



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2016
TO: Chairperson Hvidsten, Members of the Planning Commission, Administrator Kreft
FROM: Cynthia Smith Strack, Community Development Director
RE: Item 5.3 Approach to updating Comprehensive Plan

REQUEST SUMMARY:

PZ Task: Comment and approval of proposed approach to 2040 Destination Belle Plaine – our Comprehensive Plan update.

Discussion Overview : We will review the attached presentation at the PC meeting. Input on the proposed approach is kindly requested.

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Proposed Approach to
Comprehensive Plan Update



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- Not envisioning a total rewrite - conclusions, policies, and plans in current Plan appear appropriate, relevant, and sound
- Incorporate Met. Council directives (detailed & numerous)
- Simplify, reduce narrative size
- Electronic format principal means of dissemination, not print; but electronic and print versions will be produced
- Electronic format to be desktop & mobile friendly

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- Collaborators in drafting process



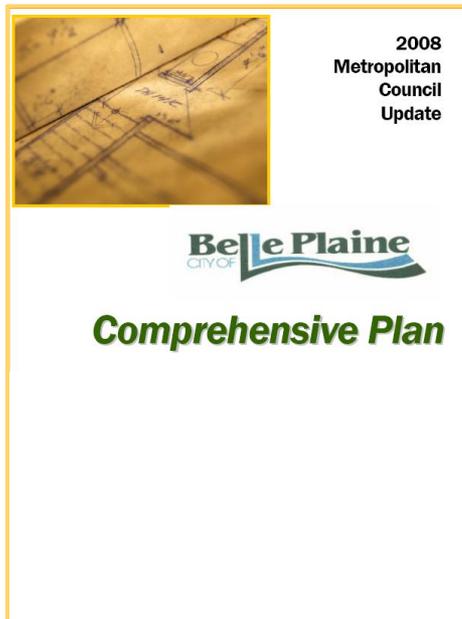
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- Organizational format: land use & supporting plans



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- “2040” vs. 2018



- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and drinking water grouped into: water resources plan.
- Consultant to assist with transportation and water resources plans as specific modeling is needed.
- City staff to tackle: land use, housing, parks/trails, economic development, & implementation plans.
- Mapping?
- Met Council = Resources
- Met Council = \$25K grant

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- Level of public outreach desired – **INPUT PLEASE!**
 - **Elected/appointed officials**
 - If CC meet/greet turns into quarterly meeting this could be an avenue for outreach/participation
 - **Public**
 - Open houses, stakeholder groups, special outreach
 - **Business**
 - Chamber & ?
 - **Schools – public and private?**
 - **Under-represented populations**
 - **Adjacent jurisdictions**
 - **Want to meet with Metropolitan Council Board and Sector Reps?**



Our plan must recognize and incorporate five outcomes and three guiding principles employed in the Metropolitan Council's regional plan entitled "THRIVE".

Outcome based tenets:
Stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability & sustainability

Principles: integration, collaboration & accountability

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- **Thrive outcomes:**

- **Stewardship**

- Responsible planning and management of finite resources, such as: environment and nature, economics, health, property, information, etc.

- **Means**

- Responsibly managing finite resources, including natural resources, financial resources, and existing infrastructure investments.
 - Emphasizing maintenance of existing infrastructure and expanding infrastructure only in a financially responsible manner.
 - Promoting redevelopment and infill development.



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- **Thrive outcomes:**

- **Economic Prosperity**

- Flourishing and thriving places with jobs, businesses, transportation, and affordable places to live for all.

- **Means**

- Fostering the conditions for shared economic vitality
 - Planning for and investing in infrastructure, amenities, and quality of life needed for economic competitiveness.



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- **Thrive outcomes:**

- **Equity**

- Building a rightful and just City

- **Means**

- Creating choices for living, traveling, and recreating for all residents across race, ethnicity, economic means, and ability
- Investing in a mix of housing affordability
- Engaging a cross-section of the community in decision-making



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- **Thrive outcomes:**

- **Livability**

- Factors that add up to the city's quality of life including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, and cultural, entertainment and recreation possibilities.

- **Means**

- Increasing access to nature and outdoor recreation.
- Promoting healthy communities and active living through land use, planning, and investment.



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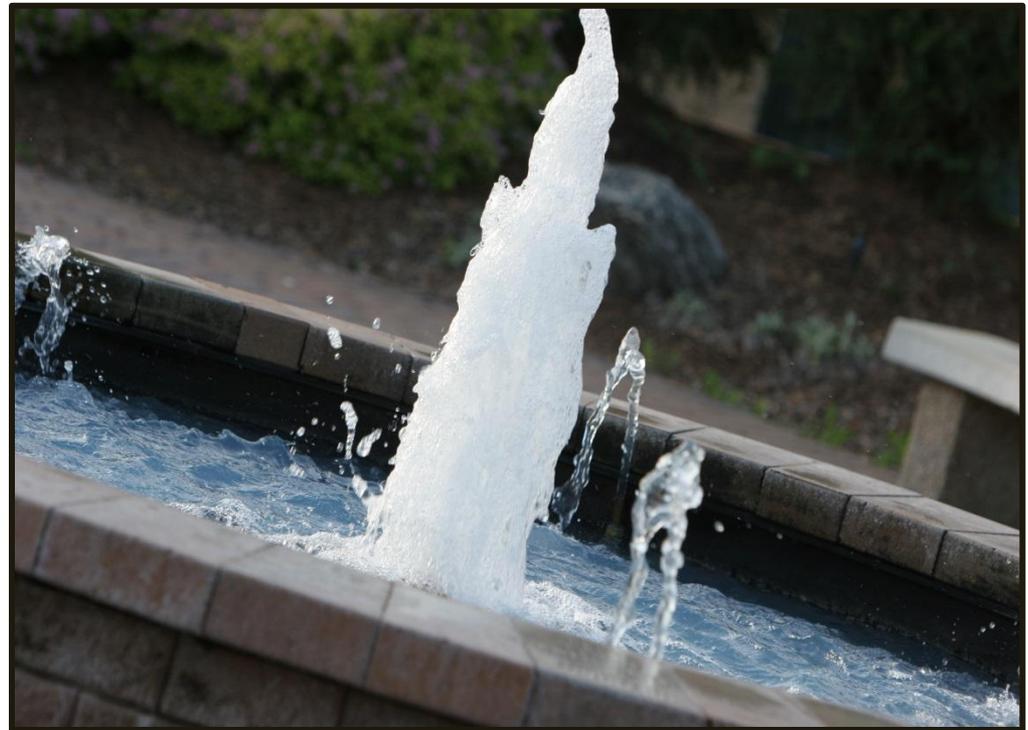
- **Thrive outcomes:**

