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When you imagine the future of Dubuque, what kind of community do you see?

When you imagine the future of Dubuque, what kind of community do you see? Do you envision a vibrant local economy full of opportunities? How about affordable and livable neighborhoods for everyone? Possibly resilient and sustainable infrastructure built to last the test of time? Whatever Dubuque you imagine, it won't happen by accident, it will require a plan.

Imagine Dubuque is a community plan. It is the city's comprehensive plan. It looks into the future to plan for and address long-term needs for the city, while creating actionable steps that can be taken today.

- The plan:
- Creates a clear vision for the future of Dubuque.
 - Sets priorities for community investment.
 - Informs the City and community organizations' decision-making to achieve community goals.

The comprehensive plan serves as a guide for the community's physical, social, economic, and overall development.

Engaging the community in a conversation about the future of Dubuque was at the core of building the Imagine Dubuque plan. A year of community outreach produced over 12,500 ideas from 6,000 individuals throughout Dubuque. This outreach took many forms, from casual conversations at pop-up events such as the Farmers' Market, to focus groups, workshops, surveys, and on-line submissions.

After analyzing resident input, ideas were narrowed down and organized into seven categories, with 32 subcategories and 110 recommendations on how to build the community residents imagined. The Imagine Dubuque Plan translates community input and ideas into policies and actions.

Just as the Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan was built on community engagement, implementation of the plan takes an engaged community. With the plan in place, it's time to get to work. Now is the time to get involved and build the community you want to see for yourself, your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors.

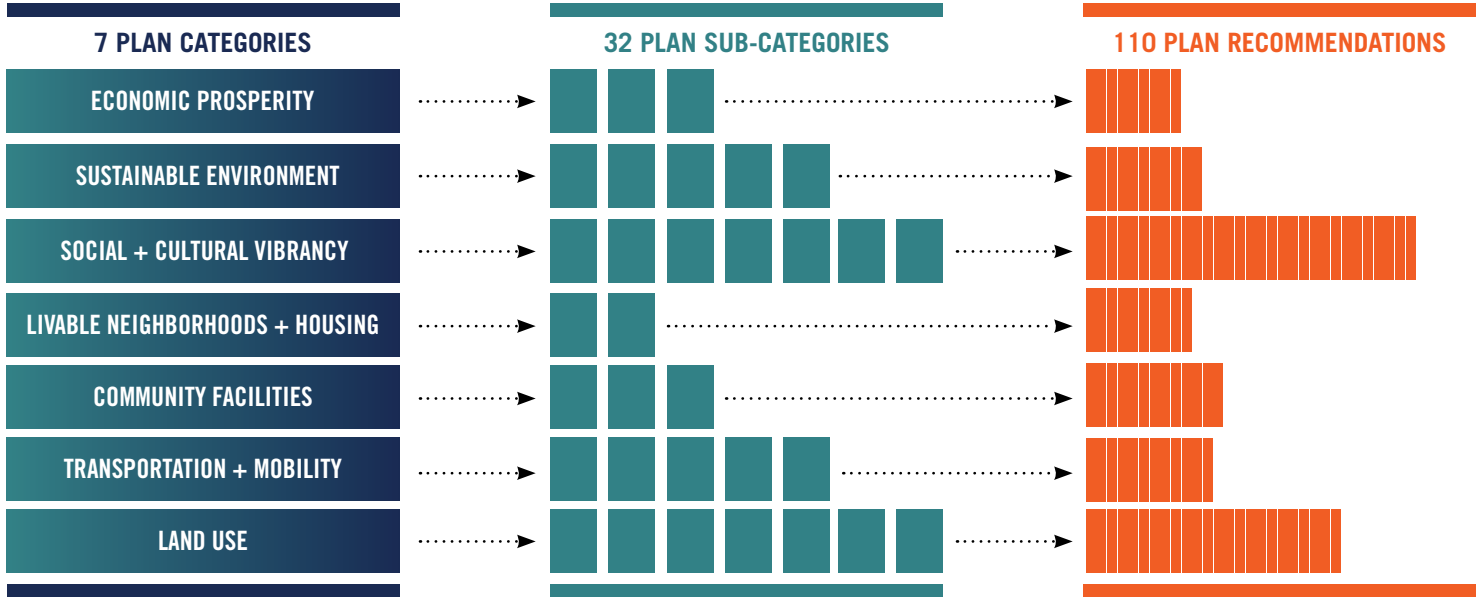


Plan Structure

The plan is broken down into seven categories, with 32 subcategories and 110 recommendations, making the ideas the community imagined clear and achievable.

