## **EAST RANGE JOINT POWERS BOARD**

## Mineland Vision Partnership

Third Trimester 2021 Update

## **Strategic Plan Dashboard**

Fiscal Year 2021-2023

$\rightarrow$	SD1. Identify and utilize resources to attain fiscal stability
$\rightarrow$	SD2. Promote the East Range to attract and retain businesses and residents
$\rightarrow$	SD3. Provide wide range of housing options to meet diverse community needs
$\rightarrow$	SD4. Expand highest speed internet to all
$\rightarrow$	SD5. Create community accountability processes to inform residents
$\rightarrow$	SD6. Create welcoming community packets to encourage civic engagement
$\rightarrow$	Completed or scheduled for completion (Green)
$\rightarrow$	Underway and progressing (Yellow)
$\rightarrow$	Not yet started or not progressing (Red)

## **Highlights:**

- 13 regional partners submitted an application to the Federal EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge program to create the infrastructure for a regional digital economy. The East Range's status as a coal community (due to the transition of the Laskin Energy Center away from coal) give us access to a specific pot of money within this program. We anticipate numerous projects in the area if successful.
- The East Range held a housing workshop in September. Staff are now digitizing the maps created in that session, planning a survey, and hope to have more information at the November meeting.
- Barr Engineering has completed a trail mapping exercise for snowmobile, OHV, nonmotorized, and paved trails on the East Range. Staff is receiving bids for creating paper maps and consistent signage for the entire network.
- The East Range Joint Powers Board has now closed four Disaster Relief Fund loans. Funding remains until December for the remaining \$21,000 in the fund.
- Northeast Minnesota Child Care Summit | Save the Date November 10, 2021 | Virtually from 9:00 – 11:00 AM | Register HERE