



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Meeting Agenda Full Detail City Council Work Session

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

11:00 AM

Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport Terminal
Building

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport Terminal Building, 1500 SE 7th Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL: On a call of roll, the following members were present:

Discussion Items

15-1365 Comprehensive Plan Review and Goal Setting

Attachments: [6-2-15 Community Service Goals.pdf](#)
[Comprehensive Plan Overview 6-2-15](#)

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Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk



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Comprehensive Plan Review and Goal Setting

Background Information:

In an effort to focus on the City's Comprehensive Plan, staff have developed a work sheet that summarizes the goals in the six areas of the City's plan. The summary is attached. To bring all Councilmembers and City staff up to speed on the comprehensive plan process we will execute the following agenda.

Session #1: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Introduction/Refresher on the Comprehensive Plan Process

- Purpose of Comprehensive Plan
- History of Comprehensive Plans in Grand Rapids
- Amendment Process with Comprehensive Plans
- When Should a Plan be Updated?
- Overview of Accomplishments/Goals Outline (attached)
- Review of Land Use Goals (if time permits)

Session #2: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Review of Accomplishments/Goals Outline (attached)

- Lightly Review Accomplishments in Each Area of the Plan
- Focus on Future Implementation Areas
- Gain Additional Input from City Council on Desired Future Implementation Goals

Session #3: At a Future Council Worksession

Review Final Future Implementation Goals

FUTURE USE LAND GOALS

GOAL 1: PROVIDE FOR ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT BY ESTABLISHING PROPER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND OTHER LAND

ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT IS ORDERLY, FOLLOWING THE PATTERNS ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Continue effective and consistent administration of zoning ordinance to ensure the City develops in the intended, orderly, desirable, way that protects property values and attracts new investment.

CD – Created a new Business Park zoning district and zoning standards.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT AVOIDS THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF CONFLICTING USES AND MAXIMIZES SYNERGY AMONG USES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Denied rezoning of former primary wastewater plant property to Industrial.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

PROMOTE THE BEST USE OF LAND, FROM THE COMMUNITY'S LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE, FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Created infill of existing urban land like the former St. Joes, Hospital, and middle school.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Will work to redevelop and underutilized school district properties and properties within the CBD.

GIVE PREFERENCE TO LONG-TERM COMMUNITY AND MARKET BENEFITS IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAND USE AREAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – The Planning Commission/City Council denied the petitioned rezoning of Industrial property on the east side of Hwy 38 to General Business adhering to the Resource Management in that area of the Mesabi iron formation.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

STAGE NEW DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S URBAN SERVICE AREA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Established new subdivision ordinances that require “ghost” platting in urban overlay districts.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 2: PROMOTE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT SERVES LOCAL AND REGIONAL MARKETS

RECOGNIZE DISTINCT CLASSES OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT SERVE DIFFERENT MARKETS AND ARE COMPATIBLE WITH DIFFERENT LAND USES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL NODES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH RESIDENTIAL LAND USES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 3: PROVIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL RETENTION AND EXPANSION

RECOGNIZE DISTINCT CLASSES OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE LAND USE AREAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Established Business Park zoning which reestablished a more compatible set of uses in Industrial zoned properties.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

RESERVE SUFFICIENT INDUSTRIAL AREA FOR NEW LARGE AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD - GREDA evaluated the possible land acquisition of additional property in the area of the Airport South Industrial Park.
CD – Continued to manage the former PW site and other properties within Syndicate Park for future sale or trade with UPM/Blandin as an area for expansion.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 4: PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE DIVERSITY AND LIVABILITY OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS

INTEGRATE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING WHILE RETAINING CHARACTER OF DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Collaborated with Itasca County HRA in waiver of special assessments in acquisition of tax forfeited property for the Beacon Hill supportive housing development.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION OF TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOODS IN AND ADJACENT TO THE URBANIZED AREA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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PROMOTE NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY, PRIDE, AND SENSE OF PLACE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD/A&C – Develop signage and other concepts for distinguishing neighborhoods.

ALLOW USES AND ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 5: PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED-USE AREAS

ENCOURAGE NEW, PLANNED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS, IN WHICH THE ATTRIBUTES OF TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND SMALL COMMERCIAL ARE MERGED

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

PROMOTE THE FULL MIX OF USES IN EXISTING MIXED USE AREAS, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE LAND USE CATEGORIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF GRAND RAPIDS' MEDICAL CAMPUS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 6: BALANCE OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION WITH THE GRAND RAPIDS' DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

PROTECT AND PRESERVE EXISTING OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL SYSTEMS AND ENCOURAGE EXPANDED ACCESS OF URBAN AND RURAL OPEN SPACES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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PROVIDE SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC USE ACTIVITIES WITHIN GRAND RAPIDS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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FACILITATE THE CONSERVATION GOALS OF THE BLANDIN CONSERVATION EASEMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 7: PROVIDE PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY THROUGHOUT GRAND RAPIDS

ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS THAT LINK THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN A COHESIVE MANNER, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MOTORIZED VEHICLE ACCESS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Collaborated with the Human Rights Commission in developing information, distributed to businesses, pertaining to ADA standards for commercial facilities.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Will continue to enforcement of the MN Accessibility Code through administration of the State Building Code.

CONNECT RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND SUBURBAN LAND USES TO THE URBAN FORM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF ACCESS TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Human Rights – Develop a sub-committee to develop a list of priorities to improve ADA throughout the City.

INTEGRATE THE COMPLETE STREETS STUDY RESULTS INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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CONNECT BUSINESSES WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES TO INCREASE ACCESS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 8: PRESERVE HISTORIC AND NATURAL COMMUNITY LANDMARKS

PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION OF THOSE SITES, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, OBJECTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF GRAND RAPIDS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Currently finishing up a strategic planning process for Central School leading to current GREDA initiatives.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

PROTECT THE VISUAL INTEGRITY OF THE EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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INTEGRATE THE VISUAL AND NATURAL FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER INTO RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD/Eng – Working with the Blandin Foundation on their expansion plans to incorporate pedestrian linkages to the river.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GOALS

GOAL 1: EFFICIENT USE OF PUBLIC ASSET IN PROVIDING SERVICES

PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST THROUGH FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Civic Center – Reduced accounts receivable to under 60 days.
- Civic Center – Established online registration reducing staff time and improving customer service.
- Golf – Reduced accounts receivable to under 60 days.
- Police – Transferred daytime dispatch to Sherriff's Department.
- Police – Updated K-9 Dog creating more efficient drug searches.
- Finance – Implemented employee services portal

Finance – Refunded Bonds 2004A & 2005A with a net present savings of \$279,170
Finance – For the past 23 years have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
Finance – Maintained an A-1 rating from Moody’s since 2010.
IT – The conversion to virtual systems (servers, applications, and desktops).
IT – Implementation of new telephone system.
IT – Establishment of Legistar legislative management program for city council, planning commission, public utilities commission.
IT – Integrated Laserfiche records software into finance, administration, police, and airport.
Library – Constructed the Riverfront Energy Center which utilizes heat from UPM/Blanding waste stream to heat the library.
Library – Converted high wattage pendant lighting to low energy LED lights.
Library – Updated the chiller unit to a high efficiency unit reducing energy consumption.
Eng/PW – Transitioned to ELA for GIS and Cityworks.
Eng/PW – Implemented RTVision One Office Public Infrastructure software.
PW – Continue to develop and implement best practices for snow and ice control on roadways.
PW – Invested in new truck and EPOKE de-icing system which reduces product use.
PW – Operate a fleet maintenance department that manages all city/pu equipment ensuring maximum life and return on investments.
CD – Updated GREDA website.
Airport – Collaborated with county to utilize the airport terminal as an EOC and meeting facility.
Fire – Upgraded the boiler system in the fire hall and changed thermostats.
Fire – Replaced lighting with high efficiency lighting in the truck bays.
Fire – Installed motion sensors to activate the HVAC and lighting system when people are in the building.
Fire – Replaced two apparatus’ with one (see Emergency Services).
Admin – Transitioned to utilizing seasonal employees during off season to reduce unemployment expenses.
Admin – Converted to a third party administrator to comply with HRA requirements.
Admin/Finance/PW – Assisting Arbo, Bovey, Cohasset, and LaPrairie with services.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Implement new reservation system Fall of 2015 with Cloud access to files.
Golf – Increase membership by creating alternative payment methods.
Police – Will be transitioning to a new dispatch center and records management system.
Finance – Review Policies and procedures to verify necessary processes.
Finance – Review new payroll software.
Finance – Review existing bonds to determine possibility of refunding.
IT – Get EDA and library boards into Legistar.
IT – Implement Laserfiche work flows to improve efficiencies of citywide systems.
IT – Install mobile device management.
IT – Data backup management improvements.
IT – Execute a lease agreement with Itasca County for Server Space at their facility.
Library – Will continue to convert to LED lighting.
Library – Increase efficiency in materials processing and handling.
Eng/PW/CD – Implementing Cityworks Permitting software.
Eng/PW – Develop new lease agreements at the airport with Airway Aviation’s, Northern Air, and others.
Eng – Create a pavement management system.
CD – Preparing a Central School Building and Grounds Assessment study.
PW – In 2016/17 will reinvest in modernized equipment fleet which will reduce operation and maintenance cost.
Fire – Replace the front garage doors to increase the R value and lower heating costs.

SUSTAIN CRITICAL CITY OPERATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO QUALITY OF LIFE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Civic Center – As of 2015 all but two existing playgrounds have been updated in the City.
Golf – Built new clubhouse with community bathrooms and beach.
Fire – Established two part-time fire code inspectors on commercial/industrial/multi-family dwellings.
Fire – Implemented codes for commercial kitchen exhaust hoods.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Secure grant funding for Blandin Beach improvements and a dog park at Veterans Park.
Eng/PW – Review and update Public Works organizational structure.
Fire/CD/PW – Improve focus on fire code inspections.
Fire – Review policies to make sure they are up to date.

