

# Comprehensive Plan Update review by affected school districts

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Metropolitan Council



# *Metropolitan Land Planning Act*

Minn. Stat. 473.858, subd. 2

- “Local governmental units shall submit their proposed [comprehensive] plans to...**affected school districts** for review and comment at least six month prior to submission of the plan to the [city] council...”



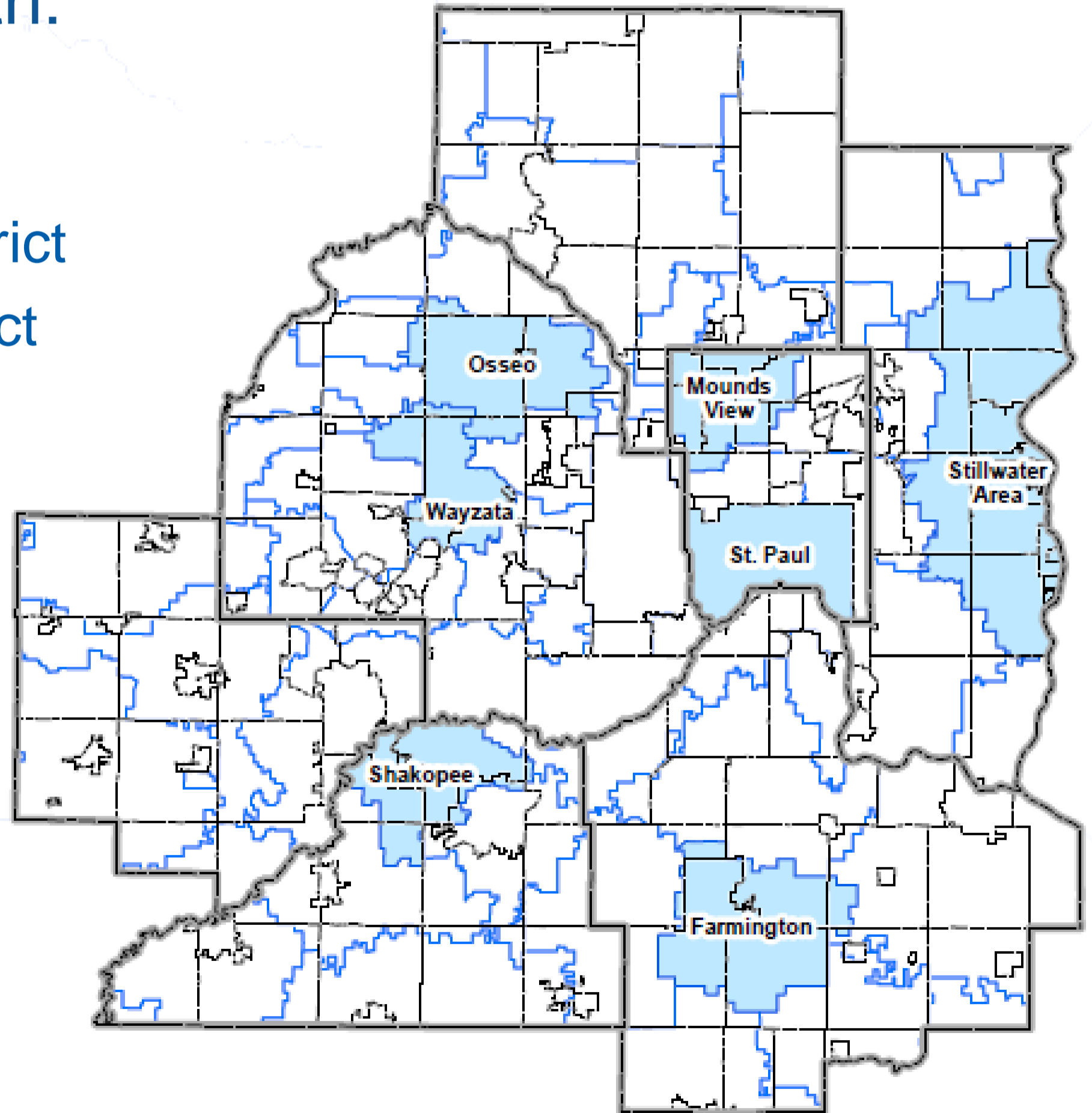
# *2040 Housing Policy Plan*

- “...there is little evidence that compliance with this requirement has led to successful alignment of the housing element of comprehensive plans and school district policies.”
- “The Council intends to reach out to...school district staff to see how this review can become more meaningful.”

