



# CITY OF SAINT PAUL OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## SAINT PAUL DISTRICT COUNCIL SYSTEM OVERVIEW

### DISTRICT COUNCIL INFORMATION

#### What are district councils?

There are 17 district councils in Saint Paul. Each district council is an independent nonprofit tax-exempt 501-c-3 neighborhood-based organization that receives funding from the City, as well as other sources. Such sources include private donations, foundation and corporate grants, as well as grants from other units of government. As independent organizations, district councils ensure community participation in Saint Paul's planning and decision making processes. The map on the next page shows district council boundaries and provides contact information.

#### What is the mission of the community participation process?

The mission of the community participation process is to facilitate effective, informed and representative participation of neighborhoods in government and self-help initiatives and to provide a channel for communication with elected officials, City department staff, and other relevant agency representatives.



*"...participation is a process, not a structure. The City has a responsibility to develop a process that will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to communicate with City government, and further that everyone is assured that they will be heard. This process cannot guarantee that there will always be agreement nor is it a substitution of one level of government for another or any other transfer of power."*

- Formal definition of community participation, as adopted in 1975 by the Saint Paul City Council.

#### What is the history of the district council system?

The City of Saint Paul officially established a citywide community participation process by council resolution in October 1975. Shortly afterward, district councils followed steps to recognition and were then officially designated by a City Council resolution as the district council for a specific area. Seventeen district councils were recognized, based on neighborhoods, not population.

#### What are the common characteristics of district councils?

As an independent organization, each district council hires its own staff members, including an executive director and/or community organizer. District council employees are not city employees, but employees of each district council. The governing board of each district council is composed of volunteers elected primarily by residents.

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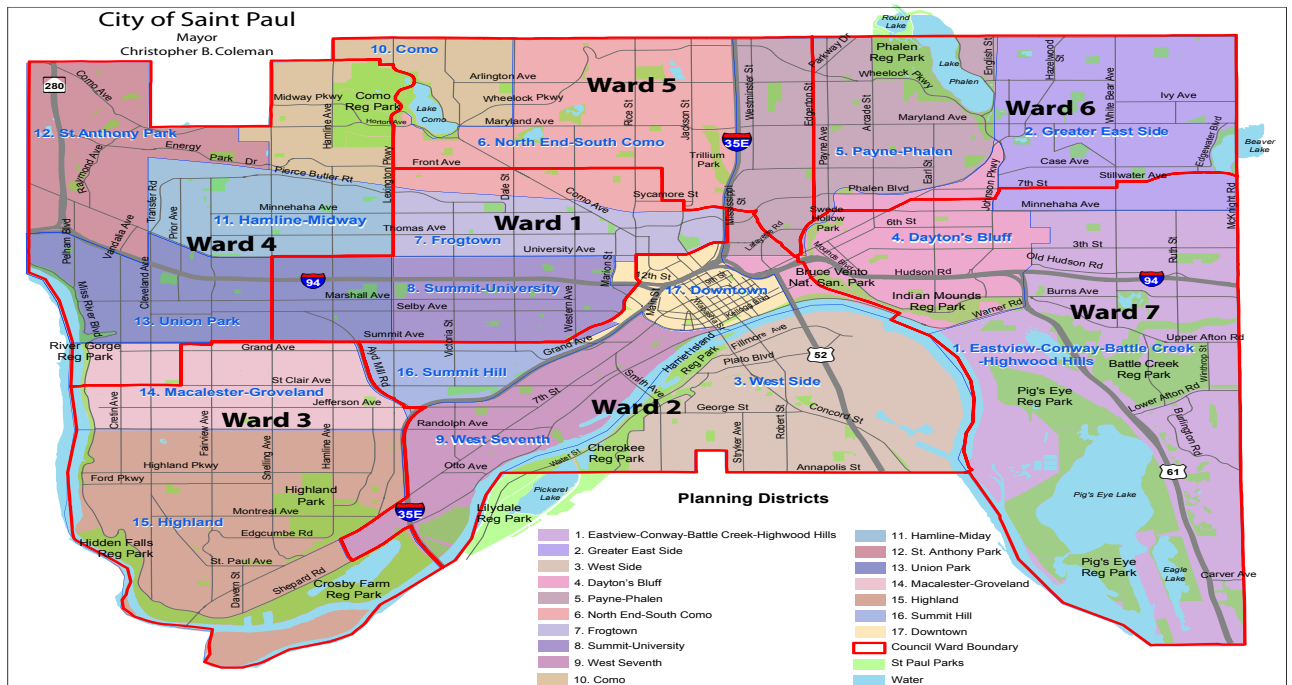
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## What are the common characteristics of district councils (continued)?

Each district council provides advisory recommendations to City officials on physical, economic, and social development issues, as well as on citywide issues. District councils also receive funding from the City for neighborhood crime prevention programs. In addition, these community-based organizations identify neighborhood needs, initiate community programs to meet these needs, and recruit volunteers when needed for these programs.

District council funding from the City is on a formula basis, based on size and demographic information for each council. A formal city/agency agreement is required for each district council's use of City funds. The agreement includes goals and objectives, work plans, and evaluation components. City resources typically fund district council staff, office, supplies and communications. Financing is provided through local City funds and the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

**Contact your district council for more information  
and to get involved in *your* community!**



### District Council Phone (651)

District 1	578-7600
District 2	774-2220
District 3	293-1708
District 4	772-2075
District 5	774-5234
District 6	488-4485
District 7	789-7407
District 8	228-1855
District 9	298-5599
District 10	644-3889
District 11	494-7682
District 12	649-5992
District 13	645-6887
District 14	695-4000
District 15	695-4005
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