



Anoka County Regional Economic Development

[2021 Year in Review]

Events to Highlight

Minnesota Real Estate Journal

- **04.14.21** | Data Center Summit
- **06.04.21** | Commercial Real Estate Forecast Summit
- **06.10.21** | Young Professionals in Commercial Real Estate
- **09.09.21** | North Metro MN Real Estate Summit
- **11.12.21** | Industrial Real Estate Summit

3M PGA Open | **07.22-25.21**

MNCAR Expo | **10.27.21**

UpRiver Real Estate | **11.18.21**

Initiatives to Highlight

2021 ARPA Funding | Anoka County Broadband Matching Funds

- Cities can apply to Anoka County for a 1:1 matching grant up to \$150,000 to cover eligible broadband projects under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Cities without a broadband need can pass a resolution foregoing their funds, allowing additional funding for eligible communities.

Workforce Development | Anoka County Workforce Development Board

- We know employers now more than ever are seeking creative solutions and resources to tackling their on-going workforce needs. Good news! The ACRED partnership is represented on the Anoka County Workforce Development Board which allocates resources directly to businesses and job seekers.

New! Economic Development Director

In April, 2021, Anoka County hired Samantha Markman as the new Economic Development Director - leading the Anoka County Regional Economic Development (ACRED) Partnership. Samantha joins Anoka County having most recently served as the Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Faribault, MN. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Samantha enjoys all things Minnesota - including snowmobiling and Vikings Football!



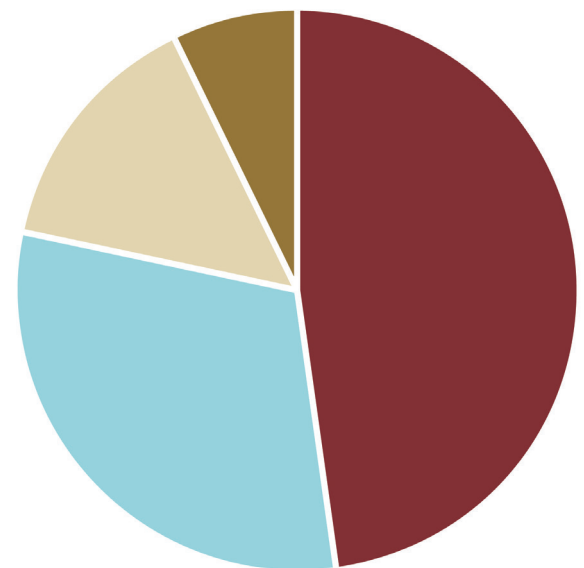
Over the past year, Samantha has brought many strengths to the ACRED Partnership. Including a renewed look at the events schedule and bringing those marketing events back to in-person, as we emerge into a post-COVID reality.

If you're interested in learning more about how the ACRED Partnership can help you - please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to a successful 2022!

Project Inquiries by Type

In many instances the ACRED Partnership serves as a first point of contact for developer and business related inquiries. Below is a summary of the project inquiries received throughout 2021 by type. During these circumstances, ACRED works with the inquiring party to determine next steps, in a facilitator role. More times than not, this results in an introduction to individual communities to discuss project opportunities and applicable processes.

Industrial Commercial Assistance Housing



Overwhelmingly the project inquiries fell into the industrial project type. By no surprise, businesses and developers alike are looking for expansion opportunities to accommodate their warehousing and logistical needs. This has resulted in a number of successful projects across Anoka County!

WANT TO CHAT MORE? CONTACT US TODAY!

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