

**CITY OF RAMSEY PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN FOR:  
2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE  
(DETAILED WORK PLANS TO BE DEVELOPED IN FUTURE STEPS)**

**PURPOSE:** The intent of this document is to BEGIN discussions on developing a Work Plan for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update.

What story does Ramsey want to tell?

This HAS been seen by the Planning Commission and recommendations from the Commission have been included. This has NOT been seen yet by the City Council.

This step is not intended to approve a work plan, nor authorize work to begin on updating the current 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Furthermore, acceptance of this preliminary/initial work plan does not indicate adoption or support of any component of the Comprehensive Plan or regional planning document of the Metropolitan Council. Due to the number of required elements and statutory deadlines, it will be important to plan for a workable, cost-effective work plan to accomplish the minimum necessary elements. This document is NOT a finished product and will evolve throughout the process. The City is required to update its Comprehensive Plan once every ten (10) years.

At the end of 2015, the Metropolitan Council will have completed updates to Regional System Plans (Water Resources, Transportation, Parks, and Housing). Information will then be compiled at the local, individual community level in the form of a System Statement. The System Statement is the official kick off to the required Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Ramsey. This Work Plan is anticipated to be a 12-24 month process with periodic check-ins as needed.

The Work Plan is divided into several logical categories. Specific outcomes are not identified in this work plan, but a framework to complete the necessary steps. Based on feedback from the previous 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, it will be important to start planning for citizen engagement and plan development early in the process in order to meet statutory deadlines.

This work planning will be key for budget planning purposes for the years 2016-2018 in order to identify benchmarks and required resources to complete.

Sometimes, each step can be accomplished in a single meeting. Others may take several meetings to complete. Likewise, a single meeting may accomplish multiple elements. Once general consensus is achieved, or at least as close to full consensus as possible, each individual end product will proceed through City advisory board review and then City Council adoption.

Each Element is likely to have several steps and is anticipated to commence with citizen engagement before developing alternatives or products.

The broad steps include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Ask the community the policy question
2. Identify Issues and Opportunities
3. Develop Alternatives
4. Seek Consensus on End Product

The intent of this work plan is to divide the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update into smaller, manageable tasks that will maximize the opportunity for public input.

KEY MILESTONES:

- Fall 2015: System Statements Distributed: Comprehensive Plan Update Begins
- December 31, 2018: Comprehensive Plan Updates must be adopted

**Public Element #1#2: VISION, VALUES, AND GOALS (including BACKGROUND & PURPOSE)**  
**[Required Element] – NOTE: The order of the first two (2) elements have been swapped from the original version of this document.**

Desired Outcome: Review and Amend if Desired Vision, Values, and Goals Chapter from the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Should the City update its land use vision, values, and goals?  
What do you want in your back yard?

Review of End Product:

- Economic Development Authority
- Environmental Policy Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Charter Commission
- Public Works Committee
- Planning Commission
- City Council

NOTE: Element #1 should be completed before Element #2.

**Element #2#1: REGIONAL SYSTEM PLANS – NOTE: The order of the first two (2) elements have been swapped from the original version of this document.**

Desired Outcome: Review Regional System Plans and City of Ramsey System Statement prepared by the Metropolitan Council. The intent of this step is to establish a framework and identify the question being asked of the community with this update:

“What is the future land use vision for the City of Ramsey through the year 2040?”

Additionally, this is an important step in identifying for the community why the City is updating the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Furthermore, this forum will identify what a Comprehensive Plan is and the benefit it provides to the community.

The City will consider inviting our Metropolitan Council Member and Sector Representative to assist in the intro, explain why we are here, discussion regional policies, and value of planning.

NOTE: Element #2 should be completed before Element #3.

**Element #3: LAND USE PLAN CHECK-IN #1 (DEVELOP FUTURE LAND USE MAP – THIS WILL BE CONTINUALLY/ITERATIVELY REVIEWED AT EACH STAGE)** **[Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Review and update current Future Land Use Map. NOTE: the City did hold an initial forum in 2014 and as able to gather initial feedback. The City will utilize a variety of forums to seek feedback on this map over the next 12-24 months.

What changes, if any, should the City make to its future land use map?  
What do you want in your back yard?

The following smaller geographic areas need to be addressed as part of the overall Land Use Plan:

- Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA)
- Closed Landfill Land Use Plan
- South of Highway 10
- Highway 10 Access Planning Study Impacted Parcels

Review of End Product:

- Economic Development Authority
- Environmental Policy Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- City Council

NOTE: Element #3 should be completed before Elements #4 through #84.

