Today’s Conversation

Agenda

Overview and update since last meeting
Big picture review
Substantive updates
Review of changes by objective
Engagement Schedules
Next Steps for Land Use Policy
Focus for 2050

A people-centered approach - Elevate the voices of underrepresented communities; value their feedback in equal measure; consider the individual experience within the built form.

Manage growth responsibly and respectfully - Balance competing interests and perspectives of many stakeholders and partners

Aligning need with opportunity - People have what they need within a proximity they choose, with travel and housing options that meet their needs

Community connections - Support communities of all types and re-establish social connections

Natural systems - Value the environment more holistically, including all living beings; more than just for extractive value.

Climate resilience - Through an EJ lens, focus adaptation and mitigation measures to build local climate resilience through development practices

Equitable development - Remedy discriminatory land use practices

Economic wellbeing – Support the economic health of people, address economic inequities, and foster a green economy
What’s happened in a month?

April 15
Community Development Committee

April 17
RDG Council Member Work Group

April 18
Committee of the Whole

April 18
Special Meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee

April 24
Land Use Policy Local Government Focus Group Meeting #4

April 26
RDG Council Member Work Group

May 1
Community Leader Technical Advisory Group Meeting #4

May 8
Land Use Policy Local Government Focus Group Meeting #5

May 15
Committee of the Whole

May 15
RDG Council Member Work Group

May 16
Land Use Advisory Committee

May 20
Community Development Committee
Response to comments

Key takeaways

• Need for clear identification of Council and/or Community Roles
  • Who is responsible?

• Need for all community types to be able to “see” themselves in the plans
  • Urban, Suburban, and Rural as well as Community

• Local governments
  • Uncertain about what requirements will result from new policies
  • Support for connections between land use and other policy areas
  • Support for technical assistance and planning resources
  • Need for ongoing discussions as policy plans continue to develop
Big picture review

Broad Changes

• Added introductory language
• Reorganization and consolidation for clarity and reduced repetition.
• Clarified and reorganized, where needed
• Consolidated and reduced repetition
• Used more concise language
• Used terminology consistently
• Added links to resources referenced within content

Context and Statute

• Added context around concepts (rolling land supply), terms (nature-based approaches), principles (universal design), or examples for better understanding of purpose and intended outcomes.
• Added missing language or clarification for Statutory requirements:
  • Aggregate resources
  • Historic preservation and cultural assets
  • Climate change requirements
  • Planning for access to solar
Substantive changes

Density Analysis Report Finalized

Added approach to evaluate feasibility of demand and development of land uses based on practicality.

- Ensures both the intensity (density range) and location of planned developments are practical.
- Differentiates between what is merely allowed and what is plausible.
- Provides a realistic framework for land use planning.
- Plan for land uses that are realistically marketable within the planning period.
- Prevent the overestimation of development outcomes.
- Reduces the risk of underutilized infrastructure, inefficient land management, and implausible planned densities.
Substantive changes

More than one housing type

- More than one housing type required in residential land use categories
  - Requires density ranges broad enough to accommodate more than one housing type.
  - Previously included in the housing objective.

Context for Orderly Annexation

- Added support for protection of long-term viability of growth and development of Rural Centers.
- Added Council evaluation of impact of interim uses in rural areas where the extension of long-term regional service may be under consideration or planning to ensure conformance with regional system plans and avoid departures from those plans.
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. Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected and safe communities for people to live in.
4. Prioritize land use and development activities that protect, restore, and enhance natural systems at all scales.
5. Ensure that people in all types of communities find housing opportunities that align with their needs.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Implement land use and development practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, embed climate adaptation, and create resilient communities.
8. Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.
General changes by Objective

**Objective 1 (growth mgmt)**

- Context for rolling land supply
- Added support for Green Acres program alongside Ag Preserves Program
- Combined redevelopment content from housing objective
- Refined language from density approaches discussion in the Density Analysis Report
- Added context and support for development and land use stewardship that integrates natural systems in design and implementation

**Objective 2 (transportation)**

- Strengthened acknowledgement of existing road system and personal vehicle use
- Opportunity for connected uses in proximity to daily needs
- Added support for residential growth and supportive commercial growth through mixed uses with multiple travel choices
- Added support for vehicle-dependent uses like industrial, freight, and warehousing development around existing infrastructure availability
General changes by Objective

