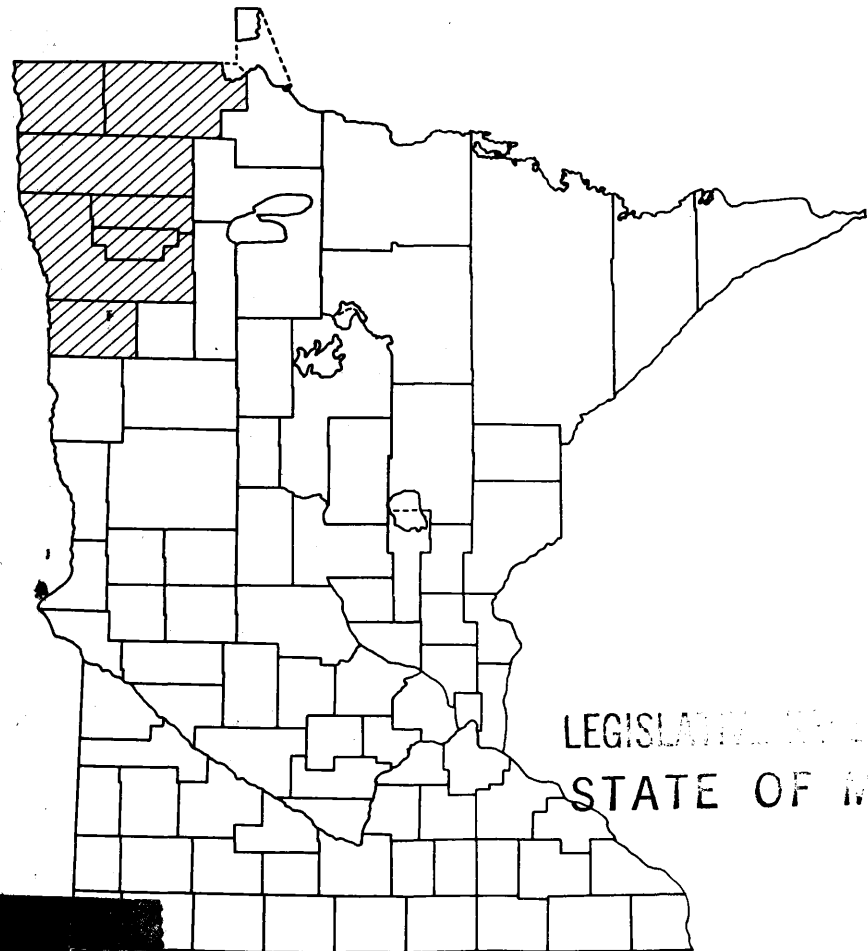


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THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The NWRDC serves the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau in the northwest corner of Minnesota which comprises Region I as designated by executive order of the Governor. The Commission is organized under the Regional Development Act of 1969 as amended.

The Regional Development Act allows local governments within designated regions to work together through Regional Development Commissions to systematically deal with economic, social, and physical development problems which transcend the boundaries of local government. That is, Commissions are to deal with problems that are area-wide in nature. The Commission exists to serve local government and act as an advocate for them on matters which are regional in nature.

The Regional Development Commission is empowered to receive federal planning grants from a variety of programs, including the Public Works and Economic Development Act, HUD Section "701," the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. In addition the Commission can receive funds from other state or federal programs for planning, research, coordination or development purposes.

history of nwrDC

The Northwest Regional Commission was officially created February 8, 1973 by the Governor in response to petitions from local units of government within the region representing nearly 80% of the regional population.

Numerous county meetings were held during March and April of 1973 to select representatives from each county to serve on the Commission. On May 15, 1973 the NWRDC held its first formal meeting. A ten month organizational period followed in which By Laws were prepared and adopted, office space was secured and staff hired. The Commission opened its office in Crookston March 1, 1974.

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THE NORTHWEST REGION

The region has some 288 units of local government, including seven counties, 58 cities, 229 townships, and 37 school districts.

The 1970 population of the seven county region was 94,579 which was the low point in an on-going decline since 1940 when the seven counties had 116,990 people. From 1970 to 1975 the region has experienced growth to an estimated 96,600 population. This growth has added some 650 new households in the region.

The region contains some 8,550 square miles or about 10% of the state land area. Of this land some 530,000 acres are owned by the state or Federal government. About 80% of the land is used for agriculture and another 12% is forested. The western area of the region consists of a very flat, fertile plain which was the lake bottom of glacial lake Agassiz. To the east the land rises in a series of old beach ridges to an area of mixed farming, forest land and some lakes.

REGIONAL planning

TELECOMMUNICATIONS planning

In 1974 the Northwest Regional Development Commission worked in cooperation with Headwaters Regional Development Commission (Region II) to create and secure funding for Northwest Telecommunications, Inc. a non-profit corporation. Northwest Telecommunications is charged with the responsibility for planning and if necessary, implementing projects to accomplish three basic objectives: a) to bring American broadcast television to those areas of the regions which now receive only Canadian signals or no signals at all, b) to secure area-wide coverage of Public Television, and c) to determine ways in which the development of telecommunications systems can be coordinated with the rural development efforts of both regions.

Funding for the Telecommunications program was obtained through the Governor's Rural Development Council and the Governor's office of Program Development. During 1975 a Telecommunications needs assessment was completed for the 12 county area which identified communication problems in health, education, criminal justice, government, social services, business, and industry. In addition data was collected on Telecommunications systems which had been developed as demonstration projects around the nation and an inventory was done on existing Telecommunications capability in the project area.

A major part of the Northwest Telecommunications effort during 1975 was directed at improving broadcast television services in the area. Assistance was given to Bunyanland Television, channel 9, in Bemidji. The Governor's Rural Development Council has awarded a grant to Bunyanland to enable the corporation to hire a full time co-ordinator. In addition a great deal of work was done to develop alternative systems for delivering American broadcast television to those counties which receive only Canadian T.V. or no television signal at all. Three alternatives were developed: 1) Construction of a tower in the Grygla area to broadcast channel 10 from Thief River Falls, 2) Construction of a translator system from the west bringing North Dakota channels up as far as Lake of the Woods county, 3) Extending a translator system serving Koochiching county to the west into Lake of the Woods county. During 1976 a study will be completed on the feasibility of using Telecommunications (electronic communications) systems in the delivery of public services in the 12 county area.

solid WASTE MANAGEMENT

Late in 1974 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff and several counties began discussing the possibility of a multi county solid waste management system in the Northwest area. The proposed project was intended to accomplish two basic objectives, the first of which was to eliminate the need for additional county land fills. Secondly, the project was to demonstrate the feasibility of resource recovery in a rural setting by consolidating solid wastes at one site.

NWRDC was asked by the counties to provide staff assistance to the project and to act as the applicant for grant funds. NWRDC staff, assisted by MPCA staff developed a project proposal for resource recovery. This proposal was submitted to the MPCA Board and was approved for funding in the amount of \$192,245.

The project was to be developed in two phases: First a systems design study was done to determine volumes of solid wastes, values of recoverable resources, building and equipment sizes and to fully develop cost data for consideration by the County Board. The second phase called for project implementation. The project was never implemented because the estimated operating costs for the system were higher than was acceptable to the people of the area and the value of the recoverable resource was difficult to determine because of extreme market fluctuations. As a result the project was terminated and the grant funds were not spent.

HOUSING

During 1975 the Northwest Regional Development Commission has been involved in the development of a regional housing plan. This housing plan is funded by the U.S. Dept. of HUD and must be completed by August 1977.

During 1975 NWRDC has been collecting data to document and measure housing need and to identify resources for meeting the need. A program of action for meeting the identified needs will be developed early in 1976. Housing issues identified at this point include: 1) The Region has a significant need for housing improvement/housing rehabilitation to preserve and improve the existing older housing stock. 2) The expansion of the total number of housing units is an important need in the Region. 3) Subsidized housing units particularly for the low income elderly are needed in each county. 4) A large percentage of elderly are home owners while programs to help elderly to reduce housing costs are for renters. 5) The capacity of the Region to meet the apparent needs in housing may be limited because of limited financial resources, general lack of information about the magnitude of the housing problems, limited availability of organized contractors for remodeling and new construction, inadequate information about housing programs. Current information indicates that Region I should about double its current housing production rate between 1975 and 1985. About 2,000 new housing units were produced from 1970 to 1975 in Region I. From 1975 to 1985 a 10 year period nearly 7,000 new units will be needed. NWRDC will attempt to maximize the likelihood that these units will be built through its regional planning/program development efforts.

MANPOWER PLANNING

The Northwest Regional Development Commission assisted in implementing the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1974 in the counties of Region I. During 1975 the Northwest Regional Development Commission negotiated an agreement with the Governor's Manpower Office which formally placed the responsibility for Manpower Planning and evaluation with the Commission. As a part of this agreement the NWRDC has responsibility for appointing a Regional Manpower Advisory Committee (RMAC) and providing staff support to that Committee. The RMAC has responsibility of assessing local Manpower needs and formulating a plan for meeting those needs. The main thrust of the Manpower planning effort is to match up people with jobs with the primary funding resource coming from the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). NWRDC is attempting to strengthen its Manpower efforts by coordinating parts of CETA Manpower program with community economic development needs, community base corrections programs, work experience needs of the youth, to provide work opportunities for older workers, and to coordinate with other human service programs in the region.

