

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

My thanks go out to the Board of Directors, Commission members, advisory committees and staff for all their hard work and effort on ARDC projects this year. We have so many projects going on it would be impossible for me to mention everything in my letter! Inside this report are some of this year's highlights at ARDC. I encourage you to look inside and read about some of our 1993 program activities.

Senior Options North had its sixth successful year in 1993! ARDC's Senior Options North staff and steering committee members were able to donate a check for \$1,000 to The Aging Trust Fund at a reception held May 20. Senior Options North made the contribution to show ARDC's support of other organizations which serve seniors in our region. (The Aging Trust Fund is a program of the Northland Foundation.)

This year the St. Louis River Board received approval from the State Legislature for \$1 million from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The funds will be used to acquire undeveloped lands on the Cloquet River and St. Louis River known for their resource and recreational values. The lands will be owned by the State for public use and protection. Up to \$50,000 of the \$1 million appropriation will be used by the St. Louis River Board for the implementation of the St. Louis River Management Plan in the 1993-95 funding biennium.

ARDC and its Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Committee (MIC) sponsored a statewide conference on transportation in Duluth in June. About 150 transportation professionals attended from Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Development Commissions and state and local governments. It was a tremendous success.

In Spring 1993, the Regional Needs Assessment project was initiated. The needs assessment, a part of ARDC's strategic plan developed in Fall 1992, involves a survey to find out what the needs are in communities and local government in the seven-county Arrowhead Region. The survey, sent to 2000 community leaders and elected officials in the region, will be tabulated and summarized by September. Results will be available to all interested parties.

ARDC is entering its 25th year of service to the Arrowhead Region. Working together with elected officials, community leaders, boards and committees, ARDC continues to serve the people of the Arrowhead Region by providing local units of government and citizens groups a means to work cooperatively in identifying needs, solving problems and fostering local leadership.

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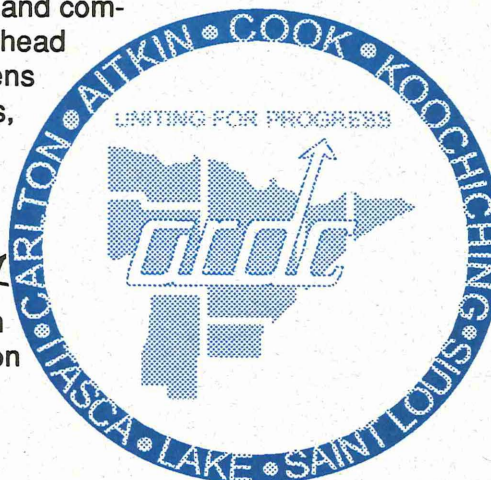
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Sincerely,

Chester Lindskog, Chairman
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission



Programs

Duluth Superior Metropolitan Interstate Committee

Over the past year, the MIC completed an annual priority ranking of transportation projects, approving nearly \$52 million in federal funded transportation projects for the Duluth-Superior area. As the responsible metropolitan agency, the MIC submitted an air quality improvement report requesting the removal of Duluth from the federal list of cities not meeting air quality standards. This allowed a postponement of a scheduled requirement that only ethanol fuels be sold in St. Louis County.

The MIC also completed a comprehensive port development plan for Duluth which provides a process for officials to coordinate development and protect natural resources in the harbor.

Other major MIC accomplishments included the Canal Park Parking Study, the Tower Avenue Corridor Traffic Analysis, the Suburban Area Transit Service Plan, and sponsorship of a statewide conference which focussed on the new planning requirements of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

Regional Transportation Program

In 1993 ARDC assisted the Minnesota Department of Transportation by facilitating the development of new partnerships and planning processes required by the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Projects included the establishment of an Area Transportation Partnership to prioritize transportation investments for Northeastern Minnesota, a functional reclassification study, the National Highway System planning project, the Greater Minnesota Transit Plan process, and the Trunk Highway 2 Improvement Task Force.

ARDC Census Program

ARDC continued its program of providing census information to the public. 232 census data center users were served in 1992. Users included private businesses, individuals, local governments, and news media. ARDC hosted

a conference, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: A Census Profile of the Arrowhead Region," which focused on demographics of the Arrowhead Region, how it compares to national trends, and demonstrated computer capabilities of our census program.

Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

In the fall of 1993 the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will celebrate twenty years of service to the Region! The Advisory Committee on Aging oversees a multitude of projects and makes funding recommendations for approval by ARDC's Board of Directors. In 1993, the AAA allocated over \$1 million in Federal Older Americans Act funds and state nutrition funds for the region's senior programs.

These grant funds leveraged an additional \$2,006,279 in project income, local match, and USDA funds. The programs served over 69,000 people in 1992. An additional 269 seniors and service providers were served by the AAA through direct requests for information.