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Imagine Dubuque Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS



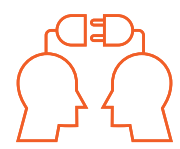
Dubuque residents and community organizations are coming together to help make the recommendations in the Imagine Dubuque Plan a reality.

While the Dubuque City Council oversees the entirety of the plan's execution, connectors, coordinators, and champions all play a role in working toward achieving the plans goals.



CONNECTORS

Connectors are City department managers who oversee progress regarding one of the plan's seven major categories. They look at the "big-picture" of the community we are working toward and plan accordingly to achieve it.



COORDINATORS

Coordinators are the subject experts for each of the 110 recommendations—they have their finger on the pulse of each recommendation. They organize efforts with Dubuque community members.



CHAMPIONS

Champions are community members working on projects, programs, events, initiatives, and efforts that help meet the 110 recommendations outlined in the plan. They are the "boots on the ground" championing a cause in our community. A single recommendation may have many champions.

Economic Prosperity

- Continue to diversify Dubuque's economy
- Develop a 'hyper-local' approach to diverse talent attraction/development
- Strengthen start-up businesses and entrepreneurial programming
- Continue the work of Inclusive Dubuque to enhance economic resiliency
- Identify markets and sites for new homes
- Enhance broadband service to align with business/employment growth
- Foster development of new and additional housing products
- Strengthen Dubuque as a regional retail destination

Sustainable Environment

- Complete and monitor Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project
- Implement the Catfish Creek Watershed Management Plan
- Implement the Climate Action + Resiliency Plan
- Support mobile air quality monitoring
- Continue healthy homes strategies
- Implement the Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan
- Increase the native plant, pollinator, and edible landscaping
- Conserve natural areas
- Promote children's environmental education
- Improve backyard and curbside composting
- Explore a community-wide zero waste policy

Social + Cultural Vibrancy

- Increase institutional use of local foods
- Support food production spaces and community-supported agriculture
- Network with other "food cities"
- Integrate healthy food and education in recreational programming
- Consider food access as an element of City transit systems
- Harvest local solid waste for compost
- Support front yard food gardening
- Implement the Community Solutions Action Plan
- Support community learning on equity and inclusion
- Expand childcare options and resources
- Bring events to all neighborhoods
- Evaluate transit to ensure access to arts and culture facilities
- Co-market community events
- Partner to encourage new forms of culture and art
- Promote preservation, adaptive reuse of buildings and materials

- Communicate benefits of historic preservation
- Utilize emerging funding sources to support rehabilitation
- Expand programs to train preservation-related building trades
- Improve trash collection in downtown
- Enhance sidewalk connectivity
- Ensure safe lighting of active pedestrian zones
- Support community policing efforts on diversity and understanding
- Police and community organizational training on mental health and public safety
- Support safe neighborhoods through community partnerships
- Promote partnerships and policies that support mental health
- Evaluate community-based options to support mental health
- Work with health providers to promote healthy choices
- Promote in-school healthy foods
- Update the Parks and Recreation Plan
- Community Health + Wellness/Recreation Center
- Make Dubuque more dog-friendly

Livable Neighborhoods + Housing

- Review codes/incentives to promote fair, quality, affordable housing
- Recognize the importance of historic preservation and adaptive reuse
- Illustrate and communicate benefits of historic preservation to private and public sectors
- Identify and collaborate with new partners to strengthen neighborhoods
- Promote appropriate mixed-use development
- Support the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative and inspections
- Monitor affordability and housing stress
- Increase wages and self-sufficiency opportunities
- Outreach/education to increase participation in Housing Choice Vouchers
- Incentives/policies to create more Housing Choice Voucher units

