

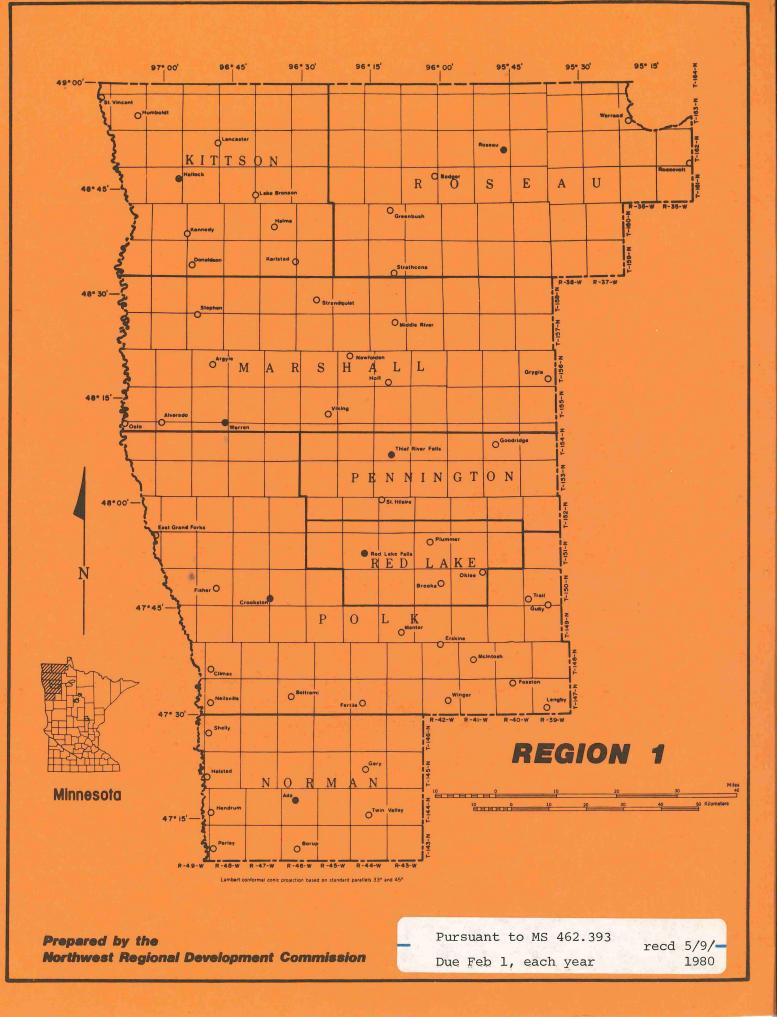
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The decade of the Seventies witnessed the formative stages of our Commission. As we enter the Eighties, I can say with confidence that we are well on our way to maturity and intend to make significant contributions in advancing the well-being of Northwestern Minnesota.

We live in an age of mass communications and abundance of information. The challenge that faces us is to enhance our decision making by generating, accessing and utilizing appropriate information. Pertinent and timely information is the key to our future success. I am glad to report to you that we have taken steps in that direction. Our ties with various units of government continue to strengthen and we look forward to meeting our responsibilities with poise and optimism.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Stranguist

Ervin Strandquist, Chairman

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Introduction

The passage of the Regional Development Act in 1969 by the State Legislature led to the creation of the Northwest Regional Development Commission on February 8, 1973. The legislation enabled the local units of government to petition the Governor to create a Commission within the officially designated regions.

The purpose of the Commissions was succinctly stated in the legislation: "...to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens..."

The Northwest Region includes Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau Counties. Taking into consideration counties, cities, townships and school districts, there are nearly 330 local units of government covering an area of 8,550 square miles. These units of government are represented on the Commission in the following manner; each county has a county commissioner representing county government, a township supervisor representing the townships in that county, a mayor or city councilman representing city governments from that county and two representatives from school districts across the Region. In addition, the Commission has ten non-elected members representing various public interests such as industry, labor and agriculture. The staff of the Commission is multi-disciplinary in nature and complements the wide array of advisory committees for the different program areas. This organizational structure lends itself to fulfilling the intent of the legislation.

The full Commission meets on a quarterly basis and serves as the overall policy making body which determines the direction and the role of the agency. The Board of Directors is an eight person body which meets monthly to guide the operations of the agency and to serve as the review board for clearinghouse activities.

The total population of the seven county area is 100,000. The number of people serving on the Commission and its various advisory committees is 136. This gives us an approximate ratio of 735:1 as a measure of public participation. In the next few pages you will read about the various programs of the Commission and the manner in which they contribute toward the successful implementation of the legislation.

Commission Membership

County	County Board	Township Board	<u>Cities</u>
	Floyd Sanner	William Gatheridge	Dr. Joe Bouvette
Kittson	Lancaster	Humboldt	Hallock
Marshall	*Kenneth Price	*Ervin Strandquist	Stan Holmaas
	Stephen	Newfolden	Newfolden
Norman	*Werner Mahlum	Gerald Green	Don Anderson
	Gary	Gary	Ada
Pennington	Donald Grabanski	*Richard Kruse	Ambrose Wysoski
	Thief River Falls	Thief River Falls	Thief River Falls
Polk	Oris Moen	Loran Stortroen	*Duane Knutson
	Fertile	Climax	Fertile
Red Lake	Irving Beyer	Ralph Berg	*Vaughn Thorfinnson
	Red Lake Falls	Brooks	Red Lake Falls
Roseau	*Wayne Juhl	Richard Lorenson	Lois Johnson
* Member of Board of	Greenbush f Directors	Strathcona	Badger

Public Interest Groups

Agriculture

Business

Financial Institutions

Industry

Low Income/Minority

School Districts

Soil & Water Conservation

Watershed Districts

Vocational Schools

Labor

Women

** Lowell Anderson Hallock

> Duane Ekman Argyle

Harold Thomforde Crookston

Fred Sorensen Grygla

Norman Cruse Thief River Falls

Marian Olson Crookston

** Harvey Tripp East Grand Forks

* Dwayne Otterson Kennedy

Harry Sjulson St. Hilaire

Verne Green Newfolden

Lowell Lindemoen Newfolden

Cleo Cleveland East Grand Forks

** Joyce Peterson Thief River Falls

** Jacqueline Bergan Crookston

> Norma Hanson Goodridge

* Member of Board of Directors
** Members who no longer serve but did serve during 1979



Aging

The Older Americans Act continues to serve as the foundation of the Aging Program. 1979 witnessed an improvement in our understanding of the problems which confront the twenty thousand elderly in Northwestern Minnesota. With one out of five citizens of the Region being the elderly, the Commission staff undertook a successful determination of the distribution of senior citizens by townships and by communities.

