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**Anoka County Transitioning to .gov Domain**

Anoka County has begun its transition from the .us domain for its website to the more trusted .gov extension. The new website address is [anokacountymn.gov](http://anokacountymn.gov). While this seems like a minor change, it actually has some major benefits.

“The .gov domain is like a gated community — it’s a digital space that’s only available to genuine and vetted U.S.-based government organizations,” said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. “This domain also has enhanced security benefits, which will enable Anoka County to better protect our systems from malicious email traffic and Domain Name System hijacking.”

Eventually, all government agencies will have to move to the .gov domain.

The .us is still currently active — those who visit the Anoka County website with the .us domain will still be directed to the right place, but this domain will eventually be phased out for the website. County email addresses will switch to the .gov domain later this year. When the .us domain is set to be completely retired, this information will be communicated to the public prior to the cessation.

It’s very beneficial for Anoka County to implement the .gov domain, and the county is excited to move into a more robust cybersecurity ecosystem.

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