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# **East Central GIS Parcel Mapping**

In July, East Central GIS and the City of Cambridge began a parcel-mapping project for the planning area of the City of Cambridge in Isanti County. The parcel project is the direct outcome of the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Local Government Start-up Grant awarded to East Central GIS.

The project will provide a more up to date parcel coverage for the City of Cambridge. Additionally, the parcel-mapping project will include a new street centerline coverage and a new street right-of-way overage. If you would like more information about parcel mapping contact East Central GIS.

#### **Match Map**

East Central GIS has recently completed a contract for the Match Map Ride Share program. The Match Map program is a project of Communities Investing in Families which is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation. A series of nine maps centered on nine municipalities in the East Central Region was created to promote ride share in businesses throughout the region. Each of the nine municipalities was buffered with a 30-mile radius representing a 30-mile average commuter distance to work. Interstates, U.S. Highways, State Highways, County State-Aid Highways, County Boundaries, and Municipal Boundaries from MNDOT's BaseMap 99 were included in the map detail. The maps were then written to encapsulated post script (.eps) files and forwarded on CD-ROM to Amador Publishing for graphic layout, printing, and laminating. Upon completion, the maps will be posted in regional businesses for employees to "Match" themselves with others to share a ride.

#### **East Central GIS Services**

East Central GIS is available for special project services, consulting services and training. Special project services and consulting services are quoted at \$40.00 per hour plus the cost of any special hardware, software, materials, or other needs. Need rcView training? On site ArcView training is available for \$240.00 per one-half day. This price covers four hours of training and two hours for travel time and expenses. Parcel mapping services are also available. For more information contact Scott Marlin @ (320) 679 – 4065 or rdcgis@ncis.com.

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# New ESRI Grant.Opportunities Solutions Grant Series for Livable Communities

ESRI is offering the Solutions Grant Series for Livable Communities, a new series of focused grants designed to build on the foundation of the Local Government Start-up Grant Program established in 1998. ESRI will disperse awards within 10 different community sectors and will bundle the grants with software solutions that are specific to each area. ESRI's business partners will also contribute software tools to the packages. Grant categories include area such as:

#### Livable Communities - Cadastral

The Cadastral Grant Program is one in a series of Grant Programs designed to promote the development of Sustainable Communities. The grant program consists of a \$2.5 million GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 100 governmental cadastral agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible government organization. Dog Creek Design & Consulting, an authorized ESRI Business Partner, will provide a single user license of Dog Creek QC™ automated quality assurance software to the same 100 cadastral agencies.

Livable Communities—Community Development Community Development The Program is one in a series of Grant Programs designed to promote development of Livable Communities. The grant program consists of a \$2,218,000 GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 100 governmental community development agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible government organization.

Livable Communities—Environmental Protection The Environmental Protection Grant Program is one in a series of grants programs designed to promote the development of Livable Communities. The ESRI Environmental Protection Grant Program has been established to provide assistance to local government environmental protection organizations in the establishment of organization-wide projects: provide software for the creation of geo-referenced environmental data (environmental indicators, media, source, receptors, and exposure pathways); and promote data sharing. The grant program consists of a \$684,500 GIS investment program. ESRI and ESRI business partners will provide software

to a total of 100 local government environmental agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible local government organization.

Livable Communities-Health and Human Serv. The ESRI Livable Communities Grant Series: Health & Human Services has been established to provide assistance organizations with responsibility for providing public health and human services by the establishment of organizationwide GIS provide software the projects: establishment of georeferenced health and service data: and establish organizational data sharing. The grant program consists of a \$725,000 GIS investment program. ESRI will provi software and training to a total of 100 organizations meeting the requirements of an eligible health and human services organization.

#### Livable Communities - Law Enforcement

The ESRI Law Enforcement Government Grant Program has been established to provide assistance to law enforcement agencies with the establishment of GIS projects that make law enforcement agencies more efficient. The grant program consists of a \$568,000 GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 100 law enforcement agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible government organization.

