Support the growth of urban agriculture by encouraging the use of vacant and underutilized parcels for this purpose and by providing model ordinances that promote urban agriculture. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - i Encourage creation of small (less than 40 acres) farms within Diversified Rural communities.
 - ii Support changes to the definition of “farm” to expand benefits to smaller (less than 10 acres) farmsteads.
 - iii Support changes to the building code to reduce the barriers for constructing hoophouses and similar agricultural structures on non-farm properties.
 - A6. Evaluate rural development patterns and proposals in the Long-Term Sewer Service Area for future economical expansion of regional service. (Met Council)
- P4. Encourage redevelopment, infill, and adaptive reuse as part of development priorities. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Establish a redevelopment monitoring program using existing surveys to obtain information through streamlined data collection efforts. (Met Council)
 - A2. Evaluate building permit survey information that may be necessary to inform frequency and success of adaptive reuse of buildings. (Met Council)
 - A3. Support funding and incentives for redevelopment projects and adaptive reuse to address the finance gaps that are prevalent in these efforts. (Met Council)
 - A4. Encourage mitigation of the impact to natural systems as redevelopment and infill occur. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A5. Provide technical support as part of established grant programs to support redevelopment, infill, and adaptive reuse projects. (Met Council)
 - i Repurpose existing vacant or underutilized buildings.
 - ii Explore opportunities to incentivize adaptive reuse of existing buildings, such as repurposing vacant schools or commercial properties into affordable or senior housing developments.
 - A6. Identify opportunities to streamline local development review processes, programs, and incentives that may help realize adaptive reuse for affordable or senior housing developments. (Local Government)
 - A7. Update land use guidance and regulations to incentivize de-paving in infill and redevelopment opportunities. (Local Government)
- P5. Direct growth away from sensitive ecosystems and water sources to prioritize protection of natural systems. Responsible management of growth can include practices which respect and value the region’s ecological assets. Considerations as to where and how development occurs can positively impact ecological health and accommodate development. Areas with high biodiversity or ecological significance require sensible land use approaches to development. The Met Council promotes development and land use stewardship that integrates natural systems in design and implementation. (Met Council/Local Government)

- A1. Prevent groundwater contamination from development, especially in highly vulnerable Drinking Water Supply Management Areas. (Local Government)
 - A2. Community-wide growth shall consider water supply constraints in the management of growth and development across the region. (Met Council)
 - A3. Adopt regional guidelines to protect vulnerable, regional priority waters and aquifers from development and restore water quality as part of development practices. (Met Council)
 - A4. Local water supply plans, as part of the local comprehensive plan, shall adequately demonstrate availability of clean, safe drinking water in areas where forecasted growth will be accommodated. Amendments to local water supply plans are needed when changes exceed the Met Council-adopted threshold for change which will be established through updated guidelines for comprehensive plan amendments. Consideration of a percentage of change similar to local forecast changes may be used. (Local Government)
 - A5. Encourage development design using best management practices for stormwater runoff from the site to protect any surface water where sites may drain. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P6. In staging areas for new development, local governments need to plan for aggregate resource extraction prior to development where viable deposits remain accessible, as mapped in *Minnesota Geological Survey Information Circular No. 46* (Minn. Stat. 473.859). Aggregate resources are needed for not only construction of new roads and buildings but also maintenance and repair. Accessing these resources locally reduces the costs for local construction projects compared to shipping resources in from outside of the region. (Local Government)
- A1. Where regionally significant ecological areas or other locally protected natural areas overlay aggregate deposits, the Met Council prioritizes preservation of natural systems over aggregate extraction. (Met Council)

Objective 2: Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Land use and transportation are closely interrelated – changes in land use affect transportation; changes in transportation affect how land can be used. Transportation systems connect people to housing, work, services, and recreation opportunities. The region is well-served by an existing system of extensive roadways that provide connections for people choosing or able to use a personal vehicle. A transportation system that is well connected with uses and services close to an individual’s daily needs provides opportunities for choices in travel options that can help to decrease driving. Both planning and investment need to be coordinated to ensure thoughtful growth and development while continuing to serve people’s mobility needs throughout the region.

The region also has a robust network of existing and planned regional transit, bicycle, and walking/rolling infrastructure responding to increasingly diverse travel preferences and needs. Many residents use these options for some or all of their daily travel needs due to cost, ability, health goals, climate concerns, or preference. Additional housing, jobs, and services in places that support these travel modes can have many benefits, including:

- Increased accessibility of the region for those without access to a personal vehicle.
- Reduced need for vehicle trips and/or their cost and duration.
- Reduced GHG emissions related to transportation and land use.
- Efficacy of regional investment in regional transit/bicycling infrastructure.
- Increased positive health outcomes due to greater physical activity.

Places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure can be identified in several ways. Comprehensive plans and other local plans often call out these places specifically. Transit market areas, an analysis maintained at the Met Council, are areas with density, walkability, and levels of car ownership that favor various levels of transit service. Population analysis such as age (youth/older adults), ability, income, and personal preferences can also identify areas with likely non-automobile-using residents.

Local governments in the region can support, reinforce and create these areas through planning and implementation that encourages additional density around activity centers and along corridors, a greater mix of uses, and improvement to the walkability and livability of the area. A critical piece of local planning is the development of interconnected local street networks that provide more opportunities to support travel by modes other than a car. The design of the networks, the street layout, the relationship with the surrounding land uses, and the space for people to travel without a car is important in creating effective and safe places for people.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Maximize opportunities for residential growth and supportive commercial growth in areas with mixed land uses that offer multiple travel choices.
 - A1. Focus planned residential and commercial development near available and planned transportation and transit infrastructure. (Local Government)
 - A2. Develop and implement transit-oriented development (TOD) policies and design at all stages of development (site plan, subdivision, long-range plan). (Local Government)
 - A3. Plan higher-density residential developments around public transportation hubs and corridors. (Local Government)
 - A4. Provide technical assistance for retrofitting/transitioning from one transit market area to another. (Met Council)
 - A5. Provide technical resources related to accommodating additional density, reducing parking and parking impacts, travel demand management (TDM), placemaking/placekeeping, pedestrian networks, and related considerations. (Met Council)
- P2. Plan auto- or truck-oriented growth, such as industrial, shipping, or warehousing development, around existing infrastructure availability, such as highways, rail, waterways, airports, water supply, and wastewater services to minimize impacts on pedestrian/bike/transit areas. (Local Government)
 - A1. Analyze and coordinate the effects of land uses and transportation infrastructure on each other during local comprehensive plan development. (Local Government)
- P3. Support community-led planning and anti-displacement efforts to ensure community cohesion during change resulting from public investments and market demand, at all scales of development.
 - A1. Consider mitigation measures for displacement due to changes in the built environment including relocation assistance programs, land-disposition practices, anti-displacement funding programs, support of commercial and residential land trusts, and others. (Local Government)
 - A2. Identify appropriate mitigation measures for different scales of development to provide a consistent and transparent level of planning and engagement. (Local Government)

- A3. Consider implementation of new policies or retrofitting existing ones to better meet the needs of communities vulnerable to displacement resulting from public investments. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A4. Support community-centered engagement practices and community-led decision-making as part of development and public investment. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P4. Plan for and build an interconnected system of local streets, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities that prioritize the individual experience in planning for transit, bicycling, walking, and rolling.
- A1. Invest in local efforts to encourage growth in locations that support improved access, such as strategic land acquisitions, infrastructure investments, and community/developer engagement. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Identify regional, state, and federal funding sources to pair with local efforts to access funding through programs like the Regional Solicitation for transportation funding, regional trail acquisition and development funding, federal programs, and new opportunities as they become available. (Met Council)
 - A3. Include market studies in local implementation strategies and priorities. (Local Government)
 - A4. Support a comprehensive pedestrian network assessment for integration into land use planning and development projects. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A5. Address network connectivity gaps to improve accessibility and personal safety. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A6. Pursue partnerships to collaborate on funding programs that enhance biking, walking, and rolling access to centers of economic activity. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A7. Identify opportunities to adjust parking requirements to encourage alternative modes of transportation and to achieve additional benefits such as improved water quality, more efficient use of rights-of-way, and increased greenspace. (Local Government)
 - A8. Ensure that all forms of transportation (transit, bicycling, walking, and rolling) at the neighborhood level support the individual communities, cultures, abilities, ages, and needs within each jurisdiction.
- P5. Support regional centers of economic activity through pollution clean-up, preservation, accessibility improvements, land acquisition for public investment and other planning support.
- A1. Coordinate with Met Council programs including Livable Communities programs, water quality grant programs, transportation funding, and housing investments. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P6. Prioritize the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of environmental and natural systems near transportation features and areas where transit is available.
- A1. Integrate environmental and natural features in road rights-of-way, along highways and corridors, and other public transportation features, including near transit where available. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Integrate planning for nonmotorized access to transit locations, neighborhoods, employment centers, and parks through various regional, state, and federal funding sources. (Met Council/Local Government)

- A3. Leverage the development process to integrate natural features that can provide bicycle and pedestrian protections as part of planning for local roads, intersections, connections, trails, sidewalks, and bikeways. (Local Government)
- A4. Coordinate infrastructure planning efforts to minimize disruptions to habitat connectivity, integrating wildlife crossings into transportation and utility projects.

Objective 3: Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live, work, and recreate in.

Peoples' experiences of the places where they live, work, and recreate reflect the livability of the region. Feelings of safety and connection in one's community promote a sense of belonging and ownership. A mix of uses make it possible for residents to take advantage of opportunities close to home, like parks and shopping. Planning for future growth presents the opportunity to design places where new and existing residents can gather and connect while meeting their daily needs. Communities can use public spaces to celebrate local culture and history through events that bring together people from different backgrounds. Thoughtful land use decisions can create a built environment that supports safety, physical activity, commerce, housing choice, and convenient access to amenities and services within cities, townships, and counties.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Prioritize planning policies and practices that support mixed-use development, walkable neighborhoods, easy access to transit, and enhanced connectivity through biking and other sustainable transportation options.
 - A1. Develop transportation, land use, and open space plans that prioritize human-scale planning in both urban and rural environments. (Local Government)
 - A2. Integrate creative street design within road rights-of-ways in collaboration with other transportation partners. (Local Government)
 - A3. Consider form-based zoning codes to ensure that new developments enhance neighborhood aesthetics, increase walkability, and strengthen community cohesion. (Local Government)
 - A4. Implement a holistic infrastructure design review process that assesses transportation, utilities, and other public amenities together for coherent and connected public spaces. (Local Government)
 - A5. Adopt a [Living Streets](#) policy in the land use plan and integrate this policy into zoning ordinances, transportation plans, and development regulations to ensure its consistent application in all projects and street redesigns. (Local Government)
 - A6. Consider incorporating [Crime Prevention through Environmental Design](#) principles, or similar, in local controls and encourage integration of these principles into new developments. (Local Government)
 - A7. Track and monitor both residential and commercial components in mixed-use districts and develop guidelines to assess the extent of residential diversity within the districts. If local governments use large mixed-use districts, they must establish a precise methodology for tracking and monitoring uses for effective evaluation of system impacts and regional trends. (Local Government)
 - A8. Support a comprehensive pedestrian network assessment, coordinated with transportation planning, and incorporate it into development projects to address network connectivity gaps.

