



Imagine Flint Comprehensive Plan Update 2024-2025

**Housing & Neighborhoods
Initial discussion**

**Aug 8, 2024
2pm to 4pm - Gloria Coles Flint Public Library**

Agenda

1. Introductions of Comprehensive Plan Update oversight leadership team
2. Mindfulness moment
3. Ground rules
4. Purpose of conversation
5. Overview of Comprehensive Plan Ch.5
6. Objectives discussion (pg 89 of the Imagine Flint plan)
 - a. What has been accomplished?
 - b. Does this objective still align with community?

Introductions



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With support from
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Mindfulness moment

Icebreaker – Please take a minute to discuss with your neighbor: “What’s on your mind for the rest of the day?”

Ground/group rules

1. Participate with intention. When speaking, share what you think in a constructive manner.
2. Appreciate the diversity of perspectives. Everyone is coming to the meeting with a unique set of experiences. Listen to learn and chart a path forward.
3. Maintain a respectful space. Treat each other with kindness and respect and give speakers your full attention.
4. Listen deeply. Listen intently to what is said, to the feelings beneath the words.
5. When things get difficult, turn to wonder.
6. Silence phones.

Goals of today's conversation

- ▶ Get us all on the same page regarding the objectives that were laid out by Flint's residents a decade ago regarding housing and neighborhoods.
- ▶ To understand how much has been accomplished from the previous plan, both perceived and actual
- ▶ To begin assessment for which previous strategies still align with residents.

What is a Comprehensive Plan and what is the process going forward?

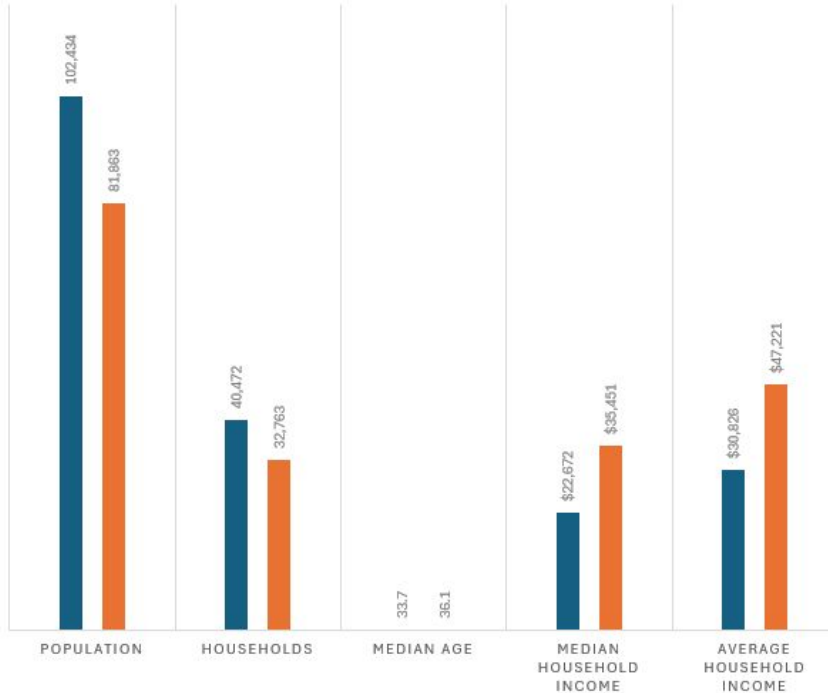
- ▶ What is a comprehensive plan? The guide to a community's vision for future development
- ▶ Why is it important? The plan will help identify resources, needs, and goals, and help develop consensus.
- ▶ The comprehensive plan update process will take an expected 18 months and include at least 50 public meetings and other engagement events where all residents will be invited to contribute feedback and ideas, so today will not be the only opportunity for you to help shape our city's plan.

