

City of Hutchinson Comprehensive Plan

Goals and Strategies

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goals and Strategies are a detailed expression of a community's aspirations for the future and can be considered the heart of the Comprehensive Plan. The **Goals** and **Strategies** appear toward the beginning of the Comprehensive Plan to provide the framework for the various roles and responsibilities of the city in implementing and achieving these aspirations. The Goals and Strategies spell out various roles and responsibilities for the city. The issues identified at the Community Kick-off and Focus Topic Meetings precede the specific goals and strategies that will aid the city in addressing the issues.

Goal: A general statement of community aspirations and desired objectives that indicates a broad social, economic, or physical state of conditions that the community officially agrees to strive to achieve in a variety of ways, such as through the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Strategies: An officially adopted course or method of action intended to be followed to implement the community Goals.

The Goals and Policies spell out various roles and responsibilities for the city relative to the future development patterns. To better understand the role for each Goal and Policy, a number of key terms are defined below with the corresponding responsibilities:

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| <p>Create: Bring about the desired goal, usually with city staff involved at all levels from planning to implementation. May involve city financial assistance.</p> <p>Continue: Follow past and present procedures to maintain desired goal, usually with city staff involved at all levels from planning to implementation.</p> <p>Encourage: Foster the desired goal through city policies. Could involve city financial assistance.</p> <p>Endorse: Subscribe to the desired goal by supportive city policies.</p> <p>Enhance: Improve current goal to a desired state through the use of policies and city staff at all levels of planning. This could include financial support.</p> <p>Identify: Catalog and confirm resource or desired item(s) through the use of city staff and actions.</p> <p>Maintain: Keep in good condition the desired state of affairs through the use of city policies and staff. Financial assistance should be provided if needed.</p> <p>Recognize: Acknowledge the identified state of affairs and take actions or implement policies to preserve or change them.</p> <p>Prevent: Stop described event through the use of appropriate city policies, staff actions, and finances, if needed.</p> |
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Promote: Advance the desired state through the use of city policies and staff activity at all levels of planning. This may include financial support.

Protect: Guard against a deterioration of the desired state through the use of city policies, staff, and, if needed, financial assistance.

Provide: Take the lead role in supplying the needed financial and staff support to achieve the desired goal. The city is typically involved in all aspects from planning to implementation to maintenance.

Strengthen: Improve and reinforce the desired goal through the use of city policies, staff, and, if necessary, financial assistance.

Support: Supply the needed staff support, policies, and financial assistance at all levels to achieve the desired goal.

Sustain: Uphold the desired state through city policies, financial resources, and staff action to achieve the desired goal.

Work: Cooperate and act in a manner through the use of city staff, actions, and policies to create the desired goal.

FORMULATION OF GOALS AND STRATEGIES

To help guide the background studies and to formulate community goals and policies, participants listed and then ranked the issues in order of importance. Ultimately, these issues and the subsequent goals and policies will be used to draft a land use plan and related policies for the community. It should be noted that the listed strengths, weaknesses and other ideas are only the opinions and perceptions of the residents who chose to participate in the workshop.

ISSUES

Although the issues listed here cover a broad spectrum, recurring issues, along with those that elicited the most consensus, can be thematically grouped into four categories.

Transportation. Traffic and congestion are not only a big city problem. To some extent, they impact all successful communities. Hutchinson is no exception. Residents cited a congested downtown area as a significant barrier to the health of the community. The residents were also concerned with safe pedestrian and bike traffic through the community.

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Economic. The community viewed its local economy as healthy and vibrant with a few minor concerns. Specifically, the city's employment base is concentrated in a few large employers, creating the concern that the city's economy needs to diversify in order to protect Hutchinson from severe downturns that can result from dependence on one or two large industries.

Community Spirit. Many residents believe that the sense of community in the Hutchinson area is a vital link to its success. The community is defined in many ways by its residents, community groups and work ethic – all of which Hutchinson enjoys in great abundance.

