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WARD 4

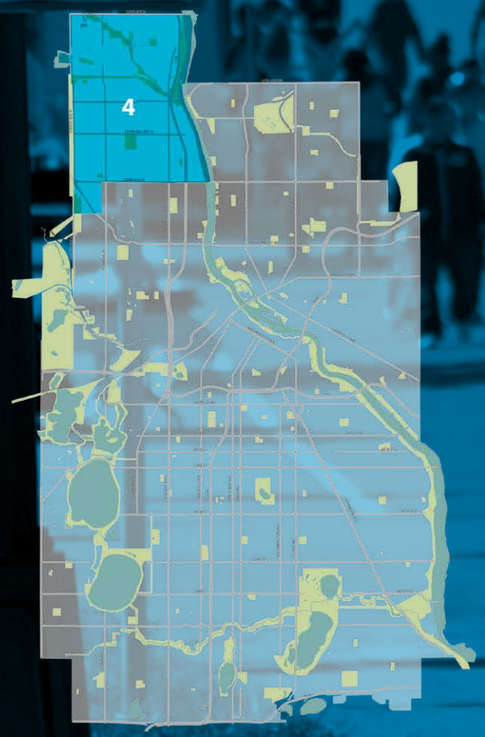
COUNCIL MEMBER: BARBARA JOHNSON
population: 30,249
2015

Ward 4

Context

Ward 4 is the northernmost ward in the city and is home to a number of residential neighborhoods, parks and important community corridors. Major landmarks include the Victory Memorial Parkway, Crystal Lake Cemetery and the Humboldt Industrial Yards.

Ward 4 is currently represented on the City Council by **Barbara Johnson** who also serves as council president. She was first elected in 1997.



Open Streets Lowry Avenue, 2013

***Open streets** initiatives temporarily close streets to automobile traffic, so that people may use them for walking, bicycling, dancing, playing, and socializing.*

With more than 100 documented initiatives in North America, open streets are increasingly common in cities seeking innovative ways to achieve environmental, social, economic, and public health goals.

In 2014 Minneapolis hosted 6 open streets events including one on the Lowry Avenue N corridor. The Lowry Avenue N corridor was recently completely reconstructed in partnership with Hennepin County and has undergone a community planning process to envision its future as an important community and commercial corridor for North Minneapolis and Ward 4.

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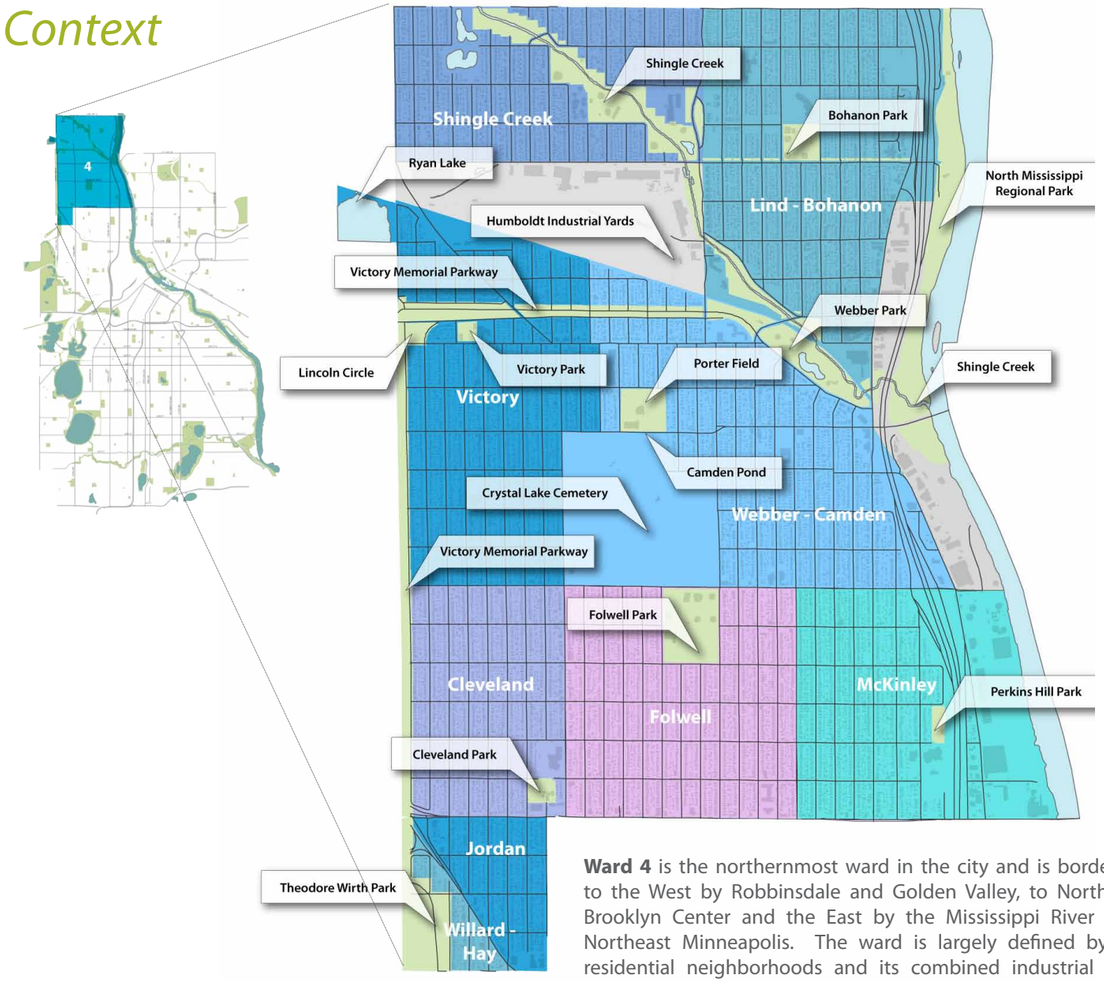
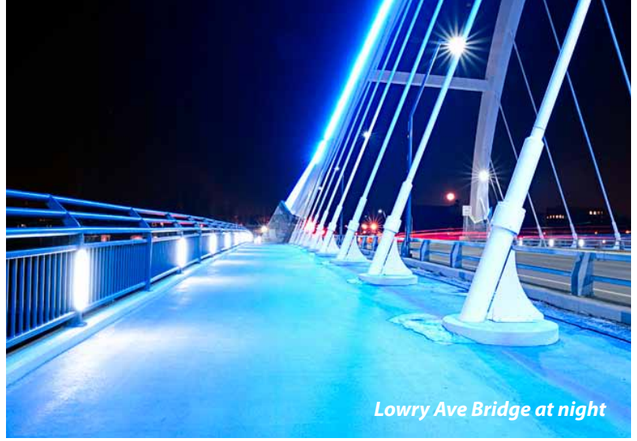
Context