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#### \*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*

Employers Conference October 14, 1999 At Izaty's on Mille Lacs Lake Livable Communities-Library Services

The Public Libraries Grant Program has been established to provide assistance to public libraries for the establishment of GIS projects that facilitate the sharing and use of community information. The grant program consists of a \$150,000 GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 50 public libraries meeting the requirements.

Livable Communities—Public Access (Internet) The ESRI Public Access Grant Program has been established to assist local governments in improving citizen access to government GIS information. It is also the intent of the grant to foster distribution of GIS information throughout the organization via Intranet applications. The grant program is a GIS investment program that will provide software and hardware to a total of 100 local government agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible government organization.

ivable Communities—Public Safety
The ESRI Public Safety Government Grant
Program has been established to provide
assistance to Public Safety Government
Agencies with the establishment of GIS
projects, which make public safety agencies

more efficient. The grant program consists of a \$592,000 GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 100 Public safety government agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible government organization.

#### Livable Communities - Public Utilities

The ESRI Utility Start-up Grant Program has been established to provide assistance to Utility agencies with the establishment of organizationwide GIS projects; provide software for the establishment of landbase and facility information; and establish data sharing. The grant program consists of a \$2.4 million GIS investment program. ESRI will provide software and training to a total of 100 utility agencies meeting the requirements of an eligible utility organization.

#### Livable Communities - Schools

The Public and Private School District Grant Program has been established to provide assistance to public and private school districts for the establishment of school district administrative and curricular GIS programs. The grant program consists of a \$375,000 GIS investment program by ESRI and ESRI business partners. ESRI will provide software and related materials to a total of 25 school districts meeting the requirements.

#### **EDA Provides Funding to Region 7E**

The Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) has been a strong source of funding and technical assistance for many Community and Economic Development programs in Region 7E. Annually, the ECRDC applies to the EDA for a planning grant to assist in providing Community and Economic Development programs. In order to receive the EDA funds the ECRDC prepares plans and reports which designates Region 7E as an Economic Development District, which in turn, provides EDA funding eligibility to communities.

This last year has been a successful year for the ECRDC in tapping into the EDA funding programs. Besides the planning grant, the ECRDC received an EDA Technical Assistance grant to start up a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) program, assisted the City of Mora in receiving an EDA Public Works grant to expand their industrial park, and assisted Pine Technical College in applying for EDA Public Works funds to construct an Advanced Technology Center.

communities throughout the region to apply for funding from the EDA, as well as, other state and federal resources. For more information in regards to funding Community and Economic Development programs, you may call Nancy Hoffman at 320/679-4065.

#### **FY99 Annual Report**

#### **Grants/Contracts/Loans**

Arts Grants Funded:	Number of	Amount
	<b>Grants Funded</b>	<u>Funded</u>
Small Grants	5	\$ 1,750
Arts Project Grants	<b>25</b>	56,960
Arts In Our Schools	7	7,000
McKnight Arts Projects	2	6,000
Individual Artists - McKnight	12	8,000
Scholarships - McKnight	8	1,950
TOTAL	<b>59</b>	\$81,660

#### **EC RDC Revolving Loan Fund:**

	Number of	Jobs	EDA/IRP	Total
	Loans	Created	Loan Amount	<b>Project Cost</b>
Isanti County	3	23	131,025	\$ 427,638
Kanabec County	7	52	\$187,100	1,404,665
Mille Lacs County	8	34	\$359,150	1,321,048
Pine County	6	11	\$184,492	684,810
TOTALS	24	120	\$861,767	\$3,838,161

#### **Area Agency on Aging Contracts Funded:**

Total Number of
Contracts Funded
40

Total
Amount Funded
\$323,372

#### Technical Assistance (TA):

- City of Mora Industrial Park \$631,672
- ECRDC GIS Startup Grant \$107,000
- ECRDC GIS Program \$49,000 EDA Grant
- Mn/DOT District 1.3 Metro
- Highway 8 Task Force
- Rum River Transportation Collaborative
- Pine Technical College Advanced Technology Center - \$800,000 EDA Grant
- Communities Investing in Families
- Arts Quarterly Newsletter
- Seasoned Citizens Advance Newsletter
- Origin Destination Study Cambridge

