

Minnesota Equitable Development Trust & Community Economic Development Consortium
A Scalable & Inclusive Equitable Development Model

A community is **limited** only by an absence of understanding and experience with the systems, processes, and tools already in place benefiting those making and driving policy and program design – to their own benefit. And, with limits of its own imagination, definition, and execution ability to leverage collectively those systems, processes, and tools to their benefit, and interest.

Commonly defined – **equitable development** is an approach for meeting the needs of underserved communities through policies and programs that reduce disparities while fostering places that are healthy and vibrant. It is increasingly considered an effective placed-based action for creating strong and livable communities.

While this merits consideration, along with methods, namely those emphasizing participatory and inclusive processes and benefits, the model to explore should be more far-reaching – to consider a legally tested, perpetuating, scalable & inclusive financing model – holding, managing, and distributing assets within the existing ecosystems – with aim to leverage and maximize systems, processes and tools so that residents, neighborhoods, and communities are primary, rather than secondary and tertiary beneficiaries.

– Others use them – Why shouldn't we –