

# 2050 Regional Development Guide & Regional Parks Policy Plan Update

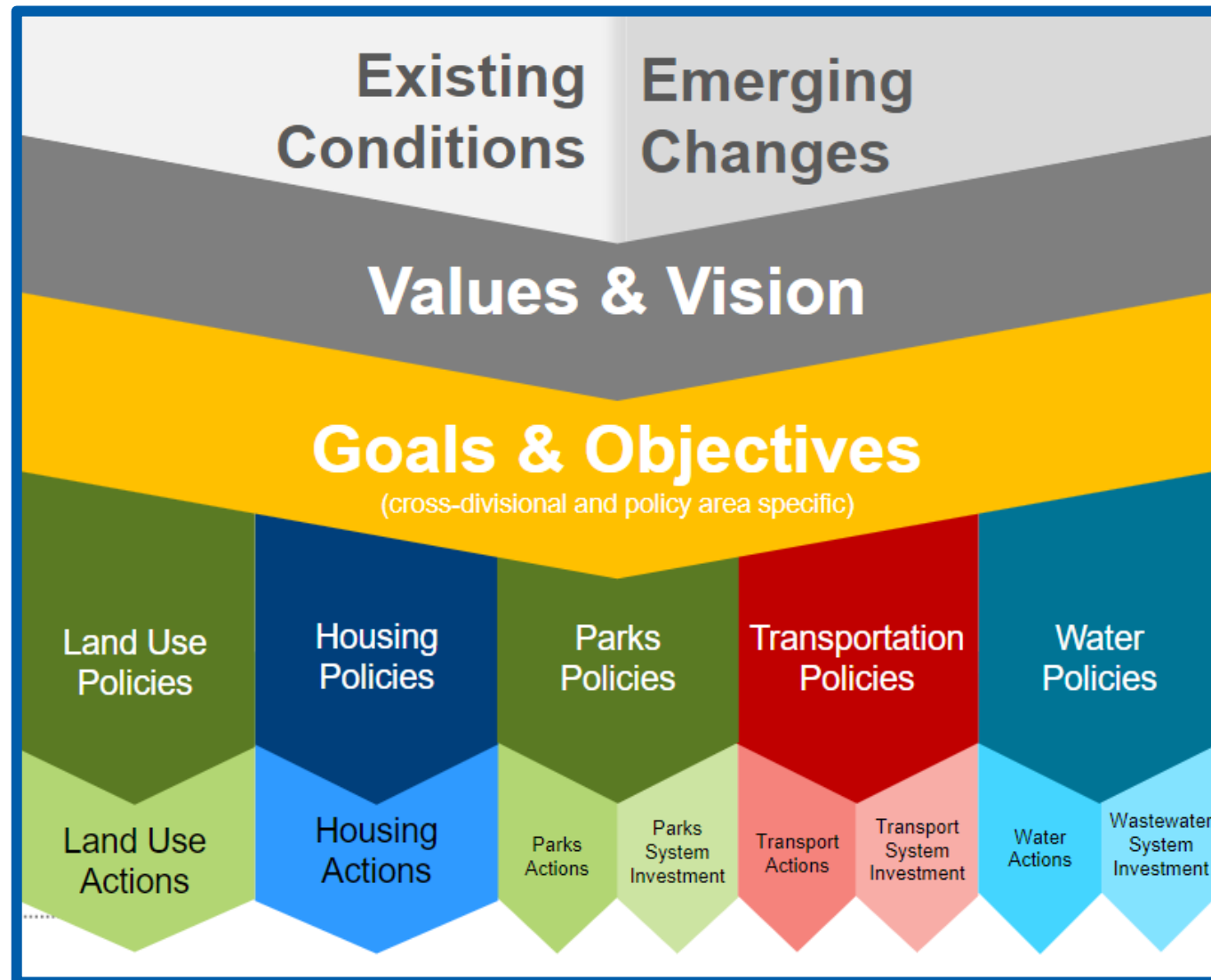
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August 3, 2023



