

Thrive Implementation: Updates from Divisions

Council Meeting July 8, 2015



Thrive Implementation Overview

Continued from April 15

- April 15 Committee of the Whole covered cross-divisional efforts to implement Thrive
- Three Implementation Teams:
 - Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
 - Economic Competitiveness
 - Equity
- Updates on Public Engagement Plan and Thrive “In”Reach efforts

Thrive Implementation Overview

Updates from Divisions

- **Regional Administration**—Meredith Vadis
- **Environmental Services**—Leisa Thompson
- **Community Development**—Beth Reetz
- **Metropolitan Transportation Services**—Arlene McCarthy
- **Metro Transit**—Allison Bell

Regional Administration

Operationalizing Thrive in RA

- Engaging and collaborating with communities and stakeholders
- Continued financial stewardship and accountability
- Information accessibility
- Regional Administration Equity Change Team



Example—Building Workforce Diversity Initiative

- Goal: ensure the Council's employee base closely matches regional labor market demographics
- The project aims to:
 - Increase diversity in qualified candidate pool and interviews
 - Develop and support leadership skills to increase diversity in management levels
 - Engage business units in the design and implementation of projects

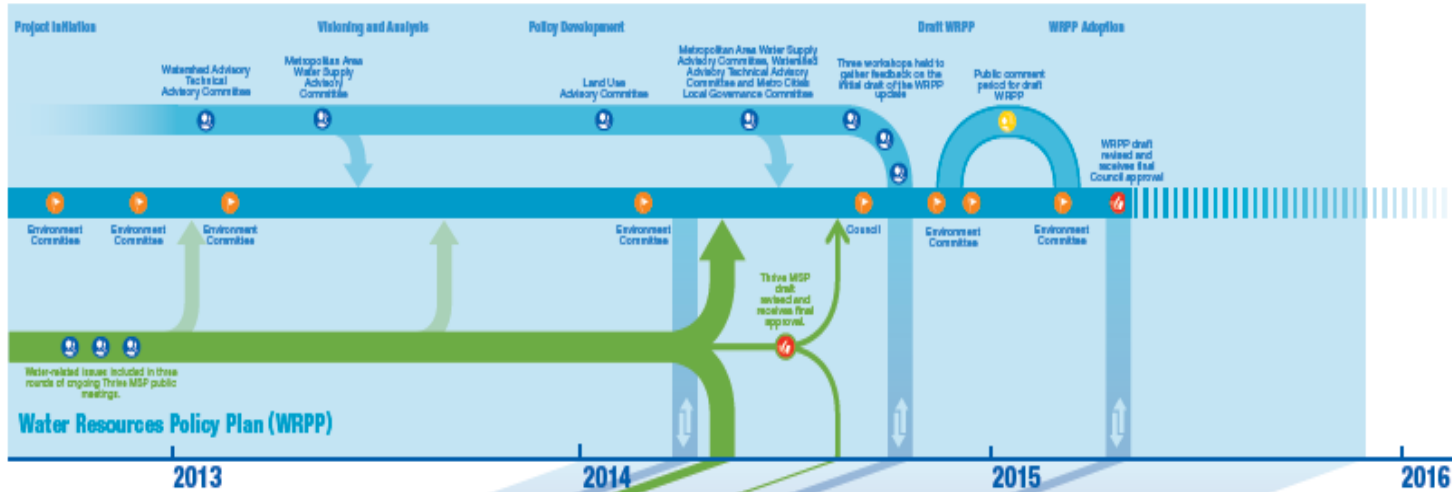
Equity Initiatives Grants

- \$1 million in 2015 Regional Administration budget for equity demonstration projects
- Equity Implementation Team recommended 11 projects
- Criteria:
 - Advance equity as defined in Thrive MSP 2040
 - Build capacity
 - New or innovative approaches
 - Measureable results

