



MetroGIS Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, June 3, 2026



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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Review and Approve Today's Meeting Agenda (motion item)
- 3) Approve Minutes from last meeting (motion item)
- 4) Introductions
- 5) Future of MetroGIS Discussion – recap and next steps
- 6) Brainstorming session for project planning 2026-27
- 7) Approve 2026-27 Work Plan (motion item)
- 8) Updates from other GIS organizations
- 9) Lightning Round Updates
- 10) Adjourn



2) Review and Approve Today's Meeting Agenda *(motion item)*

Any changes or additions to today's agenda?

3) Minutes from last meeting on November 12, 2025 *(motion item)* metrogis.org

Review of action items from last meeting

- ✓ **ACTION:** Review outcomes of the mini-needs assessment and draft next steps for 2026. (MetroGIS Leadership Team)

4) Introductions

- Aaron Menza, MetroGIS Coordinator



4) Introductions cont.

MetroGIS Coordinating Committee			
Name	Representative Category	Organization	Seat
Kirk Stueve	Educational Sector	Saint Paul College	Education/Academia
Pete Wiringa	Educational Sector	University of Minnesota/U-Spatial	Education/Academia
Molly McDonald	Government - City	City of Bloomington	Metro Cities (Assoc. of Metro Cities)
Tami Maddio	Government - City	City of Eagan	Metro Cities (Assoc. of Metro Cities)
Jonathan Mortensen	Government - City	City of Shoreview	Metro Cities (Assoc. of Metro Cities)
Jessica Fendos	Government - City	LOGIS	LOGIS
John Slusarczyk	Government - County	Anoka County	Anoka County
Chad Riley	Government - County	Carver County	Carver County
Joe Sapletal	Government - County	Dakota County	Dakota County
Jesse Reinhardt	Government - County	Hennepin County	Hennepin County
Matt Koukol	Government - County	Ramsey County	Ramsey County
Matt McLees	Government - County	Scott County	Scott County
David Brandt	Government - County	Washington County	Washington County
Pamela Oslin	Government - Regional	Metro Emergency Services Board	Metro Emergency Services Board
Matt Baker	Government - Regional	Metropolitan Airports Commission	Metropolitan Airports Commission
Mary Mortensen	Government - Regional	Metropolitan Council	Metropolitan Council
Nancy Read	Government - Regional	Metropolitan Mosquito Control District	Metropolitan Mosquito Control District
Aaron Goemann	Government - Regional	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization	Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts
Catherine Hansen	Government - State	MN Department of Natural Resources	MN Department of Natural Resources
Diana Flores Castillo	Government - State	MN Department of Transportation–Metro District	MN Department of Transportation
Alison Slaats	Government - State	MN Geospatial Information Office	MN Geospatial Information Office
(vacant)	Government - Federal	USGS or Other	Federal Government
Jeff Matson	Non-Profit	MN Council of Nonprofits/CURA	Non-Profit Sector
Dan Tinklenberg	Private Sector	SRF Consulting Group, Inc.	Private Sector/Business Geographics
Anthony (Tony) Grossman	Private Sector	Xcel Energy	Utilities
Audrey Robeson	Special Expertise	Metro Conservation Network (MCNet)	Special Expertise
Brad Henry	Special Expertise	University of Minnesota	Special Expertise



5) Future of MetroGIS Discussion – recap and next steps

On Nov 12, 2025, we conducted an exercise to review the current state of MetroGIS and assess it's future by itemizing pros and cons of 3 future options for MetroGIS.

We reviewed the Jan 2025 Coordinating Committee survey results, which led to a mini needs assessment.

The mini needs assessment exercise revealed:

- Some projects scored unexpectedly low despite perceived importance.
- Others scored higher than anticipated, suggesting misalignment between scoring and actual value.
- Need to clarify which projects should be prioritized and conduct deeper analysis.
- A Coordinator will be required to manage this prioritization process



