

Community Designations

January 20, 2022

Land Use Advisory Committee



Background

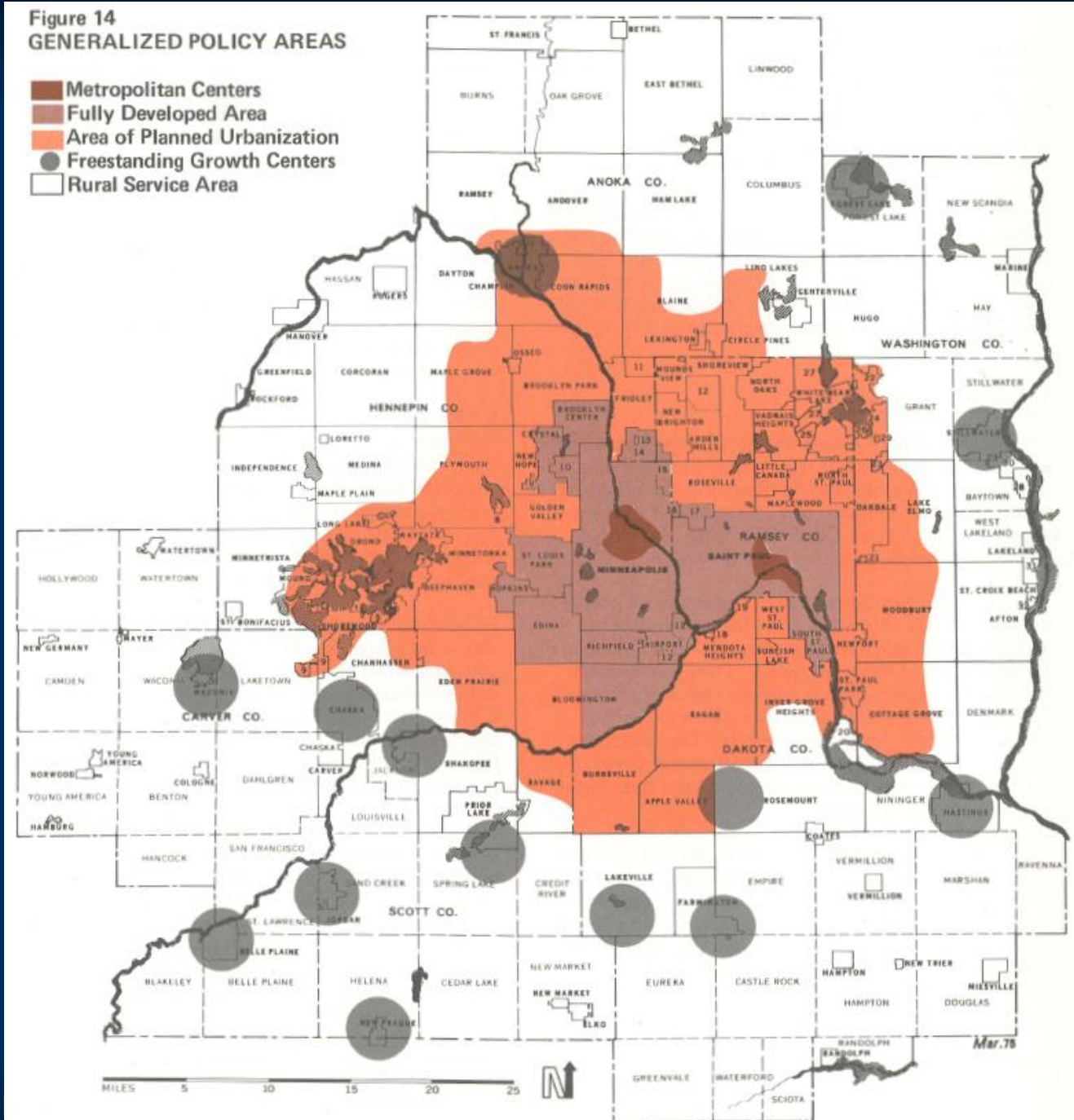
Why are community designations important?

