



Draft Land Use Objectives and Policies

Community Development Committee

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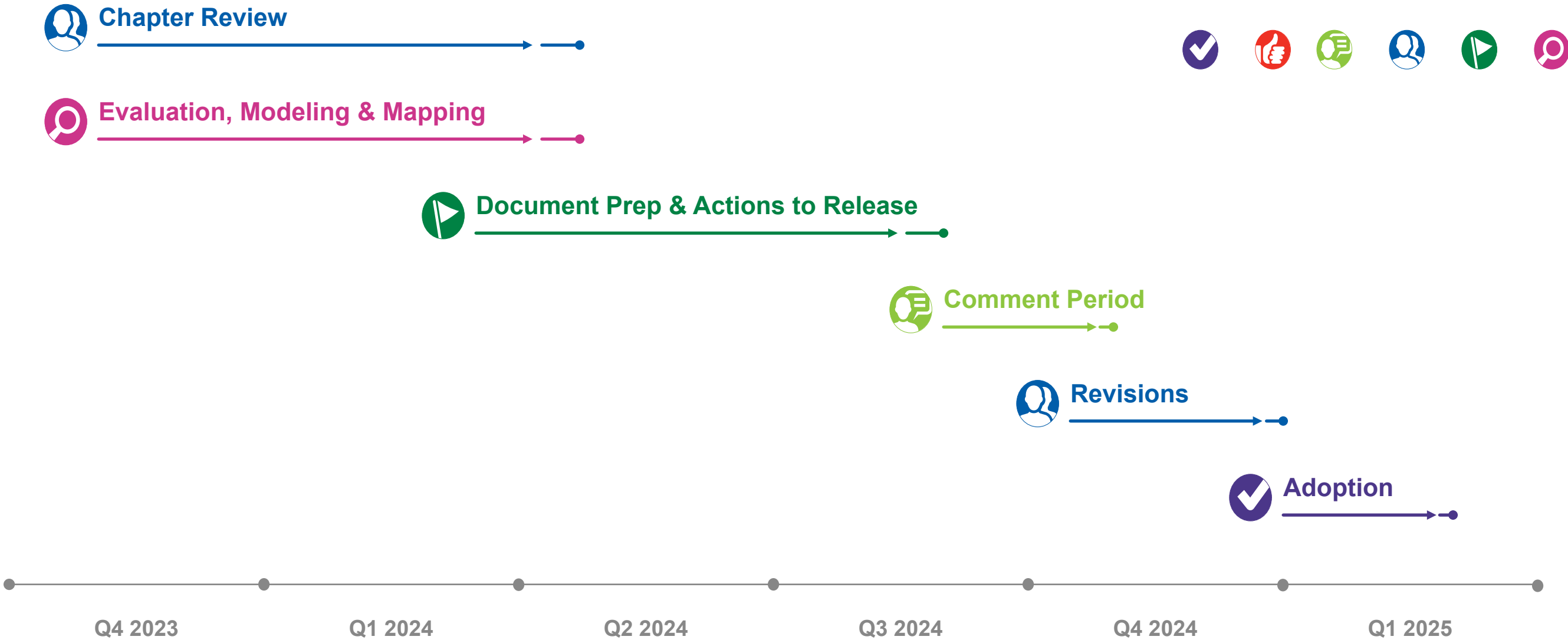


Agenda



- Review of terms and definitions
- Engagement updates
- Revised land use objectives
- Next steps

Imagine 2050 Timeline



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.

DRAFT Land Use Objectives

Original Draft Objectives – Presented on November, 20, 2023

1. Minimize the amount of land needed to accommodate regional growth.
2. Maximize the development of places accessible for people by transit, bicycling, rolling, and walking.
3. Design places where all people feel safe and connected.
4. Maximize the preservation and restoration of natural systems at all scales of development.
5. Maximize housing choice within communities.
6. Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.
7. Prioritize land use and development patterns that strengthen local climate resilience.

Land Use Policy Engagement



Complete

- Young Leaders Collaborative
- Community Designations Focus Group
- Rural and Agricultural policy discussions

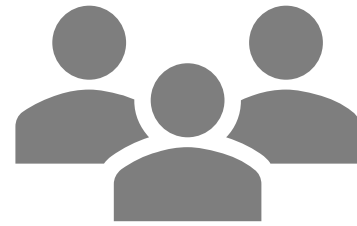
Ongoing

- Land Use Policy Cohorts
- Regional Planning Advisory Group
- RDG Work Group
- Metropolitan Council Committees
- Council Staff

Land Use takeaways from other engagement efforts

- Climate focus groups
- Housing technical advisory group
- Transportation
- Subregional water supply workshops

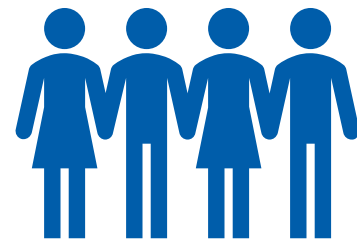
Future Engagement Efforts and Initiatives



Land Use technical advisory group; re-engaging with community organizations



Local government engagement: One-on-ones, topic-based focus groups, CMs



Population forecasts engagement



Second regional land use cohort expands beyond youth

Revised Land Use Objectives



Revised DRAFT Land Use Objectives

Revised Draft Objectives – Presentation on February 20, 2024

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. Ensure that in all types of communities, people find 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



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



Equitable & Inclusive Region

Healthy & Safe Communities



Dynamic & Resilient Region



Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, & Resilience



Natural System Protection & Restoration

KEY



Primary



Secondary

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

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Leverage the region's existing resources

Use available infrastructure capacity in urban and rural service areas efficiently

Reduce the need for infrastructure expansion

Mitigate premature development of agricultural areas and destruction of natural systems

Preserve the agricultural economy and rural lifestyles

Balance the needs of all living things in the region

DRAFT Land Use Objective #2



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

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- ◐ Healthy & Safe Communities
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#2 Maximize opportunities for growth in places well-served by transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Encourage density around activity centers and along corridors.

Increase the accessibility of the region for those without access to a personal vehicle.

Reduce the need for vehicle trips and/or their cost and duration.

Reduce GHG emissions related to transportation and land use.

Increase the return on investment for regional transit/bicycling infrastructure.

Increase positive health outcomes due to greater physical activity.

DRAFT Land Use Objective #3



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



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

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.

DRAFT Land Use Objective #4



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

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

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Protect the region's biodiversity

Restore and enhance natural systems

Connect habitat corridors & enhance edge habitat

Protect, restore, and enhance the region's tree canopy

Build resilience to climate impacts through nature-based solutions

Incorporate meaningful natural systems benefits within all scales of development

#5 Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.



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#5 Ensure that in all types of communities, people find housing opportunities that align with their needs.

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Lifecycle Housing

Diverse housing types in all communities

Inclusive housing options (senior disability, multi-generational, ect)

Neighborhood Revitalization

Affordable housing that meets individual needs

Connected neighborhoods and communities

DRAFT Land Use Objective #6



Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

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#6 Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

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

DRAFT Land Use Objective #7



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



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

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Reduce impacts associated with climate change

Increase neighborhood and community resilience

Reduce emissions through deployment of renewables energy

Reduce emissions through land use, including built and natural form

Build climate coalitions and collaborative work

DRAFT Land Use Objective #8



Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities



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#8 Support the economic wellbeing of our region and its communities.

Purpose and Desired Outcomes

Address place-based economic needs

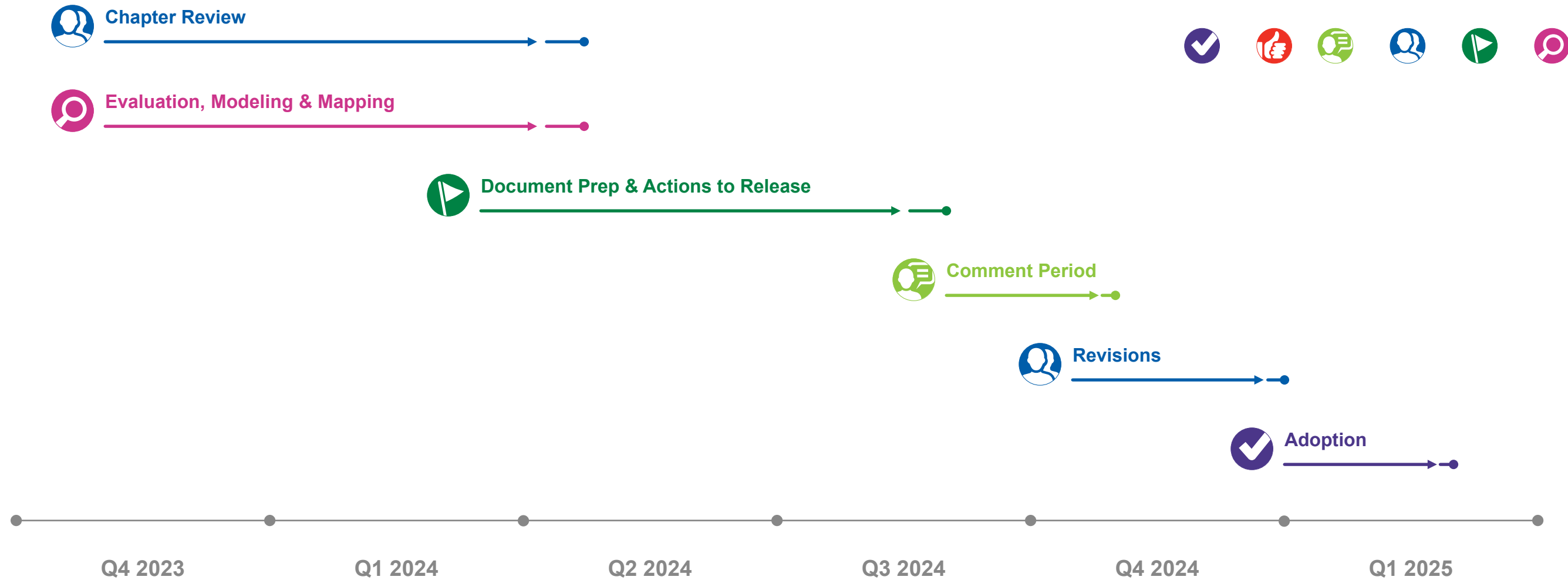
Reinvestment and repurposing

Increase job accessibility

Eliminate income / wealth disparities

Increase attractiveness of region

Timelines



Next Steps



Solicit feedback on draft policies and actions from Council staff in other system and policy areas.



Review draft objectives, policies, and actions against equity and environmental justice frameworks.



Engage local governments and re-engage community organizations for feedback on draft objectives, policies, and actions.



Continue revising objectives, policies, and actions in response to stakeholder feedback.



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