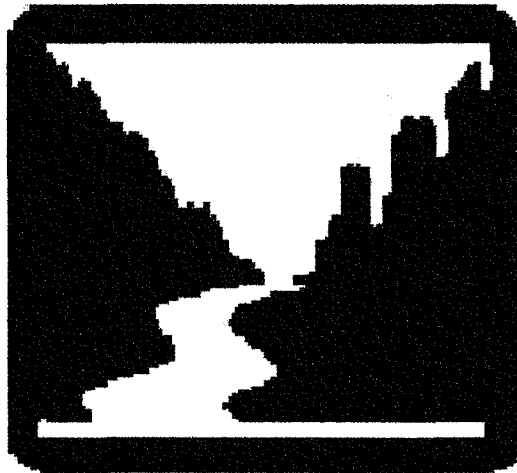


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East Central Regional Development Commission



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June 30, 2005

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EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) is a public agency. The board members are represented by officials appointed by county boards, townships, municipalities, school boards and citizens at large.

The ECRDC is funded through a local tax levy and planning/program grants and contracts from state agencies, federal agencies and foundations.

MISSION OF THE EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The mission is to provide leadership and direction through creative problem solving. We do this by initiating projects and programs that lead to creative solutions to regional problems, providing technical assistance and identifying and developing available resources. We serve in a leadership role as an advocate for East Central Minnesota to bring about positive change.

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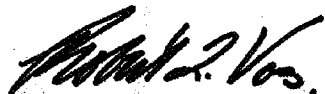
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

The Commission's 2005 fiscal year was a period of significant activity and change. Among the year's highlights was the full implementation of the new 14 County Area Agency on Aging structure which incorporated Regions 5, 7E, and 7W. A new partnership was formed with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission to deliver Geographic Information Services more cost-effectively to our region. The Arts Council completed its two year biennial planning process and made grants totaling \$57,306 to arts groups, schools, and individuals. A five year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was completed which continued the region's designation as a federally approved Economic Development District. Our marketing efforts for the Job Opportunity Building Zone (JOBZ) program were made possible by a grant from the Initiative Foundation. The Transportation program completed its third year of programming for the Toward Zero Deaths highway safety initiative. Also, the Commission worked closely with local units of government to successfully secure nearly \$15 million in additional federal funds for transportation projects in the region. Finally, we welcomed Pat Oman as our new Economic and Community Development Director last fall and Andrew Daniels as the new East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Specialist.

I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Commission Members Dick Jackson, Shane Stepp, Greg Bennett, Dave Giese, Scott Moe, and Bernie VonWald for their service to the ECRDC over the years. On behalf of the Commission, I also want to welcome Linda Evans, Jeremy Kalin, Eileen Anderson, Dave Chmiel, and Bob Cupit as newly-appointed Commission Members.

Finally, a special word of thanks to the members of the commission, the various advisory committee groups, volunteers, and the staff for another successful year. None of this would have been possible without your support and ongoing involvement.



Robert L. Voss
Executive Director
robert.voss@ecrdc.org

ECRDC STAFF

July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005

Robert L. Voss
Executive Director

Jodi Barton
*East Central Senior Resource Center
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Toward Zero Death Coordinator*

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*East Central Senior Resource Center
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Dorothy Jones
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Elissa Schley
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*East Central Arts Council Director
Hazard Mitigation Director*

Sarah Morton
Geographic Information Specialist

Pat Oman
*Community/Economic Development
Director*

Trish Rydlund
Information/Office Manager

Penny Simonsen
East Central Senior Resource Center Director

FINANCIAL

	FY2005 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2005 REVENUES/ EXPENSES UNAUDITED	FY2006 ADOPTED BUDGET
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes	\$ 211,800	\$ 210,848	\$ 218,154
Aging	\$ 517,232	\$ 464,335	\$ 175,318
EDA	\$ 52,721	\$ 52,569	\$ 52,628
State Arts Board	\$ 101,881	\$ 96,881	\$ 101,881
State Transportation	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Contracts	\$ 22,650	\$ 7,526	\$ 30,133
Interest/Other	\$ 20,444	\$ 28,374	\$ 43,086
Foundations	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 23,500
Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 78,356	\$ 64,242	\$ 36,391
Development Corps.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
SBDC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
RLF-Interest/Fees	\$ 14,000	\$ 18,885	\$ 20,390
RLF-Repayments	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,769	\$ 37,091
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,114,084	\$ 1,054,429	\$ 798,572
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
General Fund	\$ 108,709	\$ 103,210	\$ 128,582
RLF-Administration	\$ 10,768	\$ 8,398	\$ 12,981
Hazard Mitigation	\$ 53,056	\$ 42,412	\$ 16,391
State Arts-Administration	\$ 58,836	\$ 59,363	\$ 80,639
McKnight Arts-Administration	\$ 5,765	\$ 6,090	\$ 5,500
State Transportation	\$ 77,546	\$ 64,841	\$ 82,795
Aging Program-Administration	\$ 112,801	\$ 102,676	\$ 89,137
EDA	\$ 78,806	\$ 70,219	\$ 70,171
GIS Program	\$ 63,142	\$ 63,592	\$ -
I & A Program	\$ 129,128	\$ 127,752	\$ 155,626
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 12,486	\$ 30,133
Safe Communities	\$ 25,300	\$ 31,059	\$ 20,000
SBDC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Job Z	\$ -	\$ 10,741	\$ -
Aging-Pass-thru Contracts	\$ 297,503	\$ 265,107	\$ -
Arts-Pass-thru Grants	\$ 57,880	\$ 52,306	\$ 41,342
RLF Loans	\$ 25,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 44,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,104,240	\$ 1,145,252	\$ 787,797
Revenues over/under Expenses	\$ 9,844	\$ (90,823)	\$ 10,775
Prior Year Fund Balances	\$ 261,791	\$ 261,164	\$ 170,341
Current Year Fund Balances	\$ 271,635	\$ 170,341	\$ 181,116

EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

Over the course of the last year, the East Central Senior Resource Center evolved from a designated Area Agency on Aging to its new role as a partner with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging. This new role offers opportunities to focus more fully on "Fostering the development of and access to resources for older adults in East Central Minnesota." This is our mission.

