

Local Planning Handbook

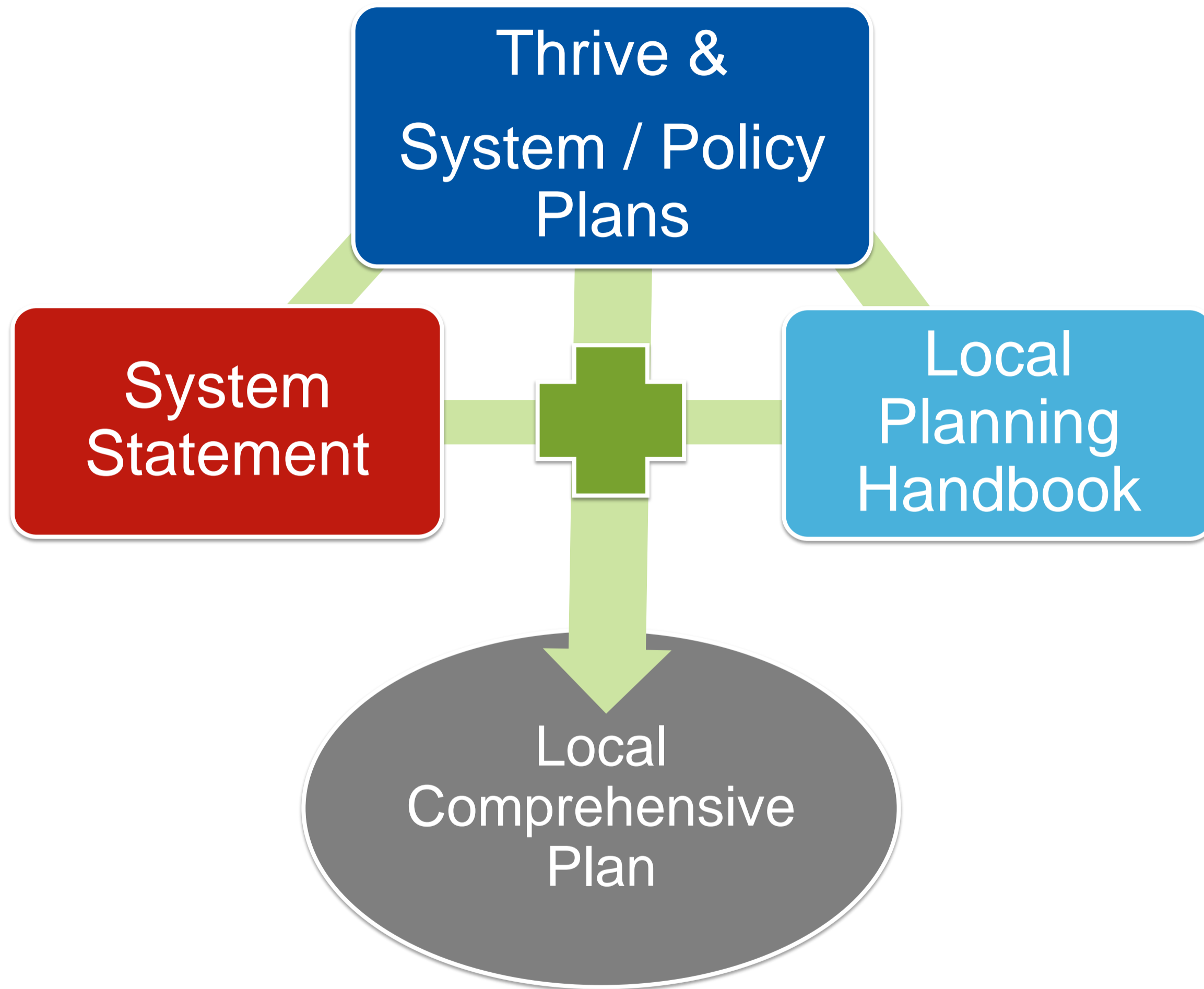
Update to Land Use Advisory Committee

May 21, 2015

**LOCAL PLANNING
HANDBOOK**



Planning Document Relationship



LPH Testing Program

What is it?

- Web navigation
- Tools
- Resources
- Content
- Review processes
- Retest and review of all changes

Testing Objectives

- Direct user feedback
- Build user support for the Handbook
- Clear communications
- Does the platform function



External Focus Group

- 33** CITIES
- 2** COUNTIES REPRESENTING **21** TOWNSHIPS
- 6** PLANNING CONSULTING FIRMS
- 9** COMMUNITY DESIGNATIONS (ALL!)
- 16** COUNCIL DISTRICTS (ALL!)

