



# Water Policy Plan Update

Policy discussion and direction



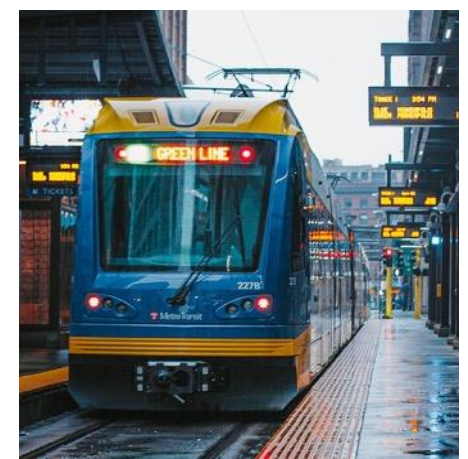
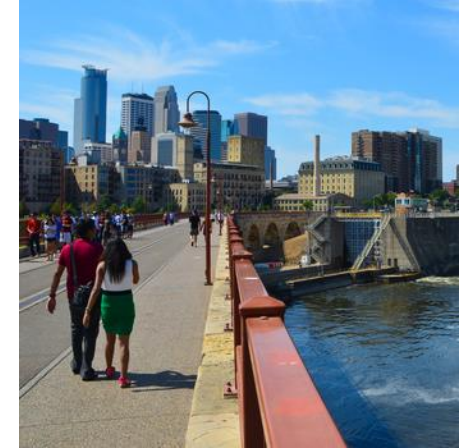
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# Water Policy Plan (WPP)

## Plan Purpose

- Met Council is developing the 2050 Water Policy Plan, which **focuses on ensuring sustainable water resources in the region**. It is a part of and informed by the Regional Development Guide.
- The WPP provides a **framework for integrative water planning** (wastewater, water supply, and water resources) the Metro Area Water Supply Plan, and the Wastewater System Plan.
- It contains water **policies, strategies, and actions** for both the Met Council and our 180+ local governments within the seven-county region.
- WPP policies **will commit the Council** to take action in the areas of long-range visioning and planning, regional system investments, facility management, technical assistance, research and assessment, and partnerships.



# Regional Values, Vision, and Goals

## Values

Values are core beliefs or principals that guide the work of the Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development.