During 1975 the Region I RMAC formulated a Manpower plan for the CETA Title I program. Some of the results of this plan were a summer work program for 600 youths, employment for 80 disadvantaged older workers (55+), part time work program for 200 disadvantaged in-school youth, funding to assist in the purchase of vocational diagnostic equipment to serve court adjudicated offenders in the Regional Correction Center.

LAND USE

The Regional Commission's role in land use planning is limited to an analysis of what is happening in terms of changing or competing land uses and identifying land needs for new development. The Commission is an information source in land use but has no regulatory authority.

During 1975 NWRDC began collecting information on land use in an effort to better understand what potential conflicts are developing and what types of changes are under way.

The major land use concerns evident at the present time are, the preservation and protection of land for agricultural use; drainage systems to support agriculture/dikes to prevent flood damage; reclassification of certain state owned lands to permit agricultural uses and multi use wildlife areas in which agriculture is practiced.

In the Northwest Region some 530,000 acres of land are owned by the State or Federal government. This represents a land area about the size of Norman County. 80% of the land is used for agriculture, 12% forestry, and only .4% is in urban uses.

The work NWRDC is doing in land use planning is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development "701" program.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is a key element in the economy of Northwest Minnesota. Transportation systems not only serve as a means of moving farm goods to market and to the processor but also is a means of communication.

Much of the Region has an agricultural economy in which heavy equipment is used and very heavy (tons per acre) crops produced. In these areas it is critical for state as well as county and township roads and bridges to be in good safe condition. Our cities serve as centers for agri-business with ever increasing capacity to refine and process the raw agricultural products. These cities need good highways and railways which tie Northwest Minnesota with the rest of Minnesota and with the Nation.

The Northwest Regional Development Commission recognized the need for sound area-wide transportation planning and development and created a Transportation Advisory Committee. The Committee is comprised of one Regional Commission member from each of the 7 counties within Region I. The major task of this Committee is to identify transportation issues of regional concern and to develop goals and policies for transportation development. During the past year the Committee has met with representatives from Burlington Northern Railroad, State Department of Highways, and Aeronautics. These meetings were designed to familiarize the Committee with the planning and development activities relating to Region I that are presently under way in these respective state agencies and familiarize the state agencies with some of the concerns of the Northwest area of Minnesota.

The Committee has developed the following recommendations which have been supported by the Full Commission: a resolution supporting a two cent State gas tax increase for upgrading highways; a resolution supporting the upgrading of highways #2 and #75 from the Canadian border south through the Northwest Region and improving highway #59 from Thief River Falls to Erskine; prepared preliminary goals and policies for highway development in Region I and developed a statement for presentation to the joint house and senate sub-committees on highways on the problems and needs of transportation within the Region. During the next year it is expected that the Committee will also identify issues in air travel and bus systems as well as continuing with their work on highway needs in the region.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

During 1975 NWRDC received a grant from the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission to begin preparation of a "Regional Development Guide." This guide will be the document containing Commission policies, goals, standards, maps and programs for orderly growth and development in the Region. It is expected that this document will be always changing with changing needs of the region and changing programs of the Commission. The initial version of the Development guide will address the general character of the Region, land use, economic development, manpower, housing and transportation. These six sections should be adopted early in 1976. The Regional Development Guide is adopted only after public hearing. It is intended to guide the actions of the Regional Commission in carrying out it's responsibility under the Regional Development Act.

FERGUS FALLS STATE HOSPITAL STUDY

The 1975 session of the Legislature authorized and funded 2 Citizens Advisory Task Forces in the Fergus Falls State Hospital service area to carry out a study and report to the Legislature in January 1977. Specifically the studies are to consider the following:

- A. Make its final review of the current system.
- B. Write and/or approve a Human Services Mission Statement.
- C. Identify any unmet human service needs and assess the availability of resources to Region I people.
- D. Formulate tentative recommendations (to include alternative sources of funding and service).
- E. Hold Public Hearings.
- F. Approve final report.

The Northwest Citizens Advisory Task Force was created in August 1975 and was staffed in October. This Task Force serves the seven counties of Region One plus Mahnomen County.

During 1975 the Task Force began basic data collection, developed its work plan and prepared an Interim Report for the 1976 Legislature.

