Strategies cited in recent CIB and STAR grant application review rounds

Neighborhood STAR

The STAR Program provides loans and grants for physical improvement projects which could generally not be accomplished through existing city programs. Funds can be used to provide economic development opportunities, to stabilize and renew Saint Paul's housing stock, and rejuvenate public infrastructure. For more information: http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=2894

Capital Improvement Budget

Projects are eligible if they finance the acquisition, betterment, physical development, redevelopment and other improvement of City-owned land and buildings. They are organized by type: Community Facilities (CF), Streets and Utilities (SU) and Residential and Economic Development (RED).

For more information: http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=217

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These tables show the strategies in the Comprehensive Plan that were cited in the STAR application review over the past three years, and during the most recent CIB application review. They do not include strategies cited from small area, district, or other citywide plans. Bold items were cited five or more times.

Land Use Policy		STAR 2014		STAR 2012		CIB RED 2014-201 5
1.2	Permit high density residential development in Neighborhood Centers, Mixed-Use Corridors, the Central Corridor and Downtown.			2		
1.5	Identify residential areas where single-family, duplex housing, and small multi-family housing predominate as Established Neighborhoods.		2			3
1.10	Devise and implement a neighborhood improvement and maintenance strategy.					3
1.11	Designate areas as Neighborhood Centers.					1
1.15	Promote Neighborhood Centers as compact, mixed-use communities that provide services and employment close to residences.		4			
1.19	Promote conditions that support those who live an work in Neighborhood Centers, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, a range of housing choices, and community amenities.	1	4			
1.20	Designate as Mixed-Use Corridors those areas on Figure LU-B.					1

1.50	Facilitate the redevelopment of commercial areas where existing buildings are no longer considered functional to accommodate viable retail and businesses.	1	5			
1.49	Continue to promote principles of traditional urban form in the design of new or renovated commercial buildings.	1	1			
1.48	Support compatible mixed-use within single buildings and in separate buildings in close proximity.		6			
1.45	F3	8	10			3
1.32	Designate urban villages in Downtown Saint Paul, as identified in the Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework.				2	
1.30	Implement the Saint Paul Downtown Development Strategy.				1	
1.29	Implement the Central Corridor Development Strategy and individual transit station area plans as the vision for development in the Central Corridor in connection with the construction of LRT.	2	3	2		1
1.28	Promote conditions that support those who live and work along Mixed-Use Corridors, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, and a range of housing choices.	1		2		
1.27	Provide connections by bicycle and pedestrian facilities to adjacent areas.					1
1.26	Permit residential development at densities contemplated in Policy 1.2.			2		
1.25	Promote the development of more intensive housing on Mixed-Use Corridors where supported by zoning that permits mixed-use and multifamily residential development.	/		2		1
1.24	Support a mix of uses on Mixed-Use Corridors.	1		2		2
1.21 1.23	densities that support transit. Guide development along Mixed-Use Corridors.			2		I
1 21	Balance the following objectives for Mixed-Use Corridors through the density and scale of development: accommodating growth, supporting transit use and walking, providing a range of housing types, and providing housing at densities that support transit.	1		ĵ		1

1.52	Prioritize the development of compact commercial areas accessible by pedestrians and transit users over commercial areas more readily accessed by automobile. Discourage new and expanded auto-oriented uses.	2			
1.54	Identify opportunity sites for future development consistent with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, either as mixed-use development or as employment centers, including, but not limited to		3		
1.55	Collaborate with public and private schools elementary and secondary schools in conjunction with construction or major remodeling.		1		
1.57	Encourage communication between educational institutions and residents of the community when those institutions seek to expand or make significant changes to their campuses.	1			
1.58	Collaborate with school organizations to promote neighborhood improvement in conjunction with school construction or major remodeling.		1		
2.2	Promote the redevelopment of outmoded and non-productive sites and buildings so they can sustain existing industries and attract emerging industries to Saint Paul; focus on issues that include, but are not limited to, energy efficiency, water conservation, and broadband capability.	2	3	2	3
2.3	Attract industries that use best management practices regarding environmental issues (e.g., air and water quality, soil contamination, solid waste, sustainable construction practices, etc.) in their site development and operations.	1	1		
2.4	Focus the growth of employment centers in Downtown, the Central Corridor, industrial corridors, and on larger tracts of land, where there is infrastructure capacity and where redevelopment as employment centers, or as mixed-use development that includes employment centers, could occur.		2		

2.5	Encourage the redevelopment of sites on arterial streets zoned for B2, B3, and TN2 uses as employment centers. To that end, facilitate redevelopment through a program of assembling parcels to create sites sufficiently large to accommodate smaller scale industrial and office uses.		1
2.14	Promote the development of employment opportunities in the Central Corridor, consistent with the Central Corridor Development Strategy.	2	
2.19	Seek a revision to state legislation that limits the use of eminent domain as a tool for redevelopment.	1	
2.31	Implement the City's Economic Development Strategy to focus resources effectively in a coordinated series of initiatives and programs intended to secure and retain industries and commerce, and the jobs both create.	6	
3.6	Encourage improvement of safety through design, as outlined in Design for Public Safety		1
3.8	Enhance the city's physical and aesthetic environment by preventing the indiscriminate removal or destruction of trees where practicable and by protecting large trees and exceptional trees that are historic, ecological, or aesthetic.	1	
3.9	Consider ground and surface water in the preparation of a site for development and in the design and construction of buildings.	4	
3.10	Encourage the financing and construction of private unstructured open spaces, particularly open play areas, in new multi-family developments.	3	
3.11	Encourage the coordination of business signs to achieve greater consistency among business signs and signs of community interest and to reduce visual clutter.	1	
3.12	Preserve and support parks and open space as part of the natural eco-system and as critical elements in the public realm.	1	4
3.16	Facilitate collaboration between artists and the community to identify opportunities for public art and to discuss civic issues that may inform the artist's work.	1	

	Promote access to sunlight for solar energy systems in new or rehabilitated		
	residential, commercial, and industrial developments to the extent possible.		
	Prepare a study on tools, techniques, and regulations to facilitate increased		
	usage of solar energy systems, either as standalone systems of as		
3.19	supplements to conventional energy sources including	1	

Housing Policy		STAR 2014		STAR 2012		CIB RED 2014-201 5
1.1	Increase housing choices across the city to support economically diverse neighborhoods.			2		3
1.2	Meet market demand for transit-oriented housing.			2		2
1.3	Revitalize the city by developing land-efficient housing.			2		2
1.4	Implement citywide policies for new housing developments to promote sustainability.					1
2.1	Maintain the vitality and high quality of life in existing stable neighborhoods by engaging in a variety of actions	1	3	3		5
2.3	Realistically weigh the market viability, maintenance needs, and neighborhood context of houses before providing public rehabilitation funds to them.	1		3		4
2.4	Improve energy efficiency and water conservation within the existing housing stock.	2		3		4
2.6	Coordinate code enforcement with housing rehabilitation loans or other housing rehab assistance, including non-City programs, to improve the energy-efficiency of homes.	1				1
2.8	Promote healthy indoor living environments (i.e., indoor environmental quality).	4	1			2
2.11	Engage in mortgage and personal finance education in the community.					1

2.13	Continue to assess vacant housing conditions with City/HRA partners such as community development corporations, nonprofit organizations, private developers, district councils, and block groups, and prioritize City/HRA revitalization assistance to areas with less vibrant housing markets.				3
2.14	Promote existing and innovative new programs and incentives that support rehabilitation of one- to three-unit residential properties, especially in areas with less vibrant housing markets.	2	3	2	3
2.16	Market programs to new homebuyers.				1
2.18	Support the expansion of housing choices for seniors, particularly in neighborhoods that are underserved.			1	
2.19	Promote cultural sensitivity in housing.				1
3.1	Support the preservation of publicly-assisted and private affordable housing.	1		2	3
3.2	Support new housing opportunities for low-income households throughout the city.		1	2	
3.3	Provide affordable housing in new production projects.			2	1
3.4	Assist in the preservation and production of homeless and supportive housing.		3		
3.6	Ensure fair housing.	1			1

Parks and Rec Policy			STAR 2012	2014-20		CIB RED 2014-201 5
1.1	Ensure convenient and equitable access to parks and recreation facilities.	1		5	2	
1.2	Complete the trail and bikeway system.	1				
1.3	Provide functional, accessible, and secure bike racks at all parks and recreation centers.			1		
1.6	Improve public safety in parks.			3		
1.7	Apply Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and design review for Parks and Recreation projects.			2		
1.20	Emphasize collaborative programs with Saint Paul Public Schools.			1		