# School district outreach

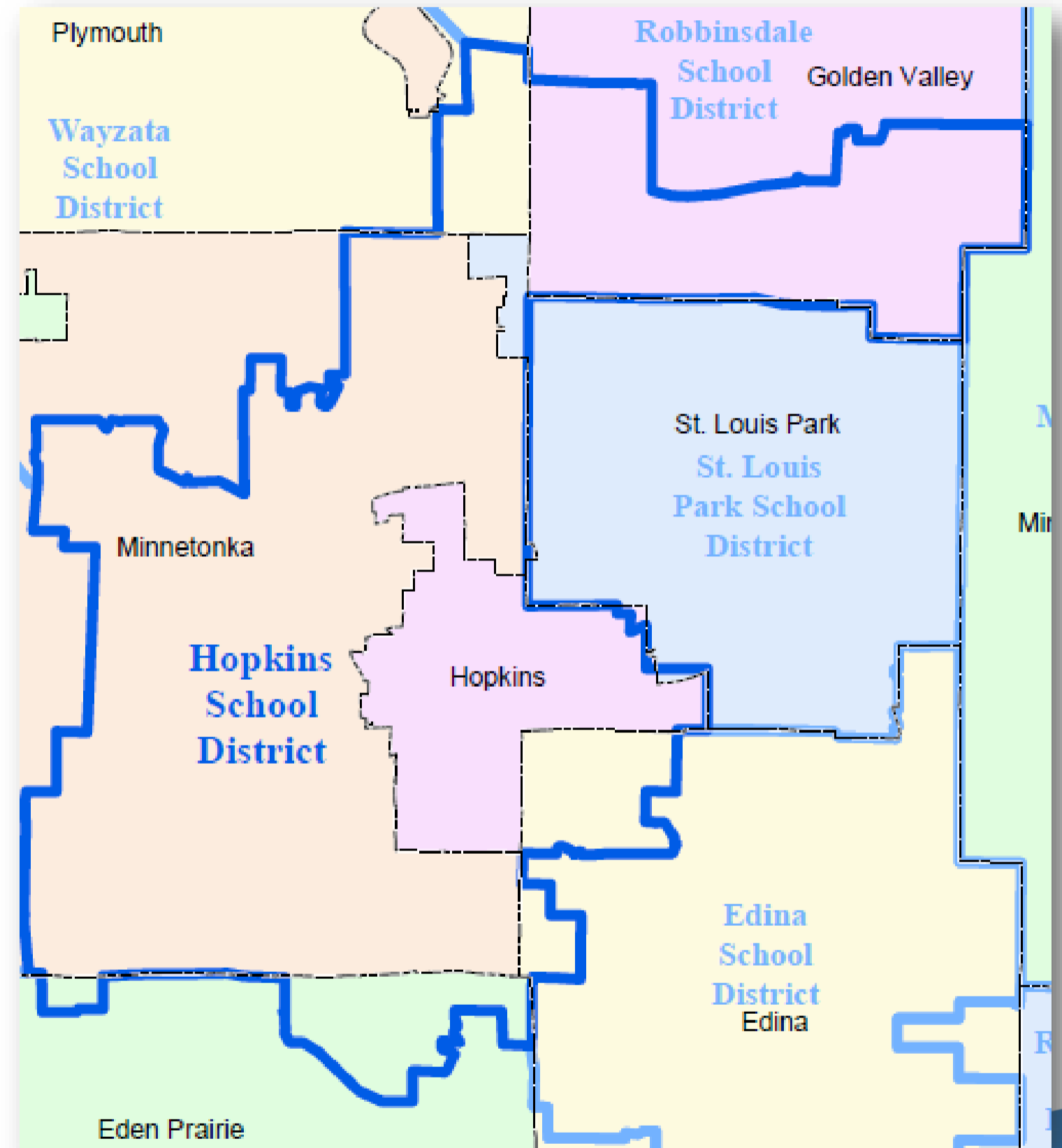
## Interviews completed with:

- Minnesota Department of Education
- St. Paul Public School District
- Mounds View School District
- Farmington School District
- Osseo School District
- Wayzata School District
- Stillwater School District
- Shakopee School District
- Hazel Reinhardt, school demographer



# Introduction to Comprehensive Plan Updates

- Forecasts for growth
- Land use plans for residential growth and densities
- Identification of housing needs and priorities
- Consideration of jurisdictional mismatch



# Key insights: How does school planning and city planning differ?

- Different geographical boundaries and populations served
- School planning focuses on the next five years; city planning looks out much farther
- School planning focuses on single family housing; city planning focuses on multiple housing types

# Key insights: Where do school planning and city planning align?

- Iterative nature of residential development and school enrollment
- Comprehensive Plan Updates contain valuable information for school planners



# Key insights: where are there opportunities?

- Schools may benefit from longer range planning
- Schools may benefit from more timely updates on current developments
- Schools and cities may benefit from more robust communication around potential school construction and closings
- Cities may benefit from unique information school districts have about their community



# Next steps

- Continued outreach
  - Are there any school districts we should prioritize for outreach?
- Technical assistance
  - Demographic forecasts
  - Information on regional developments



# Next steps, cont.

- Prepare a Comprehensive Plan Update – Housing Element review workshop for school district officials
  - Workshop planned for summer 2017
  - Consider other plan elements to include
- Consider reaching out to cities to encourage school district involvement in the Comprehensive Plan Update process
- Additional suggestions?