The purpose of this study is to provide information to the Legislature as it considers the issues of closing State Mental Health Institutions and deinstitutionalization of residents of those institutions. Fergus Falls State Hospital serves 17 counties in West Northwest Minnesota. The Hospital currently serves about 500 people in the Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded and Chemically Dependent Programs.

COORDINATION

Regional Development Commissions are granted certain review/coordination powers under M.S. 462.391 and under parts I and IV of the Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95.

The general purpose of these reviews is to attempt to bring government programs with regional impact into harmony with each other, to prevent duplication, and to make those programs consistent with the programs of local government.

During 1975 NWRDC operated a regional clearing house for grant and loan review. This system is to review all applications for state or federal grants or loans to determine the extent to which the proposed project duplicates, runs counter to or needs coordination with other projects or programs; extent to which it might be revised to increase its effectiveness or efficiency and to determine the program's consistency with environmental policy.

The Commission uses a project notification system for the review process in which notifications are sent out to agencies, groups or individuals who are or may have an interest in the proposed program, soliciting their comments. If there are negative comments the clearing house can call a conference between the applicant and others interested in the program to attempt to resolve the problems.

This function provides for agency and public input into the development of new programs in the region.

MANPOWER

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| Vaughn Thorfinnson | NWRDC | Red Lake Co. |
| *Russ Beier | Vocational Education | Polk Co. |
| Ralph Hunt | Welfare | Pennington Co. |
| Jon Larson | Business | Pennington Co. |
| *Ted Olson | Education | Norman Co. |
| Kenneth Benesh | General Public | Norman Co. |
| Charles Cheney | General Public | Marshall Co. |
| Roy Jorgenson | Comm. Action Programs | Red Lake Co. |
| Kenneth Johnson | General Public | Polk Co. |
| Lil Bridgeford | Division of Voc. Rehab | Polk Co. |
| J.K. Stadum | MN Dept. Emp. Services | Pennington Co. |
| *Lowell Kobernick | CETA Center | Thief River Falls |
| *Bill Huggett | CETA Center | Crookston |
| Earl Ryden | General Public | Kittson Co. |
| Sig Rimestad | Education | Marshall Co. |
| Mary Gilbertson | Corrections | Norman Co. |
| Joyce Peterson | Labor | Pennington Co. |
| Dale Neppel | Vocational Education | Polk Co. |
| Roger Eckstein | Business | Red Lake Co. |
| Chester Stengrim | Business | Roseau Co. |
| Walter Pederson | Education | Roseau Co. |

solid WASTE

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| Bernie Lieder | Polk County |
| Jack Driscoll | Polk County |
| Ron Rasmusson | Norman County |
| Oliver Thompson | Marshall County |
| Richard Jamison | Norman County |
| Dale Zutz | Marshall County |
| Lowell Austinson | Red Lake County |
| Neil Prenevost | Red Lake County |
| Joe Seidel | Pennington County |
| Otto Stenberg | Pennington County |

COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA FUTURE

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| Ervin Strandquist | Newfolden |
| Phyllis Moen | Crookston |
| Don Ogaard | Ada |

GOVERNOR'S RURAL development council

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| Justus Larson | Thief River Falls |
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*Members who no longer serve but who did serve during 1975.

FERGUS FALLS STATE HOSPITAL

Harry Hanson Sr.
Wayne Juhl
Leon Pribula
Art Christenson
Don Gagner
Oris Moen
Richard Jamison
Vernon Scott
Roy Waters
Dr. Steve Levinson
Art Kohlhasse
Chuck Stephens
Sanna Brovold
Lee Engen
Emil Bagley
Ralph Hunt (ex officio)

Kittson Co. Commissioner
Roseau Co. Commissioner
Marshall Co. Commissioner
Pennington Co. Commissioner
Red Lake Co. Commissioner
Polk Co. Commissioner
Norman Co. Commissioner
Mahnommen Co. Commissioner
NW Mental Health Center
Day-Nite Center
Marshall Co. Welfare Dept.
Red Lake Co. Welfare Dept.
Nurses Service
Otter Tail Power Co.
Agassiz Health Council
DPW Representative

Hallock
Roseau
Alvarado
Thief River Falls
Mentor
Fertile
Ada
Lengby
Crookston
Thief River Falls
Warren
Red Lake Falls
Gully
Crookston
Crookston

