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2016 Annual Report



Serving Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties



I am pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report on behalf of the East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC). Each year the ECRDC prepares a report highlighting its accomplishments toward fulfilling its mission and the Regional Development Act. This report includes programs, projects, and related financial information for the period starting on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016.

The Commission's work on continuing the East Central Minnesota's designation as federal Economic Development District paid significant dividends this past year. The City of Sandstone was awarded a \$2.4 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to assist with building the infrastructure for a new regional Medical Campus and 181 acre Business Park. The project included over \$24 million in private investment with the construction of a new state-of-the-art Essentia Hospital and Gateway Clinic. Congratulations to the City of Sandstone on their efforts to improve access to health care and bring further economic development opportunities to our region.

ECRDC staff convened a number of meetings with business owners and stakeholders in the Lake Mille Lacs area this year to address the recent economic downturn resulting from the low Walleye population. As a result of these meetings, the Commission received approval from MnDOT and the State's Scenic Byway office to conduct a Scenic Byway designation study around Lake Mille Lacs. The study will explore ways to improve tourism by collectively promoting the area in new and different ways.

Our Community Development office has also been busy with assisting counties on updating All-Hazard Mitigation plans as required for FEMA disaster funding; conducting Safe Routes to School plans that help communities compete better for federal transportation funds; and working with underserved communities to improve access to broadband with

financial assistance from the Blandin Foundation. The ECRDC also continues our partnership with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and local coalitions to conduct traffic safety initiatives in Kanabec, Isanti, and Mille Lacs Counties.

Preparation of the new 5 year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is currently underway and will be finalized at the end of 2016. The CEDS is required by EDA in order for the region to continue its Economic Development District designation and compete for federal funds. The ECRDC will also be partnering with MnDOT to develop the next 5 year Transit Coordination Plan which will identify strategies to improve access to transit for older adults, disabled and low income residents of the region.

The Commission likes to take this opportunity each year to thank our outgoing board members and staff and welcome newcomers to the Commission. Thank you to Paul Venhuizen (Pine County Municipalities) for representing the municipalities in Pine County since 2005. We extend our warm welcome to our new members also - Tim Franklin (Pine County Municipalities); Loren Davis (Isanti County Public Interest); and Jeannette Kester (Pine County Public Interest). We also welcomed Jordan Zeller back to the ECRDC as our Economic Development Director.

I hope you enjoy looking over the annual report. You can also learn more about our programs and services at our website www.ecrdc.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Robert L. Voss
Executive Director

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Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy

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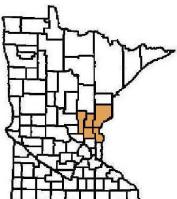
Tribal Representative
Carla Dunkley

FINANCIAL

	<u>FY 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET</u>	<u>FY2016 ACTUAL UNAUDITED</u>	<u>FY 2017 ADOPTED BUDGET</u>
AGENCYWIDE REVENUES (by source)			
County Tax Levy	287,515	285,370	300,517
Grant Revenues	246,353	186,200	181,981
Local Contract Revenues	11,250	17,596	87,200
Various Other Sources	10,940	22,413	10,550
Revolving Loan Fund	77,500	72,910	61,668
Total Revenues	633,558	584,489	641,916
AGENCYWIDE EXPENDITURES (by program)			
General Fund	230,749	164,209	94,147
Economic Development	105,324	119,322	146,071
Transportation / Safety	211,072	213,762	286,563
Revolving Loan Fund:			
Administration	9,459	6,990	9,239
Loans Disbursed	60,000	94,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	616,604	598,284	596,020
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)		General Fund Increase	14,285
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017 (Projected)		General Fund Increase	53,467

Fiscal Year 2015 Audit was conducted by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Brainerd, Minnesota.

The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the General Purpose Financial Statements of the East Central Regional Development Commission.



