

General Land Use

GOAL 1: Develop and implement a cohesive city-wide land use pattern that ensures compatibility and functional relationships between all uses.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Act in accordance with the with future land use plan.	Approve zoning changes that are consistent with the adopted future land use plan, and keep the plan current.	Same as On-Going Actions	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: City Council
	Modify future land uses through a public process as necessary, ensuring that any incompatibilities are accounted for.			Primary: Planning and Zoning
Apply hybrid zoning techniques to smooth the transition between incompatible or otherwise distinctive land uses.	Identify logical locations for redevelopment.	Adopt the 2045 Land Use Plan; refer to the plan as a guide for applying mixed-use or neighborhood commercial in transition areas and in locations where these uses can enhance the definition of distinctive neighborhoods.	Designate a transition/revitalization overlay for potential Mixed-Use and Commercial/Industrial redevelopment areas.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: City Council
Continue to update the Land Use Plan every five years.	Keep GIS and demographic data current and organized and amend the current plan as necessary between updates.	Maintain best practices and incorporate new methods, strategies, and tools as opportunities arise.	Same as Ongoing and Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO
Maintain separation of incompatible uses and mitigate adverse offsite impacts.	Maintain existing standards for separation of incompatible uses.	Same as On-Going Action	Consult with neighborhood associations to identify locations where grievous incompatibilities exist; respond quickly to citizen complaints. Follow through with identified zoning amendments and property rezoning.	Primary: Planning and Zoning

GOAL 2: Advocate development that is accompanied by a sufficient level of support services and facilities (roads, utilities, storm water management systems, parking, sidewalks, etc.)

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<p>Clarify expectations for construction of utilities at the time of development.</p>	<p>Require all new developments within City limits to install lines that connect to existing sewer, water, electric, etc.</p>	<p>Same as On-going Actions</p>	<p>Same as On-going Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning, Public Works/Engineering, Water and Light</p>
	<p>Prioritize the upgrading of undersized facilities within core areas of East Grand Forks.</p>			<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering, Water and Light</p>
	<p>Continue to evaluate the capacity of water facilities on an annual basis as it pertains to existing population and projected growth.</p>			<p>Primary: Water and Light</p>
	<p>Maintain standards for completion of subdivision utility work; utilize agreement with appropriate agencies and enforce via fine.</p>			<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Public Works/Engineering, Water and Light</p>
<p>Require completion of roadway facilities prior to occupancy of residential structures.</p>	<p>Continue to require the creation of a developer’s agreement with all new proposals necessitating all infrastructure to be constructed within 3 years.</p>	<p>Same as On-going Action</p>	<p>Draft roadway/habitation ordinance and adopt into zoning ordinance.</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Public Works/Engineering, Water and Light</p>

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Adopt performance measures to define acceptable standards for connectivity and service.	Continually monitor connectivity deficiencies in existing and proposed developments, which may include food deserts, areas with limited school bus service, missing sidewalk linkages, etc.	Same as On-going Action	Follow through with Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning
	Research potential ways to quantify connectivity; discuss methods that could be standardized in a practical manner as a tool for evaluating subdivision proposals.	Select a metric to quantify connectivity, such as a target percentage for the number of residences in new developments that should be within a defined radius of key destinations (shopping, recreation, schools, etc.); consider a similar metric to define accessibility to transit.		Primary: Planning and Zoning, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO, Cities Area Transit
	Maintain acceptable response times for emergency service providers.	Incorporate first responders into the development review process.		Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Fire and Police

GOAL 3: Maintain, protect, and upgrade the character of individual neighborhoods, commercial, and industrial areas.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Preserve and enhance the existing character of neighborhoods.	Identify local examples with strong neighborhood characteristics.	Define existing neighborhoods within city limits; catalog design features of each neighborhood.	Develop overlay criteria for each neighborhood based upon the common design features, while utilizing public involvement efforts.	Primary: Planning and Zoning

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Strengthen individual neighborhood identities.	Educate citizens about the benefits of maintaining strong city-neighborhood relationships and encourage pride in their sense of place.	Create neighborhood designations focused on commercial or park/open space uses.	Apply neighborhood signage to existing street markers; commission designs from the community.	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Parks and Recreation
		Identify and contact qualified individuals who may assist as a champion in forming/directing neighborhood associations.	Encourage the development and promotion of neighborhood associations throughout the community.	Primary: Planning and Zoning
		Support public art projects to help define neighborhood identities.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning

GOAL 4: Plan for current and future transportation needs of the community as growth occurs.