BUDGET

Ervin Strandquist
Harvey Tripp
Vaughn Thorfinnson

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS

Cleighton "Rusty" Hastad
Floyd Sanner
Ervin Strandquist

HIGHWAY ACTION PLAN LIAISON

*Lee Selnes
Wayne Juhl, Alternate

WORK PROGRAM

Loran Stortroen
Norrell Erickson
Si Strand
*Ralph Hvidsten
*Philip Pearson
Fred Sorenson
Irving Beyer
Ervin Strandquist
Lawrence Sundahl
Phillip Lambert

PERSONNEL

Norrell Erickson
Oris Moen
Harvey Trip
Fred Sorenson
Ervin Strandquist

TRANSPORTATION

Ralph Berg
Joe Bouvette
Howard Gilbertson
Odin Hanson
Wayne Juhl
Harold Thomforde
Lawrence Sundahl
*Lee Selnes

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Ervin Strandquist - Chairman
Vaughn Thorfinnson - Vice Chairman
Harvey Tripp - Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Floyd Sanner - Kittson County
Lawrence Sundahl - Marshall County
Cleighton Hastad - Norman County
Albert Koop - Pennington County
Harvey Tripp - Polk County
Vaughn Thorfinnson - Red Lake County
Wayne Juhl - Roseau County

SCHOOL BOARDS

Dwayne Otterson - Badger (Marshall County)
Harvey Tripp - East Grand Forks (Polk County)

PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP

(Vacant)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Senator Richard Fitzsimons
Senator Roger Moe
Representative Art Braun
Representative John Corbid
Representative Bill Kelly
Representative Willis Eken

POLK COUNTY

Oris Moen - County Commissioner
Loran Strotroen - Townships
Harold Thomforde - Mayor Crookston (cities)

RED LAKE COUNTY

Irving Beyer - County Commissioner
Ralph Berg - Townships
Vaughn Thorfinnson - Mayor Red Lake Falls (cities)

ROSEAU COUNTY

Wayne Juhl - County Commissioner
Donald Landin - Townships
Norrell Erickson - Mayor Roseau (cities)

KITTSOON COUNTY

Floyd Sanner - County Commissioner
Philip Pearson - Townships
Joe Bouvette - Hallock Councilman (cities)

MARSHALL COUNTY

Dale Zutz - County Commissioner
Ervin Strandquist - Townships
Lawrence Sundahl - Mayor Stephen (cities)

NORMAN COUNTY

Si Strand - County Commissioner
Howard Gilbertson - Townships
Cleighton Hastad - Mayor Halstad (cities)

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Odin C. Hanson - County Commissioner
Albert Koop - Townships
Fred Sorenson - Councilman Thief River Falls (cities)

PROJECTS REVIEWED 1975

| PROJECT APPLICANT | PROJECT TITLE | PROJECT COST | FUNDING AGENCY | ACTION TAKEN |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Tri-valley opportunity Council | Transit Capitol Assistance to private Nonproject Corporation | 58,000 | State Planning Agency | Positive |
| Fertile | Community Civic Center | 154,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Goodridge | Fire Protection | 20,000 | Gov's Rural Development Council | Positive |
| Viking | Community Center | 61,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Newfolden | Community Center | 125,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Inter County Community Council | Administration | 148,750 | Office of Econ. Opportunity | Positive |
| Karlstad | Redevelopment of Block one | 290,000 | HUD | Positive |
| East Grand Forks | Renovation-Landscaping | 71,190.57 | HUD Title I Comm. Deve. Act | Positive |
| NW Regional Corrections Center | Rehabilitation of Inmates | 200,566 | LEAA Gov. Crime Commission | Positive |
| Middle River | Street, Sidewalk Improvements | 150,000 | HUD | Positive |
| NW Regional Corrections Center | Construction | 219,450 | LEAA Gov. Crime Commission | Positive |
| Warren | Community Center | 473,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Warroad | City of Warroad | 364,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Beltrami | Water and Sewer | 257,345 | HUD | Positive |
| Pennington County Sheriff Office TRF | Joint Record Consolidation | 39,916 | LEAA | Positive |
| Juvenile Crime Prevention | Juvenile Crime Prevention | 60,161 | LEAA | Positive |
| Roseau County Sheriff Department | Community Awareness in Service Training | 2,735 | Governors Crime Commission | Positive |
| NW Regional Center | Joint Record System | 36,745 | Governors Crime Commission | Positive |
| St. Hilaire | Street Improvement | 366,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Crookston | Community Development | 798,500 | HUD | Positive |
| Oslo | Water Treatment Plant | 300,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Stephen | Construction of Swimming pool | 45,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Ada | Community Improvement | 285,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Oslo | Water Treatment | 840,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Fosston | Community Development | 155,000 | HUD | Positive |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Grygla | Community Development Center | 100,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Strandquist | Police Protection | 25,000 | None | Positive |
| Kittson-Marshall Co. | Rural Water Project | 2,120,100 | FHA-HUD local | Positive |
| Thief River Falls | Rehabilitation of Homes and Street Improvements | 496,410 | HUD | Positive |
| Argyle | Public Work Improvements | 1,277,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Alvarado, Brooks, Fertile, Fosston, Grygla, Kennedy, Hallock, Lancaster, Stephen, St. Hilaire | NW Multi-County Housing | Not Available | HUD | Positive |
| Oklee | Sanitary Sewer | 440,000 | HUD Title I | Positive |
| Hallock | Street Paving | 547,305 | HUD | Positive |
| Roseau | West Acres Water and Sewer | 194,500 | FHA - USDA | Positive |
| Winger | City Hall Repair | 50,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Winger | Street Repair | 477,700 | HUD Community Deve. | Positive |
| Thief River Falls | Medical Office Facility | 2,200,000 | FmHA | Positive |
| Strathcona | Well Construction | 71,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Alvarado | Street Improvements | 300,000 | HUD Title I | Positive |
| Midwest Minn. Community Development Corporation | Community and Economic Development | 2,700,000 | Community Service Administration | Positive |
| Lancaster | Sewer Construction | 435,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Red Lake Falls | Redevelopment | 400,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Halstad | Redevelopment | 650,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Climax | Civic Center | 61,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Oklee, Brooks, Plummer Red Lake Falls | Solid Waste Disposal System | 50,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Marshall/Polk County | Water (rural) | 3,289,013 | FHA and HUD | Positive |
| Trail | Community Center | 35,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Goodridge | Water Tower - Community Planning | 134,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Crookston | Park Development | 60,000 | Natural Resource Fund | Positive |
| Lake Bronson | Water System Improvements | 92,800 | HUD | Positive |
| Roseau | Water and Sewer | 400,000 | HUD | Positive |
| McIntosh | City Well Construction | 42,000 | HUD | Positive |

