

City Council Worksession Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 5:00 PM

Agenda

General Business

Discussion with Met Council followed by Q & A Session

Presentation

Presentation from Met Council Representatives

Adjourn



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CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 17, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: City Admin, Administrator

ITEM TYPE: Agenda Report

AGENDA SECTION: General Business

SUBJECT: Discussion with Met Council followed by Q & A Session

BACKGROUND: Met Council Staff MacKenzie Young-Walters & John Chlebeck and Met Councilmember Deb Barber will join us and give a short presentation followed by a question and answer session from the City Council.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:



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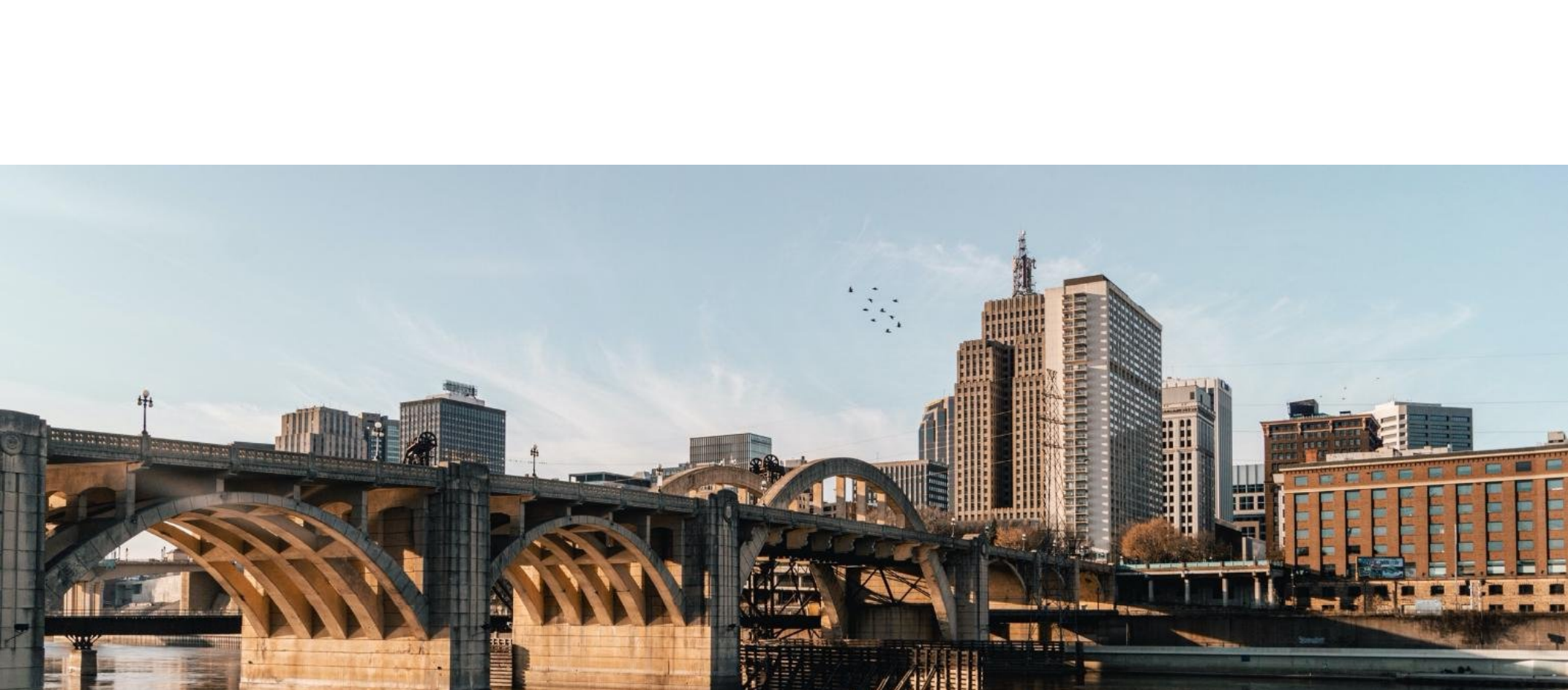
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AGENDA SECTION: Presentation

SUBJECT: Presentation from Met Council Representatives

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:
[Spring 2026 CC and PC Presentation -Credit River - Final.pptx](#)



Credit River's 2050 Update

Introduction to the Metropolitan Council, Imagine 2050, System Statements, and the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update



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History, Authority, and Organizational Structure



History and duties of the Council



The Council was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1967.

