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Partnerships in Planning for Parks and Trails

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Today's Agenda

- Current Structure of Comp Planning
- Opportunities for Collaboration
- Case Study: Three Rivers Park District Gap Analysis
- Small Group Discussion
- Q&A
- Next Steps

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On the Web:
go to
PollEv.com/parksandtrails

OR

Text:
PARKSANDTRAILS
to 22333

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What is your favorite thing to do at a park or trail?

Respond at **PollEv.com/parksandtrails**

Text **PARKSANDTRAILS** to **22333** once to join, then text your message

"Fish"
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"Jog"
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"Bike"
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"Hiking! :)"
6 days ago

"Walk"
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"Play with kids"
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"Hiking"
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"Ski"
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"Hike"
6 days ago

"Cycle!"
6 days ago

"Get somewhere"
6 days ago

"Walk my dogs"
6 days ago

"Play with my dog"
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"Paddle"
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"Pokémon go"
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"Pokemon go for son"
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"Bike"
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"Cross country skiing"
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"Walking"
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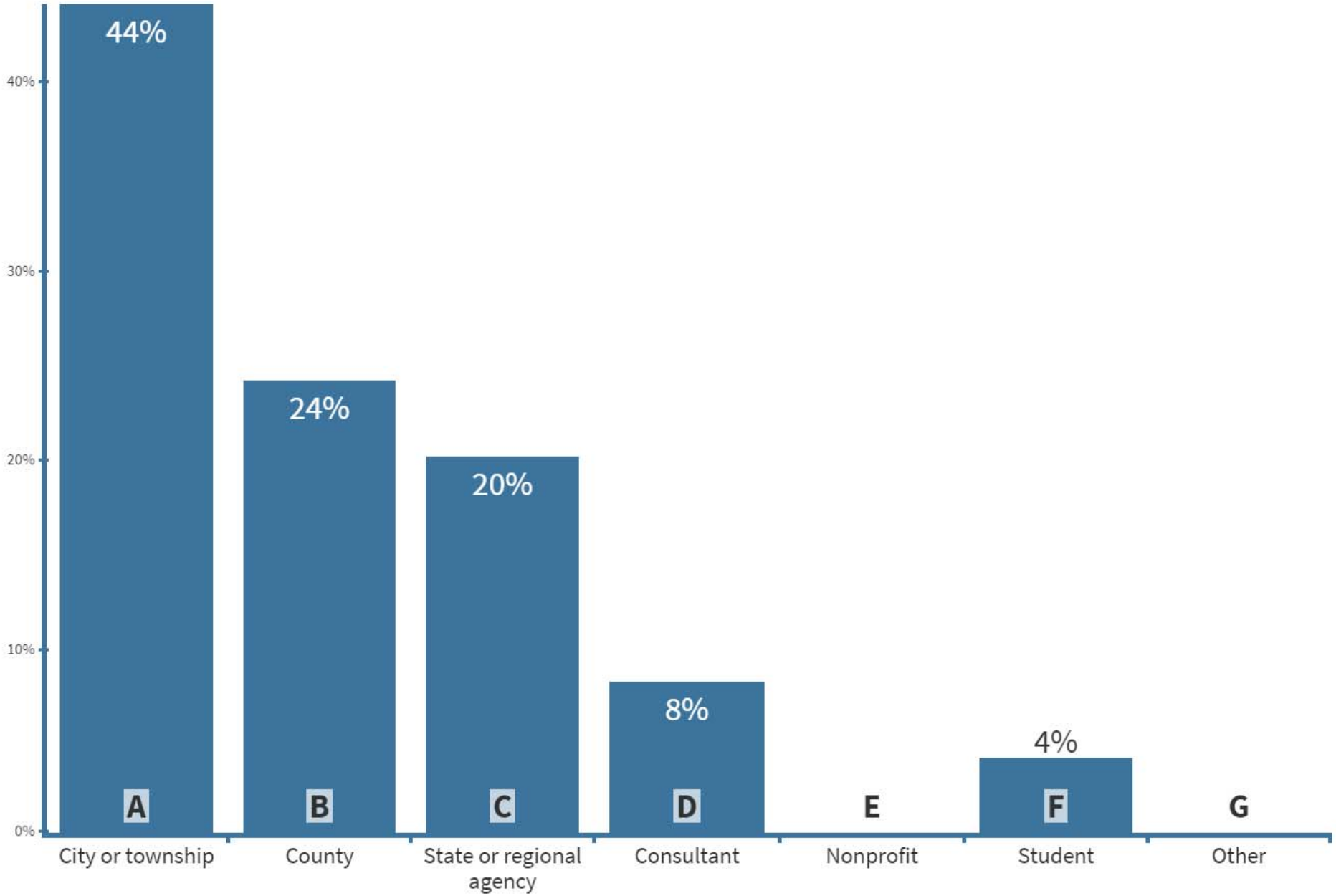
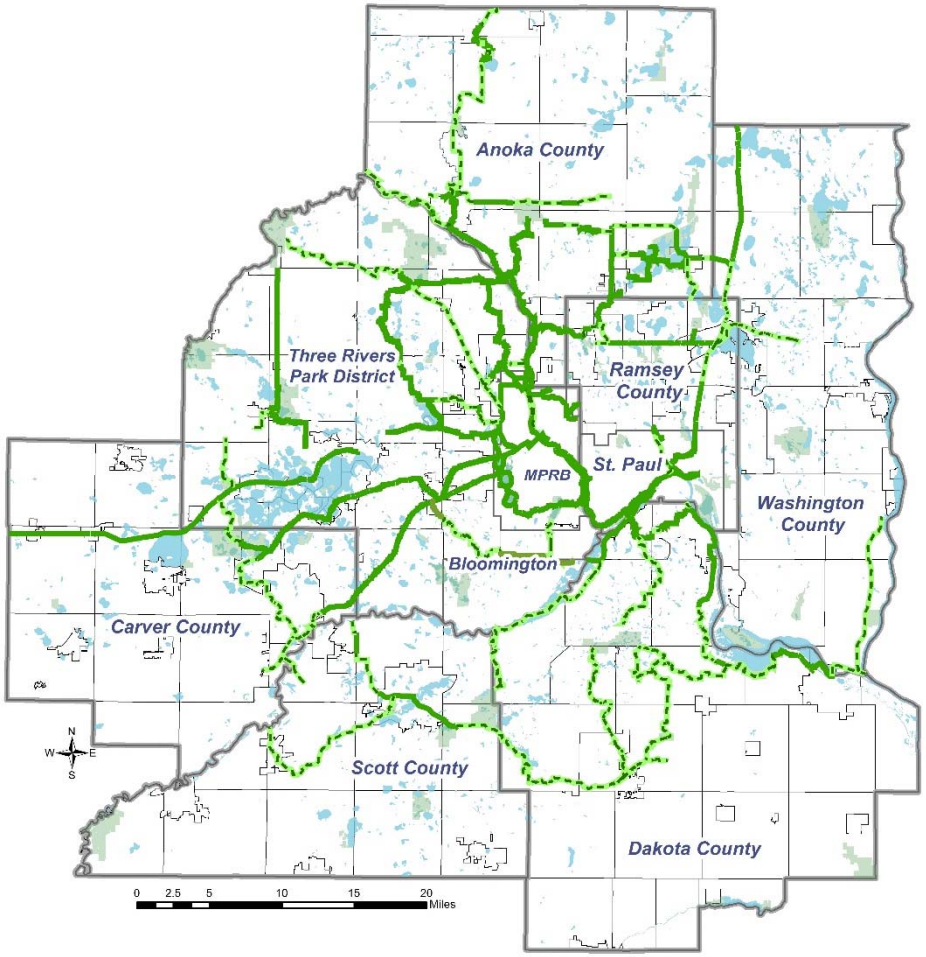
What is your role in comprehensive planning?



