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The Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan

A Ten Year Plan for the Future

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Land Use

- Target growth and higher density in Downtown, Central Corridor, Mixed-Use Corridors, Neighborhood Centers and Employment Districts.
- Provide land for jobs by preserving industrial land, redeveloping underutilized sites, supporting downtown, and improving financial and regulatory tools.
- Promote aesthetics and development standards for a pedestrian-scaled environment.



Transportation

- Use best practices for design and maintenance, and create safer streets through education and enforcement.
- Coordinate transportation and land use.
- Increase transit ridership, manage single-occupancy vehicle use.
- Develop and expand a well-managed parking system, and reevaluate downtown parking practices to establish balanced multi-modal options.
- Create opportunities to integrate physical activity into daily routines as an alternative to driving.
- Develop and promote connectivity to regional transit systems.
- Increase community accessibility by creating better connections within neighborhoods.



Parks and Recreation

- Emphasize communications, marketing, and public information.
- Choose quality over quantity in facilities/programming.
- Encourage active lifestyles by ensuring access to facilities, improving safety, and providing programming and education.
- Meet emerging recreational needs by increasing access to facilities and programming like dog parks, community gardens, extreme sports, and senior fitness.
- Increase utilization of supplemental resources, like volunteers, the new Parks foundation, and public/private partnerships.



Housing

- Increase housing choices to support economically diverse neighborhoods and meet demand for transit-oriented housing.
- Engage in aggressive housing rehabilitation, including energy-related improvements to existing housing stock.
- Complete neighborhood revitalization activities.
- Ensure availability of affordable housing across the city.



Historic Preservation

- Be a leader for historic preservation in Saint Paul.
- Integrate historic preservation planning into the broader public policy, land use planning and decision-making processes of the city.
- Identify, evaluate and designate historic resources.
- Preserve and protect historic resources.
- Use preservation to further economic development & sustainability.
- Preserve areas with unique architectural, urban and spatial characteristics that enhance the character of the built environment.
- Provide opportunities for education and outreach.



Water Resources

- Ensure a safe and affordable water supply system.
- Reduce pollutant loads to water bodies.
- Operate and maintain a cost effective sanitary sewer infrastructure.