

# Annual Report FY 2014



East Central Regional  
Development Commission  
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Thank you for taking time to review the East Central Regional Development Commission's 2014 Annual Report. Each year the Commission prepares a report highlighting our accomplishments toward fulfilling its mission. This report includes programs, projects, and related financial information for the period starting on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014.

This report shows the past year was filled with much activity and accomplishments that collectively moved the region forward. You'll see in this report the accomplishments are many!

In April, the region celebrated the grand opening of the Entrepreneur Center & Technology Business Incubator at Pine Technical College which received \$1.8 million in federal funding from U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The ECRDC was also awarded another 3 year planning grant from EDA which helps us continue implementing our regional economic development strategies and allows our communities access to federal funding for eligible projects. Our assistance to Mille Lacs County in completing a major comprehensive planning project last year sparked further interest in developing a county-wide economic development plan which the ECRDC will also help facilitate.

Our staff assisted the City of Princeton in completing a federally funded Safe Routes to School Planning (SRTS) project which paved the way for a successful infrastructure grant. Our success with the SRTS program has sparked further interest and we will be assisting the City of Hinckley and Kanabec County on similar planning efforts next year.

The ECRDC just completed its ninth year partnering with the MN Dept. of Public Safety implementing traffic safety measures in Kanabec and Isanti Counties. We're happy to report that Kanabec County experienced no traffic fatalities last year due, in part, to this program which involves local schools, engineers, law enforcement, and emergency services personnel.

We are truly excited about the exciting projects that lie ahead. Our partnership with MnDOT is making it possible for us to work with local leaders to update plans for the St. Croix and Evergreen Veteran's Scenic Byways in our region. It is our hope that this work will identify important improvements can be made along these routes

and enhance tourism opportunities for the entire area. With help from the MN Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, our office is also working closely with several of our counties in updating their Hazard Mitigation Plans to better prepare for natural disasters.

After 7 ½ years, it was somewhat sad that we bid farewell to our Economic Development Director Jordan Zeller who accepted a position with the MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development last November. We wish Jordan all the best in his new position. The Commission did, however, welcome Jennifer Russell as our new Economic Development Director in May and extend our best wishes as she embarks on her new career here at the ECRDC.

The East Central Senior Resource Center (ECSRC) continues to perform at an impressive rate. The Senior LinkAge® program assisted over 3600 senior clients and their families with a wide range of inquiries including medical insurance, transportation, home health care, and nutrition. The Caregiver Consultant program, assists caregivers of older adults to find resources in their community that support and enhance their role as caregivers. The Caregiver program has been quite popular in the region and is on track to serve nearly 1800 clients this year!

On behalf of the Commission, I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Commission Members Les Nielsen (Kanabec County), Janelle Troupe (Kanabec County Public Interest), and Channa Tastides (Rush City Schools) for their service to the Commission. Also, a warm welcome to our newly appointed Commission Members Kathi Ellis (Kanabec County), Karen Amundson (Mora Area Chamber of Commerce), and Tom Lawlor (Chisago Lakes Schools).

Of course, a hearty thanks to the ECRDC Board, the various advisory committees, and the staff for another great year! The ECRDC's success could never happen without the tremendous support and encouragement of these wonderful folks!

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Voss". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'R' and a cursive 'V'.

Robert Voss  
Executive Director



# FINANCIAL

	ADOPTED BUDGET FY2014	ACTUAL UNAUDITED FY2014	ADOPTED BUDGET FY2015
<b>AGENCY WIDE REVENUES (by source)</b>			
County Tax Levy	271,011	270,096	279,141
Central MN Council on Aging (CMCOA)	258,619	258,166	253,864
Economic Development Administration	62,572	55,310	52,628
MN Dept of Transportation	75,000	75,000	95,775
MN Dept of Public Safety	28,430	30,648	61,127
Contracted Project Revenue	35,525	44,249	71,900
United Way	15,000	25,988	0
Various Other Sources	33,240	49,563	26,540
Revolving Loan Fund	66,000	71,353	61,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>845,397</b>	<b>880,373</b>	<b>901,975</b>

<b>AGENCY WIDE EXPENDITURES (by program)</b>			
General Fund	110,565	113,772	114,941
Senior Resource Center	400,182	407,424	397,584
Economic Development Administration	125,144	114,735	118,229
Transportation / Safety	134,679	154,649	182,522
Revolving Loan Fund:			
Administration	14,825	9,770	9,152
Loans Disbursed	50,000	55,000	60,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>835,395</b>	<b>855,350</b>	<b>882,428</b>