# Regional Development Guide – Proposed Structure and Definitions



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

# Regional Development Guide – Values

## 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.

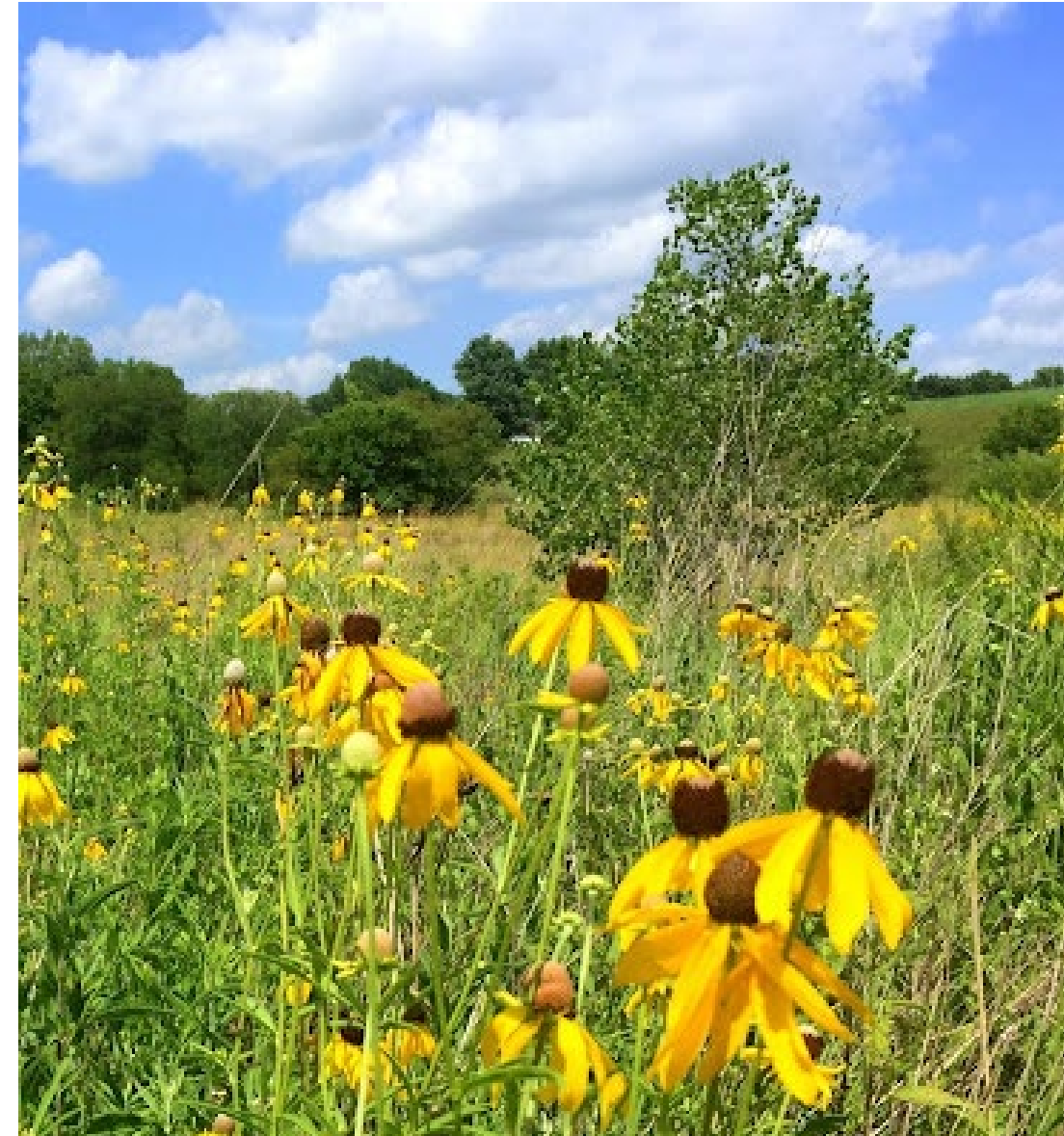
## Accountability

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

## Stewardship

We value our region's abundant resources.