- P2. Revitalize and strengthen communities at the neighborhood level by planning and maintaining public spaces for community gatherings to foster a sense of belonging and ownership.
 - A1. Incorporate placemaking initiatives, such as street vending, pop-up parks, farmers markets, and community art installations, to inject vibrancy and encourage social interaction in public spaces. (Local Government)
 - A2. Encourage creative and purposeful placemaking that celebrates diversity and enhances community spirit for all residents, incorporating universal design to exceed standard accessibility where practical. Universal design is a concept in which products and environments are designed to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. It aims to make the built environment inclusive, accommodating diverse needs and preferences, including those of individuals with disabilities, older adults, children, and people with temporary or situational impairments. (Local Government)
 - A3. Facilitate creation and maintenance of free and accessible public gathering spaces and community gardens. (Local Government)
 - A4. Facilitate update of zoning ordinances that encourage public spaces, including specific locations with access to water, restrooms, public transit, and parking. (Local Government)
 - A5. Support culturally significant design elements that animate the public landscape to promote cultural retention and connection. (Local Government)
 - A6. Support public art installations that draw residents to public spaces. (Local Government)
 - A7. Develop partnerships with local organizations to facilitate cultural programs and initiatives within public spaces, enhancing community identity and inclusivity. (Local Government)
- P3. Prioritize and plan for creation and preservation of green public spaces in developed areas.
 - A1. Support neighborhood-scale public open space and use of green spaces for public benefit. Create safe and inclusive green spaces for all abilities, ages, and needs by enhancing and adding parks, community gardens, and recreational amenities, especially in underserved areas. (Local Government)
 - A2. Consider innovative and emerging practices to adapt underutilized land or buildings for development of green infrastructure. (Local Government)
 - A3. Explore incentivizing preservation and integration of existing green spaces in new developments or redevelopments for public use. (Local Government)
 - A4. Support the development of community-based urban agriculture initiatives and community gardens. (Local Government)
 - A5. Adopt preservation ordinances to protect and maintain private green spaces, such as tree preservation or wetland buffer ordinances. (Local Government)
 - A6. Integrate green infrastructure, food growing spaces, and nature-based solutions, like Living Streets, into local planning processes and development implementation. (Local Government)
- P4. Protect and preserve historic and cultural assets to enhance community heritage and identity in alignment with the unique needs of each community.
 - A1. Develop and implement criteria for the designation of historic and cultural assets, considering factors such as architectural significance, historical importance, and cultural relevance,

ensuring alignment with evolving community standards and development goals. (Local Government)

- A2. Local governments must identify historic and cultural assets within their jurisdiction, incorporating measures to respect and protect the confidentiality and cultural significance of sensitive sites, such as American Indian burial mounds. (Local Government)
 - A3. Local governments must develop policies to protect and preserve historic and cultural assets and should additionally adopt culturally expansive ordinances to further enhance restoration and preservation efforts. Culturally expansive ordinances may include provisions related to language access, cultural celebrations, religious practices, heritage preservation, and other aspects of cultural expression and identity. The goal is to ensure that public policies and regulations are sensitive to the diverse backgrounds and experiences of all community members. (Local Government)
 - A4. Provide technical assistance to local governments on culturally expansive historic preservation practices. (Met Council)
- P5. Incorporate universal design principles that consider the needs of all community members of various cultural backgrounds, age groups, languages, abilities, and gender identities.
- A1. Plan for developments that comprehensively address the needs of people with disabilities beyond minimum ADA requirements. (Local Government)
 - A2. Support and partner on age-friendly initiatives, including the Governor's Council on Age-Friendly Minnesota and Age-Friendly Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint on Aging with keen attention to the needs of all older adults in the region. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Collaborate with schools to enhance safety measures around schools. (Local Government)
 - A4. Integrate [Safe Routes to Schools](#) into planning strategies to improve infrastructure safety and land use efficiency around schools. (Local Government)
 - A5. Promote universal design for all residential use types to provide more housing opportunities for residents of all abilities. (Local Government)
 - A6. Support small-scale, locally-driven development projects that reflect and serve the diverse needs of residents, particularly in underserved areas. (Local Government)

Objective 4: Prioritize land use and development activities that protect, restore, and enhance natural systems at all scales.

Abundant natural systems contribute to the vibrancy of our region, but stewardship of these regional assets has historically conflicted with growth and development. The Met Council promotes development and land use stewardship that integrates natural systems in design and implementation. This requires a balancing of natural systems protection, restoration, and integration with development practices for mutual benefit. Although regional parks, conservation areas, and lakes and rivers stand out as obvious focus areas, preservation and restoration of natural systems must also take place at a more local and site-specific scale. Smaller scale efforts may include implementing environmentally sensitive design practices, integrating green infrastructure, re-meandering streams, restoring wetlands, and reducing impervious surfaces. Integrating aspects of the natural environment into urbanized areas helps create livable areas and desirable places to visit, while making sure that biodiversity is enhanced through establishment of wildlife corridors. On a larger scale, protecting contiguous areas of high-quality natural systems from development helps preserve habitat corridors across the region and maintain regional biodiversity.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Identify natural systems within and connecting cities, townships, and counties to assess areas for protection, restoration, and enhancement. (Met Council)
 - A1. Measure the value of natural systems to assist local governments in protection, restoration, and enhancement efforts. (Met Council)
 - A2. Inventory natural systems within and between local jurisdictions, using mapping and data collection methods to inform conservation and land use planning decisions. (Met Council)
 - A3. Prioritize areas for protection, restoration, and enhancement based on ecological significance, potential ecosystem improvement, and equity considerations. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A4. Utilize the natural systems inventory to develop action plans to implement preservation, restoration, and enhancement, while leveraging resources and monitoring progress. (Local Government)

- P2. Establish and connect natural systems corridors through land use, water resources, and conservation planning. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A1. Identify and prioritize key habitat corridors, including land and water connectivity, through mapping and analysis, considering ecological data and stakeholder input. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Update land use planning regulations to incorporate measures for protecting, restoring, and enhancing natural systems corridors, such as conservation easements and wildlife-friendly development standards. (Local Government)

- P3. Prioritize the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural systems in overburdened communities to build local resilience. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A1. Engage communities in restoration projects tailored to their needs, such as native plantings, food-growing opportunities, restoring impaired soils, and stormwater management improvements. (Met Council)
 - A2. Provide environmental education and capacity-building opportunities for residents to advocate for and participate in protecting, restoring, and enhancing natural systems. (Met Council)

- P4. Working with partners, build a shared regional understanding and identify strategies that address risks to public and ecosystem health. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A1. Establish an interagency task force to coordinate efforts and develop integrated strategies for addressing environmental risks. (Met Council)
 - A2. Support joint research and monitoring programs to collect data and assess ecosystem and community health to inform evidence-based decision-making. (Met Council)

- P5. Utilize planning and development processes to enhance wildlife habitat and pollinator plantings, including native and climate adaptive species, across land and water. (Local Government)
 - A1. Develop guidelines for integration of pollinator habitat and native plantings across various land uses, including aquatic habitat and climate adaptive species. (Met Council)

- A2. Encourage land use and ordinance updates to establish, enhance, and maintain pollinator and native plant habitat on public and private land through incentives and technical assistance. (Met Council)
- A3. Create interconnected networks of habitat across land and water using pollinator corridor initiatives. (Met Council/Local Government)

Objective 5: Ensure that people in all types of communities find housing opportunities that align with their needs.

Historically inequitable land use planning has had a disparate impact on people and places within our region. Discriminatory land use planning practices have perpetuated systemic racial inequalities, resulting in limited access to resources, opportunities, and fair housing options for American Indians, Black communities, and communities of color. Inflexible low-density residential land use categories often mandate large lot sizes and prohibit even low-density multi-family housing, making it unaffordable to many. Discriminatory lending practices, such as redlining, systematically denied mortgages to people of color, particularly those living in predominantly non-white neighborhoods. Single-family land use planning played a role in this process by restricting the types of housing available in these areas, further entrenching racial segregation. By concentrating affluent residents in predominantly single-family neighborhoods, while restricting affordable housing options elsewhere, land use planning contributed to racial segregation.

Residential land use categories that support more than one type of housing product offer a variety of housing types and accommodate the needs of diverse populations, including large families, immigrants, and older adults, all within one neighborhood. By providing a mix of housing options, including single-family homes, townhouses, duplexes, or apartments, local governments can offer affordable housing choices to a broader range of residents and help prevent socio-economic segregation to ensure that individuals of all income levels can access housing where they would like.

The region must plan to support housing options and services for those who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity. As the population ages, there is a growing need for housing that is accessible, affordable, and designed to meet the unique needs of older adults. For people with disabilities, accessible housing options are essential for individuals to live independently. These housing options must be integrated within all scales of development close to supportive services, healthcare facilities, culturally responsive social services, and recreational programs to ensure that people are protected from isolation and have access to essential services.

Revitalizing and strengthening the built form at the neighborhood level, along with repurposing existing vacant or underutilized buildings, fosters a sense of community pride and belonging by improving the functionality of and cultural connection to one's neighborhoods.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Allow for more than one housing type within residential land use categories to encourage mixed-income developments, diversity of housing types within neighborhoods, and broader access to housing for more people. (Local Government)
 - A1. Support local controls and fiscal devices which allow mixed use developments and diverse housing types by right, and incentivize the creation of affordable housing opportunities, including modular homes in single-family districts, cooperative housing, and multi-generational housing options.
 - A2. Accommodate and preserve manufactured and modular home communities and educate residents about manufactured and modular housing benefits.

- A3. Support revision of local regulations and fiscal controls as well as local policies, procedures, and practices to remedy historic land use and housing discriminatory practices.
 - A4. Provide guidance and technical assistance to support housing and land use policy implementation in local comprehensive planning.
 - A5. Invest in locally-led development initiatives that actively counteract the adverse effects of gentrification, ensuring long-term affordability, cultural vibrancy, and stability of gentrifying neighborhoods.
- P2. Support the specific housing needs of the region’s aging population, people living with disabilities, and individuals experiencing housing insecurity. (Local Government)
- A1. Support the local integration of supportive services, healthcare facilities, culturally responsive social services, and recreational programs.
 - A2. Support the creation of local controls and fiscal devices that address the needs of individuals experiencing housing insecurity that connect them with emergency housing services during a public health or climate crisis.
 - A3. Support the creation and enforcement of local controls that ensure the maintenance of healthy and safe properties for tenants.
 - A4. Support the creation and enforcement of local controls that permit the construction of accessory dwelling units in areas within the MUSA.
- P3. Prioritize a variety of housing types across all income levels close to local destinations including neighborhood centers, public parks, transit nodes where applicable, and community gathering spaces. (Local Government)
- A1. Improve transportation choices to connect senior housing and affordable housing to essential services, healthcare facilities, and recreational amenities.
 - A2. Support fair housing initiatives and housing programs that remediate historic inequities in land use policy implementation and development practices.
 - A3. Explore opportunities to design and retrofit neighborhoods to reduce auto-dependency.
 - A4. Incentivize public transportation hubs and multimodal connections within and adjacent to housing developments, where transit services are available.
 - A5. Ensure equitable access to safe and healthy housing planning for residential uses away from manufactured or environmental harms.

Objective 6: Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

Our region has a history of discriminatory planning and policy decisions that have contributed to persistent racial inequities and disparities. Discriminatory practices such as redlining, racially restrictive covenants, and disproportionate investment have left lasting impacts on Black, American Indian, and people of color across the entire region. Such practices have resulted in:

- Disparities in income and homeownership rates
- Hindrance to generational wealth-building opportunities
- Disparities in generational wealth between white and Black, American Indian, and people of color
- Disproportionate exposure to environmental injustices that contribute to health disparities

- Inadequate provisions and access to green spaces
- Stifled community connection and cultural connection
- Adverse impacts on job access and educational opportunities
- Constrained transportation options across the region

Although the government has prohibited overly discriminatory planning and policy decisions, gaps between white people and Black, American Indian, and people of color continue to widen. These policies have been replaced by seemingly race-neutral policies that reinforce barriers to more equitable outcomes. As we move forward, it is imperative to not only acknowledge the historical faults embedded in our land use policies but also to actively engage in collaboration with communities that have borne the brunt of discriminatory decisions to work towards an equitable region.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Take ownership of past harms, provide transparent communication, and hold all government partners accountable to plans and actions. Communities should hold the Met Council accountable to action on these issues. (Met Council)
- A1. Provide technical assistance, tools, and resources for equitable land use planning and development practices. This includes exploration of potential funding sources to encourage more intentional planning for equity issues in local comprehensive plans beyond improved community engagement practices at the local level. (Met Council)
 - A2. Develop a public dashboard to share progress toward equity goals and ensure that the data is regularly updated. Regular public reporting would ensure visibility of regional progress and identify any needed re-evaluation of actions where progress is lacking. (Met Council)
 - A3. Provide technical assistance for developing and implementing decision-making tools to prioritize equitable outcomes across capital projects. (Met Council)
 - A4. Acknowledge inequities and disparities that exist within local jurisdictions and across the region and identify strategies to address them. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A5. Support and partner with Just Deeds (Just Deeds Project) to discharge racially restrictive covenants from housing deeds. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A6. Evaluate existing and proposed programs and policies, procedures, and planned development for disproportionate impacts on marginalized and underrepresented communities. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P2. Prioritize engagement with underrepresented populations to collaboratively develop equitable and inclusive land use planning policies and programs that reflect diverse perspectives and lifestyles, steering away from imposing norms derived solely from dominant culture and class values. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Expand representation of marginalized and underrepresented populations on boards, commissions, and committees. (Met Council)
 - A2. Partner with organizations that represent marginalized and underrepresented populations to inform program and policy development with a focus on cultivating trust, forming long-standing relationships, and valuing lived experiences consistent with the Community-Centered Engagement Framework in the Equity Chapter. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Invest in and partner with community organizations to support building community capacity to understand and engage successfully with local and regional government processes. (Met Council)

