# 2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite – Equity



# Purpose of Equity Tracking



The purpose of this research is to develop a baseline for how communities in the region address equity to inform Council policy and technical assistance.



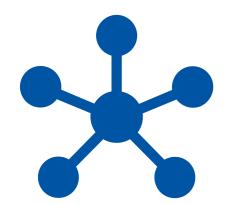
# Methodology



Reviewed 116 communities with authorized comprehensive plans for explicit mentions of equity terms

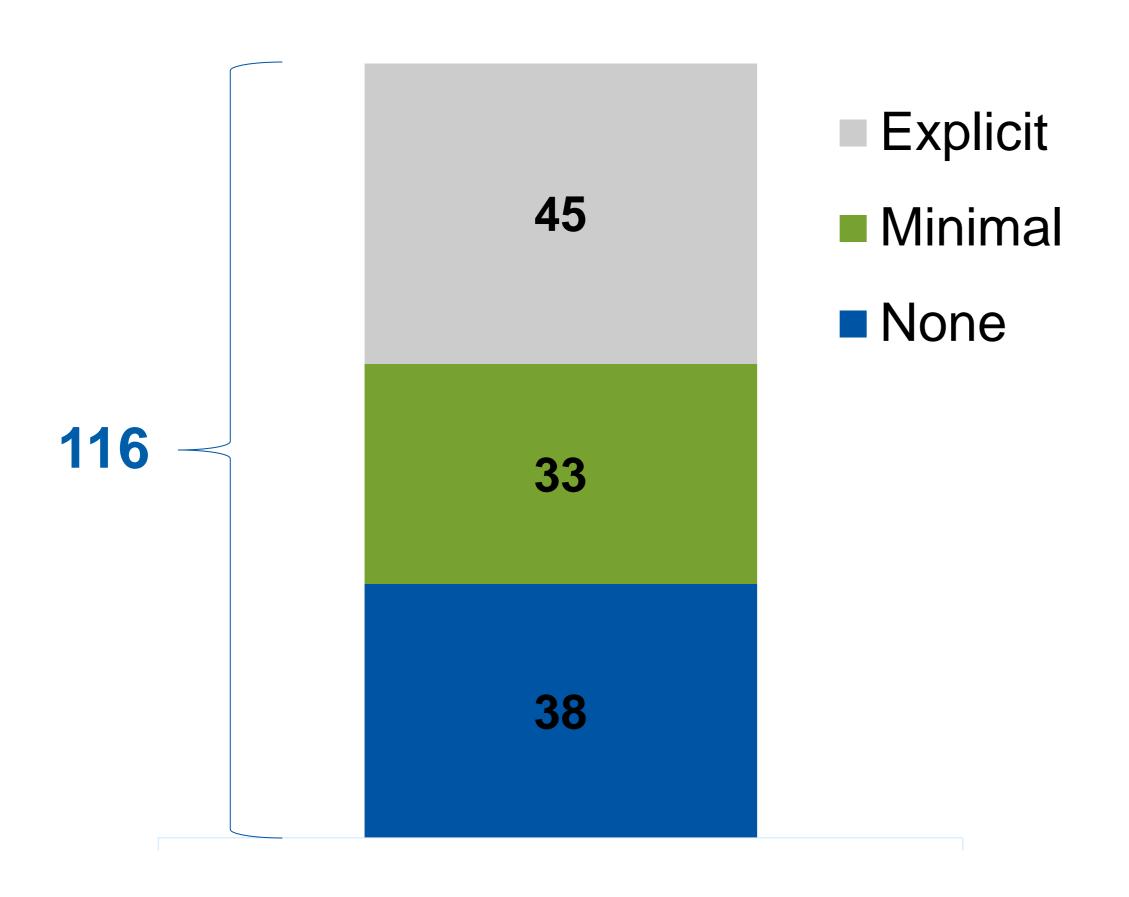


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Communities categorized as: Explicit, Minimal, and None

