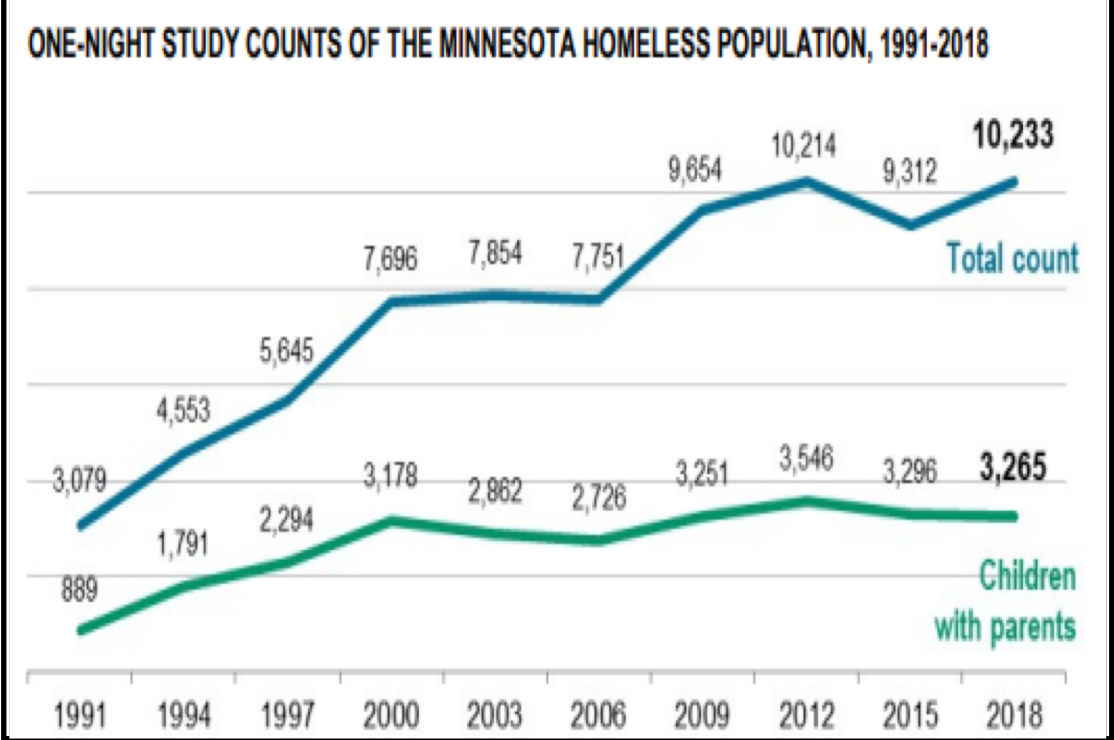


# YOUNG LEADER VISION PROJECT

## FINAL REPORT AND FINDINGS

### VISION

- Minnesota’s comprehensive plans help benefit cities and regions by guiding them along a ten year path. The plans for the future are decided and influenced by people that are not very well connected to the youth and other underrepresented voices.
- An underrepresented voice is homeless and people with low income. The homeless and people with low income are usually unable to attend the hearings for the plans and the majority are never aware of the plans.
- Before the project I have never heard of the comprehensive plan and I have always been naive to local government and the national to world news. I never thought of how the government was dealing with homelessness and low income individuals and families. I only had basic knowledge of homeless shelters.
- My vision for the future has been opened to see how the comprehensive plan can be used to help the homeless, low income individuals, and others in need. The plan can help them by creating new zoning for areas that can be used for the homeless tiny homes, more affordable housing, and use the land more efficiently.



Tiny Home that can be found in Maplewood at Woodland Hills Church

### ACTION

#### SYSTEMS

Changes in how the government can help the homeless is by changing the zoning laws to make the homeless tiny homes more widely available in more areas. The zoning can also be changed to make it so that we can more efficiently use the land for more units of housing and making those units more affordable to everyone.