2.2	Ensure attractive, functional, and engaging four-season public spaces.	1	2	1	18	8
2.3	Improve communications, public relations, and marketing of parks.				1	
2.4	Design parks and facilities for appropriate community gathering or festival opportunities based on park location, size, and function.				4	
2.9	Manage and protect parkland effectively and appropriately by working to reduce encroachments and pursuing strategic acquisitions to fill any existing gaps or changing needs in the parks system.				2	
2.10	Require that location and design of parks, open space, and trails be an integral part of large-scale redevelopment projects.				1	
2.11	Involve all constituents (residents, park users, interest groups) in setting balanced priorities for planning, development, programming, maintenance, use of facilities, physical enhancement, or development of facilities and/or open spaces, and other park-related matters.				4	
2.13	Facilitate innovative communication technology, like wireless networks, in parks as partnership opportunities become available.		1		1	
2.14	Preserve historic buildings, memorials, and monuments found in parks throughout Saint Paul.				2	
2.18	Anticipate and respond to the cultural diversity of the population.		1			
3.1	Model environmental leadership.		1	1	3	
3.8	Increase tree reforestation.				1	
3.10	Pursue opportunities and partnerships to acquire land specifically for open space and natural-resource protection, especially				1	
4.2	Perform systematic and ongoing evaluation and assessment of programming, facilities, staffing needs and public safety issues.	•			1	
4.3	Meet changing recreation needs.		2		7	
4.4	Provide activities and programming for alternative, emerging recreation trends, particularly those that meet the recreational needs of youth.	1			5	
4.9	Prioritize programming and area use in ways that maximize meeting the needs of multiple user groups.				1	
5.2	Create a materials research report to identify and rate the sustainability of products that can be used in facility design and construction and in operations and maintenance.				1	

5.3	Make parks and recreation facility and improvement decisions based on a system-wide evaluation of citizen needs and available resources.				14		
5.4	Renovate and upgrade low- and moderate- quality existing facilities that fall outside the service areas of high-quality facilities of the same type.				1		
5.6	Choose refurbishment of existing facilities over new construction whenever feasible.	2	1	1	4		
5.7	Improve outdoor sports experiences by enhancing the quality of athletic fields, such as through the use of artificial turf, engineered soils, lighting, irrigation, and other methods.	2	1		3		
5.9	Think about the activity first, and then consider all possible facility and delivery options.				2		
5.15	Track volunteer hours to use as matches for applicable grants.				1		
5.17	Pursue partnerships to host special events, develop services and joint promotional packages, and finance maintenance and capital costs of parks and recreation facilities.	1	1				
5.19	Encourage private landowners and developers to create and maintain publicly accessible open spaces or green infrastructure.		3				2
5.21	Pursue opportunities consistent with Parks and Recreation priorities to secure federal, state, and private resources (e.g. grants, gifts, partnerships, etc.) when and where possible to	1	1				
6.1	Connect parks to new transportation investments, especially the Central Corridor LRT line.				1		
6.2	Develop a comprehensive transportation management plan for Como Regional Park.				1	1	
6.7	Build the Grand Rounds Parkway from a loop route to a complete parkway.				1	2	
6.8	Connect the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Grand Rounds parkways together.				1		
6.11	Work to close gaps in the trail system to ensure seamless connections for bicycles and pedestrians across the city of all ages and abilities.				1		

Water Resources Management Policy CIB CF CIB SU CIB RED

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	Disseminate knowledge of the regulations regarding surface water			
	management and engage citizens and other stakeholders in meeting			
2.2	regulations through best management practices.	1		
	Reduce the negative impacts that roadways in the city have on water quality			
2.8	and water resources.			2
	Reduce the negative impacts that parking lots in the city have on water			
2.9	quality and water resources.	1	3	
	Reduce the negative impacts of rooftop runoff on water quality and water			
2.12	resources.		2	
	Explore ways to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality from			
2.14	existing sites.	1	3	
	Provide adequate funding to operate and maintain adequate storm sewer			
2.28	infrastructure and service in all parts of the city.			9

Transportation Policy		STAR 2013			CIB RED 2014-201 5
1.1	Complete the streets.	1		32	
	Examine alternatives to enhance safety through right-of-way design,				
1.2	including narrowing or removing lanes on roads.			9	
	Evaluate existing crosswalk striping, design, and pedestrian-scale lighting				
1.3	standards			4	
1.4	Implement reconstruction projects for improved safety.			25	
1.5	Aggressively inspect and maintain bridges.			8	
	Design for improved accommodation of pedestrians and bicycles on				
1.6	bridges.			9	
	Support the completion of Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP), an ongoing program to reconstruct and improve the appearance, function, and			_	
1.8	safety of Saint Paul streets.			7	
	Establish freight corridors to enable the prompt delivery and transfer of				
1.13	cargo and to reduce noise and air pollution in adjoining neighborhoods.			1	
	Increase pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety through effective law enforcement, detailed crash analysis, and engineering improvements to				
1.14	reduce the risk of crashes.			7	

	Create true transportation choices for residents, workers, and visitors in			
2.1	every part of the city.		6	
	Promote creative in-fill housing near transit corridors to increase transit			
2.3	supportive density and housing choices.			1
	Develop a strategy for investing in a broad range of infrastructure projects,			
	including, but not limited to, street and traffic improvements to support			
2.4	the growth of existing employment, services, parks, and schools.		8	1
	Focus on the improvement and extension of bus service and facilities on			
	existing transit routes, and on new routes to serve proposed LRT stations in			
2.6	collaboration with Metro Transit.		1	
	Work with Metro Transit to study and implement possible corridors for new			
2.9	bus rapid transit, LRT, streetcars, or commuter rail lines serving Saint Paul.		1	
	Create more seamless connections between pedestrians, bicycles, transit			
2.11	and automobiles.		8	
	Support cooperative efforts in streetscape design, landscaping,			
3.1	pedestrian-scale lighting and other amenities for people.		11	
	Strengthen pedestrian pathways between housing, transit, and			
3.3	neighborhood services.		13	
3.4	Develop and maintain a complete and connected bikeway system.		11	
	Support existing off-street shared-use paths and add facilities and			
3.5	amenities supportive of active living principles.		11	
3.6	Fill gaps in the bikeway system.	1	8	
	Create a comprehensive system of bicycle network and pedestrian path			
3.7	signage and way-finding.		1	
3.8	Promote "bicycle boulevards" as a new type of bikeway.		4	
	Provide safe citywide connections to schools, libraries, parks, and			
	recreation centers, with improved crossings and comfortable pedestrian			
3.11	environments at high demand destinations.		5	
	Coordinate with surrounding communities and jurisdictions to enhance			
	regional bicycle and pedestrian networks, recognizing the importance of			
4.4	Saint Paul in regional and statewide connectivity.		3	
	Connect neighborhoods that have poor sidewalks or little access to trails and			
4.7	bike routes, especially east and north of Downtown.		3	
	When redevelopment opportunities become available, reinstate the			
4.8	traditional street grid pattern to increase neighborhood connectivity.		2	1

4.10	Create new connections and improve existing stairways and paths between neighborhoods, parkland, and the Mississippi River, while protecting natural vegetation and the integrity of the bluffline.	1
4.11	To create livable neighborhoods and compact commercial areas, promote and fund traffic calming measures.	6

Historic Preservation Policy				STAR 2012	2014-20		CIB RED 2014-201 5
,	Maintain City-owned historic resources pursuant to recognized preservation						
1.9	standards.				1	1	
	Give equal consideration to historic preservation factors when City action,						
1.10	involvement, or funding is requested or required					2	
1.11	Give equal consideration to projects with historic preservation factors when reviewing all Capital Improvement Budget funding requests. This may include adding historic preservation as a point category in the scoring process.	′				7	1
	Prioritize the retention of designated historic resources (or those determined eligible for historic designation) over demolition when evaluating planning and development projects that require or request City action, involvement or						
1.12	funding.					1	
3.3	Make the results of the survey available to departments, decisionmakers, and the public.					1	
3.6	Continue to develop new and expand existing historic contexts to allow for the continual identification of a full spectrum of historic resources.				2		
4.1	Utilize design review controls to protect properties and districts designated for heritage preservation from destruction or alterations that would compromise their ability to convey their historic significance.					2	
4.3	Protect undesignated historic resources.		1		1		
4.4	Maintain City-owned historic resources pursuant to recognized preservation standards.				2		
5.3	Realize the full economic potential of key historic resources.			2			
5.4	Invest in historic resources along transit corridors as part of a larger neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment strategy			2		_	1

