

Community Development Committee

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Thrive MSP 2040 has set forth several new areas of emphasis and the opportunity for new Council initiatives. Thrive says that planning for sustainability means “providing leadership, information, and technical assistance to support local governments’ consideration of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.”

The plan calls for the Council to “expand its role supporting local governments in climate change planning to assist their efforts toward mitigation, adaptation and resilience.” This broadened role includes a suggested lengthy list of potential activities in data collection and dissemination; technical assistance in planning and the use of best practices; and participation in various collaborations at the state and regional level.

Council staff involved in the inter-departmental Thrive Climate Change Implementation Work Group have identified several initiatives and collaborations toward which staff and resources could be committed in the 2015 budget to begin to address the climate change aspirations set forth in Thrive MSP 2040.

Staff will present an overview of a possible budgeting “ask” in 2015 to begin this climate change work.