Ranking from the mini-needs assessment in November

Project	Need	Benefit	Total	Rank
Regional Data Provisioning (maintenance)	18	0	18	1
Metro Park and Trail Data Standard	9	9	18	2
New Regional Data Sharing Agreements (closed)	5	11	16	-
MetroGIS Operational Guidelines + Procedures	1	9	10	7
External Platform Publishing (closed)	6	11	17	-
Metro Regional Data Viewer (maintenance)	1	4	5	8
Metro Stormwater Geodata Project	7	8	15	4
Metro Food Resources Web Map and Dataset	5	11	16	3
Regional Building Footprint Dataset (MetroGIS member survey)	8	4	12	5
Presentation materials that can be used to present GIS to non-GIS partners, and elected officials (MetroGIS member survey)	3	9	12	6

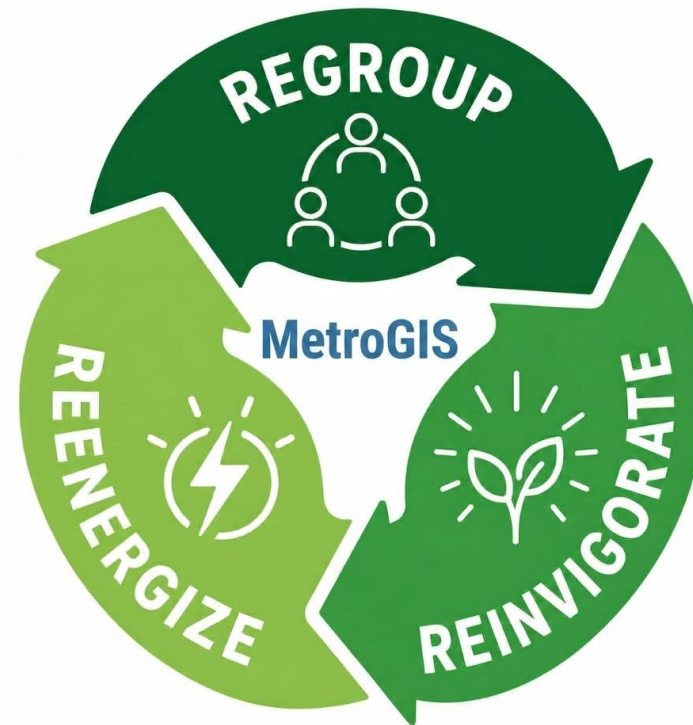
A **need** was defined as a clear business use case for their organization.

A **benefit** was defined as the organization would benefit from the project.



Recommendation

The group expressed broad support for reinstating the full Metro GIS model, to fund a full-time MetroGIS coordinator position, fund projects and support the MetroGIS Coordinating Committee activities.



6) Brainstorming session for project planning 2026-27

Carry over projects from 2025

- Metro Park and Trail Data Standard (Slusarczyk)
- Metro Stormwater Geodata Project (Goemann)
- Metro Food Resources Web Map and Dataset (pilot) (Koukol and Ramsey County)
- MetroGIS Operational Guidelines + Procedures (Brandt)

Ideas from MetroGIS member survey (January 2025)

- *Data Standardization and Aggregation:* Regional Building Footprint Dataset
- *Other:* Presentation materials that can be used to present GIS to non-GIS partners, and elected officials

Ongoing MetroGIS Maintenance Work

- Regional Data Provisioning (Met Council/MESB/Metro Counties)
- Metro Regional Data Viewer (Met Council/MESB/Metro Counties)



Metro Park & Trail Data Standard / Dataset

Status: Active

Convene interested stakeholder organizations and individuals to revisit the prior standard and develop a modified or new data standard for park and trail geospatial data that can be used to integrate data across jurisdictions, including municipal, park district, county, region, and state.

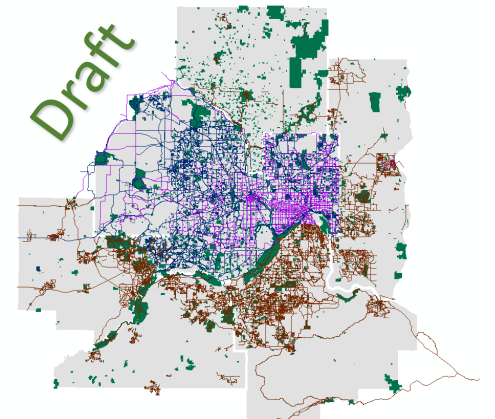
- Virtual Session on 12/18/2024 with good turnout to review and refine the initial standard
- Goal is to develop a revised schema to meet multiple needs
- Either fully document the needs to be met and/or develop a limited number of shared attributes