## Equity by the Numbers

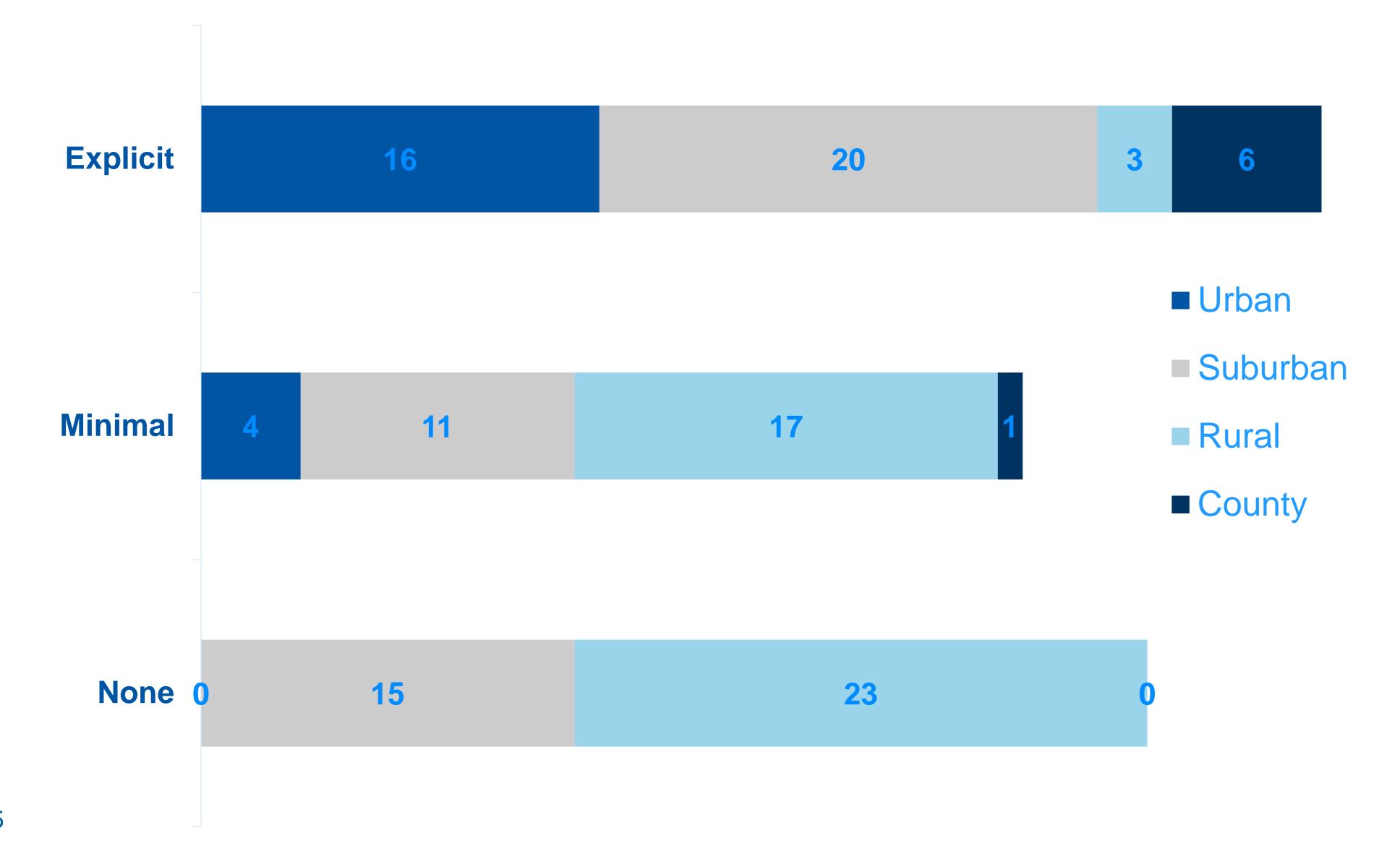


#### Of the 116 communities...

- 45 Explicitly included equity terms in the comprehensive plan
- 33 Minimally included equity terms in the comprehensive plan
- 38 did NOT include equity terms in the comprehensive plan



### Equity by the Numbers – Community Designation





# Equity Guiding Principle

20 communities stated equity as a guiding principle of the comprehensive plan

# Common Themes of Plans with an Equity Guiding Principle:

- Equity was integrated into most plan elements
- Most communities are designated as Urban Center, Urban, or Suburban
- Several communities used icons to identify specific goals and policies that address equity