*\*Council endorsed draft values.*



# Regional Development Guide – Vision Examples and Goals

## Vision Examples

*“We envision a healthy, just, and resilient region where future generations thrive and experience new opportunities supported by planning that results in economical services, housing affordability, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and safe, accessible transportation throughout the region.”*

*“We envision an equitable future where our region’s residents, communities, and economy thrive. Through collaborative leadership and innovative planning, we will deliver of equitable and affordable services and infrastructure; we will confront challenges, including those related to equity and climate change; and we will seize opportunities to ensure the wellbeing of our natural and built environments.”*

## Goals

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

Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.

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

All our region’s residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, dignity, and wellbeing.

### **Our Region is Dynamic and Resilient**

Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and the economy including issues of choice, accessibility, and affordability.

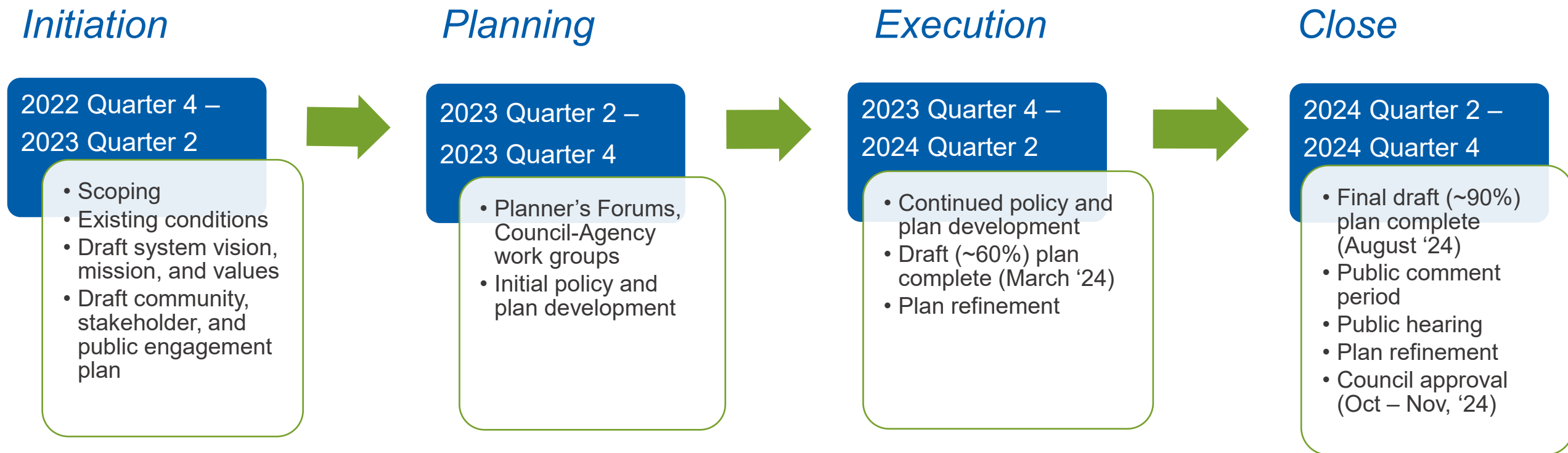
### **We Lead on Addressing Climate Change**

We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.

