

# Region 5 Children's Museum

Hands-on learning experiences for children and families in culture, art, and heritage to preserve Minnesota's legacy for future generations.

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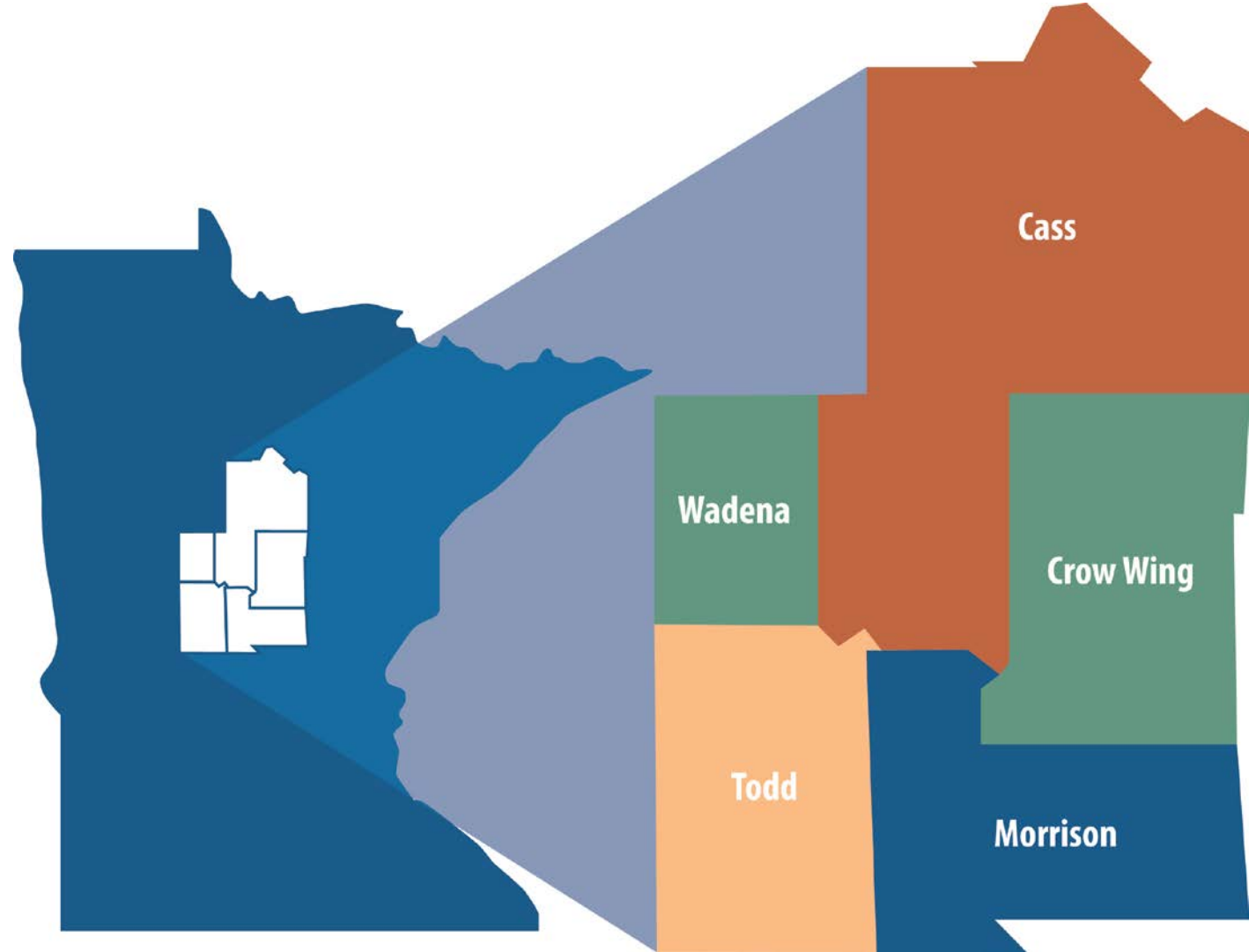
# Region 5

Population 168,000

School aged 125,000

Tourism population 300,000

The Region 5 Children's Museum and its partners envision a more vibrant and connection region to ensure all children enjoy positive learning experiences while embracing our regional legacy and heritage.



# Partners

## Board

- Paul Drange  
Director of Regional Programs, Sourcewell
- Cheryal Hills  
Executive Director, Region Five Development Commission
- Matt Kilian  
President, Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce
- Quinn Swanson  
Executive Director, Happy Dancing Turtle
- Shannon Wheeler  
Early Childhood Coordinator,  
Pequot Lakes Public Schools
- Peter Olson  
Museum Project Director,  
Region 5 Children's Museum

## Planning Committee

- Kevin Donnay  
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- Nate Grotzke  
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- Sheila Haverkamp  
Brainerd Lakes Economic Development
- Staci Hedley  
Region Five Development Commission
- Chris Lindstrom  
Pequot Lakes Schools
- Megan Rehbein  
Brainerd Lakes Economic Development

# Background

- 2015  
Regional service cooperative initiates region-wide children's museum discussion
- 2016  
Planning committee creation, convening regional leaders
- 2017  
Community outreach and engagement, listening sessions
- 2018  
Site selection and master planning and exhibit predesign
- 2019  
Funding secured for ongoing operational expenses

# Museum

The museum brings together the region's children and families in shared experiences that are grounded locally and open onto the wider world. Dynamic, material-rich environments, exhibits, events, and programs engage children in the joy of play and the wonder of learning.



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# Education

Exhibits & environments that connect children and families to the rich arts, culture, and heritage of Minnesota.

- Exhibits and environments
- Parent & Caregiver Resource Hub
- Teachers' Center for Interactive Learning
- Programs and events
- Interactive mobile design



# Exhibits

Exhibits and environments that connect children and families to the rich arts, culture, and heritage of Minnesota.

- At the Lake
- From the Garden
- Into the Woods
- On the Road
- Open for Possibilities
- In the Greater Outdoors

# Education

New and unique opportunities of exploration are paramount to the museum's interpretation of learning.

- **Consider** Ask questions; gather more precise information; reason; link actions and effects; work out possible solutions; draw conclusions.
- **Collaborate** Assume roles; seek and share resources; take turns; agree to a goal; use others' suggestions; help others.
- **Communicate** Listen; share ideas; give feedback; discuss; make a suggestion; tell a story; explain how something works.
- **Create** Imagine; generate ideas; explore all approaches; make unusual connections; use materials in new ways; apply new and old information to new situations.

# Future

- 2019  
Regional service cooperative commits future funding guaranteeing students of 21 school districts museum access
- 2019  
Site selection completion and construction, exhibit construction and educational content design
- 2020/2021  
Exhibit installation, opening

## Request

To protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to **preserve arts and cultural heritage**; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

Fiscal Year **2019-2020**

**\$340,000** (\$170,000 each year)

A first-time biennial investment supports new museum exhibit design and installation, and programming and educational opportunities to greater Minnesota youth.

- Exhibit development and design
- Permanent exhibit fabrication, installation
- Innovative hands-on programming
- Regional outreach and engagement
- Community and educational access to museums learning platforms

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