

# Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: May 18, 2026

## Topic

Modernizing Community Profiles to Meet Regional Data Needs

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	N/A
<b>Staff prepared/presented:</b>	Krysten Ryba-Tures, Research Manager (651-602-1821)
<b>Division/department:</b>	Community Development/Research

## Background

The Community Development Research department (CD-R) delivers data and research about—and to—the Twin Cities region through digital research products, among other means. Launched in 2010, the department’s most longstanding interactive application is called [Community Profiles](#). Community Profiles displays trend charts of select demographic, housing, employment, and land use data for cities, townships, counties, and the region overall.

Community Profiles has aged significantly. Fortunately, recent Met Council technology investments and staff capacity and skills within the Community Development Research department are now aligned to support this much-needed modernization of Profiles in a formal project in 2026.

### Modernizing Profiles Project

‘Modernizing’ the Council’s flagship data dissemination tool will result in a fully redesigned website and user interface with expanded topics and geographies. Further, research staff will pilot a new cloud-based data platform to power Profiles behind-the-scenes, ensuring a sustainable, scalable digital product that can evolve with regional data needs.

At the May 18 Community Development Committee meeting, research manager Krysten Ryba-Tures will present an overview of the Modernizing Profiles Project, including key objectives, timeline, and early design ideas under consideration. We seek input from committee members about unmet regional data needs that could be addressed in this project, as well as their priorities around expanded geographies, topics, and other details.