



# Metropolitan Council

2026 Capital Budget Recommendations

House Capital Investment Committee – February 26, 2026



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## Governor Walz recommendations:

- \$5 million for inflow and infiltration grant program
- \$1 million for the regional parks and trails bonding grant program

# Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program



# Wastewater system

## WHO WE SERVE

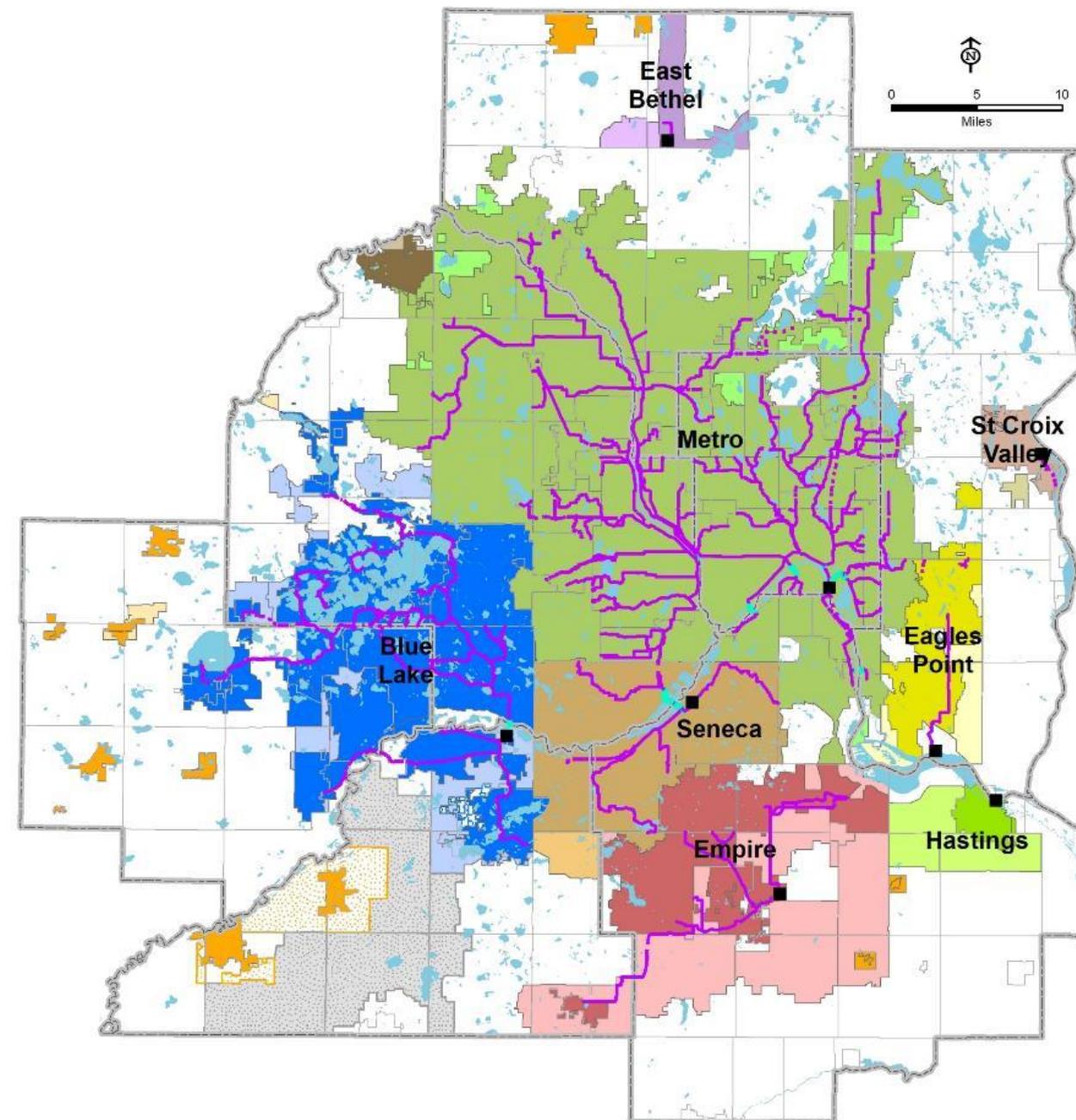
- 7-county Metro Area
- 111 communities
- 2.9 million people

## OUR FACILITIES

- 9 water resource recovery facilities
- 60 pump or lift stations
- 634 miles of interceptors
- 250 million gallons per day (avg.)