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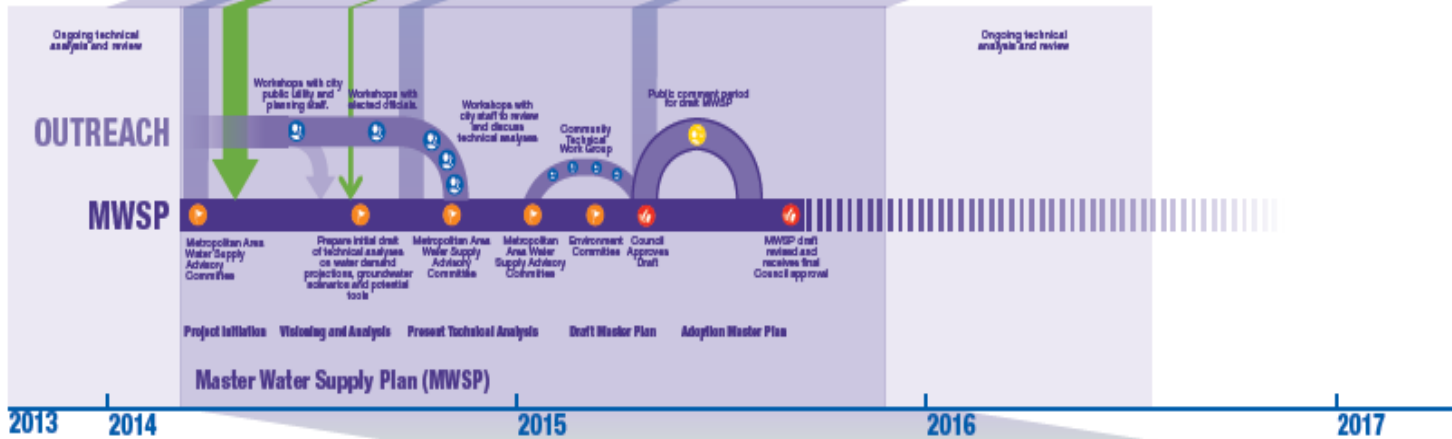
OUTREACH

WRPP



The Metropolitan Council prepares the regional development framework, Thrive MSP 2040, and related policy plans for the seven-county metropolitan area. This chart shows the connections among Thrive MSP 2040, the Water Resources Policy Plan and the Master Water Supply Plan.

After the Council approves the overall concept of what policies to include, constituencies will have multiple opportunities to provide feedback on both plans, including ongoing policy discussions with residents, cities, and other government agencies. The plans then go through a formal public comment period before final consideration by the Council. The Master Water Supply Plan is then approved by the DNR.



STRATEGIC PLANNING



Master Water Supply & Water Resource Policy Plan Known Support

- “Nice job in making sure our voices were heard.”
 - Georg Fischer, Dakota County
- “I think the document has had a tremendous amount of input. I want to thank the staff and commend the staff, everyone that has been involved, for being open and very receptive to the comments.”
 - Barry Stock, City of Savage
- “I would agree that it’s time to move it along.”
 - Chuck Haas, City of Hugo
- “Thanks for listening. Key to a plan that meets the region’s needs.”
 - Community Technical Work Group member

A day for water and water for
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



