

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-15
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
GOVERNOR'S RECOVERY AND REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the 500-year flood of 1997 has resulted in enormous personal and economic losses to homes, farms, and businesses throughout Minnesota's Red River Valley and Minnesota River Valley areas; and

WHEREAS, as the recovery process continues and restoration efforts begin, there is an immediate need to assemble state and local leaders to address the implications of this catastrophe and the redevelopment of these regions; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated state, local, and federal effort is needed for the planning and implementation of flood recovery and redevelopment strategies; and

WHEREAS, having expert advice and establishing an appropriate intermediary between state and federal planners and technicians, and local planners and implementers of long-range flood recovery plans will best assist in response to this crisis;


NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Council on Recovery Planning and Redevelopment shall be established.
2. Council membership shall be composed of 13 persons, who shall include:
 - The leader of each major party caucus from the Senate and House of Representatives or their designees;
 - A mayor from a city in the Red River Valley;
 - A mayor from a city in the Minnesota River Valley;
 - A county commissioner from a county in the Red River Valley;
 - A county commissioner from a county in the Minnesota River Valley;
 - A state agency commissioner or representative from the executive branch; and
 - Four private sector members.
3. The governor shall appoint the agency representative and private sector members. The governor shall select the four local officials from separate recommendations made by each of the four city and county groups.
4. The governor shall select the chair from among the council members.
5. The purpose of the council is to facilitate long-range local flood recovery planning, planning implementation, and related redevelopment and reinvestment strategies. It is also among the council's duties to serve as an intermediary between state and federal planners, technicians and funders, and local planners and implementers. In so doing, the council shall consider information provided by the Red River Basin Board and the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board.

6. In carrying out its duties for redevelopment coordination, the council shall endeavor to:
- Attract private investment;
 - Encourage economic development;
 - Identify and prioritize infrastructure needs;
 - Address housing needs;
 - Facilitate technical assistance to local governments and businesses; and
 - Leverage federal, state, and private resources.
7. The Department of Commerce shall provide staff and other administrative support to the council to carry out its duties. The council may request assistance from other state or local agencies, organizations, and individuals in carrying out its duties.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until June 30, 1998, or rescinded by proper authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this ninth day of May, 1997.


ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:


JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

