

**Met Council - Existing Conditions Analysis**  
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This tool features Council actions across five foundational documents: Thrive MSP 2040 Land Use Policy, 2019 METC Goals, 2040 Transportation Plan, 2040 Water Resources Plan, and 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan. The goal is to identify the commitments Met Council has made thus far, track progress on those actions, and identify areas for future work. As an initial step, BH has assigned actions to the relevant divisions and marked status, as identified in Current State documents.

\* Policy Action: Actions dependent on external stakeholders / outside collaboration to realize; Operational Action: Actions coordinated exclusively by Council staff

Source	Action	Theme	Policy Action vs. Operational Action?	THRIVE MSP 2040 Outcome	Division	Status	Comments
2019 METC Goals	Continue to offer and expand technical assistance and support for local governments, such as SoSmart, climate planning tools, and model ordinances and plans.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Partner with local governments to identify emerging mitigation and adaptation issues and design approaches and solutions to address those issues, such as around the urban tree canopy.	Adaptation	Policy Action	Sustainability	CD	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Explore opportunities to address climate resilience with other outcomes, such as through the Brightleaf project.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Continue to participate in and convene regional conversations regarding adaptation and resilience, including identifying the topics of interest.	Regional Leadership	Policy Action	Sustainability	RA	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Achieve 100% clean energy for Council Services/operation by 2040 (via our Green Energy Partnership with Xcel); accelerate if possible.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	AI	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Prioritize funding to reduce transit emissions through fleet replacement with no or low emissions buses, electrification, or alternative fuels. Focus deployment of these buses on routes through areas of concentrated poverty. Partner with suburban transit providers and state-wide providers to share information on best practices.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Design and construct all new Council facilities to meet SB2030 standards. Improve energy efficiency of existing facilities where opportunities exist.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	AI	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Develop emissions and infrastructure targets and goals for Council wastewater, transit, and general operations, such as resource recovery, energy conservation, treatment plant optimization.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	AI	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Develop division and strategies integrating the Council's climate-related research and analysis to support future regional planning efforts.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Integrate climate adaptation goals and strategies into the Council's operations, infrastructure investments, and regional planning priorities.	Adaptation	Operational Action	Sustainability	AI	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Establish local mechanisms for supporting local governments and collaborating with regional partners.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD, RA	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Identify and implement actions for meeting and exceeding air and water quality standards.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Open Green Line Extension, Orange Line, D Line and 2 additional ABRT lines by 2033.	Transit Service	Operational Action	Equity	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Secure funding for additional transit expansion, including Network Next.	Transit Service	Operational Action	Equity	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Address the shortage of operators and other critical transit workers through workforce initiatives.	Transit Service	Operational Action	Equity	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Continue expansion of MIVASS and other transit advantages and implement congestion mitigation projects.	Traffic Management	Operational Action	Equity	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	With expanded funding, implement the bus electrification plan.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Work with T&E to fund various climate-focused projects proposed through Regional Solicitation.	Transit Infrastructure	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Implement highway spot mobility improvements.	Traffic Management	Operational Action	Stewardship	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2019 METC Goals	Reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions from transportation to meet State of Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act goal.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	MT, MTS	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Work with the watershed management structure in the metro area on issues that transcend watershed organization boundaries to prepare water management plans that promote the protection and restoration of local and regional water resources (lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and groundwater).	Natural Environment	Policy Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Through the review process for comprehensive plans, local water plans, and watershed management plans, make water resource management a critical part of local decision-making, planning processes and procedures to ensure these plans are making progress toward achieving state and regional goals for protection and restoration of water resources.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide technical and financial assistance to local governments and other partners on water issues and water management activities.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Facilitate discussions on regional water issues that transcend community or watershed organization boundaries.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	RA, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide technical information to watershed organizations on practices to use and incorporate into their plans that protect water quality for water supply sources.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	RA, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Support educational efforts through partnership opportunities with agricultural communities in the region and collar counties on watershed issues.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	RA, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Collaborate with state agencies, watershed organizations, and community water suppliers to update the regional Master Water Supply Plan.	