UN WATER
22 MARCH

WORLD WATER DAY 2015
WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

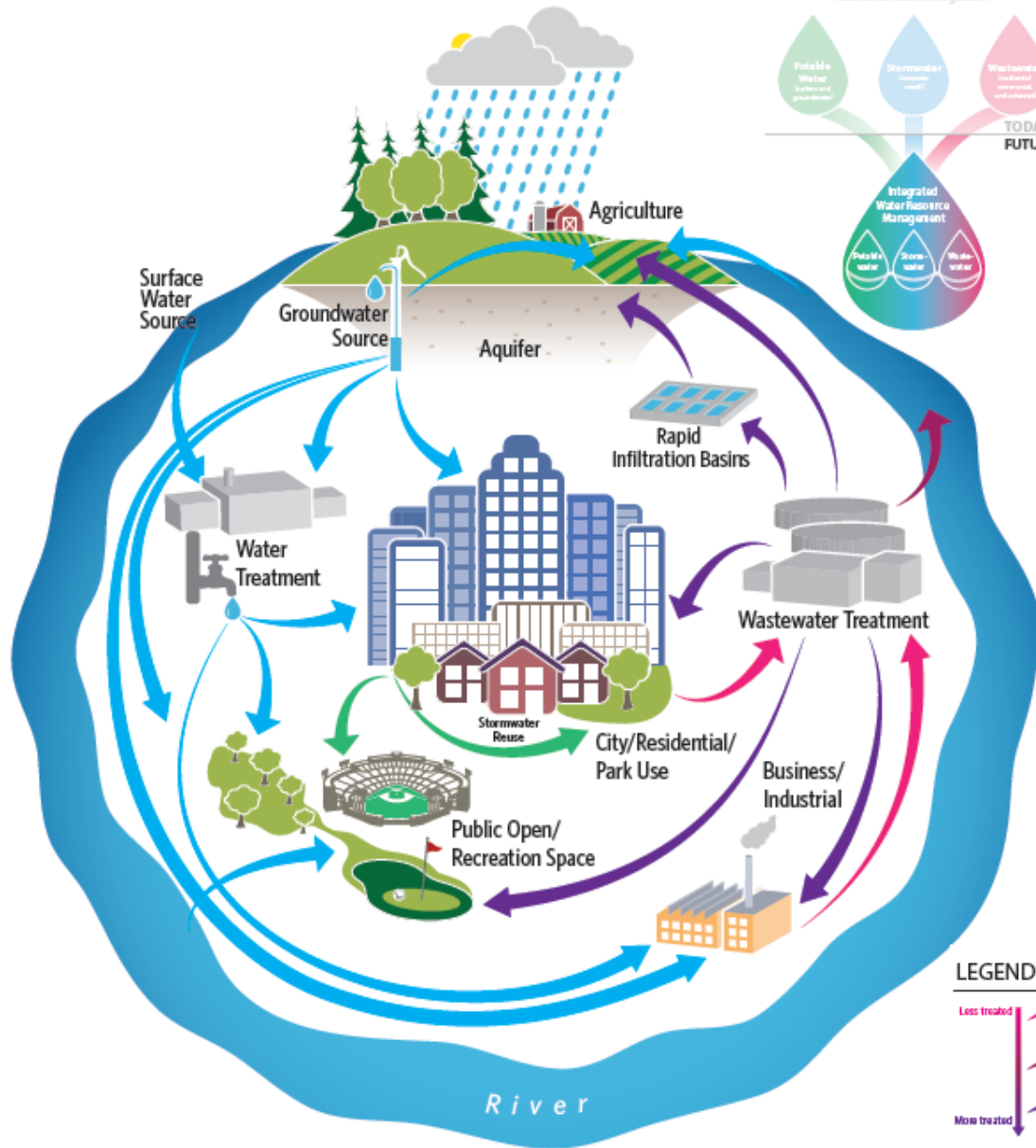


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Integrated Water Resource Management

A Look at the Future

Traditional Water Management



LEGEND

- | | | | | |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Less treated | | Wastewater Influent (Untreated) | | Raw water source |
| | | Wastewater Effluent (Treated) | | Stormwater Reuse |
| More treated | | Wastewater Reuse | | |

Collaborations working for us now!

- New England Fertilizer Public Private Partnership
- Dental Mercury program
- Inflow & Infiltration program (and grants)
- Metro Energy Policy Coalition (MEPC)
- Financial Policy task forces
- Sub-regional water supply groups
- Water Supply - Technical Advisory Group (TAC)

Collaborations... in Process

- Thrive Equity Initiative
 - Changing Workforce Specialist
- Industrial Pretreatment Incentive Program (IPIP)
- Local government participation in Community Solar Gardens on our sites
- Joint Vactor sites
- PCA/MCES Phosphorus “Umbrella” permit
- Governmental Solar Garden Collaborative

Community Development

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Community Development Division

- Integrating across and leveraging all divisions and policy areas
- Convening the region's best thinkers to address complex issues
- Providing technical assistance to support local planning and decision-making
- Providing clear and easily accessible information

