



A Citizen's Guide to the Comprehensive Plan

Vision for Arden Hills Land Use . Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) Property Redevelopment . Economic Development and Redevelopment . Housing . Parks and Recreation . Transportation . Protected Resources . Environmental Conservation and Sustainability . Public Services, Facility and Infrastructure





This Citizen's Guide to the Comprehensive Plan contains a summary of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Arden Hills. The Guide provides a summary of each policy chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The complete Comprehensive Plan is available at City Hall or online at the City's website (www.ci.arden-hills.mn.us). The online version of the Citizen's Guide contains links to the complete Plan.

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Vision for Arden Hills

On a day-to-day basis, the City provides an array of services that are needed to maintain a high-quality of life and contribute to the overall success of Arden Hills. This Plan is divided into chapters that address a range of topics, including land use, housing, and transportation among others. While each chapter has its own goals and policies, the chapters are not independent of each other. This Plan should be viewed as an integrated whole in order to take advantage of opportunities that may be able advance goals and policies from more than one chapter.

It should be noted that the chapters, goals, and policies in this Plan are not presented in order of importance or priority. Each goal and policy has been identified as a tool to advance the overall City vision. The primary purpose of this Comprehensive Plan is to support and advance the City's long-term vision:

City Vision – Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.

The community will work to achieve this overall City vision by working to advance the following goals in this Comprehensive Plan:

- Active Living – Enhance the health, safety, and well-being of all who live, work, and play in the City.
- TCAAP Redevelopment – Develop TCAAP in a way that accommodates a mix of land uses that is sensitive to the natural environment, economically sustainable, and a benefit to the community.
- Land Use – Develop and maintain a land use pattern that strengthens the vitality, quality, and character of our residential neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas while protecting the community's natural resources and developing a sustainable pattern for future development.
- Housing - Develop and maintain a strong, vital, diverse and stable housing supply for all members of the community.
- Economic Development and Redevelopment – Promote the development, redevelopment, and maintenance of

a viable, innovative, and diverse business environment serving Arden Hills and the metropolitan area.

- Parks and Recreation – Create a comprehensive, maintained, and interconnected system of parks, pathways, and open spaces as well as a balanced program of recreational activities for residents of all ages, incomes, and abilities.
- Protected Resources – Preserve, protect, and restore the community's natural resources, including open spaces, lakes, wetlands, other significant natural features, and historic resources.
- Transportation – Provide a transportation system that has convenient and effective multi-modal connections within Arden Hills and to adjacent municipalities, the remainder of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and greater Minnesota.
- Environmental Conservation and Sustainability – Promote conservation and sustainable design practices in the preservation, development, redevelopment, and maintenance of the City's natural and built environment.
- Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Services – Provide efficient and high-quality public facilities, services, and infrastructure.

Each chapter of the complete 2030 Comprehensive Plan further explains the background information for each goal, policies to advance the goal, and other implementation options. The policies and other implementation techniques listed in the Plan are not intended to be all-inclusive and there is overlap between chapters. As new opportunities or tools arise, they should be considered even if not part of the Comprehensive Plan. The complete Comprehensive Plan is available at City Hall or online at the City's website (www.ci.arden-hills.mn.us).

Land Use



Goal: Develop and maintain a land use pattern that strengthens the vitality, quality, and character of our residential neighborhoods, commercial districts, and industrial areas while protecting the community's natural resources and developing a sustainable pattern for future development.

Land use is a defining characteristic of a community. While land use does not operate independently from the other characteristics that create a community, it is the binding factor between transportation, housing, parks, paths, and other characteristics. Through zoning and subdivision regulations, cities have powerful tools to guide the long-term, look, feel, and vitality of their community.

The Land Use chapter (Chapter 6) of the Comprehensive Plan contains the following sections:

- Introduction
- Future Land Use – 1998 Comprehensive Plan
- Existing Land Use – 2008
- Future Land Use – 2030
- Implementation Strategies

To advance this land use goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Evaluate and amend the land use regulations to achieve the highest possible development standards, enhance the natural environment, protect public health, support a vital mix of land uses, and promote flexible approaches to implement the Comprehensive Plan.
- Ensure that land use regulations promote development that is compatible with nearby properties, neighborhood character, and natural features; minimize pedestrian and vehicular conflict; and visually enhance development.
- Preserve the stability and quality of the city's neighborhoods while allowing for redevelopment that is complimentary to existing development.
- Provide a balanced mix of residential, park, open space, and commercial land uses.
- Encourage all new development to be constructed at an average density of at least three residential units per net residential acre.

- Explore the possibility of creating additional community gathering space in conjunction with public or private organizations, including the Arden Hills Army Training Site.

