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163,000 in 5 counties
65 cites, 155 townships
4 distressed counties
In & Out migration.

Agriculture & Tourism
economic drivers.

Resilient Region culture of
collaboration
Your Resource for Sustainable Communities

The Resilient Region website was designed to be a unique source of information pertaining to economic vitality including environmental stewardship and quality of life impacts. As you work your way through the site you will learn how this was accomplished including our mission, vision, and guiding principles for plan development, as well as the strategic core team composition and the role of the advisory council. The website is also home to our progress in the transition of planning to implementation (see Implementation) to learn all about how we have maintained interest from the people of the region. You will be able to hear through video testimonials how important the process used was to bringing the region together, breaking down the silos and creating a united vision.

Resources are also available for local units of governments (LUG) including model comp plans, ordinances and policy analysis, and much more!

All this has been made possible by a group of Resilient Region Champions that are all working together to make this extraordinary vision a reality!
Together we...
Plan-Do-Learn-Adjust

• Regional plan; guiding principals honored
• Implementation; Distributed Leadership
  – Bootstrap approach; use existing resources first.
• Measure
• Share
  – even failures “compost happens”
Partnerships

- Community Foundations
- Federal
- Local government
- Private Sector
- Non-profits

shared ideas/issues....the value proposition
Ask: Who else cares about this?
Implementation Projects that required Efficiency and Effectiveness

**Connectivity**  
$2$ mill, state/DEED grant - Blandin Broadband Community.

**Economic Engines**  
$700K$ secured for SPROUT local Food HUB - crowdfunding access to capital.

**Energy**  
MN Power funds LUG solar projects, exploring community solar gardens for low income dev - $2$ mill application to RDF for solar schools.

**Housing**  
$6$ mill. HUD grant for Brainerd housing development - Service Member housing PUD.

**Efficiencies & Effectiveness**  
Shared Zoning position, shared staff & equipment, NJPA innovation funding and educational resources to LUGs - Hospitals subsidizing county SHIP program.

**Health Care**  
Choose Health - Mental Health collaboration

**Education & WF Dev**  
multi-school dist share Ag instructor, Career counselling, Bridges expanded - CEO program launched. Teacher professional dev plans customized.

**Natural Resources**  
Ordinance change on septic systems.

**Transportation**  
SR2S plan led to lighting in cities.
The goal of Hunger-Free Minnesota is to increase the number of meals available to food-insecure Minnesotans.

- Dr. prescribed CSA’s over 50 families w/pre & post health screenings
- CSA’s provided by over 50 LI minority growers
- Public Health, hospital nutritionists, Extension nutrition education.
- Chef cooking demonstrations
- Weekly referral services
- Equity and prejudice addressed
- Cooking utensils and essentials pd by State
- Evaluation, storytelling
- Sustained by hospitals

Data compiled by Dr. Stacey Stockdill, www.ensearchmn.com for Hunger-Free Minnesota
Natural Progression

Local plans & control that link to:

- Sustainable Communities – Resilient Region
- Wealth-Works Value Chain building
- Placemaking
An effective coordinating mechanism (culture of collaboration) exists WHEN:

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<th>Partners have a commitment to advance common good and shared vision WHEN........</th>
<th>A culture of collaboration exists WHEN......</th>
<th>Strong partnerships exist WHEN......</th>
<th>There are sufficient financial resources to support the coordinating mechanism WHEN.....</th>
<th>The coordinating entity has the leadership, capacity and respect to coordinate the work WHEN.....</th>
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<td>Partners have a shared understanding of the need of customers</td>
<td>Partners put the needs of the customers before organizational turf issues Partners exhibit civility and mutual respect</td>
<td>Clarity exists on roles, responsibility and accountability Key stakeholders participate</td>
<td>Resources are blended across funding streams to support coordination functions</td>
<td>The coordinating entity has a stake in the game.</td>
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Questions for Teams:

What are one or two potential guiding principles for this work in your community?

How will you decide who to partner with in this work?

How will you structure your implementation?
THANK YOU,

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