

# Young Leaders Regional Vision & Policy Collaboration

Youth engagement for the 2050 Regional Development Guide



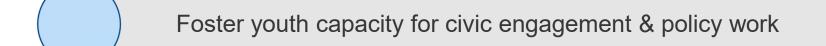
## Preview questions



#### Seeking your advice for this project:

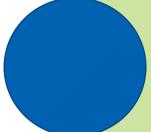
- 1. What advice do you have for creating successful engagement between young people and the Metropolitan Council?
- 2. What youth serving organizations would you recommend for future collaboration on the regional development guide?
- 3. What should be priority topics for Council discussion with young people between the ages of 14-24?

# Project guiding values



- Create relevant, credible engagement to understand future of the region
- Build The Council's capacity to value youth leadership, expertise, experience
- Embed equity in regional development guide (RDG) vision process
  - Commit to accountability- widely share youth ideas, inform them how

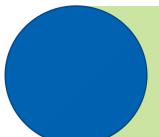
# Racial equity centered through:



Staff, intern and young leader participant demographics



Multiple methods to understand the region's present and future



Conversations about repair of past harms due Council's and other policies

## Organization collaboration

#### Project structure

- Six organizations; 6-10 youth/organization
- Continuity across project
- Organizations & young leaders compensated
- Organization must have leadership component

# Organization Selection

- Always relationship building
- Nominations from Council Members, jurisdictional contacts, Council relationships
- Additional open recruitment efforts
- Debrief with interested organizations that did not apply

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## Leaders' participation: Who & how?

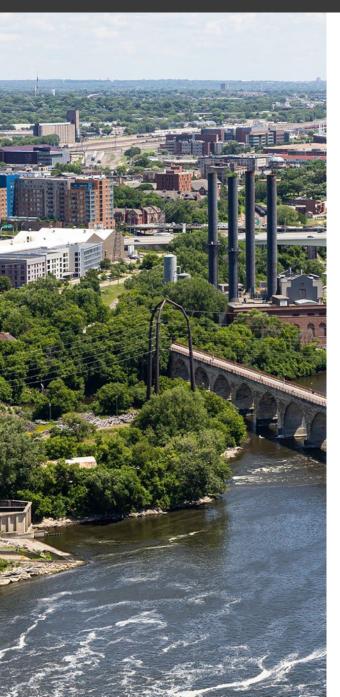
# Connecting with future residents

- Age range 14-24
- Geographic diversity: Rural, urban, suburban
- Demographics reflect 2050 region

#### Leader-focused

- Mirror Council engagement with advisory councils
- Civic engagement goals
- Project built from positive youth development, participatory approach

# Selected Organizations



#### We will be collaborating with:

- Beacons
- Esperanza United
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- Minnesota 4-H Center for Youth Development
- Raices Latinas
- World Youth Connect

# Advice Request 1

- 1. What is your advice to create meaningful engagement with young people for the Guide?
- 2. What youth serving organizations would you recommend for future collaboration on the regional development guide?
- This project or in future (all advice welcome)

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#### Timeline

#### Fall 2022

- Project scoping
- Relationship building
- Organizations selected & notified
- Interns hired (Dec.)

#### Winter 2023

- Workshops with each organization
- Diverse activities
- Reflection and finalization

#### Spring 2023

- Cross-organization convening
- Young leader presentations
- Consider summer leadership workshop
- Debrief and reflection

#### Summer 2023

- Publish in-depth analysis: Present findings to Council stakeholders
- Demonstrate to youth how findings informed policy plan.

## Workshop topics & activities

1. What is the current reality?

2. What values should guide the region into the future?

3. What do we want the future to look like?

4. What should "we" do together to help build this future?

# Advice Request 2

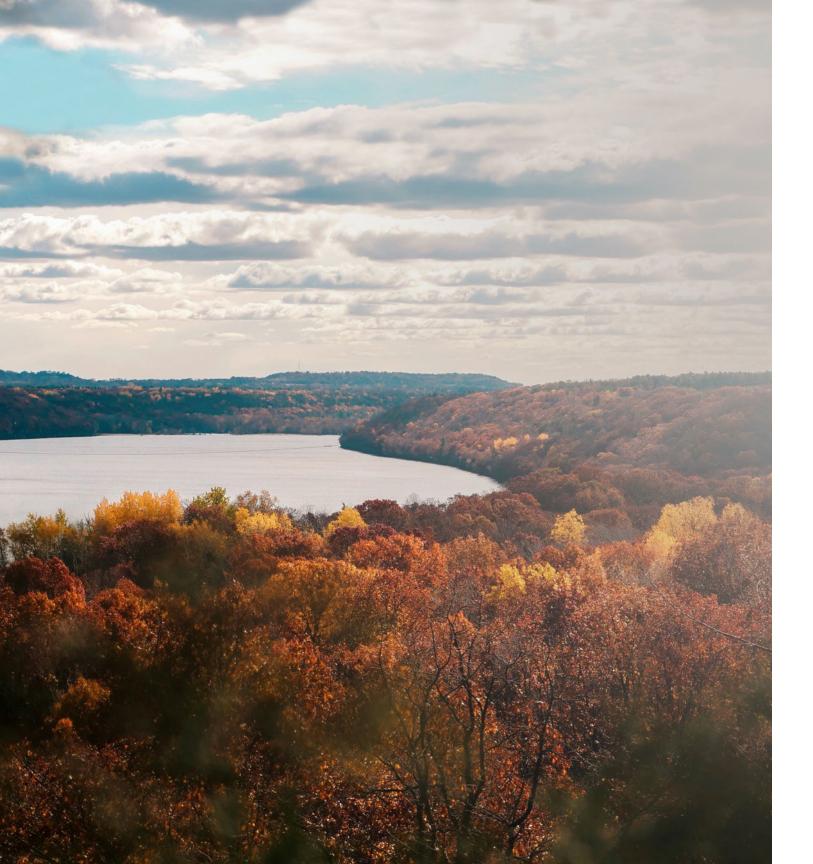
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#### **Next Steps**



#### **Workshops begin February 2023**

- Tailor process to each organization to meet their goals for young leaders (with youth representation)
- Kickoff workshops with data gathering and discussion in February
- If invited, return to EAC with young leaders in spring 2023 to share early results and reflection



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