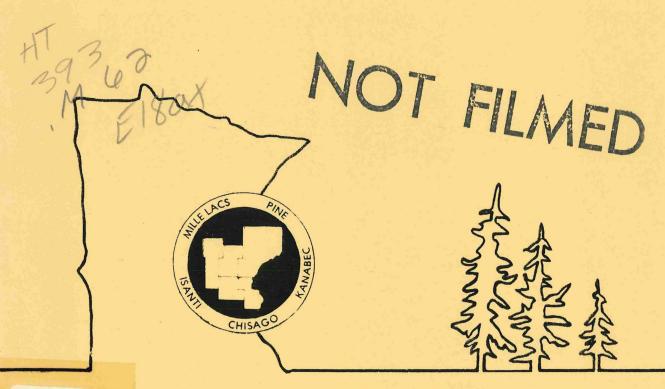


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

GLORIA HABECK, CHAIRMAN

This year marks the tenth year the East Central Regional Development Commission has been organized. We have accomplished much over these past years. We have opened lines of communication between all levels of government. We have developed policies and projects for the benefit of East Central Minnesota. We have also provided assistance to local governments in the planning and management of their resources.

I think this past years activities have demonstrated that by working together positive things can and do happen. An overview of our program accomplishments is provided in the following few pages. The work of the commission would not be possible without the help, assistance and commitment of many. The advisory committee members deserve a big thank you for sharing their time and expertise. The staff deserve thanks for the quality and timely work they have done. Our legislators deserve thanks for their interest in and support of our activities. Last but not least the Commission members deserve a big thanks. Their intuitive thoughts and careful guidance have made this past year a most productive year.

It has been my privilege to serve as chairman of the Commission this past year. As chairman I have represented the EC RDC on the Minnesota Association of Regional Commissions (MARC) Board. MARC provides a forum for discussing problems common to all RDC's. Region 7E also hosted the MARC annual conference this past year. I have represented the EC RDC at the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Federal Briefing in Washington. The changes happening at the Federal level related to local governments and Regional planning require us to keep lines of communication open.

The past ten years has produced many changes in East Central Minnesota. The East Central RDC has provided assistance that has made for positive change. I believe that with continued cooperation and participation by the citizens and elected officials in East Central Minnesota we can have another "10 Years of Progress".

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria E. Habeck Chairman

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 1983

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EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION STAFF

June 1983

Michael Sobota - Executive Director
Roger Ames - Human Services Planning Director
Tom Foley - Housing/Transportation Planner
Patrick Connoy - Economic Development Planner
Gordon Heitke - Natural Resources Planner
Phil Schroeder - Arts/Developmental Disabilities Planner
Kae Schroyer (through 6/10/83) - Human Services Program Planner
Dorothy Anderson - Human Services Program Assistant/Secretary
Doreen Holland - Bookkeeper/Secretary
Arliss Krawiecki (through 5/24/83) - Office Manager

This report covers the period July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983 and is submitted in accordance with MN Statutes 462.393 to the Minnesota Legislature.

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The East Central Region encompasses an area of 3,450 square miles and had a 1980 population of 99,779 persons distributed throughout 5 counties, 40 cities, 88 townships, 18 school districts, and 10 special districts, for a total of 161 political subdivisions. Having grown by 31% since 1970, the East Central Region is the fastest growing region in the State.

The EC RDC is an organization made up of and controlled by local elected officials and provides a mechanism for united intergovernmental planning, policy-making, and action. It is a single agency which represents and serves the five counties through assessing needs, planning to meet those needs and setting priorities for the growth and development in the East Central Region. 1983 marks the tenth year the Commission has been organized. Progress has been made in assisting the area develop to its potential.

The EC RDC normally meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at its offices located in Mora at 119 South Lake Street. In 1983, the EC RDC held a regular monthly meeting at least once in the other four counties in an attempt to be more accessible to the region's citizens and elected officials.

PURPOSE AND ROLE

The purpose of the EC RDC is to serve as a forum wherein local government, public and private interests and citizens can come together to plan for the orderly economic, social, physical and governmental development of the region through:

- Establishing goals, policies, and strategies which identify desired conditions for citizens living in the Region.
- 2. Coordinating the activities of the public and private sectors to avoid unnecessary duplication and improve the effectiveness of public programs.
- Developing a research center for data collection, storage and information distribution for use by local governments and citizens.
- 4. Combining and decentralizing certain State and Federal programs for multi-county planning into a single regional organization so as to eliminate duplication, achieve economies of scale and to increase local decision-making capabilities.
- 5. Providing technical and management assistance to local units of government in the conduct of local planning and grantsmanship activities.
- Supporting local, state or federal plans, policies, or programs which are consistent with EC RDC goals, policies and plans.

ACTIVITIES and RESPONSIBILITIES

REGIONAL PLANNING

The EC RDC serves as the comprehensive regional planning agency for the five counties of East Central Minnesota. A Comprehensive Development Plan for the Region was adopted in 1980. The Plan serves as the foundation for commission work activities.

The Comprehensive Regional Growth and Development Policy Plan:

- 1. Identifies local and regional problems and priorities and the organizations having responsibility for taking actions necessary to address these problems and priorities.
- 2. Establishes policy guides for use by the EC RDC and other organizations in both general and specific planning projects.
- 3. Guides EC RDC decisions when it reviews grant applications for State and Federal funding and when it reviews plans proposed for adoption by local units of government or independent boards, agencies and commissions.
- 4. Establishes funding priorities and allocation systems for use by State and Federal agencies when they make final decisions on grant applications.
- 5. Identifies areas within the region which are experiencing rapid growth and development, and specific strategies for use in managing this growth and development.
- 6. Provide a reference source and policy guide for investment and development decisions of the public and private sectors.
- 7. Enhance local elected officials and public monitoring of how effective certain programs are in meeting local needs and problems.
- 8. Identify legislative issues related to the region for our State and Federal elected officials.

PLANS, REPORTS, STUDIES & WORKSHOPS

During 1983, the EC RDC published several plans, reports and studies. The Commission also sponsored or co-sponsored workshops for local officials on various issues and programs. Listed below is a synopsis of each.

1983 Overall Economic Development Plan

The OEDP outlines current Economic Development issues and needs of the Region. The OEDP also serves as the basis for the EC RDC Economic Development Work Program. The Commission adopted the OEDP on June 27, 1983 upon the recommendations of the 5 County Boards of Commissioners.

1983 Area Plan Amendments for Aging

The Plan outlines needs and funding priorities for services to the elderly. Contained in the plan and amendments are specific goals and priorities for Older American's Act funds. The plan amendments were put together by local officials and citizens from all counties in East Central Minnesota.

Ranking of State Highway Improvements

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended a set of priorities for investing state highway funds in the East Central Region over the next twenty years. The priorities were adopted on November 22, 1982 by the East Central Regional Development Commission and forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Two of the three high priority projects have been programmed for construction.

Background Report on the Issue of Highway Jurisdiction

The Transportation Advisory Committee completed its initial study of the potential impacts of Highway Jurisdiction changes in the Region. The 1983 Legislature created a State Highway Study Commission to study highway jurisdiction. This report will help identify impacts to local governments of proposed changes.

Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Hinckley

The plan will assist in the development of subsidized elderly rental housing in the city.

Directory of Subsidized Rental Housing in East Central Minnesota

(6th Edition) - The directory has been updated to February 1, 1983. The report is designed for use by housing authorities and human service agencies to aid people on limited incomes in locating decent housing at a modest rent.

A Strategy to Obtain a HUD Small Cities Grant to Finance Housing Rehabilitation and Related Public Improvements

A brief outline to encourage local officials to consider applying for a Small Cities Grant to finance home repairs. The report is dated August 16, 1982.

City of Mora Draft Urban Service Area Plan

The plan is intended to assist the City encourage growth within the city and identify policies to accomplish this goal.

City of Foreston Growth Management System

The system includes a comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to assist the city manage growth.

Directory of Artists in East Central Minnesota

The publication consists of a directory of artists living in the Region and available for performances and exhibitions and workshops. The intent is to make local talent more available to the community at large.

1983 - 84 Arts Development Plan for East Central Minnesota

The plan identifies needs and issues related to the development of the arts and art activities in the Region. Funding for arts groups is provided for priority projects identified in the plan.

Newsletters and Public Information

The EC RDC published 10 regional reports, 3 Aging newsletters, and 4 Arts Quarterly's. These special publications receive wide distribution to keep local officials and citizens informed on current issues.

Regional Training Conference on Aging

Over 500 participants attended the event held in Princeton in October 1982. The workshops and training sessions promote discussion of issues pertaining to the elderly population.

Workshop on Volunteer Liability for Project Operators

This workshop was sponsored by the EC RDC Aging Program to provide information on insurance and other liabilities of project sponsors that use volunteers to deliver services to the elderly.

Workshop on Women and Aging

Co-sponsored with the Minnesota Gerontological Society this very successful workshop identifies issues related to being both a woman and elderly.

Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) Workshop

Co-sponsored by HUD the workshop held in June 1983 focused on assisting small cities put together UDAG projects for redevelopment and Economic Development. Over 25 local officials attended the workshop in Mora.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

During 1983 about 25% of the EC RDC's staff time went towards providing technical assistance to local governments, agencies, and citizens in the region. This assistance falls into three categories and is only available when requested.

Planning

Involves working with local planning commissions, councils and boards in preparing comprehensive plans, economic development plans, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and capital improvement programs to better enable local officials to deal with their future growth and development.

Grantsmanship & Financial Packaging

Involves writing grant and loan applications, providing information and/or conducting workshops which lead to the submission of a grant application.

Over \$1,000,000 has been awarded to local governments in the past year which can be directly attributed to EC RDC staff grantsmanship assistance. "The EC RDC maintains close working relationships with funding agencies and local governments to target specific assistance to specific needs."

Special Projects

EC RDC staff has the expertise to carry out various special studies and projects. During 1983 the EC RDC assisted the City of Mora develop a Star Cities Plan for industrial development. Mora was certified by the State of Minnesota as one of 12 Star Cities in the State.

The EC RDC also developed a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Hinckley. The project will enable the City to develop a site for elderly housing.

A loan application for a major business expansion for Assemblers Automated Inc., Rush City, was developed. The project will provide an additional 30+ jobs.

Other projects were completed during 1983 that directly benefit East Central Minnesota.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Transportation Advisory Committee expanded its membership to thirteen during the past year as the Committee took an increasingly active role in transportation planning. Five new members were added to represent township government as a study of highway jurisdictional issues was begun.

The East Central RDC was successful in convincing the State House of Representatives Committee on Transportation to hold one of its public hearings in Cambridge on September 27, 1982. The large turnout for the hearing indicates the importance of transportation to area residents. Over ninety people were present and transportation problems raised by citizens ranged from the need for additional highway revenue, the problems of unrecorded public roads, the loss of inter-city bus service, and the need for state funding of township roads.

The deregulation of the transportation industry by the Federal Government has caused rapid changes to occur within the industry. With this in mind the Transportation Committee reevaluated its role in transportation planning and revised its transportation issues paper to reflect emerging problems. One of the newest issues identified involves the ownership of public roads. The concern of the Committee was the possible impact of a large amount of state highway mileage being reassigned, or turned back, to local governments. A study of highway jurisdiction was initiated and a background report has been issued for local government and citizen review.

The East Central Regional Development Commission formally adopted its first ranking of long-range state highway construction projects for East Central Minnesota. The rankings were developed after extensive public debate and showed that the public and the East Central RDC favored the construction of major highway projects. Since the rankings were adopted, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has announced that its six-year construction program includes two of the three major highway projects supported by the East Central RDC, the Milaca to Onamia expressway and the Milaca Bypass with both projects located on Trunk Highway 169. The third project favored by the Commission, the Cambridge Bypass on Trunk Highway 65, has not been scheduled by the State Dept. of Transportation for construction in the near future.

