

CD-Research Overview and 2025 Workplan

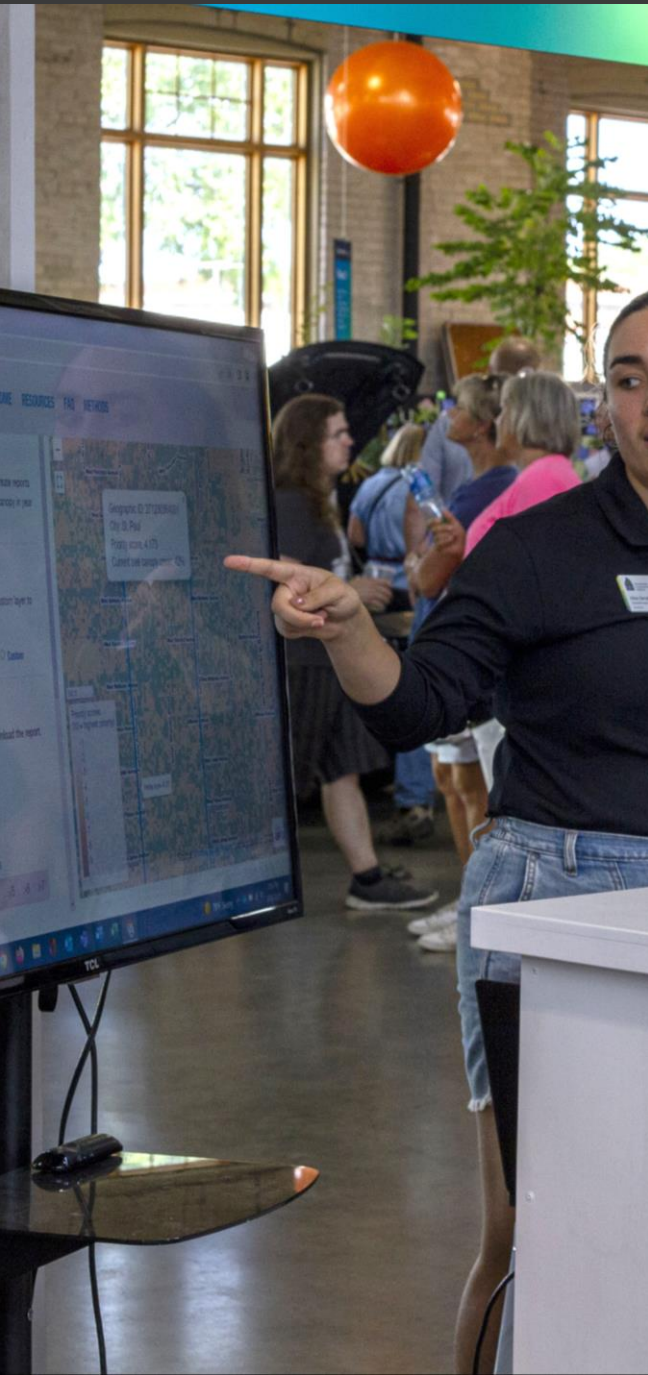
Community Development Committee



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CD Research overview



Generate credible, actionable, information and insights that advance equitable policy, services, and resource decisions

- Team of more than 20 researchers and data scientists with broad expertise
- Collaborative, highly integrated within other CD departments and across the Council
- Service-oriented

CD Research Department Overview

Four work units within the department

Data development and analysis

Rigorous quantitative data development and analysis

Manager:
Luis Estevez

Policy support and development

Research and leadership on major regional policy and planning initiatives

Senior Manager:
Joel Huting

Qualitative Research

People-centered, rigorous qualitative data collection and analysis

Manager:
Darcie Vandegrift

Strategy and Product Design

User-centered research products made accessible through design

Manager:
Krysten Ryba-Tures

CD Research Workplan

Major 2025 work

Data Development and Analysis

- Population estimates
- Parks use estimates
- Land use inventory
- Development trends

Policy Support and Development

- Regional Economic Framework
- Climate pollution reduction grant
- Population/employment forecasts
- Natural systems technical assistance

Strategy and Product Design

- Regional indicators
- Community profiles overhaul
- User research
- Interactive data visualization