GOAL 2: PROVIDE SERVICES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE

CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER BUILDING AND FIRE CODE PROGRAMS AND REGULATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Obtained State Delegation for building code enforcement.
CD – Established and effective and consistent administration of state building and fire code regulations to ensure buildings are safe for families, employees, and patrons.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Admin/CD – Will develop staffing to insure that the City maintains State Delegation for building code enforcement.

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CITY SERVICES THAT ENHANCE THE GENERAL WELFARE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Police/Fire/PW – Transitioned to an 800 MHz interoperable radio system providing instant communications between public safety, medical and public works departments.
Police – Established a security guard relationship with Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital.
Police – Implemented a practice of responding to medical emergencies.
IT/Admin – Implemented a new web page that provide information on city activities.
Library – In 2014 served 132,300 visitors, 172,438 items circulated, 360 programs provided, 10,546 hours of public computer use and 467 non library group meetings.
Admin – Created a communications specialist position improving our social media information.
Admin – Updated personnel policies and compensation study.
Admin – Reorganized clerical union positions.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Police – Will work with Itasca County to draft an Emergency Operations Plan.
Police – Will develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (Pandemic Plan).
IT – Manage upgrades to our webpage.
Library – Upgrade technologies like color printers, color copiers, scanners, fax machines, etc.
Library – Upgrade AV systems.
Library – Develop additional outdoor programs.
Eng – Work towards extending natural gas to Remer/Deschepper, Stoeke/Maxwell, Soldiers/Strader/McGuire Additions.

CLEARLY TIE REGULATIONS, PROGRAMS AND OTHER SERVICES TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE GOALS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Developed 2014-2017 Strategic Plan for Library Services based on Community input.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Working with seniors to establish an outdoor Pickle Ball court.
Police – Will work with PW and Itasca County Emergency Management Director to examine the need for additional outdoor warning sirens.

PERIODICALLY REVIEW REGULATIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR EFFECTIVENESS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Library Board of Trustees reviewed and updated bylaws.
Admin – Converted police civil services commission to an advisory board.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Library – Library Board of Trustees reviewing and revising Library policies.

GOAL 3: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

ENSURE THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Established the Riverfront Energy Center as an education outreach facility for alternative energy sources.
CD – Worked with school district to create “Educational Service Institution” land use through a text amendment.
CD – Worked with school district on text amendment and ROW vacation at RJEMS grounds.
Fire – Continue to educate members on new aspects of firefighting and rescue.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Library – Obtain non-local funding to assist with the completion of the solar sunflowers that are part of the Riverfront Energy Center.
CD/Eng/Admin – Working with school district in identifying elementary school locations.

CONTINUE AND ENHANCE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CITY STAFF AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Police – Provide two school liaisons primarily located at the middle and high schools.
Library – Developed relationships with teachers and principals to promote reading programs.
Admin – Utilize a common communications specialist.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Police/IT – Establish regular officer training on school and county security camera systems.

SUPPORT AND PROMOTE ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Police – Participate in DARE and children’s programing in the schools.
Library – Collaborated with the Minnesota Children’s Museum to install the Smart Play Spot to encourage early literacy.
Library – Installed Tumblebooks (online picture books) on website to encourage online reading.
Library – In 2014 held 147 preschool story times to develop pre-reading skills.
Fire – Continue to educate youth on fire prevention through open houses and education books.
Fire – The fire safety house is brought to schools and other communities to educate on fire prevention/safety.
All – Participate in annual Open Streets event in June.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Develop a summer sports camp program as an active alternative to traditional daycare.
Library – Continue story times and other programs for preschoolers.

IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES AND QUALITY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Golf – Has established golf lessons in the elementary schools.
 - Golf – Has established a “Get Golf Ready” for adults.
 - Police – Created the Citizens Academy.
 - Library – In 2014 offered 112 programs for adults and teens.
 - Library – In 2014 Offered beginning computer classes for adults.
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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

- Golf – Expand golf lessons in schools to the High School.
 - Golf – Improve the “Get Golf Ready” for adults.
 - Police – Will collaborate with other Itasca County law enforcement agencies in hosting joint Crisis Intervention Training in the Fall of 2015.
 - Library – Continue offering educational programs for all ages, including computer classes.
 - Library – Develop dedicated space in library just for elementary-aged children.
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

GOAL 1: ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY

PROVIDE FOR POLICE PATROL VISIBILITY IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND NEWLY ANNEXED AREAS OF GRAND RAPIDS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Police – Officers review call activity on a daily basis and concentrate patrol activity based partially upon this analysis. All patrol officers are assigned to fully marked squad cars.
 - Police – Enhanced community partnerships and programs building stronger relationships with the media and other resource organizations to better inform the public.
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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

ENSURE ADEQUATE EMERGENCY SERVICE RESPONSE TIMES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Police – The number of sworn officers in the department was increased to 20 ensuring adequate response times to all areas of the City.
 - Fire – By combining the heavy rescue and pumper truck into one apparatus we reduced the required staff for rollout from 9 to 6.
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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

- Police – Continue to invest in all wheel and four wheel drive vehicles for the patrol division to insure response in all weather conditions.
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CONTINUE TO PROMOTE INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION (MUTUAL-AID) IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO GRAND RAPIDS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Police – Re-established interagency relationships so that City, Sherriff and State Patrol, worked cooperatively.
- Police – Renewed our commitment to the county wide SWAT Team.
- PW – Executed mutual aid agreements with Cohasset, LaPrairie, and Arbo.

