



Webinar Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates

Land Use Basics

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Purpose of Land Use Planning











Land Use Categories

Agriculture

Residential

Commercial

Industrial

Public/Institutional

Parks and Open Space









Land Use Categories

Residential

- Rural Residential
- Transitional Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- Mixed Use Residential









Land Use Categories

Medium Density Residential

- Uses: Medium-density residential uses include two-family attached homes in clusters of more than 10 units, or townhomes, or other types of housing in PUDs where the average density of development falls within the acceptable range.
- Density: From 5.00 to 11.99 homes per gross acre of land area



Burnsville 10.5 units per acre







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Low Density Residential (LDR)

<u>Purpose</u>: Low Density Residential housing is the predominant land use by area within the MUSA boundary. Low Density Residential housing is typically single family housing or



townhouses with few units per building. The houses usually contain multiple bedrooms, bathrooms, and garage stalls per unit. Low Density Residential land provides housing suitable for families with children, and as such, should be located close to schools, churches, public parks, and neighborhood commercial.

<u>Location Criteria</u>: Street frontage and within the MUSA.

Single Family Housing In Harmony Addition

Minimum Requirements for Development: Low

Density Residential subdivisions are expected to be provided with the full urban infrastructure, such as sidewalks, neighborhood parks, and streets with good access and interconnectivity. Attention should be paid to pedestrian and bicycle transportation to provide access for children to schools, churches, and public parks.

- <u>Utilities</u>: Municipal water and sanitary sewer are required.
- Typical Uses: Single family homes; duplexes; townhomes with four (4) or less units per building; churches; elementary and secondary schools; private recreation spaces maintained by homeowner associations; and public parks.
- Density: One (1) to five (5) units per acre
- Appropriate Zoning: R1 Low Density Residential
- Limited Secondary Zoning: R2 Moderate Density Residential; R1A Low Density Residential within subdivisions that were developed prior to 1980.





Land Use Category Tips

Consistency

- Existing land use category descriptions
- Future land use category descriptions
- Map labels
- Density ranges
- Tables

Flexibility

 Don't be so specific that your plan prevents unforeseen uses or unintentionally excludes development







Land Use Terminology

Existing Land Use

Actual land uses on the ground today.

Future (or Planned)
Land Use

Land uses planned as part of the 2040 update

Generalized Land Use

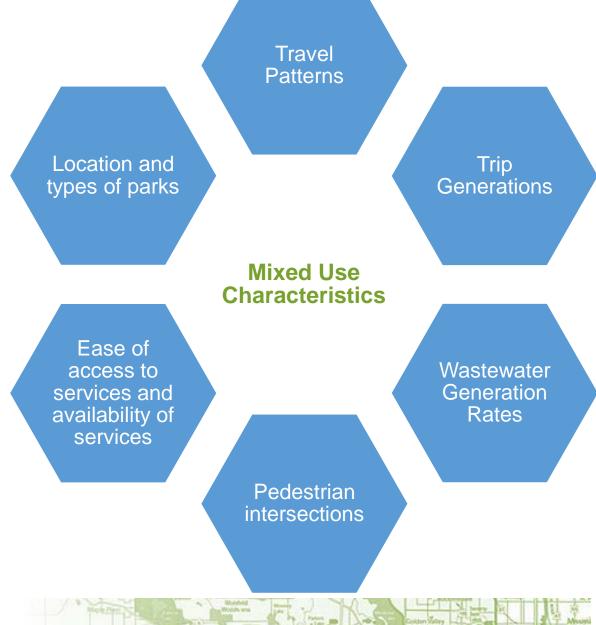
Land use categories used for region-wide analysis by the Metropolitan Council































Overview of Residential Density

- Rural designations: Maximum density allowed
- MUSA designations: Minimum average net density
 - Density ranges for residential land use categories