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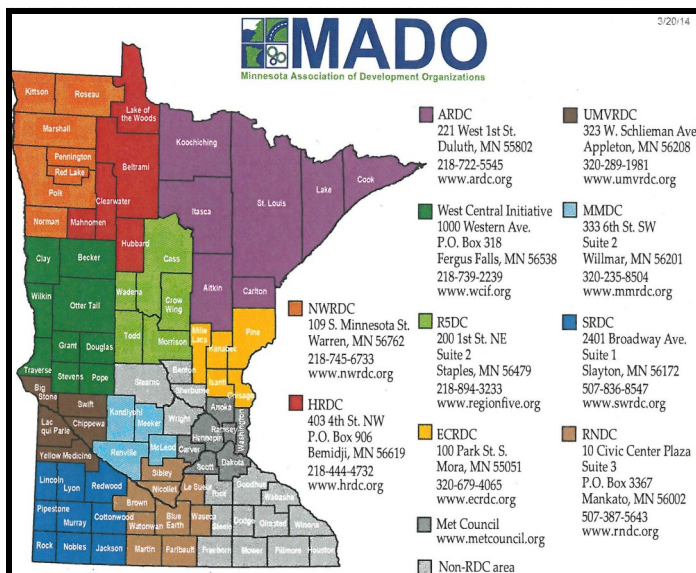
EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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 leader-ship role as an advocate for East Central Minnesota to bring about positive change.



ECRDC STAFF

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

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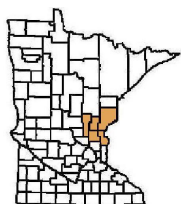
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JORDAN ZELLER

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Minnesota Association of Development Organizations (MADO):

ECRDC participated in a two year planning effort with the Minnesota Association of Development Organizations (MADO) to complete an economic development strategy for rural Minnesota. The plan, titled DevelopMN, highlights common development opportunities and identifies strategies that will accelerate business growth and job creation in rural MN. The group arrived at consensus and built goals and strategies around four major cornerstones: human capital, economic competitiveness, community resources, and foundational assets. A link to the DevelopMN plan can be found on the ECRDC's website at www.ecrdc.org.

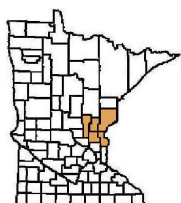


Revolving Loan Fund (RLF): The ECRDC RLF provides gap financing for businesses looking to open, expand or relocate to Mille Lacs, Pine, Isanti, Chisago & Kanabec Counties. The ECRDC employs the RLF as a tool in recruiting new businesses, maintaining and expanding existing ones, creating and retaining good paying jobs and strengthening the economic base of East Central Minnesota. Currently there are 11 active loans to small businesses in the region and approximately \$90,000 is still available to lend. Loan amounts typically range from \$10,000 to \$60,000 with terms up to 7 years. Informational brochures were recently updated and signs promoting the RLF program are often placed at benefitting businesses. Applications for the RLF are available on the ECRDC website at www.ecrdc.org.

Economic Development Partnerships: The ECRDC partners regularly with the following organizations: Central MN Workforce Investment Board, Central MN Housing Partnership, Minnesota Housing Partnership, Lakes and Pines, GPS 45:93, the Minnesota Association of Development Organizations (MADO). In addition, the ECRDC convenes regular meetings of City/County Administrators and Economic Development Professionals to share valuable information on economic development resources and techniques. Example of positive results gleaned from these meetings include: regional marketing initiatives, regional housing study and a regional housing website, business development in local communities.



RLF Loan to Sean and Jody Okerlund owners of Cambridge Bar and Grill.

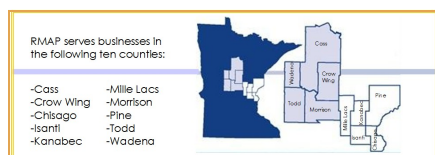


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RMAP **Rural Microenterprise** **Assistance Program** Equal Opportunity Lender

Micro Loan Fund: The ECRDC partners 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.



GPS 45:93 Collaboration: The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with the GPS 45:93 in attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. GPS 45:93 is a regional economic development consortium strategically located along Interstate 35 between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Duluth. This makes it an ideal location for those companies serving the Twin Cities and Duluth area.

