

PARTICIPATION IN THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT LOCAL HOUSING INCENTIVES ACCOUNT, 2026

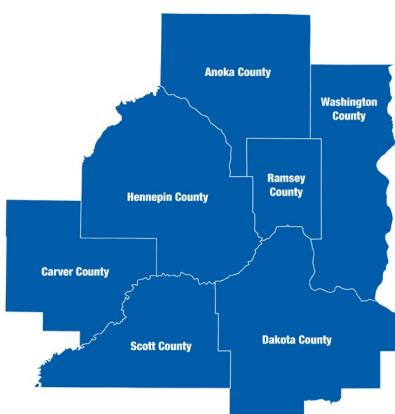
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The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county Twin Cities area. The Met Council operates the regional bus and rail system, collects and treats wastewater, coordinates regional water resources, plans and helps fund regional parks, and administers federal funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Council board is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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Introduction

The Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (LCA) requires the Metropolitan Council to report to the Minnesota Legislature by February 1 of every year which municipalities elected to participate and which did not elect to participate in the local housing incentives account program (“Program”) for that calendar year (Minn. Stat. § 473.254, subd. 9).

About the Livable Communities Act

The LCA advances the policies within the Metropolitan Development Guide ([Imagine 2050](#)), including expanding housing choice by creating and preserving affordable housing, improving safety, and ensuring everyone can meet their needs within their community by connecting housing, transportation, and jobs. Cities and townships within the seven-county area that participate in the Program may receive grants from the three funding accounts of the LCA: the tax base revitalization account, the livable communities demonstration account, and the local housing incentives account. Further, only LCA-participating cities and townships may apply for and receive grants from the polluted sites cleanup program administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Finally, the law says the Council “shall give consideration to a municipality’s participation” in the Program when making discretionary funding decisions.

LCA Participating Municipalities

As detailed on the following page, 81 municipalities are participating in the Program in 2026. Every 10 years, the Council and participating municipalities re-negotiate affordable and lifecycle housing goals following the completion of the decennial updates to local comprehensive plans required under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act. In 2020, the Council and local governments negotiated affordable and lifecycle goals for the 2021-2030 decade. The primary requirement to participate in the Program is to adopt these goals locally. When cities do so by November 15, their participation begins the following year and continues through 2030, which is when the current goals expire. The list on page 4 of this report includes the cities and townships not participating in 2026. Figure 1 illustrates the geographic extent of participating cities and townships. The Metropolitan Council maintains a list of every city and township’s participation status on its [website](#).

Municipalities Participating in the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Program in 2026

Anoka County

Anoka
Blaine
Centerville
Columbia Heights
Coon Rapids
Fridley
Lino Lakes
Ramsey
St. Francis

Carver County

Carver
Chanhassen
Chaska
Mayer
New Germany
Norwood Young America
Victoria
Waconia
Watertown

Dakota County

Apple Valley
Burnsville
Eagan
Farmington
Hastings
Inver Grove Heights
Rosemount
South St. Paul
West St. Paul

Hennepin County

Bloomington
Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park
Champlin
Crystal
Eden Prairie
Edina
Excelsior
Golden Valley
Hopkins
Long Lake
Loretto
Maple Grove
Medina
Minneapolis
Minnetonka
New Hope
Osseo
Plymouth
Richfield
Robbinsdale
Rogers
St. Anthony
St. Louis Park
Tonka Bay
Wayzata

Ramsey County

Arden Hills
Falcon Heights
Lauderdale
Little Canada
Maplewood
Mounds View
New Brighton
North St. Paul
Roseville
Shoreview
St. Paul
Vadnais Heights
White Bear Lake
White Bear Township

