

# cura 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

ALIGNING UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESOURCES TO CATALYZE COMMUNITY DRIVEN CHANGE



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**214**  
Student  
Participants



**14**  
Research Areas



**29**  
Departments  
& Programs



**151**  
Community/Govt  
Organizations



**56**  
Events



**15**  
External Funders



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# 2024 PROJECTS

## FACULTY/GRAD STUDENT RESEARCH

### Community Action Research Grant

Supports interactive public policy research between University of Minnesota faculty and community organizations or government agencies in Minnesota.

- A Partnership with Rural Critical Access Hospitals to Create Interventions into Working Conditions to Prevent Burnout; *David Beard, Kim Dauner, Julie Slowiak, Kathryn Van Wert (Department of English, Linguistics, and Writing Studies; Department of Economics and Health Care Management; Department of Psychology; Wilderness Health, Aspirus Health, St. Luke's Duluth)*



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- An Evaluation of a Community-Based Intervention to Change Men's Use of Violence; *Lynette Renner (School of Social Work, Domestic Abuse Project (DAP))*
- Regional Food Systems Assessment—West Central Minnesota; *Ed Brand, Cristina Ortiz (Environmental Studies, Division of the Social Sciences; Anthropology, Division of the Social Sciences; Horizon Public Health Service)*
- The Right to Remain: Housing Access and Displacement of Latina/o/x Charter School Families in the Twin Cities; *Madelaine Cahuas, Jessica Lopez Lyman (Geography, Environment and Society; Department of Chicano and Latino Studies; Academia Cesar Chavez; El Colegio High School)*
- Tribal Authority to Protect Clean Water in Minnesota: Documenting Historical Cases and Identifying Future Strategies; *Bonnie Keeler (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Red Lake DNR Water Resources, Fond du Lac Band Environmental Program, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, United State Environmental Protection Agency)*

### Cross-Program Project

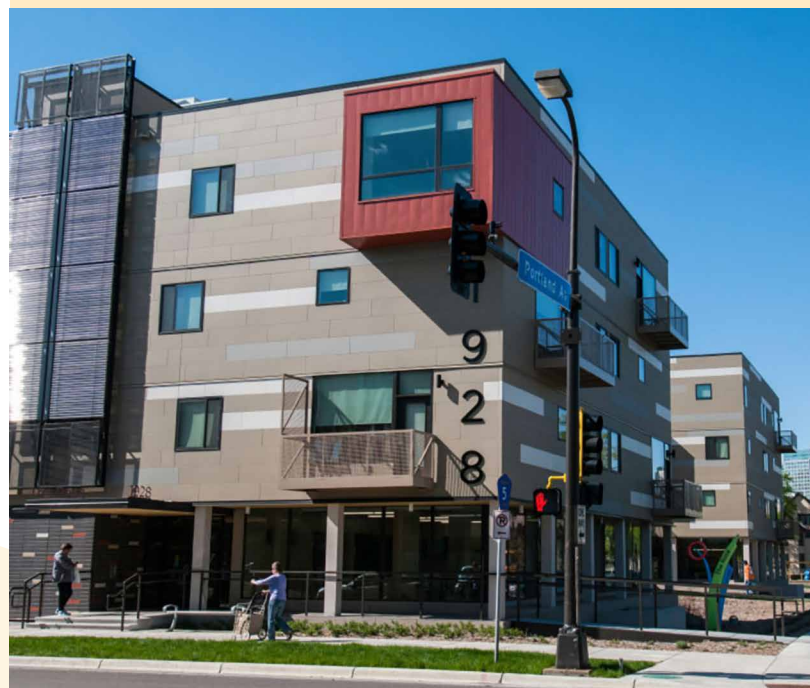
#### Reimagining Affordable Rental Housing Pilot

*Faculty: Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano*  
*Programs: CURA, Kris Nelson*  
*Community-Based Research Partner: Hope Community*



This is a demonstration research project—centered on resident needs and experience—to model how our current system can be realigned to prioritize the resident experience by focusing on resident stability, improved housing quality, and wealth creation for renter households. The model will ensure that households in the demonstration project are not cost-burdened while also making funds available to operate the property efficiently, creating a better living experience for low-income tenants and communities and helping to ensure the ongoing stability of operators. Hope Community is also working with key partners in this demonstration project so that the learnings from our effort can impact the broader housing system.

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## CURA Research

Works with community partners to conduct large-scale, comprehensive community-based research projects.

- “Does Size Matter? Strategies and Outcomes by Investor Size and Type in the Single-Family Rental Market in Minneapolis and St. Paul” Journal Article; *Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia)*
- Adaptive Re-use Study; *Edward Goetz, Evan Davis (CURA, City of Minneapolis)*
- George Floyd Square Survey; *Edward Goetz (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, City of Minneapolis, George Floyd Global Memorial Engagement Team)*
- Investor-Ownership and Housing Quality Decline and Disrepair; *Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano, Evan Davis (CURA, Family Housing Fund)*
- Landlord Initiated Displacement Actions (LIDA) Research; *Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano (CURA, HOME Line, Minnesota Housing Partnership)*
- Program Evaluation of the Department of Correction’s Higher Education Partnerships; *Shana Riddick (CURA, Minnesota Department of Corrections)*



CURA STAFF BACK ROW: C TERRENCE ANDERSON, EDWARD GOETZ, ANTHONY DAMIANO, MIKE GRECO, STINA KIELSMEIER-COOK, JULIA SYTINA; FRONT ROW: CJ MADSEN, MIO ISHIDA, LEE GUEGUEZIAN, MARGARET STUMBO-TURVEY/CURA