- i Work to eliminate barriers to individual and community-based organization participation in planning processes, including developing a streamlined and accessible procurement process created in partnership with community. (Met Council)
 - ii Provide an example of how the procurement process can be accomplished as a technical resource to others. (Met Council)
 - A4. Identify and eliminate barriers to engagement participation including location, timing, transportation, and access to childcare. (Met Council, Local Government)
 - A5. Build staff and partner capacity to conduct culturally responsive and inclusive engagement, including language services, ADA services, community assessments, and best practices. (Met Council)
 - A6. Reimburse community members participating in engagement for their time and expertise. (Met Council)
- P3. Promote equitable development and distribution of public investments to benefit communities disproportionately harmed by past and present policies and land use planning practices to eliminate racial disparities and discrimination. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Develop strategies to restore community connections in areas negatively impacted by planning and investment decisions. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Explore the opportunity to establish a reparative action fund to finance mitigation measures for known and acknowledged past harms to the environment, to American Indian communities, to Black communities, and communities of color unjustly harmed by past local or Met Council actions. (Met Council)
 - A3. Apply the Anti-Displacement Framework identified in the Equity Goal chapter to ensure Met Council investments and policies center and align with community needs and reduces harm to communities. (Met Council)
 - A4. Provide technical assistance to create an analysis methodology utilizing the Equity and Environmental Justice Framework outlined in the Equity Goal chapter to evaluate how projects benefit or harm different communities and demographics. (Met Council)
 - A5. Create/design a set of criteria to measure equitable impacts of development and local investments on Black, American Indian, people of color, and other vulnerable communities. (Met Council)
- P4. Center the American Indian experience in decision-making and implement the actions included the Met Council's land, water, and people commitments. Acknowledge and value the work of the American Indian Advisory Council established as part of Imagine 2050 policy development through implementation of the actions and commitments recommended from their work. (Met Council)
- A1. Work with Tribal nations and American Indian partners to develop regional tools, resources, and guidelines that may benefit local planning practices to mitigate the volume of individual requests received by American Indian organizations.
 - A2. Engage in Tribal consultation and collaborate with adjacent and affected Tribal governments throughout project planning and regional planning processes.
 - A3. Create a power sharing structure to partner with American Indian organizations and community members in planning processes.

- A4. Update the Met Council's processes for Tribal consultation and partnership with the American Indian communities in the region.
- A5. Include accountability measures and a public reporting structure to evaluate implementation of the Met Council's commitments to the region's American Indian communities.
- A6. Produce data and metrics that are clear, accessible, inclusive, and relevant to American Indian communities.

Objective 7: Implement land use and development practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, embed climate adaptation, and create resilient communities.

The effects of climate change transcend jurisdictional boundaries and impact the entire region, at all scales. People organize themselves into all sorts of different communities, from cities, to neighborhoods, ethnic and cultural communities, and communities based around interests or a particular geography. All scales and types of community are affected by climate change impacts. We must also recognize that under-resourced and historically disinvested communities often suffer the worst impacts of climate change. Climate change and environmental justice (equity considerations) are inextricably linked. Climate action must center environmental justice outcomes to build community and neighborhood scale resilience.

It is important to implement mitigation measures to stop climate impacts associated with climate change from worsening. At the same time, we must use nature-based and built solutions to adapt to current and future climate impacts and strengthen our resilience in the face of these challenges. The way our region develops impacts our ability to construct resilient cities, townships, and counties in the face of climate impacts. Development patterns that reduce impervious surface coverage and promote the use of green infrastructure can help reduce flooding during more intense rain events and cool areas impacted by the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect. Preserving and restoring tree canopies, especially in urban areas, supports cooling efforts while sequestering carbon. Adaptation and mitigation measures work hand in hand to increase climate resilience, which ultimately makes our region more livable, healthy, and economically strong.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region to achieve the emissions reduction goal in state statutes. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A1. Establish regional climate change strategies with state, regional, and local partners including setting regional emissions reductions targets for the different emissions sectors and actions to accomplish those goals. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Update and maintain the Met Council's Climate Action Work Plan on a regular cycle and dedicate resources to the operational climate action plan implementation. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Explore and pursue funding opportunities for climate initiatives at the state and federal level as new opportunities emerge. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A4. Identify local climate planning needs and emerging goals with local partners to establish 2050 climate planning requirements in alignment with state statutes. Develop and provide needs-based technical assistance to local governments. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A5. Establish performance metrics and evaluate implementation measures for climate reporting at both the local and regional scales and provide regular public progress reports. (Met Council)

- A6. Local governments must include in their comprehensive plans a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and projections generated from activity within the local government's jurisdiction and covers the range of applicable emissions sectors. (Local Government)
 - A7. Local governments must plan for strategies that reduce or naturally sequester greenhouse gas emissions. (Local Government)
- P2. Support local planning decisions to restore, enhance, and maintain the urban tree canopy. (Met Council)
- A1. Conduct urban tree canopy assessments to identify priority areas for preservation, restoration, and maintenance efforts. (Met Council)
 - A2. Develop model urban forest management goals and strategies to protect and enhance the tree canopy, soil health, water quality, and overall biodiversity. (Met Council)
 - A3. Implement tree planting, preservation, and maintenance initiatives at the local level. The Met Council will provide technical assistance, training, and resources to support local governments and residents. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A4. Assess the adaptation, mitigation, and public health value of the regional urban tree canopy to support local level decision-making and policy development. (Met Council)
 - A5. Support species diversity and climate adaptive planting on public and private land, including support for management of Emerald Ash Borer. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P3. Incentivize urban design and development that maximizes renewable energy readiness and enhances energy efficiency, especially for energy-burdened households. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Establish a target percentage of a local government's energy needs to be met by sustainable energy. (Met Council)
 - A2. Promote green building certification and energy benchmarking to encourage sustainable construction practices. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Pursue funding to establish a local government grant program to accelerate building decarbonization through weatherization and building retrofits. (Met Council)
 - A4. Provide support for renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in lower-income communities and affordable housing. (Met Council)
 - A5. Implement renewable energy programs to support renewable energy deployment, especially for energy-burdened households. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P4. Encourage solar panel installations in underutilized land areas, on industrial land, on rooftops, and accessory to complimentary uses. Protect agricultural areas by encouraging co-location and integration of solar within sites. (Local Government)
- A1. Provide technical assistance to local governments on methods and means to maximize solar energy protection and development potential. (Met Council)
 - A2. Form public-private partnerships to develop solar energy projects, leveraging resources and expertise. (Local Government)
 - A3. Simplify permitting and promote co-location of solar panels with compatible land uses to maximize efficiency, renewable deployment, and minimize land use conflicts. (Local Government)

- A4. Local governments must ensure that local comprehensive plans and ordinances protect and enable the development of solar resources, as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, and consider the use of other alternative energy sources as part of the planning process. Local comprehensive plans must include strategies needed to implement local solar protection policies. (Local Government)
- P5. Support integration of climate adaptation measures into development to prepare for current and projected climate impacts on our region.
 - A1. Encourage adaptation measures to reduce the effects of extreme heat, manage stormwater, and lessen human vulnerability. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A2. Prioritize water conservation practices such as wastewater and stormwater reuse in development and redevelopment projects. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A3. Provide incentives for projects integrating climate adaptation solutions, to encourage wider adoption. (Met Council)
 - A4. Establish clear performance criteria to measure and evaluate the success of adaptation projects, guiding program improvements and funding priorities. (Met Council)
 - A5. Prioritize planning practices that support nature as a climate adaptation solution to build local resilience to potential climate impacts. Nature based solutions are sustainable approaches that utilize natural ecosystems and biodiversity to address various environmental, social, and economic challenges. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A6. Identify human, built, and natural vulnerabilities to climate change, and prioritize nature-based adaptation solutions to enhance local resilience. (Met Council)
 - A7. Ensure that new construction projects and existing infrastructure upgrades prioritize the incorporation of nature-based solutions to reduce the likelihood and intensity of potential climate impacts. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A8. Develop policy incentives and allocate dedicated funding to support the adoption of nature-based climate adaptation solutions at the local level. (Local Government)
- P6. Partner with American Indian and overburdened communities to collaborate on climate solutions. (Met Council)
 - A1. Strengthen partnerships with American Indian and overburdened communities to support collaborative climate and natural systems work, respecting Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and cultural practices. (Met Council)
 - A2. Facilitate regular forums for knowledge-sharing between Tribal Nations, American Indian communities, and underrepresented communities to hear their perspectives on climate and natural systems work. (Met Council)
 - A3. Co-create regionally actionable climate solutions with Tribal Nations, American Indian communities, and underrepresented communities. (Met Council/Local Government)
- P7. Integrate local food systems and land use planning to build community resilience, access to healthy food, and food security. (Met Council/Local Government)
 - A1. Assess land use and transportation policy implications as they relate to food access, including food deserts. (Met Council)

- A2. Support farm-to-table initiatives and local food markets, facilitating direct connections between producers and consumers and promoting regional food systems. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A3. Implement supportive urban agriculture policies to designate areas for community gardens and urban farms, streamline permitting processes and provide incentives to remove barriers to food-growing spaces on public and private land. (Local Government)
- A4. Partner with immigrant groups, Tribal Nations, and American Indian communities to establish, or join, coalitions that address urban agriculture and harvesting that respects cultures and spiritual practice. (Met Council)/Local Government)
- A5. Determine food insecurity locations through assessment of the food safety net system (SNAP, food shelves, free and reduced lunch percentage) to better align land use planning and food access and security. (Met Council)

Objective 8: Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

The Twin Cities region boasts numerous economic assets that contribute to its robust and dynamic economy including a vibrant cultural scene, nation leading healthcare and technology sectors, and a concentration of fortune 500 companies. The region has consistently been recognized for its high levels of educational attainment, workforce retention, productivity, and relative affordability, as well as low unemployment rates. While our region boasts numerous assets, systemic racial disparities undermine our economic vitality and threaten community stability. Disparities in employment, poverty, income, and homeownership by race and ethnicity persist in the Twin Cities and - in some cases - are the largest nationwide. To ensure a thriving future for all residents, we must address these inequities and build a more resilient economy.

The economic resilience of the region is threatened by several factors including workforce instability and climate change. Despite nationally low unemployment rates, the region is struggling to fill thousands of jobs. Existing racial disparities in educational attainment levels and unemployment rates continue to limit the growth of the local workforce. The region is dependent on immigrant labor, which is vulnerable to fluctuating federal policy. Immigrants also face additional challenges such as credential recognition, language barriers, and discrimination. Undocumented immigrants also fear deportation, limiting their job and education opportunities.

Climate change also creates new economic risks for the region which will grow over time. Climate change harms the economy by disrupting agriculture, damaging infrastructure, and impacting vulnerable communities and industries.

The Met Council promotes reinvestment and innovation in underutilized areas, aiming to revitalize and maximize the potential of all places in the region. We also strive to enhance the accessibility of jobs for the region's workforce, facilitating greater opportunities for employment and economic participation. With our commitment to inclusive growth, we focus on meeting the needs of industries and enhancing the earning potential of workers through education, training, and mentoring programs which can be accomplished through partnership and collaboration. We seek to eliminate income and wealth disparities by race, advocating for equity and justice in economic opportunities. We are dedicated to creating accessible economic pathways for immigrants, acknowledging their valuable contributions to our region's diversity. Through these multifaceted efforts, we strive to build a resilient, inclusive, and thriving economy that benefits all people.