Additional initiatives of the AAA include the following: *Senior Linkage Line*: a state-wide phone link to help seniors find answers and services (1-800-333-2433), planning projects, regional coordination of senior services, geriatric education efforts and advocacy for the rights of all older people.

Choices & Changes: A Resource for the Retirement Journey

Choices & Changes is a comprehensive planning program created by the Area Agency on Aging in collaboration with retirees, business representatives, educators and service providers. It was created as a tool for retirees in the information age. It is designed to empower people to make their own choices in planning for the second half of life. Employers, individuals and communities can benefit from participation in the program.

Senior Option North '93

A successful sixth annual Senior Options North was attended by more than

4,500 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center on May 12 and 13, 1993. Keynote speakers for this year's event were Dr. Joyce Brothers and Bob Cary, publisher/editor of the Ely Echo. Sponsors for SON '93 were St. Mary's Medical Center and First Bank - Duluth. Many local and regional sponsors also gave generously to support the event.

Health Insurance Coalition, Inc.

The HEC BasiCare project has begun the wind-down process and will probably conclude this Fall. Survey evaluations for the conclusion of the project have gone out to enrollees which will be included in a larger health care access study with Minnesota's Group Health, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and Hennepin County's Assured Care programs. HEC participants have received information about MinnesotaCare as an alternative.

Learning Expo '93

The first LEARNING EXPO will be held November 12, 1993 at the Duluth Entertainment Center. The Education Advisory Committee compiled a list of expected outcomes for the expo. By the end of August, an expo program book and tabloid will be designed, printed and ready for distribution. Many successful business-community-school networks have developed during the planning of the expo, and are expected to continue as a result of the LEARNING EXPO '93.

Partners for Tomorrow

The second year of the Partner's project proved to be very successful. We currently have eight communities with seniors and youth who received leadership training and meet regularly to complete community service projects. Tamarack (Aitkin Co.) spent a day planting trees in their town. Deer River (Itasca) served a meal for over 100 volunteers who were building a playground. Cook (N. St. Louis) is continuing to work with local leaders to establish a historical society. Other communities with Partners projects include Littlefork (Koochiching), Carlton (Carlton), Gilbert (N. St. Louis) and Grand Marais (Cook) and Barnum (Carlton). Staff plans to develop intergenerational projects in Lake and Cook counties in 1993-94.

Programs...

Environmental Education

The Environmental Education Committee was created in April, 1992. Its primary goal is to provide the region's teachers with easy access to environmental education materials. The first goal was to produce a resource guide to include brief summaries of hundreds of environmental education opportunities available in the Arrowhead Region and to publish a regular newsletter. The premier issue of The Environmental Education Advisor was published and distributed in November, 1992. The Committee is working on the second quarterly newsletter for teachers.

Timber/Tourism

Membership of the Timber and Tourism Steering Committee, with representatives from the Mn Timber Producers Association, Mn Forest Industries, Mn Resort Association and Mn Congress of Resorts, was expanded to include representatives from the Mn Dept. of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, and Mn Counties Association of Land Commissioners.

The Committee's efforts focus on the developing a set of statewide Best Management Practices (BMP) for Aesthetic Quality in forest management. With the assistance of ARDC staff the draft text of the BMPs was completed. The Committee is now developing the design of the BMP guidebook which will be used by forest managers.

Superior Vista Trail

Funded through the Mn DNR, ARDC and its Superior Vista Trail Advisory Committee has been working on a plan to develop a multi-use recreation trail between the Duluth and Two Harbors. The process

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Communities Under 10,000

Population:

Steve Lathrop, Hill City
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David Peterson, Grand Marais
Robert Herdman, LaPrairie
Chester Bianco, Two Harbors

Communities Over 10,000

Population:

Don Panger, Cloquet
Chris Dahlberg, Duluth
Ray Sogard, Hibbing
Ed Hoff, Virginia

included monthly meetings of the Advisory Committee and a series of successful public meetings which provided information on potential impacts of the proposed trail. Residents were also surveyed. A report of the Committee's findings will be prepared and presented this Fall.

Overall Economic Development Program

ARDC is the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) and is required to prepare the Over-

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Linda Redetzke, Barnum

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Les Northrup, Cloquet
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Economic Development:

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Alan Netland, Duluth
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Physical Development:

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Thomas Peterson, Two Harbors
Frank Cerkenik, Mt. Iron

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Sheryl Homan, Cloquet

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*Clarence Maddy, Duluth
*Harvey Harvala, Esko

* ARDC Board of Directors

all Economic Development Program (OEDP). The OEDP is a plan designed to provide guidance for the stabilization, and diversification of our region's economy. The OEDP identifies ways to assist the local communities to create jobs and provide a plan for coordinating the efforts of economic development groups in the region.