- In response to rapid and fragmented development, State legislators created the Council to coordinate the “orderly and economical development” of the 7-county metropolitan area.
- Balance regional and local interests.

The primary duties of the Council today

- Managing regional wastewater services
- Operating Metro Transit’s bus & rail system
- Issuing rental assistance
- Drafting long-range plans, establishing regional policy
- Maintaining the regional parks system

Metropolitan Council Authority

- Planning for three regional systems
 - Wastewater
 - Transportation
 - Parks
- Developing housing, land use, and climate policy to guide development
- Creating a regional development guide every ten years
- Serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Providing transit and wastewater services



Regional and Local Planning



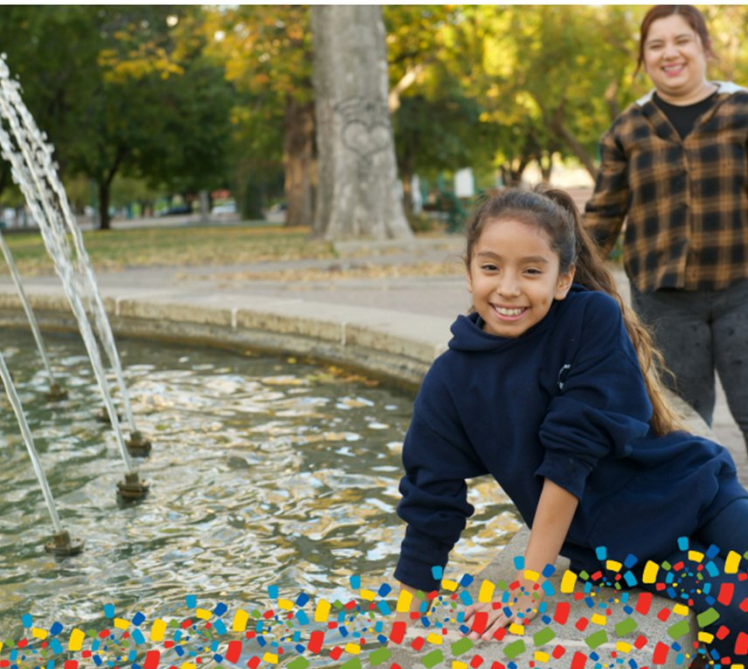
10-year Regional Planning Cycle



Regional Development Guide

IMAGINE 2050 REGIONAL VISION, VALUES, AND GOALS

A CHAPTER OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE, IMAGINE 2050



Description

- Outlines regional vision for the next 20 years
- Updated every 10 years
- Identifies planning priorities and sets policies for orderly and economic growth of the region

Content

- Local and regional forecasts
- Land use policies
- System and policy plans for each regional system
 - Transportation
 - Water Resources Management
 - Parks
- Housing Policy Plan

System Statements



Purpose

- Individualized for the local unit of government
- Includes forecasted growth and general development expectations
- Provides each local unit of government with key changes to the regional plan
- Systems plan considerations affecting the community
- Required by the MLPA (Minn, Stat. 473.856)

Credit River's Long-Range Forecasts

Credit River Population, Households and Employment Forecasts

Forecast	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population	5,493	5,700	5,700	5,900
Households	1,815	1,970	2,090	2,200
Employment	421	570	580	580

Local forecasts have been updated with most recent Met Council actions.