Transportation Advisory Committee Members:

Ralph Bloomgren, Chairman, Cambridge Gregory Nikodym, Mora Richard Larson, Milaca Alton Jacobson, Cambridge Loren Jennings, Rush City Al Baxter, Princeton

Donald Horsmann, Finlayson Chester Steeves, Princeton Harold Eklund, Stanchfield Dorothy Jolstad, Mora Douglas Weiszhaar, Center City Donald Hubert, MN/DOT ex-officio

NATURAL RESOURCES and CONSERVATION PLANNING

The Natural Resources and Conservation Advisory Committee is responsible for addressing issues related to the physical development of the Region concerning the natural resources and land use. "The Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the EC RDC Physical Development Policies regarding the Region's physical environment."

The Natural Resource and Conservation Advisory Committee reviews and comments on local government and agency plans, grant and loan requests, proposed legislation, legislative studies and prepares reports concerning regional issues when needed. Technical assistance related to land use and natural resources of the Region was provided to local governments by assisting in the preparation of environmental reviews, comprehensive plans and growth management ordinances.

The physical development policies of the EC RDC were further implemented through the Committee's regional review process. Advisory reviews conducted by the Committee in the past year include:

- 1 Postal Facility Relocation
- 10 Park and Recreation Grant Applications
 - 2 HUD Mortgage Insurance Applications
 - 2 Comprehensive Plans of Local Governments
 - 3 Environmental Assessment Worksheets
 - l Environmental Impact Statement
 - 15 Governor's Council on Rural Development Grant Applications

This past year, the Natural Resources and Conservation Advisory Committee has initiated and been involved with a project to address the issue of local management of wetland resources. This project consists of the development of a guide to assist local units of government in evaluating and appropriately managing wetlands. This guide, when completed, will be published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for statewide distribution.

The Committee also prepared a proposal for a training workshop on the preservation of agricultural lands. The Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators (MACPZA) has developed this proposal into a course as part of a continuing education/voluntary certification program for local officials throughout the State.

Natural Resources & Conservation Advisory Committee members include:

Roger Bergman, Chairman, Isanti Fred Ahlgren, Mora Marvin Erickson, Mora Everette Koecher, Kerrick Robert Peterson, Isanti Jim Tuttle, Willow River Michael Barnes, Lindstrom Laurence Collin, Isanti Robert Hoefert, Isle Richard Larson, Milaca Art Schultz, Rock Creek

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The Economic Development Advisory Committee has the responsibility of advising the EC RDC on Economic Development issues, supervising the Economic Development Work Program and reviewing Economic Development projects which come before the Commission for Regional Review.

1982-1983 has been an economically depressed period for Region 7E, with unemployment topping 10% for 1982, many employee layoffs and little, if any, business expansion. Because of this the EDAC has had few projects to review and met only two times as a consequence. Nonetheless, the economic development program pursued a goal of laying the groundwork for development which would occur with the economic recovery.

The EDAC was responsible for organizing the Eastern Minnesota Economic Corporation (EMEC). Shares were sold and the EMEC was certified by the Small Business Administration as a 503 Development Company on March 8, 1983. A kick-off luncheon on April 9, 1983 was attended by over 60 business and public officials. U.S. Congressman James Oberstar made the certification presentation. A loan application for \$86,000 has been submitted on behalf of Assemblers' Automated in Rush City, and other applications were being processed at the end of Fiscal Year 1983.

Financial and organizational assistance has been provided to Rural Venture Inc. for the start up and operation of a vegetable growers and marketing coop.

Tourism groups in Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec and Pine Counties were assisted with their internal organization and with design of 4-color tourism promotion brochures. The EC RDC paid for design work and each of the groups raised double that amount for printing.

Assistance was provided to over 25 Region 7E small businesses in management, financing and organizational matters during 1983.

Through a contract for service the EC RDC has assisted Mora become certified as a Minnesota Star City for Economic Development, the only such city in 7E and one of 12 in the State. The EC RDC also assisted Isanti with attraction of two new firms and with plans to develop a public industrial park. The EC RDC also worked with several other communities to improve capacity for industrial development.

