

Metropolitan Council Overview



Who we are

- Created by the legislature to plan for growth & prosperity of Twin Cities area
- Provide efficient, award-winning services



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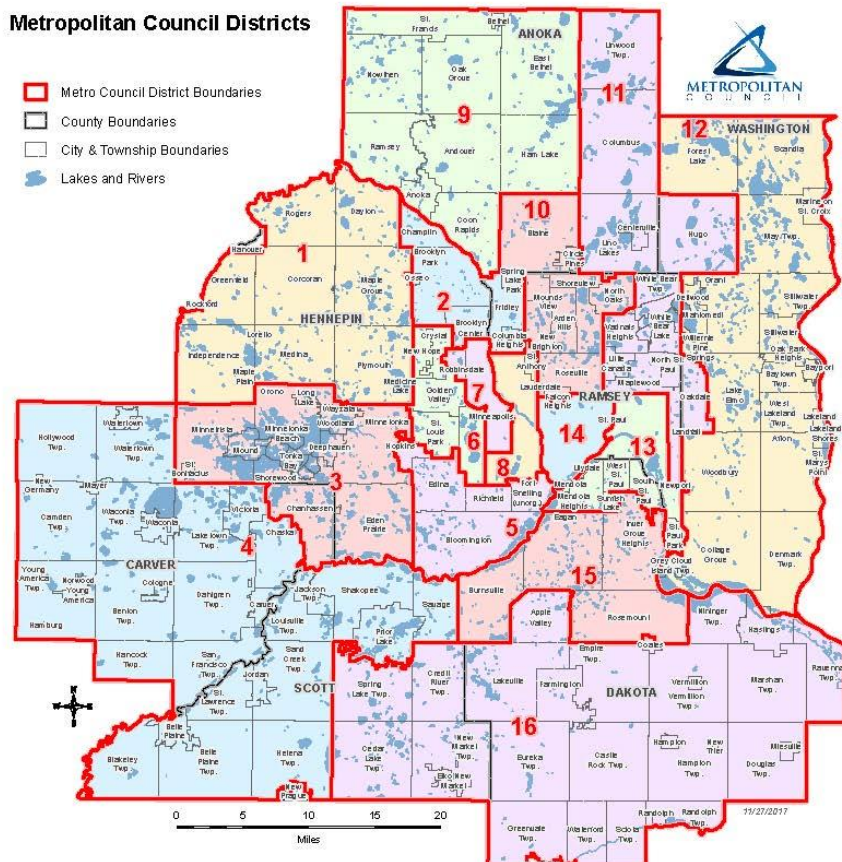
- Jurisdiction – seven-county metro area
- Governed by board with a regional perspective



Appointing Council members

- Nominating Committee – local government, community partners
- Public interviews
- Nominating Committee recommends to Governor
- Governor appoints

Metropolitan Council Districts



Who we are

Metropolitan Council Board

Chair

Community
Development
Committee

Transportation
Committee

Environment
Committee

Management
Committee



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic
Development &
Housing Grants
MN 473.251

