

Chapter 13. Intergovernmental Coordination

State of Minnesota

The State of Minnesota provides a variety of services to community residents, however, two State agencies tend to impact residents more than others. These include the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over the two interstates, I694 and I35W, within the City limits. The Department of Natural Resources is visible with respect to activities pertaining to the City's lakes, lakeshore areas and wetlands.

Regarding the State Legislature, Shoreview is represented in Senate Districts 50, 53 and 54 and House Districts 50B, 53A and 54B. The City Council does meet annually with the State representatives to discuss local issues and concerns that are affected by State policy.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County provides a variety of services to residents within the community. The presence of Ramsey County is most visible in the transportation system, parks and open space system and public safety. Residents also benefit from other programs the County administers such as social service programs and waste management programs.

The facilities and services provided by the County within the City affect the quality of life that our residents experience. With this recognition, the City will continue to work closely with the County to provide services and facilities that meet the needs of our residents.

Ramsey County GIS Users Group

The Ramsey County GIS Users Group is an alliance of current and future users of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The foundation database that is used has been created and is maintained by Ramsey County. The users within the group include municipalities including police and fire departments, school districts, soil and water conservation districts and several economic development partnerships. The group was formed in May 1995 and has since grown to include some nineteen organizations. The User Group is able to operate autonomously from the County but relies strongly on their cooperation is the distribution mechanism for GIS data generated by Ramsey County

The goals and objectives of the group are as follows:

- To provide a better service to the public by enabling elected officials and management the ability to make more informed decisions based on a wealth of public information that can be processed and displayed by GIS technology.

- To give users the opportunity to access data and knowledge at less cost through the User Group than could be otherwise possible by individual negotiation.
- To contribute to the ongoing development of the Enterprise GIS data base being maintained by Ramsey County through annual contributions for cost sharing and by providing input of ideas from a user's perspective.
- To enable newcomers to the technology to "get up and running" quickly and economically.
- To promote data- and knowledge sharing between organizations through the development of group training programs and establishment of GIS pilot projects.
- To establish cost-sharing programs between organizations that wish to create and maintain enhanced GIS databases.
- To cooperate with metropolitan and regional organizations (such as the I-35W Coalition) in the promotion of GIS.
- To have access to an up-to-date and accurate base of GIS data from Ramsey County for downloading to each site via modem, cable connection, or via CD and to have organizations linked to each other to enable simple and rapid transfer of information.
- To give organizations the ability to look beyond their own boundaries and have access to data on a countywide basis.
- To provide data to the County to assist them with day-to-day tasks (e.g. city permits).
- To provide GIS educational opportunities for students in our schools
- To participate in the cost sharing for orthographic photography of the county and cities.

School Districts

There are two public school districts that serve residents within the City: Independent School District No. 623, Roseville Area Schools, and Independent School District No. 621, Mounds View Public Schools. Land use decisions can have an impact on the school district's ability to provide quality educational services to their students. The school districts are informed of development proposals that may have an impact on school population.

The City Council has indicated that they are interested in maintaining a strong relationship with the School Districts. Community surveys have found that one of the key reasons people move to Shoreview is the quality of our public school districts. Maintaining a strong public school system is essential in attracting young families to the community and critical to maintaining property values. In recognition of the benefits a strong school district brings to a community and to ensure City efforts are consistent with maintaining the quality of this system, the City will:

- Support the School Boards in their efforts to maintain quality education systems.
- Continue to look at opportunities for joint projects/programs that will benefit residents and community groups.

Adjacent Communities and Other Governmental Agencies

Changes within our adjacent communities and decisions made by other governmental agencies also affect the quality of life within the City. The City recognizes that it does not exist in isolation but is part of a larger region. When decisions cross jurisdictional borders or have an impact on an adjacent community, the City will work with other governmental agencies and affected communities to minimize potential impacts.

One effort that demonstrates this cooperation is the Housing Collaborative Institute (HCI). The HCI is a group of staff members primarily from the north suburban metropolitan area that sponsors lectures and workshops regarding housing issues. The intent of this group is to educate its members on housing issues and present information that may benefit housing programs in each of the communities.