Economic Development Advisory Committee members include:

Andy Holzemer, Chairman, Onamia Roger Bergman, Isanti Arild Frederickson, Askov John James, Taylors Falls LeRoy Nagle, Pine City Patricia Peterson, Braham Mike Parent, Mora

REGION VII AREA AGENCY on AGING

The EC RDC is the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the nine (9) counties included in Regions 7E and 7W. Elderly people residing within the nine county planning and service area actively participated in a planning process which identified priority needs of elderly persons and targeted available resources to meet needs. The program emphasizes helping local units of government and service providers to "fill gaps" in the availability of needed services for the elderly in the Region. The EC RDC was able to assist local units of government and other organizations to develop new or expand existing services during 1983. These services are designed to enable the older person - particularly the frail homebound older person - to remain in their home and community rather than be institutionalized.

With technical assistance provided by the EC RDC, the community based congregate nutrition program was able to expand its program by opening new sites. The program also provides home delivered meals seven days per week to those not able to prepare food themselves or leave their home to obtain a well balanced meal. Other home delivered meal programs were also funded in Sandstone, and southern Chisago County and a new program was begun in Rush City.

Nutrition services remain a high funding priority of the AAA and represent an important part of the continuum of community based support services for the elderly in East Central Minnesota. In addition to nutrition services, a new home health care project was developed and funded in Chisago County. Other programs funded by the AAA and local sources included legal services, transportation, multipurpose senior centers and a chemical dependency counseling program in northern Mille Lacs County.

As an advocate for its older constituency the EC RDC provides opportunities for review and comment on plans and proposals at all levels of government. The Aging Advisory Committee recommends actions on matters pertaining to the well being of the elderly. It is believed these activities have had an impact on decisions made at the state and federal, as well as local levels of government.

EC RDC Aging Advisory Committee members are:

Fred Wahlstrom, Chairman - Mora S. R. Sonnichsen - Princeton Janice Usher - Cambridge A A Richner - Wyoming Pearl Olesen - Askov Connie Strandberg - Mora Trudy Swedberg - Isanti Madeline Miller - Willow River Clara Marihart - Bruno Grace Palm - Cambridge
Richard Ebnet - Sandstone
Phyllis Christianson - Foreston
Clifford Anderson - Almelund
Stephen Olson - Milaca
Lyle Hancock - Mora
Ray Cash - Onamia
Elaine Lucht - Cambridge
Ruth Nash - Willow River

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM

Staff and the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Advisory Committee have continued to be a regional information, referral and educational resource concerned with increasing awareness of, educating people about and advocating for, people with developmental disabilities.

The Committee and staff have assembled information files, a service inventory, and a resource library pertaining to developmental disabilities. We also are distributing the State DD Program's "Policy Analysis Series" reports and the review manual, "DD and Public Policy."

The DD Program is sponsoring two training projects for staff working with people with developmental disabilities: 1) In conjuction with Government Training Services and the Regions 6E and 5 DD programs, a training session for administrators in financial management, personnel, community relations and legal requirements is being developed. 2) With Pine Technical Institute the program is sponsoring a certification course for direct care staff in medication administration.

DD Staff worked with the Central MN Health Systems Agency (CMHSA) in developing criteria for review of applications for certificate of need for future group home development.

The program co-sponsored with the CMHSA and Cambridge State Hospital two forums on planning for future DD services: 1) "An Evaluation of Community Residential Programs for Mentally Retarded Persons", and 2) "DPW's Proposed Plan for the Funding of Services for the Mentally Retarded in Minnesota.

D.D. Committee Members Include:

Richard Revak, Chairman, Grasston Bruce Bohaty, Willow River Margaret Lindquist, Ogilvie Betty Scharn, Mora Eric Erickson, Bill Miller, Grasston Marlys Revak, Wyoming Sandi Bohaty, Willow River Fred Hoffman, Milaca Yvonne Lind, Cambridge Roger Deneen, Sandstone

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Housing, public facilities and cooperative efforts among local governments are the principal responsibilities of the Community Development Advisory Committee.

The East Central RDC began publicizing a state-run joint purchasing service that is available to local governments. Numerous local units of governments in the region have expressed their interest in using the service. In response to this interest, the East Central RDC initiated a small program to act as a clearinghouse for the joint purchase of materials for local governments in East Central Minnesota. This service will be expanded next year at the request of local governments.