Regional Parks System



- 42 regional parks
- 12 park reserves
- 40 regional trails
- 8 special recreation features
- 54,600 acres
- 360 miles of regional trails
- Over 47 million visits in 2015

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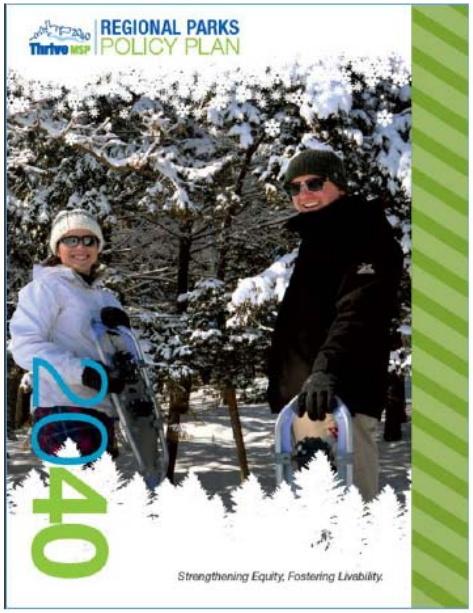
Regional Parks System

Owned and operated by 10 regional park implementing agencies



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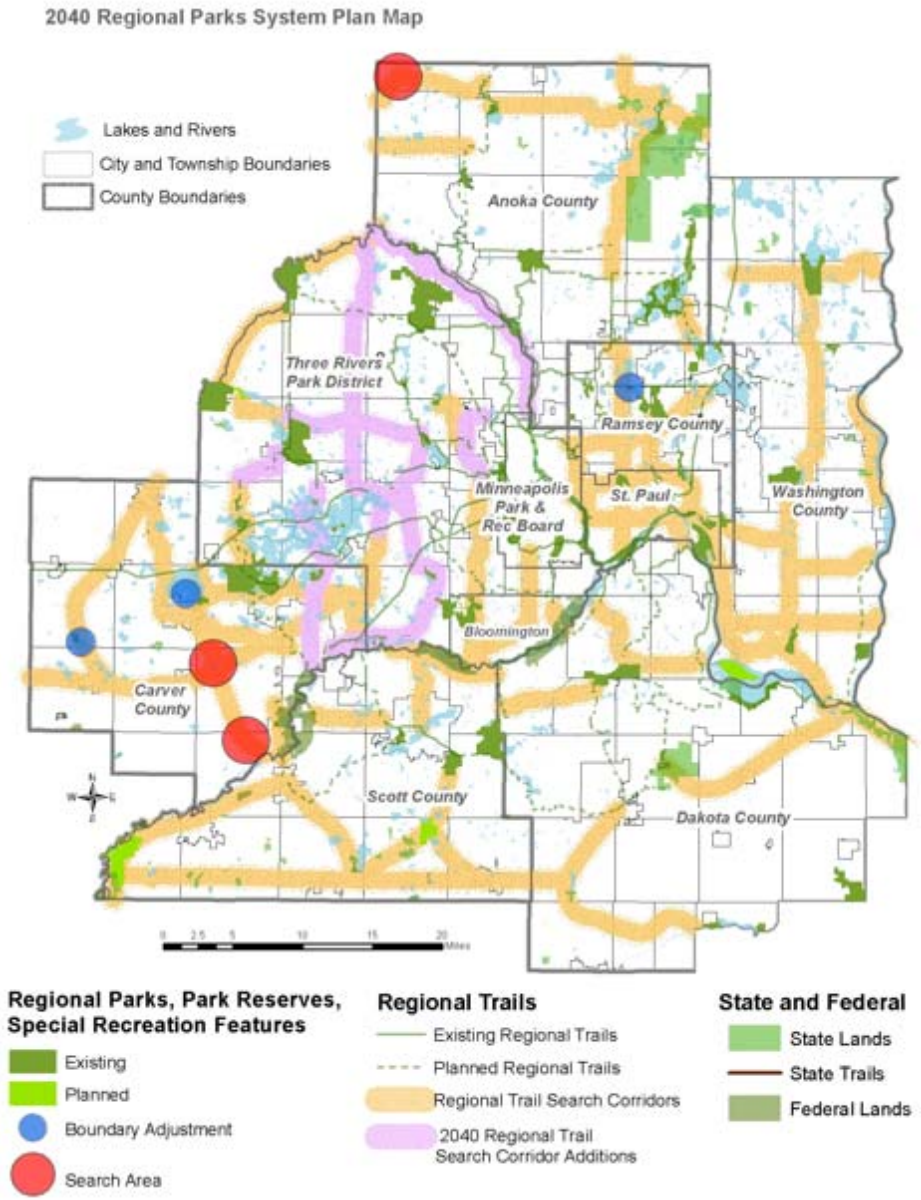

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Regional Park Implementing Agencies

