



# Resilient Cities & Communities

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## RCC's 21st Century Communities Monthly Peer Learning Webinars

2nd Thursdays 12:30 to 2 p.m. [Zoom Link](https://rccmn.co/21st-century-communities/) [Series Overview](#)

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## 21st Century Communities Monthly Peer Learning Webinar

Session Six: **Equitable Redevelopment** Thurs Nov 9 12:30pm to 1:30pm on [Zoom](#) Please [RSVP](#) Thanks!

<https://rccmn.co/equitable-redevelopment/>

**Zoom Link** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5156358735?pwd=K1FMVGdjVHJvVlc5UHhDSHpWNnhjUT09>

**Audience** – Teams from 5 to 10 cities guiding Large-Site & Transit Oriented Development projects with private developers. (City staff, elected leaders & commission volunteers)

**Session Focus** – Sharing resources for equity, inclusion and anti-displacement in redevelopment.

### Agenda

**Introductions** 12:30pm (10 min) Teams will share their current projects and questions.

**Peer-Learning Case Study Presentation** 12:40pm (15 minutes)



### Brooklyn Center Opportunity Site & Equitable Community Engagement

**Ginny McIntosh**, City Planner & Zoning Administrator, City of Brooklyn Center

#### How Brooklyn Center Staff & Partners are

- Engaging the community to develop priorities,
- Working with Atlatus to advance the project,
- Combining market rate development with affordable housing & commercial space
- Linking in with BRT Transit Lines

### Brooklyn Center Opportunity Site

<https://www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/community-development/opportunity-site>

**Zoning Updates** and [Transit Oriented Development Ordinance](#)

[www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/community-development/planning-zoning?locale=en](http://www.brooklyncentermn.gov/government/departments/community-development/planning-zoning?locale=en)

The city of Brooklyn Center was recently awarded \$3.5 million in grants for projects in the Opportunity Site from Met Council LCDA. for a small-business incubator project, & affordable-housing project. [Article](#)

- “The **Entrepreneurial Market Plaza** is a planned comprehensive business incubator space with support systems for micro- and small- businesses, particularly those owned by BIPOC, women, and immigrants.
- The market plaza will be “attached to a **278-unit market rate development** and is the foundational commercial element of the first 16-acre development phase within the **80-acre future downtown for Brooklyn Center,**”

**Large Group Discussion 1:10pm** (15 min) Teams will share challenges, opportunities insights and resources.

**Brainstorm Topics for Future Sessions** 1:25pm (5 min)

### Preview our Next Session

**Benefits of Transit Oriented Development** Thursday Dec 14 12:30 – 2:00pm on [Zoom](#) Please [RSVP](#)

Michael Krantz Metro Transit TOD Office, will share their new study on the benefits for counties & cities of increasing zoning density along transit corridors to allow for redevelopment.

Transit-Oriented Development and Zoning in Cities with High-Frequency Transit

<https://www.metrotransit.org/TOD-Studies-and-Projects> [View the full report](#)

## Mark your calendar & RSVP to join us for future sessions

**21st Century Communities Peer-Learning series:** [flyer](#) 2nd Thursdays 12:30 – 2:00pm [Zoom Link](#)

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**Audience & Focus** - peer-learning with city teams guiding large-site & transit-oriented developments - sharing successful projects and resources to support developers & projects to include low-carbon, resilient, equitable buildings, energy, transportation, green space and stormwater management.