The Aging Advisory Committee continued in its crucial role of developing a new Aging Plan for the Region. They were instrumental in determining priorities and work objectives for the forthcoming year. Also studied was the process of integrating the "Nutrition Program" into the mainstream of the Commission's Aging Program during 1980. During the course of the year the Committee made recommendations to the full Commission which resulted in the successful implementation of the Aging Plan. The following projects were funded:

1) The Roseau County Good Neighbor Transit Service Project, the major purpose of which is to provide access to medical services for senior citizens in Roseau County. (Total Cost \$13,259.00; Grant \$9,194.00)

2) The Kittson County Senior Citizen Transportation Program which also provides access to medical services. (Total Cost \$9,975.00; Grant \$4,785.00)

3) The Northwest Minnesota Legal Services Project which provides limited legal services to the Region's elderly. (Total Cost \$18,785.00; Grant \$14,013.00)

4) The Valley Chore Service Project which provides a

range of services from lawn mowing, snow removal, to major house cleaning within the home of senior citizens in Norman, Pennington and Polk Counties. (Total Cost \$78,412.00; Grant \$32,050.00)

5) 1979 witnessed a first in the establishment of multi-purpose senior citizen centers at Roseau and Oklee respectively. Also, funds were allocated to Middle River (\$3,085.95), Newfolden (\$750.00), Badger (\$23,106.00) and Red Lake Falls (\$10,687.00) for senior centers in those communities.

The Aging Program of the Commission continued to focus on its educational aspects. With "increased awareness" as a goal, the Commission sponsored two workshops with Title IV-A grant funds, the Maggie Kuhn Seminar (\$951.00) and an aging conference titled, "To Celebrate A New Day" (\$2,499.00). May, being Older Americans Month, a Health Fair was cosponsored with the local Red Cross Chapter. The Commission published and distrubited 6,500 "Senior Booklets" in the seven county area. These booklets were published for each county and listed various resources which senior citizens can utilize for dealing with problems.

Finally, the Aging Program continues to move in the direction of developing and using appropriate and timely information for strengthening decision making at the local level. The Region I aging network lends itself to this local decision making factor by including local senior citizen groups, county committees on aging, local and regional service providers.

Arts

The past year's activities emphasized the educational aspect of this program. Emphasis was placed on disseminating information pertaining to the arts to people and local units of government within the Region. "Northwestern Arts", the Commission's arts newsletter was published four times and reached a circulation of 550 copies. The libraries in the Region received copies of, "The Directory, A Handbook of Minnesota Arts Organizations on Tour", compiled by the Minnesota State Arts Board to provide information regarding programming options to sponsoring organizations.

Commission staff met with key resource people in the Region to get a better understanding of the needs in Northwestern Minnesota. This, in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Arts Advisory Committee will lead to a revised Arts Plan for the Region in the following year. Two workshops were conducted, one each in Ada and Lake Bronson. The purposes of these workshops were to inform potential project applicants of grant writing procedures as well as to publicize the arts happenings in the Region.

Following is a listing of projects which were funded in calendar year 1979. Their geographic distribution indicates an increasing awareness of the arts within the Region.

<u>Artists Unlimited of Lake Bronson</u> (fiscal agent Lancaster Public School District) \$434 - for classes on drawing skills.



<u>Crookston Community Theater</u> \$3,605 for musical production Music Man.

<u>University of Minnesota Crookston</u> \$319 - for a series of films and lectures.

Women's Division - Red River Valley Winter Shows \$840 - for a series of arts events (an arts show, five arts classes and a speech by an author with rural concerns).

Thief River Falls Community Arts Council \$500 - for a series of workshops to be held in conjunction with "Art in the Park '79".

<u>Settler's Fair Players - Marshall County</u> \$1,300 - for a melodrama to be presented in conjunction with the Old Time Settler's Fair.

Pelan Pioneer Park, Inc. \$1,340 - for Pioneer Heritage Art Fair local ethnic dance presentation.

<u>Goodridge Area Historical Society, Inc.</u> \$1,330 - for an exhibition of local artists and a historical pageant.

<u>Chamber of Commerce as Fiscal Agent for East</u> <u>Grand Forks Arts Council</u> \$1,364 - for a Juried Show of Regional Artists, available to other towns for exhibit.

Polk County Board of Commissioners as Fiscal Agent for Tri-County Community Corrections \$1,900 - for a series of workshops in creative writing, pottery and drawing. Also the offender's drama - Nexus.

<u>Community Education of East Grand Forks</u> \$965 - for Community Theater production Our Town.

Fosston Jaycee Women \$1,220 - for a series of workshops for children ages 5-12 in arts and crafts, puppetry, dance, pin hole photography and woodworking. Fosston High School \$260 - for a Regional Traveling Exhibit of the works of young artists.

Lancaster Public School as Fiscal Agent for Artists Unlimited of Lake Bronson \$736 - for a guest instructor in use of acrylics.

East Polk County 4-H Leaders \$287.50-for a photography workshop.

Lancaster Public Schools as Fiscal Agent for Artists Unlimited of Lake Bronson \$635 - for three painting workshops.

Northwest Regional Library in Thief River Falls \$1,040 - for three poetry workshops.

Fosston Jaycee Women \$479 - for a one day event of six arts and crafts workshops.

Women's Division - Red River Valley Winter Shows \$600 - for a series of arts and crafts workshops.

<u>Chameleon Theater - Thief River Falls</u> \$445 - for a Christmas production <u>The Nutcracker</u>.

