

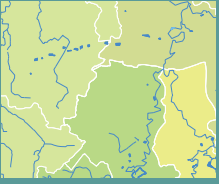


## WATER AND ENVIRONMENT



### Permanent Flood Protection

Develop internal flood protection systems to a river stage of 42.5 feet using permanent levees and flood walls and create long-term, 500 year flood protection through construction of a diversion channel.



### Watershed Management

Develop a strategy for regional watershed flood management simultaneously with the diversion project.



### Water Conservation

Develop policies and programs to reduce water usage in the City of Fargo. For example, the city could expand its wastewater reclamation and reuse system for drinking, irrigation, and industrial users. The city could use native/xeric plants to reduce need for irrigation.



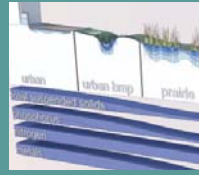
### Parks, Open Space, and Habitat

Ensure all neighborhoods have access to safe and well-maintained neighborhood parks. Enhance parks with more trees and amenities. Protect open space habitat areas and create Nature Centers and living laboratories to educate residents about nature.



### Light Pollution

Develop strategies to reduce light pollution and maintain the beauty of the night sky. Examples could include energy efficient full cut off light fixtures on city streets.



### Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Incorporate natural stormwater management and flood control areas that provide recreational opportunities into the City. Examples include on-street rain gardens that soak up and clean stormwater runoff before it enters the storm sewers and retention areas.



### Drinking Water Quality and Supply

Ensure safe drinking water quality and supply by studying water quality impacts of Devil's Lake overflow on the Sheyenne River, ensuring the health of the Red River, and preparing for long-term emergency water supplies in times of drought.



### Waste and Recycling

Develop policies to reduce waste and increase recycling programs.



### Tree Canopy

Increase the amount of trees in Fargo by preserving trees in new development, planting trees in parks, and increasing the number of street trees along Fargo's main corridors.



### Air Quality

Create strategies to ensure the quality and healthfulness of our air. Promote reduced emissions from transportation, energy production, industry, and all sectors of our city.



## ENERGY



### City Led Energy Efficiency, Reduced Carbon Footprint

Develop policies and strategies that allow the city to lead the way with energy efficiency standards and reduction of the carbon footprint of city facilities and schools.



### Incentives for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Production

Create strategies to incentivize energy efficiency and renewable energy production by working with City, State, and Federal governments.



### Smart Grid

Develop strategies to promote a smart grid and allow individuals to generate renewable energy and sell energy back to the grid.



## HEALTH



### City-Wide Trail Loop

Connect the city with a greenway that is made up of primarily off street trails.



### Regional Recreational Amenity

Develop regional recreational destination, such as a water park, indoor athletic center, or zoo.



### Healthy Food

Ensure all neighborhoods have access to healthy food. Promote more Farmers' Markets and community gardens in Fargo.



### Year-round Recreational Opportunities

Develop a year-round regional recreational amenity within the city.



## TRANSPORTATION



### Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure

Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity by identification of gaps in the local and to the regional system. Implement a complete streets policy. For example, University could be a complete street and a pedestrian and bicycle transportation hub.



### Transportation Linkages Across the Red River

Improve mobility in a manner that will accommodate growth and secure availability of emergency routes by developing an additional crossing of the Red River south of 52nd Ave and improve availability of, and access to, river crossings for bicycles and pedestrians.



### Access to Healthcare

Fargo will ensure all residents have access to quality healthcare.



# Key Initiatives

Fargo Comprehensive Plan



## TRANSPORTATION (CONT.)



### Improve Transit

Expand and improve the existing transit service in terms of frequency, mode, and other options, including an effort to revise both the existing MAT bus schedule and frequency of bus service throughout the city and the region (Moorhead and West Fargo). Study the possibility of new local and regional travel venues, such as streetcars, light rails, commuter rail, and high speed rail.



### Vehicular access to Downtown

Enhance vehicular downtown connectivity from the north, south, and west, and simplify access from I-29 and I-94.



### One Way to Two Way Conversion Study

Study the one way streets in Fargo for conversion to two ways. Two way streets reduce confusion and vehicle miles traveled by eliminating indirect routes. They also reduce vehicle travel speeds, potentially increasing pedestrian safety.



## ARTS AND CULTURE



### Public Art

Incorporate public art into new transportation and utility infrastructure investments.



### Public Gathering Spaces

Develop dedicated public gathering spaces and public spaces in neighborhood centers. Promote programming of public spaces with festivals and other cultural events.



### Festivals and Cultural Events

Develop space and programming for festivals and events.



### Access to Art Classes and Cultural Programs

Develop strategies to increase access to art classes and cultural programs.



