



# 2050 Regional Development Guide and Housing Policy Plan Update

## Community Development Committee



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# Agenda

## 2050 Regional Development Guide

- Council Endorsed Regional Values and Vision

## Housing Policy Plan Update

- Context & Roles
- Timeline
- Engagement Plan
- Developing Vision, Mission and Values
- Next Steps

# Regional Values, Vision, and Goals

## Values

Values are core beliefs or principals that guide the work of the Council, our expectations of partnerships, and our policy and program development.

## Vision

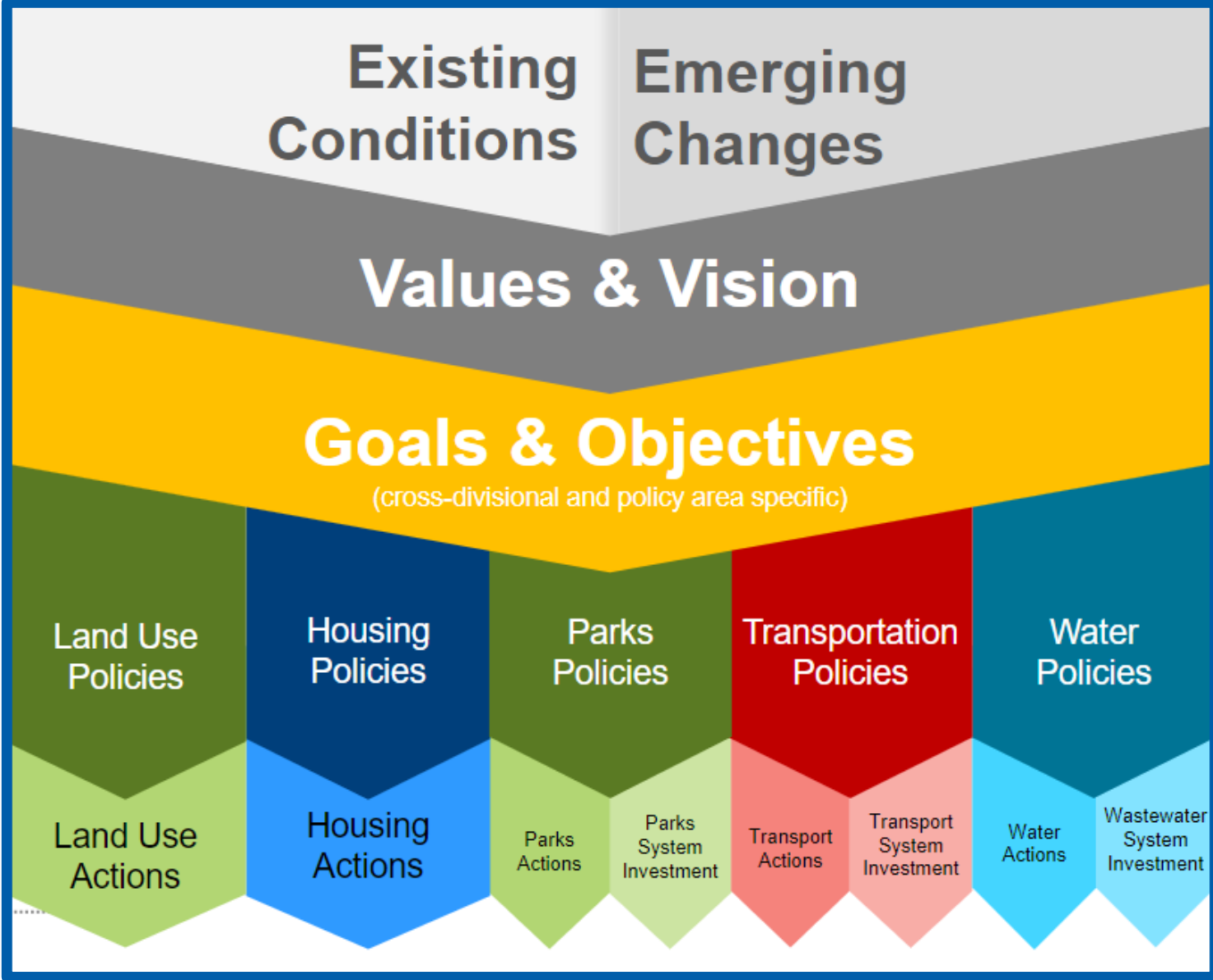
Our vision is what we want to achieve for the region through our policies, practices, programs, and partnerships.

## Goals

Our goals broadly describe the desired outcomes that we want to achieve for the region.

### Cross-Cutting Goals

Goals that require special collaboration across policy and work areas.



# Regional Core Values: Revised Short Form

## Equity

We value the people and communities of our region.

## Leadership

We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change.

## Accountability

We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.

## Stewardship

We value our region's abundant resources.