Fire – Added Hibbing as a mutual aid department.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Police – Continue to develop joint partnerships for vehicle impound storage.

Fire – Work with employers to become more flexible in allowing fire fighters to respond to calls while working their regular jobs.

Fire – Review existing mutual aid agreements and build on the existing relationships

NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL 1: PROTECT NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE ECONOMIC ASSETS

PROTECT MINERAL RESOURCES IN LAND USE DECISIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on

SUPPORT CONTINUED MANAGEMENT OF FOREST LANDS FOR TIMBER AND PULP

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PW – Updated the city’s forestry ordinance.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

RECOGNIZE SYNERGY BETWEEN RECREATIONAL ASSETS AND OTHER NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Developed a new clubhouse that improved the quality of storm water discharge to Pokegama Lake and created a new public beach.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING POLICIES AND ACTIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Implemented storm water treatment facilities to treat storm water runoff prior to discharge to Pokegama Lake.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Continue to implement best practices to reduce fertilizer and fungicide use.

Eng/PW – Update storm water protection and ROW processes.

ENCOURAGE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TO EXPLORE USEFUL PRODUCTS THAT USE NATURAL RESOURCES IN A CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Installed a “green roof” on top of the Riverfront Energy Center.
Library – Iron Range Engineering students studied the feasibility of using ground water and river water to provide cooling for the library building.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Currently research irrigation improvements to reduce water usage.
Library – Continue to explore alternative ways to cool the library building.

GOAL 2: INTEGRATE THE NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE URBAN CORE OF THE CITY

CREATE OR PROTECT BUFFERS ALONG THE RIVERFRONT AND LAKES AREAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Constructed a retaining wall along the shore of Pokegama Lake to eliminate erosion of bank.
CD – Have consistently administered zoning ordinance within shore land districts.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng – Working with Upper Mississippi Headwater Board to retrofit the exposed bank between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave. NE with a natural cover/buffer.

SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE URBAN FOREST

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Removed diseased trees from the course.
PW – Completed a DNR grant that provided 85 trees planted in ROW boulevards.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Will continue to identify diseased trees and plant trees on an annual basis.
PW – Will continue to plant trees in boulevards and city parks.
PW – Will continue to send staff to urban forestry seminars.

DEFINE THE NATURAL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND RE-DEVELOPMENT AREAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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EDUCATE BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eng/PW – Participate in the annual Water Summit at the Fairgrounds educating youth on the importance of clean water.

Eng – Conduct an annual public meeting for the public to review storm water permit compliance.
Eng – Have established a social media presence on Facebook, city newsletter and city webpage.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng – Will be conducting media clips on storm water protection.

GOAL 3: INTEGRATE THE NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE RURAL AREAS

PROVIDE BUFFERS ALONG THE WATERWAYS AND WETLANDS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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SUPPORT RE-FORESTATION AND OTHER NATIVE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Has continued to add a variety of trees species to minimize tree loss in the future.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Will continue to add a mix of tree varieties.

DEFINE THE NATURAL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND RE-DEVELOPMENT AREAS

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 4: PROVIDE SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S PARKS AND TRAILS

PROMOTE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS AND BETWEEN DESTINATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Updated subdivision ordinance to require sidewalk connection within residential projects to city infrastructure where possible, within the site plan review process.

Eng – Working with Get Fit Itasca obtained funding and implemented bike lanes on 5th Street North.

Eng – Integrated a pedestrian trail around Horseshoe Lake.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Police – To promote community relationships and safety, re-establish the bicycle patrol program.

Eng – Construct the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge.

Eng – Complete Phase 3 of our Safe Routes to School.

IMPROVE ACCESS TO MOTORIZED TRAILS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Civic Center – Established a motorized trail committee for the City.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Work with ATV/Snowmobile Clubs to further develop trail connections to UPM Trails, Snowmobile spur to Forest Lake area, and new east reroute through LaPrairie.

SUPPORT, MANAGE, AND PROMOTE PARKS WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Civic Center – Held neighborhood meetings in annexation areas to determine future park needs.

Golf – The course, paid by user fees and not property taxes, is one of the few municipal golf courses in the State that are operating with an annual surplus.

CD – Updated parkland dedication portion of subdivision ordinance.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Develop park with Public Works in Remer/Deschepper neighborhood.

Golf – Will continue to develop/offer programs that will attract all demographic user groups.

PW – Will develop the new park in Remer/Deschepper.

WORK WITH ADJACENT LOCAL GOVERNING UNITS AND THE STATE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PW – Assist adjacent cities and townships with outdoor ice rinks by providing the ice resurfacers.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Working on Trail Developments with Itasca County/Cohasset/LaPrairie/State.

ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL 1: CREATE JOBS AND INCOME

ENSURE THAT JOB CREATION EFFORTS INCLUDE HIGH-WAGE/HIGH-QUALITY JOBS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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ENABLE THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING BUSINESSES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – The golf course has been improved to the point of being a positive public asset which is valuable in attract new businesses.

CD – Sold state certified “shovel ready” GREDA land and secured \$300k IRRRB grant to attract the development of Hammerlund Construction headquarters on CR 63.

CD – Sold GREDA Airport S. Industrial Park land to Drewmark Holdings for the construction of a Frito Lay distribution warehouse.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Will continue to invest in the golf course infrastructure so that it is attractive to the golf community.

RECRUIT NEW BUSINESSES THAT ADD JOBS AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Supported IEDC with environmental remediation and sale of former Ainsworth to J.M. Longyear.

CD – Supporting the establishment of a satellite Swan Machine manufacturing facility in Grand Rapids.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Aggressively supporting new and current development prospects.

GOAL 2: ENHANCE THE LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE

• PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Accomplished sale of City parcel on 21st St./7th Ave. SE to Kuepers Inc. for the development of 70 units of affordable and market rate apartments known as River Hills Apartments.

CD – Assisted in the site location for 74 units of senior living complex and evaluated requested TIF Assistance for Majestic Pines.

CD – Secured \$615k DEED Small Cities Development Program grant for 12 owner occupied and 15 rental residential rehabilitation projects.

CD – Coordinated the waiver of special assessments and County sale of tax forfeited lots to Itasca County Habitat for Humanity.

CD – Collaborated with Itasca County HRA on the sale and recovery of special assessments for the 48 unit Beacon Hills Apartments.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Explore opportunities/plan for expanded development of single family home sites.

DEVELOP A THRIVING DOWNTOWN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – GREDA administration of Central School leasing, evaluation of development interest and assessment of possible improvements to the building and grounds.

CD – Secured an extended term and revised conditions for the GREDA/Blandin Foundation Program Related Investment \$1,000,000 Downtown Redevelopment Fund.

CD – Secured \$615 DEED Small Cities Development Program grant for 6 commercial rehabilitation projects.

CD – Supported the redevelopment of former St. Joseph Church block into 36 private, market rate condominiums by securing \$291k in demolition grants and providing Economic Development Tax Abatement.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Continue work outlined in the pre-development agreement with Northrock Development.
CD – Enhance marketing and use of GREDA CBIL Program.

BETTER UTILIZE THE RIVER AS AN ECONOMIC ASSET

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Offered an average of four programs per year outside on the riverfront.
Library – Collaborated with the DNR to provide fishing equipment to lend to the public.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Library – Increase number of programs held outside related to the river.
Library – Promote more use of the fishing equipment.
Eng – Secure funding for the Mississippi River Pedestrian Bridge.
CD – Will issuance an RFP seeking private development interest in GREDA riverfront area commercial sites, Blocks 20/21 and Block 5.

SUPPORT ARTS, RECREATION, AND EDUCATIONAL ASSETS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Has developed golf programs/lessons/leagues for all ages and abilities.
Administration – Assisted the City Council in establishing the Arts & Culture Commission.
Library – Assisted the Arts & Culture Commission in creating the Arts & Culture Road Map.
Library – Developed partnership with Reif, ICC, MacRostie, Project Read, Human Rights Commission to develop programs.
CD – Provided comments/input on the Arts & Culture Roadmap.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Will continue to review and update programs/lessons/leagues to ensure maximum participation.
Library – Increase programming in collaboration with community partners.
Eng – Working with Get Fit Itasca and the Arts & Culture Commission to create artistic walking routes within the CBD.

ENCOURAGE A MIX OF LOCAL SERVICES AND RETAIL GOODS ADEQUATE TO MEET REGIONAL DEMAND

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Led an effort together with the Chamber, IEDC and Visit GR to engage the U of M Extension in the preparation of the Grand Rapids Market Area Profile, retail market analysis.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 3: BUILD THE CITY'S ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

INCREASE DIVERSITY OF ECONOMIC BASE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Sold State Certified “Shovel Ready” GREDA land to Cutsforth Manufacturing on CR 63 and secured \$150k IRRRB grant and Tax Abatement for the development.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

CD – Examining the cost and benefits of achieving certification of another Shovel Ready site, now that GREDA’s has sold out.

IMPROVE UTILIZATION OF LOCAL RESOURCES, ASSETS, AND GOODS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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SUPPORT THE CITY’S HISTORIC COMPETITIVE STRENGTHS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHED HEAVY INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL ASSETS SUCH AS MEDICAL SERVICES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CD – Expanded permitted uses in Public Use zoning district to include Clinic facilities, as petitioned by the YMCA.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

SUPPORT INVESTMENTS WITH TOURISM VALUE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Civic Center – Completed economic impact study for the civic center.
Golf – Invested in new clubhouse, on course restrooms, and improved conditions of the turf on the course.
CD – Vacated right of way in support of a goal to encourage the continued viability of the Fairgrounds area.
Eng – Have created many mile of pedestrian trails and sidewalks that connect to the regional trail systems.
Admin/CD – Financially supported the Community Marketing Taskforce.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Civic Center – Develop improvement plans for the civic center.
Golf – Developing a short and long-term investment plan (CIP) for the entire golf course facility.
CD – Financially supporting VGR’s update of a Tourism Marketing Study prepared by the U of M.
Admin – Working with VGR and County to expand Branding.