Ward 4 is the northernmost ward in the city and is bordered to the West by Robbinsdale and Golden Valley, to North by Brooklyn Center and the East by the Mississippi River and Northeast Minneapolis. The ward is largely defined by its residential neighborhoods and its combined industrial and recreational riverfront. Victory Memorial Parkway and Theodore Wirth Parkway provide a significant green buffer along the ward's northern and western edges.

Neighborhood Communities:

- **Shingle Creek**
- **Lind-Bohanon**
- **Victory**
- **Webber-Camden**
- **Cleveland**
- **Folwell**
- **McKinley**
- **Jordan**
- **Willard-Hay**


Lowry Ave Bridge at night

North Mississippi Regional Park

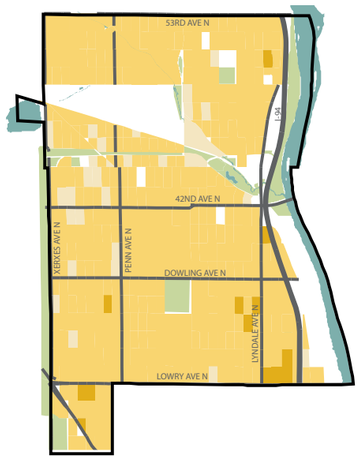
Bubble Tea at Lowry Ave Open Streets

Victory Memorial Drive in Winter

Ward 4

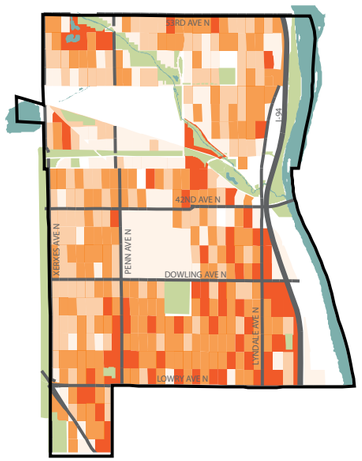
*Population**

** Population, Housing, Age and Race/Ethnicity data is collected from the 2010 census conducted by the US census bureau. Income, Education and Employment data is collected from the 5 year American Community Survey summary data for the years 2008-2013.*



Average Household Size per Census Block

- 1 - 2 ppl/household
- 3 - 4 ppl/household
- 5 - 6 ppl/household
- 7+ ppl/household



Total Population per Census Block

- 1 - 49 ppl/block
- 50 - 65 ppl/block
- 66 - 89 ppl/block
- 90+ ppl/block

Housing: Average Household Size (Minneapolis)

1.94 people per household

Housing: Average Household Size (Ward 4)

2.74 people per household

Average household size is 0.80 people more than the rest of the city

Population: Average Population by Census Block (Minneapolis)

64.68 average population per block

Population: Average Population by Census Block (Ward 4)

57.72 average population per block

Average block population is 6.96 people less than the rest of the city

Ward 4

Housing

Renter Occupied Units as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%

Owner Occupied Units as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%

Housing: Vacant vs. Occupied (Minneapolis)

occupied 91.73% vacant 8.27%

Housing: Vacant vs. Occupied (Ward 4)

occupied 89.59% vacant 10.41%

Housing: Owned vs. Rented Units (Minneapolis)

owned with a mortgage or a loan 39.30% owned free and clear 9.89% rented 50.81%

Housing: Owned vs. Rented Units (Ward 4)

owned with a mortgage 57.29% owned free and clear 12.13% rented 30.58%

20.12% higher rate of home ownership, compared to the rest of the city

Ward 4

Victory Memorial Parkway

***Victory Memorial Parkway** travels north from Theodore Wirth Parkway and Lowry Ave. to 45th Ave. N then east to Humboldt Ave. N and the entrance to Webber Park.*

The 2.8 mile parkway was established as a monument to the bravery and sacrifices of people from Hennepin County who lost their lives in World War I. It is lined by stately hackberry and elm trees planted for each of the 568 Hennepin County veterans who died. Markers are installed with the name, rank and company of each veteran. A memorial wall lists the names of the fallen military personnel, and gardens are planted near the plaza. There is also a statue of Abraham Lincoln found at Grand Army of the Republic Plaza. Victory Memorial Parkway is a park of the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway.

Various improvements have taken place over time including the installation of the bicycle path (trail) in 1975. When the Metropolitan Council regional park system was created in 1974, the parkway along with other major parks in Minneapolis became part of the regional system. In 2003, the Minnesota Legislature passed a bill designating "Victory Memorial Drive" as a state historic district.

