

Participation in the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account – 2011

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INTRODUCTION

The Metropolitan Livable Communities Act (LCA) requires the Metropolitan Council to report by February 1 of every year which municipalities elected to participate and which did not elect to participate in the local housing incentive account (LHIA) program for that calendar year (Minnesota Statutes 473.254, section 5, subsection 9).

BACKGROUND

The LCA supports regional policy which calls for the expansion of the opportunities for affordable and life-cycle housing throughout the region, creative planning that links jobs, transportation and housing, and revitalization of the region's older cities. Communities within the seven-county area that participate in the local housing incentives account program may receive grants or loans from the three funding accounts of the LCA Fund. These funds are the tax base revitalization account, livable communities demonstration account, and the local housing incentives account. Only LCA participating communities may apply for and receive grants from the polluted sites clean-up program administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. In addition, the law says the Council "shall give consideration to a municipality's participation" in the Local Housing Incentives Account program when making discretionary funding decisions.

LCA PARTICIPATION

In 2010, the Metropolitan Council undertook a process to renegotiate affordable and life cycle housing goals for the period 2011 through 2020 with the 105 communities currently participating in the LCA. The previous goals, negotiated for the period 1996 through 2010, expired at the end of 2010.

Using the affordable housing needs numbers established for the 2008 local comprehensive plan update process as the basis for the new LCA affordable housing goals, the Council proposed goal expectations for communities that represent a numerical range of units listing each community's share of the region's total need and reflecting the affordable housing funding limitations anticipated for the 10-year goal period.

For the life-cycle goals requirement of the LCA, the Council proposed communities adopt a goal range encompassing the community's share of the regional affordable housing need at the low-end of the range, and the total number of new attached housing units that can be developed in the community given the community's land use plan as the high-end of the range.

On November 15, 2010, a public hearing was held by the Metropolitan Council on the goals adopted by a resolution from the local governing body from 91 communities seeking to continue participation in 2011, and from two additional cities seeking to participate in the statute's programs for the first time. On December 8, 2010 the Metropolitan Council adopted, by resolution, the goals adopted by the Livable Communities participating communities for 2011 – 2020.

**MUNICIPALITIES PARTICIPATING
IN THE METROPOLITAN LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT
LOCAL HOUSING INCENTIVES PROGRAM IN 2011**

ANOKA COUNTY

Anoka
Blaine
Centerville
Columbia Heights
Coon Rapids
East Bethel
Fridley
Hilltop
Lexington
Lino Lakes
Oak Grove
Ramsey
St. Francis

CARVER COUNTY

Carver
Chaska
Cologne
Hamburg
Mayer
New Germany
Norwood/Young
 America
Victoria
Waconia
Watertown

DAKOTA COUNTY

Apple Valley
Burnsville
Eagan
Farmington
Hastings
Inver Grove Heights
Lakeville
Mendota Heights
Rosemount
South St. Paul
West St. Paul

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Bloomington
Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park
Champlin
Crystal
Dayton
Eden Prairie
Edina
Excelsior
Golden Valley
Hopkins
Long Lake
Loretto
Maple Grove
Maple Plain
Medina
Minneapolis
Minnetonka
Mound
New Hope
Osseo
Plymouth
Richfield
Robbinsdale
Rogers
St. Anthony
St. Bonifacius
St. Louis Park
Wayzata

RAMSEY COUNTY

Arden Hills
Falcon Heights
Lauderdale
Maplewood
Mounds View
New Brighton
North St. Paul
Roseville
St. Paul
Shoreview
Vadnais Heights
White Bear Twp.
White Bear Lake

SCOTT COUNTY

Belle Plaine
Elko-New Market
Jordan
Prior Lake
Savage

**WASHINGTON
COUNTY**

Cottage Grove
Forest Lake
Hugo
Lakeland
Lake St. Croix Beach
Mahtomedi
Newport
Oakdale
St. Paul Park
Stillwater
Willernie
Woodbury

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE
LOCAL HOUSING INCENTIVES PROGRAM IN 2011**

Afton	Linwood Twp.
Andover	Little Canada
Bayport	Louisville Twp.
Baytown Twp.	Marine on St. Croix
Belle Plaine Twp.	Marshan Twp.
Benton Twp.	May Twp.
Bethel	Medicine Lake
Birchwood	Mendota
Blakeley Twp.	Miesville
Camden Twp.	Minnetonka Beach
Castle Rock Twp.	Minnetrista
Cedar Lake Twp.	New Market Twp.
Chanhassen	New Trier
Circle Pines	Nininger Twp.
Coates	North Oaks
Columbus	Nowthen
Corcoran	Oak Park Heights
Credit River Twp.	Orono
Dahlgren Twp.	Pine Springs
Dellwood	Randolph
Deephaven	Randolph Twp.
Denmark Twp.	Ravena Twp.
Douglas Twp.	St. Lawrence Twp.
Empire Township	St. Mary's Point
Eureka Twp.	San Francisco Twp.
Gem Lake	Sand Creek Twp.
Grant	Scandia
Greenfield	Sciota Twp.
Greenvale Twp.	Shakopee
Greenwood	Shorewood
Grey Cloud Twp.	Spring Lake Park
Ham Lake	Spring Lake Twp.
Hampton	Spring Park
Hampton Twp.	Stillwater Twp.
Hancock Twp.	Sunfish Lake
Hassan Twp.	Tonka Bay
Helena Twp.	Vermillion
Hollywood Twp.	Vermillion Twp.
Independence	Waconia Twp.
Jackson Twp.	Waterford Twp.
Lake Elmo	Watertown Twp.
Lakeland Shores	West Lakeland Twp.
Laketown Twp.	Woodland
Landfall	Young America Twp.
Lilydale	

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