 Community Development & Amenities		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 1: Establish the City's role as a primary driver of all types of development throughout the community.						
1a	Utilize the Future Land Use map to plan for new development of the area.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
1b	Explore development incentives that prioritize infill development/ redevelopment of blighted properties and utilize existing public infrastructure.	Planning Dept, EDA				
1c	Utilize small area plans, when necessary, to generate implementation strategies for redevelopment of specific sites.	Planning Dept, Hired Consultant				
1d	Revise downtown design guidelines to support the mindful maintenance, renovation, and preservation of downtown's historical character.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
1e	Support public-private partnerships and work proactively with private business and landowners to facilitate investment in the community's public amenities, economic resources, and built environment.	EDA, Chamber, Businesses, Landowners				
Goal 2: Maintain reliable and quality public services, utilities, and facilities to encourage growth and reinvestment.						
2a	Consider adopting City ordinances and regulations to preserve and protect natural resources during and after development.	Planning Commission, City Council				
2b	Encourage connectivity among new and existing developments through pedestrian/bicycle facilities and trails.	Park Board, City Council				
2c	Use engagement feedback (Appendix B) to inform capital improvement planning, budgeting, and new project selection.	City Council, Dept Heads				
2d	Use annual capital improvement planning and budget processes to secure funding for regular facility/ infrastructure maintenance, replacement, and expansion.	City Council, Dept Heads				
2e	Regularly engage with residents and businesses to ensure that services and facilities meet the needs of the community.	Planning Dept, Chamber of Commerce				



Parks and Recreation

Partners

Target Completion

0-3 years

3-6 years

7+ years

Ongoing


Goal 1: Develop and support a comprehensive system of safe, aesthetically pleasing, and useful open spaces and trails that serve the entire community.


1a	Use the 10-minute walk principle to identify and address coverage gaps in the park system as future development occurs.	Planning Dept, Park Board				
1b	Continually plan for trail linkages to important community facilities, recreational assets, and neighborhoods.	Planning Dept, Park Board				
1c	Through the development review process, encourage new development that preserves natural features, contributes new parkland, and extends the Greenway trail system (if applicable).	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, Park Board				
1d	Complete an active mobility study to identify funding and implementation strategies for off-street trail network expansion.	Planning Dept, Hired Consultant				
1e	Update New Prague's Parks Master Plan to guide future development of the community's parks, trails, and green space.	Planning Dept, Hired Consultant				
1f	Consider rail-to-trail conversion opportunities as railroad tracks within New Prague's boundaries are abandoned.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, Park Board				


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.


2a	Collaborate with the school district to share facilities for recreation and sports programs serving all populations within the community.	Planning Dept, Park Board, School District				
2b	Consider a public-private partnership to plan and build a multi-sport indoor athletic complex.	Planning Dept, Park Board, School District				
2c	Collaborate with local and regional entities to develop an off-road trail connection between the City of New Prague and Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park.	Park Board, Scott County, MN DNR, Three Rivers Park District				
2d	Create directional and/or informative signage about the community's recreational assets for visitors, employers, and potential residents.	Public Works, Park Board, Planning Dept				
2e	Gather community input and collaborate with local sports organizations to identify recreational amenities that should be expanded or enhanced.	Planning Dept, Park Board	In progress with Wold acting as consultant			

