

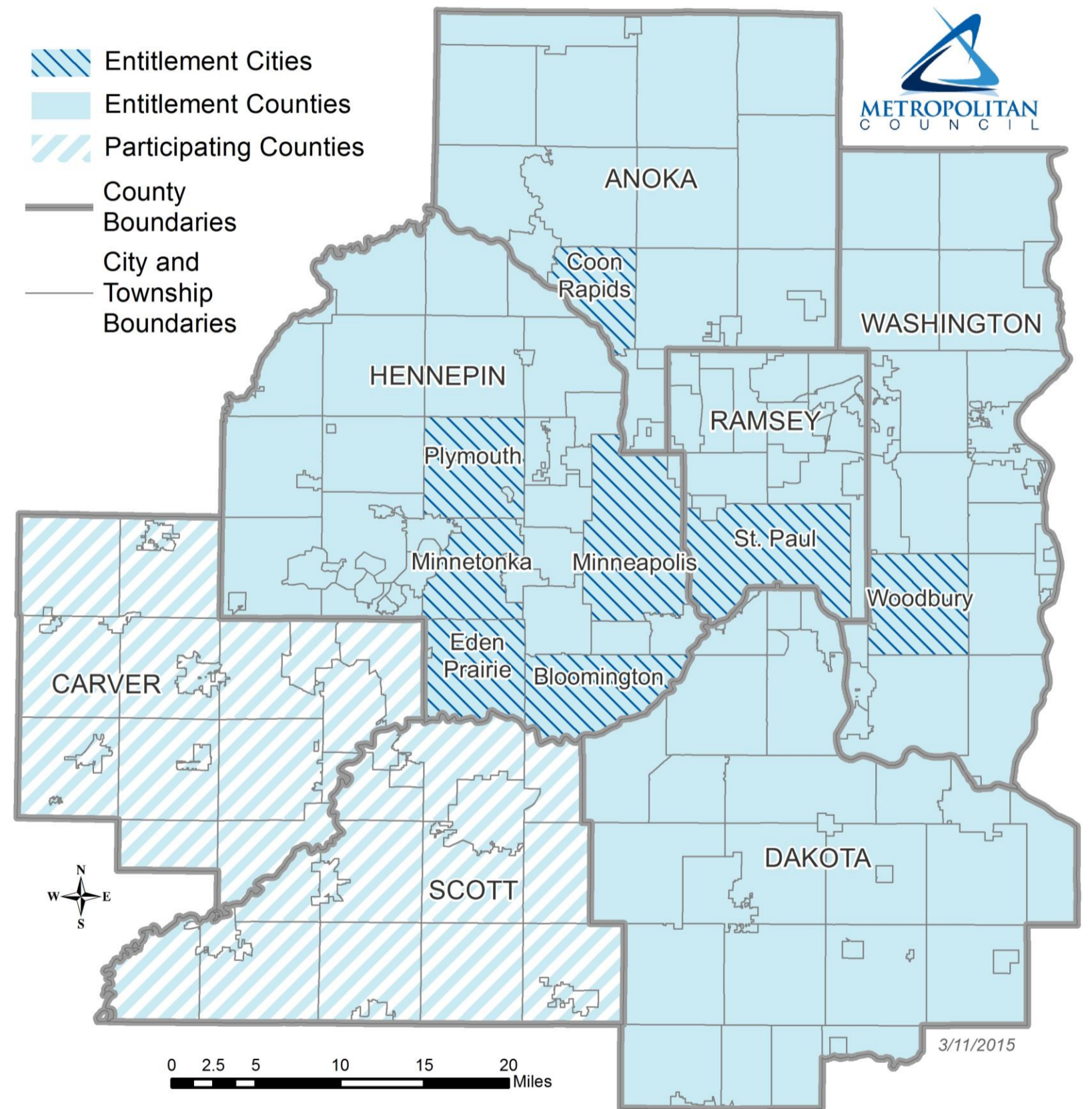
Update on the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

What is an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing?

- Reviewing the state's or the entitlement jurisdiction's laws, regulations and administrative policies, procedures, and practices.
- Assessing of how those laws affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing.
- Evaluating of conditions, public and private, affecting fair housing choice for all protected classes.
- Assessing of the availability of affordable, accessible housing in a range of unit sizes.

Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC)

Cities and counties that receive Community Development Block Grant or HOME resources from the federal government (HUD) – does not include the Metropolitan Council



Current status

- February 2015: FHIC finalizes the 2014 Regional Analysis of Impediments
- March 2015: Fair housing complaints filed against the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul cite concerns with the Regional Analysis of Impediments
- May 2016: Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul reach Voluntary Compliance Agreements with HUD and complainants that include an agreement to produce an addendum to the Regional Analysis of Impediments

Voluntary Compliance Agreements require advisory committee

- “The advisory committee shall be composed of the representatives of various community stakeholders. HUD will determine the number of individuals that will participate on the advisory committee with the goal of creating an advisory committee that reflects a balance of interests.”
- Advisory Committee, staffed by Minnesota Housing Partnership, to advise FHIC on:
 - scope of consultant work
 - selection of consultant
 - recommendations of strategies to overcome impediments to fair housing choice
 - strategies to overcome any impediments to fair housing choice and to foster inclusive communities

Fair Housing Advisory Committee

Names Submitted by Complainants	Sue Watlov Phillips, MICAH	Other Appointments	John Duffy, Duffy Development Company
	Marian Biehn, Whittier Alliance		Debbie Goettel, City of Richfield
	Carl Warren, Webber-Camden Neighborhood + Folwell Neighborhood		Lael Robertson Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
			Eduardo Barrera, CLUES
Names Submitted by the FHIC/Respondents	Andrea Brennan, City of Minneapolis		William Green
	Patty Lilledahl, City of St. Paul		Yusef Mgeni, St. Paul NAACP
	Margo Geffen, Hennepin County		Curt Boganey, City of Brooklyn Center
	Kathy Kugel, Dakota County		Natasha Villanueva, Inquilinxs Unidxs (United Renters for Justice)
	Alyssa Wetzel-Moore, FHIC		Ayan Hassen
Names Submitted by Equity in Place	Nelima Sitati-Munene, African Career, Education & Resources Inc. (ACER)		Robert Lilligren, NACDI
	Owen Duckworth, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability		Kaying Thao, Catholic Charities of the Twin Cities
	Shannon Jones, Urban Homeworks		
	Tia Williams, Frogtown Neighborhood Association		

Content of addendum to include:

- Fair housing issues:
 - Segregation
 - Racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty
 - Access to opportunity
 - Disproportionate housing needs
- Distribution of affordable housing throughout Twin Cities
- Reinforcing existing racial or ethnic concentrations of poverty or perpetuating segregation through:
 - Low Income Housing Tax Credits
 - Zoning ordinances
 - Housing-related activities
 - Policies affecting affordable housing
- The appropriate balance of investment in place and investment in new construction



Timeline of the addendum

- July 2016: FHIC released an RFP for a consultant
- October 2016: FHIC approved a contract with Mosaic Community Planning, based in Atlanta, to complete the addendum
- December 2016: Mosaic to complete draft of preliminary data analysis
- January 2017: Mosaic to summarize public engagement on fair housing issues
- February 2017: Mosaic to deliver draft addendum
- June 2017: FHIC members to adopt addendum



Outline of the addendum

- **Demographic Analysis** (the WHO question: who lives here; who is affected)
- **Housing Market Analysis** (the WHAT question: what's out there on the market; what condition is it in)
- **Public Sector Policy Analysis** (including land use policy, comprehensive planning, local zoning code)
- **Geography of Opportunity** (the WHERE question: where are trends occurring)
- **Stakeholder Perspectives** (community engagement)
- **Synthesis/Equity Analysis** (the WHY question: why are things happening the way they are)
- **Recommendations** (the HOW question: Strategies, Goals, Timelines, Tools, Responsible parties)

Next steps

- Under the new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule (released in July 2015), local entitlement jurisdictions – plus public housing agencies like the Council's Metro HRA – must submit Assessments of Fair Housing in 2019
 - Planning for the full Assessment of Fair Housing likely to begin in late 2017 or early 2018

Questions?