Credit River Affordable Housing Need Allocation for 2031 - 2040

Income Level	Allocation
At or below 30% AMI	22
31% to 50% AMI	25
51% to 60% AMI	14
Total Units	61
AMI = Area Median Income	

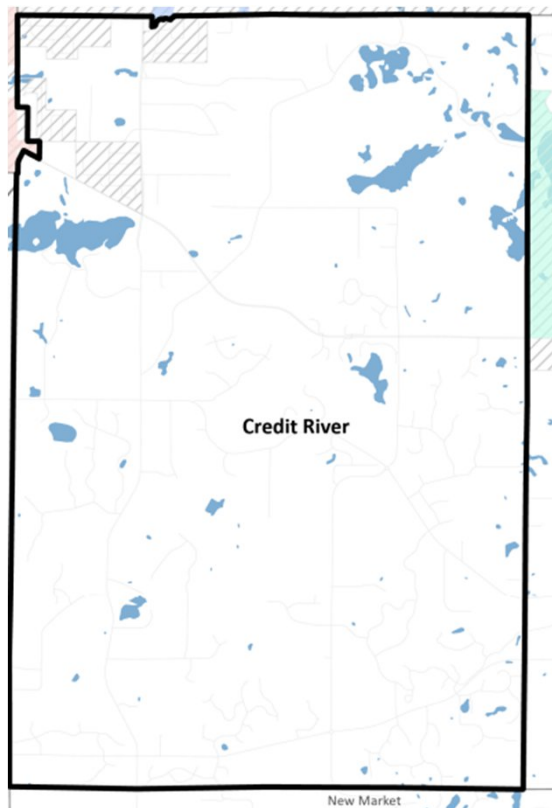
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Credit River Sewer Allocation Forecasts

Forecast Year	Forecast Component	Population	Households	Employment
2020	Unsewered	5,493	1,815	421
2030	MCES Sewered	1,276	441	220
2030	Unsewered	4,424	1,529	350
2040	MCES Sewered	1,636	600	277
2040	Unsewered	4,064	1,490	303
2050	MCES Sewered	2,682	1,000	280
2050	Unsewered	3,218	1,200	300

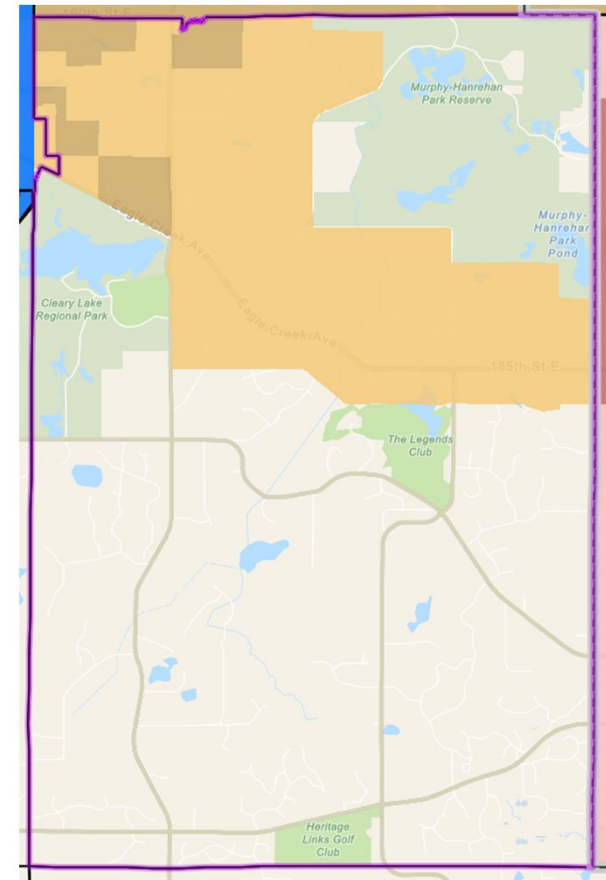
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Metropolitan Urban Service Area