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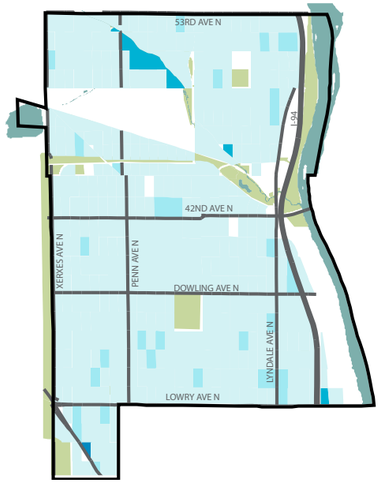
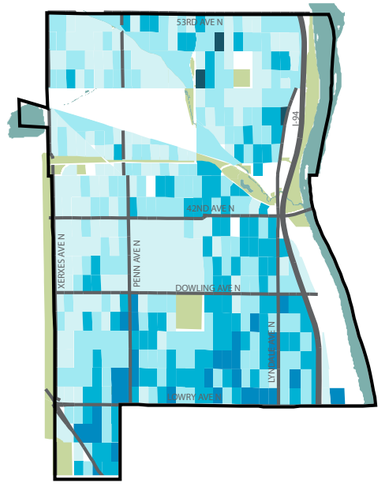
Race + Ethnicity



People Identifying as Hispanic or Latino as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%



People Identifying as Black or African American Only as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

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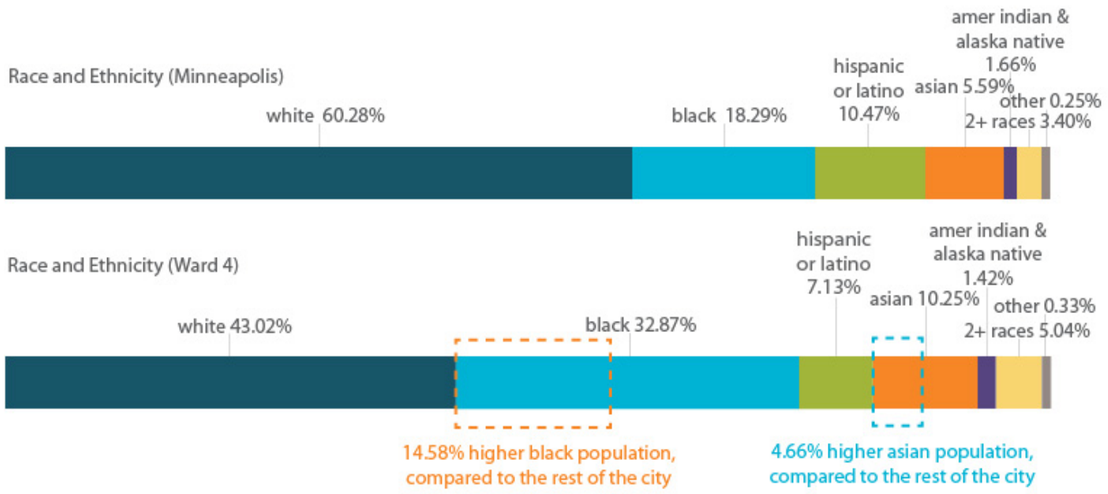
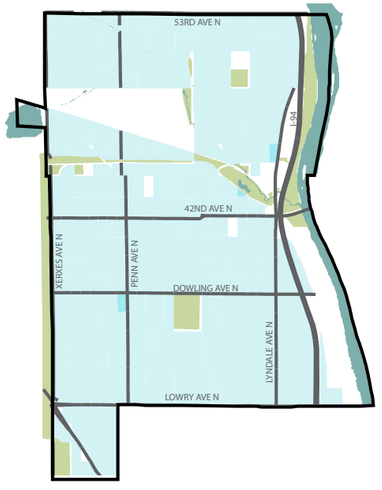
- 81 - 100%





People Identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native Only as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

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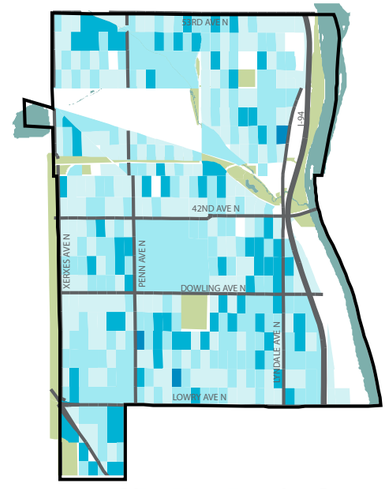
- 81 - 100%



People Identifying as Two or More Races as a Count Per Census Block

- 0 - 2 ppl/block
- 3 - 7 ppl/block
- 8 - 16 ppl/block
- 17 - 32 ppl/block
- 33+ ppl/block

People Identifying as White Only as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

- 1 - 20%
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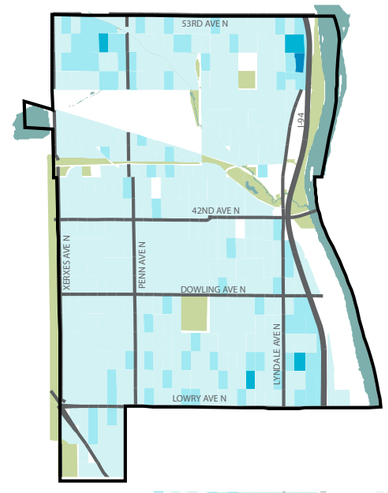

People Identifying as Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Only as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

- 1 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%
- 61 - 80%
- 81 - 100%

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Upper Harbor Terminal

The Upper Harbor Terminal *(UHT) is a 50-acre industrial property located approximately 2 miles from downtown Minneapolis along the west bank of the Mississippi River, between Lowry Avenue and the Camden Bridge in North Minneapolis.*

Declining business and the move to reduce the threat of invasive Asian Carp migrating into the upper waters of the Mississippi have led to the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, signed by President Obama in June of 2014, ordering the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to close the Upper Saint Anthony Falls Lock within a year. The closure of barge business above Saint Anthony Falls provides an opportunity for the City to shape a new vision for the Upper Harbor Terminal.

A recent redevelopment study undertaken by the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development department has analyzed a new vision for the site that includes an urban business park with the possibility of housing and a public riverfront park destination.