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

We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for our region

# Regional Parks Policy Plan Timeline



Coordination with the Regional Development Guide Process, Other Council Systems and Policy Areas

Ongoing Engagement: Council Committees, Implementing Agencies, Community Groups, Stakeholders, Public

# Initial Agency-Council Policy Plan workgroups

1. Community, Stakeholder and Public Engagement
2. Regional Parks and Trails System Vision, Mission and Values
3. Strategic, Sustainable Funding
4. Recreation Activities and Facilities
5. Park and Trail Plan Requirements, incl. Equity Analysis Requirement
6. System Plan Considerations, incl. Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
7. Regional Trails and Regional Bicycle Transportation Network

2023 Q1-  
2023 Q2

2023 Q3 -  
2024 Q1



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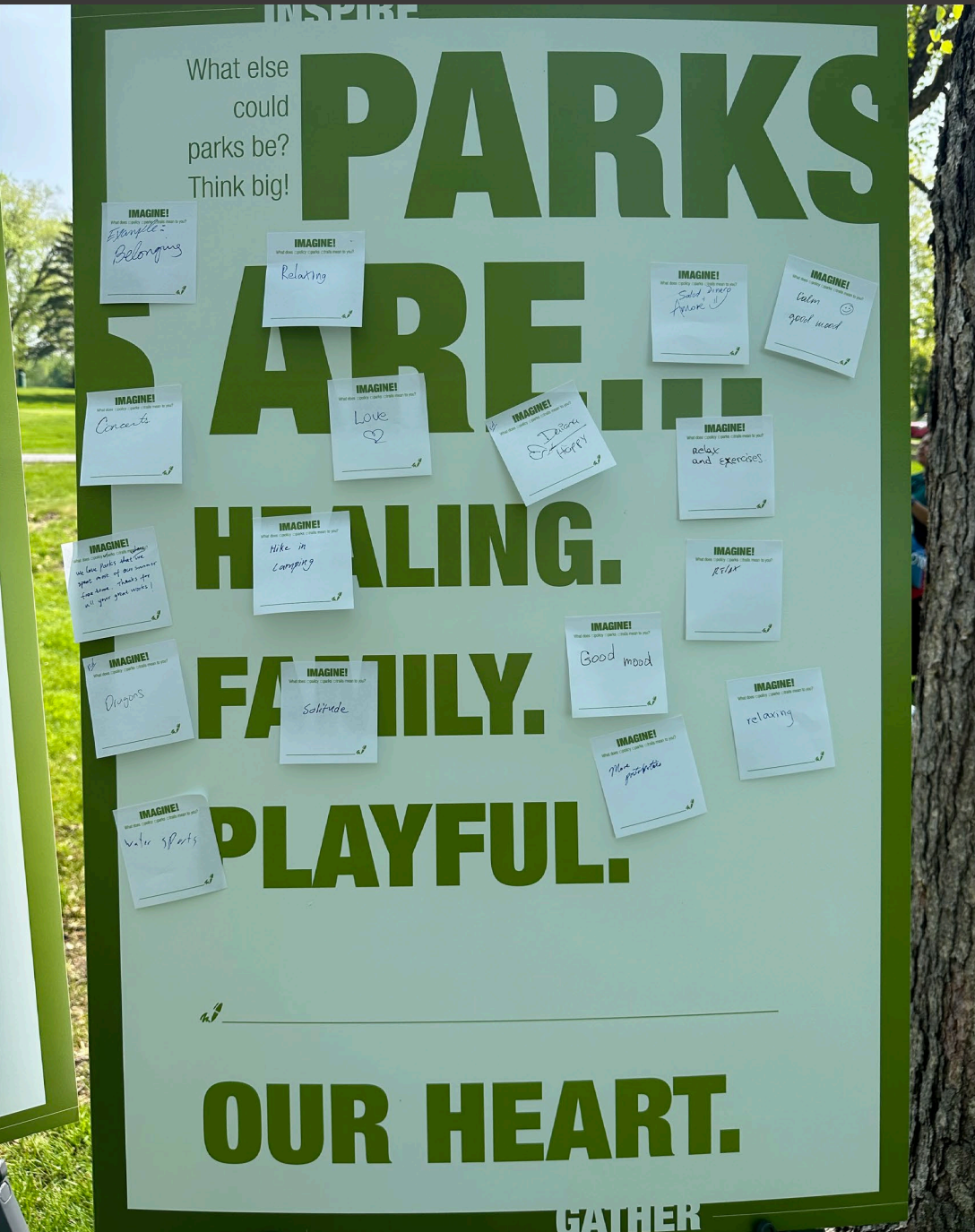
Council-Agency Engagement workgroup summary

