

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

### WHY DO WE PLAN?

# The Michigan Planning Enabling Act

"An Act to codify the laws regarding and to provide for . . .city planning. . ."

# City of Ann Arbor Code of Ordinances

"The Planning Commission shall prepare a master plan for the orderly physical development of the municipality..."

### **Planning Commission By-Laws**

"The Commission shall advise City Council in the preparation and continuance of the Comprehensive Plan (the "Plan"), being a guide for the future development of the City."

A Comprehensive Plan is a policy guide designed to help the City create a vision of what it wants to look like in the future.







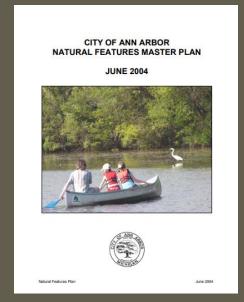


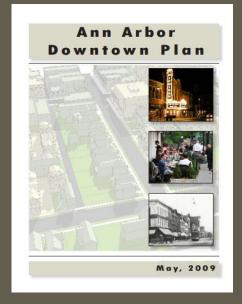
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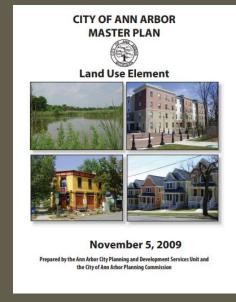
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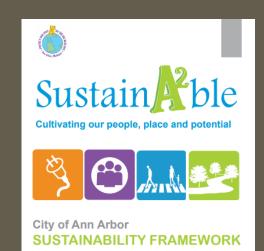
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### WHAT IS THE CITY'S PLAN?



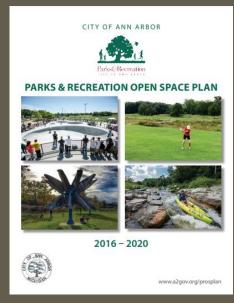






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#### Legislative (proactive)

#### Administrative (reactive)

### The Master Planning Process

• Data

Prioritization

Site Plans, Citizen Participation Meetings, etc.

- Community Experiences
- Trends
- · Evaluation of past policies

Where are we

Where do we want to be?

- Projections
- Aspirations

Adopt Plan

- Reconciliation
- Trade offs
- Successful Reflection
- Zoning Amendments
- Map Amendments

Implement Plan

Development Review

 Does development proposal meet zoning requirements?

now?

Community Engagement

- Wide Ranging
- Goals
- Visions
- Experiences

- · Testing Assumptions
- · What are appropriate responses/policies
- · Does Plan Reflect Community Goals

Develop Plan

Project proposed related to laws

### PERIODIC REVIEW - 5 YEARS AND ANNUALLY

"At least every 5 years after adoption of a master plan, a planning commission shall review the master plan and determine whether to commence the procedure to amend the master plan or adopt a new master plan. The review and its findings shall be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting or meetings of the planning commission."

"The Commission, in May of each year, shall review the adopted sections of the Plan and determine if changes should be considered. A public hearing shall also be scheduled to allow members of the public the opportunity to suggest changes.

The primary purpose of this annual review is to identify policies that should be studied for possible change or new policies that should be added to the Plan. These policies shall be considered for inclusion in the work program for the coming fiscal year."

### **IDEAS**

- Should the Plan be Updated?
- What should it address?
- Process Ideas?
- Product Ideas?
- Emphasis Ideas?
- Horizon Recommendations?
- Anything!?

### MORE IDEAS?

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