Senior Networks, and the continued role played by the East Central Senior Resource Center works as an opportunity for providers of aging services from government, non-profit and for-profit sectors to come together. The networking events, while informal in nature, act as an instigator for new partnerships, more communication between service providers and development of new services. Each of the counties in east central Minnesota has a "Senior Network".

Services provided by ECSRC staff include a wide range of services such as:

- **Senior LinkAge Line®** (a free information and assistance project accessed through a toll-free number). During calendar year 2004 staff at the ECSRC responded to 1,627 calls from seniors, their families and caregivers.
- **Community Outreach** completed by the ECSRC staff made connections with almost 2,000 seniors and aging services professionals in 2004.
- **Volunteer staff** donated 544 hours during 2004. They assisted clients with many types of issues either in their home, senior dining sites, medical clinics or at the ECSRC. The value of their work is estimated in two ways. Their donated talents save the ECSRC over \$7,560 in wages to provide services and \$334,152 in savings to clients receiving assistance through prescription drug assistance and Rx Connect assistance.

- **Eighteen dedicated individuals** committed themselves to assisting seniors by completing a rigorous three day training.
- **The \$802,620 example** of savings realized by seniors accessing the services of the ESCRS last year...490 clients accessed free medication through the patient assistance program. Conservative estimates show each client saving \$1,638 a year with four prescriptions.
- **Senior Surf Days** teaches seniors the basics of computer use and navigating the internet to access information about Medicare, among other things.
- **Health Insurance Counseling** helps people understand Medicare, make informed decisions about health insurance, compare and evaluate insurance (Medicare, supplemental, long-term care, etc.) policies, claim filing and more. It is one-on-one confidential, objective assistance. ECSRC counselors do not give legal advice, nor do they endorse any insurance product, allowing for a place to come for unbiased information.
- **Medication Management Program** reaches seniors in Chisago and Isanti counties through an agreement with the Minnesota Pharmacist Association and Fairview hospital in Wyoming. A staff pharmacist provides one-to-one counseling/assistance to clients advising them of things such as potential harmful drug interactions.
- **ECSRC Resource Guide**, reaches 10,000 people each year. Published yearly, it contains information about many of the services available in the region.



Ella Martens
and
Frances Caron



John Zetervall
and
Joan McClay

2004 Senior LinkAge Line® /Volunteer Staff

Kathleen Berland	Sharon Lidstrom
Diann Boser	Ella Martens
Erin Olson	Rose Peloquin
Frances Caron	Nancy Thom
Cathy Easter	Carol Weis
Andrew Daniels	Sharon Tonies
Margaret Keillor	Joan McClay
Dorothy Lemke	Lori Dusan
Lois Mathison	Rose-Marie Wesmoreland
John Zetervall	Linda Hayek

ECSRC Advisory Committee

George Larson	Marlys Mestemacher
Ben Montzka	Robert Hoefert
Jerry Nelson	

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

Supporting the enhancement of arts quantity and quality in Region 7E.

The mission of the East Central Arts Council is to improve the quantity and quality of arts experiences in Region 7E by facilitating the production, presentation, and dissemination of art development of arts organizations and also by promoting the growth of individual artists. The East Central Arts Council (ECAC) accomplishes its mission through programs and special initiatives for artists and arts organizations. The FY 2005 work program of the Arts Council included the following: grant programs for organizations such as the Arts Projects Assistance, Art in Our Schools, and the Small Grants Program; individual artist programs such as the McKnight/ECAC Individual Artist and Fellowship Grant Programs, Image-the annual regional art show, the K-12 Scholarship Program; other assistance is provided and includes continuing to host various grant workshops, and providing technical assistance and resource information. Our mission, vision and values are at the heart of the programs and grantees we fund. Our grantee partners are at the forefront of our work to enhance the arts environment in Region 7E. It is their daily work and commitment that expands arts opportunities, increases the quality of life, and enhances the community/economic development in the region. During this fiscal year ECAC completed the arts needs assessment for the Region and submitted the FY 2006-2007 Biennial Plan which included an extensive planning process.

Individual Artists Grants & Artist Fellowships - The Individual Artist grants are for artists in the region wanting to expand their artistry with a specific arts project. The Fellowship Program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. Funding for these programs are provided by The McKnight Foundation. This year we awarded a total of over \$12,727 in artist grants/fellowships to artist projects with total costs of almost \$25,000.



"Some Things That Matter"
Anthony Alex LeTourneau
IMAGE 2004 Best of Show

Art Scholarships for K-12 Students - Region 7E has many young, talented, and energetic artists deserving recognition. As a result, the

ECAC, with funding through The McKnight Foundation, offers students in grades K-12 a scholarship opportunity to further their artistic skills. This year the Council recognized 3 students with a total amount of \$1,215. The kids are experiencing a wide range of activities: MusiCamp at Bemidji State; mentorship with an artist/teacher; and a choral camp.

Art in Our Schools Grants - Schools may apply to the East Central Arts Council to help fund special art projects. The funds can support artist residencies, art related field trips, or any special school arts-focused project. This year 5 grants were funded in schools throughout Region 7E. The total amount of grants was \$4,750 for projects with total costs of over \$12,000. Thousands of local children benefited from this funding.

Art Organization Project & Small Grants - These programs award grants for local or regional arts and cultural projects sponsored/coordinated by organizations, units of government or nonprofits. Funds are available for a variety of arts projects that develop or enhance local arts organizations, artists, or art audiences. Small Grants of up to \$500 and Art Organization Project Grants up to \$5000 are considered. The grants are awarded only with a one-to-one financial match. The grants this year amounted to over \$33,000. The total project costs were over \$80,000. A wide variety of arts events were made possible such as: Pine City Arts Council's hosting of the Image Art Show at the Northwest Company Fur Post; Northern Exposures (a photography club) Kanabec County Project; the Rush City Music Festival; an anthology produced by RiverVoices in Chisago County; a printmaking project at Depot Studios in Isle; a mural by the City of Mora and Mora Public Schools; Connecting Writers and Readers at the new East Central Regional Libraries; performances at Princeton's Tuesdays in the Park; Lindstrom's Harmony in the Parks; Swedish fiddler's performance at the Isanti County Historical Society; the Milaca Area Fine Arts Festival; Bow Bridge Fiddler's Barn Dance; Summer Concerts at the Kanabec County Historical Society; Kanabec County Artist's Fall Tour; and the Folsom House Musicale in Taylors Falls.

ECAC Advisory Committee

TJ Musgrove, Chair (2nd half of yr.)

Amanda Thompson Rundahl, Vice Chair

Colleen Hendershot DeJong

Lenore Whitney Karash, Ex Officio

Margery Swanson

Sandra Achterling Borning

Gailyn Holmgren, Chair (1st half of yr.)

Dick Jackson

Linda Evans

Nancy McCracken

Judy Broekemeier

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CEDS/EDA Planning Grant - The ECRDC completed a 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) designed to guide the economic growth of the area. The CEDS is required in order to qualify for Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant Assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and most planning programs; and is a prerequisite for designation by EDA as an economic development district (EDD). Multiple surveys were sent out to local government and community leaders for completion on projects in process, and future infrastructure, housing, and economic development needs that may require EDA assistance. An EDA planning grant extension for additional funding is currently under review by the EDA.

Northern Technology Initiative (NTI) - The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with NTI on attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. Projects this past year have included the continued expansion of the Regional Angel Investment Network (RAIN) to provide equity investment capital for companies seeking to locate or expand to East Central Minnesota; establishing a regional marketing brand; development of a regional website; and implementing a cluster development and supply chain marketing strategy using the NAICS (North American Industrial Coding) System database.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) - Five applications were submitted to the RLF Committee in 2004 - 2005. Three of these loans were reviewed by the RLF committee. Two of these loans were approved: Thunder Alley Speedway (\$125,000) and Advance Chairmats (\$ 65,000). As of 8/26/2005 there is approximately \$ 54,859 available to lend in the Revolving Loan Fund. One applicant is currently being reviewed for a \$ 9,000 loan.



Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) - The ECRDC is the JOBZ Administrator for Region 7E. To date, JOBZ awards have been completed for Pine City (Advanced Design & Systems), North Branch (Andersen Windows), Wyoming (Polaris Inc.), and Mora (Creative Marketing Concepts). Approximately, 50 % of the 1,486 acres zoned JOBZ has been awarded.

The ECRDC has successfully completed a land modification proposal with the city of Cambridge on transferring the JOBZ designation to a more suitable parcel of land.

The ECRDC is involved with surveying an awarded company success in meeting the business subsidy agreement for JOBZ. On August 10th a tour of Creative Marketing Concepts Mora location (999 East Maple Avenue) was attended by representatives from DEED, the City of Mora, and ECRDC. Representatives from CMC discussed employment growth, manufacturing products and equipment, and future expansion opportunities.

The JOBZ Administrators discussed in a conference call on 8/03/2005 opportunities to collaborate. It was decided to meet every two months to develop collaborative initiatives.

Attendance by JOBZ administrators to discuss JOBZ legislative changes took place on 8/16/2005. The ECRDC is providing this information to local sub zone administrators.

Regional Marketing Initiatives -

Enterprise Network System - The ECRDC is as part of the NTI Executive Committee met a representative from DEED in order to discuss moving forward on the Enterprise Network System, and economic development tool using the NAICS industrial codes. Data is currently being collected from the Executive Committee on economic development priorities. The ECRDC in collaboration with the DEED, NTI, and the Initiative Foundation are working on creating a supply chain marketing and cluster development initiative to use the existing North American Industrial Coding System (NAICS) to develop clustered industries, assist local industries in finding suppliers, and drive local business to evolve its business practices. Data will be collected by the ECRDC on economic development priorities; these will assist in providing a benchmark for the strategic plan.

Printed Media - The ECRDC in collaboration with other regional commissions developed a an advertisement piece in the November 2004 Business Monthly detailing Region 7E participating cities, land availability, and JOBZ successes

JOBZ Signs - The ECRDC assisted the local 12 JOBZ cities to receive JOBZ advertising signs at no cost. A total was 55 JOBZ highway / street signs delivered to the twelve JOBZ cities.

Regional Website - The regional website is complete and located at the web address www.eastcentralmn.com and provides community / economic development data for the 12 JOBZ cities. The ECRDC will be initiating a number of marketing initiatives including: paperless and printed mailings to businesses in Wisconsin / Twin Cities; site selectors and real estate developers; and advertisement in trade / manufacturing magazines that will drive prospects to this regional website. Furthermore the ECRDC will be incorporating the other 27 cities into the website, make this an economic development web portal for all Region 7E communities.

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Tom Lambrecht	Carol Veurink
Dennis Cunningham	Kim Johnson
Milan DeWitt	Bruce Montgomery
Paul Troskey	Scott Moe
Robert Hoefert	John Jackson

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Newly Structured Program - In April of 2005, the ECRDC entered into a partnership with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission in Duluth to continue the delivery of high quality and affordable GIS services to East Central Minnesota. An analysis of existing market conditions in early 2005 combined with available funding for GIS services made a joint program with a neighboring regional development commission an attractive alternative going forward.

Geographic Information Systems or GIS, is a type of information mapping. It is suited for the analysis of geographic data. Geographic data consists of points, lines and polygons. Points can represent wells, weather stations, navigational lights, fire hydrants, man holes, etc. Lines can represent roads, streets, utilities, railroads, telecommunication lines, streams, etc. Polygons represent a closed area such as a parcel of land, lot lines, township or city border. GIS is a computer system that integrates maps and data for storage and management. It can quickly analyze vast amounts of data and other information.

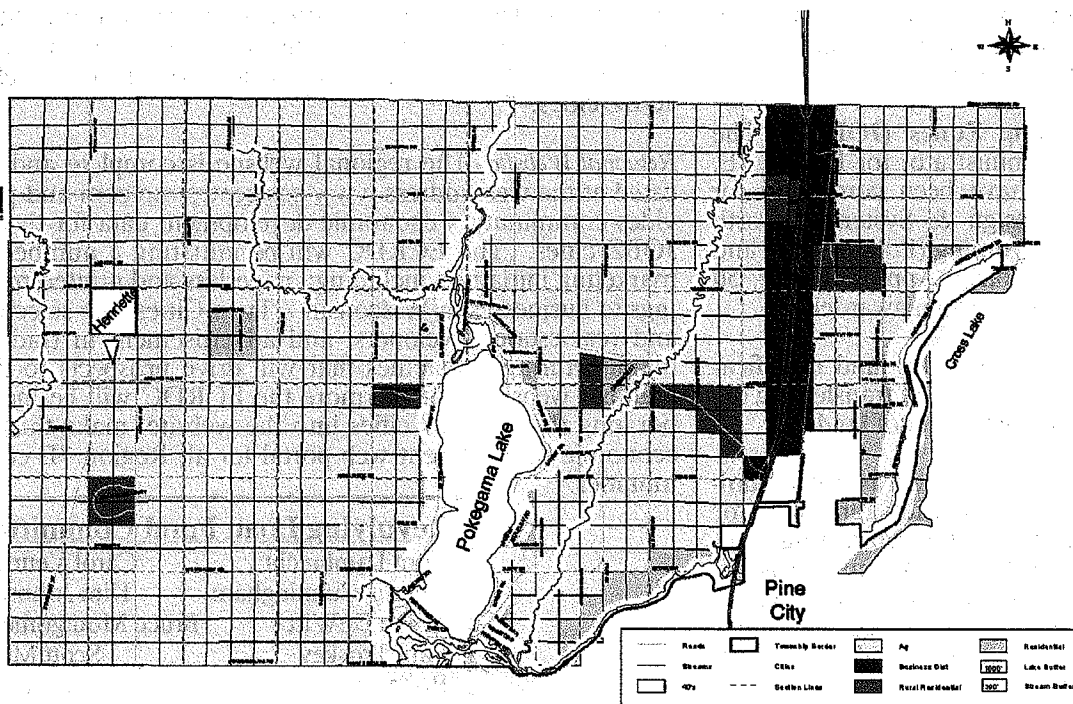
Who uses GIS, and why? GIS is a tool that is being used more and more by local government departments including, but not limited to, community and economic development, building inspections and permits,

housing resource management, engineering and public utilities. GIS allows planners to analyze "what if" scenarios and existing conditions to support planning regulations and development activities.

Demonstrations of GIS technology are available upon request. ECRDC is fortunate to have available "cutting-edge" software, and staff knowledgeable of its many uses.

Land Records Modernization is a project that will update and create uniformity in land records throughout Minnesota. ECRDC staff are involved in this process.

Parcel Mapping is a valuable service available on a contract basis to units of government. A number of cities in Region 7E have already taken advantage of the many benefits that creating a base parcel map offers. Examples include tax parcel information, utility mapping, planning and zoning.



**Pokegama
Township
Zoning Map**



TRANSPORTATION

State Transportation Improvement Program - The State Transportation Improvement Program indicates this region will receive more than \$45 million for transportation improvement projects for the three year period of FY 04-06. This includes projects on major state and county roads, transit vehicle capital, bridges, and enhancements. All five counties will benefit from state and/or federal transportation funding.

Regional Transportation Planning - Involved with regional transportation planning efforts such as the Cambridge-Isanti Transportation Committee developing a long range transportation plan. Also involved with other regional planning efforts related to transportation improvements.

Area Transportation Partnership - The ECRDC region is comprised of five counties, yet the counties are in three different Mn/DOT Districts/ATPs. The role of the ECRDC is to make recommendations for projects for federal funding consideration. Upon RDC approval, a list of prioritized projects is submitted to various ATPs. For the District 3 ATP, the ECRDC conducts a solicitation and prioritization process for Isanti, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs County projects. Approximately, \$1.3 million is allocated to local projects. The ECRDC also works closely Metro Division and District 1 ATP for projects from Chisago and Pine Counties in the federal funding process.

Technical Assistance - Continued with our technical assistance program by responding to local transportation task forces such as the TH 8 Task Force in Chisago County and Soo Line Trail Committee in Mille Lacs County. Also, provided information to groups such as the Active Living By Design Committee for develop-

ment of a trail connecting Cambridge and Isanti. Support continues to transit groups such as Heartland Express Programs in Chisago, Isanti, and Mille Lacs counties. Provide limited assistance to Section 5310 grant program applicants which provides grant vehicles to assist elderly and disabled individuals. In addition, monitoring the progress of transportation activities associated with the welfare reform efforts in the region.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) - The ECRDC provides staffing for the TAC whose function is to provide recommendations to the ECRDC as well as a forum for regional transportation issues. The TAC generally meets four to five times per year, to consider project funding and other regional issues.

Toward Zero Deaths - For the past three years the ECRDC has been coordinating a highway safety initiative on the TH 65/95 TZD Corridor. The corridor includes the cities of Princeton, Cambridge, and Isanti. More recently, the RDC has focused efforts in Isanti County. Funding has been available through a Safe Communities Grant from the Department of Public Safety. Successful activities implemented have included a billboard, traffic safety messages at the local movie theatre, media releases to promote seat belt use and concentration on driving. A community steering committee provides direction to the project. Over the past year, the TZD initiative has also focused on the drinking & driving issue in our region. We have developed, and continue to do so, a unique liquor provider partnership aimed at helping to address the issue. Additional funding has been sought for the project's continuation.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Julie Dresel, Chair	Mike Moilanen	Mark Lebrun
Mel Larson, Vice Chair	Jackie Forner	Lawrence Sande
Barbara Welty	Greg Nikodym	Bill Malin
Richard Larson	Richard Heilman	Tyler Sinclair

Others

Brian Vollum	Steve Voss	Bob Busch
Kelvin Howieson	Rick Arnebeck	Mary Safgren



Judge Dehn and Bob Bollenbeck comment on traffic safety at Congressman Oberstar's briefing.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Value Added Community Development - The ECRDC provided local assistance to various economic development groups and local government (township, city, and county).

Economic Development Partnerships - The ECRDC meets regularly with the following organizations: Cambridge Economic Development Alliance, Mora Area Chamber of Commerce (Economic Development Committee), East Central Minnesota Workforce Partnership, Northern Technology Initiative, Manufacturers Alliance, City Administrators, Pine Economic Development Corporation, and Mille Lacs Community Development Corporation. Example of positive results gleaned from these meetings include: developing a regional brand, marketing initiatives, and a regional website.

Zoning and Comprehensive Planning Training - A seminar on comprehensive land use planning, strategic planning, zoning ordinances and enforcement is currently under development by the ECRDC in collaboration with local government and private attorneys to train township and local government on the decision making process for creating community strategic plans, zoning plans and enforcement.

Building Revitalization - The ECRDC is working with a number of smaller communities in assessing the revitalization / redevelopment of old buildings. The ECRDC will work directly with local government on establishing a strategic plan, funding mechanisms (identifying resources such as tax increment financing, Brownfield, etc.), and zoning requirements.

Community Planning - Comprehensive land use planning and zoning ordinance were developed for a number of local governments including Knife Lake Township, Pokegama Township, and the City of Ogilvie. Onsite assessment meetings with local governments are ongoing. Informational materials are sent out annually on planning and zoning services.

Workshops and Grant writing - The ECRDC has attended a number of Grant Workshops in order to better serve the needs of the Region 7E Community in providing grant writing services for local government. These workshops attended include: Brownfield Grant, Small Cities Development Grant, and Small Business Innova-

tion Research (SBIR). A number of onsite meetings will be developed to educate cities on grant availability and eligibility.

Small Business Development Center - The ECRDC has prepared an application / proposal for SBDC funding for marketing, business planning, loan analysis and eligibility. The ECRDC has requested 300 - 500 hours of funding. The planning grant will work with providing the expense in being in the communities in Region 7E. The ECRDC is preparing itself to be a one stop shop for business / recruitment expansion; loan assessment and packaging; small business planning; and community strategic planning.

City Administrator Meetings - The ECRDC organizes a City Administrator meeting every two months to discuss mutual key issues occurring in the Region 7E communities. Past topics include the use of community land trusts (to address affordable housing), JOBZ award program, bonding for infrastructure improvement, and housing development. The City Administrator meeting will evolve into a best practices approach to city economic development. Issues and speakers will be selected that will assist local governments with solving key issues in zoning, planning, economic development, and housing.

Hazard Mitigation - Isn't "Planning for Hazards" a contradiction in terms? Most disasters cannot be avoided, however there are things that people can do to lessen the loss of life and property damage.

The East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) is currently providing All-Hazard Mitigation Planning in the Counties of Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs. The Isanti County Plan has been completed. Mitigation planning is made possible through Minnesota's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM - part of the Department of Public Safety) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding. Local governments receiving FEMA approval for these hazard mitigation plans will be eligible to draw on future pre-disaster mitigation funding in order to implement local mitigation goals and objectives.

This planning process identifies the natural, technological, and human-caused threats to an area and identifies opportunities to minimize the risks and the impacts. This is a multi-jurisdictional planning process shared by all townships and cities within these counties. These units of government have shown a tremendous amount of support for the projects through local resolutions.

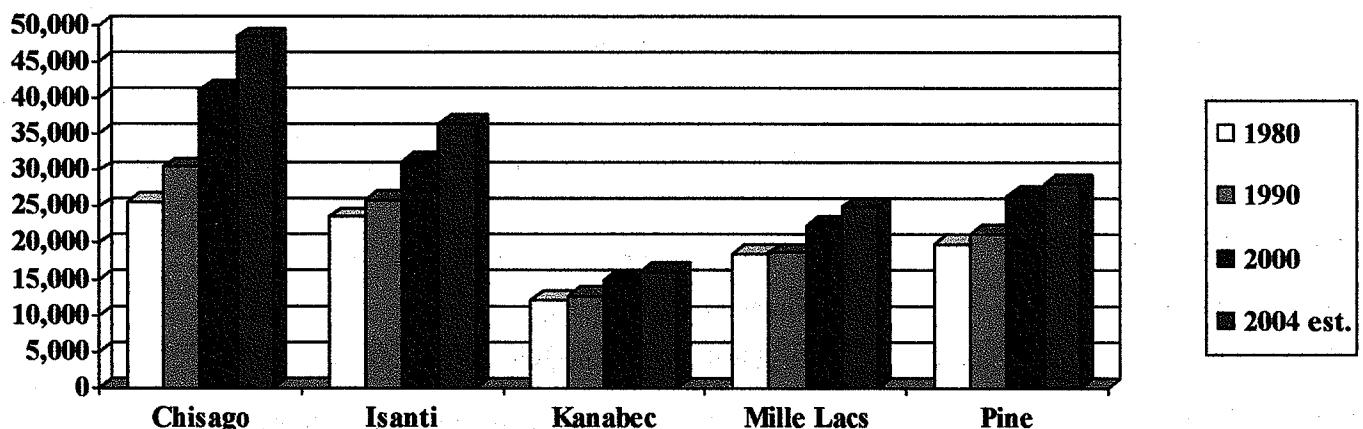
DEMOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Area	1980	1990	2000	2004 Est.
Chisago County	25,717	30,521	41,101	48,424
Isanti County	23,600	25,921	31,287	36,512
Kanabec County	12,161	12,802	14,996	16,054
Mille Lacs County	18,430	18,670	22,330	25,018
Pine County	19,871	21,264	26,530	28,071
Region 7E	99,779	109,178	136,244	154,079
Minnesota	4,075,970	4,375,099	4,919,479	5,100,958