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# Agency-Council Workgroup #1 | April 13, 2023

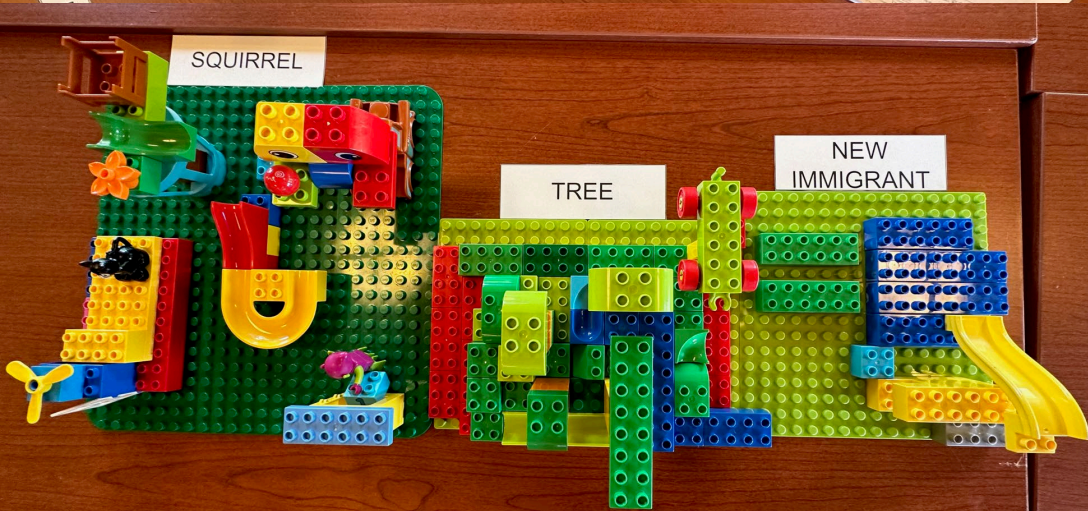


## Key Takeaways

- Support Council staff having a Council Community, Stakeholder, and Public Engagement Plan & Community Engagement Tool
  - Agencies are welcome to use
- Need to understand how communities communicate
  - Understand complexity of each community
  - Translation/Interpreters
  - Transportation
- Make policy easy to understand
- Utilize existing agencies' own guiding documents
  - Contains feedback from underrepresented communities

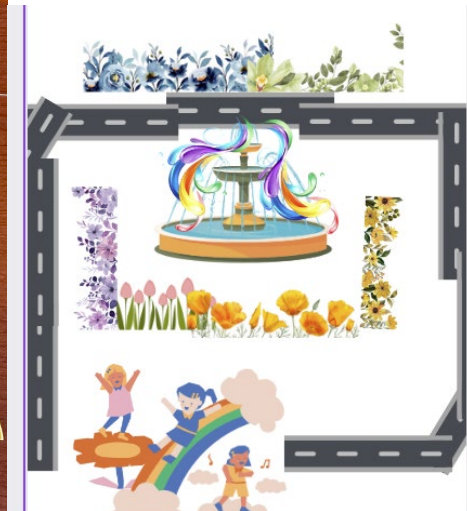


# Agency-Council Workgroup #2 | May 30, 2023



## Key Takeaways

- Synthesis of past agency work
  - Equity analysis comments
  - Have topic areas for agencies to respond to
- Tap into other areas of engagement such as Public Health, Community Services
  - Partner with community leaders
- Understand priority groups' lived experience
- Community members can shape the activities list in the policy plan
- Remain flexible