Local Communities

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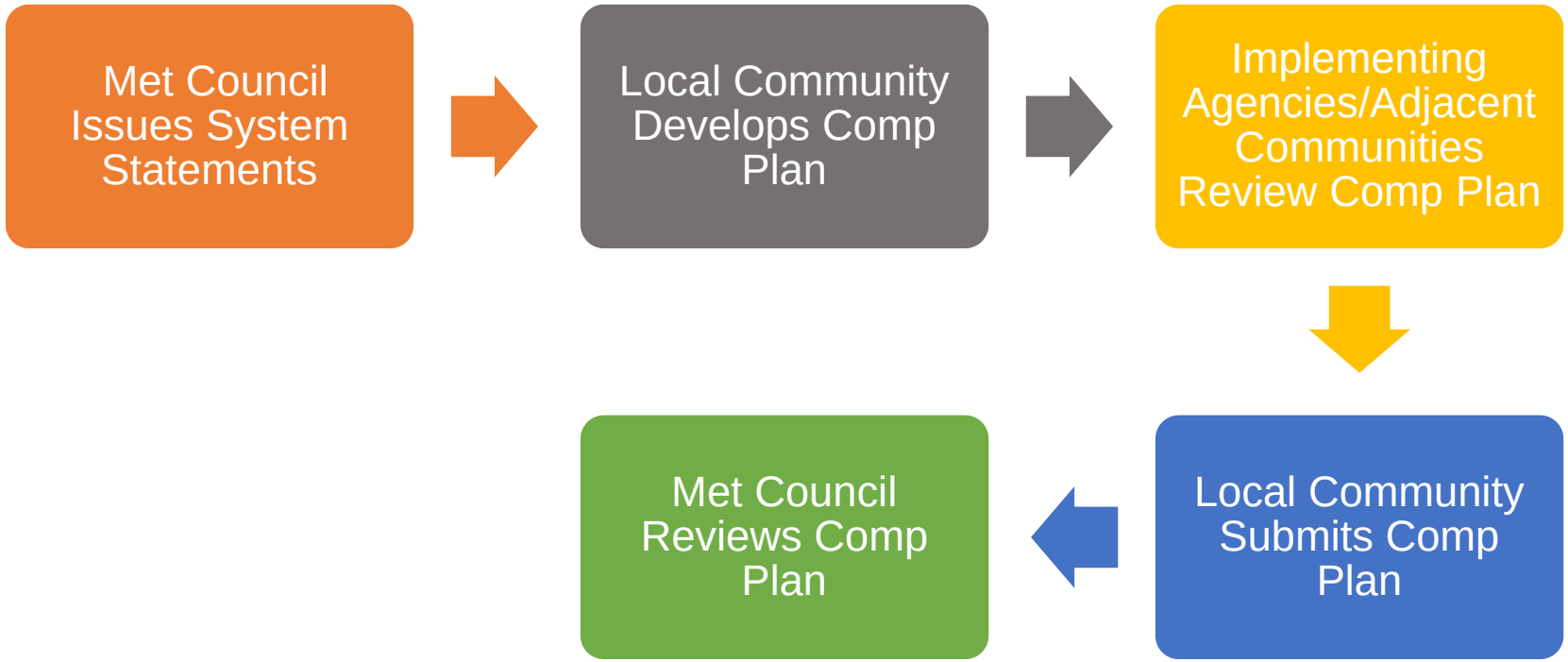
Current Structure of Comprehensive Planning



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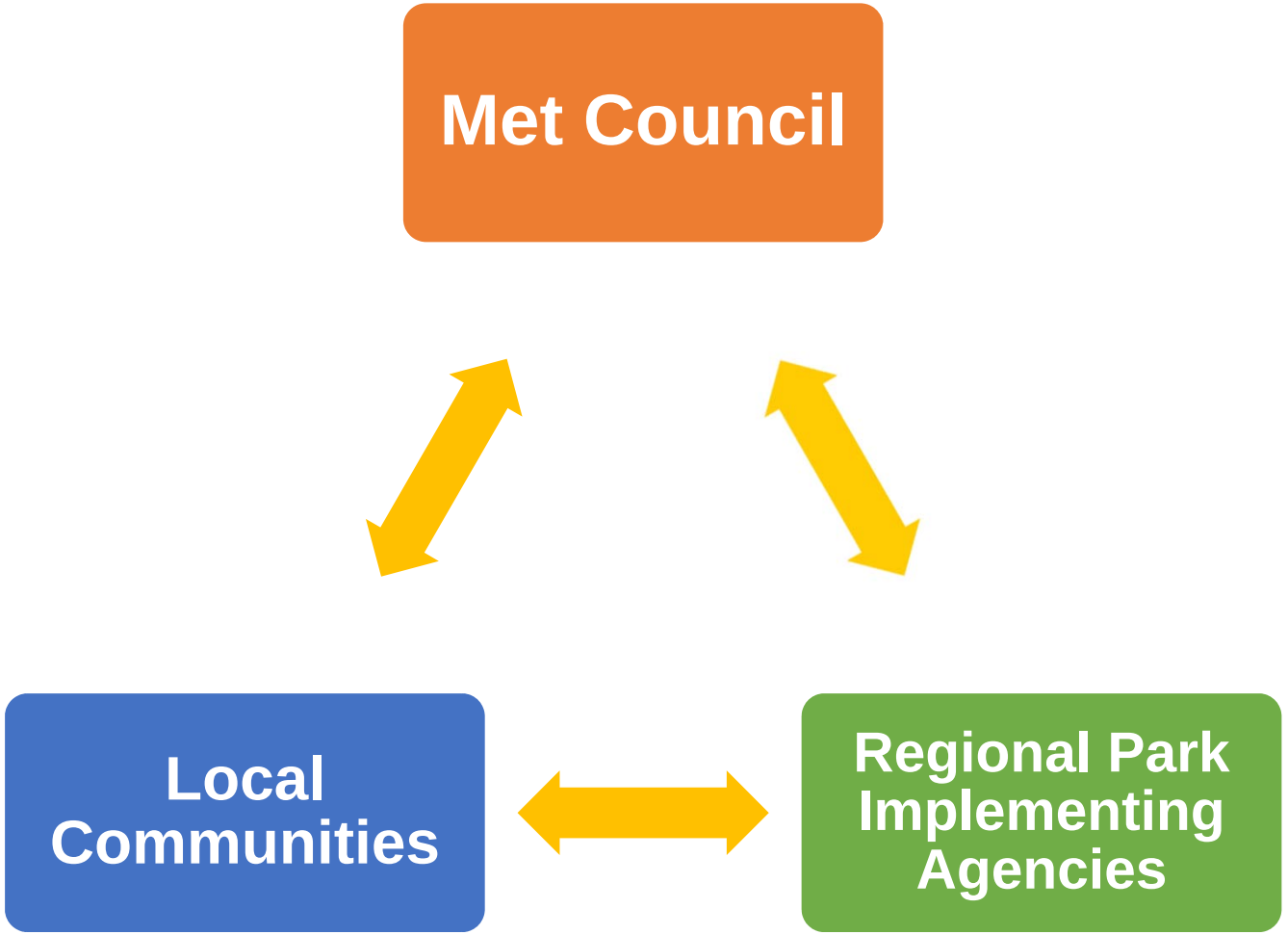
Collaboration



