



Webinar Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates

School Districts: More than just an affected jurisdiction

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Goals for this webinar

- City planning staff are more aware of the ways that their work and school district plans intersect.
- City planning staff are inspired to forge longterm connections with school district staff
- Comprehensive plan updates include features that make it easier for school districts to review and comment









Today's discussion

- Forecasts and planning
 - School district planning 101
 - Metropolitan Council and local governments
- Schools and housing
- Jurisdictional mismatch
- Planning considerations



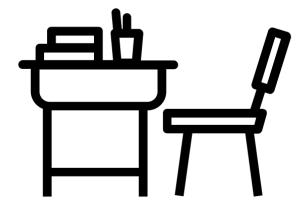






Forecasts and planning

School district planning 101







Why school districts forecast

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 - manage school capacity needs, including school closures or new school construction











Real world example!











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- Anticipating future enrollment is how school districts:
 - manage school capacity needs, including school closures or new school construction
 - facilities planning to support district-wide needs











How school districts forecast

- Most school districts hire a consultant to project enrollment numbers
 - Forecasts generally look out 5-10 years

Projections tend to assume the continuation of historic

patterns

 The consultant is expected to review comprehensive plans and other local policies











Real world example!











How school districts forecast

 Different types of housing "yield" different amounts of school aged children





.25 to .33 students





.1 to .2 students



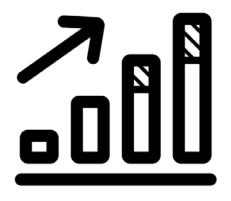






Forecasts and planning

Regional and local forecasts







Why the Metropolitan Council forecasts

The Council forecasts population, household and job growth at the regional and local level to:

- update the 30-year regional development guide every ten years (*Thrive MSP 2040*) for
- provide local governments with forecasts that inform their 30-year comprehensive plans that are also updated every ten years









How the Metropolitan Council forecasts

Regional forecasts:

- use an economic competitiveness model that predicts migration flows
- predict a population gain of over 800,000 by 2040

Metropolitan Council's Regional Forecast to 2040

	2010	2020	2030	2040
Population	2,850,000	3,128,000	3,389,000	3,652,000
Households	1,118,000	1,257,000	1,378,000	1,492,000
Employment	1,544,000	1,791,000	1,913,000	2,033,000









How the Metropolitan Council forecasts

Local forecasts:

- use a land use model that considers changing demographics and their impact on housing preferences
- consider land availability, local real estate prices, and competition of surrounding areas
- are developed in partnership with local governments and planners









Forecasts – in summary

	Metropolitan Council	School Districts
Strengths	Holistic approach that considers competition outside of and within the region to predict household growth and change	Fairly reliable for short-term predictions over the next 5 years
Issues	Many moving parts in local allocation; many assumptions needed	Minimally considers socioeconomic change
Uncertainties	Long range time horizon causes great uncertainty	New housing focus limits certainty



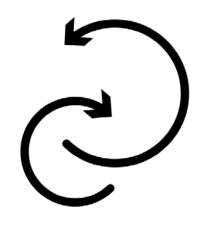






Schools and housing

Deeply connected institutions







The relationship between housing and schools

Schools impact the housing market











Real world example!











The relationship between housing and schools

 City policies may consider school district needs, rightly or wrongly











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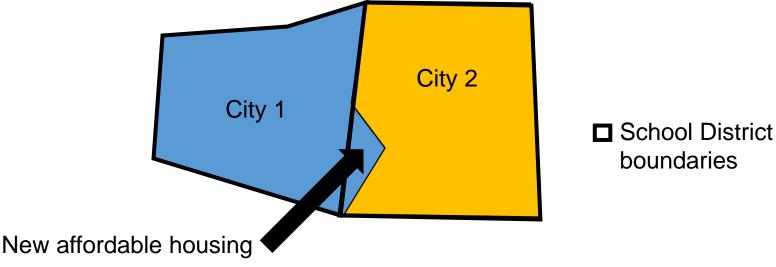






The relationship between housing and schools

Subsidized affordable housing and student characteristics





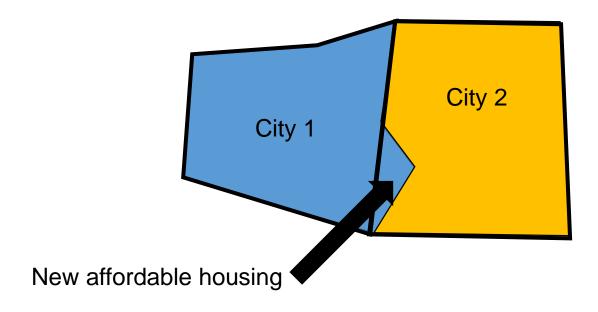






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■ School District boundaries