Growth Management. Indiscriminate growth; the need to coordinate planning with surrounding jurisdictions; and balancing growth with the other economic, housing, environmental and cultural needs were identified by residents participating in forum.

GENERAL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

General Goal #1

Maximize Hutchinson's potential as a thriving center for business, health care, industry, education and recreation, while maintaining and enhancing its livability.

Strategies

1. Promote the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Plan that effectively and efficiently plans for land use, community facilities, transportation, housing, economic development and environmental protection for Hutchinson and the immediately surrounding area.
2. Review and amend the Comprehensive Plan as necessary to ensure its usefulness as a practical guide for current and future development. Adhere to this Plan, which shall guide all zoning changes, as closely as possible to ensure consistent development policy.
3. Formulate and enforce city ordinances to ensure development in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, including downtown development guidelines, and general commercial development requirements.
4. Continue to plan for land uses to support and enhance Hutchinson's ability to attract quality development, by providing adequate quality areas for new business development.
5. Participate in the state legislative, McLeod County, and surrounding Townships' governmental processes regarding issues important to the city.

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6. Protect both the general welfare and the individual choices of Hutchinson residents. Insure that decisions that are made by the community reflect the needs of current residents and business owners.

General Goal #2

Support a strong, ongoing working relationship between Hutchinson, McLeod County, and the adjacent Townships in all matters related to planning and the provision of public services.

Strategies

1. Recognize the legitimate issues and concerns regarding jurisdictional issues by working and cooperating with surrounding communities through this planning process and outside this process.
2. Continue active participation with the Hutchinson Joint Planning Commission. Continue to monitor its effectiveness in providing balanced growth to the area and recognize the need for cooperation between jurisdictions.
3. Continue to re-examine the existing Hutchinson Joint Planning District Boundaries. Identify areas where the line should be expanded (or contracted).

General Goal #3

Promote community spirit and unity and enhance Hutchinson's character and identity.

Strategies

1. Encourage volunteerism, participation in community activities and acceptance of community leadership positions.
2. Seek partnerships with coalitions and interest groups to share resources and energies in order to address community problems and opportunities.
3. Actively encourage and utilize resident participation in the local decision-making process.
4. Encourage increased interaction and communication between citizens of all ages, cultural heritages and incomes.
5. Continue to improve and enhance communication among the city, residents, businesses, civic groups and public agencies utilizing various media such as a city newsletter, cable access and a community web page.

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6. Continue to improve connections between the city, and its business community through active participation in the local Chamber and civic groups.
7. Encourage a variety of experiences and opportunities in terms of living, working and social activities within the community.
8. Protect and enhance important historical, cultural and natural resources as a means to maintain the integrity, heritage and local character of Hutchinson's natural and built environment.

LAND USE GOALS AND STRATEGIES

LAND USE ISSUES

- THE RATE OF GROWTH HAS REMAINED STEADY OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS
- THE CITY HAS PLANNED FOR ADEQUATE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH AREAS WITHIN THE HUTCHINSON JOINT PLANNING DISTRICT AREA
- EXISTING HUTCHINSON JOINT PLANNING DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAY NOT REFLECT FUTURE GROWTH TRENDS
- APPEARANCE OF COMMUNITY AT THE GATEWAYS IS A CONCERN
- ADEQUATE INDUSTRIAL LAND NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
- DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO FOLLOW THE UTILITY EXPANSION (STAGING) PLANS
- THE CITY NEEDS TO MAINTAIN A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS AND MCLEOD COUNTY
- BALANCING ACCOMMODATING GROWTH WHILE CONTINUING TO PROTECT ITS NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

LAND USE GOAL #1

Support the compact, efficient and orderly growth of all urban development, including residential, commercial and industrial areas. Strengthen the distinction between the urban city and the rural countryside with well planned and carefully coordinated services appropriate to the distinct needs of each.

Strategies

1. Work with Hutchinson, Acoma, Hassan Valley, and Lynn Townships and the County to identify growth areas and to amend the Hutchinson Joint Planning District Boundary to include growth areas between the city's boundary and the predominately rural/agricultural parts of the Townships where efficient and orderly growth can be facilitated over a long period of time. Revise boundary as needed.

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2. Work with the County and adjacent Townships to maintain very low residential densities within the Hutchinson Joint Planning District to promote the efficient extension of public utilities.
3. Develop an orderly annexation plans for areas that are urban or are about to come urban in character. Work cooperatively with the adjacent townships, the County, and property owners to encourage orderly growth and development.
4. Conduct an environmental review of lands within the planned growth area to assess potential impacts that may occur from the growth and development of the community. Amend the Comprehensive Plan to address identified impacts, if necessary.
5. Review all applicable ordinances and policies to ensure that they do not deter desirable, self-supporting development.
6. Identify areas of significant natural resource benefit and protect these areas from premature or incompatible development
7. Work with surrounding townships to annex existing and planned urban development located within the city's planned growth areas, as services can be provided to those properties.
8. Implement "Financing Hutchinson's Growth" policy

LAND USE GOAL #2

Plan for the orderly, efficient and fiscally responsible growth of commercial and industrial development in Hutchinson.

Strategies

1. Locate and design industrial and commercial developments to provide good access and road service, while avoiding the routing of traffic through residential neighborhoods.
2. Require new commercial and industrial developments to have access to adequately sized and designed public roads.
3. Encourage the development of additional commercial and industrial areas within the city in accordance with the land use plan.
4. Encourage all commercial developments to be on public sewer and water.
5. Buffer commercial and industrial developments from environmentally sensitive areas within the community.

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LAND USE GOAL #3

Plan for the orderly, efficient and fiscally responsible growth of residential development in Hutchinson.

Strategies

1. Continue to guide residential growth in an orderly and compact manner so that new developments can be effectively served by public improvements and that the character and quality of the city's existing neighborhoods can be maintained and enhanced.
2. Encourage well-designed residential subdivisions at urban densities in the designated growth areas of the city. Locate higher density residential developments in areas adjacent to moderate density developments.
3. Discourage the placement of high-density developments in areas lacking adequate transportation infrastructure.
4. Encourage development of low density and high-density family housing units in those areas designated on the adopted Land Use Plan.
5. Encourage compatible infill residential development throughout the developed portions of the city, to encourage the efficient use of land, the establishment of a strong tax base and the cost effective provision of city services.
6. Encourage all residential developments to be on public sewer and water.
7. Encourage the incorporation of a system of trails and open spaces in new residential developments.

LAND USE GOAL #4

Plan land uses and implement standards to minimize land use conflicts.

Strategies

1. Prepare and adopt a land use plan that designates land use areas and guide development to appropriate areas in order to ensure desirable land use patterns and minimize conflicts.
2. Require adequate transitions between different land uses through appropriate land use planning and zoning standards and promote architectural/site aesthetics that are compatible with community standards.
3. Encourage the location of commercial and industrial development in areas that avoid adverse impacts, such as truck traffic, through residential areas.

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4. Prepare design standards for commercial, industrial and multi-family housing development.

LAND USE GOAL #5

Support development that enhances community character and identity.

Strategies

1. Work to strengthen and maintain the appearance of the Highway 15 and Highway 7 corridors through design standards, trails, lighting, sidewalks, signage and other tools.
2. Develop and enforce architectural/site-planning standards in both the downtown and general commercial areas that support and promote community aesthetic standards. Implements new downtown design guidelines.
3. Continue to plan for land uses in order to support and enhance Hutchinson's ability to attract quality development by providing adequate quality land area within the planned growth areas.
4. Support the redevelopment of vacant and abandoned sites within the urban core.
5. Ensure that high quality developments are well planned and connected to existing development through the efficient use of streets, utilities and infrastructure.
6. Develop a community resources master plan that identifies unique environmental, cultural and architectural sites within the community. Establish preservation guidelines that allow for adaptive re-use, or redevelopment.
7. Work with property owners to encourage the development of attractive entrances and gateways to the community.
8. Develop and enforce community site-planning/architectural standards that support and promote the character of the city.

TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN DOWNTOWN CREATES UNSAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS ON BUSINESSES
- TH 7 RECONSTRUCTION WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFRA-STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVED SAFETY
- THE CITY WILL NEED TO PROTECT HIGHWAYS FROM EXCESSIVE ACCESS POINTS

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- THE CITY NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION
- LACK OF SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON MAIN STREET (TH 15)
- IMPLEMENTATION OF SIDEWALK AND TRAILS PLAN

TRANSPORTATION GOAL #1

Support the development of an integrated transportation network that:

1. *Supports the land use and economic development policies of the city and the region; and*
2. *Is sensitive to environmental concerns; and*
3. *Promotes safe and efficient transportation movements; and*
4. *Supports multi-modal transportation uses; and*
5. *Fiscally Responsible*

Strategies

1. The city should support regional efforts to improve connections to surrounding communities, including the Highway 7 Rural ITS Corridor.
2. The city should support the designation of Trunk Highway 22 from Glencoe to Hutchinson as an inter-regional corridor and encourage continued upgrading to the roadway.
3. The city should require traffic studies for all new large commercial or industrial developments.
4. The city should support the development of plans for the southwest corridor connecting TH 15 to TH 7 on the west side of the community.
5. The city should revise its Functional Classification Map to incorporate the new Trunk Highway 22 Bypass as a principal arterial.
6. The city should develop strict access management standards for new development along the state trunk highway system and the county state aid highway system.
7. The city should continue to program the transportation improvements found in the 1998 Hutchinson Transportation Plan.
8. The city should work carefully with MnDOT official in the development of final reconstruction plans for Trunk Highway 7 in order to ensure that the 5-lane design does not reduce the ability of pedestrian traffic to access downtown or other areas.
9. The city should request that MnDOT employ “Context Sensitive Design” standards in the reconstruction plans for Trunk Highway 7.
10. The City Economic Development Authority should work closely with MnDOT in the preparation of downtown redevelopment plans and streetscape improvements.

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11. Downtown Transportation improvements should include a focus on safe pedestrian / bicycle movements.
12. The city of Hutchinson should continue to support alternative modes of transportation as an alternative to dependence on the individual automobile.
13. The city should protect the traffic movement integrity of the newly construction Trunk Highway 22 Bypass.
14. The city should continue to support the Trailblazer Transit in expanding its service level.
15. The city should consider "official mapping" procedures as a means through which future minor arterial and collector road corridors are protected.
16. The city should continue developing a comprehensive trail plan that connects major traffic generators within the community with residential neighborhoods.
17. A grade-separated crossing for the Luce Line Trail at Main Street should be incorporated into Downtown redevelopment plans.
18. The city should require trails and/or sidewalks along all collector or arterial roads and, where appropriate, as part of new neighborhood designs.
19. The city should study the incorporation of "Park and Ride" Lots for commuters to the Twin Cities as part of the TH 7 reconstruction project.

HOUSING GOALS AND STRATEGIES

HOUSING ISSUES

- PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE MIX OF OWNER-OCCUPIED AND RENTAL UNITS IS CHALLENGING BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSE LOCAL NEEDS
- THE CITY NEEDS TO PLAN AROUND THE EXISTING RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE HUTCHINSON JOINT PLANNING DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- THE CITY NEEDS TO SUPPORT PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS
- THE HRA NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY AND REACT TO CHANGING COMMUNITY HOUSING NEEDS
- THE CITY NEEDS TO SUPPORT CREATIVE AND COMPACT NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN

HOUSING GOAL #1

Ensure an affordable and diverse housing stock to meet a wide-range of community needs.

