



East Central Regional  
Development Commission  
100 Park Street South  
Mora, MN 55051



## Annual Report FY 2013





Thank you for taking time to review the 2013 Annual Report of the East Central Regional Development Commission. Each year the Commission prepares a report that lists its accomplishments toward fulfill-

ing the ECRDC's mission. This report includes the programs, projects, and related financial information for the period starting on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013.

This report shows the past fiscal year was filled with a number of exciting activities and accomplishments that collectively kept the region moving ahead. Highlights of the year included the April groundbreaking of the new federal EDA-funded Technology Business Incubator at Pine Technical College. Our Senior Resource Center embarked on a new partnership with the United Way to implement the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for eligible seniors in the region; the Community Development Department assisted Mille Lacs County in developing a County Comprehensive Plan; and our Transportation Department worked extensively with the various local units of government and MnDOT to verify and update the state's database of roads in our region which will be quite useful when considering funding for future preservation and expansion projects. As always, the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program assisted a number of small businesses in financing their startup and/or expansion initiatives.

This year the Commission welcomed two new staff members - Frances Nelson of the East Central Senior Resource Center and Finance Officer Tammie Bremer. We also said farewell to outgoing Commission members Princeton Mayor Jeremy Riddle, Isanti County Commissioner George Larson, Mille Lacs County Commission Jack Edmonds, Rush City School Board Member Channa Tastides, and Pine County Public Interest Representative Fred Leher. The Commission is forever grateful for their commitment and support over the years.

New Commission members include Mille Lacs County Commissioner Genny Reynolds, Princeton City Councilmember Thom Walker, Isanti County Commissioner Greg Anderson, and Pine County Public Interest Representative Lynn Zeleny. A hearty welcome to our new members!

The success of the Commission would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our Commission members, the various advisory committees, volunteers, program partners, and our hardworking staff. Many, many thanks to all of you!

Yours most truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Voss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "V" and "S" at the end.

Robert L. Voss  
Executive Director



# FINANCIAL

	ADOPTED BUDGET FY2013	ACTUAL UNAUDITED FY2013	ADOPTED BUDGET FY2014
<b>AGENCY WIDE REVENUES</b>			
(by source)			
County Tax Levy	264,390	271,902	271,011
Central MN Council on Aging (CMCOA)	221,442	232,503	258,619
Economic Development Administration	62,628	51,060	62,572
MN Dept of Transportation	50,000	71,880	75,000
MN Dept of Public Safety	28,000	24,294	28,430
Contracted Project Revenue	88,000	37,589	35,525
United Way	10,000	24,010	15,000
Various Other Sources	41,740	62,020	33,240
Revolving Loan Fund	92,492	89,429	66,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>858,692</b>	<b>864,687</b>	<b>845,397</b>

<b>AGENCY WIDE EXPENDITURES</b>			
(by program)			
General Fund	88,026	127,144	110,565
Senior Resource Center	349,372	392,487	400,182
Economic Development Administration	185,376	111,474	125,144
Transportation / Safety	123,876	149,316	134,679
Revolving Loan Fund:			
Administration	16,789	14,739	14,825
Loans Disbursed	75,000	68,500	50,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>838,439</b>	<b>863,660</b>	<b>835,395</b>

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited)

Decrease \$ 5,163

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014 (Projected)

Increase \$ 8,827

## **ECRDC STAFF**

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

**ROBERT L. VOSS**  
*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

**MICHELE BOLLENBECK**  
*TOWARD ZERO DEATHS COORDINATOR*

**ROBERT BOLLENBECK**  
*TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR*  
*TOWARD ZERO DEATHS COORDINATOR*

**TAMMIE BREMER**  
*FINANCE OFFICER*

**JAYNE MUND**  
*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER*  
*CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

**FRANCES NELSON**  
*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER*  
*OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

**TRISH RYDLUND**  
*INFORMATION/OFFICE MANAGER*

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*OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

**JORDAN ZELLER**  
*COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC*  
*DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR*

## **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.

## **ECRDC BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Chisago County**

Jill Behnke, Municipalities  
Sue Thompson, Township Rep.  
Diane Larkin, Township Rep.  
Ben Montzka, County Comm.  
Steven Kimmel, Public Interest

### **Isanti County**

Greg Anderson, County Comm.  
Richard Hansen, Township Rep.  
George Larson, County Comm.  
Sue Larson, Public Interest  
Marlys Palmer, Municipalities

### **Kanabec County**

Dave Chmiel, Municipalities  
Bob Jensen, Municipalities  
Les Nielsen, County Comm.  
Dave Patenaude, Township Rep.  
Janelle Troupe, Public Interest

### **Municipalities over 10,000**

City of North Branch

### **Mille Lacs County**

Jack Edmonds, County Comm.  
Linda Evans, Public Interest  
Genny Reynolds, County Comm.  
Jeremy Riddle, Municipalities  
Thom Walker, Municipalities  
Barbara Welty, Township Rep.

### **Pine County**

Frank Grundmeier, Twp Rep.  
Steve Hallan, County Comm.  
Fred Lere, Public Interest  
Paul Venhuizen, Municipalities  
Lynn Zeleny, Public Interest

### **School Board Representatives**

Channa Tastsides, Southern  
Steve Odegard, Northern

### **Native American Tribal Representative**

Carla Dunkley

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*Senator Amy Klobuchar met with ECRDC Staff and Cambridge city officials to discuss local economic development and manufacturing.*

**VALUE ADDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:** The ECRDC provided local assistance to various economic development groups and local government.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS:** The ECRDC partners regularly with the following organizations: Cambridge Development Alliance, East Central Minnesota Workforce Partnership, Central MN Workforce Investment Board, Central MN Housing Partnership, ECMN Business Services Board, GPS 45:93 and City / County Administrators & Economic Development Professionals. Example of positive results gleaned from these meetings include: developing a regional brand, marketing initiatives, regional business assistance directory, and a regional website.



**SCORE:** The ECRDC continues to market their satellite office of the St. Cloud chapter of SCORE. SCORE provides one-on-one counseling to entrepreneurs and those wanting to start a business on a variety of topics free-of-charge. SCORE also facilitates business related educational classes to assist entrepreneurs with sharpening their business skills.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING:** The ECRDC is assisting Mille Lacs Co. in creating their new Comprehensive Plan, as well as consulted with and assisted several local units of government with updates of their planning tools.

**GPS 45:93 COLLABORATION:** The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with the GPS 45:93 in attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. Projects this past year include the the marketing of their “virtual business incubator” to assist entrepreneurs.



In partnership with GPS 45:93, the ECRDC facilitated a regional small business Financial Resource Summit on Tuesday, June 25th at Spring Brook Golf Course in Mora, MN. The focus of this Financial Resource Summit was to link business leaders and entrepreneurs with service providers and resources to assist them in growing their business. Presentations were given to 60+ attendees by representatives of the Initiative Foundation, the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED), the US Small Business Administration, the MN Small Business Development Center (SBRC), Central MN Jobs and Training Services (CMJTS) and others.



*After 4+ years after the initial grant application was submitted, ground was broken for the Pine Technical College Business Incubator on April 3, 2013.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*City Administrators/Clerks/Economic Development Professionals meet to discuss economic development in Region 7E.*

## **CITY / COUNTY CLERKS, ADMINISTRATORS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS MEETINGS:**

The ECRDC organizes a City Administrator meeting quarterly to discuss mutual key issues occurring in the Region 7E communities. Past topics include financing opportunities for local units of government and business, grants and financing for infrastructure improvement, and regional marketing initiatives. The City Administrator meetings have evolved into a best practices approach to city economic development. Issues and speakers are selected that will provide insight that will assist local governments with solving key issues in zoning, planning, economic development, and housing.

**MICRO LOAN FUND:** The ECRDC has partnered with their sister Regional Development Commission, Region Five Development Commission based in Staples, MN, in creating a micro-lending program to serve the ten counties served by our two Regional Development Commissions. This micro-loan fund was created by the USDA Rural Development's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP). This micro-loan fund nicely complements our EDA Revolving Loan Fund. Currently, there have been two loans approved and closed on from this fund in Region 7E.

**REGION 7E CEDS / EDA PROGRAM:** In spring, 2011, the ECRDC was asked by the St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership (SCAEDP), manager of the Federal EDA / CEDS program for Region 7W (Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright Counties), to take over management of this program and work towards EDA Economic Development District (EDD) status for two years upon the voluntary closure of the SCAEDP at the end of April, 2011, and work towards creating a permanent home for this program within Region 7W. The annual CEDS Update was submitted to EDA in December, 2012.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF):** The ECRDC RLF provides gap financing for businesses looking to open, expand or relocate to Mille Lacs, Pine, Isanti, Chisago & Kanabec Counties. The ECRDC employs the RLF as a tool in recruiting new businesses, maintaining and expanding existing ones, creating and retaining good paying jobs and strengthening the economic base of East Central Minnesota. The Federal EDA recently approved the RLF lending to Chisago County Businesses. The RLF currently has 11 loans outstanding.



*Revolving Loan Fund loan made to Fore Chiropractic & Wellness in Mora. Pictured (l-r) Michael Weinand—RLF Vice Chair, Beth Borth—RLF Board Member and City of Mora EDA, Dr. Jenna Fore—Fore Chiropractic & Wellness Owner, Susan Fore, and Douglas Fore.*

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*East Central Broadband Conference held February 28th at Grand Casino Hinckley. Several topics were discussed; current status of internet connectivity in the rural areas, perspectives on internet providers, and local perspectives from the business community, public schools, etc.*

**COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs) / EDA PLANNING GRANT:** The ECRDC is implementing our five year CEDs. The CEDs catalogs the region's currently and historical demographics and economic conditions, identifies weaknesses and threats, and identifies strategies that have the potential to help mitigate these roadblocks to the region's prosperity.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) process is designed to guide the economic growth of the region. 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 conducted of local government and community leaders for completion on projects in process, and future infrastructure, housing, and economic development needs that may require EDA assistance.

The ECRDC assisted Pine Technical College in Pine City in preparing applications to the EDA, and in May, 2010, the EDA granted Pine Technical College \$1.44 million for the remodeling and expansion of an existing building on their campus into an Entrepreneurship Center and Tech

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY BUILDING ZONES (JOBZ) AWARDS:**

The ECRDC is the JOBZ Administrator for Region 7E. There are currently 13 JOBZ projects in Region 7E. Approximately half of the 1,486 acres zoned JOBZ has been awarded. According to State records, JOBZ will have created 414 jobs and retained 219 more in Region 7E. These thirteen businesses will have invested over \$56.4 million in these facilities, and have an annual payroll of over \$22.4 million dollars. For more information, see our website: [www.ecrdc.org](http://www.ecrdc.org).



nology Business Incubator. This project has subsequently been awarded a supplemental EDA grant, bring the EDA's investment in the project to just under \$1.8 million. Ground was broken on the project on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, with US Congressman Rick Nolan speaking. Construction is currently underway, and it is anticipated that the project will be completed and the incubator will begin operation in late 2013.



*L to R: Dr. Jeremy Riddle – Mille Lacs County, Dr. Robert Musgrove – Pine County, Paul Venhuizen – Pine County (Chair), Rebecca Perrotti – Kanabec County, John Schlagel – Isanti County. No pictured: Marlys Palmer – Isanti County, Jill Behnke – Chisago County, and David Chmiel – Kanabec County.*



# EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER



*ECSRC Volunteers and Staff—Eileen Stitz, Sharon Toenies, Anita Sparks, Harriet Johnson, Jayne Mund, Fran Caron, Kay Calendar, Amy Tvedt, Frannie Nelson, Rosie Westmoreland, Betty Jean Ladda and Ella Martins*

The East Central Senior Resource Center serves older adults, their families, the communities where they reside, and the providers of the services and programs they access. The mission —Fostering development of and access to resources for older adults in East Central Minnesota, sums up the work of the East Central Senior Resource Center (ECSRC).

The paid staff of the ECSRC includes director Penny Simonsen, outreach coordinators Amy Tvedt and Frances Nelson, and caregiver consultants Jayne Mund, Anita Sparks, and Lynda Hayek. Volunteer staff remain vital to the work of the agency. Sixteen volunteer staff assist with every aspect of the day-in-day-out work of the ECSRC.