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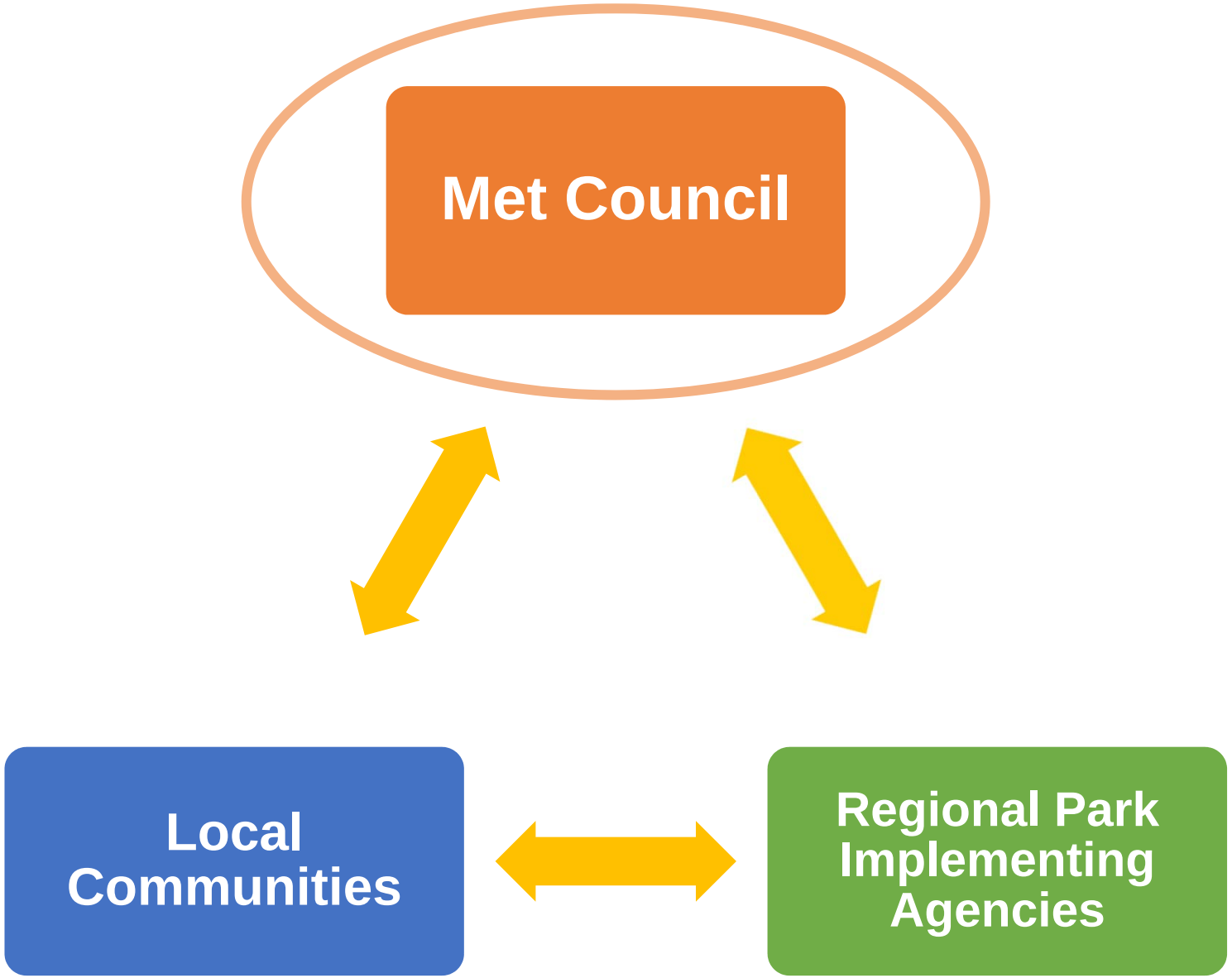

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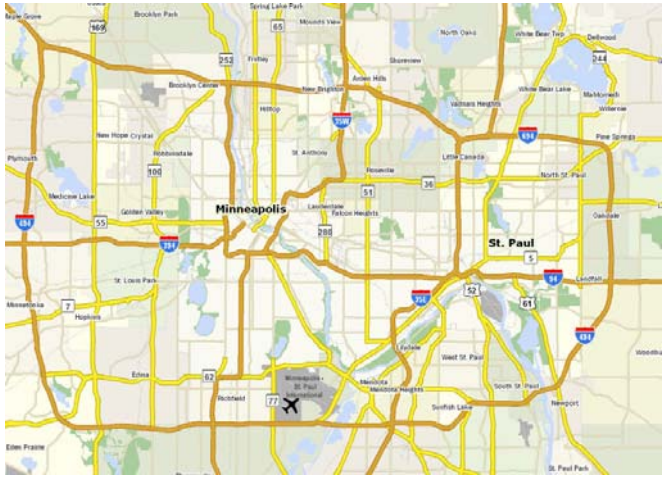
Regional Level

- **Provide GIS data**
  - Regional parks, trails, and search areas
  - Regional bicycle transportation network (alignments and corridors)
  - Regionally significant natural resource areas
  - Census geography
  - Transit routes and stops
  - Aerial photography—2016



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Regional Level

- **Provide GIS data**
  - In the Works:
    - Generalized Land Use
    - Existing and Planned Bikeways
    - Metro Area Data for Parks and Trails

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Minnesota Geospatial Commons
gisdata.mn.gov

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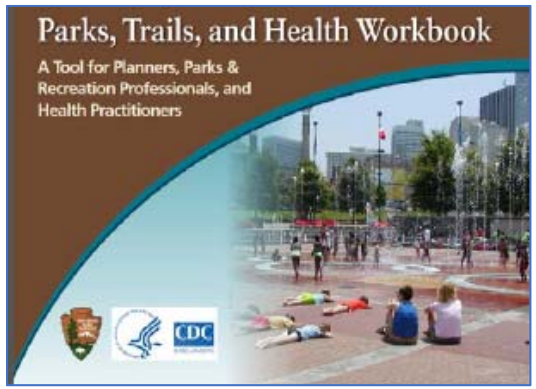
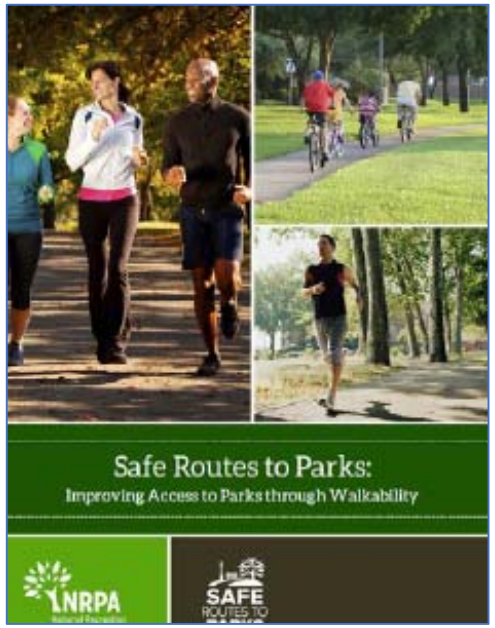
Regional Level

