

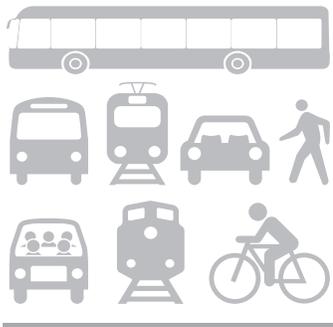
# Transit: New Routes to Prosperity



**Gail Dorfman**  
DISTRICT: 6

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



## DISTRICT FACTS\*

Regular Bus Service:	48 ROUTES	22.4M RIDERS SERVED	\$92.2M COST
Certified ADA riders:	4,226		
Transit Link:	52,750 RIDES PROVIDED IN SERVICE AREA	\$1.1M COST	

## REGULAR ROUTE TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Metro Transit, MTS, Plymouth, SouthWest Transit

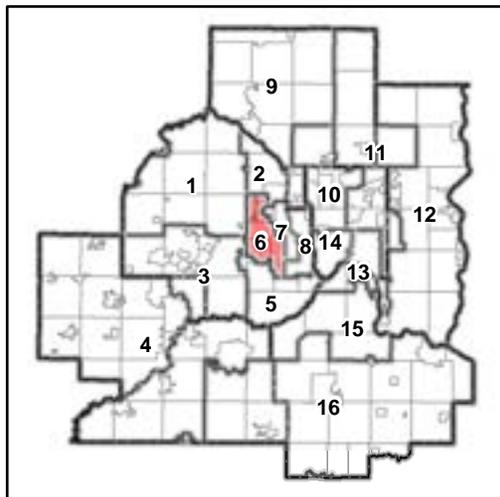
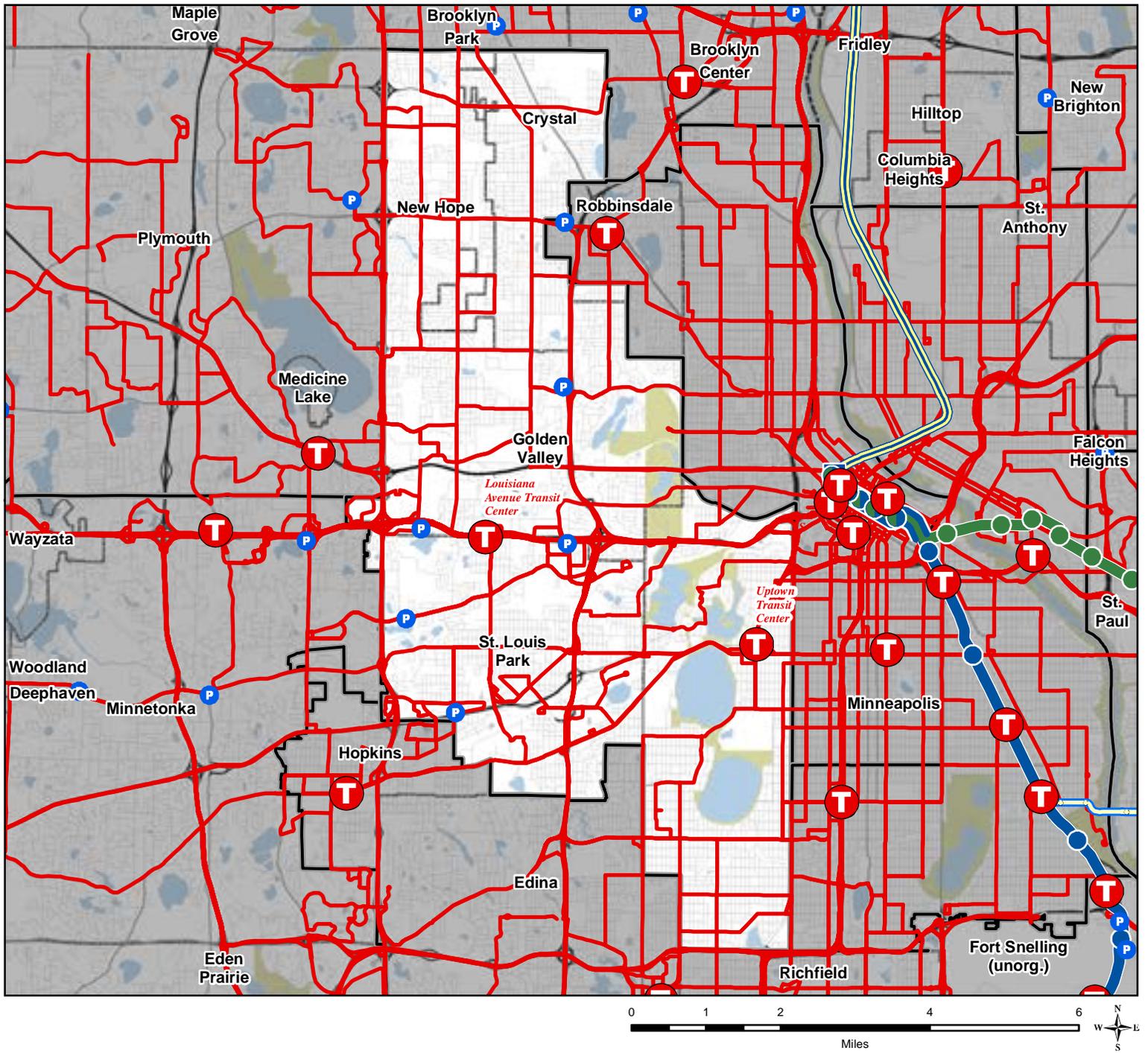
## TRANSITWAYS