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| Pennington Co. | Road Improvements | 400,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Badger | Sanitary Construction Project | 491,335 | HUD - USDA | Positive |
| Hallock | Redevelopment | 300,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Agassiz Health Planning Council | Area-Wide Health Planning | 90,308 | HEW | Positive |
| Crookston | Airport Redevelopment | 1,000,410 | Federal Aviation Administration | Positive |
| Marshall County | Equipment for Jailhouse and Courthouse | 53,591 | LEAA | Positive |
| Fertile | Wild Life Area | 76,750 | Dept. of Natural Resources | Positive |
| UMC | Services to Senior Citizens | 24,000 | Higher Education Council | Negative |
| Region A Advisory Council | Comprehensive Criminal Justice Planning | 64,712 | LEAA | Positive |
| Tri-Valley Opportunity Council | Outreach Volunteer for Information & Referral | 4,000 | Action | App. as withdrawn |
| NW TB Control Clinic | Expansion of psychiatric and TB Clinic | 13,000 | MN Dept. of Health | Positive |
| Norman County | Public Health Nursing Service | 20,000 | MN Dept of Health | Positive |
| Beltrami | Sanitary Sewer, Treatment and Water Systems | 301,696 | FmHA and HUD | Positive |
| Marshall County | Park Acquisition and Development | 139,661 | USDA | Positive |
| Roseau | Sidewalk and curb repair | 150,000 | EDA | Positive |
| Crookston Bicentennial Futureology | Seminar | 5,000 | Regional Develop- Commission | Positive |
| Tri-Valley | Comprehensive Planning | 110,539 | Grants on Aging | Positive |
| NW Tele-Com Incorporated | Telecommunications Planning | 20,000 | Gov. Rural Dev. Council | Positive |
| Halstad | Street Improvement | 650,000 | FHA | Positive |
| Fosston | Recreation Facilities | 46,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Halstad | Feasibility Study Park and Recreation | Not Available | Army Corps of Engineers | Positive |
| Stephen | Park and Recreation Development | 72,300 | Lawcon, MRC | Positive |
| Newfolden | Park Development | 15,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Fertile | Park, Wildlife, Recreation | 75,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| NW Community Action Agency | Annual community Service plan | 98,000 | Community Service Administration | Positive |