**Objective 3 (community design)**
- Strengthen concepts around connectivity through design; transportation and community connections
- Context for universal design (design for all people; inclusive built environment)
- Integrated references from other objectives about green infrastructure
- Clarification on meaning of culturally expansive ordinances

**Objective 4 (natural systems)**
- Consistently referring to protection, restoration, and enhancement throughout
- Some references moved to other objectives to better integrate throughout
- Inclusion of water more explicitly within natural systems
- Clarification regarding Council and community roles
- Changed reference from environmental justice to overburdened communities
General changes by Objective

**Objective 5 (housing)**

- Alignment between the Housing Policy chapter and the housing land objective
- Housing policy focuses on:
  - Homelessness
  - Metro HRA and Grant programs (LCA)
- Land use objective on housing focuses on:
  - Housing within land use categories
  - Housing supportive land uses
  - Diversity of housing types close to destinations

**Objective 6 (equity)**

- Added emphasis on accountability through regular reporting and data maintenance
- Added procurement process improvements to help remove barriers to engagement with community organizations
### General changes by Objective

**Objective 7 (climate change)**
- Added references to new statutory climate requirements
- Overall consolidation, repetition reduction and context improvements
- Some references moved to other objectives to better integrate throughout
- Clarified urban tree canopy aims, including work on Emerald Ash Borer
- Added specificity and clarifying language to food systems policy

**Objective 8 (economic wellbeing)**
- Closer tie-ins from the adopted regional Economic Framework
- Focus on promotion of a just economy through economic growth and wellbeing
- Equitable access to economic resources
Schedules and Next Steps
Forecasts/Land Use Engagement Schedule

- **June 5**: Forecasts (in-person)
- **June 10**: Forecasts (in person)
- **June 13**: Forecasts (virtual)
- **June 25**: Forecasts (virtual)
- **June 26**: Special Meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Group on Land Use and Density (virtual)
- **July 9**: Water and Land Use Policy with south metro townships (in-person)
- **July 16**: Forecasts (virtual)
- **July 16**: Land Use and Density (virtual)
American Indian Advisory Council Schedule

- **March 25**: Land acknowledgments
- **April 8**: Met Council roles and responsibilities
- **April 22**: Regional parks and trails
- **May 13**: Water policy
- **May 28**: Environmental justice
- **June 10**: Transportation policy
- **June 24**: Housing policy
- **July 8**: Review of commitments and recommendations
- **July 22**: Organizational change and review of recommendations
- **August 21**: Committee of the Whole presentation of Advisory Council recommendations
Tentative Committee Schedule

- **May 20**: CDC - 60% Draft Land Use Objectives, Policies, and Actions
- **July 1**: CDC - American Indian Advisory Council Update
- **July 18**: LUAC - Density Analysis Report and Recommendations
- **July 17**: CDC - Density Analysis Report and Recommendations
- **Aug. 5**: COW - American Indian Advisory Council Recommendations
- **Aug. 21**: CDC - Approve Drafts of Parks, Housing, and Land Use Policy for Public Comment

CDC = Community Development Committee | LUAC = Land Use Advisory Committee | COW = Committee of the Whole
Next Steps for Land Use Policy

**Moving towards the public comment draft**

- Review Density Analysis Report and Recommendations (July 1st)
- CDC and LUAC will be discussing:
  - TOD Analysis and Recommendations
  - Criteria for MUSA Expansion
  - Criteria for performance-based flexibility and program needs (enrollment, eligibility, tracking)
- Review draft language against Equity, Environmental Justice, Community-Centered Engagement, and Anti-Displacement Frameworks
- Balance revisions; weigh feedback of underrepresented communities to ensure voices are heard equitably.
- Follow Council direction to be bold, address regional racial disparities, and center community voices in policy development.
Overall RDG Timeline

**August 14, 2024:** Met Council action – Release Imagine 2050 for public comment
**September 25, 2024** – Tentative formal public hearing
**October 7, 2024** – Close of formal public comment period
Questions

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