Regional
Land Use Planning
MN 473.851-867

Housing Services
MN 473.195

Regional
Parks Planning and
Grants
MN 473.301-51

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Wastewater
MN 473.511

Surface Water
Quality
MN 473.157

Water Supply
Planning
MN 473.1565

TRANSPORTATION

Regional
Transportation
Planning
MN 473.146

Transitway
Development
MN 473.399

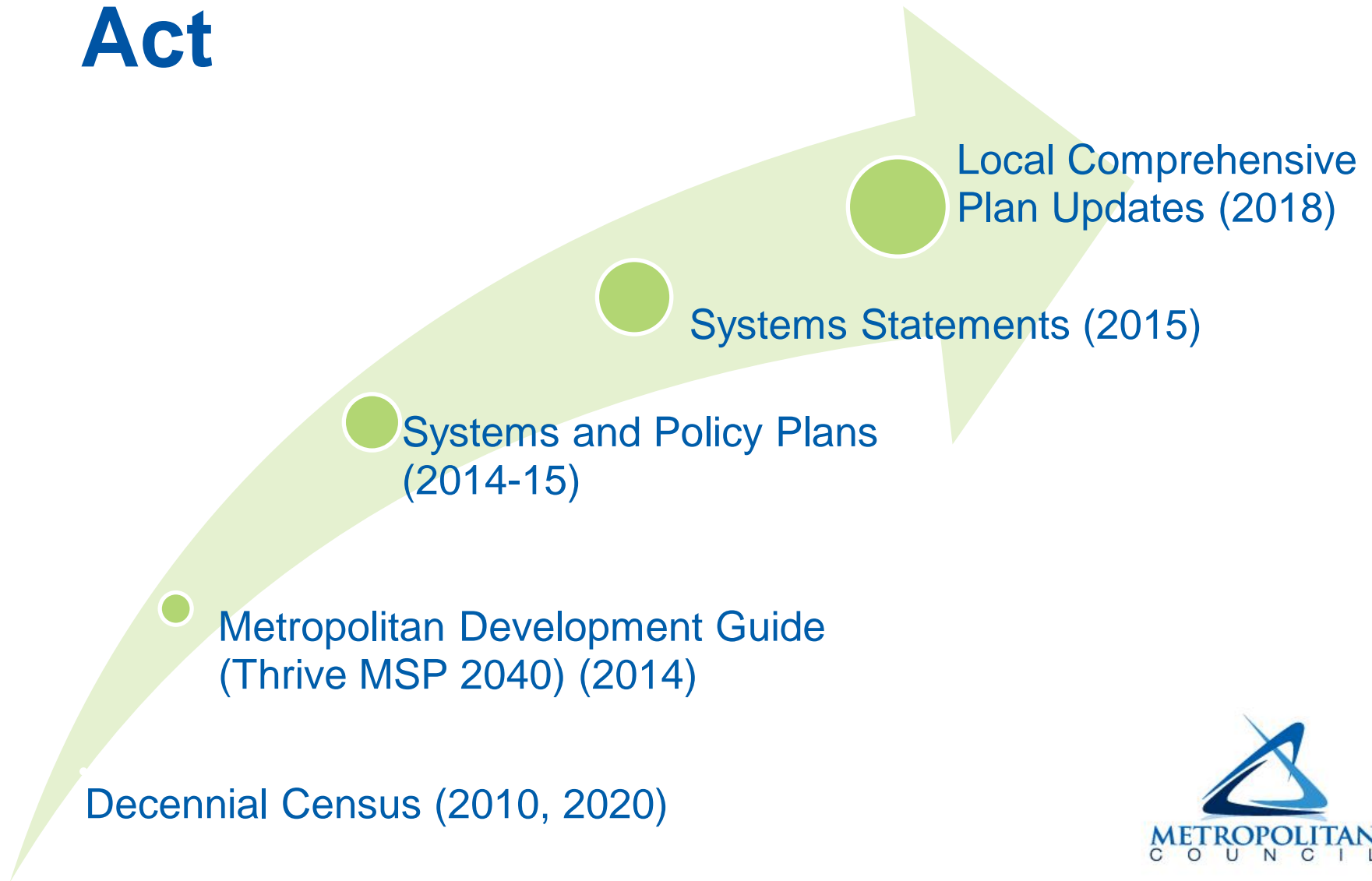
Transit
Services
MN 473.385



Community Development Functions

- **Administer Land Planning Act**
(MN Statute 473.851)
- **Prepare Regional Development Guide**
(MN Statute 473.145)
- **Implement Livable Communities Act**
(MN Statute 473.25)
- **Deliver Rental Assistance**
(MN Statute 473.195)
- **Guide Regional Parks & Open Space System**
(MN Statute 473.301)
- **Conduct Research to Support Policy Making**
(MN Statute 473.242)

Metropolitan Land Planning Act



1974 Metropolitan Parks Act

The Metropolitan Council shall:

- Identify generally the areas, which together with state facilities, will meet the outdoor recreation needs of the people of the metropolitan area
- Establish criteria and priorities for the allocation of funds for acquisition and development.