- Single Family Rental Portfolio Project; *Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano (CURA, Family Housing Fund)*
- Single-Family Renter Survey; *Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano (CURA, Family Housing Fund, Payne-Phalen District Council - District 5, Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia, Greater East Side Community Council - District 2, VEAP: Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People, Dayton’s Bluff Community Council - District 4)*
- State of Maryland Just Cause Analysis; *Edward Goetz, Kenton Card, Evan Davis (CURA, Public Justice Center)*
- State of Minnesota Home Care Programs Analysis; *Brittany Lewis (CURA, Service Employees International Union Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa (SEIU))*
- The Relative Inefficiency of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit in Minnesota; *Edward Goetz, Margaret Stumbo-Turvey (CURA, Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia)*
- Washington Housing Research Center at University of Washington Consulting; *Edward Goetz (CURA, Puget Sound Regional Council)*
- Yes in God’s Backyard (YIGBY) Survey; *Edward Goetz (CURA, Housing Justice Center, YIGBY MN)*



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## Empowering Small Minnesota Communities

A UMN initiative helping small Minnesota communities leverage their natural, economic, and human assets to strengthen infrastructure and secure competitive funding for future development.

- Beach Park Shoreland Stabilization; *Torey Erin, Mary Vogel, John Chapman (Minnesota Design Center, Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, City of Lindstrom)*
- Community Futures Partnership; *Torey Erin, Mary Vogel, John Chapman (Minnesota Design Center, Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, City of Harris)*
- Swedish Immigrant Trailhead and Park; *Torey Erin, Mary Vogel, John Chapman (Minnesota Design Center, Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, Center City)*



## Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs

The Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs provides one year of support for the research activities of a University of Minnesota faculty member on a project related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota.

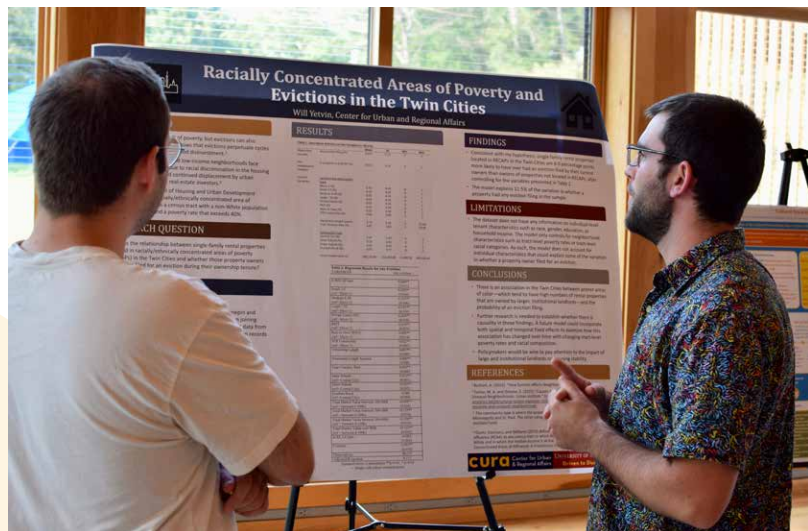
- How Racial Stratification and Neighborhood Socioeconomic Deprivation Intersect in Minnesota’s Mortality; *Elizabeth Wrigley-Field (Sociology)*



## Hennepin-University Partnership

The Hennepin-University Partnership (HUP) is a collaboration between Minnesota’s most populous county and its only land-grant university. It aims to pair cutting-edge academic research with on the ground practitioner expertise to improve the lives of Hennepin County residents.

- 4-H Environmental Learning and Capacity Building Green Partners Grant; *Amie Mondl (Department of Youth Development, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- 2024 Be@School Conference; *Traci Laliberte (School of Social Work, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office)*
- Affordable Housing Incentive Fund Evaluation (*Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development*)
- AIS Detectors Course 2024; *Megan Weber (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Apartment Broadband Analysis (*Hennepin County Broadband and Digital Inclusion*)
- Benefits Cliff Pilot Phase I Evaluation; *Ceema Samimi (School of Social Work, Hennepin County Office of Workforce Development)*
- CANIAR, Opioid Service Delivery; *Siddarth Chandramouli (Carlson School of Management, Hennepin County Public Health)*



CURA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SHOWCASE, SEPTEMBER 2024/CURA

- Comprehensive Planning for Natural Systems; *Audrey Robeson (College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Culturally Appropriate Healthy Food Distribution; *Karin Onarheim (Boynton Health, Hennepin County Public Health)*
- Enhancing Multilingual Access to Services (*Hennepin County Digital Experience*)
- Evaluating the H.O.P.E. Program (*Hennepin County Law Library*)
- Getting to Zero: Quantifying the Impact of Nature-based Solutions for Carbon Sequestration in Hennepin County; *Bryan Runck (Geography, Environment and Society; Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Health Care Impact of Hennepin County's GBI Program; *Lynn Blewett (School of Public Health, Hennepin County Health and Human Services)*
- Living Well/Dying Well; *Molly Manko (Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing, Hennepin County Human Resources)*
- Measuring Disparities in Human Services (*Hennepin County Human Services*)
- MN B3 Guidelines Program; *Richard Graves (Center for Sustainable Building Research, Hennepin County Facility Services)*
- Natural Resources Collaborative Planning; *Bryan Runck (GEMS Informatics, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- NorthPoint Guest Satisfaction Survey (*NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center*)
- PA 8081: Efficiency, Equity, and Eliminating Homelessness; *Jeannie Entenza (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Hennepin County Human Services)*
- PA 8081: Two-way Bikeway Safety Evaluation; *Peter Brown (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Hennepin County Transportation Project Delivery)*
- Preserving Open Space Through Conservation Easements (*Hennepin County Environment and Energy*)
- PSAP Eval at D2D Pavilion (State Fair); *Kathy Quick (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Hennepin County Health and Human Services, Hennepin County Public Safety)*
- Public Library Support for Literacy and Educational Equity (*Hennepin County Library*)
- Raise the Baseline Data Evaluation (*CURA, Hennepin County Health and Human Services*)
- Reducing Implicit Bias Through De-Identified Screening (*Hennepin County Public Health*)
- Reimagining Youth Justice; *Kara Beckman (Pediatrics, Hennepin County Attorney's Office)*
- Safe Communities Evaluation (*Hennepin County Safe Communities*)
- School Recycling Program Assistance; *Kelsey Klucas (School of Public Health, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Scoping Review of Food Skills; *Abby Gold (College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Soil Health Testing; *Keith Piotrowski (College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Status Neutral Strategies to Reduce HIV Incidence Among Young Black Men (*Hennepin County Public Health*)
- Streets to Housing Evaluation (*Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development*)
- The Aliveness Project, Organizational Readiness Strategy; *Siddarth Chandramouli (Carlson School of Management, Hennepin County Public Health)*
- The Deconstruction and Building Material Reuse Guidance Project; *Liz Kutschke (Center for Sustainable Building Research, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Understanding Trends in Asylum-Seekers' Use of Hennepin County's Emergency Shelter System; *Ryan Allen (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Hennepin County Administration)*
- Urban Agriculture Initiative 24-25; *D. Craig Taylor (Hennepin County Extension Office, Hennepin County Climate and Resiliency)*
- Weber Park 4-H STEAM Club; *Ashley Purry (Department of Youth Development, Hennepin County Library)*