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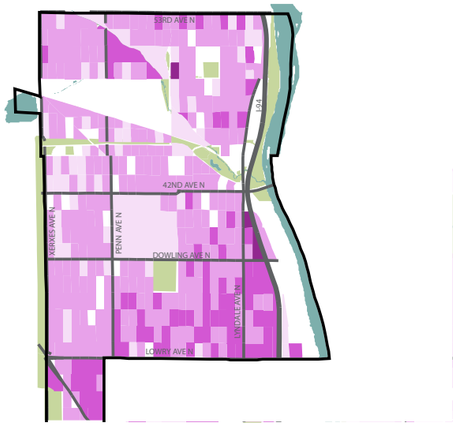
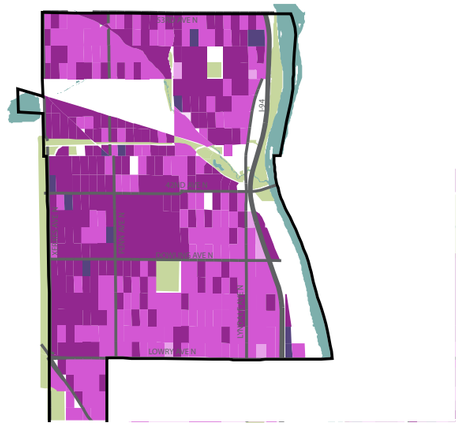
Age



Population 20 Years and Younger as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block



Population Age 21 - 64 as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block

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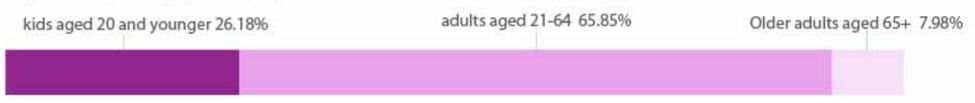
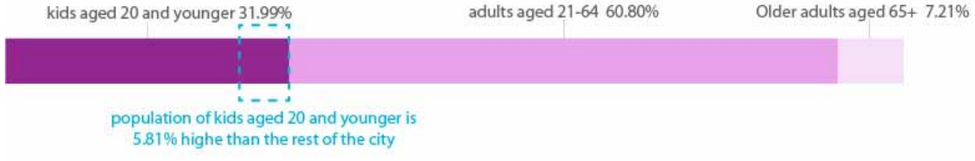
81 - 100%

Population Age 65+ as a Percent of Total Units Per Census Block



Population: Age Groups (Ward 4)



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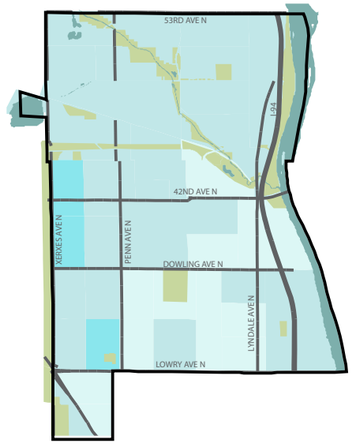
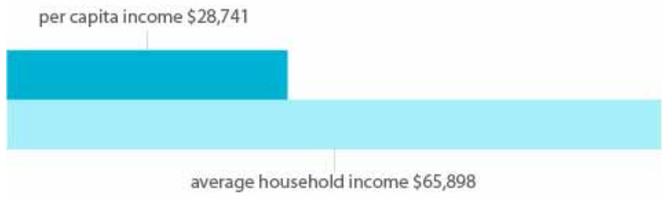
Income



Mean Per Capita Income

< $15k
$15k - 30k
$30k - 45k
$45k - 60k
$60k +

2014 Income Levels (Minneapolis)*



2014 Income Levels (Ward 4)*

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010, Esri forecast for 2014

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Lowry Ave Bridge

The Lowry Avenue Bridge *is a steel tied-arch bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota, completed in October of 2012 and constructed by Hennepin County in partnership with the City of Minneapolis. The bridge was built to replace the original steel truss bridge that was discovered to have structural deficencies. That bridge was closed in 2008 and the new bridge opened to the public on 10/27/2012 at a cost of 104 million dollars.*

The bridge has a high-tech design that includes an anti-icing system, and an underground sand filter to filter stormwater as it flows off the bridge and from surrounding areas. At night the bridge is illuminated with dynamic LED lighting. After just two years of use it has become an important landmark and a reinforcing connection on the Northside of Minneapolis and for Ward 4.

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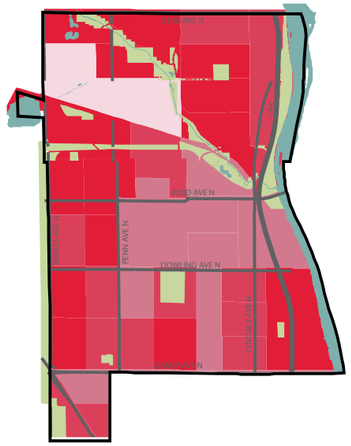
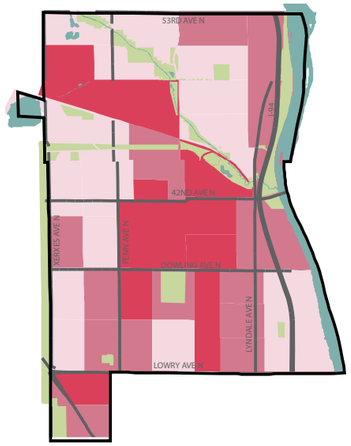
Employment



