

403.14 Urban renewal agency powers.

1. A municipality may itself exercise its urban renewal project powers, as defined in [this section](#), or may, if the local governing body by resolution determines such action to be in the public interest, elect to have such powers exercised by the urban renewal agency, if one exists or is subsequently established in the community. In the event the local governing body makes such determination, the urban renewal agency shall be vested with all of the urban renewal project powers in the same manner as though all such powers were conferred on such agency instead of the municipality. If the local governing body does not elect to make such determination, the municipality in its discretion may exercise its urban renewal project powers through a board or commissioner, or through such officers of the municipality as the local governing body may by resolution determine.

2. As used in [this section](#), the term “urban renewal project powers” shall include the rights, powers, functions and duties of a municipality under [this chapter](#), except the following:

a. The power to determine an area to be a slum or blighted area or combination thereof and to designate such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project and to hold any public hearings required with respect thereto.

b. The power to approve urban renewal plans and modifications thereof.

c. The power to establish a general plan for the locality as a whole.

d. The power to formulate a workable program under [section 403.3](#).

e. The power to make the determinations and findings provided for in [section 403.4](#), and [section 403.5, subsection 4](#).

f. The power to issue general obligation bonds.

g. The power to appropriate funds, to levy taxes and assessments, and to exercise other powers provided for in [section 403.6, subsection 8](#).

[C58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §403.14]

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