Transit: New Routes to Prosperity

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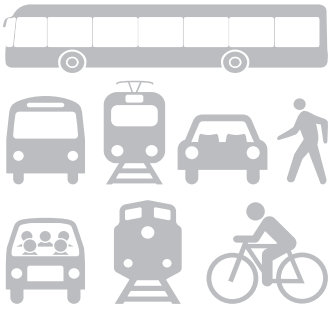
The Metropolitan Council operates and oversees public transit for the seven-county metro region. We directly own and operate Metro Transit's local bus service, express service, bus rapid transit and light rail as well as the Northstar Commuter rail line from Big Lake to Minneapolis. A separate division, Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS), provides privately contracted regular route services, Transit Link (Dial-a-Ride) services for the general public where regular route service is not available, and Metro Mobility services for people with disabilities who have been certified as eligible.

TRANSIT IN THE METRO REGION IS GROWING

97 MILLION rides in 2014

14% INCREASE over 10 years



DISTRICT FACTS*

Regular Bus Service: **23** ROUTES | **9.6M** RIDERS SERVED | **$44.1M** COST

Certified ADA riders: **2,524**

Transit Link: **107,956** RIDES PROVIDED IN SERVICE AREA | **$2.6M** COST

REGULAR ROUTE TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Metro Transit, MTS

TRANSITWAYS

Gold Line – Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be completed in 2016

*The data on this sheet are from 2013, the most recent year available. This predates the opening of the METRO Green Line. Ridership and cost summaries include all rides provided on routes that traverse the district, not just the portion of rides within the district. Transit Link data are for the full service area, not just rides provided within the district.