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Ensure adequate street ROW and intersection/ access spacing.	Ensure adequate right-of-way and access management standards are upheld with new subdivision proposals.	Monitor the effectiveness of existing right-of-way regulations and update as warranted; develop access management plans for new or expanded roadways as development occurs.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering Supportive: Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO
Integrate and actively participate in land use and transportation planning activities with Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization.	Lead or participate in the study of transportation corridors or sub areas with specific congestion, safety, or other transportation concerns.	Secure adequate ROW for roadway widths given functional class needs; plan for parallel bicycle/pedestrian trails concurrently, both on road and separate trail facilities.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Engineering, Cities Area Transit, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO
Preserve the US Highway 2 and MN TH 220 corridors for future improvements.	Ensure adequate right-of-way and access management standards are upheld with new subdivision proposals.	Prevent additional intersections and driveways along the US 2 and TH 220 corridors per the access regulations of the subdivision ordinance, Highway 2 Access Plan, and other MnDOT regulations, update as necessary.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering

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Implement the recommendations of the Bygland Road Study.	Assist in the adoption of the Bygland Road Study.	Implement the improvements outlined within the Bygland Road Study.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO, Administration
Provide sidewalks to ensure safe pedestrian mobility and increase opportunities for active living.	Inventory facilities for ADA compliance.	Continue to require the construction of sidewalks within new construction areas per the subdivision regulations. Modify ordinance language to reflect changing trends as necessary.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering
Provide access for all travel modes.	Continue enforcing sidewalk and bikeway requirements for new subdivisions.	Pursue development design that promotes pedestrian traffic, especially in areas served by transit; revise maximum density standards if necessary.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering Supportive: Cities Area Transit, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO
		Evaluate plat proposals collectively when possible, anticipating how connections will be made to future subdivisions.		Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering Supportive: Cities Area Transit
		Establish easements between properties for necessary transit, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure.		Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering Supportive: Cities Area Transit
Explore opportunities to capitalize on small-scale transit-oriented development (TOD).	Identify locations where mixed-use development can be used to concentrate the housing, jobs, and activities that are necessary for TOD.	Consider suitable locations for transit-oriented development throughout transit planning efforts.	Engage with businesses, public institutions, and citizens in the greater metro area to design nodes of development around future bus routes as increased development occurs.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Engineering, Cities Area Transit, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO

Growth Management

GOAL 1: Manage growth and development in a fiscally responsible manner.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Annex growth areas into the City.	Identify and monitor specified growth areas outside of city limits.	Annex growth areas into the City prior to the extension of city services and the construction of new streets.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
Encourage development within the appropriate growth term as defined by the Phasing Plan.	Forecast growth within short, mid, and long term planning periods.	Conduct semi-annual meetings between City officials and private utilities to align goals of the Plan with those of for-profit service providers.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Administration

GOAL 2: Promote increased density and compact development.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Prioritize infill development and redevelopment of underutilized parcels over development of fringe land.	Identify initial redevelopment opportunities in the Land Use Plan.	Utilize the 2045 Land Use Plan to identify a realistic target percentage for infill development in terms of total applications, residential units, or developed acreage; monitor progress annually and adjust target if needed in the next Plan update.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development
		Provide financial incentives (tax relief, density bonuses, etc.) for infill and redevelopment projects.	Establish and apply developer financing requirements for new subdivisions as a means of incentivizing redevelopment and infill of vacant properties.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development, Administration
Amend existing city ordinances to promote compact residential development.	Monitor the average lot size of new single-family residential subdivisions.	Investigate and possibly implement a lower minimum lot area requirements from 7,400 square feet to 6,000 square feet within the R-3 District to facilitate compact development and greater housing diversity.	Follow through with short term actions.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: City Council

