

Opportunity Zones are a community development program established by Congress in the [Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017](#) to encourage long-term investments in low-income and urban communities nationwide.

In accordance with [H.R.1 Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017](#), Governor Dayton nominated 128 census tracts for designation as a qualified opportunity zone. On May 18, 2018, the U.S. Department of Treasury certified and formally designated these [census tracts](#) as qualified Opportunity Zones.

Opportunity Funds are a new class of private sector investment vehicles authorized to aggregate and deploy private investment into Opportunity Zones. **Census tracts designated as Opportunity Zones do not change.**

Opportunity Funds allow U.S. investors holding unrealized gains in stocks and mutual funds to pool their resources in projects located in Opportunity Zones, which will be invested in rebuilding low-income communities.

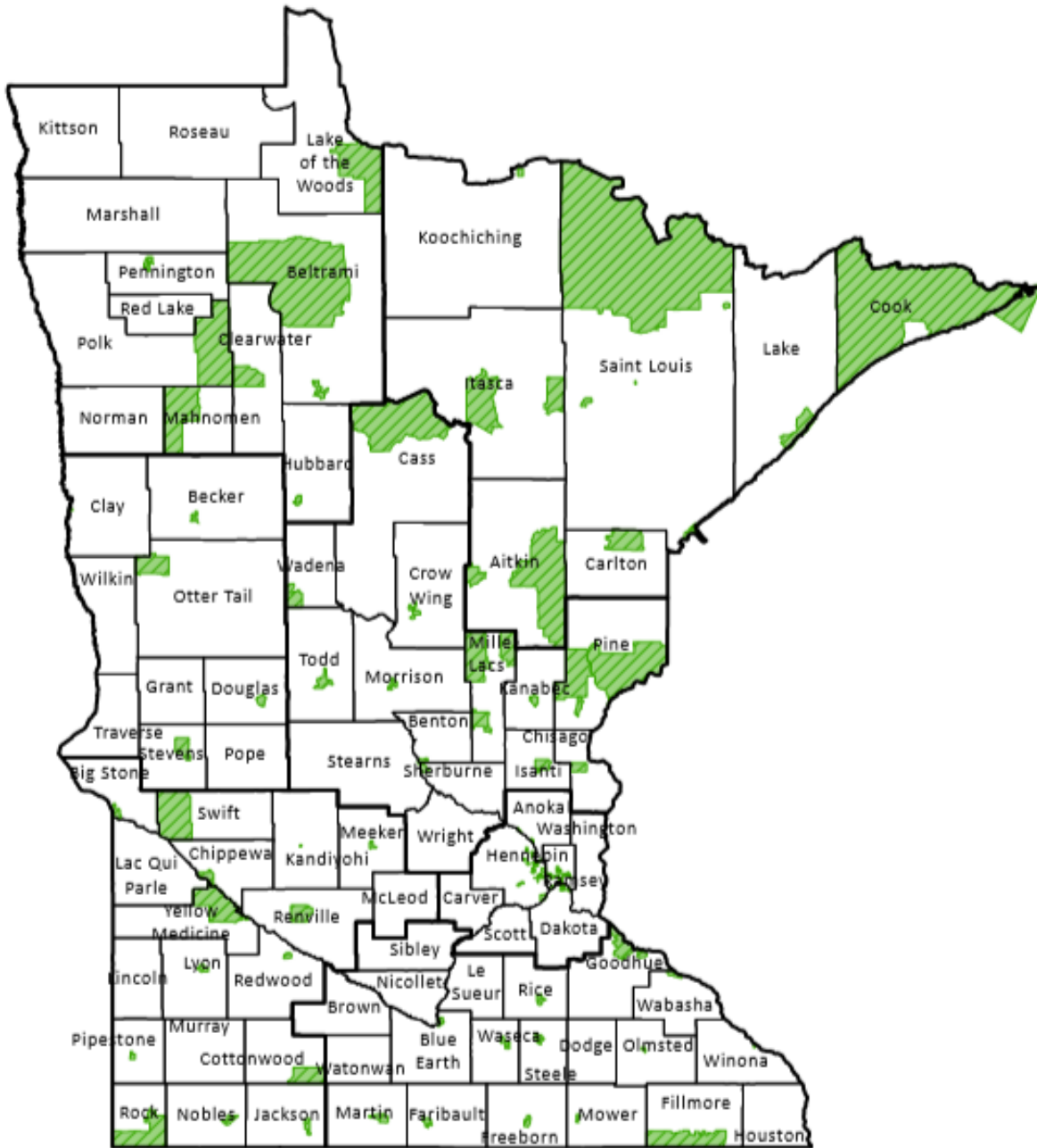
Opportunity Funds pool investments in Opportunity Zones.

