

2020 Water Supply Planning Report to the Minnesota Legislature

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Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy and Technical
Advisory Committees (MAWSAC and TAC): August 25, 2020

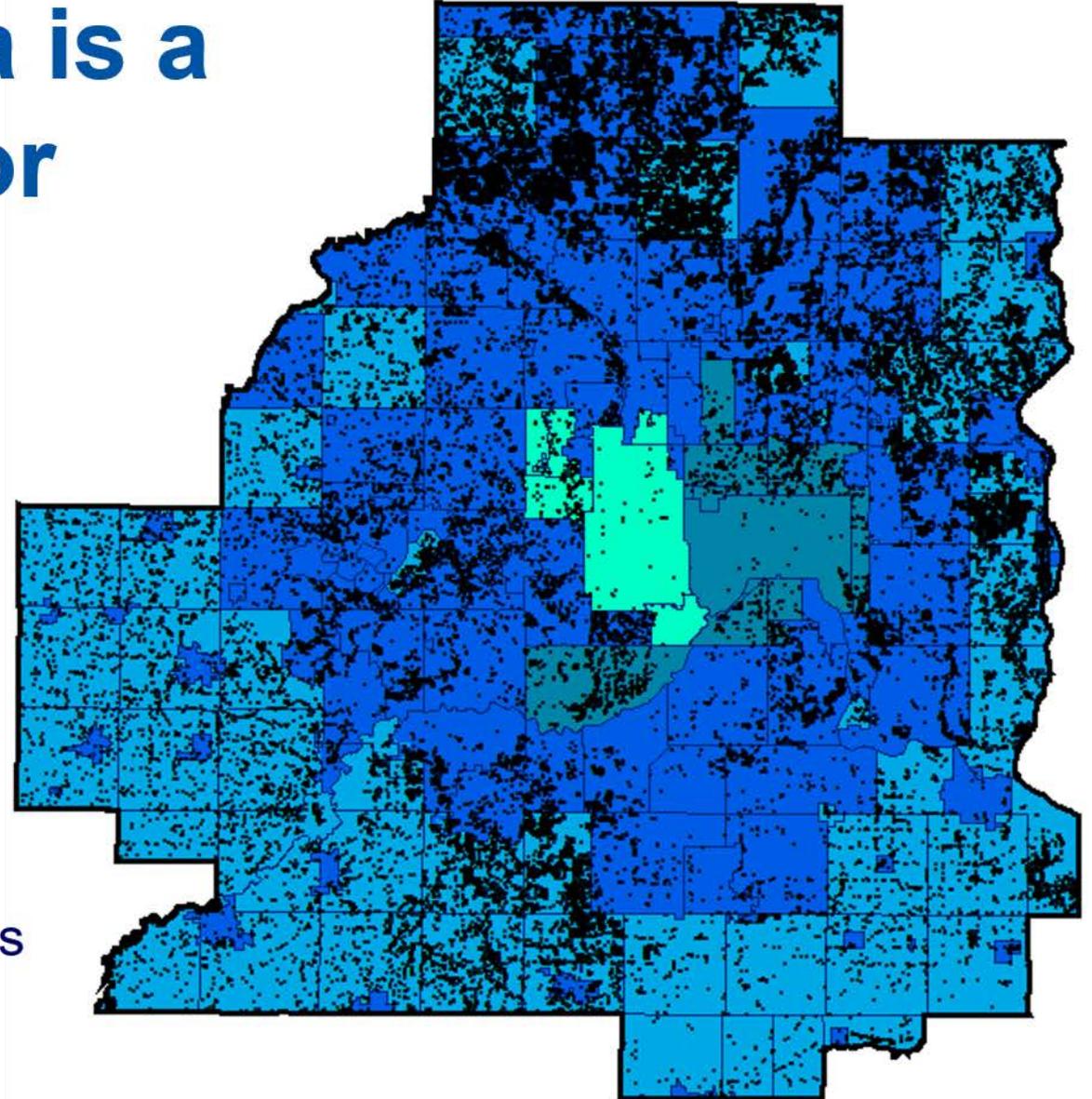
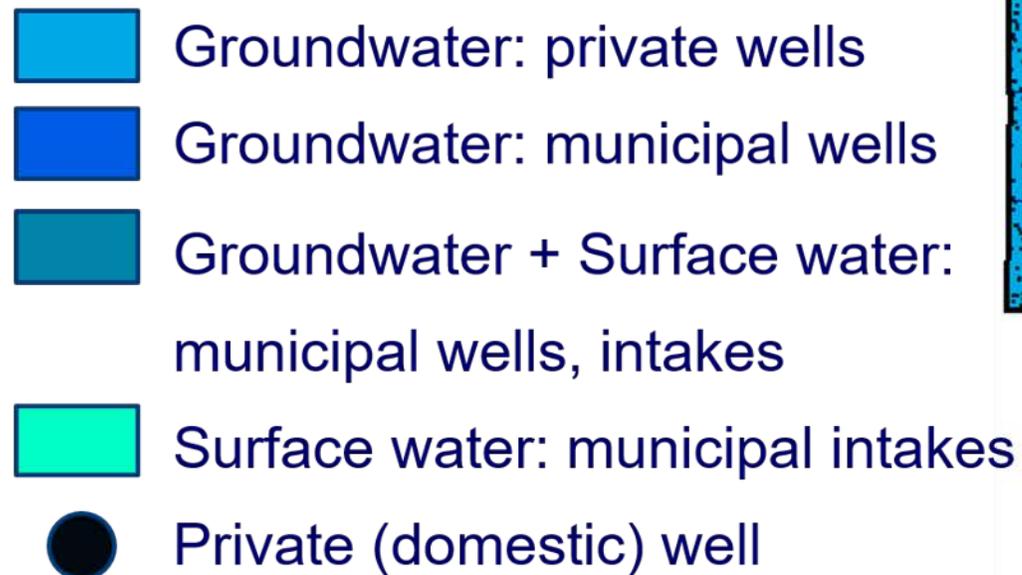


Request to MAWSAC and TAC

1. Share your perspective about how water supply planning changed because of Met Council and partners' activities (guided by the committees).
2. Recommend what messages to highlight – what should your legislators and Council members know so that they are more informed when you communicate with them?