Policies (P) and Actions (A)

- P1. Support efforts to keep the region attractive and affordable for residents, visitors, and businesses. (Met Council)
- A1. Conduct and disseminate ongoing research to understand the dynamics, and place-based needs of the region's existing industries, businesses, and communities.
 - A2. Develop and support programming that preserves the affordability of housing and commercial space in places experiencing significant investment.
 - A3. Develop programming that reduces the cost-burden and uncertainties for industries, businesses, and entrepreneurs seeking to locate and/or expand in fully developed areas (i.e., redevelopment / renovation / re-use).
 - A4. Explore opportunities to bolster global competitiveness in innovative and developing fields.
- P2. Support industries that directly contribute to addressing climate change and promoting environmental sustainability. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Partner and collaborate with other agencies, stakeholders, and partners to expand workforce development opportunities across climate and environmental sustainability fields.
 - A2. Explore partnerships that support and provide tools, resources, and technical assistance to businesses and entrepreneurs seeking to develop business models that integrate sustainable and eco-friendly business practices.
- P3. Value and promote a just economy through the economic growth and wellbeing of Black communities, American Indians, people of color, immigrants, and people of all ages and abilities in the region through equitable access to economic resources. (Met Council/Local Government)
- A1. Remove barriers and promote equitable access to quality education, skill-building, mentorship programs, and diverse job training programs for all residents regardless of age, race, disability, or immigration status. Where possible, the Met Council will model skill building, mentorship, and internship programs that support equitable workforce development.
 - A2. Encourage businesses and developers to adopt diversity and inclusion initiatives aimed at recruiting, retaining, and promoting employees from diverse racial and immigrant backgrounds.
 - A3. Support culturally responsive access to financial services and resources for underserved communities, including immigrants and people of color (ex. credit building, sharia compliant financing, ITIN acceptance.).
 - A4. Collaborate with agencies and other regional stakeholders on planning and programming that promote the economic wellbeing of the region, prioritizing efforts that reduce racial economic disparities.
- P4. Advance economic equity and wellbeing in historically underserved communities by fostering growth of small and local businesses, entrepreneurship, and diverse industries in all places. (Met Council)
- A1. Integrate arts and cultural considerations into regional planning processes to ensure that cultural assets are recognized, preserved, and integrated into the fabric of the community.
 - A2. Collaborate with historically underserved communities to identify local economic development strategies that preserve and enhance their local business districts and resources.

- A3. Establish local controls and fiscal devices to support and preserve business districts that have historically served and been focused on the needs of historically marginalized or vulnerable communities.
- A4. Create opportunities for the Met Council to support and partner with organizations that support entrepreneurship and small business development among historically marginalized and immigrant communities by providing access to affordable loans, mentorship programs, business incubators, and technical assistance.

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Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: September 12, 2024

Subject: Authorize Hiring Process for Recreation Director position

The City's current Recreation Director, Kay Okey, has announced her intent to retire, with her official retirement date set for March 3, 2025. In recognition of her many years of service, we are preparing for a smooth transition as she steps down from her role.

In order to ensure continuity of operations and to allow for a comprehensive transfer of institutional knowledge, we would like to initiate the recruitment process for a new Recreation Director. Our goal is to have the new hire in place with some overlap before Kay Okey's retirement, allowing for a seamless transition period.

Staff recommends the Council authorize the recruitment and selection process for a new Recreation Director, with the intent to have the position filled by late 2024/early 2025 to ensure a proper transition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



City of Spring Lake Park
Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 09.16.24 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2024 MS4 Permit and SWPPP Update (193801776 Task 450). Pond, structural BMP, and outfall inspections are due annually. Program analysis and annual training is due by December. Annual meeting is usually held in June but can be held anytime. Annual Reports to the MPCA are generally due in June (MPCA is not requiring a report in 2024). *We are preparing an outline of the MS4 requirements for 2024.*

City Hall Building (193806049). Design started in January 2023. City Council updated at workshops. Public Open House was held on May 8th. Plans were approved by Council on October 16, 2023. Bids were opened on November 20, 2023. Contract was awarded on February 5, 2024. *Construction is on or ahead of schedule. Initial office moves scheduled for the week of September 19th.*

2024 Sanburnol Drive NE, Elm Drive NE, and 83rd Avenue NE (193806347). Sanburnol Drive (AKA 85th Ave. NE) is a shared road between Spring Lake Park and Blaine. Spring Lake Park is the lead agency on this project, but it is a cooperative project between Blaine and Spring Lake Park.

Construction on Sanburnol and Elm started on June 10th. Paving of the first two lifts of bituminous has been completed. CenterPoint Energy gas main replacement has been completed on Sanburnol. *The contractor has completed all patching and boulevard restoration work. Milling on 83rd Avenue has been completed. Final paving will occur later in September.*

Geographic Information System (GIS) and Mapping (193806747). Staff developed a process for implementing an online ArcGIS system to maintain public works documents and mapping of infrastructure. The system is now active. Training continues as requested. System updates can be completed later this year if any issues are identified.

Possible Future Storm Sewer Lining Project (19380xxxx). The Capital Improvement Plan includes future lining of storm sewers. Public works is evaluating sewers for a possible lining project in 2025.

Possible 2025 Street 79th Avenue Mill and Overlay Project (19380xxxx). The PW Director has identified 79th Avenue between Monroe St. and TH-65 as a potential mill and overlay project for 2025. *Feasibility Report preparation has begun.*

Please contact Phil Carlson, Bruce Paulson, Jeff Preston, Zach Naslund, or me if you have questions or require additional information.



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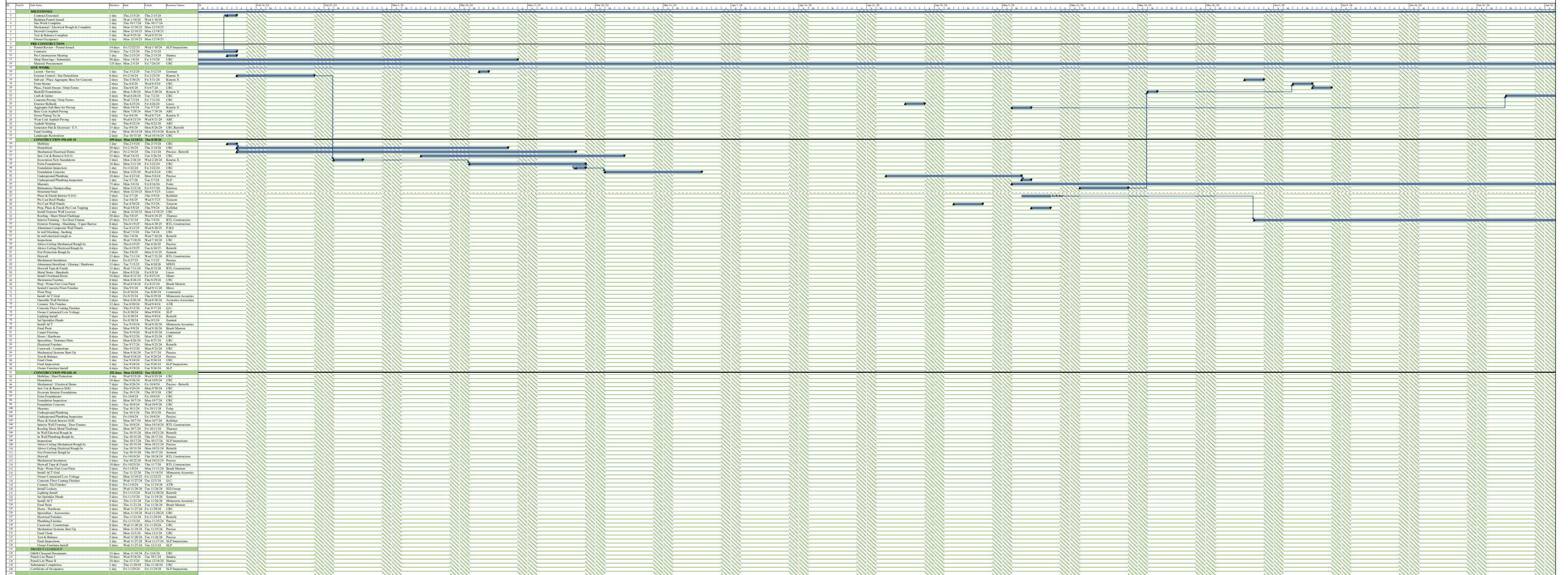
To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer
Date: September 12, 2024
Subject: City Hall Renovation Update

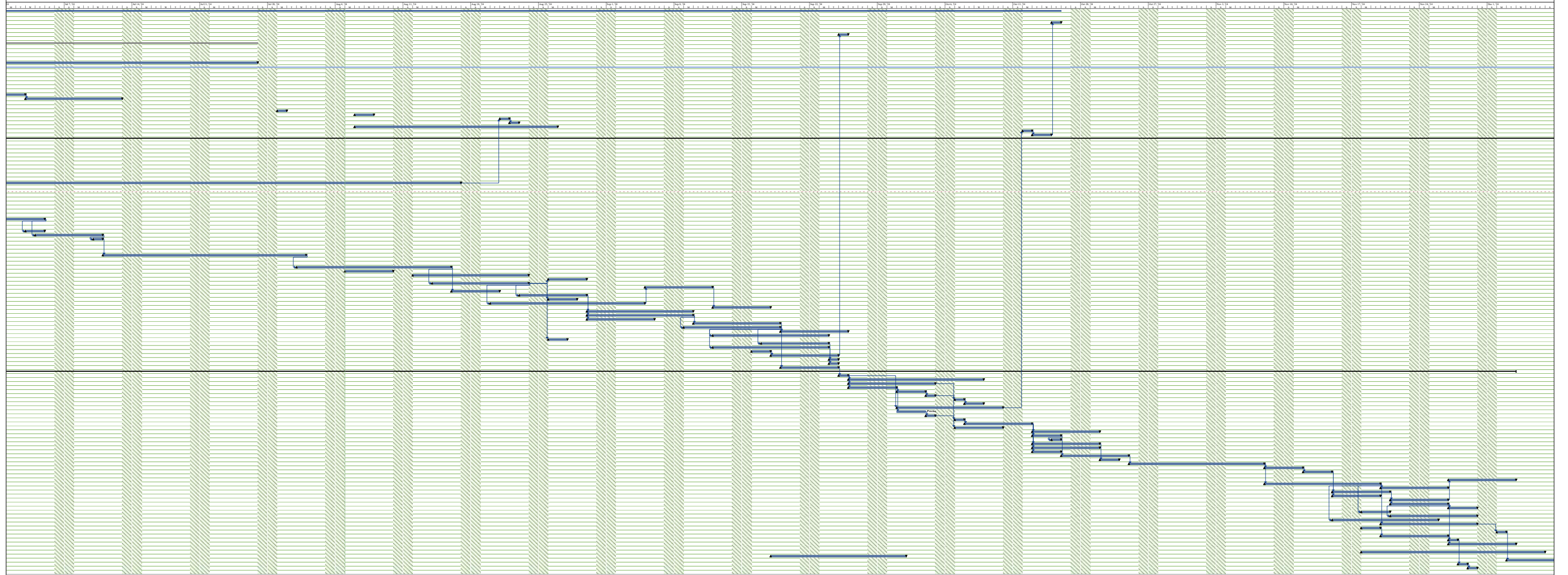
Staff wanted to provide the City Council with a brief renovation update.

- Phase 1 is nearing completion! Tile and carpet are being laid, paint has been applied, ceiling tile has been placed, toilets and sinks have been installed and more. It really looks great!
- Furniture for the Police Department and Public Works will be installed on September 19-20. The Police Department and Recreation will be moving into their new spaces the week of September 19-26. The Police window will be closed during this time. If residents need assistance, they are encouraged to dial 911 to request an officer. Administration staff will begin moving into the multipurpose room the week of 9/23. The furniture movers will be moving our current furniture into the multipurpose room and Council Chambers on September 24 & 25. While City Hall will be open, staff will be providing limited service during that week. We appreciate the City Council's patience as we go through this transition.
- Once we are moved, the contractor will begin work on Phase 2. Access to City Hall will be through the front doors.

I have attached the most recent 3 week look ahead for your review. If you would like a tour of the progress so far, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.





CORRESPONDENCE

Daniel Buchholtz

From: Heyer, Jean <Jean.Heyer@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 3:28 PM
To: Heyer, Jean
Subject: District Director Dispatch - Next town hall: Monday, September 30 in Spring Lake Park

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Hello!

With school back in session, please share this information with any tech-savvy teens you know:

Every year, Members of the U.S. House of Representatives host a district-wide **App Challenge for middle school and high school students**, encouraging them to learn to code and inspiring them to pursue careers in computer science.

Rep. Omar invites students who live in CD5 or attend school in our district to create and submit their original apps. Winning teams will be publicly recognized and each winning app may be put on display in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year. The competition deadline is October 24. Visit <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/about/> for more details and to register.

Our next town hall will be on Monday, September 30 from 6-7pm at Park Terrace Elementary School, 8301 Terrace Road Northeast in Spring Lake Park. [RSVP HERE](#). The Congresswoman will provide updates on her work and folks who attend will have the chance to ask questions.