5.7	Partner with Historic Saint Paul to increase its capacity to improve historic resources through its revolving loan program.	1		
	Partner with organizations that support preservation and redevelopment			
6.7	efforts in neighborhood commercial districts and along commercial corridors.			1
7.1	Develop programs to educate the public about the history of the city.		1	

Implementation: High Priorities for Action Provide housing choices for everyone

Strengthen neighborhoods hurt by mortgage foreclosures

Capitalize on the potential of the Central Corridor

Lay the foundation for more jobs that pay a living wage

Maintain public infrastructure and facilities

Secure an expanded transit system

Pursue projects and programs to reduce the carbon footprint

Provide opportunities that enrich residents' lives

Protect cultural and historic resources

Protect natural resources

Land Use - Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan



Policy # POLICY

Strategy 1: Target Growth in Unique Neighborhoods

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1.1 Guide the development of housing in Established Neighborhoods, commercial areas within Established Neighborhoods, and in Residential Corridors.	X
1.2 Permit high density residential development in Neighborhood Centers, Mixed-Use Corridors, the Central Corridor, and Downtown.	XX
1.3 Study the RM multi-family districts and the TN districts to determine how they can accommodate more intense residential development.	XX
1.4 Create new zoning districts to permit higher density residential and commercial development.	XX
1.5 Identify residential areas where single-family, duplex housing, and small multi-family housing predominate as Established Neighborhoods (see Figure LU-B).	X
1.6 Explore the potential for accessory units in Established Neighborhoods	X
1.7 Permit neighborhood serving commercial businesses compatible with the character of Established Neighborhoods.	XXX
1.8 Encourage the development of townhouses and smaller multi-family developments, compatible with the character of Established Neighborhoods.	XXX
1.9 Encourage the development of medium density multi-family housing along Residential Corridors (see Figure LU-B).	XXX
1.10 Devise and implement a neighborhood improvement and maintenance strategy.	XXX
1.11 Designate areas as Neighborhood Centers.	XX

1.12 Balance the following objectives for Neighborhood Centers through the density and scale of development: accommodating growth, supporting transit use and walking, providing a range of housing types, providing housing at densities that support transit, and providing open space and recreational opportunities.	XXXX
1.13 Establish boundaries for Neighborhood Centers that reflect existing development patterns and functional characteristics of the area.	X
1.14 Plan for growth in Neighborhood Centers.	XXX
1.15 Promote Neighborhood Centers as compact, mixed-use communities that provide services and employment close to residences.	X X X
1.16 Permit residential development at densities contemplated in Policy 1.2.	X
1.17 Promote a place, amenity, or activity that serves as a community focus and emphasizes the special identity of individual Neighborhood Centers.	X
1.18 Provide connections for bicycles and pedestrians to community facilities (e.g., parks, recreation centers, libraries, etc.) and to activities that support the residential population; and to adjacent areas of the city (see bicycle and pedestrian policies in the Transportation Plan and the Parks and Recreation Plan).	X
1.19 Promote conditions that support those who live and work in Neighborhood Centers, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, a range of housing choices, and community amenities.	X
1.20 Designate as Mixed-Use Corridors those areas on Figure LU-B.	XX
1.21 Balance the following objectives for Mixed-Use Corridors through the density and scale of development: accommodating growth, supporting transit use and walking, providing a range of housing types, and providing housing at densities that support transit.	XXXX
1.22 Establish boundaries for Mixed-Use Corridors to guide development activity, monitor growth and other development conditions, and evaluate performance toward meeting objectives for providing services.	X
1.23 Guide development along Mixed-Use Corridors.	XXX
1.24 Support a mix of uses on Mixed-Use Corridors.	X X

1.25 Promote the development of more intensive housing on Mixed-Use Corridors where supported by zoning that permits mixed-use and multifamily residential development.	XX
1.26 Permit residential development at densities contemplated in Policy 1.2.	X
1.27 Provide connections by bicycle and pedestrian facilities to adjacent areas.	X
1.28 Promote conditions that support those who live and work along Mixed-Use Corridors, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, and a range of housing choices.	X
1.29 Implement the Central Corridor Development Strategy and individual transit station area plans as the vision for development in the Central Corridor in connection with the construction of LRT.	X X X
1.30 Implement the Saint Paul Downtown Development Strategy.	X X X
1.31 Promote a broad mix of uses Downtown (e.g., commercial, office, government, housing, visitor attractions, etc.), so as to attract greater numbers of people to Downtown.	X X X
1.32 Designate urban villages in Downtown Saint Paul, as identified in the Saint Paul on the Mississippi Development Framework (see Figure LU-E).	X X X
1.33 Promote the growth and diversity of housing opportunities in Downtown's urban villages at a level sufficiently high to increase the residential population so that a broad mix of commercial retail can be developed and sustained.	XXX
1.34 Strengthen neighborhood connections to Downtown Saint Paul through development and improvements that support and complement Downtown businesses and urban villages.	X
1.35 Promote and add entertainment activities, cultural activities, and visitor accommodations to support them.	X
1.36 Encourage the State of Minnesota to design new office buildings to connect functionally and aesthetically with adjacent streets and neighborhoods, affecting elements of site design, building design and orientation, landscape, and streetscape.	X X X

1.27 Encourage the redevelopment of surface parking lots within the Conital	XX
1.37 Encourage the redevelopment of surface parking lots within the Capitol Area.	
1.38 Encourage the State of Minnesota to locate its departments and agencies within the City of Saint Paul, particularly within the Downtown office core.	X
1.39 Encourage state office leasing on select sites in Downtown that help link the Capitol with Downtown or that intermix state and Downtown office buildings.	XXXX
1.40 Promote the development of housing that provides choices for people of all ages, including singles and young couples, families, empty-nesters, and seniors.	X
1.41 Promote the development of a range of housing types and housing values in each of the 17 planning districts.	X
1.42 Promote the development of housing in mixed-use neighborhoods that supports walking and the use of public transportation.	X
1.43 Explore the use of planning and development tools to increase the production of housing, including, but not limited to, accessory units in existing neighborhoods, density bonuses for affordable units, and parking reductions.	X
1.44 Establish a working group of representatives from City departments that will meet periodically to review and analyze how those departments can facilitate the development process so the City can be competitive in securing projects that further its growth targets.	X
1.45 Maintain and enhance retail commercial areas throughout the city by promoting standards that make them vital and attractive:	XXXX
1.46 Encourage the expansion of compact commercial areas in Neighborhood Centers and Mixed-Use Corridors to further the objectives of both categories of neighborhoods.	X
1.47 Ensure that streets in compact commercial areas conform to the certain criteria: use of traditional urban building form, streetscape amenities, and traffic calming measures.	X
1.48 Support compatible mixed-use within single buildings and in separate buildings in close proximity.	X X X

1.49 Continue to promote principles of traditional urban form in the design of new or renovated commercial buildings.	X
1.50 Facilitate the redevelopment of commercial areas where existing buildings are no longer considered functional to accommodate viable retail and businesses.	X
1.51 Prepare a study of commercial zoning districts citywide to determine the amount of commercial zoning best able to provide goods and services for residents, employment districts, and visitors in various areas of the city, as well as the amount of commercial zoning best able to be integral parts of the city's economy; recommend changes to the zoning districts based on the study.	X
1.52 Prioritize the development of compact commercial areas accessible by pedestrians and transit users over commercial areas more readily accessed by automobile. Discourage new and expanded auto-oriented uses.	X X X
1.53 Encourage changes to the design of existing auto-oriented commercial buildings and areas with elements of traditional urban form to minimize impacts on the pedestrian realm.	X
1.54 Identify opportunity sites for future development consistent with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, either as mixed-use development or as employment centers, including, but not limited to (see Figure LU-B)	X X X
1.55 Collaborate with public and private schools elementary and secondary schools in conjunction with construction or major remodeling.	X
1.56 Collaborate with the Saint Paul Public Schools to determine criteria for reuse of school district buildings if they will no longer be used for educational purposes.	X
1.57 Encourage communication between educational institutions and residents of the community when those institutions seek to expand or make significant changes to their campuses.	X
1.58 Collaborate with school organizations to promote neighborhood improvement in conjunction with school construction or major remodeling.	X