Community Facilities

- Expand sanitary sewer system to meet needs
- Identify water system needs and plan for future growth
- Integrate Vernon Township and Barrington Lakes water systems
- Update the city-wide stormwater management ordinance
- Expand fiber optic network access

- Monitor progress toward environmental goals
- Ensure resources for City departments as population grows
- Explore 911 Communications Center needs
- Evaluate cost/benefits/needs for police substation
- Explore options for fire station in Southwest Arterial proximity
- Explore potential for west end library branch
- Implement Chaplain Schmitt Island Master Plan
- Repurpose Five Flags Civic Center

Transportation + Mobility

- Identify opportunities to enhance pedestrian network in JFK corridor
- Apply Complete Streets principles throughout Dubuque
- Work from the City’s comprehensive network plan for Complete Streets
- When redeveloping properties, orient new development to the street
- Enhance fixed-route service on high-performing transit corridors
- Enhance bus efficiency and effectiveness, connecting residents to resources
- Expand passenger air service
- Target new development near the airport; restrict residential
- Partner with DOTs to promote safe, efficient regional roadway connections
- Advocate for passenger rail service and complete four-lane highway to Chicago
- Implement the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Leverage technology to improve vehicular mobility and safety

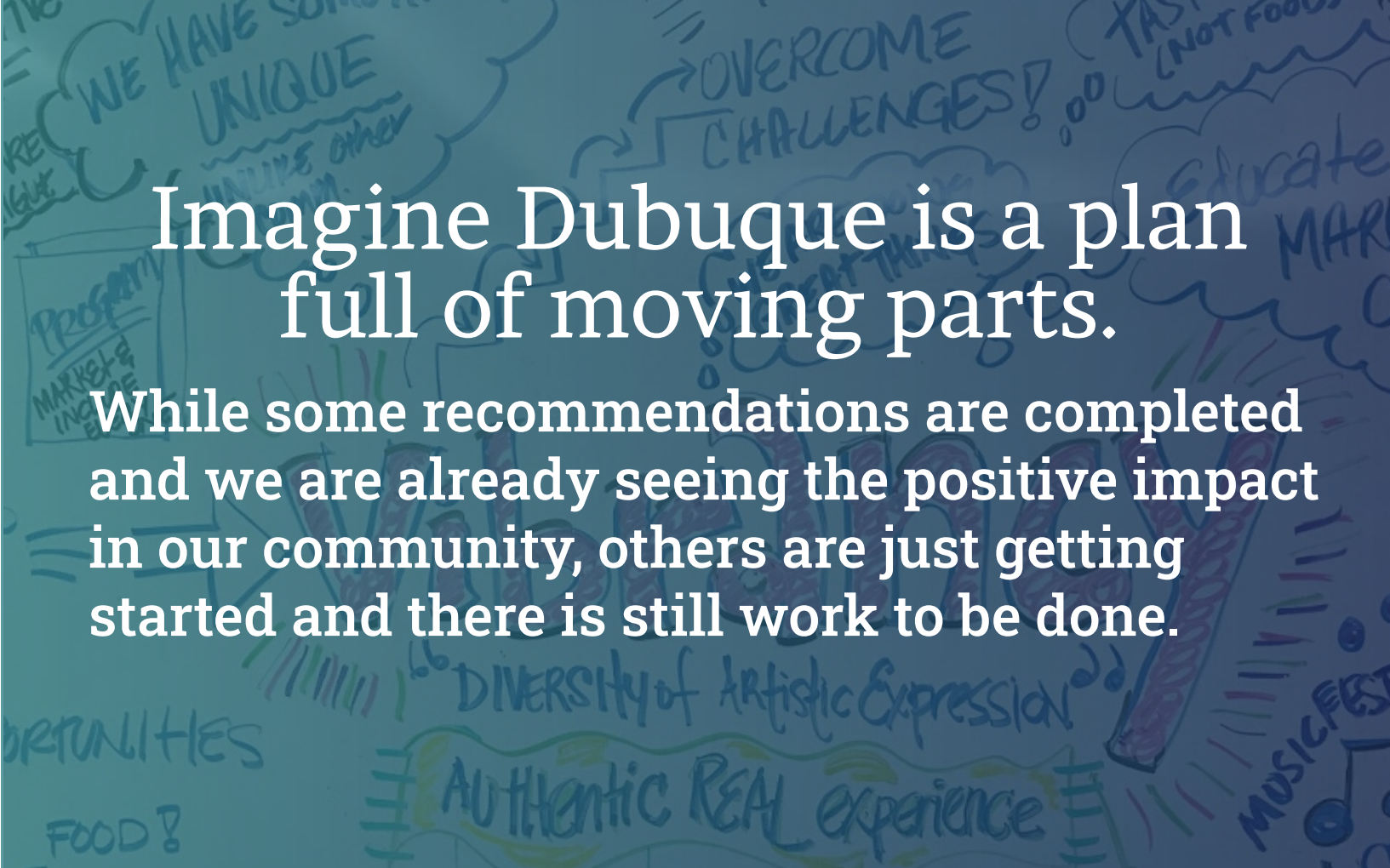
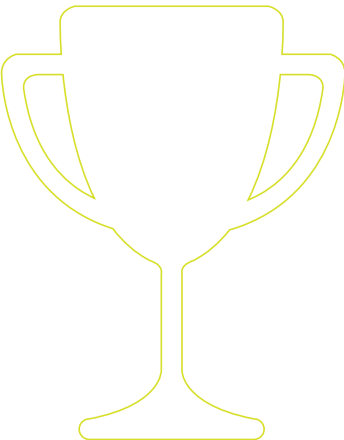
Land Use

