Community Designations
Why are community designations important?

- 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 and Investment Framework, 1986
Regional Blueprint, 1996
Regional Development Framework, 2004
Thrive MSP 2040, 2014
Process

Iterative process throughout 2022

Engagement
- Stakeholder Engagement
  - External partners
  - Internal technical staff
  - Council Committees
  - Coordination with other regional planning efforts

Analysis
- Evaluate current community designations
- Review and adjust previous approaches
- Analyze variables
- Conduct a spatial analysis
Preliminary Timeline

LUAC Jan-Nov 2022
- Guide the process
- Review refinements
- Iterative feedback
- Recommend final option to CDC

Stakeholder Engagement Jan-July 2022
- Conduct External and internal focus group meetings
- Engage with the Council and Committee of the Whole
- Gather and analyze feedback

Analysis April-Nov 2022
- Assess variables
- Create options for review by LUAC and focus groups
- Refine options as needed

Adoption Nov-Dec 2022
- Anticipated CDC and MC Final Adoption
Deliverables

- A set of criteria for defining community designations
- Proposed community designation(s) for each jurisdiction responsible for planning in the region
- Descriptions of each community designation
- Density expectations based on community designation
- Maps for community designations
Questions and Feedback

- Any initial questions or feedback
- Direction to LUAC
- Frequency of communications
- Method of communications
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