In 1965 the U.S. Congress enacted legislation known as the Older American's Act. The Act authorizes Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to fund local public and non-profit organizations to develop/expand services for persons over 60. Through a contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, the ECSRC provides services through three broad program areas: development of senior programs; caregiver services; and information, referral and assistance services.

## Information, Referral and Assistance Services

The ECSRC is part of a statewide network known as the Senior LinkAge Line®--a telephone based information and assistance service. Trained staff assist clients in locating a variety of services. Staff provides one-on-one assistance with accessing prescription drug programs (including Medicare Part D), understanding medical bills, insurance claims and Medicare coverage. The individualized help is objective and confidential. The information, referral and assistance services at the ECSRC responded to over 3,600 callers.

In addition to the phone-based work, over forty presentations were offered on a variety of topics including teaching older adults the basics of computer use and navigating the internet to access information--including about Medicare. The "New to Medicare" classes provide planning assistance for people approaching their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, and preparing to enroll in Medicare. Published yearly the ECSRC resource guide contains information about many of the services available in the region. ECSRC staff also assisted over 200 individuals in the application for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



*Soup 'n Pie held the last Wednesday of each month at the Isle Recreation Education Center. This is an opportunity to inform and discuss issues older adults and their families are facing.*



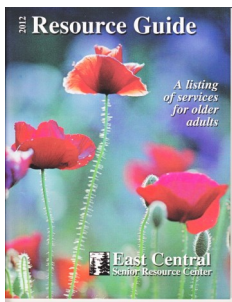


# EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

## Caregiver Services

The ECSRC expanded the amount of caregiver counseling services available to caregivers throughout the region. Caregiver consultants offer help to caregivers to manage and live their life while caring for another person, offers caregivers expert advice, assists caregivers to develop their unique personal action plan, connects caregivers to community resources, helping them see all available options and helps caregivers identify strategies and solutions to remain as a caregiver longer. Over 200 caregivers were served, and more than 1200 hours of direct client contact reported.

## Resource Guide-



A Listing of Services for Older Adults  
Each year the ECSRC publishes a resource guide containing information about services available to seniors in the region. Copies of the resource guide are available through the Center and many locations throughout the region.

The guide, supported by paid advertisement offer local service providers an opportunity to financially support the well-recognized publication. Service provider listings remain free of charge as a public service of the Center. Over 6,000 copies were distributed last year to older adults and their families.

## Development of Senior Programs

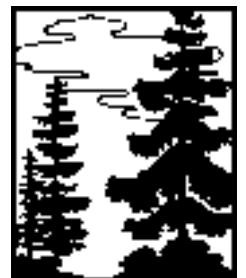
Senior service provider networks in each county offer an opportunity for providers of aging services from government, non-profit and for-profit sectors to come together. The networking events, while informal in nature, offer opportunities for new partnerships and more communication between service providers and development of new services. Over 250 persons participated in the monthly events.

The State of Minnesota through the MN Dept. of Human Services has funding available to agencies, businesses and organizations through the Community Services/Service Development (CS/SD) funds—with the intent of the resources to be put toward assisting older adults to remain independently in their communities longer and thus reducing the rate of nursing home admissions by increasing the availability of community-based services. The ECSRC worked closely with agencies, businesses and organizations to submit applications for CS/SD and other appropriate funding to develop new senior community-based services in the five county region.

The ECSRC offers services tailored to older adults (and their families) who may beginning to exhibit signs of being at risk for nursing home placement. Staff work closely with individuals to help find services that best fit the individual's life style and budget. This type of work is conducted by the Senior LinkAge Line staff and the caregiver consultants.

## ECSRC Volunteers

Elva Anderson	Nadean Johnson
Diann Boser	Betty Jean Ladda
Kayetta Calander	Ella Martens
Gene Carlson	Joyce Rebischke
Sally Carlson	Eileen Stitz
Frances Caron	Connie Strandberg
Marbelene Healty	Sharon Toenies
Harriet Johnson	Rose-Marie Westmoreland



# TRANSPORTATION



*Isanti County Safe Roads Program along with the Isanti County Sheriff's Department participated in a seat belt awareness project at the local high school. The police officer rewarded those buckled up with a free iTunes download for being buckled up.*

## Transportation Funding

The ECRDC assists Mn/DOT with implementation of the Federal Transportation Bill. In Region 7E the ECRDC solicits eligible federal projects in four of the five counties in the service area. The ECRDC has adopted a two- year solicitation process for federal projects. Last year the RDC programmed local projects totaling more than \$4 Million dollars. The projects included transit, road and bridge categories. Projects were review and approved by the Commission before being submitted to the ATPs in District 3 and Metro Division.