## WHAT WE MANAGE

- \$9.4 billion in valued assets
- \$350 million / year capital program



# Wastewater System

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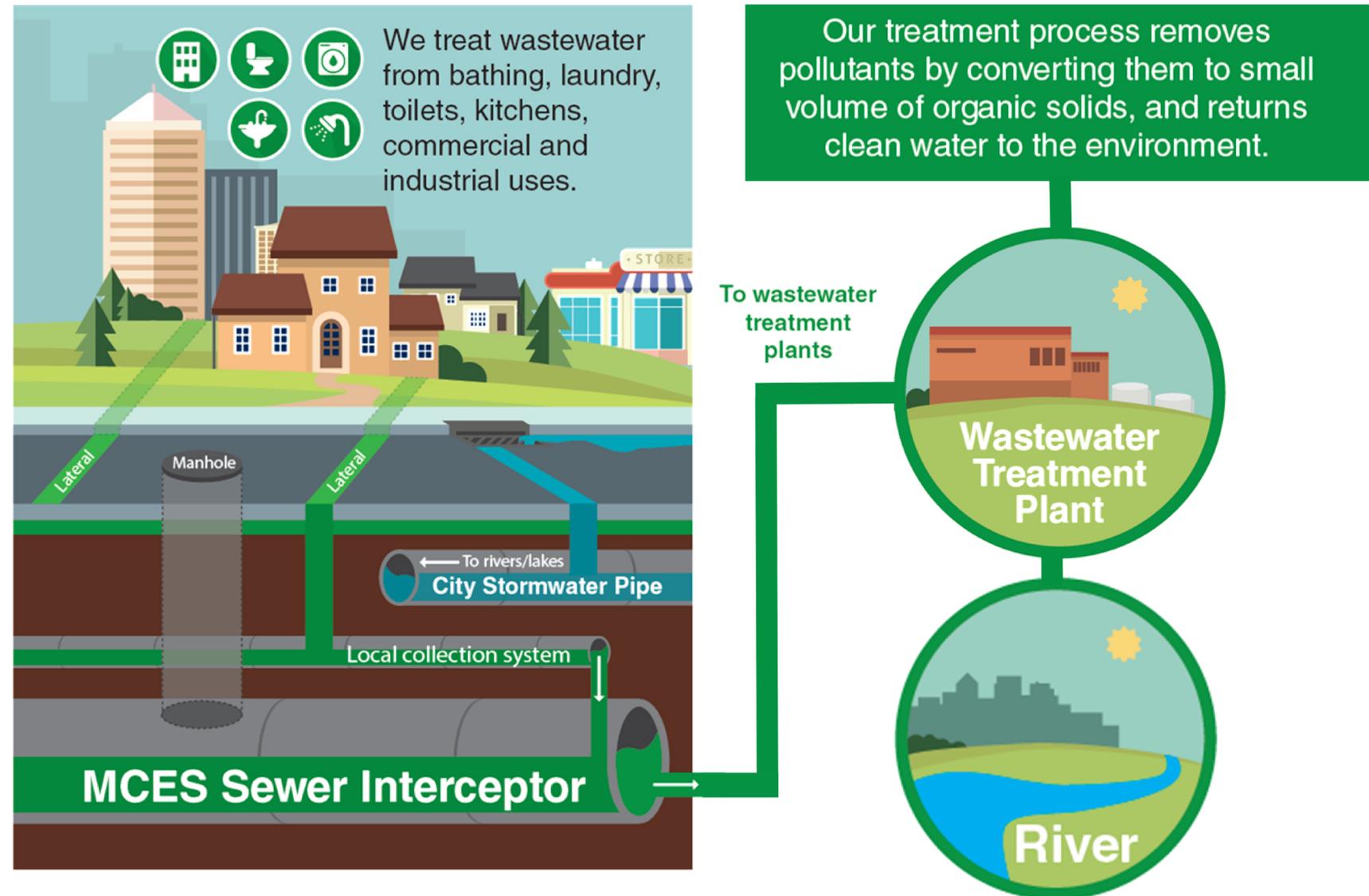
- Regional infrastructure