TRANSPORTATION

GOAL 1: MAINTAIN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT CITY-WIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

INCORPORATE THE RESULTS OF THE COMPLETE STREETS STUDY TO BETTER CREATE AND RETAIN STREETS THAT PROMOTE A MIX OF USES SUCH AS CAR TRAVEL, TRANSIT, AND BICYCLING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eng – Completed the Crystal Lake Boulevard, 4th Avenue NE, 7th Avenue NW, Horseshoe/Isleview, 13th Avenue NE, and 4th Street SW/SE.

Eng – Converted 5th Street North to a three-lane section and added dedicated bike lanes.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng – 8th Avenue NE, 5th Street NE, 11th Avenue NE, 10th Avenue NE, 7th Avenue NE, and 4th Avenue NW.

PROMOTE LAND USE POLICIES THAT LIMIT ACCESS AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE EXISTING ROAD SYSTEM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eng – Working with MN/DOT consolidate street and some driveway access to Pokegama Avenue and TH 2/169.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng-CD – Will look for opportunities as redevelopment of properties occur (example is Walgreens).

THE STREET LAYOUT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE STREETS AND PARKING OF SURROUNDING AREAS, INCLUDING SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL AND HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AREAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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PROTECT ROAD SYSTEM INVESTMENTS AND ENSURE EFFICIENT USE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM BY GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE, SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE COST-EFFECTIVE AND IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 2: STRIVE TO BECOME A WALKABLE CITY

CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE WALKING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Golf – Developed a Dr. Scholl walking rate of \$10/round to encourage walking.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Golf – Will continue to develop programs that encourage walking.

EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIDEWALK AND BIKEWAY SYSTEM AND ITS SAFE USE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eng – Coordinated trail maps between Get Fit Itasca's and the City's website.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 3: PROMOTE BICYCLING FOR COMMUTERS AND RECREATIONAL RIDERS

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS TO AND BETWEEN LOCAL DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING PUBLIC FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, PARKS, OPEN SPACE, EMPLOYMENT DISTRICTS, AND SHOPPING CENTERS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Library – Provide bike locks to check out for use while in the library.

Library – Hosted programs on biking and walking.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Library – Continue to promote bicycle use and educational opportunities.

Eng – Work with the City of Cohasset to connect our trail systems.

PROMOTE BICYCLING AS AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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MAINTAIN EXISTING TRAILS AND BIKE ROUTES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 4: MAINTAIN, EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE TRANSIT SYSTEM

WORK WITH ARROWHEAD TRANSIT AND OTHER TRANSIT OR PARA-TRANSIT ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SERVICE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Admin – Was able to coordinate a meeting with ARDC to expand bus routes west of 4th Avenue NW.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task department is working on

CONSIDER STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS OR PILOT PROGRAMS TO TEST ALTERNATIVES TO EXISTING TRANSIT SYSTEMS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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CONSIDER TRANSPORTATION CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS IN LAND USE REGULATIONS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 5: PROVIDE AN AIRPORT THAT SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY MEETS LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEMANDS

GUIDE FUTURE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT SO THAT IT WILL SATISFY AVIATION DEMAND

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Airport – Update airport master plan and layout plan to reflect past and future needed improvements.

SUPPORT AIRPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Airport – Maintained 90%+ occupancy of 34 public owned T-hangars.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Airport – With final debt service payment on T-hangars, rental revenue will be utilized to enhance and improve airport infrastructure.

CREATE INFILL DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE AIRPORT THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH AIRPORT USE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 6: PROMOTE SAFE AND EFFICIENT RAIL SERVICE TO GRAND RAPIDS

PROTECT THE EXISTING RAILROAD SYSTEM AND ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENTS THAT COULD BENEFIT POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng – Working with Itasca County and existing industries to create a new railroad that will eliminate “captive rail” issues.

CONTINUE TO WORK WITH BNSF AND RAIL USERS TO INTEGRATE RAIL OPERATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE CITY’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eng – Completed City at-grade rail crossings that allowed for “quiet zones” and increased train speeds.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Eng – Working with BNSF/MNDOT to complete the Pokegama Avenue at-grade crossing improvement so that train speeds can be increased to 25 mph.

ARTS AND CULTURE ROADMAP

GOAL 1: ENHANCE GRAND RAPIDS’ DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE

CONNECT ARTS, HERITAGE, AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO HELP PROMOTE GRAND RAPIDS’ DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Arts/Culture – Nurture public-private partnerships to expand arts-related offerings at the Forest History Center.

