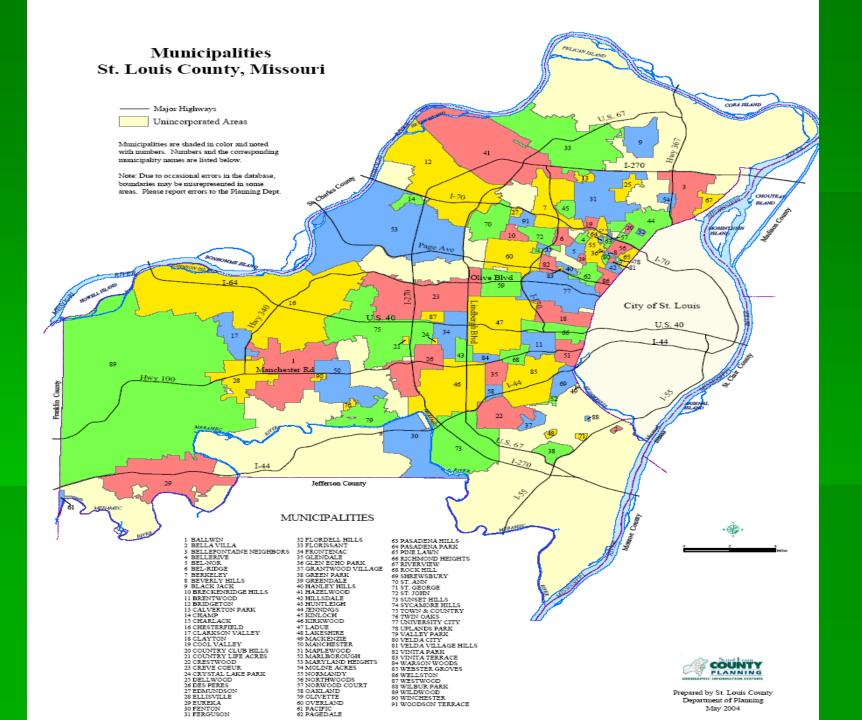
St. Louis County Municipal League

Established 1918

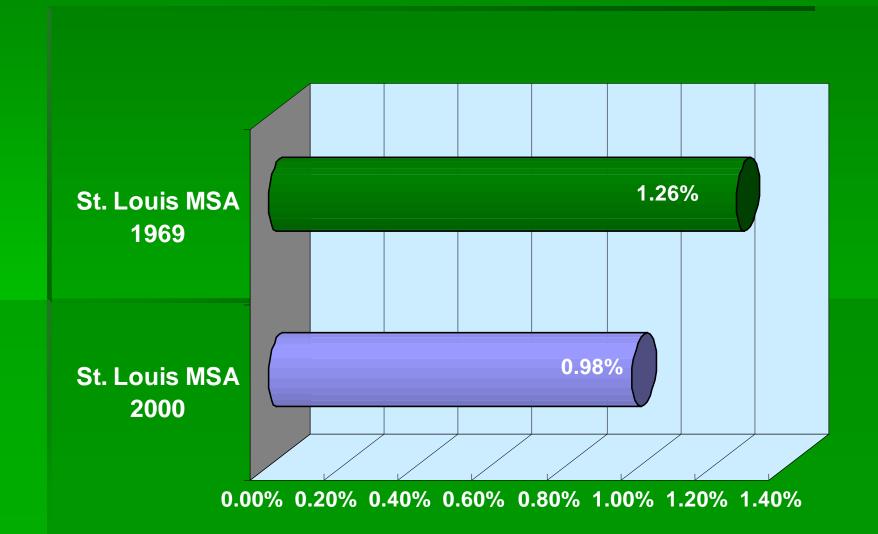
- Tim Fischesser, Executive Director

Municipalities

- 91 Total
- 70 under 10,000 population
- Most of Missouri very decentralized
- St. Louis froze city limits 1876; Contrast with Kansas City located in 4 Counties
- Clayton = Hannibal, Rolla (16,000 + or -)
- 2/3 Pop. In munis; 1/3 unincorporated
- County population = 1 million for 35 years



Long term metro/national economic trend



Cooperation:

- Between Municipalities
- Between Munis & County
- St. Louis City/County
- Regional

Between Municipalities

- Great camaraderie among cities
- Fire / EMS mutual aid
- Joint Construction / Operation
 - Kirkwood, Glendale, Oakland Pool
 - Joint Dispatching Center: Clayton, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Shrewsbury, Webster Groves. Olivette joining in 2006.
- Contracting for:
 - Police & fire protection
 - Police dispatching
 - Parking meter enforcement
 - Use of recreation facilities
- Informal Support
 - City Clerks Association, Finance Officers Association, Public Works Association, Municipal Attorneys Association, Planners Association, Park Directors, Police & Fire Chiefs Associations, SLACMA, Mayor of Small Cities Association, Metro Mayors. Groups meet monthly and several operate list-serves.
- Tax sharing only by Municipalities
 - Required by state law. Transfers millions from cities with many stores to cities with few stores, and to St. Louis County.

