

# PLANNING COMMISSION GOALS 2010

1. What new initiatives would the board or commission want to bring forward for consideration? Which council goal would this initiative help to achieve?
  - a. As described in Strategy CI 3.1 of the Comprehensive Plan, work with the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) to create a priority list for designating buildings (those that aren't already listed), structures and districts on local, state and or national historic registers.
  - b. As described in Strategy LU 1.7 of the Comprehensive Plan, work with the City Council, Economic Development Authority, and citizens, to determine what would constitute an acceptable balance between residential and commercial/industrial uses. This balance could be measured by analyzing tax revenues, jobs in Northfield versus commuters, and other factors. Once the definition of acceptable balance is determined, the City Council should prepare policies and ordinances to bring about the desired balance.
  - c. As described in LU 11.1 of the Comprehensive Plan, update the development regulations to be consistent with the recommendations in the Plan. The City Council has directed the Planning Commission to complete the Code by the end of March, 2010. Through the completion of the Land Development Code, the Commission will also be completing its 2009 goal of investigating land protection strategies for open space and long-term agricultural land.
  - d. Complete the future land use map for the Comprehensive Plan as discussed at the City Council Work Session on October 26, 2009.
  - e. After the Land Development Code is adopted by the City Council, begin efforts to educate the development community and residents about the Code. This goal is discussed in Strategy LU10.1 of the Comprehensive Plan ("Improve the clarity and efficiency of the development review process").
  - f. Work to better communication with other Boards and Commission on projects of mutual interest.
  - g. Take a more proactive role in participating in public and private visioning processes for larger-scale projects in the community.
  
2. What type of advisory role for City projects and/or policy development do you see your board or commission having in 2010?

The Commission will continue to review and make recommendations to the City Council on land use applications that have been submitted. In addition, the Commission will be making a recommendation on a draft Land Development Code. As the Commission pursues its 2010 goals, they will advise the City Council on any relevant actions.