Population Projections			
Area	2000	2015	2030
Chisago County	41,101	56,520	69,540
Isanti County	31,287	37,930	42,930
Kanabec County	14,996	18,830	21,520
Mille Lacs County	22,330	28,270	34,160
Pine County	26,530	32,400	37,840
Region 7E	136,244	173,950	205,990
Minnesota	4,919,476	5,693,700	6,268,200

Labor Force Projections			
Area	2000	2015	2030
Chisago County	21,840	30,960	36,060
Isanti County	17,120	21,520	23,130
Kanabec County	7,657	9,620	10,950
Mille Lacs County	11,272	15,020	17,260
Pine County	12,766	15,700	17,210
Region 7E	70,655	92,820	104,610
Minnesota	2,691,709	3,225,100	3,385,2000

Population 1980—2004 est.



CHISAGO COUNTY

TAC	Township Road Sign Replacement Program	Supported Senate File #377/House File #276 to implement a Town Road Sign Replacement Program throughout the townships in Region 7E.	
TAC	Chisago County	Vehicle replacement recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008	\$59,000
TAC	Region 7E	Safety set-aside recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$60,000
TAC	Chisago County	Vehicle replacement recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$59,000
ECAC	Lindstrom Park Commission	ECAC Art Organization Project Grant	\$2,193
ECAC	Rush City Area Chamber of Commerce	ECAC Art Organization Project Grant	\$5,000
ECAC	RiverVoices Writers' Group	ECAC Art Organization Project Grant	\$2,210
ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line Advocates	17 advocates in the region have donated 544 hours of time in calendar year 2004 with a value of \$7,560.	
ECSRC	Seniors in Region 7E	490 clients accessed free medication for a total savings of \$802,620.	
ECAC	Biennial Planning for Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E.	
HAZMIT	Chisago County	Hazard Mitigation Planning for the county.	
EDA	Chisago County	Job Opportunity Building Zones	
EDA	Chisago County City Administrators	City Administrator Luncheons	
EDA	Chisago County	5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	
GIS	Chisago County	Meta Data Grant	
GIS	Chisago County	Mapping for Hazard Mitigation Planning.	
ECSRC	Chisago County	Monthly senior networking meetings.	
ECSRC	Chisago County	Represented Minnesota at the 3rd annual meeting for the State Solutions-Robert Wood Johnson grantees in Chicago.	
ECSRC	Chisago County	Supporting Seniors Across Systems project.	
ECAC	Chisago County	Grant writing workshops.	
GIS	Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Regional and state maps for services for older adults	
ECSRC	Region 7E	East Central Area Agency on Aging restructuring.	
ECSRC	Seniors in Region 7E	ECSRC Staff responded to 1,627 calls from seniors, their families, and caregivers.	

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TAC	Township Road Sign Replacement Program	Supported Senate File #377/House File #276 to implement a Town Road Sign Replacement Program throughout the townships in Region 7E.	
TAC	Region 7E	Safety set-aside recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$60,000
TAC	City of Isanti	Rail safety improvement recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$175,000
TAC	City of Cambridge	Rail safety improvement recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$175,000
TAC	Isanti County	Vehicle replacement recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$59,000
TAC	Isanti County	Reconstruction of CSAH 14 recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$1,050,000
TAC	Isanti County	Toward Zero Death initiative.	
TAC	Rural Traffic Safety Forum	Congressman Oberstar discussion on rural traffic safety and Toward Zero Deaths initiative.	
ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line Advocates	17 advocates in the region have donated 544 hours of time in calendar year 2004 with a value of \$7,560.	
ECAC	Biennial Planning for Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E.	
ECAC	Bjork Ostrom	ECAC - McKnight Individual Artists Grant	\$1,000
EDA	Isanti County	Job Opportunity Building Zones	
EDA	Isanti County	Bi-monthly City Administrator Luncheons	
EDA	Isanti County	5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	
EDA	Isanti County	Thirty-two Revolving Loan Fund Loans made since conception of RLF. Total of all loans is \$1,253,308.	
GIS	Isanti County	Meta Data Grant	
HAZ-MIT	Isanti County	Hazard Mitigation Planning for county.	
GIS	Isanti County	Mapping for Hazard Mitigation Planning.	
GIS	Isanti County	Mapping for Hazard Mitigation Planning.	
ECSRC	Isanti County	Monthly senior networking meetings.	
ECSRC	Grandview Christian Ministries	Along with Grandview Christian Ministries applies to the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services to construct and adult day center.	
ECSRC	Isanti County	Represented Minnesota at the 3rd annual meeting for the State Solutions-Robert Wood Johnson grantees in Chicago.	
ECSRC	Isanti County	Supporting Seniors Across Systems project.	
ECAC	Braham CAPP Arts for Life Career Fair	Staff and council members represented the ECAC at the Braham CAPP Arts for Life Career Fair.	
ECAC	Isanti County	Grant writing workshops.	
GIS	Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Regional and state maps for services for older adults	

