

ITASCA COUNTY POLICIES & PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/8/2020	POLICY #:
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Transportation Department	REFERENCES:	
SUBJECT: Unorganized Township Road Policy		

Unorganized Township Road Policy

The following policy has been established to provide guidelines and procedures for funding unorganized township road and bridge maintenance and improvements.

Background:

1. Itasca County has by resolution 2016-64 adopted December 13, 2016, designated a network of roads as unorganized township roads.
2. Itasca County received special legislation in 1999 through Chapter 115 – S.F. 1012, which states “Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 163.06, subdivision 4, the road and bridge fund tax money collected from unorganized townships in Itasca County need not be set apart in separate funds for each township. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes section 163.06, subdivision 5, road and bridge fund tax money that is collected from the various unorganized townships may be expended by the Itasca County board in any of the unorganized townships in the County”.

Funding Areas:

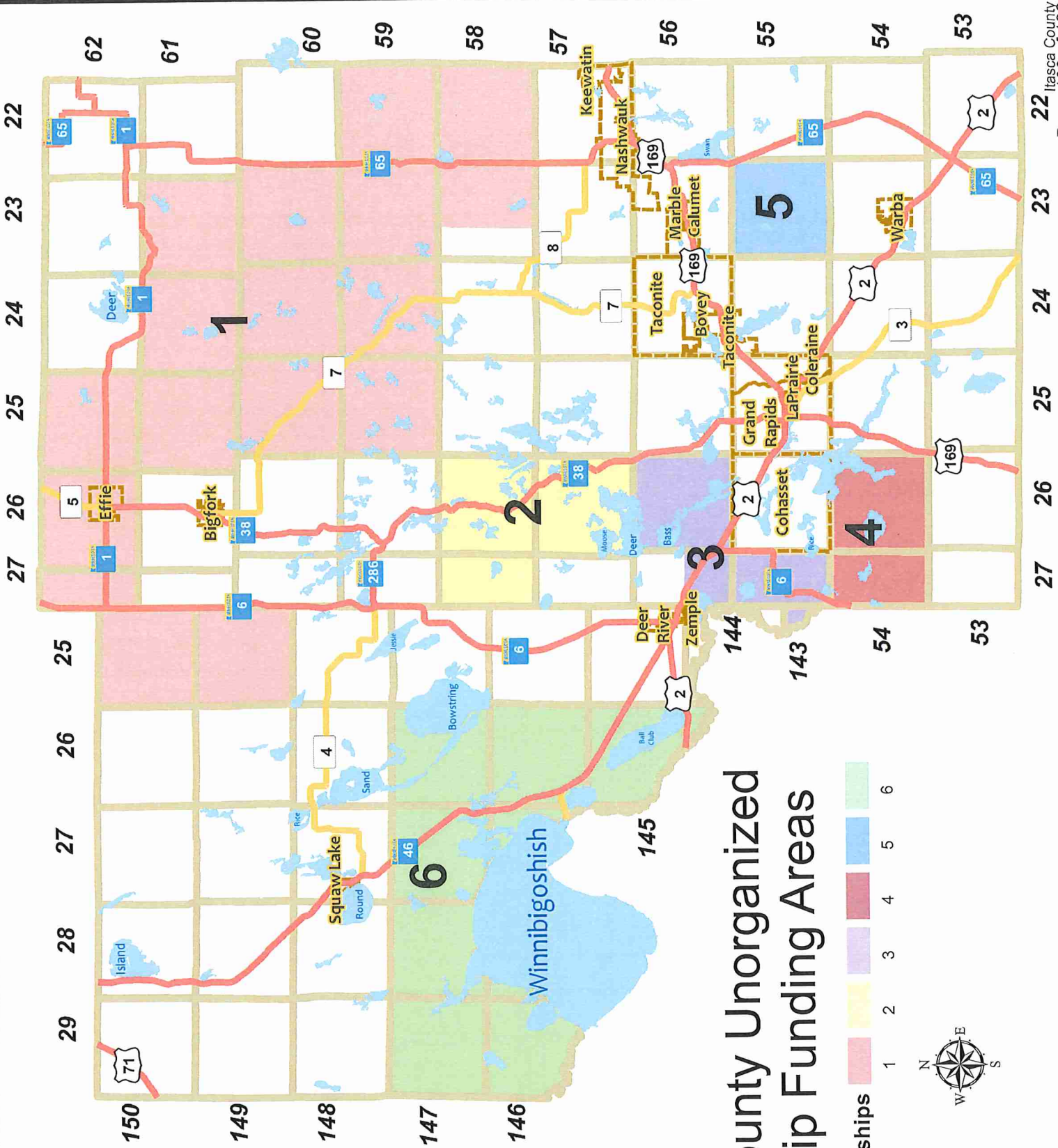
Although the special legislation allows for the revenues from unorganized township road and bridge levies to be combined into one fund and to be spent in any unorganized township, there remains a need to better utilize those funds in a manner which best serves the area in which those funds are collected. Unorganized Townships with similar geographical and functional characteristics have been divided into six Sub-Areas as shown on the attached map.

Accounting:

1. The unorganized township road and bridge fund tax capacity rate for each unorganized township shall be made equal and be set annually by the Itasca County Board.
2. The County Board will set an annual budget for the unorganized township maintenance expenses. The Transportation Department will determine the actual costs to the UT System after year-end and create a bill for transfer of

funds. The bill will not exceed the budget amount, with any additional costs being covered by the County Road and Bridge fund.

3. Funds in the UT System that are not utilized for maintenance, will be held for construction projects, established through the five-year plan.
4. The Auditor Treasurer's office will create new accounting codes, one for each funding area, and move monies from the individual unorganized township funds to their appropriate funding area. From that point forward, incoming taxes and fees, and outgoing reimbursements and expenses will be kept by funding area. The cumulative total of the funds available for the UT System will not go below zero. If the UT fund is depleted, continued maintenance will be funded by the County road and bridge fund.



Itasca County Unorganized Township Funding Areas

Unorganized Townships 1 2 3 4 5 6