- Promote access to education, recreation, and services in all neighborhoods
- Link neighborhoods via trails and open space
- Integrate development into the environment
- Encourage a mix of housing options for all
- Encourage multi-family development near jobs
- Encourage multi-family development within mixed-use areas
- Create places to live, work, and play within close proximity of neighborhoods
- Adjust zoning regulations to promote mixed-use development
- Encourage walkable mixed-use developments
- Integrate mix of housing types in mixed use neighborhoods
- Explore a new school site to serve future development along Southwest Arterial
- Integrate new institutional and non-profit uses near the residents they serve
- Ensure equitable access to services and essential facilities
- Provide retail and employment that is responsive to market demands
- Explore opportunities to bring limited commercial development in neighborhoods
- Concentrate commercial uses downtown and along major corridors
- Attract large employment centers with access to infrastructure
- Allow for new or expanded industrial parks
- Explore industrial development near airport
- Preserve environment and provide recreational opportunities for all
- Coordinate with school districts to share facilities with neighborhoods
- Link all development with open space and trails
- Explore additional riverfront recreational opportunities
- Explore potential for a mountain biking facility

It will take a combined effort from the entire community to make this plan a reality. As you read about updates from the plan and champions in our community who are working to imagine a better Dubuque, think about what the future of Dubuque means to you and how you can get involved to make that dream a reality. Many recommendations still need a champion to make sure they are properly executed.

COULD THAT CHAMPION BE YOU?

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Comprehensive Plan Status



Tracking Definitions:

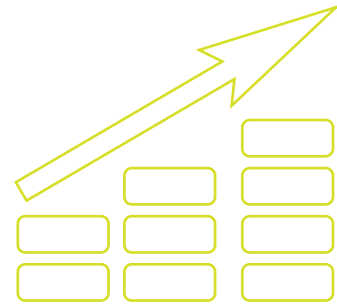
Needs Resources: Recommendation implementation has **not yet begun**. Needs will vary and may include funding, coordination, time, and staffing. The impacts of COVID-19 may be a root cause of resource needs, deferment, and disruption of implementation timelines.

Getting Started: Recommendation implementation is in the **early stages** of moving forward by way of active organizing, connection with partners, planning and data collection, and/or a few early action items.

Underway: Recommendation implementation is moving forward, with **multiple actions** in motion and **steady progress** being made towards realizing the recommendation.

Complete/Ongoing: Recommendation implementation has been **completed or is ongoing** with continuity and growth in progress. Many recommendations will never be complete because ongoing focus and attention is required to maintain and further the success of each recommendation.

economic prosperity



Every resident of Dubuque deserves an equal chance at economic opportunities and personal success. While that concept seems simple, it is not. Making sure our community's economic prosperity is strong and shared with all residents requires investment and work needed in multiple recommendations outlined in the Imagine Dubuque Plan.