Criminal Justice

Criminal justice planning has been established at the regional level to provide local input and direction to criminal justice programs and policies both within the Region and at the state level. The past year has found the Commission working with the Minnesota Crime Control Planning Board and the other regional planning areas to plan and review criminal justice activities while maintaining a constant flow of ideas and information.

In completing the Annual Action update of the FY 1979 Criminal Justice Plan, the emphasis was on providing financial support, through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), for programs which followed guidelines established at the state and federal levels and yet also maintain a rural orientation. The Alternative Sentencing, Jail Treatment and Adjudications emerged as program areas of highest priority within the Region. These priorities were based on input from Advisory Committee members, statistical data contained in the Uniform Crime Reports, and suggestions from the general public.

The Commission was also active in reviewing programs and making recommendations concerning issues related to criminal justice. At the regional level, programs funded under the FY 1978 planning process were monitored by staff to determine any problem areas and to establish a basis for continued funding. Law Enforcement Consolidation and Management, Alternative Sentencing, and Juvenile Residential Treatment Needs Assessment were all active programs during 1979, supported by LEAA funds. The review process viewed these programs as significant contributors within the objectives established for their operation. Juvenile Residential Treatment Needs Assessment, which was a project designed to determine the need for a juvenile treatment center within Region I, was of special interest as it determined that even though there were juveniles that needed treatment, the number was much too small to support a center in the Region. The study instead recommended that these juveniles be treated in nearby centers already providing such services.

In addition to looking at local programs, the Commission was involved in issues which include a much wider scope. At the federal level, Congress has been in the process of reauthorizing LEAA and the effects of this new authorization have already been felt at all levels. Discussion on the form which administration and planning will take during 1980 and 1981 has created a constant interplay between state and local groups. The Commission has reacted by going on record to support efforts to insure that local direction of these programs is maintained.

Recommendations have also been made to the State Legislature on possible changes in Criminal Justice Legislation. Primary consideration is being given to changing laws which effect juveniles and the input of rural areas has differed in many respects from other areas. Due to the ability of smaller localities to more closely assess the impact of legal actions on individuals, the Committee has expressed the opinion that legal controls on juveniles should not be decreased.

Programs funded in 1979 were the following:

Region I Team Policing (all 7 counties served) -\$35,200

NW Alternative Sentencing, Corrections Center - 16,236

Juvenile Residential Assessment, Corrections Center 5,100

Project Self Help, Corrections Center - 6,928



Developmental Disabilities

Not only is the title a tongue twister but is also subject to frequent changes in definition. To a large extent it implies a certain degree of physical and/or mental impairment. There are approximately 500-1000 developmentally disabled residents in the Region.

Last year, the Commission completed the formulation of a regional DD Plan. It was formulated within the framework of a DD Advisory Committee meeting on a regular basis. The cross section representation on the Committee combined with staff research led to the identification of four general areas of concern:

- 1) Prevention and Early Intervention
- 2) Parent Education
- 3) Community Education
- 4) Respite Care

The DD Advisory Committee developed a subcommittee structure to address the above issues with the main thrust of their activities being in the area of disseminating public information. Presentations were made in area schools highlighting the benefits of prevention and early intervention. The Commission cosponsored (with the PACER Center, Region I Asssociation for Retarded Citizens, the Northwestern Mental Health Center and the Special Education Regional Consultant) two workshops in Crookston and Thief River Falls respectively. The focus of these workshops was to inform the parents of the developmentally disabled of their rights and services available as well as the responsibilities of the schools for educating handicapped children. The attendance at these workshops amounted to 80 people, parents and school personnel.

Polk County was the site for the organization of a cooperative baby-sitting service to be used by the parents of handicapped children. "Handicapped Awareness Week" was in May and the DD Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Crookston League of Women Voters, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the State Council for the Handicapped organized a series of events which included a radio interview, showing of movies and displaying pertinent information at the schools and issuing various news releases. A Public Information Workshop was held in November for the Valley Epilepsy Association. Its purpose was to discuss the merits and characteristics of effective communications.

In summary, the past year's activities revolved around disseminating information, educating, increasing awareness and building a better organizational structure to enhance our understanding of the problems which afflict the developmentally disabled in Region I.

Employment and Training

In the area of employment and training, formerly the manpower program, the Commission assists in providing local direction to employment and training programs within Region I. During the past year, this involved planning the course of action for Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) programs, providing local input into state and regional policy, and reviewing and prioritizing employment and training related programs within the Region. The year ahead will involve some changes and additions, indicating a new direction contained in the reauthorization which was finalized in April of 1979.

The planning process, perhaps the most involved portion in the employment and training program at the Commission, consists of completing a strategic plan for the operation of CETA progams. During FY 1979 these programs served over 2,500 persons within the Region. The program operators were the CETA centers at Crookston and Thief River Falls, Inter-County Community Council, and the Career Education Center at the University of Minnesota-Crookston. A major change in this planning process which covers FY 1980 (October 1979 to September 1980), has been the introduction of new significant segments and requirements for establishing service levels for those segments. The effect of these changes has been the inclusion of age, sex and race as the segments of the population which must be served by CETA programs at a level in keeping with their incidence in the popluation of CETA eligible persons. This is an important step because these service levels are based on statistical data rather than on a perceived need.

In addition to the significant segments established by the Department of Labor, public offenders and displaced homemakers were established as target groups within the Region, indicating that these groups were in need of special attention in terms of employment and training services. The Commission also set goals and objectives for the programs which sought to improve employment and training services by providing easier access for clients and by concentrating services in the areas of greatest need.

The employment and training program has been able to provide a forum for local input into the operation of state and local operations and policies. Recommendations were provided to the state on several issues such as Private Industry Council membership, establishment of Balance of State service levels, and restructuring of planning contracts and format. The result of this has been an atmosphere of open information exchange and continued movement towards improving and supporting CETA programs.