Future Land Use - 2030

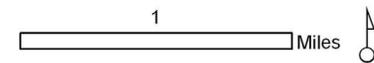
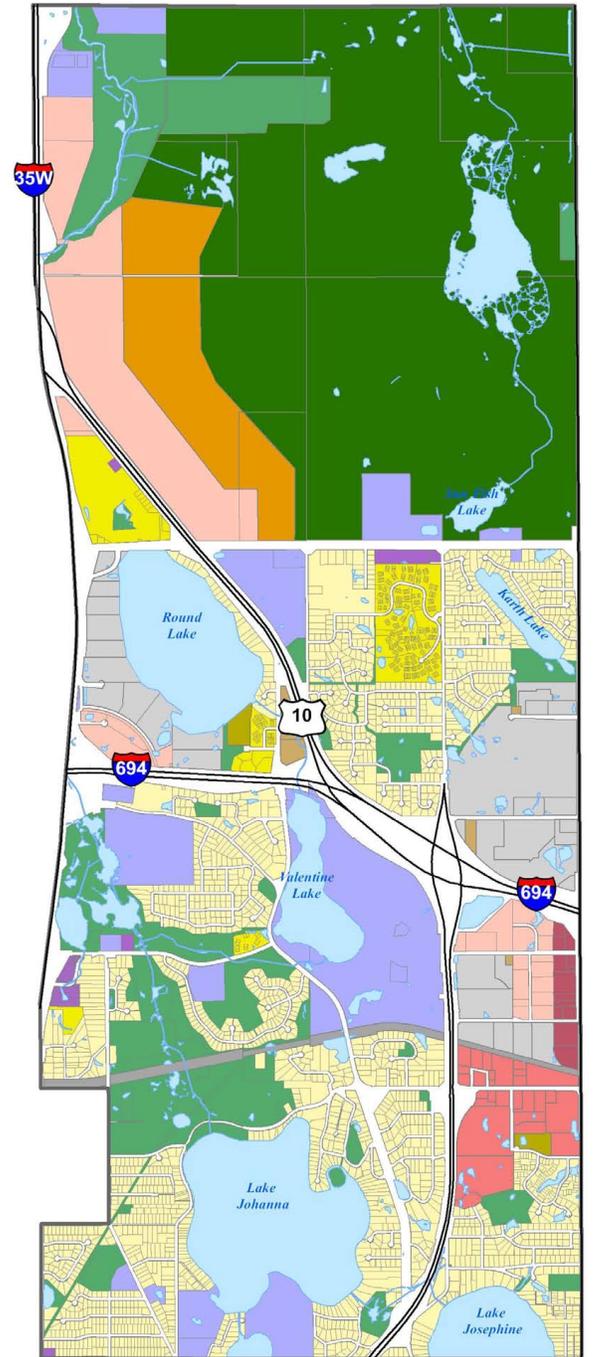
Minnesota State law requires that the Comprehensive Plan assign a future land use designation to all properties within the community. The future land use categories provide a framework for how land will be used in the future, and the City's zoning code is required to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The descriptions for the future land use categories have been updated from the 1998 Comprehensive Plan; however, a change to the future land use designation for a particular property does not automatically change a property's zoning classification. The updates primarily relate to the TCAAP property, and none of the residential areas in the developed part of Arden Hills will be changed as a result of this update. The map on the opposite page contains the plan for future land use in Arden Hills. There are fifteen future land use classifications in the future land use map:

1. **Low Density Residential (LDR)** – traditional single-family residential land use category. A density range of three to five units per acre is allowed.
2. **Medium Density Residential (MDR)** – apartment and townhome land use category for providing densities of six to nine units per acre.
3. **High Density Residential (HDR)** – apartment and townhome land use category providing for densities of nine to twelve units per acre.
4. **Mixed Residential (MR)** – provides for a variety of housing types and densities in close proximity, including single-family detached homes, single-attached homes, condominiums, townhomes, apartments, and senior housing options. The anticipated average density is 10.4 units per acre with a minimum average density of six units per acre up to a maximum density of 46 units per acre. This land use is designated for the proposed TCAAP redevelopment, and the density is subject to change once a final land use plan is selected.
5. **Neighborhood Business (NB)** – neighborhood business designates small, isolated areas for neighborhood commercial land uses when they are compatible with surrounding residential uses. Commercial uses that are high traffic generators, noise generators, or otherwise not compatible with residential neighborhoods,

are inappropriate. Typically, Neighborhood Business areas will be located on intersections or nodes that are on the edge of residential areas, are less desirable sites for housing, or have traditionally been occupied with neighborhood services. Dwelling units of three units per acre or more may be permitted.

6. **Mixed Business (MB)** – areas designated for a variety of businesses, including commercial, certain light industrial uses, warehousing, office, general business, retail. This designation will be used for the future business uses on the TCAAP property.
7. **Commercial (C)** – areas designated for a broad range of retail, shopping, and services to meet the needs of the community and region. Compatible uses such as office buildings are also intended for this area.
8. **Light Industrial and Office (I/O)** – areas designated for a broad range of light industrial uses such as warehousing with manufacturing. This land use may also include offices.
9. **Public & Institutional (P/I)** – areas designated for uses such as government buildings, colleges, schools, and religious uses but not medical uses.
10. **Utility (UTL)** – Public or private land occupied by a power substation, water tower, municipal well, pumping station, or similar use.
11. **Park and Open Space (P/OS)** – areas designated as public parks.
12. **Park Preserve (PP)** – areas designated as natural or scenic areas that are to be preserved for public use or open space.
13. **Water** – includes permanently flooded open water, rivers and streams, and wetlands (wetlands not included in the national wetland inventory data may not be displayed).
14. **Railroad right-of-way (RR)** – public or private freight or passenger rail activities.
15. **Right-of-way (ROW)** – public vehicular, transit and/or pedestrian rights-of-way.

