

Future Land Use Descriptions

Rural Developing (RD)

Areas guided Rural Developing are those areas that may be developed utilizing private utilities. These areas are expected to develop at a minimum of 1 unit per 10 acres and a maximum of 1 unit per 2.5 acres.

Low Density Residential (LDR)

Areas guided Low Density Residential must have urban services before development can take place. These areas are expected to develop at a minimum of 3 units per acre and a maximum of 4 units per acre for an average of 3.5 units per acre and contain single family, detached dwellings.

Where Low Density Residential is directly adjacent to areas guided Rural Developing that contain 2.5 acre lots, strategies for density transitioning will be employed. This means that while an area of Low Density Residential may average three (3) units per acre, those lots directly adjacent to 2.5 acre lots will be required to provide an effective transition that maintains the existing character of the neighborhood. Screening methods, such as landscaping must also be employed to transition between very low-density areas and urban lots.

Medium Density Residential (MDR)

These areas are within the MUSA and intended to receive medium density housing including lower density multi-family housing and higher density single-family housing. These areas are expected to develop at a minimum of four (4) units per acre and a maximum of eight (8) units per acre. Average density will be six (6) units per acre. Medium density detached single-family is becoming an increasingly popular development pattern for Ramsey.

High Density Residential (HDR)

These areas are within the MUSA and intended to accommodate multi-family housing such as townhomes and apartment buildings. These areas are expected to develop at a minimum of eight (8) units per acre and a maximum of fifteen (15) units per acre. The average density will be 12.5 units per acre.

Mixed Use (MU)

Mixed Use areas may include a combination of residential, commercial, light industrial, open space, and a transit hub and are broken into the following three categories:

Mixed Use (Low). Areas guided as Mixed Use (Low) are expected to develop at a minimum of five (5) units per acre and a maximum of fifteen (15) units per acre. It is expected that 50% of the land area will be developed as residential.

Mixed Use (Medium). Areas guided as Mixed Use (Medium) are expected to develop at a minimum of eight (8) units per acre and a maximum of twenty-five (25) units per acre. It is expected that 50% of the land area will be developed as residential.

Mixed Use (High). Areas guided as Mixed Use (High) are expected to develop at a minimum of fifteen (15) units per acre and a maximum of seventy-five (75) units per acre. It is expected that 50% of the land area will be developed as residential.



Commercial (C)

Areas guided Commercial may include a range of neighborhood and community commercial/retail development.

Business Park (BP)

Areas guided Business Park are reserved for office and industrial development.

Public/Institutional (P/I)

This category generally includes city offices, public works facilities, churches, schools, other non-profit or government facilities, and bridges/major rights-of-way.

Park (P)

Parks, trails and open space include the City Park and trail system, golf courses, regional parks, wetlands, and the greenway. Lands in this category are intended to preserve the natural resource base and provide an adequate supply of active and passive recreational lands in Ramsey.

Closed Landfill (CL)

The risk to public health and safety associated with the closed landfill in Ramsey is mitigated by implementing land-use controls that minimize public exposure to landfill hazards and protect the state's response action equipment. In other words, future use of land at and around closed landfills needs to be planned carefully and responsibly. The purpose, then, for preparing a Closed Landfill Use Plan (CLUP) for each landfill is to protect the integrity of the landfill's remediation and monitoring systems, protect human health and public safety at each landfill, and accommodate local government needs and desires for land use at the qualified facility with consideration for health and safety requirements.

Right of Way (ROW)

Right of way identifies area designated for public roadways.

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Figure 7: Development Potential to meet Metropolitan Council Forecast

