



Information Item: Comprehensive Planning Update



Joint Meeting of the Metro Area Water Supply & Technical Advisory Committees
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Purpose

1) Committee members are updated about key regional planning milestones and resources

2) Committee members promote resources

- The regional planning cycle is shifting to local plan updates and implementation
- System statements were sent in September, triggering local plan updates
- Guidance for local planners has been updated
- Outreach and engagement to promote guidance is planned for 2026 and beyond

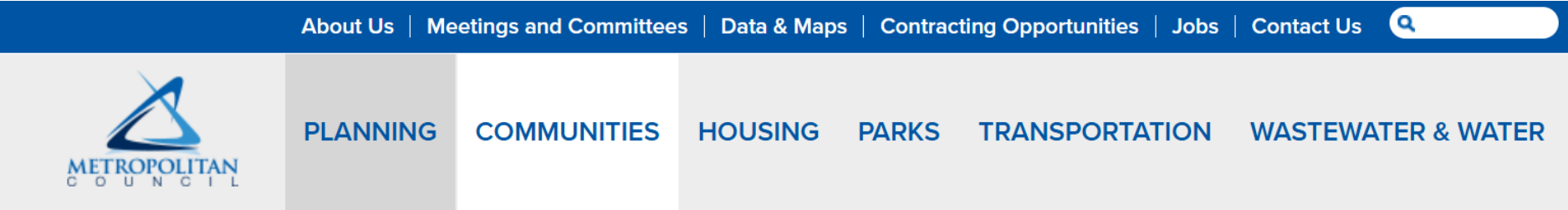
Regional planning cycle



System Statements

2025 SYSTEM STATEMENT

System statements are online at metrocouncil.org



COMMUNITIES	+
Planning	+
Local Planning Assistance	—
Local Planning Handbook	
> System Statements	
Young Leaders Collaboration Toolkit	
Comprehensive Planning	
Sector Representatives	

SYSTEM STATEMENTS

System Statements are individualized documents informing each community on how it is affected by the Metropolitan Council’s policy plans for regional systems – transportation, aviation, water resources, and regional parks and trails. As required by the [Metropolitan Land Planning Act](#), they are intended to help communities review and, if necessary, amend the comprehensive plan within three years of receiving the system statement. See tables of links to systems statements, below.

The issuance of system statements initiates the local comprehensive planning process every 10 years. [Current forecasts for metropolitan area cities, townships, and counties are online in PDF and Excel formats.](#)

2025 System Statements

The Met Council adopted Imagine 2050, the new regional development guide for the seven-county metro region, on February 12, 2025. Following updates to the regional development guide, the Met Council is required by [state statute](#) to inform local governments about changes to regional system plans as it impacts the local comprehensive plans. Every city, county, and township within the Met Council’s jurisdiction receives a “system statement” – a document intended to help communities review and, if necessary, amend their local comprehensive plans.

Some planning milestones for local governmental units in the metro region

System statements trigger update of CPUs

- **September 2025**

Required content is drafted and compiled into a complete CPU

- Between Fall 2025 and Summer 2028

Adjacent and affected jurisdictions review the draft CPU

- At least 6 months before public hearing
- **Coordinate with DNR on water supply plan due date**

A public hearing is held

- Completed in time for your governing body to approve submittal to MC by 12/31/2028

The local governing body approves submittal to the Met Council

- Completed in time to submit to MC by 12/31/2028

The CPU is submitted to the Met Council

- **By 12/31/2028**

Local Planning Handbook is online at metrocouncil.org

Local Planning Handbook

Regional Planning Process

Community Pages

Required Plan Elements +

Review Process +

Education and Training

Resources +

Welcome to the Local Planning Handbook

The Local Planning Handbook is your essential guide for updating comprehensive plans, offering clear instructions on minimum requirements, interactive tools and maps, community-specific data, and resources for grants and technical assistance.



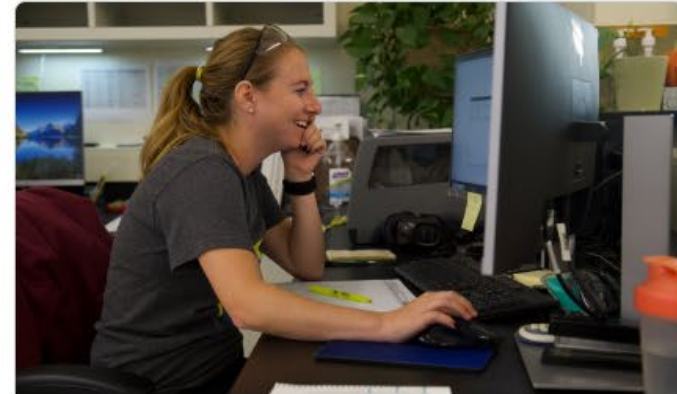
Community Pages

Access your community's personalized checklist, interactive and downloadable maps (including GIS shapefiles), and a list of affected jurisdictions to ensure compatibility with neighboring plans.



Required Plan Elements

Explore our Plan Element pages to discover minimum requirements, practical tips, and valuable resources that help you create a comprehensive plan.



Submit Online

Submit your Comprehensive Plan Update or Amendment, and track its progress.

Local Planning Handbook includes guidance for water resources

Local Planning Handbook

[Regional Planning Process](#)

Community Pages

Required Plan Elements

Land Use

Housing

Transportation

> **Water Resources**

Wastewater

Water Supply

Surface Water

Water Resources

Our region's prosperity, quality of life, and growth depend on the sustainability of our water resources. From aquifers to surface waters, these resources support both development and the environment. Effective management of water use, surface water functions, and land use impacts is essential for long-term sustainability.



Wastewater

GIS Requirements, Areas Served by Regional System, Areas Served by Local System, etc.



Water Supply

DWSMA, Private Wells, Municipal Supply Systems

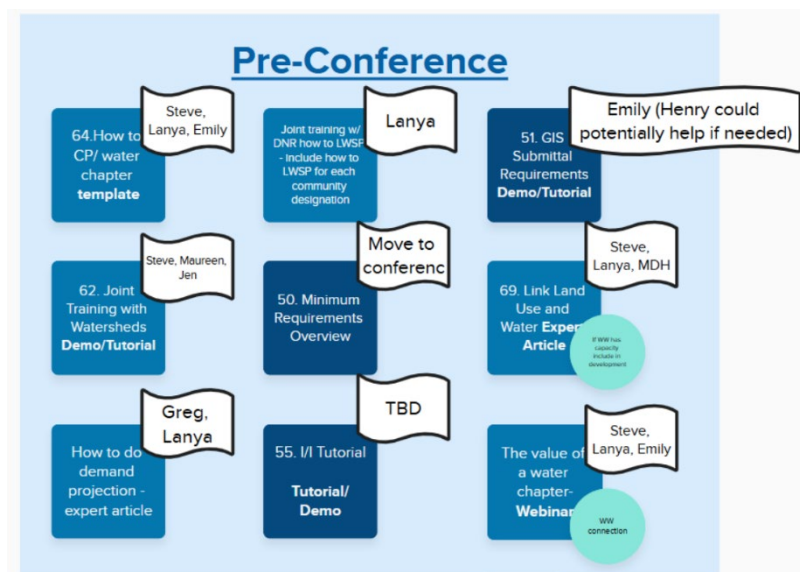


Surface Water

Surface Water Management

PlanIt Programming

Examples of emerging ideas for outreach and engagement





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