







EAST RANGE JOINT POWERS BOARD




Mineland Vision Partnership Update

March 2023

Strategic Plan Dashboard

Fiscal Years 2021-2023

-  SD1. Identify and utilize resources to attain fiscal stability
-  SD2. Promote the East Range to attract and retain businesses and residents
-  SD3. Provide wide range of housing options to meet diverse community needs
-  SD4. Expand highest speed internet to all
-  SD5. Create community accountability processes to inform residents
-  SD6. Create welcoming community packets to encourage civic engagement

-  *Completed or scheduled for completion (Green)*
-  *Underway and progressing (Yellow)*
-  *Not yet started or not progressing (Red)*

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Housing:** Contracted with LOCi Consulting, LLC to complete a housing study for the East Range. The results indicate demand for new development. ERJPB also applied to Minnesota Housing Partnership's Housing Institute and is supporting local projects such as the Biwabik school redevelopment when relevant.
- **Broadband:** Mediacom was awarded a state Border to Border broadband grant to fund a project covering portions of Biwabik Township and the Town of White
- **Business Support:** A new round of business retention and expansion visits starts this spring.
- **Regional Marketing:** A new marketing subcommittee continues to meet monthly. Strategic directions for this group include marketing the East Range, sharing information, structuring the subcommittee, and building buy-in from the region.
- **Child Care:** Work continues assisting a daycare lead continues, including contacting IRRR and SBDC to tap into past best practices.
- **Quality of Life:** Assisting the City of Biwabik with its Bavarian Market Village concept.
- **ERJPB Communication:** Launched the first edition of the ERJPB newsletter, which is available at <https://eripb.com/eripb-newsletter/>