

Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Planning



Planning....

- Describing and achieving what you want your community and neighborhood to be in the future
- Begins with creating the vision
 - Future: Probable, Possible, Preferred
 - Preferred vision
 - Can it be achieved?
 - What will it take?
 - How long will it take?
- Develop the plan
- Implement and evaluate progress

Thinking about the future

- Where will we live?
- Where will we work?
- Where will we shop?
- Where will we play?
- How will we travel?
- What do we treasure about our community and neighborhoods?
- What would we like to improve?

Planning for Redmond's Future

Milestones	City's population
• 1940s: First zoning ordinance in Redmond	530
• 1980s: First neighborhood plan	23,000
• 1990s: Plan update in response to Growth Management Act	36,000
• 2000s: First major update to GMA Comprehensive Plan	45,000

Redmond Today

- 51,000 Residents
- 86,000 Employees
- 8th Most Populous City in King County
- 2 Urban Centers
- Residential Neighborhoods
- Wide variety of businesses, employment areas
- 31 Parks and 17 Miles of Trails
- Longest-running Bicycle Race – Derby Days (69th year)
- 15 Miles of Class 1 Streams
- 17 Square Miles
- On the Urban/Rural Line



Looking to the future

Redmond in 2022

- 74,000 people
- 118,000 jobs
- Nearly 2/3rds of Redmond's housing growth and 1/2 of commercial development expected in the City's two urban centers - Downtown and Overlake



What's the Framework?

Growth Management Act builds on tradition of local control in Washington

- Established 14 statewide goals
- Requires that multi-county and countywide policies provide a framework for local plans.
- Requires communities to plan for and manage growth through comprehensive plans
- Provides direction for how to prepare policies, plans and regulations
- Sets deadlines
- Requires review of plans at least every 7 years

Chapters in Redmond's Plan

- Goals, Vision and Framework Policies
- Community Character, Historic Preservation
- Natural Environment
- Land Use*
- Housing*
- Economic Vitality*
- Human Services
- Transportation*
- Parks, Recreation and Arts*
- Utilities*, Capital Facilities*
- Neighborhoods, Downtown
- Annexation and Regional Planning
- Participation and Implementation
- Shoreline Master Program*

*GMA requires

Keys to the Process

- The Plan Must Balance
 - Community vision and plan elements
 - Needed infrastructure and services
 - Forecasted revenues
- Is iterative and must stay consistent
- Needs to be achievable over time



How do we achieve the plan?

- Policies vs. Regulations
 - Policy is Intent
 - Development regulations are law
 - They must be consistent
- Other implementing actions
 - Functional plans
 - Project studies and design
 - Project construction
 - Private investment

Example - Start with Values What People in Redmond Have Said Is Important..

Housing

- Lifelong ability to live in Redmond
- Keep diversity of ages/economics
- Must be appropriately scaled to the neighborhood

Business

- Diversity of choices
- Biotech, education-related, medical/research
- Small "Mom and Pops"



Transportation

- Make City more bike and pedestrian friendly
- Need more ways to get to where you need to without a vehicle
- Move high-speed traffic away from the Downtown, neighborhoods

Character

- Activate spaces
- More parks, arts
- Events are important
- Like the Old Downtown, maintain it, enhance it
- Keep City unique

From Values to Goals...

- **Conserve** – agricultural and rural lands, natural environment
- Retain and enhance Redmond's distinctive **character**
- Emphasize **choices** – housing, transportation, stores, and services
- Vibrant **concentrations** - Downtown and Overlake
- Maintain business **climate** - local and international companies
- Promote **community gathering places** and diverse **cultural opportunities**
- Provide transportation **connections**
- Remain a **community** of good neighbors - working together to carry out vision

From Goals to Policies.....

Housing

Several elements call for supporting a supply and diversity of housing in Redmond that reduces commuting needs and serves households of all economic segments

Distinctive Character

New Community Character section and other elements identify features that help to distinguish Redmond, such as

- Building design
- Character of streets
- Public spaces
- Recreational and cultural programs
- Natural features, landscaping
- Public viewpoints
- Historic resources

Transportation Connections

Several elements support creation of more connections that are well designed, appropriately located, and serve a variety of travel modes (walk, bike, vehicle, transit)



From Policies to Implementation....

- Development regulations
 - Downtown
 - Allow residences on first floor of buildings in more locations
 - Public viewpoints
 - Locations, standards established
- Detailed plans for facilities and services
 - Transportation Master Plan adopted
 - PRO Plan update underway
- Investments
 - 60% of 2022 transportation plan built or funded

Your participation is the key

During plan update

- Vision, policies, implementation

Following plan update

- Feedback on capital investments
- Participation on special studies, projects
- Feedback on how we're doing