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Comprehensive Plan 2030

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF GOALS

*T*his *Comprehensive Plan* is an update of the City's *Comprehensive Plan 2020* prepared in 2000. Many of the recommendations of that plan have been implemented but a number still remain. The current plan has been prepared in response to the emerging issues and changing conditions since 2000. It is designed as a practical handbook that will guide the City throughout the next two decades.

The plan has a twofold purpose:

- To preserve and enhance the community's strong attributes.

Brooklyn Center has many characteristics that should be preserved and protected, particularly its well-planned local park system, quiet tree-lined streets, single-family neighborhoods, and sense of small-town community. As the community continues to evolve and mature, new strategies are needed to preserve and enhance these resources.

- To stimulate positive change and evolution in the community.

Brooklyn Center is experiencing changes common to many first-ring suburbs. The housing stock has aged, as has a large segment of the population, the public infrastructure requires increasing maintenance, traffic congestion has increased, and commercial and industrial markets have shifted. Historically the City's neighborhood's have been a stabilizing influence, but the single-family housing foreclosure crisis calls for action.

The City must respond with a more proactive approach-- initiating responses to issues, intervening where necessary to get the community back on track, to reverse negative trends. Past comprehensive planning efforts have not lacked in comprehensiveness but a renewed resolve is required to successfully deal with the challenges we face.

The *Comprehensive Plan* is the product of a six-month planning effort. A community analysis and visioning process where attributes to preserve and issues to address were identified (included in the Appendix to this report) was the focus of the initial meeting with City Council and City Commission members. The entire community was invited to participate in a similar process further on in the process.

The current draft is being distributed to the City Council, Planning Commission and Housing Commission for their joint review. At the same time it is being distributed to adjacent cities, county governments and other local government jurisdictions for their review, as required by law. The final plan will be prepared for submission to the Metropolitan Council for review prior to the City Council's final adoption.

SUMMARY OF GOALS

The goals for the plan have been developed based on the issues identified in the community analysis and visioning meetings, discussions with staff and background reports, including the Metropolitan Council's Regional Growth Management Strategy and other studies. More detailed and specific goals are included in the individual chapters of the *Plan*.

- Brooklyn Center will become known for its sense of community and will capitalize on its physical attributes including its first-ring suburban location, good highway and bus access, sound and diversified housing stock, vibrant mixed-use city center, attractive Brooklyn Boulevard corridor, and interconnected park and open space system.
- Brooklyn Center will gain an increased sense of place by:
 - Retrofitting the public elements of its neighborhoods
 - Focusing and linking these neighborhoods toward an intensified, mixed-use, retail-office-residential-city center,
 - Making major street corridors and other public spaces highly attractive, and
 - Celebrating diversity.
- Brooklyn Center will develop a positive public image and strong community esteem through programs to correct housing vacancy and deterioration and crime in certain areas and by ensuring that the City's positive attributes and successes are publicized.
- Brooklyn Center will accomplish these and other aims through cooperative leadership and sound management.