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
Regional Plan Elements

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

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

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

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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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**KEY**

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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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KEY

Primary

Secondary
#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
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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, etc)
- 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 placed-based economic needs

Reinvestment and repurposing

Increase job accessibility

Eliminate income / wealth disparities

Increase attractiveness of region
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.