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Building on the [2021 Comprehensive Land Use Planning in High Frequency Transit Corridors](#) report, this study explores the relationship between transit oriented development (TOD) and zoning codes in 20 cities with high frequency transit lines in the Twin Cities region. First, this analysis compares the planned density along high frequency transit lines with the actual current zoning codes of each city. Differences in zoning codes are compared to levels of qualifying transit-oriented development to better understand the impact of zoning on

Equitable Redevelopment resources we will share in a follow up session in January 2024

### Blue Line Anti-Displacement Working Group and Anti-displacement Recommendations Report

<https://www.hennepin.us/blrt-anti-displacement>

<https://yourblueline.org/anti-displacement>

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- Ricardo Perez Alliance for Metropolitan Stability 952-393-5847 [ricardo@thealliancetc.org](mailto:ricardo@thealliancetc.org) Blue Line Coalition <https://bluelinecoalition.org/>

**Sahan Journal: Advocates:** Met Council must not displace communities of color with Blue Line extension

<https://sahanjournal.com/housing/blue-line-light-rail-extension-project-community-groups-displacement/>

METRO Blue Line Extension [Community Advisory Committee](#)

## Join and support our network! Become a RCC Member/Partner

Let's keep up our momentum to ensure new federal & state policies & funding get implemented locally!

- Together we can sustain RCC's next steps connecting residents, cities & counties to get projects done!

We are inviting 100 interested **businesses, non-profits, cities & public agencies** to join and support our network by becoming RCC Annual Contributing Members/Partner <https://rccmn.co/partners/>

- Together we can put millions of dollars of new federal & state funding to work in our communities.

### Annual RCC Network Membership/Sponsorship Levels – Business, Nonprofit &/or Public Sector Organizations

- **Small Organization** (< 50 employees) \$500, **Medium** (50 to 500 employees) \$1k, **Large** (500+ staff) \$5k

[Partner/Member Benefits](#) - **Visibility/Recognition, Peer Learning & Support, Find Implementation Partners,**

- Co-Launch **multi-city teams** to access federal & state funding to scale up implementation with more cities.

**Questions** about becoming an RCC Partner/Annual Sponsor/Organizational Member? Contact

- Sean Gosiewski, 612 250-0389, [sean@rccmn.co](mailto:sean@rccmn.co) <https://calendly.com/sean-g-rccmn/15min>

## Recordings from Previous Webinars

**Session One: June 8, 2023 Towerside Innovation District:** Organizing a team to guide development.

Recording and PowerPoints: <https://rccmn.co/green-development-forming-a-team/>

- **Towerside Innovation District** – Richard Gilyard - partners, vision, persistence – [Video](#) District systems for stormwater, heating & cooling, energy, transportation/parking and green space: [Towerside Presentation Video](#) [Towerside PowerPoint](#) <http://towersidemp.org/projects>
- **District Geothermal** – Michael Ahern, Ever Green Energy [Video](#) Metro District Geothermal Opportunities & next Steps <https://www.ever-greenenergy.com/project/towerside/>
- **City Benefits of Upzoning on Transit Corridors** – Michael Krantz, PE, Met Council [Video](#) [TOD&ZoningJune8PowerPoint](#) [New Metro TOD Zoning Report](#)
- **Resources: Benefits of Upzoning on Transit Corridors** [Video](#) [TOD&ZoningJune8PowerPoint](#) [TOD Zoning Report](#) [Brooklyn Center TOD Zoning](#) [Burnsville TOD Guide](#) [Sample EV Charging Ordinances](#)

## Session Two: July 13, 2023 City Policies & Zoning Guiding Green Development

Notes and Webinar Recordings posted at <https://rccmn.co/green-development-city-policies-zoning/>

- **Sustainable Building Policy**, Kurt Schultz, City of St. Paul PED [PowerPointPresentation](#) [Parking Study](#), [E.V. Ready Parking Lot Ordinance](#) [St. Paul 1-4 UNIT HOUSING STUDY](#) [Article](#)
- **Resource - Addressing the Sustainability Gap** - Michael Orange, MN RETAP orange\_michael@msn.com [Video](#) [Guide for City Commissions](#) - [PowerPointPresentation](#)
- **Case Study Minneapolis Land Use Rezoning Study** - Joe Bernard, AICP, Planning Project Manager | CPED Code Development, City of Minneapolis, [PowerPointPresentation](#)
- **Case Study Burnsville TOD Guide** - Regina Dean, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Burnsville, [PowerPointPresentation](#)