2030 Future Land Use:



 LDR - Low Density Residential	 I/O - Light Industrial and Office
 MDR - Medium Density Residential	 P/I - Public & Institutional
 HDR - High Density Residential	 UTL - Utility
 MR - Mixed Residential	 P/OS - Park and Open Space
 NB - Neighborhood Business	 PP - Park Preserve
 CMU - Community Mixed Use	 RR - Railroad right-of-way
 COM - Commercial	 ROW - Right-of-Way
 MB - Mixed Business	 WAT - Water

Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) Property Redevelopment



Goal: Develop TCAAP in a way that accommodates a mix of land uses that is sensitive to the natural environment, economically sustainable, and a benefit to the community.

In 1941, the federal government started construction on what would become the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP). Originally part of Mounds View Township, the TCAAP property occupied 3.7 square miles (2,370 acres) or about the northern one third of Arden Hills (Figure 5.1). During a 16 month period, over 300 buildings were constructed to manufacture and test munitions for World War II. The plant also produced munitions for the Korean conflict, Vietnam conflict, and the first Gulf War. At its peak, the property had 40 miles of electric and telephone wire, 83 miles of sewer, 37 miles of road and railroad track, and employed more than 25,000 people.

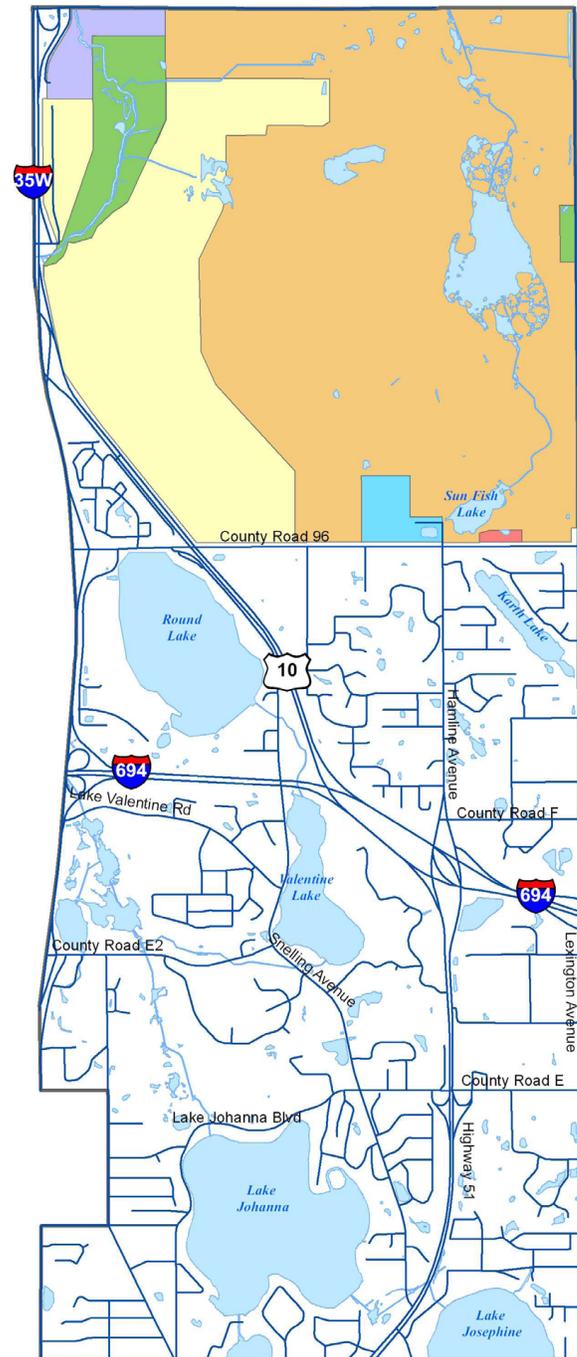
Between 1974 and 1985, the Army decommissioned most of the operations at TCAAP. The federal government formally declared 774 acres of the TCAAP property as excess property that was to be sold in 1994. Since then, much of the original TCAAP property has been transferred or leased to other public entities, including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Ramsey County, and the Minnesota National Guard. With much of the original TCAAP property dedicated to other uses, only 585 acres remained for sale and potential redevelopment (Figure 5.2).

