

Planning Resources

The resources below are provided to assist municipalities in developing and amending their local comprehensive plans. The listings reflect the organization/sections of the [Local Planning Handbook](#).

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

Regional Policy Plans	2030 Regional Development Framework
	Transportation Policy Plan
	Water Resources Management Policy Plan
	Parks Policy Plan
Contact information	General Contact Information
	Council Members
	Sector Representatives
Statutes	Planning and Technical Staff
	Metropolitan Land Planning Act
Glossary	Minnesota Office of Revisor of Statutes
	Glossary of frequently used terms
Templates and Forms	Forms and tables related to comprehensive planning
Planning Consultants	Minnesota Department of Administration

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/documents.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/TPP/2004/summary.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/environment/WRMPP/WRMPP2005.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/parks/2005/ParksPlan.htm>
<http://metrocouncil.org/contact/contact.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/members.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/sectorreps.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/staff.htm>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/statutes.pdf>
<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/statutes.asp>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/resources/glossary.pdf>
<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/LPH/forms.htm>

<http://server.admin.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=1916>

**SECTION 2:
FOUNDATION OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Planning Areas

2030 Regional Development Framework -
Planning Area Map

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/FWPlanningAreas8x11.pdf>

2030 Regional Development Framework –
Strategies for Planning Areas

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/Framework.pdf#page=20>

Forecasts

2030 Regional Development Framework –
Forecasts

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/documents.htm#forecasts>

Water Resources Management Policy Plan –
Sewered Forecasts

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/environment/WRMPP/WRMPPforecasts.pdf>

Demographic Data

Demographic data
2000 Census data

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/metroarea/stats.htm>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/Census/census2000.htm>

SECTION 3: LAND USE

Mapping Resources

GIS resources

MetroGIS Datafinder

Housing

Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

Livable Communities Act Fund

Family Housing Fund – Reports

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency - Reports

Office of the Legislative Auditor - Affordable Housing

Solar energy

Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Information

Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance - Energy Resources

Aggregate

Aggregate and Agricultural Resources Map (JPEG file)

Minnesota DNR - Minnesota Geological Aggregate Resources Inventory of the Seven-County Metropolitan Area, Information Circular No. 46 (IC-46).

Historic Preservation Critical Area

Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Department of Natural Resources – Critical Area Map

<http://gis.metc.state.mn.us/>

<http://www.datafinder.org/catalog.asp>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/housing/housing.htm>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/services/livcomm.htm>

http://www.fhfund.org/educational_materials_reports.asp

<http://www.hud.gov/>

http://www.mhfa.state.mn.us/about/about_reports.htm

<http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/2001/pe0103.htm>

<http://www.state.mn.us/cgi-bin/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?subchannel=-536881511&id=-536881350&agency=Commerce>

<http://www.moea.state.mn.us/energy/index.cfm>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/AgriAgg.jpg>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/metroaggregate.html

<http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/shpo/index.html>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/critical_area/map.html

**SECTION 4:
TRANSPORTATION**

<i>Regional Policy Plan</i>	Transportation - Policy Plan	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/TPP/2004/summary.htm
<i>Streets and Highway</i>	Minnesota Department of Transportation - Access Management Program	http://www.oim.dot.state.mn.us/access/
	Minnesota Department of Transportation - Traffic Volume Maps	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/tda/maps/trafficvol.html
<i>Bicycle Facilities</i>	Bike Map	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/bikemap/maps.htm
<i>Transit</i>	Regional Park and Ride Facility Plan	http://www.metrocouncil.org/parkridefacilitysitelocation/plan.htm
	Transit System Map	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/TPP/2004/TPPtransitsystemway_map.pdf
	Transit 2020 Master Plan	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/regtransit.htm
<i>Aviation</i>	1996 Aviation Policy Plan	Paper Copies available from the Data Center
	Builders Guide – Mitigating Aircraft Noise in New Residential Construction (March 2006)	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/BuildersGuide.pdf
	Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Aircraft Noise (2030 TPP, Appendix H)	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/TPP/2004/TPPAppendixH.pdf
	Heliport Ordinances Publication No. 559-90-089	Paper Copies available from the Data Center
	Federal Aviation Agency Notification Requirements	https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp
	Minnesota Department of Transportation - Aeronautics and Aviation	http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/
	Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) or Master Plan for each airport	Paper copies available for review at the Data Center

