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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Policy Goals

Policy goals for the Town of Erie residents to consider as we plan for the future.

Erie's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005 and updated minimally in 2015. The Town's Transportation Plan was last updated in 2018. Since the last updates, the community has continued to change, not only as the result of growth and development, but also due to changing priorities and evolving values of the community.

Over the next 30 years, the State of Colorado's demographers forecast that the Front Range region's population will increase from about 3.3 million in 2020 to 4.4 million by 2050, an increase of 33%. The number of jobs in the area is forecast to increase from 2.2 million in 2020 to almost 3 million by 2050, an increase of 35%. Considering the exponential growth that Erie has already experienced over the last few decades, the Town of Erie is being intentional and thorough in planning for the future.

Por favor llame al Pueblo de Erie al 303-926-2707 para obtener este mensaje y recibir asistencia en Español.

Vision & Values

Erie is a sustainable, livable, and connected community that creates positive, memorable, and lasting impressions for its residents and visitors. The Town is committed to collaboratively managing our diverse natural, cultural, fiscal, social, and capital resources.



Sustainability

Erie is resilient and adaptable.



Livability

Erie is tailored to the community's needs.



Connectivity

Erie is connected with each other and to our places.

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ECONOMIC VITALITY

Foster a diverse economy & tax base

Ex. Policy: Attract jobs in emerging industries.

Increase local workforce

Ex. Policy: Partnering with local schools and community colleges; increasing childcare options.

Support & attract small businesses

Ex. Policy: Cultivating mix of unique and local businesses; supporting Old Town businesses.

Support entrepreneurship

Ex. Policy: Supportive resources and networking opportunities; Support a small business incubator.

Create vibrant spaces & events

Ex. Policy: Entertainment & events in business districts; organize outdoor food truck events.

HOUSING

Increase diversity of housing types

Ex. Policy: Higher density housing, mixed-use neighborhoods, and smaller housing units.

Reach 12% affordable housing stock

Ex. Policy: Reducing the cost of affordable home development; collaborating with regional efforts.

Foster thriving, accessible neighborhoods

Ex. Policy: Programs and resources for seniors to age in Erie and make housing and services (grocery, transit) accessible for people with disabilities.

Reduce housing costs

Ex. Policy: Homeownership assistance, energy-efficient services, solar incentives.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES

Provide Efficient & Reliable Utility Service

Ex. Policy: Solar and other renewable energy sources; explore single-hauler waste services; regional utility planning.

Encourage Water Conservation

Ex. Policy: Community education efforts; landscaping regulations; updated conservation standards for development; turf replacement programs.

Pursue Sustainable Stormwater Management & Flood Control

Ex. Policy: Green infrastructure like rain gardens; creek restoration and water quality projects.

Maintain Inclusive & Effective Public Facilities

Ex. Policy: Street pavement maintenance; sustainable and inclusive community facilities; coordinate with other service providers (schools, library, fire).

NATURAL RESOURCES & RESILIENCE

Plan for a sustainable future

Ex. Policy: Climate Action Plan; Sustainability Plan; advocate for state and national policies; brownfield remediation.

Reduce air pollution

Ex. Policy: Elimination of fossil-fuel usage in the Town's fleet; promoting non auto focused development.

Prepare for climate change disruptions

Ex. Policy: Community Wildfire Protection Plan; green building practices.

Protect & enhance nature

Ex. Policy: Tree canopy protection and expansion; wetland protection.

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LIVABILITY & SOCIAL HEALTH

Connect neighborhoods with parks, open space, & trails

Ex. Policy: Parks and trails within a 5-min walk of all residents; improved signage and markers on trails.

Support partners in Erie's education, health, & safety

Ex. Policy: Partnering with Police and Fire, school districts, and High Plains Library System.

Celebrate Erie's identity with arts, culture, & entertainment

Ex. Policy: Public Art and Placemaking Plan; programming and events; working with local artists.