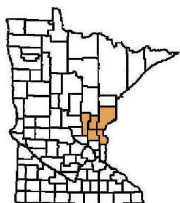
The mission of GPS 45:93 is to better position the region to attract high wage, technology based jobs, collaborate on business retention and expansion and encourage entrepreneurial activity. GPS 45:93 is working with Chamber of Commerce, banks and other local partners to support businesses in the region.

Administrators City/County Clerks, & Economic Development Professionals Meetings:

The ECRDC organizes City / County Clerks / Administrator & Community / Economic Developers meetings quarterly to discuss mutual key issues occurring in the Region 7E communities. Past topics include financing opportunities for local units of government and businesses, customized training and workforce needs, business recruitment and expansion initiatives, entrepreneurship, 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 provide insight that will assist local governments and communities.



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.



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Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): The ECRDC is in the final year of implementing the 2011-2016 CEDS. The CEDS tracks the region's demographic trends and economic conditions, identifies weaknesses and threats, and identifies strategies that have the potential to help mitigate roadblocks to the region's prosperity. A valuable planning process for regional economic development takes place in the development of a CEDS. An approved CEDS is required to maintain East Central Minnesota's designation as a federal Economic Development District.

Economic Development Districts (EDDs) are eligible to apply for various funding opportunities available through U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). For example, the ECRDC accesses the Partnership Planning grant to develop and implement the regional CEDS. More importantly, our local units of government may include regionally significant projects in the CEDS. Eligible projects may apply for federal funding through EDA's Public Works grant program on a competitive basis. The Public Works program seeks to empower distressed communities to

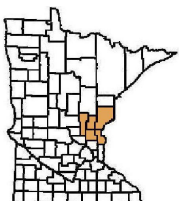
revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment.

The ECRDC has begun the development of the 2017-2022 CEDS, which will be completed by December 2016. Over the next several months, the ECRDC will seek input from our regional stakeholders and local units of government to ensure the new CEDS reflects the economic development needs in East Central Minnesota. The current CEDS can be found on our website at www.ecrdc.org.

Construction began on a new Medical Campus and 181 acre Business Park in Sandstone. The initial development includes a \$21 million Essentia Hospital and \$3.4 million Gateway Clinic located on 40 acres. The City of Sandstone applied to the US Department of Commerce / Economic Development Administration through the ECRDC and received a grant of \$2.3 million to assist with the cost of infrastructure for the nearly \$29 million public/private project.



Sandstone Medical Campus and 181 acre Business Park



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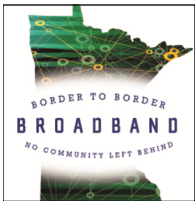
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Lake Mille Lacs Scenic Byway Study

Local units of government, business owners, and stakeholders in the Lake Mille Lacs area are exploring strategies to improve the economy in light of the recent downturn resulting from the low Walleye population. While the Minnesota DNR and others work toward restoring the Walleye population of Lake Mille Lacs, there is also a need to diversify the region's economy by promoting other cultural, historic, recreational, and scenic qualities of the area. To assist with this, ECRDC along with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Region 5 Development Commission (R5DC) have initiated a process with the State of Minnesota to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a Scenic Byway route

around the lake. The hope is that a Scenic Byway designation might tie many of these components together into a tourism destination with broader appeal. MnDOT has approved funding for an initial designation study that is set to be completed over the next year.



Broadband Development

The Blandin Foundation's Broadband Community Initiative, an opportunity to come together to promote and encourage expansion of internet services in the "Central Woodlands" area (northern reaches of Mille Lacs, Kanabec and Pine counties plus southern Aitkin county). By receiving the designation as a Blandin Broadband Community allows opportunities for funding specific to internet needs.

The ECRDC received funding from Blandin to start the process, conduct planning efforts and follow-through with assisting in the development/expansion

of internet capacities in Central Woodlands area. Several projects were funded by Blandin Foundation directly related to enhanced broadband services via the work of the ECRDC.