**SECTION 5: WATER
RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT**

Regional Policy Plan	Water Resources Management - Policy Plan	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/environment/WRMPP/WRMPP2005.htm
Wastewater	Infiltration and Inflow Task Force	http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/ProjectTeams/I-I-Home.htm
Surface Water	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Individual Sewage Treatment Systems Program	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/ists/index.html
	Watershed management planning	http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/water/planning/index.htm
	Nonpoint Source Pollution and Urban Small Sites Best Management Practices Manual	http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/water/BMP/index.htm
	Minnesota Stormwater Manual	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-manual.html
	Watershed management reports	http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/Watershed/reports/index.htm
	Environment reports	http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/environment/environment.htm
	Board of Water and Soils – Resources	http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/watermgmt/complocalwatermgmt/index.html
	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA)– TMDL	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html#tmdl
	Minnesota PCA – NPDES	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/programs/inpdes_p.html
	Minnesota PCA – Stormwater Program	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/index.html
	Minnesota PCA – Best Management Practices Manual	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/pubs/sw-bmpmanual.html
	Minnesota PCA – Model ordinances	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-strm2-06.doc
	Minnesota Planning - Model ordinances	http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/pdf/2000/eqb/ModelOrdW hole.pdf
	Northland NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials)	http://www.mnerosion.org/nemo.html

Water Supply

Water supply planning including a link to the Water Supply Plan Template
Minnesota DNR - Water supply planning resources, incl. Water Supply Template
Department of Health - Wellhead protection

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/environment/watersupply/index.htm>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/eandc_plan.html

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/whp/>

SECTION 6: PARKS

Regional Policy Plan

2030 Regional Policy Plan

Regional Parks System Map

Classification system for local and regional facilities

Link to park agencies

Regional Park Agencies contact information
Trust for Public Land - Economic Benefits of Parks

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/parks/2005/ParksPlan.htm>

<http://metrocouncil.org/planning/parks/2005/ParksPlanMap.png>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/parks/2005/2030RegionalParksPolicyPlan.pdf#page=55>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/parks/parks.htm>

www.tpl.org/tier2_rp2.cfm?folder_id=727

**SECTION 7:
IMPLEMENTATION**

***Natural Resources
Protection***

Natural Resources Task Force - Report and
Recommendations
Conservation Design Models

U.S. Department of Agriculture Forestry Service
U.S Environmental Protection Agency - Native
landscaping
Minnesota DNR - Shoreland management

Minnesota DNR – Metro Greenways
Minnesota DNR – Reports and case studies

Minnesota DNR – GIS data
Minnesota DNR – Habitat preservation

Minnesota Planning – Sustainable Development
Initiative
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Brownfields
Local Government Environmental Assistance
Network

Financial Assistance

Minnesota Dept of Administration
Minnesota Council of Foundations Grant Resources
Minnesota Department of Employment and
Economic
Minnesota DNR
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/landuse/NRProtectionStrategy.pdf>

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/assistance/NaturalResourcesSystems.pdf>

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/uf/techguide/toc.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/index.html>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/shoreland/index.html

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/greenways/index.html>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ecological_services/pubs.html

<http://deli.dnr.state.mn.us/>

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/neighborhood_wilds/index.html

www.eqb.state.mn.us/SDI/index.html

[Http://www.pca.state.mn.us/cleanup/brownfields.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/cleanup/brownfields.html)

<http://www.lgean.org/html/toolbox.cfm>

www.lpa.state.Mn.us/links/grants.html

www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/resource.htm

www.deed.state.Mn.us/Community/assistance/financial.htm

www.dnr.state.Mn.us/grants/index.html

www.moea.state.Mn.us/grants/index.cfm

www.pca.state.Mn.us/programs/index.html