#### Reports/Plans/Presentations:

- Regional Arts Plan
- Regional Plan Programs on Aging
- Regional Transportation Plan (in progress)
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Plan (in progress)
- » Pokegama Township Comprehensive Plan
- Pokegama Township Zoning Ordinance (in progress)
- Dell Grove Township Comprehensive Plan (in progress)
- Dell Grove Twp Zoning Ordinance (in progress
- Regional Housing Study
- "Community Conversation" Arts and Rural Develop-ment Forum
- East Central MN Business Assistance Directory
- Child Care Providers' Business Assistance Directory

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ending June 30, 1999

REVENUES:	FY 1999 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY 1999 ACTUAL UNAUDITED	FY 2000 ESTIMATED BUDGET
Taxes	\$ 169,327	\$ 171,575	\$ 182,700
MN Board on Aging	573,470	568,998	614,973
EDA	53,628	54,755	51,872
State Arts Board	154,846	150,662	147,392
State Transportation	50,000	50,000	50,000
RLF-IRP-County/Local	10,710	12,905	0
RLF-EDA/IRP-Federal	52,290	52,290	0
RLF-EDA/IRP-Interest/Fees	30,939	40,194	29,758
RLF-EDA/IRP-Repayments	66,777	135,143	92,925
Contracts for Services	7,830	9,753	26,480
Interest/Other	10,418	10,490	9,720
McKnight Foundation	20,350	20,143	20,000
Transit	2,964	2,964	0
EDA-GIS	32,025	35,020	35,010
Inkind-GIS/Aging	17,130	17,239	10,653
CMIF	2,708	2,708	0
Bldg/Equip. Use Allowance	5,774	5,774	6,774
Registration	680	680	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,261,866	\$1,341,293	\$1,278,257
EXPENDITURES:			
General Fund	\$ 115,606	\$ 108,619	\$ 115,281
RLF-EDA/IRP Administration	24,152	19,984	22,450
CMIF-Housing Study	5,389	5,077	
State Arts-Administration		0.011	0
	81,789		96,901
McKnight Arts-Administration	81,789 4,850	79,190	
McKnight Arts-Administration State Transportation	81,789 4,850 86,571		96,901
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State Transportation	4,850 86,571	79,190 4,193 80,671	96,901 3,850 96,853
State Transportation Transit	4,850 86,571 4,347	79,190 4,193 80,671 4,256	96,901 3,850 96,853 0
State Transportation Transit Aging Program	4,850 86,571 4,347 97,756 71,504 58,388	79,190 4,193 80,671 4,256 96,562 74,797 57,846	96,901 3,850 96,853 0 100,418 69,163 53,232
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#### **Transportation Technical Assistance**

The EC RDC's Transportation Planner has been busy providing various forms of transportation technic assistance, First, work continued with Communities Investing in Families. We have recently be involved with the early stages of development of a regional Rideshare program. Working with Mn/DOT we have now identified potential locations for Rideshare signage. While more pieces of a regional program still need to be put together, there seems to be growing interest in Rideshare around the region.

We also anticipate providing further assistance to the Rum River Transportation Collaborative in Mille Lacs County. The Collaborative is now seeking funds for the second phase of development. The EC RDC provided assistance during the planning phase of the Collaborative in Mille Lacs county. We may soon be called on for mapping and other services in moving the Collaborative forward.



The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2000-2002 is now in its final stages of approval. The good news for Region 7E is that local and state projects are included in the program. Working with three ATPs (Area Transportation Partnership), staff, commission, and TAC members were involved in the

development of the program. At first glance, state and local projects included for this three-year period for our region total approximately \$39 million. The next solicitation for federally funded projects will likely begin in late fall. For further information contact Bob Bollenbeck, Transportation Planner, (320) 679-4065.