September 17, 2015—House DFL Leader Paul Thissen and State Representative Mike Sundin discussing rural broadband initiatives in Pine County.



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Walk to School Day brings together students, school administration and staff, parents, and valued community members to celebrate the value of walking to school. The event provides a fun way to increase physical activity, improve health, and highlight the need for improvements to create safer spaces for students that walk and bike.



Safe Routes to School

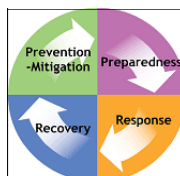
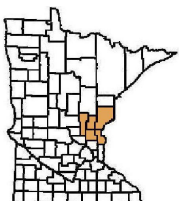
Safe Routes Minnesota provides funding to community and school groups to make improvements to the routes your children use to walk and bike to school and get the exercise they need.

In order to increase opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to school safely, the 2005 federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, provided funding for Safe Routes to School in all 50 states. The federal Legislature created SRTS, in part, to help reverse the alarming nationwide increase in childhood obesity and inactivity. The program has numerous benefits to local communities including reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality and helping kids arrive to school focused and ready to learn.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Planning concluded in both Hinckley and Kanabec County Schools (Ogilvie and Mora) included parent surveys, community walk and bike audits and subsequent data collection into the national database. The planning processes ask for several meetings, with specific agendas and deliverables which support communities and school districts embracing safety and health benefits for those who walk or bike.

Hazard Mitigation

Mitigation significantly reduces or permanently eliminates future risk to lives and property from natural hazards, by community planning and implementing projects. The purpose of hazard mitigation assistance is to reduce the impact of life and property due to natural disasters and develop resilient communities by planning and projects. Per the Stafford Act, states must have an approved plan to be eligible for public assistance and hazard mitigation assistance. The Minnesota All-Hazard Mitigation Plan requires local mitigation plans, approved by FEMA, from counties, cities, other government units and private non-profits to be eligible for hazard mitigation assistance funding.



Hazard mitigation planning processes includes: 1) organizing resources; 2) hazard identification; 3) risk assessment; 4) structural vulnerability; 5) capability assessment; 6) mitigation actions; and 7) plan maintenance.

Kanabec and Mille Lacs County contracted with the ECRDC to provide the planning function for the development of their plans in 2016.



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SAFE ROADS/TOWARD ZERO DEATHS



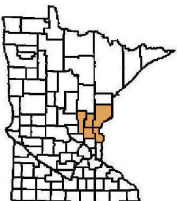
Traffic Safety

The ECRDC implemented Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads programs this past fiscal year in three counties of Region 7E.

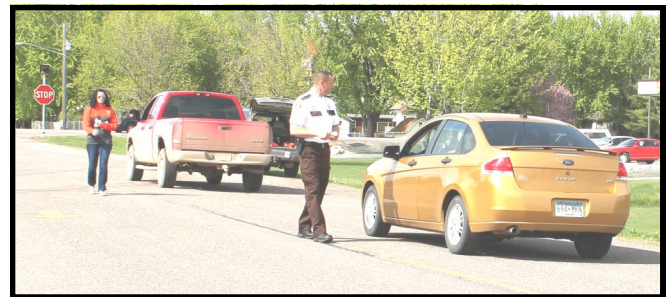
Traffic Safety Coalitions successfully operated in Isanti, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs Counties with different coordinators from the agency's staff. The Coalitions, made up of community members, utilize the four E's in addressing safety issues. The E's represent Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Services. Examples of projects implemented this past year include awareness campaigns for law enforcement mobilizations, I Got Caught seat belt project, a mock crash, and the Safe Cab program. These programs were funded through grants from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety. They operate under the Transportation Program of the ECRDC. The traffic safety issues facing counties include distracted driving, speed, seat belts usage, and impaired driving.

