# The Comprehensive Plan

An Introduction



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# Part I

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## **About the RPC**



#### 12 Total Staff

#### 8 Planners

- Director
- Deputy Directory Zoning Admin.
- Site Plan Review
- Subdivision Review
- Overlay / Historic Review
- Planning Tech
- GIS
- Long Range Planning
- 2 Transportation (MPO) Planners
  - Transportation Director
  - Transportation Planner
    - Fully funded by Federal and State appropriations
    - Staffing related to size of MPO
- 2 Administrative Staff
  - Office Manager
  - Administrative Clerk



## "A vision without a plan is just a dream..."

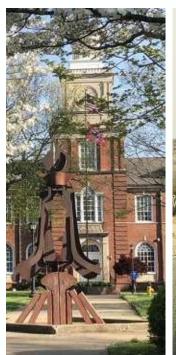
# What is Comprehensive Plan?















## Why a Comprehensive Plan? Rapid Growth





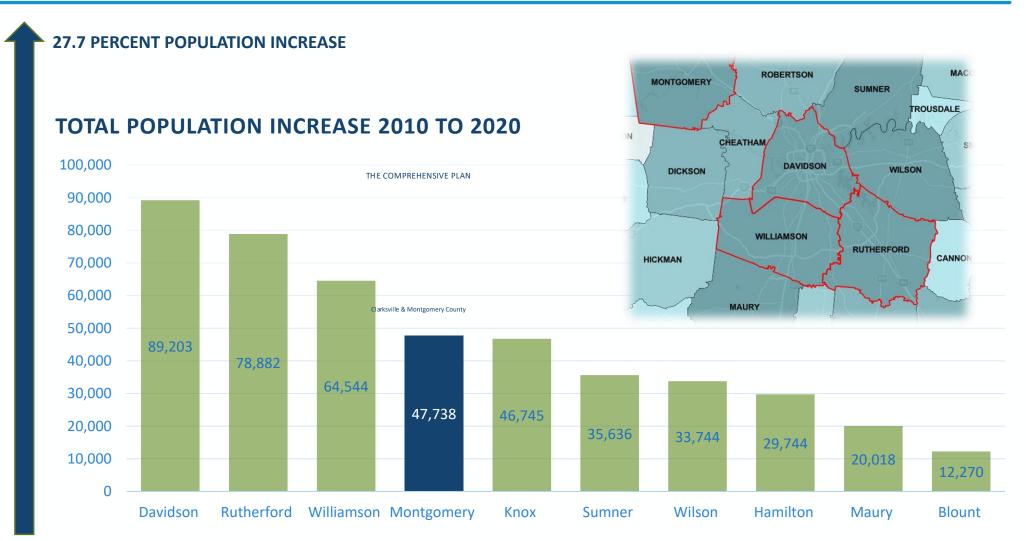
2020 Population Countywide



47,738 New Residents



Source: US Census 2020



## Why a Comprehensive Plan? Guide for Future Development



## **Balancing Competing Needs**

- 1. Fringe Development Vs. Infill
- 2. Housing: How much and what types of housing do we need?
- 3. Industry: How much and what types of industry can we support?
- 4. Roadway Capacity: What are effects of our growth on traffic patterns and congestion?
- 5. Prioritization of Funds: How does the Community prioritize limited funds for capital improvements?
- **6. Utilities:** What is the best strategy for growth for future utility needs?

## Why a Comprehensive Plan? Tennessee Law



## **Tennessee Annotated Code 13-4-201 - General Plan for Physical Development**

It is the function and duty of the commission to make and adopt an official general plan for the physical development of the municipality, including any area outside of its boundaries which, in the commission's judgment, bears relation to the planning of the municipality.

- Recommendations for the physical development of the area
- Identifies deficiencies in services and facilities
- Character, layout of community centers and neighborhood units
- The General location and extent of public utilities and terminals for water, light power, sanitation, and transportation

[Acts 1935, ch. 34, § 3; C. Supp. 1950, § 3493.3; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 13-503; Acts 2008, ch. 1150, § 6.]

