



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a vision for the development of Lino Lakes. Although it is a physical plan, it reflects the community's social and economic values. These values are translated into a plan for land uses, natural resources, parks, infrastructure (sewer, water and transportation), housing, economic development and community facilities. The Metropolitan Land Planning Act, as state law first passed in 1976 and amended several times since, requires local governments in the seven-county Twin Cities area to prepare and adopt local comprehensive plans. The law specifies what elements must be included in the plans.

Why is Lino Lakes updating the Comprehensive Plan?

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires local governments to update their Comprehensive Plans every 10 years, to prepare for growth in their community and to respond to changes in the region. Updates are due in 2018.

Who uses the Comprehensive Plan?

The Lino Lakes City Council uses the plan when making decisions on future development and infrastructure improvements to ensure consistency with the community's vision. It helps the city to anticipate where and when new utilities and public facilities may be needed, and to provide for them in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. The Plan is used by the Planning & Zoning Board as it reviews applications for new development and makes its recommendation to the Council. The Plan is used by all City Departments to develop their programs and design their services. The Plan is used by land owners and developer to consider potential future uses and propose projects that respond to the City's vision. The Plan is also used by other units of government to plan for their facilities and services within Lino Lakes.

What's the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan?

The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in a process beginning in 2006 with a "vision plan", and culminated in adoption of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan in 2011. The City will update this Plan to 2040, using new forecast information and making changes as needed.

The process will include regular work sessions with the Planning & Zoning Board and City Council, as well as community workshops and other opportunities for residents to participate. Drafts of the updated plan will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board and City Council, before the Council approves submitting the plan for formal review by adjacent communities and the Metropolitan Council. After the review process, any final changes are considered before formal adoption by the City Council. Once the plan has been adopted, the City may proceed with implementing the plan, which may include ordinance changes or capital improvements.





Lino Lakes 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

How much is Lino Lakes expected to grow?

The 2040 Lino Lakes Comprehensive Plan must accommodate the community's forecasted growth. The forecasts that must be used in the plan update are shown on the following table. Because the city and the region experienced slower growth in the last ten years, the 2040 forecasts are similar to the 2030 forecasts used in the current Comprehensive Plan.

	2010 (actual)	2014 (est.)	2020	2030	2040
Population	20,216	21,129	22,800	26,900	31,100
Households	6,174	6,374	7,300	9,000	10,600
Employment	3,313	3,944	4,700	5,300	6,000

Source: Metropolitan Council Systems Statement for Lino Lakes

How can I get involved?

There are many ways to be involved:

- Use the project website <https://www.ci.lino-lakes.mn.us> to answer the Community Survey (available through 06/23/2017), to follow the process and to make comments.
- Participate in community meetings. See the project website, city calendar and/or the latest issue of the project newsletter for specific dates, times and topics.
- Host your own meeting! "Meeting in a Box" is a self-guided and individually-hosted workshop that can be facilitated by any organization or neighborhood group in the privacy of one's home. The City provides a toolkit containing everything needed to host your own discussion, including instruction sheets, discussion questions and worksheets for participants. The host sends the materials back to the City to incorporate responses into community workshops and policy documents.
- Contact Community Development Director Michael Grochala at 651-982-2427 or e-mail compplan@ci.lino-lakes.mn.us.