ECRDC participated in meetings relative to the improvement of Highway 70 in Pine County. One of the meetings included Congressman Nolan and the

Commissioner of Transportation, Charles Zelle.



*Another unsuspecting driver receives free iTunes download for wearing their seatbelt.*

## Statewide Projects

The ECRDC assists MN/DOT in implementation of statewide activities. During this past year, RDC staff conducted a mileage verification project in the region. We verified many segments of roadways for the MN/DOT database. Most of the segments were on township roads. We reviewed roadway surface type, Jurisdiction and whether or not it was a public road (according to federal definition criteria). To date, four of the five counties have been completed and work has begun with the last county's project.

The RDC has also been participating in meetings relative to the implementation of the federal transportation bill. Staff has participated on a Local Program Team to provide input to Mn/DOT on several programs including the newly formed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

## Transportation Advisory Committee

The ECRDC coordinates a regional transportation advisory committee which provides recommendations to the Commission on transportation matters such as local projects for funding or functional classification changes. The Committee is comprised of members from all five counties.

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Todd Blank  
Bruce Cochran  
Mark LeBrun  
Mike Fetzek  
Joe Triplett  
Brad Dewolf  
Craig Rempp  
Richard Heilman  
Mike Moilanen  
Greg Nikodym

Barbara Welty  
Shawn Williams

#### Others

Adam Josephson  
Mary Safgren  
Bob Busch  
Steve Voss  
Brian Isaacson

# TRANSPORTATION



## Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Program

The ECRDC is now in its tenth year of traffic safety initiatives in Isanti County. The Mission of the Isanti TZD Coalition is to reduce fatal and serious motor vehicle crashes. This initiative is supported with funds through the Office of Traffic Safety of the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety. The coalition is involved with supporting the law enforcement mobilizations such as Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign and Impaired Driving enforcement wave. One significant accomplishment has been the successful implementation and continuation of the Isanti

County Safe Cab program. Each year, approximately 1000 passengers are transported safely home from local bars in the program. This provides a number of benefits including safer roads, saving of law enforcement hours in processing DWI arrests, and less court and incarceration costs for the county.

The Safe Cab program is a unique collaboration between private business and local and regional government. Safe Cab has enabled Isanti County to achieve one of the highest reduction -of-DWIs in Minnesota over the past few years. With more than 8000 riders since the program began, the Isanti Safe Cab program is one model for other rural communities in Minnesota.

## Northern Lights Express

Staff has participated in meetings advocating for the NLX passenger rail service through Region 7E.

Northern Lights Express (NLX) is a proposed passenger rail project between the Minneapolis Transportation Interchange station and the City of Duluth, along Highway 65 and Interstate 35.

The proposed passenger rail service will:

- Offer 2 1/4 hour service between Minneapolis and Duluth with top speeds of 110 mph;
- Spur approximately \$2 billion in development along the 155 mile corridor;
- Encourage about 13,800 jobs; and
- Provide an environmental sound alternative to automobiles that can be used for business and tourism.