HUP INTEGRATING DATA TO OVERCOME SYNDemics EVENT, AUGUST 2024/CURA



CURA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SHOWCASE, RCP PRESENTERS, SEPTEMBER 2024/CURA

## Resilient Communities Project

Connects local government agencies in Minnesota with U of M students and faculty to work collaboratively on projects that advance community resilience, equity, and sustainability and enhance student learning, knowledge, and skills.

- Bloomington Development Impact Analysis; *Peter Brown (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, City of Bloomington)*
- Bridging the Gap: Lifting up Unheard Community Voices and Enhancing Resident Engagement in Duluth Through Effective Communication; *Jeannie Entenza (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, City of Duluth)*
- Urban Agriculture and Food Recovery: Aligning Food Security and Resilience; *Jeannie Entenza (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Ramsey County)*
- Density and Transit Service Study; *Nichola Lowe (Urban and Regional Planning, City of Edina)*
- Duluth Property Condition Scorecard and Resource Guide; *Nichola Lowe (Urban and Regional Planning, City of Duluth)*
- Electric Vehicle Guidebook for Municipalities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Region *(CURA, Metropolitan Council)*
- Exploring Shared-Mobility Public-Private Partnerships; *Frank Douma (CURA, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT))*
- Hiring Contractors vs. Employees Analysis; *Stacy Doepner-Hove (Carlson School of Management, Metropolitan Airports Commission)*
- Indigenous History for Overlook Plaza: Engagement Best Practices and Design Ideas *(CURA, City of La Crescent)*
- Making Duluth a Smart City; *Steve Kelley (Science, Technology and Environmental Policy; City of Duluth)*
- MSP Airport Rates and Charges Review; *Meghan Stiling (Carlson School of Management, Metropolitan Airports Commission)*

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Evaluation Plan; *Kayla Meyer (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, City of Chaska)*
- Pedestrian and Bike Trail Gap Analysis; *Dorian Bautista (Urban and Regional Planning, Scott County)*
- Planning for Electric Vehicle Adoption in Washington County: Resident Guide; *Dorian Bautista (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Washington County)*
- Planning for Electric Vehicle Adoption: Municipal Guide; *Dorian Bautista (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Washington County)*
- Property Condition Scoring Metric Training Manual *(CURA, City of Duluth)*
- To Acknowledge and to Celebrate: Indigenous Placemaking on Hoocak and Dakota Homelands; *Peter Brown (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, City of La Crescent)*



AN RCP SPONSORED CAPSTONE PROJECT WON THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION-MN CHAPTER'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT FOR "TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND TO CELEBRATE: INDIGENOUS PLACEMAKING ON HOOCAK AND DAKOTA HOMELANDS."

## COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

### Community Assistantship Program

Builds community capacity to use applied research to solve complex problems in Greater Minnesota.

- Community Engagement for Clean Energy Empowerment (*Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Community Grassroots Solutions*)
- Empowering Latinx Entrepreneurs via Mercado Local (*Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Rice County Neighbors United/Vecinxs Unidxs*)
- Equitable Communications Program Evaluation (*Mid-Minnesota Development Commission, Ridgewater College*)
- Pathways to Nature (*River Bend Nature Center, Somali Community Resettlement Services*)

### CURA Research

- Clean Energy Research (*McKnight Foundation*)
- Highway 252/94 Equity and Health Assessment (*Bellwether Consulting, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)*)
- Housing Research Projects for Equity in Place (*The Alliance, Equity in Place*)
- Louisville Anti-Displacement Ordinance Project; *Kenton Card (CURA, Louisville Tenants Union)*

### Charles R. Krusell Community Development Fellowship

Provides fellowship and internship opportunities for historically underrepresented students at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs who have a career interest in housing and community development issues.

#### Jasmin Adam

- City of Minneapolis

#### Linda Lubi

- Fresh Energy

#### Fadumo Mohammed

- African Career, Education, and Resources Inc. (ACER)

## Cross-Program Project

### Stories of Connection Project: How Neighbors of Theodore Wirth Park Relate to Urban Green Space

Programs: *Kris Nelson Community-Based Research, PPDL*  
Partner: *Loppet Foundation*

The Stories of Connection Project is transforming Theodore Wirth Park into a more inclusive space by amplifying the voices of marginalized communities. Led by The Loppet Foundation, with research by a CURA Kris Nelson Community-Based Research graduate assistant, this initiative bridges historical divides through storytelling and community engagement. The project celebrates the rich cultural connections to nature, fostering healing and community unity.