- **Provide information**
  - Fact Sheet: *Regional Park Use Among Select Communities of Color*
  - 2016 Regional Parks and Trails Survey
  - *Parks, Trails, and Health Workbook:* A Tool for Planners, Parks & Recreation Professionals, and Health Practitioners
  - *Safe Routes to Parks:* Improving Access to Parks through Walkability





- **Convene groups**

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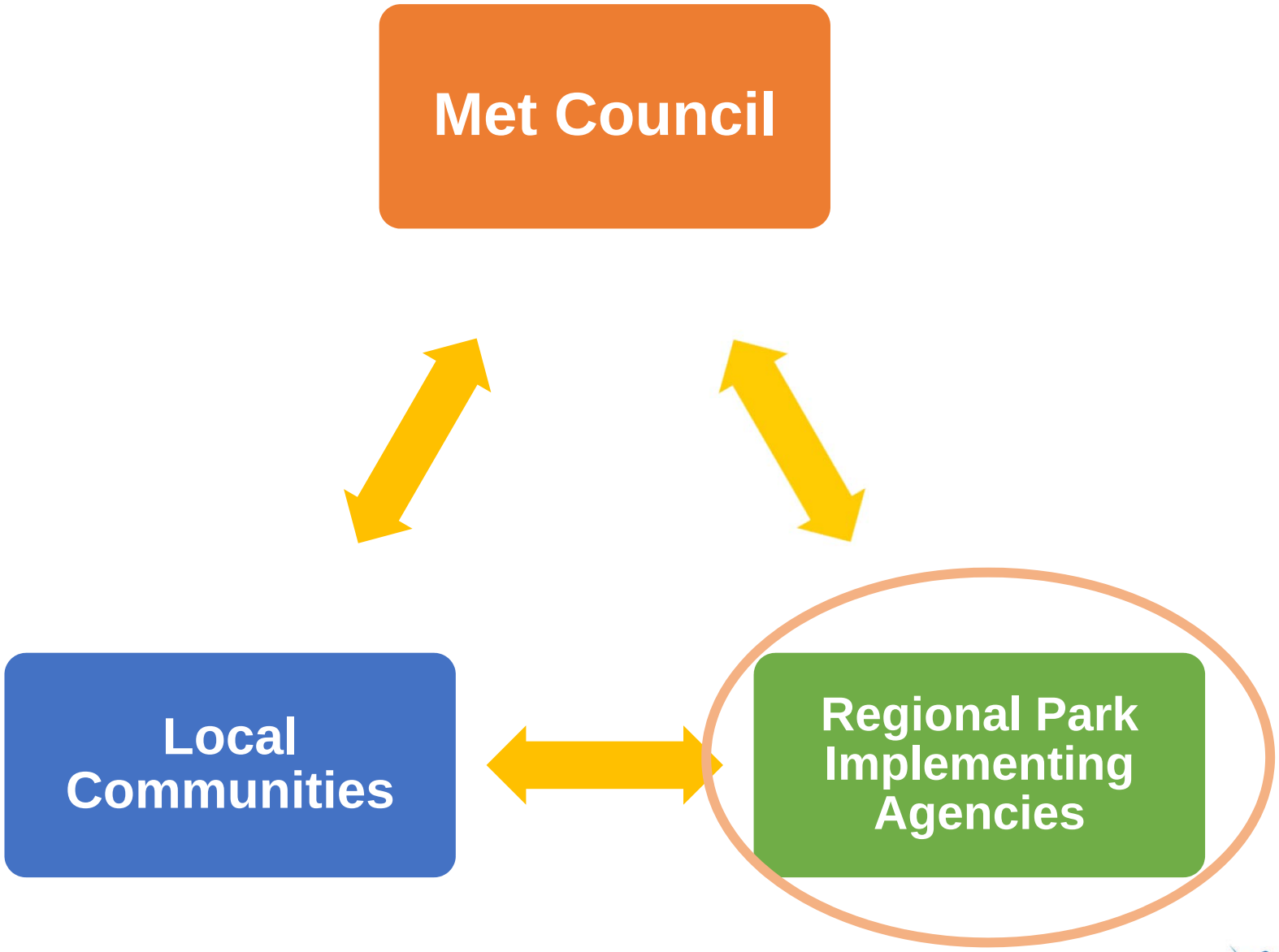

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Regional Trail Gap Analysis

GIS Methodology

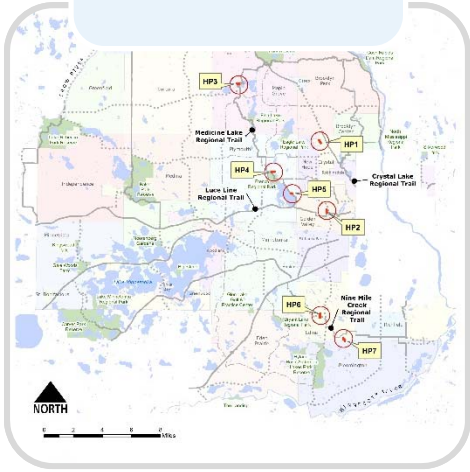
Identify Issue

Sidewalk and trail gaps = roadblocks to regional trail participation.

Set Goals

Identify and prioritize gaps to improve connectivity and increase regional trail participation.

Analyze Data

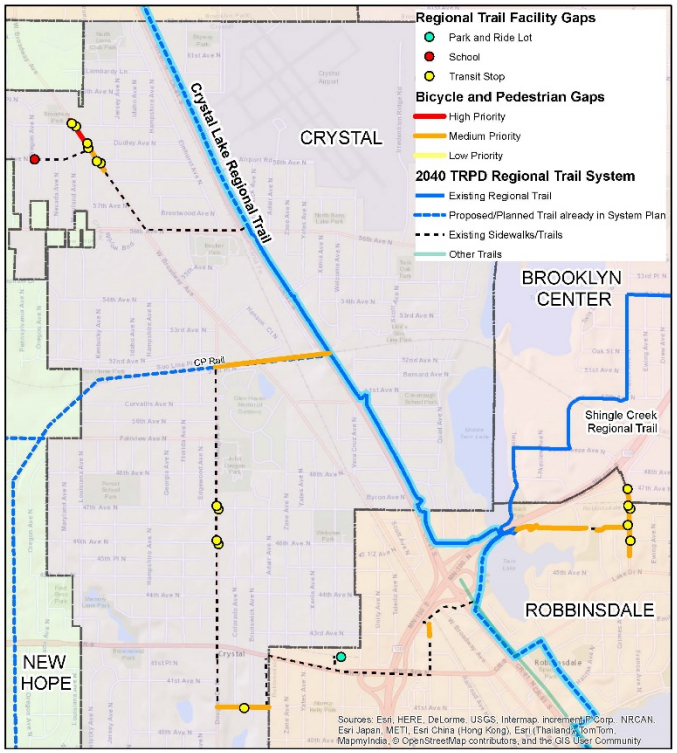


Create data methodology and analysis framework.

