



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2008

- ✓ **Shared Application Needs**: Progress was made on this top priority need defined in the 2008-2011 Business Plan.
 - a) Four roles, appropriate for MetroGIS's resources, were defined to pursue solutions to shared application needs (See Reference Section).
 - b) Several shared application and web services needs, with cross-sector importance were identified, setting the stage to pursue specific projects and providing the foundation for partnerships with non-government interests, as directed by the Business Plan.
- ✓ **Regional Geocoder Service**: The Mosquito Control District serviced as the lead organization and used MetroGIS pilot project funding to develop this widely needed service. (Component of "Shared Application Needs")
- ✓ **Parcel Data Sharing Agreement**: A fourth-generation agreement was adopted by all seven counties. It renews the Metropolitan Council's authority to distribute the regional parcel dataset. It also authorizes an exciting new opportunity, referred to as "view-only" access. Licensed organizations can now host web-based applications designed for access by general public viewing that incorporate this dataset, provided the source data cannot be downloaded.
- ✓ **Web-based Address Editing Tool**: A bid was accepted by a qualified consultant to assist MetroGIS develop this tool; which is the final prerequisite to moving forward on MetroGIS's ambitious proposed regional address points dataset.
- ✓ **Data Synchronization Mechanism**: This mechanism was successfully developed, again using MetroGIS pilot project funding. It, together with the related proposed Web-based Address Editing Tool, comprise two prerequisite capabilities that must be operational to achieve MetroGIS's vision for a regional address points database.)
- ✓ **Leadership Development Plan**: Ten key elements, upon which to base this plan, were defined.
- ✓ **Coordination with Related Efforts**:
 - MetroGIS leadership played important roles in shaping recommendations for the MN Drive To Excellence: Functional Transformation initiative. A key component involves creation of a statewide coordinating council.
 - The Staff Coordinator was appointed to serve a three-year term on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee in recognition of MetroGIS's accomplishments, at a regional level, to realize the vision of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI).
 - Networking to expand data sharing activity with adjoining counties was initiated in accordance with expectations defined in the 2008-2011 Business Plan. .