Challenges:

- Municipal needs vs. County needs vs. Regional needs vs. State needs
- Every agency has different methods of managing their data and priorities/purposes for their data

Next Steps:

- Revise existing draft
- Complete and publish the 'needs' documentation
- Hold another work session
- Sample Area/Draft dataset for testing
- Update Parks/Trails info on metrogis.org (out of date)



Metro Stormwater Geodata Project

Status:

The MSWGP is focused on the creation of a stormwater geodata transfer standard to meet the various needs of the mapping, modeling, water quality, regulatory and engineering community including a pilot project of sample data to enable the community to test the standard in context, and refinements to accommodate and document input from the stakeholder community.

Complete

- Draft standard was published (v 0.6) in 2021
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District completed a multi-city stormwater data assembly using the draft MSWGP schema. Presented results to MetroGIS in 2023.

Needs

- Continued testing and revision of the data standard with metro stakeholders
- Work with the MN GAC Standards Committee to publish as a State Standard



Metro Food Resources Map

Status: Active through Ramsey County. Pilot in progress.

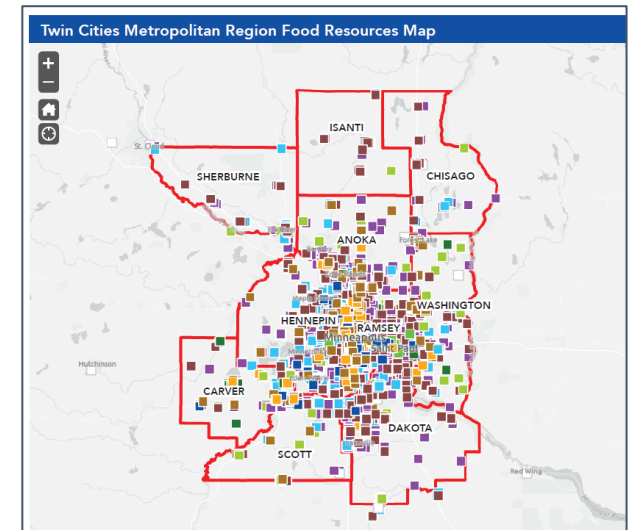
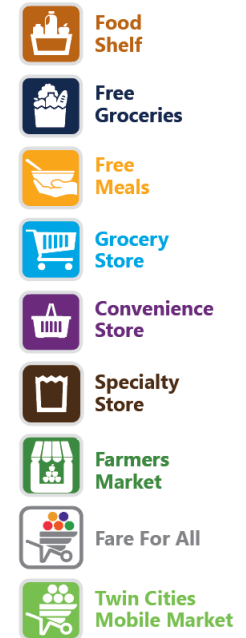
The Metro Food Resources Map and Dataset Project is an attempt to create and maintain a standardized food resource dataset and web map for public health and nutrition staff at counties to use and have available to the public. Resource for *public users* and for *nutrition staff/public health staff* to assist residents

Complete

- Data assembled from participating counties
- First metro-wide prototype to be launched in 2025
- Calendar 2025 was a pilot to *'test it in the public sphere'*.

Next Steps

- Following evaluation of 2025-pilot, project team will provide recommendations on long-term viability.
- Refine its content and functions based on community input.
- Data available to download



MetroGIS Operational Guidelines + Procedures

Status: Paused, Planned work to begin 2026

MetroGIS Operational Guidelines and Procedures were originally adopted in 1998 and revised in April 2016. There have been recent changes to staffing, focus and purpose, and a revision to the Policy Board status. Therefore, there is a need to revamp these guidelines and procedures to provide enough structure and guidance for voting, creating work groups, approving the work plan and more. At the same time, encouraging wider participation through reduced rigidity.