Analyze Data

Gap Prioritization Matrix >> Identified Gaps

		Priority within Metric			
		0 points	**1 point**	**2 points**	**3 points**
Pt_Density	**Density of school and/or transit points (i.e. how many transit stops are unconnected because of this gap?)**	Only 1 school and/or transit point would become connected if gap were filled.	2-5 school and/or transit points would become connected if gap were filled.	6-9 school and/or transit points would become connected if gap were filled.	10 or more school and/or transit points would become connected if gap were filled.
Gap_Status	**Planning status of gap (i.e. is it part of an approved plan to be filled and what type of plan)**	Identified gap, but not yet called out on any approved plan.	Part of Park District long-term vision and not yet part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan.	Part of Park District long-term vision, part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan, but no approved master plan.	Part of Park District long-term vision, part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan and approved master plan.
From_Trail	**Distance from trail (start at the end of the gap closets to the regional trail, then follow sidewalks/route that peds and bikes would use to get to the trail)**	Gap ending point is more than 1 mile from regional trail	Gap ending point is between ¼ - 1 mile from regional trail	Gap ending points is within ¼ mile from regional trail	Gap intersects regional trail
Trl_Status	**Park District regional trail status – if more than one associated regional trail and there are different statuses, select status awarding highest number of points**	Non-existing, not part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan, no approved master plan.	Non-existing, part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan, no approved master plan.	Non-existing, part of Met Council 2030 Policy Plan, approved master plan.	Existing
Gap_Loc	**Location of gap**	Outside Hennepin County	Within Hennepin County – excluding fringe suburbs and first-tier suburbs*	Within Hennepin County – fringe suburbs*	Within Hennepin County – first tier suburbs.*
Gap_Length	**Length of gap**	0.76 + mile gap	0.51 – 0.75 mile gap	0.26-0.5 mile gap	0-0.25 mile gap
Assoc_Trails	**Number of regional trails associated with gap**		1 regional trail associated with gap	2 regional trails associated with gap	3 or more regional trails associated with gap
Diff_Types	**Different types of points also along gap (i.e. do school and transit points overlay?)**	No other types of points along trail	2 types of points become connected to regional trail if gap is filled	3 types of points become connected if regional trail gap is filled	More than 3 types of points become connected if regional trail gap is filled



Regional Trail System Gap Analysis | Crystal Lake RT

Crystal Lake Regional Trail- Segment 4

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0 0.15 0.3 0.45 0.6 Miles

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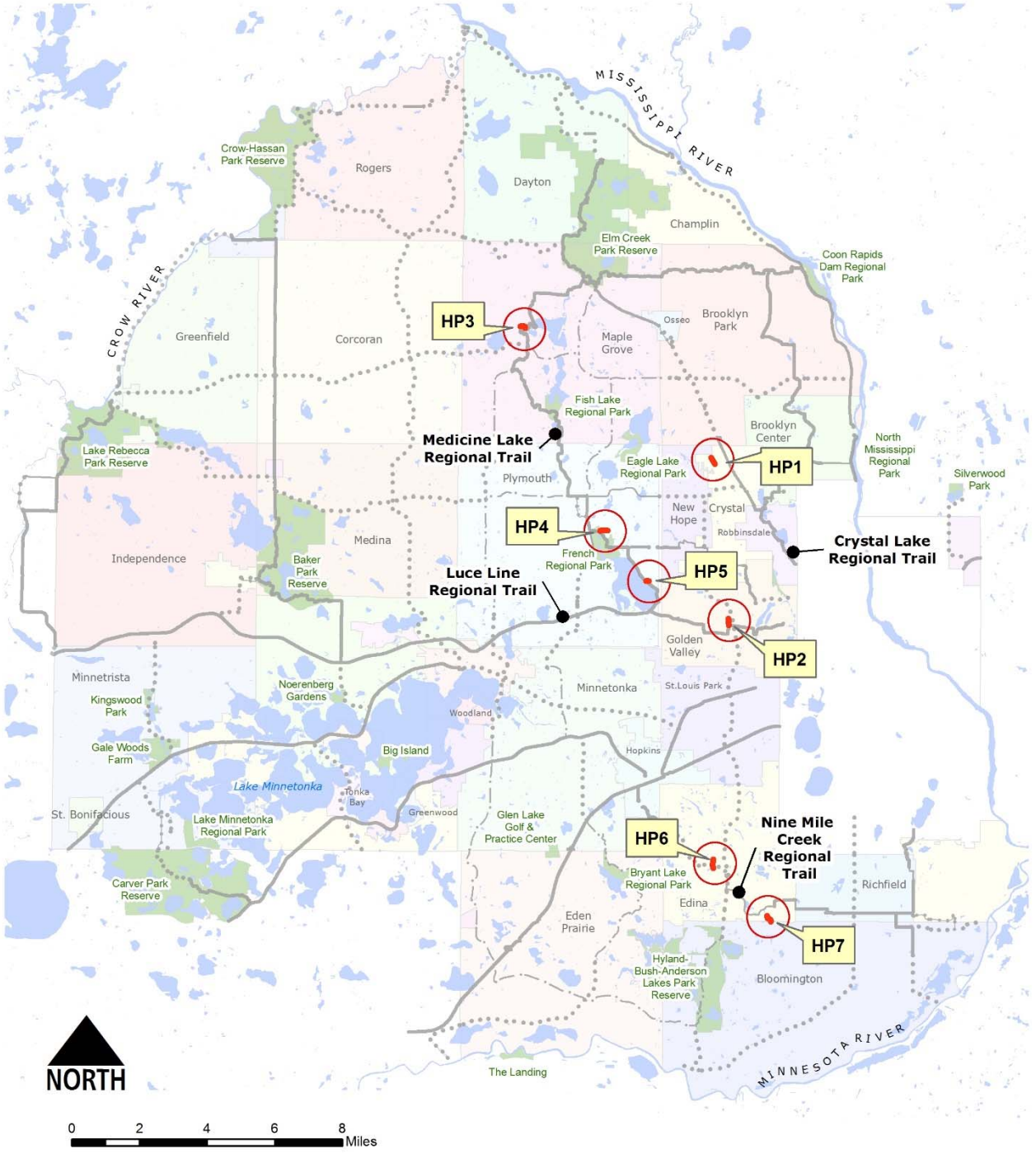
Gap Ranking

