Transit: New Routes to Prosperity

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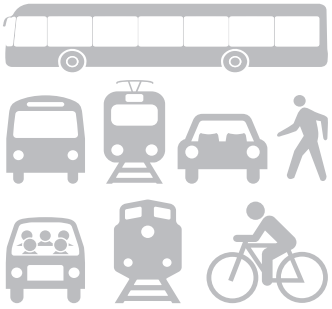
The Metropolitan Council operates and oversees public transit for the seven-county metro region. We directly own and operate Metro Transit's local bus service, express service, bus rapid transit and light rail as well as the Northstar Commuter rail line from Big Lake to Minneapolis. A separate division, 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: **35** ROUTES | **4.1M** RIDERS SERVED | **$25M** COST

Certified ADA riders: **2,442**

Transit Link: **190,019** RIDES PROVIDED IN SERVICE AREA | **$3.8M** COST

REGULAR ROUTE TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Metro Transit, MTS, Plymouth, SouthWest Transit

TRANSITWAYS

Green Line Extension – $1.65 B current estimate – projected opening in 2020

*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

Independence
Maple Plain
Medina
Plymouth
Medicine Lake
Golden Valley
Long Lake
Orono
Wayzata
Plymouth Road Transit Center
St. Louis Park
Minnetrista
Mound Transit Center
Mound
Spring Park
Minnetonka Beach
Woodland
Deephaven
Minnetonka
Hopkins
Tonka Bay
St. Bonifacius
Greenwood
Shorewood
Excelsior
Edina
Victoria
Chanhassen
Southwest Station
Southwest Village
Eden Prairie
Laketown Twp.
Chaska
Bloomington
Dahlgren Twp.
Jackson Twp.
Shakopee
Savage

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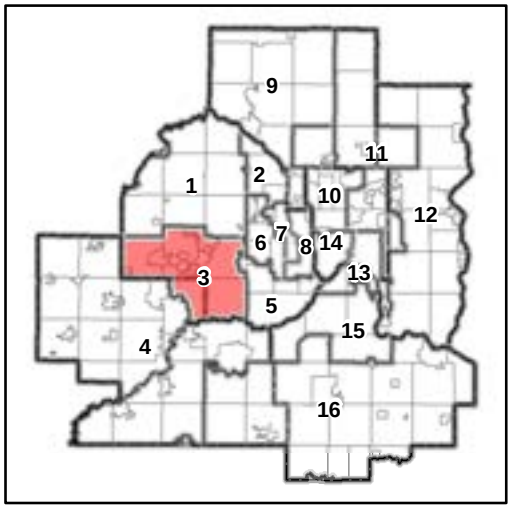
Miles



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

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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