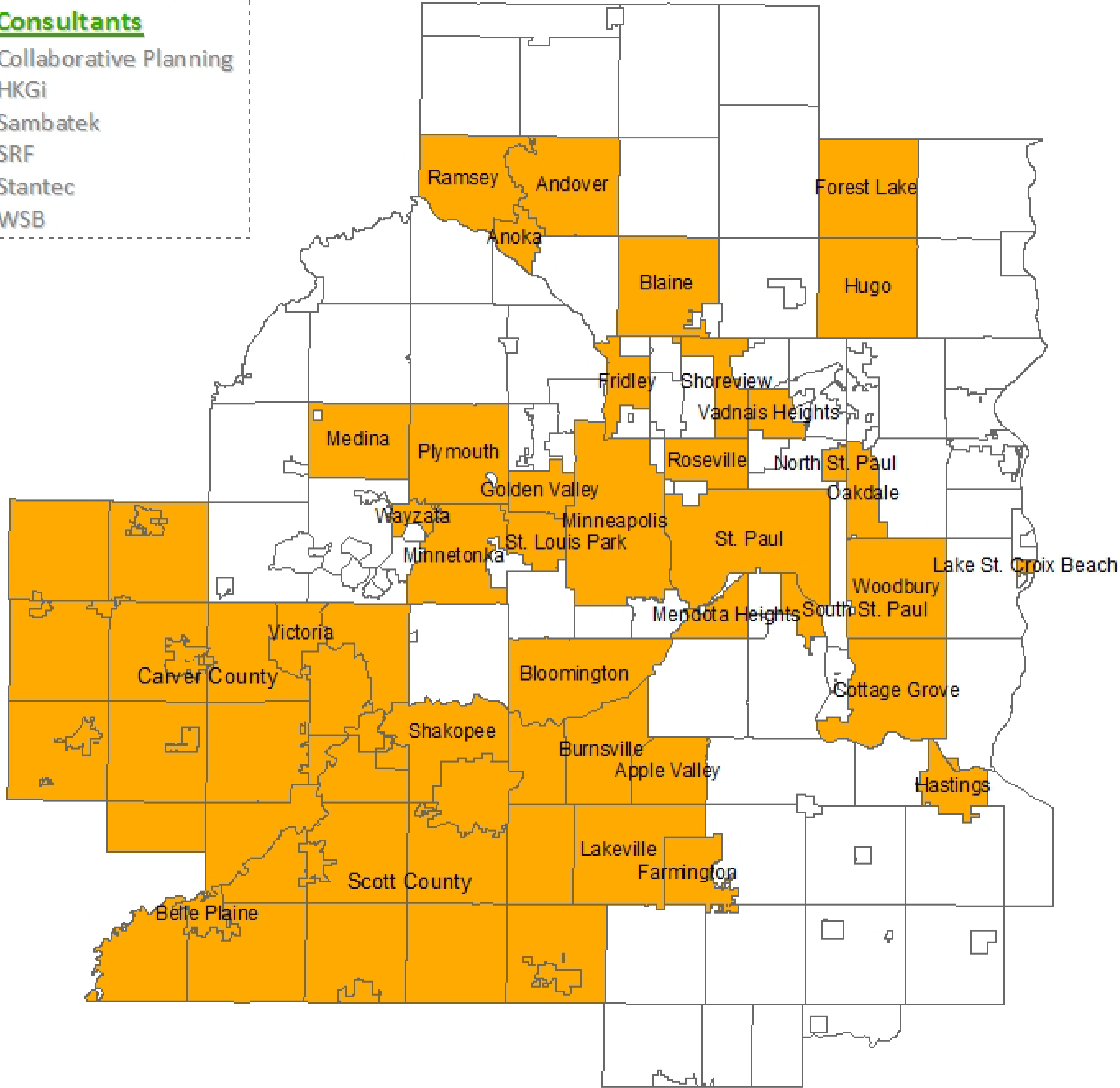


Coordination with MetroCities
Review by Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)



Consultants

- Collaborative Planning
- HKGi
- Sambatek
- SRF
- Stantec
- WSB



Internal Focus Groups

Local Planning Assistance Staff

- Sector Representatives: Professional Planners with local government experience
- Reviewers from the '08 Cycle
- Planners that wrote Comp Plans during the '08 cycle

Council Technical Reviewers

- Representatives from the wastewater, water supply, surface water management, transportation, transit, parks, housing, and research units of Council staff.

Community Development Committee

- Metropolitan Council members



Testing Schedule

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2015



Where we are now (A.K.A. A week in the life)

- Internal and external web navigation testing nearly complete.
- Evaluating comments and identifying fixes from external testing.
- External content review of Introductions, Land Use, Housing and Implementation text sections to be complete May 8th.
- Preparation of external Transportation Content review to roll out May 8th.
- Preparation of internal review of Online Registration, Online Submittal, and Interactive Mapping Tools to be held May 7th.
- Development of instructions and resources needed to test the tools, but also developing test questions, scenarios, and instructions for upcoming test topics on May 7th.



Preliminary Feedback

- I think it will be helpful for the upcoming plan process.
- Very impressive. Customizing the “Community Page” is a great feature. The ability to submit online is awesome.
- The site exceeds my expectations!
- Very happy to see more resources integrated, including data, tools, examples, etc.
- User-friendly – relevant community information – easy to find – no “fluff” and well organized.
- Community Pages – LOVE this!
- Community Highlights - I like this, it gives us a way to review what other cities are doing.
- Photo examples are great! - Great to show what Met Council thinks is good. - Good motivation to others.
- 5 Stars! Well done! Goes well beyond expectations... Great strides since the '08 Handbook.
- Fresh clean design. I think the structure is good.
- It actually exceeds expectations. My expectations weren't necessarily low, I just wasn't expecting the sophistication and preparedness of the site. Great job!
- Very well done. My only suggestion is the more you can include that's tailored to each community, the better.



How you can provide feedback



- [Local Planning Handbook TEST Site](#)
- [LPH Web Navigation Test Questions](#)

**Comments
Due by
June 1st**



After Testing

- Compile comments
- Identify needed fixes, revisions, rethinking
- Set schedule for fixing issues
- After all mid point testing is done, we will be **RETESTING** all changes in August before rollout to get confirmation from our primary users – our external focus group, that the changes made address issues, and clarify content, and provide an overall guide to local comp plans that provides real and useful assistance
- Results of all testing will be reported out at an upcoming meeting.



Questions?

Please feel free to contact me!

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