In 2007, the City partnered with a private developer to prepare a plan to purchase and redevelop the remaining 585 acres. The private developer withdrew from the project in May 2009 before a final land use plan was selected. The General Service Administration (GSA), on behalf of the Army, subsequently initiated a process to sell the TCAAP property through a public auction process. The sale is tentatively set for the summer of 2010.

Since the TCAAP property will be subject to local land use regulations after it is sold, the City continues to have a vested interest in the future use of the TCAAP property. It is the City's goal to fully incorporate the TCAAP property into the fabric of the community. The overall City vision, goals, and policies of each chapter in the Comprehensive Plan apply to the reuse of the TCAAP property. Once a new land use plan has been created, the Comprehensive Plan will be amended to include any required data, includ-

ing approved land uses, housing densities, transportation infrastructure, traffic generation, parks, open spaces, and water resource data.

Former TCAAP 2008 Land Ownership:



- Land Owner/User**
- Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS)/Army Reserve
 - City of Arden Hills - City Hall
 - Joint Arden Hills - Ramsey County Public Works Facility
 - MnDOT
 - Ramsey County Parks & Recreation
 - TCAAP - Redevelopment Area

Economic Development and Redevelopment



Goal: Promote the development, redevelopment, and maintenance of a viable, innovative, and diverse business environment serving Arden Hills and the metropolitan area.

The long-term economic health of Arden Hills is not without its challenges. While the City's economic base is relatively strong, the City recognizes the need to maintain and enhance the economic base over the long-term. Except for the TCAAP redevelopment, the City has few vacant commercial or industrial properties remaining. Furthermore, some of the commercial and industrial buildings are not cost-effective to convert to other uses and consequently may be nearing obsolescence. Redevelopment in certain parts of the City is almost certain to occur.

Economic development and redevelopment is linked to the other chapters of this Comprehensive Plan. Land use, housing, transportation, and public amenities impact the City's ability to retain its economic base and attract desired development.

The Economic Development and Redevelopment chapter of the Comprehensive Plan contains the following sections:

- Economic Development Authority (EDA)
- Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Small Area Plans
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this economic development and redevelopment goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Work to create and strengthen existing partnerships between public and private agencies and institutions.
- Engage the private sector to encourage development and redevelopment projects that are beneficial to the City. Identify incentives or programs where applicable that promote private sector investment
- Encourage communication and cooperation between businesses, educational institutions, and the public sector.
- Promote business retention and expansion to enhance the existing economic base and provide applicable and appropriate resources.

- Capitalize on existing community strengths, such as location, freeway access, and a well-educated population.
- Identify marketing and promotion tools and techniques to attract commercial, office, residential, and industrial uses.
- Adopt a public financing policy to maximize private investment and public benefit.
- Identify incentives or programs that provide housing choice.

Housing



Goal: Develop and maintain a strong, vital, diverse and stable housing supply for all members of the community.

One of the principal roles of a community is to serve as a place to live. In Arden Hills, 23.1 percent of all of the land area in the community is currently used for housing (not including TCAAP). However, if public open spaces and roads are removed, housing accounts for 52.9 percent of all developed land in Arden Hills. Because housing is such an important part of Arden Hills, maintaining the quality of the current housing stock while providing long-term opportunities for new housing is important to the ongoing vitality of the community and to retaining Arden Hills' reputation as a highly desirable place to live.

The Housing chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Context
- Housing Forecasts
- Housing Issues
- Future Opportunities
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this housing goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Promote the development of a variety of housing options by preserving and increasing high-quality housing opportunities that are suitable for a mix of ages, incomes and household types.

- Encourage the incorporation of affordable, life cycle, and work force housing into new development and redevelopment where feasible.
- Maintain the quality, safety, and unique character of the City's housing stock.
- Preserve and strengthen the community's neighborhoods to maintain a high-quality of life for residents.
- Encourage housing development and redevelopment that is complimentary to and enhances the character of the City's established neighborhoods.

Active Living



Goal: Enhance the health, safety, and well-being of all who live, work, and play in the City.

In 2006, the City received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota to work with Design for Health at the University of Minnesota to incorporate active living principles into the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the grant was to encourage cities to create a natural and built environment that encourages more physical activity and, subsequently, leads to an increase in overall public health. There is no single solution to increasing physical activity or public health. However, the City can work to remove obstacles to physical activity and increase opportunities for healthy living choices.

Active living is a way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines. Removing obstacles in the built environment and encouraging a built environment that promotes physical activity can be achieved through the planning process. The following principles, prepared by the Active Living by Design group (www.activelivingbydesign.org), serve as an evaluation framework for new developments, ordinances, and policies:

1. Physical activity is a behavior that can favorably improve health and quality of life.
2. Everyone should have safe, convenient and affordable choices for physical activity.
3. The City and new developments should be designed to provide a variety of opportunities for physical activity and should accommodate a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.

