

## **Vision Statement and Core Values**

**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 seeks to achieve this overall City vision by working to advance the following goals in the **2030 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 of 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.

## **Core Values**

In bringing our vision into the future, we are committed to maintaining and building on our core values:

- Strong neighborhoods and businesses
- Community development and integration of old and new
- Fiscal responsibility
- Environmental awareness and stewardship
- Effective, timely, and inclusive communication
- Responsible stewardship of infrastructure, parks, and trails
- Community-based planning
- Efficient and effective police and fire protection