ISANTI COUNTY

ECSRC	Region 7E	East Central Area Agency on Aging restructuring.	
ECSRC	Region 7E	Region-wide trainings on depression and suicide among seniors.	
ECSRC	Isanti Middle School	Presentation on the Medicare Discount cards.	
ECSRC	Ashland Place, Cambridge	Presentation on the Medicare Discount cards.	
TAC	Cambridge-Isanti Transportation Action Council	Participate on the Cambridge-Isanti Transportation Action Council.	
TAC	Active Living by Design Initiative	Participate on the Active Living by Design Initiative.	
ECAC	Minnesota Artists Online	Work with individual artists to upload their artwork on to the mnartist.org website.	
ECAC	Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors	Staff was nominated and elected to serve on the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors by peers.	
GIS	Isanti County	Mapping for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 5	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 7W	
ECSRC	Isanti Senior Dining Site	Presentation on Medicare Discount Cards.	
ECSRC	Mill Ridge Commons	Presentation on Medicare Discount Cards.	
ECSRC	Bridge Park Apartments	Presentation on Medicare Discount Cards.	
ECSRC	Mora High School	Senior Surf Days - teaching seniors how to access the Internet and various programs for seniors.	
ECAC	Cambridge-Isanti Community Education	ECAC Small Grant	\$500
GIS	Isanti County	ECAC Grants awarded mapping.	
EDA	Isanti County	Business Assistance Directories assist businesses with financial and technical assistance.	
ECSRC	Isanti County	Resource Guide - A listing of services for older adults.	
ECAC	East Central Regional Library	Art Project Grant	\$4,550
ECAC	Cambridge-Isanti Community Education	Small Grant	\$500
ECAC	Isanti County Historical Society	Small Grant	\$500
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	490 clients accessed free medication for a total savings of \$802,620.	
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	ECSRC Staff responded to 1,627 calls from seniors, their families, and caregivers.	
ECAC	Taylor Garms	ECAC - McKnight Scholarship	\$500

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KANABEC COUNTY

TAC	Township Road Sign Replacement Program	Supported Senate File #377/House File #276 to implement a Town Road Sign Replacement Program throughout the townships in Region 7E.	
TAC	Region 7E	Safety set-aside recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$60,000
TAC	Kanabec County	Reconstruction of CSAH 11 recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$1,439,000
ECAC	Northern Exposures Photography Club	ECAC Art Organization Project Grant	\$2,100
TAC	TH 23/TH 65 Advisory Committee	Long-term planning for TH23/TH65 through Mora.	
ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line Advocates	18 advocates in the region have donated 544 hours of time in calendar year 2004 with a value of \$7,560.	
ECAC	Biennial Planning for Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E.	
HAZMIT	Kanabec County	Hazard Mitigation Planning for the county.	
EDA	Kanabec County	Job Opportunity Building Zones	
EDA	Kanabec County	City Administrator Luncheons	
EDA	Kanabec County	5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	
EDA	Kanabec County	Thirty-two Revolving Loan Fund Loans made since conception of RLF. Total of all loans is \$1,253,308.	
GIS	Kanabec County	Meta Data Grant	
EDA	Knife Lake Township	Comprehensive Plan	
EDA	Knife Lake Township	Zoning Ordinance	
GIS	Knife Lake Township	Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance Maps	
EDA	Mora	Small Cities Grant	
GIS	Kanabec County	Mapping for Hazard Mitigation Planning.	
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Monthly senior networking meetings.	
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Represented Minnesota at the 3rd annual meeting for the State Solutions-Robert Wood Johnson grantees in Chicago.	
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Supporting Seniors Across Systems project.	
ECAC	Kanabec County	Grant writing workshops.	
GIS	Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Regional and state maps for services for older adults	
ECSRC	Region 7E	East Central Area Agency on Aging restructuring.	
ECSRC	Region 7E	Region-wide trainings on depression and suicide among seniors.	
ECSRC	Kanabec County Senior Health Fair	Participated in the Kanabec County Health fair.	
ECAC	Minnesota Artists Online	Work with individual artists to upload their artwork on to the mnartist.org website.	

KANABEC COUNTY

ECAC	Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors	Staff was nominated and elected to serve on the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors by peers.	
GIS	Kanabec County	Mapping for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 5	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 7W	
EDA	East Central Landscape Committee	Presentation to the East Central Landscape Committee on Economic Development activities.	
ECAC	Mora CAPP	Art Project Grant	\$4,560
GIS	Kanabec County	ECAC Grants awarded mapping.	
GIS	Mora	Parcel Mapping for City of Mora	
EDA	Kanabec County	Business Assistance Directories assist businesses with financial and technical assistance.	
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Resource Guide - A listing of services for older adults.	
ECAC	Eunice Collette	ECAC - McKnight Individual Artist Grant	\$1,000
ECAC	Shirley Thompson	ECAC - McKnight Individual Artist Grant	\$727
ECAC	Fairview Elementary	Art in Our Schools Grant	\$1,000
ECAC	Kanabec County Historical Society	Small Grant	\$500
ECAC	Kanabec County Artists Tour	Small Grant	\$500
ECAC	Mora CAPP	Small Grant	\$500
ECAC	Paul Eppele	ECAC - McKnight Fellowship Grant	\$3,000
ECAC	Roger Nieboer	ECAC - McKnight Fellowship Grant	\$3,000
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	490 clients accessed free medication for a total savings of \$802,620.	
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	ECSRC Staff responded to 1,627 calls from seniors, their families, and caregivers.	

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TAC	Township Road Sign Replacement Program	Supported Senate File #377/House File #276 to implement a Town Road Sign Replacement Program throughout the townships in Region 7E.	
TAC	Region 7E	Safety set-aside recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$60,000
ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line Advocates	18 advocates in the region have donated 544 hours of time in calendar year 2004 with a value of \$7,560.	
ECAC	Biennial Planning for Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E.	
HAZMIT	Mille Lacs	Hazard Mitigation Planning for the county.	
EDA	Mille Lacs County	Job Opportunity Building Zones	
EDA	Mille Lacs	City Administrator Luncheons	
EDA	Mille Lacs County	5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	
EDA	Mille Lacs County	Thirty-two Revolving Loan Fund Loans made since conception of RLF. Total of all loans is \$1,253,308.	
GIS	Mille Lacs County	Meta Data Grant	
EDA	Mille Lacs Lake Planning Project	Planning Project for Mille Lacs Lake.	
GIS	Mille Lacs County	Mapping for Hazard Mitigation Planning.	
HOUSING	Mille Lacs County	Received Minnesota Housing Finance Agency no-interest loan of \$180,000 to building 2 single-family homes.	
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Monthly senior networking meetings.	
ECSRC	Isanti County	Represented Minnesota at the 3rd annual meeting for the State Solutions-Robert Woods Johnson grantees in Chicago.	
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Supporting Seniors Across Systems project.	
ECAC	Central Minnesota Business Development Summit	Participated as a presenter at the Central Minnesota Business Development Summit	
ECAC	Mille Lacs County	Grant writing workshops.	
GIS	Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Regional and state maps for services for older adults	
ECSRC	Region 7E	East Central Area Agency on Aging restructuring.	
ECSRC	Region 7E	Region-wide trainings on depression and suicide among seniors.	
TAC	Soo Line Trail Bridge	Participate on the Soo Line Trail Bridge over 169.	
ECAC	Minnesota Artists Online	Work with individual artists to upload their artwork on to the mnartist.org website.	