Another major task for the Committee was to review employment and training issues which the Commission must deal with during the year. This review role ranged from prioritizing Title VI special projects for funding to simply responding to the regional impact of programs funded by federal sources and related to employment and training. Some of the more important recommendations made during the year have been on what types of public service employment are needed, allocation of funds to operate the Career Education Center. a state operated Offender Services Coordination Program, the establishment of CETA education planning and granting of Youth Set-Aside money. Another part of the review process has also been a review of the impact of the planning process itself. This type of review provides a basis for input back into the next year's planning cycle and has shown places where changes at the planning level can provide better direction to operations. Examples of this during '79 have been the need for recommendations on the type and costs of services, a more formal approach to grant review and a look at closer integration of the various program operators.

There will be changes in these programs during the next year. Legislative concern points towards an emphasis on providing services to a narrower and more severely disadvantaged sector of the population. Public service positions will be reduced with an increase in efforts to make better use of private sector involvement. Monitoring, assessment, and evaluation will be a priority concern. These changes are already being reflected in programs at the Regional level and will continue to induce restructuring. Funds awarded during 1979 were the following:

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Total IIB CETA Centers Inter County U of M	867,068 761,133 90,801 15,134
Total IID	886,538
Total III	1,251,942
Youth Employment & Training Progam Subtotal U of M Inter County CETA Centers	159,222 6,361 69,705 83,156
Help Through Industry Retraining and II Subtotal CETA Centers	Employment 126,555 126,555
Skill Training & Improvement Program Subtotal CETA Centers	420,532 420,532
Youth Community Conservation and Im Project Subtotal	provement 126,881
Inter County	126,881
Summer Youth Employment Program Subtotal Inter County	418,752 418,752



Economic Development

The decade of the Seventies witnessed increases in population, employment and incomes in Region One. It also witnessed high inflation rates fueled by rising energy costs. Farm incomes climbed dramatically in the early Seventies only to decline later. The decade came to an end with the Region's economy showing signs of stress as manifested by the general erosion of buying power.

During the past year the District Overall Economic Development Program was revised and submitted to the Economic Development Administration in the Commerce Department. The expected approval would lead to the designation of Region One as an Economic Development District. This would improve the responsiveness of the Commission's economic development planning efforts in Northwestern Minnesota.

There are 56 communities in the seven county area and as part of strengthening the economic development planning efforts of the Commission, socio-economic profiles were started to be developed on each and every community. Emphasis was and is being placed on determining the physical infrastructural needs of these communities. Providing assistance to meet those needs is an integral part of the Commission's operations. As a subscribing member of the Government Information Service in Washington, D.C., the Commission developed an improved ability to respond to requests for economic development assistance.

In addition to the development of community profiles, initial efforts were undertaken to improve our understanding of the private business sector. This was done by using a business survey to assist communities in determing the needs of their business communities; a systematic interfacing of the private and public sectors being vital to the long term economic viability of rural communities and their basic well being. Increasing amounts of requests were received from businesses for different types of assistance ranging from capital requirements to intergovernmental cooperation.

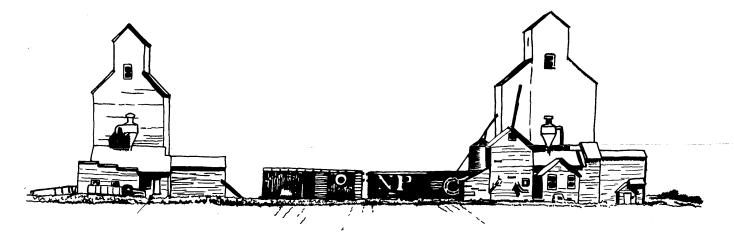
Recognizing the crucial importance of pertinent and timely information for economic development planning, socio-economic variables were defined for the establishment of a computerized information system. This would considerably enhance the quality of applied research and technical and planning assistance. Last year also witnessed continuing efforts to apply a ''holistic'' approach to the Commission's various program areas by taking into account inter-relationships between areas such as aging, manpower, economic development and land use. This is expected to continue in the future.

Housing

Considerable emphasis was placed on developing the most current and pertinent information for the housing sector. Building on the previous year's research of "Attitudes of Low-Income Households toward Basic Housing Alternatives'', the Commission undertook a survey of all communities in the seven county area. The purpose of this survey was to determine the housing needs of low income families and senior citizens as perceived by community leaders. Concurrently, an inventory of existing subsidized units was compiled for the entire Region. This information combined with the statistical data developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development forms the foundation for a Regional Housing Allocation Plan to be published in 1980. This Plan provides a means for fair and equitable distribution of housing resources throughout the seven county area.

Significant portions of the Region's housing stock show wear and tear due to age. An ongoing aspect of the housing program has been the provision of assistance in the form of germane information to communities, housing developers and banks. This facilitates the accessing of resources from diverse sources such as Farmers Home Administration, Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The last ten years have witnessed substantial efforts to improve the housing stock in the Region via rehabilitation and replacement programs. HUD has invested \$2.8 million in 785 units, FmHA \$6.5 million in 404 units and MHFA has invested \$17.5 million in 1,333 units. Energy conservation programs operated by the community action agencies have made weatherization improvements to an estimated 2,500 additional units. However, during those same years the amount of needs have also increased. This is especially the case in the area of housing for senior citizens. The highlight of the



Commission's housing program in the last year has been the creation of a data base and a system to update and upgrade it regularly. This will contribute substantially in improving the decisions made to allocate scarce resources to meet the housing needs in Region One.

Land Management

The Commission's Land Managemen't Program of 1979 was quite different from that of previous years. The emphasis of the 1979 program focused on two major concerns: development of a natural resource management information system (NRMIS) for the seven county area and provision of technical assistance in two broad areas - public lands classification and laying the ground work for the development of model municipal and township planning processes.

Of most consequence during this past year was the effort to bring on line a systems approach for natural resource management within the Region. A conscious decision was made to initiate the effort along the lines of a pilot project structured to address an existing issue. The issue agreed upon was the long standing public land classification dispute between the Department of Natural Resources and Marshall and Roseau Counties. The fundamental purpose of the NWRDC's involvement was to focus the issue in geographic terms through the illustration of areas of agreeance/disagreeance based upon each party's previous classification efforts. The objective of reformating the original classification effort was to provide a common language from which to base renewed negotiations to resolve the issue. In November the counties, supported by the information revealed by the mapping efforts, began a second round of negotiations with the DNR following the impasse which stalemated the negotiations in 1976. In the near future the Commission hopes to bring the system on line in other areas of the Region, eventually to serve as the backbone of the Commission's Land Management Program.