# Vision, Goal, Action - Examples



#### **Envision CR**

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



I. Goal - City policy should encourage quality development and redevelopment within the
 City limits and ensure that adequate land is available to accommodate anticipated development.

#### II. Initiative -

 Analyze regulatory barriers to mixed use and infill development, and amend the municipal code to remove barriers and incorporate regulatory incentives as part of the comprehensive update to the zoning code.

#### Lebanon Forward

Lebanon, Tennessee



**I. Priority**- Provide a safe, reliable, and integrated transportation system that balances all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, public transit, and vehicles.

#### II. Strategies -

- Develop access management plans along major corridors, in coordination with TDOT.
- Identify multi-use path/trail connections between significant destinations.

## **Imagine Lexington**

Lexington, Kentucky



**I. Theme -** Balance Urban Growth and Rural protection.

#### II. Policies -

- Create a process for determining long term land use decisions involving the *Urban Services* Boundary (USB) and Rural Activity Centers
- Identify catalytic redevelopment opportunities to proactively expedite redevelopment in key areas that will ignite further economic growth.

# The Geography of the Vision Land Use Map Examples



Airport

**LEGEND** 

2 NORTHFAX
3 OLD TOWN FAIRFA
4 FAIRFAX CIRCLE
5 PICKETT & MAIN

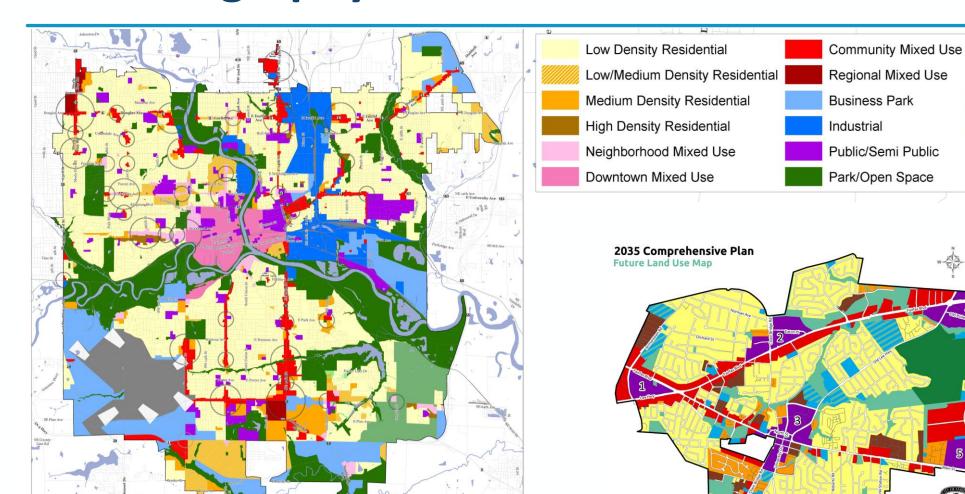
SOCIAL AND CIVIO

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Development Control Zone

Open Space - Private

Development Reserve



Future Land Use: Des Moines, IA

Future Land Use: Fairfax, VA

# A Comprehensive Plan is Informed By



#### Demographics

- Age,
- Population trends
- Household size,
- Income,
- Race
- Education,
- Home ownership/renter



#### **Economic Market**

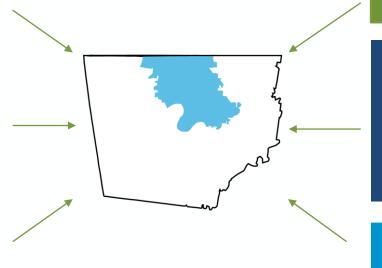
- Housing Types
- Retail Types
- Office Space
- Industrial



#### Land Uses and Zoning

- Land use classifications
- Organization of land uses in relationship to each other and the other components of the plan





### Natural Environment

- Recreation and Open Spaces
- Riparian Corridors
- Sink Holes
- Soils
- Wetlands



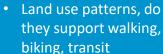
#### **Utilities and Services**

- Schools
- Fire
- EMS
- Sewer
- Water
- Stormwater



#### **Transportation**

 Current and projected capacity of the roadways



Transit availability and convenience

# The Consultant Team Houseal-Lavigne Associates





Houseal-Lavigne has worked with over 400 communities across the Country and developed over 140 Comprehensive Plans.

