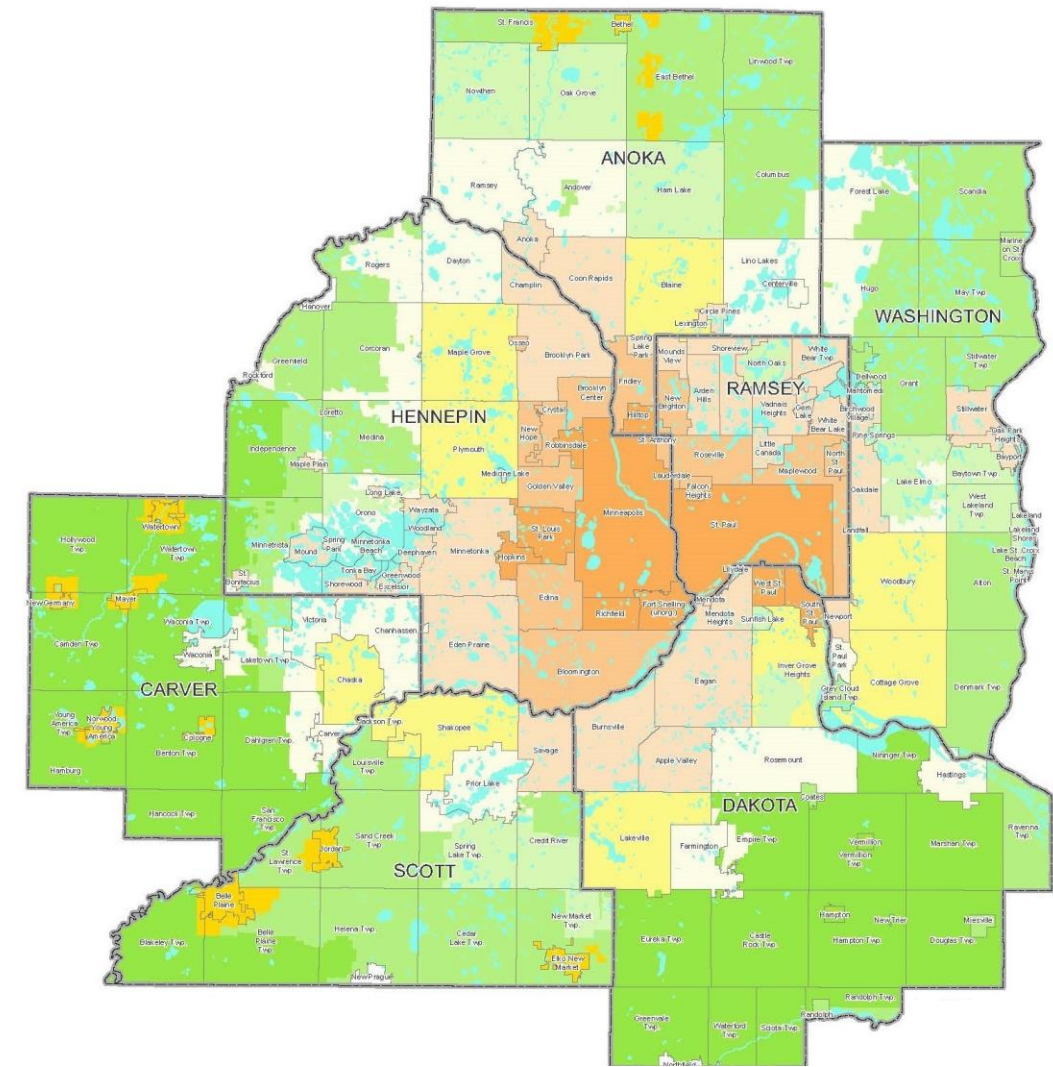


Proposed Community Designations 2050 Regional Development Guide

Committee of the Whole

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Why are they important?