# What's been happening

## In-Park Experience Focus Groups

- Urban Bird Collective – LGBTQ+
- Solcana Fitness – LGBTQ+
- Macalester College, Outdoor club – Youth/Students

## Pop-up/Tabling

- Scott County Community & Wellness Fair - Cleary Lake Regional Park
- Ramsey County, Sign Celebration – Keller Regional Park

# Future Engagements



## Plans for Engagement

- Synthesize past agency work (long-range plans, equity analysis requirement comments), Love Letters, Youth Studies, and Youth Leaders Collaboration findings
- Four in-park experience focus groups, TBD
- Pop-up/Tabling Community Events
  - Monarch Festival
  - Any other?
- Council Communication Public Comment Period- Traditional Engagement
- Internal Engagement Opportunities
  - Historical Cultural Study
  - LPA Cohort Engagement
  - Cross learning from other CD units i.e. LCA

# Q&A

As we move forward with engagement activities for the parks policy plan update, what advice do you have for Council staff?



# 2050 Regional Development Guide & Regional Parks Policy Plan Update

Council-Agency Vision, Mission and Values workgroup summary

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June 29, 2023



# Agency-Council Workgroup #1 | May 1, 2023

## Key Takeaways

- General support for the workgroup approach.
- Interest in developing system-wide, partnership approach to vision, mission, and value statements; as well as describing the Council's role.
- Vision statements should be short, inspirational.
- Statements should not duplicate one another.
- Education should be considered as a value statement.



# Agency-Council Workgroup #2 | June 12, 2023

## Key Takeaways

**Overall** - Tie the RPPP's vision, mission, and values to the Council's vision and values for a high-level strategic orientation.

- Maintain the contemporary and futuristic threads.

**Vision** - Two visions resonated with the group:

- Connect community, inspire health and healing, and protect nature.
- A premier system of connected nature-based parks and trails fostering healthy people, communities and natural systems.

**Mission** – The group liked the words “support,” “partnership, and “interconnected nature-based system of parks and trails.”

**Values** – Minor modifications to the values of stewardship and education.



# Workgroup Proposal to Implementing Agency Partners: Draft Vision, Mission, and Values

## Vision

Together, growing community connections and inspiring health and healing through exceptional outdoor experiences and high-quality natural areas.