MILLE LACS COUNTY

ECAC	Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors	Staff was nominated and elected to serve on the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors by peers.	
GIS	Mille Lacs County	Mapping for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 5	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 7W	
ECSRC	Princeton Apartments	Presentation on Medicare Discount Cards.	
GIS	Mille Lacs County	ECAC Grants awarded mapping.	
EDA	Mille Lacs County	Business Assistance Directories assist businesses with financial and technical assistance.	
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Resource Guide - A listing of services for older adults.	
ECAC	Noah Gahm	ECAC - McKnight Scholarship	\$375
ECAC	Onamia Community Education	IMAGE Art Show	\$5,000
ECAC	Princeton Public Schools	Art Project Grant	\$3,860
ECAC	Depot Studio	Art Project Grants	\$5,000
ECAC	Tiger Club Child Care Program	Small Grant	\$390
ECAC	Milaca Fine Arts Council	Small Grant	\$401
ECAC	Bow Bridge Fiddlers	Small Grant	\$500
ECAC	Stephen Hodder	ECAC - McKnight Fellowship Grant	\$3,000
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	490 clients accessed free medication for a total savings of \$802,620.	
ECSRC	Region 7E Seniors	ECSRC Staff responded to 1,627 calls from seniors, their families, and caregivers.	

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ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line Advocates	18 advocates in the region have donated 544 hours of time in calendar year 2004 with a value of \$7,560.	
TAC	Township Road Sign Replacement Program	Supported Senate File #377/House File #276 to implement a Town Road Sign Replacement Program throughout the townships in Region 7E.	
TAC	Region 7E	Safety set-aside recommended for Federal Project Submittal for 2006-2008.	\$60,000
TAC	Pine County	Pine County Airport development.	
ECAC	Biennial Planning for Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E.	
EDA	Pine County	Job Opportunity Building Zones	
EDA	Pine County	City Administrator Luncheons	
EDA	Pine County	5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	
EDA	Pine County	Thirty-two Revolving Loan Fund Loans made since conception of RLF. Total of all loans is \$1,253,308.	
GIS	Pine County	Meta Data Grant	
EDA	Pokegama Township	Zoning Ordinance	
GIS	Pokegama Township	Zoning Ordinance Maps	
ECSRC	Pine County	Monthly senior networking meetings.	
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Represented Minnesota at the 3rd annual meeting for the State Solutions-Robert Woods Johnson grantees in Chicago.	
ECSRC	Pine County	Supporting Seniors Across Systems project.	
ECAC	Pine City Arts Council	IMAGE Art Show held at the Northwest Company Fur Post	
ECAC	Pine County	Grant writing workshops.	
GIS	Birch Creek Township	Mapping for Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance	
GIS	Finlayson Township	Mapping for Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance	
GIS	Southfork Township	Mapping for Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance	
GIS	Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Regional and state maps for services for older adults	
ECSRC	Region 7E	East Central Area Agency on Aging restructuring.	

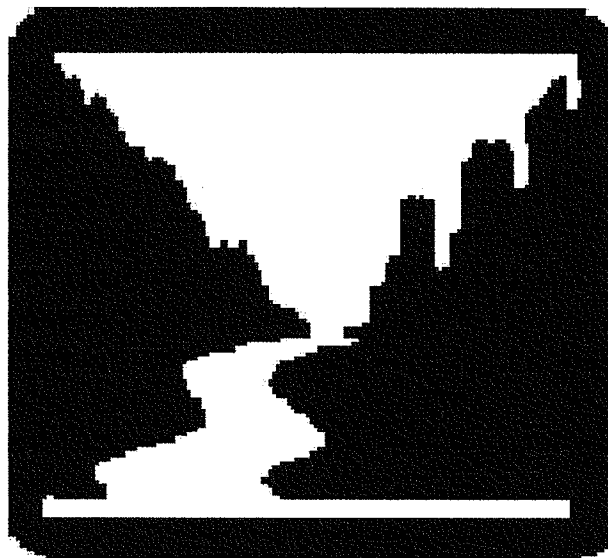
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ECSRC	Region 7E	Region-wide trainings on depression and suicide among seniors.	
ECAC	Minnesota Artists Online	Work with individual artists to upload their artwork on to the mnartist.org website.	
ECAC	Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors	Staff was nominated and elected to serve on the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Board of Directors by peers.	
GIS	Pine County	Mapping for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 5	
GIS	Region 7E	Mapping for Central Minnesota Council on Aging - Region 7W	
ECSRC	Askov Dining Site	Presentation on Medicare Discount Cards.	
ECSRC	Hinckley High School	Senior Surf Days - teaching seniors how to access the Internet and various programs for seniors.	
GIS	Pine County	ECAC Grants awarded mapping.	
EDA	Pine County	Business Assistance Directories assist businesses with financial and technical assistance.	
ECSRC	Pine County	Resource Guide - A listing of services for older adults.	
ECAC	Jan Thurston-Davis	ECAC - McKnight Individual Artist Grant	\$1,000
ECAC	Katherine Anne Cahill	ECAC - McKnight Scholarship	\$290
ECAC	Katherine Anne Cahill	Margaret Prescott Memorial	\$50
ECAC	Willow River Public Schools	Art in Our Schools Grant	\$1,000
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