#### **Areas of Expertise**

#### https://www.hlplanning.com/

- Comprehensive Planning
- Downtown Planning
- Special Area Planning
- Corridor Planning
- Zoning and Design Guidelines
- Fiscal and Economic Impact Analysis

# Node Growth Scenario Analysis Corridor Growth Scenario Analysis Fringe Growth Scenario Analysis

#### 3-D AND Immersive Visualization



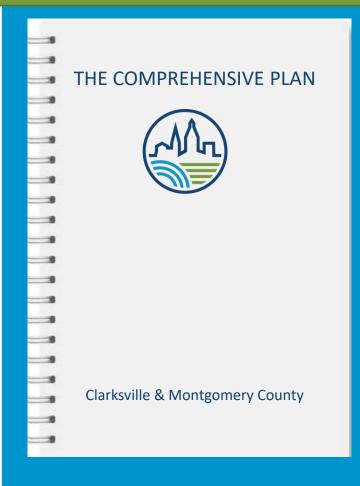




# The Comprehensive Plan Will Inform



## 1) COMPREHENISVE PLAN



## 2) POLICY and REGULATIONS

#### **REGULATORY**

Zoning Code
Subdivision Regulations
Growth Plan

#### **POLICY DOCUMENT**

Land Use Plan
Area Planning
Downtown Planning
Capital Investments
CIP and MTP

#### 3) THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT













## Think about a Place You Love

- Where are the buildings? do they frame a streetscape, park, public square?
- Where is the parking in relationship to the buildings?
- How did you move around this place. Park somewhere and walk, ride a bike, take transit?
- Were there features that made this place unique?
- Could you see people out and about enjoying this space?

## Places We Love and Places We don't care for so much









#### **PLANNEREEZE**

- Human Scale
- Street Edge
- Public Realm
- Sense of Place



## Roles



## **RPC & CONSULTANTS**



**Project Management** 

**Data Collection** 

**Research and Analysis** 

**Public Outreach** 

**Plan Document** 

**Plan Recommendations** 

**Implementation** 

## **COMMITTEES**



## **Technical**

City and County Departments and Key Stakeholders, Ft. Campbell, APSU, IDB, CMCSS

## **Steering**

**Elected and appointed officials** 

Citizen/Stakeholder
Community leaders and allied
professions

## **RESIDENTS**



Define Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals

**Provide Input on growth scenarios** 

**Provide input on recommendations** 

Provide knowledge of community character and history

## **Timeline and Process**



|                 | GATHER   | ORGANIZE   | BUILD  | ADOPT  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| RC & CONSULTANA | GIS Data Collection<br>Review Existing<br>Planning Documents<br>Public Outreach Plan<br>Consultant Orientation | Vision Statement and Themes<br>Trends and Analysis<br>Growth Scenarios<br>Planning Area Boundaries       | Draft Plan<br>Preferred Growth Scenario<br>Land Use Plan<br>Vision, Principles, Goals<br>Plan Initiatives and Implementatior | Presentation of Plan<br>RPC<br>City Council &<br>County Commission |
| COMMITTEES      | Technical Advisor Meetings<br>steering and citizen<br>committee outreach support                               | Review Vision Statement and<br>Themes<br>Review Planning Scenarios<br>Provide input on Planning<br>Areas | Draft Plan Input<br>Vision, Principles, Goals<br>Initiatives and Recommendations<br>Growth Strategy                          | Public Hearing<br>RPC<br>City Council & County<br>Commission       |
| RESIDENTS       | Visioning Workshop 1<br>Core Principles and Goals  | Growth Scenarios Workshop 2<br>Scenarios and<br>Performance Criteria                                     | Draft Plan Workshop 3<br>Initiatives and<br>Recommendations  | Public Hearing<br>RPC<br>City Council &<br>County Commission       |
|                 | Winter/Spring 2022 –   | Summer/Fall 2022 —   | Winter/Spring 2023 —   | Summer 2023  |

