

PROPOSED MEASURES FOR REGIONAL GOAL: WE PROTECT AND RESTORE NATURAL SYSTEMS



Regional indicators

These measures describe high-level trends about the Twin Cities metro or region. Regional indicators can provide context on whether—and to what extent—our region’s trends are similar to other places and offer a sense of scale and persistence. These measures reflect the impacts of intersecting “macro” systems and require collective and sustained action to counter or advance. For that reason, it may be difficult to understand what drives change in regional indicator trends without additional analysis or data.

Regional indicator description	Regional goals			
	Equitable and inclusive	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change
Proportion of regionwide open space acreage to population		X	X	
Regional average of tree canopy coverage	X			
Developed acreage in Flood Impact Zones (FIZ)	X		X	
Growth rate of impervious surface acreage per household	X			
Metric tons of CO2 equivalent sequestered by the region’s natural systems per capita				X
Regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per capita				X
Number of Met Council Priority Waters delisted from MPCA Impaired Waters list				
Number of Met Council Priority Waters newly listed on MPCA Impaired Waters list				

Regional measures

These measures describe how Met Council's local partners advance Imagine 2050 goals, objectives, and policies. They may capture work among local governments, regional parks implementing agencies, community organizations, or other organizations or agencies within the region. Regional measures acknowledge that the regional values, visions, and goals described in Imagine 2050 cannot be achieved alone. These measures are often derived from primary data collection efforts led by Met Council, through surveys, plan reviews, and other research methods. The development of these data, as well as their findings, further our understanding of systems change within the region.

Regional measure description	Regional goals			
	Equitable and inclusive	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change
Regional acreage under conservation easement	X			
Metric tones of CO2 equivalent sequestered by the Regional Parks and Trails System per acre				
Total acreage of contaminated land cleaned-up			X	

Met Council measures

As a large organization with a diverse portfolio of work and roles within the region, Met Council measures highlight how our own grant and investment programs, services and operations, engagement practices, convening and coordinating of partners—among other actions—advance the regional goals and policy direction established in Imagine 2050. Incorporating Met Council measures in the Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program not only facilitates internal alignment and a clearer communication of our role, it also demonstrates how the Met Council leads by example.

Met Council measure description	Regional goals			
	Equitable and inclusive	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change
Number of trees planted in areas with extreme heat supported by Met Council Community Tree Planting Grants	X	X		
Number of ash tree removals supported by Met Council Community Tree Planting Grants				
Share of Met Council-owned facilities with climate-resilient landscape management practices				X
Volume of de-icing salt purchased for use at Metropolitan Council facilities				
Total acreage of contaminated land cleaned-up supported by Met Council's LCA-TBRA program			X	