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)

Increase \$ 25,023

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015 (Projected)

Increase \$ 27,699

## **ECRDC STAFF**

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

### **ROBERT L. VOSS**

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

### **MICHELE BOLLENBECK**

*TOWARD ZERO DEATHS COORDINATOR*

### **ROBERT BOLLENBECK**

*TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR*

*TOWARD ZERO DEATHS COORDINATOR*

### **TAMMIE BREMER**

*FINANCE OFFICER*

### **LYNDA HAYEK**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER*

*CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

### **JAYNE MUND**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER*

*CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

### **FRANCES NELSON**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER*

*OUTREACH SPECIALIST*

### **JENNIFER RUSSELL**

*COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR*

### **TRISH RYDLUND**

*INFORMATION/OFFICE MANAGER*

### **PENNY SIMONSEN**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE  
CENTER DIRECTOR*

### **ANITA SPARKS**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER  
CAREGIVER CONSULTANT*

### **AMY TVEDT**

*EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER  
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  
Diane Larkin, Township Rep.  
Ben Montzka, County Comm.  
Steven Kimmel, Public Interest

#### **Isanti County**

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

#### **Kanabec County**

Kathi Ellis, County Comm.  
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**

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

#### **Pine County**

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

#### **School Board Representatives**

Channa Tastsides, Southern  
Tom Lawlor, Southern  
Steve Odegard, Northern

#### **Native American Tribal Representative**

Carla Dunkley

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*Revolving Loan Fund loan made to Freedom Center in Princeton. Pictured (l-r) Jennifer Russell—ECRDC Economic Development Director, Cheryl Minks—Owner, Robert Voss—ECRDC Executive Director, Cindi Naumann - Owner, Mark Karnowski—Princeton City Administrator, and Ben Montzka—ECRDC Chairman*

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

**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 RLF currently has 12 active loans.

Signs promoting the ECRDC RLF were created and were designed to be placed in the RLF borrower businesses to help promote the RLF. A “barnstorming” marketing tour of Banks, Credit Unions and City Halls in Chisago County took place in early November 2013 to promote the RLF program. Efforts will continue under the new leadership of Jennifer Russell to re-connect with the local lenders and partners in the region.

## **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: marketing initiatives, regional business assistance directory, and a regional website. The ECRDC also said farewell to Jordan Zeller the previous Economic Development Director and thanked him for his years of service. We welcomed our new Economic Development Director, Jennifer Russell in May 2014.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING:** The ECRDC assisted Mille Lacs County in their Comprehensive Plan and was awarded a contract to assist with their County Economic Development. Partnering with our Transportation department, we will be supporting work on the St Croix Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan.

**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 ground breaking, ribbon cutting and project completion of the “virtual business incubator” located at Pine Technical College in Pine City. The purpose is to connect local entrepreneurs with the kind of services they need to grow their businesses. GPS 45:93 is working with Chamber of Commerce, banks and other local partners to support businesses in the region who have the potential to expand and add jobs if they can get the right support and advice.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*"Pine Technical College's new Entrepreneur Center and Technology Business Incubator in Pine City"*

## **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 ECRDC received another EDA three year Planning Grant totaling \$157,884. The ECRDC does much to advance productivity, innovation and entrepreneurship in their region through collaboration with their partners. This Planning Grant will help the ECRDC to continue their efforts in making the region thrive.

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.

Polaris Industries research and development facility located in Wyoming MN, recently completed an addition of 145,000 square feet to their facility. The City of Wyoming, originally received EDA infrastructure funding for the Polaris development and this second phase represents its ongoing success. They opened the expansion August of 2013 and have a total of 403 employees as of December 30, 2013.

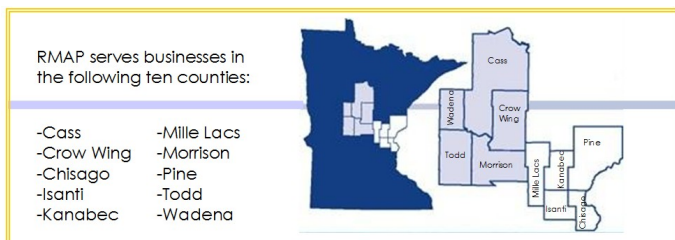
*Pine Technical College's business incubator, Pine Innovation Center, officially opened its 7,500 square-foot facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 18. The Pine Innovation Center is located at 585 Hillside Avenue Southeast in Pine City.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**MICRO LOAN FUND:** The ECRDC continues its partnership with the Region Five Development Commission based in Staples, MN, in creating and 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 three loans approved and closed on from this fund in Region 7E.