- Further regional policy outcomes
- Plan and implement regional policies at the local level
- Basis for land use policies and density expectations
- Recognize diversity and commonality of communities in the region
- Guide growth in areas with urban infrastructure
- Protect agricultural land and natural amenities

Metropolitan Development Framework Guide, 1975

Figure 14
GENERALIZED POLICY AREAS

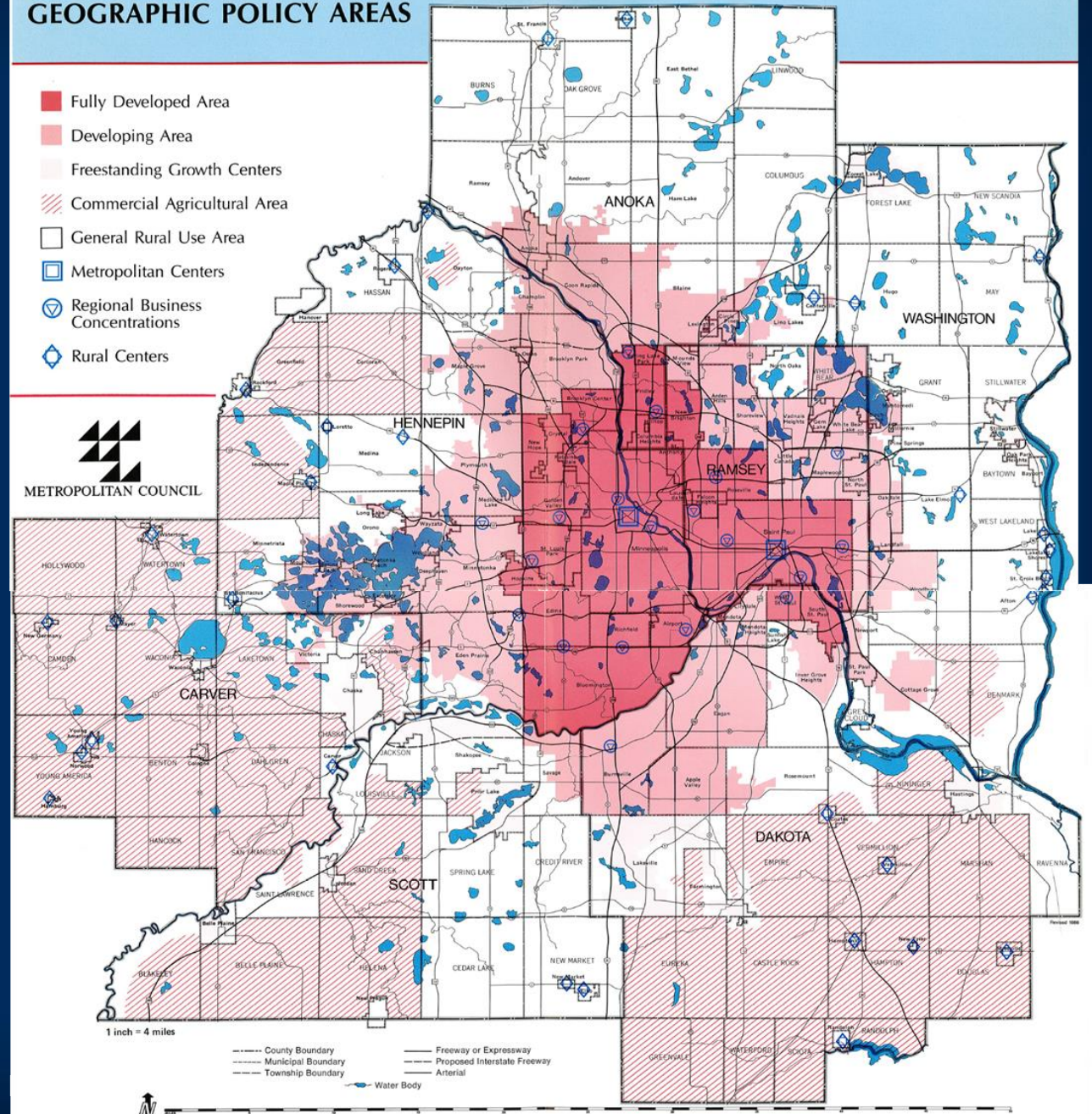
- Metropolitan Centers
- Fully Developed Area
- Area of Planned Urbanization
- Freestanding Growth Centers
- Rural Service Area



