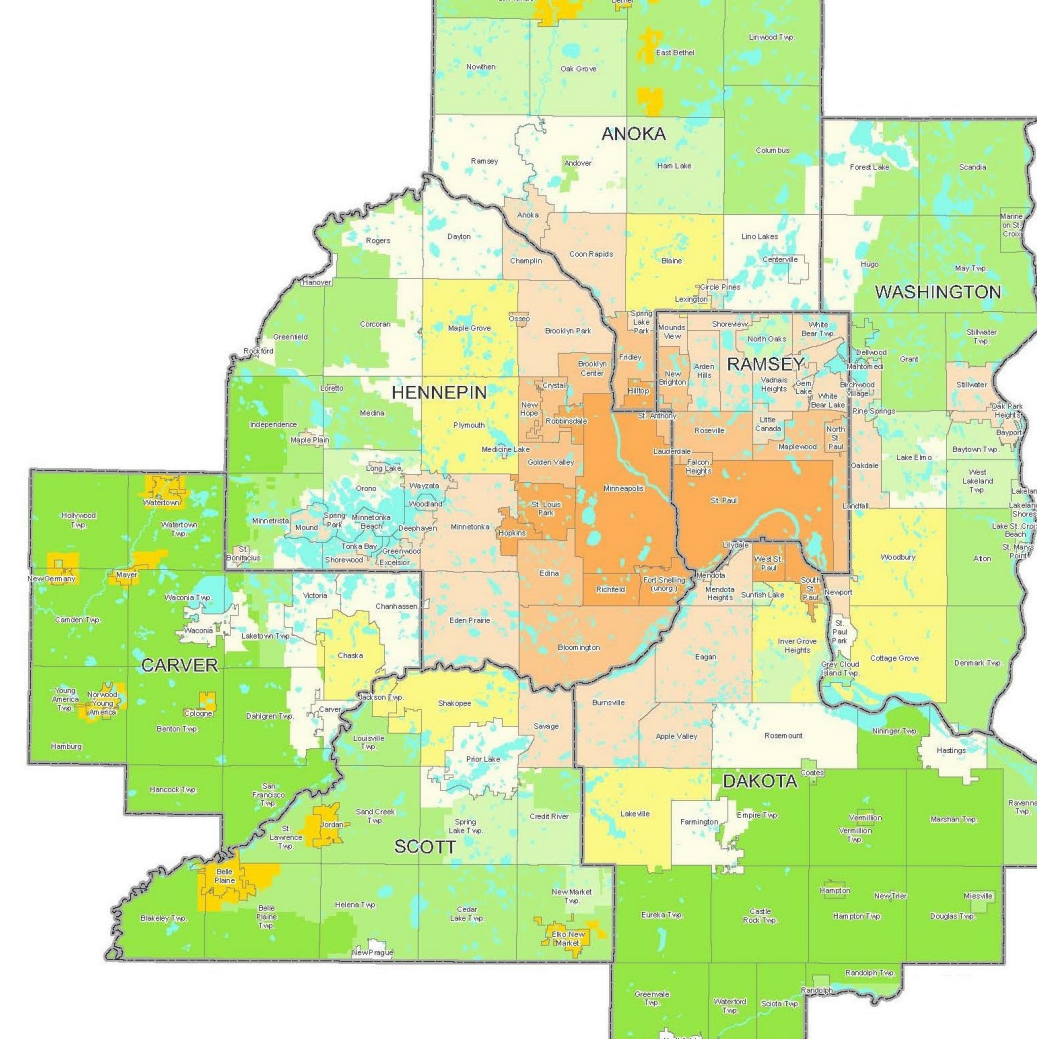


# Community Designations

Land Use Advisory Committee



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# Project Overview

Importance/Outcome of Community Designations

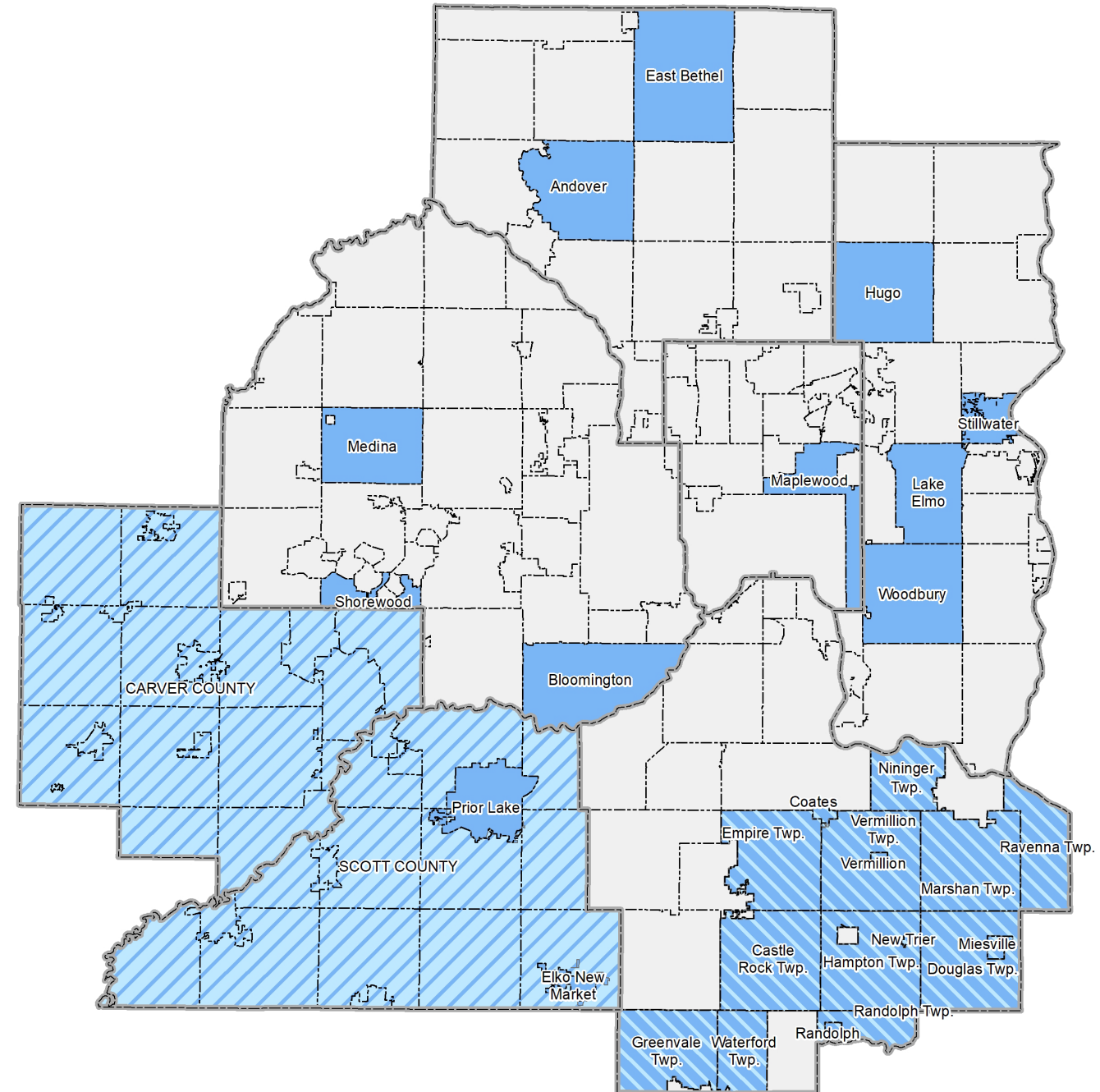
Process: Engagement/Analysis

Timeline

Deliverables

# External Focus Group

- City of Andover
- City of Bloomington
- City of East Bethel
- City of Elko New Market
- City of Hugo
- City of Lake Elmo
- City of Maplewood
- City of Medina
- City of Prior Lake
- City of Shorewood
- City of Stillwater
- City of Woodbury
- Carver County
- Scott County
- Bolton & Menk Consulting  
(Dakota County Collaborative)



# Internal Focus Group



- Land Use
- Transportation
- Regional Parks
- Wastewater
- Surface Water
- Water Supply
- Transit
- Housing
- TOD
- Equity
- Research

# What we heard

## LUAC

- Refine infrastructure conditions to strengthen “age of housing”
- Explore soil conditions to determine developable areas
- Climate and sustainability
- Planned land use
- Population/employment stability

## External Focus Group

- Refine developable areas
  - Economically feasible
  - Water supply issues
  - Natural resources
- Coordinate efforts upfront
- Consider compact development policies
- More flexibility within a community designation
- Access to transit and employment

## Internal Focus Group

- Refine developable areas
  - Redevelopment capacity
  - Housing quality
  - Environmental considerations
- Planned land use (density, housing type)
- Natural resources
- Better define special features
- Transit market areas

