



# Funding Recommendations

2023 Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Recommendations





# Livable Communities Act

## Program Goals

- Create more housing choice
- Support living wage jobs creation
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve natural resources
- Improve connections between housing, jobs, and amenities across the region
- Create more equitable development outcomes



# Pre-Development Grants

## Feasibility Analysis



Downtown Artist Housing, Chaska

## Project Studies



98<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Bloomington

## Infrastructure Systems



Towerside District Stormwater System, Minneapolis

## Development Planning



Northstar TIF Masterplan, Fridley

## Design & Engagement



Downtown Longfellow, Minneapolis



# Funding Availability



## 2023 Fund Distribution Plan

As part of the Fund Distribution Plan, the Council approved up to \$2,000,000 for LCA Pre-Development grants to be awarded in two application rounds with \$1,000,000 available in each funding opportunity.

# Process



# Evaluation Criteria

## Scoring Categories

- What: Project Outcomes (LCA & Thrive Goals)
- How: Project Process
- Who: Project Team

What: Pre-Development Project Outcomes		
The goals and vision of the proposed project would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals:		
	<i>Criteria:</i>	<i>Points</i>
<b>LCA and Thrive Goals</b>	Increase choice in local housing options by adding new housing types and creating affordable housing opportunities. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving a special population	<b>10</b>
	Create or preserve permanent jobs opportunities with emphasis on accessible, living wage jobs	
	Intensify land uses on the site and take advantage of connections between housing, jobs, services and amenities across the region and in the project area, including accessibility and universal design	
	Minimize climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources	
	Further equity outcomes in access to affordable housing, access to living wage jobs, climate impacts, and regional connections	
How: Pre-Development Project Process		
<b>Process</b>	Project process will include analysis of who will benefit most from the project and in what ways, and use findings to influence equitable development strategies and outcomes	<b>12</b>
	Provide meaningful and appropriate engagement, including a variety of stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those under-represented and most impacted by the project inequities	
	Degree to which overall Pre-development efforts and proposed grant activities further vision/ goals of the future development project	
Who: Proposed Project Team		
<b>Who Is Involved</b>	The strength of the partnership between the applicant (City/County/HRA/EDA) and development partner(s), including the level of support and engagement the applicant has with the project	<b>10</b>
	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those under-represented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way	
	The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and non-profit sectors	
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>
<b>Applications must score at least 22 of the 32 points available</b>		



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## 2023 Round Two Funding Recommendation

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- Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council



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Applicant	Project	Points	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Saint Paul	694 and 680 Minnehaha Ave E (Hamm's Brewery II)	28.5	\$200,000	\$200,000
Brooklyn Center	Brooklyn Center Opportunity Site Round One – Resurrecting Faith	27.5	\$300,000	\$300,000
Minneapolis	The CORA	27.5	\$150,000	\$150,000
Minneapolis	Unity Building	27	\$150,000	\$150,000
Minneapolis	Zarah	26	\$150,000	\$0
Minneapolis	Swank Eatery	25	\$150,000	\$0
St. Louis Park	Affordable Commercial SLP	25	\$90,000	\$90,000
Saint Paul	796 Stewart Ave (Little Mod)	24.5	\$100,000	\$8,600
Minneapolis	SFH917	23.5	\$150,000	\$0
St. Louis Park	Minnetonka Blvd Housing	23.5	\$185,000	\$0
South Saint Paul	2023 LCA Pre-Development – Round Two	23	\$179,000	\$0
Little Canada	2705 Rice	16.5	\$37,000	\$0

**Total Recommended** **\$898,600**

Total Available \$1,000,000

Total Remaining \$101,400



# Opportunity Site Phase I

## City of Brooklyn Center

Recommended Award:  
\$300,000

- Provide childcare, health and wellness services, business center, and barber/beautician suites.
- Part of larger development on Brooklyn Center's Opportunity Site.