4. Development patterns should encourage opportunities for active living where appropriate as well as a variety of transportation choices.
5. Buildings should be designed and oriented to promote opportunities for active living, especially non-motorized transportation.
6. Transportation systems, including transit, should provide safe, convenient and affordable access to housing, worksites, schools and community services.
7. Parks and green space, including pathways, should be safe, accessible and part of a transportation network that connects destinations of interest, such as housing, worksites, schools, community services and other places with high population density.
8. The City, in cooperation with other public and private entities, are encouraged to plan for ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration, promotion of facilities, behavioral supports, policies that institutionalize the vision of active living, and routine maintenance that ensures continued safety, quality and attractiveness of the physical infrastructure.

City planning processes should address the multiple impacts of the built environment and transportation choices on residents' ability to be physically active.

Parks and Recreation



Goal: Create a comprehensive, maintained, and interconnected system of parks, pathways, and open spaces as well as a balanced program of recreational activities for residents of all ages, incomes, and abilities.

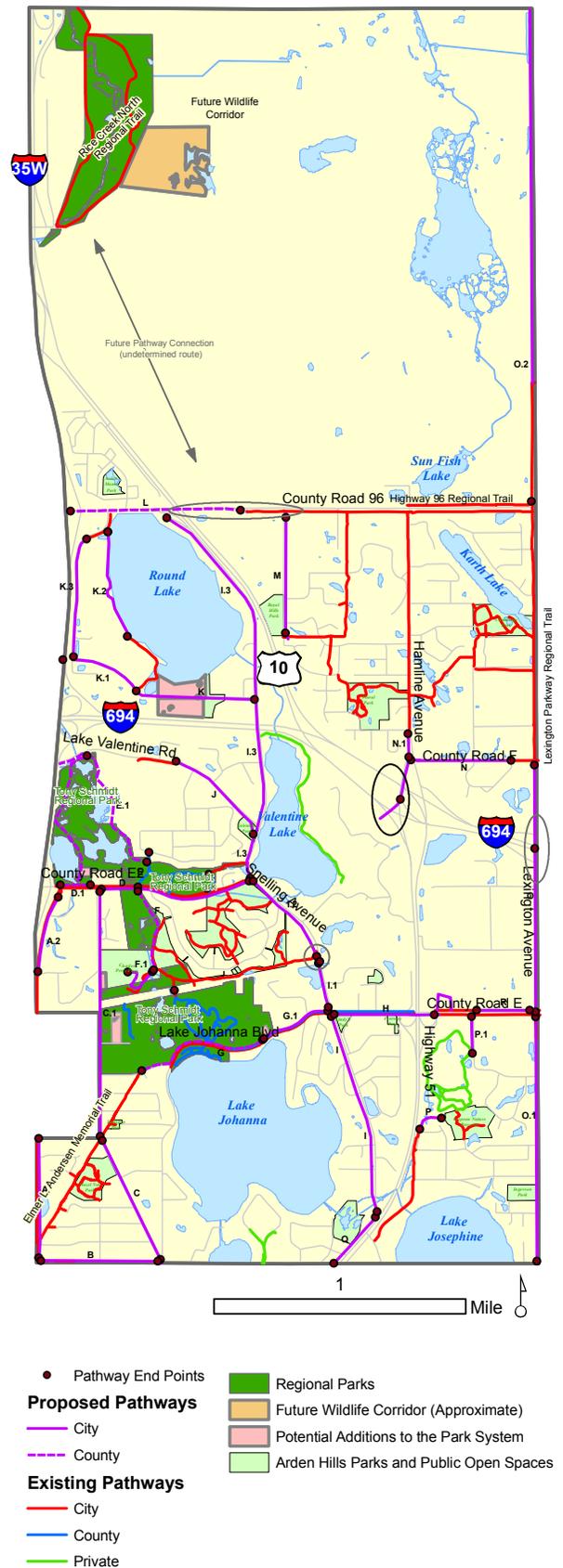
Parks, trails, and open space are an important component of providing a high quality of life in Arden Hills. Covering more than 145 acres, Arden Hills is home to 15 City parks and open spaces as well as 11 miles of trails. The parks provide a variety of amenities ranging from tennis courts and playgrounds to baseball diamonds and picnic shelters (Table 9.1). The parks are well-distributed throughout Arden Hills and most residents are within one mile of a City park. Arden Hills is also home to the 217 acre Tony Schmidt Regional Park and is connected to the Highway 96, Rice Creek North, and Lexington Avenue Regional Trails. The Parks and Recreation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan
- Regional Park and Recreation System
- Arden Hills Park and Recreation System
- Park and Recreation Maintenance, Upgrades and Expansion
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this parks and recreation goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Develop, maintain, and encourage the use of a system of neighborhood parks and pathways that are safe and engaging, which includes:
 - Developing, maintaining, and encouraging the use of north-south, and east-west arterial pathways that connect with neighborhood paths within the City and to regional trails.
 - Connecting neighborhoods, parks, and other destination points through a Citywide trail and pathway system.
 - Strengthening the park and path system by making improvements as feasible through the annual budgeting and CIP process.
 - Provide recreation programs and activities that address the interests of all segments of the community, including children, adolescents, adults, families, and seniors.
 - Encourage non-motorized transportation and commuting in and outside of Arden Hills to reduce reliance on motor vehicles and increase physical activity.
 - Work to connect the pathway system to transit facilities.
 - Protect and maintain access to lakes, marshes, and wooded areas for active and passive recreation.
 - Plan for parks, trails, and recreation on the TCAAP property that addresses the interests of Arden Hills’ residents.
 - Explore financing and funding options to improve and expand the City’s parks and recreation system.
 - Promote the removal of invasive species throughout the park and recreational system.
 - Construct way-finding signage for parks and trails.
- Explore options for collaboration with other governmental, educational, and private entities to provide an array of high-quality recreational programs.
- Work and coordinate with Ramsey County, the Metropolitan Council, and other applicable organizations to enhance the park, pathway, and recreation system.