 Agriculture & Natural Resources		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 1: Protect and enhance the natural settings unique to the character of New Prague.						
1a	Continue to require areas of green space in new developments to provide for preservation and aesthetics.	Planning Commission, Park Board				
1b	Consider requiring conservation and/or comparable restoration of natural features during the development process – including preservation or replacement of trees and natural waterways.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
1c	Research, draft, and implement a tree preservation ordinance.	Planning Dept, Parks Board, Planning Commission				
1d	Prioritize infill development within the City over development on adjacent agricultural lands to maintain the rural charm surrounding the community.	Planning Commission				
1e	Raise residents' awareness of Minnesota's Right to Farm law to mediate potential conflicts between residential and agricultural uses.	Planning Dept				
Goal 2: Manage, enhance, and preserve unique land and water resources by avoiding development on high value wetlands and floodplains.						
2a	Create a conservation overlay within New Prague's zoning map that outlines specific development and conservation regulations for sensitive natural areas.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, Parks Board				
2b	Acquire and incorporate wetlands into New Prague's park system as natural amenities.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, Parks Board				
2c	Support healthy ecosystems by minimizing polluted runoff, utilizing natural stormwater management techniques, remove invasive species, and engage in biodiversity conservation efforts.	Businesses, Landowners				
2d	Preserve the natural character of the watershed through green space acquisition, floodplain regulations, and drainage corridor and buffer protection.	City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board				
2e	Support and encourage sustainable agricultural practices to protect watershed and water resource health.	City Council, Planning Commission				

 Housing		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 1: Attract and retain residents including young professionals, families, and retirees by supporting Life Cycle Housing throughout the community.						
1a	The City of New Prague should consider facilitating residential development of large and/or prohibitively expensive lots through buying and subdividing processes.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
1b	Explore a variety of housing opportunities (not just single-family homes) to provide more affordable housing for a range of households of differing needs and incomes.	Planning Commission, HUD, Scott County CDA, City HRA/CDA				
1c	Consider allowing the conversion of larger, centrally-located homes into two- or three-unit dwellings, as well as the installation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on smaller lots adjacent to downtown.	Planning Commission, City Council				
1d	Ensure that the drafted rental inspection ordinance provides relevant regulations for the conversion of large single-family homes into two- to three-unit dwellings.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
1e	Utilize development and land use plans to guide development and placement of a variety of housing units – include single-family detached homes, townhomes, duplexes, multifamily apartment buildings, manufactured homes, and mixed-use buildings, and other forms of housing sought out by homebuyers and renters.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, City Council				
1f	Encourage and promote the development of independent adult/senior housing within the community as needed.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, City Council				
1g	Regularly review zoning ordinances, subdivision codes, and City processes to encourage the removal of barriers to development.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				

 Housing (Cont.)		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 2: Complement New Prague's housing policies with economic development goals, growing businesses and population in tandem.						
2a	Locate new housing in areas with adequate access to jobs, transportation, and other daily-need amenities.	Planning Dept, Developers				
2b	Reduce barriers and provide targeted development incentives to attract developers for new housing or mixed-use projects.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, City Council				
2c	Encourage high-density development in areas in and near downtown, and near other commercial areas to provide a diverse and balanced housing type in the City.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				
2d	Advocate for funding opportunities that are otherwise not accessible to fringe communities like New Prague (not currently eligible for most Metropolitan Council and rural funding).	Planning Dept, Minnesota Housing				
2e	Revise density and parking requirements to support the feasible development of residential and mixed-use areas.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission				

 Economy & Employment		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
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.						
1a	Periodically re-evaluate the current mix of retail, restaurant, and service businesses to identify new businesses that will attract residents and regional customers to New Prague.	Planning Dept, Chamber, EDA				
1b	Continue to engage with the community to understand what types of businesses residents want and need.	Planning Dept, EDA				
1c	Use capital improvement planning, development requirements, and development agreements to ensure that infrastructure is adequate immediately and in the future.	City Council, Public Works, Planning Dept				
1d	Consider creating a corridor plan or concept with future development options for MN 19, MN 21, and/or TH 13.	Planning Dept, Hired Consultant				
1e	Utilize this Comprehensive Plan document to promote continued commercial development along the corridor that is in character with the recommendations.	Planning Dept, EDA				
1f	Regularly conduct “business retention visits” with existing business owners to evaluate current and future resource needs.	EDA, Chamber				