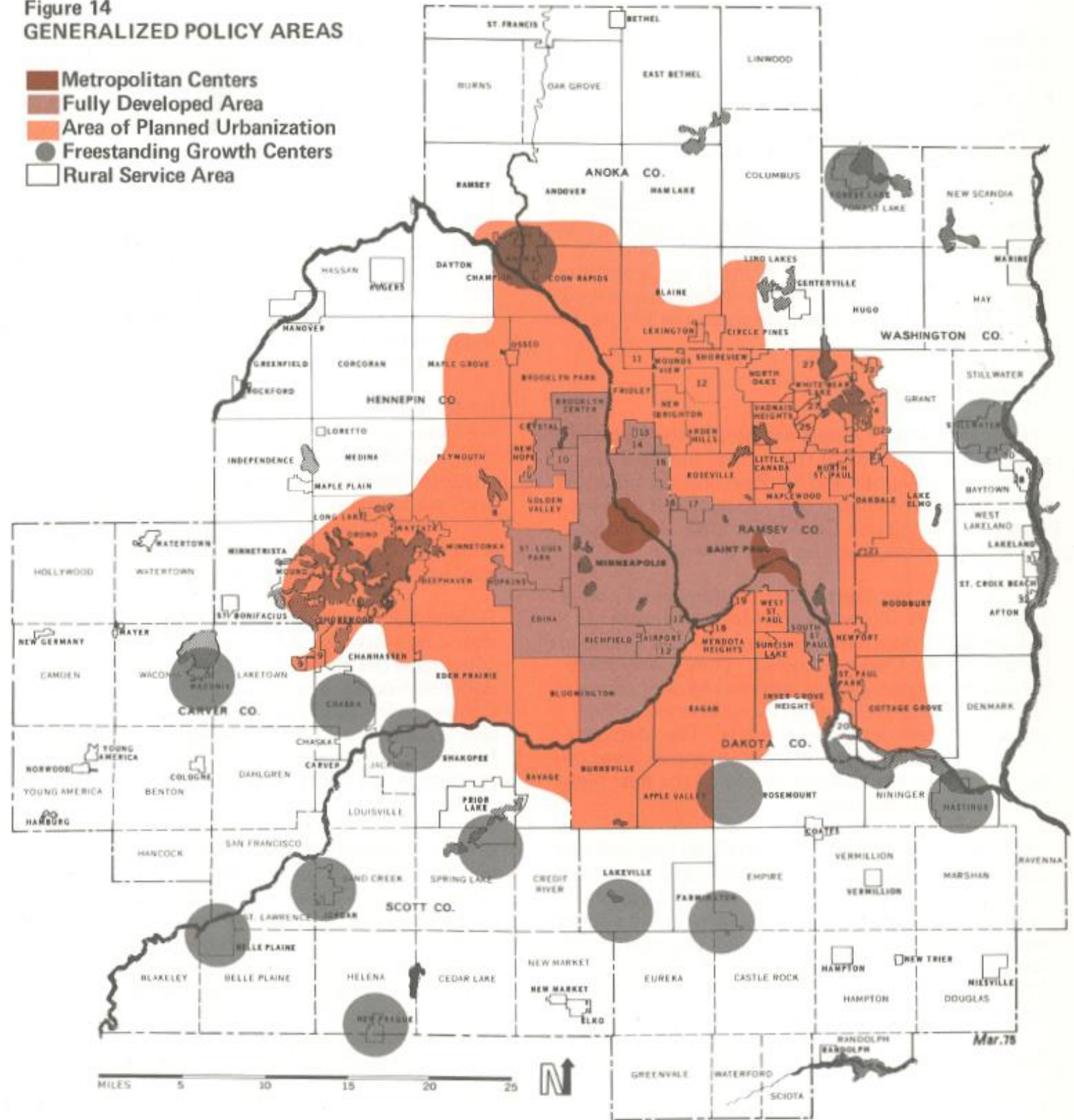
Background

- Further regional policy outcomes
- Plan and implement regional policies at the local level
- Basis for land use policies and density expectations
- Recognize diversity and commonality of communities in the region
- Guide growth in areas with urban infrastructure
- Protect agricultural land and natural amenities