12 PARKS & TRAILS open to the public

2 BEING PLANNED

4.6M 2014 ESTIMATED VISITS

$40.1M INVESTED SINCE 1974

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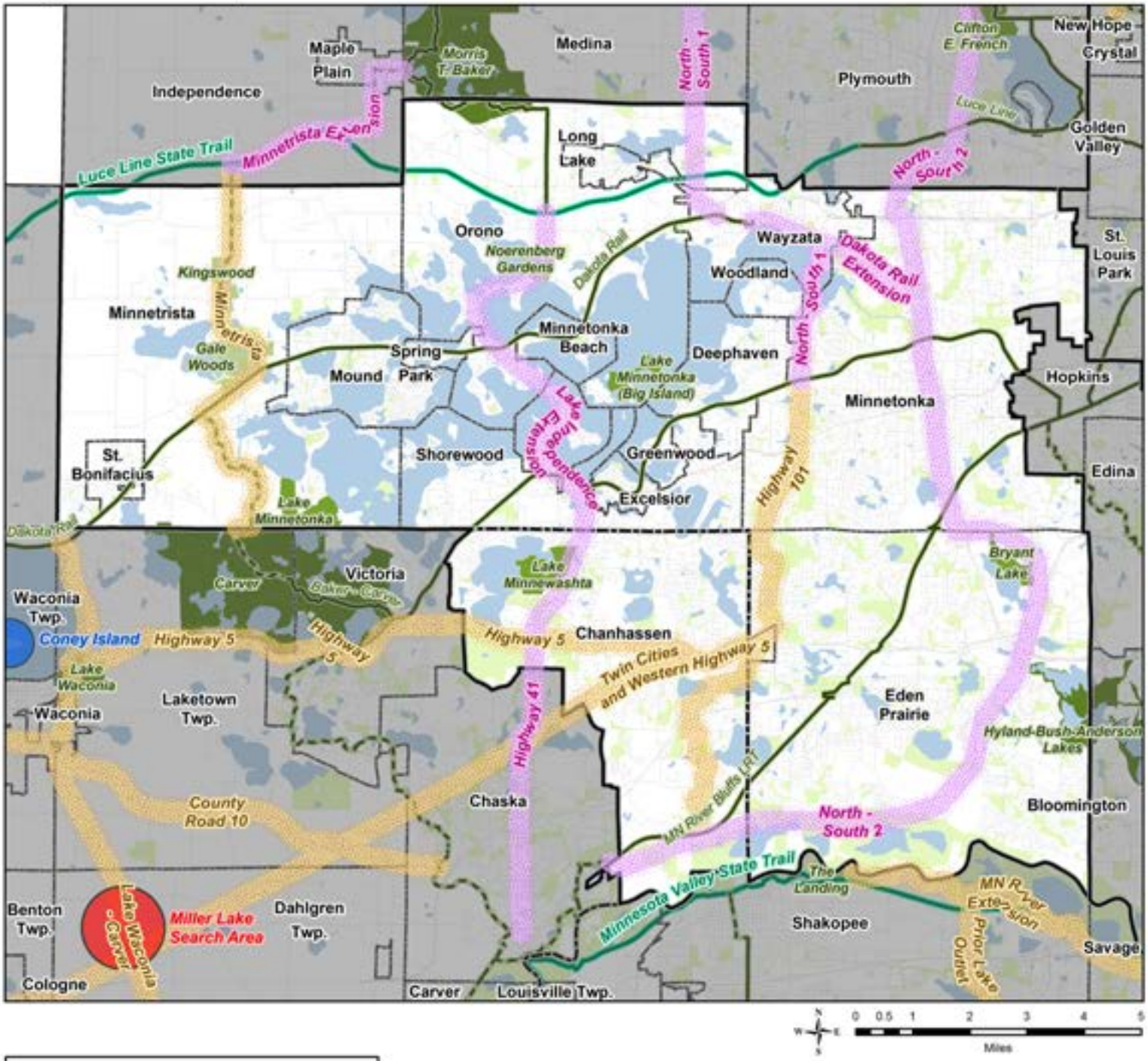
Regional Parks System



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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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: $9.2 MILLION

- **$866,000 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA). Examples:**
  - BMW Dealership
  - Folkestone Senior Housing (formerly: Wayzata Bay Center)
  - Lost Lake Dump/Maxwell Property
- **$4.8 million Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA). Examples:**
  - Villages on the Ponds
- **$3.5 million Local Housing/Inclusionary Accounts (LHIA). Examples:**
  - Boulevard Gardens
  - Edenvale

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Livable Communities Grants

Maple Plain
Independence
Medina
New Hope
Plymouth
Medicine Lake
Golden Valley
Long Lake
Orono
Wayzata
St. Louis Park
Woodland
Minnetrista
Minnetonka Beach
Mound
Spring Park
Minnetonka
Deephaven
Hopkins
Tonka Bay
St. Bonifacius
Greenwood
Shorewood
Excelsior
Edina
Waconia Twp.
Victoria
Chanhassen
Laketown Twp.
Eden Prairie
Waconia
Chaska
Benton Twp.
Dahlgren Twp.
Jackson Twp.
Shakopee
Savage
Carver

0 1 2 4 6 8
Miles

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.

250
MILLION GALLONS
treated wastewater for

2.7
MILLION
residents

INFRASTRUCTURE COST
$155.5M

- 84 miles of interceptors, 20 Lift stations, 26 Meter stations, and 11 Lake monitoring sites located in District 3.
- Wastewater from this district goes to the Blue Lake Plant.
- Infrastructure would cost approximately $301.4M to replace.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:
$1,600,803

- A total of 18 local grants and 50 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 $565,106.
- A total of 23 grants were awarded to the district under the MCES Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Program. These grants totaled $1,035,697.

PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:
$304M

- The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan includes 3 major projects that affect this district:
  - Blue Lake System Improvements, Hopkins System Improvements, and St Bonifacius LS/FM Rehabilitation

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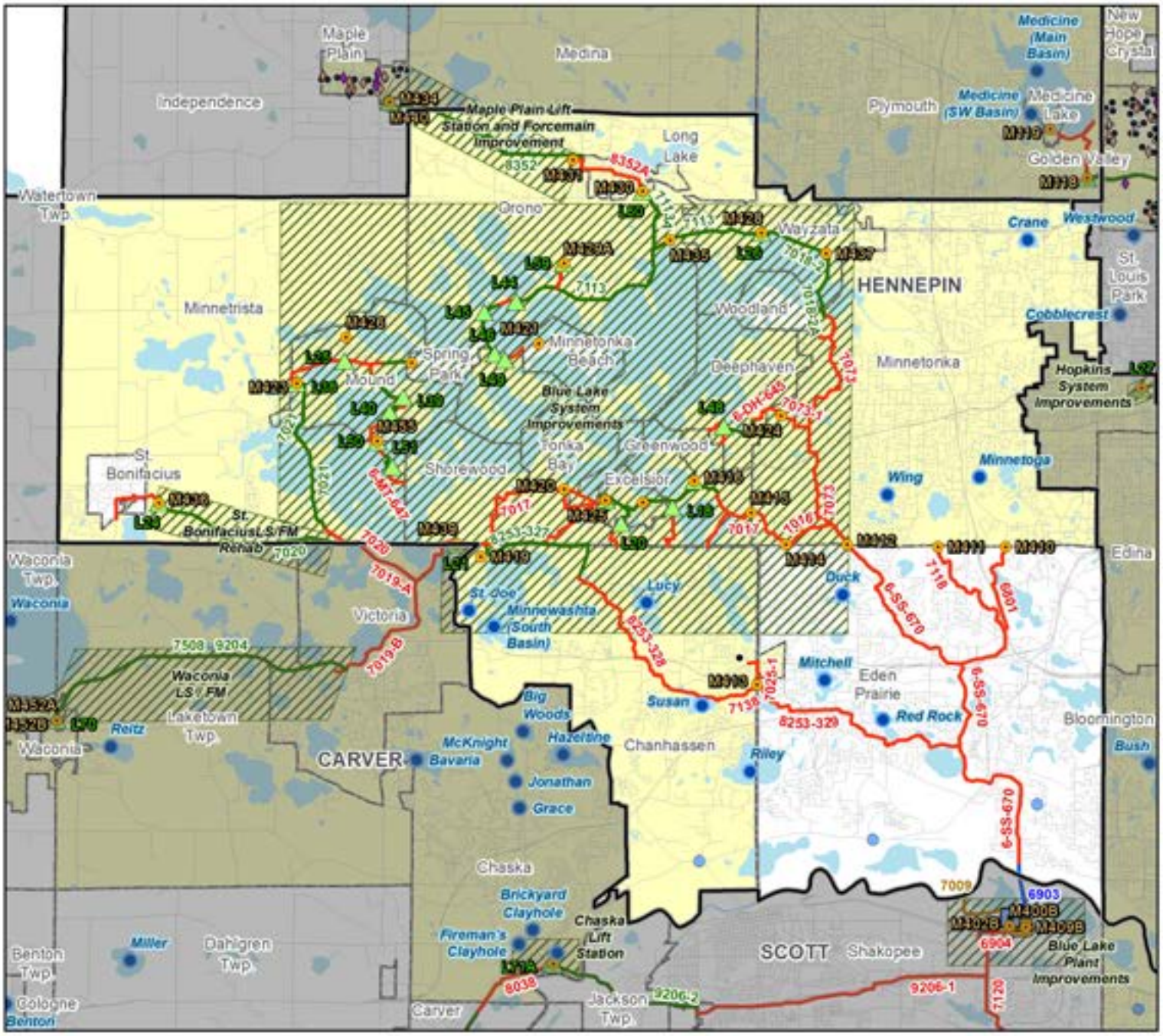
Environmental Services Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Water Quality Monitoring Sites and Financial Assistance