Reduced federal and state funding for housing assistance programs restricted the number of housing reviews performed by the Community Development Advisory Committee during the past year. In spite of diminished housing funds, the Committee was involved in the review of three housing proposals that eventually were funded. Elderly housing projects were built in Ogilvie (15 units) and Isanti (20 units). Another project includes 27 units for both the elderly and families and is scheduled to be built in Pine City.

The East Central RDC staff prepared a tax increment financing plan for the City of Hinckley to assist in the purchase of a suitable site for an elderly housing project. A decision on funding for the project is not expected until October, 1983.

The East Central RDC staff assisted in the preparation of seven applications for Small Cities Block Grant funds during the past year. Two of them received grant awards: Pine County for \$600,000 to create a housing rehabilitation program to benefit 107 households; and, the City of Foreston for \$162,000 to build a new fire hall and repair twenty-two homes. The East Central RDC also has been hired by the City of Foreston to administer its Small Cities Grant.

Committee Members:

Barry Blomquist, Chairman, North Branch
Wallace Carlson, Lindstrom
Donald Peterson, Isanti
David Elling, Mora
Morris Eastlund, Mora
Albert Vanderwaal, Isle
Jim Tuttle, Willow River
Larry Hansen, Askov
William Jokela, Sandstone

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

During the last year, the Arts Council recommended and the EC RDC approved 26 arts development grants for a total of \$14,909. Projects funded included: a series of concerts at the branch libraries by folk singer Charlie Maguire; two concerts and an art show in Pine City; an artist residence in Cambridge featuring New York Artist Seynor Fogel; a series of art classes in design and composition in Mora; an art festival in Onamia; support of the state-wide artist newsletter, Art Paper; a two-day festival at the Kanabec County Museum; and a community theatre production in Braham.

The Arts Council has continued publishing the <u>East Central Arts Quarterly</u>, an eight page regional arts newsletter which contains information on the Arts Council's and other programs, profiles artists in the Region, highlights resources available to artists and arts organizations, and covers unique and significant projects in the Region. The Council also published a directory of the artists living in East Central MN.

The Council's receipt of a McKnight Foundation grant has allowed the Council the opportunity of working with a professional arts consultant, Barb Davis, in improving the Council's organizational and financial structure, long-range goal setting, and services to its constituents. A small amount of regranting funds went to the general support of eight local arts organizations.

The Council is also continuing its "Arts Showcase Program" which gives local artists the opportunity to participate in arts activities in their home or area communities. This past year the arts were "showcased" in Princeton, Mora, Center City, Milaca, and Pine City.

At the end of 1983 at the fairgrounds in Mora was the opening of IMAGE/83, a juried exhibition of the work of over 70 visual artists from throughout the 5-County area. Award winners funded by the McKnight Foundation and other selected works will be on display in other locations in the region.

Arts Council Members

Margaret Fait, Chairperson, Pine City Jay Andersen, Isle Michael Crummett, Isanti Val Arrowsmith, Stanchfield Morris Engler, Rush City Lloyd Hackl, Center City Gloria Habeck, Isle
Pat Becker, Milaca
Maurice Boudreau, Isanti
Donna Olson, Mora
Mildred Wahlstrom, Mora
Doug Davis, Pine City

REGIONAL (A-95) REVIEW

The EC RDC was designated by the Governor of Minnesota as the "Regional non-metropolitan clearinghouse" for the five counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine in March 1975.

"As a regional clearinghouse, the EC RDC is required by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Circular A-95 to encourage the coordination of state, regional and local planning and development efforts." The EC RDC is given A-95 responsibility for reviewing and commenting on project proposals for approximately 200 federal programs to see that all proposals are consistent with local and regional plans, goals and policies.

The Regional Development Act of 1969 broadened the EC RDC's review responsibility by giving it the authority to:

- Review and comment on long-term comprehensive plans of local governmental units within the Region;
- Review plans of independent boards and commissions and suspend such plans where potential conflict with regional plans exists; and
- Review all applications for federal and state grants or loans made by governmental units, independent commissions, boards or agencies within the Region.