High Priority

- Partnership projects
- Identifying potential funding sources
- Resource for grants

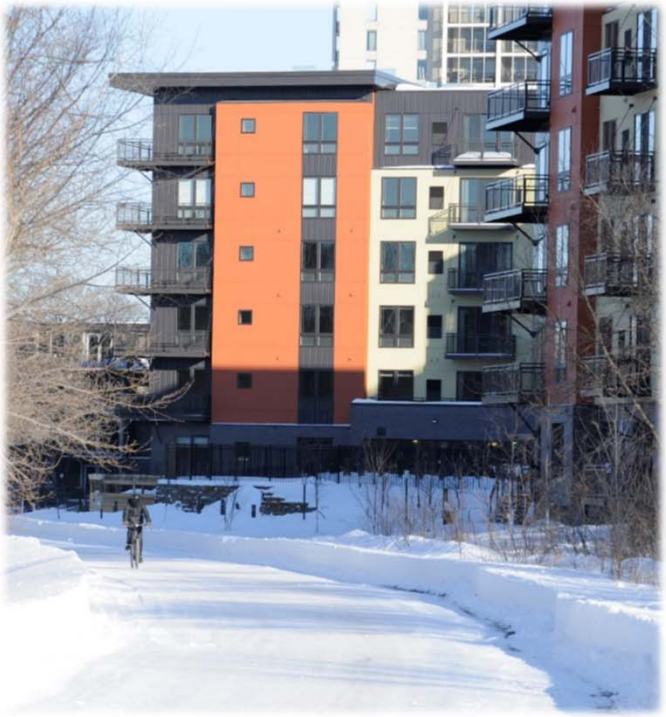
Gap	Regional Trail	Seg #	General Location	Length of Gap	Connects	2015 Total Visits (1,000s)
HP1	Crystal Lake RT	4	**Crystal** West Broadway Ave. between 59th Ave N and Dudley Ave N.	0.17 miles	Transit stops & school	N/A
HP2	Luce Line RT	4	**Golden Valley** Douglas Drive between Golden Valley Road and the Luce Line Regional Trail	0.22 miles	Transit stops	498.7
HP3	Medicine Lake RT	1	**Maple Grove** 89th Ave N and Weston Ln N between Zanibar Ln N and Medicine Lake RT	0.23 miles	Transit stops & school	498.7
HP4	Medicine Lake RT	4	**Plymouth** Old Rockford Road between Medicine Lake Regional Trail (French Regional Park) and Larch Lane N/41st Ave N.	0.09 miles	Transit stops	631.1
HP5	Medicine Lake RT	5	**Plymouth** 26th Ave N between Medicine Lake Regional Trail and Medicine Ridge Road N.	0.2 miles	Transit stops	631.1
HP6	Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail	2	**Edina** Tracy Ave. from Valley View Road to Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail	0.26 miles	Transit stops	128.8
HP7	Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail	3	**Edina** Parklawn Ave. and 77th St. W between 76th St. W and Minnesota Drive	0.24 miles	Transit stops	128.8

