



Planning for Regional Growth

Community Development Committee



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Today's Discussion

- Preparing for 2050
- What's already been accomplished
- Planning for growth and development
- What to expect next

Why regional planning?



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**What's already
been
accomplished**



Building Understanding

2020

- Engaging with People Experiencing Homelessness
- Wastewater Reuse Policy and Practice
- Covid-19 Impacts on Unemployment, Income, and Housing Cost Burden
- Disparities People With Disabilities Face In Society
- Rethinking Areas of Concentrated Poverty
- Network Next and Arterial BRT Plan Update
- Development Trends Along Transit
- ULI-MN Navigating your Competitive Future Developers Panel
- Network Next and Arterial BRT Evaluation Results

2021

- MAC Recovery through the Pandemic
- MCES Wastewater COVID-19 Monitoring
- Regional Forecast Update through 2050
- Changes in Green Spaces in the Region
- 2020 Land Use Inventory
- 50-years of the Fiscal Disparities Program & Panel
- Affordable Housing Dev. Trends/Regional Housing Policy
- Chloride Impacts
- Growth and Change in the Region's Communities: Lessons from the 2020 Census
- Priority Waters Update

Building Understanding

2022

- Growing Shade: Tree Canopy Planning in the Region
- Recommendations for Water Supply Planning in the Metro Area
- Analysis of Thrive Equity Commitments
- Regional Parks System Historical-Cultural Study
- National Trends in the Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Growth Disrupted: Lessons from 2021 Population Estimates

2022 (cont.)

- Regional Chloride Trends in Metro Area Streams
- Residential Development & Deeply Affordable Housing
- Small Area Fair Market Rents
- Regional Parks System Visitor Study
- Young Leaders Collaboration

2023

- Addressing Homelessness in the Region

Building Understanding

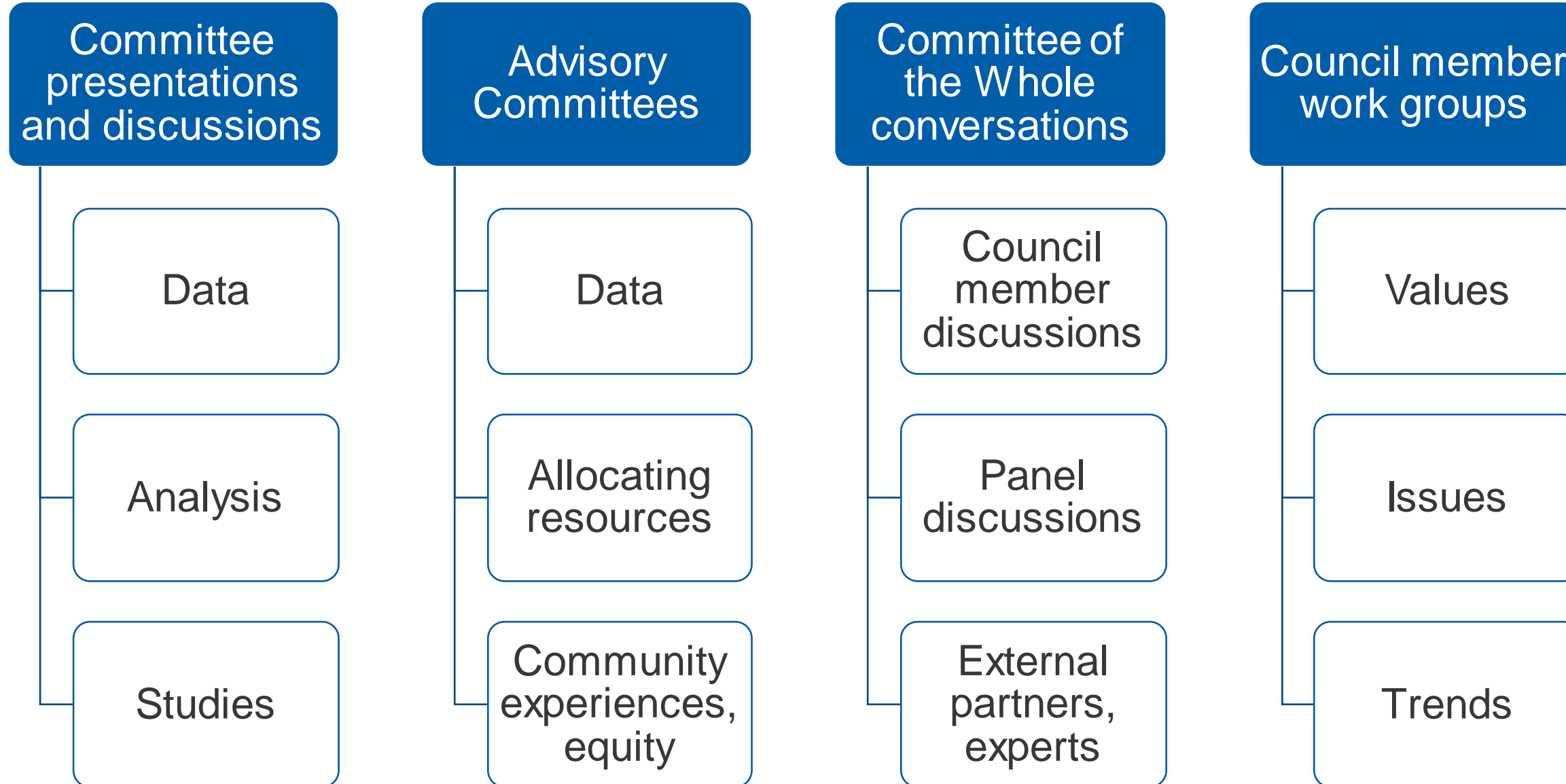
Annual Reporting

- Population Estimates
- Housing Policy and Production Survey
- Regional Parks System Annual Use Estimate
- Plat Monitoring
- Agricultural Preserves
- Residential Development Trends / Building Permit Survey
- 2040 Comp Plan Amendment Trends

2040 Comp Plan Composite

- April 7, 2021 – April 6, 2022:
 - System and Policy Plans & Land Use
 - Healthy Community Planning Project
 - Planning for Aging
 - Housing Tools and Locally Identified Housing Needs
 - Local Planning Priorities
 - Equity in Planning

What we've done - simplified



Council-adopted Plans



Metropolitan Council's
Strategic Plan, 2020-2022

Focusing on Transportation, Reducing Racial
Disparities, Housing, and Sustainability



Regional Economic Framework

In partnership with the Center for Economic Inclusion
and Greater MSP



Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan

Operations-focused plan for Metro Transit fleet



Metropolitan Council's
Climate Action Work Plan

Internal operations-focused 5-year plan

2050 Regional Plan Accomplishments

Regional Values

- Equity: We value the people and communities of our region.
- Leadership: We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change.
- Accountability: We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.
- Stewardship: We value our region's resources.

Regional Vision

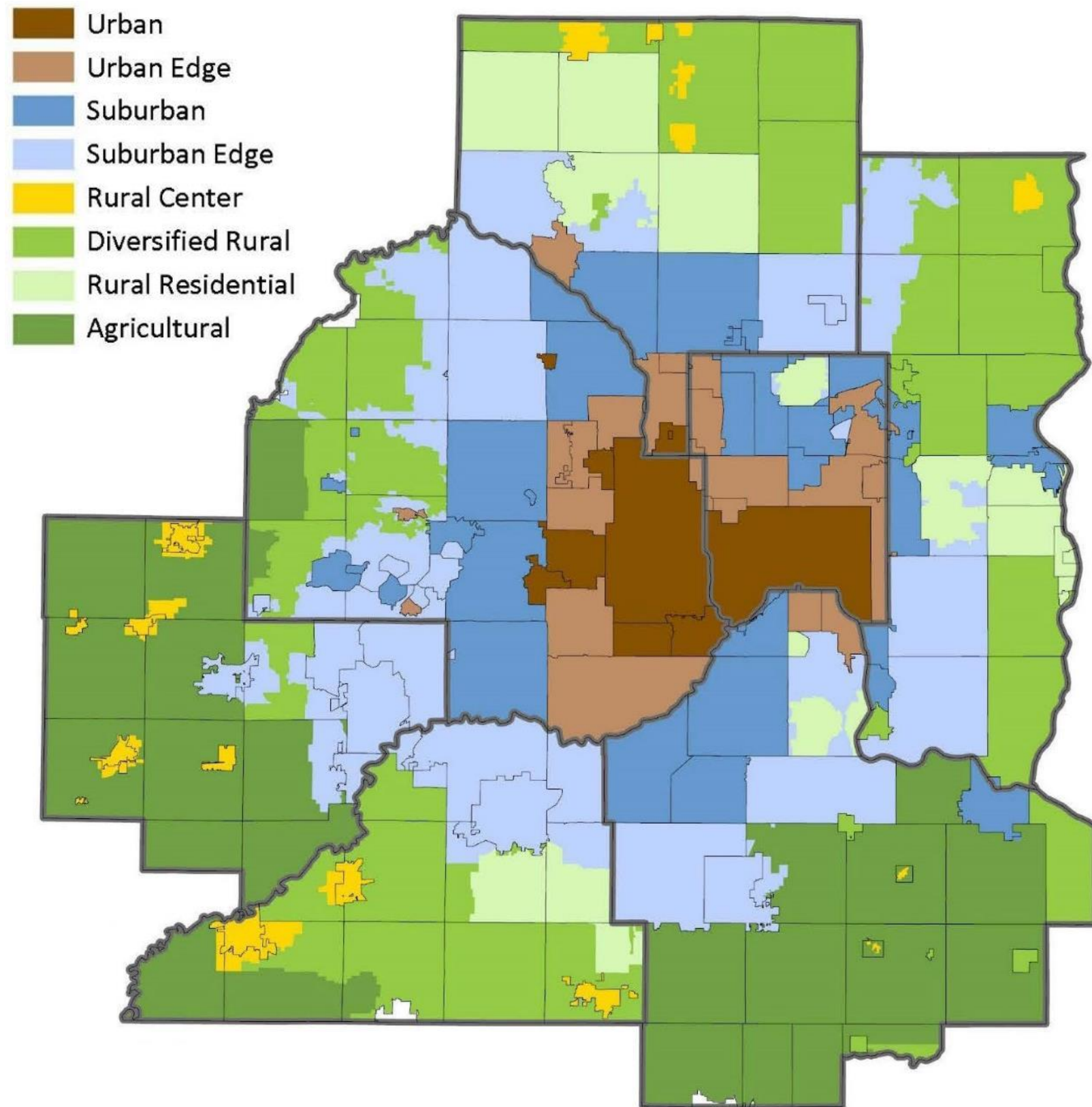
- Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming
- We Lead on Addressing Climate Change
- We Protect and Restore Natural Systems
- Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant

Significant Cross-Cutting Issues

- Equity
- Climate Change
- Natural Systems
- Public Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

Proposed Designations

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



Planning for Growth and Development



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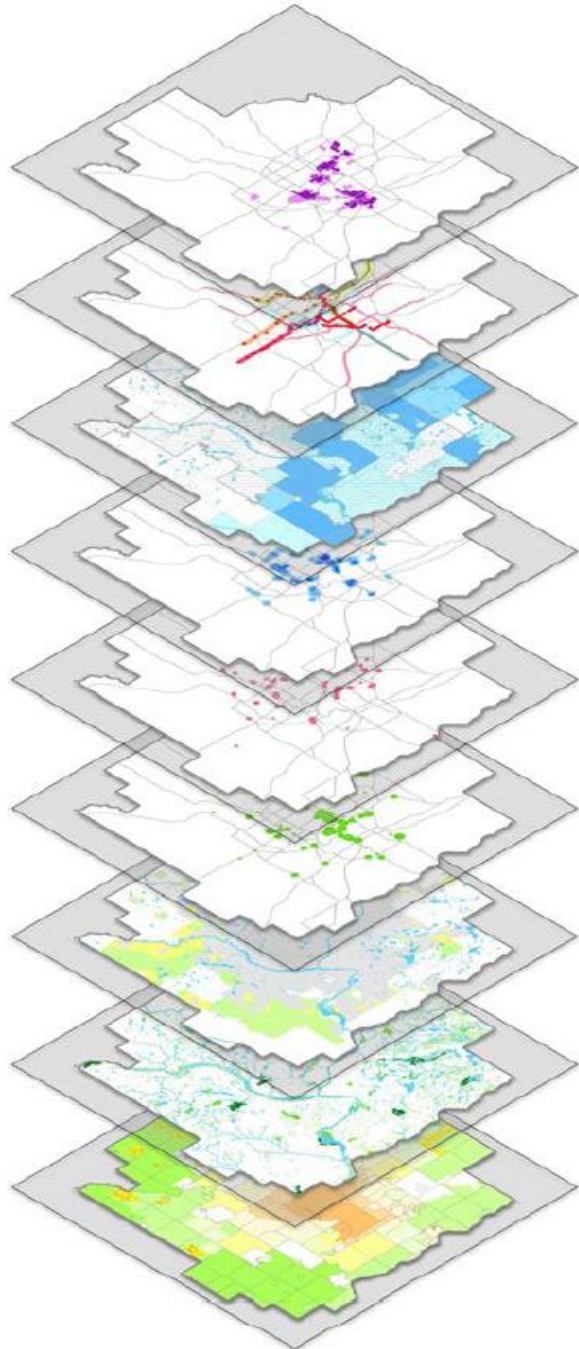
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... It shall consist of a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, programs, and maps **prescribing guides for the orderly and economical development, public and private, of the metropolitan area.** The comprehensive development guide shall recognize and encompass physical, social, or economic needs of the metropolitan area and those future developments which will have an impact on the entire area including but not limited to such matters as **land use, parks and open space land needs, the necessity for and location of airports, highways, transit facilities, public hospitals, libraries, schools, and other public buildings.**