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<p>Employ best practices in designing and zoning for mixed-use development.</p>	<p>Encourage the development of mixed-use where appropriate.</p>	<p>Encourage a minimum density requirement for residential development, where applicable.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Maintain a broad range of possible uses; design for commercial office space which can be more easily converted to other commercial uses (i.e. restaurants, small retail establishments, etc.).</p>		<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Review city building codes and development financing requirements that may obstruct mixed-use development or increase development costs.</p>	<p>Monitor existing regulations which may pose challenges for mixed-use development during development review.</p>	<p>Ensure that each use in mixed-use building can be constructed according to independent standards, as appropriate – eliminate commercial-grade requirements for plumbing, wiring, fire protection, etc. on residential floors.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Building Inspections Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Identify neo-traditional principles of compact neighborhood design; amend language in zoning code and subdivision regulations.</p>	<p>Continue to emphasize community desire for compact design in meetings with developers and administration.</p>	<p>Evaluate community/developer interest for alley design in new subdivisions; determine responsibility and expectations for frequency of snow removal in alleyways.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Public Works/Engineering</p>
		<p>Adopt a standard of grid development where it is logical given existing roadway design, including considerations for the future location of highly classified roadways within the Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning, Engineering</p>

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Permit shared-use parking in high density areas; establish appropriate policies within a downtown parking district.	Monitor the number of parking spaces established in new development; identify areas where shared parking could be utilized.	Calculate and adopt new standards for maximum ratio of parking area to gross square feet (GSF) of development.	Follow through with Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
		Establish conditions under which shared parking will be considered for new developments.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
		Codify parking requirements for mixed-use in general within the zoning amendment for mixed-use.	Follow through with Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
		Develop and adopt a downtown parking district to regulate parking in the downtown area.	Follow through with Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development

GOAL 3: Provide municipally run utilities and services in a fiscally responsible manner.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Extend city services in an orderly manner.	Promote new development in areas contiguous to city limits, and complete annexations.	Same as On-Going Action	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
Institute financing policies between the City, developers, and property owners that allocate costs of newly developed infrastructure and facilities in a fair and just manner.	Review existing special assessment procedures.	Identify transfer of develop rights, deferrals, various taxation arrangements, and other methods that can aid in accomplishing City goals.	Formalize new policies as necessary.	Primary: Planning and Zoning, Administration Supportive: Public Works/Engineering, Water and Light, Economic Development

Residential

GOAL 1: Develop and expand neighborhoods with individual character and sufficient access to urban services.				
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Protect existing housing stock and support redevelopment initiatives for underperforming sites.	Identify housing units with redevelopment opportunities.	Develop a single internal GIS catalog, available to all departments, of deteriorating properties and vacant units; identify age and general condition of structure.	Follow through with Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Housing Authority, Building Inspections
		Designate a transition/revitalization overlay where clustering of vacant residential properties exists.		Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development
		Explore funding options for home improvement loans.		Primary: Planning and Zoning, Housing Authority Supportive: Economic Development
Provide equitable, affordable housing.	Continue to evaluate housing development proposals from an affordability standpoint.	Perform market assessment to quantify housing affordability issues.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Housing Authority Supportive: Planning and Zoning
		Prioritize subsidy of existing rental units over creation of new affordable units.		Primary: Housing Authority Supportive: Planning and Zoning
		Permit a mixture of lot sizes in new subdivisions; approve new subdivisions of varying densities; encourage application of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process as defined in the zoning code.		Primary: Planning and Zoning
		Work with housing agencies to determine the need for additional low income housing units. Work with developers and agencies to place these projects into new subdivisions.		Primary: Housing Authority Supportive: Planning and Zoning

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Incorporate neighborhood retail opportunities into new and existing development.</p>		<p>Define areas appropriate for neighborhood retail development.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development</p>
		<p>Consider updates to the C-1 or C-2 zoning districts, or the creation of a new commercial zoning district to promote neighborhood retail.</p>		<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>

Commercial/Industrial

GOAL 1: Encourage investments that support economic growth.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Establish a business improvement district (BID) to expand the variety of municipal services and maintain/improve quality of services.</p>	<p>Review case studies of successful BIDs and SSMIDs (Self-sustaining Municipal Improvement Districts).</p>	<p>Form board of directors; identify target improvement zone and designate district boundaries.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Actions; evaluate district performance and maintain an online forum to sustain community support.</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Specify district goals; identify fund manager, levy rate, and levy term; identify which properties will participate in the BID and which are exempt; discuss ways that pooled funds can be recycled to improve district aesthetics.</p>		<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Inventory baseline property values and other performance measures.</p>		<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Encourage mixed-use development.</p>	<p>Identify logical locations to designate mixed-use.</p>	<p>Prepare an amendment within the code to develop a single mixed-use zoning district or allow for mixed-use development in other existing districts.</p>	<p>Expand the emphasis of the permitted mixed-use within the C-1 and mixed-use district by including incentives for development (reduced parking, setbacks, access to transit, etc.).</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>