Isanti County TZD

The ECRDC has coordinated the Isanti County TZD program for more than ten years. One of the significant programs developed during this time was the establishment of a viable Safe Cab service for the community. Safe Cab was begun in 2005 with few rides given. But now has become a significant part of the reduction of DUI arrests in Isanti County. In fact, the Isanti County Safe Cab program has become a model for other rural counties. Isanti TZD has now helped to develop similar programs in neighboring counties such as Wright, Pine, Kanabec, and Sherburne. Minnesota Safe Ride, Inc. now administers Safe Cab. To date, Isanti County Safe Cabs have provided more than 7,000 rides to over 13,000 persons.



The "I Got Caught" program seeks to create a positive reinforcement campaign to encourage and reward seat belt use among Minnesota's teenagers. Partnering agencies work in conjunction with high schools that choose to "catch" teens wearing seat belts upon arrival to or departure from school facilities and school events.



Safe Cab Statistics

- 67.6 percent decrease in DUI arrests from 2006 to 2014
- Safe Cab has provided 7,062 rides for 13,000 patrons
- 83 percent reduction in DUIs from bars using Safe Cab
- Safe Cab program offers bar patrons a safe ride home seven days a week
- Safe Cab service is free for patrons' rides up to \$15. For rides exceeding the \$15, the patron is responsible for the difference.

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SAFE ROADS/TOWARD ZERO DEATHS

Mission of the Kanabec County Safe Roads Coalition is to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities resulting from vehicle crashes in Kanabec County. The Coalition focuses on the 4 E's—Enforcement, Engineering, Education, and Emergency Services to find solutions to reduce the number and severity of collisions.

Vision of Kanabec County Safe Roads Coalition is working toward the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on our county's roads.

Goal is to make the roadways safer for all people residing and traveling in Kanabec County.



Matt Logan featured in April in Braham & Mora

The Isanti and Kanabec Safe Roads programs sponsored a special event during the April Distracted Driving enforcement wave. Matt Logan was the keynote speaker at community events in Mora and Braham. Matt, who lost a daughter to distracted driving, spoke first-hand about the dangers of driving distractions. His daughter was killed as a result of her texting while driving. His presentation was informa-



The first- and second-place winners pose with all of the submitted table top entries.

Distracted Driving Messages

Working with Judge Dehn (10th Judicial District), the Isanti County TZD implemented a Distracted Driving slogan/poster contest in April. This was done in conjunction with a program featuring speaker Matt Logan, who lost a daughter to distracted driving. The contest featured messages created by middle school students to encourage drivers not to drive distracted. The winning entries received an award from project co-sponsors The Rotary and local Lions clubs.



Prior to the Matt Logan event, participants had the opportunity to experience the AAA Driving Simulator (left) and the Fatal Vision Goggles (right).



TRANSPORTATION

Planning and Programming Activities

The ECRDC works in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to implement transportation planning and programming activities in Region 7E. This fiscal year the ECRDC solicited local candidate projects for federal funds including the categories of road and bridge, transit, and others. In addition, ECRDC actively participated in the implementation of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in the region. TAP projects include trails development, Safe Routes-To-Schools projects, and transportation enhancement. The role of the ECRDC Transportation Advisory Committee included evaluation of local projects to recommend a list of projects for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The ECRDC developed and approved a two-year list of projects for MN/DOT Districts to consider.

One of the challenges for Region 7E is that this region is in three different Mn/DOT Districts & ATPs. Projects are brought forth for District 3 and Metro Division and programmed with funding available to this region. Projects now eligible for federal funds include road projects in Kanabec and Isanti Counties.

Local Highway Task Force Planning Efforts

ECRDC Planners participated in meetings of local highway task forces. Planning continued pertaining to Highway 8 in Chisago County. RDC Transportation Planner Bob Bollenbeck has actively participated in Highway 8 Task Force meetings for many years. In addition, the Highway 65 Coalition continues to meet and discuss issues facing the roadway; recommending improvements to increase safety or mobility.

Planning Projects

The ECRDC was involved in a number of planning efforts including statewide planning in cooperation with MN/DOT and provided input into the Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan, MN State Multimodal Plan, and others. Planning for a Scenic Byways project for Lakes Mille Lacs area resulted in a request to Mn/DOT for funds to begin the Scenic Byways designation process for Mille Lacs.