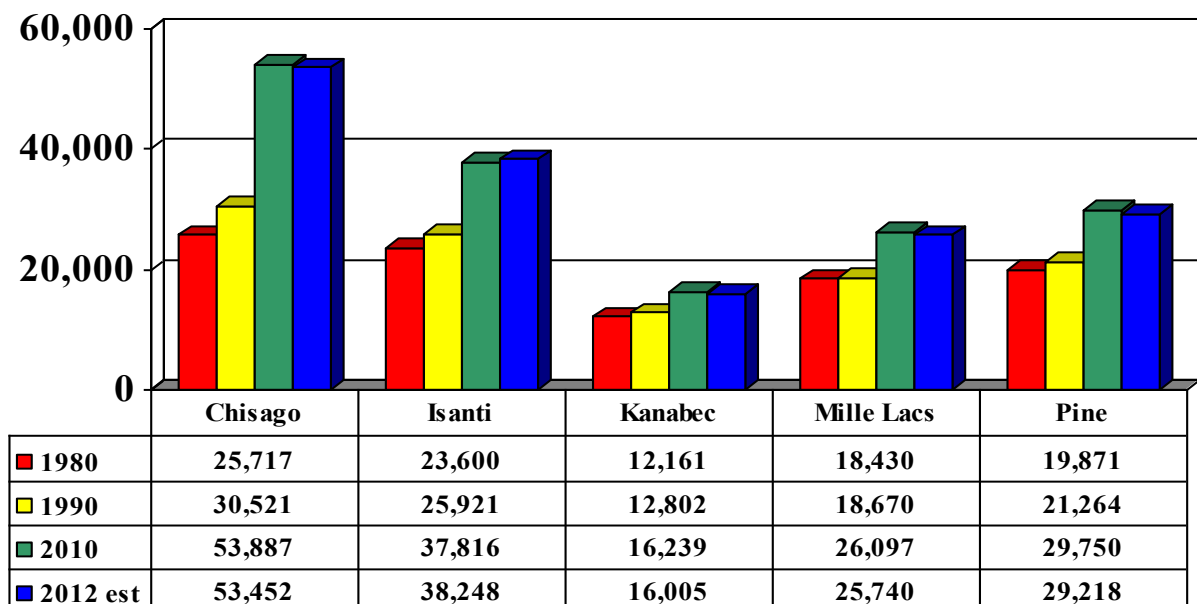


# DEMOGRAPHIC SERVICES

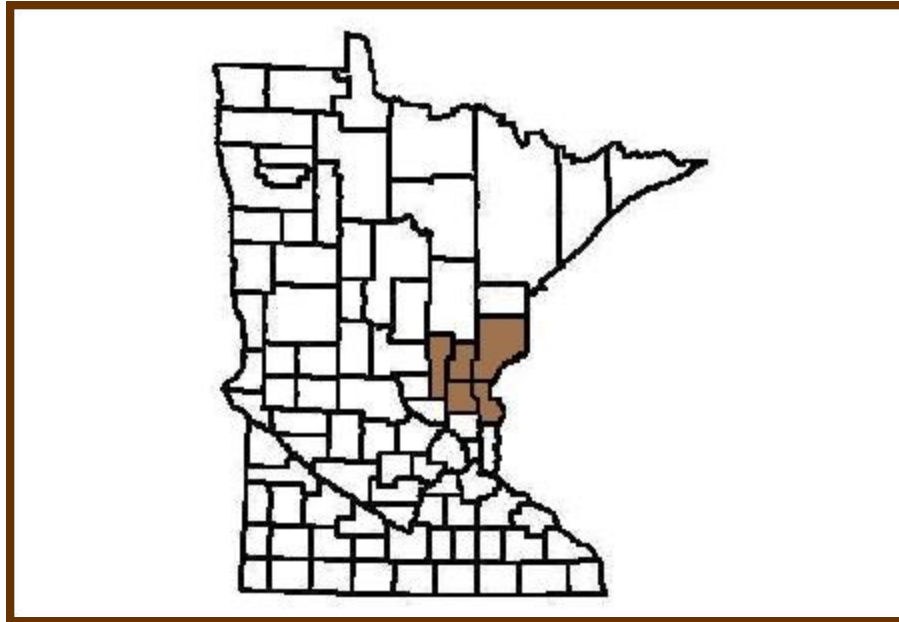
Area	1980	1990	2000	2010	2012 Est.
Chisago County	25,717	30,521	41,101	53,887	53,452
Isanti County	23,600	25,921	31,287	37,816	38,248
Kanabec County	12,161	12,802	14,996	16,239	16,005
Mille Lacs County	18,430	18,670	22,330	26,097	25,740
Pine County	19,871	21,264	26,530	29,750	29,218
Region 7E	99,779	109,178	136,244	163,789	162,663
Minnesota	4,075,970	4,375,099	4,919,479	5,303,925	5,379,139