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Transit

Transit Centers

Park and Rides

Regular Route Bus

Transitways

Northstar Commuter Rail

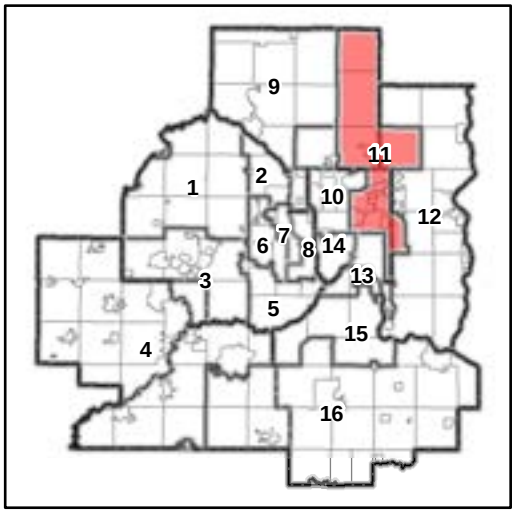
Blue Line

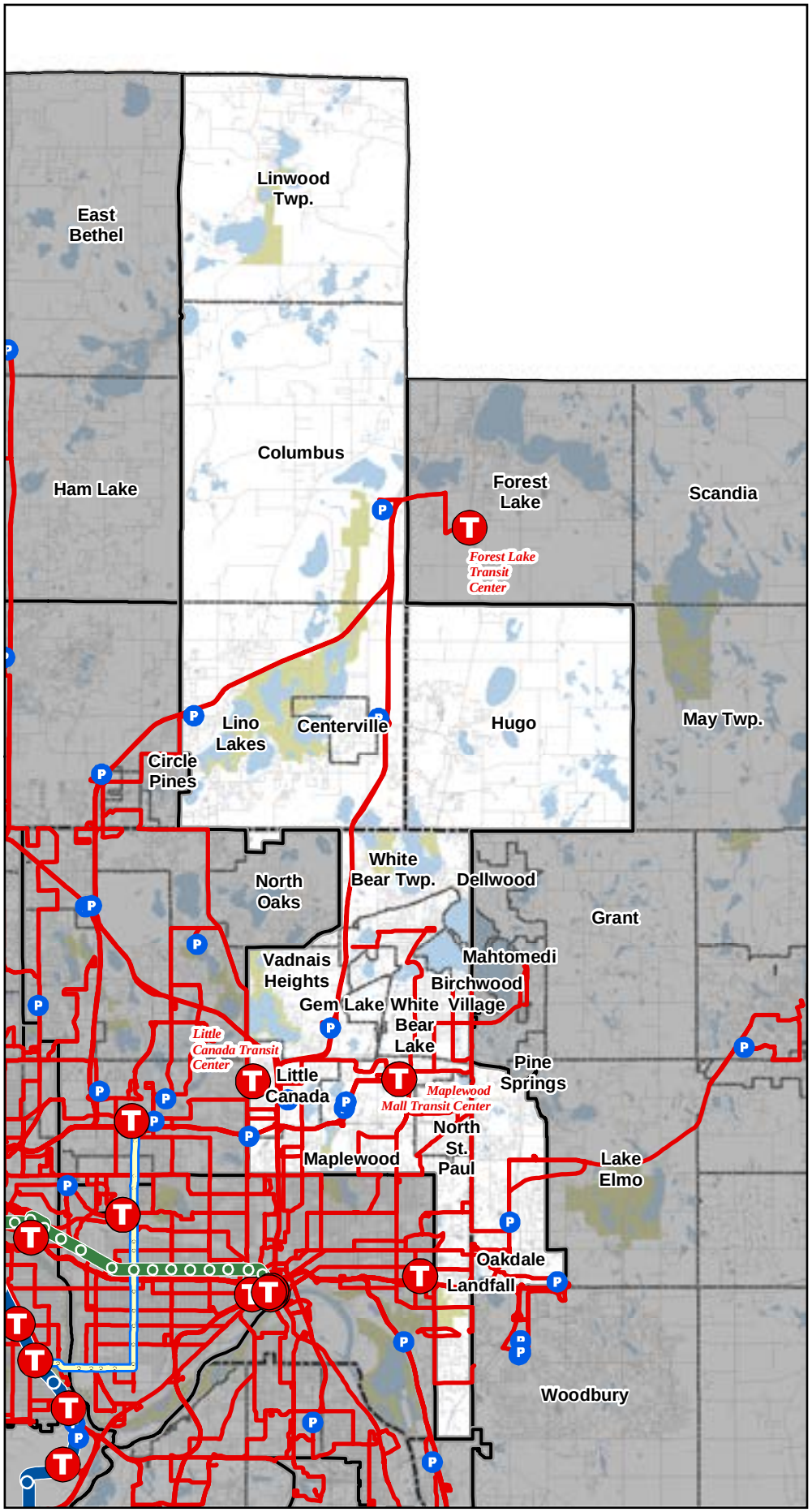
Green Line

Red Line

A Line BRT

Parks





Regional Parks: Visits Top Mall of America

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Our regional park system is a celebration of Minnesota's natural beauty and the excellent quality of life the people of the Twin Cities metropolitan area enjoy. Since 1974 the Metropolitan Council has worked with counties, cities and park districts across the region to plan and fund our regional park system. With over 48.7 million visits a year the regional park system has more visitors than the Mall of America.

REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM

- 54 parks and park reserves encompassing over 54,000 acres of land
- 340 miles of hiking and biking trails
- 8 special recreation features (examples: Como Park Zoo, Conservatory, and Gale Woods Farm)

Since 1974 the state and Metropolitan Council have invested over $556 million in the system.

