

Forging a New Legacy



Springfield's 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan Project

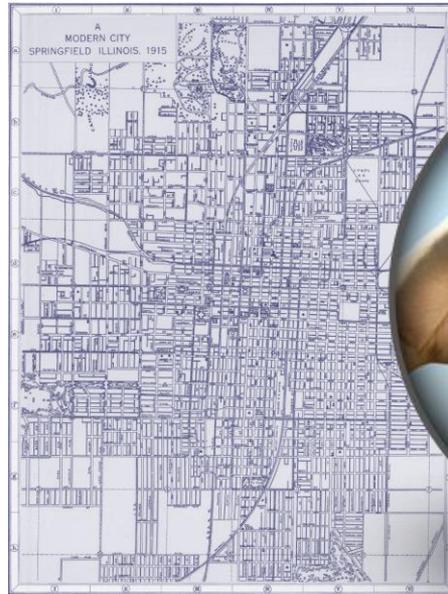


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What is a Comprehensive Plan & what does it do?



infrastructure
capital improvements variance
comprehensive sustainable
planning
strategic Form-Based Zoning parking spaces
LEED environmental Land uses public participation
right-of-way non-conforming use signage historic





It also assists in the zoning process

- Since it addresses land use, it helps frame decisions, often explaining and defending them when conflicts arise.
- This helps ensure consistency across the entire City.





And it can help the City meet requirements for some state and federal funding

- State and Federal programs often want to know how the projects they fund will advance local plans and be consistent with them.





The plan can also:

- Identify where and how Springfield's future growth needs will be met.





Planning for these needs:

- Guides the development of public facilities and amenities.
- Helps ensure wise infrastructure investment.





But equally important, the plan helps:

- Provide for an expected level of environmental and neighborhood quality.
- As well as maintain Springfield's unique character.





Springfield's new plan involves two efforts.

- The first is an analysis of our community: its past, present, and likely future if no actions are taken.

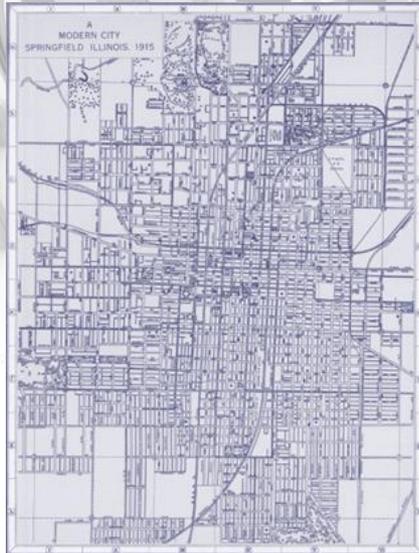
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PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE



This analysis studies:

- Springfield's past – including the results of past planning – so that we can understand the effects of Springfield's past on its future.





It also includes a study of:

- **Current & projected demographic changes and population growth.**
- **And projected economic growth opportunities.**





It also requires that we consider Springfield's:

- **Environment & natural resources.**
- **Transportation systems.**
- **Community amenities & facilities.**





And sophisticated tools are being used that were not available just 15 years ago.

- **Advanced data resources.**
- **Geographic information and mapping systems.**
- **Computerized transportation system modeling**
- **And the U of I's automated Landuse Evolution and Impact Assessment Model (LEAM).**





All of this helps us develop a better picture of:

- How land in Springfield is currently used.
- And how it might best be used to meet the needs of residents over the next 20 years.





And second, it requires consideration of our desired outcome:

- ***A Vision for the City:* what it wants to *be* in the future, and become over the next 20 years.**





To achieve this vision, Springfield's plan will need to address:

- The principles it will use to guide land use & future development.
- The areas where land use policies & strategies are particularly needed.





And a clear understanding of:

- Both the opportunities *and* challenges Springfield will face over the next 20 years and how they will be addressed.





The Project is guided by a local Steering Committee

- **Includes key government members:**
 - Mayor Langfelder.
 - Ms. Bonnie Drew, Deputy Mayor and Committee Chair.
 - Mr. Jim Zerkle, Corporation Counsel.
 - Ms. Karen Davis, Planning & Economic Development Director.
 - Mr. Mark Mahoney, Public Works Director.
- **Includes citizen representing the public:**
 - Mr. Nathan Bishop.
 - Pastor Jerry Doss.
 - Ms. Carol Knoedler.
 - Mr. Jim Skeeters.
 - Ms. Val Yazell.
- **And assisted by Regional Planning Commission staff.**





The Steering Committee's job is to:

- ***Guide*** the project.
- **Identify *areas* of importance.**
- **Serve as a *sounding board* – and *springboard* – for ideas: even **BIG** ones.**





It is also to:

- Address land use needs and priorities.
- And serve as an additional source of thoughtful input to ensure that the *public's interests* are addressed.





The planning process is being done in phases

- Phase I involved everything necessary for project start up.





This included:

- Establishing the Steering Committee and organizing its work.
- Preparing for the review of the City's history and its context.
- Collecting and reviewing previous relevant plans.





It also involved:

- Identifying all of the areas that needed to be addressed in the analysis, and the staff work associated with it.





Phase II also addressed:

- Natural resources & environmental conditions.
- Utilities infrastructure supporting growth.
- The City's transportation system.
- Community amenities and public facilities.





Phase II is now complete, and Phase III begins

Plan

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

- Phase III involves the actual development of the draft plan based upon the results of the analysis and public input.
- This phase begins in January, 2017.



The final phase includes development of the proposed land use plan

- It will be built upon our *vision* for the Community, including what Springfield desires to achieve over the next 20 years.

Vision

(vīzh'ən) *n.*

1. An imagined idea or a goal toward which one aspires.



And will include:

- The land use planning principles that would best guide the City in achieving its vision.
- As well as the land use policies that will be needed to build the future we desire.





Thanks for coming!

Continue your involvement tonight by taking time to look at the displayed materials, sharing your thoughts and talking with those involved in the planning process.



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