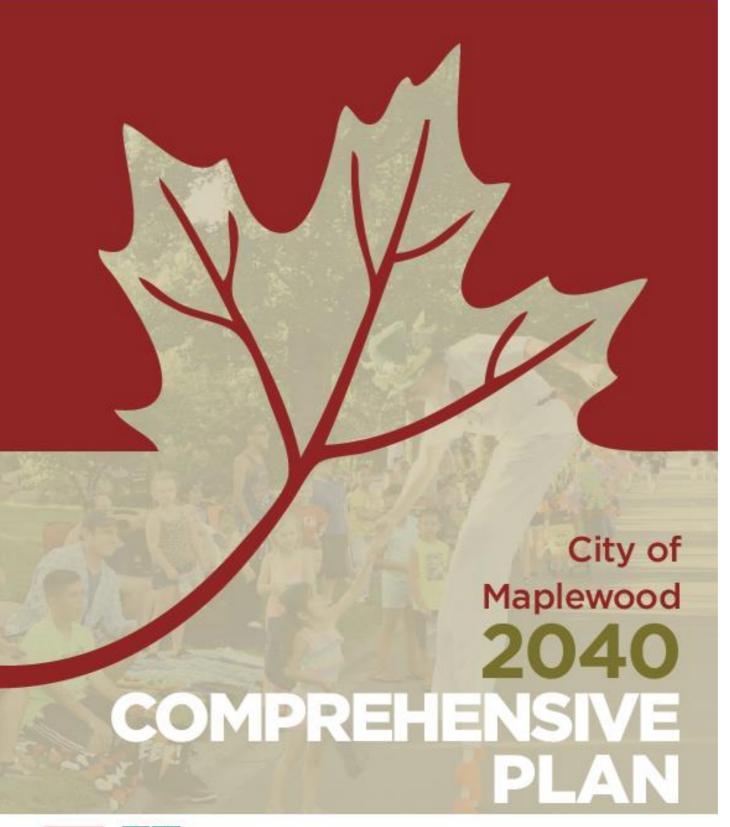


### Trends and Themes

- Communities addressed equity in response to increasing community diversity and growing disparities.
- Communities mentioned equity most frequently in the Transportation, Housing, and Parks and Trails elements.
- Communities framed equity in various ways. The most common were Social Equity, Health Equity, and Racial Equity.
- Communities often mentioned initiatives to advance equity in the community, as well as in internal processes (e.g. recruitment, hiring, and retention practices).



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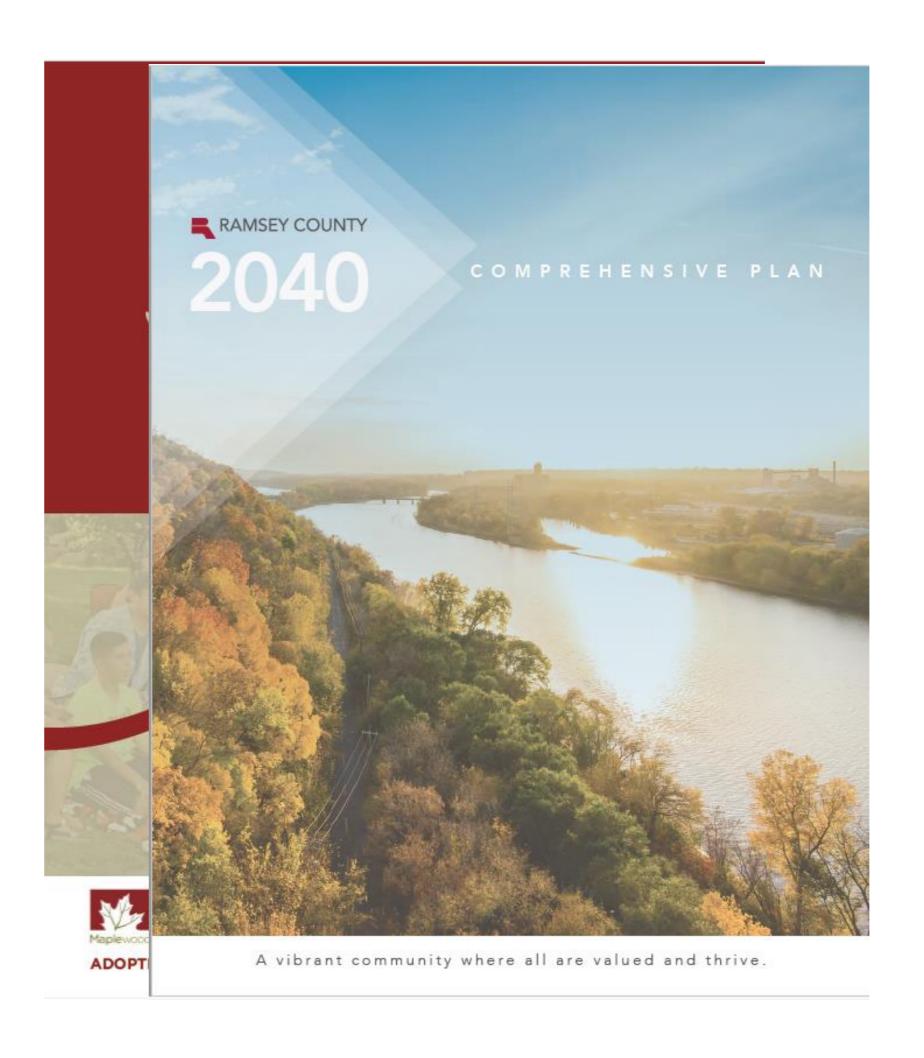






