

All About the Rolla Comprehensive Plan Update 2005-2020

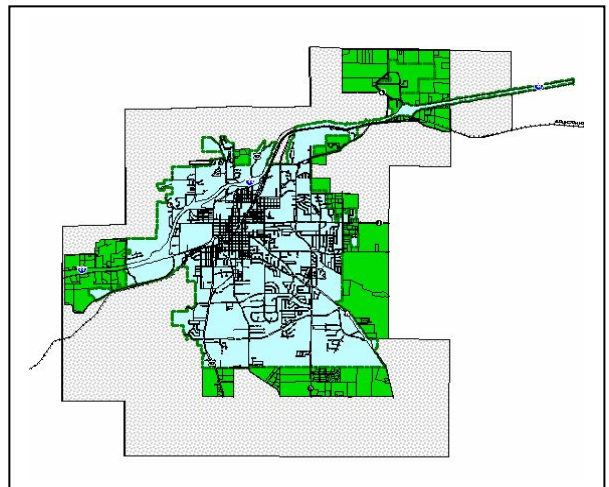
Why update the Comprehensive Plan?

Work on the current Rolla Comprehensive Plan was initiated in 1995 and the Plan was completed in 1996 ... almost ten years ago. The Plan has been amended several times to reflect changes in the community, such as the completion of the Southside annexation process. Although the Plan has served its purpose, the continued growth and changing needs and conditions in the Rolla area have necessitated revisiting important community issues with a view towards the future.

What is the Urban Growth Area?

As part of the comprehensive planning process, the City will designate an Urban Growth Area (UGA). The proposed UGA consists of 3,653 acres on the unincorporated fringe of the City. The UGA is intended to represent the area in which urban-scale growth will be encouraged based on the present and future availability of necessary public infrastructure. The term “urban-scale” is intended to denote development densities consistent with those found in Rolla. The concept also addresses a service level normally required for urban growth to occur, such as water, sewer, street and other municipal-type services.

The Urban Growth Area (UGA)



What will the Comprehensive Plan Update accomplish?

The Comprehensive Plan Update will provide a single document that incorporates the major issues and policy recommendations contained in other plans and planning reports or discovered through the citizen involvement process. The update will insure that the Rolla's Comprehensive Plan continues to address the needs of a growing community and provide guidance for future public and private decision-making on a variety of topics, such as:

Land Use – Does the community have adequate land set aside for housing, retail services, industrial and employment uses, institutional growth, and open space? Where should additional growth be avoided?

Annexation – What areas should be considered for future annexation? What criteria should the City Council use to make this decision?

Transportation – What road improvements should be undertaken?

Community Facilities – Does Rolla have adequate infrastructure and services (schools, water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, etc.) to serve future demand resulting from projected population growth?

Environment – How can growth be accommodated safely within the constraints imposed by flood plains and topography?

What is the timeline for completing the Plan Update?

Over the next 12 months the Planning Advisory Committee, consisting of representative members of the community and appointed officials, will work to update the 1996 Comprehensive Plan. The Committee will provide input, advice, and feedback to the project team as the process moves forward. Community input will be an important part of this process.

<u>2005</u>				<u>2006</u>
Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Data review "Vision"	Guiding Principles, Goals & Policies	Plan Alternatives	Concept Plan	Adopt Plan

How may I get involved?

A major goal of the project is to encourage participation and representation from all segments of the community in the planning process. You are encouraged to participate by attending meetings to be held at various locations in Rolla during the planning process. Can't make it to a meeting? Check out the project website at www.rollacity.org. Don't have access to the Internet? Regular updates will be provided to the local media and all meeting notices will be posted on the local access TV channels 6 and 16. In addition, mobile displays and feedback forms will be circulated through public locations such as the public library and City buildings. The quarterly City newsletter and other direct mail pieces will also be utilized.

Learn More!

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