

How does the City use the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is used to guide the expenditure of public funds, secure outside public funding, guide private investment, and inform policy decisions related to development, especially zoning actions. Below is an example of how this can work.

Example: Transit-oriented development

The Issue

Two competing developers inquire about a City-owned piece of land near a planned rapid transit line in a strong market area. Both are seeking subsidies to finance affordable housing and rezoning to allow for higher densities. One insists on one-bedroom units; the other is flexible.

Policies

Policy LU-1 encourages transit-supportive density, especially where highest transit capacity is expected. Policy H-33 encourages the development of family-sized affordable housing in strong market areas.

Guided Solutions

Guided by the Comprehensive Plan, the City sells the property, approves a rezoning, and finances the affordable housing gap for the flexible developer contingent on one-third of the affordable housing units having three bedrooms.

Help us shape the future of **Saint Paul!**
Give your comments on the draft Plan in 2 ways:



1 Online, at www.stpaul.gov/SaintPaul4All

2 In-person, at a public hearing: 8:30 a.m. on Friday January 11, 2019 in Room 40 (basement) of City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard



Saint Paul For All 2040 Comprehensive Plan A Reader's Guide



WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? Saint Paul's Comprehensive Plan is a forward-thinking vision that will guide the city's development over the next 20 years. It addresses city-wide physical development – how our neighborhoods, commercial properties, streets, parks and infrastructure impact the people who live, work and play in Saint Paul.

Saint Paul's Vision for 2040

Saint Paul is a community that is welcoming to and a place of opportunity for people of all incomes, ages, races, ethnicities and abilities. It accomplishes this by addressing the place-based dimensions of our neighborhoods: embracing growth; offering a wide range of housing choices for its diverse residents; providing a transportation system that meets the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, riders and drivers; preserving, celebrating and building on our histories; and supporting infill development that sensitively accommodates a growing, aging and increasingly diverse population. Saint Paul is defined and enhanced by its location on the Mississippi River - an economic, environmental, cultural, historic and recreational amenity that enriches our quality of life and economic prosperity.

Our vision for the future development of Saint Paul is informed by three things:

1. Our core city values
2. The community's priorities
3. Current focus areas



Core Values

EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY. We are a city where opportunities in education, employment, housing, health and safety are equitably distributed and not pre-determined by race, gender identity, sexual orientation or age; we are a city that creates opportunities for all residents to achieve their highest potential.

BUILDING ON OUR ASSETS. We are a city that recognizes and builds on the unique human, physical and cultural assets of our diverse residents and neighborhoods.

RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY. We are a city that understands the importance of environmental stewardship of our abundant natural resources.

CELEBRATING PARKS. We are a city that ensures its parks and open space system meets the needs of a growing and more diverse population and is accessible to all.

INNOVATION. We are a city that builds on a strong core of innovation and creativity to address our challenges, celebrate our strengths and take advantage of our assets.

PEOPLE-CENTERED. We are a city that puts people first, recognizes and celebrates our complex and interrelated histories, and treasures our young and older residents as integral members of our community.

HEALTH. We are a city that recognizes that everything we do impacts the health of our residents, and that housing, transportation, land use, parks and economic development opportunities need to be designed to enhance personal health.

WELCOMING AND SAFE. We are a city that welcomes all, where everyone feels safe and empowered to participate in decisions that impact them.

GROWTH AND PROSPERITY THROUGH DENSITY. We are a city that supports well-designed development that responds to its neighborhood context, fosters diversity and prosperity, and brings economic opportunity to all residents.

INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION. We are a city where policies, programs and departments collaborate and coordinate to provide an integrated set of services for all residents.

Community Priorities

As part of the planning process, City staff reached out to residents to see what they thought was most important to include in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Below are the nine priorities we heard were most important to the community.

- > Focusing on livability, equity and sustainability
- > Acknowledging Saint Paul's strong sense of community and unique neighborhoods
- > Focusing on public safety and strong, positive relationships with police officers
- > Improving facilities and increasing safety measures for pedestrians and bicyclists
- > Preserving and enhancing parks and open space
- > Investing in people and programming
- > Creating more, quality jobs
- > Adding more quality, well-maintained affordable housing
- > Taking full advantage of Saint Paul's Opportunity Sites, from the Ford Site to the East Side

Focus Areas

To ensure this plan reflects Saint Paul's many assets, both today and in the future, each section of the Comprehensive Plan addresses the following focus areas:

- > Racial and social equity
- > Aging in community
- > Community/public health
- > Economic development
- > Sustainability/resiliency
- > Urban design

Thematic Chapters

Six thematic chapters make up the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. A few key ideas from each chapter are noted below.



Land Use

- > Equitably-distributed community amenities, access to employment and housing choice
- > Neighborhood Nodes that support daily needs within walking distance



Transportation

- > Safety and accessibility for all users
- > Equity and access to jobs as priorities for project selection
- > Transportation choices throughout the city, with a shift from single-occupant vehicles toward other modes



Parks, Recreation and Open Space

- > Equitable access for a changing population
- > Local partnerships to enhance the park system through privately-owned public spaces (POPS) and value-added services
- > Promotion of the health benefits provided by parks for residents of all ages



Housing

- > Well-designed, energy-efficient buildings and sites constructed with quality materials
- > Strong neighborhoods that support lifelong housing needs
- > Fair and equitable access to housing for all city residents



Water Resources Management

- > A safe, reliable and sustainable water supply with excellent water quality
- > Right-sized and well-maintained gray stormwater infrastructure
- > Sustainable wastewater conveyance and treatment infrastructure



Heritage and Cultural Preservation

- > Preservation of environments that express Saint Paul's identity and sense of place
- > Equitable and sustainable approach to preservation, restoration and reconstruction
- > City investments in cultural and historic resources reflecting broader City priorities

