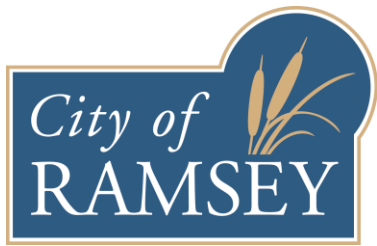


## Ramsey2040: Key Themes

**2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE  
STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ONE  
Monday, February 27, 2017**

### TOPIC IDENTIFICATION

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Interested in the future of Ramsey                      | IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII |
| Rural Character   | IIIIIIII             |
| Community Center/Youth Athletics                        | IIIIII               |
| Highways and Roads                                      | IIIIII               |
| Parks (dog park, small neighborhood parks)              | IIIIII               |
| Schools   | IIIIII               |
| Natural Resources/Climate Resilience                    | IIII                 |
| The COR   | IIII                 |
| Housing issues  | II                   |
| Destinations  | I                    |
| Forward Thinking  | I                    |
| Is this a plan for Agenda21?                            | I                    |
| Goals in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan never materialized | I                    |
| Rum River Hills Golf Course Redevelopment               | I                    |
| Our parcel shrunk without our permission                | I                    |
| Civic engagement  | I                    |
| Shops and retail  | I                    |
| National Self Storage compatibility                     | I                    |
| Harvest Estates   | I                    |
| Property rights   | I                    |
| Property pride – standards for code enforcement         | I                    |



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## RURAL CHARACTER

- Maintain open areas
- Keep property taxes low for multi acre property owners – towns don't have to be all high density
- Keep well and septic available to low density areas
- Natural buffers (visual) – transitions from density areas
- Don't add street lights
  - Shrouds for existing lights
- Maintain area for local source farms
  - Communities need to provide more for themselves
  - Provide tax breaks
- Biology and Nature workshops
  - Bioblitz
- Shade tree education and protection
- Education and incentives for gardening and micro farming
  - Local food producers
- Promote land use for livestock – small scale
- Maintain natural corridors for wildlife movement
- Keep and develop wildlife areas
- Timed lights in community areas
- Non-GMO zones

## PARKS

- Repair – i.e. boardwalks at Itasca Park
- Plant more shrubs and native grass
- No spray on plantings
- Add public art – parks and COR
- Community flower beds/parks
- Recreation Center
- Windbreak at dog park
- Playgrounds within neighborhoods, not just by parks
- Embrace the rivers – as an asset – use as a source of tourism
- Finish Central Park – lights, parking, state tourney
- More canoe rentals

## TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

- Centralize business area around COR versus sprawl
- Safe, pedestrian /bicycling friendly existing roads
- Slow down speed limits in residential areas – 40 max
  - Varlomite Street
  - Green Valley Road (63)
- Highway 10 Congestion (Park & Rides?) - Light rail is great
- Highway 10 stoplights by Quik Trip and Sunfish Lake Blvd – why?
  - Please put an overpass in – my journey takes 10-20 minutes longer
- Sustainability versus growth

## SCHOOLS

- Ramsey Middle School(s)
- Ramsey High School
- Modular – make expandable – future proof
- Multi-Use
- Activities keep families in the area

## MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

- Would like to see plans for another senior building in the area
- We need more public awareness/teaching of the laws concerning bike trails that cross streets. Both kids and adults ride right across the streets without looking assuming the driver will stop. I read on MN Law that they only have right of way if they get off their bike and walk it across as then they are considered a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Drivers need to know which is correct also. Public info would be appreciated. Thanks.
- Please leave Rivlyn Avenue as a residential street. Do not bow to pressure from Lano, Dahlheimer, etc., to make it a frontage road. Please keep it residential! Thanks
- Stop sign at Iodine and 144<sup>th</sup> – daycares on corner – speeding cars