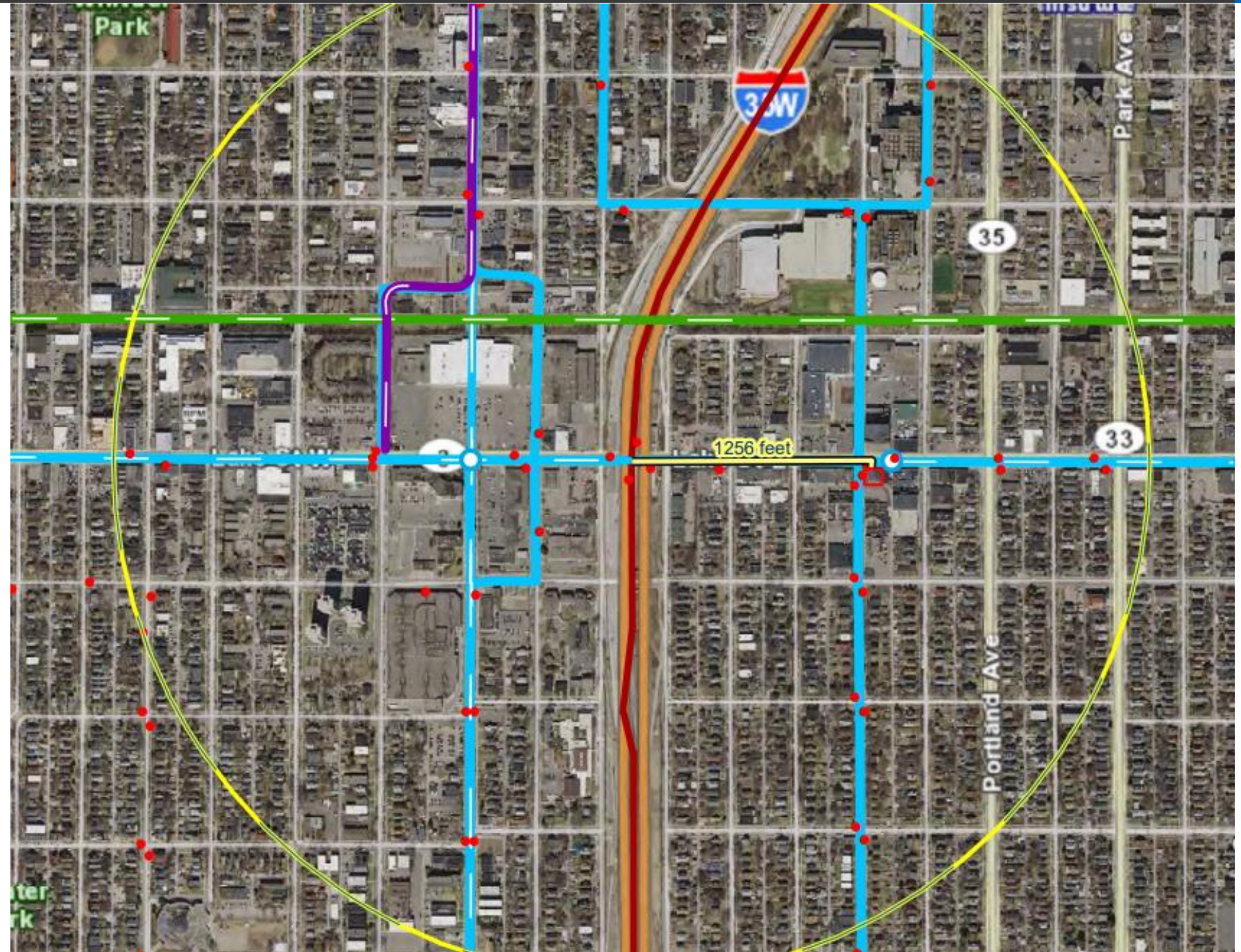


# The Unity Building

## City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:  
\$150,000

- Replace two dilapidated buildings along Lake Street
- Create a 4-story building to support small businesses owned by immigrants and residents of color.