Population Projections			
Area	2000	2020	2035
Chisago County	41,101	75,600	96,080
Isanti County	31,287	57,710	74,250
Kanabec County	14,996	19,710	21,360
Mille Lacs County	22,330	35,970	42,390
Pine County	26,530	34,320	37,030
Region 7E	136,244	223,300	271,100
Minnesota	4,919,476	5,943,240	6,446,270

Labor Force Projections			
Area	2000	2020	2035
Chisago County	21,840	42,390	51,440
Isanti County	17,120	32,530	39,840
Kanabec County	7,657	10,570	10,750
Mille Lacs County	11,272	19,060	21,450
Pine County	12,766	17,520	17,850
Region 7E	70,655	122,070	125,230
Minnesota	2,691,709	3,278,820	3,360,740



# COUNTY PROJECTS



**Serving the counties of:**

**Chisago  
Isanti  
Kanabec  
Mille Lacs  
Pine**

# FY13 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

<b>Region 7E</b>	"Barnstorming" tour to market Revolving Loan Fund
<b>Region 7E</b>	11 active Revolving Loan Fund Loans throughout Region 7E
<b>Region 7E</b>	7 Microlending Loans with 2 in Region 7E
<b>Region 7E</b>	Alzheimer's awareness and outreach community planning
<b>Region 7E</b>	Approved amended Region 7E Local Human Service Transit Coordination Plan
<b>Chisago County</b>	Assistance with the Chisago County Transportation plan
<b>Region 7E</b>	Assisted Central MN Jobs & Training Services in planning for a Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development forum
<b>Region 7E</b>	Assisted in conducting business retention and recruitment
<b>Pine County</b>	Assisted Pine City in operating their revolving loan fund.
<b>Pine County</b>	Assisted Pokegama Township on Comprehensive plan
<b>Pine County</b>	Assisted Pokegama Township with their zoning ordinance
<b>Region 7E</b>	Assisted the East Central MN Workforce Partnership with their Legislator/Workforce Development Event
<b>Mille Lacs County</b>	Assisting Mille Lacs County with their Comprehensive Plan.
<b>Region 7E</b>	Best practices workshops geared toward local food initiatives take place in Onamia
<b>Region 7E</b>	Business Resource Directory
<b>Region 7E</b>	Caregiver Consulting
<b>Isanti County</b>	Caregiver peer support group organized at Cambridge City Hall
<b>Region 7E</b>	Central MN Housing Partnership Vice-Chairman
<b>Isanti County</b>	Click It or Ticket Mobilization
<b>Region 7E</b>	Community Economic Development Administration grant application opportunities
<b>Region 7E</b>	Conducted urban growth boundary meetings
<b>Region 7W</b>	Contracted with Region 7W to provide technical assistance
<b>Region 7E</b>	CSSD, Community Services/Service Development application assistance to several organizations
<b>Region 7E</b>	CY12 - over 1200 counseling hours
<b>Region 7E</b>	EDA mentorship with struggling EDA District in Wisconsin
<b>Region 7E</b>	Facilitated regional community forum on Tax Reform
<b>Region 7E</b>	Farmers' Market event
<b>Region 7E</b>	Farmers Market/Locally Grown Foods Education Event held in Princeton
<b>Isanti County</b>	Fatality Review Committee