2.1 Ensure the availability of sufficient quantities of land suitable for existing and new employment centers; prepare an inventory of properties zoned for industrial and commercial uses that have the potential for redevelopment as employment centers.	X
2.2 Promote the redevelopment of outmoded and non-productive sites and buildings so they can sustain existing industries and attract emerging industries to Saint Paul; focus on issues that include, but are not limited to, energy efficiency, water conservation, and broadband capability.	XX
2.3 Attract industries that use best management practices regarding environmental issues (e.g., air and water quality, soil contamination, solid waste, sustainable construction practices, etc.) in their site development and operations.	XX
2.4 Focus the growth of employment centers in Downtown, the Central Corridor, industrial corridors, and on larger tracts of land, where there is infrastructure capacity and where redevelopment as employment centers, or as mixed-use development that includes employment centers, could occur.	X
2.5 Encourage the redevelopment of sites on arterial streets zoned for B2, B3, and TN2 uses as employment centers. To that end, facilitate redevelopment through a program of assembling parcels to create sites sufficiently large to accommodate smaller scale industrial and office uses.	X
2.6 Prepare a zoning study to determine how alleys can be used to serve small-scale industrial firms and commercial office buildings when they abut residential neighborhoods; issues will include, but not be limited to access, curb cuts on adjacent streets, loading areas, and buffers for residential uses.	X
2.7 Develop opportunity sites consistent with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan with mixed-use development that incorporates employment centers (see Policy LU-1.54).	X
2.8 Work with health care institutions to assess proposed development projects, including expansion of facilities beyond their existing campuses.	X
2.9 Support the retention of the categories of employment that historically have strengthened the Downtown office market and produced a stable employment base.	X
2.10 Encourage the State of Minnesota, Ramsey County, the federal	X

government, and other governmental agencies to locate in Downtown, whether in leased space or in owner-occupied buildings. A second priority is to locate in other city locations well-connected to Downtown.

2.11 Cultivate the development of Class A office space in Downtown.			X
2.12 Collaborate with the City's partners to develop strategies to ensure that space in multiple-tenant buildings in Downtown is occupied.			X
2.13 Prepare a study of Class C office buildings to determine potential uses.			X
2.14 Promote the development of employment opportunities in the Central Corridor, consistent with the Central Corridor Development Strategy.	X	X	X
2.15 Redevelop underutilized or vacant land in railroad corridors.		X	X
2.16 Prepare a study of the West Midway industrial area outside the line of change as identified in the Central Corridor Development Strategy to determine how the industrial area may be best used to strengthen Saint Paul's industrial sector and employment base (see Figure LU-G).		X	X
2.17 Utilize appropriate financial tools to assemble parcels to be redeveloped for industrial and intense commercial uses.			X
2.18 Analyze the feasibility of using the City's land assembly bond program to acquire parcels for light industrial and business development as those parcels become available.			X
2.19 Seek a revision to state legislation that limits the use of eminent domain as a tool for redevelopment.			X
2.20 Seek clarification from the Minnesota Legislature on the language of Minnesota Statutes 242 and 469 to improve the process of transferring tax forfeit properties between Ramsey County and the City and/or the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.			X
2.21 Prepare regulations for conditional use review of specified uses (to be identified in a study of principal uses permitted in industrial districts) for the purposes of ensuring compatibility of non-industrial uses with the primary industrial function of the district and of protecting the employment base.			X
2.22 Revise the list of principal uses permitted in industrial districts to ensure compatibility with the primary industrial function of the district for			X

the purpose of protecting the employment base.	
2.23 Establish site plan review standards for the I1, I2, and I3 districts for the purposes of providing for the efficient use of land and enhancing the aesthetic quality of the district.	XXXX
2.24 Create a brownfields redevelopment group within the Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED).	XX
2.25 Develop a brownfields fund to use in connection with the investigation and remediation of contaminated properties identified for redevelopment.	XX
2.26 Seek funding for brownfields remediation from the tax base revitalization programs operated by the state Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Metropolitan Council.	XX
2.27 Pursue the establishment of a state tax credit program; tax credits can be used to encourage landowners to clean up brownfields so land can be redeveloped.	X
2.28 Study and implement ways in which the City's land use controls can be used to facilitate and stimulate brownfields redevelopment.	X
2.29 Study state and federal brownfields assistance programs and comment on changes necessary for their improvement.	X
2.30 Support and work closely with DEED and the Metropolitan Council so their programs for brownfields remediation are efficient, effective, and utilized to the greatest extent possible.	X
2.31 Implement the City's Economic Development Strategy to focus resources effectively in a coordinated series of initiatives and programs intended to secure and retain industries and commerce, and the jobs both create.	X
2.32 Collaborate with the Port Authority on development related activities for industrial projects.	X
Strategy 3: Promote Aesthetics and Development Standards	
3.1 Continue to utilize and improve the provisions and design standards for the Traditional Neighborhood (TN) districts and the citywide general design standards in Section 63.110 of the Saint Paul Zoning Code to achieve a high quality pedestrian-scaled urban environment; prepare a study	XX

of these sections of the Saint Paul Zoning Code and how they have been utilized since their adoption.	
3.2 Prepare design standards that provide a transition between singlefamily houses and nearby taller buildings.	XX
3.3 Study the feasibility of using form-based codes to strengthen the Saint Paul Zoning Code.	XX
3.4 Prepare citywide infill housing design standards so that infill housing fits within the context of existing neighborhoods and is compatible with the prevailing pattern of development.	XX
3.5 Collaborate with city-designated design centers citywide to further the integration of high quality design into city planning documents and development projects.	XX
3.6 Encourage improvement of safety through design, as outlined in Design for Public Safety.	X
3.7 Work with developers during site plan review to utilize sections of the Saint Paul Zoning Code that make development compatible with the existing and planned character of a neighborhood or other area of the city, in particular those sections on landscaping and plant materials (63.115) and exterior lighting (63.116).	XX
3.8 Enhance the city's physical and aesthetic environment by preventing the indiscriminate removal or destruction of trees where practicable and by protecting large trees and exceptional trees that are historic, ecological, or aesthetic (see tree policies in the Parks and Recreation Plan).	XX
3.9 Consider ground and surface water in the preparation of a site for development and in the design and construction of buildings.	X
3.10 Encourage the financing and construction of private unstructured open spaces, particularly open play areas, in new multi-family developments.	X
3.11 Encourage the coordination of business signs to achieve greater consistency among business signs and signs of community interest and to reduce visual clutter.	X
3.12 Preserve and support parks and open space as part of the natural eco-system and as critical elements in the public realm.	XX

3.13 Integrate City plans and developments with the Metro Greenways program operated by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), where applicable, to protect, restore, and manage natural areas connected by ecological corridors in the region.	X
3.14 Include public art policies in small area plans and other planning documents.	X
3.15 Support the development of guidelines to incorporate public art in Cityfinanced capital projects and larger redevelopment efforts to imbue these projects with a distinct sense of place; provide for their maintenance.	X
3.16 Facilitate collaboration between artists and the community to identify opportunities for public art and to discuss civic issues that may inform the artist's work.	X
3.17 Preserve significant public views through standards that regulate such impacts as height, bulk, scale, and view corridor (Figure LU- O).	XX
3.18 Support the protection and enhancement of the visibility of architectural landmarks.	XX
3.19 Promote access to sunlight for solar energy systems in new or rehabilitated residential, commercial, and industrial developments to the extent possible. Prepare a study on tools, techniques, and regulations to facilitate increased usage of solar energy systems, either as standalone systems or as supplements to conventional energy sources, including, but not limited to:	X

Transportation - Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan



Policy # POLICY

Strategy 1: Provide a Safe and Well-Maintained System

1.1 Complete the streets.	X	X	X
1.2 Examine alternatives to enhance safety through right-of-way design, including narrowing or removing lanes on roads.	X		
1.3 Evaluate existing crosswalk striping, design, and pedestrian-scale lighting standards.	X		
1.4 Implement reconstruction projects for improved safety.	X		X
1.5 Aggressively inspect and maintain bridges.	X		X
1.6 Design for improved accommodation of pedestrians and bicycles on bridges.		X	
1.7 Minimize and consolidate driveway curb cuts on commercial streets as opportunities arise.		X	X
1.8 Support the completion of Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP), an ongoing program to reconstruct and improve the appearance, function, and safety of Saint Paul streets.	X	X	
1.9 Complete a bikeways safety audit to evaluate design, function, and connectivity of existing facilities.	X		
1.10 Maintain sidewalks, street crossings, and bikeways year round.	X	X	X
1.11 Raise motorist awareness of pedestrians and bicycles, and raise bicyclist awareness of traffic laws and pedestrian rights.	X		
1.12 Partner with schools, nonprofits, other government agencies, and businesses to educate people about bicycling and walking.	X		
1.13 Establish freight corridors to enable the prompt delivery and transfer of cargo and to reduce noise and air pollution in adjoining neighborhoods.		X	X
1.14 Increase pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety through effective law enforcement, detailed crash analysis, and engineering improvements to reduce the risk of crashes.	X		

enforcement of speed limits and red light compliance. Strategy 2: Provide Balance and Choice 2.1 Create true transportation choices for residents, workers, and visitors in X X X every part of the city. 2.2 Support transit-oriented design through zoning and design guidelines. X 2.3 Promote creative in-fill housing near transit corridors to increase transit supportiv X X density and housing choices. 2.4 Develop a strategy for investing in a broad range of infrastructure X projects, including, but not limited to, street and traffic improvements to support the growth of existing employment, services, parks, and schools. X 2.5 Build Central Corridor LRT. X X X 2.6 Focus on the improvement and extension of bus service and facilities on X X existing transit routes, and on new routes to serve proposed LRT stations in collaboration with Metro Transit. X 2.7 Expand commuter options with Travel Demand Management (TDM). X X 2.8 Create incentives for development in which off-street parking is X X voluntarily reduced, structured, pervious, or heavily landscaped. Χ 2.9 Work with Metro Transit to study and implement possible corridors for Χ X new bus rapid transit, LRT, streetcars, or commuter rail lines serving Saint Paul (see Figure T-C and Appendix T-A). 2.10 Study the feasibility and possible location of new streetcar lines. X X 2.11 Create more seamless connections between pedestrians, bicycles, Χ Χ transit, and automobiles. 2.12 Simplify and reduce off-street parking requirements and use definitions. X X 2.13 Expand the parking management toolbox. X X X 2.14 Disclose the true cost of parking. X 2.15 Encourage investment in new enforcement technologies that can help X to expand parking enforcement and reduce the City's costs. 2.16 Create and enforce design and landscaping guidelines for parking lots X

1.15 Work with the Saint Paul Police Department to substantially increase

X

(see Policy W-2.9).

2.17 Reestablish a balanced and efficient downtown parking market.		X	X
2.18 In cooperation with St. Paul Smart Trips and CapitolRiver Council, assemble stakeholders from all major downtown sectors to revisit downtown parking policies and project trends, and create a long-term Parking Management Plan.		X	X
Strategy 3: Support Active Lifestyles and a Healthy Environment			
3.1 Support cooperative efforts in streetscape design, landscaping, pedestrian-scale lighting, and other amenities for people.	X	X	X
3.2 Formalize citywide standards and above-standard options for pedestrian oriented streetscapes.	X		
3.3 Strengthen pedestrian pathways between housing, transit, and neighborhood services.	X		
3.4 Develop and maintain a complete and connected bikeway system.		X	
3.5 Support existing off-street shared-use paths and add facilities and amenities supportive of active living principles.	X	X	
3.6 Fill gaps in the bikeway system.		X	
3.7 Create a comprehensive system of bicycle network and pedestrian path signage and way-finding.	X	X	
3.8 Promote "bicycle boulevards" as a new type of bikeway.	X	X	
3.9 Adopt a citywide bicycle parking requirement.		X	
3.10 Create public bicycle parking facilities to increase bicycling trips citywide.		X	
3.11 Provide safe citywide connections to schools, libraries, parks, and recreation centers, with improved crossings and comfortable pedestrian environments at high demand destinations.	X	X	
3.12 Support the work of planning initiatives that promote public health and physical activity, such as Active Living Ramsey County and Design for Health.	X	X	
3.13 Support partnerships to establish a bicycle-sharing program in Saint Paul.	X	X	

3.14 Collaborate with non-profit, volunteer, and business organizations to coordinate bicycle counts at sample intersections and on selected routes.	X		X
Strategy 4: Enhance and Connect the City			
4.1 Develop Union Depot as a multi-modal center of a regional transportation system.		X	X
4.2 Promote collaboration for future high-speed rail service between the Union Depot and Chicago.		X	X
4.3 Work with the Port Authority, adjoining cities and counties, commercial railroads, and logistics companies to address the limited ability and growing demand for processing freight at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Intermodal Yards in the Midway Area.		X	
4.4 Coordinate with surrounding communities and jurisdictions to enhance regional bicycle and pedestrian networks, recognizing the importance of Saint Paul in regional and statewide connectivity (see Policy PR-6.11).	X		X
4.5 Work with the federal, state, and metropolitan agency partners and the Metropolitan Airports Commission to maintain a regional aviation system that balances commercial demand and capacity while being compatible with the community.	X		X
4.6 Explore the role of transportation infrastructure in the city's telecommunications system.	X		X
4.7 Connect neighborhoods that have poor sidewalks or little access to trails and bike routes, especially east and north of Downtown.	X	X	
4.8 When redevelopment opportunities become available, reinstate the traditional street grid pattern to increase neighborhood connectivity.	X	X	
4.9 Provide better alternatives for accessing community events (see Policy PR-1.16).	X	X	
4.10 Create new connections and improve existing stairways and paths between neighborhoods, parkland, and the Mississippi River, while protecting natural vegetation and the integrity of the bluffline.	X	X	
4.11 To create livable neighborhoods and compact commercial areas, promote and fund traffic calming measures.	X		
4.12 Explore the use of neighborhood circulators to serve gaps in community connectivity.	X		

Parks and Recreation - Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan



Policy # POLICY

Strategy 1: Promote Active Lifestyles

1.1 Ensure convenient and equitable access to parks and recreation facilities.	X	
1.2 Complete the trail and bikeway system.	X	X
1.3 Provide functional, accessible, and secure bike racks at all parks and recreation centers.	X	X
1.4 Provide programming and education on biking and walking.	X	X
1.5 Provide better public information on getting to parks and recreation facilities on foot and bike.	X	X
1.6 Improve public safety in parks.	X	
1.7 Apply Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and design review for Parks and Recreation projects.	X	
1.8 Improve communications on public safety issues.	X	
1.9 Explore increasing the use of proven technologies (e.g., cameras, etc.) in Parks and Recreation facilities to improve public safety and prevent crime.	X	
1.10 Improve the use of data to track, manage, and prevent public safety incidents and to identify areas that need improvement.	X	
1.11 Improve enforcement of Parks and Recreation rules to improve the quality of experience at parks and recreation centers.	X	
1.12 Explore increased citation authority for Parks and Recreation security staff.	X	
1.13 Seek funding to expand Parks and Recreation security staff.	X	X
1.14 Work with the Police Department to assign sworn officers to Parks and Recreation issues and facilities.	X	
1.15 Demonstrate and encourage healthy choices for Saint Paul.	X	

1.16 Utilize special events as opportunities to encourage biking instead of driving.	X	X
1.17 Explore partnerships and improve communications with the Saint Paul /Ramsey County Public Health department and other health partners who are committed to helping Saint Paul citizens lead more active, healthy lives.	X	
1.18 Pursue opportunities to promote Saint Paul's parks and recreation facilities as a health asset to Saint Paul residents through partnerships with healthcare providers.	X	X
1.19 Become the trusted "go to" recreation clearinghouse by facilitating information to residents about all recreation options (City, other public, and private).	X	
1.20 Emphasize collaborative programs with Saint Paul Public Schools.	X	X
Strategy 2: Create Vibrant Places		
2.1 Review and revise zoning of parkland by adopting a new park zoning district.	X	
2.2 Ensure attractive, functional, and engaging four-season public spaces.	X	
2.3 Improve communications, public relations, and marketing of parks.	X	
2.4 Design parks and facilities for appropriate community gathering or festival opportunities based on park location, size, and function.	X	
2.5 Evaluate the importance of food and explore the use of public/private partnerships for enhanced food experiences as a means to enliven parks and reinforce them as places of community gathering.	X	X
2.6 Analyze the costs and benefits of festivals and events and identify methods to make them fiscally sustainable.	X	X
2.7 Increase volunteer engagement and participation by supporting meaningful volunteer experiences.	X	X
2.8 Support Blooming Saint Paul's efforts to beautify Downtown and Saint Paul's neighborhoods by planting lush and colorful flowering plants in order to enhance the working, living, and tourism environment of the city.	X	
2.9 Manage and protect parkland effectively and appropriately by working to reduce encroachments and pursuing strategic acquisitions to fill any existing gaps or changing needs in the parks system.	X	X