As always, please reach out if you would like to meet, have information to share, or have a request for Rep. Omar to attend an event.

Jean

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Sign up for Rep. Omar's Newsletter [here!](#)

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From: Representative Ilhan Omar <MN05IO.outreach@mail.house.gov>

Date: Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 3:23 PM

Subject: Join our September 30th Town Hall



Dear Friend,

I hope you can join me for a town hall on September 30th to connect and discuss the issues facing our community. I'll provide updates on my recent work in Congress and will be answering your questions. Eventbrite registration is required.

Date: Monday, September 30th

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm CT

Location: Spring Lake Park Neighborhood

[RSVP HERE](#)



Richfield Post Office Dedication



I was honored to join Senator Amy Klobuchar, Richfield Mayor Mary Supple, and Representative Mike Howard at the ceremony renaming the Richfield Post Office in honor of Charles W. Lindberg.

As a U.S. Marine Corporal, Mr. Lindberg was one of the first Marines on Iwo Jima to raise the U.S. flag, four hours before the iconic photo was taken of the second group to raise the flag. When he returned home, he worked as an electrician in Richfield as a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. His children told us how proud Mr. Lindberg was to serve alongside the brave men who fought in World War II, and he spent much of his life connecting with other veterans. We were especially grateful to have two of Mr. Lindberg's children, plus some of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren there to recognize his contributions to our country.

Suicide Prevention Among American Indian and Alaska Native Service Members and Veterans



Our Indigenous heroes face unique challenges that demand our attention and action. I joined Secretary Denis McDonough at a crucial gathering focused on suicide prevention among American Indian and Alaska Native service members, veterans, and their families. I'm committed to working alongside The Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure culturally responsive mental health support and resources for all who've served our nation. Together, we can save lives and honor the sacrifices of our Native veterans.

Visiting Seniors at Kenwood Isles



I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Kenwood Isles Condominium to meet with more than 60 senior residents and hear their stories and perspectives on our community. I listened to their experiences and learned about the issues that matter most to them, from healthcare to local services. If you would like us to visit a 55+ residence located in our district, please email MNO5.Info@mail.house.gov.

Visiting R&R Mushroom Cultivation Farm



I had a fun visit to R&R Cultivation, Minnesota's largest urban mushroom farm! This Twin Cities gem started in 2018 with just a small grow tent in a basement. Now they're cultivating thousands of pounds of 100% USDA-Certified Organic mushrooms in their 25,000 sq ft indoor farm. I learned so much about the variety of mushroom species and sustainable urban agriculture. It's amazing to see local, organic food production thriving on such a large scale in our community.

Celebrating 15 Years of Service at the Minneapolis Passport Agency

Passport Day

September 14, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM CT

Paul Wellstone Federal Building
212 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN, USA

Appointment required



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Minneapolis Passport Agency is thrilled to celebrate its 15th anniversary by hosting a special Passport Day event on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Paul Wellstone Federal Building.

Saturday's event is a convenient way to apply for a passport for the first time or to renew a passport. Applicants can apply on a routine or expedited basis and without urgent proof of travel during this one-day event only. Appointments can be made [here](#).

In Service,

Ilhan Omar

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*Front Cover: Interior of "Coach" restaurant on Highway 65 in Cooper's Corner. The restaurant was built inside a retired rail car. L-R: Margaret Bodine, unidentified, Lydia Bodine.
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From the President

On August 10th, a lovely Saturday, the Society welcomed the 38th Annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. We had several beautifully restored and maintained pre-1910 automobiles filling our parking lot for a couple of hours while many people, ranging from the curious to the knowledgeable, came to see, talk, and share. We also had a beautiful new exhibit in the museum featuring a made-in-Anoka VEERAC with a long local provenance, which was recently generously donated by a Society member. Many of you were

there to share in the fun. It was good to see you and hear some of your stories, as these old vehicles sparked memories of your earliest automobile experiences.

It means a lot to us to be able to host these kinds of events, and it means even more to see all of you attend and enjoy. As our kids and grandkids go back to school and the weather (hopefully!) cools off a bit, we're gearing up for another great Ghost Tour season – our 20th year of telling spooky stories in Anoka at Halloween.

We've had a great summer at ACHS and hope you have, too. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Steve Florman, President

From the Director

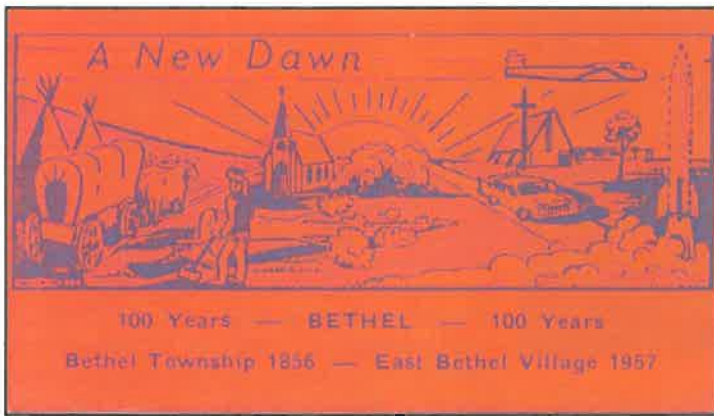
We see the ghosts around the corner, the Vietnam project growing deeper and more complex, and our year-end fundraising goals looking a bit closer than they were in our rear-view mirror. It's suddenly fall!

What can you do to help? I'm so glad you asked, my dear member! Tell your friends about why you're a member and encourage them to support local history by making a financial donation. Bring them on a ghost tour of Anoka (it's our 20th year!) and treat them to a brand new Ghosts of Anoka tee-shirt from our gift shop. The little ghost characters are so cute you'll want to pick up a set of pins or a sticker while you're there. Come to think of it, we could have a naming contest! Host a Story Swap Social like Sandy did (more details inside) or share our podcast with another curious person. Tell the Vietnam era service members and families that we're looking for them (in a good way!) and their stories.

That's just the tip of the iceberg! Thanks for all you do and who you are—ACHS wouldn't be the same without you.



Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, Executive Director



The East Bethel Air Force Base

By Sara Given

There is no contest if you organize all 21 cities in Anoka County by size--East Bethel is the largest at nearly 48 square miles. It contains 12 lakes, no set "Main Street," and highway 65 cuts through it. But how did it become East Bethel? Originally, the area was named Bethel Township, and it covered the entire Northeast corner of the County. But little by little, pieces of it started organizing and splitting off. In 1871, the Township of Linwood was organized with land from Bethel Township and Columbus Township. Later, in 1913, the small Village of Bethel was incorporated. The new existence of two areas named Bethel creates confusion when researching since there is the Village of Bethel and Bethel Township: same name - two separate places.

But what even is the difference?

The biggest difference between a town and a city is that towns generally provide more limited services. They don't have their own police or fire department and cannot protect their borders. If a town spends time building a nice neighborhood or business district, the neighboring city can take or annex it to add to its tax base with no governmental consequences. The town can't stop it. In 1957, that's exactly what Bethel Township was worried about.

A few things were happening that year. First, the Ham Lake Township-Soderville incorporation committee attempted their bid for incorporation as a Village. The borders of their new proposed Village "included two sections of land from Bethel Township, [which had] valuable highway 65 frontage with a lumber business..." The vote failed, but the action shook residents. They



wanted to preserve their boundaries from encroachment but were also looking to the future and a vast new jet air base that would soon be built there. All of this could more easily be dealt with as a Village than a township.

In February 1957, MN Governor Orville

Freeman started the process to acquire land for a new air base located in Bethel Township. Colonel Leon H. Hagen said of the agreement between the United States and Minnesota, "there never has been any question of where the airport is going to be – only the meets and bounds." While they didn't know exactly what it would look like, Bethel Township was the only location being considered, and residents were told "there will be a concrete runway, operational by late in 1960."

In the grand scheme of things, three years is not a lot of time for this huge construction project. Land purchases were even expected by the middle of 1958. To proceed with the construction, the Air National Guard would move to Bethel "with 200 full time civilian technicians and 1,000 members of the reserve coming there for training." And also "the Naval Reserve Jet Operations would move from Minneapolis to Bethel."

It was estimated that the base would have 49 officers and 536 enlisted men on 24-hour duty. Additionally, the reservists would number 459 officers and 1,702 enlisted men, coming from a five-state area around Minnesota. The base itself could only be home for some of these men and their families; others would need to move and build homes in the surrounding area. Naturally, businesses would grow around the base to serve these families and the soldiers stationed there, creating an economic boom for the area.

Because they saw the reality of a huge airbase coming to Bethel, the area needed to get ready, and members of the self-appointed East Bethel Booster Club were ready to organize it all. First, the Township needed to incorporate and get all the legal ducks in a row before the land was purchased. Plus, there were other details to think about, such as zoning, schools, industry, and taxes.

The process of incorporation went rather quickly at first. After a couple of town meetings and petitions, there was an official vote on June 4, 1957. Out of nearly 400 votes cast, 232 people voted for incorporation, and 161 were against it. They would name the new incorporated Village East Bethel.

After that first election, they needed to vote for a new Mayor and government officials. The booster club also established an official newspaper for the new Village, *The East Bethel Booster*.

But there was an unexpected wrench later that summer when four residents of Coon Lake Beach (a part of the newly formed East Bethel) contested the incorporation's validity. By 1957, Coon Lake Beach was fully established as its

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own micro town. It did not help that with incorporation, they were essentially cut off from the rest of the Village by the lake. They took their grievances and the Village to court. In 1958, after legal delays and the general slowness of legal proceedings, the two groups came before a Judge at a hearing on April 9th and 10th. A judge from Minnesota's 6th Judicial District because an Anoka County judge couldn't be impartial.

People made their case for incorporation again. The Village argued that they had several civic and philanthropic groups with broad support. They noted the outreach the boosters had done to bring development to the city and that building permits doubled in 1957 after incorporation. Other individuals were called to the stand – Colonel Leon H Hagen, acting Minnesota Adjutant General, talked of the Bethel Airbase and that “one million dollars for first acquisition of land...is already appropriated and is available.” Next, George Ashwood, a resident of Coon Lake Beach and a member of the Booster Club, and Mayor Joe Anderson took the stand. E.S. Vevea, Minnesota Highway Engineer, spoke about the expansion plans for Highway 65 and the plans for a connecting bridge across Coon Lake.

After the hearing concluded, parties had to wait until June 30, 1958, for the judge's decision. The *East Bethel Booster* and *Anoka Union* announced, “Judge

Rules Village Incorporation is Invalid.” The fate of the new Village was suddenly in question. In his decision, the judge noted that the incorporation was legal and followed the law, but there were other considerations. His main sticking point was that there wasn't a natural connection between the platted and unplatted areas. “There hasn't been in the past...and is not at present, any sign of rapid growth or urbanization and therefore nullified the incorporation.”

The judge's decision shocked the Booster Club and confused the community. A member of the Booster Club tried to make sense of the decision: “The people of Bethel township ...had faith...they had a vision and they had faith in the integrity of their neighbors. Their intentions were sincere and they wished only to do what was best for all. For those who already lived here and also for those people who would be moving to the community.”

The newspaper's next issue attempted to explain the ruling to their readers. The judge wasn't actively against East Bethel; he saw their merits,

History of Bethel Air Base

February, 1957 Governor Freeman starts action to acquire land for a new air base.

Feb.—Meeting at state capitol to air military airport problems.

May—Bethel airbase bill becomes law.

June — Bethel farmers hear county board at meeting on coming airport.

July—Eventual move seen of all Naval installations to Bethel airfield.

August—Agreement reached on Bethel Air Base; field may be occupied by July, 1959.

September—Bethel area gets Nike Missile Base; start work in spring.

October — Air Force moves ahead on Bethel Airport plans.

November—Property in Bethel Airport area won't be acquired until fall of '58.

East Bethel Booster January 16, 1958

but rather, his decision was tied to past case precedence in which “It is concluded that a village should have a nucleus of population, church, school, stores, and shops.” It was on these points that the judge was forced to rule. The consolidation of public schools hurt the Village by this measure since there were no longer any small districts within the city limits. Rather, students went mainly to schools located in St. Francis. And the potential for growth couldn’t be measured. The same article noted, “Since the July 30th decision officials have been busy interviewing different attorneys and experts on village planning. To a man, they receive the same answer, ‘you were going along nicely, it’s a shame you couldn’t finish what you had planned.’”