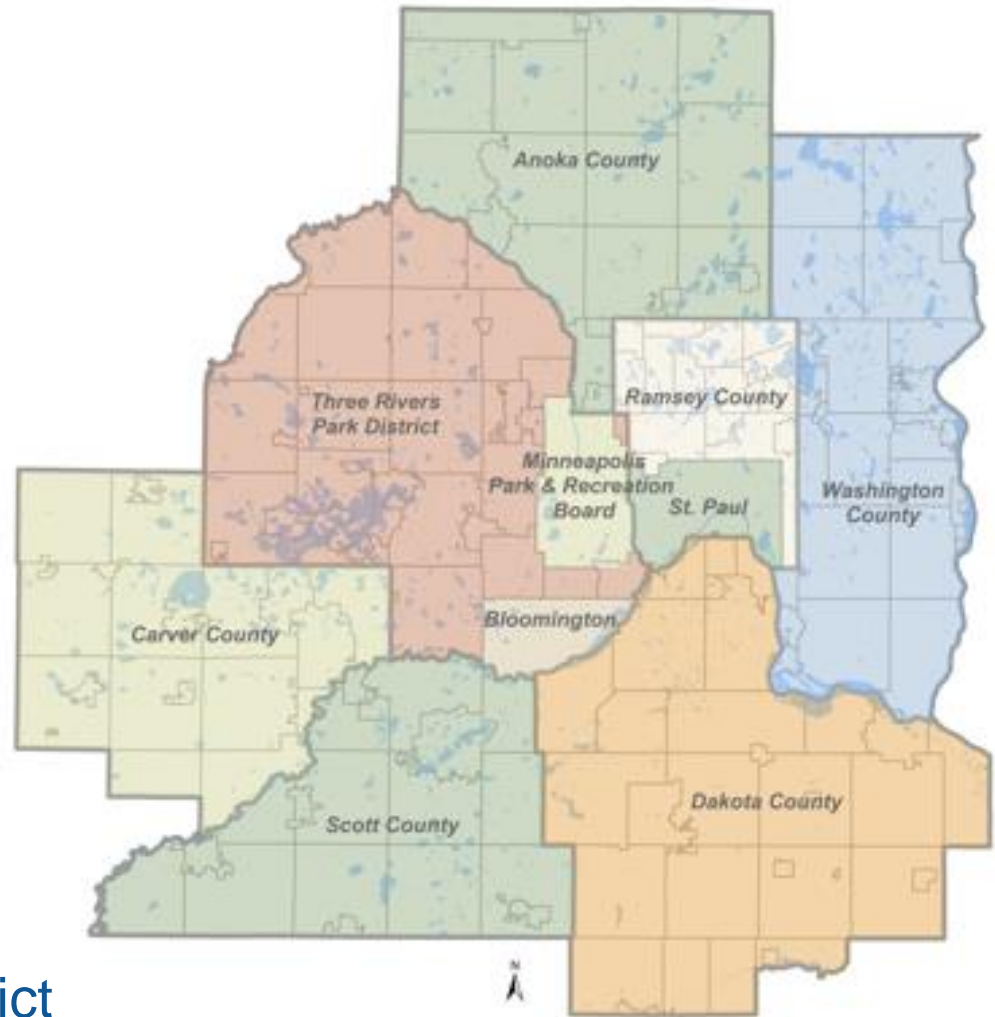
Minn. Statute 473.147



**Cottage Grove Ravine
Regional Park—
Washington County**

Local agencies operate regional parks

- Anoka County
- Carver County
- Dakota County
- Ramsey County
- Scott County
- Washington County
- City of Bloomington
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- City of Saint Paul
- Three Rivers Park District



Livable Communities Act Grant Programs

- Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)
Supports development and redevelopment that links housing, jobs, and services and demonstrates efficient and cost-effective use of land and infrastructure.
- Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA)
Produces and preserves affordable housing choices for low to moderate incomes.
- Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)
Cleans up contaminated sites for redevelopment that creates jobs and/or produces affordable housing.