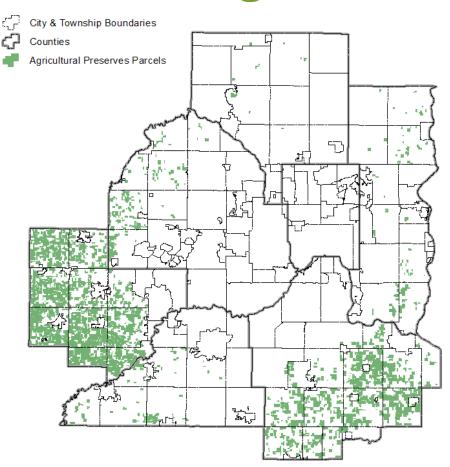
| MUSA Designations | | |
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| Urban Center | 20 units/acre | |
| Urban | 10 units/acre | |
| Suburban | 5 units/acre | |
| Suburban Edge | 3-5 units/acre | |
| Emerging Suburban Edge | 3-5 units/acre | |
| Rural Service Area Designations | | |
| Rural Center | 3-5 units/acre | |
| Rural Residential | 1-2.5 acre lots existing, 1 unit/10 acres where possible | |
| Diversified Rural | 4 units/40 acres | |
| Agricultural | 1 unit/40 acres | |







Residential Density: Rural Designations



- Maximum Densities no minimum density required!
- Guiding properties enrolled in Agricultural Preserves Program
 - 1 unit per 40 acres



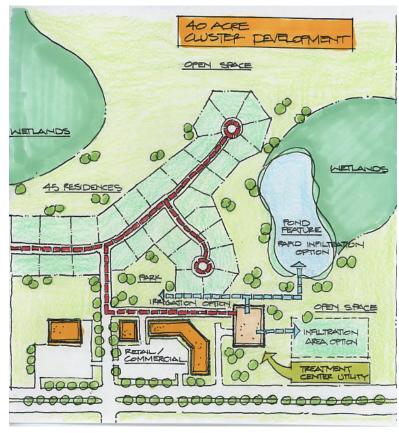






Residential Density: Rural Designations

- 4 units per 40 acres
 - This does not mean 10acre lots
- Flexible development guidance for Diversified Rural Areas
 - Clustering and ghost platting
 - Open space preservation & longterm urbanization





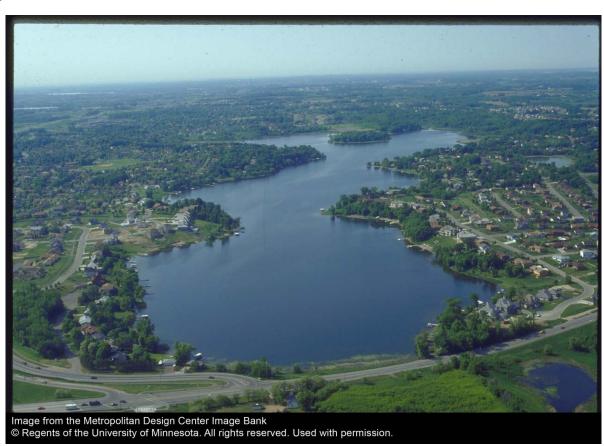






Residential Density: Urban Designations & Rural Centers

- Overall minimum average net density
- Include areas that are newly guided to support forecasted growth
- Exclude lakes, wetlands, public parks and open space, and areas protected by local ordinance











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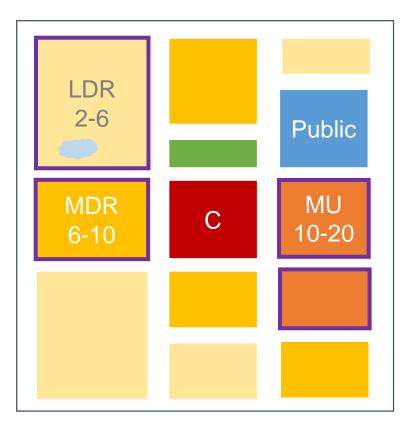








Residential Density: Urban Designations



| | Density | Net Acres | Minimum Units |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|------------------|
| LDR - less 1 acre lake | 2 to 6 | 12-1 = 11 | 22 |
| MDR | 6 to 10 | 10 | 60 |
| MU | 10 to 20 | 6 | 60 |
| Total | | 27 | 142 |
| | Net Dens | sity 5.3 u | ınits/acre |









