



Ramsey2040: Land Use Goals

a) The needs and rights of existing residents are balanced with the needs and rights of those who wish to develop

STRATEGIES:

1. Continue the citizen-focused public involvement process for new development that solicits feedback from the public at the beginning of the process
2. Develop a meaningful density transition ordinance that incorporates lot size, transitioning, screening, space, berms, landscaping, or buffers
3. Protect Ramsey's rural character while providing opportunities for urban growth

b) A variety of housing densities and types

STRATEGIES:

1. Develop dense, mixed-use environments in The COR and other key locations served by sewer and water
2. Assess the market for various housing types and densities and have the Land Use Plan reflect appropriate opportunities to match market demand

c) Fair and consistent land use regulations

STRATEGIES:

1. Develop a policy for processing comprehensive plan amendments
2. Establish a rational, logical staging plan for extension of MUSA consistent with the Comprehensive Sewer Plan and tied to Comprehensive Plan Amendment Policy

d) Walkable neighborhoods

STRATEGIES:

1. Include a review of infrastructure, including parking for walking and other non-motorized transportation modes when reviewing any transportation improvement projects
2. Explore options for revising the City's sidewalk policy, including requiring sidewalks or trails on both sides of some new public streets, different standards for public versus private roads, high-volume versus low-volume roads, and issues related to long-term maintenance
3. Locate residential development at appropriate densities near services to encourage walking

e) Efficient growth

STRATEGIES:

1. New development should use existing infrastructure where possible
2. New development should be built close to existing or proposed services such as commercial, employment, and government, where possible.

f) The COR is constructed in accordance with its vision

STRATEGIES:

1. Complete The COR Development Plan Update
2. Concentrate the highest density residential development in or near The COR and at other key locations as shown on the future land use map
3. Encourage residential and commercial development in the Town Center before other parts of the City
4. Market the Ramsey Station as a land use tool
5. Develop incentives for the The COR to enhance its marketability
6. Maintain high quality design standards for the The COR.

g) Adequate retail and commercial services

STRATEGIES:

1. Locate other neighborhood commercial nodes with basic services available close to existing and future residential neighborhood concentrations
2. Assess the supply of commercial and industrial land available for development
3. Implement the future business park west of Armstrong Boulevard

h) New development is well-integrated with existing development

STRATEGIES:

1. New development should protect natural resources, make trail connections, and blend in with surrounding development
2. Use clustering and/or conservation development practices to protect existing neighborhoods and natural resources
3. Develop form-based codes
4. Develop a meaningful density transition ordinance that incorporates lot size, transitioning, screening, space, berms, landscaping, or buffers

i) The rights of property owners are respected and protected within the planning and development process.

STRATEGIES:

1. Private property owners will be allowed the maximum use and enjoyment of their property, as free as practical from excess taxation, assessment, or intrusion consistent with good planning and the well-being of the larger community.
2. The rights of private property owners will be balanced with the need to protect and enhance natural resources in the community.
3. The rights of private property owners will be balanced with the need to provide a safe and efficient transportation system in the community.
4. The rights of private property owners will be balanced with the needs of future development.

j) Property rights are protected along with natural resources

STRATEGIES:

1. Explore options to compensate property owners for development rights to protect natural resources
2. Regularly assess outcomes of ordinances related to natural resources and make changes as necessary
3. Provide incentives to homeowners for the permanent protection of high-value natural resource areas.