



# **Imagine Flint Comprehensive Plan Update 2024-2025**

**Land Use  
Initial discussion**

**Aug 15, 2024  
2pm to 4pm - Gloria Coles Flint Public Library**

# Agenda

1. Introductions of Comprehensive Plan Update oversight leadership team
2. Mindfulness moment
3. Ground rules
4. Purpose of conversation
5. Overview of Comprehensive Plan Ch.4
6. Objectives discussion (pg 35 of the Imagine Flint plan)
  - a. What has been accomplished?
  - b. Does this objective still align with community?

# Introductions



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## Mindfulness moment

Icebreaker – Please take a minute to discuss with your neighbor: “What’s on your mind for the rest of the day?”

# Ground/group rules

1. Participate with intention. When speaking, share what you think in a constructive manner.
2. Appreciate the diversity of perspectives. Everyone is coming to the meeting with a unique set of experiences. Listen to learn and chart a path forward.
3. Maintain a respectful space. Treat each other with kindness and respect and give speakers your full attention.
4. Listen deeply. Listen intently to what is said, to the feelings beneath the words.
5. When things get difficult, turn to wonder.
6. Silence phones.

# Goals of today's conversation

- ▶ Get us all on the same page regarding the objectives that were laid out by Flint's residents a decade ago regarding land use.
- ▶ To understand how much has been accomplished from the previous plan, both perceived and actual
- ▶ To begin assessment for which previous strategies still align with residents.

# What is a Comprehensive Plan and what is the process going forward?

- ▶ What is a comprehensive plan? The guide to a community's vision for future development
- ▶ Why is it important? The plan will help identify resources, needs, and goals, and help develop consensus.
- ▶ The comprehensive plan update process will take an expected 18 months and include at least 50 public meetings and other engagement events where all residents will be invited to contribute feedback and ideas, so today will not be the only opportunity for you to help shape our city's plan.

# How your input will be utilized

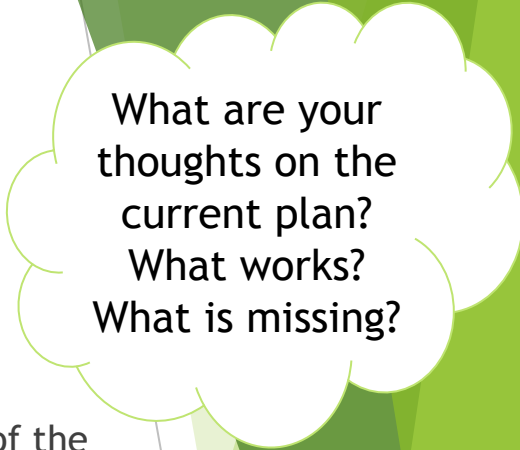
- ▶ Your input will inform the engagement process going forward
- ▶ It also helps the team understand key areas of concern that still remain from the 2013 comprehensive plan



# Crim Better Block Discussion

# Overview of chapter 4 (Land Use) objectives

- ▶ **Objective 1:** Create unique & desirable places throughout all areas of the community by combining different land uses of varying types and intensity.
- ▶ **Objective 2:** Establish a more sustainable land use pattern by clustering development & land use near key intersections, corridors, & central areas of the City.
- ▶ **Objective 3:** Strive for land use compatibility in all areas by locating similar & supportive uses by “place type” & minimizing the potential negative impact of any incompatible adjacent uses.
- ▶ **Objective 4:** Provide a mix of uses that support a sustainable & healthy community for all areas of the City.
- ▶ **Objective 5:** Support land use arrangements that provide a more walkable community & improve access to necessary & desirable goods, services, & amenities.
- ▶ **Objective 6:** Transform vacant land into opportunities for economic development & enhanced open space by encouraging green innovation & sustainable best practices.



What are your thoughts on the current plan?  
What works?  
What is missing?

# Discussion format

- ▶ We will now go through each objective for you to discuss in small groups. Please fill out your answers as you go in the survey - link on next slide (6 minutes)
- ▶ After each objective discussion groups will be given the opportunity to report out to the larger group some of the highlights of their conversation (4 minutes)
- ▶ We will repeat for all 6 objectives.
- ▶ Refer to pages 35 in Chapter 4 of the plan.

## QR code to survey



<https://forms.gle/RrE6H19fVnJ7627n9>

Scan this image with your smartphone camera and tap the link that appears on the screen, or follow the link above!

If you can't complete the form today, that's okay! You can complete it at a later date.

**Objective # 1:** Create unique and desirable places throughout all areas of the community by combining different land uses of varying types and intensity.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

**Objective # 2:** Establish a more sustainable land use pattern by clustering development and land use intensity near key intersections, key corridors, and central areas of the City.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

**Objective # 3:** Strive for land use compatibility in all areas by locating similar and supportive uses by “place type” and minimizing the potential negative impact of any incompatible adjacent uses.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

**Objective # 4:** Provide a mix of uses that supports a sustainable and healthy community for all areas of the City.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?



**Objective # 5:** Support land use arrangements that provide a more walkable community and improve access to necessary and desirable goods, services, and amenities for all residents.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

**Objective # 6:** Transform vacant land into opportunities for economic development and enhanced open space by encouraging green innovation and sustainable best practices.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
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# Next steps for participants

1. Spread the word! Encourage folks to join our next meetings and to watch the recordings online
2. Read through the implementation plan to provide additional feedback in the future.
3. This is the first series of meetings to kickoff the update to the plan. Stay tuned for information on upcoming events.