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| NW Regional Corrections Center | Rehabilitation program | 45,240 | CETA I Governors Office | Positive |
| Erskine | Park Development | 64,300 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Halstad | Recreation Area | 30,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Ada | Park Development | 30,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Bicentennial Committee | Futurology | 73,481 | MN Bicentennial | Positive |
| Thief River Falls | Nature Interpretive Area | 80,000 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Tri-Valley | Administration of Agency | 92,000 | CSA | Positive |
| Newfolden | Bicentennial Project | 18,00 | MN American Revolutionary Bi- centennial comm. | Positive |
| NW. Multi-Co. Housing | Allocation of Section 8 Units | Not Available | HUD | Positive |
| Lengby | Acquisition and Development | 34,700 | Lawcon | Positive |
| UMC | Home based learning ex- perience for pre-schoolers | 29,027 | Private Foundations | Positive |
| Badger | Water Systems Improvement | 318,000 | FmHA | Positive |
| Gary | Water/Sewer | 536,478 | Title X UGLRC | Positive |
| Pennington County & Thief River Falls | Sanitary Landfill | 191,600 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Warroad | Campground Expansion & Waterfront Park | 249,500 | Lawcon | Positive |
| Marshall County Group Homes Incorporated | Group homes for retarded | 110,000 | HUD, FHA | Positive |
| Roseau | Grandstand Construction | 275,000 | UGLRDC Title X | Positive |
| Hynes Chemical Co. | Manufacturing Plant | 350,000 | FHA | Positive |
| Climax | Street Improvement | 290,000 | EDA Title X | Positive |
| Stephen | Sidewalks | 540,000 | EDA Title X | Positive |
| Thief River Falls | Sidewalk construction & Repair | 340,000 | Upper Great Lakes | Positive |
| Mar-Bel Homes, Inc. | Low Income Housing | 124,000 | FHA | Positive |
| Dept. of Natural Resources | Park Acquisition & Deve Program | 184,000 | Bureau of Outdoor Recreation | Positive |
| Inter County Community Council | Employment | 280,906 | CSA Title X | Positive |
| Warroad | Street Improvement | 2,000,000 | EDA Title X | Positive |
| East Grand Forks | Community Development | 273,000 | HUD | Positive |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| NW Regional Corrections Center | Corrections | 280,000 | LEAA | Positive |
| Lake Bronson | Water Systems Improvements | 300,000 | FHA | Positive |
| Kennedy | Street & Utility Imp. | 337,000 | FHA | Positive |
| Beltrami | Water System | 425,000 | FHA and HUD | Positive |
| Inter County Community Council | Drug & Alcohol | 42,000 | Gov. Rural Deve. Coun. | Positive |
| Warren | Community Center | 473,584 | HUD | Positive |
| Oslo | Water System Improvement | 950,000 | FHA-HUD | Positive |
| St. Hilaire | Street Repair | 366,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Argyle | Sewer System | 410,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Newfolden | Community Center | 125,000 | HUD | Positive |
| NW Community Action Inc. | Senior Citizen Transportation Program | 37,321 | Gov. Council on Aging | Positive |
| Lake Bronson | Senior Citizens and Youth Service Center | 76,500 | HUD | Positive |
| Stephen | Community Swimming Pool | 500,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Grygla | Street Drainage | 513,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Karlstad | Rehabilitation of Blighted areas | 150,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Middle River | Sanitary Sewer | 644,000 | HUD & FmHA | Positive |
| Greenbush | Community Center | 178,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Hallock | Swimming Pool Repair | 75,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Roseau | Sanitary Sewer | 356,000 | HUD & FmHA | Positive |
| Thief River Falls | Land Acquisition | 175,000 | HUD | Positive |
| N.W. Econ. Dev. Inc. | Rural MN Cottage Industry Program | 170,625 | DNR | Positive |
| Ada | Sewer and Water | 300,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Marshall & Polk Counties | Rural Water System | 3,300,000 | FHA & HUD | Positive |
| Viking | Renovation of Community Center and Skating Rink | 70,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Agassiz Health Council | Grant for Health Planning | 33,866 | Federal Bureau of Health Resource Development | Positive |
| Crookston | Water Facilities | 2,960,000 | Economic Development Administration | Positive |
| Region A Crime Commission | Project Applications | 505,406 | Governor's Crime Commission | Positive |

PROJECTS REVIEWED 1975 CON'T.

| PROJECT APPLICANT | PROJECT TITLE | PROJECT COST | FUNDING AGENCY | ACTION TAKEN |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Brooks | Park & Recreation | 26,650 | HUD | Positive |
| Winger | Community Improvements | 491,600 | Dept. of Housing & Urban Development | Positive |
| Plummer | Water Systems Improvements | 250,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Oklee | Sanitary Sewer Construction | 555,000 | FHA & HUD | Positive |
| Lancaster | Sewer Extensions | 225,000 | HUD | Positive |
| Climax | Community Center | 82,500 | HUD | Positive |
| Warroad | Street & Storm Sewer Imp. | 1,200,000 | FmHA & HUD | Positive |
| Fosston | Water System Imp. | 1,100,000 | FmHA & HUD | Positive |
| Fertile | Civic Center | 180,000 | HUD | Positive |