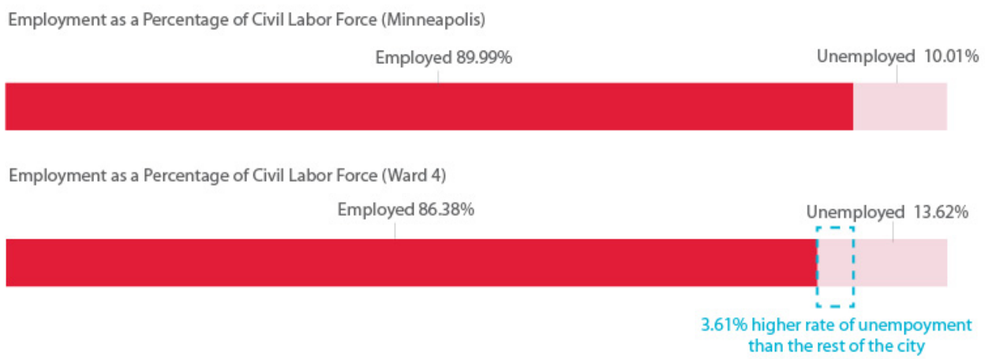
Percentage of Employed Population within the Labor Force

- < 70%
- 71 - 80%
- 81 - 90%
- 91 - 100%



Percentage of Unemployed Population within the Labor Force

- 0 - 10%
- 11 - 20%
- 21 - 40%
- 41 - 60%



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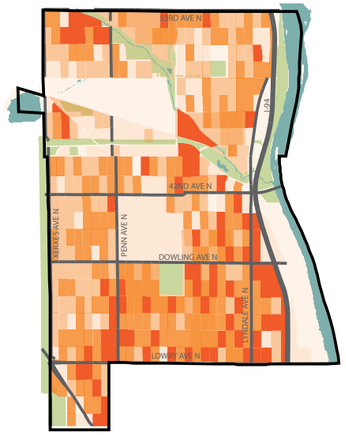
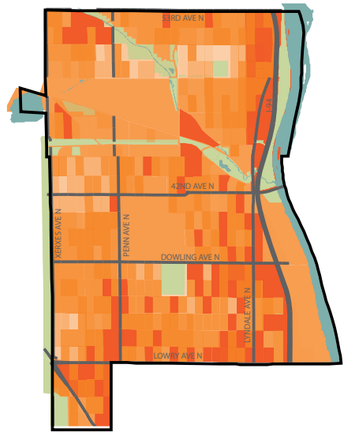
Education



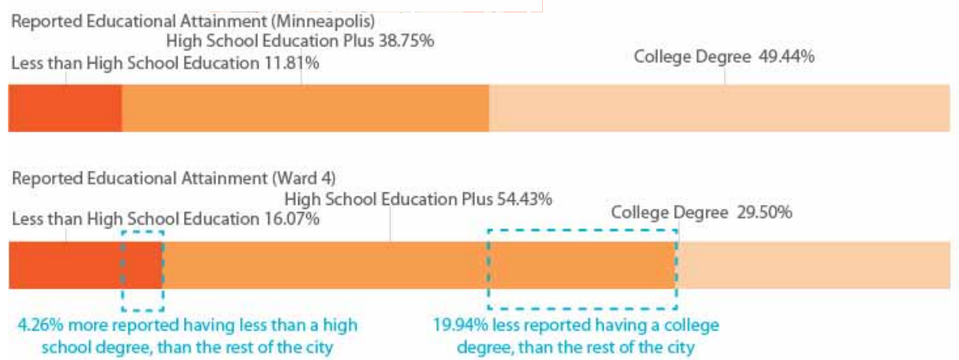
Percentage of Population of Block Group with Less than a High School Education



Percentage of Population of Block Group with a High School Education and Some College

- 0 - 25%
- 26 - 50%
- 51 - 75%
- 76 - 100%

Percentage of Population of Block Group with a College Degree



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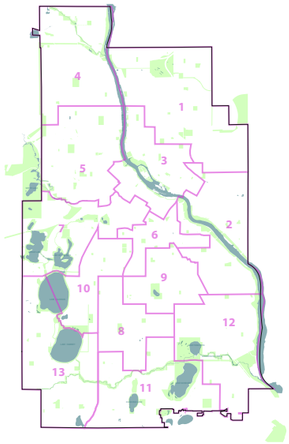
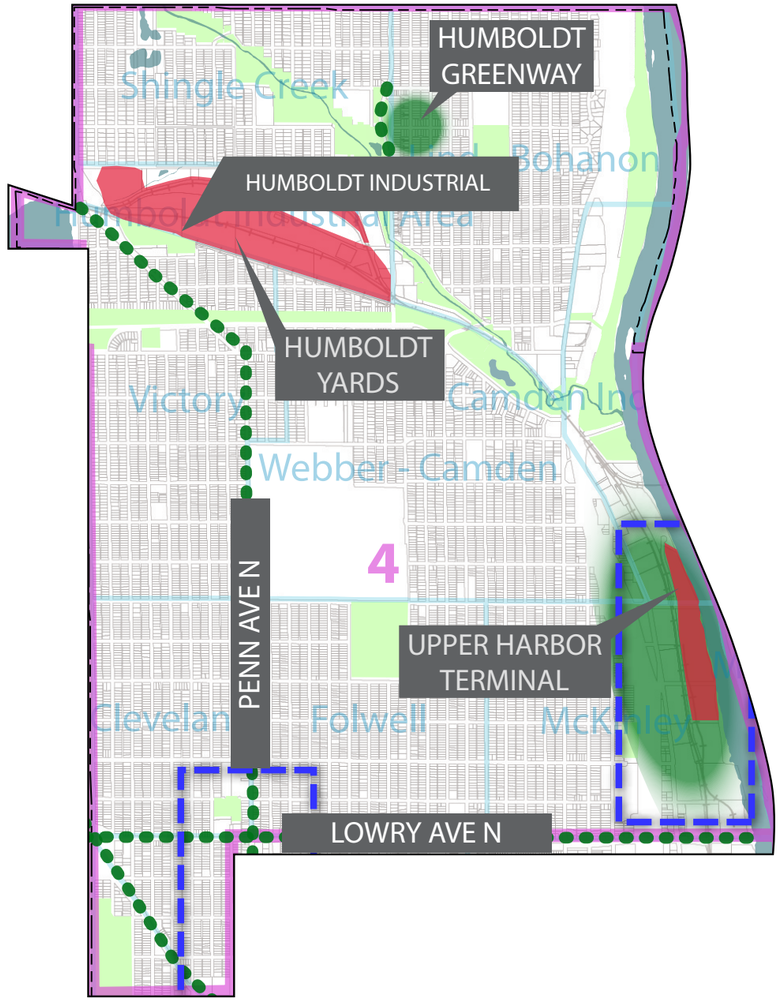
Opportunity Sites

