

CHAPTER 7

IMPLEMENTATION



The previous sections of the 2045 Clay County Comprehensive Plan provide goals and objectives that set a course for achieving Clay County's vision for the next 25 years. County staff, appointed and elected officials, partner agencies, and residents will work together to implement this vision. This chapter identifies available resources, tools, and certain projects that can be used during plan implementation.

The following pages provide a list of tools and resources and their purpose, and identifies partner agencies for each of the plan elements. The identified tools do not provide a holistic view of all available resources or avenues for implementation, but serve as a resource for individuals who are taking action. There are also several listed projects that Clay County has identified to assist with implementing goals and objectives. This list may be modified to respond to changes and accomplishments as needed.

In addition to the tools listed within this section, Clay County will continue to monitor the implementation of the plan, and the success of each outcome. The use of performance management tools and defined processes will aid in this process.

Community and Resilience

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
Minnesota Department of Health Grant Programs	Financial assistance programs designed to increase the health of Minnesotans	Minnesota Department of Health	Ongoing
Minnesota Department of Human Services Grant Programs	Financial assistance programs designed to help improve communities and the lives of Minnesotans	Minnesota Department of Human Services	Ongoing
Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)	Process to help communities understand the normal set of risks it faces and give leaders the information needed to manage and avoid future risks	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	Ongoing
Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)	SHIP is designed to help Minnesotans live longer, healthier, better lives by preventing risk factors that lead to chronic disease. It is designed to save lives by implementing interventions related to policy, system and environmental changes in schools, communities, work sites and health care organizations	Clay County Public Health, PartnerSHIP 4 Health	Ongoing
Clay County Collaborative	The Clay County Collaborative works in partnership and collaboration to empower and provide opportunities for children and families	Clay County cities, County departments, public school districts, non-profits, and other collaborative partners	Ongoing

Housing

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Homeownership Assistance	Financial assistance programs to assist homebuyers and homeowners	State of Minnesota	Short-, Mid-term
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Single Family Development	Financial assistance programs to develop or acquire and rehabilitate affordable owner-occupied properties	State of Minnesota	Short-, Mid-term
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Financing Programs – Multifamily Development	Financial assistance programs to develop or acquire and rehabilitate affordable rental properties	State of Minnesota	Short-, Mid-term
Rental Assistance	The Housing Choice Voucher Program (section 8) helps households pay their rent by a direct rent subsidy, with each household paying 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income for housing costs	Clay County HRA	Ongoing
Housing Stabilization Services	Medical Assistance (MA) service for adults with disabilities who are homeless, at risk for homelessness/institutionalization, or moving out of a congregate setting	Clay County HRA	Ongoing
Rehab Program	Loans available from \$1,000 to \$27,000, zero percent interest for safety, livability, or energy efficiency needs	Clay County HRA	Ongoing
Home Improvement Funds	As part of the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program, homeowners are eligible for a total of up to \$25,000 in deferred loans and other assistance	Clay County HRA	Ongoing

Land Use

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
Clay County Zoning Control	Guides the use of property within the unincorporated portions of the county	Clay County	Ongoing
Clay County Subdivision Control	Oversees review processes and standards for subdivision in rural Clay County	Clay County	Ongoing
Buffer Law	Enforce buffer along agricultural land adjacent to public water bodies	Clay Soil and Water Conservation District	Ongoing
Clay County Land Development Ordinance – Shorelands	Manage subdivision, use, and development within shoreline areas	Clay County	Ongoing
Clay County Land Development Ordinance – Floodplain Hazard Areas	Manage flood hazard areas within unincorporated portions of the county	Clay County	Ongoing
Stormwater Management Systems Ordinance	Regulations to ensure that land development activities do not interfere with stormwater management practices	Clay County	Ongoing
Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Ordinance	Enforce SSTS regulations	Clay County	Ongoing
Renewable Energy Ordinance/Wind Energy Ordinance	Regulates the design, installation, and permitting of solar energy systems and wind energy systems less than 25,000 kW	Clay County	Ongoing
Clay County Land Development Ordinance – Aggregate Resources	Provide for the orderly, economic, and safe removal and processing of aggregate resources	DNR, Clay County	Ongoing
Official Map	Manage land within mapped area	Clay County	Short-term
Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Interpret and preserve local history, historic sites, and related programming	Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County	Ongoing

Transportation

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
County Highway Safety Plan	Statewide highway safety planning process to assist counties to proactively submit low-cost systematic safety projects for MnDOT to consider for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding	State of Minnesota	Ongoing
Clay County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	Annual process by which Clay County sets aside funds dedicated to infrastructure improvements (e.g., roadway paving, pedestrian improvements, bicycle facilities, etc.)	Clay County, Local Jurisdictions	Ongoing
County Pavement Management Plan	County Highway planning process to monitor and manage pavements on Clay County roadways. Will be used to identify pavement improvement projects and set formal performance targets for Clay County maintained roadways.	Clay County	Short-term
Official Map	80 th Ave S/CR 67 bridge right-of-way preservation	Clay County	Short-term
Official Map	Heartland Trail Alignment	Clay County, MN DNR, Metro COG, and Local Jurisdictions	Mid-term
Heartland Trail Planning Study	Collaborate with state and local partners as well as landowners in the preliminary design of the Heartland Trail	Clay County, Metro COG, and Local Jurisdictions	Short-term
Access Management	Update access management regulations and access management policy to be as clear as possible. Reevaluate against goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan	Clay County	Short-term

Transportation (cont.)

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
Transit Planning	Provide accessible resources regarding transit opportunities in Clay County.	Clay County	Ongoing
Transit Planning	Compile transit information about Clay County's former transit service including ridership, operational costs, revenue sources, etc.	Clay County	Short-term
Transit Planning	Reevaluate feasibility of providing on-demand rural transit service throughout Clay County.	Clay County, MnDOT	Long-term
Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Planning	Include paved shoulders wide enough to safely accommodate a bicyclist or pedestrian on roadway rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, especially said projects that have been identified as priority bicycle or pedestrian routes.	Clay County, MnDOT	Ongoing
Transportation Alternatives Program	Partner with local jurisdictions to apply for federal funding to make bicycle and pedestrian facility connections from small cities to important locations across Clay County.	Clay County, Metro COG, and Local Jurisdictions	Short-term

Natural Resources and the Environment

Plan Tool	Purpose	Partner/Agency	Timeframe
Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	Financial resource for the protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources	State of Minnesota	Ongoing
Outdoor Heritage Fund	Financial resource used to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forest and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife	State of Minnesota	Ongoing
Clean Water Fund	Financial resource used to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation	State of Minnesota	Ongoing
One Watershed One Plan	County-wide initiative dedicated to preserving and protecting the County's water resources	Surrounding Counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Watershed Districts, Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources.	Ongoing
Parks and Trails Fund	Financial resource used to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance	State of Minnesota	Ongoing