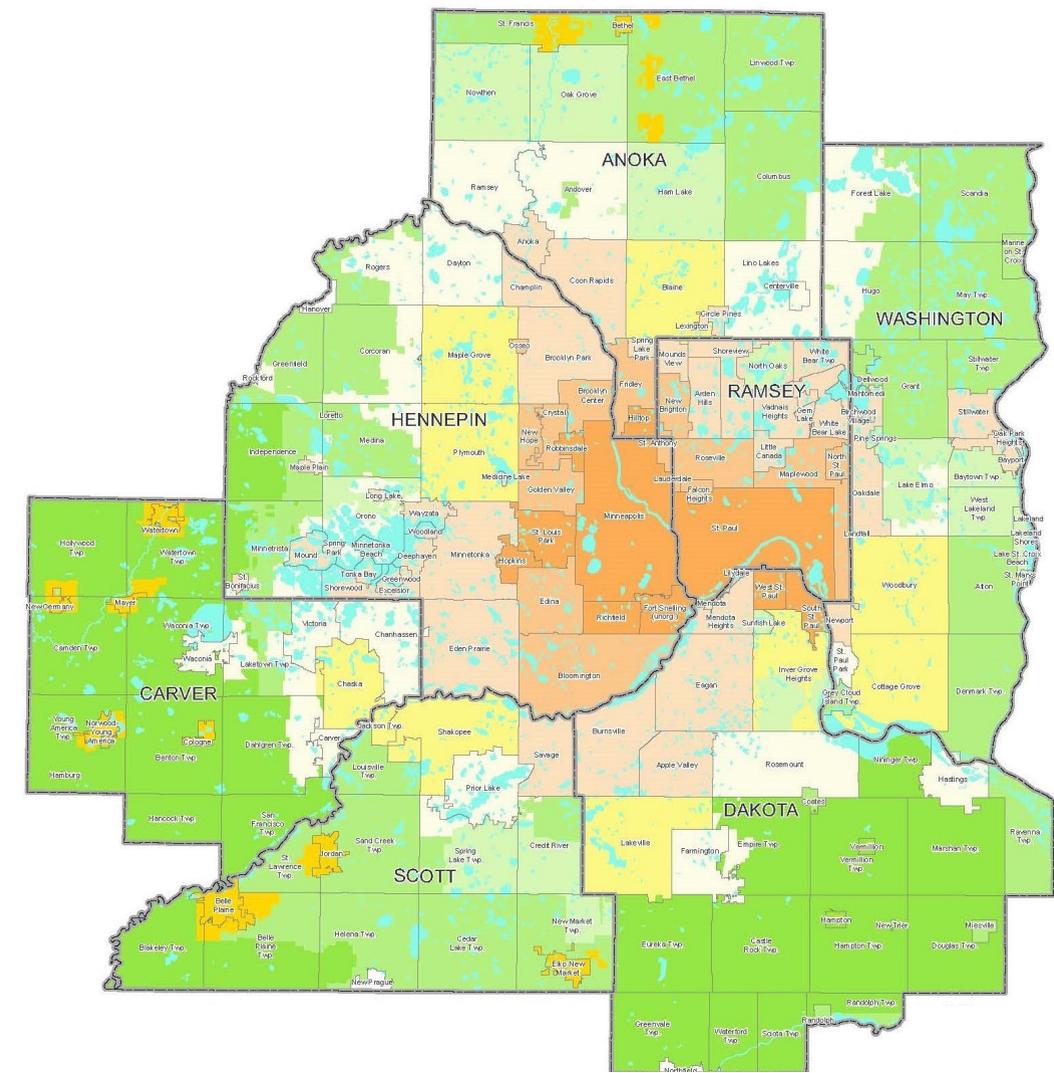


# Proposed Community Designations 2050 Regional Development Guide

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# Why are they important?