48.7M
VISITS A YEAR

340
MILES OF TRAILS

DISTRICT FACTS

14 PARKS & TRAILS open to the public

1 BEING PLANNED

5.6M 2014 ESTIMATED VISITS

$30.2M INVESTED SINCE 1974

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Regional Parks System

Regional Parks

- Regional Parks
- Park Reserves
- Special Recreation Features
- Planned Units
- Regional Trail Corridor Land

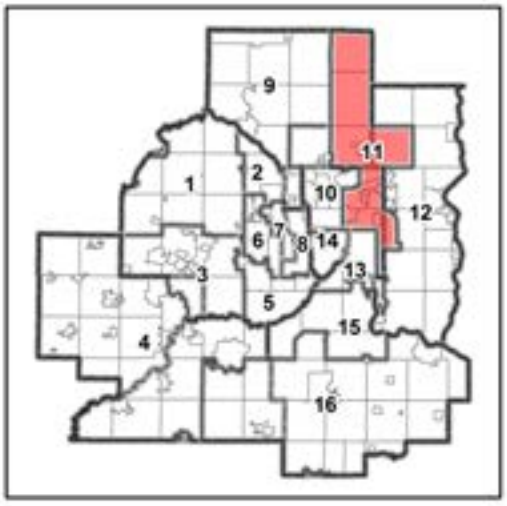
Regional Trails

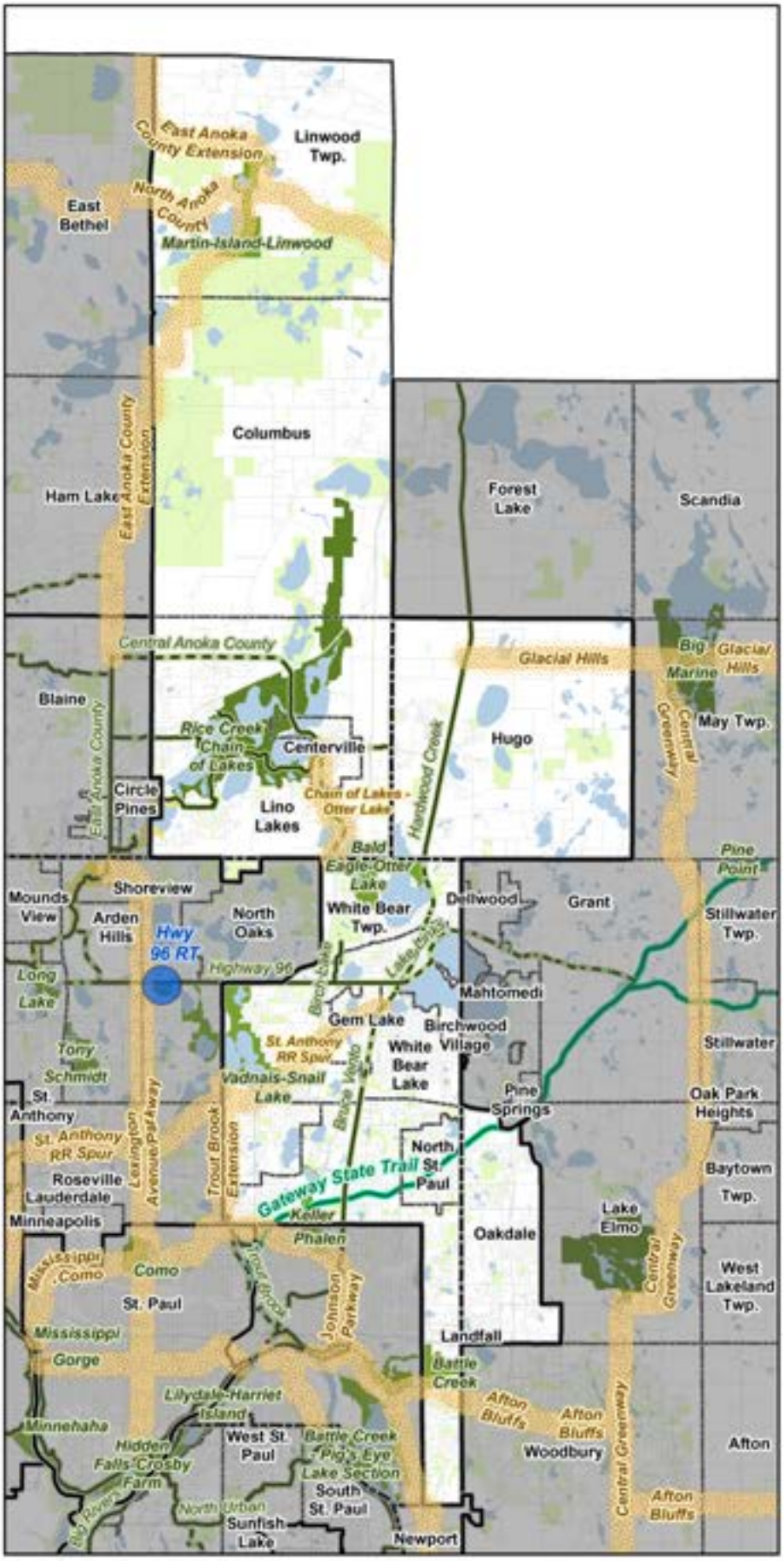
- Existing
- Planned

Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors

- Boundary Adjustments
- Search Areas
- Regional Trail Search Corridors
- Regional Trails - 2040 System Additions

- Existing State Trails
- Other Parks, Preserves & Refuges
- Lakes and Major Rivers
- NCompass Street Centerlines





LCA: Building Stronger Communities

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The Minnesota Legislature passed the Livable Communities Act (LCA) in 1995 to help communities with their development and redevelopment plans. Since that time the Metropolitan Council has awarded nearly a 1,000 grants totaling $310 million to help communities meet their planning and development goals.

LCA funding is a tool for communities to leverage private investment, attracting businesses that raise their tax base, create jobs and provide cities with funding to provide critically needed affordable housing. Activities ranging from cleaning up polluted soil to purchasing land for future development allow cities participating in the LCA program to create jobs and affordable housing.

1000
GRANTS

$310
MILLION TOTAL

REGION-WIDE SINCE 1996

- Pollution cleanup grants of $116 million have helped leverage $5 billion in private investment (TBRA).
- Over $159 million to help link housing to jobs and transportation. This investment has helped leverage $4 billion in private and other public investment (LCDA).
- $35 million to 51 cities has acquire property and prepare sites for new housing projects. Overall this investment has helped leverage $700 million in private and other public investment, producing investment nearly 4,000 affordable housing units (LHIA).

DISTRICT FACTS – TOTAL: $12.3 MILLION

- **$270,000 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA). Examples:**
  - Birch Lake
  - Boat Works Commons
  - The Waters Senior Living
- **$9.1 million Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA). Examples:**
  - Boat Works Commons
  - Tartan Crossing
- **$3 million Local Housing/Inclusionary Accounts (LHIA). Examples:**
  - Hoffman Place
  - Red Oak Preserve
  - Trails Edge Townhomes

