



Community Development Division

Committee of the Whole

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Community Development Functions

- **Implement the Land Planning Act (LPA)**
 - **Develop and implement the Development Framework**
 - **Review local comprehensive plans**
- **Implement the Livable Communities Act (LCA)**
- **Plan and make grants for the regional parks and open space system**
- **Deliver housing assistance**
- **Identify, analyze and interpret information and data to inform planning**



The Land Planning Act

(MS473.851)

- **Council creates Development Guide and Systems Plans for:**
 - **Transportation/Aviation**
 - **Water Resources**
 - **Regional Parks and Open Space**
- **Local Governments Update their Comprehensive Plans**
- **Council reviews plans to ensure conformity to regional plans**

**Regional Development
Framework/Development Guide
(Metropolitan Council)**



**System Plans/System Statements
(Metropolitan Council)**



**Comprehensive Plans and Updates
(Local Government)**



**Local Implementation
(Local Government)**





Regional Development Guide Goals

- **Work collaboratively with regional partners to accommodate growth**
- **Enhance transportation choices and increase travel safety and efficiency**
- **Encourage expanded choices in housing location and types**
- **Preserve vital natural areas and resources for future generations**



System plans and statements

- **Council prepares three “system plans” for transportation/aviation, wastewater and parks**
- **Each local community receives a customized “system statement” that details the relationship of each system to the community**



Review Local Comprehensive Plans

- **Comprehensive Plan Updates were due 12/2008**
- **Update based on new system statement each community received**
- **Council provided communities a *Local Planning Handbook*, staff assistance, and technical training workshops**





Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (LCA)

(MS 473.25)

Voluntary, incentive-based approach for communities to

- Expand housing choices
- Clean-up polluted lands for jobs and tax base
- Achieve connected development patterns that link housing, jobs and services; and maximize the development potential of existing infrastructure and regional facilities.





LCA

- **Participant communities negotiate housing goals and prepare an action plan for implementation**
- **Goals in place with 94 communities for the period from 2011 to 2020:**
 - **Add 33,000 to 46,400 affordable units**
 - **Add 51,300 to 125,000 life-cycle units**





LCA



Grants since 1996

- **Livable Communities Demonstration Account:**
\$98 M to leverage \$4 B in investments
- **Local Housing Incentives Account:**
\$27 M to leverage \$700 M in affordable residential development
- **Tax Base Revitalization Account:**
\$82 M to leverage \$4 B in private investment

(Leveraged amounts are not cumulative)





1974 Metropolitan Parks Act (MS 473.147)

Metropolitan Council identifies land and grants funds to cities, counties and special park districts, which acquire, develop and manage park land that together with state parks and trails serves the metro area and visitors, and reviews local comprehensive plans for compliance with regional parks system elements.



Metropolitan Council role

- **Create policy plan - designate park land as “regional”**
- **Review and approve master plans**
- **Prepare and partially finance parks capital improvement program**
- **Issue bonds as match to state and other funds**
- **Provide “pass through” funding for a portion of park operations budget**



Metropolitan Regional Parks System


- **54,600 acres today (31,000 in 1974)**
- **51 regional parks and park reserves**
- **7 special recreation features**
- **38 regional trails
(231 miles currently open to the public)**
- **38 million visits (2009 estimate)**



Implementing agencies

- Anoka County
- Carver County
- Dakota County
- Ramsey County
- Washington County
- City of St. Paul
- Three Rivers Park District
- Scott County
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- City of Bloomington





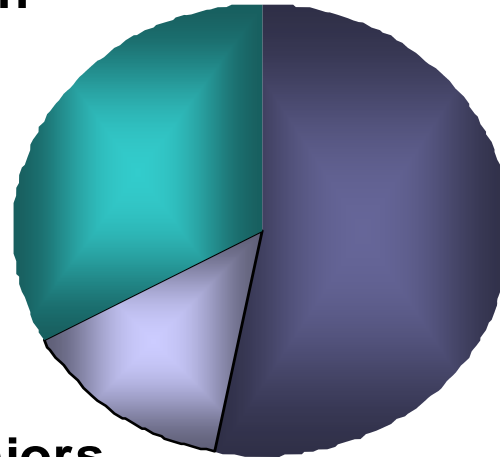
Metro HRA (MS 473.195)

