Saint Paul For All
2040 Comprehensive Plan

Focus: Urban Design

URBAN DESIGN is the thoughtful arrangement of the public realm, or the public spaces between buildings (including parks, streets and sidewalks). Good urban design – the interaction between private development and public space – fosters activity, connection, beauty, safety and economic value.

Draft Policy	Chapter	Policy #
Promote high-quality urban design that supports pedestrian friendliness and a healthy environment, and enhances the public realm.	Land Use	LU-9
Activate streetscapes with active first floor uses, street trees, public art, outdoor commercial uses and other uses that contribute to a vibrant street life.	Land Use	LU-10
Ensure that stand-alone parking uses are limited, and that structured parking is mixed-use and/or convertible to other uses.	Land Use	LU-14
Account for seasonality and climate resiliency in the design, maintenance, and programming of Parks and Recreation assets to maximize activity throughout the year.	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	PR-13
Encourage and support private landowners and developers to create and maintain privately owned public space (POPS) and green infrastructure, especially as land use intensity and activity levels increase.	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	PR-30
Encourage creativity in building design and site layout.	Housing	H-8
Encourage high-quality urban design for residential development that is compatible with the pattern and scale of the neighborhood, but allows for innovation and consideration of market needs.	Housing	H-47
Promote visible green infrastructure landscape features, such as rain gardens, constructed wetlands and tree trenches, that contribute to placemaking and welcoming public spaces.	Water Resources Management	WR-3
Be proactive in the identification, evaluation, survey and designation of historic and cultural resources to ensure a consistent and equitable approach to preservation that is time-sensitive and responsive to community needs.	Heritage and Cultural Preservation	HP-7