



Open Space Advisory Board

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Packet Addendum #1

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Citywide Comprehensive Plan Update



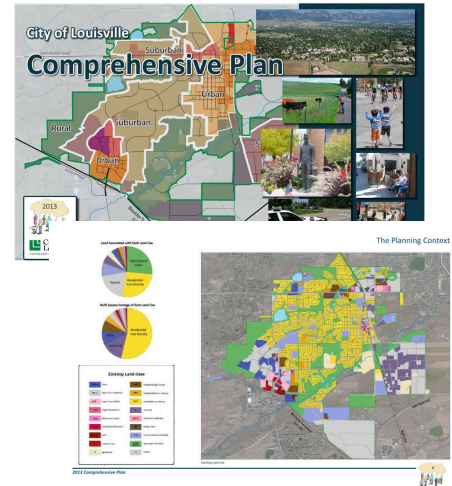
Meeting Purpose

1. OSAB Comprehensive Plan project update
2. Targeted questions to inform Plan drafting



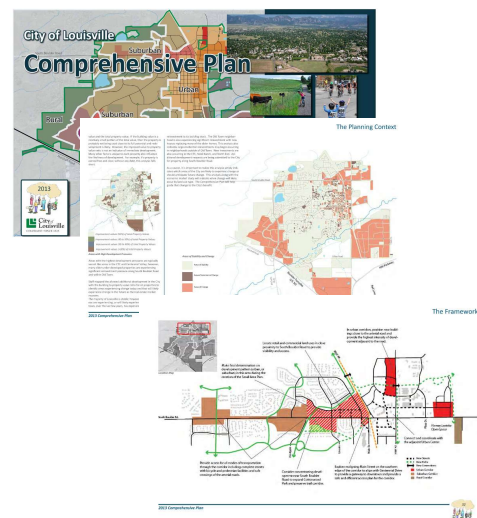
Plan Overview

- Citywide policy that focuses on land use and development but addresses a wide range of topics.
- Not zoning or regulatory, but important foundation for City decisions related to land use, development, capital projects, programming, etc.
- Required update every ten years (last update 2013)



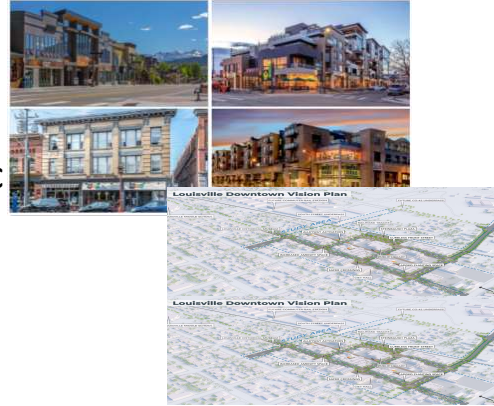
Comp Plan Interface with OSAB

- Identification of areas of change related to land use and development
- Designation of open space areas as future land use policy
- Statement of priority goals and strategies related to open space



OSAB Feedback (January 2024)

- Plan should have stated goal to protect and enhance open space areas and trails
- Recognize link between economic vitality and open space
- Address climate change, resilience, and decarbonization



Progress to Date

- Early 2024 kickoff
- Three rounds of community engagement in 2024 with over 2,000 residents participating
- Vision and Values statements endorsed by City Council
- Future growth scenarios shared with community late 2024



Engagement Activities



Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

Louisville is committed to being an equitable, resilient, and sustainable community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive – now and for future generations. We strive for a vibrant future where Louisville will evolve and adapt to change in ways that respect our past and support our high quality of life.



