



Chapter 11- Implementation



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Executive Summary

The previous chapters of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan provide goals, policies and strategies that set a course for achieving Washington County’s vision for the next 20 years. County staff, appointed and elected officials, partner agencies, and residents will work together to implement this vision. The specific actions that will be taken are identified within each chapter as the strategies that respond to each goal and policy. This chapter identifies available resources and tools that can be used during plan implementation.

The following pages provide a list of tools and resources and their purpose, and identifies partner agencies for each of the plan elements. The identified tools do not provide a holistic view of all available resources or avenues for implementation, but serve as a resource for individuals who are taking action. This list should be tweaked and modified to respond to changes and accomplishments.

In addition to the tools listed within this Chapter, Washington County will continue to monitor the implementation of the plan, and the success of each outcome. The use of performance management tools and defined processes will aid in this process.

Performance Management

Washington County is committed to providing quality public services to its residents in an efficient, cost-effective, and responsive manner. The county’s performance management system uses data to guide decision-making, by setting objectives, measuring and reporting progress toward those objectives, and engaging in quality improvement activities when desired progress toward those objectives is not being made. The county recently adopted a Quality Improvement Plan to establish a framework for agency-wide quality improvement efforts. The plan will help programs to identify and select improvements to processes. The system has four primary components:

- Results and Standards – *Where do we want to be?*
- Measurement – *How will we know?*
- Quality Improvement – *How will we improve?*
- Monitoring and Communicating Progress – *How well are we doing?*

Departments have implemented performance management and continuous improvement into many of the programs and services discussed throughout the plan. Many county-level plans, including the Groundwater Plan, Solid Waste Master Plan, and Community Health Improvement Plan, define desired health and environmental results and further include methods for monitoring, evaluation, and quality improvement to track and improve progress. Much of this work contributes to the results outlined in this plan and activities will be measured by the system already in place.

At the county level, monitoring and communicating progress is achieved by the county’s Performance Measurement and Improvement Team. The team collaborates to develop the annual Performance Measures and Indicators report that highlights performance measures across all twelve departments and selects and prepares measures for participation in the annual State Standard Measures Program.

Chapter 4: Land Use

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Washington County Zoning Control	Manage rivers, lakes, streams and environmentally sensitive areas for the health safety and welfare of county residents.	Washington County
Washington County Strategic Plan	Guiding strategies for implementing the county’s vision, mission, goals and values.	Washington County
Buffer Ordinance	Enforce buffer along agricultural land adjacent to water bodies	Washington County
Shoreland Ordinance	Manage land within shoreline areas	Washington County
St. Croix Bluffland and Shoreland Management Ordinance	Manage Land within the St. Croix River District	Washington County
Washington County Floodplain Ordinance	Manage development within floodplains	Washington County
Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Ordinance	Enforce SSTS regulations	Washington County
Mining Ordinance	Manage mining operations	Washington County
Minnesota Statutes Chapter 138 (Historical Preservation)	Preserve historic resources where feasible	State of Minnesota
Washington County Historical Society	Interpret and preserve historic buildings, sites and properties	Washington County Historical Society
Official Map	Manage land within mapped area	Washington County

Chapter 5: Transportation

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Access Spacing Guidelines and Right-of-way Ordinance and Permitting	Used to enhance safety and maintain the capacity and mobility of important transportation corridors	Washington County
Cost Participation Policy	Determines the appropriate division of cost in funding cooperative highway projects, traffic signals, and bridge construction projects with MnDOT, municipalities, and other agencies	State of Minnesota, Municipalities, Other Agencies
County Highway Safety Plan	Statewide highway safety planning process to assist counties to proactively submit low-cost systematic safety projects for MnDOT to consider for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding	State of Minnesota
Eminent Domain	Legal process as guided by Minnesota Statute by which Washington County can take control of private land for the betterment or improved safety of the community	State of Minnesota
Maintenance Policy	Development and implementation of a maintenance policy will document the responsibility to maintain transportation facilities with MnDOT, municipalities, and other agencies	State of Minnesota, Municipalities, Other Agencies
Washington County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	Annual process by which Washington County sets aside funds dedicated to infrastructure improvements (e.g., roadway paving, pedestrian improvements, bicycle facilities, etc.)	Washington County, Municipalities

Chapter 6: Water Resources

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
One Watershed One Plan Initiative	County-wide initiative dedicated to preserving and protecting the County’s water resources	Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Services
Groundwater Management Area	State-designated area created for the protection and correct usage of water resources	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Green Infrastructure Pilot Grant Program Application	Financial assistance for communities looking to implement integrated water management solutions into their infrastructure	Metropolitan Council
Manufactured Home Park Preservation Equity Grant	Financial assistance to allow manufactured home parks to connect to the regional wastewater collection and treatment system	Metropolitan Council
Water Efficiency Grant Program	Financial assistance to support technical and behavioral changes that improve municipal water use efficiency	Metropolitan Council
Inflow/Infiltration Grant Programs	Financial assistance for communities to make capital improvements to public infrastructure to mitigate inflow and infiltration	Metropolitan Council
Stormwater Grant Application	Financial assistance to provide promotional/educational signage for the benefit of cities and the public	Metropolitan Council
Washington County Groundwater Plan	Official document designed to guide groundwater protection	Washington County
Washington County Waste Management Master Plan	Comprehensive plan for waste management in Washington County, designed to be used as a guiding document for waste management decisions in the County	Washington County
Washington Conservation District	Organization charged with the protection and conservation of soil and water resources in Washington County	Washington Conservation District
Washington County Water Consortium	Multi-organizational group charged with preserving and improving the County’s water resources by collaborating with watersheds, communities, state and local agencies, and county departments	Washington County
Land and Water Legacy Program	To protect and keep land in natural condition by purchasing land throughout the County	Washington County