# Part II

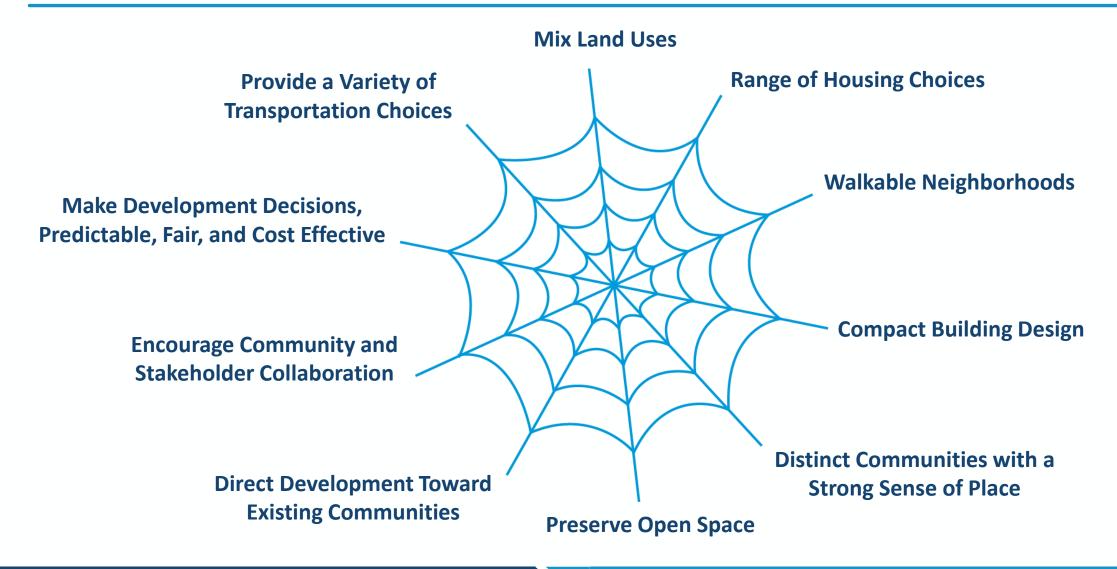
## **Planning Concepts:**

- 1. Smart Growth: 10 principles
- 2. Smart Growth and Fiscal Health
- 3. Complete Communities and Sprawl Repair
- 4. Transportation and Land Use