**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.



*City Administrators/Clerks gather to discuss key issues taking place in Region 7E*

## ADMINISTRATORS CITY/COUNTY CLERKS, & 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. The next meeting will be planned for October 2014.



*Dan Bullert presents financing programs offered by the Initiative Foundation. Facilitated a Financial Resource Summit at*



# 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*

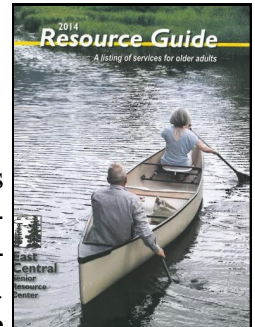
The East Central Senior Resource Center serves older adults, their families, the communities where they reside, and the providers of the services and pro-grams they access. The mission —Fostering development of and access to resources for older adults in East Central Minnesota, sums up the work of the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

## 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.

## 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 300 caregivers were served, and more than 2,000 hours of direct client contact reported.



*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



Frances Nelson, left, of the East Central Senior Resource Center, helped Dave Andert navigate the Internet, while volunteer Rosey Westmoreland guided Dianne Langhoff on how best to use a computer.

Photo by Adam Hoogenakker

## 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 cover-age. The individualized help is objective and confidential. The information, referral and assistance services at the ECSRC responded to 1,146 people face-to-face and another 8,539 via phone.

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).

## 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.

ECSRC staff acted as technical assistance for several ACT on Alzheimer's projects-- a community development initiative designed to heighten community awareness of the disease. The communities of Wyoming, Cambridge and Onamia/Wahkon/Isle participated in the process.

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

## ECSRC Volunteers

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

# TRANSPORTATION



A Town Hall meeting was held December 5th at the Cambridge City Hall. Charles Zelle, Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation, discussed transportation issues in Minnesota.

## Transportation Funding

The ECRDC assists Mn/DOT with implementation of the Federal Transportation Bill. During this past fiscal year, the ECRDC conducted a two year solicitation process for Region 7E.

Local federal projects were solicited in four of the five counties for FY 18 & 19. The TAC identified more than \$2 Million in ATP 3 projects which included public transit vehicle replacements and several road projects in Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties. In addition, \$1 Million for a Cambridge project was transferred to Isanti County CSAH 9 project which connects two major roads in the region.

Through the Metro ATP process Chisago County projects were brought forth for consideration. Transit vehicle replacements and one major road project (CSAH30) were programmed. In all, well over \$3 Million in local projects were identified for funding.

One traffic safety project to add a turn lane on Highway 65 by the Purple Hawk golf course was completed.

## Statewide Projects

The ECRDC assists MN/DOT in implementation of statewide activities. During this past year, RDC staff completed a mileage verification project in the region for a number of roads.

The Transportation Planner started a functional classification process with the county and city engineers. Several proposed changes are being reviewed.

Staff has participated on a Local Program Team to provide input to Mn/DOT on the ATP process involving several programs including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

## Northern Lights Express

Staff continued its participation in meetings for development of 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.



*Children at the Ogilvie Elementary School took the Pledge to Buckle Up.*





# TRANSPORTATION



## (TZD) Toward Zero Deaths Program

The ECRDC implemented traffic safety initiatives in Isanti and Kanabec Counties. The

Mission of these programs 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 programs are involved with supporting the law enforcement mobilizations such as Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign and Impaired Driving enforcement wave. One significant accomplishment in Isanti County has been the successful implementation and continuation of the Isanti County Safe Cab program. This past year, more than 2200 rides were given under this program. At the same time, impaired driving arrests significantly reduced in the county.



*Mora High School students took the Pledge to never text and drive.*



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. Safe Cab has also become a model for other rural communities in Minnesota.

## 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. This past year several meetings were conducted and recommendations developed for ECRDC ratification.