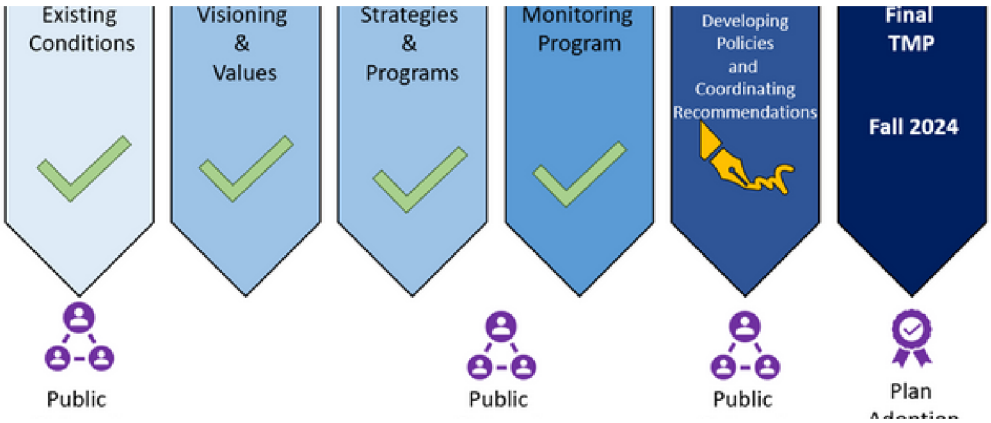
Preserve Erie's history

Ex. Policy: Historic Preservation Master Plan.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

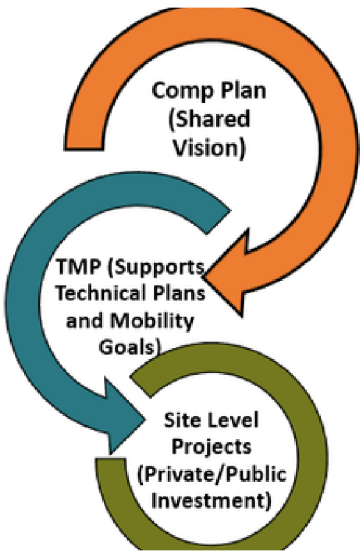
Transportation Mobility Plan (TMP) Update:

The TMP completed its outreach efforts and collected public input. The community feedback was analyzed with regional population, land-use, and transportation growth models to ensure alignment. The current efforts are refining policies and coordinating recommendations for a final plan.



How does the TMP work with the Comp Plan?

The Comp Plan is the long-range shared vision for the community. The TMP is a standalone subcomponent that identifies the long-range transportation and mobility goals to guide site level private and public investments.



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LAND USE & COMMUNITY DESIGN

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GOALS FOR THIS CHAPTER:

Design neighborhoods with diverse housing types, connectivity, open space, amenities, and identity.

Establish distinct gateways and corridor connections.

Cultivate unique destinations that serve as commercial activity centers and community gathering spaces.

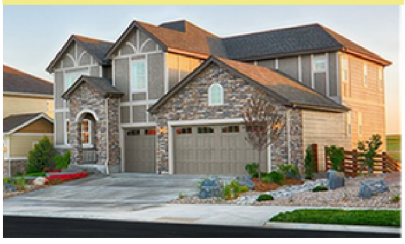
Preserve areas of rural and agricultural character.

LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

Residential - Rural



Residential - Low



Residential - Medium



Residential - High



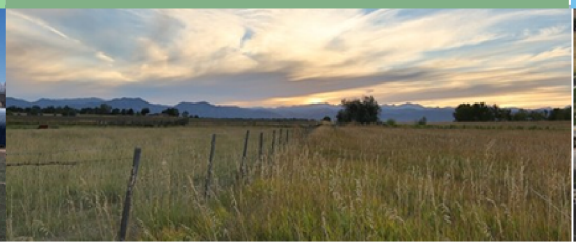
Residential Community Design elements:

- Scaled development adjacent to neighboring uses
- Buffer and landscape areas
- Open Space and Parks
- Short blocks and walkable street and trail networks
- Architectural elements and materials for strong identity
- Mixed housing typologies

Agriculture



Parks, Open Space & Protected Lands



Public/Quasi Public



Mixed Use Village



Mixed Use Neighborhood



Mixed Use Community Design elements:

- Open space & trail networks
- Outdoor dining spaces
- Pedestrian destinations
- Scaled development

Neighborhood Commericial



Corridor Commericial



Employment



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