Commercial and Industrial Land Uses

New requirement for information

 Only applies to communities within the MUSA and for Rural Centers

Provide "measures of intensity" in commercial and industrial districts

- Floor Area Ratios (FARs)
- Building footprint
- Impervious coverage

Resource in the Local Planning Handbook

How To Calculate FAR









Neighborhood or District Planning

Purpose

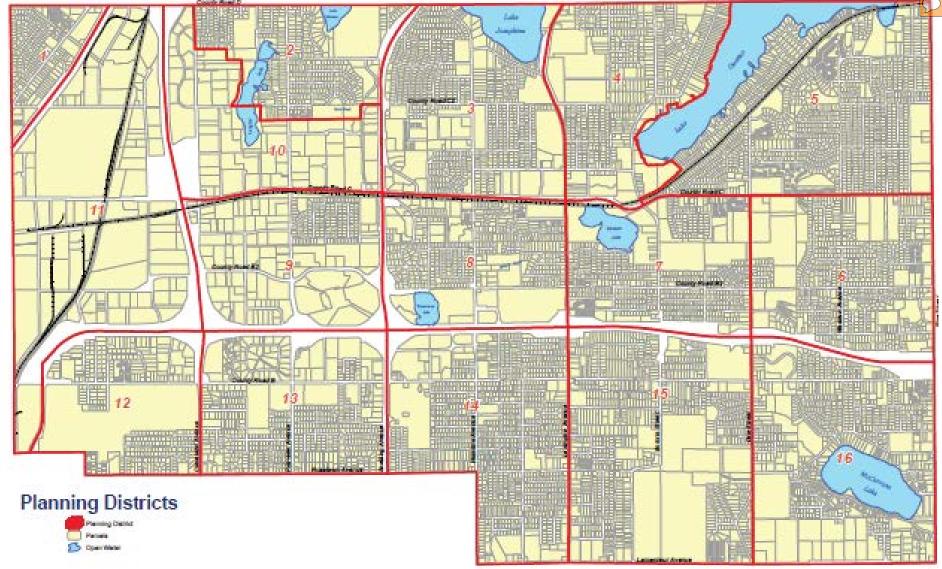
Opportunities

Examples









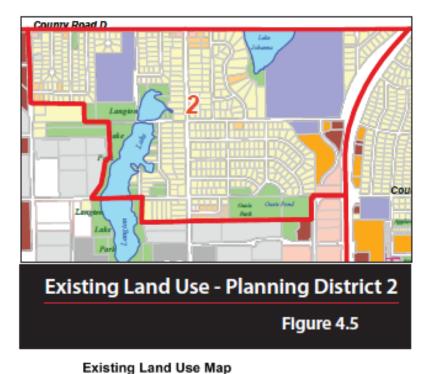






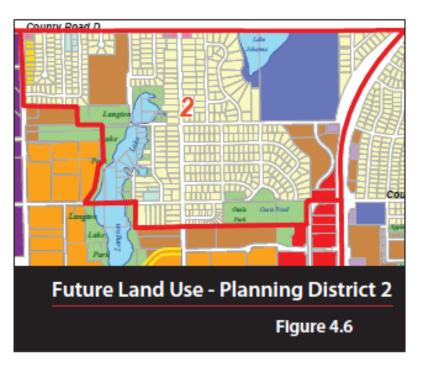












Proposed 2030 Future Land Use Plan Map

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Residential | Commercial | |
| LR - Low Density Residential | NB - Neighborhood Business | |
| MR - Medium Density Residential | CB - Community Business | |
| HR - High Density Residential | RB - Regional Business | |
| Mixed Use | O - Office | |
| CMU - Community Mixed Use | Industrial | |
| BP - Business Park | RR - Railroad | |
| | I - Industrial | |
| Public / Institutional | | |
| IN - Institutional | Planning District | |
| POS - Park & Open Space | Twin Lakes Parkway | |
| GC - Golf Course | City Boundary | |
| ROW - Right of Way | | |
| W - Water Ponding | | |
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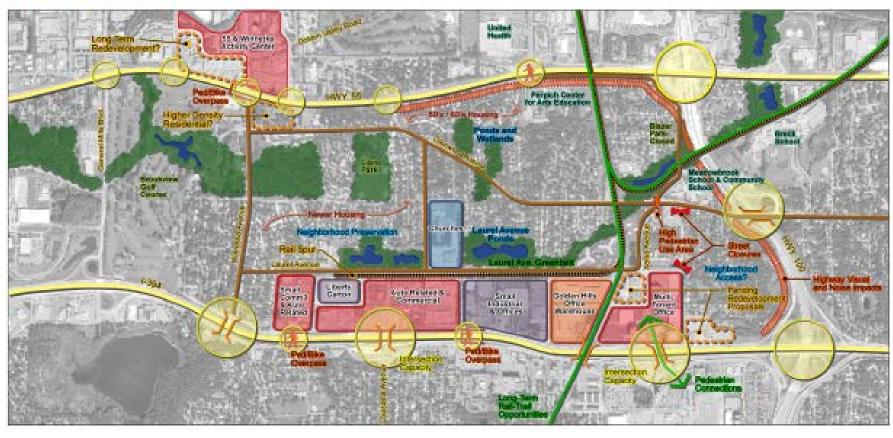


