The mission of the Region Five Development Commission is to provide high quality, professional planning and development services through collaboration, assistance, and coordination with local units of government, organizations, and citizens.

The principal objective of Region Five is to enhance the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties.
The core function of the Region Five Development Commission is to provide assistance to the Private, Public and Non-Profit sectors within the jurisdictional boundaries of Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. Region Five’s governing board is comprised of local elected officials, and special interest groups from the five county area. The Commission sets the agenda and approves the work plan for the agency. A secondary function is to provide a vehicle for implementation of regional programs that cross over traditional jurisdiction and agency boundaries. The Commission also serves as a vehicle to work in cooperation with state and federal agencies to implant various programs on a regional basis.

**Economic Development**
- Comprehensive Economic Development Plan
- Regional JobZ Administrator
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Lending
- Strategy Assistance with creating Economic Development Plans
- Revolving Loan Fund development & coordination
- Education of Economic Development Incentives and Opportunities
- Workforce Development Strategy Development
- Business Planning for Regional Projects
- Lending & Technical Assistance for:
  - Business GAP Loans
  - Micro-lending
  - Household Well Water Loans
  - Individual Septic Treatment System (ISTS) Loans

**Transportation**
- Regional Transportation Planning in Conjunction with MnDOT Planning Functions
- Trails, Transit and Freight Planning
- Assist Local Governments with Transportation Issues
- Collaborative Transportation System Planning
- Statewide Planning Initiatives & Projects
- Maintenance of Functional Classification
- Safe Routes to School Planning
- Access Management Technical Assistance for State Highway and Local Roads
- Education for Communities Regarding Transportation Issues

**Resilient Region**
[www.resilientregion.org](http://www.resilientregion.org)

Sustainable Communities Regional Planning is a specific initiative that integrates Housing, Transportation, Land-Use and Economic Development (includes energy and local foods), all of R5DC departments are heavily engaged in this work. Supporting success from numerous regional partners strengthens our resilient region.

**Agency wide**
- Grant, Loan and Contract Administration
- Grant Writing Assistance
- Community Surveys
- Research Capabilities
- Workshops
- Data Collection