*Loren Davis with the Grandy Lions presented Michele Bollenbeck a check for Teen Skills Driving Course in St. Cloud a project with the Kanabec County Safe Roads program.*

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Todd Blank  
Bruce Cochran  
Mark LeBrun  
Mike Fetzek  
Joe Triplett  
Brad Dewolf  
Craig Remp  
Richard Heilman  
Mike Moilanen  
Chad Gramentz

Barbara Welty  
Shawn Williams

#### Others

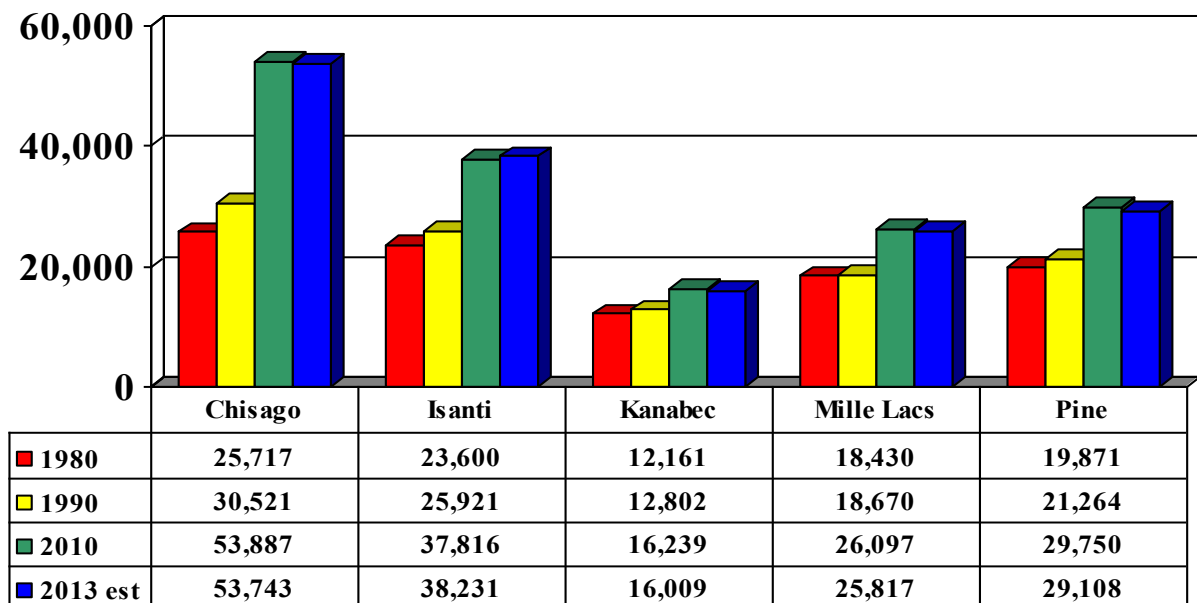
Bryan Anderson  
Adam Josephson  
Kelvin Howieson  
Jon Mason  
Steve Voss  
Brian Isaacson

# DEMOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Area	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013 Est.
Chisago County	25,717	30,521	41,101	53,887	53,743
Isanti County	23,600	25,921	31,287	37,816	38,231
Kanabec County	12,161	12,802	14,996	16,239	16,009
Mille Lacs County	18,430	18,670	22,330	26,097	25,817
Pine County	19,871	21,264	26,530	29,750	29,108
Region 7E	99,779	109,178	136,244	163,789	162,908
Minnesota	4,075,970	4,375,099	4,919,479	5,303,925	5,420,380

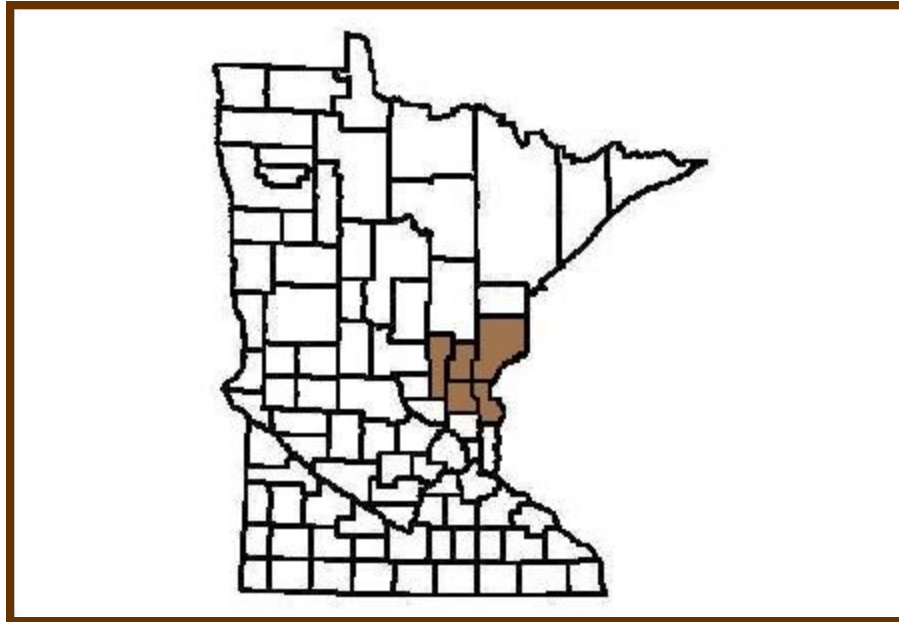
Population Projections			
Area	2000	2020	2035
Chisago County	41,101	75,600	96,080
Isanti County	31,287	57,710	74,250
Kanabec County	14,996	19,710	21,360
Mille Lacs County	22,330	35,970	42,390
Pine County	26,530	34,320	37,030
Region 7E	136,244	223,300	271,100
Minnesota	4,919,476	5,943,240	6,446,270

