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Minneapolis: Geographical Location and Characteristics

Location	Hennepin County, Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA, Minnesota
Latitude	44 degrees 58' 48" N
Longitude	93 degrees 15' 49" W
Elevation	950 feet
Climate	Avg. annual temperature: 44.9 Days with max. temp. of 90F or higher: 13 Days with min. temp. below freezing: 156 Annual precipitation: 28.3 inches Avg. relative humidity: 75
Time Zone	Central Standard Time (observes Daylight Savings Time)
Area	57.4 square miles (149 square kilometers)
Rivers and Lakes	Mississippi river, Shingle Creek and Minnehaha Creek are part of the larger Mississippi River watershed. Twenty two lakes including Lake Calhoun, Lake Harriet, Lake of the Isles, Cedar Lake, Lake Hiawatha, Lake Nokomis, Powderhorn Lake, Wirth Lake, Diamond Lake, Grass Lake.

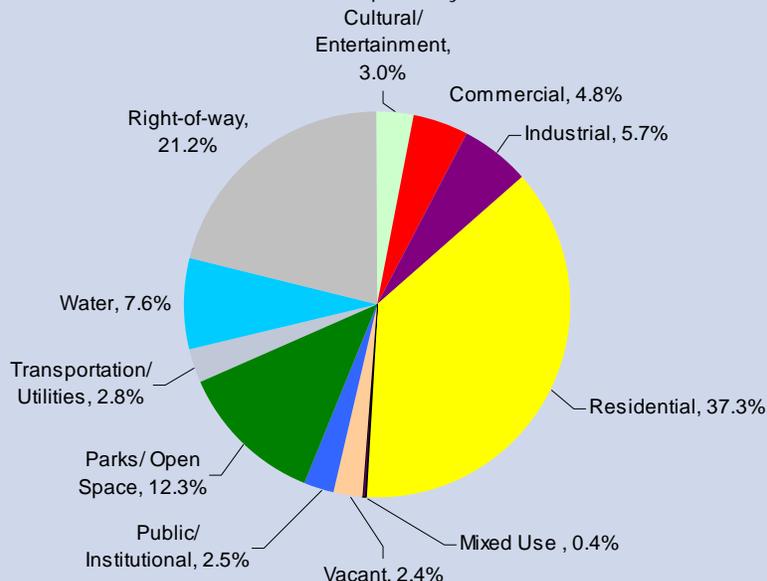
Minneapolis: Land Uses

Land uses	Percentages	Acres
Cultural/ Entertainment	3.0%	1,106
Commercial	4.8%	1,771
Industrial	5.7%	2,103
Residential	37.3%	13,541
Mixed Use	0.4%	134
Vacant	2.4%	867
Public/ Institutional	2.5%	928
Parks/ Open Space	12.3%	4,506
Transportation/ Utilities	2.8%	1,044
Water	7.6%	2,791
Right-of-way	21.2%	7,809
TOTAL	100.0%	36,601

Sources: Google Earth

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Source: Minneapolis City Assessor



Minneapolis Watershed Districts

The [Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission](#) is the local governmental unit responsible for protecting the water resources of the Shingle Creek watershed. Portions of the areas of the cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth and Robbinsdale are all in the Shingle Creek watershed.

The [Mississippi Watershed Management Organization](#) is one of about three dozen watershed organizations in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Its boundaries include the Mississippi River as it runs through Minneapolis, as well as the land that drains to the river. The MWMO contains portions of the cities of Lauderdale, Minneapolis, St. Anthony, and St. Paul. The final member of the MWMO is the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

The [Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission](#) adopted its current [Watershed Management Plan](#) (the Plan) at its September 16, 2004 meeting. This "second generation" plan was prepared in compliance with the provisions of the Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410, the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act, the Water Resources Management Policy Plan, and other approved regional plans. The Plan was approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources on August 25, 2004. The Plan sets the vision and guidelines for managing surface water within the boundaries of the BCWMC.

The [Minnehaha Creek Watershed District](#) is the regional governmental unit responsible for managing and protecting the water resources of the Minnehaha Creek watershed, located in the area including and immediately west of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The District was established in 1967 under the Minnesota Watershed District Act, which recognizes that hydrologic boundaries rarely match political boundaries. The 1955 act established watershed districts to integrate water management efforts between city, county and state agencies. The District covers approximately 181 square miles that ultimately drain into the Minnehaha Creek (which then enters the Mississippi River). The watershed includes natural treasures such as Minnehaha Creek, Lake Minnetonka, The Minneapolis Chain of Lakes and Minnehaha Falls. There are eight major creeks, 129 lakes and thousands of wetlands within the MCWD.

Watershed Organization Boundaries in Minneapolis