How your input will be utilized

- ▶ Your input will inform the engagement process going forward
- ▶ It also helps the team understand key areas of concern that still remain from the 2013 comprehensive plan

Housing & neighborhoods data update

POPULATION SUMMARY



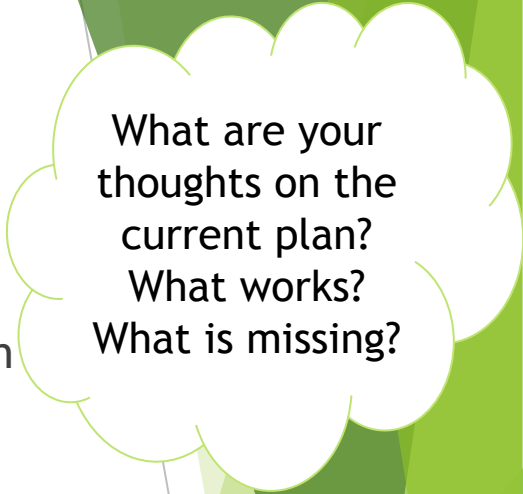
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Quick Data Points:

- 7.3% decrease in overall poverty
- Increases in both male (2.5%) and female (6.45%) single family households
- Decrease in total housing units available (-9,179)
- Decrease in occupied units (-6,973)
- Increase in occupied units (2.55%) and vacant units (3,121)
- Decrease in multi-family units (5,644)
- Decrease in household size (.26)

Overview of chapter 10 (public safety, health, & welfare) objectives

- ▶ **Objective 1:** Establish individual neighborhood planning and investment frameworks to assist in neighborhood stabilization or transition.
- ▶ **Objective 2:** Eliminate blight and urban decay.
- ▶ **Objective 3:** Support and improve partnerships and programs that reduce housing vacancies and strengthen neighborhoods.
- ▶ **Objective 4:** Promote equity and social justice in housing.
- ▶ **Objective 5:** Diversify the City's housing stock to allow anyone to make Flint their home.
- ▶ **Objective 6:** Ensure responsible and sustainable housing development.



What are your thoughts on the current plan?
What works?
What is missing?

Discussion format

- ▶ We will now go through each objective for you to discuss in small groups. Please fill out your answers as you go in the survey - link on next slide (6 minutes)
- ▶ After each objective discussion groups will be given the opportunity to report out to the larger group some of the highlights of their conversation (4 minutes)
- ▶ We will repeat for all 6 objectives.
- ▶ Refer to pages 89 in Chapter 5 of the plan.

QR code to survey

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Scan this image with your smartphone camera and tap the link that appears on the screen, or follow the link above!

If you can't complete the form today, that's okay! You can complete it at a later date.

Objective # 1: Establish individual neighborhood planning and investment frameworks to assist in neighborhood stabilization or transition.

Defining jargon: This objective refers to facilitating planning that is uniquely tailored to needs of each neighborhood.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

Objective # 2: Eliminate blight and urban decay.

Defining jargon: Signs of blight include abandoned and dilapidated buildings, vacant lots, trash and debris, and signs of vandalism

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

Objective # 3: Support and improve partnerships and programs that reduce housing vacancies and strengthen neighborhoods.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
- Where have things gotten worse?
- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

Objective # 4: Promote equity and social justice in housing.

Questions for discussion:

- What has been accomplished? Where are the bright spots?
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Objective # 5: Diversify the City's housing stock to allow anyone to make Flint their home.

Defining jargon: At the time of the 2013 comprehensive plan, Flint's housing stock was overwhelmingly single family homes.

Questions for discussion:

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- Does this objective still align with you/the community?

Objective # 6: Ensure responsible and sustainable housing development.

Questions for discussion:

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Next steps for participants

1. Come to our meeting next week to discuss Land Use, same place and time
2. Spread the word! Encourage folks to join our next meetings and to watch the recordings online
3. Read through the implementation plan to provide additional feedback in the future.
4. This is the first series of meetings to kickoff the update to the plan. Stay tuned for information on upcoming events.