A second area of intensified effort was directed toward laying the groundwork for developing model municipal and township planning processes. This effort was initiated in response to comments received at a Commission sponsored Land Management Workshop held in July. The concern of many local officials in attendance was that even though they realized the potential benefits of a planning program a great deal of confusion existed as to what a planning process consists of, how to get started and who to contact for assistance. In response, townships and small communities interested in serving as a test case for refinement of model processes were solicited. Black River Township (Pennington County) and Grygla (Marshall County) expressed interest in such an approach and were selected. Initial organizational meetings were held in October with each local unit. The actual planning process for each is anticipated to begin early in 1980.

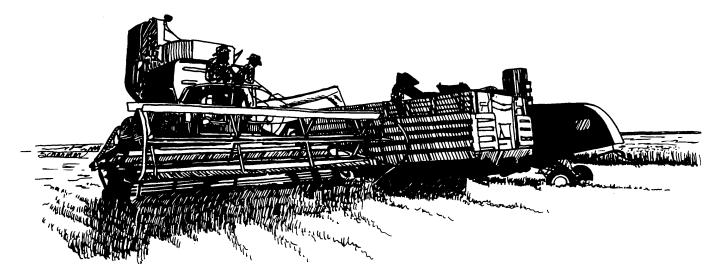
Other land management related activities during the year included sponsorship of a seminar for local officials at Red River Valley Winter Shows (February), sponsorship of a Land Management Workshop addressing the ''nuts and bolts'' of ordinance adminstration and policy plan formulation (July) as referred to above and initiation of the process of updating the Commission's Land Mangement Policy Guide. The last effort consisted of an inventory in July to update the Commission's knowledge of existing local government land management programs, policies and issue areas. The inventory will provide a foundation from which to update the Commission's policies, an effort scheduled to be completed in June 1980.

Water Resources

During the past year the Commission's Water Quality Management (WQM) Committee completed two major planning efforts - the 208 Water Quality Management effort for which the Committee was formed and the Framework Water and Related Resources Planning efforts coordinated by the State Water Planning Board.

December marked the completion of a three year effort to advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as to how to best abate/control non-point source water pollution problems effecting Northwestern Minnesota.

Non-point source (NPS) water pollution is defined as pollution whose sources cannot be pinpointed but which can be best controlled by proper soil, water and land management practices. The ten categories considered



by the committee were: agricultural (sedimentation/ erosion and nutrients), pesticides, construction (general and road), forestry, mining, residual wastes, feedlots, urban runoff, highway deicing chemicals, and roadside erosion.

In considering these non-point source categories, the Committee analyzed the extent to which a problem/ potential problem exists, problems/opportunities with existing programs, and alternative program strategies which will lead to controlling/abating an existing or potential problem. Not all of NPS categories listed above were considered to be presenting a problem in Region I. Those NPS categories which the Committee felt should receive increased emphasis were: agriculture (sedimentation/erosion and nutrients), pesticides, roadside erosion, feedlots, and construction activities. The remainder of the NPS categories were felt to be of little or no detriment to water quality in the Northwestern portion of Minnesota.

The management programs recommended ranged from "further study" for those NPS categories where an adequate base line data are not presently available to mandatory implementation of "Best Management Practices" where a problem is clearly identified and presents a significant detriment to water quality. In retrospect, the recommendations of the Region I Committee were well intune with the plan as adopted by the State Task Force - emphasizing maximum local control and program flexibility to address the individual concerns of each Region. Copies of the State Plan Quality Managment Plan are available upon request at the Commission offices in Crookston.

Participation in the State Water Planning Board's (WPB) effort to develop a Policy Framework for the management of Minnesota's water and related resources was also a responsibility of the Commission's WQM Committee during 1979. The Committee began this effort early in 1978 - making its final recommendations to the WPB in June of 1979.

The WPB effort, like the 208 WQM effort, was based upon active involvement of each Regional Development Commission. The thrust of the Committee's recommendations dealt with: 1) the establishment of the state water resources coordinating body which would have binding authority for inter-agency conflict resolution, 2) increased emphasis on the initiation of water management planning at the local level consistent with state policy guidelines, 3) development of a statewide flood damage reduction grant-in-aid program, 4) repeal of the existing priority system, replacing it with a more flexible system capable of meeting area needs in critical situations, 5) improved data collection and dissemination and 6) the citizen participation element of planning process to be continued by the state coordinating body.

A major component of the Committee's efforts in each of these program areas was an emphasis on citizen participation. The Committee's ex-officio membership numbered in excess of 250 persons, each of which received the minutes and agenda for each meeting. An effort was also made to meet at as many locations throughout the Region as possible as well as sponsor several public information forums to encourage input from local decision makers. At this time the Committee members and staff wish to express their gratitude to the many people who have contributed to the Committee's decision-making processes.

It is anticipated that in the near future any efforts on the part of the Commission regarding water resources will be directed primarily at issues of regional rather than statewide significance.



Transportation

During 1979, the Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee was actively involved in a planning and priority setting process in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT). The major task in which the Committee was engaged during the year revolved around the final phases of the State Transportation Plan. This Plan was developed by Mn/DOT for the purpose of charting a future course for all modes of transportation within the State. The NWRDC Committee focused in directly on the transportation system within Region I, where highways, rails and airports are the prime facilities. The Committee examined various alternatives for the near term future and recommended priorities to meet the pressing needs for facilities to move people and products. The Committee heavily emphasized the continuing need for upgrading highway facilities in the area to accommodate the movement of agricultural and other products.