PROMOTE GRAND RAPIDS’ DISTINCTIVE LOCAL CULTURAL AND ARTS IDENTITY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Arts/Culture – Promote existing cultural offerings to residents and potential visitors (Annual arts awards, electronic message board, and centralized web calendar/e-blast).

FOSTER REGIONAL NETWORKING TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING AND PROMOTION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 2: EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFELING ARTS LEARNING

YOUTH – CELEBRATE AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IN-SCHOOL AND OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL ARTS LEARNING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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ADULTS & COMMUNITY – INCREASE ACCESS TO ARTS-BASED ENRICHMENT AND HEALING

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Please enter initials of department followed by task the department is working on.

GOAL 3: FOSTER INCLUSIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL OFFERINGS AND EXPAND ACCESS

FACILITATE COMMUNITY SPACES AND PROGRAMMING THAT WELCOME THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Art/Culture – Clarify and streamline city rules related to street festivals, performances in parks, street performers, food trucks, and serving alcohol at arts events.

INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF INCLUSIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL OFFERINGS THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Arts/Culture – Convene a diversity and inclusion workgroup to informally share updates and explore opportunities for collaboration.

EXPAND ARTS AND CULTURAL OFFERINGS TO ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF FAMILY INCOME

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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GOAL 4: USE THE ARTS TO ANIMATE THE PHYSICAL REALM AND IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

INFUSE AND ALIGN GRAND RAPIDS' EXISTING CITY POLICIES, PLANS, AND PROJECTS WITH ARTS AND CULTURE TO HELP ACIEVE BROADER COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CONNECTIVITY GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Art/Culture – Collaborate with Get Fit Itasca to identify potential arts-based interventions within community health goals.

Art/Culture – Consider the creation of an amendment to the Downtown Plan that specifically addresses issues of fragmentation and pedestrian way finding through artistic streetscape interventions and additional infrastructure.

EMBED PUBLIC ART INTO EXISTING AND FUTURE STREETSAPES TO CREATE A DYNAMIC AND VITAL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

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CREATE INITIAL PUBLIC ART POLICIES AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT CONSISTENTLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE VITALITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Art/Culture – Create City of Grand Rapids “Art Adoption/Acquisition/Loan” policy that would create a clear understanding of what type of artworks to accept into the city’s collection and to establish guidelines around the conversations about maintenance, insurance, and other administrative necessities.

GOAL 5: FOSTER SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS AND ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

CULTIVATE AND STRATEGIZE WITH ALLIES IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS/PRACTITIONERS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please enter initials of department followed by a short description of accomplishment.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Art/Culture – Via an online artist director, link local businesses to local cultural entrepreneurs with marketable service (exhibitions, performances, design, etc.).

TAP EXISTING SPACES TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS TO AFFORDABLY LIVE, WORK, AND SHARE THEIR WORK

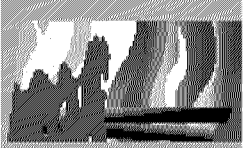
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FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION

Art/Culture – Advocate for re-purposing of Central School interior to include performance opportunities (e.g. live music within a “brew pub”).

Art/Culture – Explore possibility of the use of the Showboat site venue by other artists/groups.

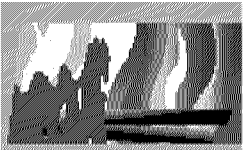


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Comprehensive Plan Overview

City Council Work Session

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What is it? - A comprehensive plan is the official long-range policy document for the City, guiding zoning and land use ordinances, investments in public infrastructure, economic development programs, natural resource use and protection, housing policy, and other issues.

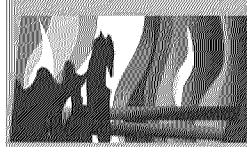
Comprehensive plans identify the community's desired future, looking out 20 years. The desired future is described with a future land use map and supporting written goals and objectives.

Why do cities have comprehensive plans? - The comprehensive plan is a policy document that provides the legal foundation for a city's ordinances, programs, and capital investment plans, by assisting the city in articulating the basis of its decisions, if challenged in court.

The plan portrays the community's desired future and guides decision-making by elected and appointed officials on how development, conservation, and public investment take place within the city.

Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan

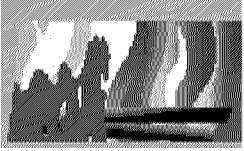
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Addresses three basic questions:

- What is the state of the community today?
- What would people like the community to be in the future?
- How will the community get there?



Who is involved in developing the comprehensive plan?

- Citizens and property owners – through their input provided in public meetings, focus groups and public hearings during the planning process, and through a community survey sent to every property owner.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – City Council appointed, representing a broad range of stakeholder groups (small business, industry, health care, education, tourism, social services, residents, developer, economic development) – provides oversight and input into the planning process and forwards a recommended draft Plan to the Planning Commission.
- Comprehensive Plan Technical Advisory Committee – City department heads and outside agency representatives (e.g.: DNR, Itasca Co.) provide technical guidance/assistance to the Steering Committee in the development of draft goals and objectives.
- Planning Commission – per State Statute, Chapter 462, the Planning Commission is responsible for periodically reviewing, preparing and recommending revisions to the comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission, also, has a limited representation on the Steering Committee.
- City Council – has a limited representation on the Steering Committee and, as a whole, holds the final public hearing in the process, taking action to adopt.

