



NEXT STEPS

PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION

The primary intention of the Comprehensive Plan is always to promote and protect the health, safety, welfare, economy, and image of Chesterfield. City officials keep in mind this long-term vision for the future of Chesterfield and should use the plan as a key resource when considering new policies, planning and programming new infrastructure, evaluating new development applications, and coordinating with outside agencies. From time-to-time, a development application may bring into conflict one or more of the recommendations presented in the Comprehensive Plan, and both the Planning Commission and City Council will need to balance competing interests and make decisions that, to the best of their abilities, bring about intended outcomes.

Recommendations in the document provide guidelines, targets, and priorities for shaping future growth and development in the community.

PLANS, PROJECTS, POLICIES, AND INITIATIVES

New or amended plans, projects, policies, and initiatives are recommended throughout this comprehensive plan. They are part of specific strategies to fulfill the community’s vision for conservation, growth, and quality of life. The following is a brief summary of these items.

SPECIFIC PLANS AND STUDIES

A comprehensive plan can raise questions that require further study or present ideas

not contemplated in other plans adopted by the City. To address the questions and ideas at a deeper level, plans and studies may be required as a step toward the implementation of the comprehensive plan. (Note: Some plans or initiatives recommended in the Plan have already been developed or are currently under development.)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects identified address existing deficiencies and/or anticipated future year needs. Implementation of projects recommended in this comprehensive plan provides additional capacity to serve the magnitude and timing of development depicted on the Future Land Use Plan. Some of the projects require coordination with responsible county, state, or federal agencies.

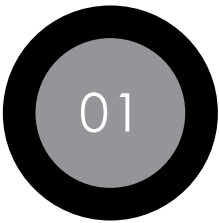
POLICIES

In order to implement many of the plan recommendations, revisions will need to be made to the local zoning regulations as well as supporting policies and codes.

INITIATIVES

New initiatives led by the City and partner agencies will address a wide range of topics important to promoting economic development and improving the quality of life for residents. These initiatives are a critical opportunity to build local capacity by involving stakeholders, especially citizens, in plan implementation.

Once plan implementation is underway, the City should take steps to ensure the plan is widely used, updated in a timely manner, and consistent with related City documents.



Encourage Use of the Comprehensive Plan in Everyday Decision-Making

The document should be widely accessible to residents, business owners, and property owners throughout the City. Hard copies should be available in community buildings (i.e., City Hall, Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, Sachs Branch Library, public schools, etc.) and a downloadable copy should be available from the City’s website and the websites of partner agencies (e.g., Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce). Social media should be used to announce the document’s adoption, and then remind people of its importance and availability for review periodically. In-person forums with elected officials, area developers, advocacy groups, and other organizations should be used to highlight key points in the document, and answer questions about the plan’s role in the City’s decision-making processes.



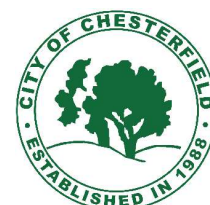
Review and Update Regularly

The City is encouraged to make long-range planning a routine endeavor. The Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed regularly to evaluate changing conditions in the market, demographics, residents’ values, state and federal legislation, etc.



Review and Revise City Documents

The City’s plans and regulations should work in concert to provide a clear path forward and advance the community toward its vision for the future. To that end, the City should allocate resources to review and revise, as needed, the various adopted plans and the provisions in the Unified Development Code and other applicable land development regulations of the City to implement the Comprehensive Plan.



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