A strong economy starts with a strong workforce to staff it. Initiatives surrounding workforce recruitment, retention, and skills training are an ongoing part of the plan. Recommendations outlined within the plan supply workers with what they need to be successful: quality and affordable housing, livable wages, and talent development. These offerings paired with our community's unique lifestyle and cost of living attracts natives, college students, and newcomers alike to Dubuque employers, building our workforce.



With a strong and equipped workforce, our community is guaranteed to foster business growth. Economic development agencies are also helping to fulfill the needs of businesses looking to build, relocate, or expand in Dubuque. Business growth in Dubuque expands and diversifies our economy, both across sectors and occupations. Growing and investing in Dubuque businesses directly reinvests in our community and residents, creating a great city in which to live, work, and play. The use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a tool to spur economic development is a key part of successful job creation.



Simmons Pet Food moved into the Dubuque Industrial Center West in July of 2021 with plans to create over 270 new, full-time, living-wage jobs by 2023. Their workforce includes positions in management, production, safety, quality, packaging, human resources, and other fields. The addition of these jobs to Dubuque's economy provides residents and potential residents the economic opportunity to improve their quality of life in our community.

Stories like that of **Simmons Pet Food** show the strength of Dubuque's economy. While the COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges, it has also shown that Dubuque's economy is resilient, with other recent developments showing that our community is poised for success:

- **Cottingham & Butler** and **Heartland Financial USA** purchased the Roshek Building in order to expand in the Dubuque market. Heartland has exceeded their projection for capital and jobs creation investment. Capital investment will exceed \$15.5 million, with the creation of 420 full-time equivalent positions, exceeding their required 348 jobs.
- **Giese Manufacturing** is planning a \$5 million project to develop a 30,000 square-foot manufacturing facility and add an additional 10 full-time equivalent positions in the Dubuque Industrial Center West.



Hot Diggity Dogz Ribbon Cutting
Photo courtesy of Lu Gerdemann of Lu Supply Co

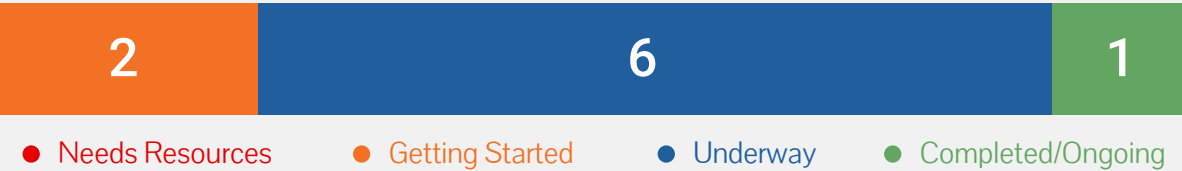
sustainable environment



Dubuque has always been closely tied to its bluffs, rolling hills, prairies, and waterways. In 2006, the City of Dubuque made a strong commitment to its environment through the Sustainable Dubuque Plan, which is a key component to the Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan and compliments the City’s Climate Action Plan designed to reduce greenhouse gases 50 percent by 2030. This effort was led by the Resilient Community Advisory Commission and the City’s Sustainability Coordinator. These plans provide our city with measures to address our changing climate and build a sustainable and resilient community surrounding our environment.

Building on this strong foundation, further investments for business and workforce growth are outlined in the economic prosperity portion of the Imagine Dubuque Plan. This category includes nine recommendations across three sub-categories: **employment**, **housing**, and **business**. The chart below highlights the status of the nine recommendations that will help to create a vibrant and prosperous economy for all.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS // ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 5.

For more in-depth information and plan progress, visit www.imaginedubuque.com/progress

Ready to get involved?



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We believe that out of great challenges, we can create great opportunities.

The Bee Branch Watershed encompasses historic neighborhoods offering the community’s most affordable housing. This area is also hit the hardest by flash flooding during significant rain events. Between 1999 and 2011, six Presidential Disaster Declarations were issued with total damage estimates of almost \$70 million. After years of study and planning, the City embarked upon a course of action to prevent devastating flash floods from happening again in the Bee Branch Watershed.