2.10 Require that location and design of parks, open space, and trails be an integral part of large-scale redevelopment projects.	X	X	
2.11 Involve all constituents (residents, park users, interest groups) in setting balanced priorities for planning, development, programming, maintenance, use of facilities, physical enhancement, or development of facilities and/or open spaces, and other park-related matters.	X		
2.12 Utilize the parkland dedication ordinance to implement the Parks and Recreation Plan of the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and advance the priorities of Parks and Recreation.	X		
2.13 Facilitate innovative communication technology, like wireless networks, in parks as partnership opportunities become available.	X		X
2.14 Preserve historic buildings, memorials, and monuments found in parks throughout Saint Paul.	X		
2.15 Encourage the integration of public art in the development and renovation of parks and recreation facilities.	X		
2.16 Complete and implement the National Great River Park Master Plan.	X	X	X
2.17 Ensure staff are prepared to work with a diverse public.	X		
2.18 Anticipate and respond to the cultural diversity of the population.	X		
2.19 Fully develop and implement a comprehensive fee-waiver program to aid individuals where fees are a barrier to parks and recreation participation.	X		
Strategy 3: Promote a Vital Environment			
3.1 Model environmental leadership.		X	X
3.2 Utilize stormwater as a sustainable resource when parks are constructed or redesigned.		X	
3.3 Publicize and promote Parks and Recreation's environmentally friendly policies and successes.		X	
3.4 Expand the environmental education program.	X	X	
3.5 Provide programming and recreation opportunities that encourage people to participate in ecologically sound outdoor activities.	X	X	
3.6 Provide interpretive signage and information on all environmental demonstration, applied conservation, and significant management	X	X	

projects. Χ 3.7 Conduct a Natural Resource Inventory to prioritize protection and restoration of existing resources. X 3.8 Increase tree reforestation. 3.9 Maintain diversity within the parks system with native and some X non-native plant species. 3.10 Pursue opportunities and partnerships to acquire land specifically for X X open space and natural-resource protection, especially: 3.11 Help to protect water quality throughout Saint Paul. X 3.12 Closely monitor invasive species and quickly respond to threats to X parks. X 3.13 Develop comprehensive, consistent, citywide policies for managing deer, geese, and other animals that create livability issues for Saint Paul. 3.14 Review maintenance practices to protect and ensure the longevity of X Parks and Recreation's natural resources. X X 3.15 Approach Parks and Recreation's environmental responsibilities comprehensively rather than on a project-by-project basis. X X 3.16 Pursue grant opportunities to fund projects and programs that address the causes and effects of climate change and to support environmental stewardship. 3.17 Use partnerships with environmental advocacy groups as well as X X watershed management organizations and districts, county, state, and federal agencies (including the National Park Service) to increase capacity and leverage limited City resources available to address environmental concerns.

3.18 Where Parks and Recreation provides a valuable environmental service for other municipalities, agencies, or another City of Saint Paul departments, leverage resources from these partners to help maintain Saint Paul's environmental resources.

X X

X = X

X

3.19 Work with other City departments and appropriate staff in coordinating appropriate decisions and policies on water and energy issues.

Strategy 4: Respond Creatively to Change

4.1 Regularly gather customer and resident feedback on needs, satisfaction,

contemplative experiences.			
4.2 Perform systematic and ongoing evaluation and assessment of programming, facilities, staffing needs, and public safety issues.	X		X
4.3 Meet changing recreation needs.	X		X
4.4 Provide activities and programming for alternative, emerging recreation trends, particularly those that meet the recreational needs of youth.	X		
4.5 Create access to a broad range of aquatic experiences.	X		
4.6 Continue and expand the use of programs that promote flexible use of staff resources.	X		X
4.7 Find ways to adapt winter recreation programming and facilities to respond creatively to climate change.	X		
4.8 Offer a full range of education programming at Como Park Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory by following the strategies identified in Como's education plan.	X		
4.9 Prioritize programming and area use in ways that maximize meeting the needs of multiple user groups.	X		X
Strategy 5: Innovate with Every Decision			
5.1 Design and implement a system-wide sustainability evaluation process to evaluate all new decisions and existing practices on the basis of contributions to fiscal, environmental, and social well being.	X	X	X
5.2 Create a materials research report to identify and rate the sustainability of products that can be used in facility design and construction and in operations and maintenance.		X	X
5.3 Make parks and recreation facility and improvement decisions based on a system-wide evaluation of citizen needs and available resources.	X		X
5.4 Renovate and upgrade low- and moderate-quality existing facilities that fall outside the service areas of high-quality facilities of the same type (see Figures PR-C and PR-D).	X		X
5.5 Reprogram low- and moderate-quality existing facilities that fall inside the service areas of high-quality facilities of the same type (see Figures PR-C and PR-D).	X		X
5.6 Choose refurbishment of existing facilities over new construction	X	X	X

and trends to improve athletic, educational, cultural, social, and

whenever feasible.

5.7 Improve outdoor sports experiences by enhancing the quality of athletic fields, such as through the use of artificial turf, engineered soils, lighting, irrigation, and other methods.	X		
5.8 Establish and publicize replacement timelines.			X
5.9 Think about the activity first, and then consider all possible facility and delivery options.			X
5.10 Seek to develop shared-use facilities as a first option when contemplating new or replacement indoor-recreation facilities.			X
5.11 Develop and support a comprehensive, coordinated volunteer plan and program for Parks and Recreation.			X
5.12 Explore the creation of one or more volunteer coordinator positions when adequate resources are available.			X
5.13 Capitalize on episodic and one-time volunteer activities to develop ongoing relationships with participants.	X		X
5.14 Partner with existing volunteer organizations with an interest in parks, environmental issues, and recreation programming.			X
5.15 Track volunteer hours to use as matches for applicable grants.			X
5.16 Ensure that all partnerships provide substantial benefits to the public.	X		X
5.17 Pursue partnerships to host special events, develop services and joint promotional packages, and finance maintenance and capital costs of parks and recreation facilities.			X
5.18 Engage in sustainable partnerships with local businesses, corporations, foundations, and individuals that build on the value of the system without jeopardizing aesthetics or over-commercializing the public realm.			X
5.19 Encourage private landowners and developers to create and maintain publicly accessible open spaces or green infrastructure.	X	X	X
5.20 Establish a foundation to provide additional financial and community support for parks and recreation.			X
5.21 Pursue opportunities consistent with Parks and Recreation priorities to secure federal, state, and private resources (e.g. grants, gifts, partnerships, etc.) when and where possible to:	X	X	X

b. Build, operate, and maintain facilities; c. Expand current services and provide new services; and d. Enhance environmental protection, restoration, and remediation. 5.22 Pursue grants that further the work of Parks and Recreation effectively X and energetically through hiring grant writers/coordinators and/or supporting citywide grant coordination. 5.23 Review access and user fees to determine where increases are market X appropriate and where raising or imposing fees would not significantly impact access. **Strategy 6: Connect the Entire City** 6.1 Connect parks to new transportation investments, especially the Central X = XCorridor LRT line. 6.2 Develop a comprehensive transportation management plan for Como X Regional Park. 6.3 Review parking across the parks system and explore charging for Χ parking at parks and recreation facilities. X 6.4 Enhance transit access to regional parks, community parks, and active lifestyle centers. Χ 6.5 Expand the use of mobile recreation to fill park or recreation service gaps, enhance events, and to provide unique recreation to neighborhood and community parks. 6.6 Develop and encourage pedestrian and bicycle access to parks and X X recreation facilities as well as improved bus services to such facilities. 6.7 Build the Grand Rounds Parkway from a loop route to a complete X X parkway. 6.8 Connect the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Grand Rounds parkways X together. 6.9 Expand awareness of recreation opportunities through use of park X and trail system maps, kiosks, developing and implementing a signage and way-finding master plan, web tools, etc. 6.10 Implement a parkway study to define parkway character, features, X and amenities; clarify parkway designations; and assign improvement responsibilities and resources.

a. Ensure accessible programs and facilities;

6.11 Work to close gaps in the trail system to ensure seamless connections $X \quad X$ for bicycles and pedestrians across the city of all ages and abilities. 6.12 Work toward better pedestrian and bicycle connections between X X parks, recreation centers, schools, major facilities, and special events. 6.13 Build new off-road trails and upgrade existing off-road trails to make X X cycling and walking more convenient, safe, and pleasant and add facilities and amenities to improve the experience of using Saint Paul's trails. 6.14 Provide adequate funding to maintain existing trails so that they are $X \quad X \quad X$ convenient, safe, and pleasant. 6.15 Enhance trails with improved, consistent signage. X X

