

## What Exactly is the Comprehensive Plan?

The City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year guide for Spokane's future growth and development. During the six years they developed the plan (which was adopted in 2001), Spokane citizens determined that they share a common goal of making our city an increasingly livable community. Their hope is for a lively, vibrant, convenient, safe, and beautiful environment for themselves and future generations.

Shaping Spokane's future identity as a dynamic and livable urban center will require enhancing its physical attractiveness, heritage, and economic vitality.

Spokane's Comprehensive Plan contains ideas and philosophies that describe citizens' desired direction for Spokane's physical, social, economic, and environmental growth. These principles will enable Spokane to reach its goal of evolving into a more livable community.

The *Community Building Principles* that follow summarize key concepts contained in the Plan's specific visions, values, goals, and policies. These principles are reflected in the Plan's fundamental "Centers and Corridors" growth strategy. This strategy directs growth to specific centers (neighborhood, district, and employment) and corridors where a mix of land uses and activities are encouraged. The Community Building Principles emphasize the bonds of community that link city dwellers to each other and to the neighborhoods they call home.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING PRINCIPLES -

## IDEAS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

### FOR CITIZENS

- Continue to empower citizens to be in control of the city's future.
- Encourage neighborhood citizen and business participation in decisions affecting neighborhood well-being.
- Make a future that is ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable.

### FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

- Increase access to goods and services needed daily; create new opportunities for businesses in neighborhoods.
- Promote efforts that provide neighborhoods with social amenities and interaction, the convenience of an urban area, and a sense of community and security.
- Promote "neighborhood" as the basic unit of community.
- Enhance and improve the viability and vitality of existing neighborhoods, while creating new neighborhoods with their own character.

### FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Protect and improve Spokane's natural environment for a better quality of life for all people.

### FOR HOUSING

- Increase the number of housing alternatives within the city to help meet the changing needs and preferences of a diverse population.
- Provide a mix of housing densities and types in proximity to services, transportation systems, and places of work.

### FOR THE ECONOMY

- Foster a strong and diverse economy that provides a full range of employment, business opportunities, and economic choices for all residents in all parts of the city.

### FOR TRANSPORTATION

- Create a safe transportation system and a healthy balance of transportation choices that improve the mobility and quality of life of all residents.
- Design the city for people, not cars.
- Link the parts of the community through routes, paths, and systems to improve accessibility.

### FOR COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- Enhance and improve Spokane's visual identity and community pride.
- Enhance the livability of Spokane by preserving its historic character and building a substantial legacy of quality public and private developments.

### FOR DOWNTOWN

- Maintain downtown Spokane as the heart of the city and the region's economic and cultural center, while maintaining its historic and distinctly urban character.