The Village asked for amended filings in the decision. It continued as usual with Village business – issuing building permits and holding Village Elections that winter. All the while, the land hadn’t been purchased....or even chosen yet for the Air Force base. East Bethel checked in with the military ... but the answer was always “soon.” Major General Joseph Nelson, Minnesota’s Adjutant General, even declared in February 1958, “The Bethel Airport will definitely be built.” People should expect that land acquisition would happen, and then the construction wouldn’t start until July 1959. The implication was that the citizens of East Bethel were crazy for worrying.

Then, in April 1959, the Booster Club and Village received another blow. The Air Base they had been promised was suddenly not going to happen. The article the *East Bethel Booster* newspaper printed didn’t try to hide their shock: “Did you ever have anyone ask you the advantages of being hit in the head? Well, of course, there is only one – it feels so good when it quits hurting.” It continued: “For two years [we] have been promised Utopia. They have revised their planning and many went without improvements they would otherwise have made. Over night everything changed, but no explanation except that ‘there is a change in requirements the last few days.’”

While the military’s decision to build an Air Base could not be appealed, Village officials and boosters were in the process of appealing the judge’s decision on their incorporation.

The next month, May 1959 the incorporation question was finally solved. Senator Ralph Johnson and Representative John Nordin introduced a bill to the State Legislature to validate the incorporation of East Bethel Village. They “explained that last summer’s decision by Judge Selnes was based on a law governing a few cases in the 1800’s and that therefore it should not be used as a barometer today because conditions have changed so drastically.”

The bill passed the House and Senate with nearly unanimous votes (only one no-vote total). The governor signed, and then the council met in a special session and “voted unanimously to adopt the resolution approving Chapter 666 of the Laws of 1959: “Be it resolved that ...the incorporation of the Village of East Bethel in Anoka County is validated and legalized against the objection that all or part of its territory was not or is not suitably conditioned for village government...”

At last, East Bethel was out of limbo—it could move forward without fear as an official incorporated village—even if it was without an Air Force Base.

A Living Museum: Antiques on Parade

ACHS had the pleasure of hosting the New London-New Brighton Antique Car Run along their 120-mile journey through the state on August 10.

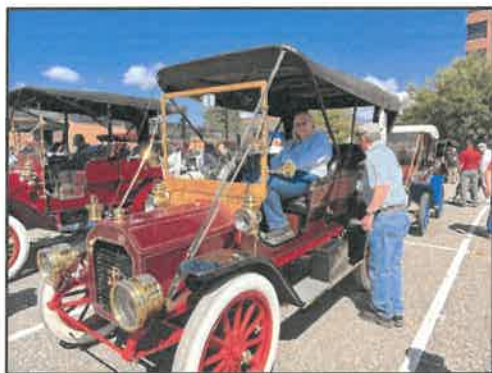
Several hundred people stopped by to view the cars on display, chat with the owners, and talk shop. The perfect weather prevented engines from overheating and drivers from getting rain-soaked.



The group began their day at 7 a.m. and made five stops along the way before ending in New Brighton to food, fanfare, and fireworks. All vehicles must predate 1908, unless they're 1 or 2 cylinder, then the cutoff is 1915. There's an average of 60 cars that participate each year.

Join us on August 9, 2025 when the cars return to Anoka!

Tour participants from Elk River (above) shared that the small peddles and confining space of their car makes it easier for women in their group to drive.



Anoka's own **VEERAC**



Sharon Hastings recently donated her families VEERAC called “Gracie” (or what’s left of her!) to ACHS for preservation and display. This oddly named engine takes its name from how it operates: **Valveless Explosion Every Revolution Air Cooled**. The VEERAC motor was unique in that it had only five moving parts. Gears were shifted in an oil case with no exposed bearings. The engine machinery was located under the seat, and the fan blades used to cool the engine were attached directly to the flywheel. A deflector sent the airflow against the cylinders. The fan used no bearings or belts.

Want to know more? Visit AnokaCountyHistory.org and click “What we Do” then “Exhibit Hall” and finally, “Meet the VEERAC.” On this website you can see Sharon’s presentation, look at blueprints, and daydream with us about how to recreate the missing parts for a permanent exhibit.

STORY SWAP SOCIAL

What has a host, five or six friends, and lots of interesting stories? An ACHS Story Swap Social, of course!

The idea came from hosting a Tupperware party to hosting...well, a HISTORICAL Tupperware party. What if everyone brought a piece from their cupboard and told a story associated with it? Was it the salad bowl? The popcorn bowl? The green one from Grandma where the lid tab broke off years ago but you're fine breaking a nail to get into it?



Big thanks to Sandy Conner and her friends for hosting an event and raising funds for ACHS! The theme was “Baking” and folks brought dishes that cooked potato soup for multiple generations, a bowl that carried potato salad to the state fair, and a dish made to hold a multilayered dessert.

LET'S GRAB A COFFEE...

Host a Story Swap Social!

1

Imagine a theme that matches your passions and pastimes - the options are endless!

2

Choose a moment in time for your bash and rally your crew for some fun!

3

ACHS staff will create invitations for your gathering and guide the narrative of the Story Share. Your part? Bask in the revelry of the festivities!

SUMMER FESTIVALS DONE RIGHT

Over the summer months we head out and bring the museum and love of local history around the county. Often these festivals are the first time someone learns about the Anoka County Historical Society. Board members and volunteers attended the Blaine festival, East Bethel Booster Days, and Lino Lakes Blue Heron Days. The largest festivals we attend are the Anoka County Fair in July and Nowthen Threshing Show in August. With the help of volunteers we laugh, and share ACHS with old and new friends.

Anoka County Fair

Despite the heat, we are adamant that we have the BEST spot at the fair. The cozy farmhouse, complete with porch swing, always has a small breeze coming through the open doors and windows. It even had a facelift with new siding, shutters, and paint job!

The best moments:

- Cup & Ball competitions on the porch
- Finding the Fair's schoolhouse and church on the old plat maps.
- Starting a petition for the return of in-fridge lazy Susan's just like the one in the farmhouse's ice box.

Nowthen Threshing Show

The General Store got a deep clean this year, which helped make all the historic merchandise pop. Kids and adults alike came through to sooth their candy and pickle cravings.

The best moments:

- Zotz candies were a hit with kids and many of the adults sharing said they had them as kids themselves!
- Sold 18 GALLON jars of pickles.
- Confirmed on the old maps that a visitor's grandfather DID have to walk over a mile to school each day.

- Meeting NEW FRIENDS!





Ghost Tours Merch

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ghost Tours, we are unveiling our first ever branded Ghost Tour Merchandise!

ACHS Program Coordinator Vickie Wendel created the very first Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour as a part of Anoka’s Riverfest activities on July 10, 2004. Staff held two tours and both sold out, prompting a second offering in October of the same year. With that, the snowball was set in motion for a consistently successful fundraiser.

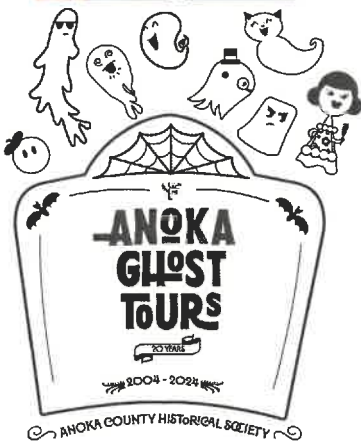
Over the years, nearly 15,000 people have gone on the tour. It is a tradition, and part of Anoka Halloween, that we are honored to be a part of. It also remains our largest single fundraising event of the year. Each ticket sold goes towards keeping the museum open, the lights on, the artifacts accessible, and local history here for new generations.

Show your love and support of our tours by rocking a new t-shirt! Holly Reese, a graphic designer and ACHS volunteer, worked with us to create this fun design to capture the spirit of this Anoka tradition.

We loved the ghosts she created so much, we turned them into stickers and pins.

Find them all in our website’s gift shop at AnokaCountyHistory.org/store

PS: we’ve hidden other fun things there, too. Something for every history lover!



And just like that, the summer is over and volunteers helped us get through at the festivals and fairs out and about in the County. But the work that doesn't always get seen, is the work that volunteers do at the Anoka County History Center each week. Their hands, brains, and care in the variety of projects they work on help us tackle the big job of running a museum.

We wanted to call out some of the amazing finds and projects volunteers have helped us tackle the past few months:

Dave—is a master at deciphering various types of cursive handwriting and slogging through transcribing items in the collection to make them more accessible, including a new transcript of Mary Woodbury Caswell's diary. Her son, Dwight, delightfully added his own commentary.

15 Jan 23 x 37. Dwight's teacher tells him he is doing very well on the violin. (*What an awful prevaricator. I hated the damn instrument.*)

Sade— Created a program about Victorian Etiquette, and built an accompanying exhibit with items in the ACHS collection. Including an 1857 etiquette book owned by Aaron Greenwald of Anoka. See it in the History Center lobby.

Case 0849: The divorce proceedings between Amelia and Joseph Samletzka from St. Francis. Both parties accusing the other of abuse and inhuman treatment.

Jan—is part of a rotating team of volunteers reading through Albert Pratt's lawyer's files. She gives each case a number, and details what the case is about. With her help we have numbered nearly 900 cases...which is finally over half-way through!

Jo— has dove head-long into the Vietnam project we're calling, "Echoes of Bravery." She has reconnected with previous donors, discovered new veterans and encouraged them to tell their story, and arranged for ACHS staff to speak at several events this fall and winter.

Thank you for all your help!



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Fotoplayer with Nate Otto—Felix the Cat

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When: Oct 20

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Tour Details:

- 1-1.5 hours tour running time
- 1 mile walking around town

When: Sept, Oct various dates

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Voting in the General Election

2024 has been a busy election year. The General Election is up next on November 5, 2024. In addition to casting votes for President, State and County representatives, Fridley residents will also be selecting a new Mayor and Councilmember-at-Large.

Beginning September 20, Absentee Balloting is available at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will continue until Election Day. Expanded voting hours prior to Election Day are as follows:

- Saturday, October 26: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Monday, November 4: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Polling places will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are uncertain of where your polling location is located, you can visit MNVotes.org and enter your address to find your polling place.

If you have any Election-related questions you can contact the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov

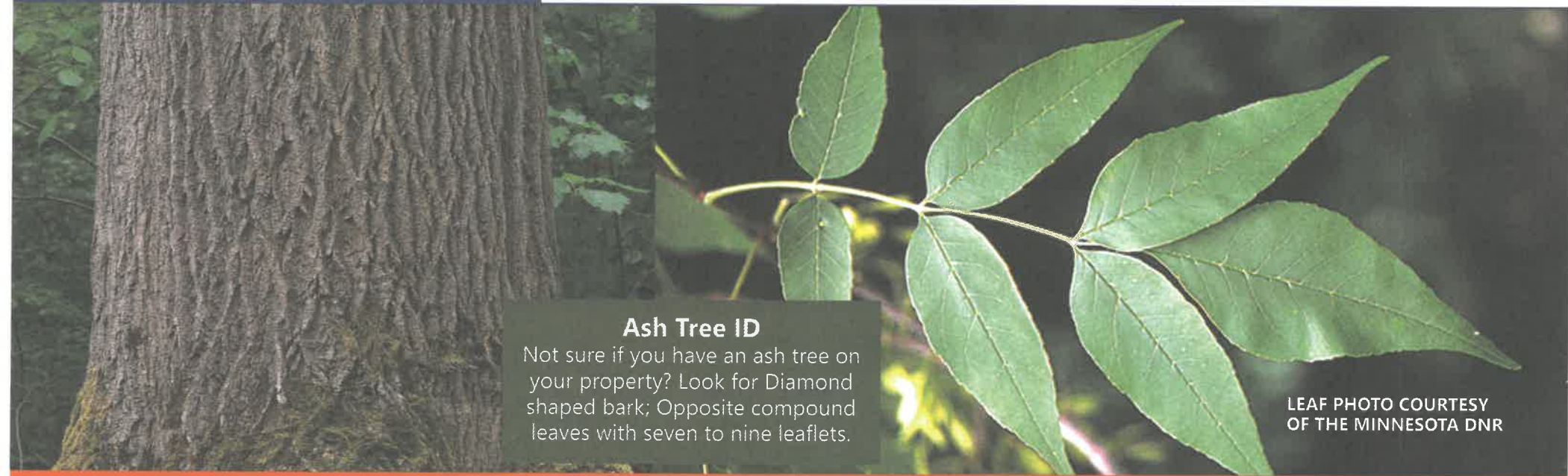
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Not sure if you have an ash tree on your property? Look for Diamond shaped bark; Opposite compound leaves with seven to nine leaflets.