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**

# FY14 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

Area	Organization	Description
Chisago and Isanti Counties	Economic Dev	Participated in "Make It In America Tour" with Congressman Nolan
Isanti County	Economic Dev	Participated in "Make It In America Tour" with Congressman Nolan
Region 7E	Economic Dev	Greater MN Development Plan
Region 7E	Economic Dev	Participated in Economic Development Administration site visit
Region 7E	Economic Dev	Presenter at the Financial Resource Summit held at the Spring Brook Golf Course
Region 7E	Economic Dev	Participates in Isanti County EDA
Isanti County	TZD	Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads Coordinator
Isanti County	TZD	Safe Cab Program
Kanabec County	TZD	Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads Coordinator
Region 7E	Transportation	Implementing Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) involving three federal programs - Scenic Byways, Safe Routes to Schools, and Transportation Enhancements
Chisago	Transportation	Participated in updating Chisago County Transportation Plan
Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties	Transportation	Participate in development of Northern Lights Express Passenger Rail
Region 7E	TZD	Click It or Ticket mobilization campaign for June
Region 7E	TZD	Speed Enforcement mobilization campaign for July
Region 7E	ECSRC	Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program outreach
Region 7E	ECSRC	Hosted Senior Surf events
Region 7E	ECSRC	New to Medicare Classes held throughout the region
Region 7E	ECSRC	Hosted monthly Senior Network meetings
Mille Lacs County	Transportation	Safe Routes to Schools for Princeton School District
Region 7E	ECSRC	CSSD, Community Services/Service Development application assistance to several organizations
Region 7E	ECSRC	Senior LinkAge Line® services provided to over 3,600 callers
Region 7E	ECSRC	Participated in Braham Pie Day
Region 7E	ECSRC	Caregiver consulting
Region 7E	ECSRC	"New to Medicare" classes held throughout the region
Wyoming, Chisago County	ECSRC	ACT on ALZHEIMERS community planning activities



# FY14 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

Area	Organization	Description
Cambridge, Isanti County	ECSRC	ACT on ALZEIMERS community planning activities
Region 7E	ECSRC	Train and retain the 16 ECSRC volunteers to provide good quality customer service using accurate information and a wide-range of aging specific topics. Also recruit new volunteers
Region 7E	ECSRC	Publication of annual resource guide
Region 7E	EDA	Participated in the East Central Broadband Summit
Region 7E	EDA	Central MN Housing Partnership board
Region 7E	EDA	Community Economic Development Administration grant application opportunities
Region 7E	RLF	12 active Revolving Loan Fund Loans through Region 7E
Region 7E	Economic Development	7 Micolending Loans with 2 in Region 7E
Region 7E	Economic Development	GPS45:93 Board member and fiscal agent
Region 7E	Economic Development	Manages Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for Region 7E
Region 7E	Transportation	Manages Mn/DOT planning grant for transportation for Region 7E
Chisago County	Transportation	Participates in Chisago County's transportation planning meetings
Isanti/Kanabec County	Transportation	TH65 Task Force participant
Chisago County	Transportation	TH8 Task Force participant
Isanti County	TZD	Fatality Review Committee
Kanabec County	TZD	Fatality Review Committee
Kanabec County	TZD	Teen/Parent Driver's Education classes
Region 7E	Economic Development	JOBZ Administrator
Region 7E	Economic Development	Service Corps of Retired Executives satellite office
Pine County	Economic Development	Assisted Pine County as they worked toward creating a county based economic development program
Pine County	Economic Development	Assisted Pine Technology in obtaining EDA grant for Technology Incubator in Pine City
Isanti County	Community Development	Updated the Isanti County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Region 7E	Transportation	Administer Transportation Alternative Program
Region 7E	Community Development	Participated in regional housing study

