

# FAQ



## WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan sets a vision and goals for a city's future. It also provides locally adopted City policy which guide a community's development, infrastructure, and preservation decisions. It involves the consideration and balancing of many different factors facing the community for both today and in the long term. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to put in place the building blocks for a healthy, prosperous community that provides and can sustain opportunity, equity, and choice in how we all live, move, learn, work, and play.

## WHAT'S IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?

The Comprehensive Plan is required by law to have certain elements or sections that cover the broad spectrum of areas affecting the community. The Plan includes background information and data, as well as Goals, Objectives, and Policies to guide the City. The Tampa Comprehensive Plan addresses the following sections: Land Use, Mobility, Infrastructure, Neighborhoods/Community Plans, Community Planning, Potable Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Stormwater Management, Recreation and Open Space, Environmental, Housing, Neighborhoods, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvements, Coastal Management, and Public Schools.

Plans put in place many decades ago affect our lives today. Now it is our turn to establish the big picture for how our community will grow over the next 20 years. The policies in the Comprehensive Plan help to define our housing choices, how we access jobs, goods, and services, how we ensure we have clean air, water, and green spaces, and much more. The overall goal is to ensure the quality of life for the City's residents is enhanced even as more people come to live and work here.



## **WHY IS IT BEING UPDATED NOW?**

The Comprehensive Plan is a living document that should be updated periodically as conditions change. It is best practice that plans are evaluated and updated every seven years to include the next horizon period (20 years). The current 2040 Tampa Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2016 and this update will take it to the 2045 horizon. The updated Tampa Comprehensive Plan will be a blueprint that outlines the priorities and actionable implementation strategies to ensure the City's evolving needs are appropriately and effectively addressed.

When completed, this will be the sixth comprehensive plan in the City's history. The update is being conducted by the Planning Commission in coordination with the City of Tampa.

## **HOW LONG WILL THE UPDATE TAKE?**

This is a multi-phased, multi-year plan update. Different aspects of the Comprehensive Plan will be evaluated and brought forward for public input and approval by City Council at different times. The first portion of the update begins with vision work in 2022, and it is anticipated the final phase will be complete in 2024/2025.

## **WHAT IS THE 2045 VISION SURVEY?**

The Vision Survey will help us refine the plan and focus on what the public expresses are the most important areas for the plan to address. Participants can provide feedback on general themes related to transportation, housing, parks, water, and other major aspects of society that will be impacted over the next decades.

## **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED AND SHARE MY IDEAS?**

The Comprehensive Plan update begins with you! Visit [LiveGrowThrive2045.com](https://LiveGrowThrive2045.com) to take surveys and sign up for email updates.

In addition, public engagement events will be organized across the City of Tampa to provide community members from all neighborhoods an opportunity to interact directly with planning experts, ask questions, and share what they believe would enhance the City of Tampa. Public meetings will be posted at [LiveGrowThrive2045.com](https://LiveGrowThrive2045.com).

## **WHERE CAN I VIEW THE CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?**

View the current Tampa Comprehensive Plan at:

<https://planhillsborough.org/city-of-tampa-2040-comprehensive-plan/>