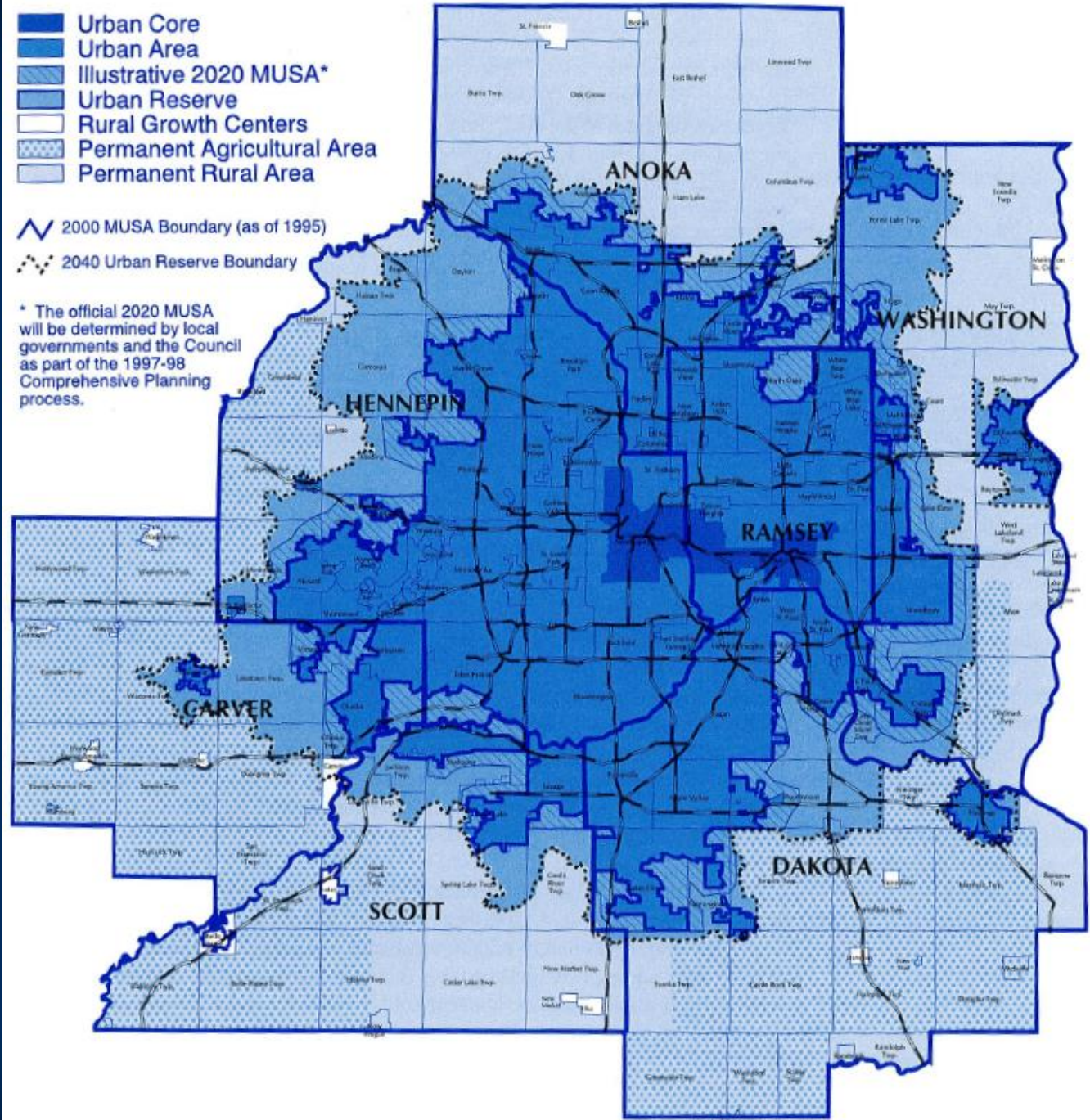
Metropolitan Development and Investment Framework, 1986

GENERALIZED GEOGRAPHIC POLICY AREAS

- Fully Developed Area
- Developing Area
- Freestanding Growth Centers
- Commercial Agricultural Area
- General Rural Use Area
- Metropolitan Centers
- Regional Business Concentrations
- Rural Centers



