

2050 East Grand Forks Land Use Plan

STEERING COMMITTEE #3

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Notes

Mixed Use in the Point

- Questions about what conversations have occurred regarding Mixed Use development in the Point – where is the development expected?
 - East Grand Forks is actively having conversations to consider the manner of that development and where it would be appropriate

Economic Development Strategies

- Question about the type of land uses that generate jobs beyond Mixed use?
 - They include industrial, commercial, restaurant/retail
- Jobs vs investments – difficult to determine causality of which creates the other
 - Which is the most appropriate to base policy around
- Observation about difficulty to fill jobs because of low unemployment rate

Focus Groups

- Question about the focus groups that were interview and what they discussed.
 - The project team meet with the Downtown Development Association and the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce and notes from those meeting will be posted on the project website.

City, County, and Township

- How should difference in standards from City, County, and Townships be reconciled to manage future development planned for outside of City?
- Recommendation for a strategic planning meeting between the three government levels to address any differences
- Growth within south end is expected with bridge development, so it is best to get ahead of the issue

Future Community Engagement

- Events are coming up that would pair well with outreach for the 2050 Land Use Plan
 - August 20-21 is a Welcome Back Street Fair
- Virtual open house is still planned, but boards up at community fair with representatives to answer questions would be valuable

East Grand Forks and Grands Forks

- Officials from East Grand Forks will be meeting with Grand Forks team in charge of creating the update to their land use plan
- This meeting is appropriate to coordinate the each's future land use plan

Access Management

- Referenced in goals and policies
- Does city have access management policies?
 - Yes, and it will be referenced within the Land Use Plan
- An action could be to examine those policies for necessary changes to bring the city's access management to into greater compliance with those from MnDOT