

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Monday, December 11, 2017
6:00 pm
Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

1. Call to Order
2. Committee Business
 1. Review Draft Economic Development Chapter of Comprehensive Plan
 2. Review Draft Natural Resources Chapter of Comprehensive Plan
 3. Receive Progress Report and Schedule for Comprehensive Plan Update
3. Adjournment

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Meeting Date: 12/11/2017

By: Tim Gladhill, Community Development

Information

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City of Ramsey 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Economic Development Plan

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Goal/Initiative	Tactic	Timeframe	Key Outcomes	Additional Resources
	<p><u>1) Business Retention & Expansion</u> The large majority local economic growth comes from existing Ramsey businesses. The purpose of this goal is to develop and maintain positive relationships with existing Ramsey businesses (establish trust). This goal is implemented through quality customer service, businesses visits, and facilitating business events.</p> <p>In 2017, staff would like to review the option of utilizing the University of Minnesota’s BRE program (link). If the EDA was interested in the program, Connexus Energy has indicated a willingness to sponsor the program (2018).</p>	Ongoing	<p>Complete 24 business visits annually.</p> <p>Execute EDA business expo, business appreciation golf tournament, and fall networking event. Participate in Anoka County Broker Event and MN Marketing Partnership.</p> <p><i>This tactic fits within EDA objectives 2 and 3.</i></p>	Currently Sufficient: assuming moderate customer service demand levels, sufficient resources exist to complete this tactic as proposed.
	<p><u>2) Future Business Park</u> Continue to move along the City’s future business park initiative. Below are major work items to be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalize Economic Development Analysis 2. Develop and solidify the City’s position/ involvement/ policy. 3. Attain shovel ready status. 	Complete/Ongoing	<p>“Ready-to-go” business park and clear position of City involvement.</p> <p><i>This tactic fits within EDA objectives 2 and 3 and the City’s strategic plan.</i></p>	<p>Currently Sufficient: assuming moderate customer service demand levels, sufficient resources exist to complete this tactic as proposed.</p> <p>This work item does require use of third-party professional services (Shovel Ready Certifications, Economic Development Analysis, and subsequent due-diligence). TIF #1 and the EDA Fund have been identified as funding sources for this work in the past by the EDA and City Council.</p>

	<p><u>(3) Old Municipal Center Redevelopment</u> Facilitate redevelopment of old municipal center site. Below are major work items to be completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove former Fire Station #2 and clean site 2. Close on sale of property, phase #2 3. Close out land-swap agreement with Meadow Creek Builders 	Complete/Ongoing	<p>Old municipal center site cleaned and ready for sale by Winter 2016.</p> <p><i>This tactic fits within EDA objectives 1 and the Council's strategic plan.</i></p>	<p>Currently Sufficient: assuming moderate customer service demand levels, sufficient resources exist to complete this tactic as proposed.</p> <p>The Anoka County HRA account has been identified as a funding source for the demolition and site clean-up work in the past.</p>
	<p><u>(4) Recruit new industry and major retail businesses to Ramsey</u></p>	Ongoing	<p>Secure two new 30,000 square foot retail, and two new 30,000 square foot industrial facilities.</p> <p><i>This tactic fits within EDA objective 1. This tactic fits within the City's strategic plan and Council policy discussions.</i></p>	<p>Currently Sufficient: this tactic requires assistance from the City's real estate broker CBRE; and demand from the development market.</p> <p>In order to provide latitude on which method is selected to tackle this goal (several exist), staff is requesting an increase of the EDA marketing budget line item from \$3,000 to \$30,000 in 2017.</p>
	<p><u>(5) Sell Surplus City Owned Land</u> The City owns a large inventory of surplus land available for development.</p> <p>Attain shovel ready status for all listed City owned property (including cut/fill estimations and identifying major costs for development—such as required extension of public infrastructure).</p>	Ongoing	<p>Land sales are closed. Staff shall provide an annual overview.</p> <p><i>This tactic fits within EDA objective 1. This tactic fits within the City's strategic plan and Council policy discussions.</i></p>	<p>Currently Sufficient: assuming moderate customer service demand levels, sufficient resources exist to complete this tactic as proposed.</p> <p>This work item does require use of third-party professional services (Shovel Ready Certifications and subsequent due-diligence). TIF #1 has been identified as a funding source for this work.</p>
	<p><u>(7) COR Development Pro-Forma and Policy</u> The City of Ramsey has taken the role of master developer for The COR. From a development perspective, the list of City obligations (expenditures) for The COR is relatively long, and at this point not well-defined. Additionally, the list of revenue streams from The COR is relatively straight forward, but have been committed informally in several instances. Staff would like to develop a pro-forma for The COR outlining all anticipated expenses and all anticipated revenues for the project.</p>	2018	Completed development pro-forma.	<p>This work will require assistance from third party professionals:</p> <p>(A) infrastructure analysis for The COR--\$20,000-\$30,000.</p> <p>(B) regional stormwater plan for The COR--\$15,000-\$30,000.</p> <p>(C) updated sign plan and cost estimates for The COR--\$5,000-\$15,000.</p> <p>At this point, the numbers outlined above a very preliminary. Staff would like to get quotes for EDA review.</p>

	<p>NOTE: this work has been partially completed in the past in many different forms (i.e. Landform, Ehlers, City C.I.P., etc.).</p> <p>This discussion also warrants the City to take policy positions on various items (i.e. expenses) and how they will be paid for (all city, all developer, split, etc.), and roughly when various improvements will be made.</p> <p>Completion of this pro-forma will put the City in a much better position to effectively analyze development proposals, strategize marketing efforts (i.e. pricing of land), budget discussions, and various policy items.</p>			<p>Staff anticipates various funding sources will be utilized to implement this work.</p>
	<p><u>(8) RALF</u> The Metropolitan Council reinstated the RALF (revolving acquisition loan fund) program in 2015 with eligibility modifications which significantly affect cities' ability to use this program. In fact, since the 2015 rule change, no RALF awards have been made by the Metropolitan Council, to any city</p> <p>Staff would like the EDA/ City Council to consider pursuing amendments/ exceptions to the RALF program criteria. Staff is receiving requests/ inquiries from Highway 10 property owners RE this subject; which are intensifying with time.</p> <p>Staff would like to submit a RALF application to the Metropolitan Council to test/ challenge their new policies and positions. Additionally, said application will serve as a base point for future policy discussions for the City of Ramsey.</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>A RALF program that can actually be utilized by the City of Ramsey.</p>	<p>No additional resources requested. Normal staff duties.</p>
	<p><u>(9) Business Incubator</u> Consider utilizing vacant space on the second floor of the Ramsey Municipal Center for a business incubator</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>Decide if the City has a genuine interest in starting a business incubator.</p>	<p>At this point, no additional resources are being requested. Based on the scope of this project, additional resources will be needed.</p>

	<p>program—(or a cowork space, COCO).</p> <p>Staff would like to kick the process with a scoping meeting (i.e. how should we approach this task).</p>		<p>Have a general scope for what a business incubator means in Ramsey.</p>	
	<p><u>(10) ZIP Code</u> In 2015, the City of Ramsey did open its doors to the first ever Ramsey substation USPS Post Office. Although this is a positive step for Ramsey, the need for an independent zip code still exists. The purpose of this tactic is to pursue an independent zip code for our community.</p> <p>Process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet USPS minimum standards for obtaining a new zipcode (delivery points, deliver routes, scheme items, sectors). The City needs to submit a request for an audit. 2. USPS audit made— Ramsey either meets minimum thresholds or not. If they do, move on to step 3. 3. USPS conducts a survey of community to gather feedback/ support for a new zip code. 4. USPS grants Ramsey a new zip code. 	<p>2018</p>	<p>Approval or denial of a new Ramsey zip code.</p>	<p>No additional resources requested. Normal staff duties.</p>

Existing Industrial Opportunities

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Ramsey/Anoka Industrial Park.

Put a description here. It is 1,000 acres.

- About 1,000 acres
- About 15,000 jobs
- Hundreds of businesses, with a high concentration of manufacturing

Future Industrial Opportunities

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- New 115-acre business park NW of new interchange
- 15-acre Connexus site, within existing business park.
- 9.3-acre city owned site, within existing business park.