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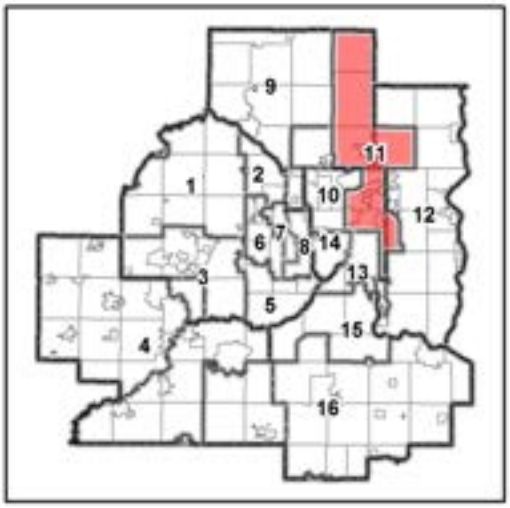
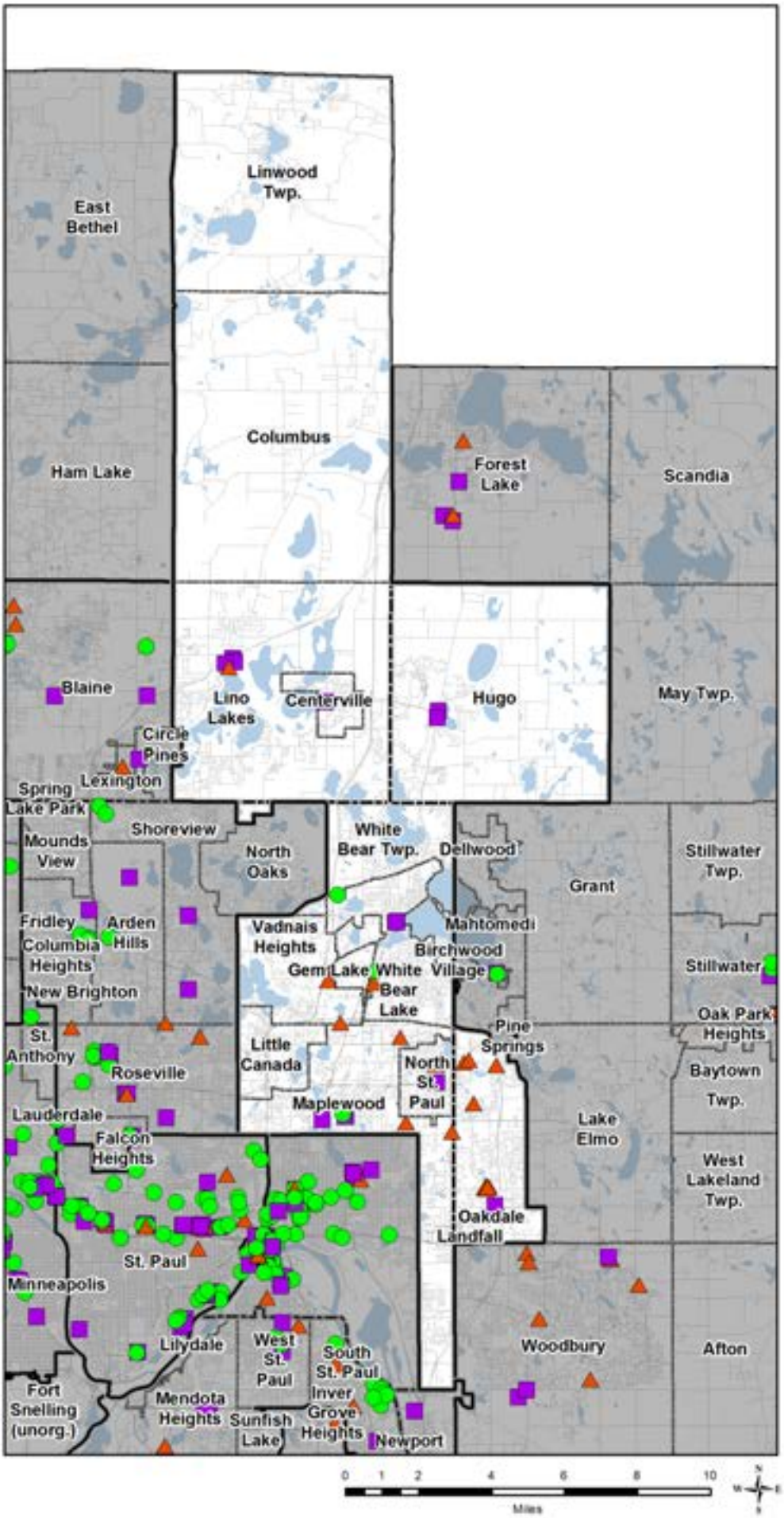
Livable Communities Grants

Livable Communities Grants
1996 - Spring 2015

- Demonstration
- Local Housing Incentives
- Tax Base Revitalization





Clean Water for a Thriving Region

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Clean water and a clean environment are essential to a healthy life. Our Environmental Services division is nationally recognized for its record of treating wastewater efficiently and effectively. We also have excellent programs for monitoring air and water quality. The Metropolitan Council operates eight wastewater treatment plants, which process an average of 250 million gallons of wastewater every day from more than 2.7 million residents. More than 600 miles of large sewer pipes collect wastewater from 108 communities.