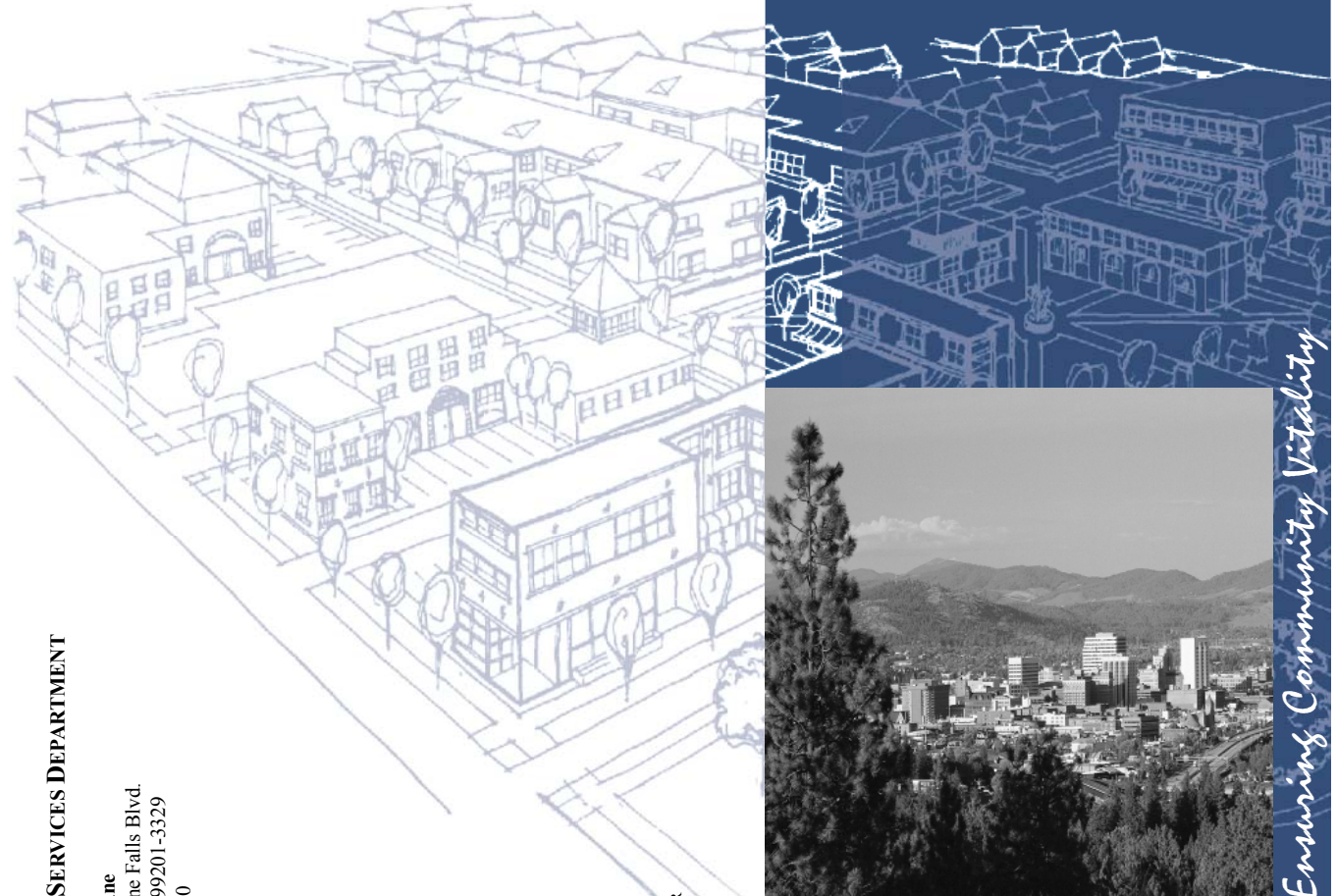
## From Plan to Reality

How is Spokane implementing these *Community Building Principles* and the Comprehensive Plan? How far have we come in our endeavor to build a better community? Here's how you can learn more about Spokane's Comprehensive Plan and the work that is underway to achieve Spokane's desired future:

- ✓ Go to the City's Planning Services Department website at [www.spokaneplanning.org](http://www.spokaneplanning.org) to find out about how the Plan is being implemented through:
  - Neighborhood Planning
  - Development Code Project
  - Current Planning ("Zoning")
  - Urban Design/Design Review
- ✓ The Planning Services Department publishes a quarterly newsletter to inform the community about planning activities. "Plan it Spokane" is available at [www.spokaneplanning.org](http://www.spokaneplanning.org). To receive it electronically or by mail, please call (509) 625-6060.
- ✓ To see the entire Comprehensive Plan go to [www.spokaneplanning.org](http://www.spokaneplanning.org) and look under "Documents." Copies may be purchased at the Planning Services Dept.-compact discs for \$5.00 and hard copies for \$34.00.
- ✓ Go to the City of Spokane's Office of Economic Development website at [www.spokanecityed.org](http://www.spokanecityed.org) to learn more about the connection between the Comprehensive Plan and economic development.
- ✓ For more information, please call (509) 625-6060.

*"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



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FOCUSING FUTURE GROWTH

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