U.S. investors are eligible to receive:

- A temporary tax deferral for capital gains invested in an Opportunity Fund
- A step-up in basis for capital gains reinvested in an Opportunity Fund
- A permanent exclusion from taxable income of capital gains from the sale or exchange of an investment in a qualified opportunity zone fund if the investment is held for at least 10 years

The following maps show the designated 128 census tracts. For more information regarding Opportunity Zones in Minnesota visit the Department of Employment and Economic Development's (DEED) website at <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/tax-credits/opp-zones/> or for a list of census tracts by county go to <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/tax-credits/opp-zones/census-opp-zone-tracts.jsp>.

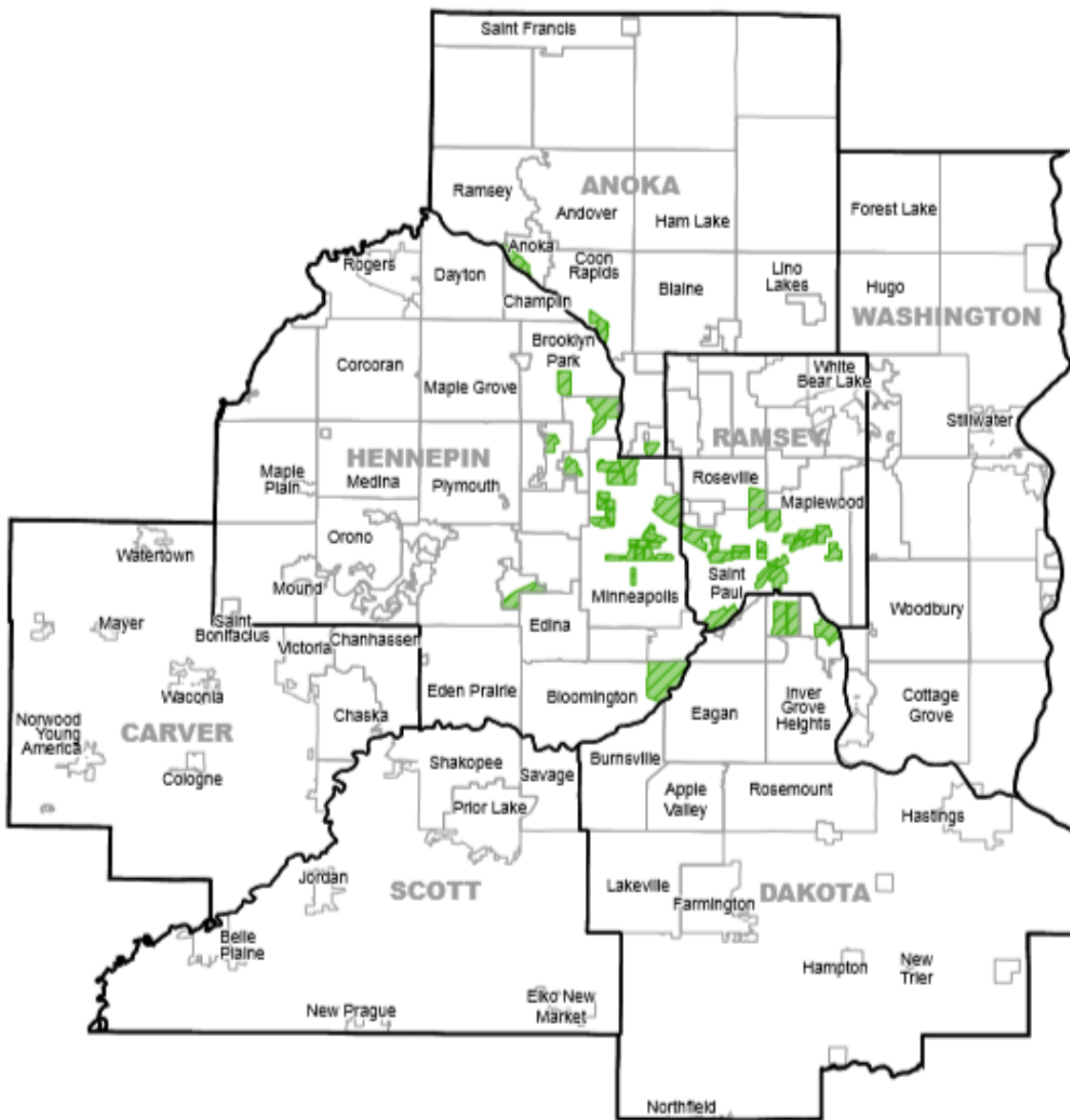
Opportunity Zone Designations



 Final Opportunity Zone Tract



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