- Existing Operational Guidelines and Procedures language dates are from 2016
- Needs a full-on refresh
- Goals for revamping the Operational Guidelines and Procedures:
 - Expanded membership potential
 - Ease path to membership and participation
 - Align Operational Guidelines and Procedures with current actions (operations/maintenance)
 - Emphasis on membership's ownership of the collaborative



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MetroGIS 2026-2027 Project
Ranking



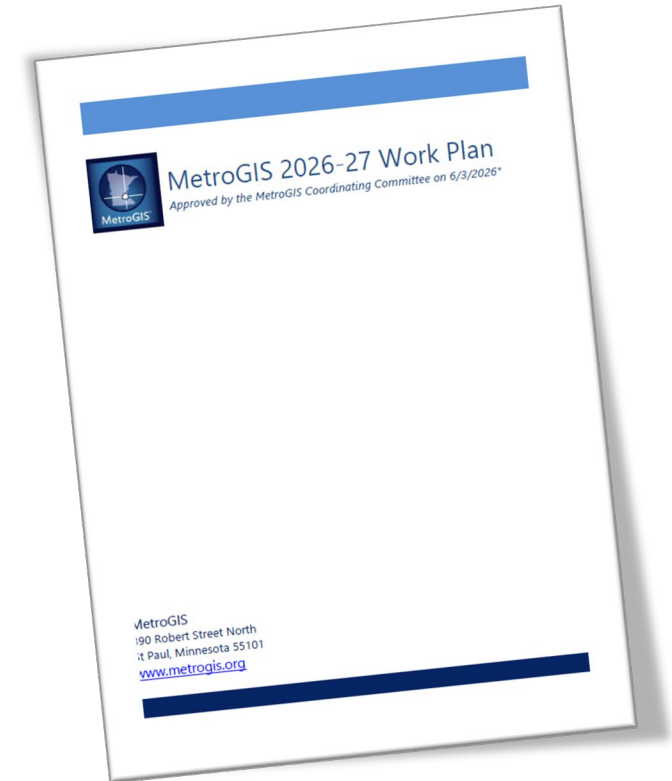
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Considerations for your organization: Value, Capacity, Interest



7) Approve 2026-27 Work Plan

Motion to approve the MetroGIS 2026-27 Work Plan,
with agreed upon project changes based on the
brainstorming session.



8) Updates from other GIS organizations

Twin Cities GIS User Group (TCGUG)



A professional community of local government GIS professionals in the Minnesota Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Members work for a non-private sector organization within the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The core focus of the TCGUG is local government, but welcome members from the Education and Non-Profit organizations.

- Learn more about **quarterly meetings** and to **request membership** on their website



8) Updates from other GIS organizations

MN GIS/LIS Consortium



A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with over 600 members across the MN GIS/LIS industry.

The mission is to develop and support the GIS/LIS community in Minnesota for the benefit of our people and contributors.

GIS/LIS achieves their mission through a variety of programs and activities provided throughout the year.

- **Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference and Workshops – October 28–30, 2026 in Duluth**
 - Call for presentations is open!
- **Networking Opportunities!**
 - **Women in GIS** – networking and socializing events with other GIS professionals in the community
 - **mAppetites Lunch and Learns** – June 10: What is Data Governance and Why Care?
- Offers **4 Geospatial Professional Awards** each year



8) Updates from other GIS organizations



MN County Geographic Information Systems Association

(MCGISA)

A **non-profit** organization whose mission is to **advance GIS** technology in Minnesota **county governments** by providing professional leadership and support.

The goals include fostering awareness, collaboration and coordination among county, regional, state and federal officials; cultivate leadership and professional development through workshops, seminars, and meetings; and to provide a forum to share knowledge, information and experience among members.

- **Tea Time** – Spill the Tea every other Tuesday at 3 pm for 1 hour with other MN County staff
- **Quarterly meetings** – representatives from 10 regions of the state and the executive officers.

8) Updates from other GIS organizations

Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council (GAC)



A coordinating body for the Minnesota geospatial community **established by state statute.**

Advises the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) on improving the operations and management of geospatial technology within state government, and on issues of importance to the community.

Represents a cross-section of organizations that include counties, cities, universities, business, nonprofit organizations, federal and state agencies, tribal government, surveyors and other stakeholder groups that benefit from geospatial technology.

- Public Quarterly Meetings of the appointed GAC members
- 10 Committees open to non-GAC member participation
- Focus on Geospatial Priorities that are set each term through a public survey
- Guides the Governor's Geospatial Certificate Award – nominations from the community!



2026 Coordinating Committee Meeting Calendar

- ✓ February 18, 2026
- ✓ June 3, 2026

November 4, 2026 (in-person)

Proposed 2027 meeting dates

February 17, June 9, November 10 – 2027

Live Poll





Agenda Item 9: Lightning Round



Adjourn