While the Metropolitan Council is not a water supplier, we have been providing regional planning support for water systems across the region. A total of $71,026 has been invested in District 11 from 2013-2014 for water supply and technical analysis.

250
MILLION GALLONS
treated wastewater for

2.7
MILLION
residents

INFRASTRUCTURE COST
$103.1M

- 61 miles of interceptors, 7 Lift stations, 24 Meter stations, and 8 Lake monitoring sites located in the district.
- Wastewater from this district goes to the Metro Plant.
- Infrastructure would cost approximately $206.2M to replace.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:
$795,404

- A total of 18 local grants and 14 county grants were awarded in the district under the MCES Twin Cities Water Quality Initiative (TCQI) Grant Program and the MetroEnvironment Partnership (MEP) Grant Program. These grants totaled $517,990.
- A total of 7 grants were awarded to the district under the MCES Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Program. These grants totaled $277,415.
- This district is currently partnering with MCES on the Beaver Ponds Park Stormwater Reuse Project, and is projected to receive $50,000 in funding for this project.

PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:
$232M

- The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan includes 3 major projects:
  - Lift Station Rehabilitation, North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation, and St. Paul Interceptor System Rehabilitation

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Environmental Services Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Water Quality Monitoring Sites and Financial Assistance

Infrastructure

- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Regulators
- Meters
- Lift Stations
- Liquid Waste Hauler Disposal Sites
- 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program Projects