Metropolitan Development Framework Guide, 1975

Figure 14
GENERALIZED POLICY AREAS

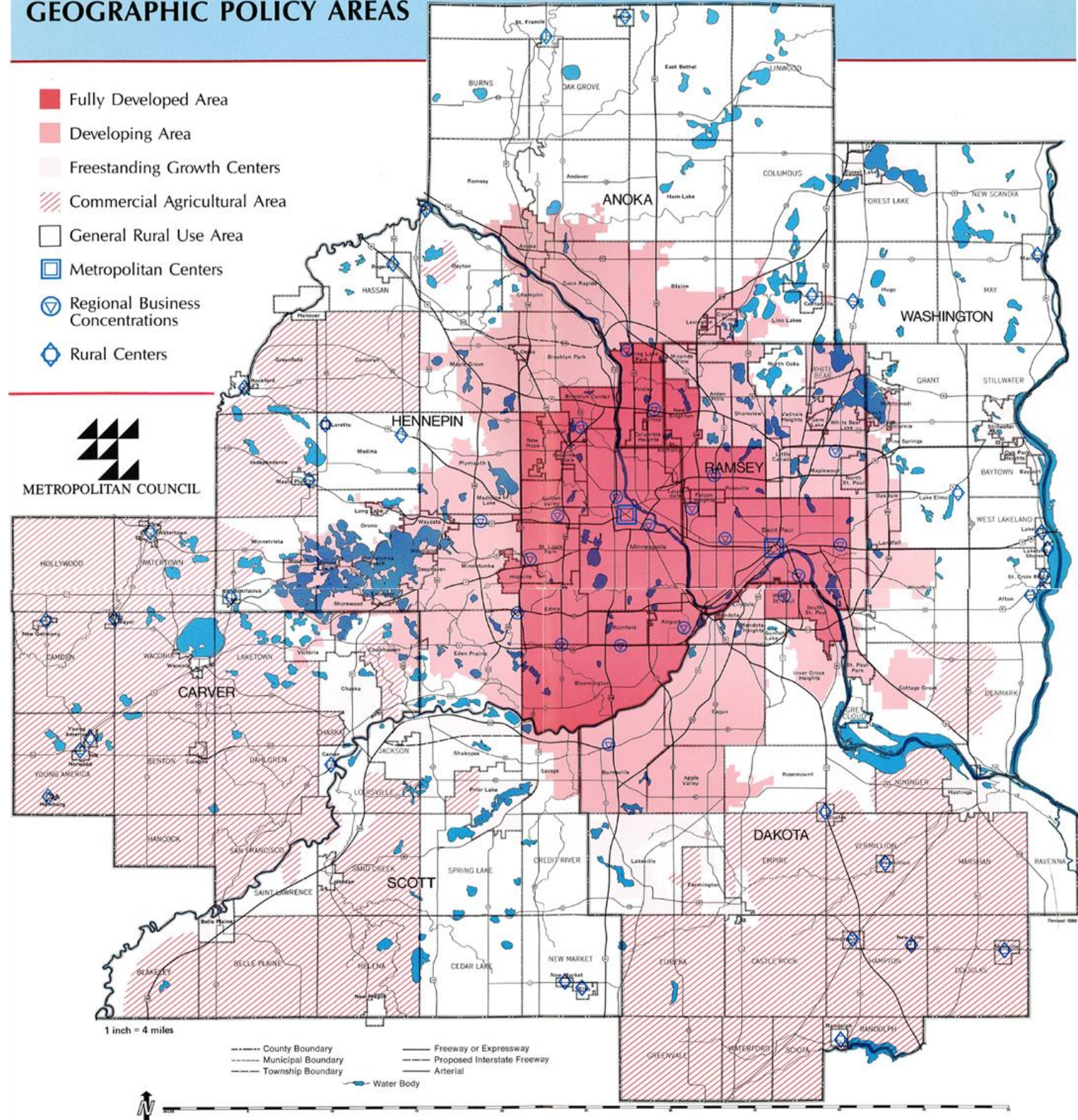
- Metropolitan Centers
- Fully Developed Area
- Area of Planned Urbanization
- Freestanding Growth Centers
- Rural Service Area