Regional Blueprint, 1996










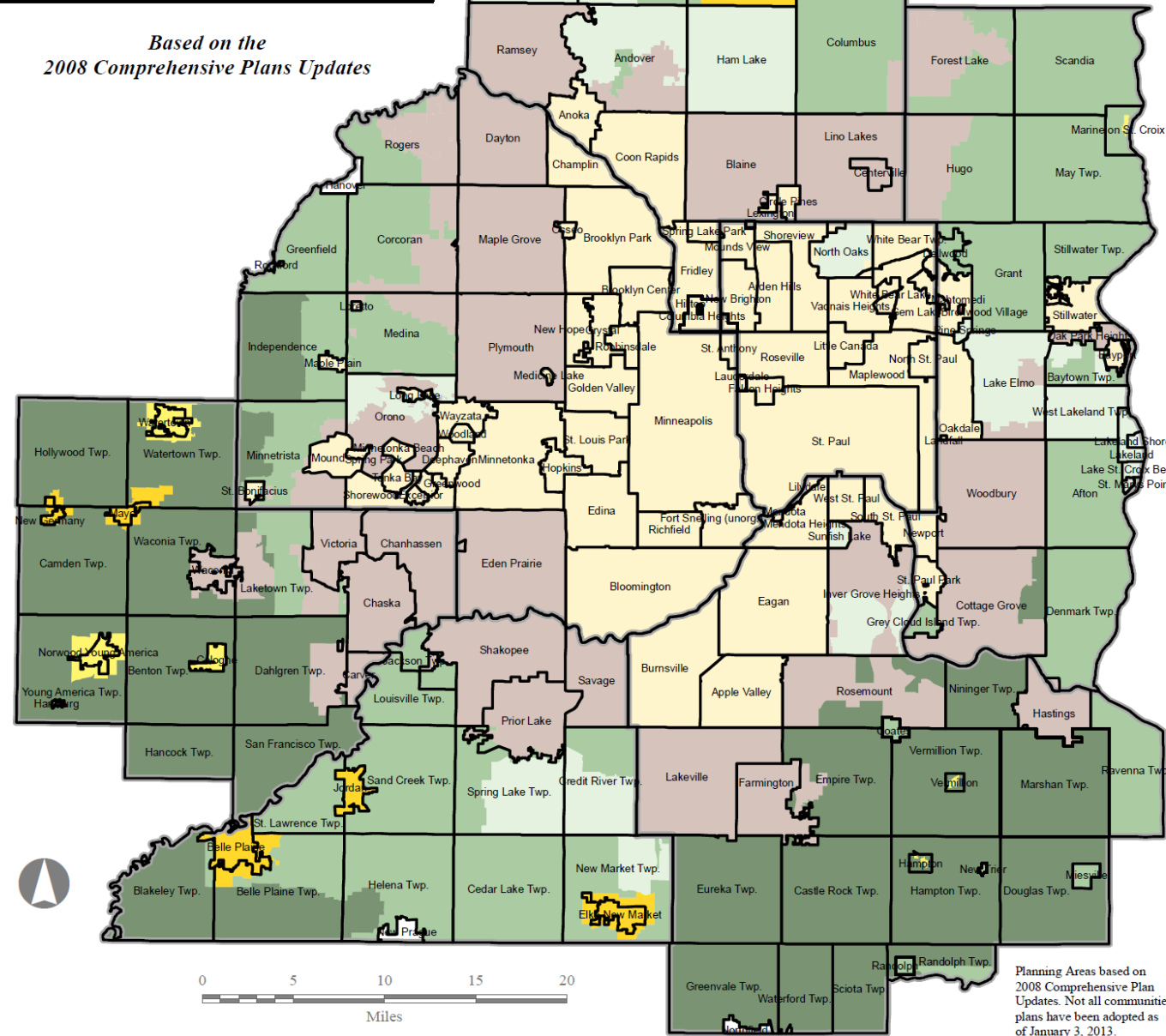
Regional Development Framework, 2004

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area 2030 Framework Planning Areas