St. Louis River Board

ARDC provides administrative and planning services to the St. Louis River Board.

Staff Members:

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Andy Pichotta, Planner Aide
Adam Harrington, Research Asst.
Diane Dzuck, Division Secretary

Since 1991, the Board has operated under a joint powers agreement and is made up of elected officials from Lake, Carlton, and St. Louis Counties, six townships and the Fond du Lac Reservation. The Board is in the final phase of developing a comprehensive plan for the St. Louis, Cloquet, and Whiteface Rivers. The Plan will be implemented into local zoning ordinances over the next two years.

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Operational Budget

The latest audit of ARDC's finances and contract performance by the State Auditor was completed June 1993 for fiscal year 1992. Copies of that audit and prior audits are available for review at ARDC.

REVENUE	1992 ACTUAL	1993 BUDGET
Tax Levy	\$ 357,272	\$308,971
Grants & Contracts:		
Minnesota Board on Aging	266,362	209,977
Economic Development Admin.	76,442	70,000
MN Dept. of Transportation	113,306	56,466
Federal Highway Admin.	99,214	260,000
Urban Mass Transportation	29,584	20,000
Northwest Area Foundation	21,599	56,000
MN Dept. of Natural Resources	239,688	150,000
Northeastern Minnesota Initiative Fund	6,517	0
Blandin Foundation	87,616	0
Bush Foundation	14,770	35,230
Minnesota Power	1,250	0
Mardag Foundation	5,478	0
Otto Bremer Foundation	4,923	15,077
Local Technical Assistance	91,203	145,500
Other Grants & Contracts	71,893	207,597
Interest Income	7,455	0
Northspan Cost Share	58,670	57,000
Other Income (Rent \$41,852)	<u>44,819</u>	<u>44,372</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,598,061	\$1,636,190
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 941,408	1,076,049
Office Space	206,506	209,372
Consultants & Contractual	133,851	149,889
Communications	43,748	41,651
Staff Travel	30,886	44,621
Committee & Board Travel	27,354	37,980
Supplies	19,078	34,579
Depreciation	17,714	18,000
Equipment	4,079	6,000
Printing	14,539	21,700
Other Expenses	<u>80,670</u>	<u>10,953</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,519,833	\$1,636,190
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$78,228	0

North Shore Management Board

The North Shore Management Board (NSMB) completed the first phase of a public education component in 1993 related to the Water Quality project. A Lake Superior municipal wastewater treatment survey was conducted and new federal and legislation was reviewed for impacts to North Shore communities. Funding packages for Silver Bay and Knife River harbors were initiated and \$1,000,000 secured for land acquisition and engineering for silver Bay. A harbors authorization bill was passed by

the state legislature and Congress. Citizens in Schroeder faced opposition to construction of a public access at Sugar Loaf Cove from other interests and are cooperating by seeking an alternative location.

Itasca County Mine Pit Land & Use

Local units of government (15 cities, townships and Itasca County) joined together to conduct a citizen based plan-

ning process for abandoned mine pits and adjacent lands within Itasca County. Much of the land including the pits, is anticipated to become tax forfeited. ARDC was requested to provide technical and staff assistance through the organizational and planning phases of the project.

Publications

Tower Avenue Corridor Traffic Analysis Study of traffic and safety issues in this commercial corridor of Superior.

Canal Park Parking Study . Study of parking demand and supply in this area of Duluth.

Duluth Suburban Transit Service Study. Plan for expanded transit service in the cities of Hermantown and Proctor.

1993-95 Transportation Improvement Program. Transportation projects for federal funding.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: A Census Profile of the Arrowhead Region Profile of the region's trends from the U.S. Census.

1993-94 Area Plan on Aging. ARDC's action plan for community-based services for independent living to enhance the quality of life for older people in the region.

Coming of Age: The Northland's Elderly. 1990 census and demographic data of the 60+ population in the Arrowhead Region, by county and region. (Funding assistance provided by Aging Trust Fund.)

Senior Options North: Older and Better — Hats Off to You! Program book produced for the Senior Options North expo.

Brochures: *Health Ensurance Coalition, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging Fact Sheet, Senior Linkage, Learning Expo, PARTNERS for Tomorrow, and Choices & Changes*

1993 Annual Overall Economic Development Update. Summary of the past year's economic development activities and changes in the region's economy. The Update identifies economic problems, needs and resources in the region, including strategies to address the needs.

1991 Economic Reassessment. Plan of action to retain and attract private sector businesses to the Arrowhead Region through an objective assessment of the region's economy.

North Shore Water Quality Demonstration Project Report. Executive summary of 32 miles of Lake Superior shoreline point and non-point source pollution analysis.

St. Louis River Management Plan. First printing of a comprehensive plan for the St. Louis, Cloquet and Whiteface Rivers.