Lake



Figure 4.1: Preliminary Issues







Major intersection



Minor intersection



High pedestrian use area

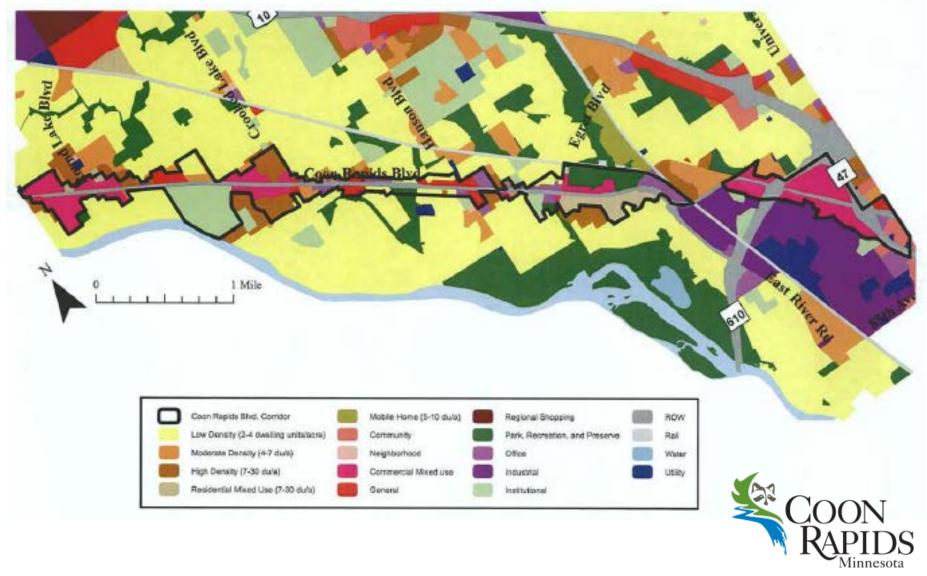








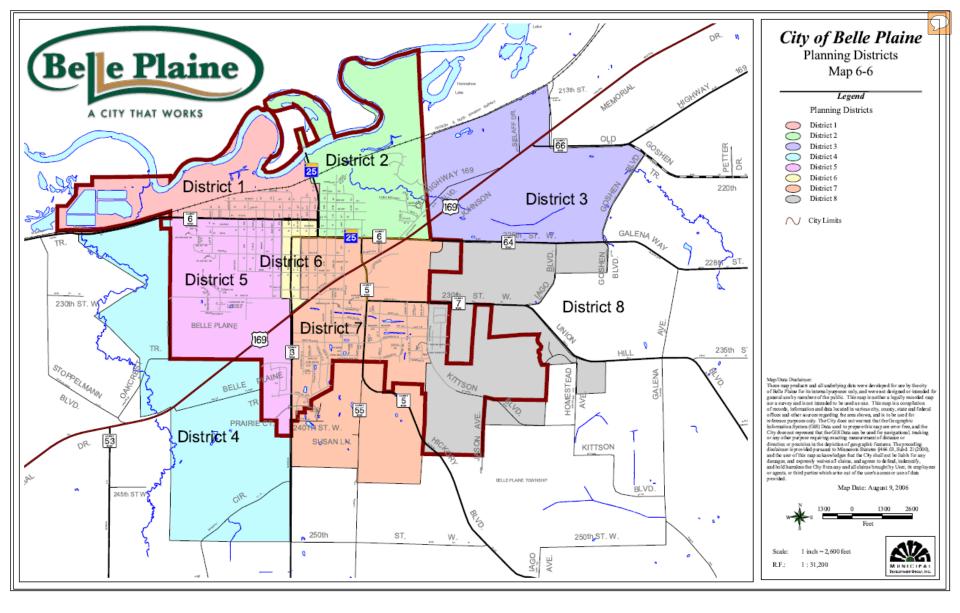




















Staged Development and Redevelopment

Redevelopment

Oak Grove

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Metropolitan Urban Service Area