## ECONOMY



### Technology Infrastructure

Create strategies to increase the quality of Fargo's communication infrastructure. This infrastructure will give Fargo a competitive advantage for technology related businesses to locate in Fargo.



### Incentives for specialized space

Provide incentives for developing specialized space where both the demand and public benefit are substantially demonstrated. For example, there may be a need for more "wet" laboratory space to strengthen the bioscience industry and provide more jobs.



### Entrepreneurship

Create an environment of entrepreneurship through business support and public awareness campaigns.



### Amenities and Beautification as an Economic Development Tool

Invest in amenities and beautification as an economic development tool to attract creative individuals. For example, improve the streetscape and walkability of Fargo's main corridors.



### Workforce Training

Promote workforce training at the local universities and colleges.



### Redevelop West Acres Commercial Area

Redevelop West Acres commercial area to increase the amount of retail space, density, and promote walkability to increase competitiveness of this regional shopping destination.

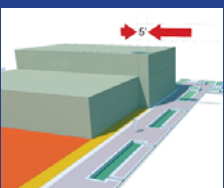


## NEIGHBORHOODS, INFILL, AND NEW DEVELOPMENT



### High Quality Affordable Housing near NDSU

Develop higher quality affordable housing near the North Dakota State University campus.



### Design Standards

Develop design guidelines for infill and new development, include policies on sidewalk cafes and dog friendly areas and limiting billboards and other visual clutter. Improve quality of new housing and develop neighborhood design standards to promote dense, walkable communities with neighborhood centers.



### Quality New Development

Support homebuilders and developers that construct high quality, energy efficient buildings, and require new development to meet site design standards that result in well-designed new neighborhoods.



### Promote Infill

Develop policies to promote infill and density within areas that are already developed and are protected by a flood resiliency strategy. Control sprawl and focus on areas outside of the floodplain.



### Housing for new Americans and low income residents

Pursue strategies to increase access to housing for new Americans, low income residents.



### Historical Preservation

Strengthen historical preservation incentives.



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<u>Initiative</u>	<u>Guiding Principle</u>	<u>Public Meeting Rank</u>	<u>SC Rank</u>	<u>MindMixer Rank</u>	<u>Weighted Rank</u>
Permanent Flood Protection	Water and Environment	2	1	20	1
Promote Infill	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development	9	2	6	2
Public Art	Arts and Culture	7	9	1	3
Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure	Transportation	8	4	4	4
Design Standards	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development	6	6	7	5
City -Wide Trail Loop	Health	4	10	8	6
Public Gathering Spaces	Arts and Culture	10	5	10	7
Incentives for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Production	Energy	5	8	15	8
Quality New Development	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development		3	23	9
Year-Round Recreational Opportunities	Health	12	7	11	10
Tree Canopy	Water and Environment	1	16	16	11
Parks, Open Space, and Habitat	Water and Environment	3	14	22	12
Healthy Food	Health	19	13	2	13
Amenities and Beautification as an Economic Development Tool	Economic Development	15	20	3	14
Festivals and Cultural Events	Arts and Culture	13	35	5	15
Waste and Recycling	Water and Environment	22	17	9	16
Historical Preservation	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development	14	29	12	17
One Way to Two Way Conversion Study	Transportation		11	21	18
Improve Transit	Transportation	24	24	13	19
Entrepreneurship	Economic Development	18	12	32	20
Access to Art Classes and Cultural Programs	Arts and Culture	25	25	14	21
Vehicular Access to Downtown	Transportation	11	19	33	22
Smart Grid	Energy	28	15	17	23
High Quality Affordable Housing near NDSU	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development	17	21	24	24
City Led Energy Efficiency, Reduced Carbon Footprint	Energy	20	22	25	25
Redevelop West Acres Commercial Area	Economic Development	21	23	26	26
Transportation Linkages Across the Red River	Transportation	16	30	35	27
Green Stormwater Infrastructure	Water and Environment	26	37	18	28
Watershed Management	Water and Environment	30	33	28	29
Regional Recreational Amenity	Health	23	31	38	30
Access to Healthcare	Health	31	34	29	31
Drinking Water Quality and Supply	Water and Environment	27	32	31	32
Workforce Training	Economic Development	29	26	37	33
Housing for new Americans and Low Income Residents	Neighborhoods, Infill, and New Development	34	28	27	34
Technology Infrastructure	Economic Development		18	36	35
Light Pollution	Water and Environment	33	27	34	36
Water Conservation	Water and Environment	32	38	19	37
Air Quality	Water and Environment	35	36	30	38
Incentives for Specialized Space	Economic Development	36	39	39	39