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462, Section 355 ADOPT, AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; INTERIM ORDINANCE.

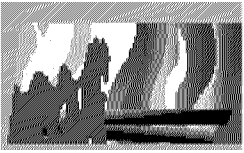
Subdivision 1. Preparation and review.

The planning agency shall prepare the comprehensive municipal plan. In discharging this duty the planning agency shall consult with and coordinate the planning activities of other departments and agencies of the municipality to insure conformity with and to assist in the development of the comprehensive municipal plan. In its planning activities the planning agency shall take due cognizance of the planning activities of adjacent units of government and other affected public agencies. The planning agency shall periodically review the plan and recommend amendments whenever necessary. When preparing or recommending amendments to the comprehensive plan, the planning agency ... must consider adopting goals and objectives that will protect open space and the environment.

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462, Section 351

Describes the legislative goals for city planning:

- *Prepare for anticipated change*
- *Guide future development of land*
- *Ensure a safer, more pleasant and economical environment*
- *Preserve open lands*
- *Save money in both private and public expenditures*
- *Enable other public and private agencies to plan their activities in harmony with the plan.*
- *Assist in developing lands more wisely to serve citizens more effectively*



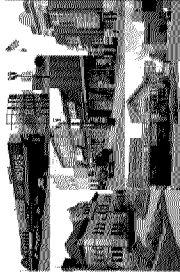
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When or how often is the comprehensive plan updated, and how do other plans, that have a specific focus, relate to the comprehensive plan?

The current comprehensive plan was adopted in 2011, following a planning process that spanned over 12 months.

Although the comprehensive plan identifies the community's desired future, looking out 20 years, it is typical that some conditions in a community change and certain policies and recommendations can become outdated and not reflect current needs. For that reason, comprehensive plans should be updated every 6-8 years.

Grand Rapids, like most communities, has also developed special, more detailed plans, which focus on specific geographic areas, social and economic needs, programs and strategies. The comprehensive plan, includes these plans by reference and guides these plans as they are developed. This coordination of these special plans with the comprehensive plan minimizes duplication of effort, and recognizing special plans in the comprehensive plan also facilitates their management and implementation.



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Master Plan
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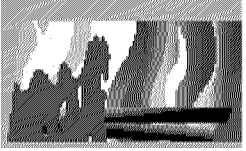
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RIVERFRONT FRAMEWORK PLAN

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How is the comprehensive plan structured?

Introduction (Chapter 1) – brief overview of project

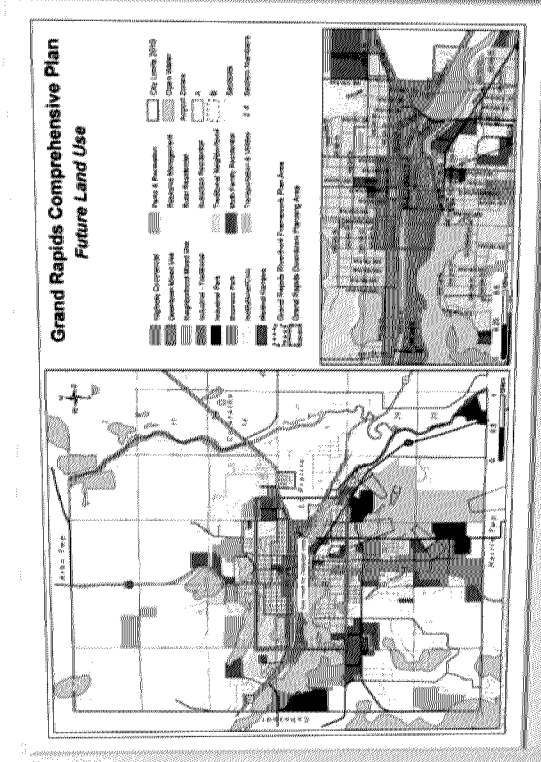
Planning Process (Chapter 2) – description of planning process, committee memberships, how the 2003 Comprehensive Plan and special plans served as the starting point, and how plans for neighboring communities were considered.

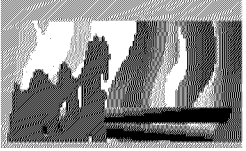
Community Vision, Values and Guiding Principles (Chapter 3) – articulates the revised vision statement, list of community values and guiding principles which guided and served as the foundation for the underlying goals, objectives and implementation strategies in the plan.

Future Land Use (Chapter 4) - Illustrates the future land use types and locations that are anticipated through the implementation of the plan.

Goals, Objectives, Implementation Priorities (Chapter 5) – provides baseline demographic data and presents goals, objectives and implementation steps in the areas of:

- Public Infrastructure and Community Services
- Housing
- Emergency Services
- Natural and Recreational Resources
- Economic Development
- Transportation





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Questions?