Natural Environment	Policy Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Complete	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Support community efforts to improve water supply resiliency by cooperatively identifying economically and technically feasible water supply alternatives.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	As required by Minnesota Statutes, review and comment on local water supply plans.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	As requested by the DNR, review and comment on Groundwater Management Areas and water appropriation permits.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	As requested by Minnesota Statutes, review and comment on watershed protection and source water supply plans.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Facilitate discussions on water supply issues that transcend community boundaries, through subregional work groups and on an ad hoc basis as needed.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	RA, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Collaborate with partners to perform special studies as needed.	Natural Environment	Policy Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	With our many partners, monitor the quality of regional lakes and rivers and the quality and flow of regional streams.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Work with our partners to fill gaps in assessment of lake stream, river, and groundwater data.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Review and evaluate long-term water quality trends for the region's lakes, streams, and rivers and identify key issues to be addressed.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Maintain a regional database that contains easily accessible water quality, quantity and other water-related information obtained as part of the Council's monitoring programs.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	In partnership with others, complete technical studies to understand regional and subregional long-term water supply availability and demand.	Natural Environment	Policy Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Support community efforts to identify and evaluate the economic and technical feasibility of water supply approaches and best practices that increase water conservation, enhance groundwater recharge, and make the best use of groundwater, surface water, reclaimed wastewater, and stormwater.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Identify and pursue options to reuse treated wastewater to supplement groundwater and surface water as sources of water to support regional growth, when economically feasible.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs, RA	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Promote water supply resiliency through the use of stormwater best management practices that minimize aesthetic impacts and maximize groundwater recharge, where applicable.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Promote water conservation measures, including toilet development and outreach.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs, RA	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Encourage low-impact development, low-impact and collaborative water use practices that minimize impacts on aquifers.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Investigate recycling treated wastewater, and other cost-effective treatment reuse.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide research and guidance on best management practices to use for effective surface water management.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	In partnership with others, research and promote the development of innovative best management practices, including low-impact development techniques and associated best practices.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD, MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Install and monitor innovative practices to reduce nonpoint source pollution at Council facilities and support economically feasible practices that demonstrate innovative technologies and their effectiveness.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	ALL	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide a level of wastewater service commensurate with the needs of the growing metro area, and in an environmentally sound manner.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide sufficient capacity in the wastewater system to meet the growth projections and long-term service area needs identified in approved local comprehensive sewer plans.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Engage wastewater system stakeholders, when feasible, to reduce the financial risks associated with inherent uncertainty in growth forecasts.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Timely and transparently plan and construct new wastewater treatment plants to ensure utility conditions when it is necessary to expand to facilities or locate new facilities needed to implement the wastewater system plan.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Efficiently use existing sewer investments in developing and redeveloping areas.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Preserve unimproved areas inside the Long-Term Wastewater Service Area for future development that can be served economically.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Extend wastewater service to suburban communities if the service area contains at least 1,000 developable acres.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Require that all communities currently served by the regional wastewater system remain in the system.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Acquire wastewater treatment plants from suburban communities outside the current service area, based upon their request through the comprehensive plan and comprehensive sewer plan process, after soliciting customer input and conducting a public hearing on the request.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Accept the wastewater service request only when the following criteria are met: - The community accepts the Council's growth forecasts, as well as pressures at least 1,000 developable or developable acres for growth through the land use planning authority of the county or adjacent township(s) or through an orderly annexation agreement or similar mechanism to provide for regional, orderly growth in the surrounding area. - The community has a DNR-approved water supply plan. - The community has adequate transportation access. - The community has within the Long-Term Wastewater Service Area or other regional benefits would result, such as economic development unique to the rural area or preservation of high-value water resources. - There are feasible and economic options for siting and permitting an expanded wastewater treatment plant or for extending interceptive service. - The Council has sought customer input, has conducted appropriate financial analysis, and has conducted a public hearing on the request.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Convene a work group of urban community representatives to advise the Council regarding growth forecast uncertainty, transportation to support the growth forecast, and the identified regional benefits.	