Strategies

1. Continue to study housing goals, needs and resources.

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2. Support the findings and goals within the 2001 Housing Study for the city of Hutchinson.
3. Support relationships with HUD, FmHA, FHA, VA, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, the Hutchinson HRA, local lenders, builders, and other organizations that can help Hutchinson meet its housing goals.
4. Encourage public-private partnerships to expand affordable housing opportunities.
5. Continue to support the concept of life-cycle housing to ensure an adequate supply of senior housing within the community and the surrounding area.
6. Create a new zoning category or use other zoning tools that allow neighborhoods with life-cycle housing, mixed housing types and/or other appropriate uses within residential areas.
7. Encourage the appropriate dispersion of housing types throughout the city.
8. Continue to work with Ridgewater Community College to determine the adequate provision of student housing for the student population.
9. Encourage building housing in larger volumes to utilize cost effectiveness.
10. Updates in housing market studies are recommended periodically to monitor changing housing market conditions.

HOUSING GOAL #2

Create a high-quality environment in all residential neighborhoods.

Strategies

1. Enforce necessary codes to ensure the continued maintenance of the housing stock.
2. Explore methods and funding options to promote the improvement of the existing housing stock, including retrofitting existing homes to better serve today's families.
3. Explore methods and funding options to encourage the rehabilitation or redevelopment of substandard housing.
4. Encourage infill housing where appropriate.
5. Examine zoning and other regulations to ensure they allow the upgrading of older homes, neighborhoods, and small, irregularly shaped lots.
6. Continue to encourage work with the Hutchinson Home Purchase Opportunity Program (HHPOP) to provide a mix of housing.

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7. Work with the cities public works and engineering departments to ensure adequate infrastructure for future developments.
8. Develop minimum landscaping and design standards for new development, including the use of boulevards, tree plantings and entrance monuments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL AND STRATEGIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

- THE CITY HAS A STRONG ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT BASE WITH A MIX OF LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSES
- THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE
- A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS DRAW EMPLOYEES FROM AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON
- THE NUMBER OF COMMUTERS TO THE TWIN CITIES JOB MARKET HAS INCREASED
- THE CITY HAS ACTIVELY ASSISTED LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH EXPANSION RESOURCES
- MODERN MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVANTAGE THAT HUTCHINSON ENJOYS OVER SOME OTHER COMMUNITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Support the development of a strong, diversified, and growing economic base and create a favorable climate for economic development and ongoing business activities.

Strategies

1. Promote and encourage quality commercial and industrial development in the city through the support and cooperation of the city Council, EDA, business organizations and community leaders.
2. Actively promote development and redevelopment within the community, including financial incentives, with particular emphasis on attracting and supporting businesses that provide livable-wage jobs.
3. Strengthen and maintain a diverse retail base through the cooperation of the EDA, business organizations, and community leaders.
4. Promote and encourage environmentally sound commercial and industrial development through design standards and good site planning.
5. Promote aesthetically pleasing development and redevelopment in highly visible areas of the city.

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6. Create and maintain an economic development database to track trends and determine future needs.
7. Emphasize tax base expansion and job creation in economic development efforts by the city.
8. Plan for Adequate Land are for future Industrial and Commercial Developments. Encourage Industrial Development to occur East of the Crow River along 5th Street to Trunk Highway 22. Encourage Commercial Development at the Intersection of Trunk Highway 7 and 22 and South along Trunk Highway 15.

DOWNTOWN GOAL AND STRATEGIES

DOWNTOWN GOAL

Support the economic viability of the Downtown Commercial District.