NWRdc budget

Calendar Year 1975

REVENUES

Year Ending December 31, 1975

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| State..... | \$35,000.00 |
| Local..... | 22,095.00 |
| Federal HUD "701"..... | 10,000.00 |
| DOL-CETA..... | 23,081.87 |
| UGLRC..... | 10,000.00 |
| DPW. (Minnesota)..... | 4,835.75 |
| Solidwaste..... | 15,000.00 |
| *MPCA..... | 7,500.00 |
| GMO..... | 2,770.00 |

TOTAL \$130,282.62
 *To be distributed to counties

EXPENDITURES

Year Ending December 31, 1975

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Staff | \$76,688.74 |
| Consultants..... | 15,000.00 |
| Office Expense | 14,107.16 |
| Transportation..... | 16,936.27 |

TOTAL \$122,732.17

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1975 Revenues..... | \$130,282.62 |
| 1975 Expenditures | 122,732.17 |
| Balances | 7,550.45 |

Calendar Year 1976

PROJECTED REVENUES

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| State..... | \$68,600.00 |
| Local..... | 30,000.00 |
| HUD "701"..... | 13,350.00 |
| DOL-CETA..... | 5,985.00 |
| UGLRC..... | 15,000.00 |
| DPW. (FFSH Project)..... | 33,000.00 |
| Governor's Manpower | 22,000.00 |
| GCCA I&R | 12,964.00 |

TOTAL \$200,899.00

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Staff | \$96,899.00 |
| Consultants..... | 24,500.00 |
| Office Expenses | 35,000.00 |
| Transportation..... | 19,500.00 |
| Regional Commission Expenses | 25,000.00 |

TOTAL \$200,899.00

STUDIES AND REPORTS

OVERALL PROGRAM DESIGN: This report identifies regional issues and opportunities which the Commission will address and outlines the goals of the Commission for the fiscal year. The OPD is part of the Commission's comprehensive planning process.

N.W. REGIONAL REPORT: The Commission's newsletter with a circulation of approximately 750. The newsletter is prepared by NWRDC and printed under cooperative agreement with the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Division. The newsletter will accept articles of regional interest from any regional agency for publication.

GREENBUSH, MINNESOTA: A community brochure prepared and printed as a cooperative effort of the Greenbush Association of Commerce, NWRDC and Otter Tail Power Company.

SUMMARY OF WATER AND SEWER NEEDS IN REGION I: An inventory of sewer and water needs by community in Region I.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL DOLLARS SPENT IN REGION I - FY '74: This report is the first of what is hoped to be an annually prepared report to illustrate trends and dollar amounts of Federal Aids by county in Region I.

SOLID WASTE SYSTEM DESIGN STUDY: This report was done to develop the necessary cost data and identify equipment sizes needed for a proposed 5 county solid waste management system.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION IN REGION I: An overview of the existing transportation network relative problems and needs. Primarily focusing on highway transportation.

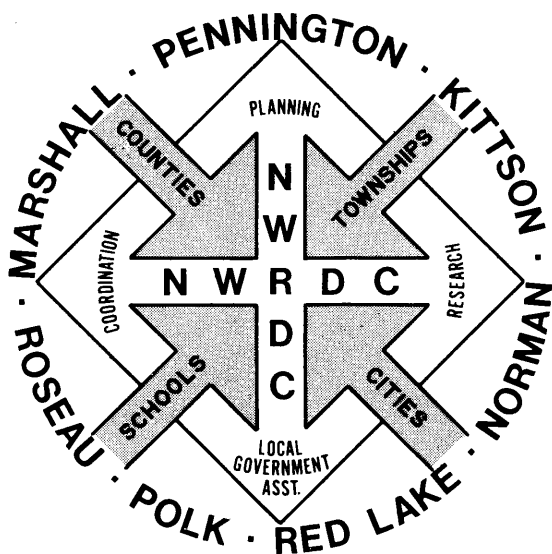
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKAGE: This material was assembled to provide information to local units of government in Region I interested in Community Development grants.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION SURVEY: This survey was done in cooperation with the State Department of Economic Development. The survey was made of virtually all employees in Region I asking them which modes of transportation they use and asked them to indicate their level of satisfaction with the transportation system. Also, the survey sought to find out if there were housing problems in the region which were somehow hampering economic development.

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