Based on the
2008 Comprehensive Plans Updates

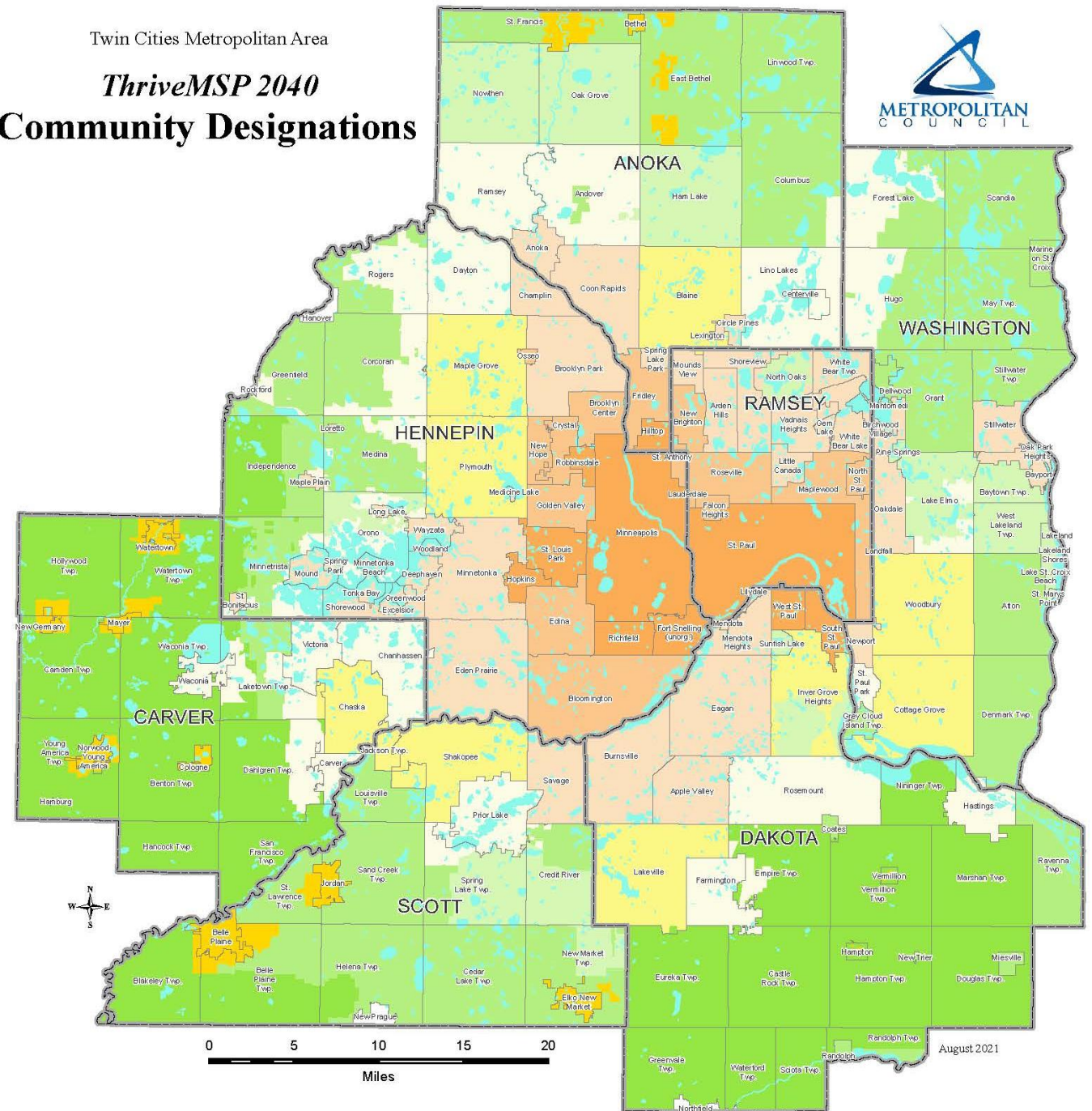
Urban Planning Areas		Rural Planning Areas	
	Developing Area		Rural Center
	Developed Area		Rural Growth Center
			Agricultural
			Diversified Rural
			Rural Residential



Planning Areas based on 2008 Comprehensive Plan Updates. Not all communities plans have been adopted as of January 3, 2013.