Committee recommendations were acted upon by the Commission and then were forwarded on to Mn/DOT for consideration and inclusion into the statewide transportation program. The Committee has continued to be involved in reviewing construction and maintenance projects within the area. In the coming year, the NWRDC will continue to be actively involved in the increasingly critical decision making processes affecting the transportation system.

Technical Assistance

The Local Affairs Division of the Commission provides technical assistance to local units of government and agencies in the areas of planning and grantsmanship. The central theme of the Commission's technical assistance program is to assist communities and other local units of government access resources which will contribute to the solutions of socio-economic problems. For example, assistance has been and is being provided to a number of communities in assessing the private business sector. From this will emerge information which will be used to access appropriate resources and undertake investments which lead to socio-economic growth.

The provision of technical assistance is an ongoing aspect of all the program areas. Grant writing assistance was provided to a number of communities interested in establishing senior citizen centers. Financial management workshops were conducted for grant recipients in the Aging Program. Similar assistance was given in the Arts Program. In other areas, technical assistance manifested itself in the form of developing appropriate and timely information for problem-solving. For example, the Commission staff provided computerized maps to two counties to assist them in their attempt to resolve the public lands issue.

During the past year, the technical assistance aspect of the Commission's operations has increased substantially and it is expected to further expand in the coming year. If you need assistance in locating sources of funds for community development projects, statistical information for grants or planning assistance, contact the NWRDC.

A-95 Review and Coordination

One of the tools used by the Commission to perform its coordinative functions is the A-95 review process. In its capacity as the Regional Clearinghouse, it reviewed 203 project proposals during 1979. These projects fell into the general categories of physical, social and economic development which are program areas that the Commission is involved in. The Commission submits its comments on project applications to the funding agencies and/or the applicants.

Upon receiving a project notification, contact is made with local units of government and pertinent agencies which may be affected by or interested in the project and their comments are requested. Clearinghouse review does not guarantee or deny the funding of a project. Rather, it provides the funding agency with better guidelines to base their decisions on. One of the objectives of this review process is to prevent unnecessary duplication of services which might be wasteful in nature.

Following is a list of all proposed projects reviewed by the Commission in 1979. The total amount of funds requested was a sizable \$120 million. A key to various funding agency abbreviations is attached at the end of the project list.



Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Agency
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	\$ 30,584	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	122,100	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	166,000	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	166,600	Mn/DOT
Agassiz Health Systems, Inc.	Agency Renewal Grant	199,059	HEW
Inter County Community Council	Administration Grant	172,852	CSA
Norman County Social Services	Chore Services	21,519	NWRDC
Roseau County Committe on Aging	Good Neighbor Transit Program	13,259	NWRDC
University of Mn., Crookston	Information & Referral	16,210	NWRDC
Norman County	Bridge replacement	453,000	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	100,000	Mn/DOT
Dept. of Economic Security		8,489,108	USDOL
Dept. of Economic Security Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title II YCCIP	9,361,658 365,326	USDOL
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title III	1,595,032	USDOL
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title VI	9,164,033	USDOL
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title II	3,095,065	USDOL
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title IV	405,859	USDOL
Plummer	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	NA	USEPA
Fertile	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	NA	USEPA
Tri-County Corrections	Self Help Program	2,172	LEAA
Inter-County Community Council	Rural Home Renovation	137,138	RDC
NW Community Action Agency	Home Start	225,954	HEW
Minnesota CAP Association	Administrative State Program	47,500	ĊSA
Gary	Water System	650,000	FmHA
Inter-County Community Council	Summer Youth Program	6,000	CSA
Dept. of Economic Security	Title IV SYEP	2,465,303	USDOL
Brooks	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	07.070	USEPA
University of Minnesota	Pilot Adzuki Bean Processing	67,078	
Red Lake County	Bridge replacement	939,500	Mn/DOT
Kittson County Rod Lake County	Bridge replacement	177,000	Mn/DOT Mn/DOT
Red Lake County Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Bridge replacement Food & Nutrition Program	50,160 20,000	CSA
University of Mn, Crookston	Youth Program	58,443	DOL
Inter-County Community Council	Child Abuse Program	84,280	HEW
NWRDC	Developmental Disabilities Plan	21,794	Mn DDC
Nelson/Otterkill	Warroad Apartments		MHFA
NW Community Action Agency	Administrative Grant	631,628	OEO
Northwest Mental Health	Apartment Living-Training	270,000	FmHA
Springcroft Partners/Halstad	Low rent housing	520,000	FmHA
Springcroft Partners/Fertile	Low rent housing	780,000	FmHA
Springcroft Partners/Argyle	Low rent housing	780,000	FmHA
Springcroft Partners/Roseau	Low rent housing	614,000	FmHA
Warroad	Street improvements	1,373,000	FmHA
Warroad	Utility improvements	280,000	
Kittson County	Bridge replacement Bridge replacement	187,945	Mn/DOT
Kittson County Kittson County	Bridge replacement	77,720 151,000	Mn/DOT Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	500,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	15,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	22,000	Mn/DOT
Erskine	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	28,600	USEPA
Kennedy	Public Facility	300,000	HUD
Goodridge	Water Systems Improvements	380,000	HUD
Gary	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	, -	USEPA
Twin Valley	Street, Curb, Gutter	936,463	HUD
Karlstad	Community Center	297,000	HUD
Warren	Sewer & Water Extension	58,400	HUD
Trail	Central water system	195,000	HUD
East Grand Forks	Comprehensive Community	1,090,000	HUD
Warroad	Development Program	050 000	
vvari Uau	Site for Housing, Senior Citizen Activity Center	350,000	HUD
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Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Agency
Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake Comm. Health Services	Request to include Roseau County in Community Health Services	NA	MDH
Middle River	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	20,377	USEPA
Argyle	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	21,068	USEPA
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	57,257	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	125,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	100,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	100,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	90,000	Mn/DOT
Crookston	Water Supply System	5,848,100	FmHA
Fisher	Street improvements		FmHA
Goodridge	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	18,150	USEPA
Roseau Čounty	Culvert Installation	15,000	Mn/DOT
Oklee	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	19,150	USEPA
Norman County	Culvert Installation	36,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Culvert Installation	115,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Culvert Installation	55,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Water Control Project	168,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacement	15,000	Mn/DOT
Northwest Developers (TRF)	Family Restaurant	480,000	FmHA
Thief River Falls	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	69,000	USEPA
Marshall-Polk Rural Water System	Rural water system extension	550,000	FmHA
Green Thumb, Inc.	Senior Citizen Employment	1,264,732	USDOL
Red Lake Watershed District	Burhnam Creek improvement		Mn SCS
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	74,150	Mn/DOT
Northwest Economic Dev. Corp.	Operational Loan	100,000	FmHA
Roseau Area Hospital	New clinic building	800,000	FmHA
Nielsville	Water Main replacement & Ext.	52,000	FmHA
Mn. Dept. of Economic Security	CSA Housing Epeditor Program	300,000	CSA
Kittson County	Bridge replacements	389,000	Mn/DOT
Marshall County	Bridge replacements	130,500	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacements	374,000	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacements	450,000	Mn/DOT
Red Lake County	Bridge replacements	118,000	Mn/DOT
Roseau County	Bridge replacements	325,000	Mn/DOT
Dept. of Economic Security	Weatherization Assistance	9,717,400	DOE
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Rural transportation program	84,760	Mn/DOT
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	177,000	Mn/DOT
Pennington County	Bridge replacement	294,000	Mn/DOT
Northwest HRA	Elderly Housing units	10.007	HUD
Gary	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	49,837	USEPA
NW Community Action Agency	Youth Conservation & Community Improvements	109,500	DOL
Roseau County Historical Society	History Interpretation	2,190	MHS
Dept. of Economic Security	Prime Sponsorship	750.050	USDOL
Agassiz Family Health Care	Expansion of Service	750,259	HEW
Grygla	Fire Hall	55,000	FmHA
Dept. of Natural Resources	Park & Recreation	699,000	BOR
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Summer Youth Recreation	6,000	CSA
Springcroft Partners/Karlstad	Low rent housing	614,400	FmHA
Springcroft Partners/Hallock	Low rent housing	921,600	FmHA
Dept. of Economic Security	Title IID and II Ceta Modification	440 500	DOL
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Administrative Grant	118,500	CSA
Congegate Housing, Inc. Pennington County	Elderly Housing Recreation	670,000	HUD
Winger	Tennis Courts	25,000 34,400	LAWCON LAWCON
Warroad	Recreation	243,000	LAWCON
Karlstad	Recreation	48,500	LAWCON
Hallock	Acquistion	40,000	LAWCON
Dept. of Economic Security	Ex-offenders program	33,308	USDOL
Fast Grand Forks	Flood Plain property acquistion	654,000	HUD
Greenbush	Pelan Park Water System	5,582	LAWCON
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Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Agency
Lancaster	Recreation Field	24,000	LAWCON
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA Title II	3,831,177	DOL
Pennington County	Bridge replacement	352,500	Mn/DOT
Tri-County Corrections	Alternative Sentencing Program	22,166	LEAA
Polk County	Misdemeanor Prosecutions	15,921	LEAA
Pennington County	Jail treatment program	19,259	LEAA
Dept. of Economic Security	CETA programs	22,869,496	USDOL
Four-County EPS Program	WIC program	35,697	MDH
Multi-County Nursing Service	WIC program	422,277	MDH
Marshall County	4 track tape recorder for court	16,000	LEAA
Springcroft Partners/Twin Valley	Low rent housing	780,000	FmHA
Ronald & Kathryn Johnson	Expansion of Standard Oil	645,000	FmHA
Fallet-Erickson	Elderly housing	250,000	FmHA
Norman County	Bridge replacement	45,210	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	98,632	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	40,686	Mn/DOT
NW Community Action Agency	Housing Counseling Agency	100,000	FmHA
Nielsville	Fire Hall	75,000	FmHA
Climax	Community Center	86,000	FmHA
NW Community Action Agency	Weatherization Program	67,275	DOE
NWRDC	EDA Planning Grant	60,000	EDA
Red Lake County	Bridge replacement	58,000	Mn/DOT
Upper Great Lakes Regional Comm.		150,000	St. of Mn.
Polk County	Bridge replacement	85,835	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	68,200	Mn/DOT
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Weatherization Program	238,946	DOE
Retired Senior Volunteer Citizens	Volunteer Program	39,773	ACTION
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Senior Meals Activity	318,509	Mn/BOA
Pennington County	Bridge replacement	70,000	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	19,057	Mn/DOT
Hallock	Nursing Home	1,625,000	FmHA
NWRDC	Criminal Justice Planning	25,000	
Mn CAP Association	Emergency Energy Conservation Bridge replacement	55,000	CSA Mn/DOT
Norman County Norman County	Bridge replacement	42,000 37,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	225,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	127,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	149,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	63,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	40,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	40,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	58,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	80,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	41,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	63,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	91,000	Mn/DOT
Marshall County Historical Soc.	Soo Line Depot Preservation	59,646	MHS
Brooks	Step I Wastewater Facility Plan	21,600	USEPA
Polk County	Community Health Plan	336,476	MDH
Inter-County Community Council	Weatherization Program	279,732	DES
Mn. Dept. of Corrections	Mn. Jail Resource Center Standards & Accreditations	33,333	LEAA
Dept. of Economic Security	Displaced Homemakers	150,000	USDOL
Multi-County Bd. of Health	Family Planning	20,524	MDH
St. Hilaire	Water Systems Improvements	431,000	HUD
Dept. of Economic Security	Energy Crisis Intervention	undetermined	CSA
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	48,852	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Developmental Achievement Cente		HUD
Fertile	Medical Clinic	125,000	HUD
Goodridge	Water System	380,000	HUD
Plummer	Street Improvement	503,800	HUD
Lancaster Homes, Inc.	Elderly Housing Units	300,858	FmHA
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Applicant	Project	Total Project Cost	Funding Agency
Minnesota Crime Control Board	Community Prevention Services	58,548	LEAA
Alvarado Development Corporation	Elderly Housing Units	216,000	FmHA
Marshall County	Middle River Improvements	1,314,000	HUD
Becker-Mahnomen-Norman Countie		950,771	MDH
Kittson-Marshall-Penn-Red Lake	Multi County Nursing Service	1,388,748	MDH
Roseau Counties			
Riverview Hospital Ass'n.	Early Childhood Intervention	88,847	HEW
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	94,000	Mn/DOT
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	151,500	Mn/DOT
Red Lake County	Bridge replacement	48,085	Mn/DOT
Red Lake County	Bridge replacement	294,305	Mn/DOT
Kittson County	Bridge replacement	31,000	Mn/DOT
Marshall County	Bridge replacement	96,000	Mn/DOT
Norman County	Bridge replacement	500,000	Mn/DOT
Pennington County	Bridge replacement	450,000	Mn/DOT
Polk County	Bridge replacement	30,000	Mn/DOT
Agassiz Health Systems	Operational Grant	225,000	HEW
Inter-County Community Council	Head Start Program	115,840	HEW
Polk County	Bridge replacement	68,591	Mn/DOT
Marshall County	Bridge replacement	242,000	Mn/DOT
Grygla Farmers Elevator	Refinancing & Acquistion	450,000	FmHA
Crookston	Land Use Planning	12,000	SPA
Ripley Alliance for	Community Education	15,595	LEAA
Battered Women		10,000	
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	Transportation Services	57,530	UMTA
Alvarado	Street Improvements	922,000	FmHA