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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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 $4.3M

532
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING RENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

INCLUDING:

909
CHILDREN

129
ELDERLY

253
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

METRO HRA
Participating Communities*
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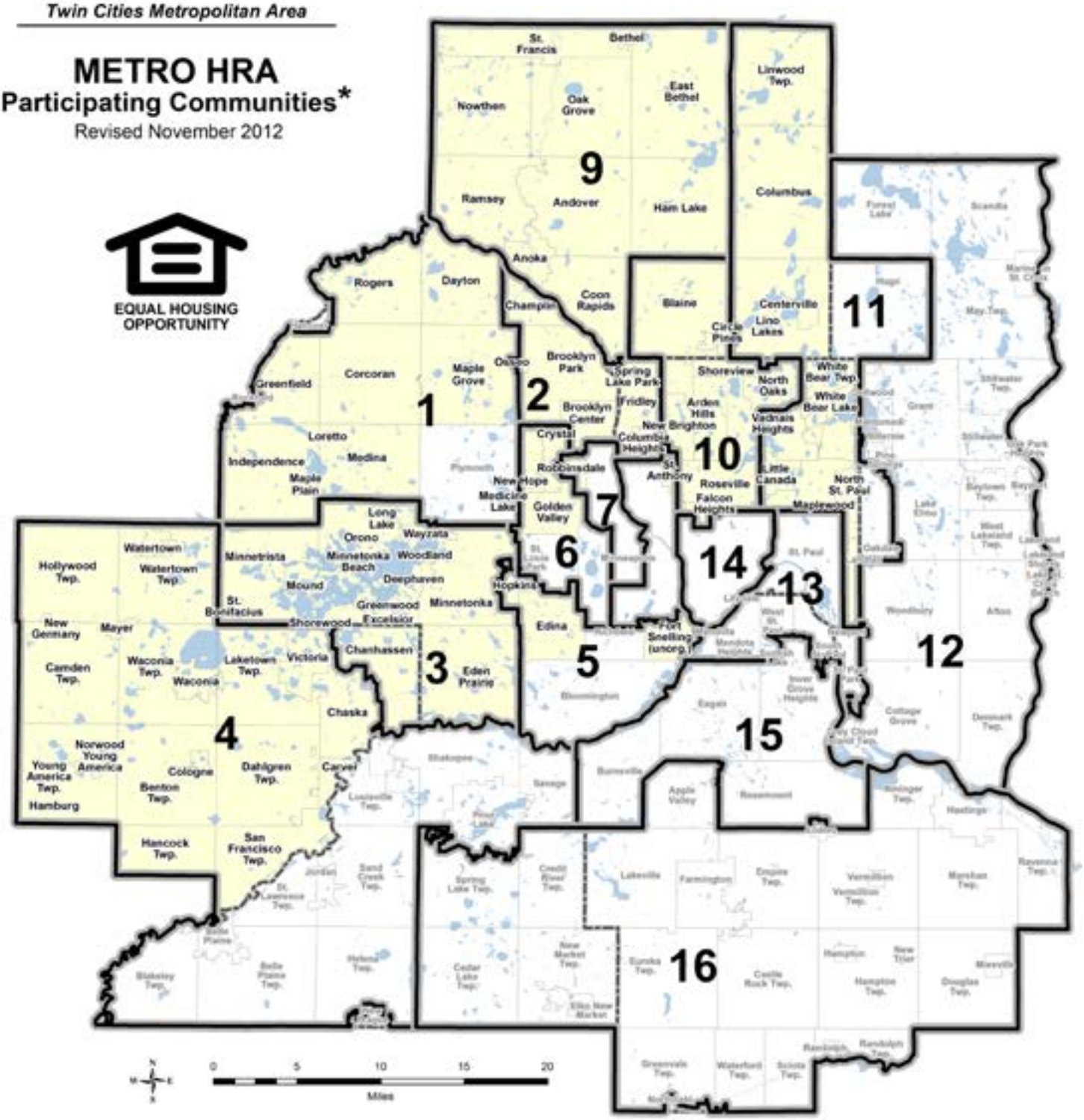
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



Community in Metro HRA

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