- **Regional Housing Authority**
- **Rental assistance to 6700 low income households**
- **State's largest Section 8 administrator**
- **Serve 97 communities**
- **\$50 M in rent to 2300 landlords annually**
- **Accomplish economies of scale**

Metro HRA

Households assisted

**Individuals with
disabilities
33%**



**Families
53%**

**Seniors
14%**



Metro HRA

Section 8 Service Area

- **Service Area includes:**
 - **All of Carver and Anoka Counties**
 - **Suburban Ramsey**
 - **Most of Suburban Hennepin**
- **Does not include jurisdictions that prior to 1975 elected to administer Section 8**



Community Development Research

- **Estimates**
- **Forecasts**
- **Monitoring**



Research



Estimates

- **Produce annual estimates of current population and households for municipalities in the seven-county area:**
 - **Official state government estimates (M.S. 473.24)**
 - **Used to allocate local government aid and local street aid and calculate fiscal disparities**





Research



Forecasts

- **Develop 30-year forecasts of population, households and employment for municipalities in the seven-county area:**
 - **Used as the foundation for the Council's systems planning and local comprehensive plans**
 - **Currently renovating our forecast model to adopt a more analytically-sophisticated approach, providing increased transparency, reliability and functionality**





Research

Monitoring

- **Monitor development – including land use, affordable housing production, residential building permits, and commercial / industrial / public / institutional construction – to inform estimates, forecasts, and local planning:**
 - **How is our region changing?**
 - **Which current events will influence long-term demographic and development trends?**

Two major awards to support housing and business development along transitways 2011-2013



Sustainable
Communities



Living Cities

Corridors
of
Opportunity

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

- **\$5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**
- **Metropolitan Council is lead agency in the consortium**
- **Will principally be used to create detailed implementation strategies similar to the successful Central Corridor model along five additional corridors**

Living Cities Integration Initiative

- **\$18 million in grants and loans from 22 large foundations and financial institutions**
- **Saint Paul Foundation is the lead partner in the consortium**
- **Will principally be used to preserve and create affordable housing along the Central Corridor, assist small businesses, and guide the Southwest LRT corridor investment framework**



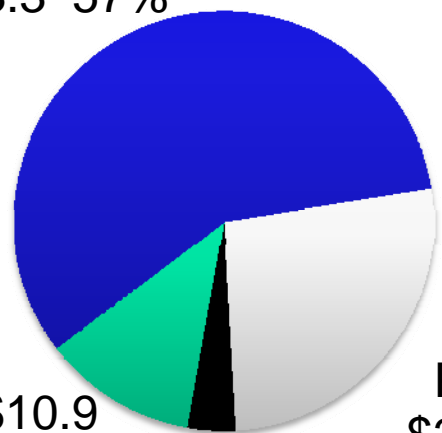
Proposed 2011 Budget

Community Development \$91.1M

Revenues & Sources



Federal
\$53.3 57%



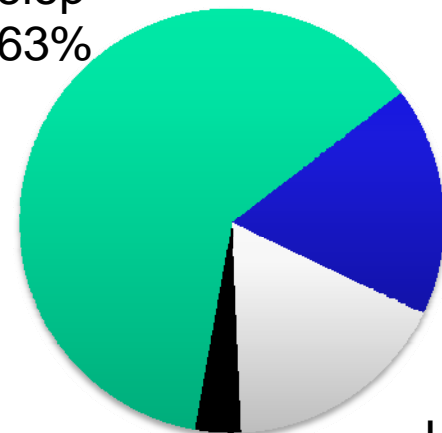
State \$10.9
12%

Other \$3.4
4%

Prop Tax
\$24.5 26%

Expenditures & Uses

Housing &
Redevelop
\$56.9 63%



Parks \$16.0
17%

Planning
Research &
Admin \$3.2
3%

Livable
Communities
\$15.8 17%



Questions?