CITYWIDE WARDS





KEY

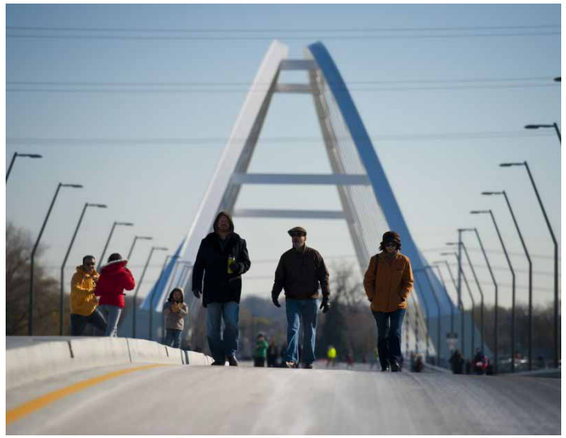
- Minneapolis City Council Wards
- City of Minneapolis Neighborhoods
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation property
- Light Rail Transit Lines and Stations
- Bus Rapid Transit (Orange Line)
- Near Term Opportunity Area
- Long Term Opportunity Area
- Near Term Opportunity Corridor
- Long Term Opportunity Corridor
- City Priority Opportunity Area
- Potential Large Development Opportunity (Large site area with 5 or less property owners)

Upper Harbor Terminal

The Upper Harbor Terminal (UHT) is a 48-acre site located along the west bank of the Mississippi River between Lowry Avenue North and the Camden Bridge. It is currently used for industrial purposes including bulk storage and uses related to the Port of Minneapolis. The closing of the UHT facilities provides a major opportunity for redevelopment of the site. The goal is an innovative job-intensive development, addition of new parkland along the river, the creation of a destination for the entire City and region, and access to jobs and parks for residents of North Minneapolis. The City recently completed a study that evaluated development potential and balancing the need to provide parkland and a parkway through the site. The City is currently working through implementation steps, short-term and long-term, to implement the goals for the area.

Lowry Avenue Corridor

The Lowry Avenue corridor in North Minneapolis stretches from Victory Memorial Parkway at the west end to the Mississippi River at the east end. The road was reconstructed in 2006 and the City adopted the Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan in 2010. The plan promoted improvements to businesses, housing, and transportation along the corridor. Several vacant properties, many owned by the City or County, along the corridor and at key intersections, provide opportunities to implement this vision. The corridor is also part of a Hennepin County Community Works project, which provides opportunities for City-County partnerships in implementing the vision.



Penn Avenue

Penn Avenue is currently part of a Hennepin County Community Works project, a small area planning process, and the future route of the C Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit service. These projects all provide a significant opportunity to implement a vision of improved housing, commercial activity, and transit for the residents of North Minneapolis. These opportunities are corridor wide, and tie together specific key intersections, such as Penn-44th, Penn-Lowry, Penn-West Broadway, Penn-Plymouth, and Penn-Glenwood, as well as connecting the northside to the Penn Bottineau LRT station at Hwy 55 and Penn Southwest LRT Station just south of I-394.

Ward 4

Opportunity Sites

Webber Park Pool

Construction is underway by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the first public swimming pool in the United States to have a natural filtration system that will use plants in a nearby pond rather than chemicals to treat the water. The Webber Park Natural Swimming Pool is a self-contained swimming vessel that uses plants and natural microbes from a nearby regeneration pond to clarify and purify the water instead of chemicals for sterilization or disinfection. There are over 7,600 plants and 36 different species of plants within the regeneration basin. The Grand Opening celebration is slated for summer 2015.

Webber Park Library

Plans are in progress for a new Webber Park Library. The planned building of about 8,000 square feet has an east-west axis paralleling the parkway, lying between Humboldt Ave N. and the Hamilton Manor senior public housing building. This new Hennepin County library will replace the former Webber Park Library, which was located in Webber Park and demolished in April 2014. The proposal also creates outdoor spaces, including an outdoor reading area east of the building where a shallow storm water retention pond is planned. There will be one plaza at the building's northwest entrance off parkway bike-walk paths, and another at the south entrance from a 24-car parking lot. Anticipated completion of the library is set for 2017.