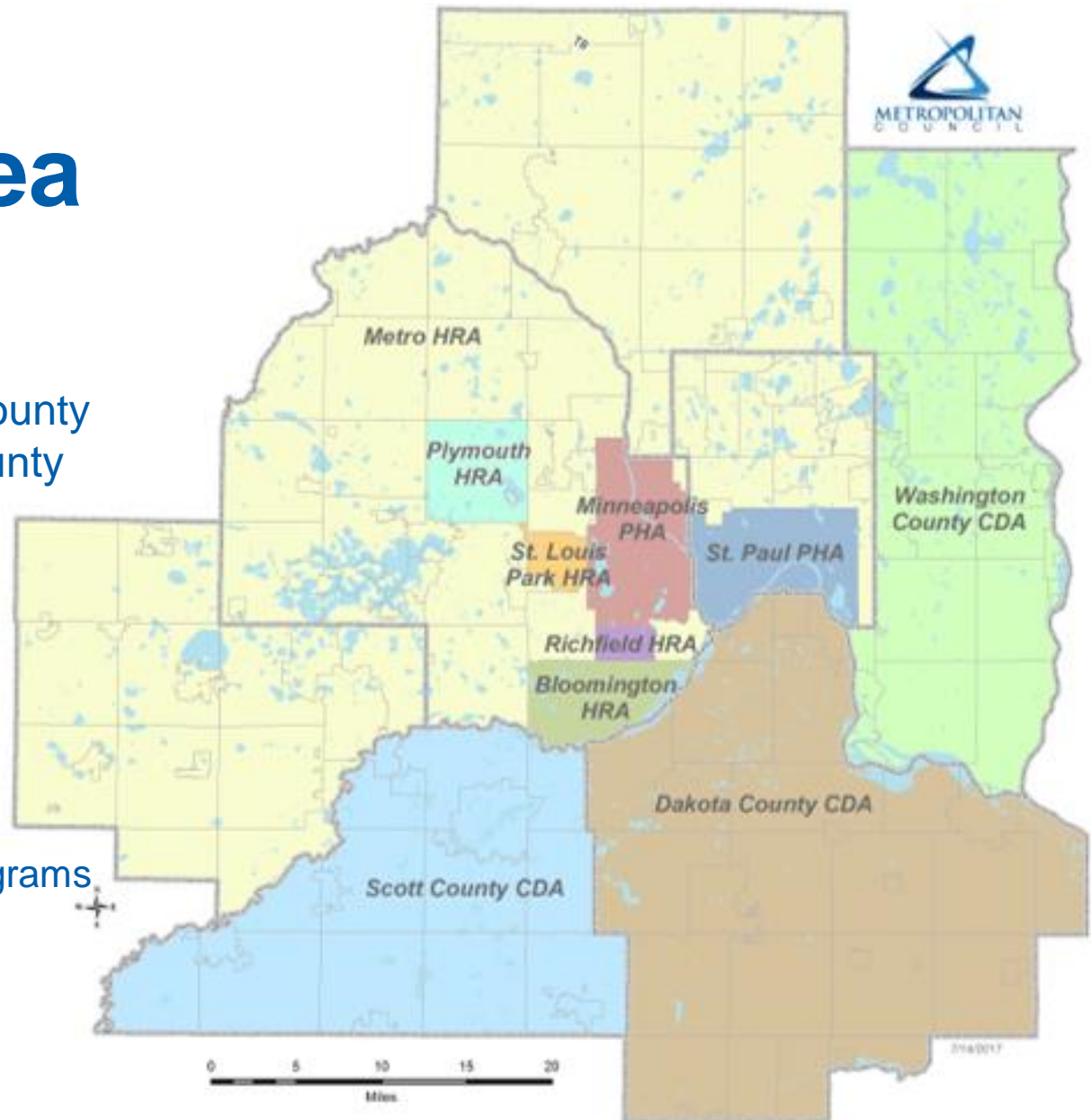
Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA)

- Created by Minnesota Legislature in 1974
 - Specifically to administer rent subsidy programs for low income families.
- Serves ~7,200 low-income families with housing assistance
- Distributes roughly \$65 million in rent payments annually
- Largest administrator of the federal Housing Choice Voucher (“Section 8”) program in Minnesota

Metro HRA Service Area

- Anoka County
- Carver County
- Suburban Hennepin County
- Suburban Ramsey County
- 96 communities

