



Draft 2050 Land Use Policy

Community Development Committee



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Agenda



Today's Discussion

- Set the stage
- Thrive MSP 2040* comparison
- Review draft policies and actions for three land use objectives
- Discussion and Next steps

Regional Plan Elements

Values 1

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

Vision 2

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

Goals 3

Our goals will broadly describe the desired end states that we want to achieve for the region.

4 Objectives

For each area of Met Council responsibility, achievable results that advance each regional goal.

5 Policies

Statement of the Met Council's intent and approach to regional issues or topics, independently and in its roles with partners.

6 Actions

Specific strategies or activities to implement policies and achieve goals.

Reflect for discussion



Questions to consider:

- Are new approaches to policies going in the right direction?
- Are there concerns about existing approaches or lack of new approaches in any areas?
- Are there existing approaches that shouldn't be carried forward?

**Comparison:
Thrive MSP 2040
& *Imagine 2050***



Comparison of land use direction

	Growth Management	Transportation	Community Wellbeing & Safety	Natural Systems
Imagine 2050	Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth .	Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.	Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.	Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.
Thrive MSP 2040	Align land use, development patterns, and infrastructure to make the best use of public and private investment.	Sustain and improve a multi-modal transportation system to support regional growth, maintain regional economic competitiveness and provide choices and reliability for the system's users.	<i>No Thrive MSP 2040 equivalent</i>	Conserve, restore, and protect the region's natural resources to ensure availability, support public health, and maintain a high quality of life. Conserve, restore, and protect the quality and quantity of the region's water resources to ensure ongoing availability, support public health, and maintain a high quality of life.

Comparison of land use direction

	Housing	Equitable Development	Climate Resilience	Economic Wellbeing
Imagine 2050	Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.	Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices .	Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.	Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.
Thrive MSP 2040	Promote housing options to give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable, and affordable homes.	<i>No Thrive MSP 2040 equivalent.</i>	Promote sensitive land use and development patterns to achieve Minnesota's adopted greenhouse gas emissions goals at the regional scale, and to develop local resiliency to the impacts of climate change .	Foster connected land use options to provide businesses and industries with access to materials, markets, and talent.

Comparison of themes and policies

New themes

- Indigenous perspectives
 - Regional land management guidelines
 - Native Partnership Council
- Equitable development approaches
- Focus on people, residents, and community benefits rather than public/private benefits

New approaches

- Identify forecasted growth and land supply by decade
- Density policies address trends of lower developed densities than minimum density requirements
- Discourage solar developments on prime farmland
- Support urban agricultural uses on vacant/underutilized land
- Water supply constraints
- Rural Residential Community Designation consistency

Re-emerging

- 20-year rolling land supply
- Minimum density increases, paired with opportunities for flexibility
- MUSA expansions based on defined criteria

Comparison of themes and policies

Growth

- Maximize infrastructure investment
- Promote compact development
- Direct growth where infrastructure already exists
- Accommodate growth within the existing MUSA boundary
- Reduce outward development pressures in rural and natural resource areas
- Protect agricultural and rural areas from urbanization
- Encourage redevelopment, infill, and adaptive reuse

Density

- Density expectations are based on community designations, with additional expectations near transit station areas
- Rural Service Areas meet maximum allowable densities
- Establish minimum density requirements by Community Designation

Natural systems

- Direct growth away from sensitive ecosystems to protect natural systems
- Prevent groundwater contamination from development
- Adopt regional guidelines to protect priority waters and aquifers and restore water quality as part of development
- Local Water Supply Plans demonstrate availability of clean, safe drinking water where accommodating forecasted growth

Draft land use objectives

1



Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

2



Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

3



People live in vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities.

4



Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.

5



People in all types of communities have housing opportunities that align with their needs.

6



Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

7



Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.

8




Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

Draft Land Use Objective #1 with Policies and Actions



#1 Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

Regional Goals

	Equitable & Inclusive Region
	Healthy & Safe Communities
	Dynamic & Resilient Region
	Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience
	Natural System Protection & Restoration

KEY



Primary



Secondary

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Leverage the region's existing resources

Use available infrastructure efficiently

Reduce the need for infrastructure expansion

Mitigate premature development of agricultural areas

Preserve the agricultural economy and rural lifestyles

Balance the needs of all living things in the region

Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

Policy 1

Incorporate indigenous approaches, values, and practices in management of land and water sources.

Adopt regional land management guidelines co-created with indigenous community partners.

Establish a Native Partnership Council.

Policy 2

Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth and reduce the cost of infrastructure expansion and service improvements through orderly and economical growth.

Promote compact development

Plan for a 20-year rolling land supply

New connections to the regional system meet the community designation's minimum density

Requests for MUSA expansions within already served communities are consistent with density at the development scale and reviewed against the need for additional land to accommodate forecasted growth.

Maximize infrastructure investments.

Local plans must identify forecasted growth and land supply by decade.

Set development expectations by Community Designation

Encourage orderly annexation agreement

Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.

