

Comprehensive Policy Plan  
"Living Spaces"

Policy Letter 201: Comprehensive Plan

**BACKGROUND:**

Policies to guide or direct development or redevelopment in existing residential neighborhoods may be ineffective if they are fragmented from other City policies and are not incorporated into a comprehensive plan. Comprehensive planning must involve and include the representation of information from various entities that may impact the project and ensure the compatibility of each entity's policy and practices. Comprehensive planning must promote patterns of land use, design, traffic circulation, and services that ensure the economic, social, and physical health, safety and welfare of the people who live and work within the neighborhood are met.

Area plans for existing residential neighborhoods that identify focal points and define the boundaries of the neighborhood are critical. A key element in retaining the character of the community is the preservation of the individual character of each neighborhood. A neighborhood must have a focus or a sense of identity that is defined and protected by the elements of the comprehensive plan, for the welfare of both citizens and the community.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The City of Fargo should adopt a comprehensive plan to establish the framework within which governmental, public, and private entities can effectively follow established policy in a collective manner. Priority should be given to establishing area plans to design and guide land use development and redevelopment for the neighborhoods.

**CONCLUSION:**

Land use practices that fragment established neighborhoods and distract from the areas sense of identity must be discouraged. As development or redevelopment occurs within the neighborhood, officials from the City, the Parks, and the Schools must be alert to opportunities that may enhance the area plan and situations that distract and do not conform to elements of the comprehensive plan.