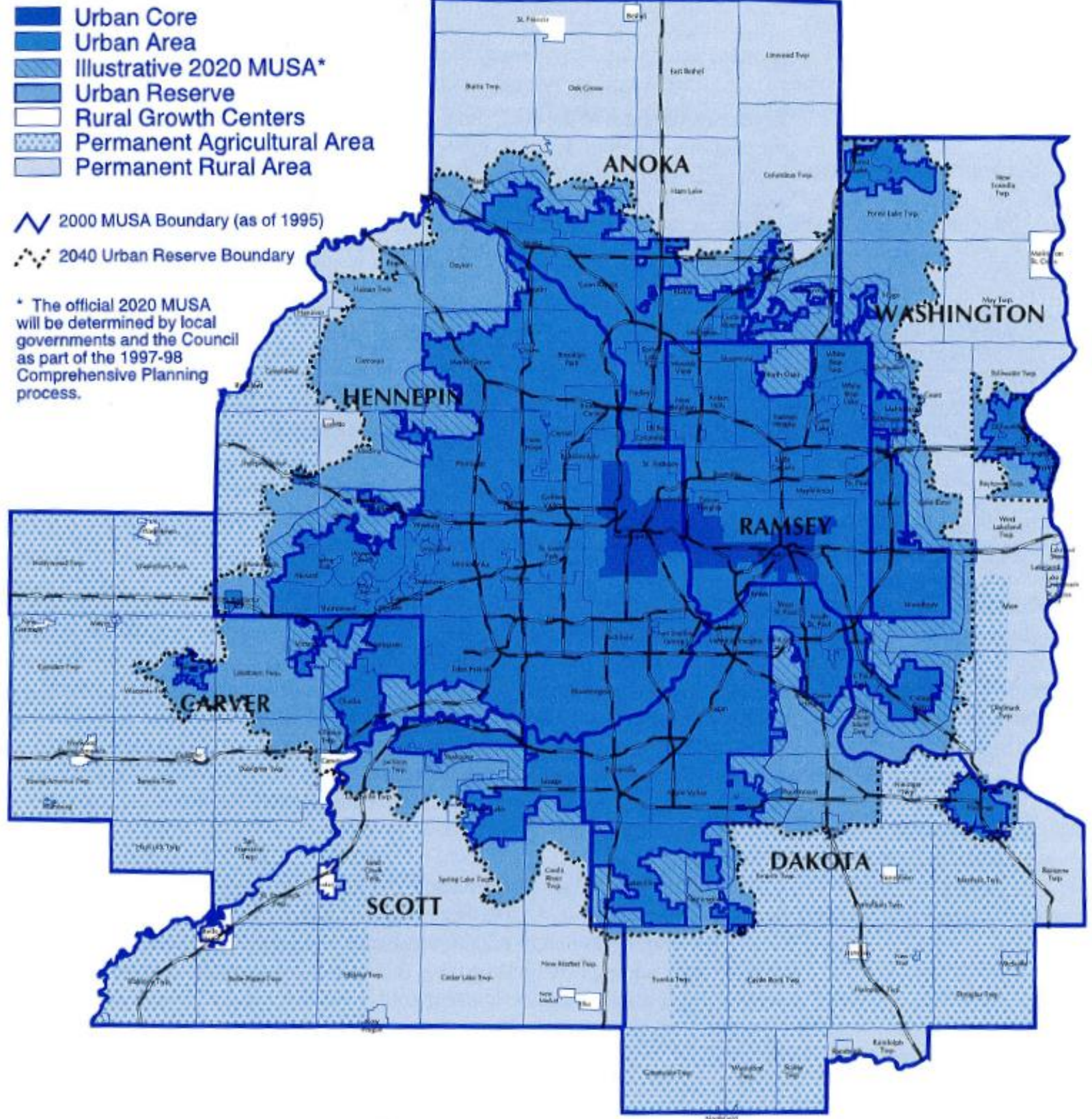
Metropolitan Development and Investment Framework, 1986

GENERALIZED GEOGRAPHIC POLICY AREAS

- Fully Developed Area
- Developing Area
- Freestanding Growth Centers
- Commercial Agricultural Area
- General Rural Use Area
- Metropolitan Centers
- ⊙ Regional Business Concentrations
- ⊙ Rural Centers


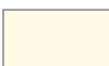


Regional Blueprint, 1996




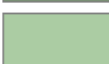
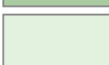