Housing - Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan



X

Policy # POLICY

Strategy 1: Build upon Saint Paul's Strengths in the Evolving

Metropolitan Housing Market

tropolitan Housing Market			
1.1 Increase housing choices across the city to support economically diverse neighborhoods.	X		X
1.2 Meet market demand for transit-oriented housing.	X	X	X
1.3 Revitalize the city by developing land-efficient housing.		X	X
1.4 Implement citywide policies for new housing developments to promote sustainability.		X	
1.5 Prioritize non-financial City/HRA assistance to multi-family and mixed-use housing in new construction projects.			X
1.6 Develop clear criteria for the use of scarce City/HRA financial assistance for new housing projects.			X
1.7 Track the preservation, rehabilitation and construction of mixed-income housing within the broader geographic area identified as part of the Central Corridor.	X		
1.8 Seek legislative authority and financing with partner jurisdictions to create a special transit development "bank" that will have the capacity to aggregate funds and invest them along transit corridors throughout the region to encourage high quality transit oriented development that, by definition, provides mixed-income housing.			X
1.9 With other municipal jurisdictions, seek legislative authority to establish local increment-based financing for specific activities within transit corridors.			X
1.10 Create a forum for policymakers, community leaders, developers, lenders, and funders for continuous evaluation of individual mixed-income housing projects, funding mechanisms, and review processes for lessons learned that can be applied to future initiatives.	X		
ategy 2: Preserve and Promote Established Neighborhoods			

Strategy 2: Preserve and Promote Established Neighborhoods

2.1 Maintain the vitality and high quality of life in existing stable

neighborhoods by engaging in a variety of actions: 2.2 Perform an inventory of housing conditions and update it periodically. X X 2.3 Realistically weigh the market viability, maintenance needs, and X X neighborhood context of houses before providing public rehabilitation funds to them. 2.4 Improve energy efficiency and water conservation within the existing Χ housing stock. X 2.5 Assess the effectiveness of the Certificate of Occupancy program for single-family and duplex rental properties in improving overall code compliance for this type of rental property within three years of this plan's adoption. 2.6 Coordinate code enforcement with housing rehabilitation loans or Χ other housing rehab assistance, including non-City programs, to improve the energy-efficiency of homes. 2.7 Support the adoption of a requirement to correct safety hazards at the X point a house is sold. X X 2.8 Promote healthy indoor living environments (i.e., indoor environmental quality). 2.9 Create a centralized location for all housing rehabilitation-related X resources, such as a webpage with links to organizations that provide rehab assistance or services. X 2.10 Encourage homeowners and property managers to make passive green improvements to their properties. X 2.11 Engage in mortgage and personal finance education in the community. X 2.12 Continue providing mortgage foreclosure prevention programs. Χ X 2.13 Continue to assess vacant housing conditions with City/HRA partners X X such as community development corporations, nonprofit organizations, private developers, district councils, and block groups, and prioritize City/ HRA revitalization assistance to areas with less vibrant housing markets.

X

X

X

2.14 Promote existing and innovative new programs and incentives that

2.15 Engage the investor and lender communities to revitalize areas with

high concentrations of vacant housing and foreclosures.

in areas with less vibrant housing markets.

support rehabilitation of one- to three-unit residential properties, especially

2.16 Market programs to new homebuyers		X
2.17 Support creativity in the construction of neighborhood infill housing by proactively developing zoning and design guidelines.	X	
2.18 Support the expansion of housing choices for seniors, particularly in neighborhoods that are underserved.	X	
2.19 Promote cultural sensitivity in housing.	X	
Strategy 3: Ensure the Availability of Affordable Housing Across the City		
3.1 Support the preservation of publicly-assisted and private affordable housing.	X	X
3.2 Support new housing opportunities for low-income households throughout the city.	X	X
3.3 Provide affordable housing in new production projects.	X	X
3.4 Assist in the preservation and production of homeless and supportive housing.	X	
3.5 Challenge and assist the Metropolitan Council and the region's other municipalities to provide their share of affordable housing units.	X	X
3.6 Ensure fair housing.	X	

Water Resource Management - Saint Paul Comprehensive Pl



Policy # POLICY

Strategy 1: Ensure a Safe and Affordable Water Supply System

1.1 Coordinate with the State of Minnesota and local units of government to develop and implement the SPRWS' Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP).		X	
1.2 Advocate for Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization (VLAWMO) to comply with its adopted Watershed Management Plan within its watershed.		X	
1.3 Ensure the implementation of the Wellhead Protection Plan prepared by the SPRWS in 2007.		X	
1.4 Minimize use of municipal well water during times when the Mississippi River has normal or high flows with normal water quality.		X	
1.5 Prohibit new private wells where public water service is available and encourage the discontinuance of existing ones. Discontinued wells should be properly sealed.	X	X	
1.6 Become a regional leader in public education for water conservation.	X	X	
1.7 Promote and advocate ways to reduce indoor water use through better fixtures and appliances and also by changing personal habits.		X	
1.8 Advocate for change of the state plumbing code to allow for the safe reuse and recycling of gray water.		X	
1.9 Advocate for reduced lawn watering needs through the use of native plants, rain barrels, gray water for irrigation, drip irrigation systems etc.		X	
1.10 Seek continuing reductions in the amount of lost (i.e., unaccounted-for) water throughout the system.		X	
1.11 Continue programs that ensure the overall safety and quality of water reaching the consumer.	X	X	
1.12 Continue efforts to increase SPRWS's customer base to include nearby municipalities.			X
1.13 Promote Saint Paul public drinking water as a safe and cheaper alternative to bottled water.	X	X	X

1.14 Encourage the provision of clean drinking fountains in public spaces.	X		
1.15 Review and update SPRWS's Emergency Preparedness and Response plan every year.	X		
1.16 Continue to seek funding for the connection of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul municipal water supply systems.			X
1.17 Maintain the SPRWS's capital budgeting system to preserve and improve infrastructure for the municipal water supply system.			X
1.18 Augment existing educational programs for school-age children.	X		
1.19 Expand and broaden general public education efforts.	X	X	
Strategy 2: Reduce Pollutant Loads to Water Bodies			
2.1 Ensure delivery of public education programs on urban water quality in collaboration with other organizations.	X		X
2.2 Disseminate knowledge of the regulations regarding surface water management and engage citizens and other stakeholders in meeting regulations through best management practices.	X		
2.3 Comply with existing and future plans, permits, laws and rules for surface water management and update them when required.		X	
2.4 Establish a Litter-Free Saint Paul campaign in conjunction with district councils and other non-profits.		X	
2.5 Strengthen the City ordinance against raking leaves into the street, and disseminate information about the damage autumn leaves do to water quality (see City Legislative Code, Section 106.02).		X	
2.6 Participate in total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and implement programs and projects to comply with load requirements set by approved TMDLs.		X	
2.7 Reduce erosion throughout Saint Paul.		X	
2.8 Reduce the negative impacts that roadways in the city have on water quality and water resources.		X	
2.9 Reduce the negative impacts that parking lots in the city have on water quality and water resources.		X	
2.10 Reduce the negative impacts that alleys in the city have on water quality		X	

and water resources.

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X
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X

its findings.

2.27 Remain abreast of the rapidly evolving field of stormwater BMPs in order to find the most efficient and cost-effective ones. Work to minimize maintenance costs and improve the functioning of BMPs.	X	
2.28 Provide adequate funding to operate and maintain adequate storm sewer infrastructure and service in all parts of the city.	X	
2.29 Advocate for an equitable share of the funds from the 2008 state constitutional amendment for environmental funding to be allocated to the improvement of urban water quality.	X	X
Strategy 3: Operate and Maintain a Cost Effective Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure		
3.1 Operate and maintain the sanitary sewer infrastructure, and provide service throughout the city.	X	
3.2 Provide sanitary sewer service, wherever practical, to properties now operating on-site disposal systems with a goal of eliminating on-site systems by 2025.	X	
3.3 Ensure that individual sewage treatment systems are operated effectively within the standards set by the MPCA.	X	
3.4 Ensure adequate sanitary sewer capacity for more intensive redevelopment.		X
3.5 Coordinate with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) towards a fair, comprehensive, and cost-effective resolution to the reduction of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.		X
3.6 Provide adequate funding to support replacement of deteriorating infrastructure and to maintain the integrity of the Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund.		X
3.7 Prevent, minimize and report sanitary sewer overflows according to EPA standards.	X	
3.8 Report inter-municipal sanitary sewer connections to the MCES as required.	X	
3.9 Investigate alternative systems that reuse gray water and advocate changes in the state plumbing code to allow alternative treatment systems as long as health and safety are maintained.	X	

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Strategy 1: Be a Leader for Histor	ric Preservation in Saint Paul			
modern preservation practi a. Clarify and expand ter controls and processes b. Broaden the declaratio to frame historic prese environmentally, socia c. Expand responsibilitie demolition of all build often referred to as der d. Clarify and improve en protection of historic r owners of designated p avoid costly reconstrue (often called duty to m e. Clarifycriteria for the i process; and f. Create a preservation for historic preservation of development rights, provide incentives that	ms, roles, responsibilities, regulatory; n of public policy and purpose statement rvation within the context of an ally, and economically sustainable city; s to include timely reviews of proposed ings and structures in the city, a practice molition delay; nforcement powers that include interim esources during designation and require properties to maintain their properties to ection and repair or demolition by neglect	t 1 S		
_	ration of public policy and purpose state ordinance as part of the Administrative (und).	ment X Code		
-	s, and other regulations, including the Sa courage or disconnect with City goals fo	r historic X		