The Regional (A-95) Review System is used by the EC RDC in carrying out its "clearinghouse" responsibilities. Upon receipt of a project notification, the EC RDC staff contacts agencies or individuals who may be affected by or interested in the project and requests their comments. EC RDC staff and advisory committees also submit comments after which the final EC RDC comments are made and sent to the applicant and to the funding source.

""in most cases, the Regional (A-95) Review Process does not guarantee or deny the funding of a project, but will inform the funding source whether the project is consistent with existing and proposed projects and plans in the Region."

The following pages identify the 53 projects reviewed by the EC RDC during 1983 and the action taken.

YEARLY REPORT OF A-95 REVIEWS COMPLETED 7/1/82 - 6/30/83

APPLICANT & (PROJECT)	APPLICATION TYPE	AMOUNT	FUNDING AGENCY	EC RDC ACTION
Chisago County (Bridge)	Grant Local	\$ 14,198 7,099	MN DOT	Positive
Rush City Christian Development Corp. (Housing)	Loan	1,232,200	HUD	Positive
Architectural Offices (Rush Oaks - Housing)	Loan Other	228,000 12,000	FmHA	Positive
Town of Amador (Sewer & Water)	Grant & Loan	790,440	FmHA	No Comment
Center City Housing Partnership (Housing)	Loan Other	286,900 15,100	FmHA	Positive
Family Resource Center (Services for Youth)	Grant Local	9,973 20,473	DEPD	Positive
City of Rush City (Community Development)	Grant Local	600,000 555,095	HUD	Positive
Chisago County (Housing Rehab.)	Grant	669,760	HUD	Positive
Taylors Falls (UDAG)	Grant	1,387,325	HUD	Positive
City of Rush City (Housing Rehab.)	Local Other	300,000 150,000	DEPD	Positive
Fredlund Architects Assoc. (Housing)	Loans Other	590,000 31,100	FmHA	Negative
William Jacobson & Assoc. (Housing)	Loans Other	564,300 29,700	FmHA	Positive
Cranberry Builders (Subdivision Reviews)	MTG Insur.		HUD	Positive
Timber Ridge Develop- ment Company (Subdivision Reviews)	MTG Insur.		HUD	Positive

APPLICANT & (PROJECT)	APPLICATION TYPE	AMOUNT	FUNDING AGENCY	EC RDC ACTION
	CHISAGO COUNTY (continued)			
City of Harris (Water Well)	Grant Local	\$ 63,500 63,500	FmHA	Positive
City of Rush City (UDAG Eligibility)	Eligibility		HUD	Positive
Chisago County (Bridge)	Grant		MN DOT	No Comment
	ISANT	COUNTY .		
Fredlund Assoc. (Meadow Edge - Housing)	Loans Other	570,000 30,000	FmHA	No Comment
Isanti County (Jail Construction)	Loans Local Other	2,100,000 300,000 100,000	FmHA	Positive
City of Cambridge (UDAG Eligibility)		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	HUD	No Comment
	KANAB	EC COUNTY		
Comfort Township	Plan	\$	1 20	Positive
Kanabec County (Housing Rehab.)	Grant	600,000	HUD	Positive
City of Mora (Commercial/Industrial Development)	Grant Loans State Local Other	600,000 100,000 77,000 40,184 575,300	HUD	Positive
City of Ogilvie (Water Improvements)	Grant Local	48,575 15,000	DEPD	Positive
City of Ogilvie (Water Improvements)	Grant Local	48,575 15,000	FmHA	Positive