Drivers of Change



Impacts to growth and development

Infrastructure location and planned investments

Environmental features

- Prime agricultural soil
- Water resources vulnerability and availability
- Land surface temperature
- Urban tree canopy
- Localized flooding
- Significant ecological areas

Guiding growth

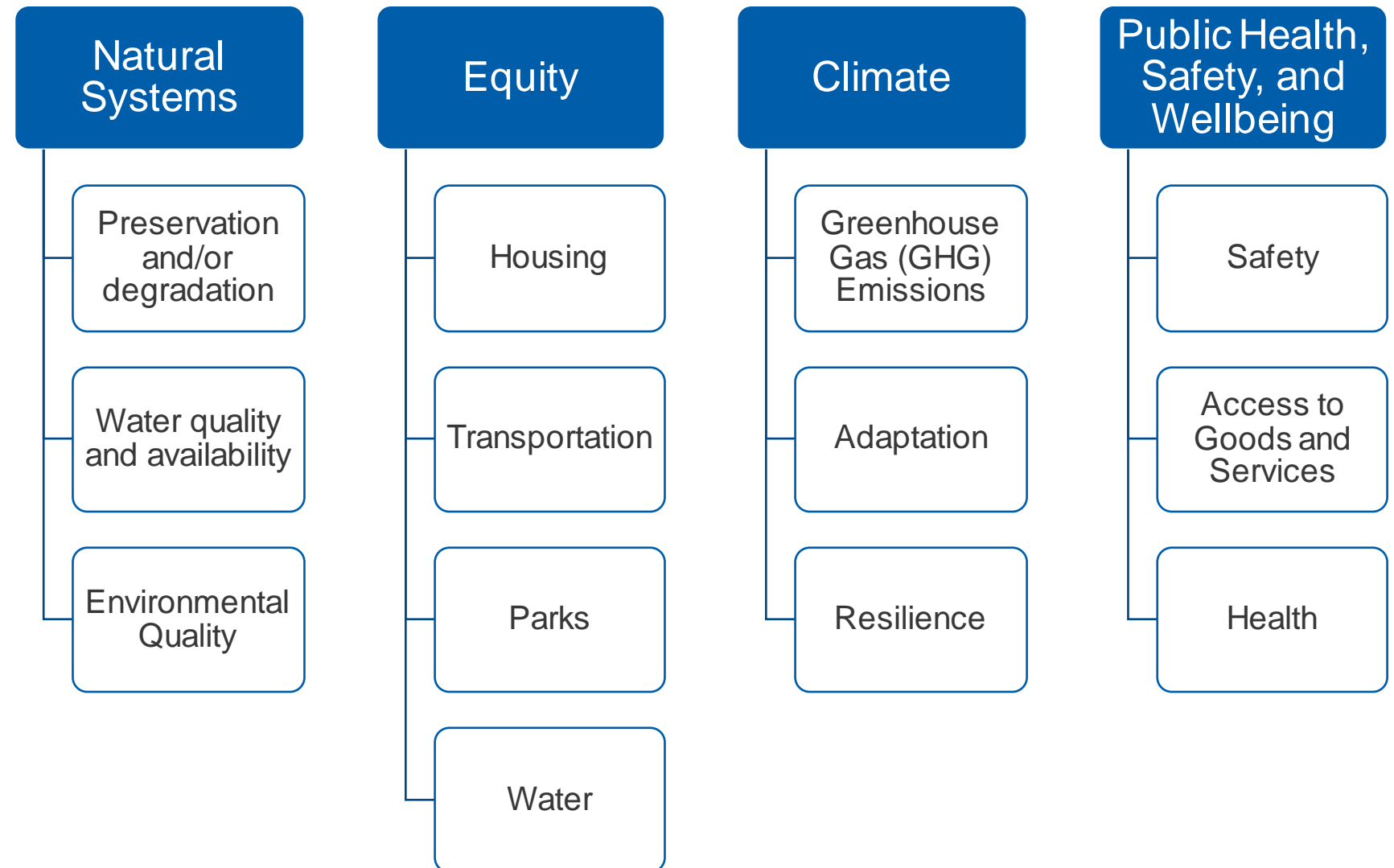
- Forecasts for population and employment
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Job/Employment density