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Urban Planning Areas

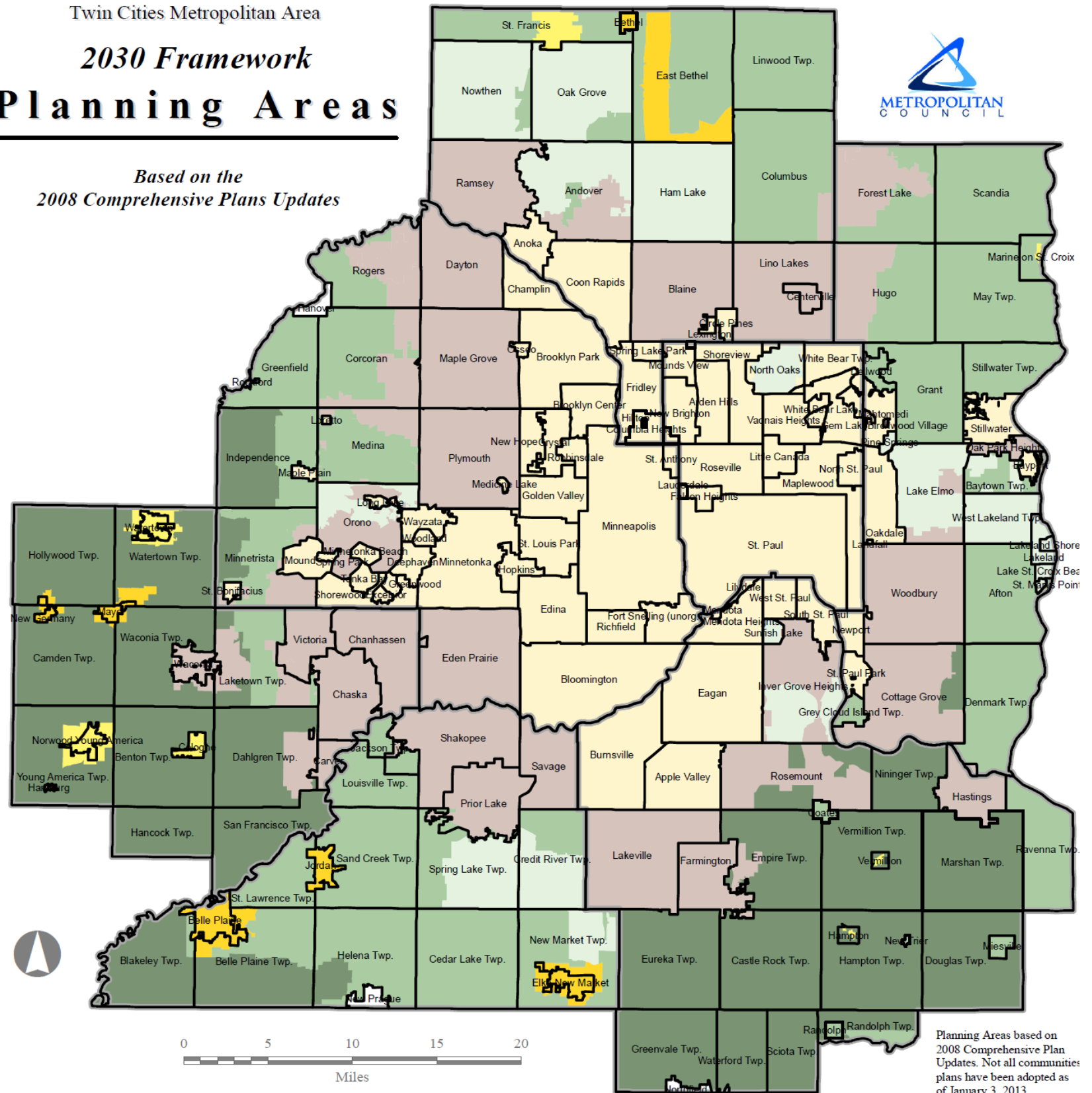
-  Developing Area
-  Developed Area

Rural Planning Areas

-  Rural Center
-  Rural Growth Center
-  Agricultural
-  Diversified Rural
-  Rural Residential

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area 2030 Framework Planning Areas