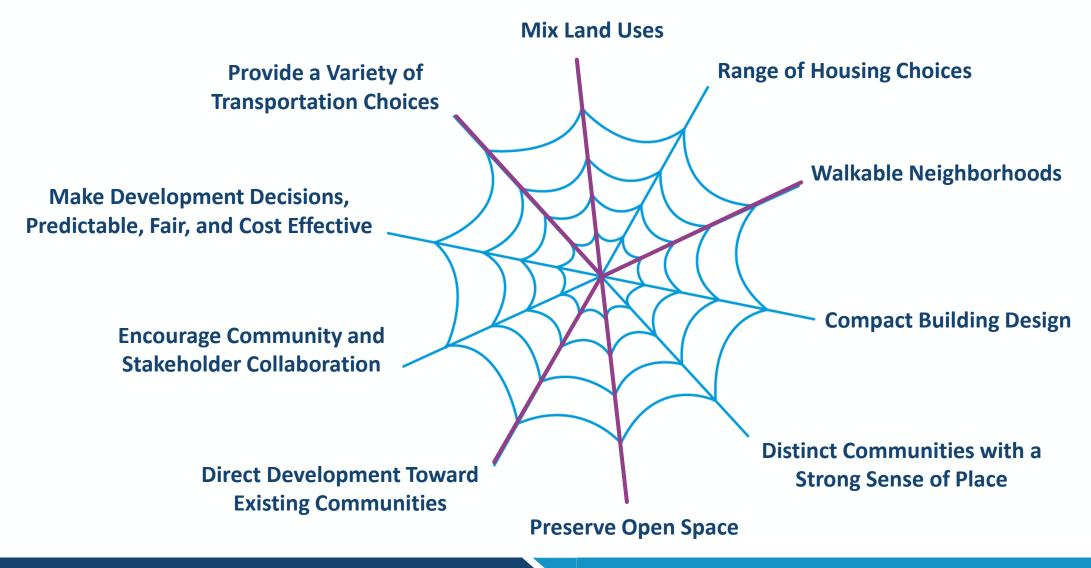
# **Smart Growth: 10 Principles**





## **Smart Growth: Making the Connections**

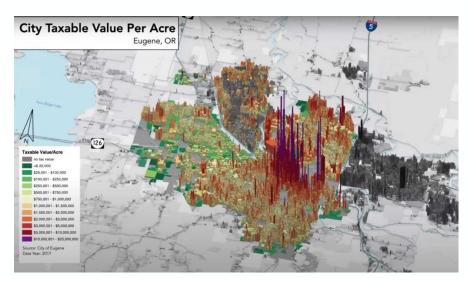


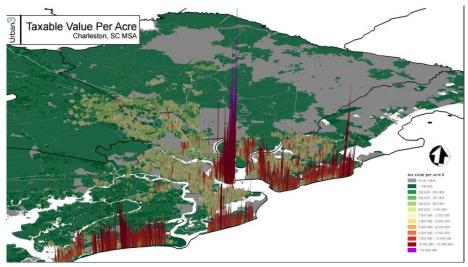


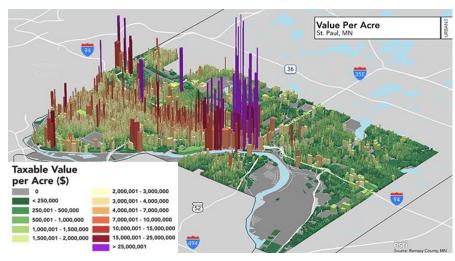
## Fiscal Health and Smart Growth: Taxable Value Per Acre

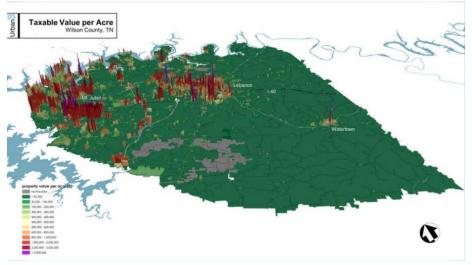












# Fiscal Health Snapshot: Eugene Taxable Value Per Acre



Suburban: W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street
750 Thousand to 2 Million Per Acre



