

City of New Prague, Minnesota

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NEW PRAGUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Goals for Joint Planning Commission/City Council Meeting

The goals for this Joint Workshop include summarizing the Comprehensive Plan's progress to-date and reviewing the drafted Action Plan for Implementation, with the intention of assigning timelines and prioritization to Action Plan items.

Plan Highlights

- Vision for New Prague: *"The City of New Prague will continue to cherish its rich heritage while proactively embracing the opportunities of tomorrow. We will foster a harmonious balance between future development and preservation, continue to grow a thriving local economy by supporting a diverse range of industries, and continue to be a place of community focused growth, and opportunity for all residents."*
- Community Element Goals:
 - Community Development & Amenities
 - Goal 1: Establish the City's role as a primary driver of all types of development throughout the community.
 - Goal 2: Maintain reliable and quality public services, utilities, and facilities to encourage growth and reinvestment.
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Goal 1: Develop and support a comprehensive system of safe, aesthetically pleasing, and useful open spaces and trails that serve the entire community.
 - Goal 2: Continue partnerships with Le Sueur and Scott Counties, the State of Minnesota, adjacent communities, New Prague Area Schools, regional agencies, and civic organizations to provide comprehensive recreation facilities and programs.
 - Agriculture & Natural Resources
 - Goal 1: Protect and enhance the natural settings unique to the character of New Prague.
 - Goal 2: Manage, enhance, and preserve unique land and water resources by avoiding development on high value wetlands and floodplains.
 - Housing

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- Goal 1: Attract and retain residents including young professionals, families, and retirees by supporting Life Cycle Housing throughout the community.
- Goal 2: Complement New Prague's housing policies with economic development goals, growing businesses and population in tandem.
- Economy & Employment
 - Goal 1: Support strategic economic growth within the MN 19, MN 21, and TH 13 corridors and downtown area, to provide additional retailers, businesses, and services for the community.
 - Goal 2: Develop strategies to promote sustainable and holistic economic development.
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Goal 1: Maintain mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with neighboring counties and municipalities, as well as state and federal agencies.
 - Goal 2: Enhance the efficiency and quality of public services by collaborating with other governmental entities in the region.
- Resilience
 - Goal 1: Encourage sustainable practices throughout the community, including development and infrastructure practices.
 - Goal 2: Encourage residents to build relationships within and across neighborhoods.
- Action Plan for Implementation
 - Language developed through a workshop with the Steering Committee.
 - When complete, will expand upon the goals in the Community Elements chapter by adding relevant implementation information such as partnering agencies and anticipated timeline for completion.

Project Next Steps

- Incorporate feedback from Joint Workshop into Comprehensive Plan document.
- Pause final completion of the Comprehensive Plan update until after the completion of the City Center Small Area Plan and Sewer Feasibility Study. This will allow those results to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan without formal amendments to the goals, Future Land Use Map, etc.