2050 MUSA

Seneca
Potential Seneca



Imagine 2050 Community Designations

Metropolitan Urban Service Area

Urban

Urban Edge

Suburban

Suburban Edge

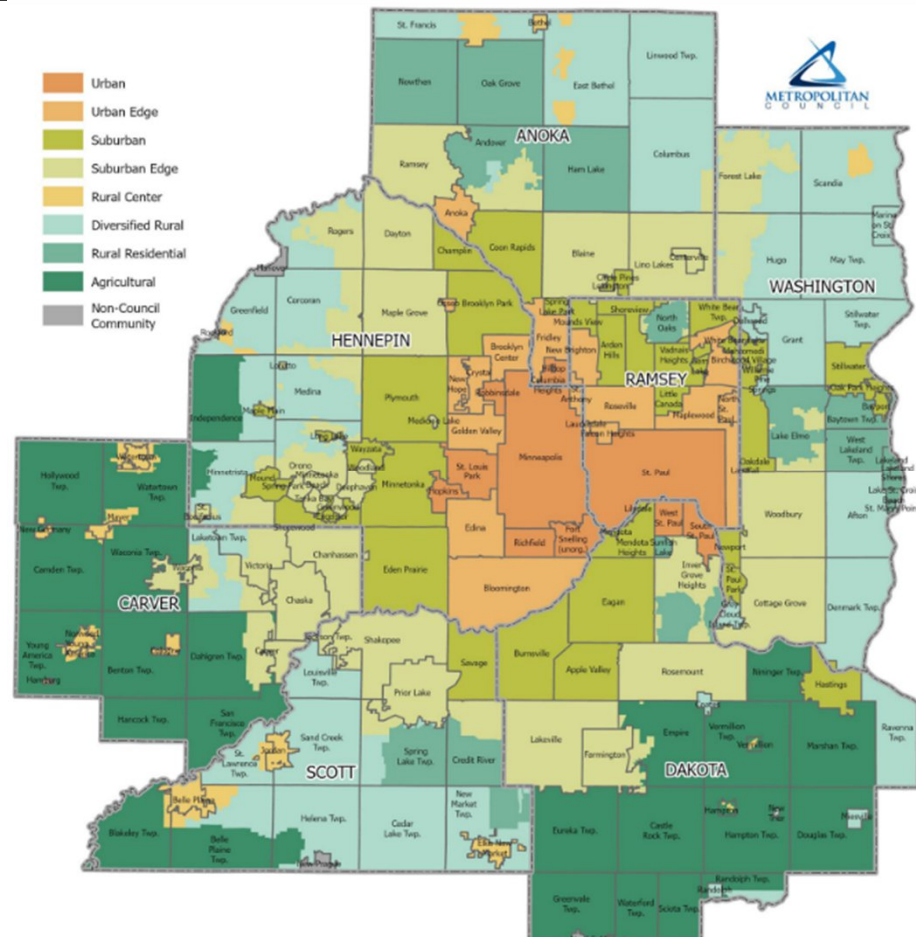
Rural Service Area

Rural Center

Diversified Rural

Rural Residential

Agricultural



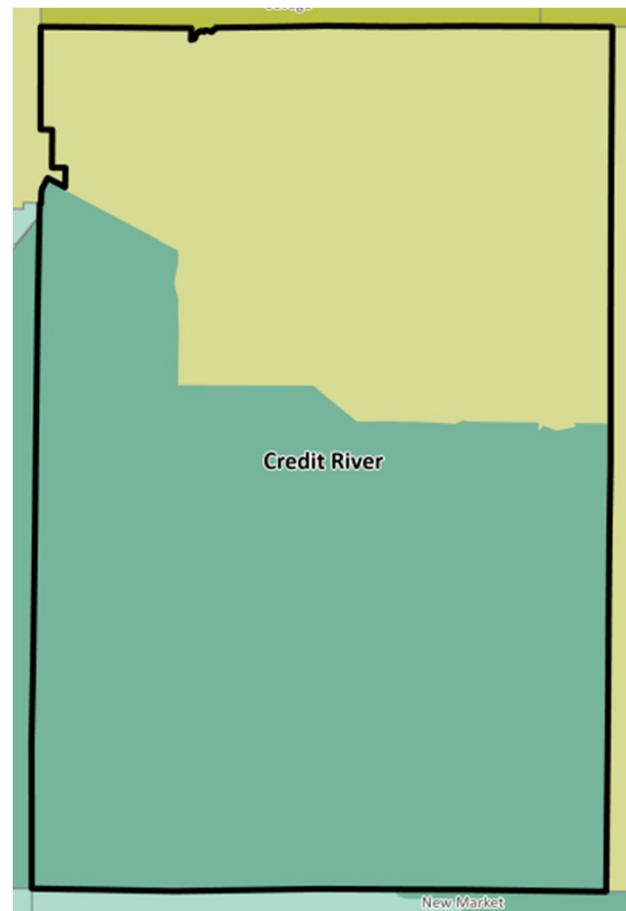
Credit River's Community Designation

Metropolitan Urban Service Area

- Urban
- Urban Edge
- Suburban
- Suburban Edge

Rural Service Area

- Rural Center
