



ADMINISTRATION /
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
2040 Comprehensive Plan





INTRODUCTION

Administration and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and related supportive ordinances are equally as important as the development of the Plan itself. Only through the proper coordination of the Comprehensive Plan with the City's related development tools can the City fulfill its development and redevelopment vision and goals.

BUDGETING AND FINANCE

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes Shorewood as a fully developed, mature community. The recommendations of the Plan emphasize the need for the preservation of the City's environmental features and natural amenities, encouragement of land uses which are compatible with the residential and natural character of the City and provision of quality public services in a cost-effective manner.

In regard to future public expenditures, the City will implement the following strategies:

1. Continue monitor and maintain public facilities to avoid significant disrepair or breakdown.
2. Continue to maintain an annual Capital Improvement Plan which identifies needed public capital improvements, assigns costs and schedules implementation based on project priority and funding availability.
3. Continue to pursue intergovernmental cooperation for sharing public services and facilities to avoid duplication and economize on City investments.
4. Promote the maintenance, modernization and expansion of local land uses to preserve and expand the City's tax base and revenues.
5. Pursue available Federal, State and County grants and aids, as appropriate, to facilitate community improvements and programs.
6. Utilize cost-effective financing programs when authorized to encourage development and re-development projects.
7. Manage City budgets and spending in order to maintain a healthy reserve fund as a means to respond to unexpected expenses or emergency improvement projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Through good communication with the public and responsiveness to residents' needs, the City administration has been cited as a community strength. High quality service to Shorewood residents will continue to be the standard for City operations in the future.



The City will continue to take a proactive approach to ensure a high level of community services in a fiscally responsible manner. These efforts include:

1. Conduct regular inspections of streets, utilities, parks and facilities to identify areas of disrepair, or facility replacement to ensure that City maintenance or capital improvement funds are properly planned and utilized.
2. Utilize available new technologies to assist in the delivery of services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
3. Maintain active communication with City residents and businesses through direct contact, open meetings, television, newsletters, media releases, the City's website and project bulletins.
4. Periodically utilize community surveys to solicit resident perceptions, issues, or comments on community concerns and/or operations.

ORDINANCES / CODES / GUIDELINES

As a means of implementing the stated land use goals for Shorewood, the City will investigate the following potential changes to City ordinances, codes and guidelines:

1. Following the adoption of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the City's Zoning Ordinance, including the zoning map, will be reviewed, and if necessary updated, to ensure consistency with the City's Land Use Plan.
2. Continue (and create as determined necessary) programs and incentives for privately initiated maintenance efforts, improvements for energy conservation and redevelopment of existing land uses.
3. Ensure that sufficient setback requirements exist for new development to prevent problems associated with street upgrades, including, but not limited to, the widening of narrow streets.
4. Examine City regulations related to "teardowns" and "rebuilt" of single family homes and modify, if determined necessary, to ensure that adequate provisions are in place to ensure neighborhood compatibility.
5. Consider zoning ordinance and zoning map modifications which could accommodate the achievement of higher residential densities (as promoted by the Metropolitan Council).
6. Require staging plans for all infill development projects to minimize impacts upon existing surrounding neighborhoods. Minimally, such plans shall address contractor parking locations, construction material storage and construction hours.



7. Ensure that commercial development standards take into account the character of the community and promote the highest possible standards of quality (design and finish materials).
8. Review development regulations, and amend if necessary, to promote a balanced housing supply in the City.
9. Establish appropriate regulations for lawful nonconforming lots.
10. Within the context of residential neighborhoods, establish a design template for local streets which considers right-of-way and travel lane widths, pedestrian/bicycle components, stormwater management and on-street parking.

HOUSING

As a means of maintaining the City's housing stock, the City will investigate the following implementation strategies:

1. Consider the adoption of a "point of sale" ordinance which identifies certain housing deficiencies at the time of sale, putting buyers on notice of problems.
2. Continue to work with surrounding communities and various agencies to ensure that services are provided which allow seniors to stay in their homes as long as possible.
3. Continue to enforce the City's rental housing code.
4. Publicize available assistance programs geared toward the rehabilitation of substandard housing in the City.
5. Examine home improvement programs through Metro HRA, Hennepin County, the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, or Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to identify finance programs which may assist Shorewood property owners in housing improvement loans.
6. Consider the use of tax increment financing (TIF) to assist in housing redevelopment projects which involved the elimination of blighted properties. The use of TIF funding will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis and weighed against the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

The City of Shorewood receives police services from the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD). All of Shorewood, including the islands are serviced by SLMPD.



The mainland area of the City of Shorewood receives fire service from the Excelsior Fire District. Service to its islands is however, provided by the Mound Fire Department.

The City of Shorewood will continue to explore opportunities for shared services where it provides a high level of community service to its residents in a cost-effective manner.

SOLAR ACCESS PROTECTION

The City of Shorewood will continue to promote reasonable access to solar energy by controlling artificial blockage of solar radiation for optimum long-term economic and environmental benefits. Related to this issue, it should be recognized that tree preservation is also a considered a community priority. Thus, a desire for solar access must be balanced with the City's a desire to preserve a community amenity which contributes greatly to its community character.

Solar access protection is provided for by the uniform implementation of the City's land management tools. In this regard, solar energy systems are a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts subject to various conditions which are intended to mitigate adverse impacts (limitations related to height, location, size, aesthetics etc.).

Specifically, protections are provided via lot and building performance standards contained within Shorewood's Zoning Ordinance. Requirements such as maximum building height and yard setback standards are implemented for the purpose of creating separation between structures and allowing equal sunlight access such that a property is not in the shadow of an adjacent building.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

The City of Shorewood has chosen to encourage and promote, rather than restrict, development of renewable energy sources which have a positive impact on energy production and conservation while not adversely impacting the community or where the economic and social impacts can be mitigated.

While the City's Zoning Ordinance specifically recognizes solar, wind and geothermal (ground source heat pump) energy systems, only solar energy and geothermal systems are currently permitted. The City will consider the establishment wind energy system requirements and the periodic updating of solar and geothermal energy system regulations (to adequately respond to changing technologies) as determined necessary.