*Some small specialized programs
serve entire region

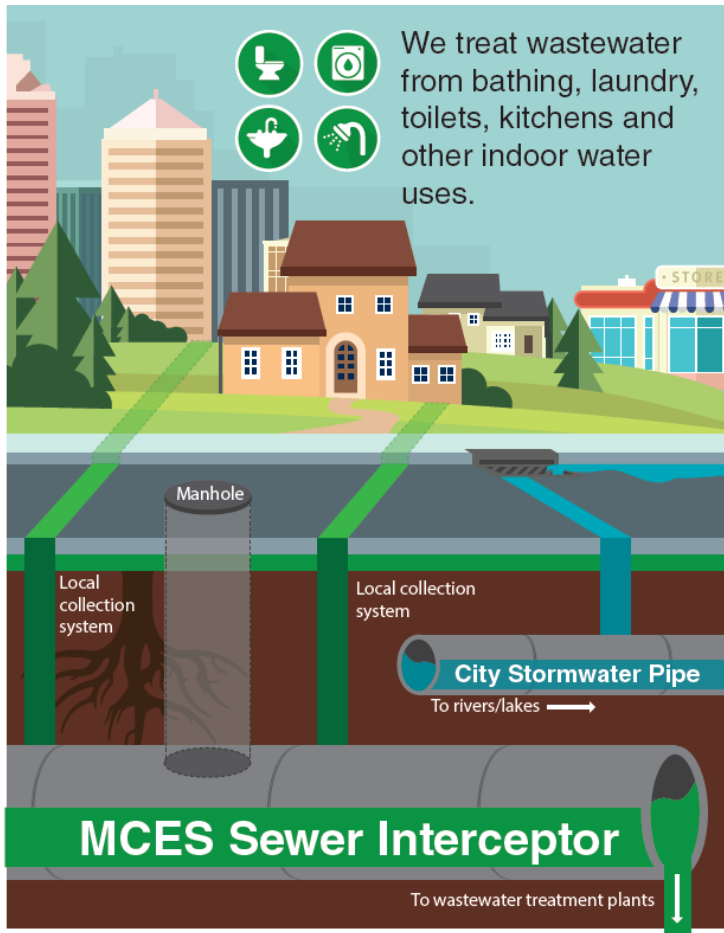


Environmental Services




- Operates the regional wastewater treatment system
- Carries out water supply planning activities required under Minn. Stat. 473.1565 and 473.157



Wastewater Generation



A \$6-\$7B System

-  9 wastewater treatment plants
-  610+ miles of sewer pipe
-  60 pump stations

With ~\$130M per year in capital investments

Why is it important to keep our sewer system in good repair?