- **Sustainability**

- Promoting development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

- **Means**

- Designing with future in mind, using local, sustainably sourced materials and considering reuse and recycling
- Consideration of climate change mitigation, adaption, and resilience
- Taking care of infrastructure



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- **Thrive principles:**
 - **Integration**
 - Intentional combining of related activities to achieve more effective results, leveraging multiple policy tools to address complex challenges and opportunities

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- **Thrive principles:**
 - **Collaboration**
 - Recognizing that shared efforts advance our City most effectively toward shared outcomes

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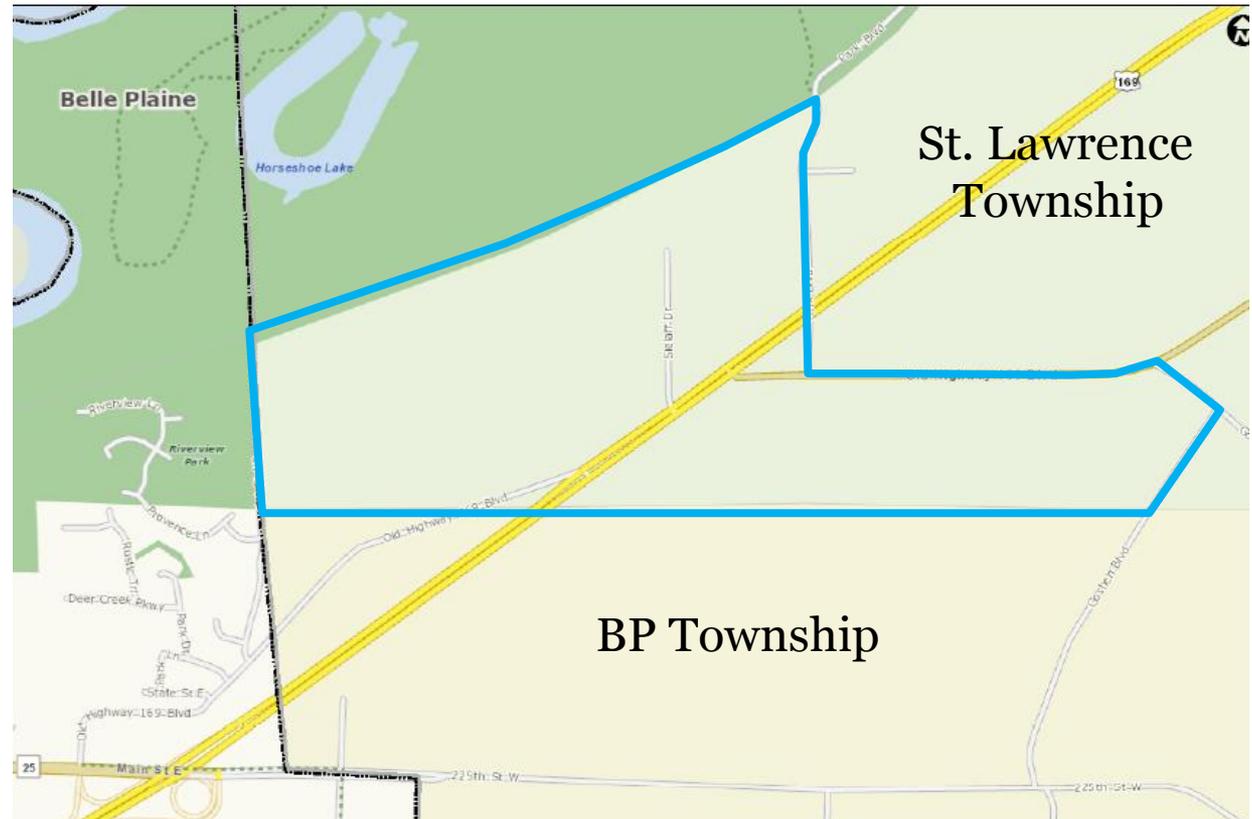
- **Thrive principles:**
 - **Accountability**
 - Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of policies and practices toward achieving outcomes
 - A willingness to improve performance

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- Who leads this effort?
 - Planning Commission
 - Special work group/task force

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- St. Lawrence Township
 - No orderly annexation agreement
 - Can include area in plan but not put that part of plan into effect until OAA in place
 - Relatively minimal area



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- **Timeline**
 - Completed land use and sub-plans by March 1, 2018
 - Land use plan substantially complete by December 31, 2016

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- Other thoughts/comments?