NEAMATALLAH ELSAYED (NEAMA) PRESENTS ON THE LOPPET STORIES OF CONNECTION PROJECT AT THE CURA GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM/CURA; THE TRAILHEAD AT WIRTH PARK/THE LOPPET FOUNDATION



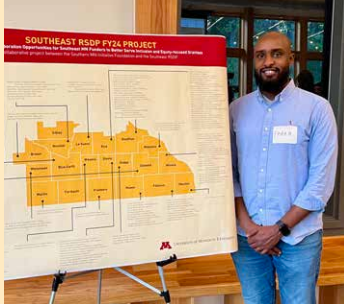
ONIBABA STUDIO PRODUCES ART THROUGH PPDL

## Cross-Program Projects

### Funders to Better Serve Inclusion and Equity-focused Grantees

Programs: Community Assistantship Program, PPDL  
Partner: Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

The Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF) and the Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (SERSDP) at UMN Extension partnered with the Community Assistantship Program and Public Policy Design Lab to explore how funders in Southeast Minnesota can more effectively work to support and nurture BIPOC-led and BIPOC-focused organizations and projects throughout the region.



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This project focused on funders/ organizations that specifically work in the realm of resilient communities (i.e. economic well-being and entrepreneurship, welcoming and inclusive communities, climate/environmental justice, etc.).

### Blue Line Anti-Displacement Initiative

Programs: CGIS, CURA, HUP, Neighborhood Leading and Organizing, PPDL  
Partner: Blue Line Coalition

The Blue Line Extension has been in the works for over a decade. For at least that long, corridor communities have been challenging governments and private sector actors to be considerate of the local population to ensure that they are not displaced as a result of development. In response to these concerns and to ensure the Blue Line Extension transit investment benefits current corridor residents and businesses, Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council initiated an anti-displacement initiative and contracted with the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) to work with community to develop anti-displacement policy and strategy recommendations, including the formation of the Blue Line Extension Anti-Displacement Working Group.



LEFT: THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT COMMUNITY PROSPERITY PROGRAM; TOP RIGHT: ANTI-DISPLACEMENT WORKGROUP SESSION; BOTTOM RIGHT: CMC ANTI-DISPLACEMENT SAHAN JOURNAL/CURA

### Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program

Builds community capacity to erase persistent racial and economic disparities in the Twin Cities region.

- Building Cultural Commercial Corridors as an Anti-Displacement Strategy (*The Alliance*)
- Cultural Enrichment and Community Development Initiative on West Broadway (*West Broadway Business and Area Coalition*)
- Cultural Stewardship Report Card (*Black Community Board*)
- Evaluating DEED's Business Partnerships Program (*Equitable Development Action*)
- Evaluating the Impact of West Broadway Commercial Vacancies in North Minneapolis; *Shana Riddick (CURA, City of Minneapolis - Minneapolis Promise Zone)*
- Examining Vacancies in the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood (*Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association*)
- Exploring the Wage Gap and Barriers to Work Experienced by Somali Women in the Twin Cities (*Ayada Leads*)



NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP (NNIP) SELECTED CURA FOR THE G. THOMAS KINGSLEY IMPACT AWARD FOR THEIR FACILITATION OF THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT WORK GROUP ON THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION. PICTURED ARE JEFF MATSON, C TERENCE ANDERSON AND LEE GUEGUEZIAN OF CURA COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/CURA

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

### Community Geographic Information Systems

Taps into complex public data to provide unique maps and analysis that help communities tell their stories.

- Analysis of Home Care Data by Race; *Edward Goetz (CURA, Service Employees International Union Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa (SEIU))*
- Basemap and Assets for Grant Applications (*Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)*)
- Basemap of Minnehaha Creek Watershed (*Minneapolis Public Schools*)
- Communicating Hennepin-University Partnership Campus Reach (*Hennepin County*)
- Demographic Analysis of Child Protective Services (*CURA, Hennepin County*)
- Economic Impact of the Arts in Minnesota (*Creative Minnesota, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts*)
- Energy Assistance Automatic Bill Credits (*Fresh Energy*)
- Energy Assistance by Legislative District Maps (*Fresh Energy*)
- Energy Assistance Maps (*Fresh Energy*)
- Housing and Wage Indicators for Minnesota (*McKnight Foundation*)
- Housing Data for Energy Efficiency (*Northside Residents Redevelopment Council*)
- Land Use, Demographics and Housing Maps (*Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization*)
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects and Legislative Committees Mapping (*Equity in Place*)
- Map of Homeownership Gap by Race (*McKnight Foundation, City of New Brighton, Ramsey County*)
- Map of Publicly-owned Parcels (*Frogtown Neighborhood Association - District 7*)
- Mapping of Business Database (*Seward Redesign*)
- Mapping Racial Covenants in Saint Paul (*Como Community Council - District 10*)
- Mapping Response Rates for the 2023 American Community Survey (*Minnesotans for the American Community Survey (MACS)*)
- Maps of ACS Response Rates (2018-2022) (*Minnesotans for the American Community Survey (MACS)*)
- Margin of Victory in 2022 Election Mapping (*The Alliance*)
- Minnesota Horticultural Society Web Map Updates (*Minnesota State Horticultural Society*)
- New Building and Business Database (*Lake Street Council*)
- Percentage Families in Poverty Mapping (*Fresh Energy*)
- Socioeconomic Indicators and Weatherization Costs (*Fresh Energy*)
- Solar for Schools Mapping (*Fresh Energy*)
- Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Garage Sale Map
- StoryMap of Regional Sustainable Development Partnership Projects (*Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships*)
- Tennent Opportunity to Purchase Mapping (*Jewish Community Action, The Alliance, Voices for Racial Justice, Housing Justice League*)
- Voter Outreach Mapping (*Voices for Racial Justice, Minnesotans for the American Community Survey (MACS), Minnesota Council on Foundations*)
- Weatherization Assistance Program Training; *Gabe Chan (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce)*
- Weatherization Assistance Program Web Map Updates; *Gabe Chan (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce)*
- Web Map of Low Income Housing Tax Credit Properties (*Equity in Place*)
- Web Map of Manufactured Home Parks in Minnesota (*Housing Justice Center*)
- Web Map of Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships Program Partners (*Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships*)
- Web Map of Technical Assistance Providers (*Minnesota TA Collaborative*)
- Web Map of Voter Turnout by Precinct (*Voices for Racial Justice, Minnesotans for the American Community Survey (MACS), Minnesota Council on Foundations*)