Urban Center

Urban

Suburban

Suburban Edge

Emerging Suburban Edge

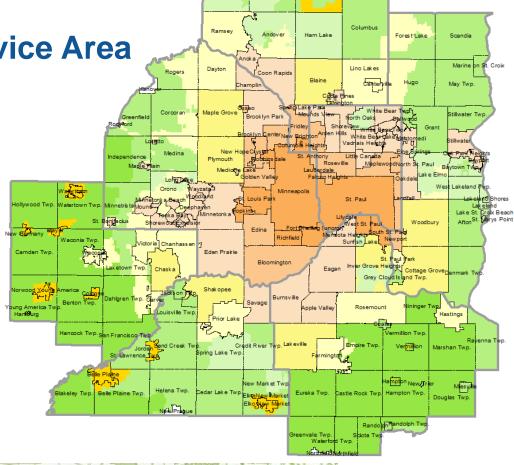
Rural Service Area

Rural Center

Diversified Rural

Rural Residential

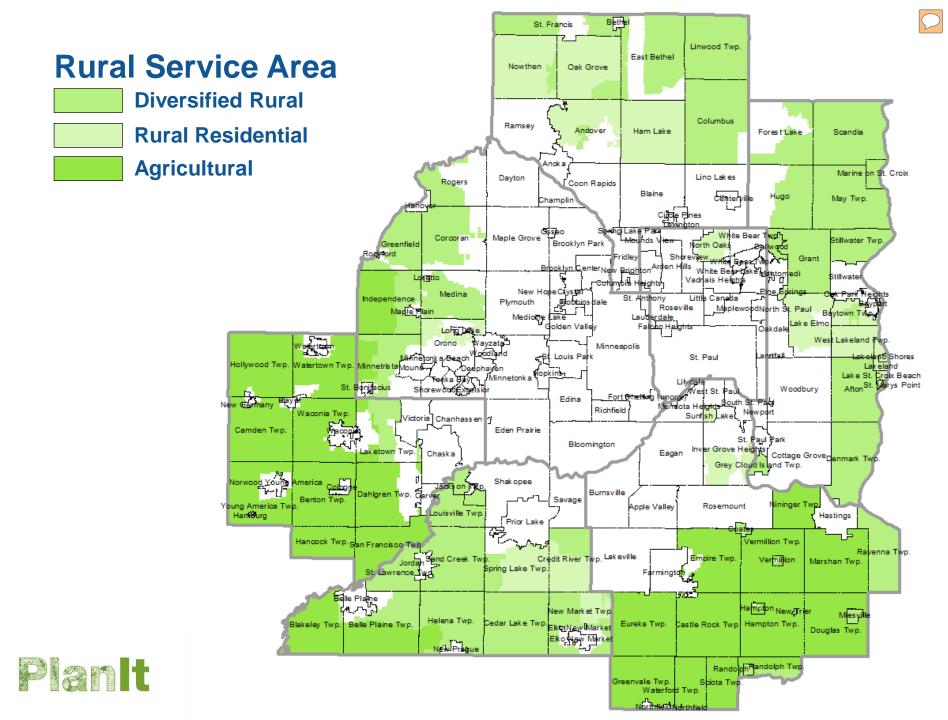
Agricultural

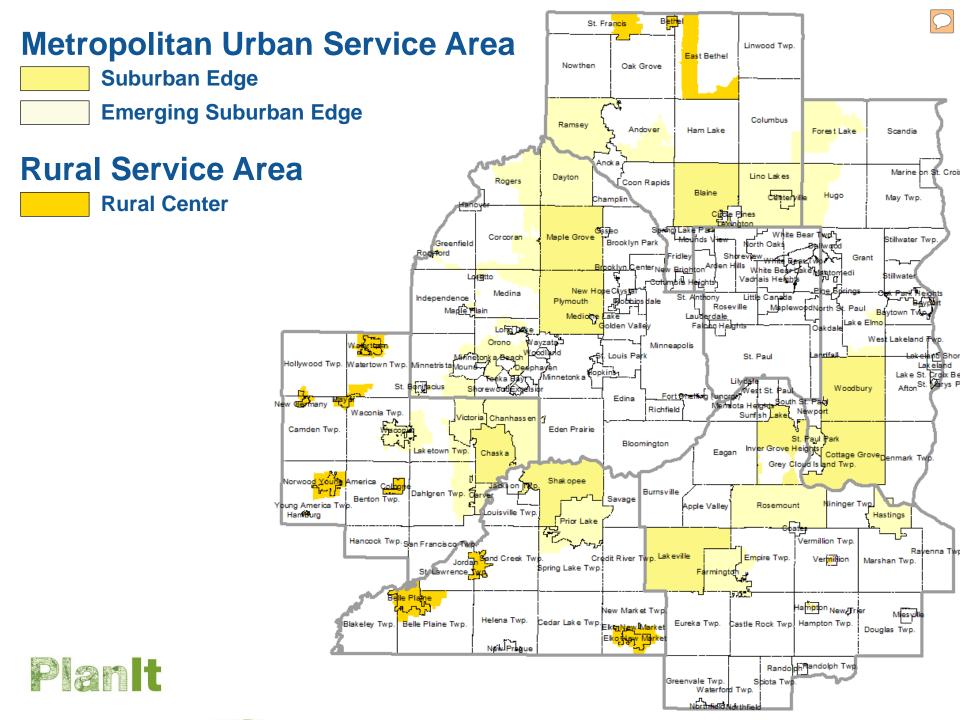








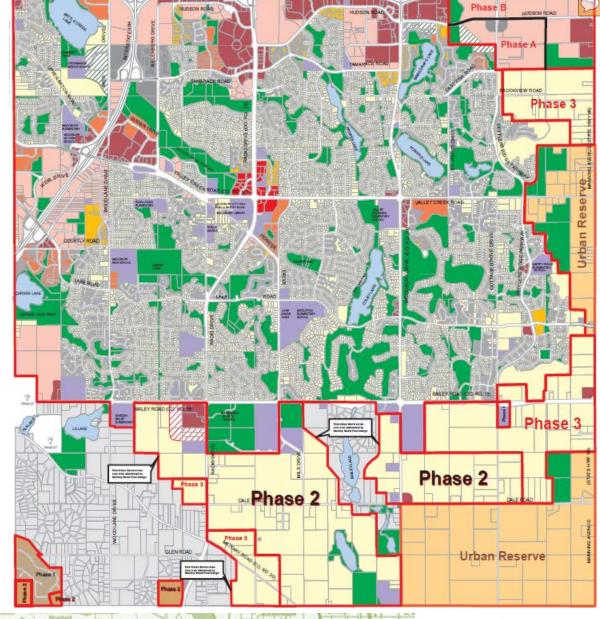




Example