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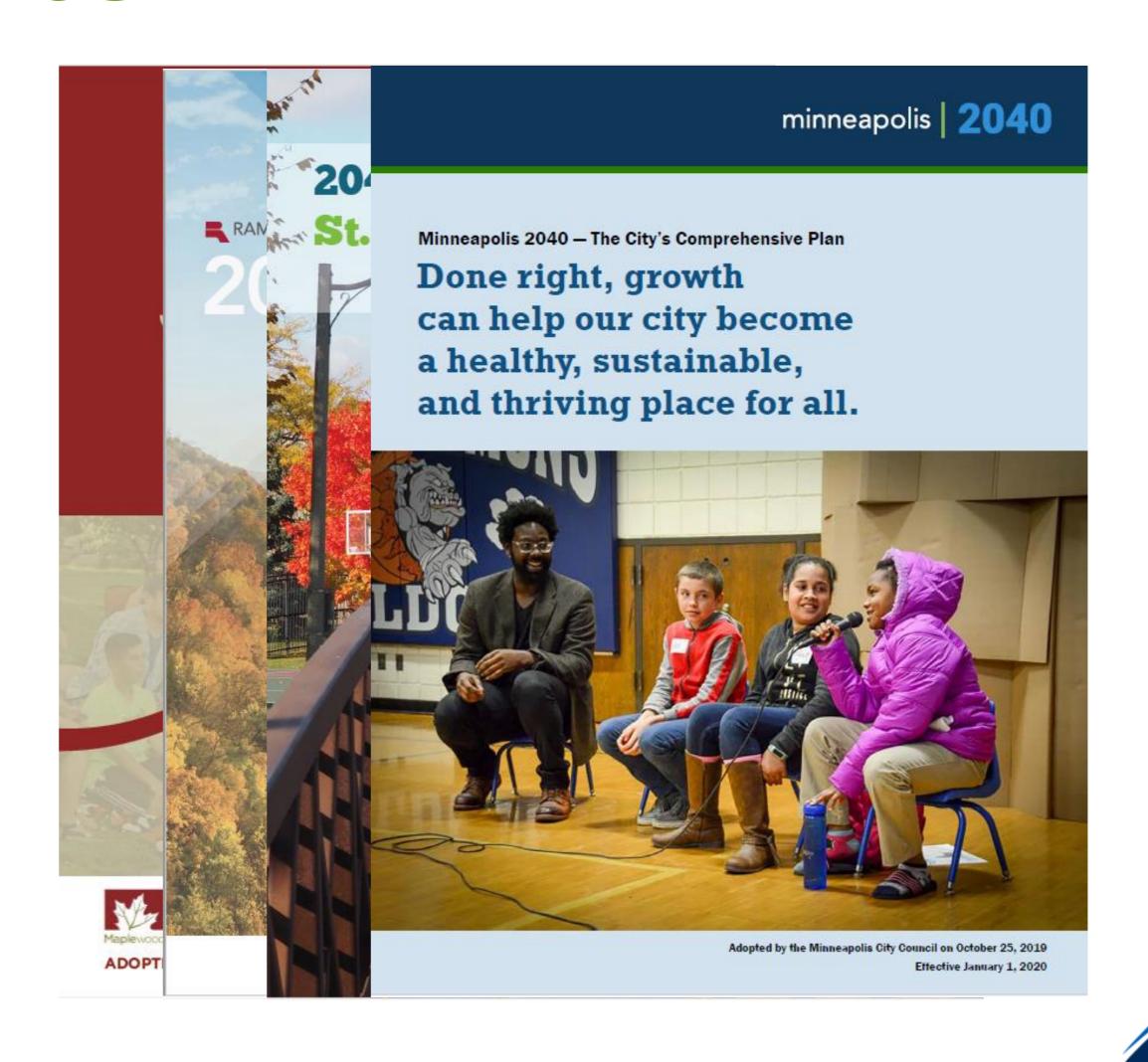
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