Recommended by residents and designed with their input, the Bee Branch Creek Restoration involved replacing almost one mile of storm sewer with a daylighted creek and floodplain to protect almost 1,400 homes and businesses from future flooding. The restored creek and floodplain, now called the Bee Branch Creek Greenway, takes on stormwater during rain events and moves it safely to the Mississippi River without flooding adjacent properties.

The greenway also serves as a beautiful linear parkway. Amenities stretch from the heart of Dubuque to the Mississippi River including a multi-use trail,

scenic overlooks, an outdoor amphitheater, benches, lighting, rest areas, a community garden and urban orchard, and a play area with slides.

In the summer of 2017, 4.9 inches of rain fell in less than 24 hours in Dubuque. With the completed creek, property damage was largely avoided. In 2002, there had been a similar storm with 4.9 inches of rain in 24 hours that resulted in \$11.6 million in property damage. Although every rain event is unique, it can be estimated that without the restored creek, the 4.9-inch rainstorm would have caused significant property damage.

The recently completed Bee Branch Creek Railroad Culverts Project is the final piece of the creek restoration. The addition of underground stormwater transition structures and six, 8-foot diameter culverts under the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks allows stormwater to drain more efficiently from the upper portion of the Bee Branch Creek to the lower. These improvements have increased the flood mitigation system’s capacity to protect the area from a 75-year rain event to a 500-year rain event.

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The \$126 million Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project was funded through a combination of General Obligation Bonds, State Revolving Loan Funds (SRF), grants totaling over \$64 million, generous contributions from local businesses, organizations, and citizens, and City of Dubuque stormwater utility fee revenue. It is anticipated that the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project will prevent an estimated \$582 million

in damages over the 100-year design life of the project.

The Bee Branch Creek Restoration is innovative. Most communities see flooding as strictly stormwater management, and remediate through conveyance, detention, and levees. That approach does not address water quality, preservation of neighborhoods, and community development. It is important to think

beyond traditional flooding fixes and invest in replicable solutions developed with resident input. Dubuque could have constructed a concrete ditch or multiple storm sewers. Instead, Dubuque residents and project partners embraced the Sustainable Dubuque framework to restore the Bee Branch Creek.



Scan to watch a short video on the history of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration

The sustainable environment category of the Imagine Dubuque Plan seeks to protect and preserve Dubuque’s environment and natural resources through 11 recommendations across five sub-categories: **clean water, clean air and energy, neighborhoods, land conservation, and eco-education**. The chart below highlights the status of the 11 recommendations.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS // SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT



For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 5.

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social + cultural vibrancy



Multicultural Family Center
Teen Night

Each city has a unique identity, and Dubuque is no different. What makes our city so special and a great place to live, learn, work, and play? The short answer is a lot of things!

Residents believe that a vibrant Dubuque community includes:

- Healthy local foods
- Education, community knowledge, and empowerment
- Diversity and inclusion
- Arts and entertainment
- Green buildings and historic preservation
- Community safety
- Health and human services
- Recreation opportunities



Healthy local foods
Photo courtesy of Millwork Night Market

What contributes to a vibrant community?

Arts & Culture

Arts and culture is an element of everyday life in Dubuque. From museums, concerts, and fine art exhibits, to recreational opportunities throughout the community, they allow residents to connect over diverse and shared experiences. The City's Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission works with the City's Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator to implement the City Council-adopted Arts and Culture Master Plan.

Childcare

Working parents need safe, reliable, and affordable childcare in order to earn an income and provide for their family. However, childcare openings can often be hard to find given our nation's current shortage. In Dubuque, the City is removing barriers for those who wish to open childcare facilities.

In August of 2021, sisters Angela Ramos and Tanikka Shelton looked to open their own childcare facility. One problem stood in their way however; the building in which they had eyed to open Lil Lee Tots Childcare was zoned for commercial use, not as a child development home as their business was classified. Recognizing the need for childcare in Dubuque, the City worked with the property owner and Childcare Resource and Referral to modify the city code to accommodate this and other businesses like it. This paved the way for the sisters' child development home to operate in commercial space once reserved for licensed childcare centers only, allowing new and diversified childcare opportunities like Lil Lee Tots Childcare to flourish.