Comprehensive Plan Core Values

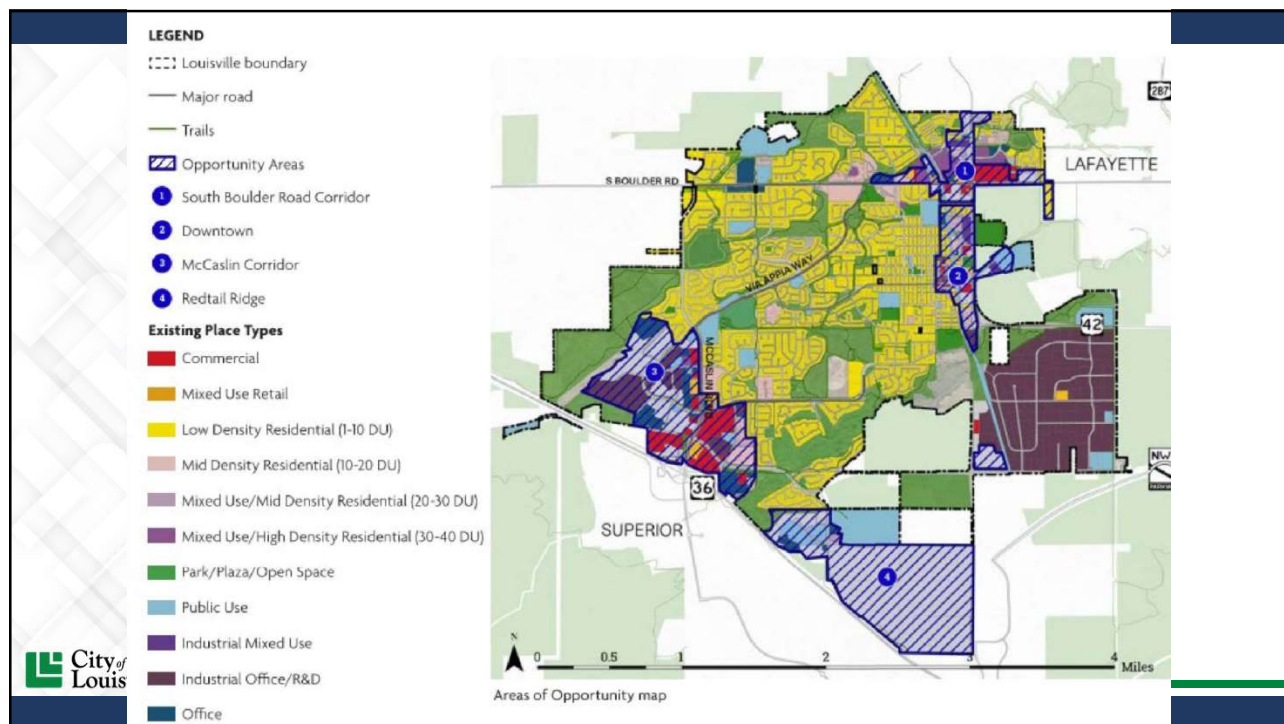
- Community Character: We value a balanced approach to change that embraces and enhances our community character.
- Community Connectivity: We value knowing our neighbors through a community network that is inclusive and inter-connected.
- Environmental Sustainability: We value climate action, environmental resilience, and adaptation to promote environmental sustainability for the enduring vitality of our community.
- Economic Vibrancy: We value thriving and dynamic businesses that support and engage the community.
- Community Places: We value community places to bring people together and support healthy living including parks, open spaces, and other public places.
- Civic Leadership: We value transparent, collaborative, and fiscally responsible local government.

City Council Direction - Land Use & Development Framework

- Focus change in defined opportunity areas (areas of change/areas of stability)
- Implementation of Louisville Housing Plan
- Support for mixed use development in some locations
- Higher intensity development closer to US 36



Adopted by City Council May 7, 2024



Comprehensive Plan Draft Future Land Use Framework – March 2025		
Opportunity Area	Framework	
1. South Boulder Road	- Mid-density residential uses in some locations near South Boulder Road and Highway 42, opportunity to consider 3-stories. - Mixed use residential and commercial along some parts of South Boulder Road; consider allowing residential by-right in mixed use districts.	
2. Downtown Louisville	- Maintain ground floor retail and other street level active uses in commercial area. - Propose mid-density residential in some locations, including above ground floor retail. - Consider 3-stories in some locations, including near future transit. - Support enhancements to community gathering places. - Address as a special character area with supplemental policies addressing design, scale, and land use.	
3. McCaslin Corridor	- Mid-density residential uses along Centennial Blvd, changing current zoning from office, and designed in a manner that promotes a neighborhood feel. - Maintain commercial (retail) as primary use along McCaslin Blvd. - High-density residential/mixed use near US 36; consider 4 stories, possibly up to 5 stories at locations along US 36. - Incorporate parks, green space, or trail connections to promote transportation and open space connectivity.	
4. Redtail Ridge	- Mid-density residential and mixed-use residential uses at some locations, opportunity to consider 3 or 4 stories. - High-density residential near relocated hospital site and along US 36; opportunity to consider 4-stories, consider transit connections. - Propose mid- to high-density housing inter-mixed with office, R&D and industrial uses when appropriate to support jobs-housing balance and vibrancy. - Consider a community green area, green corridor and trails network to promote livability/workability.	

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- Support PROS Master Plan update
- Enhance trail facilities
- Protect and enhance open space areas
- Recovery and Resilience – e.g., natural hazard areas
- Core Community Services – e.g., growth impacts on open spaces



	Draft GOAL	Draft STRATEGY	
	1. Enhance Trail Facilities	• Identify priority trail connections, particularly in areas where redevelopment is likely to occur (e.g., near Davidson Mesa, Redtail Ridge) • Identify priority trailhead improvements	
	2. Protect and Enhance Open Space Areas	• Encourage Biodiversity in Open Space areas • Identify attributes of desirable open space acquisition areas • Support update to PROS Master Plan	
	3. Recovery and Resilience	• Address natural hazard areas that interface with potential new residential development	
	4. Core Community Services	• Address Population Growth Impacts on Public Parks and Open Spaces.	

Requested OSAB Feedback

1. What are the most important things to capture within OSAB's role in describing the Plan's goals and strategies?
2. What goals and strategies are missing from this initial list related to OSAB's role?

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