Strategies

1. Complete the work underway with business owners, property owners and other stakeholders to create a redevelopment plan for the Downtown Redevelopment District.
2. Retain and attract the appropriate mix of retail/service business activity and housing opportunities in Downtown.
3. Re-focus development efforts to take advantage of the River and the Luce Line Trail to improve a creative and contextual identity for new construction and renovation.
4. Evaluate and recommend improvements to Downtown pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow.
5. Encourage and support innovative housing opportunities in the Downtown area.
6. Promote adequate customer parking for the Downtown with additional concentration on improved signage.
7. Encourage the use of Federal, State, local, and other financial resources to promote reinvestment and the rehabilitation of Downtown.

PARKS AND OPENSOURCE GOAL AND STRATEGIES

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ISSUES

- THE CITY HAS AN EXTENSIVE PARKS SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN ACQUIRED OVER THE PAST 150 YEARS

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- HUTCHINSON MAINTAINS THE SECOND OLDEST PLATTED PARKS SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES
- THE CITY NEEDS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARK AND OPEN SPACE LANDS TO SERVE A GROWING POPULATION
- THE CITY MUST CONSIDER FUTURE MAINTENANCE WHEN ACCEPTING OR REJECTING PARK DEDICATION LANDS
- THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS ONE OF THE LOWEST PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOAL

Provide and maintain adequate community parks and open space to meet the future needs of the community.

Strategies

1. Support the expansion of Parks and Open Space along the Crow River, Otter Lake and Campbell Lake.
2. Improve greenway and trail connections between existing and future community Parks and provide trail connections to the Luce Line Trail.
3. Prioritize valuable water resources -- streams, lakes, and wetlands – native prairie remnants and woodlands for preservation in public and private parks and open space.
4. Accept Parkland Dedication only if it is consistent with the city’s development and environmental mitigation plans and The City’s Parks Plan. Focus Development efforts on area-wide community parks serving larger populations and not localized neighborhood tot-lots.
5. Conduct an updated Park Dedication Survey and develop recommendations for updating the Park Dedication Requirements within the City’s Zoning and Subdivision ordinances.
6. Carefully incorporate city infrastructure needs into Park and Open Space Acquisition.

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES GOAL AND STRATEGIES

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ISSUES

- ACCOMMODATING GROWTH WHILE PROTECTING SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
- BUFFERING DEVELOPMENT FROM THE CROW RIVER AND STREAMS THAT FLOW THROUGH THE CITY

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ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES GOAL

Protect and restore the City's natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas for the community's long-term environmental, social and economic benefits.

Strategies

1. Identify and inventory natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas.
2. Create a greenway corridor and natural areas plan that links environmentally sensitive areas, stream and river corridors, trail corridors, natural areas, institutions, parklands, and neighborhoods.
3. Encourage all areas of urban development to be served by public facilities.
4. Encourage maintaining, enhancing or restoring wetlands and natural drainage systems when accommodating new growth and enhancing and restoring wetlands and natural drainage systems through redevelopment projects.
5. Support Development Patterns that protect both surface and groundwater from hazardous waste, fertilizers, and pesticides.
6. Promote sedimentation and erosion control techniques during development and redevelopment projects and continue to encourage innovative techniques, such as rain gardens.
7. Promote the management of stormwater runoff in accordance with local and state requirements.
8. Encourage the use to two-cell stormwater treatment designs that both treat stormwater and provides quality wildlife habitat.
9. Retain, enhance or restore vegetative buffers along the Crow River, streams, lakes and wetlands. Use native plant species whenever feasible.
10. Adopt and enforce a Wetland Protection Ordinance in accordance with Wetland Conservation Act.
11. Identify and protect the wellhead protection zones in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health rules and regulations.
12. Strictly limit development on unsuitable soils, including slopes over 18 percent, wet soils, and floodplain soils.
13. Work with the County to implement its Septic Tank Management Program to ensure that public health and water resources are protected by requiring that septic tanks are properly inspected and monitored for compliance with State requirements.

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14. Continue to implement the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance.
15. Identify and inventory native prairie remnants and continue to support native prairie restoration projects.