Internet Access

The internet has become an essential part of everyday life. From education to healthcare to public safety, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the importance of having reliable, affordable, and resilient broadband services. The City has worked with private internet providers to reduce the cost and time needed for new technology and broadband investment in Dubuque. The continued installation of fiber and conduit by the City and private businesses increases access across the community and creates healthy competition, which lowers prices and increases service for consumers and businesses, keeping Dubuque connected. The City has gone from two internet service providers to 10 providing services to homes and businesses since 2016. Two of those providers will be making large-scale efforts making it possible for fiber to every home and business over the next 3 years.

Connection To Resources

In its simplest terms, poverty is an economic state in which an individual's or family's income can't cover the basic needs of everyday life. It's struggling to pay for rent, food, utilities, childcare, and transportation. Connecting residents to resources that will help them obtain these basic needs improves their quality of life so they can contribute to our vibrant community.

The City of Dubuque's Office of Shared Prosperity and Neighborhood Support, created July 2021, will engage neighborhoods and individuals, connecting them to resources to enhance community vibrancy. The office will work to implement the City Council-adopted Equitable Poverty Prevention and Reduction Plan, promoting equity and eliminating barriers and disparities for the city's most vulnerable residents and communities.

The factors listed on page 13 contribute to the quality of life in Dubuque and are the seven sub-categories of the social and cultural vibrancy portion of the Imagine Dubuque Plan. There are 31 recommendations surrounding Dubuque's social and cultural vibrancy in the comprehensive plan, with the status of these recommendations highlighted in the bar chart below.

31 RECOMMENDATIONS // SOCIAL + CULTURAL VIBRANCY



For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 5.

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livable neighborhoods + housing



Calling Dubuque home relies on the ability to find *quality housing* in a great neighborhood.

Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city, filled with rich history in its homes and neighborhoods. According to the 2019 American Community Survey, 50% of Dubuque's housing stock was built before 1970. With about half of Dubuque's housing being over 50 years old, the City and partners have incentivized historic preservation and adaptive reuse, allowing older housing stock in Dubuque to gain new life and meet the housing needs of our community's future.

New housing developments along the John F. Kennedy Road corridor, the Southwest Arterial, and the Millwork District are meeting housing demands while

promoting mixed land use. These mixed-use areas will provide a variety of residential choices, access to goods and services, and neighborhood amenities like parks and schools within a walkable environment.

Through the recommendations under the livable neighborhoods and housing section of the comprehensive plan, Imagine Dubuque is creating quality homes and quality neighborhoods, which are the building block of a community. To meet Dubuque's needs, existing housing stock and potential developments will need to be incorporated strategically into our community.



The 10 recommendations under the livable neighborhoods and housing category promote fair, quality, and affordable housing that is accessible to all residents. The bar chart below highlights the status of the 10 recommendations.

10 RECOMMENDATIONS // LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS + HOUSING



● Needs Resources ● Getting Started ● Underway ● Completed/Ongoing

For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 5.

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community facilities



Our community’s future will rely on infrastructure that provides for the everyday needs of residents and businesses.



Southwest Arterial

Structures such as libraries, schools, roads, and more will require maintenance and expansion to continue to provide excellent municipal services and enhance quality of life. The Imagine Dubuque Plan addresses the future of these community facilities to ensure our city has the resources to meet the needs of Dubuque’s growing population.

As the Southwest Arterial, the West End, Schmitt Island, and Port districts continue to grow, roads, water and sewer systems, and other infrastructure will need to be expanded to these areas. Public safety access, parks and recreational areas, and other resources will need to be present in these neighborhoods also to maintain the quality of life found in all Dubuque neighborhoods.



ADA sidewalk ramp installation as part of the North Grandview/ University Roundabout project

The community facilities category of the plan has 13 recommendations across three sub-categories: infrastructure, public safety, and municipal. The bar chart below highlights the status of the work being done to enhance and expand community facilities, creating equal access to services for residents.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS // COMMUNITY FACILITIES



● Needs Resources ● Getting Started ● Underway ● Completed/Ongoing

For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 5.