#### COMMUNITY

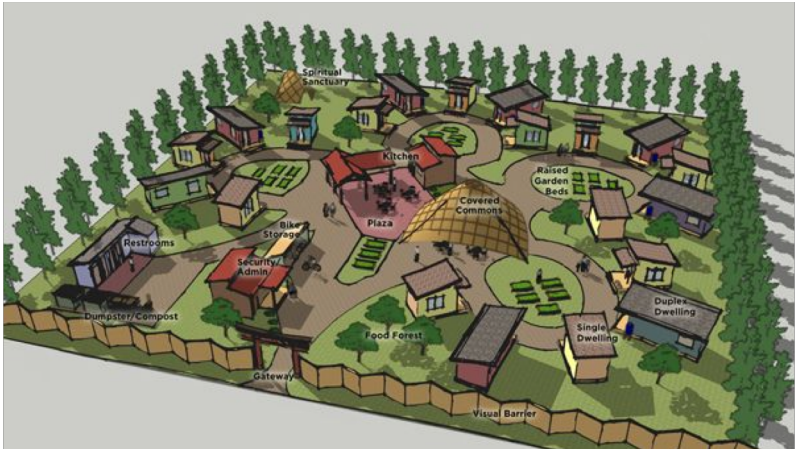
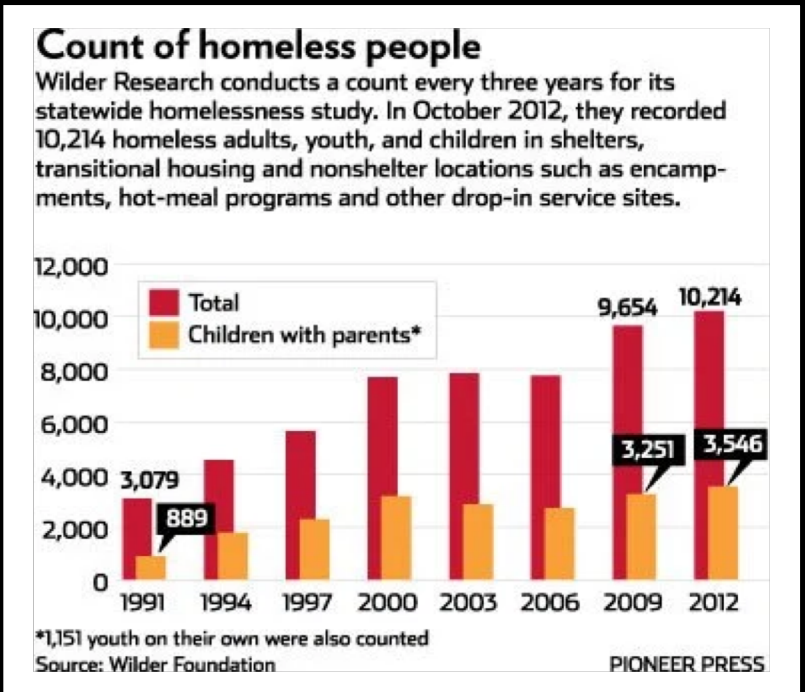
The community can help impact these changes by being more aware of how they can influence the change in the comprehensive plan, the zoning law changes, and also how they want their community to look in the future. The community can also help by welcoming the ideas of the tiny homes into their communities and be welcoming to the new people. The faith community can also assist because the churches land is able to be used for the tiny homes. The faith community is able to do this because of the RLUIPA law, the religious land use and institutionalized persons act, states that the churches can do what they want with their land and that if it follows their mission then the government cannot intervene. For example the church in Maplewood, called Woodland Hills already has one tiny home

#### BUSINESS

Non-profit businesses can help the movement of the tiny homes for the homeless and help influence the zoning laws to make the homes more widely available for more people in need. Also, they can be instrumental in making the homes more visible to the public and educate others on what they are. Communities can also help support non-profits by donating their time and materials to building the homes.

### INSIGHTS

- The thing that most surprised me when doing this project is the existence of the comprehensive plan, how extensive the plan is, how the plan is so far projected into the future, and how much the plan guides our cities. Another thing that surprised me is how the project process grew my skills for future research, interviewing, networking, and a glimpse into local to state government operations. Something that my community and I can do is that we can be more active in the next comprehensive planning process. Another thing we can do is become more involved in getting to know each other within a community.
- This project has changed my view towards the comprehensive planning process by showing me how my community evolves and how local government shapes it. Also, it shows how my community can be a important part of the planning process.



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