Bunker Lake Industrial Park

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Figure 1: Map of Bunker Lake Industrial Park

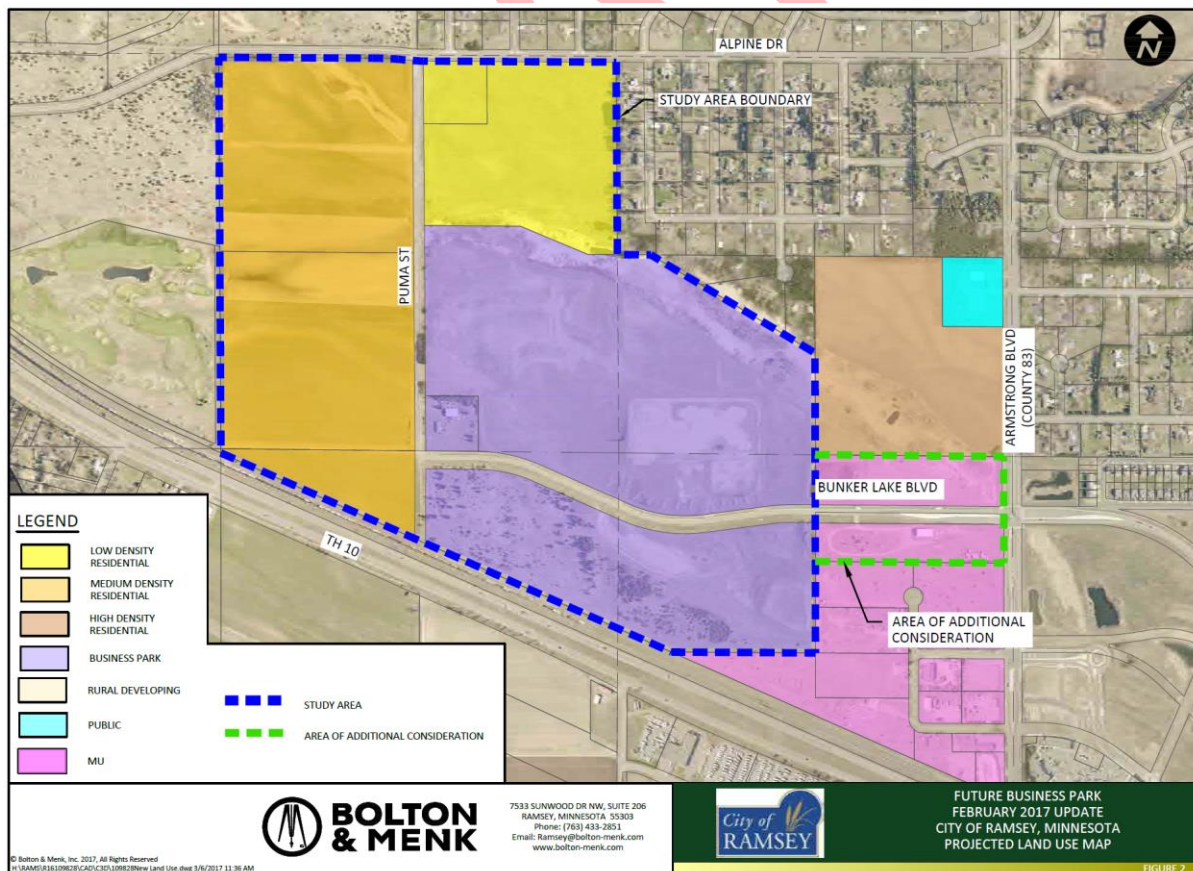


Figure 2: PSD, LLC Master Plan

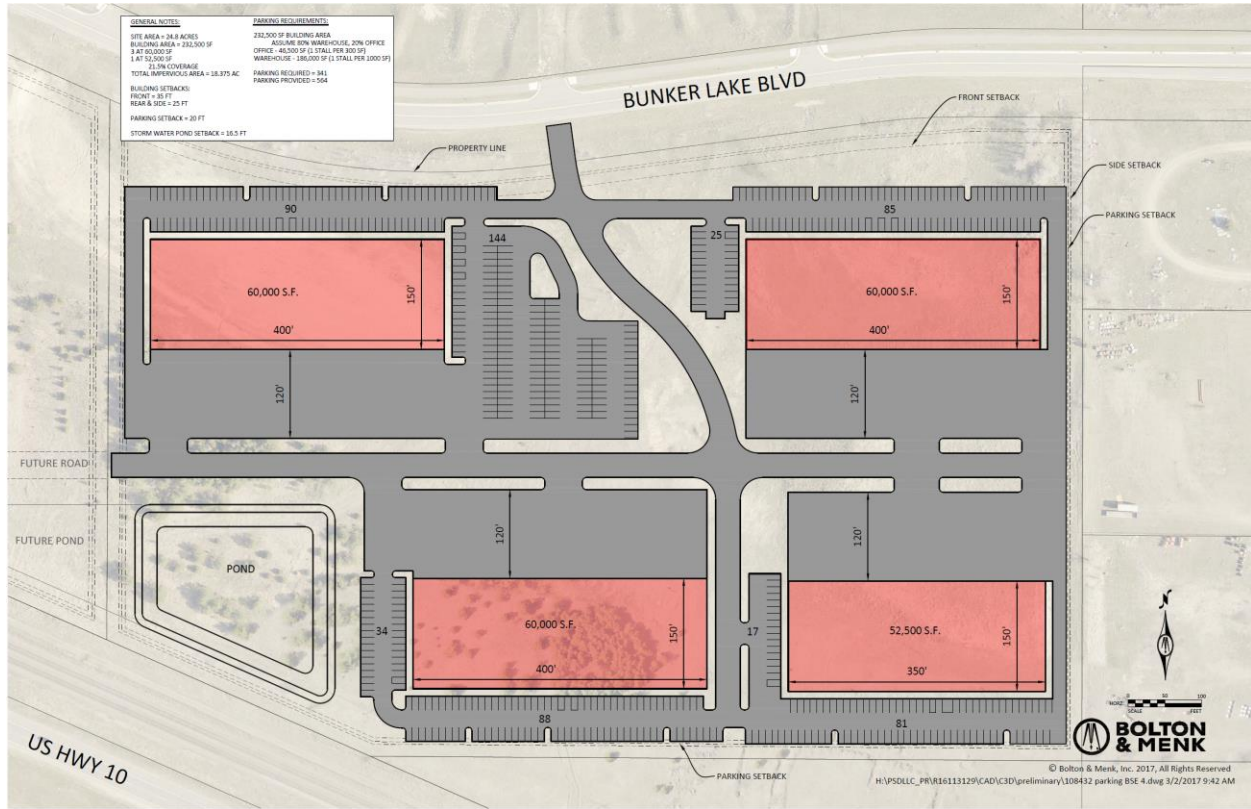


Figure 3: Hageman Holdings



Retail Development Goals

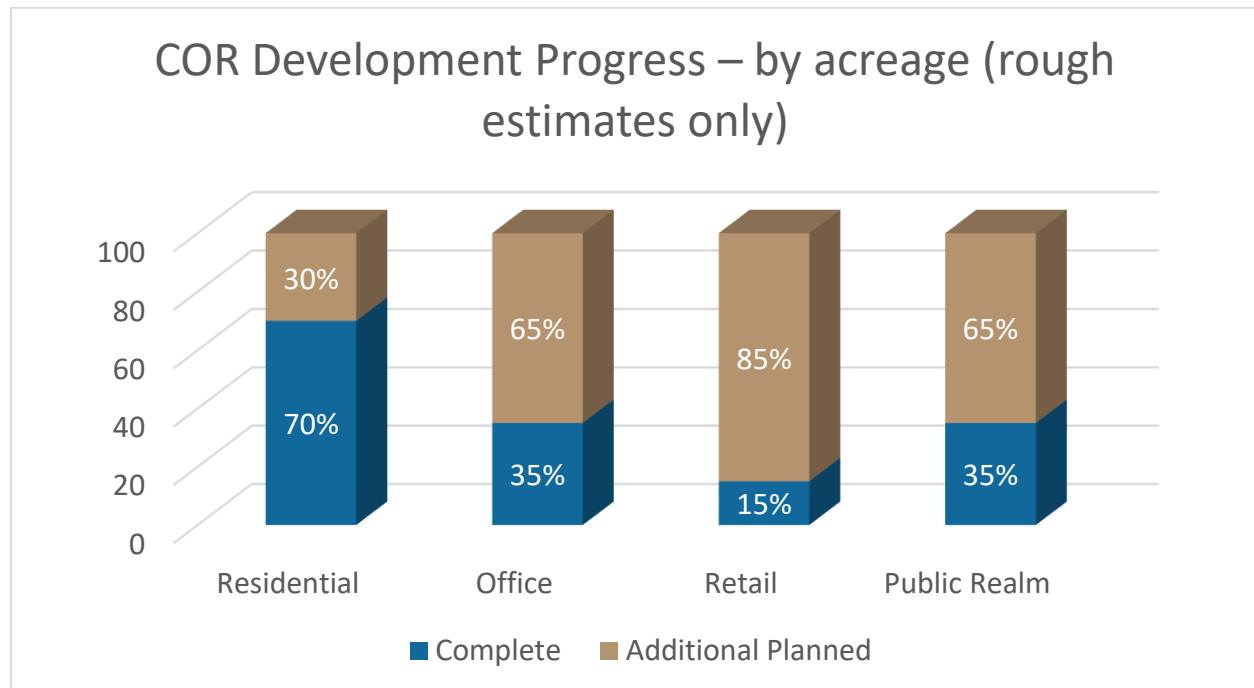
Describe our retail goals here. 115 acres guided for future retail development.

Figure 4: Retail Guided Areas

Create a map of the areas guided for retail.

Retail Goals in The COR

Table 1: Planned Growth in The COR



Rum River Hills

This is the 167th Node.

Background

The retail node located at 167th Avenue and Trunk Highway 47 has been a topic of discussion with City Councils and EDA boards for several years (“167/47 Node”). The 167/47 Node has struggled to become economically viable for some time, is experiencing high vacancy rates, an increase of blighted building conditions and escalating crime.

