Transit: New Routes to Prosperity

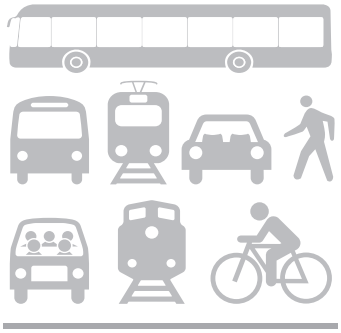
Lona **Schreiber**
DISTRICT: **2**

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: **35** ROUTES | **21.6M** RIDERS SERVED | **$88M** COST

Certified ADA riders: **2,934**

Transit Link: **86,313** RIDES PROVIDED IN SERVICE AREA | **$2.1M** COST

REGULAR ROUTE TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Maple Grove, Metro Transit, MTS

TRANSITWAYS

Northstar Commuter Rail - opened 2009 - $320 M
Blue Line Extension – $1.44 B current estimate – projected opening 2021

*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

Anoka
Dayton
Champlin
Coon Rapids
Blaine
Lexington
Northtown Transit Center
Osseo
Maple Grove
Maple Grove Transit Station
Brooklyn Park
Starlite Transit Center
Spring Lake Park
Mounds View
Shoreview
Fridley
Arden Hills
Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Center Transit Center
New Brighton
Columbia Heights
Hilltop
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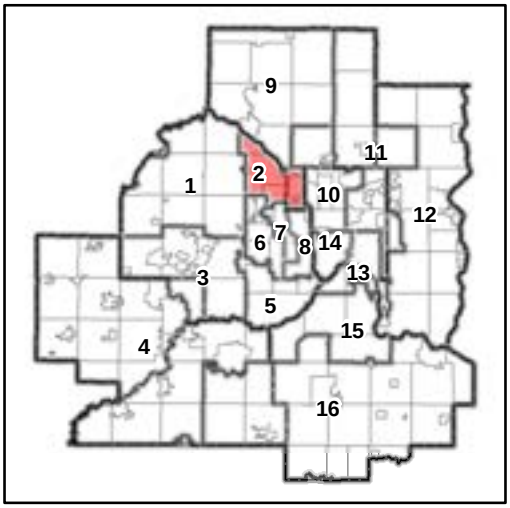
Plymouth
New Hope
Crystal
Minneapolis
Robbinsdale
Robbinsdale Transit Center
St. Anthony
Roseville

0 1 2 4 Miles



Transit Centers

Park and Rides

Regular Route Bus

Parks

Transitways

Northstar Commuter Rail

Blue Line

Green Line

Red Line

A Line BRT

Regional Parks: Visits Top Mall of America

Lona **Schreiber**
DISTRICT: 2

48.7M
VISITS A YEAR

340
MILES OF TRAILS

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.

DISTRICT FACTS

9 PARKS & TRAILS open to the public

1 BEING PLANNED

2.7M 2014 ESTIMATED VISITS

$23.8M INVESTED SINCE 1974

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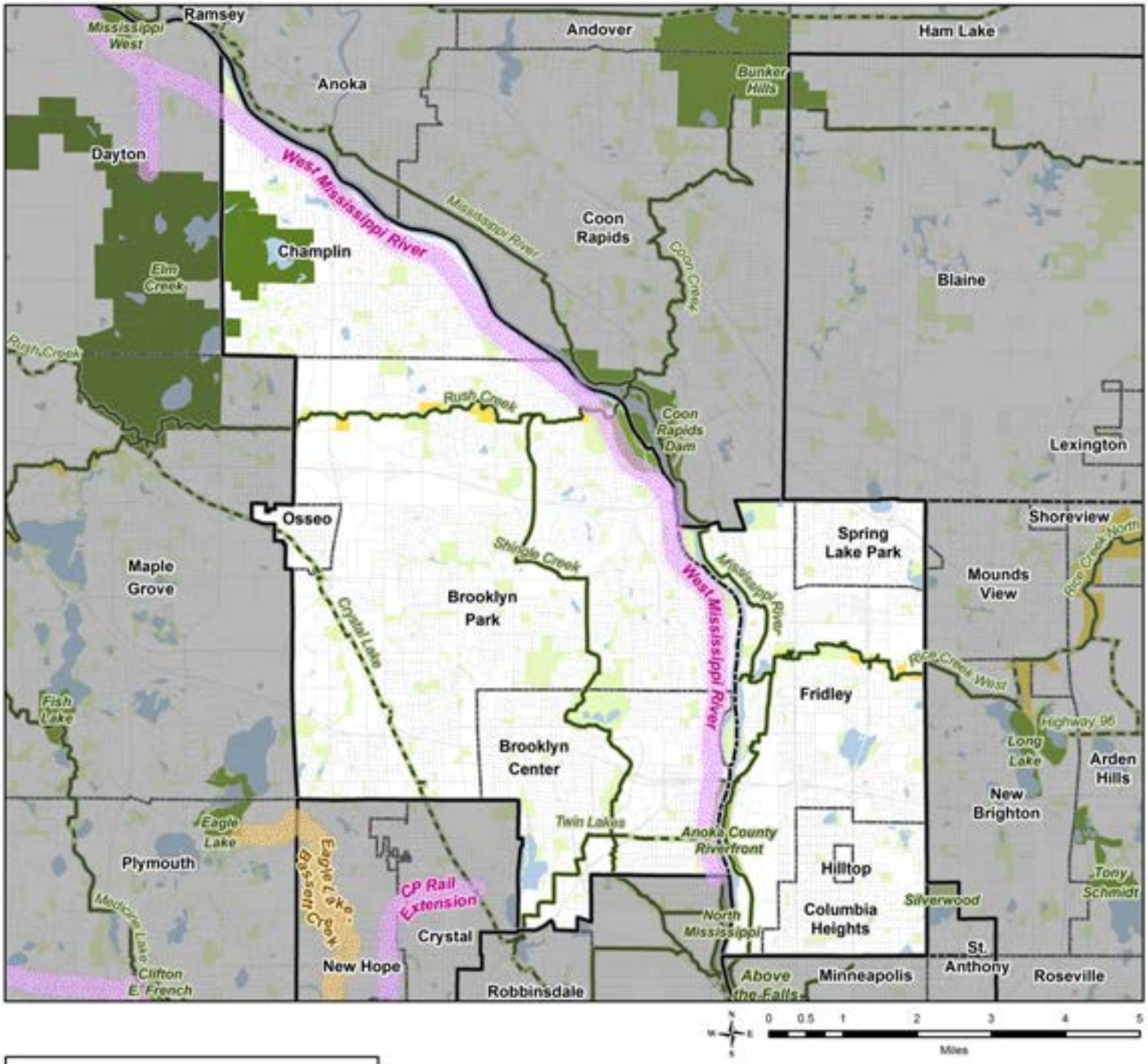
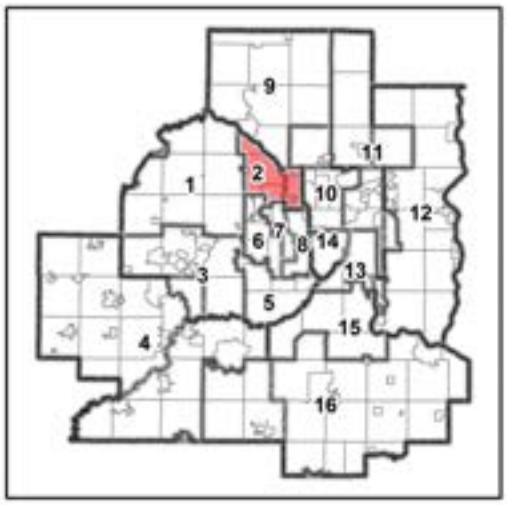
Regional Parks System





Regional Parks

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

Regional Trails

- Existing
- Planned

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

Regional Park Search Areas and Regional Trail Search Corridors

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

LCA: Building Stronger Communities

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DISTRICT: **2**

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, attract 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: $13.1 MILLION

- **$6 million Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA). Examples:**
  - Columbia Heights Industrial Park
  - Dealers Manufacturing Company
  - Joslyn Manufacturing
  - Village North Shopping Center
- **$6.9 million Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA). Examples:**
  - Village Creek I & II
  - Huset Parkway
- **$160,000 Local Housing/Inclusionary Accounts (LHIA). Examples:**
  - Columbia Heights – GMHC
  - Home Rehabilitation Incentive Program

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Livable Communities Grants

Ramsey
Andover
Ham Lake
Anoka
Dayton
Champlin
Coon Rapids
Blaine
Osseo
Maple Grove
Brooklyn Park
Spring Lake Park
Shoreview
Mounds View
Fridley
Brooklyn Center
Arden Hills
New Brghton
Hilltop
Plymouth
New Hope
Crystal
Minneapolis
Columbia Heights
St. Anthony
Robbinsdale
Roseville

0 1 2 4 6
Miles

Livable Communities Grants
1996 - Spring 2015

- Demonstration
- Local Housing Incentives
- Tax Base Revitalization

Clean Water for a Thriving Region

Lona **Schreiber**
DISTRICT: **2**

250
MILLION GALLONS
treated wastewater for

2.7
MILLION
residents

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 $71,429 has been invested in District 2 from 2013-2014 for water supply and technical analysis.