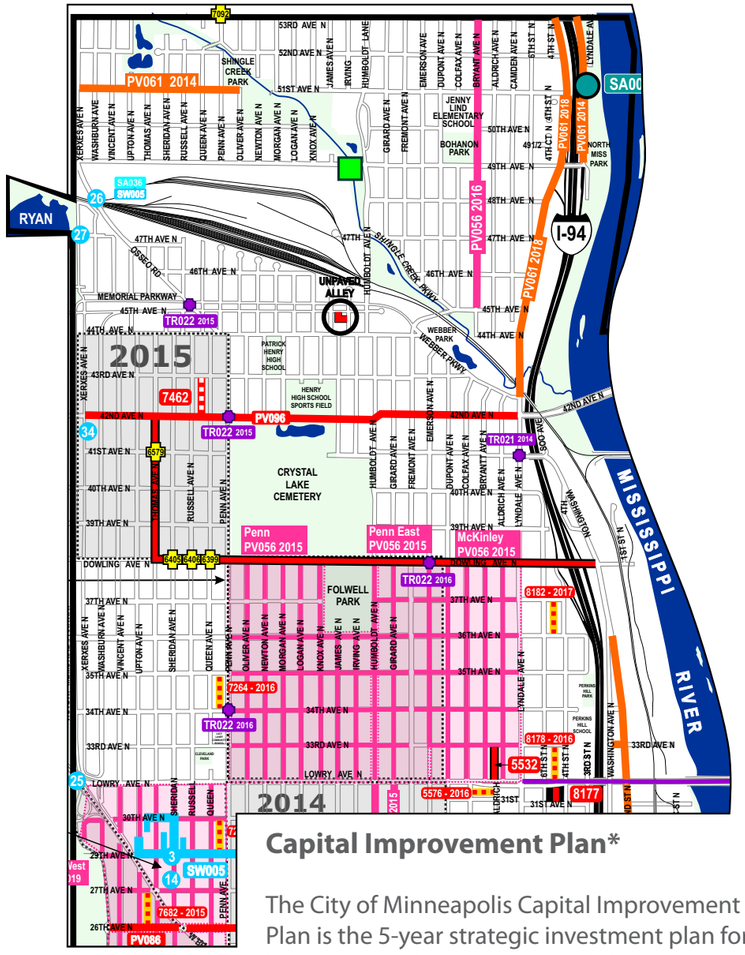
Ward 4

Capital Improvement

2015-2019

LEGEND

- BIK20 BIKE
- SWK01 SIDEWALK
- BR101 BRIDGE
- PV001 PARKWAY
- PV006 PAVING
- PV056 RESURFACING
- PV061 HIGH VOLUME RESURFACING
- PV074 CSAH
- TR008 TRAFFIC
- SW004 CSO
- SW011 TUNNEL
- SA001 SANITARY SEWER
- SA036 I & I REMOVAL
- WTR12 WATER



Capital Improvement Plan*

The City of Minneapolis Capital Improvement Plan is the 5-year strategic investment plan for infrastructure improvements. It includes projects ranging from traffic and safety improvements to street lighting updates to repaving and complete street reconstruction.

Recent and upcoming investments for Ward 4 include repaving of Dowling Ave N and 42nd Ave N, high-volume resurfacing of Lyndale Ave N and Bryant Ave N and regularly scheduled pavement maintenance in the Folwell and McKinley neighborhoods.

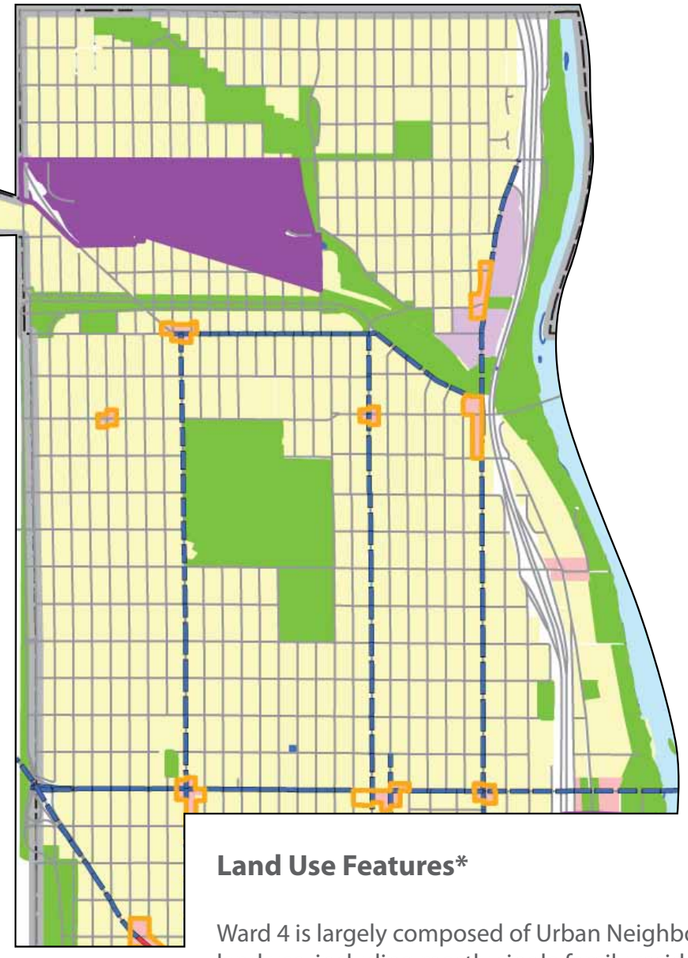
**For more detailed project information consult the full City of Minneapolis CIP map at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/*

Ward 4

Land Use Features

Legend

- Transit Station
- Growth Center
- Major Retail Center
- Activity Center
- Neighborhood Commercial Node
- Industrial Employment District
- Commercial Corridor
- Community Corridor
- Centerline
- Urban Neighborhood
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Public and Institutional
- Transitional Industrial
- Industrial
- Parks and Open Space
- Water



Land Use Features*

Ward 4 is largely composed of Urban Neighborhood land use, including mostly single family residential neighborhoods. Also prominent is the large industrial use in the Humboldt Industrial Area. Future land use guidance calls for several parks along the Mississippi as well as around Shingle Creek. Crystal Lake Cemetery occupies a large swath of land at the center of Ward 4, and Victory Memorial Parkway makes up the ward's Western border.