The City has received a significant number of inquiries from property and business owners located in the 167/47 Node from 2012 to 2013 requesting assistance to address concerns. Additionally, the City of Ramsey owns an inventory of real property located adjacent to the 167/47 Node totaling 16.52 acres. Said property was identified as surplus City owned land in 2012 and is available for sale.

The EDA, Planning Commission and City Council have expressed interest in addressing the 167/47 Node.

Purpose

Guide City participation in the redevelopment of the 167/47 Node; and, specifically identify a common goal, vision, working parameters and garner public input.

The desired outcome of this document is to develop a clear, consistent, transparent and fair process the City, prospective developers, property owners and Staff can rely on as proposals are received. The Ramsey Economic Development Authority (EDA) shall act as first point of contact for City in relation to the 167/47 Node by utilizing this Statement of Goals.

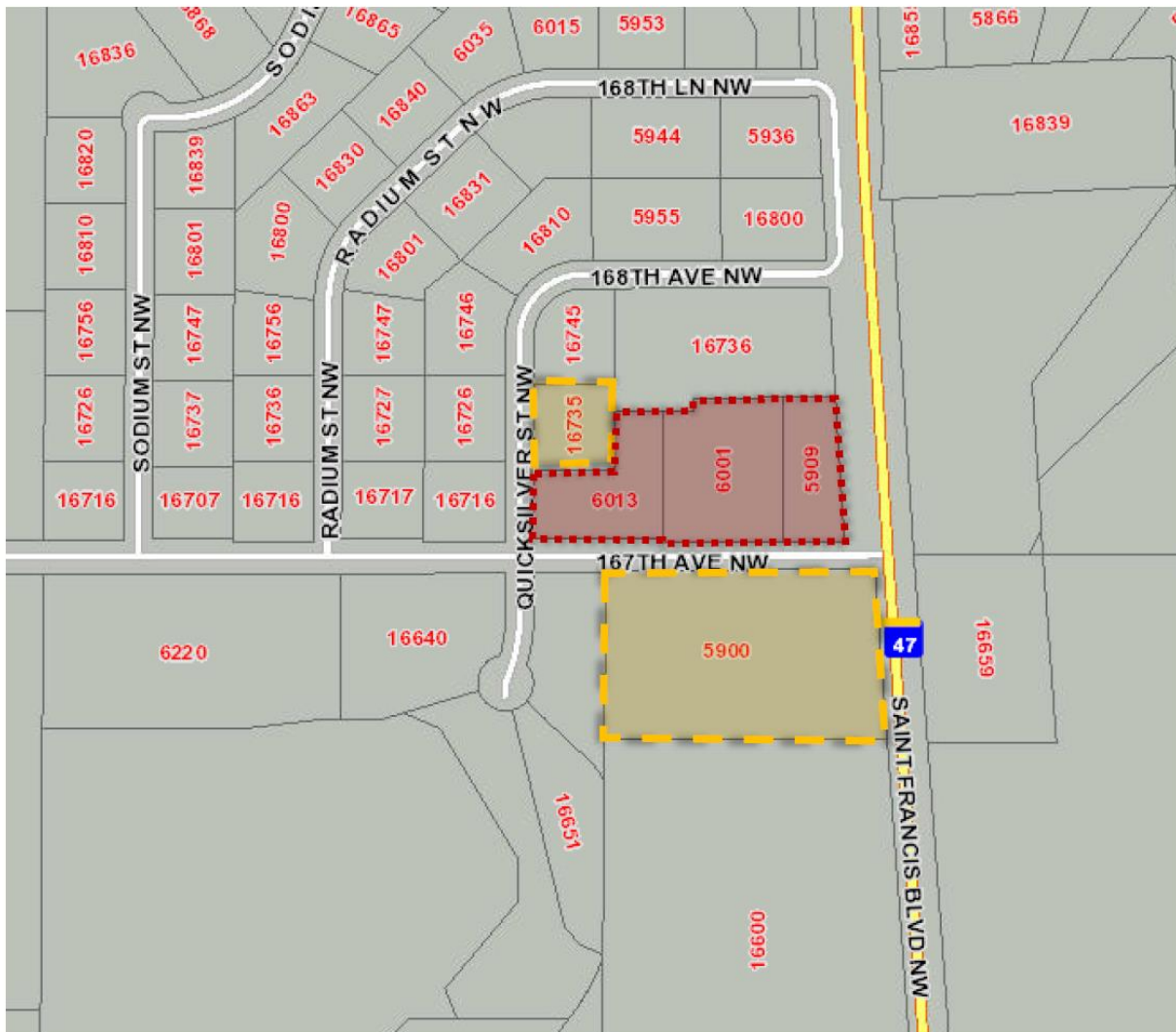
Note: The City Council makes all final policy decisions; which may deviate from this document. This document is not a legally binding agreement.

Goal

To improve and/or remove blight from *properties-of-concern* and encourage sustainable market-driven redevelopment of the 167/47 Node that will benefit the entire City of Ramsey.

Figure 5: Area of Concern

RED [Sort Dash]: Primary Area of Concern
 YELLOW [Long Dash]: Secondary Area of Concern



Vision

A mixture of residential and retail uses. Residential users may include single family residential, townhomes, or senior living units as directed by the market. Retail will include a market driven neighborhood commercial node. Redevelopment of the 167/47 Node should include a connection to Elmcrest Park and/or nearby trails where feasible.

Parameters

Listed below are a number of parameters intended to develop a clear, consistent, transparent and fair process the City, prospective developers, property owners and Staff can rely on as proposals and inquiries are received.

- A. CITY LAND ACQUISITION: The City does not support purchasing property to redevelop the 167/47 retail node.
- B. MARKETING: The Ramsey EDA does support facilitating a professional marketing package for the 167/47 retail node to entice redevelopment/investment; which would include:
 - I. Information matrix: asking prices, County valuations, tax information, utility information, ownership buy-in, maps, current zoning information, future land use information, etc.
 - II. An inventory of what City and State financial assistance options exist for a potential redevelopment project.
 - III. List of desirable uses (i.e. retail and wide range of residential); and, other allowable uses (i.e. compatible to surrounding residential)
 - IV. Professional material developed in partnership with the City and proactively marketed by a third party broker. Broker will be chosen by ownership group.
 - V. Marketing material shall be paid for by the ownership group. The Ramsey EDA is willing to considering financially contributing to this effort.
- C. ZONING:
 - I. The City would support a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendment to allow retail or residential (of the appropriate density that balances compatibility of the surrounding area and market viability) land uses at 167/47 Node.
 - II. The Planning Commission will review requests for additional Permitted or Conditional Uses.
- D. CITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:
 - I. AVAILABLE TOOLS:
The City has a number of financial assistance programs potentially available for qualified projects; including

2. Tax Abatement
3. EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
4. Anoka County HRA Account
5. State Redevelopment Grant and Loan Program
6. Land Write Down (City Owned Parcels)

The City will consider all financial assistance programs listed above only for projects that directly address existing blighted properties; see Appendix A: Primary Area of Concern.

Utilization of financial assistance requires completion and approval of a Business Subsidy Application by the Ramsey EDA and City Council. Consideration will be based on the merits of an individual project and community benefit.

II. EDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)

Upon adoption of this Statement of Goals, the Ramsey EDA will review alternatives to utilize the City’s existing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to stimulate cleanup and revitalization of the 167/47 Node. This *may* include, but is not limited to the following:

- i. Storefront Matching grants to help encourage/spark the ‘clean-up’ or improved ‘curb-appeal’ of properties. For example, a matching grant with a \$10,000 maximum City contribution.
- ii. Revitalization Loan Program: low interest loans that are tied to revitalizing properties to a marketable condition.

NOTE: the City has about \$275,000 available for these types of programs. This effort would require the creation and adoption of new program polices.

III. PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

It has been requested, for the City to consider funding a pedestrian underpass to connect the east and west side of MN trunk Highway 47. A pedestrian underpass would increase public safety, enhance connectivity to and from Elmcrest Park and increase foot traffic to retail businesses.

At this point, the City will not pre-commit a specific funding source, or specific dollar amount, to a pedestrian underpass. The City would react to this specific request at the time of future development; and, would base their response on the merits of a project—and the value it will bring to the community. Examples of potential funding solutions below:

- i. Cost Share Agreement with developer (most desired)
- ii. Redevelopment TIF District proceeds
- iii. Grant Programs (various)
- iv. Park/Trail Dedication Fees (from 167/47 area, new development)
- v. Land Write Down Contribution (city owned parcels)
- vi. Anoka County HRA Account

NOTE: When future development occurs, the City will consider methods beyond a pedestrian underpass for increasing safety at the 167/47 intersection.

IV. SEWER TRUNK FUND

The 167/47 Node is not currently connected to City sanitary sewer service. Extending sanitary sewer service to this node will make properties more attractive for future development and will provide existing property owners with an alternative to the use of septic tanks.

Presently, the City of Ramsey is not willing to *fully* fund a special sanitary sewer service line to the 167/47 Node. However, if a property owner (or developer) was willing to share the cost of extending sewer service, the City would be willing to discuss an agreement.

NOTES:

The cost of extending a special 8" force main sanitary sewer line to the 167/47 Node is estimated to be \$1.5M. It is estimated, at full build out, the special 167/47 Node sewer trunk line would recapture \$500,000-\$750,000 in sewer trunk fees (based on 2012 adopted sewer trunk fees). Therefore, a shortfall of \$750,000-\$1M in funding would occur.