Interceptors

- Gravity
- Forcemain
- Siphon
- Outfall
- Low Head Crossing

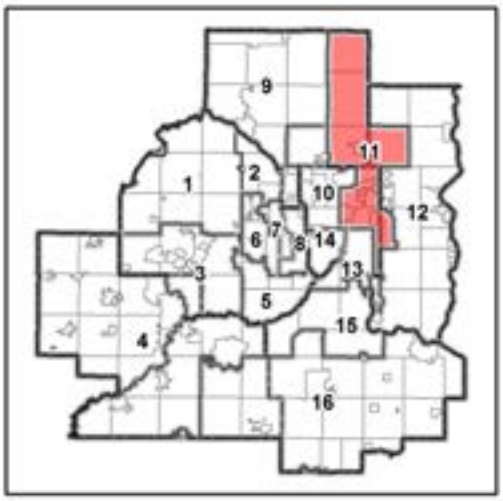
MCES Stream and River Sites

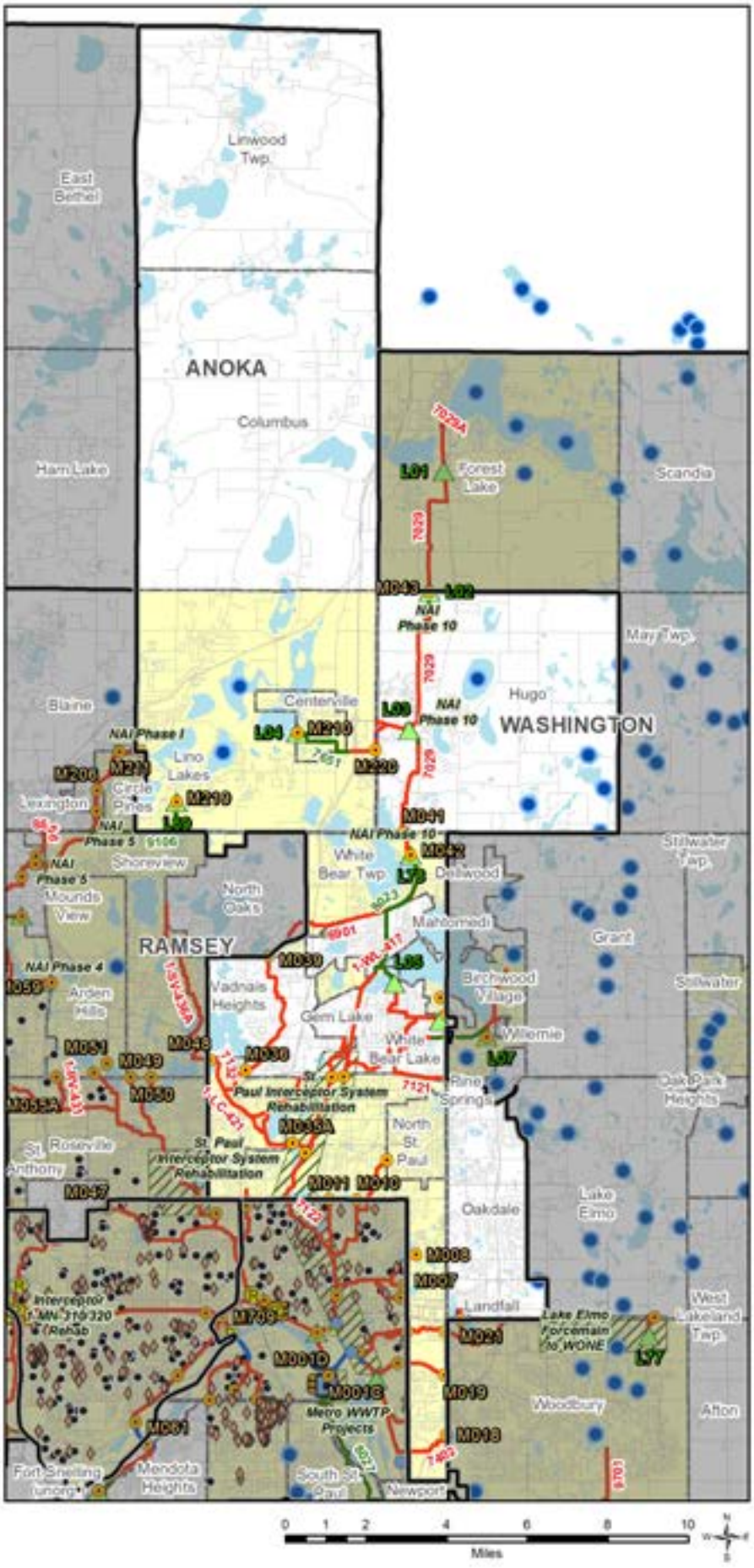
- River Sites
- Stream Sites
- 2014 CAMP Lake Monitoring Sites

Financial Assistance

2008 Foundation Grants

- Foundation Drain
- Service Line
- 2013 Legacy Funded I/I Grants
- Cities Receiveing I/I Assistance





Affordable Housing for Working Families

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In 1974 the Minnesota Legislature authorized the Metropolitan Council to administer rent-subsidy programs in rural and suburban communities. The Metro HRA is one of eleven housing authorities in the region and is the largest provider of Housing Choice Vouchers in the state of Minnesota. The HRA serves suburban Hennepin, suburban Ramsey, Anoka and Carver counties.