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New! Income-Qualified Ash Tree Removal and Planting Programs

This fall, the City is launching income-qualified ash tree removal and tree planting programs. Eligible residents with ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) may have their ash trees removed and replaced through the program for no cost.

Plant a new tree for no cost

Residents meeting the income-requirements may be eligible to have a new tree planted on their property for no cost, even if no tree is removed. A range of trees species will be available to choose from. These programs are funded through a DNR ReLEAF grant to mitigate the financial impact of EAB for income-qualified residents and protect Fridley's urban forest. Grant funding is only available for a limited time on a first-come, first-serve basis. To learn more, visit FridleyMN.gov/Forestry or call 763-572-3594.

All residents with ash trees on their property that are not undergoing chemical treatment should plan for their removal due to the pervasiveness of EAB in the area. Removal costs generally increase as the tree becomes more impacted by EAB, so it is recommended to act soon. A list of City-licensed tree management companies can be found at FridleyMN.gov/Forestry. The City strongly recommends replacement of all removed trees for all the amazing benefits that trees provide.

Reporting a Hazardous Tree

Fridley City Code requires the removal of hazardous trees that pose a risk to life or property. If you notice a damaged or diseased street or park tree or are concerned about a tree on private property that appears hazardous, please use the "Report a Concern" feature on FridleyMN.gov or contact Fridley Public Works at 763-572-3566.

2024 Income Qualifications

The income-qualified ash tree replacement program is only available to property owners meeting one of the following qualifications:

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual household income at or below	\$68,500	\$78,250	\$88,050	\$97,800	\$105,650	\$113,450

Rental properties with monthly rents at or below the following amounts:

Number of Bedrooms	Efficiency	1	2	3	4
Amount		\$1,739	\$1,864	\$2,235	\$2,584

Recycling Drop Off Event

September 14 from 8 a.m. - noon
On September 14, Fridley residents will have an opportunity for free and reduced recycling of bulky items such as mattresses, appliances, electronics and more! You can receive \$50 off your total with proof of Fridley residence (driver's license, mail or utility bill).

What can that include?

- Two appliances
- A large 60" TV
- A small TV
- Four tires
- And more!

See a full pricing list at FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff.

All drop-off events will be held at Recycle Technologies Inc. (formerly Green Lights Recycling). Enter at 1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine.



Recycle More Items Than Ever Before!

The Coon Rapids Recycling Center is accepting more items than ever, especially items that are hard to recycle elsewhere! Some common items that you can bring to be recycled include:

- Books
- CDs, DVDs and VCR tapes
- Clothing/Textiles (Usable and Unusable) and Shoes
- Plastic film
- Styrofoam (Food grade and Rigid, check website for specifications)

Additionally, the Center has recently expanded to include and Odds and Ends Trailer which accept a wide range of toiletry, food packaging and miscellaneous items. Since many of these programs are sponsored by specific brands, accepted items can change without much notice. Examples of items that may be collected include toothpaste tubes, sauce packets, and Brita filters. Find a current list of items on the Center's website.

Coon Rapids Recycling Center
1827 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433
CoonRapidsMN.gov/390/Recycling-Center
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A Look Behind the Scenes at Testing Elections Equipment

It is election season! Did you know that the City of Fridley oversees all the elections happening within the City? And before every election, City staff test all election equipment to ensure ballots are being correctly counted? To share a little about this process, below is an overview of the various steps taken to ensure our elections are accurate and secure.

Pre-Election Testing

The City conducts thorough testing of voting equipment before each election. This process, determined by the Minnesota Secretary of State and facilitated by Anoka County, includes:

- **Logic and Accuracy Testing:** Anoka County provides pre-marked ballots that are marked 'test ballots' to test the ballot counters (DS200s). These test ballots cover every possible voting scenario, ensuring accuracy for each race, party and candidate.
- **Zero Tape Verification:** Voting machines print results on "zero tapes." Staff then meticulously compare test election results with these tapes to ensure exact matches.
- **Error Correction:** If any discrepancies are found, staff rerun tests to identify and correct errors.
- **Equipment Security:** Security measures are in place to protect the integrity of voting equipment:
 - **Paper Ballots:** Minnesota uses paper ballots for all elections. Voters mark their choices on paper, which are then counted by machines. This crucial practice ensures a verifiable paper trail for review and auditing
 - **Tamper-Evident Seals:** After testing, each machine receives a numbered seal that is unique to each machine. Those numbers are documented and certified to ensure no tampering took place before or after the transfer of machines from City Hall to the polling place.
 - **Network Security:** City ballot counters connect only to a double encrypted, isolated network that is solely

maintained and accessible by the Anoka County elections staff.

- **Physical Security:** Voting machines are stored in a locked, video-monitored room with limited access.
- **Public Transparency:** A Public Accuracy Test occurs before each election, allowing residents to observe testing procedures and ask questions. Tests take place one to two weeks before the day of the election. The date of the test is posted on the City website and in the Star Tribune.

Election Day Safeguards

There are multiple built-in protections against errors on election day:

- **Poll Pads:** Election Judges use Poll Pads to locate a voter in the State of Minnesota's election database. This database is updated in real-time automatically. Polls Pads are used to confirm voters are registered to vote, are voting at the correct polling place and that a voter has not already voted.
- **Ballot Errors:** The ballot counter checks for mistakes. It alerts voters if they've selected too many candidates in a race (over-voting) or if they've missed voting in any races (under-voting). Voters can then choose to correct their ballot if they wish.
- **Jurisdiction-Specific Ballots:** Each precinct has a unique ballot, which contains a specified code read by the ballot counter. If a ballot were to be placed into a counter that it was not programmed for, the ballot would be returned to the voter and Election Judges notified.

Post-Election Review

After the polls close, election results go through a review process before becoming official. On election night, the County receives the results from the City election through the ballot counter. The County then shares those results with the Secretary of State. These results are preliminary and subject to verification. Canvassing boards are who certifies those results.



Canvassing boards are made up of:

- **Local Canvassing Boards:** For municipal and school district races, local canvassing boards typically include city council members or school board members. They review and certify the results.
- **County Canvassing Board:** This board, composed of elected officials including county commissioners, certifies results for county-level offices and races within the county. They also review and approve results for higher-level races before sending them to the state.
- **State Canvassing Board:** For statewide and federal offices, as well as legislative districts crossing county lines, the State Canvassing Board makes the final certification. This board includes the Secretary of State and appointed judges.

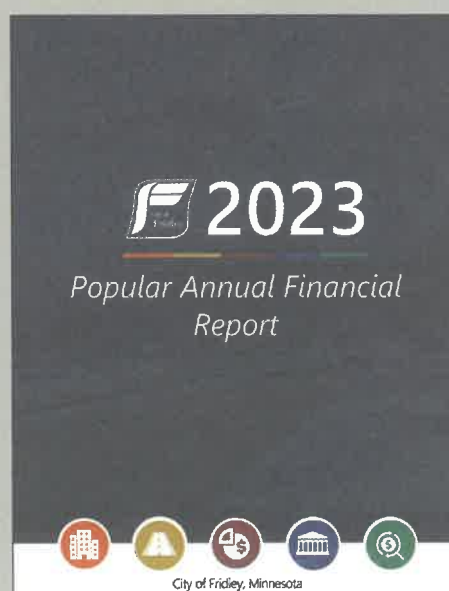
Each canvassing board meets in public sessions within seven days to review results, address any discrepancies, and officially certify the election outcomes. This process, with checks at different levels, ensures election results are correct and trustworthy.

These comprehensive safeguards ensure that our voting equipment is secure and results are accurate. We continuously review and update our processes to maintain the highest standards of election integrity.

For more information, please visit the elections website at FridleyMN.gov/elections or contact the City Clerk's office at CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov.

2023 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

The City's 2023 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is now available. The PAFR is intended to increase knowledge of the City's financial condition in a simple, easy-to-read format. It contains valuable, summarized financial information and showcases various City programs and services. Through more user-friendly financial reporting, the PAFR exemplifies Fridley's commitment to the community to maintain transparent communication and preserve public confidence. The PAFR can be found at FridleyMN.gov/2023PAFR.



Fridley Awarded for Financial Excellence

Fridley has recently received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This shows the City's commitment to being sound stewards of the City's financial resources and the commitment to transparent communication.

Fridley Community Calendar

September

- September 3 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- September 4 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- September 5 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- September 9 | City Council Meeting
- September 10 | Charter Commission Meeting
- September 10 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- September 18 | Planning Commission Meeting
- September 23 | City Council Meeting

October

- October 2 | Public Arts Commission Meeting
- October 3 | Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- October 7 | Charter Commission Meeting
- October 7 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- October 8 | Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting
- October 14 | City Council Meeting
- October 16 | Planning Commission Meeting
- October 28 | City Council Meeting

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in any City of Fridley services, programs, or activities. Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons who require auxiliary aids should contact the City at 763-572-3450.



Chores and More

A Couple Hours of Your Time can Make a Difference!

ACCAP Senior Chores and More is looking for volunteers and paid independent contractors to assist our seniors who need help maintaining their yards and homes. ACCAP is in need of individuals or groups that can help with Fall Raking and Snow Removal. Please contact ACCAP at 763-783-4767 to find out how you can help.

Transportation Planning Updates

Highways 65 and 47

Planning efforts are underway for many Fridley roadways. MnDOT, in partnership with MetroTransit and local jurisdictions, is continuing to advance the Planning and Environmental Linkages for University Avenue (TH47) and Central Avenue (TH65) to determine the vision for these corridors. Following extensive collection of data and public feedback, MnDOT developed multiple concepts for the roadways for community review and performance analysis. Currently, the study team is working on the final PEL study report, which will recommend which roadway and intersection concepts to carry forward for consideration in future studies, and which concepts can be eliminated from consideration. Join MnDOT for a public meeting to share your feedback to refine concept designs on September 17 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fridley Civic Campus. You can stay up to date on PEL efforts at Talk.DOT.State.MN.US/Hwy-47-Hwy-65-Study.

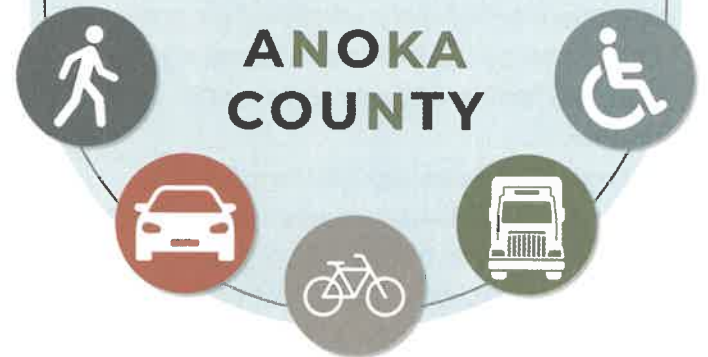
Bus Rapid Transit

MnDOT and Metro Transit are leading efforts to develop a 2030 redesign of University Avenue in Fridley, which will provide for the F line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Interim improvements along the corridor will begin in 2025.

Safe Streets and Roads for All

Additionally, the US Department of Transportation is providing funding to local

Safe Streets and Roads FOR ALL



jurisdictions through the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop action plans that achieve the goal of zero traffic deaths. Anoka County is currently soliciting feedback to develop its plan which will guide roadway safety strategies throughout Anoka County to make streets and roads safer for all users. Residents are encouraged to share their feedback at AnokaCountyMN.gov/4452/SafeStreets-and-Roads-for-All-SS4A-Plan. The City of Fridley was also recently awarded funding through the SS4A program to create its own local action plan to improve safety for all users. Efforts to develop the plan will begin this winter.



Reminders for Your Fall Yard Clean-up

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing colors and soon, they will be dropping from the trees. Leaves and other yard waste are not allowed to be blown into the street or deposited within 25 feet of a waterbody. Yard waste blown into the street can enter the storm sewer system and pollute downstream waterbodies such as Rice Creek, Moore Lake or the Mississippi River. If you notice a property dumping yard waste or other unauthorized materials in the street or storm drains, please call 763-572-3566 to report it as an illicit discharge.

Please keep these tips in mind as you start your fall clean-up:

- ✿ Fridley residents can coordinate yard waste collection with their garbage hauler, drop off yard waste at Bunker Hills Compost Site or practice backyard composting.
- ✿ Yard waste can only be stored in bags or bundles outside through your next pick-up day.
- ✿ Bagged yard waste must be placed in compostable bags.