Additionally, extending an undersized, special, sanitary sewer line to the 167/47 node may result in extra costs (in the long run) if the City ever decided to serve the north east portion of the Ramsey with sanitary sewer service.

Today, the City does have sufficient trunk fund dollars to pay for the 167/47 Node special sanitary sewer line. However, the City is planning for sanitary sewer service in three other future growth locations in Ramsey. Unlike the 167/47 Node, said areas do have sufficient forecasted development capacity to fully recapture the cost of proposed future sanitary sewer trunk lines.

Public Input

Two levels of public input were critical to this Statement of Goals: (A) Primary Property Owners; and (B) Surrounding Property Owners.

A. Primary Property Owners:

Primary property owners are outlined in Appendix B.

The City does support facilitating an ownership meeting group to brainstorm options, share information and to investigate opportunities for redevelopment and additional uses that are compatible with the surrounding residential area. This effort will be led by the Economic Development Authority (EDA).

The City desires a consistent, collaborative approach with a single voice amongst all property owners. Several separate messages per individual property owner is not a desired nor effective approach.

The City has received direction from surrounding property owners to market the entire 167/47 Node as an opportunity to developers—rather than only marketing properties individually. Through the EDA, the City will explore options to support a joint marketing effort for the 167/47 Node.

B. Surrounding Property Owners:

On September 26, 2013, the City of Ramsey hosted a collaborative public process with residents to discuss opportunities and barriers for redevelopment of the 167/47 Node. The intent of this process was to garner general public input before specific development proposals were crafted and reviewed by the City; and, before this Statement of Goals was adopted. The planning and facilitation of this public input process was led by the Planning Commission. 232 nearby property owners were invited via direct mailing, 26 participants registered and staff estimates over 30 people attended.

The following summarized public input was received:

I. PUBLIC UN-DESIRED USES

- Manufacturing
- Warehousing (in most cases)
- High density housing

II. PUBLIC DESIRED USES/IMPROVEMENTS

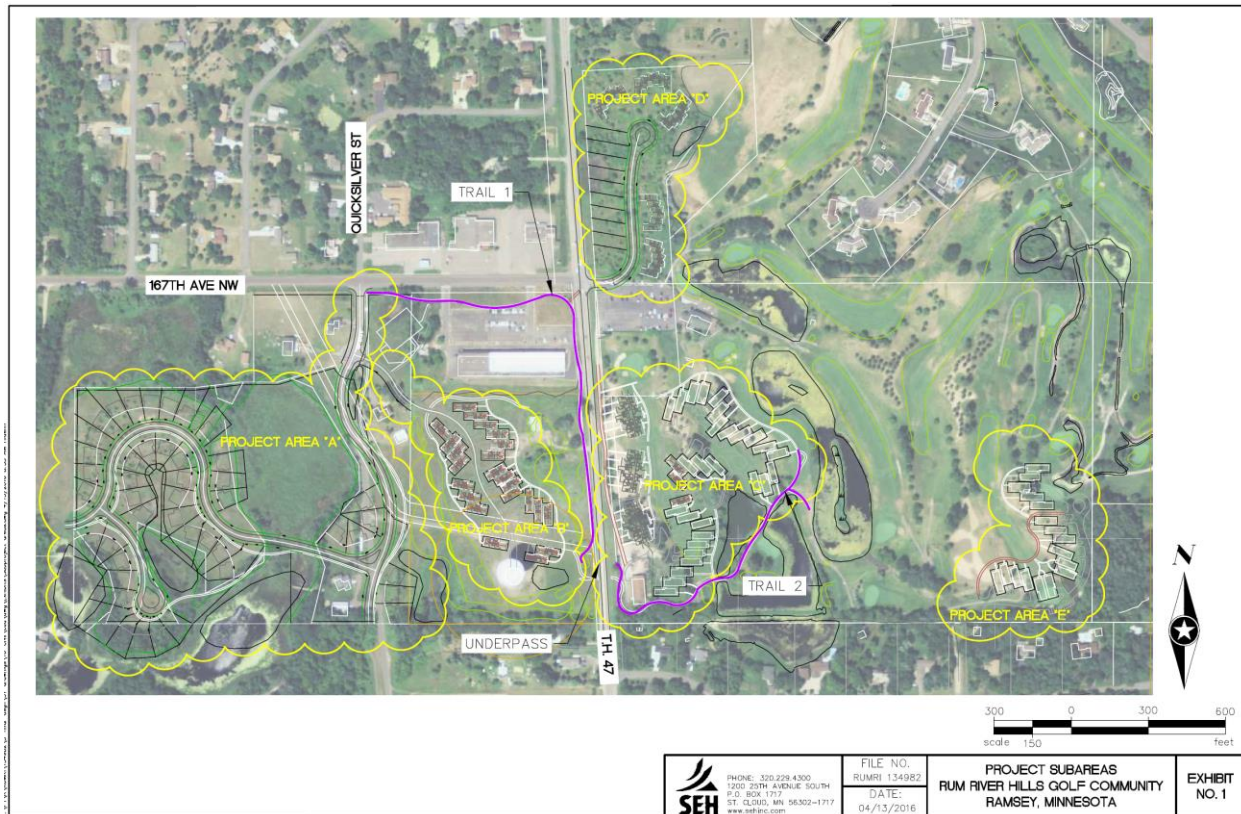
- Grocery store, coffee shop, convenience store, gun range, bar/lounge, hardware store, restaurant
- Anchor businesses
- Single family homes, retirement homes
- Townhomes are acceptable (in most cases)
- City support, light at intersection, address septic/sewer
- More rooftops and population needed

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Rum River Hills Redevelopment Plan

The Rum River Hills has proposed a redevelopment plan to the City.

Figure 6: Rum River Hills Development Plan



Economic Development Tools

The City of Ramsey has a number of financial tools available for economic development projects. Below is an overview of common economic development tools.

GAP FINANCING:

1. Ramsey Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
2. Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF)

The City's RLF and the DEED MIF programs are used to fill the financial "gap" of a particular project. A financial gap occurs when private financing and/or owner equity cannot fund an entire project. Commonly, these programs are used to purchase equipment; however, other eligible uses exist. Interest rates and terms are negotiable.

DEED JOB CREATION FUND:

3. Capital Investment Rebate
4. Job Creation Rebate

DEED assistance to projects that have capital investment and provide well-paying jobs. Program would allow for a company to receive a 5% rebate on capital expenditures (construction costs, materials etc.) up

to \$500,000. In addition, this program allows for up to \$500,000 in job creation rebates based upon jobs created and their salary levels.

PROPERTY TAX PROGRAMS:

- 5. Tax Abatement
- 6. Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Tax abatement and TIF are local tax programs typically used for development or land acquisition costs. In general, both programs work by capturing property taxes generated by a particular parcel then dedicating said tax revenue for a specific project cost.

PRIMARY FINANCING:

- 7. Private Primary Lender and/or Owner Equity [no involvement from City]
- 8. Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB)

Typically, projects are funded in large part by a private primary lender and with some level of owner equity. Certain manufacturing projects are eligible for complete funding via Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB). IRBs are have a tax exempt status—which results in a lower interest rate for the borrower.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TOOLS I AM ELIGIBLE FOR?

Identifying finical tools your business may be eligible for is a clearer and cleaner process if project specs can be provided to the City (i.e. project budget, job details, building specs, etc.).

DISCLAIMER: Eligibility for financing tools based on the merit of an individual project, compliance with specific program requirements and in many cases approval from the Ramsey EDA and City Council. The City of Ramsey targets quality projects with high quality job growth. Typically, projects require owner equity and/or private financing. Most programs require specific job creation goals and annual reporting. The following pages provide detailed information on each program.

Tax Increment Financing

Description goes here.

Figure 7: Development District No. 1

A map of Development District No. 1.

Figure 8: Tax Increment Financing Districts

A map of TIF Districts.

Economic Development Implementation

The Metropolitan Council’s Regional Development Framework, ThriveMSP 2040, outlines roles for the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey for land use policy. Specific to land use policy, the Metropolitan Council has set a goal for the region to achieve Economic Competitiveness.

Ramsey Role	Metropolitan Council Role
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how local efforts to focus economic development strategies along existing commercial centers (historic downtowns or commercial corridors) can contribute to the region’s overall economic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in regional amenities and services, • including transit, regional parks and trails, and bikeways to support the Emerging Suburban Edge area as an attractive place to locate and do business.

