



New Inflow-Infiltration Mitigation Grant Program and Website

A reminder that there is a new inflow and infiltration demonstration project that has been established by the Metropolitan Council, with a grant up to \$500,000. All communities that discharge to the regional wastewater system are eligible to apply. The deadline is August 31st.

Data from the program will be used to help inform communities on effective inflow-infiltration mitigation strategies. Again, proposals are due by August 31, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information on the process and how to apply.

The Metropolitan Council has also launched a new website with tools and resources for local governments and citizens on private property inflow-infiltration. The new website contains a variety of information and resources about how to reduce I/I. Metro Cities encourages city officials to check out the new and comprehensive website.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Metropolitan Council Brownfield Grant Presentation and Open House

You are invited to a short presentation and open house held by the Metropolitan Council on August 14 to learn about local public grants that help pay the cost of cleaning up contaminated sites often known as brownfields. Brownfield properties often are close to a high-quality workforce, good transportation, and transit. The Metropolitan Council is interested in helping redevelopment that will increase the local tax base, add jobs or affordable housing units and leverage private investment while avoiding costly new public infrastructure.

Tuesday, August 14

10:30 am – Noon

Penn Lake Library

8800 Penn Ave S

Bloomington, MN 55431

Applications for the next competitive grant are due November 1. Please visit the Metropolitan Council's [website](#) for more information.

Questions? Contact Marcus Martin at 651-602-1054 or marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us.

Housing Task Force Report Will Be Released in August

Governor Dayton's Task Force on Housing held its final meeting last week. The meeting was the final gathering of the 28-member task force which was established in December 2017. A draft report was issued to Dayton earlier this week, a deadline included in the [executive order](#) establishing the task force. The task force announced the final public report will be released later this month.

Task force co-chair Jeanne Crain is scheduled to speak at Metro Cities' August 22 Housing and Economic Development policy committee meeting. She will provide a review of the task force's work and discuss recommendations in the report.

Contact Charlie Vander Aarde at 651-215-4001 or charlie@metrocitiesmn.org with any questions.

Met Council Holds Public Hearing on Transportation Policy Plan Update

The Metropolitan Council held a public hearing on Wednesday to hear comments to the [updated Transportation Policy Plan](#). The TPP is updated every four years and public comments on the current draft are being accepted by the Met Council through August 13.

Residents and representatives from organizations addressed Met Councilmembers on a range of transit-related issues, including: transit fares, freight rail safety, electric buses, climate change, transit accessibility, transit policing policies and practices, student transit passes, customer relations, and signage.

[Comment via an online feedback form.](#)

Write to Metropolitan Council, Public Information at 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Email to Metropolitan Council, Public Information at public.info@metc.state.mn.us.

Record a comment on the Public Comment Line at 651-602-1500 (TTY 651-291-0904).

Comments are due by 5 pm on August 13.

Metro Cities Communications Audit

Metro Cities is beginning the process of a communications audit to learn more about our strengths and weaknesses regarding our various communication vehicles (newsletter, website, social media, etc.). Watch for future newsletter articles and emails, as we will be looking for YOUR feedback via an online survey on what we currently do well, and where we can improve!

Questions or comments? Contact Kimberly at kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org or 651-215-4004.

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