

City of Dayton 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Comprehensive Plans are a vision for development. A physical plan that reflects the community's social and economic values. These values are translated into the type of land use the City desires and programs on economic development, housing, parks, transportation and other key areas.

In Minnesota, authority for land-use planning and regulation is vested primarily in local governments (townships, cities and counties). The Metropolitan Land Planning Act, a state law first passed in 1976 requires all local governments in the seven-county Twin Cities area to develop local comprehensive plans. To see the statute online, go to: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=473.859>.

The plans must provide information on:

- Maps and data showing current and future land use
- A plan for staging development (for communities that intend to expand the area in which they provide urban services)
- A housing plan
- A surface water management plan, and
- Plans for public facilities, like transportation, sewers and parks

Why are we planning how land will be used in 2040?

Land Use Planning helps communities plan for the investment in sewers, water, roads, parks and other infrastructure. When evaluating how land will be used in the future, communities also consider housing needs, employment patterns, recreational space and commercial activities. Land use planning helps communities manage costs and maximize the efficient delivery of services to businesses and residents,

What is the difference between existing land use and future land use?

Existing Land Use maps represent how the land is being used today. Future Land Use maps describe how the land can be used in the future. The future land uses designated in the Comprehensive Plan are based on the City's capacity to provide public infrastructure and amenities.

What is Dayton required to include in the Land Use Chapter for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update?

The Metropolitan Council provides a number of requirements for the Land Use Plan update. Generally, communities need to evaluate and respond to:

- Forecasted population, households and employment for 2020, 2030 and 2040, consistent with Metropolitan Council's forecasts
- Density expectations for land use categories
- Employment locations, and
- Housing goals

What is Dayton required to include in the Parks & Trails Chapter for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update?

The Metropolitan Council requires communities to evaluate:

- Existing regional and local parks system facilities

- Planned regional park system facilities, and
- Identify potential additions to existing local parks and trail system

What is Dayton required to include in the Transportation Chapter for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update?

The Metropolitan Council requires communities to evaluate:

- The distribution of forecasted population, household and employment growth by "Transportation Analysis Zones" for 2020, 2030 and 2040
- Map and evaluate the functional roadway classifications of the community
- Identify transit services available to your community
- Identify existing and planned bicycling and walking infrastructure, and
- Identify freight infrastructure and important nodes that generate freight movement such as industrial parks and shopping areas.

What is Dayton required to include in the Water Resources Chapter for 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update?

The Metropolitan Council requires communities to evaluate:

- Existing and future wastewater generation
- Goals to manage sewage
- Potential water resource-related problems
- Implement plans
- Water supply plans
- Water conservation and reuse
- Regional collaboration

What is the process to prepare Dayton's Comprehensive Plan Update?

The update does not require a complete re-writing; however, some changes are anticipated. Staff will meet with the Steering Committee, which includes the Planning Commission, City Council members and residents. Community workshops will be held to dialogue with residents and other stakeholders. There will be ample opportunity for comments on the City's website as well as other means. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission and then City Council before consideration and adoption. After Dayton's adoption of the Comprehensive Plan a six-month adjacent jurisdictional review is required before submittal to the Metropolitan Council.

What is the Metropolitan Council's role in the Dayton Comprehensive Plan?

The Metropolitan Council reviews all Comprehensive Plans prepared by municipalities in the seven-county metropolitan area. To ensure compliance and consistency with regional systems (plans) for transportation, wastewater, housing and parks and trails.

For More information and Updates please see the City's webpage- <http://cityofdaytonmn.com>