<p>competitiveness through enhanced integration of local and regional planning efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect sites for highway-, river- and rail-dependent manufacturing and freight transportation needs from incompatible uses and identify local land supply and transportation needs for effective use of those sites. • Identify important multimodal intersections, alternative freight routes, key intersections, and other existing opportunities that may contribute to local and regional economic competitiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote local planning around key intersections, regional infrastructure, and business needs. • Support the development of workforce housing to provide nearby housing options for employees of local employers. • Convene interested partners to further strategies towards increasing regional competitiveness and include discussion of how Emerging Suburban Edge communities can contribute to the region’s overall economic growth.
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- Purchased two (2) Weed Wrenches to assist property owners with managing and eradicating certain invasive species, specifically Buckthorn.
- Protected Ramsey's rural character in many areas of the community, representing the largest land area category in the community.
- Mitigated City's financial risks associated by new developments by encouraging new development to focus near existing infrastructure.
- Ensured new development protected natural resources, made trail connections, and blended in with surrounding development.
- Employed conservation subdivision practices aimed to protect existing neighborhoods and natural resources.
- Struck a balance between land use planning, policy development, natural resource protection, and private property rights.
- Refined the Tree Preservation Ordinance to establish a reforestation standard and proactively began working with developers to establish street trees rather than just front yard trees.
- Encouraged stormwater management systems/plans that incorporating rain harvesting techniques (reducing the demand on and use of groundwater for irrigation) and rain gardens (to promote infiltration and groundwater recharge).
- Employed new strategies to help residents recycle additional materials and divert more materials from landfills.
- Implemented an organics recycling program for residents.

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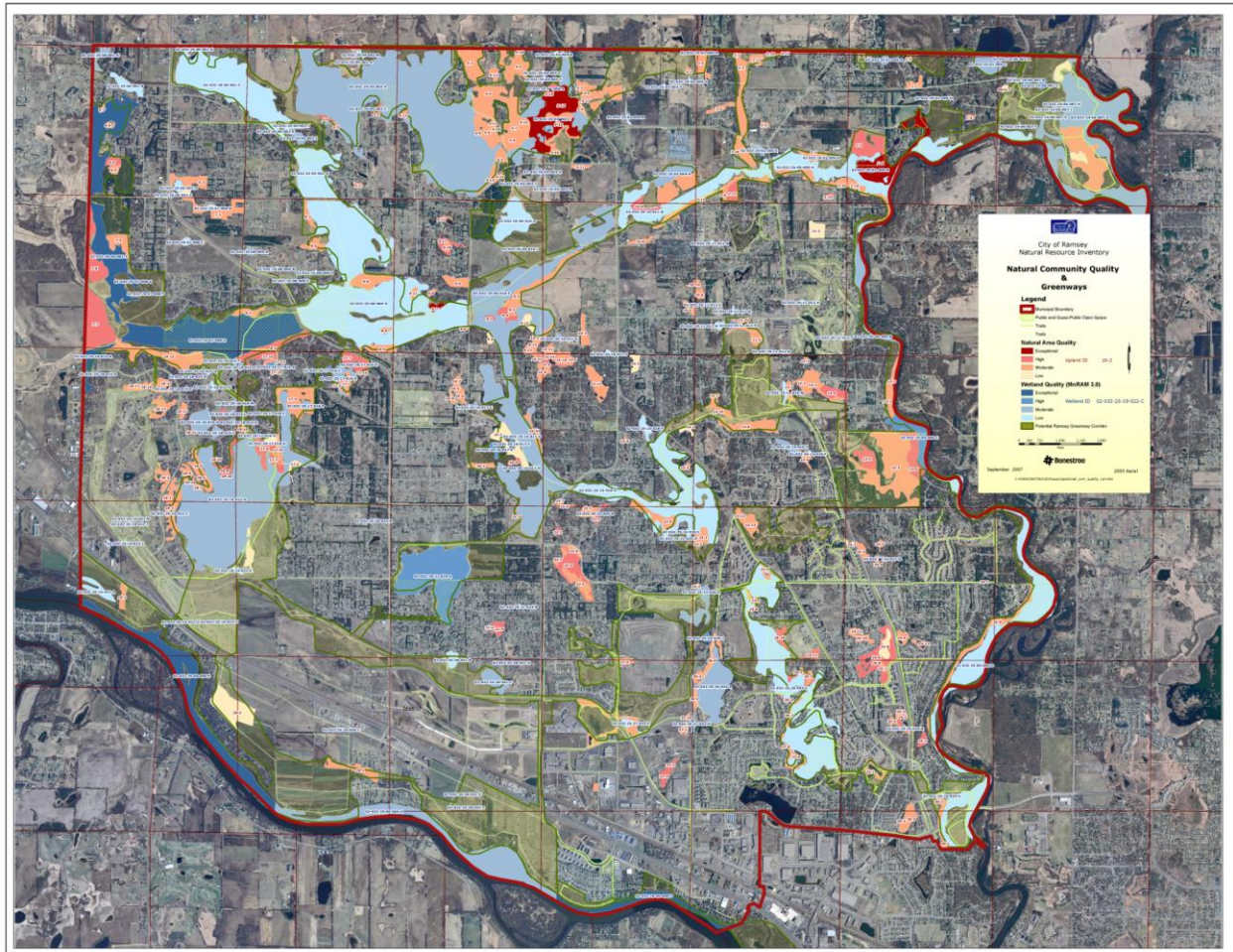
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	Ensure sustainability of food supply and food web by promoting pollinator friendly practices and initiatives.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create polices to maintain and expand pollinator friendly landscapes on public lands through collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission • Improve communications and resources regarding pollinators to residents and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.25 FTE
	Protect water quality of Mississippi River from additional sediment loading due to shoreline erosion.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify impacted properties owners interested in participating in bank stabilization projects • Identify applicable grant programs as source of funding for projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.25 FTE
	Extend the longevity of drinking water supply by reducing demand on groundwater.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop incentives and or programs to promote water conservation throughout community • Develop resources and establish means to distribute the information to the general public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.25 FTE
	Reduce amount of material entering waste stream and explore more reuse options.	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an organics recycling pilot program to divert largest component of trash (organics) to reusable product (compost) • Improve communications and resources regarding 	0.25 FTE

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Natural Resources Inventory

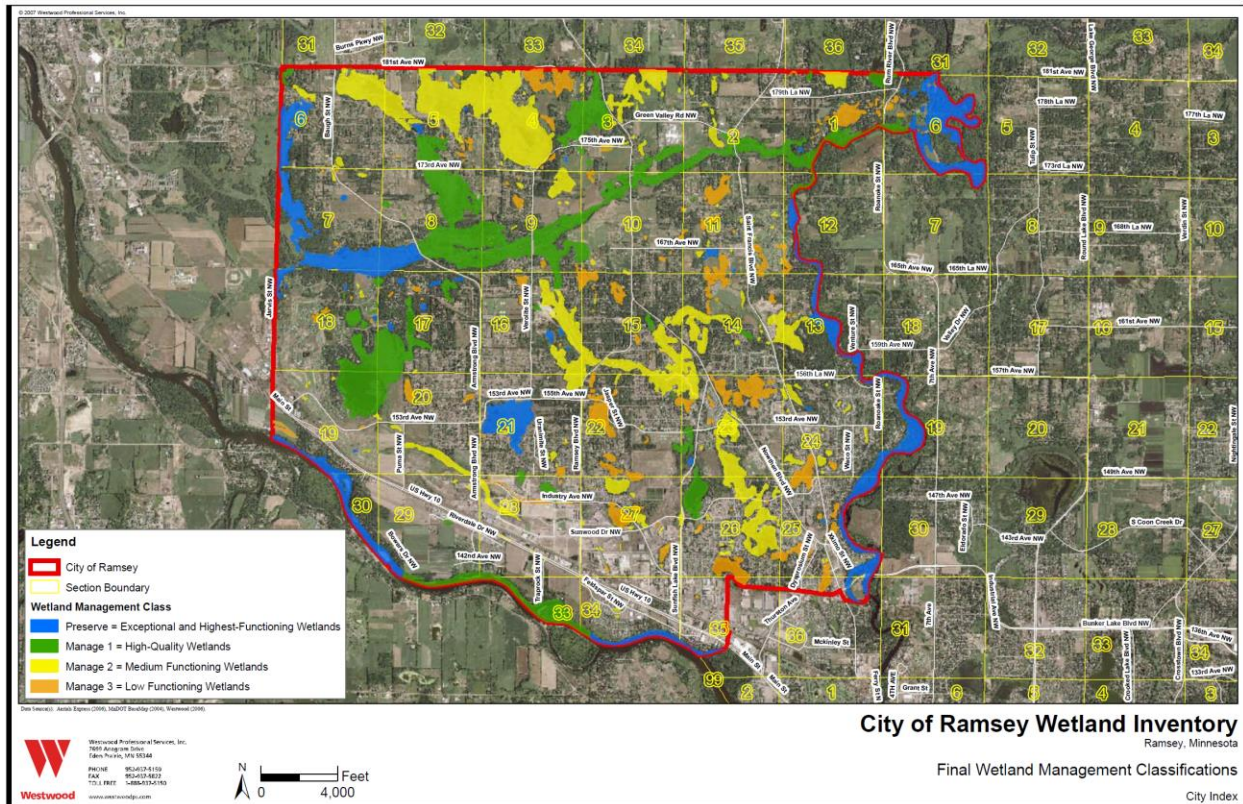
Figure 1: Natural Resources Inventory



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Wetland Inventory

Figure 2: Wetland Inventory



Buildable Area Standards

In 2016, the City adopted new standards related to lot depth as well as instituted a wetland setback. The purpose of both of these standards was to ensure that newly created lots would actually have sufficient buildable and usable area to accommodate typical homeowner additions, such as a deck, small shed, a yard to play in, etc. Too often, homeowners attempting to make improvements to their property were discovering that there was not sufficient space to accommodate a new deck, a detached accessory building, or even to establish what they viewed as a usable backyard. This was creating a lot of frustration on their part and was also resulting in code violations as well. By implementing these new standards, it not only assured that each newly created lot would have buildable and/or usable space beyond the footprint of their home, but also helped to protect wetlands both from being filled in as well as from a water quality stand point (more filtration of runoff before entering the wetland).

