

CHAPTER 7.
IMPLEMENTATION

Introduction

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document to guide Township decisions. Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan is an ongoing process and occurs through review of land use applications, ordinance updates, prioritization of capital expenditures, and additional study of planning issues. The Township may also need to review and amend the Comprehensive Plan as conditions change during the next 20 years.

The Implementation chapter addresses:

- Official Controls,
- Capital Improvements, and
- The Plan amendment process.

Official Controls

The Eureka Township Ordinances are the official controls used to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

- Ordinance 1: General Provisions
- Ordinance 2: Township Administration
- Ordinance 3: Zoning
- Ordinance 4: Public Safety
- Ordinance 5: Livability
- Ordinance 6: Mining
- Ordinance 7: Fees
- Ordinance 8: Enforcement of Ordinances
- Ordinance 9: Watershed Management

The Township will evaluate its land use controls contained in the Ordinances for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and Local Surface Water Management Plan. The Township will consider ordinance amendments to implement the Plan, and if amendments are proposed, will use its adopted process for changing ordinances.

The Zoning Ordinance is the primary land use control. The underlying zoning in all of Eureka Township is Agriculture District.

COMMITTEE: Optional - would you like to see a list of topics for possible ordinance amendments? See below

Items highlighted in the Comprehensive Plan to consider for Ordinance amendments include:

Natural Resources

- Incentives to encourage landowners to preserve and protect natural resources and the Natural Resource Corridors
- Performance standards to protect high quality native plant communities identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey
- Etc.

Agricultural Resources

- Separation of new non-farm houses from existing confined animal feedlots or manure storage facilities
- Etc.

Land Use

- Clarify types of agricultural/horticultural businesses and home occupations allowed by Conditional Use Permit
- Etc.

Capital Improvements

The Township does not have a formal, five-year capital improvement program, as capital improvements are infrequent. The Township plans for any capital improvements as it establishes its annual budget, and as needed throughout the year. The Comprehensive Plan does not identify any specific capital improvements needed for its implementation. The Township will review capital expenditures that may arise as a result of implementing the Comprehensive Plan and Local Surface Water Management Plan. This may include investments in new infrastructure, infrastructure repair and replacement, building maintenance and repair, and other planned capital expenditures.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be general and flexible. However, formal amendments to the Plan will be required if land use or growth policies are revised. Plan amendments may be initiated by the Planning Commission, Town Board, or land owners. Periodically, the Township will review the Plan to determine if amendments are needed.

If a Plan amendment is pursued, the process will include opportunity for public comment. The Plan amendment process will meet requirements per state statute, including submittal of the amendment to the Metropolitan Council.