 Economy & Employment (cont.)		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 2: Develop strategies to promote sustainable and holistic economic development.						
2a	Identify and address the complex network of needs that could deter employees from settling in New Prague, such as a lack of housing diversity, childcare, long-term job opportunities, entertainment, etc.	Planning Dept, Planning Commission, City Council, EDA				
2b	Support the needs of the growing population by actively assisting new business opportunities via programs, space, and infrastructure.	Chamber, EDA				
2c	Maintain an adequate supply of land for commercial and industrial development, either through annexation or redevelopment.	Planning Commission, City Council, Planning Dept, Surrounding Townships				
2d	Facilitate partnerships between the school district and local businesses for the development of a "youth workforce development" program, in which high school students receive career guidance from tradespeople in the community.	MNDOT, Counties, Local Orgs., Developers, Surrounding Townships				

 Intergovernmental Cooperation		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 1: Maintain mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with neighboring counties and municipalities, as well as state and federal agencies.						
1a	Coordinate with Le Sueur and Scott Counties, the State of Minnesota, and surrounding communities to review proposed changes to land use, transportation system, and utilities that will have an impact on New Prague.	Planning Dept, Counties, State of Minnesota, Surrounding Communities and Townships				
1b	Revisit orderly annexation agreements with neighboring townships and consider drafting a short annexation phasing prioritization plan, if needed.	City Council, Surrounding Townships				
1c	Involve Rice County in any conversations concerning annexation of lands east of New Prague.	City Council, Rice County				
1d	Support New Prague Area Schools in their growth, community engagement activities, and site improvement initiatives.	City Council, School District				
1e	Partner with the school district on land use, utility, and transportation improvement planning.	City Council, School District				
Goal 2: Enhance the efficiency and quality of public services by collaborating with other governmental entities in the region.						
2a	Coordinate with adjoining jurisdictions during outdoor recreation planning to seek complementary recreation investments where service areas overlap. Work to avoid duplication of unique amenities.	Park Board, Surrounding Communities, School District				
2b	Enforce, abide by, and maintain existing intergovernmental cooperative agreements with neighboring jurisdictions to provide predictability for property owners, avoid municipal boundary disputes, and plan for efficient provision of public services.	City Council, Surrounding Communities and Townships				
2c	Collaborate with MNDOT; Le Sueur, Scott, and Rice Counties; and local organizations and developers to execute development priorities as outlined in City plans.	MNDOT, Counties, Businesses, Developers				

 Resilience		Partners	Target Completion			
			0-3 years	3-6 years	7+ years	Ongoing
Goal 1: Encourage sustainable practices throughout the community, including development and infrastructure practices.						
1a	Encourage energy efficiency in buildings, lighting, and infrastructure.	Public Works, Utilities				
1b	Support development practices that allow for the capture and use of clean energy.	Planning Commission				
1c	Utilize native and/or disease-resistant plants to maintain aesthetic and natural qualities of the community.	Public Works, Park Maintenance Dept				
1d	Prioritize and protect vital natural resources from overconsumption and destruction.	Planning Commission, Park Board, Landowners				
1e	Support the addition of charging stations for electric vehicles at public entities as well as with new commercial development.	Planning Commission, City Council, Utilities Commission				
1f	Encourage the reduction of waste community-wide, while leveraging environmentally friendly disposal opportunities such as the existing community compost area.	Planning Commission, City Council, Utilities Commission				
1g	Continue implementing GreenStep best practices to achieve community sustainability and quality-of-life goals.	Planning Commission, City Council				
Goal 2: Encourage residents to build relationships within and across neighborhoods.						
2a	Collaborate with local leaders to improve residents' connections to City departments, local nonprofit organizations, and each other.	Dept Heads, Chamber, Residents, Police Dept				
2b	Encourage interaction among residents through small-scale gatherings such as neighborhood block parties.	Chamber, City Council				
2c	Continue to plan and support large-scale community gatherings and "legacy events" such as the New Prague Dožínky Festival.	Chamber, City Council				
2d	Explore ways of supporting and promoting community gardens, farmers markets and other similar community-based food projects.	Park Board				