

# PROPOSED MEASURES FOR 2050 LAND USE POLICY



## Regional indicators

These measures describe high-level trends about the Twin Cities metro or region. Regional indicators can provide context on whether—and to what extent—our region’s trends are similar to other places and offer a sense of scale and persistence. These measures reflect the impacts of intersecting “macro” systems and require collective and sustained action to counter or advance. For that reason, it may be difficult to understand what drives change in regional indicator trends without additional analysis or data.

Regional indicator description	2050 Objectives								Connections	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Other policy areas	Regional goals
Net change in the region’s housing units (by housing type)	X	X			X		X		X	X
Net population change	X	X					X	X	X	X
Transportation accessibility (by mode) to schools, jobs, SNAP retailers, and other neighborhood amenities		X			X		X	X	X	
Travelsheds by transportation mode of regional parks and trails		X				X	X		X	
Growth rate of impervious surface acreage per household				X						X
Share of region's population living in proximity to natural spaces			X	X				X		X
Net change in productive agricultural acreage	X						X	X		X
Regional acreage of Flood Impact Zones (FIZ)							X	X		X
Regional average of tree canopy coverage			X	X		X	X			X
Regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per capita							X			X
Regional average of daily vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita		X					X		X	X

## Regional measures

These measures describe how Met Council's local partners advance Imagine 2050 goals, objectives, and policies. They may capture work among local governments, regional parks implementing agencies, community organizations, or other organizations or agencies within the region. Regional measures acknowledge that the regional values, visions, and goals described in Imagine 2050 cannot be achieved alone. These measures are often derived from primary data collection efforts led by Met Council, through surveys, plan reviews, and other research methods. The development of these data, as well as their findings, further our understanding of systems change within the region.

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Net change in land acreage within the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA)	X								X	
Net change in land guided from lower to higher densities for residential development	X				X		X		X	
Net change in land guided from non-residential uses to uses that permit residential development	X				X				X	
Land consumption rate of single-family detached housing	X				X		X			
Net change in residential land use intensity (household per acre) on land previously developed (2010 or 2020 baseline)	X		X		X			X		
Net change in residential land use intensity (household per acre) in areas prioritized for redevelopment in 2040 local comprehensive plans	X		X		X			X		
Net change in economic land use intensity (jobs per acre) on land previously developed (2010 or 2020 baseline)	X		X					X	X	
Net change in economic land use intensity (jobs per acre) in areas prioritized for redevelopment in 2040 local comprehensive plans	X		X					X	X	
Share of vacant infill acreage that is developed	X						X		X	
Total acreage of contaminated land cleaned up	X	X		X			X			X
Net change in natural systems acreage protected under conservation easements				X						X
Programs and policies adopted by local governments to mitigate and reduce GHG emissions	X	X					X			
Programs and policies adopted by local governments to enhance climate resiliency and natural systems	X			X			X			

## Met Council measures

As a large organization with a diverse portfolio of work and roles within the region, Met Council measures highlight how our own grant and investment programs, services and operations, engagement practices, convening and coordinating of partners—among other actions—advance the regional goals and policy direction established in Imagine 2050. Incorporating Met Council measures in the Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program not only facilitates internal alignment and a clearer communication of our role, they also demonstrate how the Met Council leads by example.

Met Council measure description	2050 Objectives								Connections	
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Total acreage of contaminated land cleaned-up supported by Met Council's LCA-TBRA program				X			X	X		X

## 2050 Land Use Policy – Objectives list

To view the full plan, including policies and actions for each objective, visit: <https://imagine2050.metrocouncil.org/read-the-plans/land-use/>

**Objective 1:** Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

**Objective 2:** Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

**Objective 3:** Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live, work, and recreate in.

**Objective 4:** Prioritize land use and development activities that protect, restore, and enhance natural systems at all scales.

**Objective 5:** Ensure that people in all types of communities find housing opportunities that align with their needs.

**Objective 6:** Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

**Objective 7:** Implement land use and development practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, embed climate adaptation, and create resilient communities.

**Objective 8:** Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.