Between Munis & County

- Police & Fire
 - Jointly fund Police/Fire academy in St. Louis County
 - County offers police patrol, dispatching, police report writing, prisoner housing for a fee negotiated with cities when building new justice center
 - County assists munis with tactical squad, disasters
- Code Enforcement
 - County offers both basic and highly technical inspection services for a fee
 - County will handle major project inspections services for a fee
- Revenue Collection (Property taxes & certain fees)
- Sewer lateral repair program management for a fee
- Traffic signal maintenance for a fee
- Sharing of tax revenues from munis to St. Louis County
- Highway & Metrolink planning; joint traffic studies
- Economic Development
 - Numerous major & minor types of assistance
 - New collaborative effort with county forming in 2006

Economic Development Cooperation

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- Very strong committee work involving state, St. Louis County, Hazelwood
- Legislative change to Enterprise Zone law to add job preservation, not just job creation
- Airport East (Berkeley, Ferguson, Kinlock Area)
 - 3 cities delegate powers to County
 - County accepts land from City of St. Louis
 - State offers additional business incentives
 - Proposals recently received by County
- Master Card
 - Creve Coeur transferred acreage to Town & Country
 - County and Muni officials offer plan to Master Card
 - Master Card stayed in region but not in County and has been adding jobs
- Express Scripts
 - County led effort (Cool Valley and Normandy cooperating) to relocate headquarters near UMSL & MetroLink station. Under construction in 2006.

Economic Development Cooperation (Cont.)

- Tax Increment Financing
 - About 45 TIF's is in St. Louis County
 - TIF Commission consists of Muni, County, school, & other entities
 - Uses <u>NEW</u> taxes to pay for needed land, infrastructure, etc.
- Wellston
 - Redevelop Wagner Electric and adjoining sites
- Jennings
 - Redevelop River Roads, Northland, and others
- Bellefontaine Neighbors
 - 214 acres at I-270 & 367
- Chesterfield
 - Longtime cooperation with Spirit Airport
 - Rebuilding Valley after flood
- Fenton
 - State, county, and city incentives to Chrysler creating more jobs

St. Louis City & County

- Metropolitan Sewer District (1954)
- Metro (formerly Bi-State Development Agency) \$75 M from County; \$35 M from City
- Zoo Museum District
- New downtown stadium & dome
- AIRPORT East Land
- Latest riverboat proposals for downtown & Lemay
- Business attractions coordination; includes RCGA
- Mutual aid
- Promoting tax credits for redevelopment
- Regional Taxi Cab Commission

Regional

- East West Gateway Council of Governments
- Metro (formerly Bi-State), especially on Metrolink construction & operation
- Trails
 - Both states created multi-county districts to build more trails. Governors signed laws on Old Chain-of-Rocks Bridge. District, county and municipal parks all benefit.
- Metro Mayors Organization
 - New, covering Missouri & Illinois
 - Mayors of Cities over 10,000 population
- Joint federal enterprise zone including East St. Louis, St. Louis, Wellston
- Retaining major trauma centers (high level emergency rooms)
- Scott Air Force Base retention (10,000 jobs)
- Downtown river bridge
- St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS)

Municipalities Advocating Regional Cooperation (MARC)

- League committee (All members of the Board of Directors)
- Felt need to influence regional priorities in order to be more competitive nationally
- Translated into a few specifics such as:
 - Increase knowledge based jobs such as those sought in life sciences
 - Assemble underutilized land for redevelopment (Munis willing to sacrifice future funds to support revitalization)
 - Improve image of central city
 - Attract flights to Lambert
 - Increase tourism
 - Promote quality of life amenities like trails, trauma services, community curb appeal, responsive government (capacity, value, citizen involvement)

Leadership is Key

- Positive Attitude
- Credibility
- Understanding big picture
- Bridging various interest groups
- With our decentralized governmental structure, good local efforts + good regional efforts = Win/Win