Existing and Proposed Park and Pathway System:



Transportation



Goal: Provide a transportation system that has convenient and effective multi-modal connections within Arden Hills and to adjacent municipalities, the remainder of the Twin Cities

Metropolitan Area and greater Minnesota.

The transportation system in the City of Arden Hills is largely established, made up of metropolitan freeways and highways, County roads, and City streets. Except for the proposed TCAAP redevelopment, the City's transportation system is not likely to see major changes in the next 10 to 20 years. The fact that the network is established, however, does not diminish the importance of continually monitoring the system to ensure that it performs adequately. As such, whether an existing roadway is proposed for upgrading or a land use change is proposed on a property, this plan provides the framework for decisions regarding the nature of roadway infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve safety, adequate access, mobility, and performance of the existing and future roadway system.

This chapter includes established local goals, policies, standards, and guidelines to implement a future roadway network and transit vision that is coordinated with respect to county, regional, and state plans in such a way that the transportation system enhances quality economic and residential development within the City of Arden Hills.

This chapter includes two appendices. Appendix B includes the general transportation system principles and standards, including functional classification, roadway capacity by type, access management guidelines, geometric design standards, and roadway jurisdiction. The second Appendix, C, includes the full transportation forecast and traffic modeling methodology.

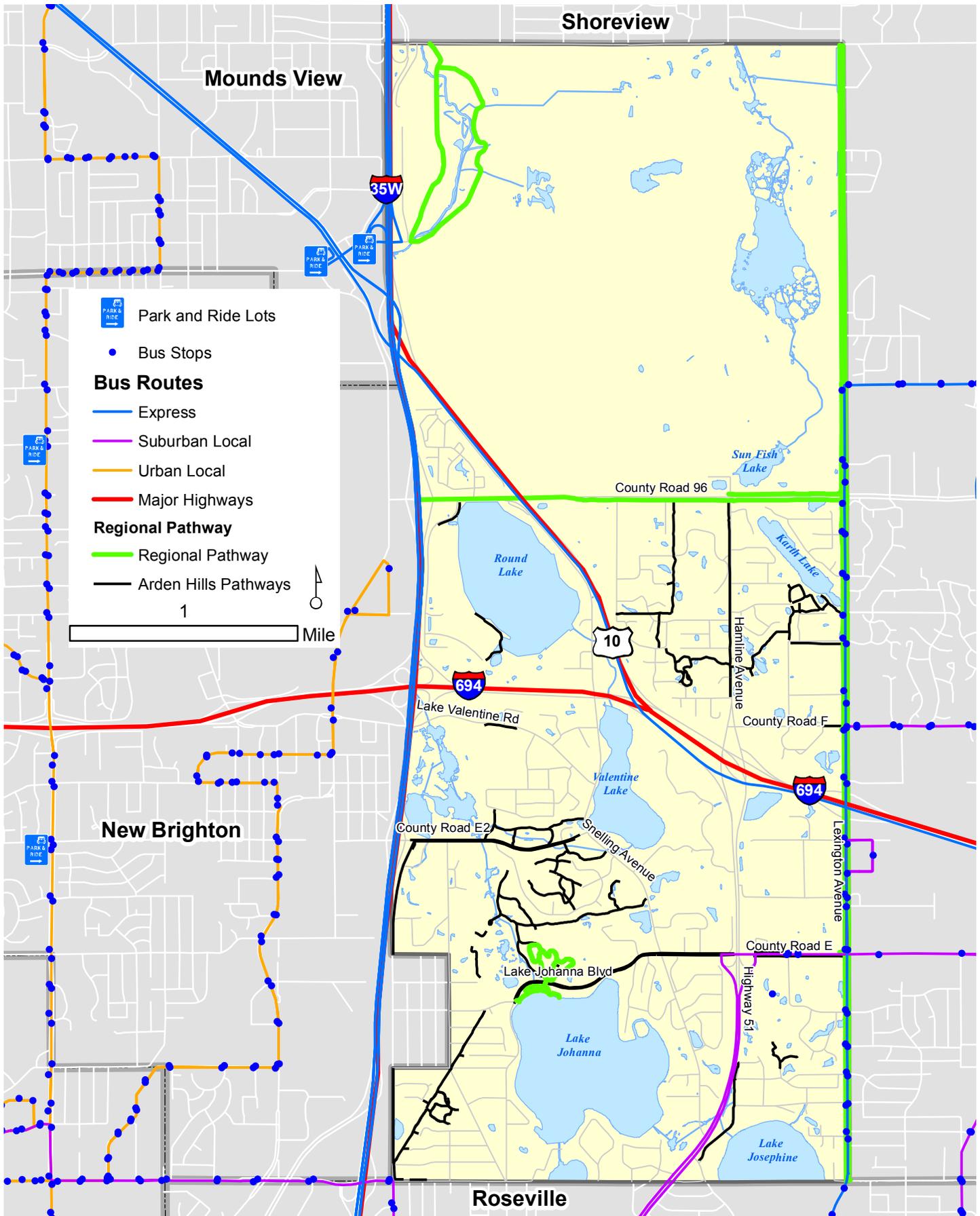
The Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Existing Transportation System Evaluation
- Future Transportation System Plan
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this transportation goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Approach transportation in a comprehensive manner by giving attention to all travel modes and related facilities, linking transit and land use and by combining or concentrating various land use activities to reduce the need for transportation facilities.
- Coordinate transportation plans with adjacent communities and the County, State, and Federal governments to assure system continuity, determine priorities, increase safety, and to efficiently use resources and reduce congestion.
- Create/provide a safe, cost effective, and efficient transportation system that is adequate for car, transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and truck transportation for the movement of people and goods and services in the community.
- Encourage transportation methods that are less dependent on motor vehicles such as walking, biking, and transit.
- Maintain the existing transportation infrastructure to protect the existing investments, increase efficiency, and delay the need for improvement or expansion. Where necessary, expand the City's transportation system to meet current and future transportation needs.
- Continue to work with the County and State elected and appointed officials to include County road reconstruction projects to address needed reconstruction and potential trails along the roadways when improved.
- Work with developers to construct needed improvements prior to development.
- Work to manage traffic in residential neighborhoods to not overburden any particular City street.