# Regional Vision

## **Our Region is Equitable, Inclusive, and Welcoming**

Our quality of life is high by national standards but not all communities share in this. We envision a future where inequities and injustices have been eliminated and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

## **Our Communities are Healthy, Safe, and Vibrant**

The wellbeing of our region depends on the strength and inclusiveness of our economy as well as the quality, safety, and reliability of our public infrastructure and services. We envision a future where all our region's residents can live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, agency, and wellbeing.

## **We Lead on Addressing Climate Change**

Our region leads on the critical issue of climate change. We envision a future where we have eliminated or mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient.

## **We Protect and Restore Natural Systems**

Our region has world class parks and abundant natural resources. We envision a future where natural systems are increasingly protected, integrated, and restored to ensure a high quality of life for our growing region.

# Housing Policy Plan – Context

- Prepare the region for many possible **scenarios**
- Defining local government shares of the regional **Need** for low- and moderate-income housing
- Reviewing local comprehensive plans to ensure that communities are planning an **adequate supply of land**
- Funding housing development through the **Livable Communities Act** programs
- Providing **rental assistance** to low-income households
- Providing **support to local governments** technical assistance and data

# Government Roles in Housing

## Policy

## Funding

Fair Housing Act  
Faircloth Act

Federal Government

Community Development Block Grant  
Housing Choice Vouchers  
Public Housing

Grants powers and limits authorities  
(e.g., Land Planning Act, prohibition on rent  
control, etc.)

State Government

Minnesota Housing Programs  
Low Income Housing Tax Credits

Housing Policy Plan  
Comprehensive Plan Review (Metropolitan  
Land Planning Act)

Metropolitan Council

LCA & Regional Solicitation Funds  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Consolidated Plan  
Analysis of Impediments/Equity Plan

Counties

Community Development Agencies  
HRA Levies  
Housing Bonds

Land Use and Zoning  
HRA / EDA Powers  
Other local ordinances

Cities

Tax Increment Financing  
HRA / EDA Levies  
Local Housing Bonds



# Statutory Direction on Regional Housing Policy



## Affordable housing in statute? You bet!

(c) A land use plan shall also include a housing element containing standards, plans and programs for providing adequate housing opportunities to meet existing and projected local and regional housing needs, including but not limited to the use of official controls and **land use planning to promote the availability of land for the development of low and moderate income housing.**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/473.859#stat.473.859.2>

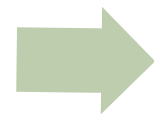


# Housing Policy Plan - Project Timeline

## Initiation

2022 Quarter 4 –  
2023 Quarter 2

- Scoping Projects
- Staffing
- Key Data Points
- Identify necessities
- Draft engagement plan



## Engagement

2023 Quarter 3 –  
2023 Quarter 4

- Community Exchange Sessions
- Focus Group
- Policy development



## Execution

2023 Quarter 4 –  
2024 Quarter 2

- Plan development
- Research and Writing
- Draft (~75%) plan complete (~3/31/24)



## Close

2024 Quarter 2 –  
2024 Quarter 4

- Final draft (~90%) plan complete (~9/30/24)
- Public comment period &
- Plan refinement
- Council approval (~12/31/24)

Coordination with the Regional Development Guide Process

Ongoing Engagement: Attending regional housing meetings, presenting to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee, presenting as requested

# Housing - Engagement Approach

- Everyone, but we ask who they are
- First one rolled out in Mid-May on Affordability Limits
- **Used to help craft messaging, get a pulse on issues**
- Information will be brought together for Work Group

## Online Issue Surveys



- Some people from CES
- Able to think regionally
- Advise on specific HPP Council-Control
- **More in the weeds**
- Future thinking exercise

## Detailed HPP Work Group



- People with lived experience
- Direct service providers
- Community leaders & organizers
- **Fun, hands on activities**
- We bring Council Knowledge and paying people for their time
- They offer their opinions

## Community Exchange Sessions



To participate in HPPWG, must attend at least one Community Engagement Session and report out.

# Draft Housing Chapter Table of Contents

## Clarity in Roles

- City Roles
- County Roles
- Council Roles – Research, Convener, Regional Choice, Funding Baselines

## Pressing Regional Housing Needs

- Regional need gap analysis – focus on special populations
- Affordability definitions
- Affordable Housing Need Allocation (Connection to Jobs)

## Dignity in Housing

- Housing Stability & Dignity for Owners and Renters
- Regional Choice – Land Guided for Affordable Housing
- Priorities across programs and operations



# Housing Policy Plan - Next Steps

- May: release first online survey, start community exchange sessions
- June-Aug: community exchange sessions in full swing
- Sept-Oct: community exchange sessions wrap up, work group begins
- Nov-Dec: Work Group wraps up
- April '24: 75% Draft housing policy plan prepared
- July '24: 90% Draft housing policy plan prepared

# Questions & Discussion

- Do you know groups and/or specific people who should be involved?  
Let me know!
- Did the table of contents cover issues you hear about from constituents?
- What housing policy area are you most excited to learn more about later?







Thank You

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