INFRASTRUCTURE COST
$73.5M

- 46 miles miles of interceptors, 3 Lift stations, 18 Meter stations, and 1 Septage Site.
- Wastewater from this district goes to the Metro Plant.
- Infrastructure would cost approximately $147M to replace.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:
$412,040

- A total of 4 local grants and 13 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.
- A total of 14 grants were awarded to the district under the MCES Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Program.

PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:
$154M

- The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan includes 2 major projects that affect this district:
  - Brooklyn Park LS/FM Improvements, and North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation

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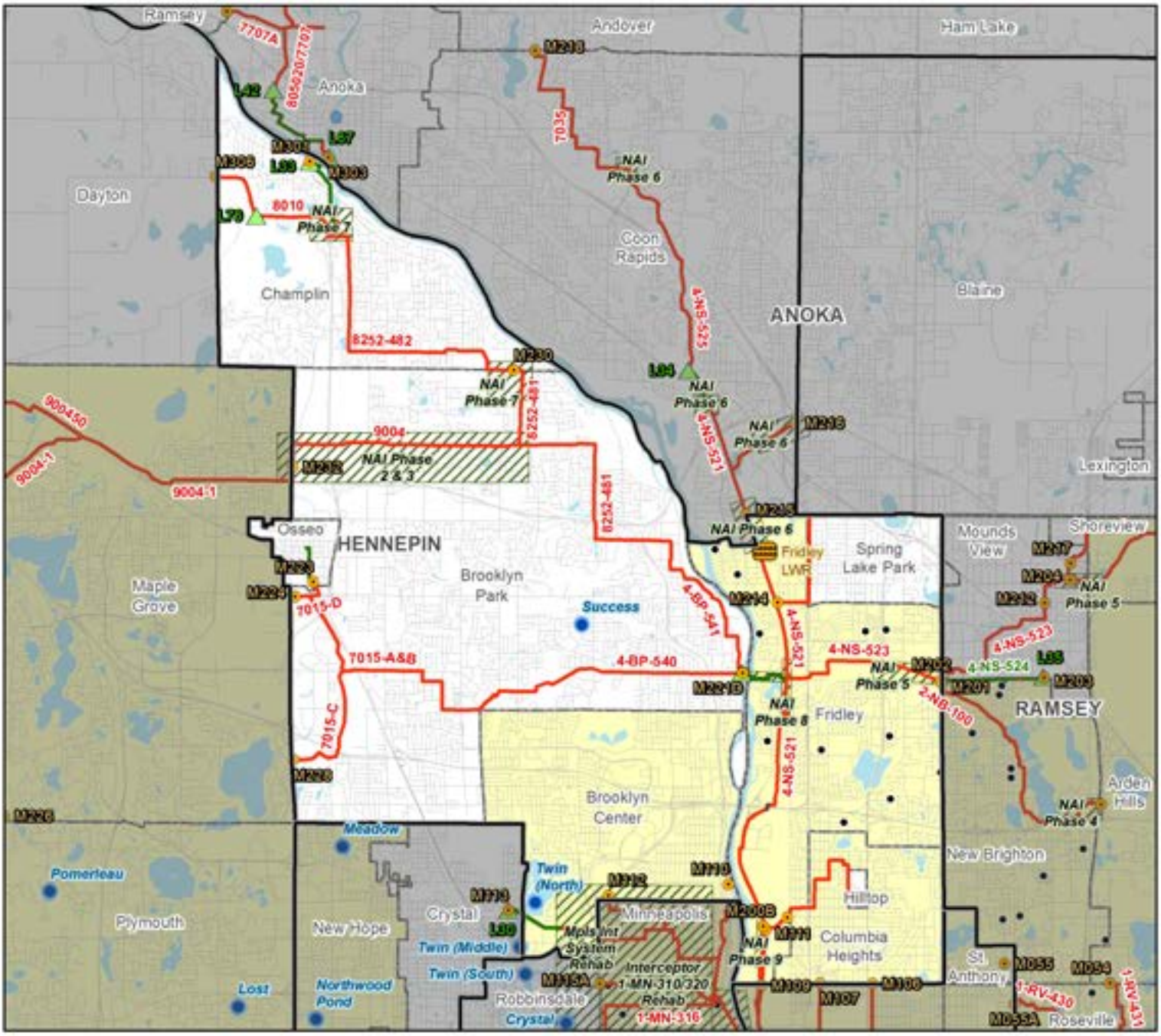
Environmental Services Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Water Quality Monitoring Sites and Financial Assistance