## Cities and townships

- Connect from the street to regional infrastructure

## Property owners

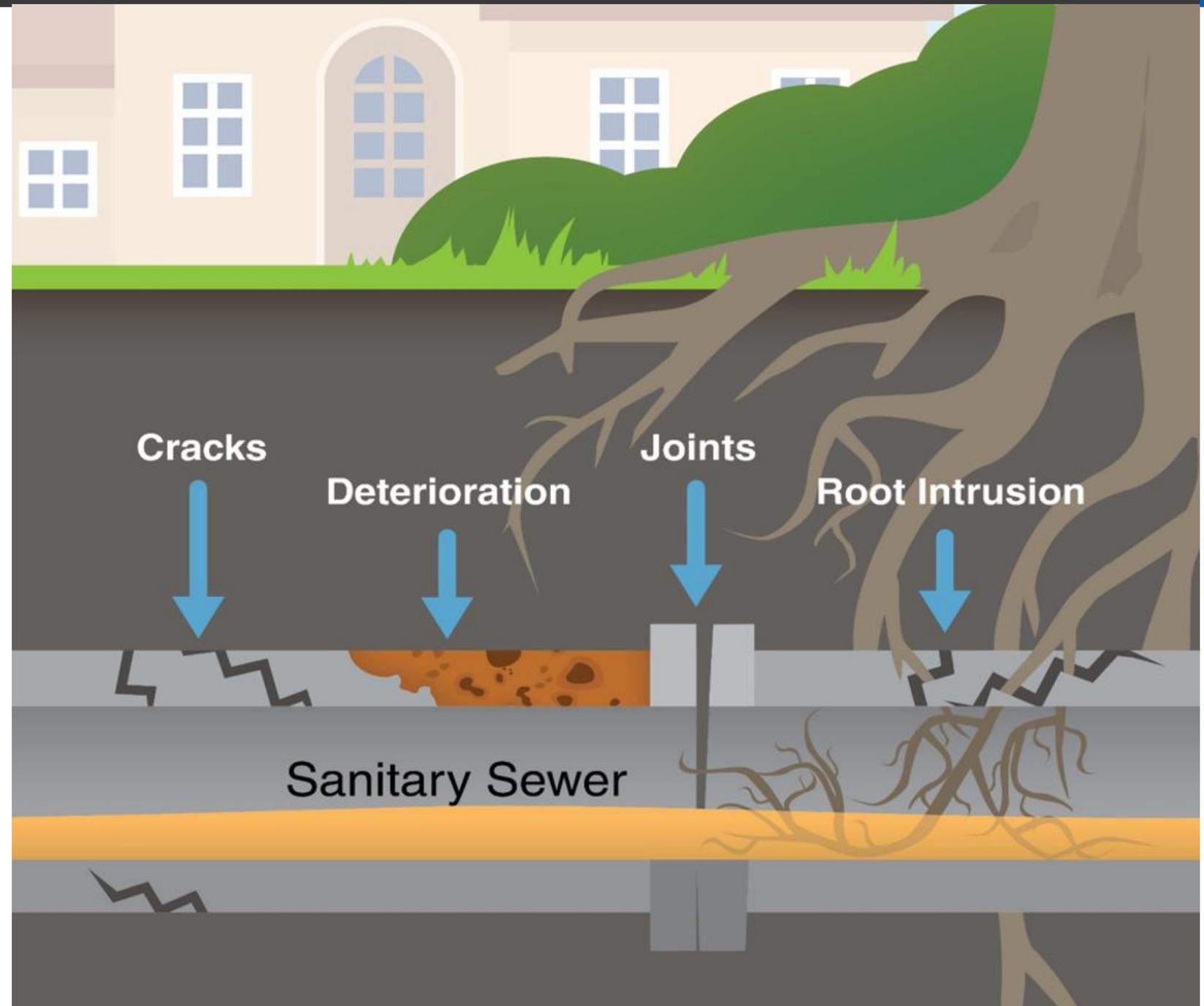
- Connect from the property to the street