Policy 3

Minimize urbanization of rural and agricultural areas and retain the ability to provide urban services based on regional system plans and long-term needs.

Promote Ag Preserves Program.

Preserve Prime Agricultural Soils.

Discourage solar developments on prime farmland.

Support right to farm policies at the local level.

Support the growth of urban agriculture.

Evaluate development patterns near Rural Centers.

No additions/expansions of the Rural Residential Community Designation.

Policy 4

Maximize use of the existing built environment by encouraging redevelopment, infill, and adaptive reuse.

Establish a Redevelopment Monitoring Program.

Adapt building permit survey to inform frequency and success of adaptive reuse of buildings.

Encourage adaptive reuse of vacant or historic buildings and structures for cultural and community purposes.

Policy 5

Direct growth away from sensitive ecosystems to prioritize protection of natural systems.

Prevent groundwater contamination.

Community-wide growth considers water supply constraints.

Protect water from development; restore water quality as part of development.

Local plans demonstrate safe drinking water availability where accommodating growth.

Draft Land Use Objective #3 with Policies and Actions



#3 Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

Regional Goals

	Equitable & Inclusive Region
	Healthy & Safe Communities
	Dynamic & Resilient Region
	Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience
	Natural System Protection & Restoration

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Promote a sense of belonging and ownership of community

Foster community connection

Encourage the creation of spaces to gather, interact, and connect



Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

Policy 1

Prioritize planning practices that support mixed-use development, walkable neighborhoods, & easy access to public transportation.

Human-scale experience

Parking requirements

Form-based codes

Holistic infrastructure design review process

Complete Streets

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

Policy 2

Plan and maintain public spaces for community gatherings.

Placemaking initiatives

Free and accessible public gathering spaces

Public spaces have access to water, restrooms, transit, parking

Culturally significant design elements

Public art installations

Policy 3

Prioritize and plan for creation and preservation of green public spaces in urban areas.

Neighborhood scale public open spaces

Underutilized land or buildings for green infrastructure

Preservation and integration of green spaces in development

Community-based urban agriculture initiatives

Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

Policy 4

Center community engagement in the planning process to build community trust and ownership.

Utilize public and private partnerships to implement projects, to enhance context sensitive design and foster community identity.

Support the long-term affordability and stability of gentrifying neighborhoods.

Policy 5

Protect historic and cultural assets.

Identify, protect, and preserve historic and cultural assets.

Adopt culturally expansive ordinances to protect historic and cultural assets.

Provide technical assistance on culturally expansive historic preservation practices.

Policy 6

Incorporate inclusive design principles that consider the needs of all community members including various cultural backgrounds, age groups, languages, and gender identities.

Developments fully meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Collaborate with educational institutions

Safe Routes to Schools integrated into planning; optimize land use around educational institutions

Policy 7

Integrate sustainable water management strategies into the design of vibrant public spaces.




Incorporate water conservation practices such as wastewater and stormwater reuse, and low-impact development practices when designing public spaces.

Draft Land Use Objective #6 with Policies and Actions



Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

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Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Acknowledge our role in creating and perpetuating racial disparities	Center the voices of marginalized and underrepresented communities
Eliminate racial disparities and inequities	Repair harm to communities of color and indigenous communities

KEY



Primary



Secondary

Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

Policy 1

Take ownership of past harms, provide transparent communication, and hold governments accountable to plans and actions.

Equitable land use technical assistance.

Share progress toward equity goals.

Decision-making tools for capital projects.

Acknowledge disparities and identify strategies to address them.

Partner with Just Deeds.

Evaluate programs, policies, and procedures.

Policy 2

Prioritize engagement and collaborate with underrepresented populations to develop plans, policies, and programs responsive to and reflective of community needs.

Expand representation on committees.

Build new partnerships; focus on trust.

Build community capacity to engage successfully with governments.

Identify and eliminate barriers to engagement.

Conduct culturally responsive and inclusive engagement.

Reimburse community members for their time and expertise.

Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

Policy 3

Promote equitable distribution of public investments to benefit communities disproportionately harmed by past and present planning practices and to eliminate racial disparities and discrimination.

Restore community connections negatively impacted by investment decisions.

Establish a reparative actions fund to finance mitigation for past harms.

Apply the Anti-Displacement Framework to Council investments and policies.

Create tools to identify how projects benefit or harm different communities.

Policy 4

Center the native experience in decision-making and implement the actions included the Council's acknowledgment statement that all land in this region is Dakota land.

Engage in Tribal consultation.

Partner with urban Indian organizations and community members.

Update Council's procedures for tribal consultation and native community engagement.

Discussion



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Next Steps

Ongoing work for Q2 60% draft release

- Continue soliciting feedback on draft language.
- Review draft language against equity and environmental justice frameworks.
- Continue engagement with local governments and community organizations.
- Continue revising language; balance feedback of underrepresented communities to ensure equal voice.





Questions

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