- Diversified Rural
- Rural Residential
- Agricultural
- Non-Council Community



Imagine 2050 Residential Density

Residential Density

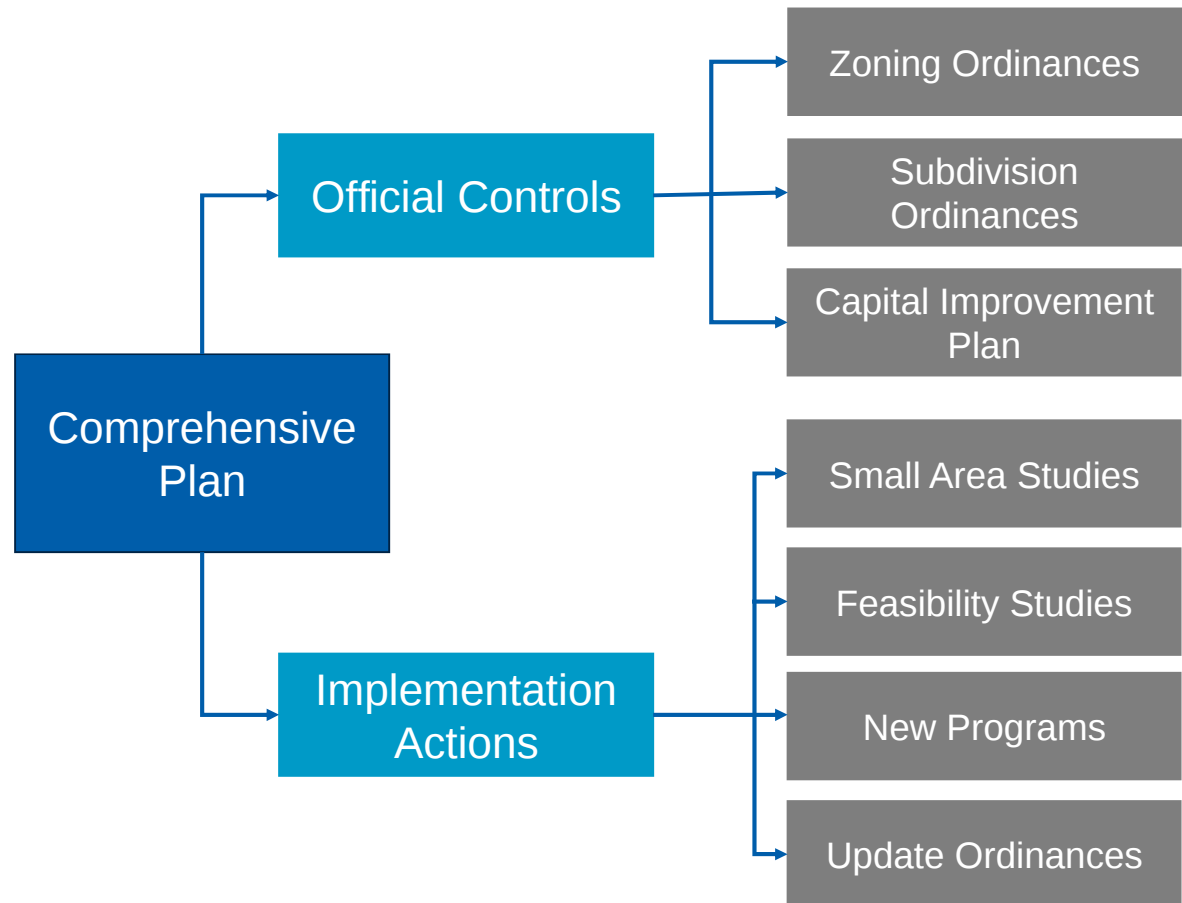
- Credit River should plan to accommodate forecasted sewer growth with a minimum average net density of 3.5 units per acre
- The 4 neighborhoods of failing individual systems are not included in density calculations.
- Failing communal systems are included in density calculations and would need to be offset.