### Hennepin-University Partnership

- Green Partners 4-H; *Amie Mondl (Department of Youth Development, Hennepin County Environment and Energy)*
- Urban Agriculture Initiative 23-24; *D. Craig Taylor (Hennepin County Extension Office, Hennepin County Climate and Resiliency)*

### Neighborhood Leadership and Organizing

Support neighborhood leaders in building vital communities that value full participation and embody racial equity and economic justice.

- Asset-Based Community Development Trainings (Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement (CLNE))



2024 NEIGHBORHOODS NOW! GRADUATES

# Neighborhoods Now!

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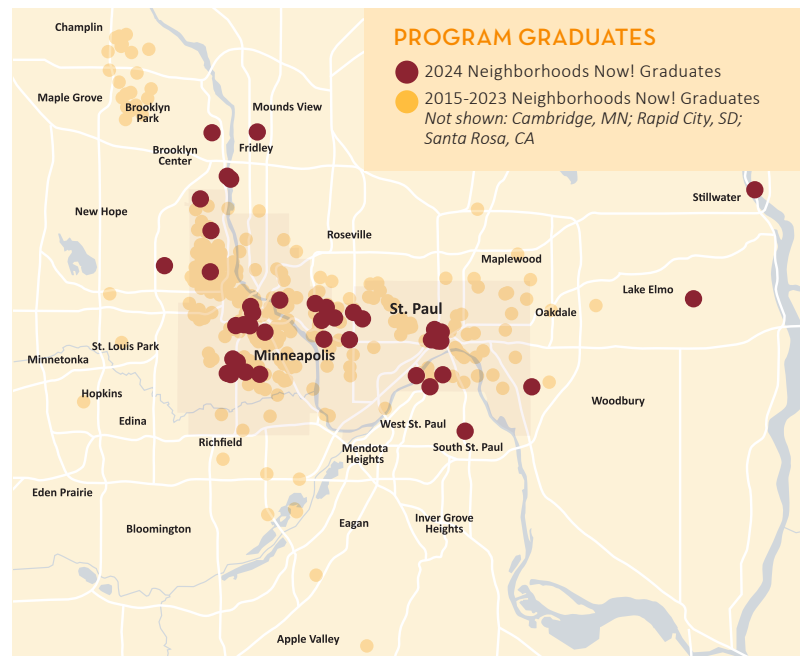
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- Neighborhoods Next! Alumni Summit (*African Career, Education, and Resources Inc.; The Alliance, Ayada Leads; BrittFit50 Indigenous Health; Bryant Neighborhood Organization; City of Minneapolis; Como Community Council - District 10; Hamline Midway Coalition - District 11; East Side Freedom Library; Payne-Phalen District Council - District 5; Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.; Folwell Neighborhood Association; Greater East Side Community Council - District 2; Harrison Neighborhood Association; Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing; HOME Line; Housing Justice Center; Housing Resource Network; Project for Pride in Living; Longfellow Community Council; Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities; McKinley Community; Mpact; Nokomis East Neighborhood Association; City of Minneapolis - Minneapolis Promise Zone; Pueblos de Lucha y Esperanza; Sabathani Community Center; Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota; West Side Community Organization - District 3; Prospect Park Neighborhood Association; Heritage Park Neighborhood Association; Journalism of Color Training Center; No More Streets; SHIP Collaborative; Southeast Asian Freedom Network; Standard Edition Women; United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 663; Victoria Theater Arts Council*)
- Neighborhoods Now! HOMEline VISTA Cohort 1 (*HOME Line, Bryant Neighborhood Organization, Phillips West Neighborhood Association, Housing Justice Center, Minnesota Housing Partnership, Hamline Midway Coalition - District 11*)
- Neighborhoods Now! HOMEline Vista Cohort 2 (*HOME Line, Isuroon, Housing Justice Center, Phillips West Neighborhood Association, City of West Saint Paul, Saint Anthony Park Community Council - District 12*)
- Neighborhoods Now! Spring 2024 (*Institute on Community Integration; Washington County; Housing Justice Center; Project for Pride in Living; African Career, Education, and Resources Inc. (ACER); Ayada Leads; Housing Justice League; Whittier Alliance; Jewish Community Action; Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization; West Side Community Organization - District 3;*

*Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization; Parks and Power; Hope Community; Southeast Community Organization - District 1; Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association; Urban Homeworks; Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties; Butterfly Lotus Healing Sanctuary; Westside Tenants Union; The ARC Minnesota; Little Swap Closet; Spring Lake Park Tenants)*

### Neighborhoods Now! Alumni in the News

39 Alumni. Publication: Alley Newspaper, CBS News, Daily Planet, Finance & Commerce, Fox 9, Insight News, Kare 11, KSTP, KYMN, Mill City Times, Minneapolis Labor Review, Minnesota Reformer, Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder, Minnesota Women's Press, Minnpost, MN Daily, Mpls. St Paul Magazine, MPR, NBC News, North News, Park Bugle, Sahan Journal, Star Tribune, The Guardian, The Uptake, Twin Cities PBS, Twin Cities Pioneer Press, WCCO, WKOW, and WXPB.