APPLICANT & (PROJECT)	APPLICATION TYPE	AMOUNT	FUNDING AGENCY	EC RDC ACTION
	MILLE I	ACS COUNTY		
CIP (Housing - Milaca Group Home)	Loans	370,000	HUD	Positive
City of Foreston (Community Development)	Grants State Local Other	148,000 20,600 11,000 5,000	HUD	Positive
City of Milaca (Community Development)	Grant State Local Other	540,000 111,200 75,000 5,000	HUD	Positive
City of Princeton (Community Development)	Grant Local	600,000 218,000	HUD	Positive
City of Milaca (UDAG Eligibility)	Eligibility	,	HUD	No Comment
City of Onamia (Community Development)	Grants Local	17,750 1,080	HUD	Positive
William Jacobson Associates (Housing)	Loans Other	592,800 31,200	FmHA	Positive
Cyril Reinert (Isle - Housing)	Loans Other	285,000 15,000	FmHA	Positive
Professional Planning and Development (Housing)	Loans Other	290,700 15,300	FmHA	Positive
City of Foreston (Community Development)				Positive
City of Onamia (Sewer Improvements)			FmHA	No Comment
U.S. Postal Service (Wahkon)				No Comment
Rum River Agency (Housing)	Loans Other	750,000 39,480	FmHA	Positive

APPLICANT & (PROJECT)	APPLICATION TYPE	AMOUNT	FUNDING AGENCY	EC RDC ACTION
19 19 19	MULT			
Highway Planning and Research - MN/DOT	Grant		MN/DOT	No Comment
Central MN Health Systems (Operating Grant)	Grants	195,000	ннѕ	Positive
Lakes and Pines CAC (Career Development)	Grants Local	113, <mark>469</mark> 62,400	ннѕ	Negative
Governor's Council on Rural Development	Grants	- -	3	Positive Negative No Comment
Lakes and Pines CAC (Headstart)	Grants Other	386,925 96,731	ннѕ	Negative
	PINE	COUNTY		
City of Sandstone (Housing Rehab.)	Grant	264,000	HUD	Positive
CIP (Housing - Group Home)	Loans	370,000	HUD	Positive
Pine County (Housing Rehab.)	Grant	600,000	HUD	Positive
Dept. of Natural Resources (Outdoor Recreation)			Nat'l Park Service	No Comment
City of Sandstone (UDAG)	Grant Other	84,000 374,000	HUD	Positive
North Pine Assoc. (Housing)	Loans Local	684,000 36,000	FmHA	Positive
City of Askov (Community Development	Grant) Local	246,700 8,300	HUD	Positive
Professional Planning (Housing)	Loans Other	681,150 35,850	FmHA	Negative
City of Pine City (Plan)	Plan	 ,		Positive
City of Hinckley (Water Treatment)	Grant	250,000	FmHA	Positive

EC RDC ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 1984

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	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	1983	1984
MAY DEED		
MN DEPD		
Legislative Appropriations	\$ 43,876	\$ 43,876
Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev.	11,000	7,000
Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. 107 - T.A.	5,000	5,000
Army Corps of Engineers	9,950	-0-
Developmental Disabilities	15,625	15,625
MN State Arts Board	15,000	15,000
MN Dept. of Transportation	28,000	20,000
MN Board on Aging	74,888	76,000
Econ. Dev. Admn. (EDA)	56 ,987	50,000
Contracts Local Govt.	32,750	32,750
EC RDC Tax Levy	60,222	69,205
Interest Income	5,200	4,000
Total	\$358,498	\$338,456

EXPENDITURES

		EXPENDITURES		
		Fiscal Year 1983	Fiscal Year 1984	
Staff Salaries		\$181,619	\$190,348	
Staff Benefits		49,415	47,587	
Advisory Committees		4,000	4,000	
EC RDC Per Diem & Expense		9,000	8,500	
Empl. Dev. & recruit		250	250	
Membership & Subscriptions		1,000	1,500	
Telephone		10,000	10,000	
Postage		5,000	5,000	
Legal Notices		250	250	
Printing & Publication		2,500	2,500	
Copying		8,000	8,000	
Audit		3,500	3,500	
Vehicle Maintenance		500	500	
Insurance & Bonds		900	900	
Purchase of Equipment		16,667	15,000	
Office Supplies		3,000	3,000	
Maintenance of Equipment		500	1,000	
Staff Travel/Vehicle Lease		10,000	3,400	
Conferences		1,500	1,500	
Rent		16,280	18,154	
Services by Technical Consultants		24,130	7,933	
Contracts with Others		3,420	2,750	
Contingency		7,067	2,884	
	Total	\$358,498	\$338,456	