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- Residential preferences of HRA voucher holders
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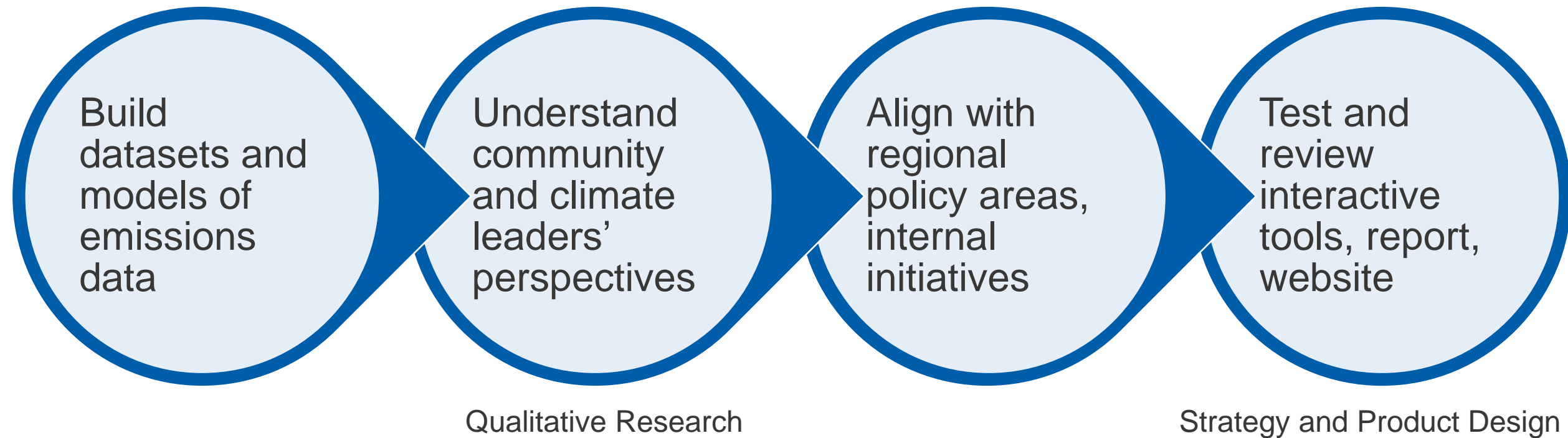
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Many “all hands” research projects

Example: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

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Policy support and development



Interactive Tools

Underway (2025)

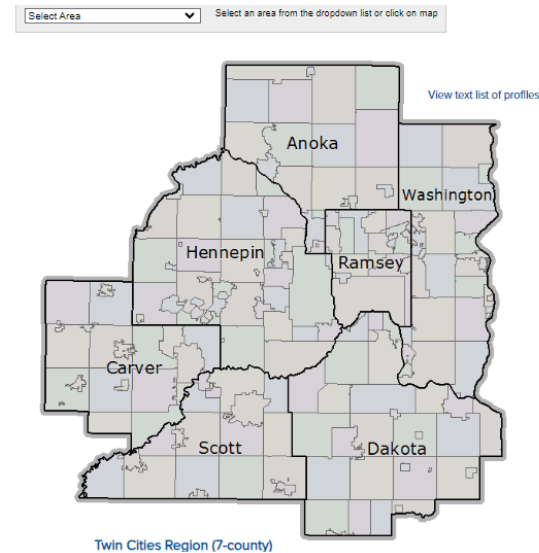
- Imagine 2050 technical assistance
- Revisions/updates

Next (2026 -)

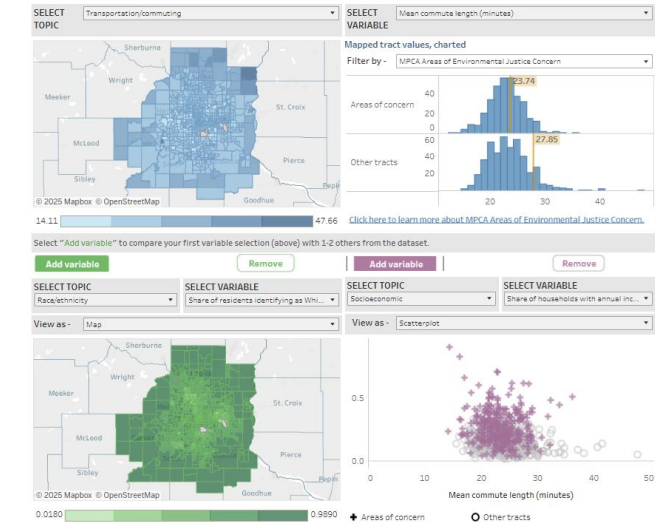
- Community Profiles
- Measurement dashboards
- Strategically streamline