Regional Transportation System:



Environment

Protected Resources



Goal: Preserve, protect, and restore the community's natural resources, including open spaces, lakes, wetlands, other significant natural features, and historic resources.

The beautiful lakes, diverse topography, and wooded character of Arden Hills provide an exceptional residential, recreational, and business environment. The community has carefully guarded these resources in the past; however, they are constantly threatened by human activities. Protecting these areas requires diligence, including adherence to strong protection policies and requirements, studying the most up-to-date preservation methods, and educating the public on environmentally sound development and maintenance practices.

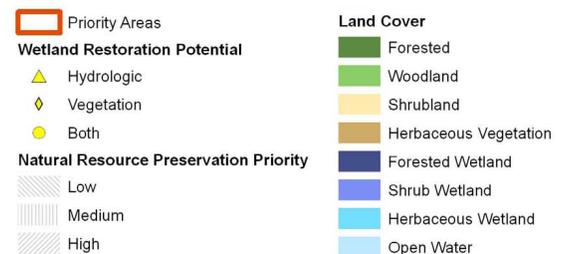
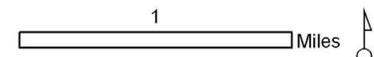
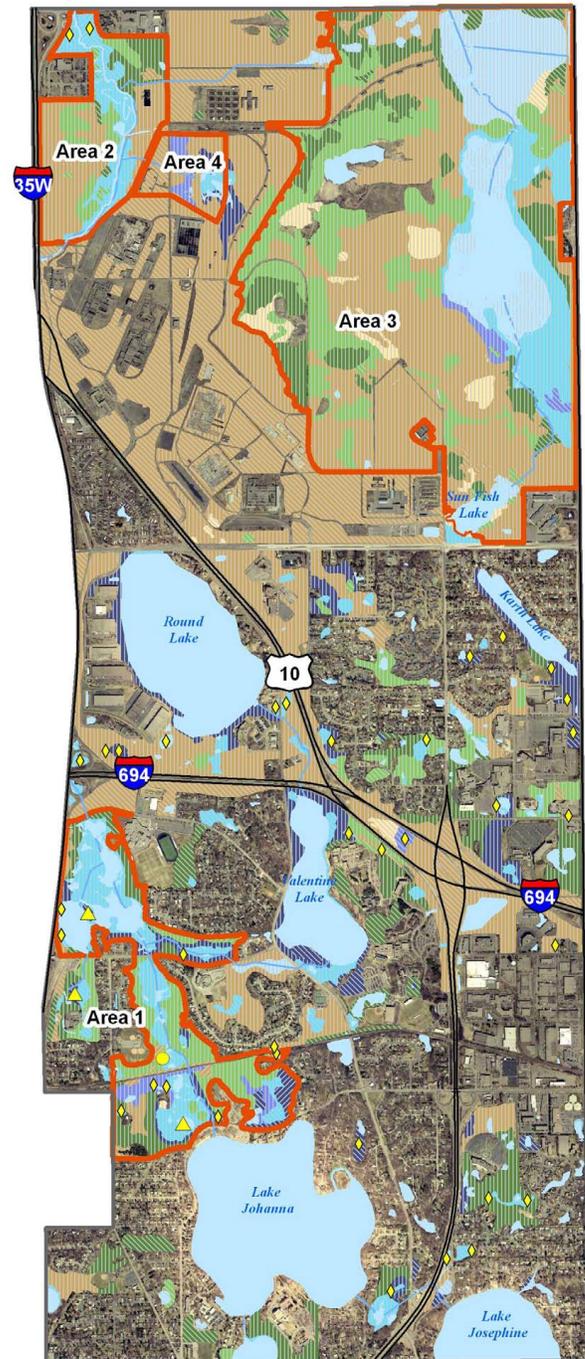
The Protected Resources chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Water Resources
- Protected Species/Habitat
- Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources Inventory Map
- Invasive Species
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this protected resources goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Identify and work to protect the sensitive natural resources within the City.
- Develop or enhance regulations to protect the City's natural resources, including trees, lakes, wetlands, and other unique or significant natural resources.
- Work with the appropriate agencies to assure that surface water quality is protected.
- Support public educational opportunities to foster a better understanding of the natural environment as well as ways to restore and protect the natural environment.
- Work with the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) to protect the unique natural resources and open spaces as park and/or open space.
- Encourage the identification and protection of historically significant sites and structures.