## Background

- 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

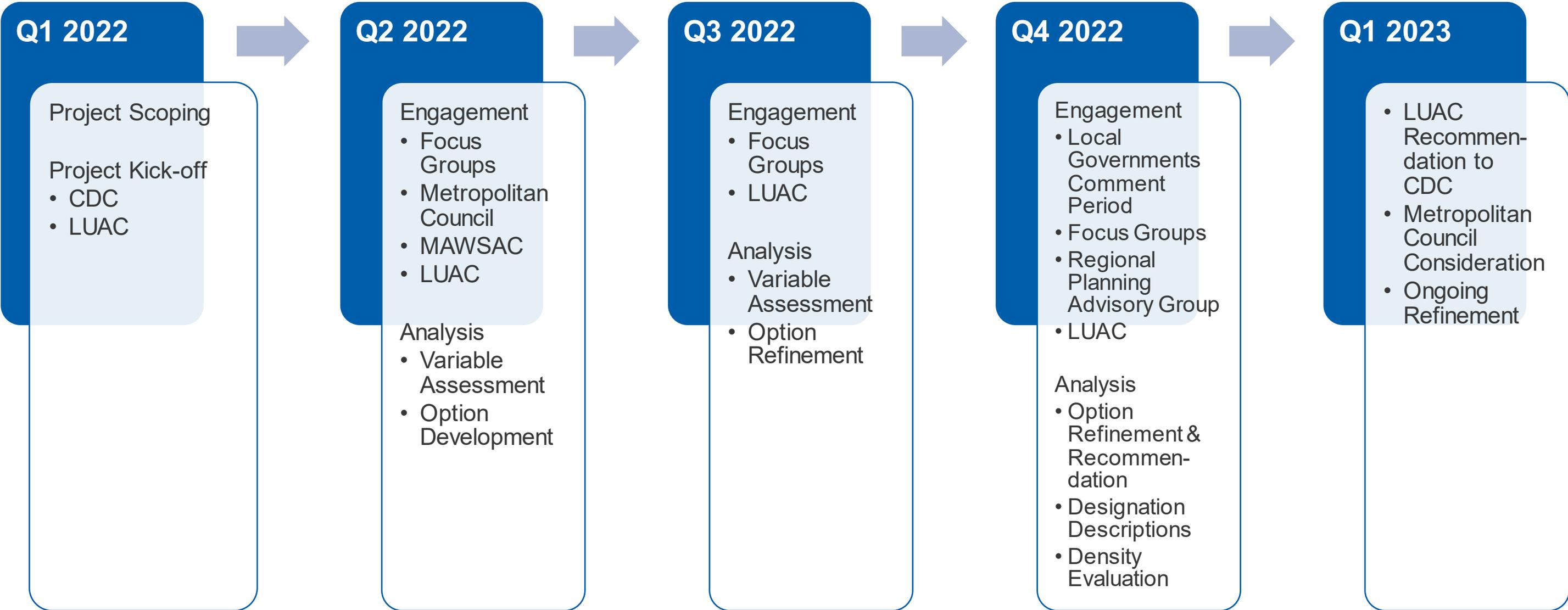
# Project Overview



## Project Components

- Iterative analysis
- Engagement
- Variable determination
- Developing proposals
- External feedback

# Project Timeline



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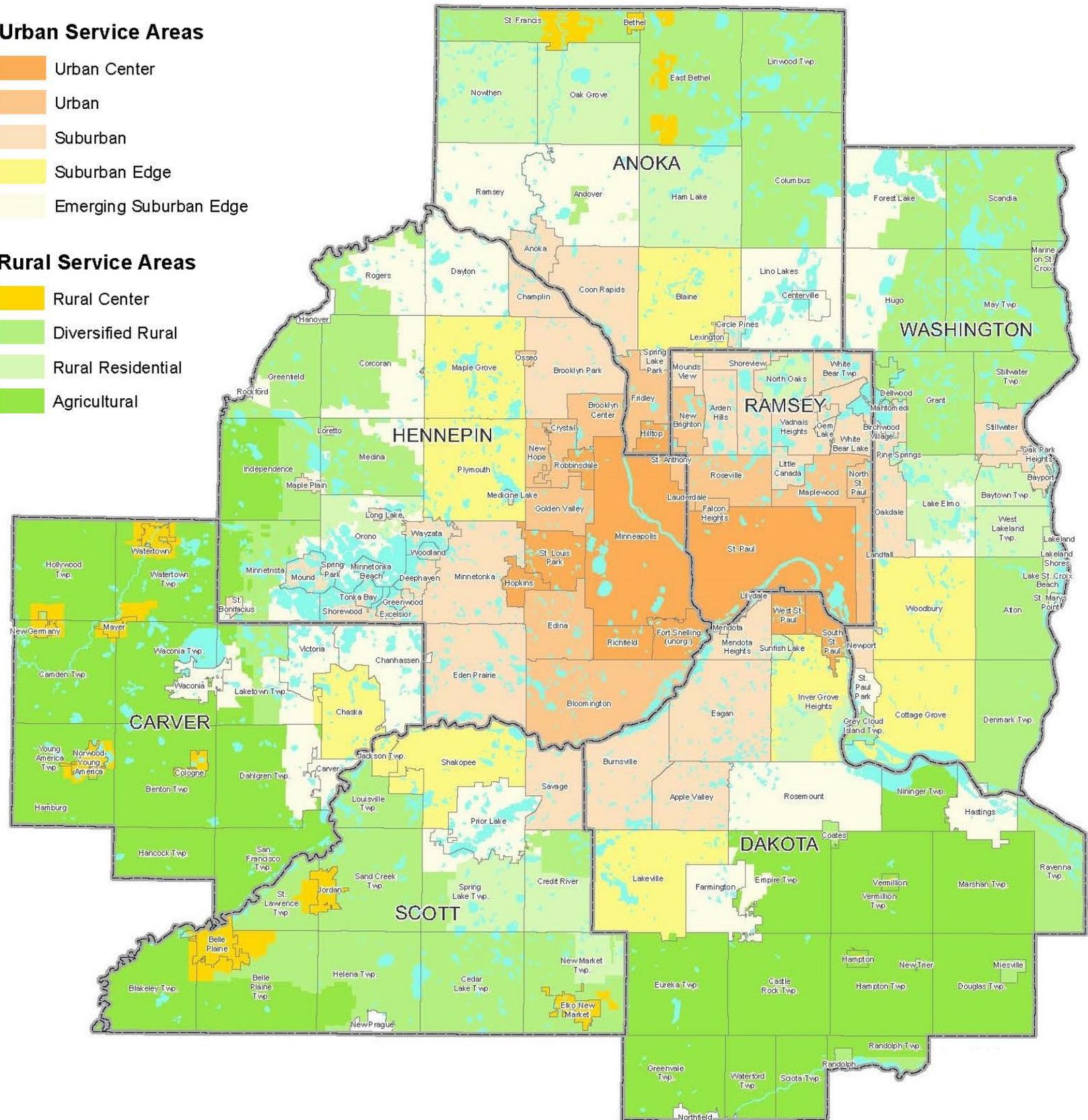
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2. Percentage of developable land
3. Age of the housing stock
4. Intersection density
5. Long-term Wastewater Service Area

