



Water Policy Plan Update

Policy discussion and direction



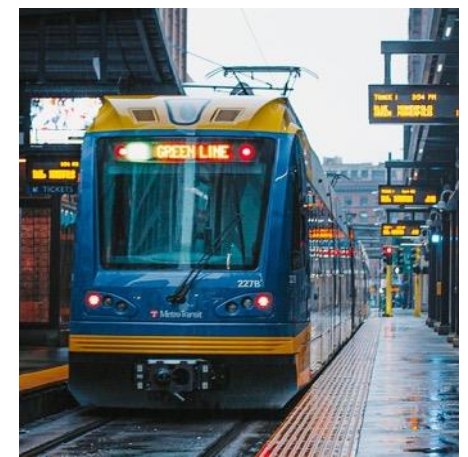
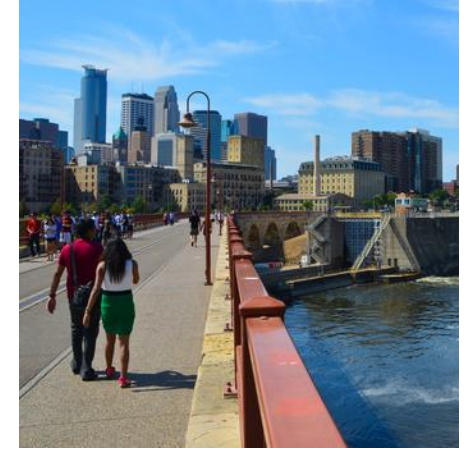
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Water Policy Plan (WPP)

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

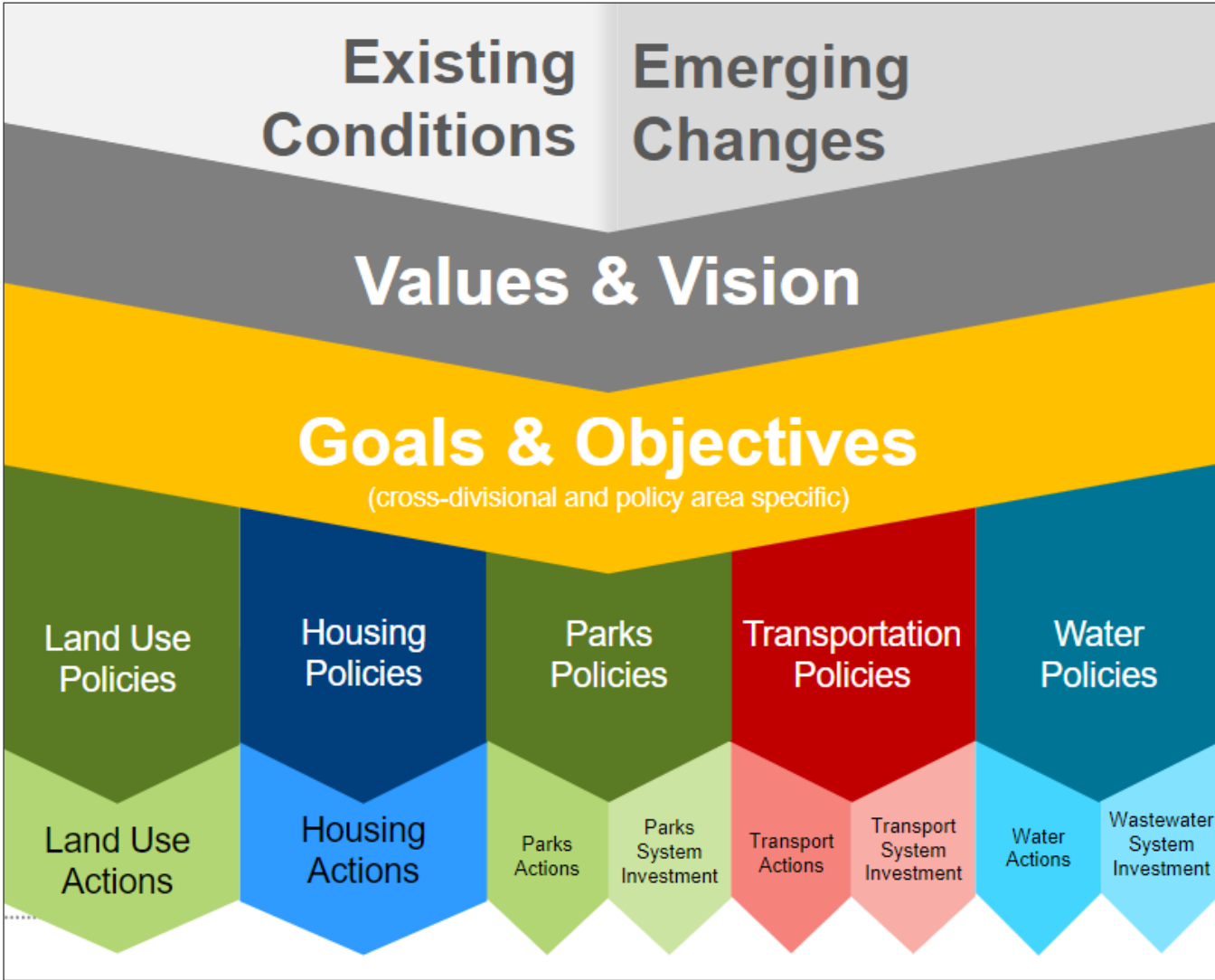
Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

Goals

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

Cross-Cutting Goals

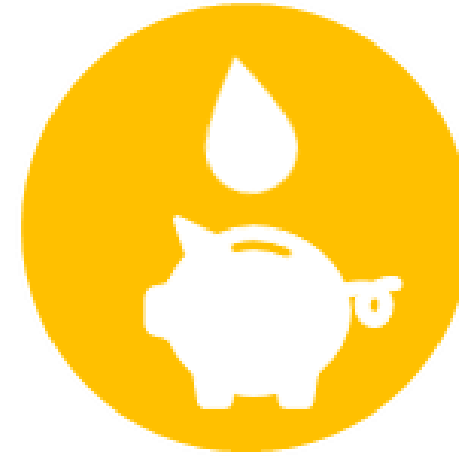
Goals that require special collaboration across policy and work areas.



Draft WPP objectives



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



INFRASTRUCTURE: Optimize regional water protection, planning, and infrastructure investments.



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



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, and people connected by water.

Desired Outcomes:

- Statements that describe specific changes that will be the 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
- ✓ Equitable Water Outcomes Policy
- ✓ Water Monitoring, Data, and Assessment Policy
- ✓ Climate Resiliency Policy
- ✓ Water-focused, Land Protection, and Development Policy
- ✓ Water Stewardship and Sustainability Policy
- ✓ Water Reuse Policy
- ✓ Water Quality Policy
- **Regional Wastewater Operations and Finance Policy**
- **Regional Wastewater Service Area Policy**
- **Inflow and Infiltration Policy**
- **Water Sector Workforce Development Policy**

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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