#### Senior Drug Program

This program is designed to help with certain prescription drug costs for a senior who is:

- Age 65 or over and a Minnesota resident (at least the past 6 months)
- Have income below 120% of the federal poverty guideline:
  - ♦ Family size of 1 Monthly income of \$844 or less
  - ♦ Family size of 2 Monthly income of \$1,126 or less
- Have assets below \$4,000 for a single person or \$6,000 for a married couple (If you live with your spouse, your spouse's income and assets also count, even if your spouse does not want to apply for the Senior Drug Program)
- Receiving Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary

You may NOT use the Senior Drug Program if you have Medigap or other insurance that pays

for your prescription drugs or you had insurance that paid for them in the past four months. Please note that certain prescription drug discount programs do not count as insurance.

The Senior Drug Program has a cost-sharing feature. After July 1, 1999 there will be a \$35 monthly deductible (you will have to pay the first \$35 of your monthly prescription costs)

Contact your county human service agency for applications for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary; Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary; and/or the Senior Drug Program. You may apply for all of these programs at the same time.

Senior Drug benefits begin the month after the month you are found eligible.

For other general information call the Seniol Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433.

#### Strike Out Stroke

√Vhat is a stroke? Stroke is "brain attack" which is caused by a **sudden** interruption of blood flow to the brain. Each year approximately 12,000 Minnesotans have strokes.

Can strokes be prevented? Yes! The majority of strokes can be prevented and treated. Follow these tips:

- Maintain a healthy blood pressure, below 140/90.
- Don't smoke.
- Eat a heaithy diet.
- Be active. Please be sure to see your doctor before you begin a new activity program.
- Stroke is an emergency call 911 at the first sign of stroke.

Strokes strike fast. The warning signs are:

- Sudden numbness, weakness or paralysis of your face, arm, or leg.
- Sudden trouble speaking or understanding even simple statements.
- Sudden trouble seeing in either one or both eyes.
- Sudden severe headache or dizziness.

For more information about strokes, please call the Minnesota Stroke Association at 1-800-647-4123 or (612) 879-0015.

The Minnesota Board on Aging partnered with the Minnesota Stroke Association, The Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Twins have developed the "Strike Out Stroke" information and resources campaign. This information is being distributed to the media by the East Central Area Agency on Aging (1-800-3-2433).

#### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) Planning Underway

The Shared Prosperity Alliance, a group of people with an interest in economic development within the region, is taking the lead in preparing the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS). Preparation of the plan will provide direction for the ECRDC's Community and Economic Development Program; provide guidance to the Shared Prosperity Alliance, as well as, other regional agencies which influence the region's economy; and it will assist the region's communities in receiving funds for various projects. The plan is an ongoing, participatory process which includes the following elements.

Where are we now? ECRDC staff has researched and analyzed various factors which effect the region's economic situation such as labor force, transportation, housing, welfare reform, demographics, etc. to provide a picture of the region's pnomic status.

Where do we want to be? Through planning sessions and surveys, the Shared Prosperity

Alliance is developing a direction for the future in the form of goals and strategies.

How do we get there? The next step for the Shared Prosperity Alliance is to create an action plan which will describe the activities and programs needed to achieve the groups goals and to implement the plan.

How are we doing? As stated earlier, the CEDS is an ongoing, participatory process. The program will be evaluated annually to answer the question of "how are we doing?" and also, "what can we do better?"

It is anticipated that the CEDS Report will be completed this Fall. Once drafted, the East Central Regional Development Commission and the five counties in the region will be asked to review the document and provide a resolution of support for the plan. Anyone interested in learning more about the CEDS may call Nancy Hoffman at 320/679-4065.

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# \$830,000 APPROVED FOR PINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

WASHINGTON - Congressman Jim Oberstar announced that Pine Technical College in Pine City has received a grant for \$830,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The funds will be used to aid the expansion of existing technology in the area.

"This grant will be used to develop an advanced technology center to aid the expansion of existing technology-related businesses within the area and to attract new technology-related businesses. Under this project, a new training facility will be constructed, and the existing training facility will be renovated," Oberstar said. "One of the most important things the federal government can do is to assist state and local governments create new economic opportunities, and I'm pleased that the EDA has shown a commitment to Northern Minnesota."

Technical assistance for development of this EDA grant application was provided through \* Regional Development Commission's Economic Development Division.