Equity considerations

Opportunities and Challenges Analysis

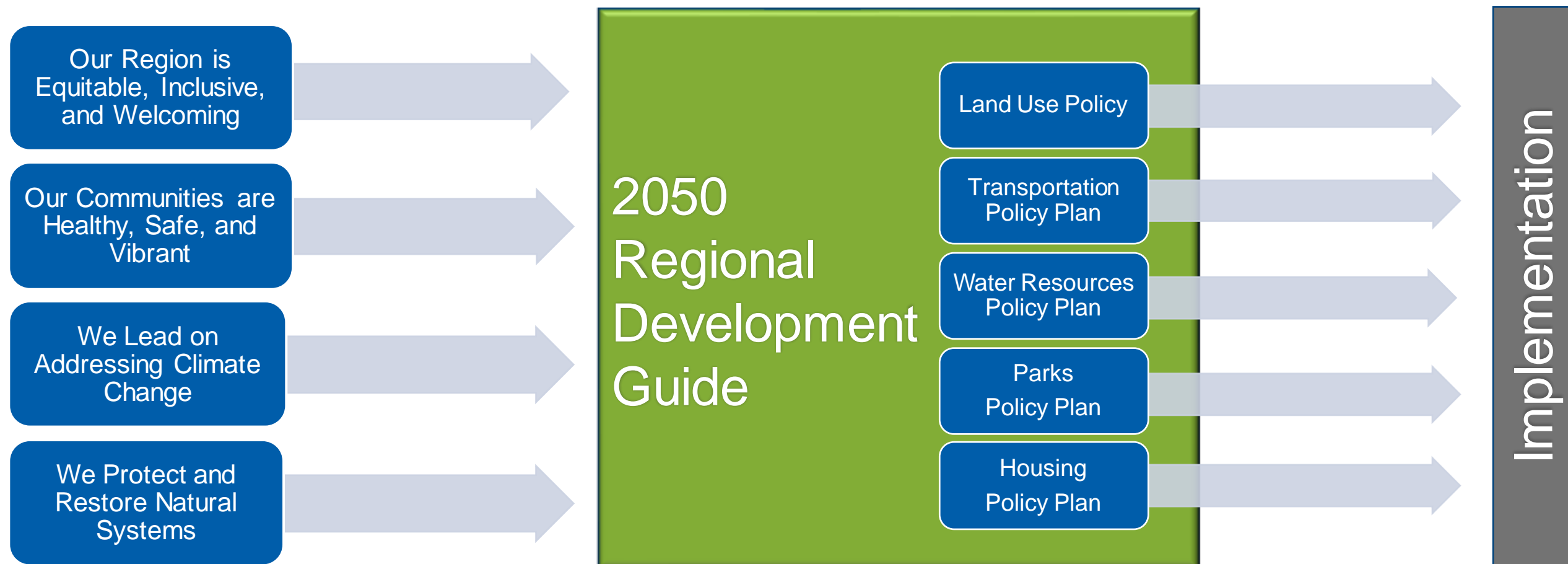


Regional Cross-Cutting Issues



Approach to Achieve Regional Vision

What will it take to realize the regional vision?



Engagement

Ongoing work

- Local governments and established partners
- Sector Representatives
- Standing meetings/groups
- Council meetings, Committees, and Work Groups
- Cross-divisional collaboration
- Professional organizations and conferences

Broad Engagement

- Targeted and Specific Outreach
- Topic-based Engagement
- Constituent Cohorts
- Virtual Town Halls
- Surveys/Forms or other electronic feedback

New Efforts with Existing Partners

- Regional Planning Advisory Group with Metro Cities
- Tribal Consultation and urban Indian organizations
- Center for Economic Inclusion and Greater MSP
- Governor's Council on Age-Friendly MN
- Local Planning Stories shared by city, township, or county staff
- Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at UofM

New Initiatives

- Young Leaders Collab
- Historical-Cultural Study
- Land Use Policy Cohorts
- Rural Focus Groups with MN Dept of Ag
- Climate and Natural Resources Policy Focus groups
- Environmental Justice Framework Advisory Group

Next Steps

What to expect

- Regional Goals development
- Regional Forecasts and Scenario Planning
- Land Use Policy discussions
- New engagement initiatives





Questions

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