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 Families

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DISTRICT: 2

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 **$16.3M**

2002
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING RENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

INCLUDING:

3240
CHILDREN

322
ELDERLY

1065
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

METRO HRA
Participating Communities*
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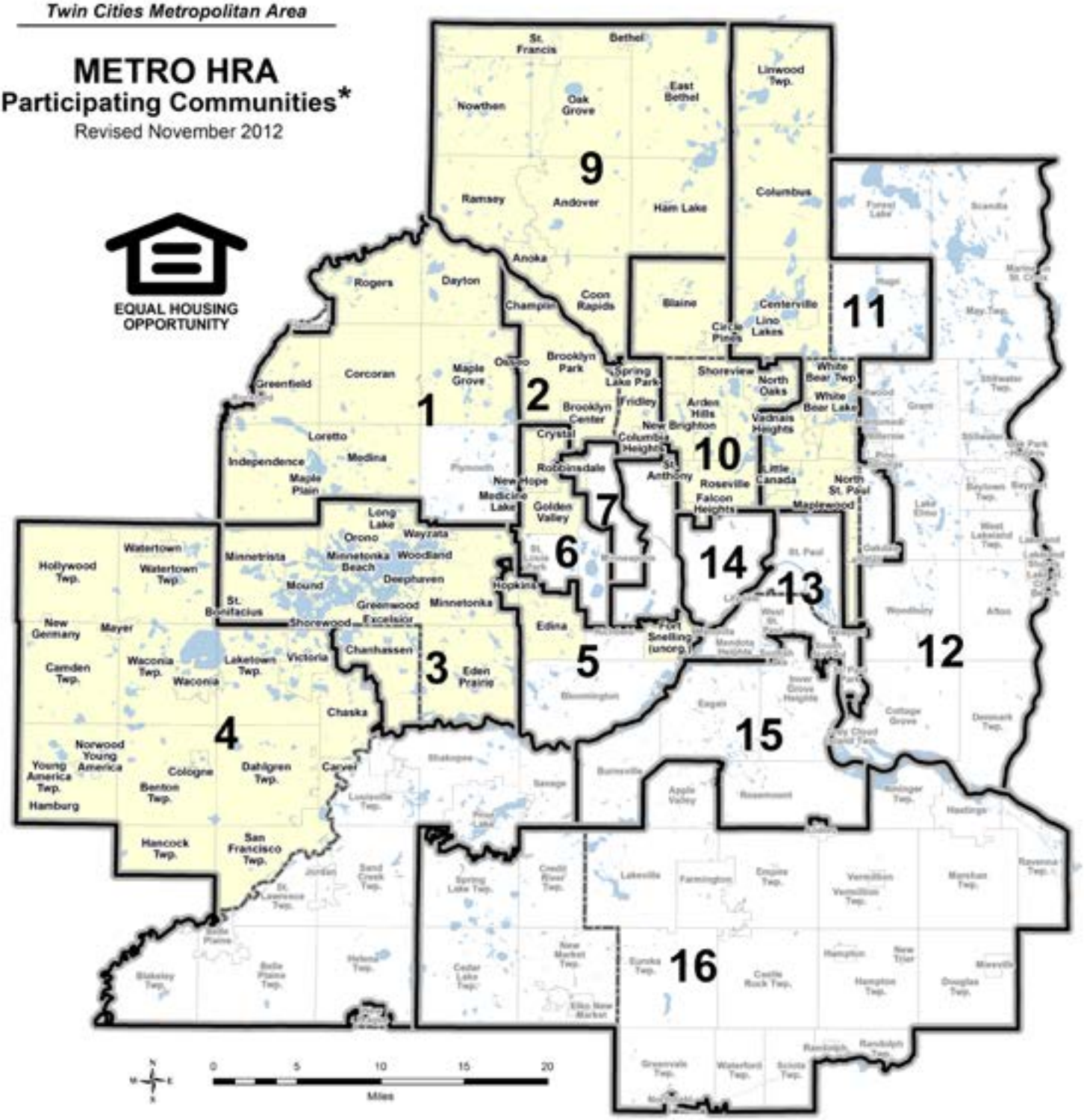
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



Community in Metro HRA

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