

COMPPLAN 2030

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN

Plan Overview

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What is CompPlan 2030, and what does it do?

CompPlan 2030 is the City of Auburn's plan for future growth and development. The plan looks forward 20 years and provides recommendations for the future based on public input, analysis of existing and future conditions, and the best practices of planning. CompPlan 2030 focuses on how we use the land, now and in the future; how land use and the built environment affect the natural world, and vice-versa; schools, parks, and other facilities that form the civic foundation of the City; and the many forms of transportation that link everything together.

The Future Land Use Plan provides parcel-level recommendations for the type, location and scale of new development for the existing city limits as well as areas the City may grow into over the next two decades; other elements of the plan provide specific recommendations for everything from roads to parks to stormwater management.

The CompPlan:

1. Provides guidance for the future, based on analysis of existing and future conditions, best practices, and Auburn's best vision for itself
2. Gives the aspirations of the community substance and form
3. Provides predictability and fairness for citizens, elected officials, city staff, and the development community
4. Integrates many disparate systems into one harmonious whole

Who is affected by the CompPlan?

The CompPlan is a plan for all of Auburn's citizens as well as those who live, work, and play within the boundaries of the City. The plan was developed in part based on input from many citizens who took part in CompPlan 2030's public input process. To develop the CompPlan, we

- Held five public meetings with over 200 attendees
- Organized four focus groups
- Engaged with over 100 stakeholder organizations
- Received over 700 comments from the public

What areas does the CompPlan provide recommendations for?

The plan provides recommendations for the existing city limits as well as additional areas of approximately 37 square miles that the City may add to the corporate boundary over the next twenty years.

Why is CompPlan 2030 important?

- The plan is the first comprehensive long-range planning effort in Auburn in over a decade
- The plan uses input from diverse sources:
 - The public
 - Stakeholder groups
 - Quantitative data
 - The best practices of planning

- The plan's recommendations address a broad range of subject areas, from land use and transportation to the natural environment and parks.
- The future land use plan helps determine the type, location, and scale of new development and associated improvements for the next 20 years.
- If adopted, the plan will be an official policy document of the City.
- The plan's recommendations may result in substantial changes to the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, as well as City-initiated rezoning activity.
- The plan coordinates and unifies the dozens of existing plans and other documents that currently guide the City of Auburn.
- Fundamentally, CompPlan 2030 is a plan about good growth. Auburn is a fast-growing community that faces many challenges in the days and years ahead. Because we know we will grow, the question must become: how do we grow, and how do we do it well?

When will the CompPlan take effect? When will it be updated?

The CompPlan will be effective upon the date of its adoption by the City Council, currently scheduled for May 2011. It will be updated every five years, or sooner if a major change occurs, such as construction of the Outer Loop.

What is the difference between the future land use plan and zoning?

Zoning is a tool used to implement plans and policies. It is a legal, enforceable part of City Code that is used to regulate the use of land and the type, scale, and intensity of use on that land.

The **Future Land Use Plan** is advisory in nature and is intended to help achieve Auburn's long-range vision. A parcel's future land use designation may be the same or may differ from what it is currently used for. If the designation is the same as its current use, then the Future Land Use Plan is advocating that no change occur. If the designation is different than the current use, the Future Land Use Plan is advocating that change to the new use be permitted.

How will CompPlan 2030 be implemented?

Implementation of the plan is vitally important. The plan will be implemented through:

- Assigning plan policies to responsible agencies, with timelines for completion
- Reviewing the City's policies and ordinances to ensure they encourage implementation of the plan's recommendations, and making changes where appropriate
- Reviewing existing zoning and making recommendations for possible changes to that zoning based on the Future Land Use Plan