

**473.244 SPECIAL STUDIES AND REPORTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Research and study topics.** The Metropolitan Council shall engage in a continuous program of research and study concerning the matters enumerated in this section.

Subd. 2. **Air pollution.** The control and prevention of air pollution.

Subd. 3. **Parks, open space.** The acquisition and financing of suitable major parks and open spaces within and adjacent to the metropolitan area.

Subd. 4. **Water pollution.** The control and prevention of water pollution in the metropolitan area in conformity with applicable federal and state laws.

Subd. 5. **Local long-range plans.** The development of long-range planning in the metropolitan area but not for the metropolitan area.

Subd. 6. **Solid waste.** The acquisition of necessary facilities for the disposal of solid waste material for the metropolitan area and the means of financing such facilities.

Subd. 7. **Tax structure, equity.** The examination of the tax structure in the metropolitan area and consideration of ways to equalize the tax resources therein.

Subd. 8. **Assessment practices.** Assessment practices in the metropolitan area.

Subd. 9. **Storm water facilities.** The acquisition of necessary storm water drainage facilities for the metropolitan area and the means of financing such facilities.

Subd. 10. **Consolidation of local services.** The necessity for the consolidation of common services of local governmental units and the kind of consolidation most suitable in the public interest.

Subd. 11. **Advance development land acquisition.** Advance land acquisition for development purposes in the metropolitan area and the role of the public in connection therewith.

Subd. 12. **Recommendations.** All studies shall include recommendations as to the governmental organization, governmental subdivision, or governmental district best suited to discharge the powers recommended.

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