More than 150 Homes Participated in Citywide Garage Sale

On June 7-8, more than 150 garage sales participated in Fridley's Citywide Garage Sale! This year, the City of Columbia Heights hosted their citywide sale the same weekend, creating double the shopping fun.

Thank you to those who participated in this year's sale. We are already looking ahead to next summer! Keep an eye on FridleyMN.gov/CitywideGarageSale for more information about next year's sale.



2024 Street Rehabilitation Project

The 2024 Street Rehabilitation Project includes pavement rehabilitation, concrete curb and gutter spot replacement, watermain replacement and other miscellaneous work along five streets throughout the City: Lucia Lane, Channel Road, 66th Avenue, Norton Avenue and Buchanan Street. The project also includes traffic calming and stormwater quality improvements along Channel Road. In April, the project was awarded to North Valley, Inc., of Nowthen, Minnesota. Construction is underway with completion slated for September 2024.



Adopt-A-Drain

Looking for a low-commitment way to help protect Fridley's lakes, creeks and river? Adopt-a-Drain volunteers help keep the City's storm drains clear of debris to keep pollutants from washing into our ways. Fall is a great time to adopt a drain through MN.Adopt-A-Drain.org. Volunteers in the Twin Cities have adopted over 23,000 drains and kept more than 749,000 pounds of debris from our water bodies!

2024 ADA Improvements Project

The 2024 ADA Improvements Project includes accessibility improvements to four existing pedestrian corridors throughout the City. The project is part of the City's ADA Transition Plan, adopted in 2019, which was implemented to systematically evaluate, maintain and improve pedestrian facilities within the City. In June, the project was awarded to Concrete Idea, Inc., of Maple Lake, Minnesota. Construction is underway, with completion slated for November 2024.

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN CARVING

October 13 - 17 (various times available)

Help carve the more than 1,000 pumpkins along the trail at Pumpkin Night in the Park. Pumpkins, tools, and patterns will be provided, you bring the person power. (Lucky you, all the pumpkins are pre-gutted)! Sign up for your time slot at FridleyMN.gov/PumpkinNight. All pumpkins will be placed on the trails (make sure you attend the event to see if you can spot your creative creation)!



RESERVE YOUR TIME SLOT TODAY!



Winter Parking in Effect November 1 – April 1

Friendly reminder: Fridley does not declare snow emergencies. From November 1 through April 1, however, it is a violation to park any vehicle on City streets between 2-6 a.m.

It is a violation to stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the plowing or removal of snow, ice or waste from public streets or highways regardless of date or time.

Violators will be tagged and towed, and subject to storage charges.

Fridley City Code, Chapter 506.05



Pumpkin Recycling

November 1 - 7

Springbrook Nature Center Parking Lot

Save the Date! The pumpkin dumpster will be back at Springbrook Nature Center from November 1 – 7. Toss your pumpkins in the dumpster, and they will be recycled into compost. Our goal this year is two tons of pumpkins!

****Only pumpkins in the Pumpkin Dumpster, please.****



Park System Improvement Plan Update

Completion of Moore Lake Park

A grand opening was held for Fridley's Moore Lake Park on June 1, 2024 to highlight the many improvements that were made to one of Fridley's signature parks. From picnics to pickleball to fishing or flying down the playground slide, a great time was had by thousands at this renovated park – just one of many that will get new playgrounds, courts, trails and amenities through Fridley's Park System Improvement Plan, a \$30 million, 8-year project to modernize and enhance Fridley's parks.

Neighborhood Parks

As the finishing touches were put on Moore Lake Park in 2024, summer construction was underway at Edgewater Gardens Park, Plymouth Square Park and Logan Park. Sylvan Hills Park construction will go through the fall season. Each of these four parks will reopen for 2024-2025 with amazing new playgrounds, courts, park shelters, amenities and trails.

Park staff also met with residents to gather feedback on plans for 2025 construction

projects at Oak Hill Park, Jubilee Park and Commons Park.

Plans for Commons Park

The Commons Park project will be the largest park project in Fridley history. This \$12 million renovation will include a recreation building, splash pad, inclusive playground, pickleball court complex, ballfields, expanded parking, trails and winter recreation area.

The recreation building will include activity rooms for a variety of events and programs as well as rental space for small-group gatherings such as youth birthday parties. This space will serve as the amenity hub for the park, with restrooms, drinking water and unique gathering spaces.

A destination inclusive playground will be a highlight of the new park space. This park will be designed to allow for individuals of all ages and abilities to play and interact with one another. This feature is supported by a \$500,000 State of Minnesota grant and will be Fridley's first inclusive play space.

The outdoor splash pad is an amenity that Fridley residents have been asking for since we began our conversations about improved parks in 2019. This area will be enhanced through funds from the Minnesota DNR outdoor recreation grant program and will be a favorite for hot summer days for many years to come!

The Commons Park project will impact three ball fields on the south end of the park and through discussions with the Fridley Youth Sports Association, a plan will be implemented to include two new fields on the north end of Commons Park as well as to convert one softball field at Community Park to a baseball field. Soccer fields will also be expanded at Community Park.

Please plan a visit to one of our recently completed neighborhood parks such as Ed Wilmes Park, Skyline Park or Creekview Park and be sure to keep an eye on [FridleyMN.gov/ParkPlan](https://www.fridleymn.gov/ParkPlan) for the latest news and updates on park improvements.



Get Ready for This Year's Winter Light Tour

It is time to get those lights and decorations out of storage and ready for the 2024 Winter Lights Contest! All entries will be placed on a map so that residents (and visitors) can create their own custom lights tour around town. Judging will take place December 9 - 10. Winners will be announced, and maps will be available on December 13. Tour maps will be available in person at City Hall and at [FridleyMN.gov/Rec](https://www.fridleymn.gov/Rec). Registration is open online from Nov 4 - Dec 8.

Preschool Enrollment with Fridley Public Schools is Now Open!

Fridley Public Schools (FPS) is thrilled to announce their Preschool has been awarded 55 additional seats, and enrollment is now open! Give your child a great start on their learning journey with their highly acclaimed program.

Why Choose Fridley Public Schools Preschool?

- **Flexible Options:** Half-day and full-day options for three- and four-year-olds.
- **Top Rated:** 4-star Parent Aware rating

- **Certified Teachers:** All teachers are state-certified
- **Small Class Sizes:** 20 students per class, with one teacher and one classroom assistant
- **Kindergarten Ready:** FPS preschoolers are fully prepared to thrive in kindergarten
- **Unique Program:** FPS offers the full International Baccalaureate Program Continuum from PreK through grade 12

Enroll now at [FridleySchools.org](https://www.fridleyschools.org)

Upcoming Heartsaver Classes

Fridley Police and Fire want to make Fridley a Heart Safe Community. Sign up for one of our upcoming classes to learn CPR and first aid skills. Classes are open to ages 16 and older. The cost is \$60 per registrant. Learn more and register online at [FridleyMN.gov/HeartSafe](https://www.fridleymn.gov/HeartSafe).

HeartSaver CPR: September 21, October 17, December 1

HeartSaver First Aid: November 21 | 6 - 10 p.m.

Night to Unite 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Night to Unite a success! On August 6, more than 70 block parties were hosted throughout the City!

Police officers, firefighters and City staff stopped by these parties and shared information on a variety of topics. Parties received insight on projects and initiatives happening within the Public Safety Department, ways to get involved and how the Public Safety Department is working with the

community to keep Fridley's neighborhoods safe.

Thank you to AAA and the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association for sponsoring this event. Thank you to Trio Supply, Business Essentials, Target Distribution, Walmart, Forgotten Star, Shortstop and Fridley Public Schools for their generous donations and partnerships to help make this a successful community event!



BABY GEAR SWAP AT THE ECFE FALL FESTIVAL

Join Fridley Public School's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Program and the City of Fridley in promoting the reuse of baby and young children's (ages 0-8) gear at our upcoming swap!

Dropoff:

Fridley City Hall Collection Box: October 8- November 7
Fridley Community Center: November 8 from noon- 4 p.m.

Accepted Items (Please ensure all items are ages 0-8, clean, working, and in a good enough condition that you'd bring into your own home):

Wraps and Carriers

Toys: Toys, books, games, balls, activity centers, push walkers

Miscellaneous: Diaper bags, other small and gently used items

Winter Gear: Hats, gloves, jackets, snowsuits/pants

Not Accepted: Broken or recalled items, car seats, furniture, stuffed animals, bottles, clothing except winter gear, blankets, bulky items.

Shop

Stop by the ECFE's Fall Festival at the Fridley Community Gym from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. to shop the swap and enjoy a fun fall-themed party with your little ones. Activities include bounce house, games, crafts, and more \$5 at the door covers all the activities and all proceeds go to the Fridley ECFE Board to fund future activities and community events.

Questions on acceptable items? Call 763-572-3594



Save the Date: Fire Open House

Save the date for our annual Fire Open House! Stop by Fire Station 1 (7071 University Avenue NE) on October 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Fridley Fire Division. Open house activities include vehicle tours, demonstrations, games for kids and safety information for all!

Resident Survey Results

In April, the City of Fridley conducted a telephone survey of 400, randomly selected, Fridley residents. The survey was designed to assess the quality of life in Fridley, and measure resident satisfaction with current City services and City staff. The work was contracted through the Morris Leatherman Company.

Visit FridleyMN.gov/ResidentSurvey to learn more and view the survey results.



New Osprey Home Available at Springbrook Nature Center

Springbrook Nature Center recently installed an osprey nesting pole near the Lions Amphitheater along the Oak Savanna trail. The pole was donated by Gary Bank, a volunteer and Springbrook Nature Center Foundation board member. Installation of the pole, completed in early June, was an engineering feat involving sinking a pole into the ground more than 12 feet. The nesting platform on top is designed to attract a nesting pair of Osprey with its height above the surrounding tree line, its predator guard at the base of the pole, and its proximity to shallow water with delicious fish.

Fans of the osprey have some time to wait to see if this nesting pole will have inhabitants. The nesting season for these birds begins in mid-April. So, while we wait for the osprey to find this prime location, it seems a good use of time to learn a little more about these fascinating birds.

Osprey often pair for life and share in nest building activities with the male finding nesting materials and the female building the nest. Nests can be built in as little as seven to ten days, and once established will likely be used by the same pair year after year, by adding layers of nesting materials on top of

the previous year's nest. Successful nesters will incubate eggs for approximately 32 days before hatching, with the male bringing food to the female while she remains on the eggs. It will take the chicks nearly two months to learn to fly, and another two months before fledging the nest.

Until next spring, we will wait and hope for a nesting pair of osprey to find this new nesting site.



After-school Activities

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes after school at Hayes Elementary again this school year. Classes are open to all: there is transportation for students enrolled at Stevenson and parents/caregivers can also drop children off for the programs. Classes take place from 4-5:15 p.m. and a snack is provided each day. The following activities are offered this fall: Soccer, Outdoor Games & Halloween Fun, Ninja Warrior, Ho Ho Holiday Fun, Tae Kwon Do, and Track & Field. Registration is available at FridleyMN.gov/Rec.



Fridley Environmental Bike Tour

Join Fridley's Environmental Planner, Rachel Workin, and Springbrook Naturalist, Cody Rossetti, for a bike tour of Fridley's



most exciting environmental projects. Learn about how these projects benefit the community and the environment. The tour will be about 8 miles in length. Bikes, helmets and high visibility vests can be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own bike and helmet if desired. Lunch is included.

Ages 15+ M Sep 16 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$15
Civic Campus

Thank You for Attending the Moore Lake Grand Opening!

The Grand Opening of the newly improved Moore Lake Park and the City Open House was held on Saturday, June 1. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the new amenities at the park and the event hosted a crowd of about 300 people! The afternoon kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Scott Lund, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Peter Borman and the City Council. Throughout the event the new playground was buzzing, and attendees were able to try out fishing with the Boy Scouts, pond dipping with Springbrook Nature

Center, dancing with Zumba instructor Lenka, playing pickleball with instructor Will, and playing sand volleyball, basketball and yard games with the Fridley Recreation Staff. In addition, all City Departments were represented with updates and information inside the new Moore Lake Community Building. The public was able to engage with City Staff and ask questions about services and upcoming projects. The Flamingo's Ice Cream Truck was also onsite with delicious treats for all to enjoy!