

CHAPTER 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLANNING PROCESS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The City Council charged the Planning Commission (with important help from the other City committees, commissions, and the public) to create the Comprehensive Plan. To guide creation of the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council determined ten guiding principles.

TEN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1) Maintain a manageable and reasonable growth rate that does not adversely impact delivery of services but allows the community to grow and become more diverse from now until 2040. Provide multiple development opportunity areas to ensure that reasonable development goals can be achieved and are not dependent upon any one landholder.
- 2) Preserve existing rural residential areas designated in the Comprehensive Plan and increase housing opportunities in the community to attain a balance of life cycle housing options, with special attention to changing community demographics and demands of increasing senior and millennium populations.
- 3) Promote commercial renewal and rehabilitation in Downtown and along Highway 42 while attracting new commercial development along County Highway 42 at key intersections: Highway 3, Akron Avenue, and US Highway 52.
- 4) Encourage additional high quality, job creating, and tax base generating general industrial and business park development in the northeast portion of the community, within UMore and the Rosemount Business Park.
- 5) Preserve natural resources and open space within the community and ensure development does not adversely impact ongoing agricultural uses until urban services are available.
- 6) Incorporate sustainability precepts into development decisions to move toward a more resilient community.
- 7) Collaborate and provide connections between the City and surrounding cities, townships, Dakota County and public and private schools in the area.

- 8) Work with the University of Minnesota to create a development that can successfully integrate into the community while achieving goals of job creation, healthy living, energy conservation, and public education.
- 9) Collaborate with partners and provide services and community amenities that benefit all residents.
- 10) Collaborate with appropriate agencies to identify transit corridors and bring additional transit opportunities into the community.

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