Based on the
2008 Comprehensive Plans Updates







Planning Areas based on 2008 Comprehensive Plan Updates. Not all communities plans have been adopted as of January 3, 2013.

Thrive MSP 2040, 2014

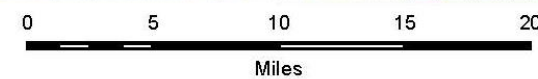
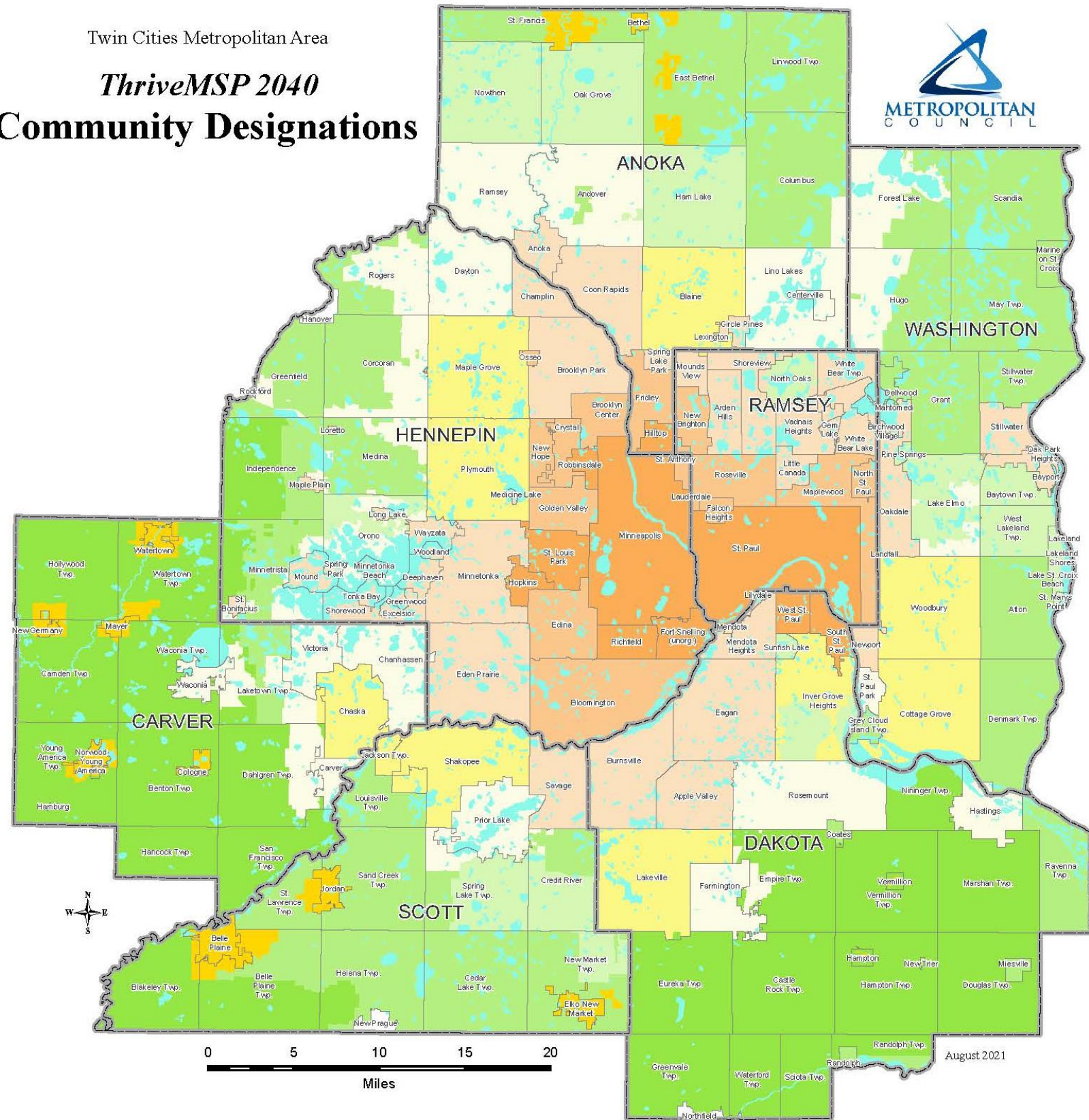
Urban Service Areas