Protect public health



Manage assets effectively

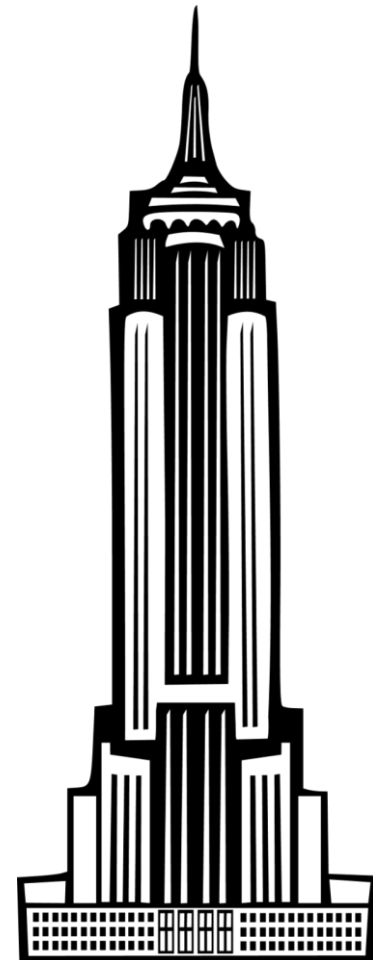


Protect other infrastructure

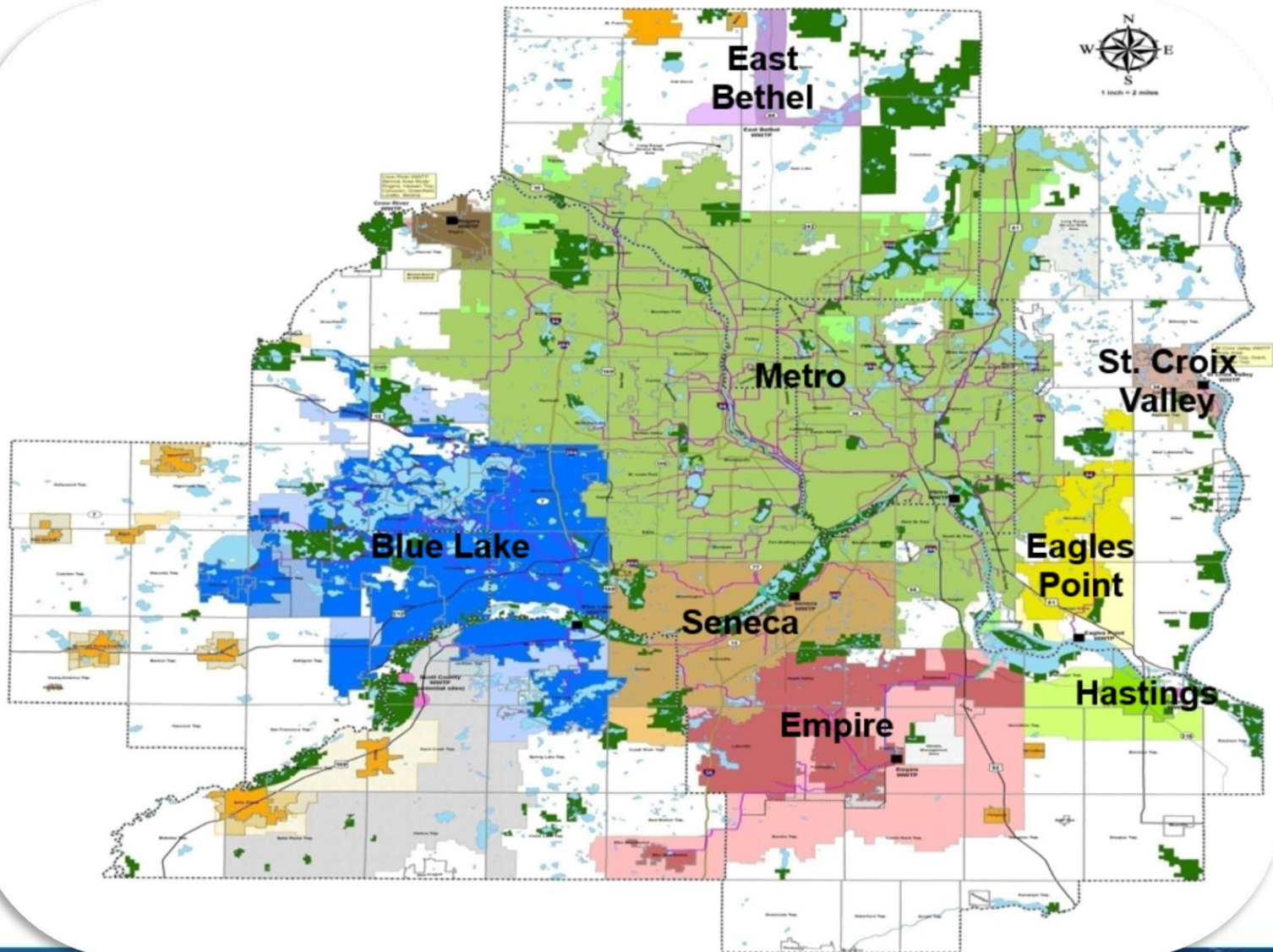
Wastewater Output

Averages 250 million gallons day

- Could fill the Empire State Building in 1 day



Service Area and Facilities



Water Supply Planning

Minnesota Statute 473.4565

- “Carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area.”
- Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC)
 - Counties
 - Municipalities/utilities
 - State agencies
- MAWSAC
 - Assists and guides Council water supply planning
 - Approves Master Water Supply Plan
 - Collaborates with a Technical Advisory Committee

The Metropolitan Council is not a water supplier.

The regional planning process has been designed and applied to ensure local water suppliers have control of and responsibility for their water supply systems.



Planning Objectives for Regional Water Supply

- Adequate water supplies are essential for our region's growth, livability and prosperity
- Met Council Role in Regional Water Supply Planning:
 - A regional water supply plan
 - Support local government units making informed and effective decisions
 - Assistance to communities in developing and implementing local plans
 - Identify approaches for emerging issues, and
 - Strong collaborative relationship with stakeholders.

Transportation



Transit Operations

- Provide, contract for, and coordinate metropolitan transit operations
- Provide financial assistance to local transit providers

Planning

- Designated as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization or MPO
- Long-range transportation planning and shorter term federal funds programming

Regional Transit Services

Metropolitan Council Delivered Services	Contracted Services	Suburban Transit Provider Services
Bus regular route	Metro Mobility	Bus regular route
METRO Blue Line and Green Line light rail	Contracted bus regular route	Dial-a-ride
METRO Red Line bus rapid transit	Transit Link dial-a-ride	
A Line and C Line arterial bus rapid transit	Metro Vanpool	
Northstar commuter rail		
Regional support and rideshare services		

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Functions

- **Perform federal and state mandated planning**
 - Long-range: Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
 - Short-range: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Major transportation studies
- **Allocate federal funds** through competitive solicitation overseen by Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
- **Coordinate planning activities** with MnDOT, transit operators, MAC, and local governments
- **Ensure public input** in planning and federal funds programming



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