Downtown: West Broadway

10 to 23 Million Per Acre

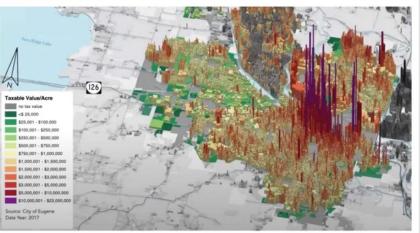












# Fiscal Health Snapshot: St. Paul Taxable Value Per Acre



Urban Residential

1.5 to 3 Million Per Acre

Urban Corridor
7 to 15 Million Per Acre

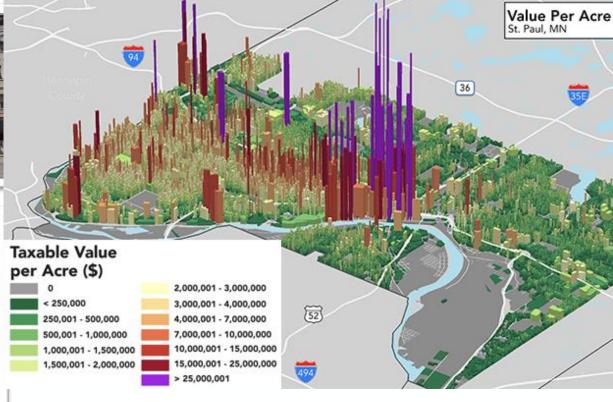
Downtown

> 25,000,001 Million Per Acre









# **Sprawl Repair**















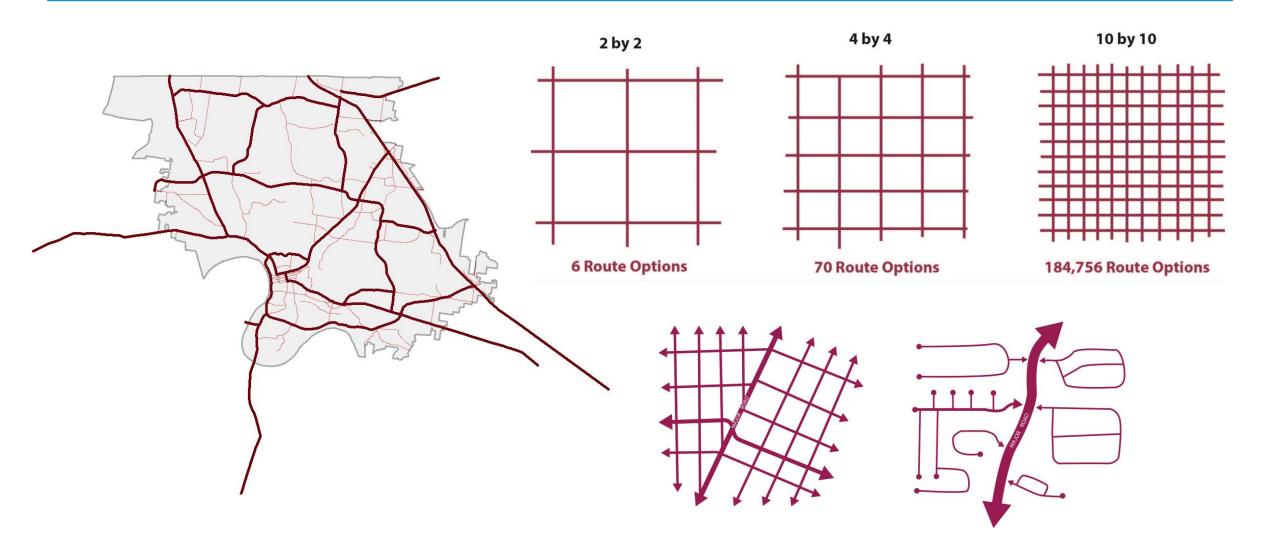


## **Sprawl Repair Tactics**

- Orientation of Building and Parking
- Park Once Concept
- Pedestrian Connections
- Street Grid
- Mix up the Uses (Including Housing)

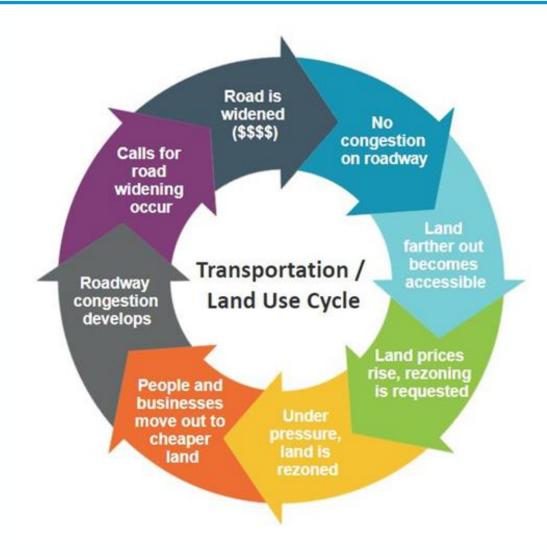
# **Transportation: Road Network**





## **Land Use and Transportation**





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