Elements #4 through #8 can run concurrently if desired, with specific working groups with expertise and desire in specific topical categories.

#### **Element #4: TRANSPORTATION PLAN [Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Review and Amend/Update the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

What transportation infrastructure is necessary for Ramsey?

At minimum, the following factors need to be acknowledged in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update:

1. Armstrong Boulevard Interchange Design
2. US Highway 10 Access Planning Study

Review of End Product:

1. Economic Development Authority
2. Planning Commission
3. Public Works Committee
4. City Council

The City will consider inviting a representative from the Metropolitan Council Transportation Services Division and MnDOT to review the end product. As this is identified as one of the two (2) key regional policy issues for the community, the City will also invite our Metropolitan Council Member and Sector Representative for this element.

This item is connected to the City's Legislative Platform.

**Element #5: WATER RESOURCES PLAN [Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Review and Amend/Update the Water Resources Plan. Components of this plan include:

How should Ramsey provide water to its residents?

1. Ground Water Supply (private and municipal)
2. Wastewater Treatment (private septic and regional sanitary sewer)
3. Surface Water

Review of End Product:

1. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources [advisory only as implementing agency for public wells]
2. Minnesota Department of Health [advisory only as implementing agency for private wells]
3. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency [advisory only as implementing agency for private septic systems]
4. Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization [implementing agency for surface water and erosion control management]
5. Environmental Policy Board
6. Planning Commission
7. Public Works Committee
8. City Council

This element will require a high degree of interagency coordination (City, DNR, and Metropolitan Council). As this is identified as one of the two (2) key regional priorities for the community, the City will also invite our Metropolitan Council Member and Sector Representative.

This item is connected to the City's Legislative Platform.

**Element #6: PARKS PLAN [Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Develop Comprehensive Parks Plan with metrics and financial forecasts based on the existing Master Parks and Trails Map.

What improvements to our parks and trail system would you like to see?

Review of End Product:

1. Anoka County Parks Department [advisory only as implementing agency for regional parks]
2. Parks and Recreation Commission
3. Planning Commission
4. City Council

4- The City will consider inviting a representative from the Metropolitan Council Parks Staff to review the end product.

### **Element #7: HOUSING PLAN [Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Review and update Housing Plan (developed 2006) and Housing Assistance Policy (developed 2014) and consolidate.

#### Review of End Product:

1. Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority [advisory only]
2. Economic Development Authority
3. Planning Commission
4. City Council

4. The City will consider inviting a representative from the Metropolitan Council Housing Staff to review the end product.

### **Element #8: NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN [Required Element]**

Desired Outcome: Review and update if necessary the Natural Resources Chapter of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. At the core of this chapter is an inventory of high-quality natural resources used for advisory purposes.

This will also include the required land use plan for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area.

#### Review of End Product:

1. Environmental Policy Board
2. Planning Commission
3. City Council

The following are optional elements of the Comprehensive Plan:

### **Element #9: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### Review of End Product:

1. Economic Development Authority
2. Planning Commission
3. City Council

### **Element #10: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

#### Review of End Product

1. Environmental Policy Board
2. Economic Development Authority
3. Parks and Recreation Commission
4. Charter Commission
5. Planning Commission
6. Public Works Committee
7. City Council

## **Element #11: REDEVELOPMENT AREAS**

Desired Outcome: This would be an appropriate chapter to discuss the three (3) small area plans currently under development:

1. 167/47 Retail Node
2. Future Business Park West of Armstrong
3. Old Municipal Center

### Review of End Product:

1. Economic Development Authority
2. Planning Commission
3. City Council

The following are miscellaneous chapters from the 2030 Comprehensive Plan (some of these elements 'live' within other elements above):

1. Community Identity
2. Public Facilities

## **Element #12 (REVIEW OF ELEMENT #3): LAND USE PLAN CHECK-IN #2 (DEVELOP FUTURE LAND USE MAP – THIS WILL BE CONTINUALLY/ITERATIVELY REVIEWED AT EACH STAGE) [Required Element]**

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## **Modeling 'What-If' Scenarios**

Model alternate forecasts based on the following assumptions (two alternative forecast scenarios):

- No improvements to Highway 10
- No solution to groundwater supply issues/surface water supply study