# FY13 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

<b>Kanabec County</b>	Fatality Review Committee
<b>Region 7E</b>	Financial Resource Summit held in conjunction with GPS45:93
<b>Pine County</b>	Flood Recovery assistance
<b>Kanabec County</b>	FY 17 - ATP funding for CSAH 5 reclamation, reconditioning, resurfacing etc. - \$702,700
<b>Isanti County</b>	FY 17 - ATP funding for CSAH 9 reconstruction segment between I-35 and TH65 - \$763,500
<b>Kanabec County</b>	FY 17 - ATP funding for transit vehicle for Timber Trails - \$65,600
<b>Isanti County</b>	FY17 - ATP funding for transit vehicle for Isanti Heartland Express- \$65,600
<b>Region 7E</b>	GPS45:93 Board member and fiscal agent
<b>Mille Lacs County</b>	Helped city of Princeton to identify ways to obtain loan funds for their residents who are currently not on city sewer and water services
<b>Region 7E</b>	Hosted an export training event focusing on Europe
<b>Region 7E</b>	Hosted business export training event on the Western Hemisphere
<b>Region 7E</b>	Hosted Chamber meeting on February 4th
<b>Isanti County</b>	Initiated and participated in the I Got Caught seat belt program held at the Cambridge High School
<b>Kanabec County</b>	Initiated and participated in the I Got Caught seat belt program held at the Mora and Ogilvie High Schools
<b>Region 7E</b>	JOBZ Administrator
<b>Region 7E</b>	Looking into developing a statewide economic development strategy
<b>Region 7E</b>	Manages Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for Region 7E
<b>Region 7E</b>	Manages Mn/DOT planning grant for transportation for Region 7E
<b>Region 7E</b>	Manages Revolving Loan Fund program
<b>Region 7E</b>	Marketed for free website training for small business held in Mille Lacs county
<b>Region 7E</b>	Marketed for regional Broadband Conference
<b>Isanti County</b>	Marketed the Holiday DUI Mobilization
<b>Region 7E</b>	Marketed Veterans Business Resource Program
<b>Region 7E</b>	Matter of Balance classes
<b>Mille Lacs County</b>	Micro-lending loan approved for business in Onamia
<b>Region 7E</b>	Mileage verification meeting held with local units of government
<b>Region 7E</b>	Moderated an Economic Developers/Chamber leaders event
<b>Region 7E</b>	Monthly Senior Network meetings
<b>Region 7E</b>	New to Medicare Classes held throughout the region

# FY13 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

<b>Region 7E</b>	Northern Lights Express passenger rail alliance
<b>Region 7E</b>	Participated in Braham Pie Day
<b>Region 7E</b>	Participated in District 3 Commuter Study
<b>Region 7E</b>	Participated in the East Central Broadband Summit
<b>Chisago County</b>	Participates in Chisago County's transportation planning meetings
<b>Region 7E</b>	Partner with Region 5 Development Commission on the Microlending fund
<b>Region 7E</b>	Powerful Tools for Caregiver classes
<b>Region 7E</b>	Presentation informing various organizations of the ECSRC
<b>Region 7E</b>	Presenter at the Senator Klobuchar's work fraud and scam awareness initiative
<b>Isanti County and Kanabec County</b>	Promoted speed/law enforcement mobilization and stressed the importance of good driving habits
<b>Kanabec County</b>	Promoted speed/law enforcement mobilization and stressed the importance of good driving habits
<b>Region 7E</b>	Publication of annual resource guide
<b>Region 7E</b>	Quarterly City Administrator/Clerk/Developers luncheon
<b>Region 7E</b>	Regional Chamber meetings
<b>Region 7E</b>	Revolving Loan Fund program with 12 current loans
<b>Isanti County</b>	Safe Cab Program
<b>Mille Lacs County</b>	Safe Routes to Schools for Princeton School District
<b>Region 7E</b>	Senior expo participant
<b>Region 7E</b>	Senior LinkAge Line® services provided to over 3,600 callers
<b>Region 7E</b>	Senior Surf classes
<b>Region 7E</b>	Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office
<b>Chisago County</b>	SNAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, benefits application assistance and outreach for older adults
<b>Isanti County</b>	SNAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, benefits application assistance and outreach for older adults
<b>Region 7E</b>	Statewide Economic Development Strategy meetings
<b>Region 7E</b>	Technical assistance to Heartland Express for New Freedom funding

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<b>Region 7E</b>	Technical assistance to Pine Technical College in EDA application for the Entrepreneurship Center and Technology Business Incubator
<b>Region 7E</b>	Technical assistance to Timber Trails for New Freedom funding
<b>Isanti County</b>	Teen Commercial Challenge
<b>Kanabec County</b>	Teen/Parent Driver's Education classes
<b>Region 7E</b>	TH65 Task Force participant
<b>Pine County</b>	TH70 meeting and road project planned for FY2015
<b>Region 7E</b>	TH8 Task Force participant
<b>Kanabec County</b>	Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads coordination
<b>Isanti County</b>	Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads Coordinator
<b>Region 7E</b>	Train and retain the 17 ECSRC volunteers to provide good quality customer service using accurate information and a wide-range of aging specific topics. Also recruit new volunteers
<b>Region 7E</b>	Wellness fair participant
<b>Region 7E</b>	Worked with stakeholder to expand broadband internet services



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