Metropolitan Urban Service Areas Minimum Average Net Density	
Urban	25 units per acre
Urban Edge	14 units per acre
Suburban	7 units per acre
Suburban Edge	3.5 units per acre
Rural Service Area Maximum Allowed Density, except Rural Centers	
Rural Center	3 units per acre minimum
Rural Residential	1-2.5 acre lots existing, 1 unit/10 acres where possible
Diversified Rural	4 units per 40 acres
Agricultural	1 unit per 40 acres

Local Comprehensive Plans

The Role of the Plan

- Set the community's vision
- Guide growth and development
- Identify key issues and strategies to address them
- Provides reasoning for public facilities plans/budgets
- Provides guidance for decision-making



Local Planning Handbook

The One-Stop-Shop for Comprehensive Planning

- Designed to support communities with the update of their local comprehensive plans.
- Clear guidance on minimum requirements and how to meet them
- Tools, maps, resources, and technical assistance
 - To help meet minimum requirements
 - To get more out of their local planning process
 - To help with a variety of planning issues of interest to communities across the region
- Community-specific information and checklists
- Training and resources beyond the minimum requirements



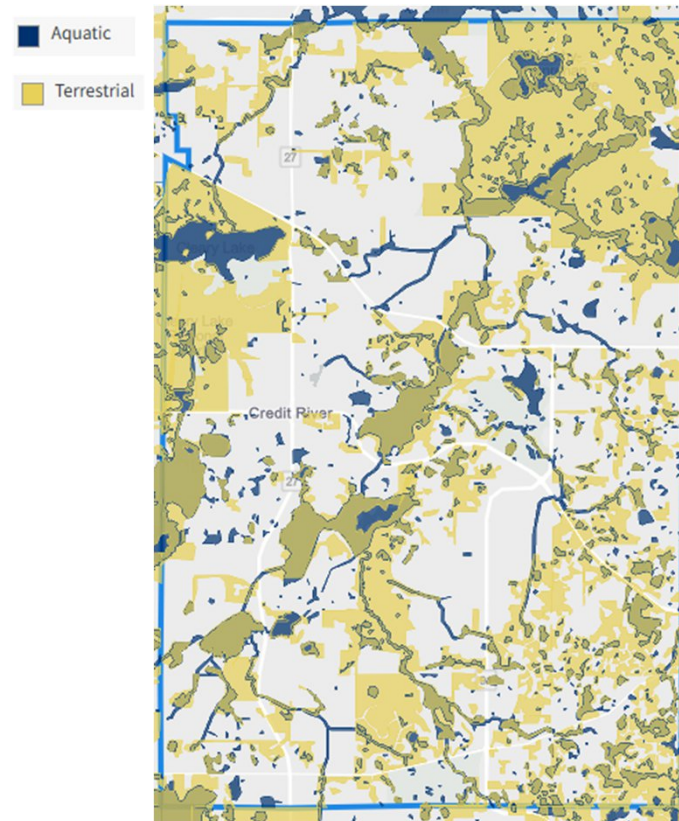
Natural Systems Planning Tools

Providing a natural systems regional planning framework

A mapping tool will help cities meet their requirements by connecting data to planning concepts.

A story map will provide context for the mapping tool.

Natural systems strategies will be part of the climate action toolkit.