GOAL 2: Diversify the local tax base and promote local employment opportunities by attracting, retaining, and expanding businesses within areas where urban services are available.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Employ best practices when using Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) and identify alternative funding mechanisms to TIF.</p>	<p>Monitor existing TIF districts and modify as necessary.</p>	<p>Seek public input early in the process of creating TIF additional districts, modifying/renewing existing TIF districts and evaluating TIF project proposals; educate citizens about the pros and cons of TIF; publish TIF budgets for public review; clearly specify duration for which property tax revenue is diverted for financing.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Identify additional applications for TIF or other funding mechanisms.</p>	<p>Maintain discussions about utilizing a Local Option Sales Tax as one means of funding larger projects; promote potential funding mechanisms to administration and the public.</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development</p>
<p>Encourage home occupations.</p>	<p>Carefully review requests for accessory use permits.</p>	<p>Update zoning ordinance to facilitate accessory use; amend language regarding permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Establish business incubator to assist local startups.</p>	<p>Identify examples of recent successful projects.</p>	<p>Partner with regional colleges and professionals to offer financial assistance, temporary office space, and legal guidance for entrepreneurs in the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks metro area.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Discuss incubator location with regional jurisdictions; campaign for location in East Grand Forks.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>

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Assess gaps in goods and services.	Utilize results of existing regional study.	Build on existing study; conduct a needs analysis with emphasis on East Grand Forks.	Maintain the information from the analysis and focus marketing efforts to fill needs.	Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber
Maintain an educated and skilled workforce.	Facilitate the continued relationship between local educational institutions and industries regarding desired and required skill sets.	Same as On-Going Action	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Economic Development
Develop new businesses in underperforming locations.	Maintain database of vacant properties.	Identify opportunities for public/private purchase of vacant buildings and properties that are consistent with economic development goals; Develop marketing strategies for vacant buildings and properties.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning

GOAL 3: Maintain and, where necessary, upgrade the aesthetics within commercial and industrial land use areas, especially along the city’s major corridors.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Employ design standards for new development.	Review design qualities of vibrant, walkable environments, such as appealing horizontal/vertical design ratios.	Define a corridor or subarea and develop and adopt design standards specific to the identified area.	Evaluate the design standards established for the corridor/subarea; modify as necessary and adopt to apply city or district-wide.	Primary: Planning and Zoning

Goal 4: Promote the continued development, where municipal services exist, of high-quality, high-value industries that enhance the economy through an improved tax base and expanded employment base for residents.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Develop a cohesive economic growth strategy/planning document that is consistent with the 2045 Land Use Plan and the comprehensive plan.</p>		<p>Perform community assessment; investigate strategies from the University of Minnesota’s Business Expansion and Retention Program and similar programs.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Support collaborative action to market East Grand Forks as a great place to locate industry and businesses; identify potential public-private partnerships</p>		<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
<p>Establish a standard for evaluating the quality of economic development opportunities.</p>	<p>Monitor national and regional trends and polices that may be applicable for East Grand Forks.</p>	<p>Perform a baseline economic assessment for the City of East Grand Forks; utilize input-output analysis to quantify the value of existing industries to the regional economy.</p>	<p>Follow through with Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Require economic impact assessment for major commercial/industrial proposals to forecast benefits in terms of employment and labor income.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Advocate employment that pays area median income or higher and that employs local workers as possible within the City.</p>		<p>Primary: Economic Development Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>

Urban Expansion Area

GOAL 1: Plan for a logical expansion of urban growth beyond the existing municipal boundaries.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Adopt and utilize the 2045 Land Use Plan as a guide for future development decisions.</p>	<p>Update Land Use Plan every five years in conjunction with the MPO LTRP process; Refine population growth projections in every update to reflect changing trends.</p>	<p>Same as On-going Actions</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Actions</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning, Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO</p>
	<p>Annex fringe land prior to development.</p>			<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning</p>
	<p>Utilize the Plan’s goals, polices, and implementation measures to inform decision making.</p>			<p>Primary: Administration, City Council Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
	<p>Require sewer for new subdivisions adjacent to existing development.</p>			<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering, Planning and Zoning</p>
	<p>Require the review and development of a storm water plan for new subdivision.</p>			<p>Primary: Engineering/ Public Works</p>
<p>Focus future growth and development into designated areas.</p>	<p>Identify urban expansion areas in the Land Use Plan.</p>	<p>Utilize the future land use plan as a tool when working with land owners and potential developers during preliminary discussions and the approval process.</p>	<p>Same as Short Term Action</p>	<p>Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Economic Development</p>

