Committee of the Whole

2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite

June 16, 2021

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Plan Status Overview

Total Plans Expected 168

Plans Received to Date 163
  Plans In Process 2
  Incomplete Plans 17
  Complete Plans 5
  Authorized Plans 139

Outstanding Plans 5

*All County Plans have been authorized.
Agenda from April 7th COW Meeting

Setting the Stage

Headlines by Planning Topic

- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Water Resources
- Parks, Climate Change, and Natural Resources
- Equity, Economic Competitiveness, Aging and Public Health

Next Steps
More to Come…

• Additional Research
  – Land Use (TAZs, Rural Areas, etc.)
  – TOD Analysis
  – Metropolitan Area Water Plan Initiative
  – Other Partnerships (Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging)
• Process Improvements (2040 Debrief)
• Technical Assistance for Implementation (PlanIt)
• 2050 metropolitan development guide
Healthy Community Planning Project

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Agenda

- Project Overview
- Methodology and Quantitative Analysis
- The Indicators
  - Healthy Food Access
  - Recreation Opportunities
- Discussion and Questions
Thrive MSP 2040

• Twin Cities’ 10-year planning process
• Community vision for what cities in the metro region will look like in 2040
• Informed by 5 outcomes:
Questions for Discussion

• What other themes do you see in your work with different communities that you do not see here?

• What opportunities or challenges do you see with implementing these themes?

• How might these themes influence future planning processes?
The Project
Healthy Community Planning Project Goals

Intent is to align project framework, process, and outputs to support cross-cutting goals of partner agencies (Minnesota Department of Health and Metropolitan Council) to:

- Elevate priority public health challenges
- Support community-to-community learning and grow the network of allied professionals
- Showcase local strategy and policy examples that advance priority public health issues
- Build from foundational partner agency work in this area
- Identify opportunities where partner agencies can provide coordinated technical assistance.
What Have We Learned?
Healthy Community Planning Project
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INDICATORS AND PLANS

1. Mixed Use
2. Healthy Food Access
3. Affordable Housing
4. Multi-Modal Transportation
5. Transit-Oriented Development
6. Greenspace Preservation
7. Recreation Opportunities
8. Greenhouse Gas Reductions
9. Extreme Heat
10. At Risk Populations in Climate Change
11. Intense Rain
Methodology and Quantitative Analysis
OVERVIEW OF METHODOLOGY

**Preparation**
- Choosing and Identifying Indicators
- Choosing Plans

**Reviewing the Plan**
- Individual Review of Plans
- Partner Review

**Analysis**
- Individual and Partner Review of Themes
- Memos of Indicators
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Source: Liana Schreiber | Minnesota Department of Health
Overall Indicator Strength

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Healthy Food Access
WHY DOES IT MATTER?
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Does the community plan for healthy food access that promote local food production and healthy food retail?

Healthy food access includes concepts such as:

- Accessing healthy food through grocery stores, food shelves, farmers markets, mobile markets, community-supported agriculture, and drive-throughs
- Small scale food production such as urban agriculture, community gardens, orchards
- Planning centering food deserts, food resources, and food (in)security

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes & Principles

• Addresses equity concerns such as health disparities
• Improves livability of neighborhoods by creating walkable communities with accessible healthy food options
• Encourages sustainable food growth and consumption

Met Council Requirements

• Not required by Met Council

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

- Indicator is not present
- Indicator is present
- Indicator is present, and includes goals and policies
- Indicator is present, includes goals and policies, and dedicates funding & resources

10 of 20 (50%) of plans with policies & goals include EQUITY language

Source: Liana Schreiber | Minnesota Department of Health
**OVERALL THEMES**

**HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS**

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Food distribution: Healthy food retail

Makes it easier for residents to reach places where they can afford to purchase healthy foods
Transportation: Sidewalk network & food security/access

To provide safe pedestrian walks to healthy food sources, Maplewood will work to identify and fill in gaps in the city’s sidewalk network.
### RANKING THEMES

**HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS**

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| • Food Access Through Programming | • Mobile Food Distribution  
   • Urban Agriculture Ordinances  
   • Promoting Farmers Markets | • Transportation Planning  
   • Healthy Retail Collaborations  
   • Urban Agriculture Ordinances  
   • Collecting Data on Food Access |
LEVEL 3 APPROACHES
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Supporting mobile food distribution

Allows local and/or healthy food to be brought closer to residents without needing expensive infrastructure or development
Stronger urban agriculture ordinances with dedicated resources

Dedicating resources and funding to removing barriers to residential/local food production to allow residents to cultivate their own healthy foods or purchase locally-grown foods, including commercial food production.
LEVEL 4 APPROACHES
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Food security assessments

Knowing the state of food security and access allows communities to better focus policies, resources, and interventions.
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Preserving agricultural land

Allows for continued local food cultivation, production, and distribution
SUBURBAN APPROACHES HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Programs & partnerships to encourage healthy eating

Leverages existing programming and partnerships instead of reinventing the wheel or duplicating efforts
Access to farmers markets & CSA drop-offs

Increases opportunities for local farmers and producers to expand their customer base, and allows residents for more places to access healthy, local foods
EQUITY THEMES
HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Equity
• Acknowledging Current Food System Inequities
• Food and Health Disparities
• Acknowledging Income’s Role in Food Access
What other themes do you see in your work with different communities that you do not see here?

What opportunities or challenges do you see with implementing these themes?

How might these themes influence future planning processes?
Recreation Opportunities
WHY DOES IT MATTER?
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Does the community plan for access to public recreational opportunities?

Public Recreation includes concepts such as:

- Access to trails/recreation, parks and trails part of access network
- Culturally appropriate programming, change of recreation opportunities, dial a ride

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes and Principles

- Enhances **livability** by supporting accessible recreation and transportation options
- Encourages **equity** by creating recreation opportunities for all communities

Met Council Requirements

- Regional Parks Policy Plan

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Source: Liana Schreiber | Minnesota Department of Health

Level 1: 2% (Indicator is not present)
Level 2: 10% (Indicator is not present)
Level 3: 39% (Indicator is present, includes goals and policies)
Level 4: 49% (Indicator is present, includes goals and policies, and dedicates funding & resources)

30 of 43 (70%) of plans with policies & goals include EQUITY language.
## OVERALL THEMES

### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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OVERALL THEMES
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parkland Dedication
Done through either
- Land dedication
- Fees and funding
INTERESTING APPROACHES
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Snow Removal on Trails

Trail infrastructure is still accessible for all during the colder half of the year
### RANKING THEMES

#### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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• Regional Connectedness  
• New Recreation Opportunities for New Development and Redevelopment | • Emphasis on New Trail Systems  
• Partnering with Local School Districts  
• Strategies for Long-term System Maintenance  
• Focus on Recreation for All Ages  
• Culturally-Relevant Programming | • Community Trails Network  
• **Neighborhood Parks**  
• Acquiring New Park Land  
• Variety in Programming  
• Partnering with Local School Districts |
LEVEL 3 APPROACHES
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Strategies for Long-term System Maintenance

Adopt a Park programs and creating system for ranking routes based on needs
Partnering with Local School Districts

Increases coordination and avoids duplication of recreation expansion efforts
## Community Designation Themes

### Recreation Opportunities

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| • Connections to Nature & Destinations | • Alternative Funding Sources  
• Park Space & Population Change  
• Pedestrian Safety & Improving Sidewalk/Trail network | • Responsiveness to Demographic Changes  
• Focus on Amenities  
• Partnering with Local School Districts  
• Collaborating with Non-Governmental Partners |
RURAL APPROACHES
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

• Connecting Nature and Destinations through trail networks
  Links community assets, unifies the community, and expands access to recreational opportunities.
SUBURBAN APPROACHES
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative Funding Streams

Sources beyond park dedication fees:

– dedication or cash in lieu of all new developments;
– public-private partnerships;
– volunteer support
Responsiveness to Demographic Changes

Changing parks and recreation to listen to and meet the needs of diverse populations.
**EQUITY THEMES**

**RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- Considering Equity Beyond Spatial Barriers
- Dismantling Barriers to Participation
- ADA Compliance in Recreational Facilities
- Involving Diverse Groups in Recreation Planning
- Incorporating Design Standards
- Creating New, More Inclusive Recreation Opportunities
- Cultural Diversity in Recreation
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