- SuburbanEdgeCommunity:Woodbury
- Staged Plan







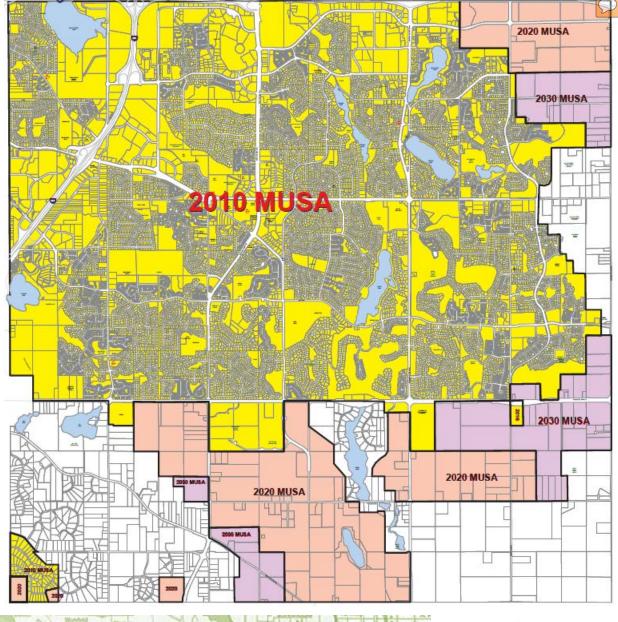




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- SuburbanEdgeCommunity:Woodbury
- MUSA boundaries







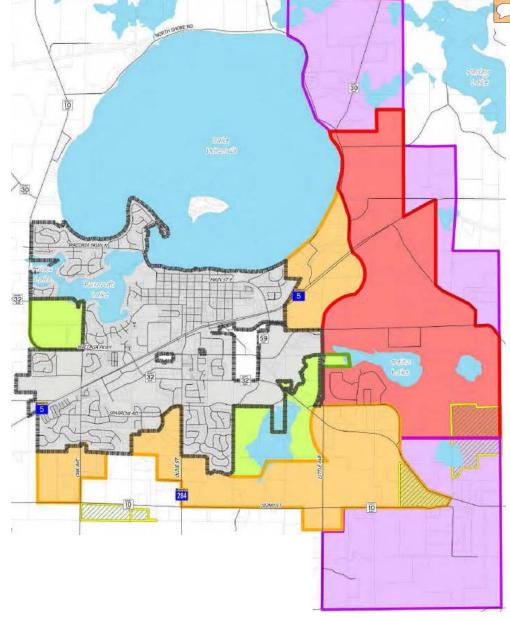




Example

- Emerging Suburban Edge: Waconia
- Staged Plan with Annexation Areas







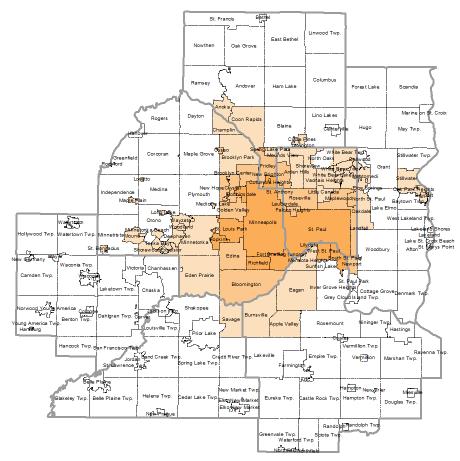






Redevelopment

- Be as specific as possible and what type of development will occur on the identified properties
- May want to call for further studies in the future
- Recognize the uncertainty around development, but discuss priorities or other factors (e.g. CIP) around timing of potential redevelopment projects