## Vision

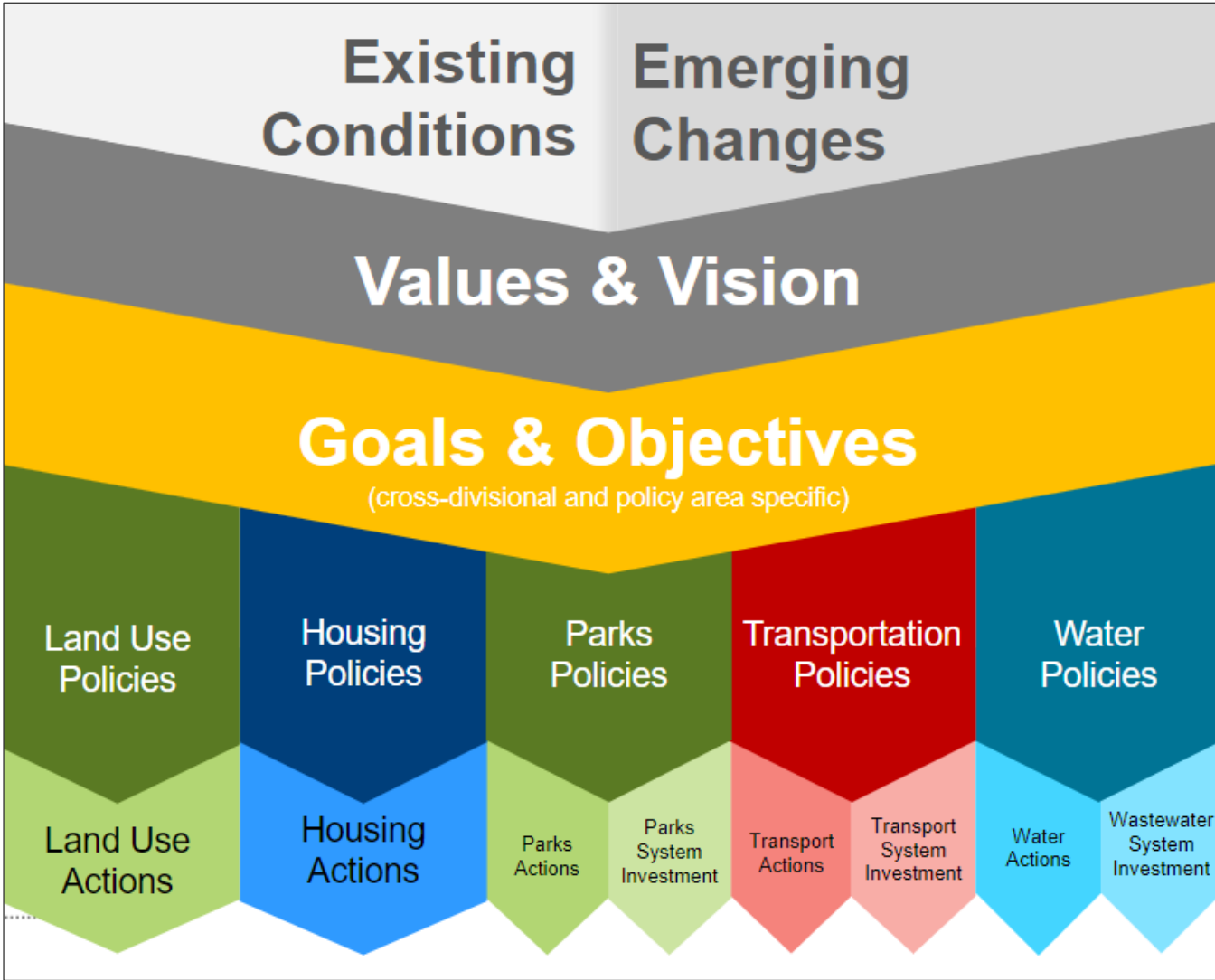
Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

## Goals

Our goals broadly describe the desired outcomes that we want to achieve for the region.

### Cross-Cutting Goals

Goals that require special collaboration across policy and work areas.



# Draft WPP objectives



**CLIMATE:** Create climate-resilient water sources, ecosystems, and water infrastructure through mitigation, innovative design, and adaptive planning.



**HEALTH:** Protect public and ecosystem health to maintain, restore, and enhance a high quality of life, regional waters, and water services across the region.



**INVESTMENTS:** Water protection, planning, programmatic, and infrastructure investments are optimized for current and future generations.



**EQUITY:** Water benefits and services are accessible and shared amongst all residents and communities.

# Policy template

## Topic Area

Narrative language to set context for policy.

### Regional Water Policy

The policies are intended to apply for the whole region, knowing that there are many agencies, organizations, and people connected by water.

### Desired Outcomes:

Statements that describe specific changes that will result of the policy.

### Connected Objectives:



### Example Actions:

#### PARTNER

- Actions that require collaboration with other organizations to enact.

#### PLAN

- Actions that plan to create, protect, maintain, enhance, and restore regional waters and water infrastructure.

#### PROVIDE

- Actions that help the Met Council deliver our water planning and treatment services to the region.

# Draft policy topics



## ✓ Integrated Water Policy

- Water Equity
- Water Monitoring, Data, and Assessment
- Climate Adaptation and Mitigation
- Water and Land Use
- Water Reuse

**More policies to come...**

# Breakout discussion

- **What are your first impressions?**
- **Are we on the right path?**
- **Should we modify the policies?**
- **Did we miss an action?**

Thank you

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