The relationship between housing and schools

School integration and fair housing







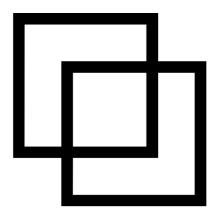






Jurisdictional mismatch

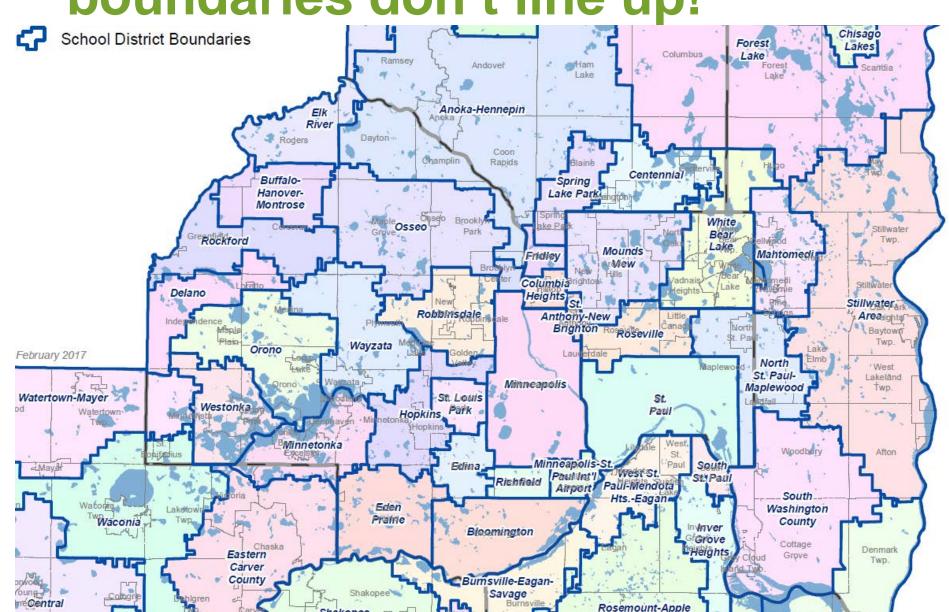
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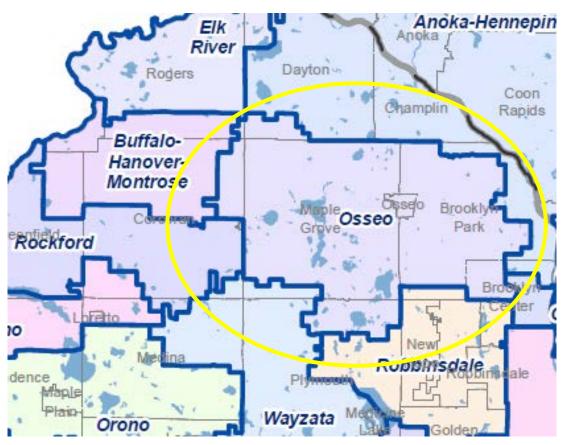


City and school district boundaries don't line up!





School districts may contain portions of 8 or more cities!



Osseo School District:

- Brooklyn Center
- Brooklyn Park
- Corcoran
- Dayton
- Maple Grove
- Osseo
- Plymouth
- Rogers

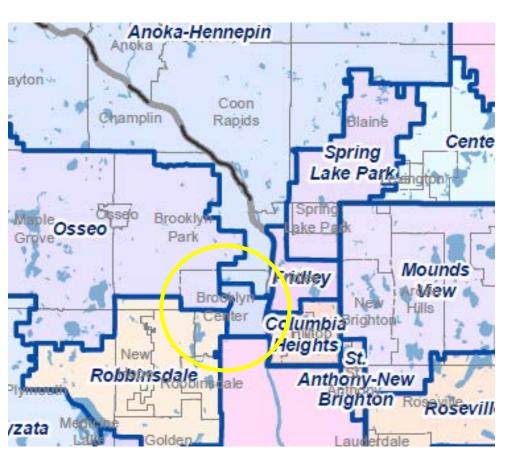








Cities may contain portions of four or more school districts!



City of Brooklyn Center

- Anoka-Hennepin School District
- Brooklyn Center School District
- Osseo School District
- Robbinsdale School District