GOAL 2: Preserve the urban expansion area for future development.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Implement zoning mechanisms to avoid leap-frog development and preserve farming areas.	Apply UER zoning to farmland in the city's fringe growth area; follow orderly annexation procedures.	Apply UER zoning to farmland in the city's fringe growth area in accordance with the phasing plan; Evaluate policy effectiveness and transition to the use of another zoning scheme if appropriate	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning
Update boundaries of Urban Expansion Reserve (UER) district to reflect the 2045 Land Use Plan.	Consult rural property owners and County representatives during the boundary update; follow standard rezoning procedures.	Monitor outcome of adjustment to ensure the intended effects are created.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning
Formalize the current Urban Growth Boundary along existing dike location.	Monitor the proximity of new growth to the existing urban growth boundary to ensure the best use of land within existing flood protection.	Same as On-going Actions	Adjust boundary and agreements as new flood protection is constructed; monitor impacts to land and housing values.	Primary: Planning and Zoning

Natural Resources

GOAL 1: Maintain surface water quality and the integrity of storm water conveyance systems.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
<p>Implement the new storm water management plan</p>	<p>Continue working to update and adopt the City’s storm water management plan.</p>	<p>Identify areas susceptible to ponding and water quality degradation.</p>	<p>Monitor outcome of plan implementation; review successes and shortcomings; identify alternative fee structures that may aid in future storm water management.</p>	<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Identify locations to improve infiltration or retention within City limits and targeted growth areas.</p>		<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering, Building Inspections Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Integrate storm water management plan into City ordinances and evaluate outcomes for policy effectiveness.</p>		<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning, Building Inspections</p>
<p>Create overlay water protection zone and apply to susceptible streams, ponds, wellheads, etc.</p>	<p>Review primary pollutant issues.</p>	<p>Establish guidelines for surface-water setbacks for industrial and commercial development.</p>	<p>Monitor outcome of policy implementation; review historical pollutant data to identify trends.</p>	<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>
		<p>Require on-site infiltration practices for new development located surface water setback; apply where steep slopes exist.</p>		<p>Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning</p>

GOAL 2: Improve groundwater quality and protect groundwater from degradation by surface water contaminants.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Manage storm water run-off.		Identify locations with strong surface-ground water connections; develop and adopt policies requiring on-site storm water retention for sites over a certain size.	Follow through with polices for new developments.	Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning, Minnesota DNR

GOAL 3: Promote innovative storm water management techniques.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Commit to using innovative storm water management techniques in the storm water management plan, including reinforcements in the city code.	Follow municipal impervious surface coverage requirements.	Designate practical areas to preserve/engineer wetlands; permit standing water within urban area, where appropriate.	Identify a pilot project to demonstrate the effectiveness of new best-management strategies such as bio-swales, rain gardens, filter strips, pervious pavers, etc.	Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning
		Establish performance measures for new techniques.		Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning
		Educate city administrators, developers, and the public about the cost-effectiveness of adopting non-structural solutions to storm water management.		Primary: Public Works/Engineering, Administration Supportive: Planning and Zoning
Reinforce storm water management planning through other sustainable development practices.	Evaluate plat proposals for storm water impacts.	Incentivize the application of non-structural storm water management techniques for new developments by reducing other developer costs; couple reduced parking requirements with innovative filtration techniques to improve functionality.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Public Works/Engineering Supportive: Planning and Zoning, Administration

Parks and Open Space

GOAL 1: Provide a coordinated system of City, County, and State park and recreation open space facilities and services which meets the needs of current and future residents of the East Grand Forks area.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Coordinate with County and State Parks and Recreation departments and the Greenway Technical Committee to eliminate redundant planning efforts and provide complementary amenities.	Continued participation in the Greenway Management team.	Develop a GIS database of facilities for each jurisdiction to aid in individual planning efforts.	Maintain database	Primary: Parks and Recreation
		Foster relationships between the Greenway Technical Committee, County and State; develop educational outreach programs; establish regional park planning subcommittee if necessary.	Maintain relationships and regular meetings.	Primary: Parks and Recreation Supportive: Greenway Technical Committee