Chapter 7: Parks, Trails, and Open Space

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	Financial resource for the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources	State of Minnesota, Minnesota's Legacy Amendment
Parks and Trails Fund	Financial resource used to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance	State of Minnesota, Minnesota's Legacy Amendment
Outdoor Heritage Fund	Financial resource used to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forest and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife	State of Minnesota, Minnesota's Legacy Amendment
Clean Water Fund	Financial resource used to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation	State of Minnesota, Minnesota's Legacy Amendment
Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Program	Financial assistance program intended to help regional park agencies acquire land	Metropolitan Council
Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance Funds	Financial resources used to cover a share of annual costs of parks operation and maintenance	Metropolitan Council
Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Activities Report	Official report used to inform decision makers and guide future development and conservation efforts as they relate to the infiltration of invasive aquatic species	Washington County
Parks and Open Space Commission	Organization charged with bringing resident perspectives to the operation of Washington County Parks	Washington County
Washington County Land and Water Legacy (LWLP) Bond Funds	Financial resource used to protect and conserve the county's water resources	Washington County
Washington County Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	Annual process by which Washington County sets asides funds dedicated to infrastructural improvements (i.e. roadway paving, street lights, pedestrian improvements)	Washington County
Donations	Financial resource from residents, directed towards maintenance and upkeep of County parks and trails	Washington County

Chapter 8: Housing

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Multifamily Development	Financial assistance programs to develop or acquire and rehabilitate affordable rental properties	State of Minnesota
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Single Family Development	Financial assistance programs to develop or acquire and rehabilitate affordable owner-occupied properties	State of Minnesota
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Homeownership Assistance	Financial assistance programs to assist homebuyers and homeowners	State of Minnesota
Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)	Financial assistance for affordable housing development	Metropolitan Council
Washington County Comprehensive Housing Needs Report	Periodic report commissioned by the CDA on housing trends and forecasts	Washington County Community Development Agency
Washington County Consolidated Plan	Five-year plan prioritizing use of HOME and CDBG funds	Washington County Community Development Agency
Washington County Housing Programs – Rental Assistance	Federal and state tenant-based rental assistance	Washington County Community Development Agency
Washington County Housing Program – Homeownership	Education, advisory services, and financial assistance for homebuyers and homeowners	Washington County Community Development Agency
Washington County Housing Programs – Development	Financial resources and technical assistance services for developers of affordable housing	Washington County Community Development Agency
Washington County Homelessness Services	Assistance for persons at risk for homelessness	Washington County
City of Woodbury Housing Programs	Financial resources for homebuyers, homeowners, and developers of affordable housing (Woodbury only)	City of Woodbury HRA

Chapter 9: Resilience and Sustainability

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Minnesota Department of Health Grant Programs	Financial assistance programs designed to increase the health of Minnesotans	Minnesota Health Department
Minnesota Department of Human Services Grant Programs	Financial assistance programs designed to help improve communities and the lives of Minnesotans	Minnesota Department of Human Services
Minnesota Conservation Improvement Program	Financial assistance program to help Minnesota households and businesses use electricity and natural gas more efficiently	State of Minnesota
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)	Process to help communities understand the normal set of risks it faces and give leaders the information needed to manage and avoid future risks	Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Solid Waste Management Policy Plan	Official plan for managing the Metropolitan Area’s solid waste	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Living Healthy in Washington County	County program to make long lasting economic and health impacts through education and training initiatives	Washington County
Washington County Public Health and Environment Services	County department that provides services to protect, promote, and improve the environment in Washington County	Washington County
Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)	Long-term, systematic effort to address public health priorities identified during the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and community health improvement processes	Washington County
Community Health Assessment 2013	Health assessment conducted every five years carried out to learn about the health status of the people living in Washington County and identify areas for improvement	Washington County
Washington County Economic Support Programs	Programs that provide support to low income residents of Washington County	Washington County

Washington County Performance Measures and Indicators Report 2016	Annual report carried out to focus attention on improving critical programs and services, make effective decisions, and communicate results to residents	Washington County
Washington County Emergency Operations Plan	Plan that is responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness throughout the county	Washington County
Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan	Plan that is aimed at helping cities and townships in the county to mitigate (prepare) for a variety of hazards such as flooding, tornadoes, and terrorism before they occur	Washington County
Washington County Energy Plan	Comprehensive plan designed to guide residents and businesses in Washington County in becoming more energy efficient	Washington County
Washington County Waste Management Master Plan	Comprehensive plan for waste management in Washington County, designed to be used as a guiding document for waste management decisions in the County	Washington County
Washington County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)		Washington County
Metro SHAPE 2014 Adult Survey	Survey conducted throughout the Metropolitan Area to better understand the overall health status of residents	Washington County
Targeted SHAPE Sample	Sub-section of the SHAPE survey which looked at the health disparities of low-income residents of Washington County	Washington County
XCEL Energy Rebate Program	Various programs designed to reward residents who install energy efficient appliances, lightbulbs, or renewable energy technology.	XCEL Energy

Chapter 10: Economic Competitiveness

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Funding Programs	Financial assistance programs to improve economic opportunities for people of color, women, people with disabilities, veterans, and/or youth in Minnesota	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)	Financial program designed to provide key support for a wide range of projects, from affordable and market rate multi-family housing to commercial and industrial redevelopment	Metropolitan Council
Washington County CDA Economic Development Strategic Plan	Strategic plan designed to improve the economic well-being of the County through efforts that entail job creation, job retention, tax base enhancements and quality of life	Washington County CDA