Information Item

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: November 16, 2026

Topic

Small Communities Planning Program Update

District(s), member(s):	All Districts and Met Council members
Policy/legal reference:	None
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Division/department:	Local Planning Assistance / Community Development

Proposed Action

Information item; no action proposed at this time.

Background

At the Committee meeting on November 16, staff will share an update on the Small Communities Planning Program and its early progress. The Small Communities Planning Program offers a high level of comprehensive planning assistance to support 28 very small communities in the region with their 2050 Comprehensive Plan updates. The Program is formally underway, and the Met Council staff team is beginning active collaboration with all participating cities and townships. Program staff are focused on the technical work of collecting information, data, and maps, and drafting the plan chapters with input from the community. Local officials and community members are beginning to identify the vision, priorities, and strategic direction that will guide their community through the year 2050.

Key staff working on the Small Communities Planning Program will be introduced at the Community Development Committee meeting, and project leads will overview progress to date and upcoming activities.