## Mission

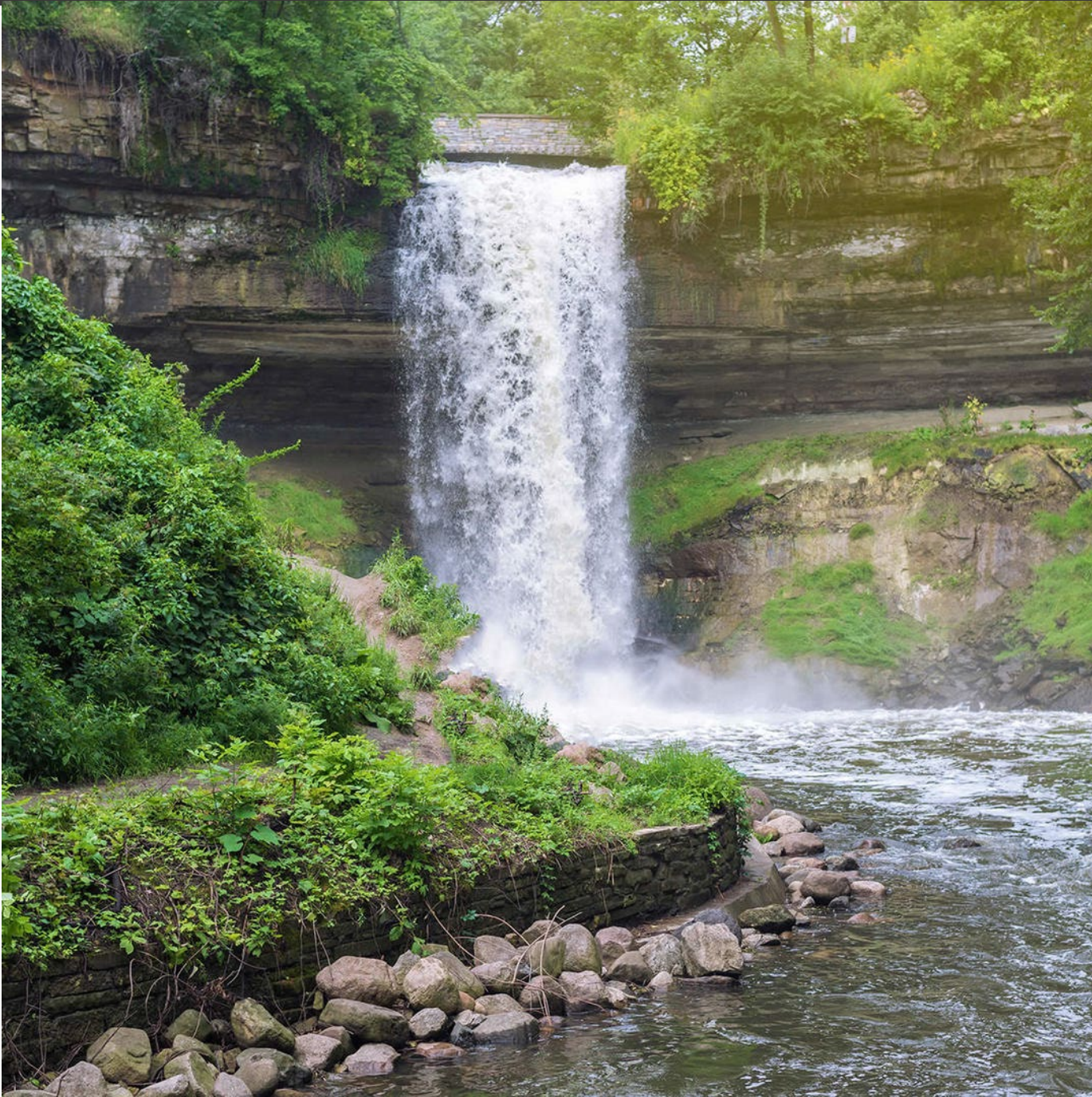
A partnership committed to an interconnected, nature-based parks and trails system, where everyone belongs.

## Values

- Collaboration: Recognizing that we are one part of a broader community working together to create regional parks and trails for all. Building strong partnerships is vital to sustaining and living out our values.
- Belonging: Committed to offering processes, spaces and programming that are inclusive, welcoming, safe, and accessible to all individuals.
- Stewardship: Caring for the natural environment today and for future generations.
- Well-being: Knowing that the outdoors is vital for personal and community health.
- Adaptability: Challenging ourselves to grow, by creating a culture of innovation.
- Education: Inspiring learning about outdoor skills, culture, history, and natural systems.