Wastewater	Policy Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Require that, if the most economical and beneficial wastewater service option is to construct a regional intercept to serve the community, the Council will not acquire the community's wastewater treatment plant, and the community will be responsible for decommissioning its treatment plant.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Not allow connections to the regional wastewater system outside the sewerage service area. The Council may construct capacity to serve the long-term needs of the rural and agricultural planning areas, but will not provide service until the Council, in consultation with the appropriate community, designates the area as a developing community and the community amends its comprehensive water control plan.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Preserve areas outside the Long-Term Wastewater Service Area for agricultural and rural uses, while protecting significant natural resources, supporting groundwater recharge, protecting source water quality, and allowing limited unsewered development.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	To ensure that falling systems do not cause the need to prematurely extend the metropolitan disposal system, the Council, through the local comprehensive planning process, requires that communities submit copies of their ordinances to subsidize sewage treatment systems and inform them of their management options for these systems.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	The Council will continue to support State rules for subsurface sewage treatment systems and other private wastewater systems.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	The Council will allow a community to connect a falling subsurface sewage treatment system or other private wastewater treatment system to the regional wastewater system if the community can demonstrate that the system is more cost-effective than investment in nonpoint-source pollution control when the cost and long-term benefits are favorable compared to further upgrading wastewater treatment.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Consider pollution trading or off-set opportunities with nonpoint sources of pollution when cost-effective and environmentally beneficial.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Invest in wastewater reuse when justified by the benefits for supplementing groundwater and surface water as sources of nonpotable water to support regional growth and the benefits for maintaining water quality.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Prioritize investment strategies to further the effectiveness of the region's nonpoint source pollution prevention and control program to ensure efficient treatment to address regional water quality objectives.	Natural Environment	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Support cost-effective investments in water supply infrastructure to promote sustainable use and protect the region's water supply by: - Developing criteria to identify water supply projects with regional benefit. - Promoting equitable cost-sharing structures for regionally beneficial water supply development projects. - Supporting cost-benefit analyses of alternative water supply options. - Identifying funding mechanisms for assessing beneficial water supply development projects.	Water Supply Management	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Implement and enforce Water Discharge Rules for the regional wastewater system.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Preserve regional wastewater system assets of the Council through effective maintenance, assessment of conditions and as feasible and economically prudent.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Accept storage, brooks, barrows, and other hauled liquid waste at designated sites, provided that the waste can be efficiently and effectively processed.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Recycle treated wastewater to meet nonpotable water needs within Council wastewater treatment facilities where economically feasible.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Provide incentives with incentives to pretreat wastewater to reduce its strength and thus provide the most environmental and economic benefit for the system.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Generate energy from biosolids processing, utilize energy-efficient processes and equipment, and reduce building energy use.	Energy	Operational Action	Stewardship	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Pursue other renewable energy sources, such as solar power generation, thermal energy recovery, and new technologies - such as fuel cells - as they become available and appropriate.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Stabilize and reduce the volume of biosolids through thermal processing or anaerobic digestion, and utilize the remaining solids as fertilizer and soil conditioner.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Improve sustainability of wastewater operations, when economically feasible.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Maintain and rehabilitate Council interceptors to minimize inflow and infiltration.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Develop inflow and infiltration goals for all communities served by the regional wastewater system.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	
2040 Water Resources Policy Plan	Require all communities served by the regional wastewater system to have an inflow and infiltration mitigation program in its comprehensive sewer plan, including a program to mitigate sources of inflow and infiltration from private property.	Wastewater	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCEs	Ongoing	



2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Collaborate with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide technical assistance to local governments in implementing the Mississippi River Critical Area Program, and coordinate with the DNR in review of those plans and ordinances.	Water Supply Management	Policy Action	Sustainability	MCES		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Oversee the planning of a multimodal, interconnected regional transportation system in cooperation with state agencies, local government, and suburban transit providers.	Transit Service	Policy Action	Livability	MCES		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Invest in and operate transit services commensurate with efficient and effective standards established by Transit Market Areas defined in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan. Coordinate other regional transit services to ensure a consistent and convenient user experience.	Transit Service	Policy Action	Livability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support investments to safely operate, preserve and improve the regional highway system, which includes principal and A-minor arterials, by providing transit advantages for Park lanes, and implementing cost-effective management, spot mobility, and strategic capacity improvements.	