Figure 3: Buildable Area and Wetland Setback Example

Put a drawing illustrating the narrative above.

Pollinator Friendly Habitat

The City desires to encourage more pollinator friendly habitat for a multitude of reasons. First and foremost, Ramsey desires to ensure the sustainability of food supply and the food web, which relies heavily on pollinators. By promoting pollinator friendly practices and initiatives, the City not only helps foster the concept of local food through opportunities such as the local farmer's market, but also encourages the

protection, restoration, and/or establishment of pollinator habitat. Broadly speaking, pollinator habitat generally consists of native plants, shrubs and trees. Native species are generally more drought tolerant and require fewer inputs, such as water (irrigation) and chemicals (fertilizers and herbicides). Thus, by establishing more pollinator friendly habitat, the demand on groundwater for irrigation purposes should decrease. Furthermore, the reduced need for chemical application should lower the potential of groundwater and/or surface water contamination from inappropriate application of these products on the landscape.

Protecting, restoring, and/or establishing pollinator habitat also creates habitat for a variety of wildlife. Where feasible, conglomerations of pollinator friendly landscapes can become the basis for wildlife corridors and potentially even a greenway corridor.

Mayors for Monarchs

The City has taken the Mayors for Monarchs Pledge to affirm its support not only for the iconic monarch butterfly, but also for pollinators in general, whose habitat continues to be fragmented and/or destroyed.

Figure 4: Mayors for Monarchs Background



Mayors for Monarchs

Many people may not realize that Monarch butterflies play an important role in pollinating various plants, including many of our food crops. But their population has declined by more than 90% in the last two decades. That is why it is important to create special habitats for these pollinators in our yards and gardens. Recently, the City of Ramsey adopted a resolution to support pollinator initiatives throughout our community.



Ramsey Mayor, Sarah Strommen, launched the initiative by signing the Mayors for Monarchs Pledge to support Monarch butterflies in our community by implementing efforts to create, restore, and protect pollinator habitat and encouraging our citizens to do the same in their own backyards. The Mayors for Monarchs Pledge Signing event took place on June 6, 2017 at the Lake Itasca Trailhead in Ramsey.

At the pledge signing event Mayor Strommen designated a new “Monarch Trail” along the Lake Itasca Trail corridor. Together with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Ramsey will be restoring six and a half acres of land along this trail to a natural habitat designed to support Monarch butterflies and other important pollinators.



Students from Youth First Community of Promise were there to jump-start the project by planting a small section of native plant plugs at this event, which was representative of the larger-scale planting that will happen this fall.

Fourth grade students from Ramsey Elementary also contributed to the event by creating 150 colorful butterflies, which served as the backdrop for this event and will also be on display in the Ramsey City Hall in honor of National Pollinator Week, June 19 - 25, 2017.

If you are interested in learning more about the Monarch butterfly, be sure to check out Ramsey Parks & Recreation’s Monarch Lab on July 25. Visit www.cityoframsey.com/ParkEvents for more information on how to register.

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Lake Itasca Monarch Trail
Description will be added later.

Figure 5: Lake Itasca Monarch Trail

Figure 1



Brookfield Trail Connection

Project area map goes here.

Background on this demonstration project.

Shoreline Protection

The Mississippi River and Rum River experience significant erosion that poses a threat to individual properties and water quality as well. The Anoka Conservation District completed an inventory of the Mississippi River shoreline in December of 2015 to assess the severity of erosion. While a formal shoreline erosion inventory has not been completed on the Rum River, the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO), along with City Staff, do conduct annual inspections to identify potential erosion concerns (as well as potential violations of the Wild and Scenic River Overlay District).

One of the primary impetuses for the formal inventory of the Mississippi River shoreline was to identify the most problematic properties and to use that data to solicit funding assistance.

Figure 6: Mississippi River Shoreline Inventory

To be added later.

Figure 7: Rum River Shoreline Inventory

To be added later.

Figure 8: Park and Trail Planning Map

To be added later.

Acceptable Shoreline Stabilization Techniques

This section will be completed at a later date. Potential acceptable techniques.

- Vegetation
- Natural Barriers
- Rip Rap
- Wing Dams
- Other

Groundwater Supply Preservation

Ramsey desires to protect the quantity and quality of our groundwater supply and aquifers. The City will accomplish this goal with two (2) broad strategies.

1. Programs, Incentives, and Rebates
2. Educational Initiatives

The remainder of this section will be updated with subsequent drafts providing more detail.

Solid Waste Management

This section will be completed later. Ramsey has a recycling program that all residential properties must participate in.

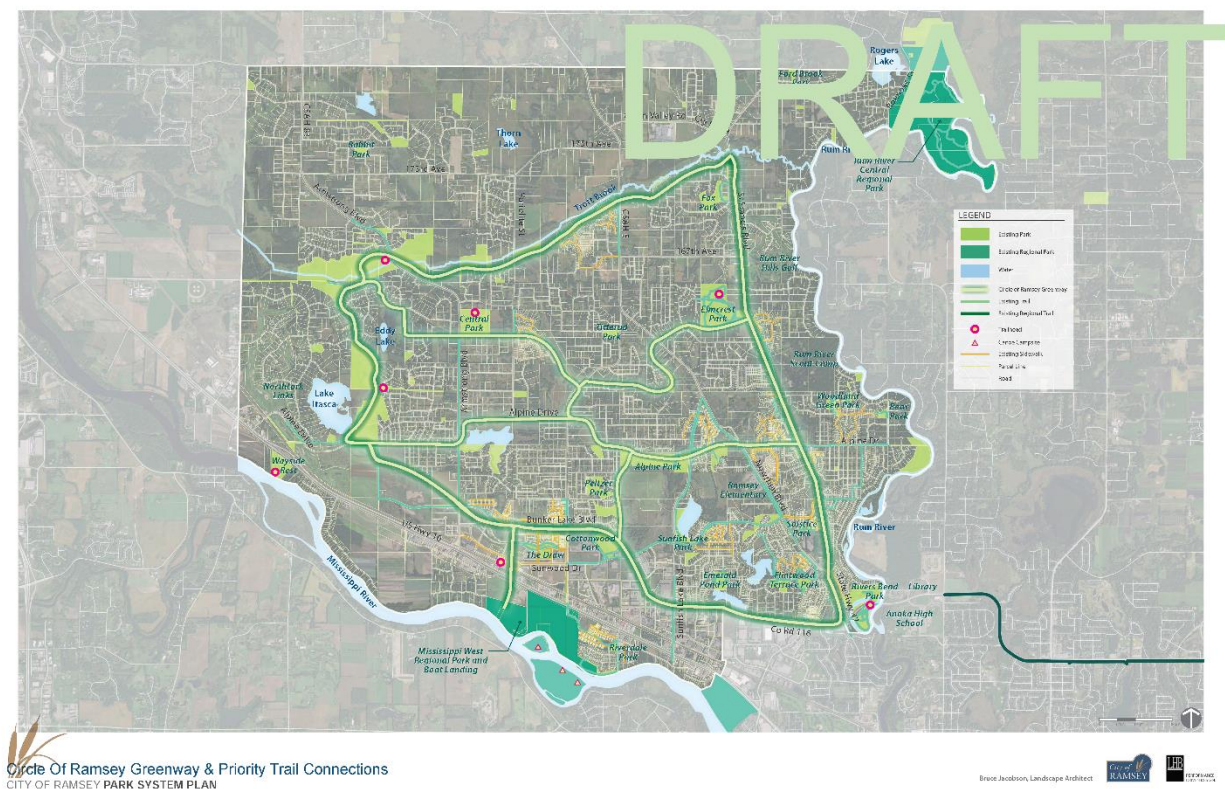
Access to Solar

This section will be completed at a later date. This is a required section. Subtopics include, but are not limited to the following.

- Existing solar ordinances
- Updated solar ordinances
- Connexus Energy Solar Farms (x2 in Ramsey)

Priority Greenway Corridors

Ramsey has developed a robust system of parks and trails. Trail connectivity is a key metric of success for our community. Ramsey desires to continue our tradition of prudent trail planning, connecting important recreational and ecological resources. In order to prioritize limited resources to accomplish this goal, Ramsey has prioritized important trail connections around the 'Circle of Ramsey' connecting our system of Community Parks.



University of Minnesota Resilient Communities Project

During the 2017-2018 Academic School Year, Ramsey partnered with the University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) to advance resilience planning and goals. A summary of the projects evaluated during the academic year is found below. Project reports are available upon requests. Many of the recommendations from the RCP partnership are integrated into this document's goals and implementation strategies.



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT

What is the Resilient Communities Project?

The Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is a cross-disciplinary program at the University of Minnesota whose mission is to connect communities in Minnesota with University faculty and students to advance local sustainability and resilience through collaborative, course-based projects. Ultimately, RCP strives to

- build local capacity to address community sustainability and resilience issues
- train students to be future sustainability practitioners in their fields
- produce case studies, tool kits, and other resources that advance sustainability and resilience practice at the community scale

How does RCP work?