# Q&A

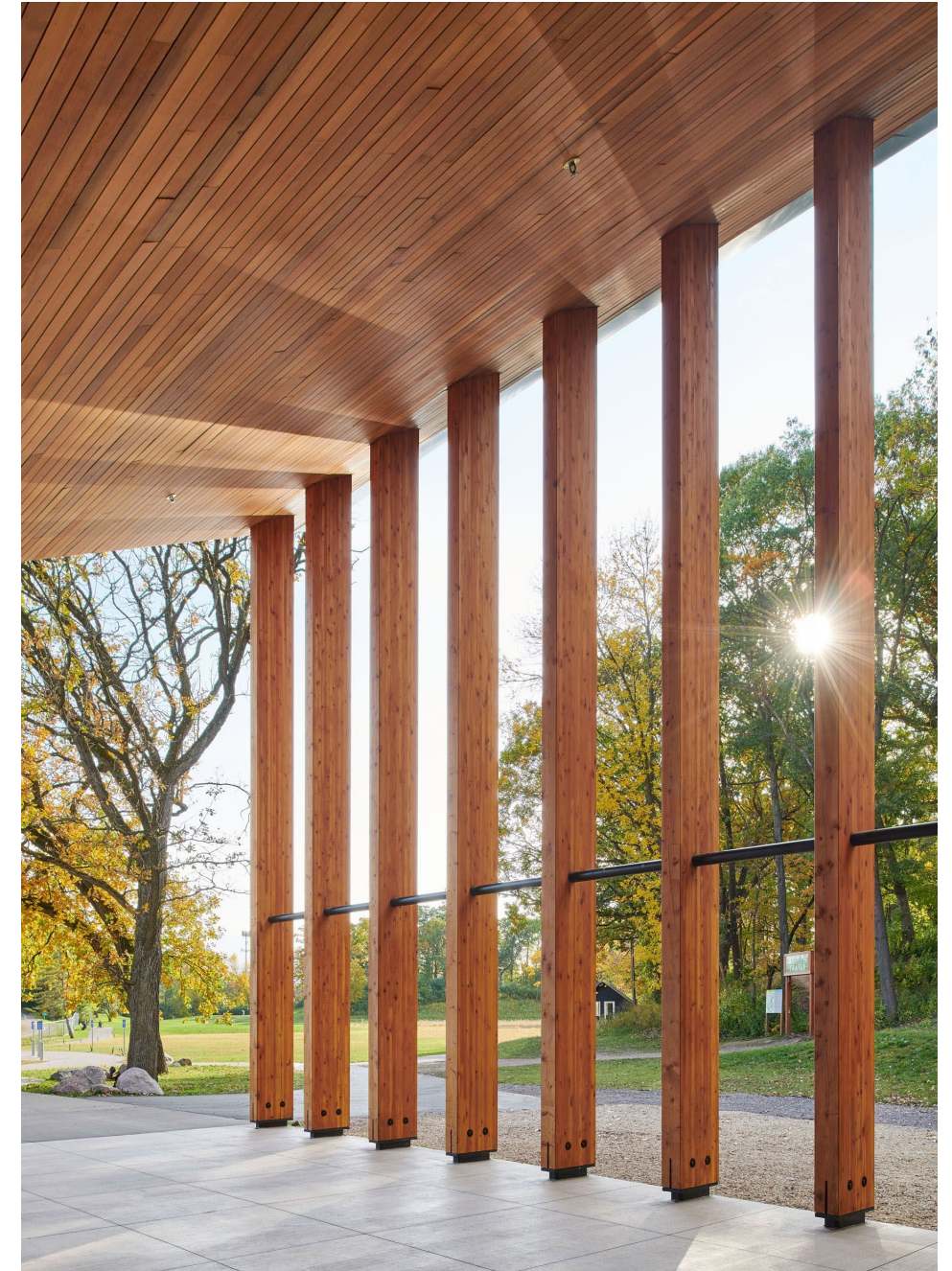


- **Do the draft Regional Parks and Trails System Vision, Mission and Values resonate?**
- **What advice do you have for Council staff moving forward?**

# Next Steps

## A Busy Transition to Planning Phase

- **June 15** – Regional Parks and Trails Planner’s Forum
  - Park and Trail Plan Requirements
  - System Plan Considerations
- **June 29** – Regional Park Implementing Agency-Council Partner meeting
  - Draft Vision, Mission, and Values
  - Draft Engagement Plan
- **August 3** – Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting
  - Draft Vision, Mission, and Values
  - Draft Engagement Plan
- **August 31** – Regional Park Implementing Agency Partner meeting
- **September** – Regional Parks and Trails Planner’s Forum





Thank you

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