



Draft GOALS
AP Meeting #2, May 31, 2017

Community Character and Governance

Promote Lake Elmo as an exceptional place to live because of its proximity to the Metropolitan Area and access to healthcare, culture, and jobs.

Support city staff and **work** to stabilize the environment so that there is consistency in city hall.

Provide a framework for developers and land owners that clearly communicates the desires and expectations of the City for specifically guided areas of the community.

Work to improve relationships with intergovernmental agencies, including the Metropolitan Council, while **protecting** the City's vision for the future.

Create gateways into the community that **protect** the character of the community.

Maintain and **Enhance** connections of all residents to the natural resources and open space amenities throughout the community.

Other:

Land Use, Economic Development, and Growth

Maintain and **Strengthen** the small-town charm of the Old Village.

Explore opportunities to integrate characteristics of the Old Village into developing areas of the city.

Support existing small businesses in the Old Village.

Identify and **Explore** opportunities to improve the streetscape in the Old Village to **create** a more walkable environment.



Create opportunities for new businesses to locate in the Old Village.

Work with residents, developers, land owners and other stakeholders through the development process and guide development consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Recognize that sewered development is planned for specifically guided areas and that those areas are appropriate for increased density and commercial uses.

Continue to educate residents, developers, and stakeholders about the guided land uses and where sewered and non-sewered development is guided.

Promote Lake Elmo's expansive network of trails, open spaces, and natural resources as amenities in developing areas of the community.

Encourage developers, land owners, and stakeholder to integrate the natural resource systems into new developments in all land use categories.

Protect existing neighborhoods, open spaces and natural resources from adverse impacts that may result from intensified development in adjacent sewered areas.

Create a strong and vibrant City Center in the Old Village that becomes a destination for all residents of the community.

Work to create a phasing plan for the urbanizing areas that results in a balanced land use pattern.

Create a land use and phasing plan that **promotes** contiguous development that has flexibility to respond to the market.

Other:

Housing

Explore ways to integrate lifecycle housing choices throughout the community.

Create land use designations that support various housing types throughout the community.

Protect and preserve the existing housing stock of established neighborhoods.



Endorse and **sustain** existing neighborhood patterns throughout the rural residential areas of the community.

Other:

Parks, Trails, Open Space and Natural Resources

Endorse and **Maintain** the protected public open spaces and natural areas throughout the City.

Strengthen the existing trail network in the City and **provide** increased public connections and accessibility.

Enhance existing natural resources, open spaces and trails to make a more complete system.

Explore opportunities to create a more complete public network of trails and bikeways that provides access to all residents of the community.

Protect and **strengthen** existing park facilities and program uses according to demands of residents that use the facilities.

Explore opportunities to improve the quality of degraded, but important, natural resources in the city (i.e. impaired lakes, streams and wetlands).

Identify natural areas in the community that may warrant further investigation of potential protection as areas of the community develop.

Other:

Transportation & Infrastructure



Provide improved infrastructure, including sewer, water, and facilities, to serve new residents in the developing areas of the community.

Maintain the level of city services to existing neighborhoods and plan through appropriate capital expenditures for necessary improvements.

Create improved pedestrian connections and access in the Old Village to make the area more walkable and safer.

Other:

VISION Words

Charm, Balance, Location/Proximity, Natural Resources Areas, Trails, Developing, Controlled (thoughtful)

Other:
