

2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite

June 16, 2021

Committee of the Whole



Plan Status Overview

Total Plans Expected

168

Plans Received to Date

163

Plans In Process

2

Incomplete Plans

17

Complete Plans

5

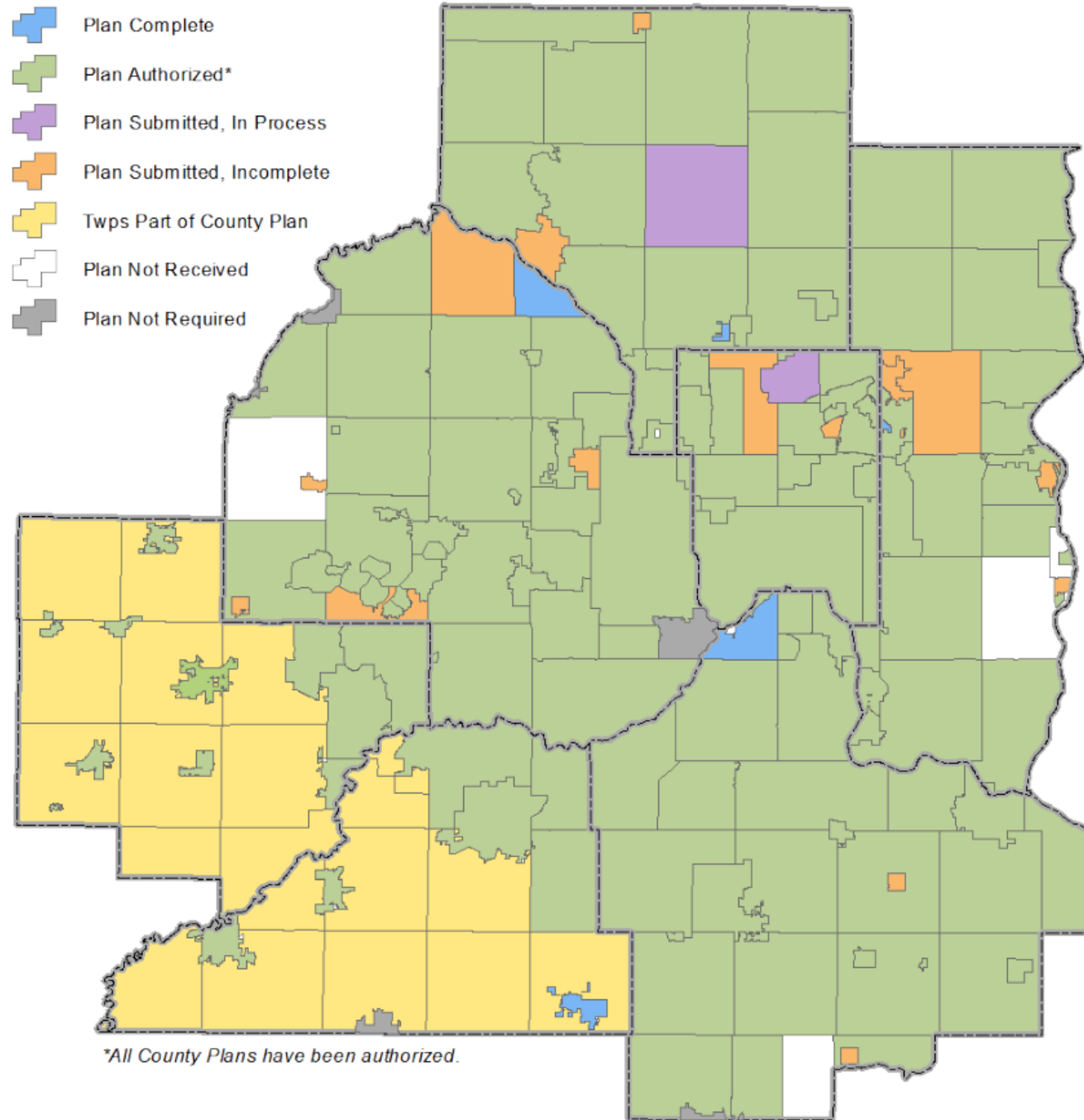
Authorized Plans

139

Outstanding Plans

5

- Plan Complete
- Plan Authorized*
- Plan Submitted, In Process
- Plan Submitted, Incomplete
- Twps Part of County Plan
- Plan Not Received
- Plan Not Required



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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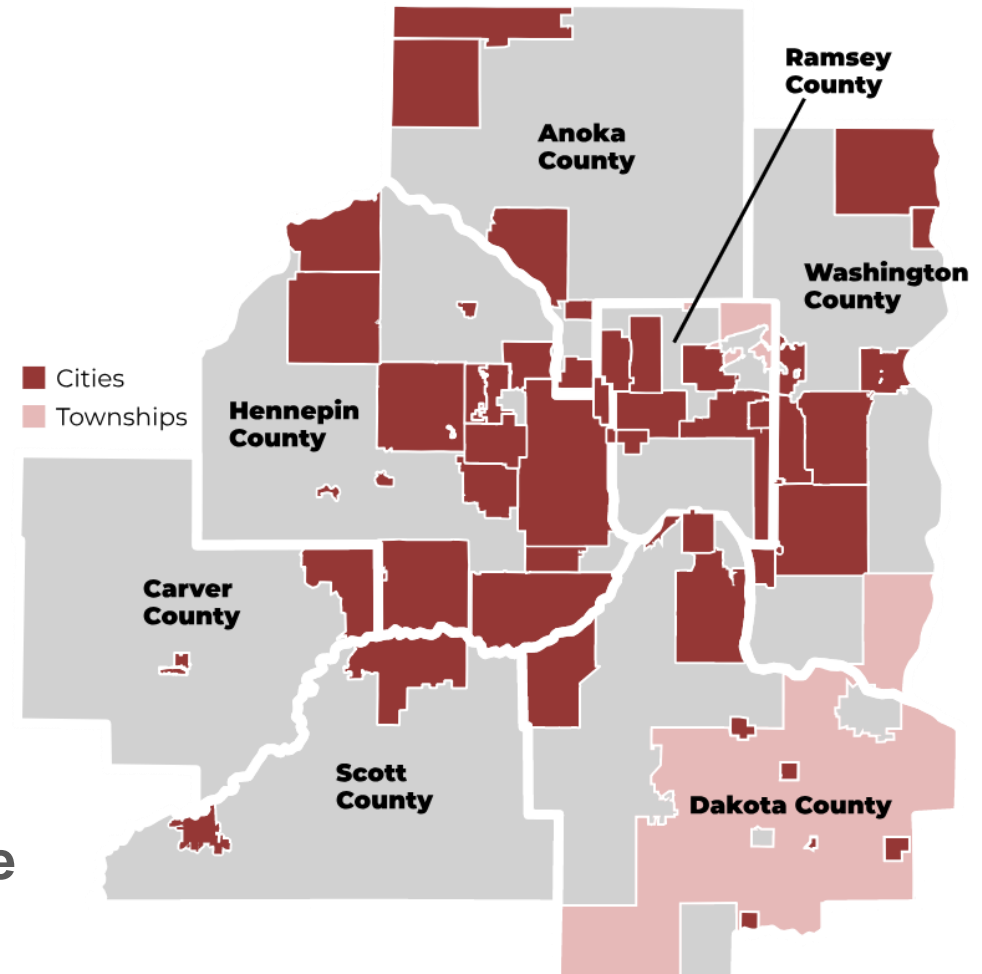
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INDICATORS AND PLANS

- 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

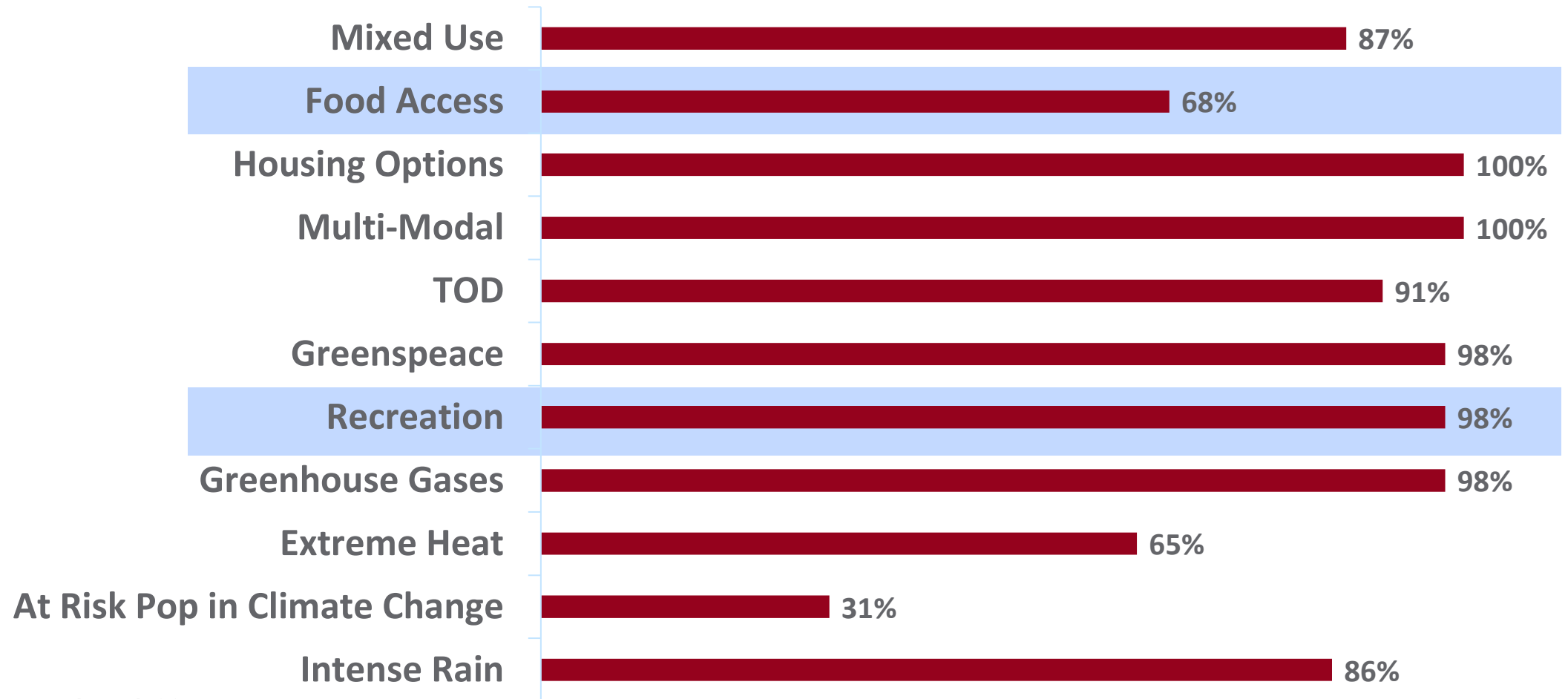
Reviewing the Plan

- Individual Review of Plans
- Partner Review

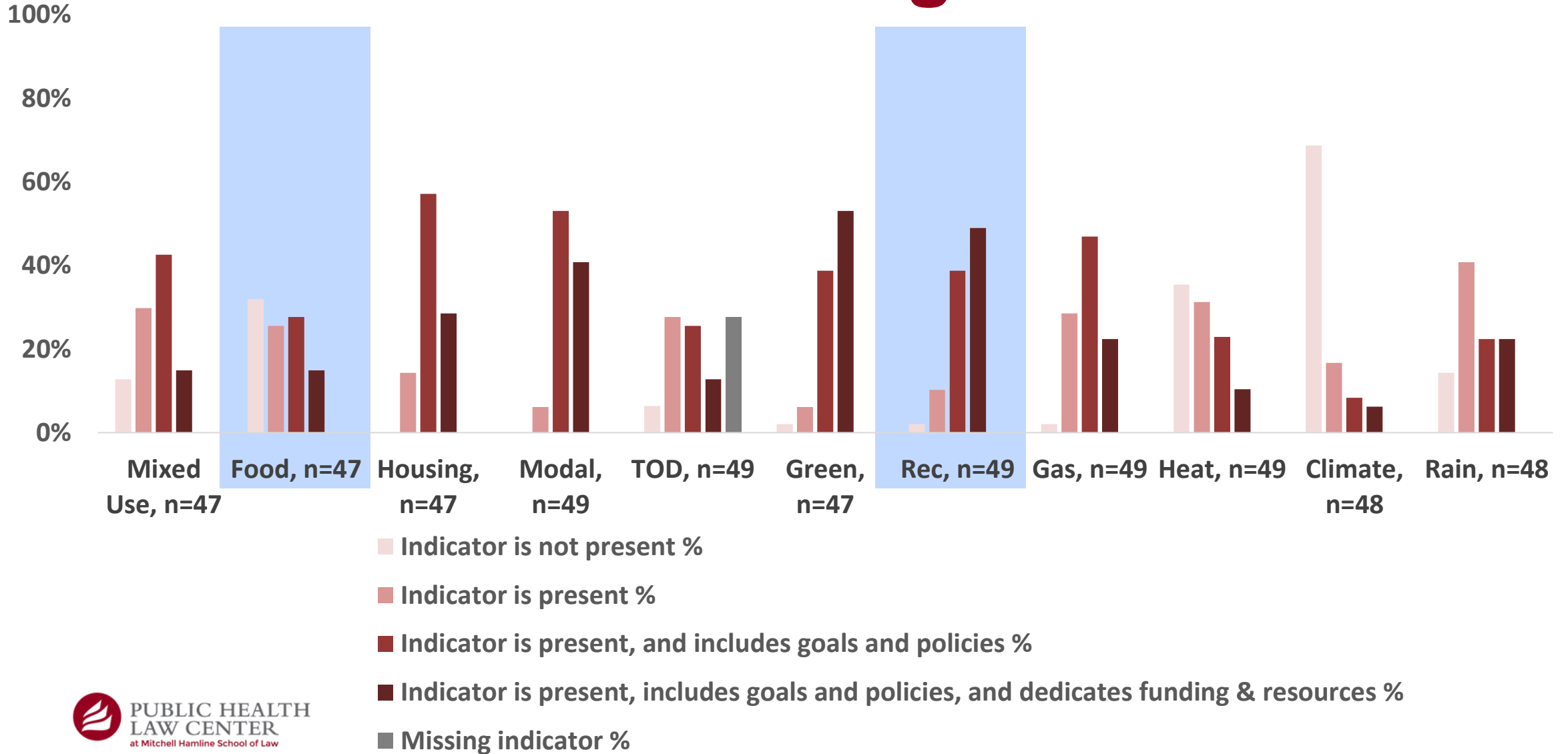
Analysis

- Individual and Partner Review of Themes
- Memos of Indicators

PERCENT OF COMP PLANS WITH INDICATOR PRESENT



Overall Indicator Strength



HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS



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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

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS



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Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes & Principles

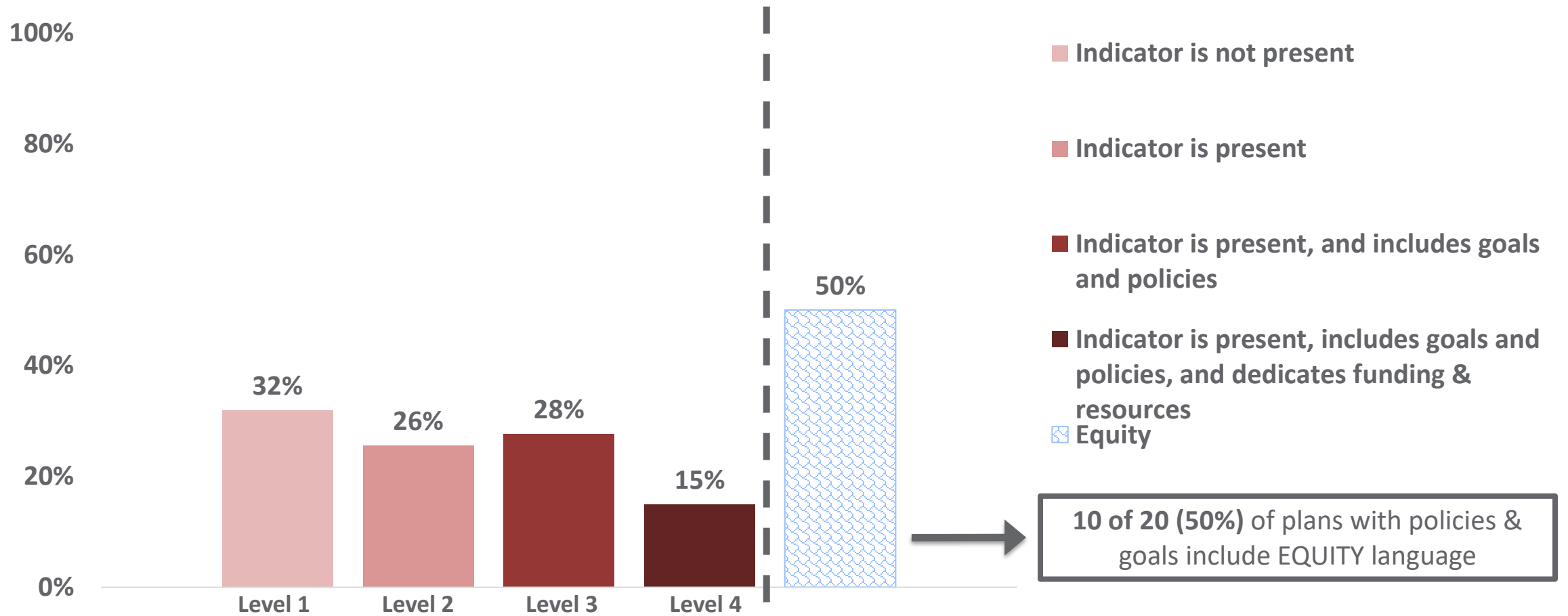
- Addresses **equity** concerns such as health disparities
- Improves **livability** of neighborhoods by creating walkable communities with accessible healthy food options
- Encourages **sustainable** food growth and consumption

Met Council Requirements

- **Not required** by Met Council

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS



Source: Liana Schreiber | Minnesota Department of Health

OVERALL THEMES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Overall

- Food Production Through Community Gardens
- **Healthy Food Retail**

Interesting Approaches

- Climate Change & the Food Supply
- **Food Access and Alternative Transportation**
- Developing New Restaurants

OVERALL THEMES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Food distribution: Healthy food retail

Makes it easier for residents to reach places where they can afford to purchase healthy foods



INTERESTING APPROACHES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

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

Level 2

(12 communities)

- Food Access Through Programming

Level 3

(13 communities)

- **Mobile Food Distribution**
- Urban Agriculture Ordinances
- Promoting Farmers Markets

Level 4

(7 communities)

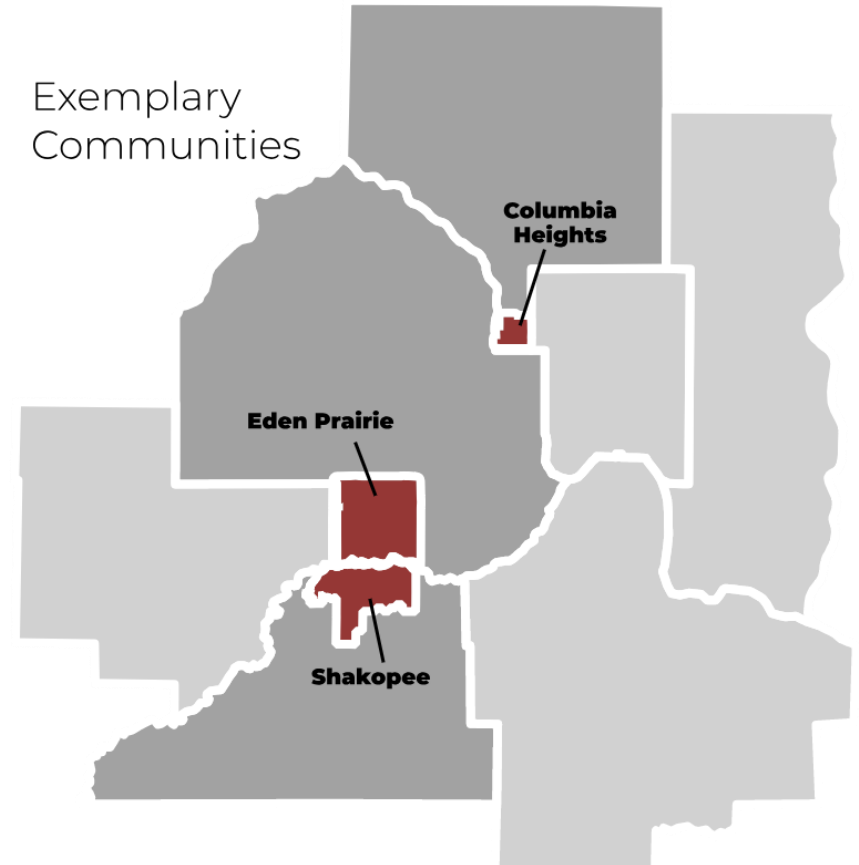
- Transportation Planning
- Healthy Retail Collaborations
- **Urban Agriculture Ordinances**
- **Collecting Data on Food Access**

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

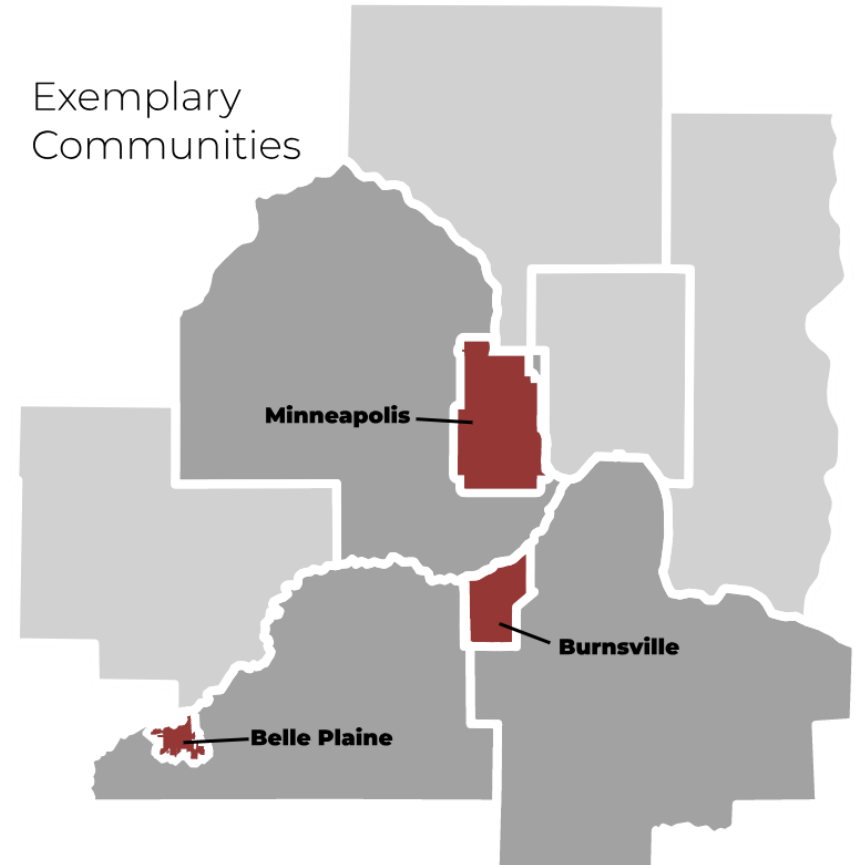


LEVEL 3 & 4 APPROACHES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Stronger urban agriculture ordinances with dedicated resources

Dedicates 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



COMMUNITY DESIGNATION THEMES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Rural

- Preserving Agricultural Land

Suburban

- Programs & Partnerships to Encourage Healthy Eating

Urban

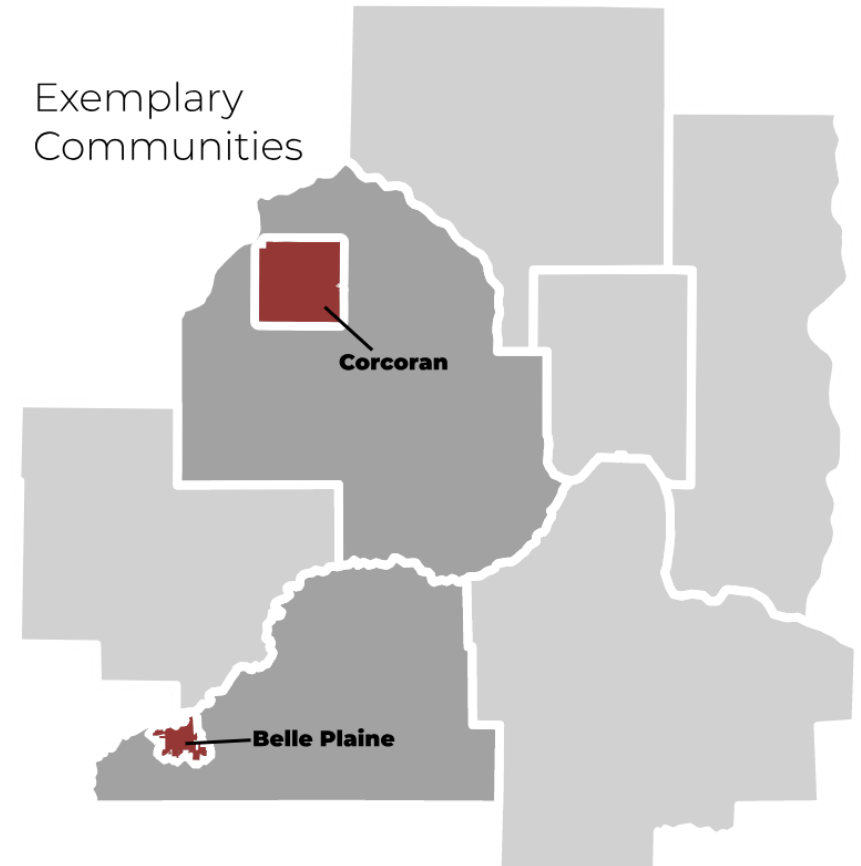
- Residential Food Production
- Access to Farmers Markets and CSA Dropoffs

RURAL APPROACHES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Preserving agricultural land

Allows for continued local food cultivation, production, and distribution

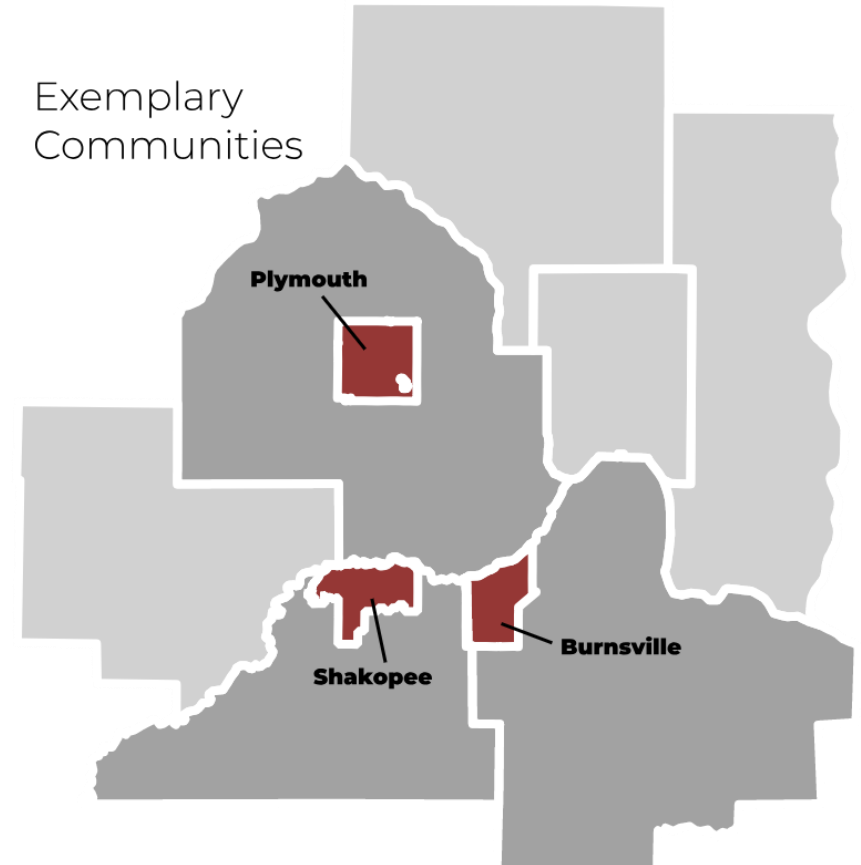


SUBURBAN APPROACHES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Programs & partnerships to encourage healthy eating

Leverages existing programming and partnerships instead of reinventing the wheel or duplicating efforts



URBAN APPROACHES

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

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



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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

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

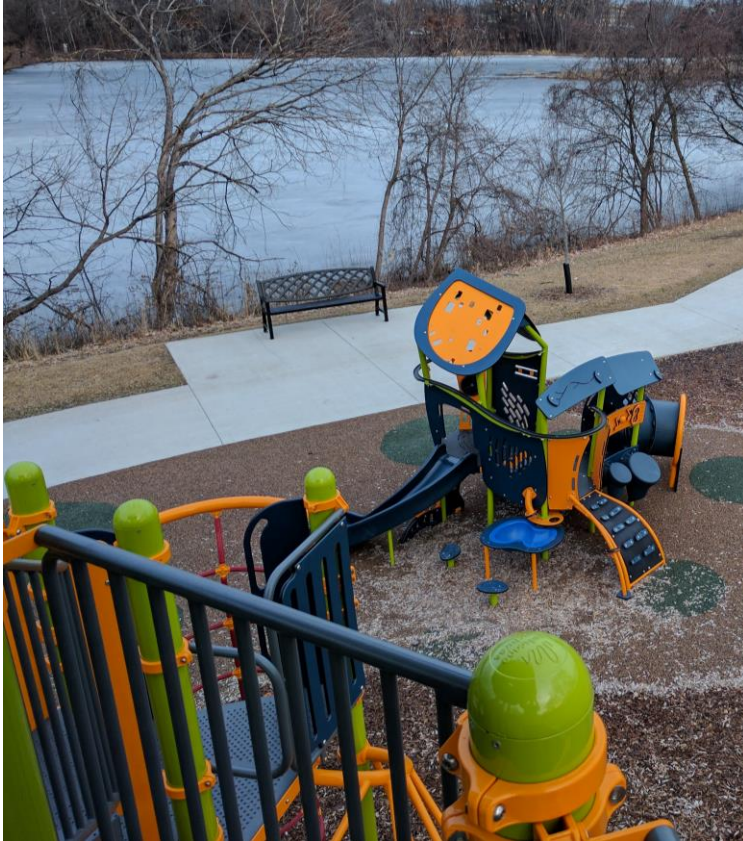


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Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes and Principles

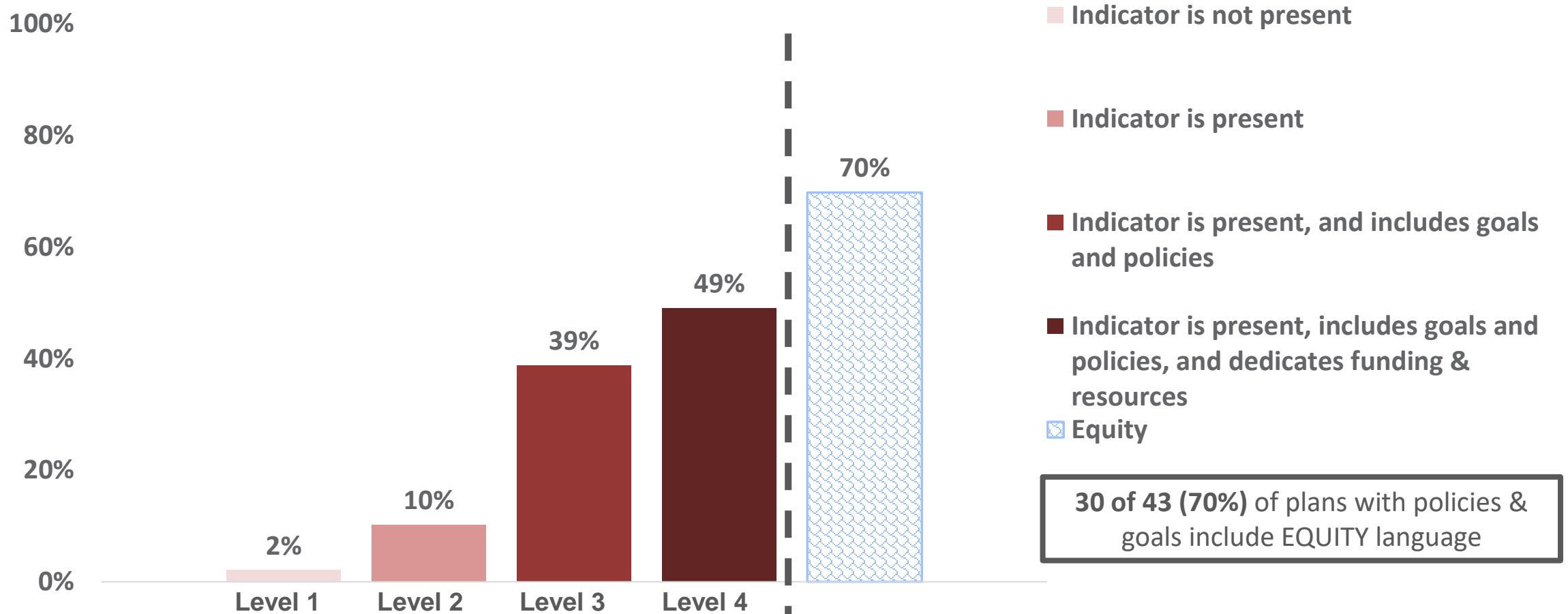
- Enhances **livability** by supporting accessible recreation and transportation options
- Encourages **equity** by creating recreation opportunities for all communities

Met Council Requirements

- Regional Parks Policy Plan

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES



OVERALL THEMES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Overall

- **Parkland Dedication**
- Walking and Biking

Interesting Approaches

- Recreation Options for Seniors
- Mobile and Pop-Up Parks
- Safe Routes to School
- **Snow Removal from Trails**

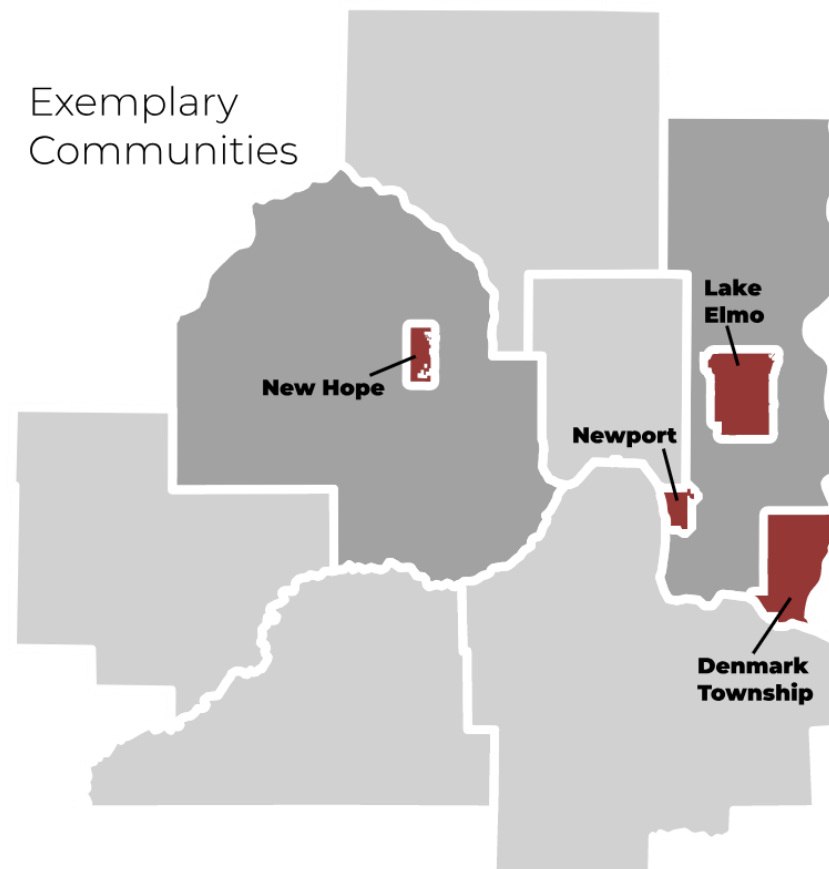
OVERALL THEMES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parkland Dedication

Done through either

- Land dedication
- Fees and funding

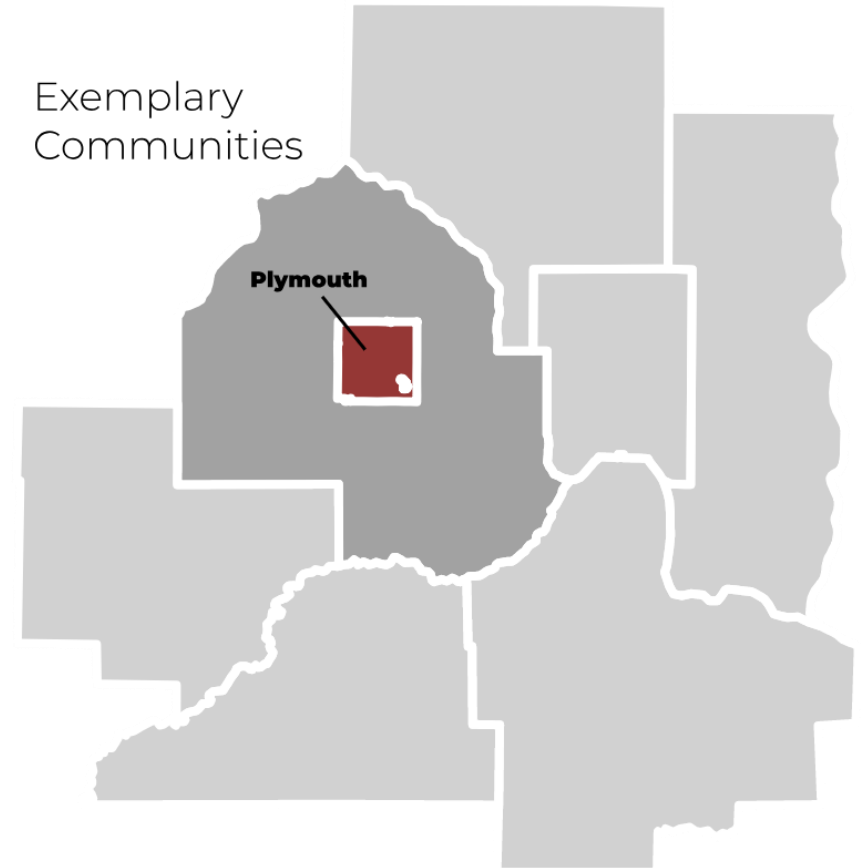


INTERESTING APPROACHES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Snow Removal on Trails

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



RANKING THEMES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Level 2

(5 communities)

- Pedestrian Safety
- Regional Connectedness
- New Recreation Opportunities for New Development and Redevelopment

Level 3

(19 communities)

- 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**

Level 4

(24 communities)

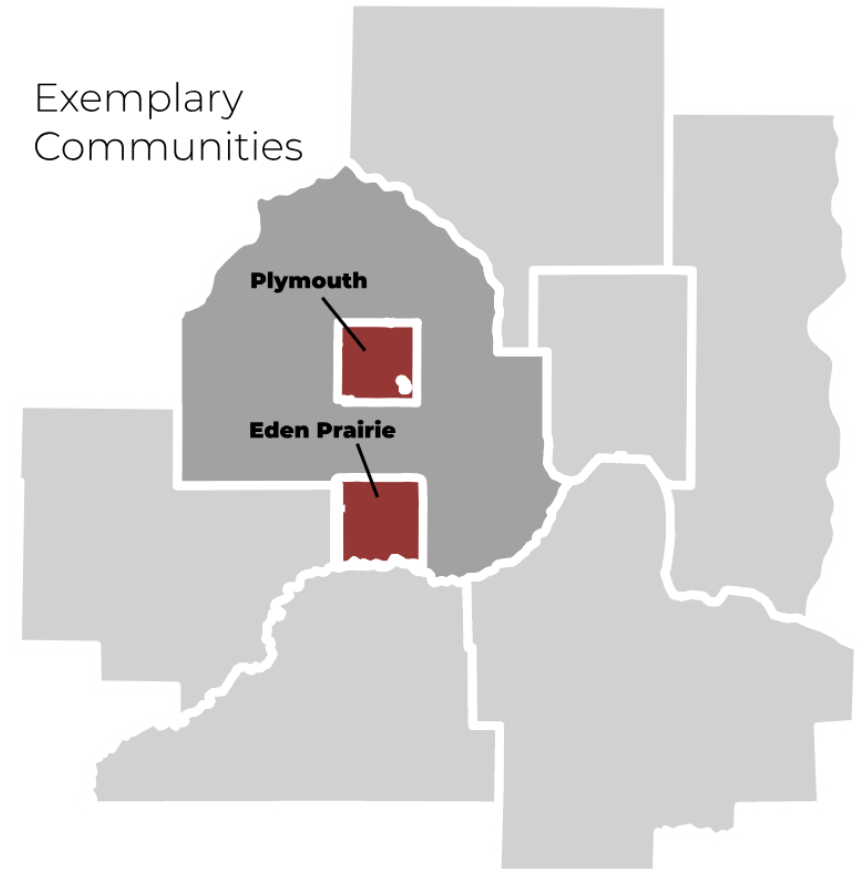
- Community Trails Network
- **Neighborhood Parks**
- Acquiring New Park Land
- Variety in Programming
- **Partnering with Local School Districts**

LEVEL 3 APPROACHES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Strategies for Long-term System Maintenance

Adopt a Park programs and creating system for ranking routes based on needs

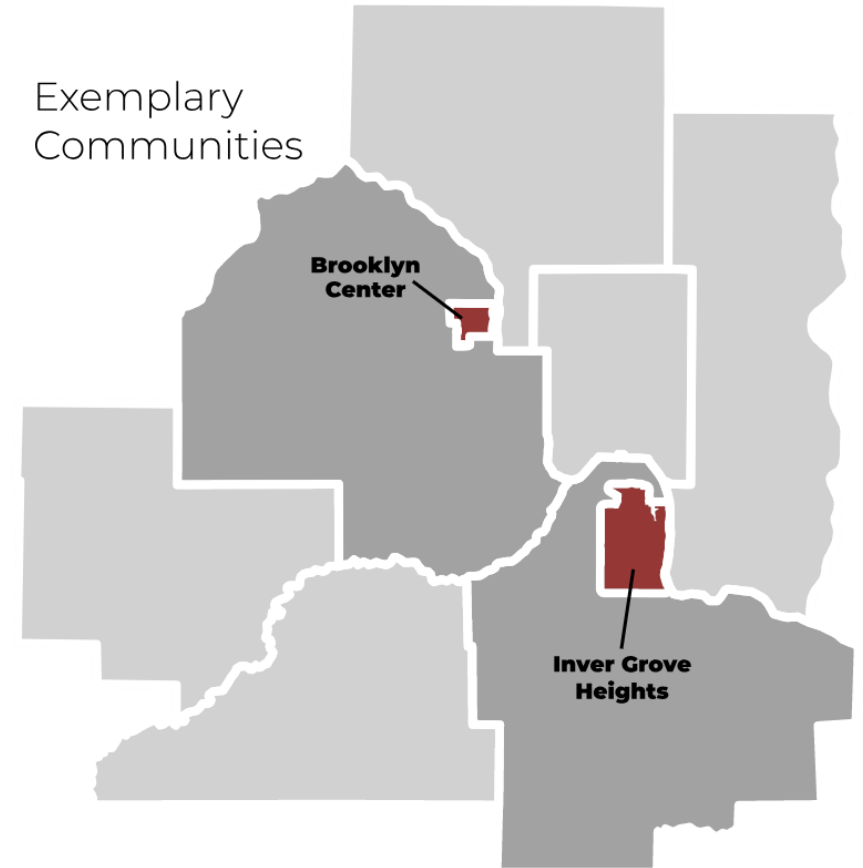


LEVEL 4 APPROACHES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Partnering with Local School Districts

