CompPlan 2030
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN

Public Meeting #2

February 23, 2010
Presentation Summary

• Refresher: What is CompPlan 2030?
• Forms of input
• Why the CompPlan is important
• What you told us
• Visioning
• Your task tonight
What is CompPlan 2030?

• CompPlan 2030 is the City of Auburn’s comprehensive future land use and transportation plan. As a plan, CompPlan 2030:
  
  – Provides guidance for the City’s future growth and development, based on analysis of existing and future conditions, best practices, and Auburn’s best vision for itself
  
  – Gives the aspirations of the community substance and form
  
  – Provides predictability and fairness for citizens, elected officials, city staff, and the development community
  
  – Integrates many disparate systems into one harmonious whole
CompPlan 2030 Structure

- Intro/Existing Conditions
- Land Use
  - Future Land Use Plan
  - AIGM
- Natural Systems
  - Land
  - Air
  - Water
- Transportation Systems
  - Roadways
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian
  - Transit
  - Rail, Air & Freight
- Civic Systems
CompPlan 2030 Structure: Civic Systems
The CompPlan Process

Existing Conditions → Issues & Needs Identification → Analysis

Analysis → Recommendations → Implementation

Implementation ← Recommendations

Adoption ← Recommendations

Adoption ← Implementation

Adoption ← Issues & Needs Identification

Adoption ← Existing Conditions
Forms of input

- Issues & Needs
- Growth Model
- Public Input
- Analysis

Goals
Forms of input

• Input was gathered in two public meetings and one focus group of students at Auburn High School
• Over 120 people participated
• Attendees responded to two questions about the future of Auburn and also filled out surveys
Forms of input

- Surveys were sent to over 100 stakeholder organizations, from Auburn University to the United Way.
- Respondents were asked to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their organization in regard to issue areas, such as water quality or transportation.
- Responses help with development of lists of issues and needs for each issue area.
Forms of input

• The Auburn Interactive Growth Model is an analytical tool for predicting the population of Auburn over time.
• The model helps us predict the location of future growth based on a variety of factors.
• Other components of the model assist predicting desirable future locations for:
  – Schools
  – Parks
  – Commercial Centers
  – Fire Stations
Forms of input

- City staff will complete independent analysis of existing conditions, best practices, and other data
Outcomes

Future Land Use Plan

Goals, Objectives, Action Steps

A plan that works.
Current Land Use
Future Land Use Plan
How recommendations work

**Goal**
- Provide a high-quality, well-maintained system of parks

**Objectives**
- Provide for new facilities as development occurs
- Maximize facility use by including complementary uses

**Action Steps**
- Require greenway dedications in new subdivisions
- Maintain up-to-date parks & rec master plans
- Complete a facility review to identify underutilized facilities
Why CompPlan 2030 is important

• First comprehensive long-range planning effort in Auburn in over a decade

• Plan will use input from diverse sources:
  – The public
  – Stakeholder groups
  – Quantitative data
  – The best practices of planning

• Recommendations will address broad range of subject areas, from land use and transportation to the natural environment and parks
Why CompPlan 2030 is important

• If adopted, the plan will be an official policy document of the City
• Future land use plan will help determine the type, location, and scale of new development and associated improvements for the next 20 years
• Recommendations may result in substantial changes to zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, as well as City-initiated rezoning
Why CompPlan 2030 is important

• The plan coordinates and unifies the dozens of existing plans and other documents that currently guide the City of Auburn.

• Fundamentally, CompPlan 2030 is a plan about good growth. Auburn is a fast-growing community that faces many challenges in the days and years ahead. Because we know we will grow, the question must become: how do we grow, and how do we do it well?
What you told us

• Input was gathered in two public meetings and one focus group of students at Auburn High School
• Over 120 people participated
• Groups were asked to respond to two statements/questions:
  – Imagine the best possible Auburn in the year 2030. Describe one aspect of it.
  – What challenges must Auburn address between now and 2030 to become the best possible place it can be?


