

History of REGIONAL GOVT in MN

The MET COUNCIL runs YOUR community thru REGIONAL Commissions

Some History to be aware of :

You might not have known that these Regional entities were set up to mirror the Met Council. The maps on the link below com from their own websites. 2338 x 1700

<https://saveyourcities.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/New-Maps-rotated.jpeg>

Now this link below comes from Wikipedia and tells the true story. They ARE sisters of the Met Council and were designed that way !!!!!

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions

> ***Regional Development Commissions*are regional governments in Minnesota made up of a board of local elected officials from counties, cities, schools boards, public interest groups and transit systems that provide cooperation and coordination on broad regional issues.**The Regional Development Commissions, commonly abbreviated as*RDC*, were established by state law in 1969 to provide a variety of governmental assistance to local governments.. They have the responsibility to provide technical assistance to a broad multi-county area of the state, and their functions are similar to the metropolitan planning organization

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_planning_organization

> in urbanized areas. As their intent was to support local governments, they frequently provide a coordinating role and generally do not exercise any type of binding authority over local matters. (NOTE) They get their binding authority though a series of GRANTS by which our local elected officials allow them to wrote ALL our Planning Documents and teach EQUITY/DIVERSITY poison to our youth.

> IN MINNESOTA :

> As part of the Governorship of Harold LaVander
> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_LeVander, economic development became a significant policy directive with a strong desire to drive new businesses and focus on the needs of rural areas outside of metropolitan planning areas. During this time, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Commerce provided funding for economic development agencies across the United States. In response to this, the state legislature created an act for the development of regional development commissions in areas where existing planning organizations did not exist.

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-3

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-4

> Each area of the state was given time to offer their local support to be included in one or more regions. Each local government had to petition for the creation or inclusion in an RDC. The Arrowhead Region was the first to formally organize and be certified. Other areas soon followed.

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-5

> Over the years internal fighting between some areas of the state and

> anti-government sentiment led to the dissolution of some regional development
> commissions. These included Region 4 in western Minnesota, Region 7W near the
> center of the state and Region 10 which consisted of the 11 county area in
> southeastern Minnesota.

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-6

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> Over the years there has been significant interest in developing new regional
> development commission in southeastern Minnesota as the lack of an RDC leaves
> local governments at a competitive disadvantage compared to areas that do have
> them or that have an MPO.^[7]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-7

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-8

> In response to this the area in Region 4 designated the non-profit
> organization West Central Initiative to become their de facto Regional
> Development Organization in 1984 and it was designated as a federal
> development agency in 1985 for the same area.^[9]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-9

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> Functions

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> Common functions and services include urban planning, transportation planning,
> economic development assistance, emergency management coordination, training,
> outreach, community organizing and others. However, the RDCs work with a wide
> variety of functions and each may offer additional services based on the types
> of needs in the region. For example, all of the RDCs are designated by the
> United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_Development_Administration as Economic
> Development Districts. As a result, they can accept and offer federal grants
> and economic development loans to local governments and businesses.^[10]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-10

> Others include within the organization the federally designated Area Agency on
> Aging that focuses on the health and well being needs of the elderly in the
> region.^[11]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-11

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> Some of the transportation planning functions are handled by other
> organizations in areas where an RDC does not exist. For example, State Laws
> specifically request that the Minnesota Department of Transportation
> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota_Department_of_Transportation provide
> transportation planning for areas not covered by an RDC or MPO.^[12]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-12

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> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-13

> In the Twin Cities Metropolitan area, the Metropolitan Council provides
> transportation planning at the regional level.^[14]

> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-14

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> ** List of Minnesota Regional Development Commissions*

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> List of RDCs^[1]

> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_Development_Commissions#cite_note-State_LocalGovs-1>

RDC Name	RDC Number	Headquarters City	Designation Year	Counties
Northwest Regional Development Commission	1	Warren, MN	1973	
Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau				
Headwaters Development Commission	2	Bemidji, MN	1971	Beltrami,
Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen				
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	3	Duluth, MN	1969	
Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, St. Louis				
West Central Initiative	4	Fergus Falls, MN	1985	Becker, Clay,
Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin				
Region Five Development Commission	5	Staples, MN	1973	Cass, Crow Wing,
Morrison, Todd, Wadena				
Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission		6W Appleton, MN		
1973 Chippewa, Big Stone, Yellow Medicine, Lac qui Parle, Big Stone, Swift				
Mid-Minnesota Development Commission	6E	Wilmar, MN	1973	Kandiyohi,
McLeod, Meeker, and Renville				
West Central Development Commission (Dissolved in 1982)		7W Saint Cloud,		
MN 1973 Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau				
East-Central Development Commission	7E	Mora, MN	1973	Chisago, Isanti,
Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine				
Southwest Regional Development Commission	8	Slayton, MN	1973	
Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock				
Region Nine Regional Development Commission	9	Mankato, MN	1972	
Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicolett, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan				
Southeast Minnesota Regional Development Commission (Non-RDC Area Dissolved in 1982)	10	Rochester, MN	1973	Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn,
Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona				
Metropolitan Council				
< https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_Council >(Non-RDC Area, de facto)	11	Saint Paul, MN	1967	Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin,
Ramsey, Scott, Washington				

> See also

> * Regional planning organization

> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regional_planning_organization>

> * Council of governments

> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_governments>

> * Minnesota <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesota>>

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