

Chapter 1: The Comprehensive Planning Process

This plan was initially developed over a period of two years beginning in May 2002. The City of Dundas hired Dahlgren, Shardlow, and Uban, a private planning consultant, to facilitate planning discussions and draft the plan.

Dundas appointed a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee to provide the primary input for development of the plan. The committee members included selected planning commissioners, selected council members, surrounding township officials, Dundas residents, township residents, and representatives of the development and business community. MnDOT planning staff and Rice County transportation planning representatives also attended meetings related to transportation issues. A representative from Northfield attended early meetings in the process.

The planning process started in May of 2002 when the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee met to declare what they liked or disliked about Dundas, what they wanted to preserve, what they wanted to achieve, and what they wanted to avoid. The cumulative results of this input formed the objectives for the City. These objectives were then grouped by the chapter of the plan to which they most closely related.

Focus topic meetings were conducted throughout the summer and fall of 2002 to discuss issues related to the objectives for each chapter in the plan. The results of these meetings became policies in the plan. The consultant augmented the objectives and policies with maps and diagrams depicting the policies. The Plan was completed in late 2004 and calls for an annual review and update.

In the fall of 2005, the Planning Commission initiated the first annual update of the plan. Public hearings were held on May 18 and December 21, 2006 to review proposed changes and to receive feedback from the public.

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