



Champion Report Template

Theme Area: Efficiency and Effectiveness

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Complete and submit to Champion Facilitator (Dan Frank) to be compiled, cover highlights in two-minute report at Champion Meeting.

1. Update on progress on your Theme Priorities since our July meeting;

Goal #	Description of priority, activity and progress
EE 3	Aggregate Resource Mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application was not funded, discussing how to make the application stronger Will determine at a later date if we will reapply.
EE 3	Minnesota Rural Water Association – On-Going <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there potential opportunities to expand on the Blandin Lightspeed grant by using the equipment to stream training to other county or municipal departments. Potential opportunity to stream their finance officers meeting to those who cannot be present. The next meeting is Nov. 6th – Topics include municipal bonding, DEED<Rural Development, MDH and Rural MN Bonding
EE 3	County Intern BMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating counties did not have an agreed upon workplan Potentially reconsider this project at a later time
EE 1,3	Virtual Highway Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEED/MHFA/MNDoT

1. New opportunities for action/alignment and collaboration:

Goal #	Description of opportunity
EE 1, 3	Hazard Mitigation Project Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crow Wing Township Safe Room Construction – Determined vital for 2013 CEDS South Long Lake Township Repetitive Washout area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierz and Royalton Power Line Burial – Both will be included in the Morrison CTY Hazard Mitigation Plan
EE 1	Morrison County Tourism Project
EE 2	Survey for Seasonal residents by UofM – Population resource
EE 3	League of MN Cities – Andrea Lauer

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Tighter resources; efficiency and effectiveness: Both public and private institutions are trying to do more with fewer resources. Solutions to our region’s issues must be innovative, not dependent on increased spending from traditional sources.

Efficiency and Effectiveness Goal

Growth patterns: 12,000 new homes across the region from a population increase of 8% with an average household size of 2.4 persons. People retire here and want to live near amenities so there is moderate lake shore development. There is an increase in affordable housing and jobs so young people return. People live near jobs so big towns grow some and small towns hold steady.

Recommendation 1

Leverage roadway resources: Local government should dedicate funds for sustainable roadway projects that can leverage additional federal or state funds.

Action Step A

Jobs/roadways connection: Use data from the Regional Transportation Plan and relate it to the area’s most likely to see job growth. Prioritize roadways in these areas for improvement as needed to accommodate expected growth.

Recommendation 2

Housing efficiency: Provide more efficient housing in the region in all areas where housing needs to be maintained by considering higher density infill development, or expanding when necessary.

Action Step A

Efficiency in development design: Adopt conservation design principles to more efficiently use infrastructure investments and other community resources.

Action Step B

Housing performance data: Log data of existing and future housing performance and make this information available.

Action Step C

Housing rehabilitation: Rehabilitate homes to suit a younger generation that may look to occupy them. This could mean improving their efficiency.

Action Step D

Housing rehabilitation – energy efficiency: Any new or rehabilitated affordable rental/single family housing would be required to use appropriate green technologies to minimize heat and utility use.

Action Step E

Rental vouchers for energy efficiency: Provide energy efficiency vouchers for low income renters as incentives for landlords receiving HUD vouchers.

Action Step F

Housing costs: Include life cycle energy costs and waste of retrofits into the housing cost equation.

Recommendation 3

Collaboration between local governments: Encourage partnerships between local governmental units and organizations that will lead to lowered costs and improved services, such as mass transit, police, fire, etc.

Action Step A

Regular discussion: Hold regular meetings with governmental units to share information, explore best practices, and provide an opportunity to explore potential partnerships; and stress the importance of civic engagement, and community volunteers, as the key mechanism to facilitating and prioritizing change.

Action Step B

Funding: Work with funders and other partners to provide seed money for more cost effective intergovernmental partnerships that maintain or improve services.

Recommendation 4

Cost of development: While the role of government includes providing infrastructure, local governments must provide infrastructure that meets strict, long-term financial criterion (i.e. full cost accounting). Communities must be assured that they will not be

burdened with rising property taxes to cover infrastructure maintenance and replacement costs, or the costs to fix potential long-term environmental degradation.

Action Step A

Prioritize infill: Infill development, which is a relatively cost effective way to develop, should be a priority.

Action Step B

Brownfields: Brownfield redevelopment is a cost effective infill approach as the infrastructure is typically in place. Consider brownfield redevelopment as a first priority to infill and government financed development.

Action Step C

Best practices: Collect best practices and tools that will help local governments make good decisions regarding long-term development costs.

Action Step D

Policies and ordinances: Create policies and zoning ordinances that support accounting for all costs of development

Action Step E

Share information: Share information with local governments through workshops, emails and other new and existing venues.

Action Step F

Impacts on natural resources: Consider the impact on the environment for each decision made, especially in light of tighter resources. Don't compromise the integrity of the environment for short-term economic solutions that will adversely affect both the environment and the regional economy in the long term.