Natural Resource Inventory:



Environmental Conservation and Sustainability

Goal: Promote conservation and sustainable design practices in the preservation, development, redevelopment, and maintenance of the City's natural and built environment.



While this chapter focuses on environmentally sustainability, it is not independent from the other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. The chapter discusses the overarching policies, practices, information, and implementation techniques that apply throughout the Plan. There are policies, tools, and implementation techniques in other chapters that directly relate to environmental conservation and sustainability, though may not be repeated in this chapter. The goal of this chapter is to recognize the importance of conservation and sustainability as well as to coordinate these efforts in the Plan. This chapter is an integral part and is intended to enhance the other chapters in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Environmental Conservation and Sustainability chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- What is Sustainability and Sustainable Design?
- Green Building Practices
- Low Impact Design
- Carbon Reduction
- Implementation Strategies

To achieve this environmental sustainability goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Develop regulations to include sustainable design practices in the construction and operations of new development, additions, and building renovations.
- Evaluate energy use that contributes to energy and climate uncertainty.
- Encourage the use of site sensitive planning and design to protect significant natural features throughout the City.
- Support the use of renewable energy.
- Support the efficient use of land and development that reduces reliance on fossil fuels.
- Work to reduce carbon emissions at City facilities, from City vehicles, and overall City design.
- Work to protect air, water quality, and healthy indoor environments.
- Encourage programs that reduce waste and increase recycling.

Public Services, Facility and Infrastructure



Goal: Provide efficient and high-quality public facilities, services, and infrastructure.

The Arden Hills City government provides a variety of public facilities and services. While some services are used or seen on a daily basis, such as streets, sewer, and water, other services are less noticed though are absolutely necessary for the efficient functioning of the City.

The City continually strives to provide services in an efficient manner. In order to provide a wide array of services at a low-cost, Arden Hills has sought partnerships with other cities and Ramsey County. Fire services are provided through the Lake Johanna Fire Department, which provides fire services to Shoreview and North Oaks in addition to Arden Hills. The Ramsey County Sheriff's department provides police services to Arden Hills. In 2006, the City entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Roseville for engineering services, which included a part-time engineer at Arden Hills City Hall. The City also has a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Roseville for information technology services, which has been in place since 2001.

Since the physical infrastructure of Arden Hills is aging, the City recognizes the need to track and evaluate the condition of the City's infrastructure. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is one tool that is used to plan for maintenance and/or replacement of facilities as appropriate.

The Public Services, Facility and Infrastructure chapter of the Comprehensive Plan includes the following sections:

- Water Resource Management
- Other Utilities
- City Street Maintenance
- Emergency Preparedness
- City Buildings
- City Services
- Postal Services
- Library
- Public Schools
- Higher Education

To achieve this public facilities, services, and infrastructure goal, the following policies are proposed:

- Provide reliable and high-quality water facilities, sanitary sewer, and stormwater systems.
- Prepare long-term plans to identify, prioritize, and determine the costs to maintain and/or replace City water and sewer facilities.
- Maintain and keep the emergency preparedness plan updated.
- Work to provide efficient, low-cost services through ongoing evaluation and intergovernmental coordination.
- Utilize the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and annual budgeting process for prioritizing major public expenditures.
- Work to reduce inflow and infiltration into the City's sewer system.
- Coordinate with the public and private school system on programs and activities where feasible.
- Promote the continued operation of a public library within Arden Hills
- Continuously evaluate all contracted services to assure that efficient and high-quality services are being provided.

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