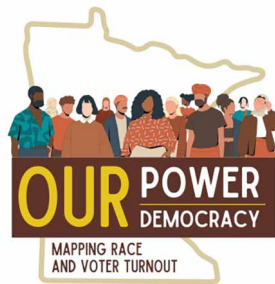
# 2024 EVENTS

## Community-Based Research

- February - Environmental Justice Workshop with the Met Council (CBR, Metropolitan Council)
- February- CBR Research Presentation to YouthLink Staff and Board (CBR)
- March - Storytelling Event for Stories of Connection Project (CBR, The Loppet Foundation)
- May - Data Justice and CBR Presentation to the Connecticut Data Collaborative (CBR)
- June - Equity in Place Tenant Protections Celebration (CBR, Neighborhood Leadership and Organizing)
- June - Visit with Bemidji State Researchers and Tour of New Flier Bus Factory (CBR, Fresh Energy)
- July - RSDP Statewide Meeting in Luverne (CBR)

## Community Geographic Information Systems

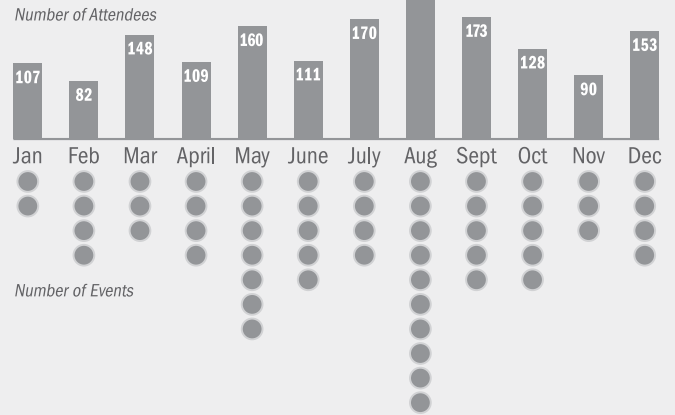
- August - Community Mapping Expo for Nonprofits; Jeff Matson, John Vaughn, Allison Slaats, Jessica Fendos, Ariana Kim (CGIS, ESRI, LOGIS and U-Spatial)
- October - Minnesota Census and Democracy Partnership Meeting: Mapping Minnesota's Communities and Voter Turnout; Jeff Matson (CGIS, Voices for Racial Justice and Office of the Secretary of State)



## CURA

- April - Housing Forum: Investor-Owned Single-Family Rentals and Evictions in the Twin Cities; Edward Goetz, Anthony Damiano (CURA Research, CURA)
- May - Housing Forum: Social Housing in Minnesota, The Campaign for Locally-owned and Controlled Housing; Jennifer Arnold, Sean Burke, Eric Harris Bernstein, Jillia Pessenda (CURA Research, Inquilinx Unidos Por Justicia, We Make Minnesota and Local Progress)
- June - Kickoff event of the Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Board that convenes monthly (CURA, Blue Line Coalition)
- September - CURA Graduate Research Showcase (Community Assistantship Program, CURA Research, Community Geographic Information Systems, Hennepin-University Partnership, Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program, Resilient Communities Project)
- October - CURA team presents about our work and receives W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Award (CURA, Blue Line Extension Anti-Displacement Working Group)

## EVENTS BY MONTH



- October - Housing Forum: Exploring the Impacts of the RealPage Antitrust Case; Lawrence McDonough, Jordan Ash (CURA Research, HOME Line and Private Equity Stakeholder Project)
- December - Esther Wattenberg Policy Forum; Nikki Villavicencio, Marjorie Aunos (CURA Research, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare)

## Empowering Small Minnesota Communities

- January - ESMC Webinar; Mike Greco, Andi Sutton, Kyle Shelton (ESMC, Center for Transportation Studies, Humphrey School of Public Affairs and Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships)
- June - Harris-ESMC Advisory Committee Meeting; Mike Greco, Bruce Chamberlain, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- July - Booth at Harris Days; Mike Greco, Bruce Chamberlain, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- August - City of Lindstrom Intercept Surveying in Beach Park; Mike Greco, Torey Erin (ESMC, City of Lindstrom)
- August - Harris-ESMC Advisory Committee Meeting 2; Mike Greco, Bruce Chamberlain, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- September - Parks Commission: Redesigning Beach Park; Torey Erin (ESMC, City of Lindstrom Parks Commission)
- September - Harris-ESMC Open House; Mike Greco, Bruce Chamberlain, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- October - Harris-ESMC Advisory Committee Meeting 3; Mike Greco, Torey Erin, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- November - Center City Stormwater Management and Design Open House; Torey Erin (ESMC, Center City)
- November - Harris-ESMC Advisory Committee Meeting 4; Mike Greco, Torey Erin, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)
- December - Harris-ESMC Advisory Committee Meeting 5; Mike Greco, Torey Erin, Mary Vogel (ESMC, City of Harris)