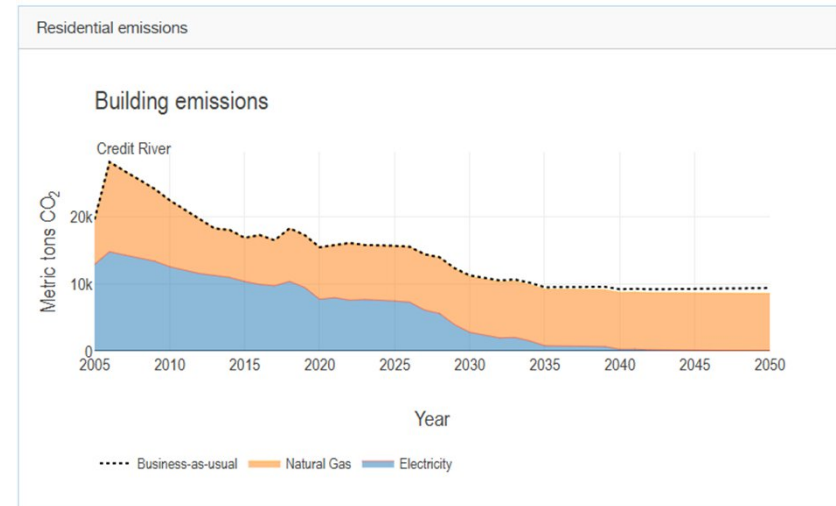
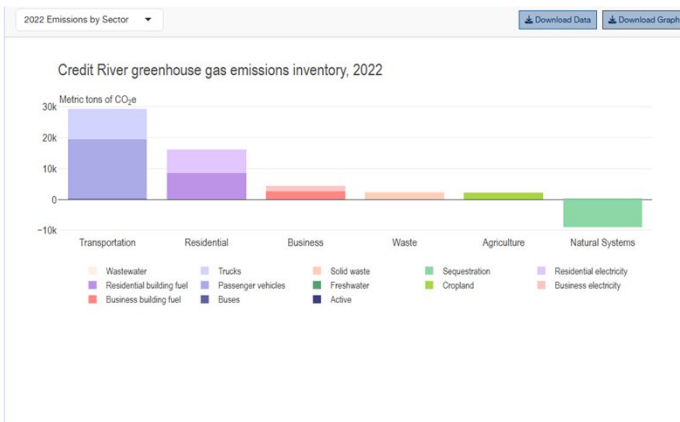


Natural Systems Planning Tool Demo: [MetroMosaic: A natural systems mapping tool for the Twin Cities](#)

GHG Emissions Reduction Tool

Meeting new climate requirements

- The tool will have a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for each community
- It will also allow communities to project the emissions impacts of GHG reduction strategies



Climate Action Toolkit

Name of the Sector

Title of the Action

Meets ____ Requirements

Supports ____ Plan Elements

This will be a description of the action. Consider including if there are actions a city needs to take before implementing the profile action or if there are other climate actions that pair well with this action. Aim for this description section to be about 150 words.

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Case Study or Local Regional Examples

This section can either include a single case study about one community in the region OR bullet points of three to five communities in the region who have completed this action with a sentence about their program/project. Aim for examples to be from the 7-County region as much as possible. If featuring a single community, consider highlighting key enabling actions, partnerships, or best practices. If featuring multiple communities, consider highlight different community types and what makes a community's approach to this action unique. In total, this section should be about 100-125 words.

Resources for Implementation

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Action Impacts



Ease of Implementation



Potential Partners:

Community Designation



Environmental Justice/Community Considerations

This will pull community feedback on this actions and/or general themes from community engagement on climate action broadly. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat. Duis aute irure dolor in reprehenderit in voluptate velit esse cillum dolore eu fugiat nulla pariatur.

Profiling example climate actions

- Purpose: Provide a technical resource to assist local government partners in identifying climate actions for their comprehensive plans
- Toolkit of climate actions covering all required mitigation and adaptation sectors, detailing:
 - Action impact
 - Case studies or examples
 - Environmental justice considerations
 - Ease of implementation
 - Additional resources



2026 – 2028 PlanIt Program: Comprehensive planning technical assistance

Webinars

Workshops

Conference

Tutorials/Demos

NewsBlasts



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