Each academic year, RCP selects a partner community (typically a city, county, or tribal government) through a competitive process. RCP collaborates with the selected community to identify between 5 and 30 projects—based on community identified environmental, social, and economic issues and needs—that will advance local sustainability and resilience. Then, RCP serves as a matchmaker, strategically connecting the community's projects with existing U of MN courses that can provide appropriate research or technical assistance.

Staff and stakeholders from our partner communities work closely with faculty and students to provide local knowledge and deeper insight into the issues, ensuring the work students undertake is relevant to the community context. Outcomes from each University course are documented in a final report and presentation at the conclusion of the semester. Project results are shared with the community, and disseminated through RCP's website for use by other communities.

What are the benefits to students of collaborating with RCP?

- Efficient access to high quality and well organized community projects
- Experience applying your knowledge and skills to real-world issues
- Opportunities to build your resume or portfolio for future job interviews
- Potential to meaningfully advance local sustainability and resilience
- Local and regional visibility and recognition for your work
- Opportunities to network with local government and industry professionals



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RCP-RAMSEY PROJECTS, 2017-2018



For the 2017-2018 academic year, RCP is collaborating with the City of Ramsey on 20 projects that will engage dozens of U of MN courses and hundreds of students to provide information, ideas, and new perspectives on locally identified sustainability and resilience issues.

Community Identity and Engagement

Every Voice Matters
Resident Engagement and Volunteerism Plan

A Gathering Place for Community
Community Center Plan

Sustaining Our Legacy
Historic Town Hall Plan

Creating Community Identity
Branding and Marketing Plan

Land Use and Transportation

Highway 10: A Community and Regional Focal Point
U.S. Highway 10 Corridor Plan

Connecting Ramsey
City-Wide Greenway Plan

A Gathering Within: An Attraction Beyond
The CDR Development Plan Update

Paying for Future Infrastructure Needs
Development Fee Study

Environmental Stewardship

Integrating Resources into Our Future
Natural Resources Management and Outreach Plan

Preventing Flood Damage and Disaster
Floodplain Communications Plan

Reduce Waste, Reuse Resources
Organics Recycling Plan

Clean Water, Clean Soil
Septic System Communications Plan

Will the Faucet Turn On?
Water Conservation Toolkit

Restoring Our Edge
Mississippi Shoreline Plan

Housing and Economic Development

Encouraging Small Business Growth and Expansion
Business Incubator Plan

Creating Housing Opportunities for All Generations
Housing Plan

Creating Destination
Retail Market Analysis

Administration

Protecting Our Investments
Asset Management Plan

Sustaining Our Team
Employee Development Plan

Employee Benefits for the Next Generation
Employee Benefits Plan

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Natural Resources Implementation

The Metropolitan Council's Regional Development Framework, ThriveMSP 2040, outlines roles for the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey for land use policy. Specific to land use policy, the Metropolitan Council has set a goal for the region to achieve Orderly and Efficient Land Use.

Ramsey Role - Natural Resource Protection	Metropolitan Council Role – Natural Resource Protection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include goals, priorities, and natural resource conservation strategies in the local comprehensive plan to protect and enhance natural resources identified in regional and local natural resource inventories. • Conserve, protect, and interconnect open space to enhance livability, recreational opportunities and habitats. • Adopt and implement ordinances for the conservation and restoration of natural resources within the community. • Work with regional partners and regional park implementing agencies to identify, plan for, and acquire natural areas and resources prime for preservation and protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate natural resource protection strategies into metropolitan system plans for infrastructure investments. • Collaborate with local, regional, and state partners to expand the Regional Parks System, as appropriate, to conserve, maintain, and connect natural resources identified as of high quality or of regional importance, consistent with the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan. • Collaborate and convene with state, regional, and local partners to protect, maintain, and enhance natural resources protection. • Maintain an up-to-date regional Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment in

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for aggregate resource extraction where viable deposits remain accessible, as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act. • Complete local natural resources inventories, prioritize areas to protect, and integrate natural resources conservation into local ordinances. • Conserve natural resources and protect vital natural areas when designing and constructing local infrastructure and planning land use patterns. • Encourage site planning that incorporates natural areas as part of site development and redevelopment. 	<p>partnership with the Department of Natural Resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance and tools for natural resources protection, conservation, and restoration. • Promote the implementation of best management practices for habitat restoration and natural resource conservation.
<p>Ramsey Role – Water Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate best management practices for stormwater management in planning processes and implement best management practices with development and redevelopment to control and treat stormwater. • Integrate water sustainability and protection of groundwater recharge areas into local plans. Consider how development, irrigation, reductions in infiltration and inflow, and increased surface runoff impact groundwater recharge and consider conservation strategies and best management practices to mitigate these impacts. • Adopt and implement best management practices for protection of natural resources, the quality and quantity of our water resources, and the preservation of water supply. • Explore alternative water supply sources to ensure adequate water resources beyond 2040. • Collaborate and convene with state, regional, and local partners to protect, maintain, and enhance natural resources protection and the protection of the quality and quantity of the region’s water resources and water supply. • Prepare and implement local water supply plans and source water (wellhead) protection ordinances, consistent with 	<p>Metropolitan Council Role – Water Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate and convene with state, regional, and local partners to protect, maintain, and enhance natural resources protection and the protection of the quality and quantity of the region’s water resources and water supply. • Work to maintain and improve the quality and availability of the region’s water resources to support habitat and ecosystem health while providing for recreational opportunities, all of which are critical elements of our region’s quality of life. • Update regional plans for water supply and pursue environmentally sound and cooperative water reuse practices, conservation initiatives, joint planning, and implementation efforts to maximize surface water infiltration to recharge groundwater supplies. • Support economic growth and development by promoting the wise use of water through a sustainable balance of surface and groundwater use, conservation, reuse, aquifer recharge and other practices. • Provide efficient and high-quality regional wastewater infrastructure and services. • Pursue wastewater reuse where economically feasible as a means to promote sustainable water resources. • Reduce the excess flow of clear water into the regional wastewater collection system (inflow and infiltration) to protect capacity for future growth.

<p>Minnesota Rules part 4720, in all communities with municipal water supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan land use patterns that facilitate groundwater recharge and reuse, and reduce per capita water use to protect the region’s water supply. • Plan for sustainable water supply options and groundwater recharge areas to promote development in accordance with natural resources protection and efficient use of land. • Partner with other water supply providers to explore options to reduce dependence on groundwater. • Prepare and implement local surface water plans as required by Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410, the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, and the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan. • Reduce the excess flow of clear water into the local wastewater collection system (inflow and infiltration). Participate in inflow / infiltration grant programs as available. • Incorporate current MPCA regulations (Minn. Rules Chapters 7080-7083) as part of a program for managing subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS) in the comprehensive plan and local ordinances, and implement the standards in issuing permits. Describe the conditions under which the installation of SSTS will be permitted and the areas not suitable for public or private systems. • Adopt and enforce ordinances related to stormwater management and erosion control. • Adopt and implement best management practices for abating, preventing, and reducing point and nonpoint source pollution. • Develop and adopt critical area plans and ordinances consistent with Executive Order 79-19 and Critical Area Program rules in all communities with affected lands in the Mississippi River Critical Area Corridor. • Integrate drinking water source protection into local land use decisions, particularly in Drinking Water Supply Management Areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require proper management of subsurface treatment systems, consistent with Minn. Rules Chapters 7080-7083, to minimize impacts on surface water, groundwater, and public health. • Assure adequate and high quality groundwater and surface water supplies to protect public health and support economic growth and development by promoting the wise use of water through a sustainable balance of surface water and groundwater use, conservation, reuse, aquifer recharge, and other practices. • Review watershed management plans in coordination with the Board of Water and Soil Resources. • Review local water plans in partnership with the watershed organizations that approve the local water plans. • Support implementation of volume reduction techniques such as infiltration or filtration for stormwater management. • Promote the implementation of best management practices for stormwater management. • Collaborate with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide technical assistance to local governments in implementing the Mississippi River Critical Area Program, and coordinate with the DNR in review of those plans and ordinances.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop programs that encourage stormwater management, treatment, and infiltration. 	
<p>Ramsey Role – Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify local measures that would result in reductions in water use, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. • Identify local mitigation and adaptation strategies and infrastructure resiliency plans to protect against potential negative impacts to local economies, local resources, and infrastructure systems that result from more frequent or severe weather events. • Implement compact development patterns and create more connected places to reduce auto-dependency and related generation of greenhouse gas emissions. • Address climate change mitigation and adaptation in locally meaningful ways in the local comprehensive plan. • Identify local measures that would result in reductions in water use, energy consumption, and emission of greenhouse gases. • Ensure that local comprehensive plans and ordinances protect and enable the development of solar resources, as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, and consider the use of other alternative energy sources as part of the planning process. • Consider the development or use of community solar gardens (CSGs) by public and private entities to enable fuller and more economic use of the community’s solar resource, including participating as subscribers, assisting in marketing community solar garden opportunities for economic development, and providing sites for gardens to be developed. • Identify local measures to address impacts to local economies, local resources, and infrastructure systems as a result of more frequent or severe weather events. • Identify local initiatives as cost-saving measures that may, as a result, lower energy consumption, reduce the generation of greenhouse gas emissions, preserve water 	<p>Metropolitan Council Role – Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantially reduce energy consumption at Council facilities, improve the efficiency of the Council’s vehicle fleets including Metro Transit buses, and provide information to the public and partners to lead by example. • With regional infrastructure, planning, and operations, increase efforts to reduce water use and energy consumption. • Identify and address potential vulnerabilities in regional systems as a result of increased frequency and severity of storms and heat waves. Maintain dikes, emergency generators, and response plans for Council facilities facing extreme weather. • Use the Council’s investments and planning authorities to contribute toward meeting statutory goals for reductions in the generation of regional greenhouse gas emissions. • Convene regional discussions about goals for climate change mitigation and adaptation. • Encourage the preparation of adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency responses to climate change as part of the comprehensive plan update. • Develop, collect, and disseminate information about climate change, including energy and climate data, GreenStep Cities best practices, and the next generation of the Regional Indicators data. • Work with the State of Minnesota on a greenhouse gas emissions inventory that informs regional discussion on emissions reduction. • Provide technical assistance and toolkit resources to communities in integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies as part of local comprehensive plans. • Develop and strengthen partnerships with experts in climate change to better assist and inform local communities on how best

