



GROWING GREAT THINGS

Comprehensive Planning: The Hillsboro Way



Help Plan Hillsboro's Future

Hillsboro's last 20 years have brought rapid change and remarkable success. **With further change on the horizon, we're laying the groundwork for future successes through careful planning and plenty of hard work.** In the coming months, you'll be hearing more about our efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Get involved and help us create a plan that will keep Hillsboro Growing Great Things long into the future!

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is an expression of the community's values and its vision for how Hillsboro will grow and develop over the next two decades and beyond. The plan sets land use goals, policies, and implementation measures that help city leaders make decisions about new development, existing neighborhoods, transportation systems, recreation, and a variety of other topics.

Why update the plan now?

The last full update of Hillsboro's Comprehensive Plan took place in 1983, which is before roughly half of the city's population was born.

With all of the change that has taken place since 1983 and with the recent conclusion of the Hillsboro 2035 visioning effort, now is an excellent time to strategically update the Comprehensive plan so that it accurately reflects current community values and positions the city for continued success.

Overview

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document required by state law, but we're determined to make sure it's more than just that. Our approach is designed to keep the Comprehensive Plan fresh, relevant, and useful. The updated plan will be reviewed and revised on a regular basis to keep it consistent with the community's vision for Hillsboro's future.

The structure of the Comprehensive Plan Update consists of goals, policies, and implementation measures. These elements work together to define the community's strategy for growth and development over the next 20 years.

How is this project related to Hillsboro 2035?



The vision identified in the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan serves as the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan Update, but there are a few key differences between the two plans.

For instance, the Comprehensive Plan will take a closer look at land use patterns, Hillsboro's transportation system, and the delivery of public services, among other topics. The Comprehensive Plan also differs from Hillsboro 2035 in that it fulfills requirements of state law, is adopted by city ordinance, and is primarily implemented by city staff.

Content

Hillsboro's Comprehensive Plan Update is organized around seven core topic areas. These core areas cover broad, interconnected subjects and include a variety of subtopics. Each core area reflects community preferences identified in the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan and fulfills elements of Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals.

Core Areas and Subtopics



Bolstering Community Involvement

Public Involvement



Enhancing Livability and Recreation

Design and Development | Historic Resources | Housing | Library Services | Recreational Needs | Urbanization



Promoting, Health, Wellness and Safety

Access to Local Food | Light Management | Natural Hazards | Noise Management | Police and Fire Protection



Fostering Healthy Ecosystems

Natural Resources



Building Economy and Infrastructure

Economic Development | Public Facilities Plan | Surface Water Management | Water Supply and Distribution



Advancing Environmental Sustainability

Air Quality | Energy and Climate Change | Wastewater Collection | Water Quality



Cultivating Transportation Choices

Transportation System Plan



How can I participate?

Our hope is that you'll get involved and provide input at each stage of the Comprehensive Plan Update process.

Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- **Subscribe to our mailing list to receive project updates**
- **Participate in monthly Citizen Advisory Committee meetings**
- **Join as at community summits**
- **Review and provide feedback on goals, policies, and other materials on our website:**

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Process

Each topic within the seven core areas will follow a pathway that includes five major steps—background research, committee work, community summit, refinement and review, and final review and acceptance—all of which lead up to the Comprehensive Plan being adopted by the City Council.

Background Research

First, Planning Department staff writes a series of background reports covering each topic area. These reports provide an overview of the topic, highlight relevant material from Hillsboro 2035, and identify policy questions to consider. Staff also proposes goals and policies that are used as a starting point for discussion with the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee.

Committee Work

The Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees review and revise background reports and proposed goals and policies.

Community Summit

The project team holds a series of events designed to present goals and policies to the public and gather community input on each of the topics.

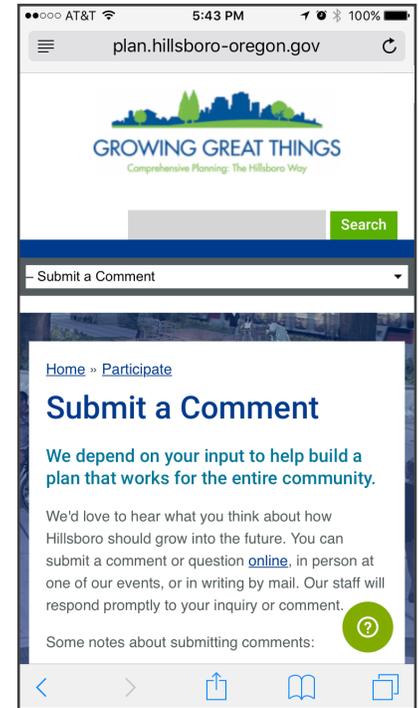
Refinement and Review

Input received from community members is incorporated into the goals and policies, which are then reviewed and refined by the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees.

Final Review and Acceptance

Final goals and policies for each topic are reviewed and accepted by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Visit plan.hillsboro-oregon.gov to find out more.



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With the Comprehensive Plan Update project now fully underway, we're hoping you'll share your photos of the places and things that make Hillsboro a great place to live, work, and play.

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