## Hennepin-University Partnership

- February - PrEP for Substance-Using Women; *Melissa Ertl (HUP, Department of Psychology)*
- March - Cultural Values of Water and Water Justice; *Mae Davenport (HUP, Department of Forest Resources)*
- April - Addressing Gender Wage Gaps in Healthcare; *Janette Dill (HUP, School of Public Health)*
- June - Humphrey Graduate Capstone Presentations (*HUP*)
- July - Building Material Reuse in Commercial Projects; *Olivia Cashman (HUP, Hennepin County)*
- August - HCRA Research Symposium (*HUP*)
- September - Sustainable Turfgrass in Minnesota; *Eric Watkins (HUP, Department of Horticultural Science)*
- September - Public Health Data Convening; *Jonathan Hanft (HUP, Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare)*
- October - Addressing the Last-Mile Problem with AMoD; *Alireza Khani (HUP; Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering)*
- November - Enhancing Personal Wellbeing and Resilience, Mindfully; *Mariann Johnson (HUP, Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing)*
- December - Youth Mental Health and Social Isolation Mixer; *Leah Kaiser (HUP, Hennepin County)*
- April - Indigenous History Resource Committee Meeting (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- April - Duluth Smart City Network Research Presentation (*RCP, City of Duluth*)
- May - Design Placelt Workshop for Overlook Plaza (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- May - Community Presentation on Indigenous History Research (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- May - City of Duluth Property Condition Metric Research Presentation (*RCP, City of Duluth*)
- May - Edina City Council Presentation (*RCP, City of Edina*)
- May - Edina Planning Commission Presentation (*RCP, City of Edina*)
- July - Indigenous History Project Resource Committee (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- August - Ramsey County Urban Agriculture Student Presentation (*RCP, Ramsey County*)
- August - Student Research Presentation at Duluth City Hall (*RCP, City of Duluth*)
- August - Indigenous History Placelt Community Engagement; *Mike Greco (RCP, City of La Crescent)*
- August - Indigenous History Ho-Chunk Youth Outing; *Tracy Littlejohn, Henry Greengrass (RCP, La Crosse Youth and Learning Center, City of La Crescent)*
- August - Indigenous History Community Presentation (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- August - Student Presentation to La Crescent City Council Meeting (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- December - Pedestrian and Bicycle Evaluation Plan Presentation (*RCP, City of Chaska*)

## Resilient Communities Project

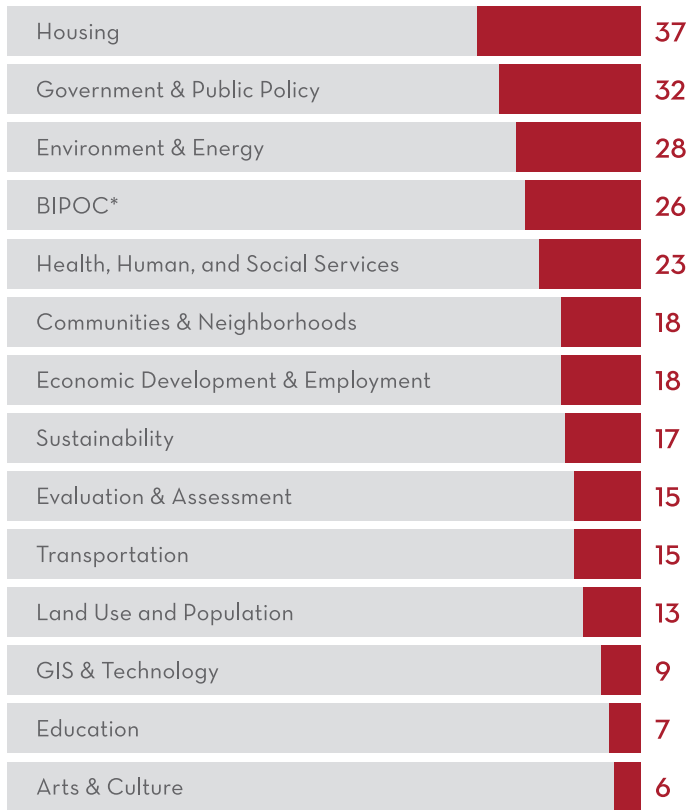
- January - Indigenous History Site Visit: City of La Crescent; *Larry Kirch (RCP, City of La Crescent)*
- February - Indigenous History Project Resource Committee Meeting (*RCP, City of La Crescent*)
- March - RCP Request for Proposals Webinar; *Mike Greco, Eric Wojchik (RCP, Metropolitan Council)*

HUP MIXER - YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH; HUP PUBLIC HEALTH DATA CONVENING



# 2024 PROJECT IMPACTS

## 14 RESEARCH AREAS



\*Black, Indigenous, People of Color and other Underrepresented groups

## 214 STUDENTS\*



**153 STUDENTS** involved in faculty-led research



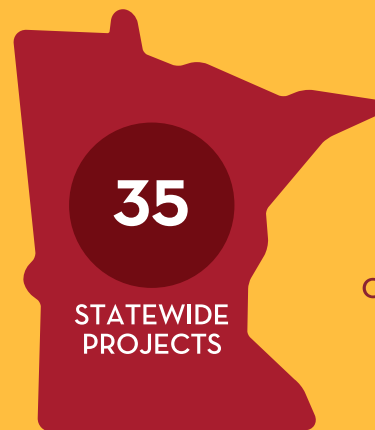
**23 STUDENTS** conducting community-based research