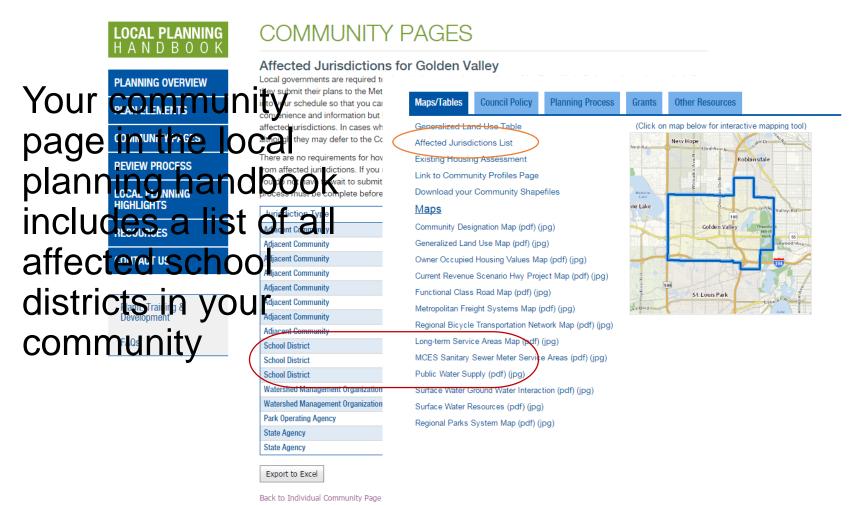








Addressing jurisdictional mismatch





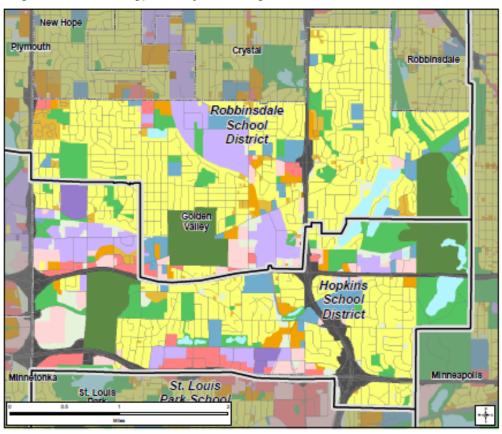




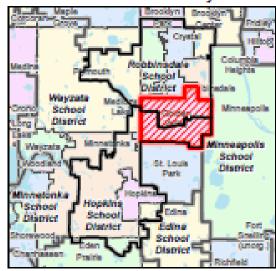


Example: Golden Valley

Generalized Land Use: Communities and Affected School Districts City of Golden Valley, Hennepin County



School Districts in the Community



2010 Generalized Land Use











Golden Valley, continued

	Land Use (acres)					
	Housing Type			Undeveloped/	All other	Total
	Single- family*	Multi- family**	Manu- factured	agricultural land	land uses	land
Hopkins School District	1,113	154	0	159	1,811	3,237
Robbinsdale School District	1,919	68	0	70	1,266	3,323

^{*}Includes detached and attached







^{**}Includes mixed-use residential



Planning considerations

What now?







Planning considerations

Reach out to your school districts:

- Who is a good point of contact?
- What are some important topics to discuss?
 - Future facility needs
 - Local planning and permitting processes









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 - Demographic changes and housing types









Planning considerations

Reach out to your school districts:

Housing development information in real time











Real world example!











Planning considerations

Reach out to your school districts:

- Housing development information in real time
 - School district representation on the planning commission
 - Automatic emails with planning or council agendas
 - Regular meetings between staff









Planning considerations

Comprehensive plan update opportunities:

- Get input early
- Look for community engagement opportunities
- Get a unique perspective on housing needs









Real world example!











Planning considerations

Comprehensive Plan update opportunities:

- Additional topics that intersect
 - Transportation
 - Safety
 - Recreation
 - Environmental Services
 - Sustainability









Planning Considerations

Comprehensive Plan update opportunities:

- Future land use
 - Test future land use scenarios in the context of affected school districts
 - Provide future land use information by affected school districts in your draft plan
 - Provide local context about future residential land uses





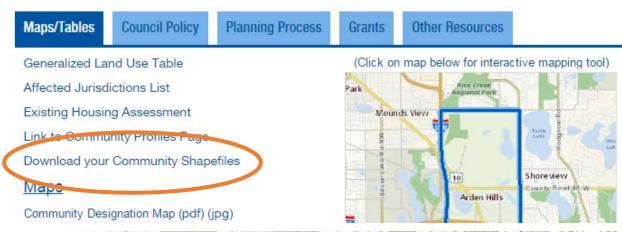




Testing future land use impacts

Using GIS

- School district shapefiles on your community page
- School district shapefiles are also available at Minnesota Geospatial Commons: https://gisdata.mn.gov
- Shapefiles include district and attendance boundaries











Testing future land use impacts

Mapping Services: eligible communities:

Bayport	Hilltop	New Trier
Bethel	Lake St. Croix Beach	Newport
Carver	Lakeland	Norwood Young America
Centerville	Landfall	Nowthen
Circle Pines	Lauderdale	Osseo
Cologne	Lexington	Randolph
Dayton	Loretto	St. Bonifacius
Elko New Market	Maple Plain	Vermillion
Hamburg	Mayer	Watertown
Hampton	New Germany	Willernie









Questions?

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Upcoming Events

Workshop: Introduction to Comprehensive Plans and Equity

Presented by GARE Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Workshop: Affordable Housing - Tools and Financing Mechanisms

Presented by Jonathan Stanley Thursday, April 13, 2017

Webinar: Population Estimates

Presented by Matt Schroeder Thursday, April 20, 2017

*Look for the 2017 PlanIt Schedule of Events on the website