Blue Line Extension – \$1.44 B current estimate – projected opening 2021  
Green Line Extension – \$1.65 B estimated – 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.



# Transit



-  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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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

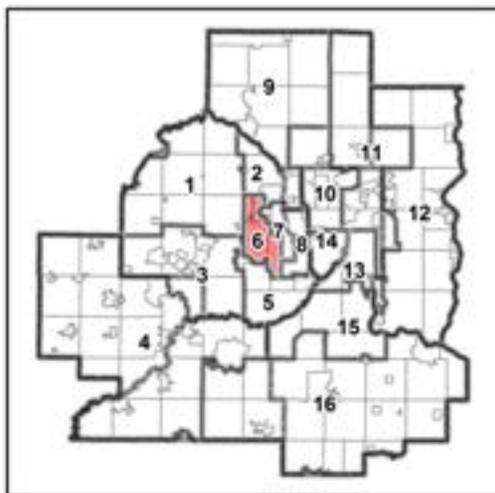
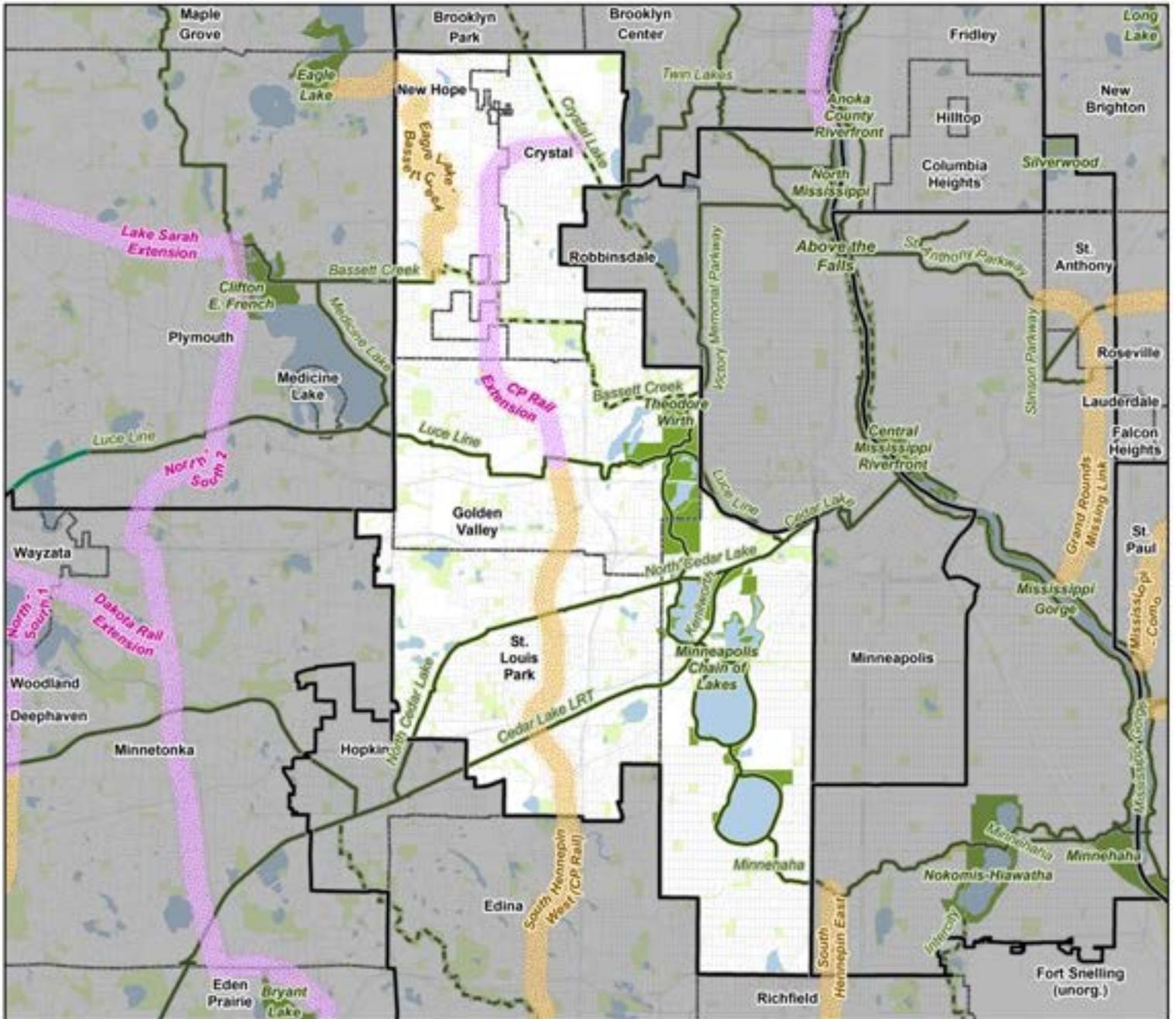
<b>9</b> PARKS & TRAILS open to the public		<b>1</b> BEING PLANNED
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**10.5M** <sup>2014</sup> ESTIMATED VISITS