Funding Agency Identification

BOR	Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
CSA	Community Service Administration
DE\$	Department of Economic Security
DOE	Department of Energy
DOL	Department of Labor
EDA	
FmHA	
HEW	
HUD	
LAWCON	
LEAA	
MN BOA	
MN DDC	
Mn SCS	
MDH	
MHS	
Mn DOT	
NWRDC	
OE0	
RDC	
SPA	
UMTA	
USDOL	
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

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1979 Area Plan for Programs on Aging

1979 saw the completion of the Northwest Regional Development Commission's second full year as the Area Agency on Aging. A maturing process for the Aging Program took place during 1979. With many of the basic functions in place, the Aging Program tended to look at more specific concerns as listed in the 1979 Area Plan. The Commission's Aging Program is carried out upon the recommendations of the Commission's Aging Advisory Committee. In the 1979 Area Plan emphasis is placed in the following areas: senior transportation, senior housing, senior employment, disaster preparedness, and senior centers in which four were funded. Also, the funding of several projects under Title III of the Older Americans Act and the funding of contracts to educate and train older persons and service providers.

Region I 1980 Criminal Justice Plan

The 1980 Criminal Justice Plan provides an annual update of the 1979 Criminal Justice Plan. This update reviews the priorities and problems areas as established for Region One and the State and then recommends appropriate program areas for grants under the Law Enforcement Assistance Act (LEAA) as well as areas which can be improved by the use of other resources.

The various subsystems of the criminal justice system; juvenile justice, law enforcement, adjudications and corrections; were examined separately and in relationship to each other. Recommended program areas for 1980 include alternative sentencing for adults and juveniles, jail treatment, and courts record management.

Regional Developmental Disabilities Plan

The DD Plan was developed around four areas of concern: Prevention and Early Intervention, Parent Education, Community Education and Respite Care.

Employment and Training Plan FY1980

The Employment and Training Plan (formerly the Manpower Plan) provides regional direction for the operation of Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) programs. This Plan describes and analyzes the Region One area in terms of geographics, economics, skill shortage occupations, labor surplus occupations, employment and training resources and future needs. The Plan then recommends program operators, target groups, service levels, resource allocation and goals for CETA programs during FY1980 (October '79 to September '80).

Framework Water and Related Land Resources Plan

The Commission participated in the step by step review of this Plan developed by the Minnesota Water Planning Board.

208 Water Quality Plan

The Commission was involved, most directly through its Water Quality Committee, in the step by step review of this statewide planning effort directed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

NWRDC Revised OEDP

The Commission's Overall Economic Development Program was revised in accordance with improvements suggested by the Economic Development Administration and by the Commission's Economic Development Advisory Committee.

County OEDP Updates

The NWRDC prepared updates for each of the counties Overall Economic Development Programs in 1979. These updates were necessary in order for the counties to maintain eligibility for funding from the Economic Development Administration.

Senior Citizens Booklets

Each of the seven county committees on aging (Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau) prepared a booklet entitled "Programs for Senior Citizens". Listed in the booklets are service agencies that pertain to that particular county. The booklets were compiled and printed by the Northwest Regional Development Commission from information provided by the service agencies listed. Funding for this project was made available under the Older Americans Act through the Northwest Regional Development Commission's Aging Program.

Director of Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

This publication lists services in advocacy, education and daytime structured programs, health and rehabilitation services, mental health, recreation, regional planning, residential services and social services available to developmentally disabled persons in Region I.

1978 Annual Report

The NWRDC's Annual Report for 1978 was prepared and distributed to members of the legislature and to local officials and citizens.

Northwestern Arts Newsletter

This is a newsletter published four times each year explaining programs in the Arts for Region I.

NWRDC Newsletter

Commission's newsletter which is published monthly.

FY '80 Work Plan

The Commission's fiscal year 1980 Work Plan was published in 1979. This document details the goals and objectives of the Commission in each of its program areas.

Commission Budget

CALENDAR YEAR 1979

CALENDAR YEAR 1980

REVENUES		REVENUES	
State Homestead Credit Local HUD 701 HUD 107 DES EDA Aging LEAA Dev. Dis. Peat WQM WPB Arts Other		State Homestead Credit Local HUD 701 HUD 107 DES EDA Aging LEAA Dev. Dis. DOT Arts Other	
TOTAL	\$306,045.01	TOTAL	\$319,380.00
EXPENDITURES		EXPENDITURES	
Salaries/Fringe Travel Per Diem Office Expense TOTAL	153,488.09 41,753.38 11,655.00 65,345.22 \$282,241.69	Salaries/Fringe Travel Per Diem Office Expense TOTAL	183,960.00 46,000.00 15,000.00 74,420.00 \$319,380.00

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