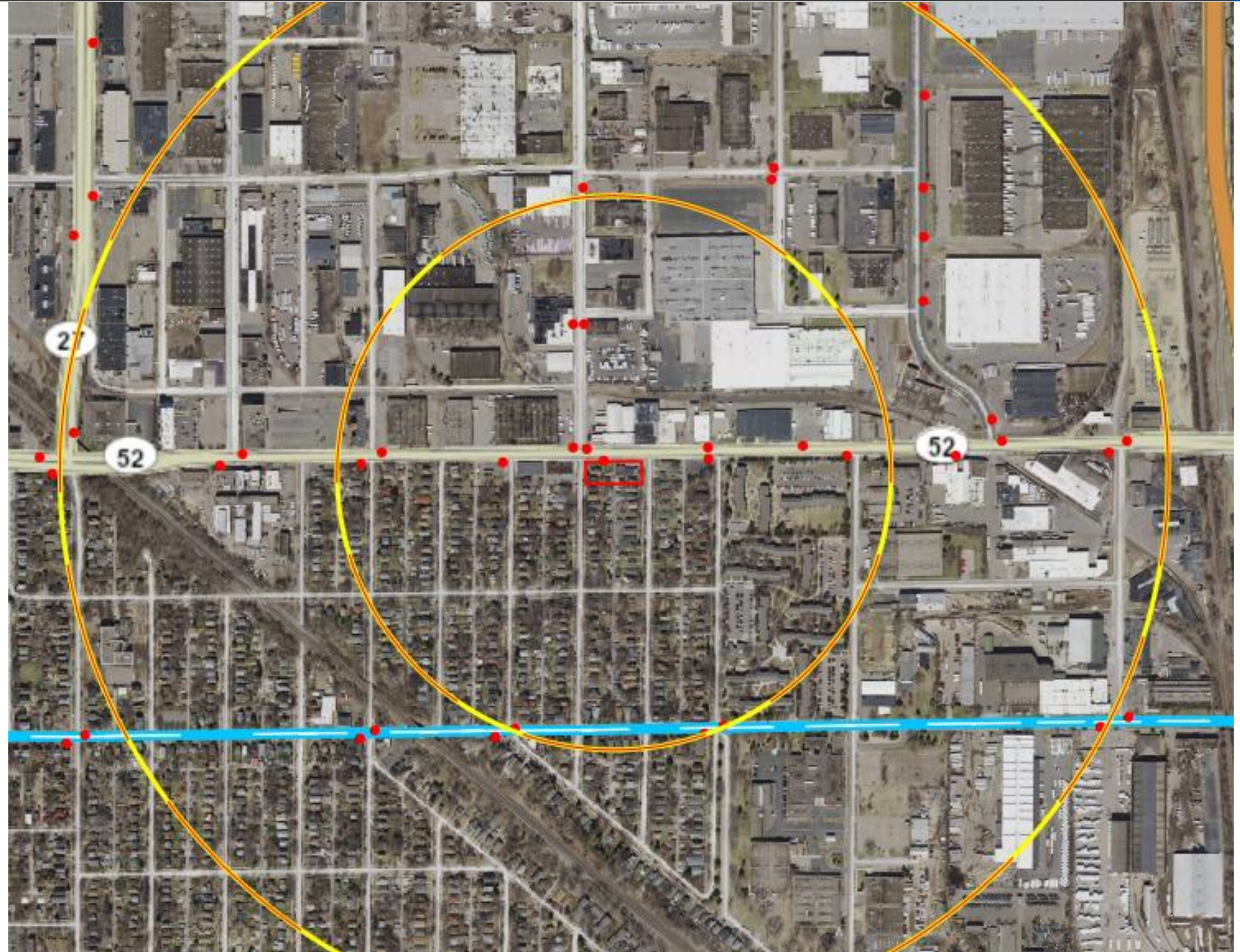


# The CORA

## City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:  
\$150,000

- Intergenerational affordable housing option
- Services for residents offered by local service providers