Goal 2: Maintain a sufficient park and trails system to provide adequate passive and active recreation opportunities for the current and future residents of East Grand Forks.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Build upon the Greenway Plan to extend a destination-oriented trail network for pedestrians, cyclists, and other users on both sides of the levee.	Assist in the implementation of measures outlined in the Greenway Plan; ensure a connected non-motorized trail network through new subdivisions.	Identify successes and deficiencies of existing network; collect and analyze existing user data; implement survey if necessary.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Parks and Recreation Supportive: Greenway Technical Committee
		Secure easements in City growth areas.		Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Parks and Recreation, Greenway Technical Committee
		Communicate with utility providers to identify opportunities to co-locate low-impact trails with planned utility lines.		Primary: Parks and Recreation Supportive: Planning and Zoning

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Increase species diversity, productivity, and urban tree canopy coverage.	Monitor the health of existing trees planted within City right-of-way and other publically owned properties.	Review forestry inventory; review regional strategies for mitigating impacts of the emerald ash borer and other pest species; encourage the planting of diverse species within new developments.	Retain a metro-area forester to work toward regional goals; discuss cost-sharing responsibilities with other entities.	Primary: Parks and Recreation Supportive: Planning and Zoning
Complete a Park Master Plan to determine gaps in the park system.	Inventory existing parks system; identify which parks are highly used and which are underutilized; assess quality of playground equipment.	Explore funding and timing of the development of a Park Master Plan for the City.	Administer citizen survey to assess trail deficiencies and identify conservation and/or development opportunities.	Primary: Parks and Recreation Supportive: Planning and Zoning
			Consult the Parks Department throughout subdivision review process; seek input regarding which design elements are difficult/easy to maintain.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Parks and Recreation
			Discuss alternative mechanisms for parks maintenance - encourage active participation in neighborhood associations.	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Parks and Recreation

The City of East Grand Forks Government/Administration

GOAL 1: Ensure that all developments and redevelopments that occur within the jurisdictional areas of the City are in accordance with the goals and policies of this plan.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Adopt and act in accordance with the 2045 Land Use Plan.	Assist in the adoption of the Plan.	Monitor impacts of land use and transportation policies on public health, safety, and welfare; revise goals and policies as necessary.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Administration
		Update the plan as necessary to reflect changes in emerging trends.		Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO, City Council
		Utilize the future land use plan as a tool when working with land owners and potential developers during preliminary discussions and the overall approval process.		Primary: Planning and Zoning
Update zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to reflect the goals, policies, and implementation measures of this plan.		Designate a task force that consists of city staff, MPO representatives, and at least one planning commissioner.	Follow through with Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO

GOAL 2: Operate the City with a fiscally sound philosophy.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Prioritize implementation measures in terms of cost and achievability.		Discuss the 2045 Land Use Plan with City Administrator and elected officials to formulate an implementation strategy and budget priorities.	Follow through with Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Administration, City Council

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Minimize cost-overrun on major projects.		Provide a practical range of project estimates, rather than a precise number, in early stages of planning.	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Engineering Supportive: Administration
Promote a reduction in energy usage within public facilities and private developments.	Monitor utility consumption by public and private industry.	Consider alternative pricing schemes, if warranted.	Same as Short Term Actions	Primary: Water and Light Supportive: Housing Authority, Economic Development
	Develop homeowner assistance program to retrofit aging housing stock with proper insulation, LED lighting, etc.	Incentivize energy-efficient construction practices; pursue LEED certification in new buildings.		Primary: Water and Light Supportive: Housing Authority, Economic Development
GOAL 3: Maintain high standards for proactive communication with residents and businesses on municipal issues and services.				
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Maintain a visible comment/email option on the City website to address feedback from residents and businesses.	Maintain a designated staff person to respond to website feedback; address routine questions through an FAQ tab.	Establish a message board to streamline communication and encourage neighborhood discussion; monitor offensive posts and bar users when necessary.	Follow through with Short Term Actions	Primary: Administration
GOAL 4: Coordinate land use, facility, and service planning with the townships, County, school district, and regional municipalities to avoid duplication and deliver services cost-effectively.				
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	ON-GOING ACTION STEP	SHORT TERM ACTION STEP (2015 to 2025)	LONG TERM ACTION STEP (2025 to 2045)	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY(IES)
Streamline City, County, and regional planning initiatives to provide timely planning and cost-effective development.	Follow notification procedure for developments with the potential to impact multiple jurisdictions.	Same as On-Going Action	Same as Short Term Action	Primary: Planning and Zoning Supportive: Administration