Water Supply Planning in the Twin Cities Metro Area is a Collaborative Endeavor

- 186 Cities and townships
- 100+ Water utilities



Minnesota Statutes 473.1565

METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY PLANNING ACTIVITIES; ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Enacted 2005



**Technical
Information**



Planning



Recommendations



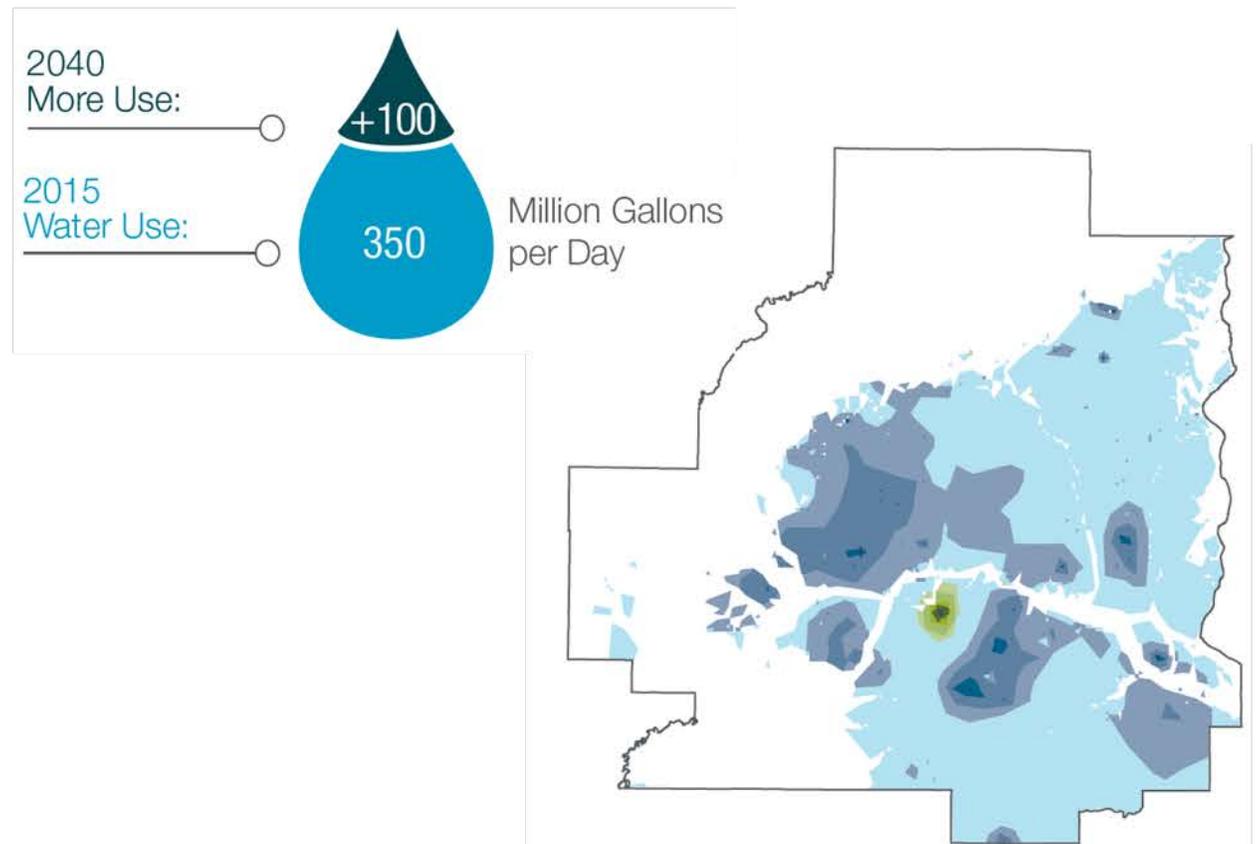
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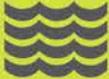


Reports

Proposed Outline

- **Background information**
- **Master water supply plan**
- **Technical information**
- **Recommendations**
- **Outcomes & case studies**



1. 

Four extensive underground layers of rock, gravel and sand (aquifers) hold and transport billions of gallons of water for over two million people.

2. 

Treated stormwater and wastewater could potentially provide water for nondrinkable uses such as cooling or irrigation.

3. 

The Mississippi River supplies huge volumes of water for commercial, industrial and residential uses.

Outcomes

1. Better understanding of shared resources and challenges
2. Successful sub-regional collaborative platform to advance water sustainability goals
3. Better management/long-term resiliency of shared resources
4. More resources focused on regional water supply challenges
5. Better equipped to pursue next steps



Next Steps

- Finalize document
- Council presentation
- Submission of the final report to the Minnesota Legislature as part of
Minnesota Water Plan – September 15, 2020

Questions

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