Much of our research is published through online interactive tools available at metro council.org/research

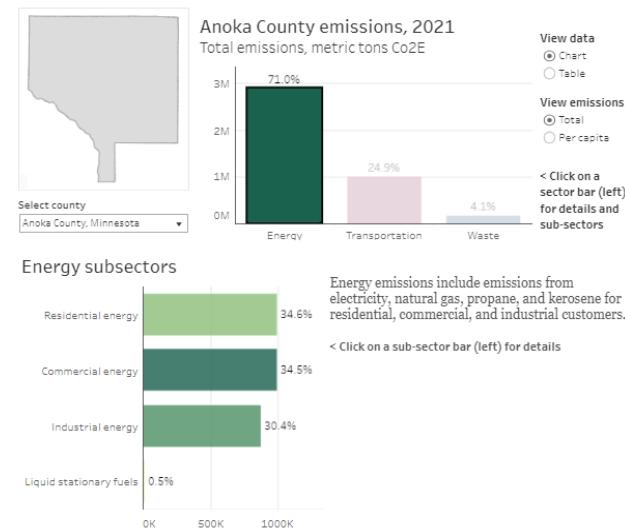
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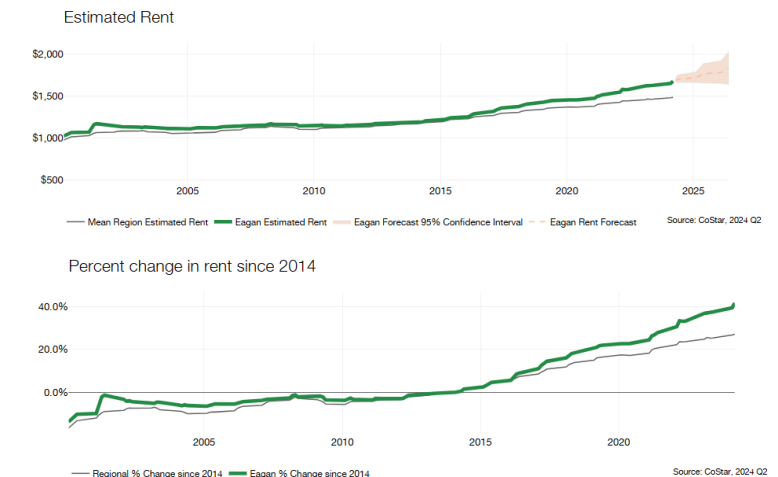
EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS



GHG INVENTORY



RENT TRENDS



Reports and presentations

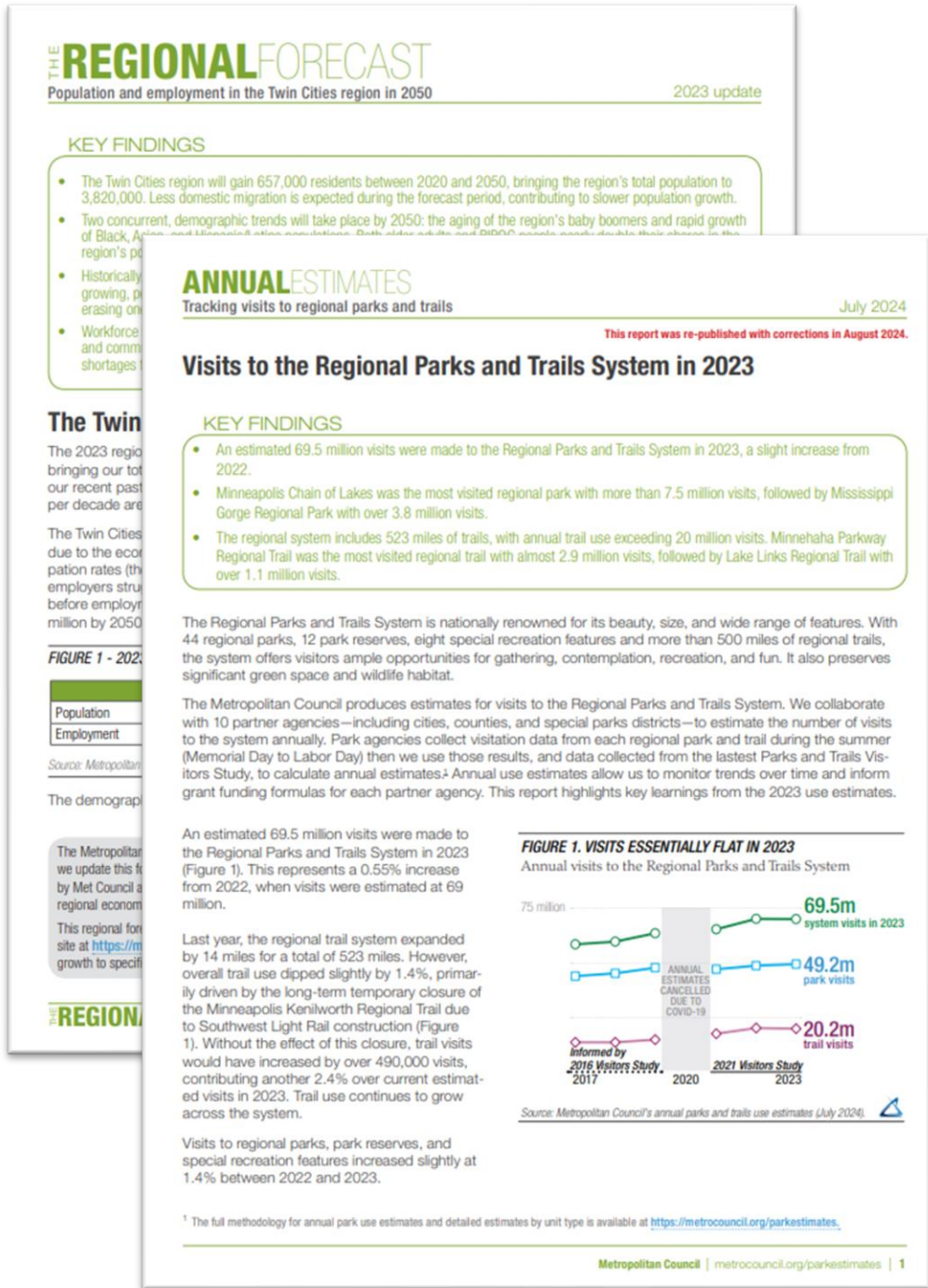
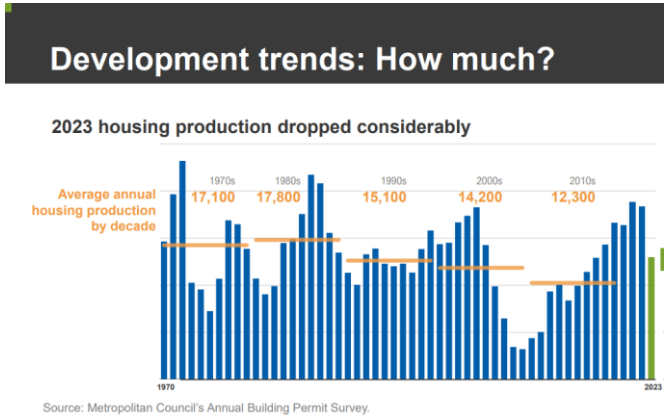
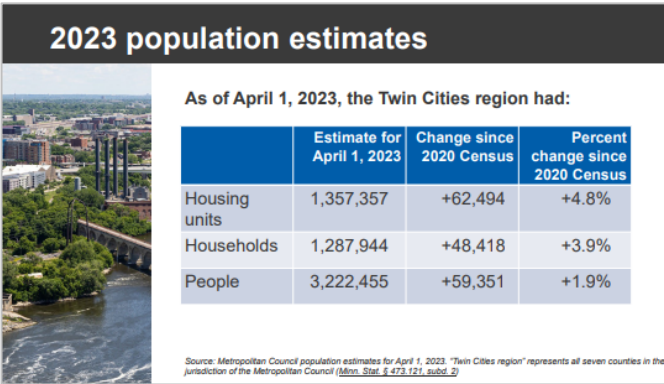
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- Annual estimates
- Housing and development

Next (2026 -)

- Regional forecast update
- Regional Economic Forecast

We publish reports and present findings of our analyses at metro council.org/research



Data development

Underway (2025)

- Natural systems and climate
- Annual population estimates
- Housing and development

Next (2026 -)

- Land use inventory
- Park and Trail Visitor Study

Lastly, some of our data may be less visible but available to download at metro council.org/research

Download data

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We publish spatial datasets to download on the MN Geospatial Commons gisdata.mn.gov/

Questions

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