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transportation + mobility



Transportation connects us to what's important in life. Improving access to jobs, education, community services, and recreational opportunities is at the heart of the transportation and mobility category of the Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan. When residents are connected to the resources they need, they thrive.

While the components of the STREETS Project may seem complicated, they make your trip simple and getting from point A to point B easier than ever.



The transportation and mobility category includes a total of 12 recommendations across five sub-categories: complete streets, public transportation, air transportation, regional connections, and automobile travel. The bar chart below highlights the status of the 12 recommendations that will help keep Dubuque residents connected safely and sustainably.

12 RECOMMENDATIONS // TRANSPORTATION + MOBILITY



For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 6.

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Using AI to Improve Travel Through Dubuque

When you think of opportunities to use artificial intelligence (AI), chances are you don't think of how it can prevent you from sitting in traffic or being stopped at a red light; however, that's exactly what traffic engineers at the City of Dubuque are using it for.

The City of Dubuque's STREETS Project (Smart Traffic Routing with Efficient and Effective Traffic System) is implementing the next generation of traffic technology to assure a smooth ride for residents, visitors, and those just passing through. A series of cameras and signal systems provide real-time data that is processed by artificial intelligence to improve mobility, congestion, and safety in the city.

Sounds cool, right? What's even more cool are the results:

- **Quicker commutes:** Data and artificial intelligence inform traffic lights to reduce congestion, improving travel in real time. Information is also shared with GIS mapping systems to reroute commuters to also balance delays and reduce congestion.
- **Safer trips:** Video footage is investigated after an incident to determine cause of an accident and potential traffic rerouting solutions.
- **Reducing emissions:** Efficiently routing traffic cuts down on traffic delays and time spent at a red light, reducing emissions from motor vehicles.

Ready to get involved?



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land use

When Camdyn Reisner stepped up to the plate, she knew exactly what she had to do. She swung the bat, connected with the ball, reached first base and eventually made it home, scoring for her team.

Reisner was one of the players at the ceremonial baseball game held July 15, 2021, at the Miracle League of Dubuque field, an all-inclusive ballpark in the Miracle League of Dubuque complex. The game was held to celebrate the official completion of the complex located at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Miracle League of Dubuque complex is home to an all-inclusive playground and baseball field, offering accessible recreation opportunities to the more than 10,000 children and adults with disabilities that live in Dubuque and the surrounding area. Ramps, wheelchair and walker accessible equipment, and a rubberized smooth ground allow children and adults of all abilities the chance to play alongside each other.



“I really like coming here for many reasons. I can play in the park with my best friends, and my brother and my sisters, all by myself. I have so much fun here.” - Camdyn Reisner

In a well-planned community, homes and businesses flow together seamlessly in a connected and integrated way. But without planning and foresight, land use conflicts can arise creating disputes between neighbors, potential environmental damage, and inefficiencies in providing municipal services.

The complex was a \$4.5 million project between the City of Dubuque, which owns and maintains the land, and private donors who recognized the need and created a vision for the space. The all-inclusive playground offers Dubuque something typically hard to come by in communities, as the closest park with similar equipment is a three-hour drive away in Ankeny, Iowa.

Camdyn’s mother, Mandy Reisner, shared the importance of having a park of this kind in the

community for area families who have a family member with special needs. “It’s going to be our go-to park,” Reisner said in an interview with the Telegraph Herald. “Our other kids are going to use it and love it, but Camdyn will be able to maneuver herself around.”

The Miracle League of Dubuque perfectly illustrates how Dubuque is planning the use of our land so it can meet the needs of all residents. The complex is a major ‘home run’ for our community!

The land use category of the Imagine Dubuque Plan sets a long-term vision for the use of our city’s land through 24 recommendations across seven sub-categories: single-family, multi-family, mixed-use, institutional, commercial, industrial, and parks. The bar chart below highlights the status of the 24 recommendations.

24 RECOMMENDATIONS // LAND USE



● Needs Resources ● Getting Started ● Underway ● Completed/Ongoing

For a full list of recommendations in this category, see page 6.

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How you can get involved

Are you passionate about a particular topic or something you saw in an Imagine Dubuque recommendation that you can help advance?



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