**38 STUDENTS** working on technical assistance projects

\* Students may have worked on more than one project

## PROJECT LOCATIONS



## 151 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS SERVED

Academia Cesar Chavez	Frogtown Neighborhood Association - District 7	Little Swap Closet	Sabathani Community Center
African Career, Education, and Resources Inc. (ACER)	George Floyd Global Memorial Engagement Team	Longfellow Community Council	Saint Anthony Park Community Council - District 12
Aspirus Health	Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Loppet Foundation	Scott County
Ayada Leads	Greater East Side Community Council - District 2	Louisville Tenants Union	Service Employees International Union Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa (SEIU)
Bellwether Consulting	Hamline Midway Coalition - District 11	McKinley Community	Seward Redesign
Black Community Board	Harrison Neighborhood Association	McKnight Foundation	SHIP Collaborative
Blue Line Coalition	Hennepin County	Metropolitan Airports Commission	Somali Community Resettlement Services
Blue Line Extension Anti-displacement Work Group	Hennepin County Administration	Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities	Southeast Asian Freedom Network
BrittFit50 Indigenous Health	Hennepin County Attorney's Office	Metropolitan Council	Southeast Community Organization - District 1
Bryant Neighborhood Organization	Hennepin County Broadband and Digital Inclusion	Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAHA)	Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
Butterfly Lotus Healing Sanctuary	Hennepin County Climate and Resiliency	Mid-Minnesota Development Commission	Spring Lake Park Tenants
CAPI	Hennepin County Digital Experience	Minneapolis Public Schools	St. Luke's Duluth
Center City	Hennepin County Environment and Energy	Minnesota Citizens for the Arts	Standard Edition Women
Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement (CLNE)	Hennepin County Facility Services	Minnesota Council on Foundations	State of Minnesota - Minnesota Department of Commerce
Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO)	Hennepin County Health and Human Services	Minnesota Housing Partnership	State of Minnesota - Minnesota Department of Corrections
City of Bloomington	Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development	Minnesota State Horticultural Society	State of Minnesota - Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
City of Chaska	Hennepin County Human Resources	Minnesota TA Collaborative	State of Minnesota - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
City of Duluth	Hennepin County Human Services	Minnesotans for the American Community Survey (MACS)	The Alliance
City of Edina	Hennepin County Law Library	Mpact	The ARC Minnesota
City of Harris	Hennepin County Library	No More Streets	United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 663
City of La Crescent	Hennepin County Office of Workforce Development	Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA)	United State Environmental Protection Agency
City of Lindstrom	Hennepin County Public Health	NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center	Urban Homeworks
City of Minneapolis	Hennepin County Public Safety	Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)	VEAP: Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People
City of Minneapolis - Minneapolis Promise Zone	Hennepin County Safe Communities	Northside Residents Redevelopment Council	Victoria Theater Arts Council
City of New Brighton	Hennepin County Sheriff's Office	Parks and Power	Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota
City of West Saint Paul	Hennepin County Transportation Project Delivery	Payne-Phalen District Council - District 5	Voices for Racial Justice
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties	Heritage Park Neighborhood Association	Phillips West Neighborhood Association	Washington County
Community Grassroots Solutions	HOME Line	Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association	Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization
Como Community Council - District 10	Hope Community	Project for Pride in Living	West Broadway Business and Area Coalition
Creative Minnesota	Horizon Public Health Service	Prospect Park Neighborhood Association	West Side Community Organization - District 3
Dayton's Bluff Community Council - District 4	Housing Justice Center	Public Justice Center	Westside Tenants Union
Domestic Abuse Project (DAP)	Housing Justice League	Pueblos de Lucha y Esperanza	Whittier Alliance
East Side Freedom Library	Housing Resource Network	Puget Sound Regional Council	Wilderness Health
El Colegio High School	Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia	Ramsey County	YIGBY MN
Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI)	Isuroon	Red Lake DNR Water Resources	
Equitable Development Action	Jewish Community Action	Rice County Neighbors United/Vecinxs Unidxs	
Equity in Place	Journalism of Color Training Center	Ridgewater College	
Family Housing Fund	Lake Street Council	River Bend Nature Center	
Folwell Neighborhood Association			
Fond du Lac Band Environmental Program			
Fresh Energy			

## 29 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTED

### Boynton Health

- Boynton Health [1]

### Carlson School of Management

- Carlson School of Management [4]

### College of Design

- Center for Sustainable Building Research [2]
- Minnesota Design Center [3]

### College of Education and Human Development

- School of Social Work [3]

### College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences

- College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences [3]
- Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering [3]
- GEMS Informatics [1]
- Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center [1]

### College of Liberal Arts

- Department of Chicano and Latino Studies [1]

- Geography, Environment and Society [2]
- Sociology [1]

### Humphrey School of Public Affairs

- Humphrey School of Public Affairs [18]
- Science, Technology and Environmental Policy [1]
- Urban and Regional Planning [4]

### Medical School

- Pediatrics [1]

### Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

- Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) [22]

### School of Nursing

- Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing [1]

### School of Public Health

- School of Public Health [2]

### University of Minnesota Duluth

- Department of Economics and Health Care Management [1]
- Department of English, Linguistics, and Writing Studies [1]
- Department of Psychology [1]

### University of Minnesota Extension

- Department of Youth Development [3]
- Hennepin County Extension Office [2]
- Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships [4]

### University of Minnesota Morris

- Anthropology, Division of the Social Sciences [1]
- Environmental Studies, Division of the Social Sciences [1]

### University-wide

- Institute on Community Integration [1]
- Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) [1]



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The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs aligns University of Minnesota resources to catalyze community driven change. As a nationally recognized model for university-community partnership, we collaborate with community and local government to advance smart and equitable decision making, investments, and policies that benefit all of Minnesota's diverse communities.

## VALUES

### Deep Partnership.

Research and technical assistance are developed through deep relationships with our partners. We work together to shape projects, co-developing key questions, goals, and methods.

### Racial Equity.

We strive to address systemic racial inequities and advance solutions that are explicit about race and recognize intersectionality with other forms of marginalization.

### Shared Expertise.

Community members, CURA staff, and the researchers we support all provide important and necessary expertise and perspectives.

### Social Justice.

We engage in research and technical assistance that helps develop narratives, transform relationships, shift power, and change policies and practices in ways that advance justice.

### Excellence.

We produce high-quality, innovative, and actionable research and technical assistance for solution-oriented application to real world problems.

**Organizing as a Form of Leadership.** We invest in the leadership and action of communities most impacted by injustice and inequity, supporting them to turn their resources into the power required to make real change.

## PROGRAMS

### COMMUNITY

- Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative
- Charles R. Krusell Fellowship in Community Development
- Community Assistantship Program
- Community Geographic Information Systems
- Empowering Small Minnesota Communities
- Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program
- Neighborhood Leadership and Organizing
- Neighborhood Partnership Initiative
- Neighborhoods Now!
- Public Policy Design Lab

### UNIVERSITY

- Community Action Research Grant
- Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Hennepin-University Partnership
- Resilient Communities Project

### CURA RESEARCH

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