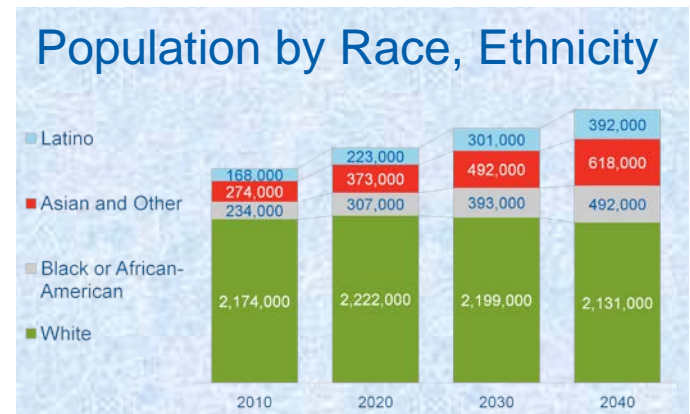
Operationalizing Thrive

- CD/MTS - Housing Performance Scores included in Regional Solicitation
- CD/ES – MHP Report and Pilot SAC Grant Program
- Developing Equity Toolkit – Investment decision making in Regional Parks
- Strengthening Thrive outcomes with LCA grants



Operationalizing Thrive

- Local Planning Handbook – Get More from your Comp Plan
 - Resiliency and Sustainability
 - Housing Element
 - Economic Competitiveness
 - Public Participation
- HRA Outreach Staff to design and implement Mobility Counseling Program
- Metro Stats
- Equity Change Team and Cultural Competency Team



Metropolitan Transportation Services

MTS – Planning

- New Outreach Coordinator position
- TOD internal working group
- Monthly CD/MTS/TOD Office coordination meetings
- Thrive Economic Competitiveness Implementation Team
- 2015 Thrive Equity Initiatives grants
 - Equity in Transportation (with TAB)
 - Equitable Engagement on I-94 Study (with MnDOT)



MTS – 2040 TPP Work Program

- Equity analysis for Transportation
- Transitway priorities initiative
- Update TOD Guide, Regional Transitway Guidelines & Regional Service Improvement Plan (RSIP)
- Identify (with counties and MnDOT)
 - highway costs of operation
 - asset preservation
 - other spending
- Refine transportation performance measures

MTS – Operations

- Restructuring Metro Mobility service areas
- Implementing business-oriented vanpool pilots
- Analyzing fleet replacement mileage factor
- Allocate additional funds to some Transit Link contracts
- Active Suburban Transit Provider liaison
- Participating in Dakota County's Transportation Coordinating Collaborative
- Implementing Go-To fare payment and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) for Metro Mobility and Transit Link



Metro Transit

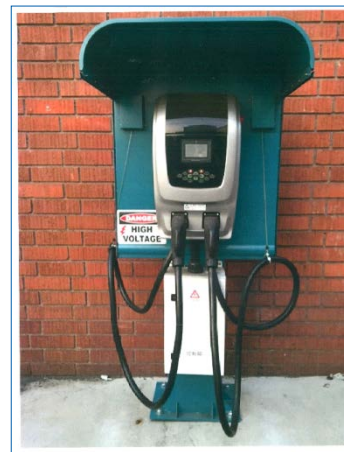
Metro Transit – Workforce & TOD

- Career track
 - Urban Scholar, Step Up internship programs
 - Leadership Academy
- Transit-Oriented Development
 - Inventory of Council-owned land
 - Equitable development scorecard



Metro Transit – Electric Bus Technology

- No engine, no emissions
- Quiet
- Keeps Metro Transit on cutting edge of rapidly-developing technology



Metro Transit – Facilities & Fares

- Bus stop improvements
 - Adding 150 new shelters
 - New signage
- Fare policy
 - Social service programs
 - Job seekers
 - Exploring expanded reduced fare programs for income-qualified customers



Metro Transit – Outreach

- Safety & Security
 - Spanish language classes for officers and operators
 - Cultural training integrated into Academy
 - Community policing teams
- Community Outreach & Engagement
 - Fully staffed team



Metro Transit – Equity Initiative

- Grants
- Engagement
- SWOT analysis
- Pilot projects
- Communications
- Measures





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