## Session Three: Thurs Aug 10 2023, Designing and Financing Low-Carbon Buildings

Notes and Webinar Recordings posted at <https://rccmn.co/green-development-buildings-financing/>

- **MN Commercial Building Energy Code Improvements – impacts on new developments** Richard Graves, Director, Center for Sustainable Building Research, [CSBR U of MN](#) with Eric Fowler, [Buildings/Fresh Energy](#) Architects & Developers should start preparing now. 3-year code adoption cycle – will start raising the minimum bar for energy efficiency by at least 8% toward the goal of net-zero ready construction. [21<sup>st</sup> Century Development Guide](#)
- **Successful re-developments using district geothermal** – Andy Hestness, Seward Redesign, [28th & Lake](#), [U of MN Medical Center](#) Michael Ahern, EverGreen Energy
- **New Project Financing Tools, PACE Tax Credits & Green Bank (MNCIFA)** & engaging developers to use them Peter Klein, V.P. Finance, St. Paul Port Authority

## Session Four: Expanding MOBILITY OPTIONS in Redevelopment Thurs Sept 14 12:30pm to 2pm

Notes and Webinar Recordings posted at <https://rccmn.co/green-development-mobility/>

- **Using Flexible State & Federal Transportation \$ for shared mobility, bike/ped**, E.V.s Will Schroerer [MN Shared Mobility Collaborative](#) [Shared Mobility Funding Opportunities presentation \(PPT\)](#) [SUMC/REAMP Flexing Your Grants: Leveraging Federal Dollars for Clean Transportation Projects](#)
- **Minneapolis Case Study** Ethan Fawley, [Vision Zero](#) Program Coordinator, [Presentation](#) [Zoning Update](#) for [Complete Neighborhoods](#), [Parking Reform](#), [Go Minneapolis plan](#), [Transportation Equity Goals](#), [Complete Streets](#), [Vision Zero](#), [As You Go Minneapolis](#), [Mobility Hubs](#),
- **Towerside District Parking** Richard Gilyard, FAIA, [Presentation](#) [Towerside Innovation District](#)
- **Edina Case Study** Chris Brown, [Edina Transportation Commission](#) Expanding mobility options [Presentation](#) [Living Streets](#), [Biking & Walking Master Plan](#), [West 72<sup>nd</sup> Project](#), [Southdale District](#), [E.V. Car Sharing Study](#), [Walking to Southdale is easier after Edina's pedestrian project](#) [AH Zoning Amendment](#) –

**Session Five: District Stormwater & Green Space Thurs Oct 12 12:30pm to 2pm**

<https://rccmn.co/stormwater-green-space/>

**Focus** – Site design & planning for District Stormwater Management & Public Green Space in

- **Towerside [District Stormwater Management System & Green Space](#)**
  - **Dan Kalmon**, AICP Planning Principal, MWMO [www.mwmo.org/projects/towerside-district-stormwater-system/](http://www.mwmo.org/projects/towerside-district-stormwater-system/)
  - **Richard Gilyard**, Towerside Innovation District <http://towersidemp.org/projects>  
<https://www.barr.com/Awards/Towerside-district-stormwater-management-system>
- **Highland Bridge [District Stormwater Management & Green Space](#)**
  - **Matt Metzger**, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer Barr Engineering
  - [Water feature has transformed former Ford plant site](#)
  - **Highland Bridge Public Green Space** – [Project Page](#) Four city-owned parks comprising approximately 9 acres, and privately owned spaces available for public use including the [Unči Makhá Park Public Art](#)
- **Land & Water Acknowledgement Resources [rccmn.co/land-water-acknowledgement/](https://rccmn.co/land-water-acknowledgement/)**
  - Join us for the [Met Council Regional Parks System Historical-Cultural Study](#) Project update for the METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION Thurs Dec 7th 4pm to 5pm In Person at the Met Council Chambers 390 Robert Street N St. Paul, Or [Watch Online](#)