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- Rural Residential
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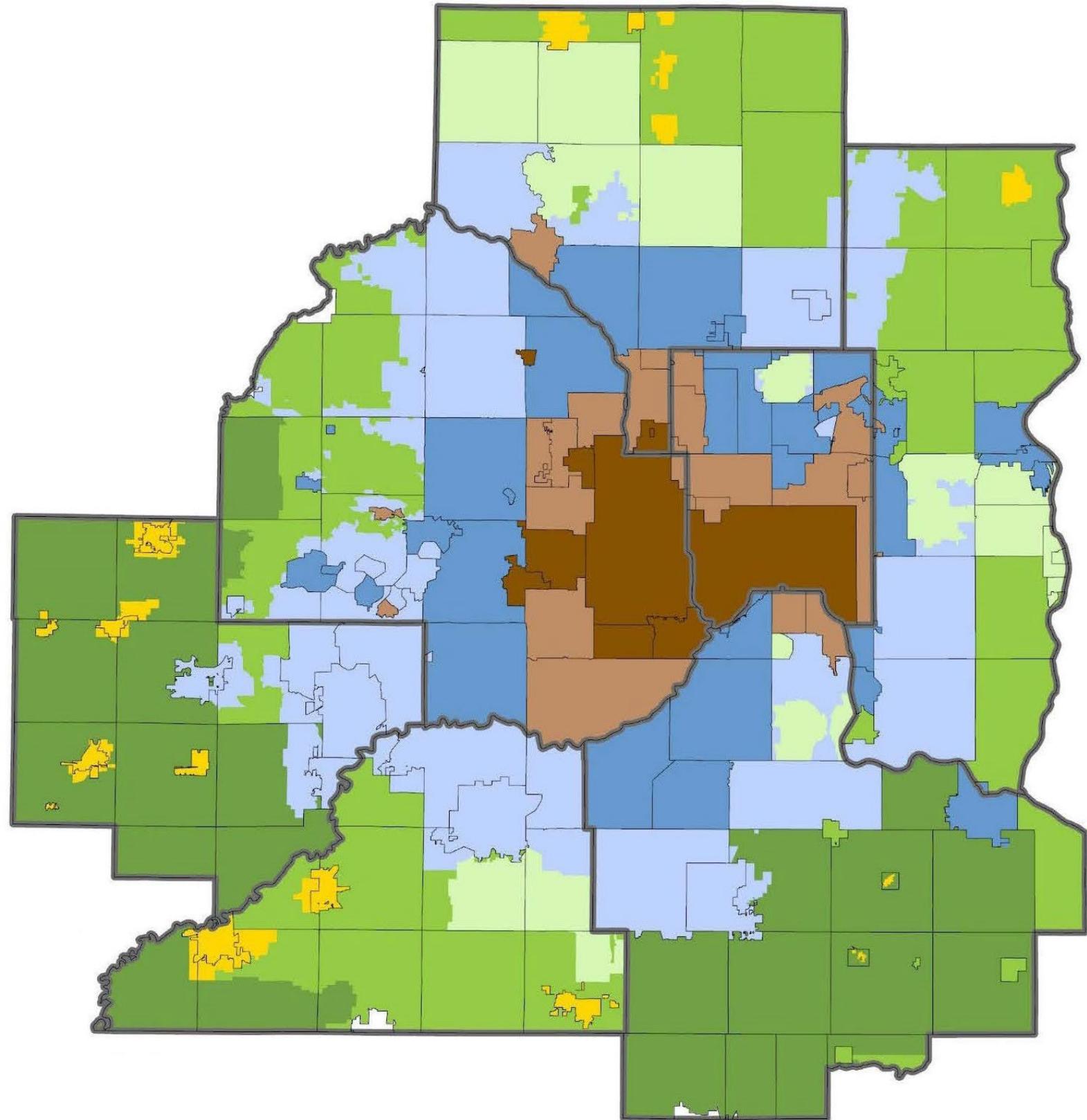
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