Increases coordination and avoids duplication of recreation expansion efforts



COMMUNITY DESIGNATION THEMES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Rural

- **Connections to Nature & Destinations**

Suburban

- **Alternative Funding Sources**
- **Park Space & Population Change**
- **Pedestrian Safety & Improving Sidewalk/Trail network**

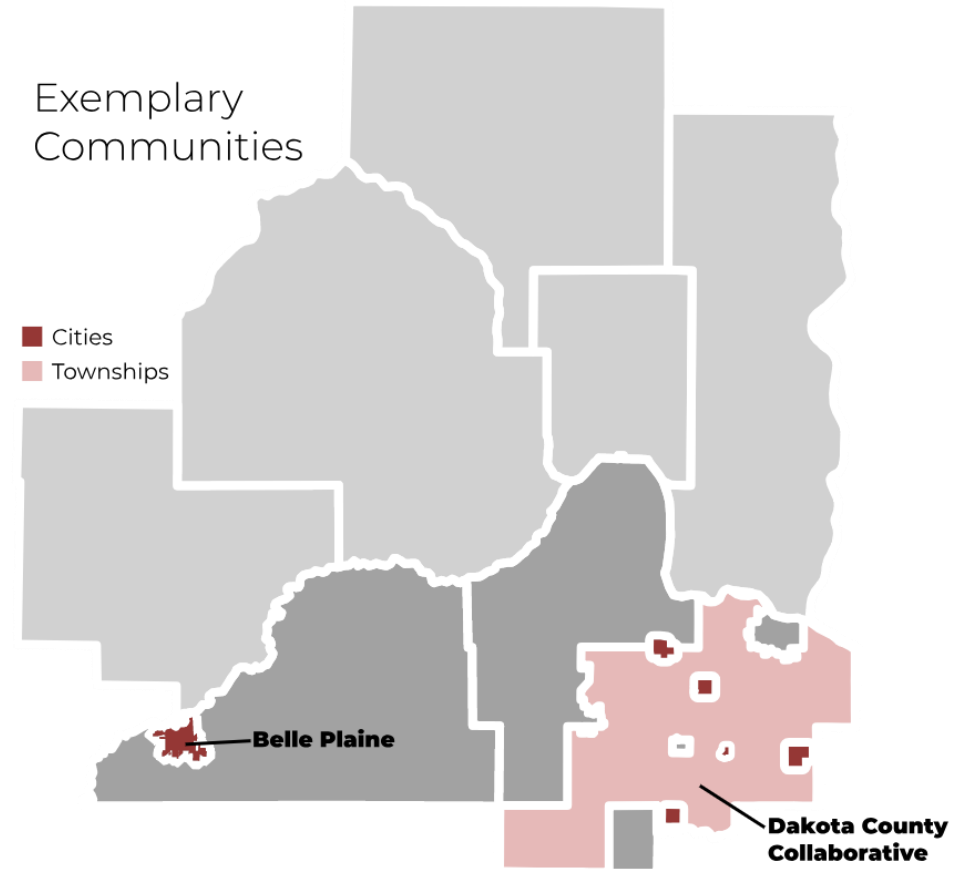
Urban

- **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.



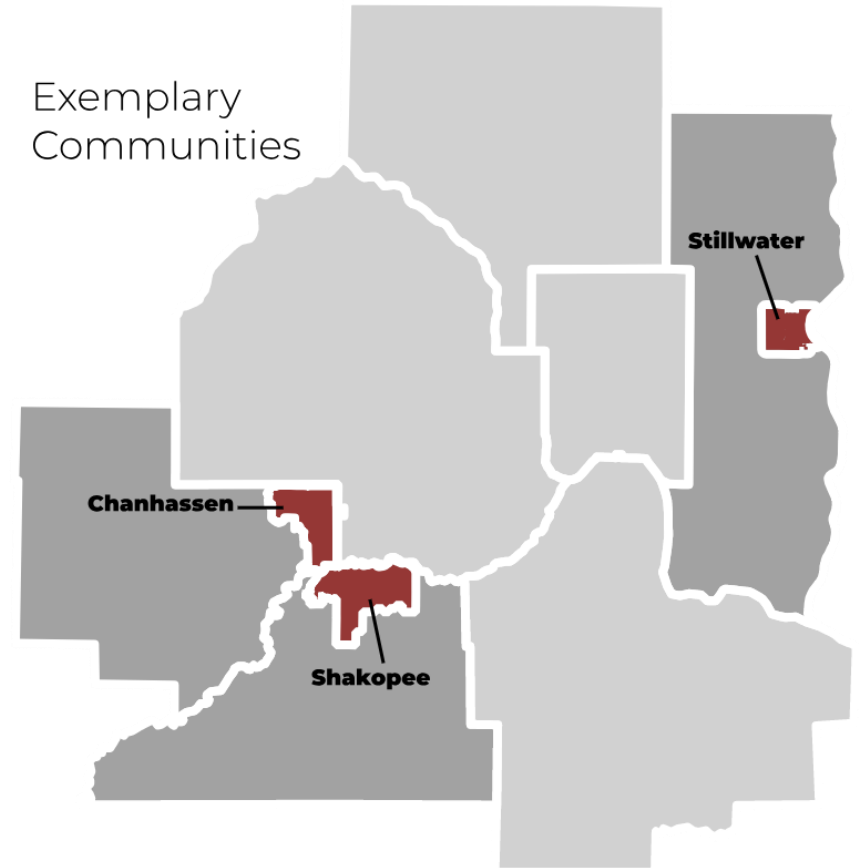
SUBURBAN APPROACHES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Alternative Funding Streams

Sources beyond park dedication fees:

- dedication or cash in lieu of all new developments;
- public-private partnerships;
- volunteer support



URBAN APPROACHES RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Responsiveness to Demographic Changes

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



EQUITY THEMES

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Equity

- 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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