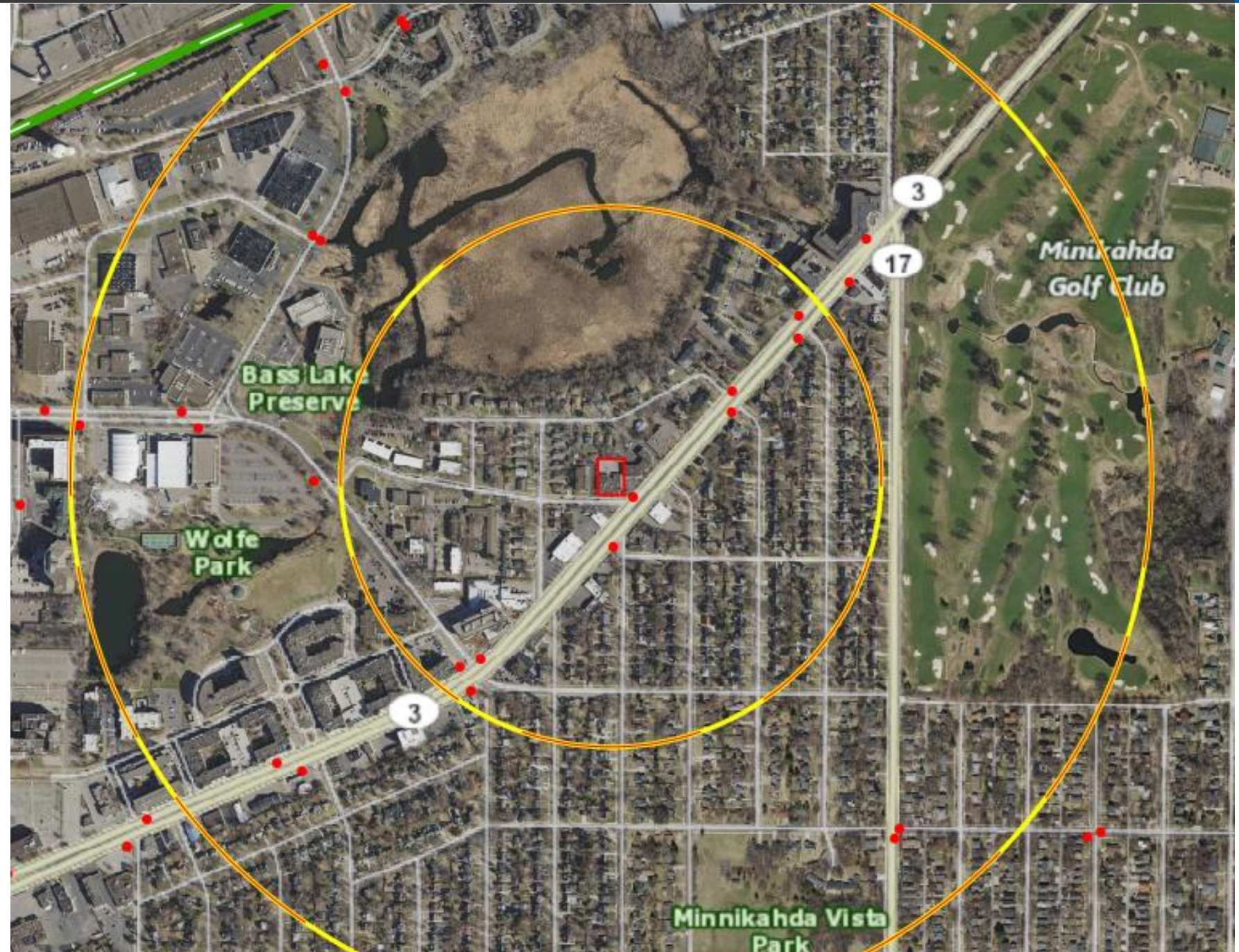


# Affordable Commercial

## City of Saint Louis Park

Recommended Award:  
\$90,000

- Affordable commercial space for small business owners
- Land trust model
- Ownership opportunities for small business owners





# Hamm's Brewery

## City of Saint Paul

Recommended Award:  
\$200,000

- Affordable housing with focus on family needs
- Ownership townhomes included
- Part of larger development project on the site





# Little Mod

## City of Saint Paul

Recommended Award:  
\$8,600

- Affordable co-living spaces
- Emphasis on environmental sustainability





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