## Imagining the best possible Auburn

Responses were divided into categories:

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Top 6 Categories

- Transportation Choices
- Walkability
- Downtown
- Character/Heritage
- Connectivity
- Parks & Open Space

Weighted Score
Transportation Choices

• Build a network of on- and off-street paths for pedestrians and bicycles that connect the places we live, work, learn, and play [56]

• Provide a viable mass transit system that is a functional alternative to car use [53]

• Limit car use in some areas [9]
Walkability

• Provide a more walkable city with a walkable downtown, sidewalks and streets that are safe for pedestrians, and greenways that connect everyday destinations and provide opportunities for interaction between people [88]
Downtown

• Provide a vibrant, expanded downtown with green space, public gathering spaces, and a mix of uses oriented toward pedestrians [40]

• Protect Auburn’s historic downtown and college town atmosphere [18]

• Limit the height of downtown buildings [4]

• Acquire the downtown Baptist church for a park or downtown square [4]
Character/Heritage

- Protect Auburn’s historic downtown and college town atmosphere [18]
- Promote village/small town feel [17]
- Promote local businesses [11]
- Provide a livable city that is welcoming to all people [6]
- Preserve historic buildings and neighborhoods [5]
- Protect and maintain walkable neighborhoods near downtown and Auburn University [4]
Connectivity

• Provide connections between different forms of transportation (bicycle and pedestrian paths, the mass transit system, roadways) and destinations (homes, businesses, schools, parks) [50]

• Provide a connected network of greenways and parks that offer bike, pedestrian, and water recreation opportunities [14]
Parks & Open Space

• Preserve and expand green space [19]
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• Incorporate green space into downtown [9]
• Provide more diverse recreational facilities [2]
What challenges will face Auburn in 2030?

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Planning and Development
Infrastructure
Growth Management
Environmental Sustainability
Housing
Character of Auburn
Planning & Development

• Making infill development happen [10]
• Holding developers responsible; make them stick to the plan [9]
• Infill and redevelopment to better use lands already in use [8]
• The city should make equal efforts to improve and maintain ALL neighborhoods and areas [8]
• Create public spaces in high density population areas like in Savannah, GA [6]
• Auburn University's plans (collaboration with city) [5]
Infrastructure

- Infrastructure [8]
- Infill and redevelopment to better use lands already in use [8]
- Expansion and revitalization of existing pedestrian infrastructure & associated funding challenges [5]
- Thin density of traffic by offering more traffic corridors and keeping lanes consistent, make it easier to get through town [4]
Growth Management

• As Auburn grows, will there be adequate school facilities? [8]

• Subdivisions gone wild/ oversupply of subdivisions. Not using existing buildings, "too much out with the old" - Smart Growth. [6]

• Occupancy of existing apartments before new ones are built [5]

• Where are future sources of water? [4]

• Maintain green space so it is not be lost by 2030 [4]
Environmental Sustainability

• Infill development/redevelopment [19]
• Take time to fix and maintain what the city already has instead of always building new [8]
• To use water and energy resources sustainably [7]
• Expansion and revitalization of existing pedestrian infrastructure & associated funding challenges [6]
• Poverty and pollution [6]
Housing

• Keep old Auburn feeling in residential neighborhoods [10]
• Affordable housing [8]
• Control University and student housing sprawl [6]
• Need housing assistance/maintenance programs/grants [5]
• Free housing should require more from those receiving the benefits [5]
Character of Auburn

- Focus more on citizens, not as much on the university [9]
- Maintaining green space [8]
- Maintaining small-town feel [7]
- Crime - keep the city as safe as possible as it grows [4]
- Keep character of Auburn by careful & frequent updates of existing subdivision regulations and Zoning. Healthy feedback. [3]
The importance of a vision

• Great places are not created by accident
• The things we love about places we visit do not have to be exclusive to those places
• Communities make choices everyday about the type of places they will become
• Choices are incremental; it is not always clear what impact a single decision will have
• Many decisions made over time lead us to where we are and will be in the future
The importance of a vision

• Visioning is the act of anticipating that which will or may come to be

• A clearly articulated vision about the kind of community we want to be provides us with a roadmap to our destination

• Without a vision, we lack the guidance we need to ensure our incremental choices create the final result we desire

• A vision is not a guarantee of what we will become; it only helps us get there
Drafting a vision statement

• Eleven draft vision statements were drafted by Planning staff that reflect the top categories for responses

• The purpose of the statements is to help set an overall strategic direction for the plan; they are not meant to summarize all input received

• All input will still be used in individual sections where possible
Your task tonight

• The meeting is an open house format
• Draft vision statements have been placed around the cafeteria
• You will be given a set of post-it notes
• As you read the vision statements, write your thoughts on the post-it notes, and place them on each vision statement
Your task tonight

• We will use your responses to revise the vision statements

• Your input is important and vital to the success of the plan

• If you have a current, specific concern (i.e. speeding on your street, you experience flooding when it rains), please ask for a citizen concern form and turn it in at the front table when you leave

• If you do not have time to participate in the open house tonight, check the City’s website starting Thursday for an online response form
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