Staff also participated in local highway task forces in the region. Bob Voss, ECRDC Director, began participation in the planning effort for Highway 95 through Cambridge. In addition, ECRDC transportation planners have been involved with the designation process for Federal Bike Route 41 through Region 7E.

Projects Prioritized by ECRDC: The following table indicates the candidate federal projects recommended by the ECRDC to MN/DOT District ATPs for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

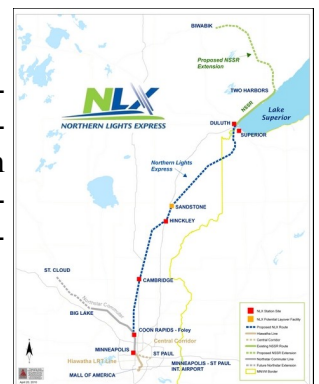
Agency	Description	Total Cost
Chisago Co.	CSAH 30 reconstruction	\$5,500,000
Timber Trails	Vehicle replacement	82,000
Isanti Co.	Vehicle replacement	151,000
Timber Trails	Vehicle replacement	84,000
Isanti Co.	Vehicle replacement	156,000
Kanabec Co.	CSAH 3 reconditioning	330,000
Mille Lacs Band	Trail/sidewalk	330,040
Taylor's Falls	Pedestrian improvement	183,561
Lindstrom	Multi-use trail const.	644,940



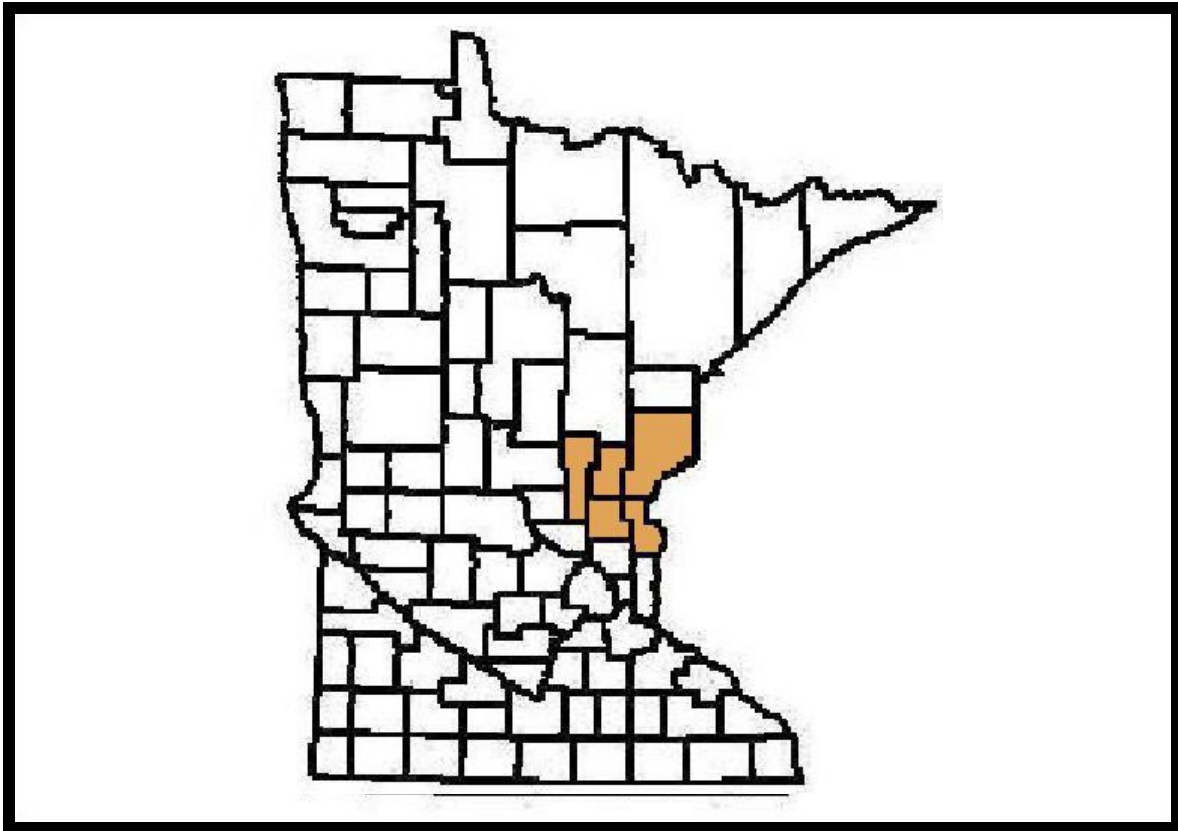
Chisago County Highway 8 construction.