For more detailed information on Future Land Use consult the **Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth online at : http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/plans/cped_plans*

Ward 4

City Investments

2014

Long Range Planning

Art in Public Places Projects

Housing Development and Policy

Multi-Family Housing Financing

1st quarter | 2nd quarter | 3rd quarter | 4th quarter

Single Family Housing Financing

Business Development

Business Finance Loans

1st quarter | 2nd quarter | 3rd quarter | 4th quarter

Facade Matching Grants

Redevelopment Grants

Great Streets Business District Support Grants

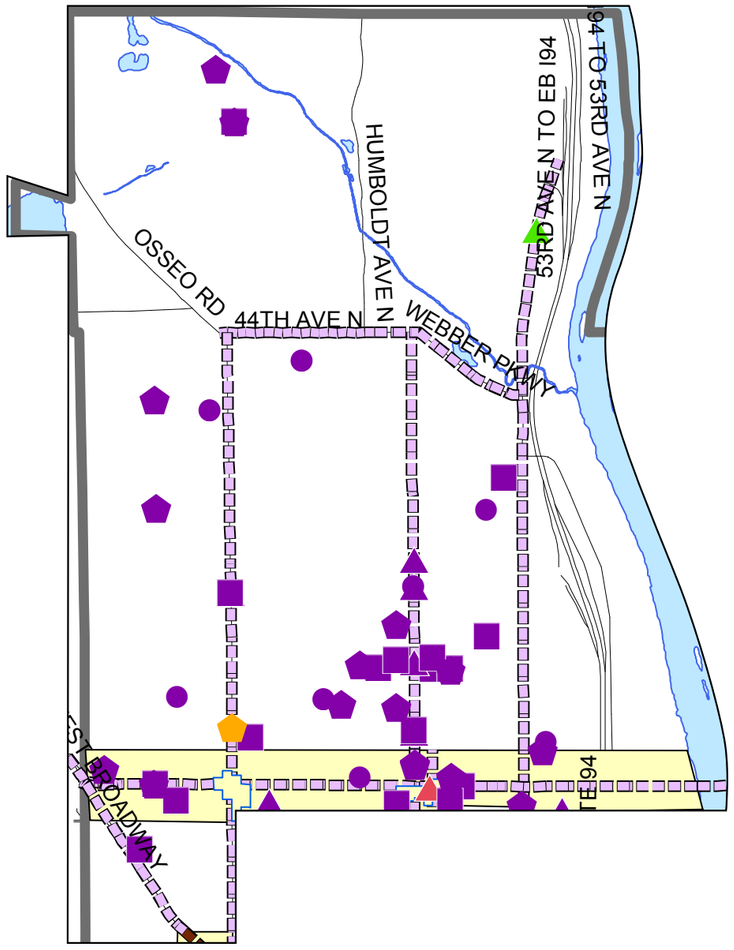
1/2 Mile LRT Station area

LRT Station

LRT Line

Commercial Corridors

Community Corridors



CPED Investments*

CPED administers a number of programs to support housing and business development in the city. Funds are targeted to meet City goals and priorities, including development and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental and ownership housing, business development and expansion, business district support, and public art. This map shows the distribution of CPED program investments made in 2014.

**For more detailed project information consult the city's apopted plans website at: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/plans/cped_plans*

Ward 4

Small Area Plans

Industrial Land Use and Employment Policy Plan

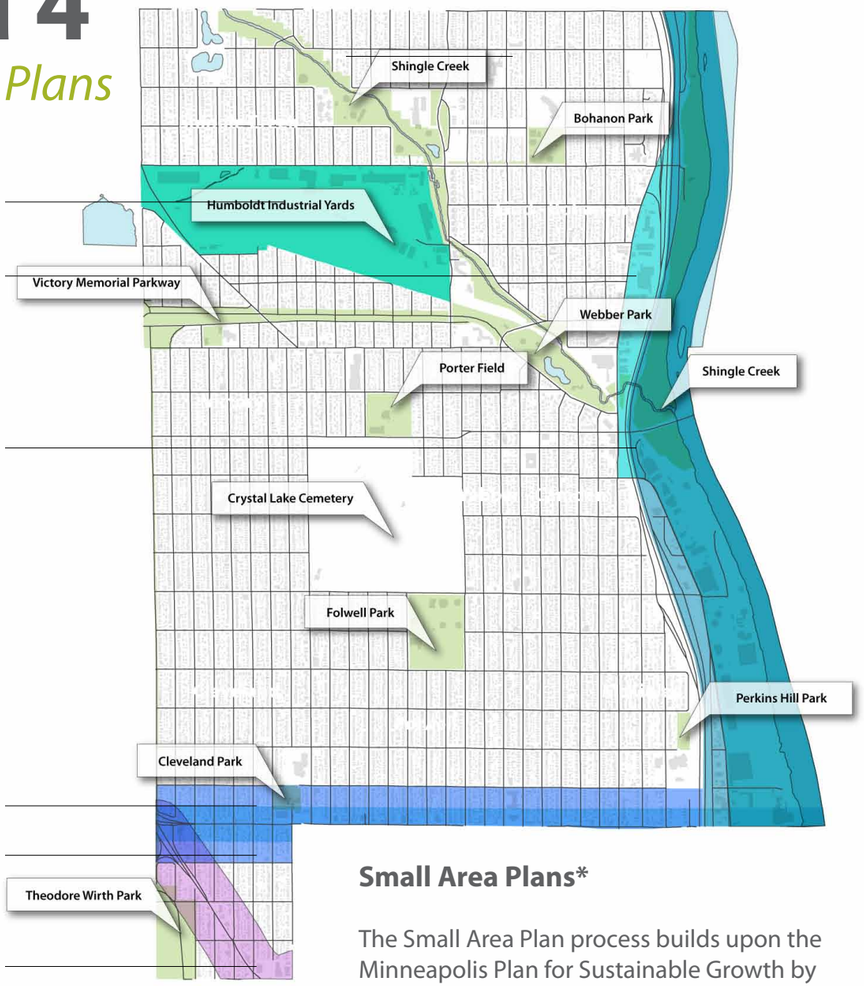
Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Comprehensive Management Plan

Above the Falls Master Plan

Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan

Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan

West Broadway Alive Plan



Small Area Plans*

The Small Area Plan process builds upon the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth by providing planning at a more detailed level for smaller areas within the city including corridors and transit station areas. These plans are generally intended to guide growth and development, taking into consideration specific contextual conditions and information.

Ward 4 has several city adopted plans shaping its future including the Above the Falls Master Plan, and The Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan.

**For more detailed project information consult the city's apopted plans website at: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/plans/cped_plans*