WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

cultivate HOPKINS
Rooted. Vibrant. Connected. Resilient.

The Cultivate Hopkins comprehensive planning process is built around the concepts of:

- ***Sustainability***: Meeting the needs of current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.
- ***Resilience***: Ability to respond to shocks disruptions while maintaining integrity and purpose.
- ***Complete Communities***: Places where daily needs are accessible and convenient to where people live.

Our plan is organized around four environments detailed below, which explore dimensions of these topics.

Plan Initiation
First and second quarter 2016

Public Engagement
Third quarter 2016 through second quarter 2017

Plan Development
Third quarter 2017 through second quarter 2018

Plan Review and Approval
Third quarter 2018 through first quarter 2019

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment is defined as all human-made elements of a space where people live, work, and play. It includes sections on land use and development, multimodal transportation, and housing and neighborhoods. This is the most traditional element of city planning – and the land use map and supporting descriptions are at the hub of the planning framework.

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

The social environment is defined as human interaction and engagement in the community. It includes sections on public services and facilities, education, public health, community connections, equity, and arts and culture. Much of the content for this element is new to the Hopkins comprehensive plan this time around, motivated by the City's focus on related issues as citywide priorities.

The natural environment relates to natural systems and resources, including land, water, air, habitat, and ecology. In addition to addressing policies around these specific systems and resources, it includes direction for practices that are specifically aimed at protecting or improving the natural environment, including guidance for parks and open space, renewable energy, and climate change resilience.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment covers the economy, jobs, businesses, income and poverty, and affordability. This section includes economic development and competitiveness, and guidance for Downtown Hopkins (as the city's economic hub). Issues related to affordability and poverty are covered in overlapping sections in the built environment (housing) and social environment (equity).

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT