



Comprehensive Plan 2050

City of Fridley, Minnesota



I. Opening & Context



What is a Comprehensive Plan — and why update it now?

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A community's roadmap for growth and development over the next 20+ years.



Evaluate current conditions



Look into the future



Give citizens a voice



Guide community decision-making

20+ Years

Planning Horizon

The plan is updated every 10 years to reflect changes in the community, regional goals, and state requirements — ensuring Fridley's decisions remain grounded in a shared vision.

Why Update Now?

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2020 Census

10-year
cycle begins

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Met Council plan
finalized early 2025

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System Statement

Released
September 2025



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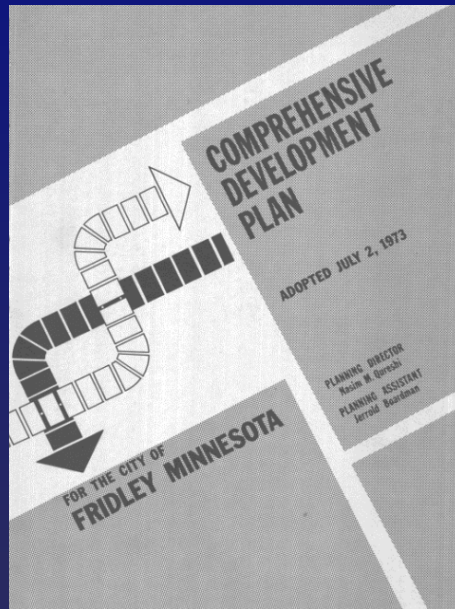
Fridley Deadline

Submit by
December 31, 2028

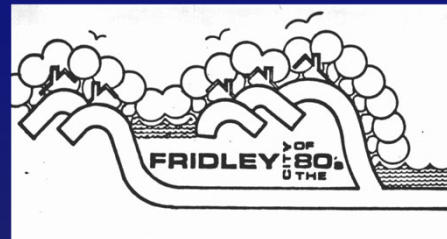
Metropolitan Land Planning Act of 1976

Requires all 181 cities and townships in the 7-county metro region to update their comprehensive plans within three years of the Metropolitan Council's updated regional plan. The region currently serves 3 million+ people, projected to grow by 657,000 by 2050.

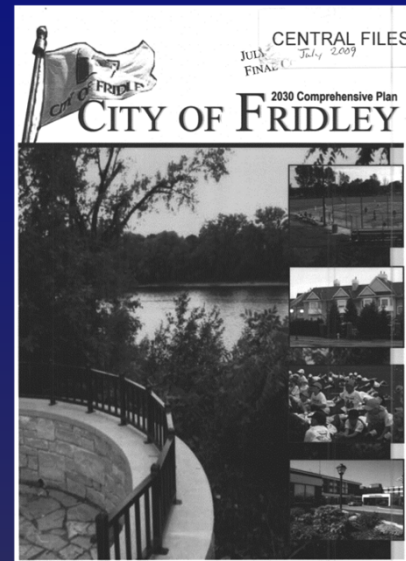
Comprehensive Plan through the Years



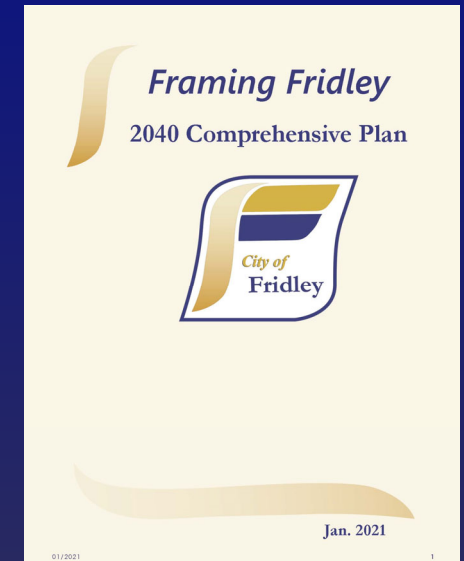
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1982



2009



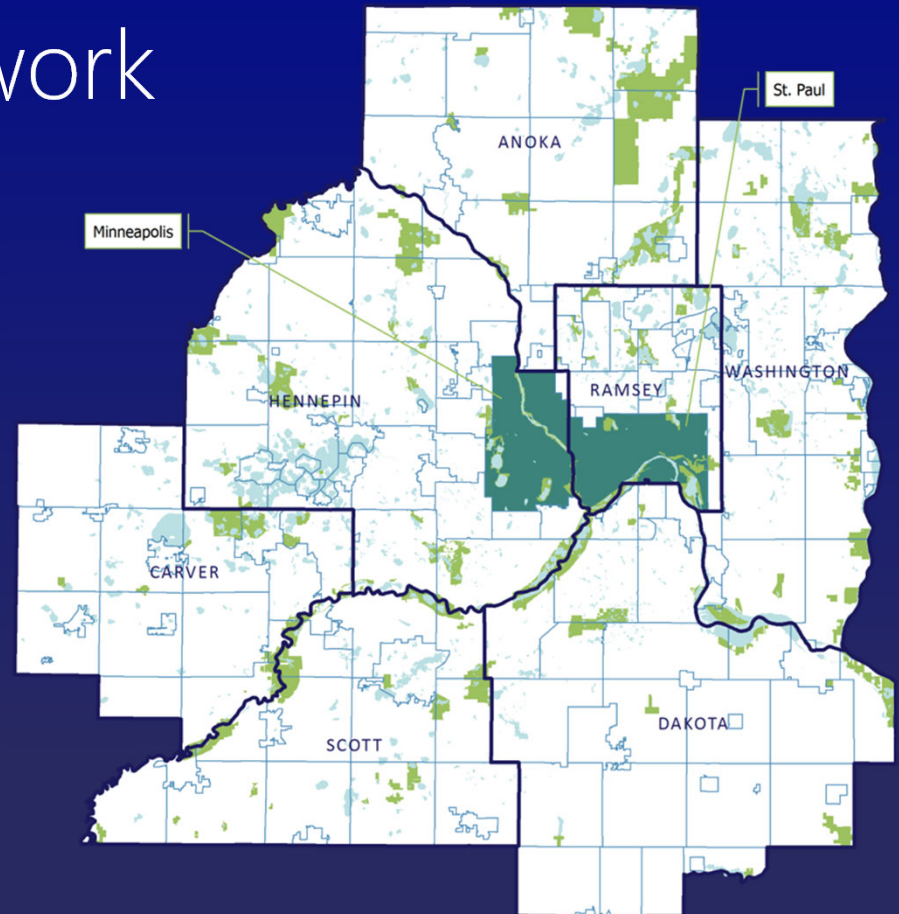
2021 (for 2040)

*Fridley's first Comp Plan pre-dates the Metropolitan Land Planning Act of 1976.



II. The Regional Framework

Metropolitan Council's
role and the Imagine
2050 regional vision



Imagine 2050 — Regional Goals



Equitable & Inclusive

Eliminate racial inequities; ensure all people feel welcome and empowered.



Lead on Climate Change

Mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt communities to climate impacts.



Healthy & Safe

All residents live healthy, rewarding lives with dignity and wellbeing.



Protect Natural Systems

Protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to support habitat and quality of life.



Dynamic & Resilient

Meet economic challenges around choice, access and affordability.

Regional System Plans — What Fridley Must Address



Transportation

- Planned safety improvements on Hwy 47, Hwy 65 and Mississippi Street
- On- & off-road bicycle facilities
- Transit market areas & transitways
 - Planned F-Line arterial Bus Rapid Transit replacing Route 10
 - Northstar replaced by bus service



Water

- Wastewater plan
- Water supply (Local Water Supply Plan)
- Surface Water Management Plan
- Priority: Mississippi River, Rice Creek, Springbrook Creek



Parks & Trails

- Regional park facilities & boundaries
- Local parks, trails & recreation
- Riverfront Regional Park
- Rice Creek West Regional Trail

III. What the Plan Must Include

Requirements, community designation and growth forecasts

Required Plan Elements & Community Designation

Required Elements

- ✓ Data collection & mapping
- ✓ Community engagement (including underrepresented populations)
- ✓ Updating main chapters from the 2040 plan
- ✓ **NEW for 2050: Climate chapter**
- ✓ **NEW for 2050: Natural Systems chapter**

Urban Edge


Fridley's 2050 Community Designation

- Major growth between 1945–1973
- Potential for walkable redevelopment
- Proximity to transit & strong street connectivity

**Minimum required density:
14 dwelling units per acre in redevelopment areas**



2050 Growth Forecasts

 **Population**

- **2020:** 29,590
- **2050 Forecast:** 32,300

▲ +2,710

 **Households**

- **2020:** 11,695
- **2050 Forecast:** 13,600

▲ +1,905

 **Employment**

- **2020:** 22,305
- **2050 Forecast:** 28,300

▲ +5,995

Key shift vs. 2040 Plan: Slower projected household & population growth — but faster employment growth than previously anticipated.

IV. Fridley's Vision & Goals

How the community sees itself in 2050



Vision & Community Goals

"We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses."



Safe

Providing a secure environment for all residents and businesses.



Vibrant

Maintaining Fridley's energy and identity in the Twin Cities metro.



Friendly

Continuing to be known as "Friendly Fridley" across the region.



Stable

Creating conditions where families and businesses can thrive long-term.

The 10 Plan Chapters from the 2040 Plan

1

Land Use

2

Housing

3

Transportation

4

Parks & Trails

5

Water Supply

6

Local Water

7

Wastewater

8

Economic
Competitiveness

9

Mississippi River
Critical Area

10

Public Facilities

V. The Update Process

Roles, responsibilities and community engagement

2050 Growth Forecasts



Planning Commission

Advise on the update, hold public hearing, and make a formal recommendation to City Council.



