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2030 Comprehensive Plan – VISION STATEMENT

Steering Committee from 2008 Established the Lauderdale’s Vision as:

“Creating a livable, lovable Lauderdale...together.”

A city that provides for the **physical health of residents and promotes community spirit...overarching belief is that a healthy community has active residents engaged by city projects and events.** Lauderdale could be **more than a bedroom community if everyone worked...together.**

The City’s long-term **vision is to create a vibrant commercial corridor along Larpenteur Avenue that includes a viable mix of housing...develop land use planning policies that appeal to developers and investors yet do not negatively impact current property owners.**

GOALS & STRATEGIES from 2008 Comprehensive Plan

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Goals

1. Retain the small-town character of the community during redevelopment projects.
2. To protect architecturally significant structures of all ages within the City.
3. The City will encourage residents to volunteer for the dual purpose of accomplishing city goals and building community spirit.
4. Sustain the quality of life within Lauderdale by providing an environment that promotes security and safety.

Strategies

1. Build community spirit through volunteerism.
2. Involve residents, businesses, community groups, and other stakeholders in planning and redevelopment efforts.
3. Encourage public safety through participation in on-going education, crime prevention, and fire prevention programs.
4. Promote volunteerism and engage residents in public safety issues.
5. Create maintenance plans for all capital improvement projects prior to their approval.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION (INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS)

Goals

1. Discuss creation of a design plan for the expanded area with neighboring jurisdictions (Roseville, Falcon Heights, Minneapolis and St. Paul (St. Anthony Park)).
2. Develop strategic relationships with local entities (Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, University of Minnesota, Gibbs Farm, City of Falcon Heights, City of Minneapolis, City of St. Paul, community groups etc.) to improve the Lauderdale Nature Area.
3. Lauderdale will coordinate planning efforts and development decisions with neighboring communities, watershed districts, and the Metropolitan Council.

Strategies

1. Partner with Falcon Heights and St. Anthony Park for an annual clean-up day, or other community sponsored events.
2. Partner with neighboring cities, Ramsey County, and Mn/DOT on road improvements and management for safe access for all travelers passing through Lauderdale.

LAND USE & REDEVELOPMENT

Goals

1. Guide future development in such a way as to strengthen, enhance, and protect the City's character and natural environment.
2. Growth will be influenced by community input, development trends, accessibility, and need for services.
3. Future development will retain the small-town character of the community.
4. Active living principles will be incorporated into planning for land use changes.
5. Create development on a scale that is consistent with land use, market demands, and development standards.
6. Maintain a healthy industrial corridor to provide local employment and contribute to the City's economic health.
7. Encourage development that expands the City's current revenue base.

Strategies

1. Review each development proposal to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and city ordinances.
2. Lauderdale will continue to seek diversity of living environments.
3. Create planned unit developments to facilitate infill redevelopment
4. Continue to make optimal use of public land.
5. Incorporate active living principles into planning for land use changes.
6. The City will ensure that adequate buffers are created between the commercial and residential districts.
7. To the extent possible, the City will encourage the use of environmentally sound building practices and materials.
8. Create a mixed use (MU) zoning district to expanded opportunities for the long-term development of the R-2 zoning district.
9. Zoning/ordinance changes should be coordinated to prevent haphazard redevelopment and site improvements (evaluate use of planned unit developments).
10. Use building standards that enhance and maintain a small town look and feel. This may include: brick facades, traditional street lighting, sidewalks, etc.
11. Create standards for lot size and layout of buildings (freestanding, rowed).
12. Consider alternatives for meeting parking requirements.
13. Provide incentives to businesses that offer convenient, attractive shopping and professional services that meet residents' needs.
14. Allow a mix of residential and commercial uses to co-exist. This may occur on adjacent parcels as well as through a mix of uses within the same structure.

HOUSING

Goals:

1. Promote and encourage reinvestment in the older homes to maintain property values and overall appeal of the City
2. Maintain Lauderdale's rental options and affordability to home buyers seeking a moderately priced home.
3. Recognize the need for affordable housing and continue to use the tools at its disposal to create its share. (e.g TIF, tax abatement, etc.)
4. Create a mixed-use corridor along Larpenteur Avenue that includes housing diversity that is located near transit facilities.
5. Allow for housing within range of economic affordability.
6. Improve the quality of the existing housing stock and neighborhood appeal
7. Create a comprehensive education and outreach plan to inform residents of the importance of home maintenance, pulling appropriate permits, etc.,

Strategies

1. Create opportunities for affordable housing along the Larpenteur Avenue mixed-use corridor.
2. Setting property maintenance standards and adhering to a comprehensive nuisance ordinance
3. Create an affordable housing mix by continued participation in the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Program.
4. Educate renters and property owners about programs through Ramsey County, Met Council, MN Finance Agency, etc., that assist in preservation of affordable housing.
5. Site redevelopment assistance through tax increment financing, tax abatement, and application for brownfield clean up funds.
6. Conduct housing condition survey to determine the nature and scope of home improvements needed to be an attractive home-buyers market.

CONNECTIVITY (Transportation, Bikeways and Walkability)

Goals

1. Create safe, convenient access to work, home, school, and services by transit, bicycle, or on foot.
2. Provide safe local roads for Lauderdale residents.
3. Improve biker and pedestrian safety.
4. Incorporate active living principles in development projects.
5. Provide residents maximum opportunity to access transit systems.

Strategies

1. Partner with neighboring cities, Ramsey County, and Mn/DOT on road improvements and management for safe access for all travelers in Lauderdale.
2. Plan for the traffic and parking needs that result from redevelopment.
3. Create a pedestrian and bicycle transit plan.
4. Make the (sic Mixed Use) area pedestrian and bike friendly to further reduce the need for parking. Allow for adequate bike parking.
5. Work with neighboring jurisdictions and Active Living Ramsey County on a regional bike network.
6. Provide safe accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.
7. Remove barriers that discourage residents from walking and bicycling.

PARKS, OPEN SPACES & NATURAL RESOURCES

Goals

1. Create a long-term vision and plan for the parks and open space.
2. Connect and create paths, trails, and walkways within Lauderdale to make the parks and open space accessible to all residents.
3. The City will create a master plan for all of Lauderdale's parks and open spaces and make decisions based upon the master plan.
4. The City will explore ways to make the parks and open spaces accessible to all residents, including creating paths, trails, walkways, and signage.

Strategies

1. Look for potential linkages between the City's parks and natural areas to those in adjacent jurisdictions.
2. Maintenance plans will be required for all capital improvement projects.