Metropolitan Urban Service Area

Urban Center

Urban

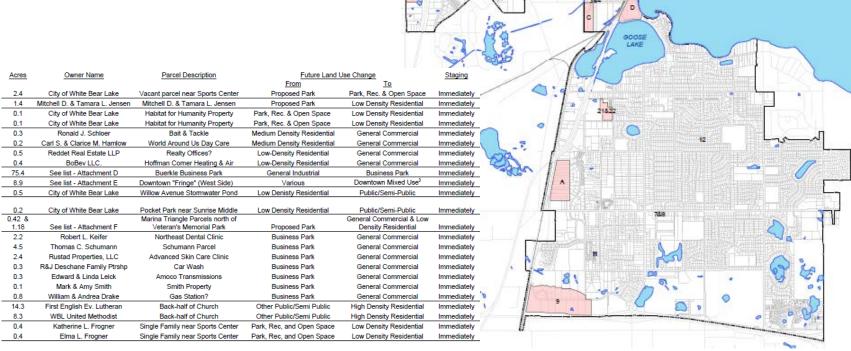
Suburban







White Bear Lake



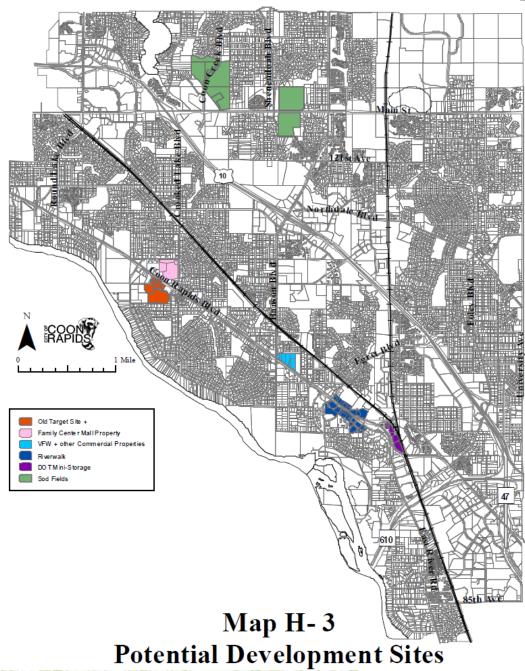






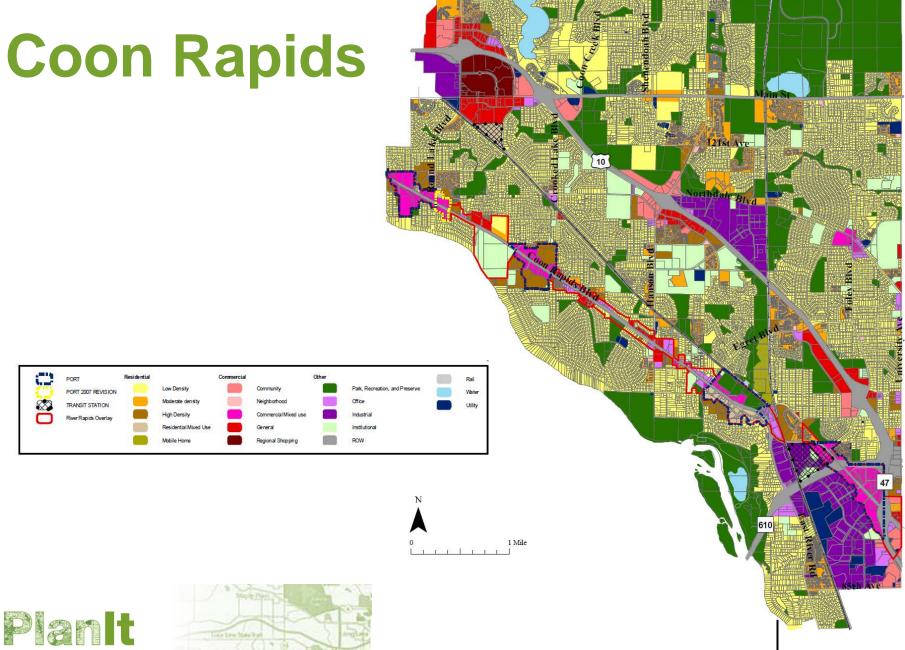
WHITE BEAR LAKE

Coon Rapids













Key Takeaways

Start with current densities in existing neighborhoods

Designate areas to support new development

Relate development areas to your community's vision and goals

Develop land use categories that are descriptive, but flexible

Ensure that your planned land use category descriptions, maps, and tables are consistent throughout your plan







Resources



http://metrocouncil.org/Handbook.aspx



http://www.metrocouncil.org/Handbook/PlanIt.aspx

Land Use Plan Element

http://metrocouncil.org/Handbook/Plan-Elements/Land-Use.aspx

Community Pages

http://lphonline.metc.state.mn.us/commportal



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Upcoming Events

Water Resources Planning

Presented by Kyle Colvin, Karen Jensen, and Lanya Ross Thursday, July 21, 2016

Transportation Overview

Presented by Mark Filipi and Cole Hiniker Thursday, August 18, 2016

Making your Plan a Walk in the Park

Presented by Jan Youngquist and Michael Peterka Thursday, September 15, 2016

*The entire 2016 PlanIt Schedule of Events is now available on the PlanIt page of the Local Planning Handbook.