Scott County

Belle Plaine
Elko New Market
Jordan
Prior Lake
Savage
Shakopee

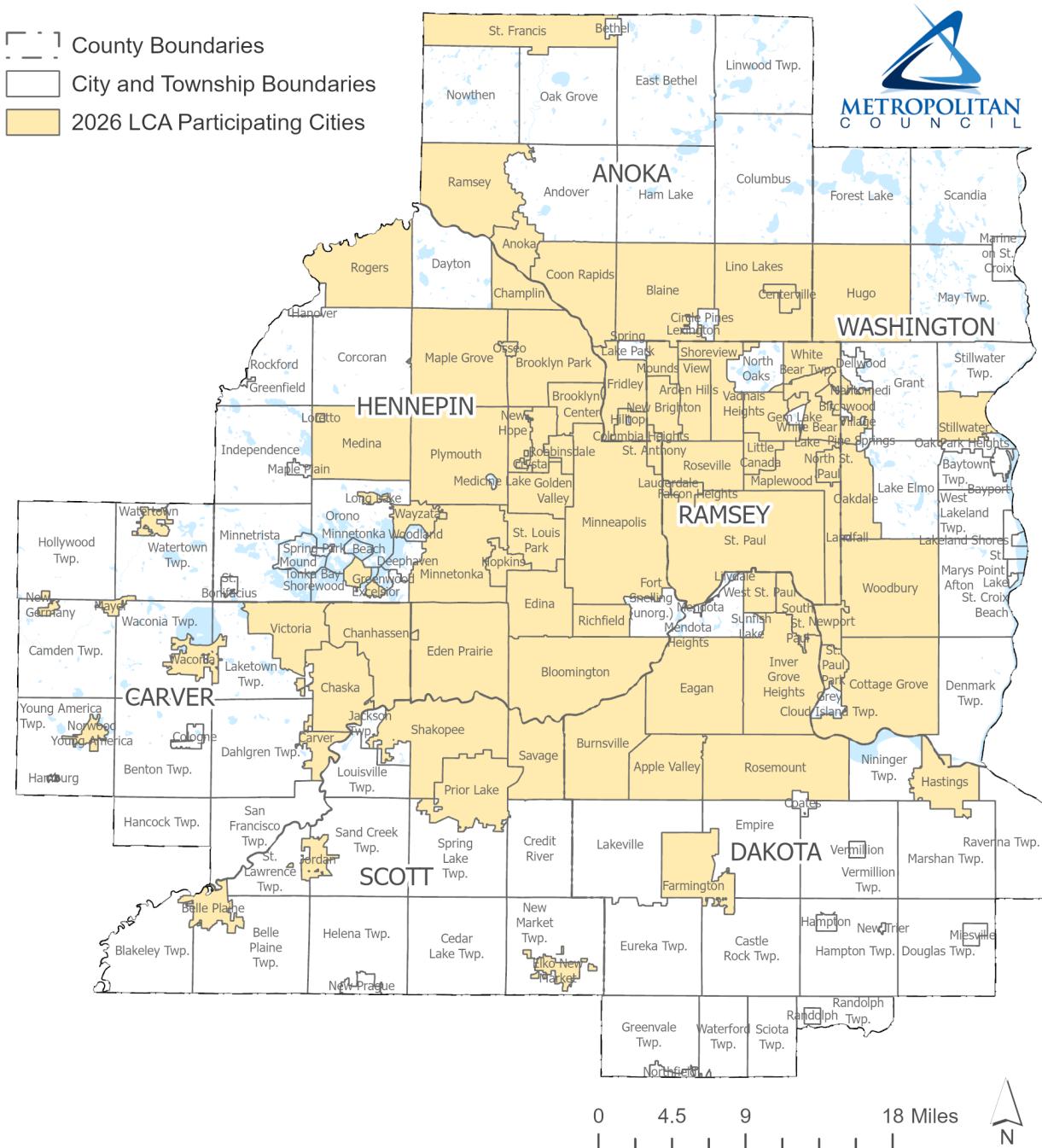
Washington County

Cottage Grove
Hugo
Mahtomedi
Newport
Oakdale
St. Paul Park
Stillwater
Woodbury

Municipalities Not Participating in the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Program in 2026

Afton	Ham Lake	New Trier
Andover	Hamburg	Nininger Twp.
Bayport	Hampton	North Oaks
Baytown Twp.	Hampton Twp.	Nowthen
Belle Plaine Twp.	Hancock Twp.	Oak Grove
Benton Twp.	Hassan Twp.	Oak Park Heights
Bethel	Helena Twp.	Orono
Birchwood	Hilltop	Pine Springs
Blakeley Twp.	Hollywood Twp.	Randolph
Camden Twp.	Independence	Randolph Twp.
Castle Rock Twp.	Jackson Twp.	Ravena Twp.
Cedar Lake Twp.	Lake Elmo	San Francisco Twp.
Circle Pines	Lake St. Croix Beach	Sand Creek Twp.
Coates	Lakeland	Scandia
Cologne	Lakeland Shores	Sciota Twp.
Columbus	Laketown Twp.	Shorewood
Corcoran	Lakeville	Spring Lake Park
Credit River Twp.	Landfall	Spring Lake Twp.
Dahlgren Twp.	Lexington	Spring Park
Dayton	Lilydale	St. Bonifacius
Deephaven	Linwood Twp.	St. Lawrence Twp.
Dellwood	Louisville Twp.	St. Mary's Point
Denmark Twp.	Maple Plain	Stillwater Twp.
Douglas Twp.	Marine on St. Croix	Sunfish Lake
East Bethel	Marshan Twp.	Vermillion
Empire	May Twp.	Vermillion Twp.
Eureka Twp.	Medicine Lake	Waconia Twp.
Forest Lake	Mendota	Waterford Twp.
Gem Lake	Mendota Heights	Watertown Twp.
Grant	Miesville	West Lakeland Twp.
Greenfield	Minnetonka Beach	Willernie
Greenvale Twp.	Minnetrista	Woodland
Greenwood	Mound	Young America Twp.
Grey Cloud Twp.	New Market Twp.	

Figure 1. Livable Communities Act Participating Cities, 2026



Source: Metropolitan Council Livable Communities, 2026



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