The Council's HRA currently administers nine federal and state rent assistance programs:

- Totaling $53 million annually
- Benefiting 7,000 low-income households monthly

$53
MILLION
Annually

7,000
Benefiting

DISTRICT FACTS
TOTAL ANNUAL SUBSIDY $6.3M

860
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING RENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

INCLUDING:

977
CHILDREN

163
ELDERLY

513
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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METRO HRA
Participating Communities*
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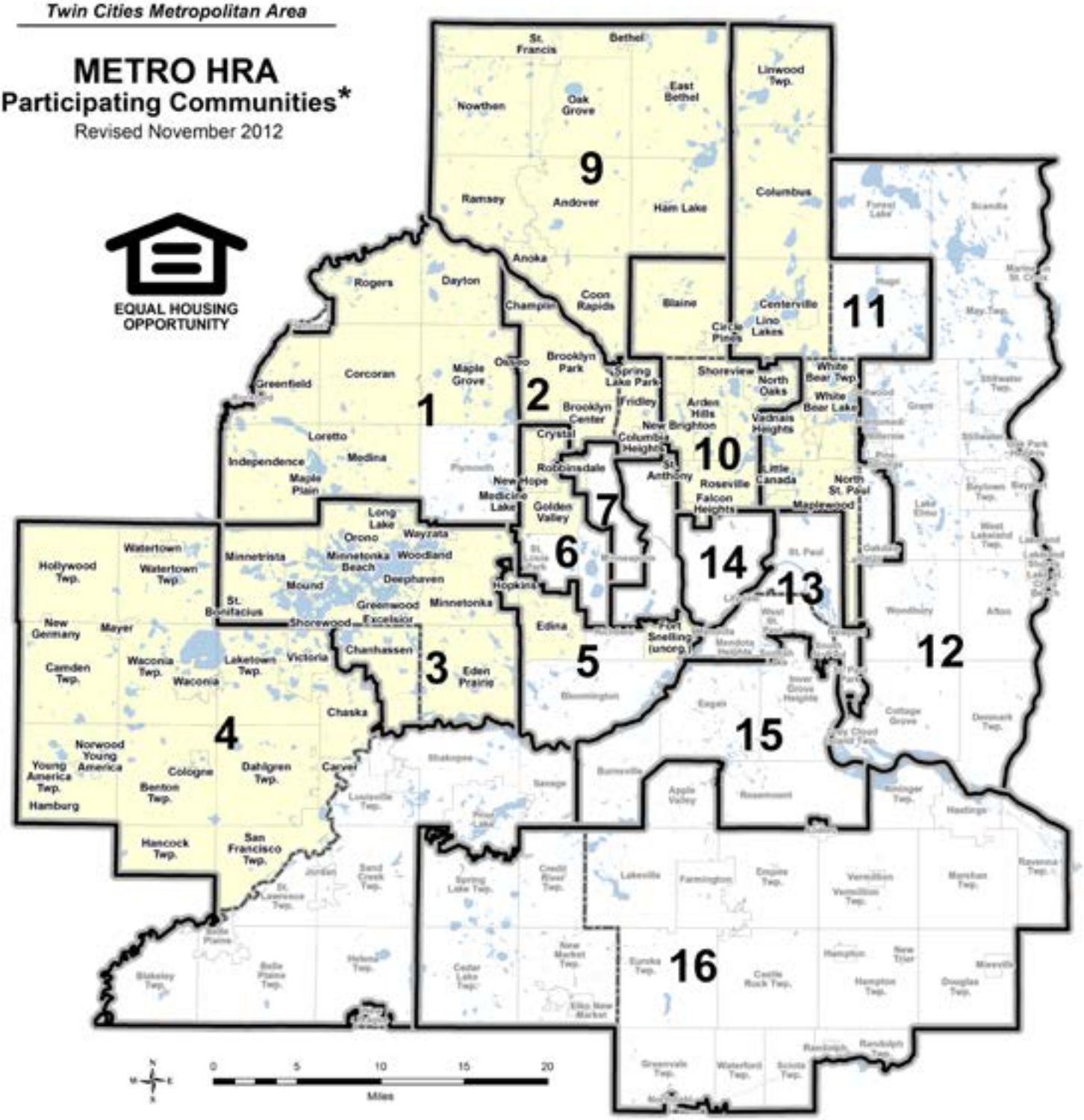
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



Community in Metro HRA

*** For some programs, the Metro HRA service jurisdiction is expanded.**