<p>supply, reduce municipal waste, or increase participation in recycling programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in programs that evaluate and share city practices and provide technical support, such as the GreenStep Cities program and the Regional Indicators Initiative. 	<p>to evaluate and develop local climate changes strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage communities to participate in regional programs which support efforts to inform, plan for, mitigate, adapt, and respond to climate change issues of local significance such as water conservation, stormwater infrastructure adaptation, greenhouse gas reduction, use of alternative energy sources, infrastructure planning, and hazard mitigation planning. • Provide technical references and resources for communities seeking to mitigate and adapt to climate change in their own facilities and in their communities. Examples of these resources include stormwater, wastewater, and water supply management practices, and transit and land use planning. • Provide, or collaborate with partners to provide, technical references, and resources for communities seeking to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in their own facilities and in their communities, including, but not limited to, stormwater, wastewater, and water supply management practices,
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Action	Priority	Timeframe

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Comp Plan Steering Committee

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Meeting Date: 12/11/2017

By: Tim Gladhill, Community Development

Information

Title:

Receive Progress Report and Schedule for Comprehensive Plan Update

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to receive an update on the progress report on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Attached are a series of schedules. The Comprehensive Plan recommended moving the Community Profile and Land Use Plan to the City Council (by consensus). The City Council will review these documents at their December 12 Work Session. These are preliminary reviews, not formal review or adoption. Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

Observations/Alternatives:

Please see the attached materials for details.

Recommendation:

This case is for update only.

Action:

No action requested.

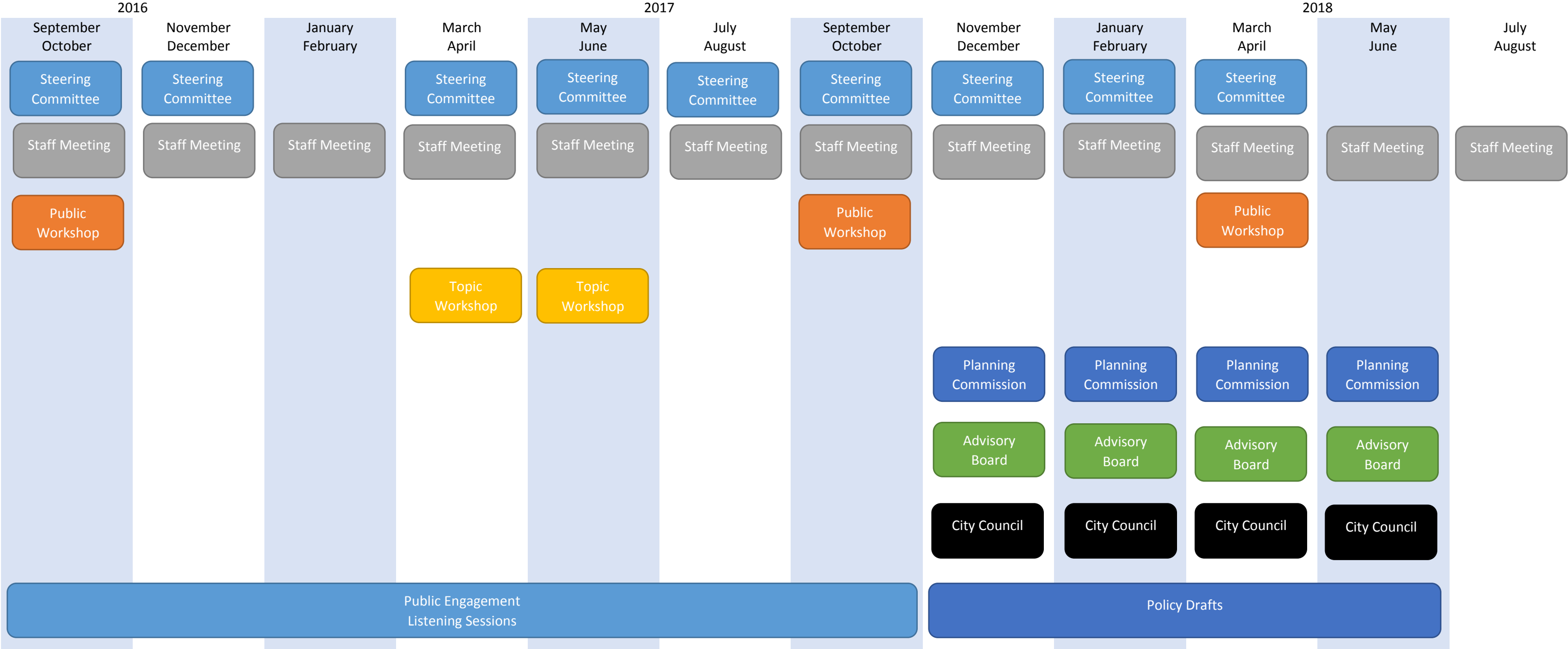
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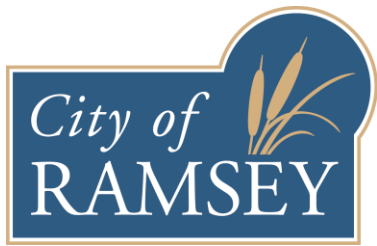
Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule

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Ramsey Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule





Comprehensive Plan Update Remaining Schedule
November 16, 2018

Below is a summary of the remaining schedule for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. A few topics have been rearranged since our last meeting. Unfortunately, with a variety of advisory board review and schedules, some topics begin to overlap in order to make schedules work. For this purpose, the final cycle of the review is to bring everything back together in a single draft and check-in.

Note to Steering Committee: Your attendance is not required at each meeting. You only need to attend the Steering Committee Meetings. We do encourage you to attend the Public Workshop on April 9, 2018 and the Public Hearing on May 3, 2018.

Meeting Type	Date	Topic
<i>Steering Committee</i>	<i>November 13, 2017 6:00 p.m. Lake Itasca Room</i>	<i>Community Profile Land Use Plan</i>
Planning Commission	December 7, 2017 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Community Profile Land Use Plan
Steering Committee	December 11, 2017 6:00 p.m. Lake Itasca Room	Natural Resources Plan Economic Development Plan
City Council	December 12, 2017 7:00 p.m. (Note: may be changed to 5:30) Council Chambers	Community Profile Land Use Plan
Economic Development Authority	December 14, 2017 7:30 a.m. Lake Itasca Room	Economic Development Plan
Environmental Policy Board	December 18, 2017 6:30 p.m. Lake Itasca Room	Natural Resources Plan
Planning Commission	January 4, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Natural Resources Plan Economic Development Plan
Steering Committee	January 8, 2018 6:00 p.m. Lake Itasca Room	Transportation Plan Water Resources Plan
City Council	January 9, 2018 7:00 p.m. (Note: may be changed to 5:30) Council Chambers	Natural Resources Plan Economic Development Plan
Public Works Committee	January 16, 2018 5:30 p.m. Lake Itasca room	Transportation Plan Water Resources Plan
Planning Commission	February 1, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Transportation Plan Water Resources Plan
Steering Committee	February 12, 2018 6:00 p.m. Lake Itasca Room	Parks Plan Housing Plan
City Council	February 13, 2018 7:00 p.m. (Note: may be changed to 5:30) Council Chambers	Transportation Plan Water Resources Plan
Planning Commission	March 1, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Parks Plan Housing Plan
Park and Recreation Commission	March 8, 2018 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers	Parks Plan
Steering Committee	March 12, 2018 6:00 p.m. Lake Itasca Room	Review Full Draft
City Council	March 13, 2018 7:00 p.m. (Note: may be changed to 5:30) Council Chambers	Parks Plan Housing Plan Plan
Public Workshop	April 9, 2018 5:30 p.m. Alexander Ramsey Room	Review Full Draft
Planning Commission	May 3, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Public Hearing – Full Draft
City Council	May 17, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Check In on Full Draft Work Session?
City Council	May 22, 2018 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers	Approve Full Plan