# Inflow and Infiltration

## The cost of clear water in the wastewater system

- Unnecessarily treats clear water along with wastewater
- Causes sewer backups into homes
- Causes sewer overflows into rivers and lakes
- Increases sewer and utility fees
- Increases the need for larger and more expensive sewer pipes and treatment facilities



# Repair pipes that connect to regional infrastructure

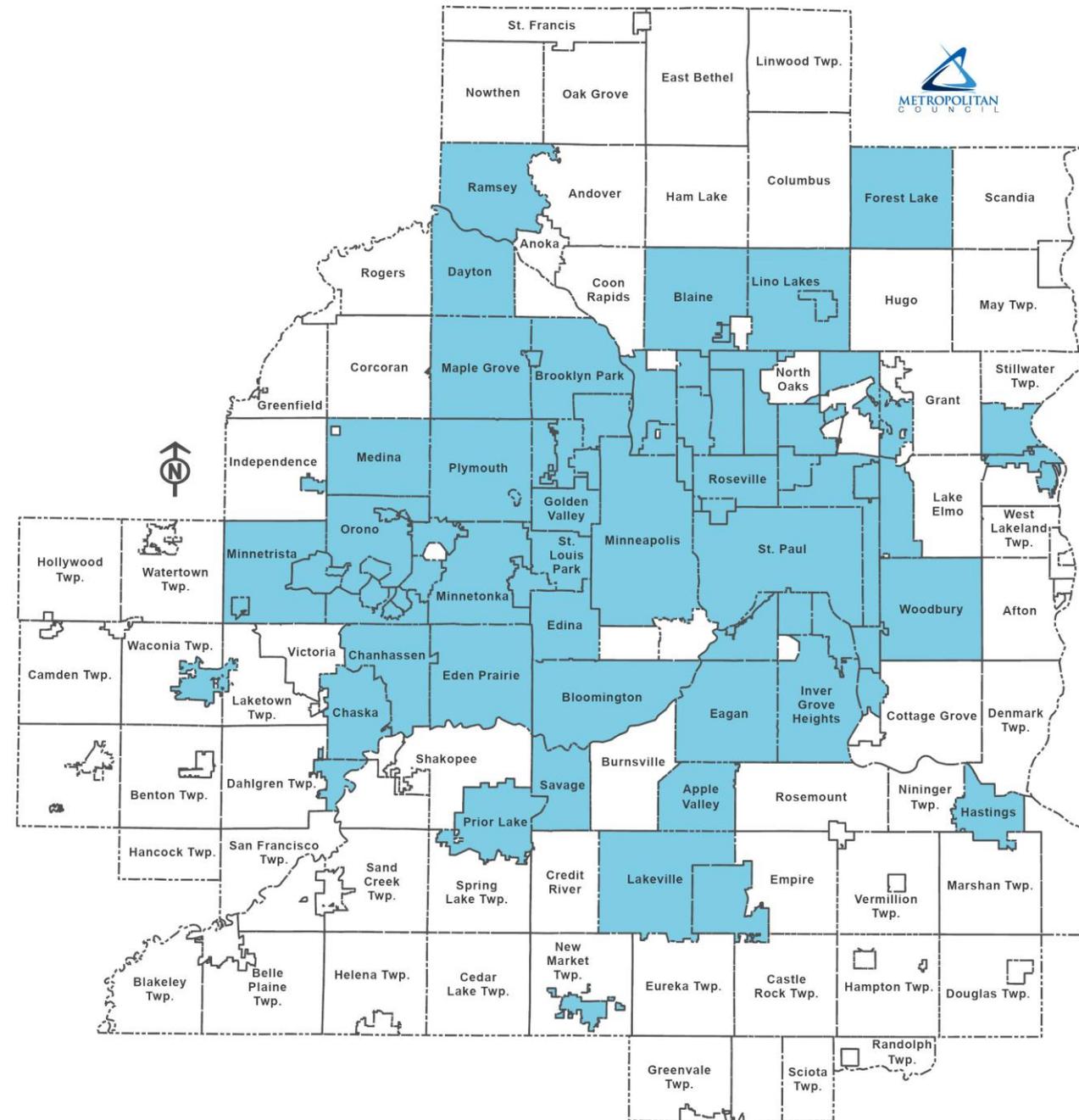


## Municipal infrastructure capital improvements grant program: \$5 Million

- Grants to municipalities to reduce clear water in the municipal wastewater collection system
  - Grant funding traditionally covers up to 50% of the inflow and infiltration portion of project cost
  - Grants may cover 100% of the inflow and infiltration portion of the project cost if it meets affordability criteria per Minnesota Statutes, section 473.5491.
- Cities are eligible if they have:
  - Excessive contributions of inflow and infiltration into the regional system, or
  - A measurable flow rate within 20% of the allowable flow limit.

# Over 80 cities and townships impacted by inflow and infiltration

Apple Valley • Arden Hills • Bayport • Birchwood • Blaine • Bloomington • Brooklyn Center • Brooklyn Park • Carver • Centerville • Chanhassen • Chaska • Columbia Heights • Crystal • Dayton • Deephaven • Eagan • Eden Prairie • Edina • Elko-New Market • Excelsior • Falcon Heights • Farmington • Forest Lake • Fridley • Golden Valley • Greenwood • Hastings • Hopkins • Inver Grove Heights • Lakeville • Lauderdale • Lexington • Lilydale • Lino Lakes • Little Canada • Long Lake • Mahtomedi • Maple Grove • Maple Plain • Maplewood • Medicine Lake • Medina • Mendota • Mendota Heights • Minneapolis • Minnetonka • Minnetonka Beach • Minnetrista • Mound • Mounds View • New Brighton • New Hope • Newport • North St. Paul • Oak Park Heights • Oakdale • Orono • Osseo • Plymouth • Prior Lake • Ramsey • Robbinsdale • Roseville • Savage • Shoreview • Shorewood • South St. Paul • Spring Park • St. Anthony • St. Bonifacius • St. Louis Park • St. Paul • St. Paul Park • Stillwater • Tonka Bay • Vadnais Heights • Waconia • Wayzata • West St. Paul • White Bear Township • Woodbury



# Regional Parks and Trails Bonding Program



# Regional Parks and Trails

## \$1 million

- Matched with \$667,000 in regional funds to improve regional parks and trails
- 100% of funds passed through to the ten regional park implementing agencies
- Critical investments distributed across the region



# Regional Parks & Trails System



# Regional Parks & Trails System



## The region's parks and trails:

- Connect people to the outdoors right in our own backyards
- Protect natural resources
- Make sure everyone in the region has access and feels welcomed
- 58 regional parks and park reserves + 8 special recreation features
- Over 65,000 acres of land protected
- Nearly 500 miles of interconnected trails
- Nearly 66 million visits in 2024

# Breakdown by Agency

Regional Park Implementing Agency	Amount*
Anoka County	\$159,908
Bloomington	\$38,951
Carver County	\$60,119
Dakota County	\$185,327
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	\$341,397
Ramsey County	\$137,036
Saint Paul	\$181,892
Scott County	\$72,331
Three Rivers Park District	\$373,595
Washington County	\$116,111
<b>Total State Bond (\$1m) + Met Council Match (\$667k)</b>	<b>\$1,666,667</b>

\*Amounts are estimates as of 2025 and would be updated as additional data for the distribution formula is available



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