



We have a unique opportunity with ‘Smart Growth Twin Cities’ to make a difference. The public has an opportunity to help shape how their communities grow by choice rather than leaving it to chance.

As part of the Big Plan for Healthy, Vital Communities, the Metropolitan Council will invest financial and urban design resources in six communities that have demonstrated initiative to use smart growth principles.

Just as important is the fact that the public will be invited to weigh in to provide preferences in how development will look. This is essential to make smart growth real in their community.

I am proud to announce today the Smart Growth Twin Cities Opportunity sites. There are six opportunity sites in seven communities.

These communities, with sites ranging from 20 to 100 acres, have demonstrated leadership and forward thinking for smarter growth, and are committed to listening to the public voices to develop communities and neighborhood design that people want.

The Smart Growth Twin Cities Opportunity sites are:

- Brooklyn Center for the Central Business District
- Chaska for Heights of Chaska development
- The cities of Maplewood and St. Paul for a joint venture in Hillcrest Village
- Ramsey for Town Centre Transit-Oriented Development
- St. Anthony Village for the Northwest Redevelopment area
- St. Paul for Harriet Island and the District Del Sol Urban Village

With us today are the Mayors of Brooklyn Center, Chaska, Maplewood, and Ramsey and St. Anthony. I would like to recognize their leadership and commitment, by presenting a Smart Growth Twin Cities plaque to each Mayor and their community.

- Mayor Myrna Kragness, of Brooklyn Center, please, come on up and accept this award for your city
- Mayor Bob Roepke, of Chaska, please come up



- Mayor Bob Cardinal of Maplewood
- Mayor Tom Gamec of Ramsey
- Mayor Dennis Cavanaugh of St. Anthony
- Brian Sweeney, accepting on behalf of the Mayor of St. Paul
(Brian will receive 2 awards, one for their joint project with Maplewood, one for Harriet Island/District del Sol)

Let all of us now congratulate these communities' and applaud them for the work they will begin in 2001.

(Governor returns to seat in audience)