Regional Highway System	Operational Action	Stewardship	MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support the management of access points to state and county road systems and emphasize the construction of an interconnected local public street system.	Transit Infrastructure	Operational Action	Stewardship	MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support the development of regional bicycle corridors as defined in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to provide viable transportation options.	Pedestrian/Bicycle Infrastructure	Operational Action	Livability	MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Invest in the development and improvement of regional trails as defined in the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan to better connect communities with regional parks and to provide recreational opportunities. Encourage communities to plan and develop local trail connections to the Regional Parks System where appropriate.	Land Acquisition/Management	Policy Action	Livability	MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Work with local, regional, and state partners to coordinate transportation, pedestrian, bicycle, and trail connections across jurisdictional boundaries.	Regional Leadership	Policy Action	Livability	CD, MT, MTS, RA		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Use Council investments and policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and carbon per unit of fuel, which are key drivers of the region's generation of greenhouse gas emissions.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Ensure that transportation elements of local comprehensive plans provide for pedestrian and bicycle access to regional transit centers, regional trails, and regional transit corridors.	Pedestrian/Bicycle Infrastructure	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD, MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Invest in transportation improvements that support the export and mobility of freight by truck, rail, air, and barge.	Regional Freight System	Operational Action	Prosperity	CD, MT, MTS		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Coordinate with the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the Federal Aviation Administration, Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics, and local communities to ensure that land use and air space adjacent to the system of regional airports is consistent with its intended use.	Regional Airport System	Policy Action	Prosperity	CD, MT, MTS, RA		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support cost-effective subregional infrastructure investments in efforts to promote sustainable water use and protect the region's water supplies.	Water Supply Management	Operational Action	Sustainability	MCES		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support local and regional efforts to develop climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies to remain economically competitive.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD, RA		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Support the cleanup of contaminated land for new industry, including manufacturing and other sectors that are export industries for the region.	Land Acquisition/Management	Operational Action	Stewardship	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Substantially reduce energy consumption at Council facilities, improve the efficiency of the Council's vehicle fleets including Main Street buses, and provide information to the public partners to lead by example.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	With regional infrastructure, planning, and operations, increase efforts to reduce water use and energy consumption.	Energy	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Identify and address potential vulnerabilities in regional systems as a result of increased frequency and severity of storms and their waves. Monitor river, reservoir, operation, and response plans for Council facilities to help extreme weather.	Adaptation	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Use the Council's investments and planning activities to contribute toward meeting statutory goals for reductions in the generation of regional greenhouse gas emissions.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Convene regional discussions about goals for climate change mitigation and adaptation.	Regional Leadership	Policy Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Encourage the preparation of adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency responses to climate change as part of the comprehensive plan update.	Adaptation	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Develop, collect, and disseminate information about climate change, including energy and climate data, GreenStep Cities best practices, and the most up-to-date of Regional Indicators data.	Regional Leadership	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Work with the State of Minnesota on a greenhouse gas emissions inventory that informs regional discussion on emissions reduction.	Carbon Mitigation	Operational Action	Sustainability	ALL		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Provide technical assistance and toolkits resources to communities in integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies as part of local comprehensive plans.	Regional Leadership	Policy Action	Sustainability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Develop and strengthen partnerships with experts in climate change to better assist and inform local communities on how best to evaluate and develop local climate change strategies.	Regional Leadership	Policy Action	Sustainability	CD, RA		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Encourage communities to participate in regional programs which support efforts to inform, plan for, mitigate, adapt, and respond to climate change issues of local significance such as water conservation, stormwater infrastructure, adaptation, greenhouse gas reduction, use of alternative energy sources, infrastructure operation, and hazard mitigation education.	Adaptation	Policy Action	Sustainability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Provide technical references and resources for communities seeking to mitigate and adapt to climate change in their own facilities and in their communities. Examples of these resources include stormwater, wastewater, and water supply management practices, and transit and land use planning.	Adaptation	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD		
2040 Thive MSP Land Use Policy	Provide or collaborate with partners to provide technical references, and resources for communities seeking to mitigate and adapt to climate change in their own facilities and in their communities, including but not limited to, stormwater, wastewater, and water supply management practices, and transit and land use planning.	Adaptation	Operational Action	Sustainability	CD, RA		