Advisory Boards & Commissions

HRA, EQEC, Parks and Arts Commission provide subject-matter advice and make recommendations to City Council.



City Council

Advise on the update and ultimately adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

Community Engagement: Required to document engagement efforts throughout the process, with emphasis on reaching underrepresented populations — including Black, American Indian, people of color, youth, older adults and renters.

Required Plan Elements & Community Designation

In Person

- ✓ Summer tabling events
 - '49er Days, Night to Unite, Touch-a-Truck
 - Outreach at large apartment buildings with Fire Division
- ✓ Fall workshops on Climate & Natural Systems and Housing & Development
- ✓ Public Hearings (eventually)

Online

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- General Survey: July - August
- Email newsletter for subscribers

Share your additional suggestions at our table!



Next Steps

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Kick off meeting City Council, Housing & Redevelopment Authority & Planning Commission

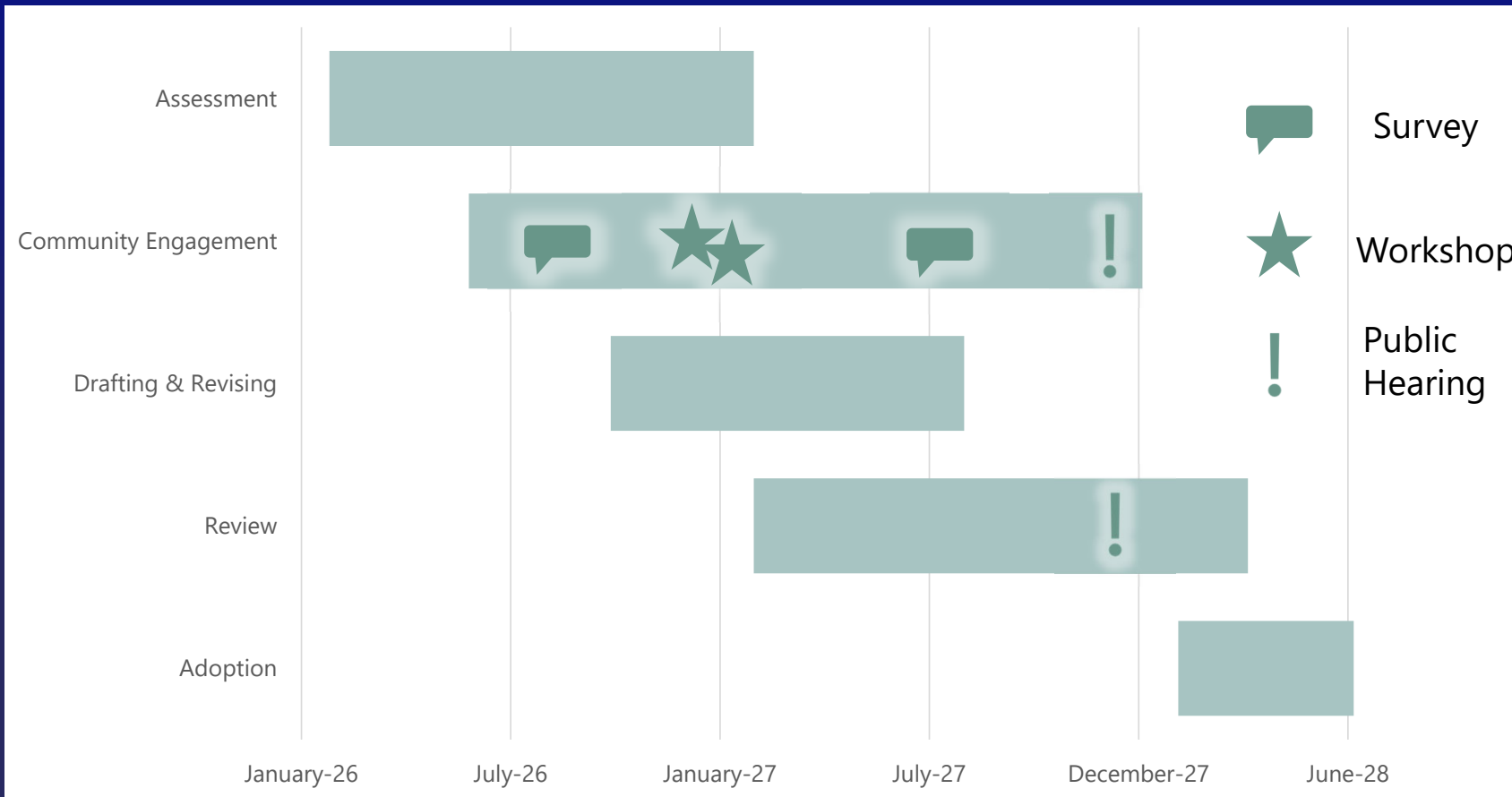
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Begin community engagement

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Work towards 2028 deadline

Next Steps: Working Towards 2028 Deadline



VI. Questions and Discussion