-  Urban Center
-  Urban
-  Suburban
-  Suburban Edge
-  Emerging Suburban Edge

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Twin Cities Metropolitan Area ThriveMSP 2040 Community Designations



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Project Overview

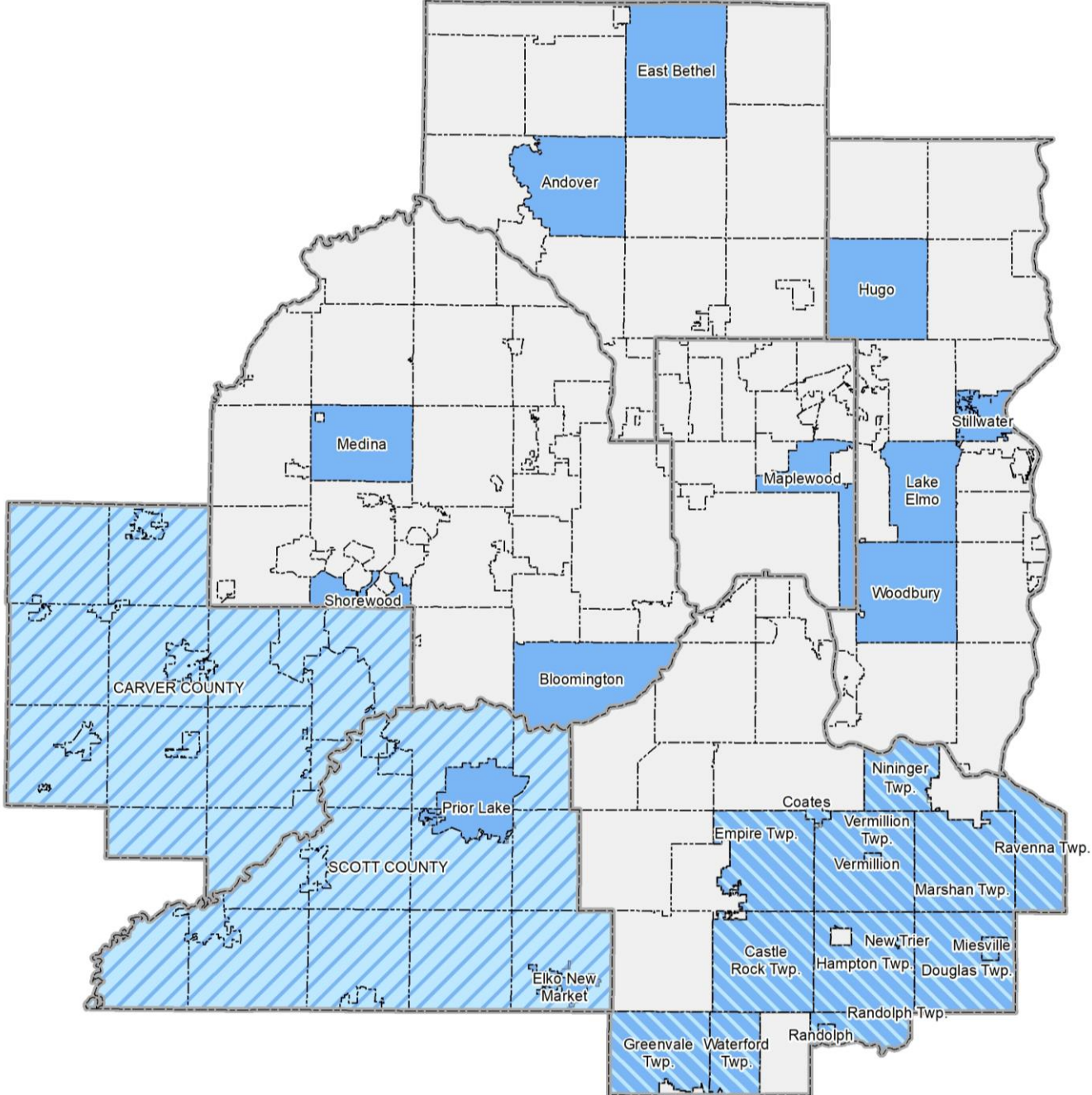


Project Components

- Iterative analysis
- Engagement
- Variable determination
- Developing proposals
- External feedback

External Focus Group

- City of Andover
- City of Bloomington
- City of East Bethel
- City of Elko New Market
- City of Hugo
- City of Lake Elmo
- City of Maplewood
- City of Medina
- City of Prior Lake
- City of Shorewood
- City of Stillwater
- City of Woodbury
- Carver County
- Scott County
- Bolton & Menk Consulting
(Dakota County Collaborative)

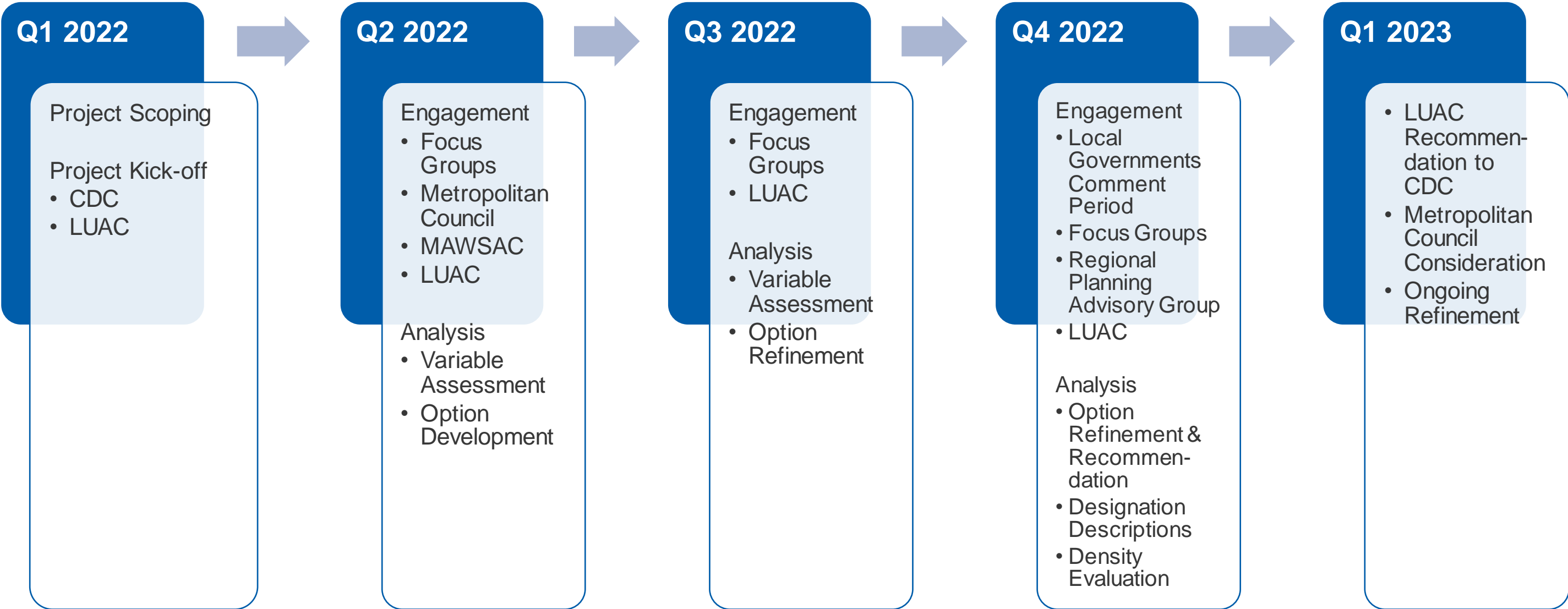


Internal Focus Group



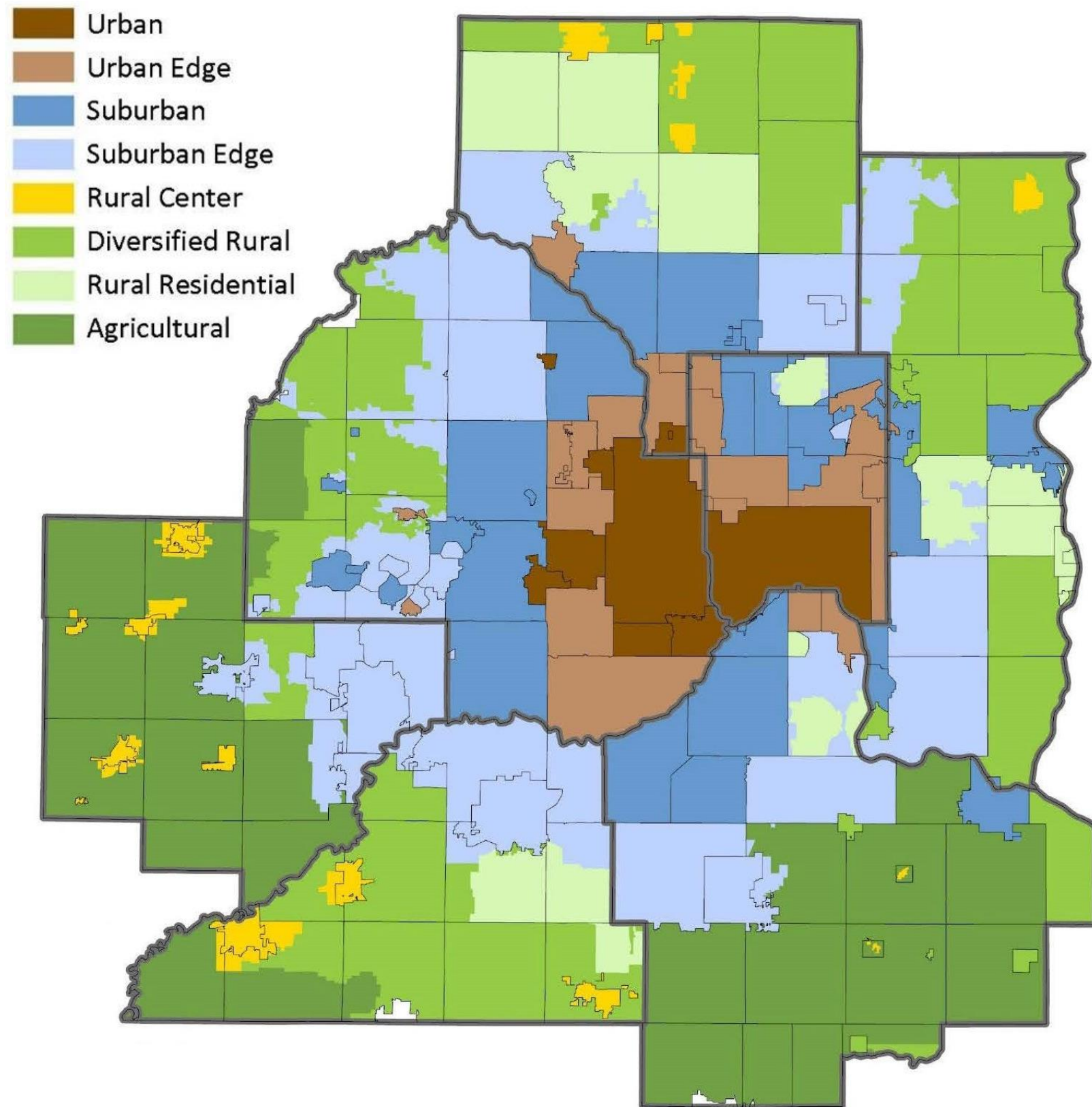
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Regional Parks
- Wastewater
- Surface Water
- Water Supply
- Transit
- Housing
- TOD
- Equity
- Research

Project Timeline



Proposed Designations

1. Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA)
2. Age of the housing stock
3. Intersection density
4. Planned residential density



Next Steps



- Density Analysis
 - Comparison of 2030 and 2040 density requirements and outcomes
 - Determine minimum density requirements based on community designation
 - Determine minimum density requirements around transit station areas
- Land Use Policies

Thank you

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