Thrive MSP 2040, 2014

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
ThriveMSP 2040
Community Designations



Urban Service Areas

- Urban Center
- Urban
- Suburban
- Suburban Edge
- Emerging Suburban Edge

Rural Service Areas

- Rural Center
- Diversified Rural
- Rural Residential
- Agricultural

Process

Iterative process throughout 2022

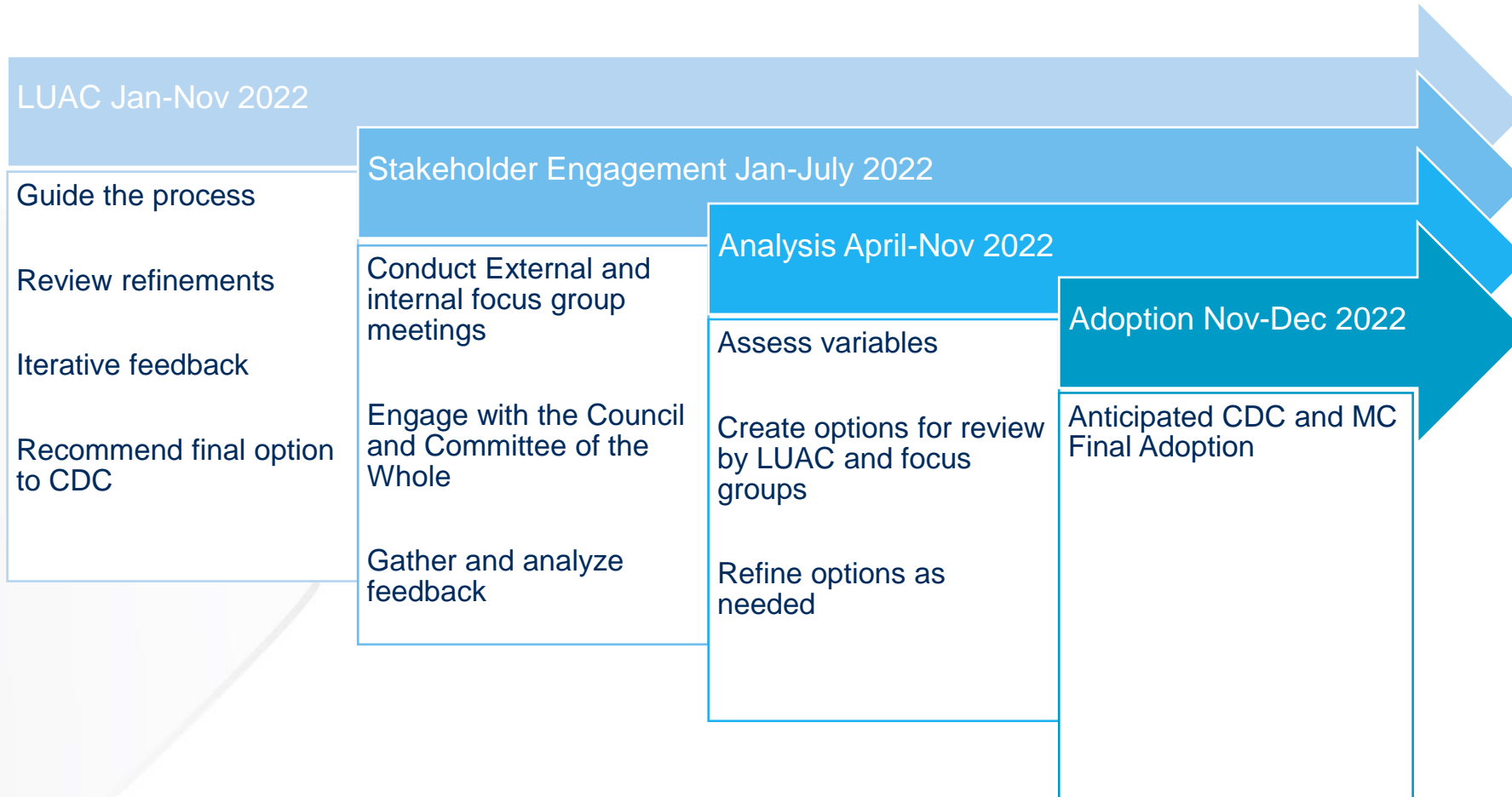
Engagement

- Stakeholder Engagement
 - External partners
 - Internal technical staff
 - Council Committees
- Coordination with other regional planning efforts

Analysis

- Evaluate current community designations
- Review and adjust previous approaches
- Analyze variables
- Conduct a spatial analysis

Preliminary Timeline



Deliverables

A set of criteria for defining community designations

Proposed community designation(s) for each jurisdiction responsible for planning in the region

Descriptions of each community designation

Density expectations based on community designation

Maps for community designations

Questions and Feedback

- Any initial questions or feedback
- Existing gaps and themes in the current designations
- Similarities and differences of communities
- Frequency and method of communications

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