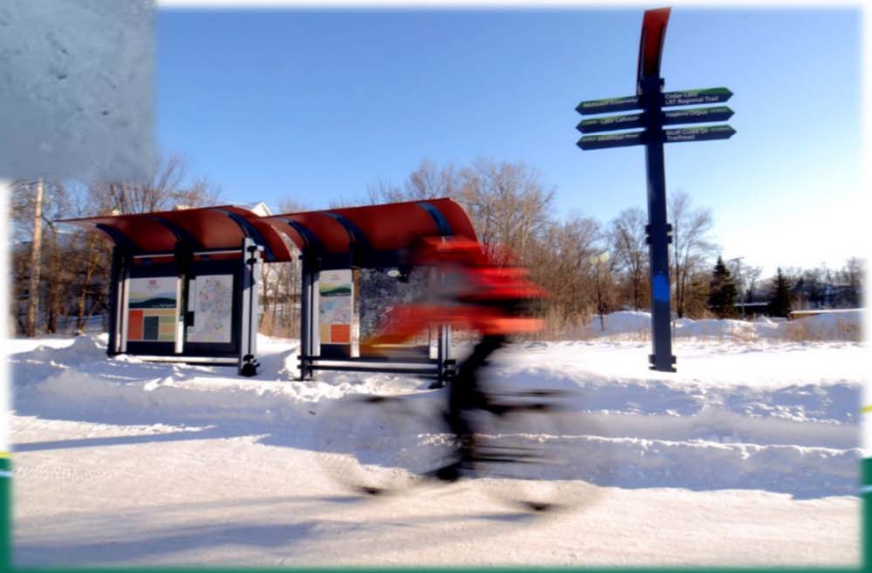


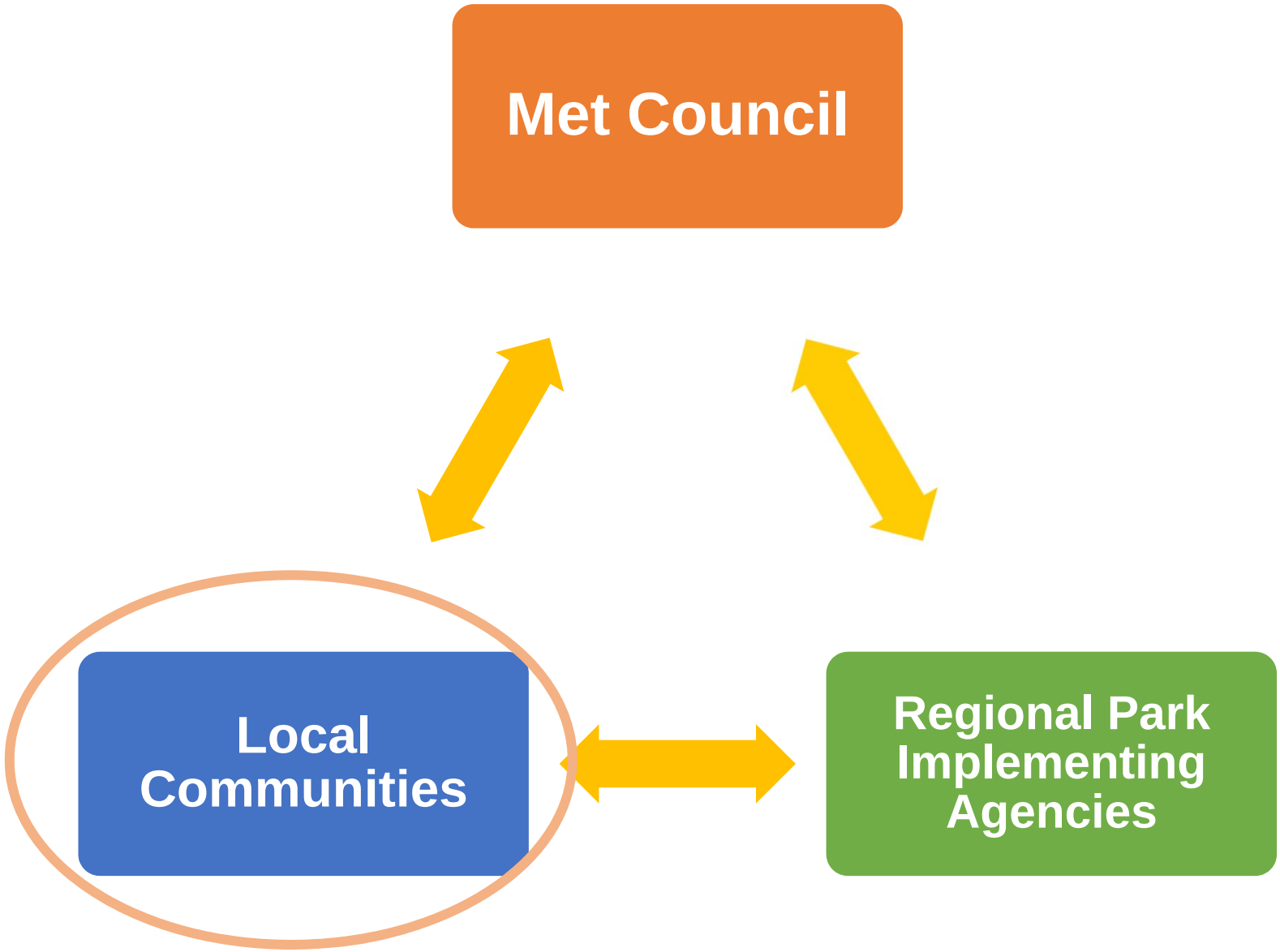
Further GIS Analysis

Explore connections to…

- Local city parks and trails
- Commercial and mixed use centers
- Large employment sites
- LRT stations
- Other…







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What makes your park and trail system great?

"Connects different parks"
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"Porta-potties"
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"Investment in infrastructure"
6 days ago

"Size of the system"
6 days ago

"Access to shops and restaurants"
6 days ago

"How much our residents use it"
6 days ago

"Nature next to urban"
6 days ago

"expanding with new residential development"
6 days ago

"Good way finding"
6 days ago

"Connectivity between each park via trails!!"
6 days ago

"Variety"
6 days ago

"Urban escape to nature"
6 days ago

"Connectivity increasing"
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"Wildlife"
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"Safety"
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"Amazing amount of miles"
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"Beautiful scenery"
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"Connection to nature"
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"Vast coverage"
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"Breweries"
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"Connections"
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"Accessible"
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"connects city to larger metro area"
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"Off street trails that keep people away from heavy traffic"
6 days ago

What challenges in planning for parks and trails do you anticipate as you begin your comp plan process?

"Preservation of system in state of good repair"
6 days ago

"Lack of community engagement"
6 days ago

"Equity"
6 days ago

"Lack of demand in rural areas"
6 days ago

"Conflict between commuter and recreational users on trail."
6 days ago

"Diverse community outreach"
6 days ago

"Money. And Nimby."
6 days ago

"Making parks and trails a priority over aging transportation infrastructure"
6 days ago

"Lack of capacity to do good community engagement"
6 days ago

"Build within already developed areas"
6 days ago

"property owners not interested in developing"
6 days ago

"Finding the money to build connections"
6 days ago

"Silo-ed governments"
6 days ago

"Connecting through private sites"
6 days ago

"Overcome ongoing/unresolved crime"
6 days ago

"Our missing links map equates to over 12 million how do we priortize"
6 days ago

"local connections to trails"
6 days ago

What challenges in planning for parks and trails do you anticipate as you begin your comp plan process?

"No snow removal"
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"Funding"
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"Money. And Nimby."
6 days ago

"Multijurisdictional coordination"
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"Diverse community outreach"
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"Silo-ed governments"
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"County ownership of some roads"
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"property owners not interested in developing"
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Small Group Discussion

Based on the strengths and challenges identified:

1. **What are some opportunities for collaboration/partnerships in comp planning for parks and trails?**

2. **What are your data/information needs?**

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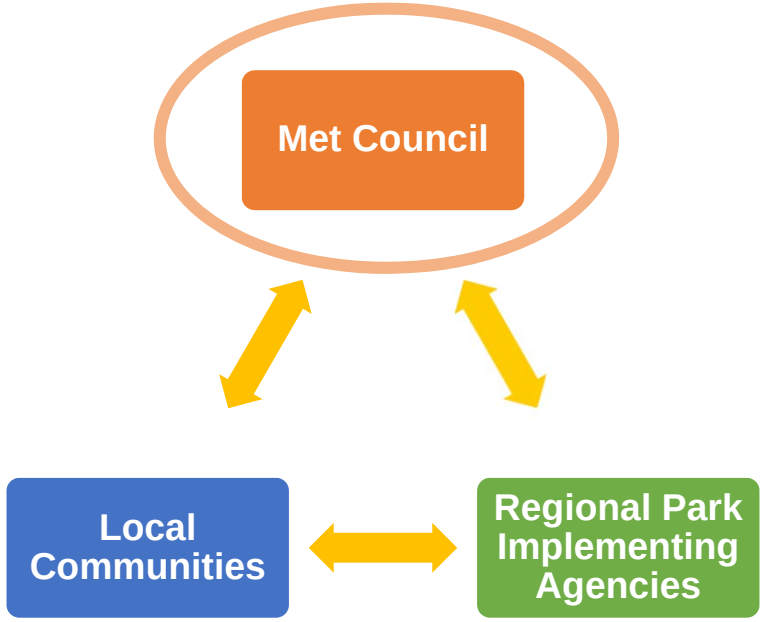
Next Steps

- Aggregate information from small group discussions
- Share with the group
- Explore opportunities for data and information sharing in 2017



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Based on what you've heard here today, what is your one word takeaway?

Questions?

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