**\$30.9M**  
INVESTED SINCE 1974



Metropolitan Council District 6  
**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.



## REGION-WIDE SINCE 1996

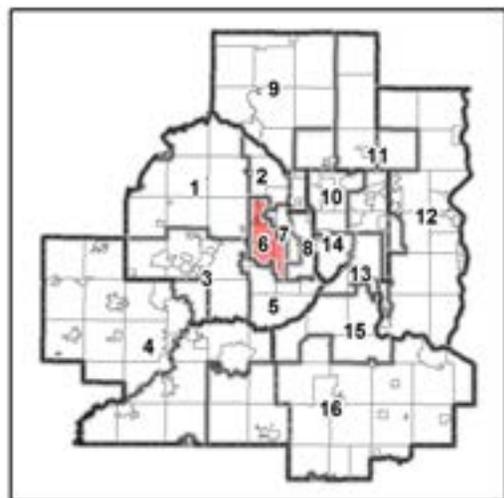
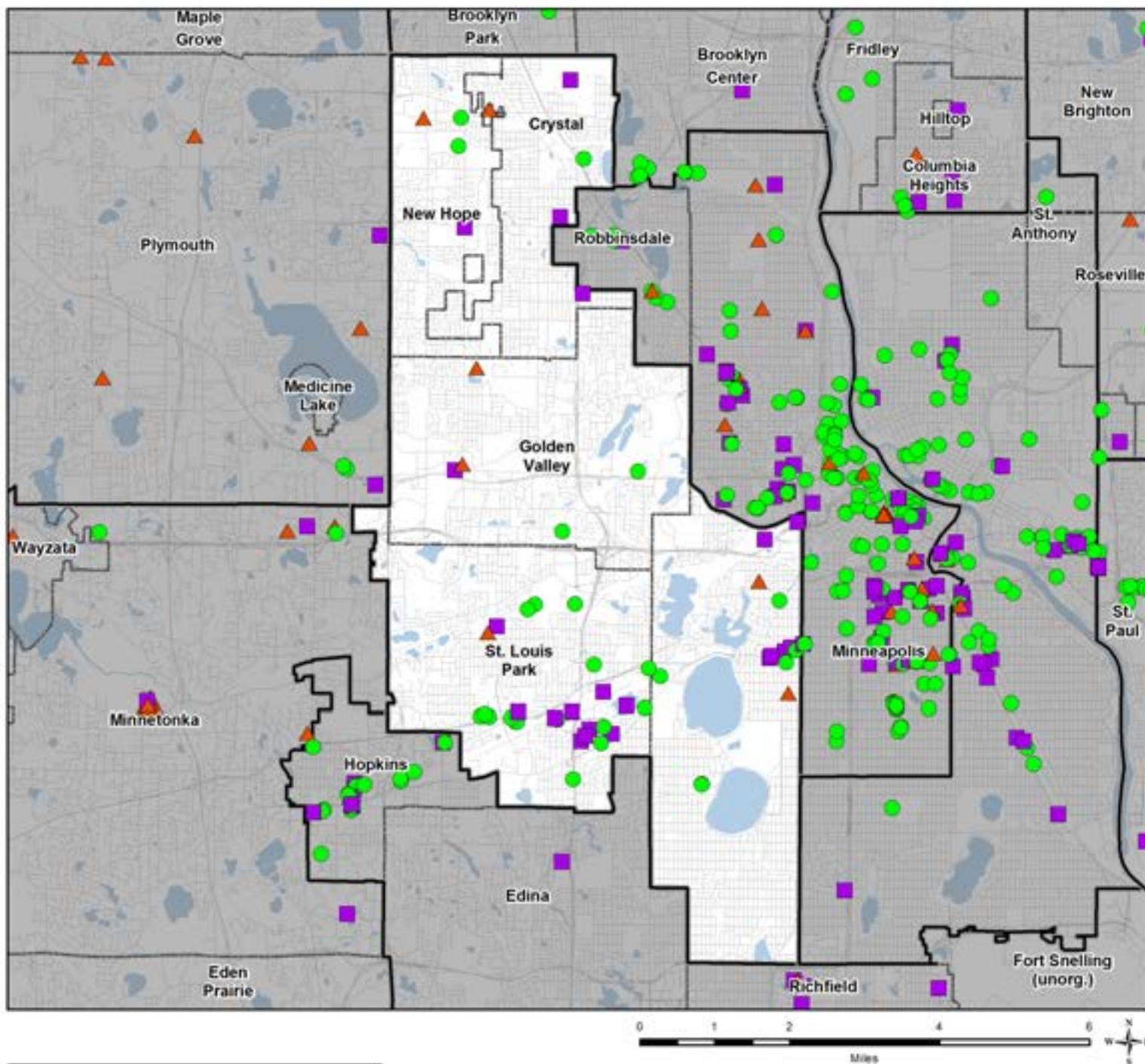
- Pollution cleanup grants of \$116 million have helped leverage \$5 billion in private investment (TBRA).
- Over \$159 million to help link housing to jobs and transportation. This investment has helped leverage \$4 billion in private and other public investment (LCDA).
- \$35 million to 51 cities has 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: \$18.7 MILLION

- **\$5.9 million Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA). Examples:**
  - Towerlight
  - Buzza Lofts
  - 5121 Winnetka
- **\$11.2 million Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA). Examples:**
  - Excelsior and Grand
  - Hoigaard Village
  - MoZaic East
- **\$1.5 million Local Housing/Inclusionary Accounts (LHIA). Examples:**
  - Bass lake Townhomes
  - Louisiana Court
  - Valley Square Commons



# 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.

**250**  
MILLION GALLONS  
treated wastewater for



## INFRASTRUCTURE COST

**\$64M**

- 40 miles of interceptors, 3 Lift stations, 8 Meter stations, and 9 Lake monitoring sites located in District 6.
- Wastewater from this district goes to the Metro Plant.
- Infrastructure would cost approximately \$121.9M to replace.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

**\$1,416,248**

- A total of 28 local grants and 42 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 \$290,375.
- A total of 383 grants were awarded to the district under the MCES Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Program. These grants totaled \$1,125,873.

## PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

**\$212M**

- The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan includes 4 major projects that affect this district:
  - Golden Valley Area Improvements, Hopkins System Improvements, Lift Station Rehabilitation, and Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation





# 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 **\$3.9M**



**520**  
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING  
RENT ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

INCLUDING:



**617**  
CHILDREN



**119**  
ELDERLY

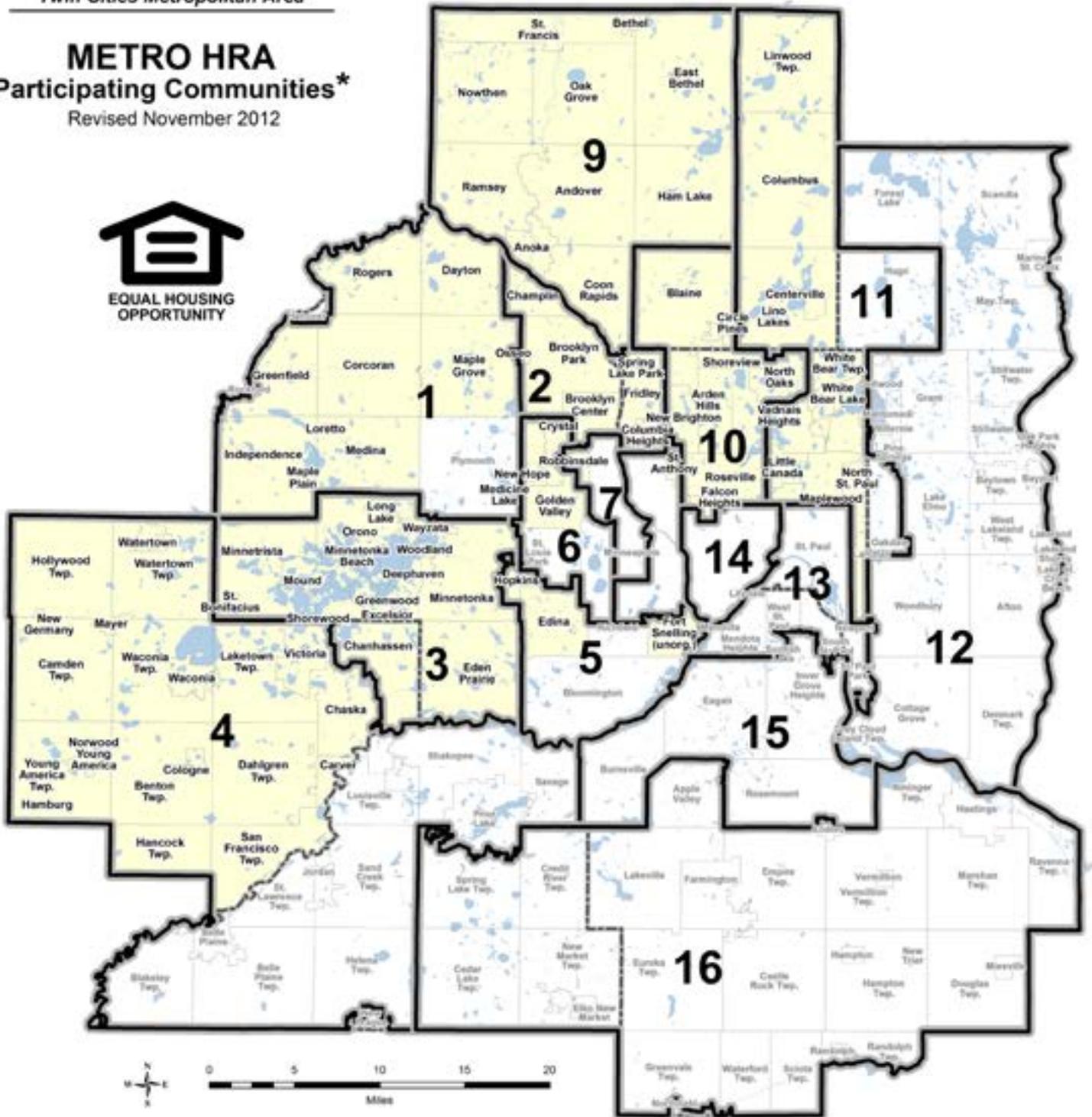


**306**  
PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES



# METRO HRA Participating Communities\*

Revised November 2012



 Community in Metro HRA

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