# FY14 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

Area	Program	Description
Kanabec County	TZD	Initiated and participated in the I Got Caught seat belt program held at the Mora and Ogilvie High Schools
Isanti County	TZD	Initiated and participated in the I Got Caught seat belt program held at the Cambridge High Schools
Isanti County	Transportation	Mn/DOT will be reworking Hwy 65 at the Purple Hawk Golf Course to improve safety
Region 7E	Transportation	Mileage verification meeting held with local units of government
Isanti / Kanabec Counties	TZD	Promoted Speed and Impaired Driving mobilizations
Isanti / Kanabec Counties	TZD	Promoted Click It or Ticket campaign
Braham, Isanti County	TZD	Mock car crash, Braham Area High School
Pine County	Transportation	Participate in Pine County Transit Advisory Committee
Region 7E	ECSRC	Appointment to the SHIP committee
Region 7E	ECSRC	Provided Rapid Screen training for senior services staff
Region 7E	Economic Development	"Barn Storming" marketing tour of Banks, Credit Unions, and City Halls
Region 7E	Economic Development	Assisted Mille Lacs and Isanti Counties on the county based economic development programs
Region 7E	Transportation	Hosted MnDOT Town Hall meeting with MnDOT Commissioner Charles Zelle at Cambridge City Hall
Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Participated as a regional representative on the Mille Lacs County Economic Development Taskforce
Chisago/Isanti Counties	ECSRC	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach. 40 education sessions, over 80 actual screenings and more than 40 applications submitted.
Isanti County	Community Development	Updated Isanti County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Hinckley, Pine County	Transportation	Technical assistance for the Safe Routes to Schools planning grant application
Isle, Mille Lacs County	ECSRC	ACT on ALZHEIMERS community planning activities
Region 7E	Economic Development	Economic Development District
Chisago County	Transportation	St. Croix Scenic Byways planning grant
Pine County	Transportation	Veterans Evergreen Memorial Drive Scenic Byways planning grant
Pease, Mille Lacs County	Community Development	Income Survey to become eligible for USDA Rural Development help to obtain a warning weather alert siren
Milaca, Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Worked with City of Milaca officials to assist the owners of Coin-tainer in rebuilding after a fire destroyed their business
Ogilvie, Kanabec County	Transportation	Technical assistance for the Safe Routes to Schools planning grant application

# FY14 PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

Area	Program	Description
Chisago County	Transportation	FY2018/19 Transportation Project - 3 Chisago County vehicle replacements
Chisago County	Transportation	FY2018/19 Transportation Project - Recondition of CSAH 19 to CSAH 17
Chisago County	Transportation	Participate in Metro ATP process
Isanti/Kanabec/Mille Lacs County	Transportation	Participate in District 3 ATP process
Pine County	Transportation	Participate in District 1 ATP process
Isanti County	TZD	Sponsored billboard on Hwy 65 south of Isanti
Region 7E	TZD	Distracted Driving campaign
Chisago and Isanti Counties	ECSRC	Respite Care Program - continue adult day programs and in-home respite services
Region 7E	Transportation	Effort underway to obtain Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant
Mora, Kanabec County	Transportation	Technical assistance for the Safe Routes to Schools planning grant application
Chisago County	ECSRC	Hosted and displayed an Outreach Booth at the Chisago County Fair
Kanabec County	ECSRC	Technology Basics held at the Ogilvie Senior Dining Site
Isanti County	TZD	Fatality Review Committee
Kanabec County	TZD	Fatality Review Committee
Mille Lacs County	ECSRC	Participated in Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Associate Wellness Fair
Pine County	ECSRC	Participated in Hinckley for the Mille Lacs Band Senior Expo
Kanabec and Mille Lacs County	ECSRC	Took part in the Operation Community Connect in Milaca and Mora
Region 7E	Economic Development	Business Resource Directory
Region 7E	Economic Development	Hosted quarterly city administrator/clerks luncheons
Region 7E	Economic Development	Successfully submitted 3-year EDA Partnership Planning Grant
Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Contracted with Mille Lacs County to develop a county economic development plan
Princeton, Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Assisted on a proposal to recruit Evektor Aircraft



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