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Policy # POLICY (SHPO) and the City in 1985 (see Appendix HP-A).			
1.5 Strengthen the role of the HPC in all public planning, development and design processes.	X		
1.6 Develop a clearinghouse where information pertaining to historic preservation can be collected and disseminated to City departments and the public.	X		
1.7 Develop partnerships with district councils and preservation organizations to fun and promote preservation initiatives.	X		
1.8 Pursue intergovernmental agreements with Federal, State, and County agencies to further City preservation goals and better coordinate historic preservation efforts.	X		
1.9 Maintain City-owned historic resources pursuant to recognized preservation standards (see Strategy HP-4).	X		
1.10 Give equal consideration to historic preservation factors when City action, involvement, or funding is requested or required.	X		
1.11 Give equal consideration to projects with historic preservation factors when reviewing all Capital Improvement Budget funding requests. This may include adding historic preservation as a point category in the scoring process.	X		
1.12 Prioritize the retention of designated historic resources (or those determined eligible for historic designation) over demolition when evaluating planning and development projects that require or request City action, involvement, or funding.		X	
1.13 Designate City-owned properties that include historic resources as a heritage preservation site or historic district prior to sale (see Strategy HP-3).	X		

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Strategy 2: Integrate Historic Preservation Planning into the Broader Public Policy. Land Use Planning, and Decision-Making Processes of the City			
2.1 Develop, in cooperation with the City Historic Preservation Officer, a preservation policy for each department affecting the built and/or natural environment that incorporates historic preservation into its mission.	X		
2.2 Incorporate historic preservation considerations into development, land use, and environmental reviews, staying mindful of project timelines.		X	
2.3 Integrate historic preservation into public policy and planning processes.	X		
2.4 Add staff dedicated to preservation activities within PED that will adequately support a comprehensive preservation program.	X		
2.5 Create a City Historic Preservation Team of representatives from departments whose work affects preservation activities. The team should coordinate the preservation-related goals, policies, and procedures of these departments with those of the HPC.	X		
2.6 Designate a City Historic Preservation Officer, who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, to serve as the coordinator fall of Saint Paul's historic preservation activities and oversee the efforts of the City Historic Preservation Team.	X		
2.7 Identify and train staff from appropriate departments to oversee historic preservation responsibilities and select key staff to serve as liaisons to the City Historic Preservation Team.	X		
2.8 Share information between departments via the Historic Preservation Officer and Historic Preservation Team.	X		
2.9 Seek partnerships with organizations such as Historic Saint Paul, district	X		

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Policy # POLICY surveying neighborhoods to identify historic resources.			
Strategy 3: Identify, Evaluate and Designate Historic Resources			
3.1 Implement an ongoing survey program to identify and evaluate all types of historic resources in Saint Paul, including buildings, structures, objects, archaeological sites, districts, and landscapes (see Appendices HP-A and HP-B).	X		
3.2 Continue to develop a data base to capture, store, and maintain information collected on historic resources during surveys. The data base should be compatible with the SHPO's architecture-history and archaeology data bases, the City's Geographic Information system (GIS), and the City permitting system.	X		
3.3 Make the results of the survey available to departments, decisionmakers, and the public.	X		
3.4 Pursue creative ways to adequately staff and fund the survey program. The steps taken to conduct a survey and how surveys are carried out are outlined in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation Planning.			X
3.5 Utilize existing statewide historic contexts that are relevant to Saint Paul to evaluate properties for potential statewide significance.	X		
3.6 Continue to develop new and expand existing historic contexts to allow for the continual identification of a full spectrum of historic resources (see Appendix HP-B).	X		
3.7 Identify and evaluate historic resources in Saint Paul systematically and comprehensively (see Appendices HP-A and HP-B).	X		
3.8 Enter results from survey work and any other new, relevant information	X		

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Policy # POLICY and applicable designation criteria to determine their potential significance as well as their potential eligibility for designation as a heritage preservation site by Saint Paul and for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.			
3.10 Forward properties that appear to be potentially eligible for listing on the NRHP to the SHPO for an official determination of eligibility.	X		
3.11 Make the designation of significant historic resources as heritage preservation sites a priority for the City Council.	X		
3.12 Designate historic resources, such as buildings, structures, objects, archaeological sites, historic districts, and landscapes as Saint Paul heritage preservation sites or historic districts.		X	
Strategy 4: Preserve and Protect Historic Resources			
4.1 Utilize design review controls to protect properties and districts designated for heritage preservation from destruction or alterations that would compromise their ability to convey their historic significance.		X	
4.2 If archaeological sites are discovered during the construction of City or City-funded projects all work should stop until a licensed, professional archaeologist (American Indians as appropriate) is consulted to develop a course of action before construction work resumes.	X		
4.3 Protect undesignated historic resources.	X	X	
4.4 Maintain City-owned historic resources pursuant to recognized preservation standards (see Strategy HP-1).	X	X	
4.5 Acquire key threatened historic properties until a suitable owner can be found.	X	X	
Strategy 5: Use Historic Preservation to Further Economic Development and Sustain	abilit	y	

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Policy # POLICY			
5.2 Develop criteria to objectively determine when economic incentives should be used for the rehabilitation of historic resources.			X
5.3 Realize the full economic potential of key historic resources.			X
5.4 Invest in historic resources along transit corridors as part of a larger neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment strategy.	X	X	X
5.5 Develop land use and regulatory incentives to make it easier and more feasible to rehabilitate resources designated as heritage preservation sites (see Strategy HP-1).		X	X
5.6 Utilize Chapter 1311 of the Minnesota State Building Code to review alterations and changes in use to historic buildings listed on the NRHP or designated as City heritage preservation sites.		X	
5.7 Partner with Historic Saint Paul to increase its capacity to improve historic resources through its revolving loan program.			X
5.8 Explore the establishment of a City historic preservation fund to address unanticipated needs for historic resources.			X
5.9 Actively promote the use of Federal historic preservation tax credits for the rehabilitation of income-producing properties listed on or determined eligible for listing on the NRHP (see Appendix HP-A).			X
5.10 Encourage the use of Federal New Market tax credits in combination with historic preservation tax credits to increase investment in commercial projects in historic resources in low-income areas (see Appendix HP-A).			X
5.11 Use historic tax credits to encourage affordable housing.			X
5.12 Work with other Minnesota cities to seek State legislation to create a			X

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Policy # POLICY 5.13 Partner with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota to expand its façade easement program in Saint Paul.			X
5.14 Pursue the ability to tax designated properties based on their current use rather than their "highest and best" use.			X
5.15 Explore the development of a City property tax abatement program to encourage the rehabilitation of historic resources designated as City heritage preservation sites.			X
Strategy 6: Preserve Areas with Unique Architectural, Urban and Spatial Characterithat Enhance the Character of the Built Environment	stics		
6.1 Determine the character-defining features of each neighborhood that should be preserved; incorporate these features into area plans and master plans for new development.	X		
6.2 Increase community awareness about the distinctive features and characteristics of Saint Paul's neighborhoods.	X		
6.3 Explore the creation of neighborhood conservation districts.		X	
6.4 Update the Saint Paul Zoning Code to strengthen the traditional character of the city.	X		
6.5 Encourage City-funded projects to protect and enhance those neighborhood physical features that define an area's visual character and urban form.	X		
6.6 Assist neighborhoods in addressing design issues related to the retention and preservation of neighborhood character.	X		
6.7 Partner with organizations that support preservation and redevelopment efforts in neighborhood commercial districts and along commercial	X		

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7.1 Develop programs to educate the public about the history of the city.		X			
7.2 Identify and mark significant historic resources.			X		
7.3 Educate the public about the importance of designating, preserving, and protecting historic resources.		X			
7.4 Host an annual forum for real estate agents so they can learn how to provide potential buyers of historic resources with accurate information on the property and any potential legal requirements associated with the historic status of the property.		X			
7.5 Educate City officials and staff about historic preservation.		X			
7.6 Improve the process to notify all property owners when their property is being considered for designation, is initially designated, and/or whenever a designated property changes ownership.		X			
7.7 Educate property owners and developers about City goals and review processes for historic preservation.			X		
7.8 Make City historic preservation goals, regulations, and guidelines available through the HPC, DSI, and PED websites, as well as through district councils.		X			