

Comprehensive Planning

A comprehensive plan guides a community through decisions related to zoning, annexation, and major public investments.

Why Update a Plan?

An up-to-date comprehensive plan provides a strong, defensible, and reliable document that can be used to review development proposals, such as annexation and rezoning requests, as they are submitted. Without an updated plan, new policies are often established in response to a specific development request. Updating the comprehensive plan allows for development issues to be proactively discussed through an iterative public process that addresses broader priorities.

What Comes First, the Plan or the Development?

In the best case scenario, a plan update precedes a new development request, thereby setting clear expectations for any new development plans be submitted in the future. However when new development requests are submitted for uses that are inconsistent with the existing plan, the City asks the question: is our plan outdated? In Naperville, plans that were last updated several years ago are particularly susceptible to this question.

“Comprehensive plans require regular review and revision for two reasons: first, new circumstances may dictate changes in the plan; second, the community’s goals may change... Although the comprehensive plan is long term, it should be formally reviewed and updated at least every five years”

- Eric Damian Kelley

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