# Where we are with variables

## Refinement of existing variables

- Development cycle (percent developed)
  - Refinement of Percent Developed/land availability and where communities are in their development cycle
- Density (intersection density)
  - Intersection Density (correlated with other data)
  - Planned Housing Density
  - Job Density
- Age of infrastructure (age of housing)
- Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA)
- Long-Term Service Area (LTSA)

# Where we are with variables

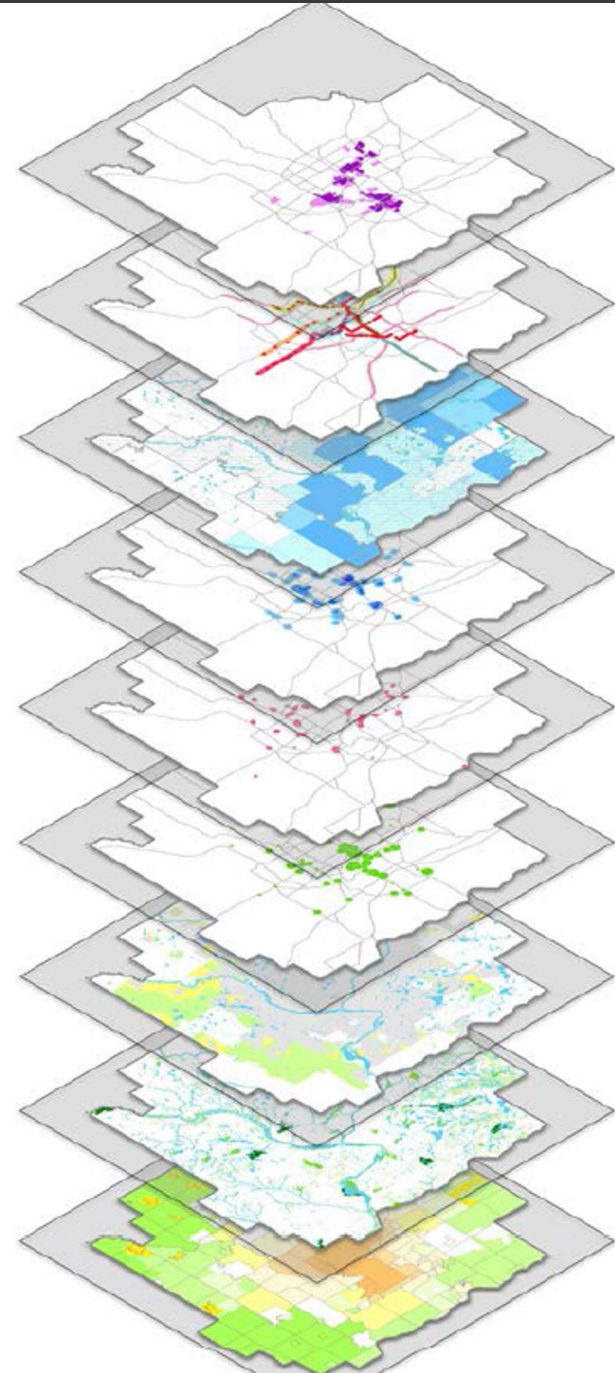


## Analysis of additional variables

- Climate
  - Land surface temperatures (correlated with other data)
  - Localized Flooding
- Natural resources
  - Habitat area
  - Surface/Groundwater interaction
  - Prime Agricultural Soils
- Transit/transportation (i.e., proximity to transit services)
- Demographics (i.e., measure of stability, housing affordability or other measures of equity)

# Thrive Special Features

- Station areas on existing and planned transitways
- Water supply considerations
- Job concentrations
- Manufacturing/distribution locations
- Educational institutions
- Wastewater service areas
- Regionally significant ecological resources
- Areas of concentrated poverty and racially concentrated areas of poverty





# Questions and Small Group Discussion



- Given that surface water/groundwater interaction areas can greatly impact developable lands in the region, should they be considered as a variable?
- What characteristics of job density impact communities indifferent or similar ways?
- How might prime agricultural land differentiate communities?
- How might demographic information be considered in distinguishing communities?
- Is it feasible to have multiple designations for within the urban areas, considering potential future policy impacts?
- How can special features be better utilized? Should they continue?

# Next Steps

- Finalized variables, considering correlations
- Options for groupings of communities
- Consider impacts of each option on future local and regional policies



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