NLX Passenger Rail

The ECRDC continued to support efforts to establish passenger rail service through Region 7E. Staff participated in several meetings/activities for development of the service.



COUNTY PROJECTS



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Area	Program	Description
Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Lake Mille Lacs Area Scenic Byway Assessment
Region	Transportation	Regional Transit Coordination Councils potential
Region	Transportation	Transportation planning grant agreement to provide transportation services
Isanti/Kanabec/ Mille Lacs Counties	Transportation	Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Roads program
Chisago/Pine Counties	Transportation	US Bicycle Route 41 and Oberstar Trail planning participation
Isanti County	Transportation	Safe Cab
Region	Economic Development	City Administrator/Clerks/Economic Developers luncheons
Region	Economic Development	Revolving Loan Fund administrator - 10 active loans and 58 loans since inception
Taylors Falls	Community Development	Safe Routes to Schools planning application and funding approved for school
Lindstrom	Community Development	Safe Routes to Schools planning application and funding approved for school
Kanabec County	Community Development	All-Hazard Mitigation Planning
Mille Lacs County	Community Development	All-Hazard Mitigation Planning
Mille Lacs/Pine Counties	Community Development	Blandin Broadband MESH model implementation
Sandstone/Pine County	Economic Development	Sandstone Regional Medical Campus and Business Park Project application and funding
Region	Economic Development	GPS 45:93 Workforce participant
Region	Economic Development	Minnesota Housing Partnership taskforce member
Mille Lacs County	Economic Development	Mille Lacs County Economic Strategic Plan
Region	Economic Development	Develop MN task force
Mille Lacs/ Kanabec/Pine Counties	Community Development	Central Woodlands Area Blandin Broadband inventory and assessment
Kanabec County	Community Development	Regional Trails Planning
Windemere Township	Community Development	Windemere Township Comprehensive Plan proposal
Region	Transportation	Transportation and Economic Development Workshop participants
Region	Transportation	RDC Transportation Planners meeting

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Area	Program	Description
Hinckley	Community Development	Safe Routes to Schools planning Hinckley schools
Kanabec County	Community Development	Safe Routes to Schools planning for Mora and Ogilvie schools
Mille Lacs/ Kanabec/ Pine Counties	Community Development	USDA Rural Development food and farm initiative
Region	Economic Development	Minnesota Association of Development Organization member
Kanabec County	Transportation	Distracted driving presentation by Matt Logan sponsored by TZD
Isanti County	Transportation	Distracted driving presentation by Matt Logan sponsored by TZD
Ogilvie	Transportation	I Got Caught Campaign held at Mora and Ogilvie schools sponsored by TZD
Kanabec County	Economic Development	Member of the Kanabec County EDA advisory committee
Region	Economic Development	Designated as an Economic Development District
Region	Transportation	Participate in Metro ATP, District 1 ATP, District 3 ATP processes
Chisago/Isanti Counties	Transportation	Hwy. 95 Corridors of Commerce Coalition
Chisago County	Transportation	Participates in TH 8 Task Force
Isanti County	Transportation	Distracted Driving table tent slogan contest
Isanti County	Transportation	Mock crash held at Braham High School
Pine/Sandstone	Economic Development	Regional Medical Campus and Business Park Project - EDA
Pine County	Community Development	Blandin Foundation Township project



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